

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL  
OF  
THE CAMDEN SOCIETY,  
READ AT THE GENERAL MEETING  
ON THE 3RD MAY, 1880.

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THE Council of the Camden Society elected on the 2nd May, 1879,  
regret the loss of the following Members by death during the past year :—

Ven. GEO. BLAND.  
Right Hon. LORD CHELMSFORD.  
Rev. ARCHER CLIVE.  
CHARLES DOWNES, Esq.  
Right Hon. RUSSELL GURNEY.  
Right Hon. SIR R. T. KINDERSLEY.

The following have been elected during the same period :—

FRANKLIN BARTLETT, Esq.  
WYNNE C. BAXTER, Esq.  
WILLIAM BETHELL, Esq.  
Rev. W. E. BUCKLEY.  
JAMES E. DOYLE, Esq.  
Rev. J. WOODFALL EBSWORTH, M.A.  
Rev. THOMAS FRANCIS KNOX.  
Right Hon. THE EARL OF ROSEBURY.

The books for the past year have been :—

I The Economy of the Fleet, containing an Account of the state of the Fleet Prison in the time of James I. Edited by the Rev. A. JESSOPP, D.D.

II. The Hamilton Papers, 1638-52, being a Selection from Original Letters preserved in the Library of His Grace the Duke of Hamilton. Edited by SAMUEL R. GARDINER, Esq. (*Now ready.*)

III. A Collection of Documents, relating to St. Paul's Cathedral. Edited by the Rev. W. SPARROW SIMPSON, D.D. (*Nearly ready.*)

The volumes to be issued in 1880-81 will probably be—

I. The Puritan Visitation of the University of Oxford. Edited by PROFESSOR MONTAGU BURROWS.

II. Two Chronicles of the Reign of Henry VI. with other Documents relating to the same period. Edited by JAMES GAIRDNER, Esq.

As the first of these two works equals in bulk two ordinary volumes, it is not proposed to issue a third volume in the forthcoming year.

It will be remembered that in their last year's report the Council proposed to the General Meeting of the Society to proceed with the printing of the General Index, and that their proposal received the support of the Meeting.

In accordance with this resolution 155 pages were printed off, bringing the Index down to the word "Beaumont." At this stage, however, a letter was received from Mr. Gough dated Oct. 4, 1879, in which he stated that in consequence of the state of his health he was obliged to abandon all hope of carrying out the work to completion. In consequence of this communication it was finally arranged that Mr. Gough should hand over to the Society the whole of his MS. Index and should release the Society from all claim to further payment, which claim was estimated in the Report of last year at £475.

As soon as the MS. was in their hands, the Council requested Messrs. Moore and Kirk to examine its condition. The result of this examination was to show that it would be possible to abridge the index very

considerably without any detriment to its value, and that in all probability it could be reduced to 1,400 pages instead of the 2,000 at which the original MS. was estimated. This would, however, involve considerable labour, much of which, however, would be in any case unavoidable, as the MS. is not in a condition to be printed off even as it stands.

Messrs. Moore and Kirk have offered to undertake this work for a payment not exceeding £500. The Council has thought it best to propose to the General Meeting that a sum not exceeding £500 shall be applied to the completion of the index by a person competent to the undertaking, if the Council shall deem it hereafter to be for the best interests of the Society that this work be completed.

It will be observed that the *maximum* sum here indicated exceeds that which was estimated as payable to Mr. Gough under the original contract only by £25, whilst the saving in the expense of printing by the abbreviation proposed may probably be estimated at from £350 to £400, upon the estimate of £1,425 given in last year's Report.

By order of the Council,

SAMUEL RAWSON GARDINER, *Director.*

ALFRED KINGSTON, *Hon. Secretary.*

## 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 1879 to the 31st of March 1880, and that we have examined the said accounts, with 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.	d.
To Balance of last year's account..	606	18	8	Paid for printing 500 copies of The Lords Debates ...	60	13	9
Received on account of Members whose Subscriptions were in arrear at last Audit .....	12	0	0	Paid for printing 500 copies The Economy of the Fleet	74	12	6
The like on account of Subscriptions due on the 1st of May, 1879.....	255	1	9	Paid on Account of Printing Index Part I. ....	95	8	4
The like on account of Subscriptions due on the 1st of May, 1880.....	8	0	0	Paid for Printing 500 copies Letters of the Duke of Monmouth .....	3	13	6
To two Compositions in lieu of Annual Subscriptions .....	20	0	0	Paid for Paper .....	37	6	8
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	14	0	Paid for Binding .....	42	7	10
To Sale of Publications of past years.....	25	0	6	Paid for Transcripts .....	5	6	3
To Sale of the Medieval English-Latin Dictionary Promptorium Parvulorum (3 vols. in 1) .....	6	0	0	Paid for Miscellaneous Printing .....	3	19	6
	<u>£ 946</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	Paid for delivery and transmission of Books, with paper for wrappers, warehousing expenses (including Insurance).....	22	19	4
				Paid for postages, collecting, country expenses, &c. ...	4	3	2
					<u>£350</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
				By Balance .....	596	4	1
					<u>£946</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>

And we, the Auditors, further state, that the Treasurer has reported to us, that over and above the present balance of £596 4s. 1d. 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.

HENRY HILL.

GEORGE F. SMITH.