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The Annual Meeting of the Society was held at the Abbey Gate, on Friday, March 16th. Mr. Charles Smith, Vice-President was in the chair, and there were also present: The Revs. J. M. Guilding (Hon. Treasurer), P. H. Ditchfield (Hon. Secretary), J. T. Brown, A. Cheales, T. Flook and A. Carr, Messrs. H. Wright, S. S. Stallwood, W. Ravenscroft, J. Messer, T. H. White, R. E. Goolden, C. S. Smith, S. S. Hayward, Wells, Rossiter, Ernest Wright (Assistant Secretary), etc. The Hon. Treasurer read, for the Secretary, the Annual Report, and it was adopted on the proposal of Mr. Stallwood, seconded by Mr. Ravenscroft.

The Report will be found at the end of this number of *The Journal*. The Rev. J. T. Brown moved, and the Rev. A. Carr seconded the re-election of the Officers and Committee (to which the names of Mr. White and Mr. Ravenscroft were added). This was carried. An interesting paper on "The Gothic Architecture of Oxford in the 17th Century," was then read by Mr. J. Wells, of Wadham College, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was passed.

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On March 5th, a most interesting exhibition of documents and printed books, relating to the history and topography of Reading, was held in the Town Hall, to which the Members of the Society and others were invited by the Committee of the Free Public Library. Mr. Greenhough, the Librarian, in an able address, pointed out the more important items of the collection, which is rapidly becoming, under his careful superintendence, a most useful one in its illustrations of local history.