

And the new Members added to the body since the 16th of March, 1840, are:

J. Davidson, Esq.	Rev. Henry Barry Knox.
Abraham Abell, Esq.	Rev. J. West.
J. H. Blake, Esq., Q. C.	Thomas Fortescue, Esq., M.P.
G. Wilkinson, Esq.	Chichester Bolton, Esq.
George Willoughby Hemans, Esq.	Henry Coulson Beauchamp, M.D.

In accordance with the suggestion of the Council of last year, the Council have ordered the compositions received in lieu of annual subscriptions to be henceforth invested in the Government Funds.

The following have been added to the list of Societies with whom the Academy interchange Transactions:

The Bavarian Academy of Sciences.  
 The Institute of Sciences of Milan.  
 The Rotterdam Society of Sciences.

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In connexion with the subject of Mr. Webber's remarks at the last meeting, Sir W. Betham communicated the following document, giving an account of an order made by King James I. for the destruction of wolves in Ireland.

*Patent Roll*, 12 Jac. I. d. R. 17. "The King being given to understand the great loss and hindrance which arose in Ireland by the multitude of wolves, in all parts of the kingdom, did by letters from Newmarket, 26th November, 1614, direct a grant to be made by patent to Henrie Tuttesham, who by petition had made offer to repair into Ireland, and there use his best skill and endeavour to destroy the said wolves, providing at his own charge men, dogs, traps, and engines, and requiring no other allowance, save only four nobles sterling, for the head of every wolf, young or old, out of every county, and to be authorized to keep four men and twelve couple of hounds in every county, for seven years next after the date of these letters." 12 Jac. s. L. R. 27.

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The Rev. C. Otway read a letter from Mr. Blacker, on the origin of the emblem of the shamrock.