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THE THIRD ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Society of S. Alphege, Abp. & M.
FOR
1867-8.

THE Council of the Society of S. Alphege, in presenting their Annual Report for the past year, consider that some explanation is due to the Associates respecting the position of the Society at the present time. Most of the Associates are aware that the head-quarters of the Society were originally at Cambridge, and were removed to London this summer, pursuant to a unanimous vote at the last annual meeting. It was considered necessary to do this, inasmuch as all the then Members of the Council being also Members of the University, their continuance in office for any time, and consequently the well-being of the Society, was a very uncertain matter. It was, therefore, thought best to establish the Council in [1/2] London, where there was less danger of its Members being obliged to change their residence, and as being the most central spot for the working of the objects of the Society. This change took place officially on the 19th of April, 1867, but from various circumstances, and especially from the difficulties attending the formation of a Council, the Society was not practically established in London before the beginning or middle of July.

The Council are happy to state, however, that since that time there has been every appearance of their being able to do much good; and the list which is appended by the Curator to his report will show what has been done in a short space of time, with very precarious and insufficient means. Had it not been, indeed, for many private gifts and subscriptions, much would have remained undone; but the Council trust that, as the friends of the Society increase, they will be in a better position to advance in a humble way the glory and good of the Catholic Church.

The uncertain state of the law as regards many Ritual observances has, doubtless, prevented some well-wishers from joining the Society; and the Council are grieved to be obliged to say that the same state of things still continues, and as the decision of the Privy Council will probably not be given before next spring, will probably remain so until that time. Nevertheless, the Council feel it to be their manifest [2/3] and bounden duty to uphold and encourage what they consider to be the true and legal ornaments of the Church and the ministers thereof, and they earnestly call upon all Catholic Churchmen to aid them in their work. As may be seen from the Bursar's Report, the funds arising from the annual income are very small indeed, and that officer also states that there is a difficulty in obtaining even the present small subscription from some of the Associates. This ought not to be. The money is spent in the service of God, and surely the Associates who are sufficiently interested in such a work ought not to forget their duty, and hinder the labours of the Council by the non-payment of their subscriptions. The Council feel sure, however, that the few who have hitherto neglected this part of their obligations will now see the necessity of supporting the Society, for all the good-will in the world will not alone provide what is required. The thanks of the Council are specially due to several

Sister-Associates who have given much valuable time to the work of the Society, and to whose aid much of the success of the past six months is due.

In conclusion, the Council trust that every Member will endeavour to assist in the advancement of the Society and its objects as much as possible, knowing that these are, in the fullest extent of the word, an earnest desire for the glory of God and the good of the Catholic Church.

CURATOR'S REPORT.

The Curator, in presenting his report of the work of the Society during the past year, feels he ought in the first place to call attention to the fact that the delays attendant on the removal of the governing body to London, and the previously-made arrangements of the new Members of Council, unfortunately hindered the work of the Society for some months, and the present must therefore only be taken as the report of about half a year. The Curator, nevertheless, can congratulate the Society on the fact that *thirty-three* churches and missions have been assisted by loans and grants during that time, and in every case where a grant has been made he feels assured that the work of the Church Catholic has been advanced a stage.

The special matter for congratulation, however, is the fact that the Society has been during that short time instrumental in introducing the use of the Eucharistic vestments in *nine*, coloured stoles in *seven*, and surpliced choirs in *three* churches.

The chasubles supplied by the Society have in all cases been made of white linen, with a raised Y cross, embroidered in red round the edges of the orphreys, and with the sacred monogram in the centre of the cross, also embroidered in red; the object of the Society having been to supply as many churches as possible out of the small funds at their disposal with [4/5] a vestment of the correct shape, and which could not be taken for a surplice. The Council have, however, instituted a separate fund specially to supply silk vestments only, for which contributions and annual subscriptions are earnestly requested.

The following grants have been made by the Society for use in the several named churches during the past year:—

Chasubles presented to S. Peter's, Newlyn, Penzance; S. Chad's, Haggerston; Todmorden, Lancashire; Market Stainton, Yorkshire; Lladefaelog, Brecon; Cadmore, Bucks.

Two priest's surplices to S. George's Mission.

A white stole and two green alms-bags to Carnmenellis Church, Cornwall.

An acolyte's cassock and surplice to Batcombe Church, Dorset.

A white silk veil and burse to S. Augustine's Mission, Stepney.

The sum of ten shillings and designs for a banner to Gainsborough Church.

Two stoles (white and violet) to Caterham Church, Red Hill.

A violet stole to the Mission Church, Chislehurst.

A white stole and maniple to the Mission Church, Rugely, Stafford.

The sum of two pounds for cassocks and surplices towards forming a choir in Totternhoe Church, Dunstable.

A white stole to Falmouth Church.

A white stole to Newtown Church, Leeds.

A white stole to Wollaston Church, Northampton.

A white stole to Ampfield Church, Romsey.
Two stoles (green and white) to Sutton Courtenay Church, Abingdon.
Three boy's surplices to Oxenhope Church, Keighly, towards forming a choir on
Easter Day, 1868.
Three surplices to Tilsworth Church, Leighton Buzzard, for the same object.

The following *gifts* have also been made by Associates and others through the
Society:—

A linen chalice-veil to Dr. Hodges, Lyme Regis.
Three green, three violet, three black velvet, and one baptismal, stoles to S.
Nicholas' Church, Chislehurst.
A corporal, palla, and purificator to the Rev. H. Hall, High Legh, Knutsford,
Cheshire.
An illuminated Easter texts to S. Olave's Church, Exeter.
Some jewels for a new chalice for the Church of S. Mary, Radwinter, Essex.
A white embroidered frontal and red superfrontal to Helidon Church, Daventry.
A white chasuble to the Rev. J. Kitcat, Swallowfield.
Several of the above articles have been worked by, or under the superintendence
of, Sister-Associates of the Society.

A chasuble was applied for and voted to Batcombe Church, but before it could be
sent a vestment was received anonymously by the incumbent, and is now in use.

A chasuble was made for the Rev. F. Lord, Farmborough, [6/7] towards which an
Associate gave the sum of ten shillings.

An application was also made for a grant to a vestment fund for S. Mary
Magdalene Church, Brighton. A smaller sum than that applied for having been offered,
was refused; but the Curator has since been informed that a handsome vestment was
provided with the money already subscribed, and is now in use.

Various articles of Church Furniture, such as vestments, thurible, processional
cross, white stoles, &c., have been some or one of them lent by, or in the name of, the
Society to the following churches:—S. Barnabas', Leeds; S. Chad's, Haggerston; S.
Olave's, Exeter; S. Nicholas', Chislehurst; West Houghton, Bolton-le-Moor.

Patterns and suggestions for working and embroidering various vestments for the
clergy and altar, and also for banners, and a receipt for incense, have also been given. The
Society have supplied some articles at cost price.

BURSAR'S REPORT.

RECEIVED.

By Donations.	£1 1s.
By Annual Subscriptions and Entrance Fees.	£29. 13s. 6d.
By Money paid to the Society for Offerings made through it.	£7. 13s. 5d.
By Money paid to the Society for work supplied by it at cost price.	£3. 17s.
By surplus from last year's account.	£6. 6s. 10d.
	£48. 11s. 9d.

PAID.

To the Curator—

(1) For work done and given by the Society.	£23 4s. 1d.
(2) For work done and given in the name of the Society.	£6 19s. 3d.
Thurible and Navicula for the use of the Society.	£1 10s.
Stationery.	£1. 12s. 4d.
Stamps.	£2 4s. 7d.
Printing (Reports, &c.)	£7 2s. 8d.
	£42 12s. 11d.
Balance in hand.	£5 18s. 10d.
	£48. 11s. 9d.

Examined and found correct.

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