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ON THE 2ND MAY, 1877.

THE Council of the Camden Society elected on the 2nd May, 1876,
deeply regret the loss of

EDWARD F. RIMBAULT, LL.D.

who, as long as health would permit him, was constant in attendance at their meetings, and whose assistance was always valuable, more especially in all matters relating to the subject of the biography of musicians, with which he was so familiar. Dr. Rimbault edited for the Society:—

I. THE OLD CHEQUE BOOK OF THE CHAPEL ROYAL, in 1872, and

II. AN ACCOUNT OF THE FESTIVAL OF THE BOY BISHOP IN ENGLAND (included in the seventh volume of the CAMDEN MISCELLANY), in 1875.

The Council regret to add that the Society has also lost the following Members by death during the past year:—

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The thanks of the Society are due to Sir James Hannen for the promptitude with which he has granted an extension from 1700 to 1760 of the date to which the wills at the Probate Registry, Somerset House, can be consulted by literary inquirers. This liberal concession was made upon representations from the Council of the Camden Society in conjunction with the Society of Antiquaries and the Archæological Institute.

The books for the past year have now been issued :

- I. Milton's Common Place Book. Edited by A. J. HORWOOD.
- II. The Historical Collections of a London Citizen in the Fifteenth Century, containing—*I.* John Page's Poem on the Siege of Rouen; *II.* Lydgate's Verses on the Kings of England; *III.* William Gregory's Chronicle of London. Edited by JAMES GAIRDNER.
- III. Documents relating to William Prynne. With a Biographical Fragment by the late JOHN BRUCE, F.S.A. Edited by S. R. GARDINER.

The first of the books named above having appeared to be in many

respects defective, Mr. Horwood generously offered to reprint it at his own expense, and the revised edition will soon be in the hands of Members.

The books for the years 1877-8 will probably be:—

I. Letters treating of the Domestic Affairs of the Priory of Christ Church, Canterbury, in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. Edited by J. B. SHEPPARD. (Nearly Ready.)

II. A Chronicle of England during the Reigns of the Tudors. From A.D. 1485 to 1559. By Charles Wriothesley, Windsor Herald. Vol. II. Edited by W. D. HAMILTON, F.S.A.

III. Harpsfield's History of the Divorce of Henry VIII. from Catherine of Aragon. Edited by the Rev. N. Pocock.

The following have been added to the list of suggested publications: --

Selections from the Hatton Correspondence, Charles II.—William III. 2 vols. To be edited by E. MAUNDE THOMPSON.

Selections from Four Volumes of Petitions temp. Charles I. in the possession of Mrs. Carew. To be edited by S. R. GARDINER.

The Council desire to call the attention of Members to their often-expressed wish, that all who have any knowledge of MSS. suitable for publication should communicate with the Director, who will always be happy to receive suggestions or applications on the subject. The Members of the Society are so scattered that it is difficult to ascertain their feelings and wishes, and the Council deeply regret that a larger number do not attend the annual meeting, at which they would always be ready to welcome suggestions of any kind. The wishes and opinions of the Members thus ascertained would serve to strengthen their hands in carrying out the objects which they, in common with the other Members of the Society, have deeply at heart.

By order of the Council,

SAMUEL RAWSON GARDINER, *Director.*

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REPORT OF THE AUDITORS.

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 from the 1st of April 1876 to the 31st of March 1877, 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:—

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.
To Balance of last year's account..	564	7	3	Paid for printing 500 copies Common Place Book of John Milton. No. 16	29	4
Received on account of Members whose Subscriptions were in arrear at last Audit	57	10	0	Paid for printing 500 copies Historical Collections of a London Citizen in the Fifteenth Century. No. 17	106	12
The like on account of Subscriptions due on the 1st of May, 1876.....	260	0	6	Paid for printing 500 copies of Documents relating to William Fyenne. No. 18	42	19
The like on account of Subscriptions due on the 1st of May, 1877.....	35	0	0	Paid for Miscellaneous Printing.....	10	18
One year's dividend on £466 3 1 3 per Cent. Consols, standing in the names of the Trustees of the Society, deducting Income Tax..	13	16	4	Paid for delivery and transmission of Books, with paper for wrappers, warehousing expenses (including Insurance)	22	19
To Sale of Publications of past years.....	36	14	1	Paid for binding	55	2
To Sale of Promptorium Parvulorum (3 vols. in 1)	4	5	0	Paid for postages, collecting, country expenses, &c. ...	5	1
				One subscription returned	1	0
	<u>£971</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>			<u>£273 17</u>
				By Balance	697	15
						<u>£971 13</u>

And we, the Auditors, further state, that the Treasurer has reported to us, that over and above the present balance of £697 15s. 10d. there are outstanding various subscriptions of Foreign Members, and of Members resident at a distance from London, which the Treasurer sees no reason to doubt will shortly be received.

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