

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

ON THE 2ND MAY, 1876.

THE Council of the Camden Society elected on the 3rd May, 1875, deeply regret the loss of one of their number,

WILLIAM DURRANT COOPER, Esq., F.S.A.

Mr. Cooper was not only the Editor of some of the Society's publications, in which character he is doubtless best known to most of the Members, but he was a constant attendant at the meetings of the Council, always ready to contribute valuable advice and criticism; his learning and his practical acquaintance with business will be often missed by those with whom he so heartily co-operated in the interests of the Society.

Another Member of the Society who has been removed from us during the past year and who deserves especial mention is

JOHN FORSTER, Esq.

Though ill health of late years precluded his attendance at the Council meetings, he always took a deep interest in the progress of the Society.

Mr. Forster's historical and biographical works are too well known to require any mention here. It is deeply to be regretted that the "Life of Swift," on which he was engaged at the time of his death, should have remained uncompleted.

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

JAMES BLADON, Esq.

J. W. THRUPP, Esq.

JAMES COBB, Esq.

WILLIAM BLANDY, Esq.

CHARLES BLANDY, Esq.

COSMO INNES, Esq.

The Very Reverend The Dean of CHICHESTER.

ROBERT DAVIES, Esq.

HENRY GREGORY, Esq.

The Right Hon. T. H. SOTHERON ESTCOURT.

The Rev. Dr. PARKINSON.

During the same interval the following new Members have been elected:

LORD DELAMERE.

The Honourable HENRY F. COWPER, M.P.

JAMES RAE, Esq.

EDWARD WALMISLEY, Esq.

Major FRANC SADLEIR STONEY, R.A.

J. ANDERSON ROSE, Esq.

The UNIVERSITY OF PRAGUE.

WENTWORTH HUYSHE, Esq.

NOTTINGHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

WALTER MONEY, Esq.

J. W. HALES, Esq.

The following books for the past year are now in the hands of Members:

I. The Camden Miscellany, Vol. VII. 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 T. Roe to Gustavus Adolphus. Edited by S. R. GARDINER.

II. Letters of Humphrey Prideaux to John Ellis. 1674-1722. Edited by E. M. THOMPSON.

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

The books for the year 1876-7 will probably be—

- I. Milton's Common Place Book. Edited by A. J. HORWOOD. (Ready.)
- II. The Siege of Rouen, and other papers relating to the Reign of Henry VI. Edited by JAMES GAIRDNER. (In the Press.)
- III. Papers illustrative of the Life of William Prynne. With a Biographical Fragment by the late JOHN BRUCE, F.S.A. To be edited by S. R. GARDINER.

The following books have been added to the list of suggested publications: --

Letters treating of the Domestic Affairs of the Priory of Christ Church, Canterbury in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. To be edited by J. B. SHEPPARD.

The Economy of the Fleet, throwing light on the condition of the Fleet Prison in the Reign of James I. To be edited by Dr. A. JESSOPP.

The Council are glad to think that the publications of late years, issued by the Society, fully maintain the character and value of those issued in its long series of historical works. They see no reason to think that there will in the future be any lack of materials, especially considering that the researches into ancient libraries by the Historical Manuscripts Commission yearly bring to light fresh treasures of knowledge. No effort will be wanting on their part to ensure to the Members a succession of works which shall maintain the character of the Society.

The Council has resolved to offer such of the copies as remain on hand of the volumes belonging to the First Series (only) at reduced prices, as there are no longer any perfect sets. Copies of the present list of prices are to be obtained at Messrs. Nichols, 25, Parliament Street.

By order of the Council,

SAMUEL RAWSON GARDINER, *Director.*
ALFRED KINGSTON, *Hon. Secretary.*

