

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 Wednesday the 2nd of May, 1849,

THE RIGHT HON. LORD BRAYBROOKE IN THE CHAIR,

His Lordship having opened the business of the Meeting,

The Secretary read the Report of the Council agreed upon at their meeting of the 18th April last, whereupon it was

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

The Thanks of the Society were also voted to the Editors of the Society's publications for the past year; to Sir Charles Young, Garter King of Arms, to the Reverend Lambert B. Larking; and to the Local Secretaries.

The Secretary then read the Report of the Auditors agreed upon at their Meeting of the 28th April last, 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 trouble.

The Thanks of the Society having then been voted to the Treasurer,

The Meeting proceeded to the election of Officers, when
 The Right Hon. Lord BRAYBROOKE, F.S.A.
 was elected PRESIDENT of the Society ; and
 THOMAS AMYOT, Esq. F.R.S., F.S.A.
 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.
 The Rev. JOSEPH HUNTER, F.S.A.
 JOHN MITCHELL KEMBLE, Esq. M.A.
 PETER LEVESQUE, Esq. F.S.A.
 THOMAS JOSEPH PETTIGREW, Esq. F.R.S., F.S.A.
 FREDERIC OUVRY, Esq. F.S.A.
 HENRY CRABB ROBINSON, Esq. F.S.A. and
 WILLIAM JOHN THOMS, Esq. F.S.A.
 were elected as the COUNCIL ; and
 JOHN YONGE AKERMAN, Esq. Sec. S.A.
 GEORGE L. CRAIK, Esq. and
 EDWARD FOSS, Esq. F.S.A.
 were elected AUDITORS of the Society for the ensuing year.

Thanks were then voted to the Secretary ; and to Lord BRAYBROOKE,
 for the interest he had always taken in the welfare of the Society, and for
 his able conduct in the Chair.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, 1849.

AT a Meeting of the COUNCIL of the Camden Society held at No. 25,
 Parliament Street, Westminster, on Wednesday the 9th May, 1849,
 The Rt. Hon. Lord BRAYBROOKE, the President, in the Chair ;
 THOMAS AMYOT, 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, 1848.

THE COUNCIL of the Camden Society, elected on the 2nd of May, 1848, feel it necessary to repeat the announcement of their predecessors, that, "like every similar Institution, the Camden Society has suffered some diminution in its ranks from the operation of public causes." But they would express their confidence that those causes are now passing over, and that it will not be long before the Society shall have regained its early number of Members. Several Societies have been obliged to yield to the circumstances of the times, and others will probably follow, but the number of Members of the Camden Society is still (again to use the words of the last Report) "amply sufficient to maintain the Society in its course of usefulness, and to prove the wide interest still felt in the objects for which the Society was instituted."

In full confidence of the stability of the Society the Treasurer has followed the precedent of former years, and invested a sum paid in lieu of annual payments, which has raised the Society's Stock from £900 14*s.* 9*d.* to £911 11*s.*

The Council have added to the List of Local Secretaries the name of JOHN BAILEY LANGHORNE, Esq. who has kindly undertaken to discharge the duties of that office for Richmond, Yorkshire, and its neighbourhood; and they avail themselves of this opportunity of again pressing upon Members resident in the country the great service they may render to the Society, by taking upon themselves that not very troublesome office, or at all events by enlisting as Members such of their friends and neighbours as are known to take an interest in the objects for which it has been instituted. The Society's sphere of usefulness, the benefits it may be

able to confer on Historical Literature, must mainly depend on the amount of funds which may be at the disposal of the Council.

The Council have to regret the deaths, during the past year, of—

JOSEPH ABLETT, Esq.

ALEXANDER ANNAND, Esq.

CHARLES FREDERICK BARNWELL, Esq., F.S.A.

BENJAMIN BARNARD, Esq.

PETER S. BENWELL, Esq.

Right Hon. the EARL OF CARLISLE.

The LORD BISHOP OF CORK, CLOYNE, AND ROSS.

JOHN COMPORT, Esq., F.S.A.*

Very Rev. JOHN ANTHONY CRAMER, D.D.

GEORGE DUKE, Esq.

ENOCH DURANT, Esq., F.S.A.

CHARLES FILICA, Esq.

CHARLES GAMBIER, Esq.

Mr. D. HAIG.

JOHN HILLS, Esq. M.A.

Rev. G. KENNARD.

W. HORTON LLOYD, Esq., F.S.A.

WILLIAM HENRY MILLER, Esq., F.S.A.

JOHN PITCAIRN, Esq.

Rev. THOMAS B. POOLEY, M.A.

WILLIAM ROBINSON, Esq., LL.D., F.S.A.

THOMAS FIELD SAVORY, Esq., F.S.A.

Rev. THOMAS STREATFEILD, F.S.A.

WILLIAM VINES, Esq., F.S.A.

ANTHONY WHITE, Esq.

Sir GIFFIN WILSON, F.R.S.

Rev. ROBERT WINTLE, B.D.

The Council have, during the past year, added the following works to the List of those to be published by the Society:—

I. The Chronicle of Queen Jane and of Two Years of Queen Mary. To be edited by JOHN GOUGH NICHOLS, Esq., F.S.A.

II. A Selection from the Porkington MS. in the possession of W. Ormsby Gore, Esq. M.P. To be edited by JAMES ORCHARD HALLIWELL, Esq., F.R.S.

III. Household Roll of John of Brabant, Son in Law of King Edward the First. To be edited from the original in the Chapter House, Westminster, with a Translation and Notes by T. HUDSON TURNER, Esq.

The books issued during the past year have been

I. The Diary of Henry Machyn, Citizen and Merchant-Taylor of London, extending from the year 1550 to 1563, now the Cottonian MS. Vitellius F. v. Edited by JOHN GOUGH NICHOLS, Esq., F.S.A.

which belongs to the Subscription of the preceding year.

The Society is much indebted to Mr. John Gough Nichols, for the ability and pains with which he has edited this Diary, one of the most valuable records of the interesting period to which it relates, and which has been hitherto scarcely known except by the frequent references which showed how much Strype was indebted to it in his various publications.

II. Camden's Visitation of Huntingdonshire, made by Nicholas Charles, his Deputy. Edited from the Original Visitation preserved among the Cottonian Manuscripts, by Sir HENRY ELLIS, K.H., F.R.S., Sec. S.A.; and illustrated with numerous Wood Engravings of Arms, Seals, &c.

This work, the editorship of which was kindly undertaken by Sir Henry Ellis, removes the objection frequently made that the Society had done nothing for the memory of Camden as a Herald. It is the first in which Illustrations have been introduced to any extent; and the Council feel assured that the satisfaction which they have felt at the manner in which the artist, Mr. Cleghorn, has executed the task entrusted to him, will be participated in by the Members generally, and justify the Council for the expense they incurred for that purpose.

III. Smith's Obituary, from 1628 to 1674. Edited by Sir HENRY ELLIS, K.H. F.R.S., Sec. S.A.

This volume, edited by the same zealous Member to whom the Society is indebted for the preceding work, was undertaken by the Council at the suggestion of one well able to judge of its value, Sir Charles Young, Garter King of Arms, who, having had a transcript of the Sloane MS. made for his own use, kindly placed the same at the service of the Council, for the purpose of publication. The Council have expressed their acknowledgments to Sir Charles Young for this kindness; and the Meeting will probably think fit to mark by a vote of thanks their sense of the good feeling which he has, on this as on many former occasions, exhibited towards the Society.

IV. Certain Considerations upon the Government of England. By Sir Roger Twysden, Kt. and Bart. Edited from the unpublished Manuscript by JOHN MITCHELL KEMBLE, Esq. M.A. &c.

This work was pointed out to the Council by Mr. Kemble as one of the most valuable treatises existing on the subject to which it relates.

As the book is at present in the hands of but few of the Members, in consequence of its delivery having only just commenced, the Council trust they may be permitted to express their conviction that the volume—highly important in itself, for its illustration of the history of the Constitution—will derive additional value from the masterly Introduction, in which Mr. Kemble has furnished an outline of the life of the author, Roger Twysden, “one of the most laborious and judicious Antiquaries that the seventeenth century produced;” and in which will be found an animated sketch of that distinguished and powerful class, the Country Gentlemen of England of 1640, the class that produced Cotton, Spelman, Twysden, and others.

The Council cannot conclude this Report without alluding to a change which has gradually come over the character of the Society’s publications, a change which, while it has been the result of causes over which they have had comparatively little control, is one they believe to be generally agreeable to the Members; it is the purely historical nature of the later Camden Publications.

Since the establishment of the Camden Society, similar Societies have been instituted for the publication of works more immediately connected with our early national Poetry and Drama. Their success has been at once a matter of congratulation to the Council, who regard such success as evidence of the soundness of the principles on which the Camden Society was founded, and a warning to them to devote the means at their disposal to illustrate, not so much the Poetical and Literary, as the Political and Social History of the Empire.

By Order of the Council,

THOMAS AMYOT, Director.

WILLIAM J. THOMS, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS,

DATED APRIL 28, 1849.

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, 1848, to the 28th of April, 1849, 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 of the Society during the period we have mentioned.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Balance of last year's account	185	18	3	Paid for the purchase of £10 16s. 3d. 3 per Cent. Consols, invested for the benefit of the Society	10	0	0
Received on account of Members whose Subscriptions were in arrear at the last Audit	103	0	0	Paid for printing and paper of 1,250 copies of "Machyn's Diary"	334	9	8
The like on account of Subscriptions due 1st May, 1848	671	0	0	The like for 1,000 copies of "Huntingdon Visitation"	115	4	0
One year's dividend on £900 14s. 9d. 3 per Cent. Consols, invested in the names of the Trustees of the Society, deducting property-tax	26	4	6	The like for 1,000 copies of "Smith's Obituary"	77	2	6
				Paid for Woodcuts for "Huntingdon Visitation"	80	0	0
				Paid for binding 1,000 copies of "Yonge's Diary"	42	0	0
				The like for 1,000 copies of "Machyn's Diary"	52	0	0
				Paid for delivery and transmission of "Machyn's Diary" and "Visitation of the County of Huntingdon," with paper for wrappers, &c.	27	18	1
				Paid for Miscellaneous Printing, Lists of Members, Reports, &c.	17	5	6
				Paid for Transcripts connected with works published or in progress	35	19	6
				Paid for Account Books, Lithograph Circulars, &c.	5	5	0
				One year's payment for keeping Accounts and General Correspondence of the Society	52	10	0
				Paid for the expenses of last General Meeting	2	7	0
				Paid for postages, carriage of parcels, stationery, and other petty cash expenses	13	0	8
				Balance of Subscriptions and other receipts	121	0	10
Total receipts for the year £986 2 9					£986	2	9

And we, the Auditors, further state, that the Treasurer has reported to us, that over and above the present balance of £121 0s. 10d. there are outstanding various subscriptions of Foreign Members, of Members resident in places distant from London, and of Members recently elected, which the Treasurer sees no reason to doubt will shortly be received.

Given under our hands this 28th day of April, 1849,

J. Y. AKERMAN }
 FREDERIC OUVRY } Auditors.

WORKS OF THE CAMDEN SOCIETY,

AND ORDER OF THEIR PUBLICATION.

For the Year 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 1839-40.

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 1840-41.

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

For 1841-42.

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

For 1842-3.

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 1843-44.

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

For 1844-45.

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

For 1845-46.

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

For 1846-47.

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

For 1847-48.

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

For 1848-49.

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