

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL
OF
THE CAMDEN SOCIETY.

ELECTED 2nd MAY, 1859.

THE Council of the Camden Society, elected on the 2nd of May, 1859, refer with satisfaction to the Report of the Auditors for proof of the continued welfare of the Society.

The Council have to report the death during the past year of the following Members of the Society—

EDWARD NELSON ALEXANDER, Esq. F.S.A.

F. R. ATKINSON, Esq.

JOHN BRIGHT, Esq. M.D.

The Rev. D. C. DELAFOSSE, M.A.

The Right Hon. the EARL DE GREY, F.S.A.

WILLIAM RICHARD HAMILTON, Esq. F.R.S., F.S.A.

PHILIP AUGUSTUS HANROTT, Esq. F.S.A.

JAMES MAITLAND HOG, Esq.

BISHOP MALTBY.

The LORD MURRAY.

Sir GEORGE T. STAUNTON, Bart.

LORD P. JAMES CRICHTON STUART, M.P.

To these is to be added the name—*clarum et venerabile*—of LORD MACAULAY. If any eulogy on this great writer by the Camden Society could add to the brilliancy or the extent of his reputation, the Council would gladly pay it: but all we could now say would be to echo sentiments which have been universally expressed. The Camden Society may feel proud in having been the medium of publishing authorities on which he relied in his History of England, and must record his death with that feeling of profound regret which must affect every lover of historical research.

Although, as will be seen from the names just enumerated, the Camden Society has during the past year been deprived in the course of nature of

some of its oldest and most honoured members, that year has not been without compensation in the addition made to the number of Public Institutions now enrolled on the List of Subscribers.

The Library of King's College, Cambridge, and the Chetham Library, Manchester, have recently joined the Society; while the interest taken in its objects by our Transatlantic brethren is shown by the fact that no less than five American Libraries have just been added to the List of Members.

The Council venture to suggest that the friends of the Society cannot more surely promote its usefulness and secure its permanence than by doing whatever is in their power to bring its claims under the notice not only of all lovers of history, but also of all corporate or associated bodies which possess libraries.

The following Works have been issued since the last General Meeting:—

I. The Camden Miscellany, Volume the Fourth, containing: 1. A London Chronicle in the reigns of Henry VII. and Henry VIII.; 2. The Childe of Bristow, a Poem by John Lydgate; 3. Expenses of the Judges of Assize riding the Western and Oxford Circuits, temp. Elizabeth; 4. The Incredulity of St. Thomas, one of the Corpus Christi Plays at York; 5. Sir Edward Lake's Interview with Charles the First; 6. Letters of Pope to Atterbury when in the Tower of London; 7. Supplementary Note on the Jesuits' College at Clerkenwell.

This Volume, which belongs to the subscription of the past year, has been found fully equal to its predecessors in the variety and interest of its several papers. The Miscellanies are generally approved, and the Council will have pleasure in receiving valuable *short* papers suitable for a Fifth Volume. Some such are already in hand.

II. The Journals of Richard Symonds, an Officer in the Royal Army, temp. Charles I. Edited by CHARLES EDWARD LONG, Esq. M.A.

A Volume full of interest to the Historical Student, as well as abounding in materials of great value to the Genealogist and Topographer.

III. Original Papers illustrative of the Life and Writings of John Milton, now first published from MSS. in the State Paper Office. Edited by W. D. HAMILTON, Esq.

The name of Milton would justify and vindicate the publication of any volume of papers in which his hand could be traced. The present volume, which has been edited with great care by Mr. William D. Hamilton of the State Paper Office, confirms and illustrates Milton's scholarship, by

publishing various new Latin letters written by him for the government of the day. It contains also the papers which explain the nature of the pecuniary dealings between himself and the Powell family, many of them now published for the first time, and the whole now also for the first time thrown into one entire series.

The last published volume, which has only just been issued to the Members, is—

IV. Letters of George Lord Carew, afterwards Earl of Totnes, to Sir Thomas Roe. Edited by JOHN MACLEAN, Esq. F.S.A.

a volume full of gossip about the notables of the time, and containing many interesting particulars of the Court and Courtiers of James the First.

The Council would close its account of its stewardship by again calling attention to the services which the Camden Society has rendered to Historical Literature. The Council have shown that, by a careful disposition of the funds at their command, and by an equally careful selection of books for publication, the Society is able to do good service to Historical Literature, and to maintain its reputation as a valuable auxiliary to the Historical Student.

By order of the Council,

JOHN BRUCE, Director.

WILLIAM J. THOMS, Secretary.

April 18, 1860.