

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL
OF
THE CAMDEN SOCIETY,
READ AT THE GENERAL MEETING

ON THE 3RD MAY, 1875.

THE Council of the Camden Society elected on the 2nd May, 1874,
deeply regret the loss of

The Right Hon. LORD ROMILLY.

Lord Romilly did not take an active part in the operations of the Society, yet the benefits he conferred upon historical literature in throwing open the Public Records to Literary and Historical inquirers, and in directing the compilation of calendars and other means of help for those who deserve aid by doing their best to help themselves, are of such a nature as to render it impossible that the Members of the Camden Society will ever forget the debt which they owe to him. It is undeniable that but for Lord Romilly many of the most valuable of the publications of the Society would either never have been issued at all, or would have been issued in a sadly incomplete state.

The Council have to regret also the loss of

BARON VAN DE WEYER,

whose valuable help as a Member of the Council during many years merits the warmest recognition on the part of the Members of the Camden Society. Baron Van de Weyer also kindly undertook to edit for

the Society a Collection of Despatches of the French Ambassadors. This, however, want of time prevented him from carrying out—a cause of much regret to the Society.

And COLONEL CAREW,

from whose library some books of great value have been already printed, and by whose courtesy copies of other MSS. have been taken which the Council hope in the course of time to be able to issue to the Society.

The Council are sorry to have to add the following List of Members who have died within the last year :

RICHARD ALMACK, Esq., F.S.A.
 W. BLANDY, Esq.
 JOHN BOOTH, Esq.
 BENJAMIN BOND CABBELL, Esq., F.R.S., F.S.A.
 SIR STEPHEN R. GLYNNE, Bart., F.S.A.
 MISS MARIA HACKETT,
 SIR JOSEPH HAWLEY, Bart.
 W. E. WALMISLEY, Esq. and
 CHARLES WINN, Esq.

The following are the books for the past year :

I. Account of the Executors of Richard Bishop of London, 1303, and of the Executors of Thomas Bishop of Exeter, 1310. Edited by the late ARCHDEACON HALE and the Rev. T. ELLACOMBE, M.A., F.S.A.

This volume is full of curious details on the household and ecclesiastical furniture of a Bishop of the 14th century.

II. Wriothesley's Chronicle of England. Vol I. Reigns of Henry VII. and Henry VIII. Edited, from a MS. in the Library of Lieut.-General Lord Henry Percy, by W.D. HAMILTON, F.S.A. In addition to the information offered by the Chronicle itself, Mr. Hamilton has printed in the Appendix the original official records of the trial of Anne Boleyn, never hitherto printed or quoted in a copy by any historian.

III. Papers relating to the Quarrel between Oliver Cromwell and the Earl of Manchester. Edited by the late JOHN BRUCE, F.S.A. and PROFESSOR MASSON.

This volume gives information about the proceedings of the Earl of Manchester and Cromwell from the Battle of Marston Moor till after the second Battle of Newbury, as well as the arguments on both sides in the dispute which arose out of those proceedings.

The books for the year 1875-6 will probably be—

I. The Camden Miscellany Vol. VII. (Just ready.) Containing, 1. The Boy Bishop. Edited by the late J. G. NICHOLS, F.S.A. and DR. RIMBAULT. 2. The Speech of the Attorney-General Heath in the Star Chamber against Alexander Leighton. Edited by the late JOHN BRUCE, F.S.A. and S. R. GARDINER. 3. The Judgment of Sir G. Croke in the Case of Ship Money. Edited by S. R. GARDINER. 4. Accounts of the Building of Bodmin Church. Edited by the Rev. J. J. WILKINSON, M.A. 5. The Mission of Sir Thomas Roe to Gustavus Adolphus. Edited by S. R. GARDINER.

II. Letters of Dr. Prideaux, Dean of Norwich. 1674-1722.

III. The Autobiography of Lady Anne Halkett. Edited by the late JOHN GOUGH NICHOLS, F.S.A.

Amongst the papers in the Miscellany the Society will find more memorials of the work of their late Director and of Mr. J. G. Nichols. The Boy Bishop occupied his thoughts much in his later years, and, if it did not appear long ago from his own hand, it was because in his search after absolute perfection he had such difficulty in contenting himself with work which seemed admirable to others. In this same way he has left behind him an almost infinite stock of notes on the Life of Lady Anne Halkett, (a pious lady of the days of the Commonwealth and Restoration,) some of which are so slight that no one can now hope to interpret them, or even to guess at the intention with which they were made.

In the letters of Dr. Prideaux the Society will have a most amusing sketch of life at Oxford and in the country during a most interesting period. The chatty writer will probably be a favourite even with those

who usually look upon the Society's publications as too dry for their reading.

The Council having at several meetings debated the question of the advisability of disposing of the surplus stock of the Society's Publications belonging to the First Series of Publications, instead of paying an annual charge for storage, &c. it was at length resolved that some arrangement should be come to whereby the Society might realize some benefit for its funds, instead of expending a portion of its yearly income in providing house-room for stock. It was thought, however, that previously to any sale taking place to the trade of the stock in question, it would be courteous and just to the actual Members of the Society to give them a chance of completing their sets of the Society's publications, should they wish so to do; and a list of the publications was made at revised prices, so that the Members should have any volumes they required at a cheap rate. This list has been circulated by direction of the Council amongst the Members, and as soon as the results for which it was issued shall have been accomplished, steps will be taken for disposing of the remaining stock.

By order of the Council,

SAMUEL R. 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 17th of April 1874 to the 31st of March 1875, 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.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
To Balance of last year's account..	520	7	10	Paid for printing 500 copies Accounts of the Bishops of London and Exeter.....	66	6	0
Received on account of Members whose Subscriptions were in arrear at last Audit	32	0	0	Paid for printing 500 copies Wriothsley's Chronicle, vol. 1.....	84	16	6
The like on account of Subscriptions due on the 1st of May, 1874.....	248	0	3	Paid for Miscellaneous Printing.....	6	18	0
The like on account of Subscriptions due on the 1st of May, 1875.....	18	0	0	Paid for delivery and transmission of Books, with paper for wrappers, warehousing expenses (including Insurance)	22	5	2
To one Composition in lieu of Annual Subscription	10	0	0	Paid for paper	46	3	0
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	17	6	Paid for binding	68	8	0
To Sale of the Publications of past years.....	70	8	6	Paid for Transcripts of Instructions to Sir Thomas Roe; Documents for Appendix to Wriothsley's Chronicle; Justice Croke's Judgment; White-locke Memorials; Index to Williamson Correspondence	35	3	0
To Sale of Promptorium Parvulorum (3 vols. in 1)	3	2	0	Paid for postages, collecting, country expenses, &c. ...	3	4	11
				By Balance	582	11	6
	<u>£915</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>£915</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>1</u>

And we, the Auditors, further state, that the Treasurer has reported to us, that over and above the present balance of £582 11s. 6d. 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.