

THE
CAMDEN SOCIETY,



FOR THE PUBLICATION OF
EARLY HISTORICAL AND LITERARY REMAINS.

At a General Meeting of the Camden Society held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Monday, the 3rd of May, 1852,

THE LORD BRAYBROOKE, THE PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR,

THE President having opened the business of the Meeting,

The Secretary read the Report of the Council agreed upon at their meeting of the 24th of April, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Report of the Council be received and adopted, and that the Thanks of the Society be given to the Director and Council for their services.

Thanks were then voted to the Local Secretaries, and to the Editors of the Publications of the past year.

The Secretary then read the Report of the Auditors, agreed upon at their Meeting of the 24th of April, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the said Report be received and adopted, and that the Thanks of the Society be given to the Auditors for their services.

Thanks having been voted to the Treasurer and to the Secretary, the

Meeting proceeded to the election of a President and Council for the year next ensuing; when,

The Right Hon. Lord BRAYBROOKE, F.S.A.
was elected PRESIDENT; and

WILLIAM HENRY BLAAUW, Esq. M.A. F.S.A.

JOHN BRUCE, Esq. Treas. S.A.

JOHN PAYNE COLLIER, Esq. V.P.S.A.

CHARLES PURTON COOPER, Esq. Q.C., D.C.L., F.R.S., F.S.A.

WILLIAM DURRANT COOPER, Esq. F.S.A.

BOLTON CORNEY, Esq. M.R.S.L.

WILLIAM RICHARD DRAKE, Esq. F.S.A.

Sir HENRY ELLIS, K.H., F.R.S., Sec. S.A.

EDWARD FOSS, Esq. F.S.A.

The Rev. JOSEPH HUNTER, F.S.A.

The Rev. LAMBERT B. LARKING, M.A.

PETER LEVESQUE, Esq. F.S.A.

FREDERIC OUVRY, Esq. F.S.A.

The Lord VISCOUNT STRANGFORD, G.C.B., F.R.S., Director S.A.

and WILLIAM JOHN THOMS, Esq. F.S.A.

were elected as the COUNCIL; and

PETER CUNNINGHAM, Esq. F.S.A.

ROBERT W. BLENCOWE, Esq. M.A., and

EDWARD HAILSTONE, Esq. F.S.A.

were elected Auditors of the Society for the ensuing year.

Thanks were then voted to the President for the warm interest always taken by him in the proceedings of the Society, and for his kind and able conduct in the Chair.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, 1852.

At a Meeting of the COUNCIL of the Camden Society held at No. 25, Parliament Street, Westminster, on Wednesday the 12th May, 1852, the Council having proceeded to the Election of Officers,—

JOHN BRUCE, Esq. was elected Director; JOHN PAYNE COLLIER, Esq. Treasurer; and WILLIAM J. THOMS, Esq. Secretary, for the Year

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL
OF
THE CAMDEN SOCIETY,

ELECTED 2nd MAY, 1851.

THE COUNCIL of the Camden Society, elected on the 2nd May, 1851, are happy to announce that, although the past year exhibits more than the usual average of vacancies by deaths and retirements, the Society still retains a sufficient number of supporters to enable it to persevere efficiently in that course of usefulness which it has hitherto so successfully pursued.

Among the vacancies alluded to, the Council regret to say there are those of two of our Local Secretaries. The first, Mr. Cheek, of Evesham, who has been compelled to retire by age and infirmity; and the second, that of Mr. D. E. Davy, of Ufford, whose death has deprived the Society of one of the earliest and most efficient of its local officers.

The Council think it right to direct the attention of the Members generally to these circumstances. The original success of the Society was unquestionably promoted in a very great degree by the exertions of its Local Secretaries, and the Council would be happy to find Members ready to undertake the by no means laborious duties of this office, not only in the neighbourhoods of Evesham and Ufford, but in many other places in which no endeavours have yet been made to awaken an interest in our publications.

The following Members have died during the past year:—

GEORGE BAKER, Esq.

R. R. BAYLEY, Esq.

J. S. CARDALE, Esq.

DAVID ELISHA DAVY, Esq.

SIR HERBERT JENNER FUST, LL.D.

RICHARD HOLLIER, Esq., F.S.A.

SAMPSON HODGKINSON, Esq.

RICHARD JONES, Esq.

Rev. HERBERT C. MARSH, M.A.
 SAMUEL MILLS, JUN. Esq.
 THOMAS SANDERS, Esq. M.A.
 Rev. LANCELOT SHARPE, M.A., F.S.A.
 Rev. RICHARD J. ST. AUBYN, M.A.
 Sir JOHN A. F. SIMPKINSON, M.A., Q.C., F.S.A.
 WILLIAM TYSON, Esq. F.S.A.

The publications during the past year have been—

I. Privy Purse Expenses of Charles II. and James II. Edited by JOHN YONGE AKERMAN, Esq. Sec.S.A.

The minute and varied character of the entries in this document justify the expectation that much information will be drawn from it by future historians of the important period to which it refers.

II. Chronicle of the Grey Friars of London. Edited by JOHN GOUGH NICHOLS, Esq. F.S.A. Lond. and Newc.

This volume has been so recently completed that it is probably not yet in the hands of all the Members. The compiler, who belonged to the Friars Minors, appears to have retained possession of the chronicle of his house after the dissolution and the dismissal of his fraternity. He not only records generally the religious changes of the times, but more particularly those which occurred within the sphere of his personal observation in the city of London, and in the metropolitan church of St. Paul.

The third publication for the past year will be—

III. Promptorium: an English and Latin Dictionary. By ALBERT WAY, Esq. M.A., F.S.A. Vol. II. (M to R),

which the Editor authorises the Council to announce will be completed within the next few weeks, so as to be delivered in the present spring.

The Society will be much gratified at receiving a further instalment of this important contribution to philological and archæological knowledge. It comes to us with additional recommendation as a presage of the completion of one of our most valuable publications.

The Council have added to the List of Suggested Publications during the past year, in addition to the Chronicle of the Grey Friars,

The Household Book of the Princess Elizabeth, during her Residence at Hatfield. From a MS. in the Possession of the Lord Viscount Strangford, Director of the Society of Antiquaries;

who has also kindly undertaken to edit the same. The work is at press,

and will probably be delivered to the Members in the course of the present year.

The Council refer the Members with great satisfaction to the Report of the Auditors. It shows that, independently of the amount of £942 11s. 3 per cent. Consols, invested from compositions, and after making provision for the expenses of the last two volumes of the present year, there will remain a clear available surplus to be carried to the account of the coming year.

Under such circumstances, with a handsome investment and a clear available cash balance, the Council feel that they shall not be misunderstood if they take advantage of the present opportunity of impressing upon the Members generally the advisableness of exerting themselves to keep up our numbers by the addition of Members in the place of those who may hereafter retire or die. The Members will in this way co-operate with the Council in giving strength and stability to the operations of the Society, and will infuse life and vigour into its proceedings.

JOHN BRUCE, Director.

WILLIAM J. THOMS, Secretary.

