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The following were elected honorary members of the Society:

Mrs Walter Kidman Foster,
Dr Edward Burnett Tylor, F.R.S.,
The Right Hon. the Lord Stanmore, G.C.M.G.

The following Officers were elected for the academical year 1894—95:

President: William Milner Fawcett, M.A., Jesus College.

Vice-President: Francis John Henry Jenkinson, M.A., Trinity College, Librarian.

Treasurer: Robert Bowes, Esq.

Secretary: Thomas Dinham Atkinson, Esq.

New Members of Council:

Thomas M^{c}Kenny Hughes, M.A., F.R.S., Clare College, Woodwardian Professor.

Montagu Rhodes James, M.A., King's College, Director of the Fitzwilliam Museum.

Rev. Charles Lawford Acland, M.A., Jesus College.

Auditors:

Walter William Rouse Ball, M.A., Trinity College.

Alderman George Kett.

The Annual Report (for the year 1893—94) was presented to the Society, as follows:

During the past year one number of the Society's *Proceedings and Communications*, namely, that which covers the year 1891—92, has been issued. The following number is in the press and will be issued shortly, as will also the Rev. W. G. Searle's *Ingulph*, which is already printed off. It will form No. XXVII. of the Society's *Octavo Publications*. Mr M. R. James's *Essay on the Library of St Edmund's Abbey at Bury* will form the next number of the same series.

A prospectus has been issued announcing the wish of the Society to print the early Grace Books of the University as a memorial to the late Dr Luard. Grace Book A has been copied, and the printing of it, under the editorship of S. M. Leathes, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College, will be commenced as soon as a sufficient number of subscribers shall be forthcoming.

The Society has lost seventeen members by death or by retirement.

Twenty-one new members have been elected, and the Society now numbers 287 ordinary and 11 honorary members.

Ten meetings have been held, at which the average attendance has been 24 members and 11 visitors, making a total of 35 at each meeting. At the afternoon meetings the average number of members and visitors together has been 36, and in the evening 34. Two of the Communications made at the evening meetings were illustrated by lantern slides.

An excursion was made last summer to Colchester, on which occasion Mr Henry Laver, J.P., F.S.A., the Honorary Curator of the Colchester Museum, kindly acted as guide.

The Laws of the Society have been revised.

Five names have been added to the list of Societies, &c., in union for the exchange of publications: viz.

The Guildhall Library, London;
The East Riding Antiquarian Society;
The Thoresby Society, Leeds;
The Society of Architects;
The Academy of Belles-lettres, History, and Antiquities, Stockholm.

A collection of coins has been bequeathed to the Society by the late Miss Ann Taylor Fox, of Huntingdon. It includes a series of Roman denarii, extending from Vespasian to Marcus Aurelius, found at Knapwell in the year 1840. The collection was made by Mr R. Fox, F.A.S., M.N.S., Surgeon, of Godmanchester.

Mr JOHN FERGUSON, F.S.A., Professor of Chemistry in the University of Glasgow, made the following communication:

ON JOHN FRANCIS VIGANI, FIRST PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY IN THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE[1].

Professor HUGHES exhibited a crystal bowl with stand and lid, representing a wyvern. The whole is $15\frac{1}{4}$ inches in height, of which the legs, forming the stand, occupy $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches, the bowl 3 inches, the cover $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches, and the head and neck $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches. The length of the bowl is $9\frac{5}{8}$ inches, and the greatest breadth $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The tapering was probably determined by the original form of the crystal.

The bowl was cut out of one mass, as was also the cover. The distribution of the bands of "feather" in the quartz suggests

[1] It is hoped that this communication will appear as one of the Society's Octavo Publications.

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