

THE
CAMDEN SOCIETY,



FOR THE PUBLICATION OF
EARLY HISTORICAL AND LITERARY REMAINS.

At a General Meeting of the Camden Society held at No. 25, Parliament Street, Westminster, on Saturday, the 2nd day of May, 1857,

JOHN BRUCE, ESQ., THE DIRECTOR, IN THE CHAIR,

THE Director having opened the business of the Meeting,

The Secretary read the Report of the Council agreed upon at their meeting of the 22nd of April, whereupon it was

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

Thanks were then voted to the Local Secretaries and to the Editors of the Publications for the past year, and to CHARLES JOHN PALMER, Esq., F.S.A. for Notes contributed by him to Davies's Diary.

The Secretary then read the Report of the Auditors, agreed upon at their Meeting of the 22nd of April, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Report of the Auditors be received and adopted, and that the Thanks of the Meeting be given to the Auditors for their trouble.

Thanks having been voted to the Treasurer and Secretary, the Meeting proceeded to the Election of Officers, when

The Right Hon. Lord BRAYBROOKE, F.S.A.
 was elected PRESIDENT of the Society ; and
 WILLIAM HENRY BLAAUW, Esq. M.A., F.S.A.
 JOHN BRUCE, Esq. V.P.S.A.
 JOHN PAYNE COLLIER, Esq. F.S.A.
 WILLIAM DURRANT COOPER, Esq. F.S.A.
 JAMES CROSBY, Esq. F.S.A.
 Sir HENRY ELLIS, K.H., F.R.S., Dir. S.A.
 The Earl JERMYN, M.P., F.S.A.
 THOMAS W. KING, Esq. F.S.A., York Herald,
 The Rev. LAMBERT B. LARKING, M.A.
 PETER LEVESQUE, Esq. F.S.A.
 Sir FREDERICK MADDEN, K.H., F.R.S.
 FREDERIC OUVRY, Esq. Treas. S.A.
 WILLIAM JOHN THOMS, Esq. F.S.A.
 WILLIAM TITE, Esq. M.P., F.R.S., F.S.A., and
 His Excellency M. VAN DE WEYER
 were elected as the Council of the Society ; and
 GEORGE R. CORNER, Esq. F.S.A.
 JOHN FORSTER, Esq., and
 ROBERT PORRETT, Esq. F.S.A.
 were elected Auditors of the Society ; for the year then next ensuing.

Thanks were then voted to the Director for his able conduct in the Chair, and the great interest always taken by him in the welfare of the Society.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, 1857.

At a MEETING of the COUNCIL of the CAMDEN SOCIETY, held at No. 25, Parliament Street, Westminster, on Wednesday the 10th day of June, 1857, 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, 1856.

THE Council of the Camden Society, elected on the 2nd May, 1856, refer to the Report of the Auditors for satisfactory evidence of the continued well-being of the Society.

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

THE REV. JOHN BALDWIN.
ROBERT BICKERSTETH, Esq.
ARTHUR BIGGS, Esq.
J. ELIJAH BLUNT, Esq.
CHARLES THORNTON COATHUPE, Esq.
SIR EDMUND FILMER, Bart. M.P.
THE HONBLE. ALGERNON HERBERT.
BRYAN HOLME, Esq.
J. D. MOXON, Esq.

To this list must be added the name of his Grace the DUKE OF RUTLAND, to whose liberality the Society was indebted for the materials of the volume of *Rutland Papers*, published in 1842.

The Camden Society has also, in common with almost every other Institution for the promotion of literary or scientific objects, to lament the death of the EARL OF ELLESMERE. This accomplished nobleman not only placed at the service of the Society the documents which formed the volume of *Egerton Papers*, published in 1840, but when the Society was in the course of formation, at once assented to take the office of President, and give the Society the benefit of his important name and influence.

The Council have during the past year gladly availed themselves of the offer of the Hon. CHARLES NICOLSON to act as Local Secretary for Australia; an opening which they trust will be of advantage to the Society.

The publications which have been issued during the past year have been—

The Knights Hospitallers in England: being the Report of Prior Philip de Thame to the Grand Master Elyan de Villanova for A.D. 1338. Edited by the Rev. LAMBERT B. LARKING, M.A., with an Historical Introduction by JOHN MITCHELL KEMBLE, M.A.

This valuable publication, which throws curious light on the social condition of our country during the middle of the fourteenth century, is accompanied by an admirable Introduction—the last effort of the pen of the late JOHN MITCHELL KEMBLE, Esq. The loss is great which the Camden Society and Historical Literature in general have sustained by the untimely death of that celebrated scholar. Mr. KEMBLE, it will be in the recollection of the Members, edited for the Society, in the year 1848, *Sir Roger Twysden's Dissertation on the Government of England*.

The second book issued during the past year was—

The Diary of John Rous, Incumbent of Santon Downham, Suffolk, from 1625 to 1642, from a MS. in the possession of Dawson Turner, Esq. Edited by Mrs. EVERETT GREEN.

The manuscript of this Diary was kindly placed at the disposal of the Council by that zealous antiquary, DAWSON TURNER, Esq. For the editorship of it the Society is indebted to Mrs. EVERETT GREEN, eminently distinguished for her acquaintance with the documentary evidences of our history.

The third book which has been issued, is—

The Trevelyan Papers. Part I. Edited by J. PAYNE COLLIER, Esq., F.S.A.

This volume, rich in curious materials for illustrating our national history, has been prepared for the Society by Mr. COLLIER, from the collection of Family Papers in the possession of SIR WALTER TREVELYAN. The whole value of this work will not be seen until the publication of the second volume; but a glance at the portion issued, and especially at the Household Book which it contains of Henry VIII., will show how great are the obligations of the Society to the gentleman who has enabled the Council to issue the present work. The editorship is an important addition to the debt which the Society already owes to Mr. Collier.

This will very shortly be followed by—

The Journal of the Very Rev. Rowland Davies, Dean of Ross, at the period of the Revolution of 1688. Edited by RICHARD CAULFIELD, Esq. B.A.

One portion of this work is of especial interest to our East Anglian Members. In illustration of this particular portion, some valuable annotation has been added, on the request of the Council, by our Local Secretary for Great Yarmouth, CHARLES JOHN PALMER, Esq., F.S.A., the editor and continuator of *Manship's History of that Borough*.

The Council have, during the past year, added the following works to the list of suggested publications.

1. A Selection from the Case-Book of Sir Theodore Mayerne, illustrative of the Personal Characteristics, Habits, Peculiarities, &c. of almost all the Historical Celebrities of the reign of James I. and Charles I. To be edited, with translations where required, by VINCENT STERNBERG, Esq.

2. Letters of Thomas Saville, Lord Halifax, and his Brother. From a MS. in the possession of His Grace the Duke of Devonshire. To be edited by J. PAYNE COLLIER, Esq.

Of the works published during the present year, it will be observed how many are derived from original MSS. in the possession of private persons. The publication of such works has been, from the first, one of the clearly defined objects of the Society. In laying open to historical students valuable materials which would be inaccessible but for the intervention of this Society, we are obviously performing a work of great utility; and it is gratifying to observe with what liberality the owners of historical MSS. are willing to place them at our service.

We are all interested in the evidences of our national history. The monuments and memorials of the noble deeds of our ancestors can never cease to be of value to us. A laudable curiosity, as well as the higher interests of historical science, demands that they should be made known; and the possessors of them deserve well, not only of this Society, but of the country at large, when they enable us to add them to our published historical authorities.

By Order of the Council,

JOHN BRUCE, Director.

WILLIAM J. THOMS, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS,

DATED APRIL 22ND, 1857.

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, 1856, to the 31st of March, 1857, 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.	<i>£.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	EXPENDITURE.	<i>£.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Balance of last year's account . . .	327	14	3	Paid for printing and paper of 750 copies of "Letters of Charles I."	60	3	0
Received on account of Members whose Subscriptions were in arrear at last Audit	84	0	0	The like of 750 copies of "English Chronicle"	110	18	0
The like on account of Subscriptions due 1st May last (1856)	341	0	0	The like of 750 copies of "Rous Diary"	78	13	6
The like on account of Subscriptions due 1st May next	4	0	0	The like of 750 copies of "Knights Hospitallers"	184	8	11
By sale of Publications	1	4	0	Paid for binding 600 copies of "Charles I."	20	8	0
Oneyear's dividend on £974 16s. 3d. 3 per Cent. Consols, &c.	27	5	10	The like for 600 copies of "English Chronicle"	22	16	0
				The like for 600 copies of "Diary of John Rous"	20	8	0
				The like for 25 copies of "Grants from the Crown"	1	0	0
				Paid for Miscellaneous Printing, Reports, &c.	13	10	6
				Paid for delivery and transmission of copies of "Letters of Charles I." "English Chronicle," "Knights Hospitallers," "Rous Diary," and "Trevelyan Papers," with paper for wrappers, &c.	33	12	0
				Paid for Advertisements	3	11	0
				One year's payment for keeping Accounts and General Correspondence of the Society	52	10	0
				Paid for expenses of last General Meeting	2	7	0
				Paid for postage, carriage of parcels, and other petty cash expenses	6	13	10
					610	19	9
				Balance	174	4	4
					£785	4	1

And we, the Auditors, further state, that the Treasurer has reported to us, that over and above the present balance of £174 4s. 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.

THOS. WM. KING, York Herald }
GEO. R. CORNER } Auditors.
JOHN FORSTER }

22d April, 1857.

WORKS OF THE CAMDEN SOCIETY.

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 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 Long Parliament.

For 1845.

32. Autobiography of Sir J. Bramston.
33. Correspondence of 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. Letters of Elizabeth and James VI.
47. Chronicon Petroburgense.
48. Queen Jane and Queen Mary.

For 1850.

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

For 1851.

52. Secret Services of Chas. II. & Jas. II.
53. Chronicle of Grey Friars of London.
54. Promptorium Parvulorum, Tom. II.

For 1852.

55. The Camden Miscellany, Vol. II.
56. Verney Papers to 1639.
57. The Ancren Riwle.

For 1853.

58. Letters of Lady B. Harley.
59. Roll of Bishop Swinfield. Vol. I.

For 1854.

60. Grants, &c. from the Crown during the reign of Edward the Fifth.
61. The Camden Miscellany, Vol. III.
62. Roll of Bishop Swinfield, Vol. II.

WORKS OF THE SOCIETY.

For 1855.

63. Charles I. in 1646. Original Letters of Charles I. to Queen Henrietta Maria. Edited by JOHN BRUCE, Esq. F.S.A.

64. English Chronicle of the Reigns of Richard II., Henry IV., Henry V., and Henry VI. Edited by the Rev. J. SILVESTER DAVIES, M.A.

65. The Knights Hospitallers in England: being the Report of Prior Philip de Thame to the Grand Master Elyan de Villanova for A.D. 1338. Edited by the Rev. LAMBERT B. LARKING, M.A., with an Historical Introduction by JOHN MITCHELL KEMBLE, M.A.

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68. Journal of the Very Rev. Rowland Davies, LL.D., Dean of Ross, and afterwards Dean of Cork, from March 8, 1689, to Sept. 29, 1690. Edited by RICHARD CAULFIELD, B.A.

Works in Progress.

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. (*Nearly ready.*)

The Romance of Blonde of Oxford and Jehan of Dammartin. Edited by THOMAS WRIGHT, Esq., M.A., F.S.A. (*Nearly ready.*)

The Surrenden Papers. From the Originals in the possession of Sir Edward Dering, Bart.

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II. Letters of Thomas Saville, Lord Halifax, and his Brother. From a MS. in the possession of His Grace the Duke of Devonshire. To be edited by J. PAYNE COLLIER, Esq.

III. Privy Purse Expenses of King William III. To be edited by J. Y. AKERMAN, Esq. Sec. S.A.

IV. An historical Narrative of the two Howses of Parliament, and either of them, their Committees and Agents', violent Proceedings against Sir Roger Twysden. From the original in the possession of the Rev. LAMBERT B. LARKING.

V. Narrative of the Services of M. Dumont Bostaquet in Ireland. To be edited by the Rev. JAMES HENTHORN TODD, D.D.

VI. The Correspondence of Sir Robert Cotton, from the Cottonian MS. Julius C. III. To be edited by the Rev. JOSEPH STEVENSON, M.A.

VII. The Household Book of William Lord Howard, "Belted Will." To be edited by JAMES CROSBY, Esq., F.S.A.

VIII. A Diary of Mr. Henry Townsend, of Elmley Court, co. Worcester, for the years 1640—42, 1656—61, from the original MS. in the possession of Sir T. Phillipps, Bart. To be edited by Mrs. EVERETT GREEN.

*The subscription of One Pound is due in advance on the 1st of May in every year.
No Books are delivered until the Subscription for the Year has been paid.*

25, Parliament Street, Westminster,
1 July, 1857.

W. J. THOMS, Secretary.