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TO THE MEMBERS.

THE Council have great pleasure in presenting to the Members of the Surrey Archæological Society the Fourth volume of the "Collections," which they trust will be found equal in interest to its predecessors. And in it they have redeemed their pledge to publish both the Inventories of Church Goods of the County of Surrey (temp. Edw. VI.), by J. R. D.-Tyssen, Esq., F.S.A., and the paper on Half-timbered Houses, by Charles Baily, Esq., besides other valuable matter. The illustrations to Mr. Baily's paper have, as an inspection of them will demonstrate, proved a heavy expense to the Society, but the contribution was deemed by the Council of sufficient value to warrant the outlay.

A longer time has elapsed since the publication of the third volume than was at first anticipated, but the Council considered it desirable to liquidate all claims on the funds of the Society before contracting new liabilities. The financial position of the Society, as seen by the published Annual Report, will corroborate this view.

The Council again gratefully acknowledge the liberality of G. L. Gower, Esq., A. Heales, Esq., and J. R. D.-Tyssen, Esq., in defraying the expense of the illustrations at their own cost. Without plates and drawings, works on Archæology are comparatively useless, but at the

same time their expensive nature has deterred the Council from adding as many as the subjects deserve. Donations in aid of the Illustration Fund, and further exertions on the part of the Members to induce their friends to become Subscribers, will materially assist the executive in promoting the objects of the Society. This might easily be accomplished if every Member would induce one friend to join it.