

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL
OF
THE CAMDEN SOCIETY,
READ AT THE GENERAL MEETING
ON THE 2ND MAY, 1882.

THE Council of the Camden Society elected on the 2nd May, 1881, deeply regret the loss of one of their number—

FREDERIC OUVRY, Esq, V.P.S.A.

Mr. Ouvry was one of the original Members of the Camden Society, and to the day of his death continued his services on its Councils, and in every way promoted its interests. A highly cultivated, genial, and active man, he was ever ready to assist his brethren on the Council with opinions of the kindest as well as of the most business-like character. Much of the valuable work done by the Society since its foundation has been helped forward through the late Mr. Ouvry's attendance and thoughtful advice at its Councils. The Council feel satisfied that the Society will wish to join them in expressing sincere regret at the loss of so valuable a Member.

The Council have also to regret also the loss of

The Rev. S. BENSON.

The Rev. W. H. CARTWRIGHT, M.A.

JOHN O'REILLY, Esq.

The Very Rev. the DEAN OF WESTMINSTER.

The following Members have been elected during the same period:—

W. H. BOTHAMLEY, Esq.
 Professor MONTAGU BURROWS.
 J. J. CARTWRIGHT, Esq.
 RICHARD J. DAY, Esq.
 F. DE M. LEATHES, Esq.
 Miss LENA MILMAN.
 W. NESBITT Esq.
 WALTER B. SLATER, Esq.

In consequence of the unusual bulk of The Puritan Visitation of the University of Oxford, edited by Professor MONTAGU BURROWS, and of the heavy expenses attending its issue, the Council have been compelled to offer it in return, not merely for part of the Subscription of the year 1880-81, but for the whole of the Subscription of the year 1881-82.

In the hope of an increased number of Members the Council have issued from 600 to 700 pages of printed matter in the course of each year—the limit fixed when the Society was more prosperous than it is at present. The time has however now arrived when, in order to keep the expenditure within the income of the Society, it will be necessary to diminish the amount of printed matter given.

The books of the present year will therefore be:—

- I. The Catholicon. Edited by SIDNEY J. HERRTAGE, Esq.
- II. The Index to the First Series of Publications, Letters A and B.

The Council regrets the necessity of coming to this decision all the more from the fact that an unusual amount of most valuable Historical matter has been offered to them recently by competent editors, which for want of larger funds cannot be published as early as they could wish.

The Council venture to hope that every effort will be made by the Members to add to their numbers, in order that the above-mentioned difficulties may be overcome and the work of the Society may proceed with undiminished activity.

On the 7th day of December the Secretary acquainted the Council that he had received a letter from Mr. Chappell resigning the post of Treasurer to the Society. The Council immediately directed that a Resolution be entered on the Minutes in the following words:—

“ The Council wish to express their extreme regret at the resignation of Mr. Chappell, and at the same time to tender to him their warm acknowledgment of the many zealous services rendered by him to the Society from its commencement, and more especially in his capacity of Treasurer for seventeen years.

“ They venture to hope that they may long continue to have the benefit of his advice at the Meetings of the Council.”

The Council feel sure that the Society will adopt in the fullest manner possible the expressions they have made use of with regard to their sense of the valuable services rendered to the Society by Mr. Chappell during so many years, and will unite with them in thanking him for having occupied the post of Treasurer for so long a period and with such advantage to the Society.

By order of the Council,

SAMUEL RAWSON GARDINER, *Director.*

ALFRED KINGSTON, *Hon. Secretary.*