

Second Annual Report of the Society of S. Alphege, Abp. & M.
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REPORT
For Year ending S. ALPHEGE'S DAY, 1867.

THE Council of the Society of S. Alphege, in offering their present Report regret that the increase in the number of the Associates has been, though steady, not so rapid as might have been expected, a circumstance which is in a great measure attributable to the fact that the governing body has not been hitherto settled in a sufficiently central position.

In the hope of remedying this evil the Council beg to recommend that the Headquarters of the Society be for the future established in London.

They have been in communication with various Churchmen of note residing in or near London, with a view to their holding office on the Council, and confidently hope that under the new management the number of Associates may be largely increased, and so funds may be provided for the more effectual carrying out of the objects of the Society.

These objects are, it will be remembered, the promotion of the study of Church Archaeology, to the end that a more general knowledge should exist of the correct form and use of things employed in the service of the Church; the preservation and restoration of things once dedicated to the honour of God; the presentation to poor churches or missions which cannot otherwise procure them, of such lawful ornaments of the Church and of the Ministers thereof, as may be required for the due celebration of the services thereof; and also the loan of Vestments and other ornaments to churches for special occasions, Dedication Festivals, Funerals, or such like.

During the past year the Council have taken in hand the restoration of the Chancel of the *Church of S. Botolph*, Cambridge, the cost of which, it is estimated, will be about £400. An appeal was made by means of printed circulars to the Associates at Christmas last, but it has not hitherto met with so hearty a response as might have been anticipated. At present only £60 has been promised, and the Council fear that unless the Associates promise more liberal contribution the work will have to be abandoned.

The Council think that they may congratulate the Society on the present of a white frontal to the *Chapel of S. John the Evangelist, Hurstpierpoint College*. For the working of this frontal they are indebted to a Sister Associate. It was exhibited in Cambridge shortly before Easter last, the season at which it was first used in the Church's service.

A red silk chasuble, stole, and maniple, have been presented to the *Church of the Holy Trinity, Portsea*.

A chasuble and alb have been made for the Rev. Edward Dix.

A green frontal has been given to the *Mission Chapel at Middlesboro, Yorkshire*.

Money has been collected towards the purchase of a flagon for the *Church of Eakring, Northamptonshire*.

The Council have also lent stoles and other vestments to various churches for use on particular occasions.

The Council think that the Society may be now considered to have been fairly set on foot, and hope that the seat of its government being now changed, new energy may be inspired into the Associates.

A large sphere of usefulness is undoubtedly opened to it, and although it is at present but a small society, and a poor one, the Council trust that the Associates will use to the utmost any opportunity that may come in their way of advancing its work.

This may be done in numberless ways: the Council may be permitted to suggest to the Associates that they should strive each to gain one new Associate every year; that they should collect contributions from their friends to be devoted to the General Fund of the Society, or towards special objects sanctioned by it, that they should urge ladies to work for the society.

The Council hope that the Associates will respond heartily to the appeal now made to them, that so the Society may be enabled to carry out year by year more effectually the work which has been undertaken by it to the Glory of God and the well-being of His Church.

Cambridge, S. Alphege's Day, 1867.

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