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by the Commissioners amounted to £551 6s. 8d., leaving £1044 8s. 10d. for the uses of the Church.

### THE SOCIETY'S LIBRARY.

With the recent addition of nearly forty volumes of Calendars of State Papers to the Society's Library at Gloucester members now have access to a complete series of all the Record Publications most necessary for parochial history, for in addition to their own they can also enjoy the use of those in the Gloucester Public Library, where the Society's books are housed. The following information may therefore be of service to members.

In the Society's Library there are complete sets of the Descriptive Catalogue of Ancient Deeds, 6 vols.; the Calendars of Patent Rolls, Henry III to Henry VII (1216-1509), 54 vols.; the Calendar of Close Rolls, Henry III to Richard II (1227-1392), 33 vols.; the Calendar of Charter Rolls, Henry III to Edward III (1226-1347), 5 vols.; the Calendar of Fine Rolls, Edward I to Edward III (1272-1368), 7 vols.; Inquisitions Post Mortem and other analogous documents, Henry III to Edward III, 10 vols.; Miscellaneous Inquisitions, 2 vols.

In the Public Library there are the Calendars of State Papers, Domestic series, from 1547 to 1661; a complete set of the "Rolls Series"; Acts of the Privy Council, 1542-1580; and, with only a few exceptions, all the publications of the Record Commissioners, in which are comprised such important works as the Valor Ecclesiasticus, Hundred Rolls, Pipe Rolls, etc.

The two Libraries combined have an almost complete set of the Letters and Papers of Henry VIII. There are also a few volumes in the Shire Hall library which are not in either of the others, and permission to consult them is usually granted on application to the Clerk of the Peace, E. T. Gardom, Esq.

The only remaining set of papers of consequence which it is desirable to add to the Society's Library is the Calendar of Papal Registers and these will be purchased in due course.

### THE BRITWELL LIBRARY.

The further portion of this famous Library which was sold at Sotheby's on the 31st March, 1924, and the four following days, contained a few Gloucestershire books, all of which fetched high prices. A copy of the first issue of the *Annalia Dubrensia*, 1636, but with the frontispiece from the second issue (late 17th century), sold for £19. A copy of the very rare *Nympha Libethris*, by Clement Barksdale, 1651, was bound up with two other pieces by