

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 Friday, the 2nd of May, 1851,

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 16th 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 Council for their services.

It was moved by Mr. Bruce, seconded by Mr. Collier, and resolved unanimously,

That this meeting desires to express its profound regret at the deprivation sustained by the Society in the death of Thomas Amyot, Esquire, its first Director, and wishes to convey to his Family its deep sympathy on their irreparable loss.

The Secretary then read the Report of the Auditors, agreed upon at their Meeting of the 29th 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, Secretary, the Local Secretaries, and the Editors of the Publications for the past year, 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.

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.

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

EDWARD FOSS, Esq. F.S.A.

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

PETER LEVESQUE, Esq. F.S.A.

The LORD LONDESBOROUGH, F.S.A.

FREDERIC OUVRY, Esq. F.S.A.

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

ALBERT WAY, Esq. M.A., F.S.A. and

THOMAS WRIGHT, Esq. M.A., F.S.A.

were elected as the COUNCIL; and

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

BERIAH BOTFIELD, Esq. F.R.S., F.S.A., and

PETER CUNNINGHAM, 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, 1851.

At a Meeting of the COUNCIL of the Camden Society held at No. 25, Parliament Street, Westminster, on Wednesday the 7th May, 1851, 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 next ensuing.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL
OF
THE CAMDEN SOCIETY,

ELECTED 2nd MAY, 1850.

THE COUNCIL of the Camden Society, elected on the 2nd May, 1850, have to report that, acting on the principles heretofore observed, they have invested two compositions received during the present year, and that the stock standing in the names of the Trustees of the Society has thereby been increased from £921 18s. to £942 12s. Three per Cent. Consols. Although the Council believe that the object for which the Society was established, and a maintenance of the principles upon which it has hitherto endeavoured to attain that object, afford the best security for the permanence of the Society, it is a matter of congratulation to the Council, as it will no doubt be to the Society at large, to find an additional security for such permanence in the satisfactory amount which the reserved sum is gradually attaining.

The Council have to regret the deaths during the past year of the following Members:—

MICHAEL BLAND, Esq., F.R.S., F.S.A.

Rev. JOHN BROWN, M.A.

JAMES GOODEN, Esq., F.S.A.

JOHN GREENALL, Esq.

The LORD LANGDALE.

GWALTER B. LONSDALE, Esq.

EBENEZER LUDLOW, Esq., M.A., Serjeant at Law.

The Rev. JAMES INGRAM, D.D., F.S.A.

The MARQUESS of NORTHAMPTON, F.R.S., F.S.A.

Rt. Honble. Sir ROBERT PEEL, F.R.S., F.S.A.

JOHN ROBY, Esq., M.R.S.L.

WILLIAM TRAVIS, Esq., M.D.

Rt. Honble. Sir LANCELOT SHADWELL, M.A.

Rt. Honble. C. W. WILLIAMS WYNN, F.R.S., F.S.A.

To this list is to be added the name of one—to whose activity and influence the Society, at its commencement, was indebted for many of its most

distinguished Members—namely, THOMAS AMYOT, Esq. the first Director of the Society. The Council have recorded on their Minutes the very sincere respect and regard which they all entertained for their deceased colleague and fellow-labourer, and their sense of the zealous and valuable services which he rendered to the Society at its formation, and so long as the state of his health allowed. The Council feel that in so doing they only gave utterance to a sentiment shared by every Member of the Society.

The death of MR. AMYOT having occasioned a vacancy in the directorship, the Council, in pursuance of the authority vested in them by their laws, unanimously elected to that office MR. BRUCE, who during the many years in which he had acted as Treasurer of the Society, and by the works he had edited, had given the best possible proof of the interest he takes in its welfare.

The Council have added the following Gentlemen to the List of Local Secretaries,—

Cambridge.—WILLIAM M. CAMPION, Esq. Fellow of Queen's College.

Gloucestershire.—EDWARD DALTON, LL.D.

Leicester.—JOHN SIDNEY CROSSLEY, Esq.

And it would be happy to find other Gentlemen willing to undertake an office the labours of which are very trifling, while the advantages to the Society from the establishment of an increased number of such coadjutors would be very considerable.

The publications issued during the past year have been—

I. Wills and Inventories from the Registry of the Commissary of Bury St. Edmund's and the Archdeacon of Sudbury. Edited by SAMUEL TYMMS, Esq.

This volume has, we believe, been received with much satisfaction by the Members, not only as the first one illustrative of Testamentary Documents which has been issued by the Society, but also because it is looked on as an evidence that, if the time should ever arrive when the important documents of this valuable class now deposited at Doctors' Commons may be made available for the historical student, the Camden Society will be ready to use all the means at their disposal for giving them to the world.

II. Walter Mapes De Nugis Curialium. Edited by THOMAS WRIGHT, Esq.

A work of great curiosity and value, containing many facts and historical anecdotes relating to an early and very important period of our history.

III. The Pylgrymage of Sir Richard Gylforde to the Holy Land, A.D. 1506. From a copy believed to be unique, from the press of Richard Pynson. Edited by SIR HENRY ELLIS, K.H., Sec. S.A.

A curious work, upon a subject at all times of great interest.

The Council have added the following works to the List of Suggested Publications :—

I. A Collection of Letters of Queen Elizabeth, the Earls of Leycester and Burghley, and Secretary Walsingham, from the originals in the State Paper Office. To be edited by JOHN BRUCE, Esq.

This collection of Documents, which was suggested by Mr. Adlard, is of great historical importance, and will form a supplement volume to the Leycester Correspondence, already edited by Mr. Bruce.

II. Early Treatises on the subject of the Advantage of having a Vernacular Translation of the Scriptures. To be edited by SIR FREDERICK MADDEN, K.H., F.R.S. Keeper of the Manuscripts, British Museum.

The Council have reason to believe that the Tracts to be contained in this volume, the publication of which was suggested to them by SIR FREDERICK MADDEN, as soon as he had brought to a close his long and valuable labours on the Wickliffite version of the Holy Scriptures, will be found strikingly illustrative of the history of opinion in the important period to which they relate.

III. The Domesday of St. Paul's; a Description of the Manors belonging to the Church of St. Paul's in London in the year 1222. To be edited by the VEN. ARCHDEACON HALE.

The learned Archdeacon of London having expressed his willingness to edit for the Camden Society this curious document, the Council readily embraced the offer, glad of the opportunity of securing the publication of so important a record under the editorial supervision of a gentleman so peculiarly fitted for the task.

In bringing to a close this account of their stewardship during the past year, the Council trust that the Society will see, both in the Works which have been issued to the Members, and in those which have been projected, not only that due regard has been paid to the important objects for which the Camden Society was originally instituted, but also unquestionable evidence of the service which it is by such publications daily rendering to historical students, and its consequent claim to be regarded as among the most useful and the most popular of the literary institutions of the country.

By order of the Council,

JOHN BRUCE, Director.

WILLIAM J. THOMS, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS,

DATED APRIL 29, 1851.

WE, the Auditors appointed to audit the Accounts of the Camden Society, report to the Society, that the Treasurer has exhibited to us an account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Society, from the 29th of April, 1850, to the 31st of March, 1851, and that we have examined the said accounts, with the vouchers relating thereto, and find the same to be correct and satisfactory.

And we further report, that the following is an Abstract of the Receipts and Expenditure during the period we have mentioned.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Balance of last year's account . . .	127	2	1	Paid for the purchase of £20 13s. Three per Cent. Consols, invested for the benefit of the Society	20	0	0
Received on account of Members whose Subscriptions were in arrear at the last Audit	91	0	0	Paid for printing and paper of 1,000 copies of "Chronicle of Queen Jane and Queen Mary"	124	11	9
The like on account of Subscriptions due 1st May, 1850	548	1	0	The like for 1,000 copies of "Bury Wills"	193	18	8
The like on account of Subscriptions due 1st May next	26	0	0	The like for 1,000 copies of "Walter Mapes"	168	19	0
By compositions received from two Members	20	0	0	Paid for binding 800 copies "Chronicle of Queen Jane"	30	8	0
One year's dividend on £921 18s. 0d. 3 per Cent. Consols, standing in the names of the Trustees of the Society, deducting property-tax	26	16	10	The like for 50 copies of "Smith's Obituary"	1	18	0
				The like for 800 copies of "Bury Wills"	33	12	0
				The like for 25 copies of "Twysden on Parliament"	1	1	0
				The like for 800 copies of "Walter Mapes"	30	8	0
				Paid for Transcripts	12	9	0
				Paid for Wood Engravings	9	17	7
				Paid for delivery and transmission of 800 copies of "Chronicle of Queen Jane," "Bury Wills," and "Walter Mapes," with paper for wrappers, &c.	32	0	0
				Paid for Miscellaneous Printing, Reports, Circulars, &c.	11	8	6
				Correspondence of the Society	52	10	0
				One year's payment for keeping Accounts and General Correspondence of the Society	2	7	0
				Paid for postage, carriage of parcels, stationery, and other petty cash expenses	9	8	2
				Balance	104	3	4
	£838	19	11		£838	19	11

And we, the Auditors, further state, that the Treasurer has reported to us, that over and above the present balance of £104 3s. 4d. there are outstanding various subscriptions of Foreign Members, of Members resident at a distance from London, &c. which the Treasurer sees no reason to doubt will shortly be received.

EDW. FOSS,
EDWARD HAILSTONE, } Auditors.
W. R. DRAKE,

29th April, 1851.

WORKS OF THE CAMDEN SOCIETY,

AND ORDER OF THEIR PUBLICATION.

For the Subscription of 1838-9.

1. Restoration of King Edward IV.
2. Kyng Johan, by Bishop Bale.
3. Deposition of Richard II.
4. Plumpton Correspondence.
5. Anecdotes and Traditions.

For 1839.

6. Political Songs.
7. Hayward's Annals of Elizabeth.
8. Ecclesiastical Documents.
9. Norden's Description of Essex.
10. Warkworth's Chronicle.
11. Kemp's Nine Daies Wonder.

For 1840.

12. The Egerton Papers.
13. Chronica Jocelini de Brakelonda.
14. Irish Narratives, 1641 and 1690.
15. Rishanger's Chronicle.

For 1841.

16. Poems of Walter Mapes.
17. Travels of Nicander Nucius.
18. Three Metrical Romances.
19. Diary of Dr. John Dee.

For 1842.

20. Apology for the Lollards.
21. Rutland Papers.
22. Diary of Bishop Cartwright.
23. Letters of Eminent Literary Men.
24. Proceedings against Dame Alice Kyteler.

For 1843.

25. Promptorium Parvulorum: Tom. I.
26. Suppression of the Monasteries.
27. Leicester Correspondence.

For 1844.

28. French Chronicle of London.
29. Polydore Vergil.
30. The Thornton Romances.
31. Verney's Notes of the Long Parliament.

For 1845.

32. Autobiography of Sir John Bramston.
33. Correspondence of James Duke of Perth.
34. Liber de Antiquis Legibus.
35. The Chronicle of Calais.

For 1846.

36. Polydore Vergil's History, Vol. I.
37. Italian Relation of England.
38. Church of Middleham.
39. The Camden Miscellany, Vol. I.

For 1847.

40. Life of Lord Grey of Wilton.
41. Diary of Walter Yonge, Esq.
42. Diary of Henry Machyn.

For 1848.

43. Visitation of Huntingdonshire.
44. Obituary of Richard Smyth.
45. Twysden on the Government of England.

For 1849.

46. Chronicon Petroburgense.
47. Letters of Elizabeth and James VI.
48. Queen Jane and Queen Mary.

For 1850.

49. Bury Wills and Inventories.
 50. Mapes de Nugis Curialium.
 51. Pilgrimage of Sir R. Guyford.

For 1851.

52. Secret Services of Charles II. and James II.

Works in the Press.

- Promptorium Parvulorum: Tom. II. Edited by ALBERT WAY, Esq., M.A., F.S.A.
 The Romance of Blonde of Oxford and Jehan of Dammartin. Edited by THOMAS WRIGHT, Esq., M.A., F.S.A.
 The Verney Papers. Edited by JOHN BRUCE, Esq. Treas. S.A.
 The Household Roll of Richard Swinfield, Bishop of Hereford, 18 Edw. I. Edited by the Rev. JOHN WEBB, M.A., F.S.A.
 The Domesday of St. Paul's; a Description of the Manors belonging to the Church of St. Paul's in London in the year 1222. Edited by the VEN. WILLIAM HALE, M.A., Archdeacon of London.
 The Camden Miscellany, Vol. II.

[*No Books are delivered until the Subscription for the Year has been paid.*]

The subscription of One Pound is due in advance on the 1st of May in every year, and is received by Messrs. Nichols, 25, Parliament Street, Westminster; or by the several Local Secretaries. New Members are admitted at the meetings of the Council, held on the first Wednesday in every Month. A Composition for future Subscriptions may be made by the payment of Ten pounds in addition to the Subscription of the current year. The Compositions have been funded in the Three per Cents. to an amount exceeding 940*l*.

May 15, 1851.

W. J. THOMS, Secretary.