

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

ON THE 2ND MAY 1872.

THE Council of the Camden Society elected on the 2nd of May 1871 have to regret the loss of the following members of the Society who have died during the present year :—

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

Sir THOMAS PHILLIPPS, Bart., F.S.A.

The Rev. C. W. STOCKER, D.D.

J. GODFREY TEED, Esq., Q.C.

The following Books have been issued during the past year :—

I. The Fortescue Papers, consisting chiefly of Letters relating to State affairs, collected by John Packer, Secretary to George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham. Edited from the Original MSS. in the possession of the Hon. G. M. Fortescue, by SAMUEL RAWSON GARDINER, Director.

This volume consists chiefly of a miscellaneous collection of letters which were apparently thrown aside by the Duke of Buckingham after he had read them. One paper, a letter of James I., relating to Raleigh's trial, is of peculiar importance, and the remainder have been selected by the Editor from a much larger number, on account either of the interest which attaches itself to the writer, or of some historical information contained in the letter itself.

II. Letters and Papers of John Shillingford, Mayor of Exeter A.D. 1447—1450. Edited by STUART A. MOORE, F.S.A.

These very early specimens of private correspondence have an especial value, as throwing light upon the practical working of our institutions for the administration of the law in the reign of Henry VI.

III. The Old Cheque Book, or Book of Remembrance, of the Chapel Royal, from 1561 to 1744. Edited from the Original MS. preserved among the muniments of the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace. By EDWARD F. RIMBAULT, LL.D., &c., &c.

This book is full of notices of English musicians connected with the Chapel, and gives curious and minute particulars of Royal Ceremonies, Funerals, Coronations, Churchings, Baptisms, Marriages, &c.

IV. A true relation of the Life and Death of the Right Reverend Father in God William Bedell, Lord Bishop of Kilmore, in Ireland. Edited from a MS. in the Bodleian Library, Oxford, by THOMAS WHARTON JONES, F.R.S.

The Council regret that, from causes beyond their control, the third volume of the Trevelyan Papers is not yet in the hands of the members. They believe, however, that it will be ready for issue almost immediately. On the other hand, the Council have been able to substitute one of the volumes intended for the forthcoming year before the date at which it was due.

It is proposed that the issue for the year 1872-3 be, in addition to the Life of Bedell, already sent out,—

The Mayor of Bristol's Calendar. By Robert Ricart, Town Clerk, Bristol, temp. Edward IV., with a continuation subsequently added at various dates. Edited by MISS LUCY TOULMIN SMITH. [Almost ready.]

Letters addressed from London to Sir Joseph Williamson, while Plenipotentiary at the Congress of Cologne, in the year 1673. Edited by W. D. CHRISTIE, C.B.

In explanation of the accounts, it is to be observed that the amount now paid towards a General Index amounts to £350, and that there remains about £160 in hand applicable to further payments on that account out of the stock sold out of the Funds last year. This £160 appears as part of the Treasurer's balance in the accounts of the present year.

With respect to the Index itself, Mr. Gough reports that 101 out of the 105 volumes are either indexed or in progress, and that he hopes to complete his work in about another year.

The following Books have, in the course of the past year, been added to the list of suggested Publications:—

1. Two Chronicles of the Reign of Henry VI., from MSS. in the Lambeth Library. To be Edited by JAMES GAIRDNER, Esq.

2. Dispatches of French Ambassadors in England in the time of Henry VIII.

3. A Letter containing an account of the pensions paid by the Spanish Government to the Ministers of James I. To be Edited by DON PASCUAL GAYANGOS.

4. Letters and Papers illustrating the charges brought against the Duke of Buckingham at his impeachment in 1626. To be Edited by SAMUEL RAWSON GARDINER Esq., Director.

5. Notes of Debates in the House of Commons in 1625. To be Edited from the MS. in the Library of Sir Rainald Knightley, Bart. To be edited by SAMUEL RAWSON GARDINER, Esq., Director

The Council have now the pleasing task of announcing that their appeal, made at the commencement of the new series, has been responded to by the addition of thirty names to the list of members. They trust that this may be accepted as a pledge of a still greater increase, and they would urge upon the members the necessity of assisting the progress of the Society by securing as many additional subscribers as possible. Without dwelling upon the past services of the Society to historical literature, they believe that they may fairly point to the names of the five Books added to the list of suggested Publications, as an evidence of their wish to supply, within the limit of their means, those wants which are felt by the students of every period of English history.

By order of the Council,

SAMUEL RAWSON GARDINER, *Director.*

WILLIAM J. THOMS, *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 1871 to the 31st of March 1872, 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	559	10	11	Paid for printing 500 copies, Fortescue Papers, No. 1	42	14	6	
Received on account of Members whose Subscriptions were in arrear at last Audit	41	0	0	Paid for binding 400 copies of ditto	15	4	0	
The like on account of Subscriptions due on the 1st of May, 1871	261	0	0	Paid for printing 500 copies of Shillingford Letters, No. 2	54	14	0	
The like on account of Subscriptions due on the 1st of May, 1872	20	0	0	Paid for binding 400 copies of ditto	14	8	0	
To two Compositions in lieu of Annual Subscription	20	0	0	Paid for Transcript ditto	20	2	6	
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	12	10	Paid for printing 500 copies of Cheque Book of Chapel Royal, No. 3	82	8	0	
To Sale of the Publications of past years	19	0	7	Paid for binding 400 ditto	15	4	0	
To Sale of Promptorium Parvulorum (3 vols. in 1)	9	1	3	Paid for Woodcut	3	0	0	
Cheque not presented	4	5	6	Paid for printing 500 copies, Life of Bishop Bedell, No. 4	75	7	6	
				Paid for binding 400 ditto	15	4	0	
				Paid for binding 400 copies, Camden Miscellany, Vol. VI., No. 104	14	5	0	
				Paid for binding Miscellaneous Volumes	2	18	0	
				Paid for Miscellaneous Printing	9	8	0	
				Paid for delivery and transmission of Books, with paper for wrappers, warehousing expenses (including Insurance)	33	6	6	
				Paid for Paper	70	9	0	
				Paid Mr. H. Gough (further payment on account of General Index), making £350 to this date	40	0	0	
				Paid for Transcript, Lambeth Chronicle	4	5	6	
				Paid for Advertisements	6	13	0	
				Paid for postages, collecting, country expenses, &c.	4	18	10	
				Paid for cheques and charges on Irish draft	0	3	0	
				By Balance	390	9	9	
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And we, the Auditors, further state, that the Treasurer has reported to us, that over and above the present balance of £390 9s. 9d. 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.

J. WALTER K. EYTON. }
HEN. HILL. } *Auditors*

30th April, 1872.