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The application to William III. for a Charter,—thus supporting the movement of Convocation towards the same end,—was made by Archbishop Tenison, Bishop Compton, and Dr. Bray, and favourably received. On the 3rd of May, 1701, its draft was read and approved by the present Society; and, on the 9th of June, Bray reported that the Order for it had been signed by the King in Council, and that the Charter, constituting the new Society a body corporate, to be called The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, was then passing through the proper offices. The Charter (duly signed and sealed, June 16) was presented and read, on the 23rd of the same month; and thanks were then 'returned to Bray for his great care and pains in procuring' it. A Committee of the present Society was, at the same time, appointed to wait upon the Archbishop of Canterbury, to thank him for his exertions in the same matter, and to learn the time and place which he might be pleased to appoint for the first meeting of the new Society. The Minutes of the 30th of June state, that, in answer to this application, the Corporation had met, by the Archbishop's direction, on the preceding Friday, the 27th, at Lambeth Palace²²; and that its members had then chosen their officers.

The reader will here see how perfectly united in heart and spirit the two Societies were, even at the

²¹ Warren's Synodalia, p. 462.

²² Mr. Hawkins, in his valuable Historical Notices, &c., p. 20, states that Archbp. Tenison's Library was the first place of meeting. But, according to the above Minutes, it appears, without doubt, to have been Lambeth.