

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 Thursday, the 2nd of May, 1850,

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 17th 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.

Resolved, That the Thanks of the Meeting be given to the Editors of the Society's publications for the past year, and to the Local Secretaries.

Resolved, That the Thanks of the Meeting be given to the Rev. Edward Ryder, for his kindness in permitting the Society to publish the Original Letters of Queen Elizabeth and King James; and that this expression of their thanks be accompanied by the wish, that he will add to the obligation he has conferred upon the Society, and the service he has already rendered to Historical Literature, by permitting the Council to make a further selection from the valuable historical documents in his possession.

The Secretary then read the Report of the Auditors, agreed upon at their Meeting of the 27th 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, 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

JOHN YONGE AKERMAN, Esq. Sec. S.A.

THOMAS AMYOT, Esq. F.R.S., F.S.A.

WILLIAM HENRY BLAAUW, Esq. M.A. F.S.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.

PETER LEVESQUE, Esq. F.S.A.

Sir FREDERICK MADDEN, K.H.

FREDERIC OUVRY, Esq. F.S.A.

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

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

were elected as the COUNCIL; and

EDWARD FOSS, Esq. F.S.A.

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

EDWARD HAILSTONE, Esq. F.S.A.

were elected Auditors of the Society for the ensuing year.

Thanks were then voted to the Secretary, and 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, 1850.

At a Meeting of the COUNCIL of the Camden Society held at No. 25, Parliament Street, Westminster, on Wednesday the 8th May, 1850, the Council having proceeded to the Election of Officers,—

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, 1849.

THE COUNCIL of the Camden Society, elected on the 2nd of May, 1849, while obliged to repeat the admission of their predecessors, that, in common with every other literary society of a similar nature, the Camden has suffered a diminution in its ranks from the operation of public causes, are happy to announce that the same feeling which led to the successful establishment of the Society still exists, and that, although the causes to which allusion has been made have led to a reduction of the Society's annual income, there remains every prospect of its continuing its course of usefulness for many years to come.

Acting upon this conviction, the Treasurer has invested a composition paid during the past year in lieu of future annual payments, by which means the sum standing in the name of the Trustees has been increased from £911 11s. to £921 18s.

The Council have added to the List of Local Secretaries the name of MAJOR PARKINSON, who has consented to undertake that office for Ystrad and South Wales; and, when they remember the number of gentlemen spread over the country who are now interested in historical and archæological studies, they cannot but believe that if Members resident in districts for which Local Secretaries have not yet been appointed could be induced to take upon themselves an office entailing little trouble, but capable of being rendered most serviceable to the Society, no difficulty would be experienced in supplying those vacancies in our ranks which have been produced by the progress of years and the operation of public causes.

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

ARTHUR BIGGS, Esq.

REV. WILLIAM BLUNT, B.A.

REV. THOMAS BYRTH, M.A., F.S.A.

The Very Reverend the DEAN OF HEREFORD, F.S.A.

The Rev. JOHN WILLIAM HUGHES, M.A.

The LORD BISHOP OF LLANDAFF, F.S.A.

EDWARD RALEIGH MORAN, Esq.

JOHN NOBLE, Esq. F.S.A.

ARTHUR PALMER, Esq.

LOUIS HAYES PETIT, Esq. F.R.S. and F.S.A.

T. POWELL POWELL, Esq.

SIR CUTHBERT SHARP, V.P.S.A. Newc.

JOHN STIRLING, Esq.

WILLIAM WORDSWORTH, Esq.

To this list must be added the names of Mr. J. STOCKDALE HARDY, F.S.A. for some years the active and efficient Local Secretary for Leicester, and Mr. THOMAS STAPLETON, late Vice-President of the Society of Antiquaries.

The interest which Mr. Stapleton always displayed in the welfare of the Camden Society, in the formation of which he took an early part, was manifested not only by the punctuality with which he attended the Meetings of the Council, of which he continued a Member until the close of the past year, but by the readiness with which he employed his stores of genealogical knowledge in editing for the Society the Plumpton Correspondence, the Liber de Antiquis Legibus, and the Peterborough Chronicle. He was busily engaged upon the last-mentioned work when seized with the fatal illness which eventually deprived the Society of an accomplished and zealous labourer, and the Council of a most respected and efficient colleague.

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

I. The Trevelyan Papers. A Selection of Family Papers illustrative of Irish History, from A.D. 1595 to the Restoration. To be edited by Sir W. C. TREVELYAN, Bart.

II. Privy Purse Expenses of Charles II. and James II. To be edited by J. Y. AKERMAN, Esq. Sec. S.A.

The books issued during the past year have been—

I. *Chronicon Petroburgense. Nunc primum typis mandatum, curante THOMA STAPLETON.*

This work, commenced and nearly completed by the late Mr. Stapleton—for the editing of the Chronicle and the Appendix had been fully superintended by him—was rendered available by the exertions of Mr. Bruce, who, when Mr. Stapleton's labours were interrupted, kindly undertook, out of his personal respect to Mr. Stapleton, and his willingness on this as on many other occasions to do anything in his power for the service of the Camden Society, to complete the Introduction and Index.

To the same Gentleman the Society is indebted for editing the second book, issued during the past year: viz.—

II. *Inedited Letters of Queen Elizabeth, addressed to King James VI. of Scotland between the years 1581 and 1594. From the originals in the possession of the Rev. Edward Ryder of Oaksey, Wilts. Edited by JOHN BRUCE, Esq. Treas. S.A.*

A work which has already been recognised as well calculated to throw great light on an eventful period in our national history, and, being chiefly founded upon documents preserved in private hands, it would probably have remained unpublished and unknown but for the existence of the Society, furnishing another instance of the benefit which this Institution has been the means of conferring upon our National Literature. The Meeting will probably think it right to testify their obligations to the Rev. Edward Ryder by a vote of thanks.

III. *The Chronicle of Queen Jane, and of Two Years of Queen Mary, and especially of the rebellion of Sir Thomas Wyatt, written by a resident in the Tower of London. Edited, with Illustrative Documents and Notes, by JOHN GOUGH NICHOLS, Esq. F.S.A.*

This work has been so recently completed that it is at present in the hands of but few of the Members. The Council believe that it will be found a work of great historical interest, and an interesting companion to the volume of Machyn's Diary; and that it has been edited with the same scrupulous care and fidelity for which that work is distinguished.

In closing this Report the Council would remind the Members that the Camden Society was the first to apply the great principle that "union is strength" to the production of works which although of great historical value do not possess sufficient popular interest to justify their publication

in a merely commercial point of view. Its object is the dissemination of sound historical knowledge; and the Council feel that while this object is kept steadily in view and the funds of the Society are carefully administered in the manner best calculated to promote it, the Camden Society will never want the support of all who delight to investigate the social, political, or literary history of our fatherland.

By Order of the Council,

THOMAS AMYOT, Director.

WILLIAM J. THOMS, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS,

DATED APRIL 27, 1850.

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 28th of April, 1849, to the 27th of April, 1850, 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	121	0	10	Paid for the purchase of £10 7s. Three 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	86	0	0	Paid for printing and paper of 1,000 copies of "Twysden on the Government of England"	139	6	8
The like on account of Subscriptions due 1st May, 1849	596	0	0	The like for 1,000 copies of "Letters of Elizabeth"	112	5	9
By composition received from one Member	10	0	0	The like for 1,250 copies of "Peterborough Chronicle"	143	18	0
One year's dividend on £911 11s. 0d. 3 per Cent. Consols, standing in the names of the Trustees of the Society, deducting property-tax	26	10	10	Paid for binding 1,000 copies of "Huntingdon Visitation"	38	0	0
				The like for 800 copies of "Smith's Obituary"	30	8	0
				The like for 800 copies of "Twysden on the Government of England"	33	12	0
				The like for 800 copies of "Letters of Elizabeth"	32	0	0
				The like for 800 copies of "Peterborough Chronicle"	30	8	0
				The like for 50 copies of "Smith's Obituary," and 50 of "Twysden"	4	0	0
				Paid for Transcripts connected with works published or in progress	16	9	3
				Paid for delivery and transmission of 800 copies of "Smith's Obituary," "Twysden's Considerations," "Letters of Elizabeth," and "Peterborough Chronicle," with paper for wrappers, &c.	38	10	10
				Paid for Miscellaneous Printing, Lists of Members, Reports, &c.	16	17	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 postage, carriage of parcels, stationery, and other petty cash expenses	11	17	1
				Balance	127	2	1
	£839	11	8		£839	11	8

And we, the Auditors, further state, that the Treasurer has reported to us, that over and above the present balance of £127 2s. 1d. 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.

On consideration of the great inconvenience attached to the present system of closing the annual Account at an indefinite day previous to the General Meeting, and the palpable advantage of adopting the termination of the year as the termination of the annual Account, we beg to recommend that for the future the annual Account shall be closed on the 31st of December in each year, and that a note of the fact shall be added to the Account of 1850, explaining the reason for the apparent diminution of Receipts in that year.

J. Y. AKERMAN,
GEO. L. CRAIK, } Auditors.
EDW. FOSS, }