



Oxford Architectural and Historical Society, 1894.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH.

The first Meeting of the Lent Term was held in the Old Ashmolean Museum, at 8.15 p.m., the President in the chair.

The following were elected Members of the Society :—M. W. Myres, Esq., Oriel College ; Miss Ward, The Firs, Banbury Road ; H. D. Grissell, M.A., Brasenose College.

C. M. LAING, B.C.L., gave notice of his intention to move an amendment to Rule XXVI., raising the annual subscription to 10/- with 5/- entrance fee, and providing for the payment of a small fee from all strangers introduced at the Excursions of the Society.

F. KING, Esq., then read a paper entitled "Reminiscences of Oxford during the past seventy years."

H. HURST, M.A., made some observations on the demolition of the City Gates, and of the old church of St. Clement, and upon the cutting on Headington Hill.

A Report was presented and read, from the Sub-Committee of the Society appointed to examine the state of the rubbings of Brasses belonging to the Society.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH.

An Excursion (No. CCXX.) to Islip took place. The Members were received by the Rector, the Rev. T. W. FOWLE, who described the Church. They then were entertained at the Rectory, an historical building erected by Dr. South 1690-91. The weather being very wet, but few joined, and the part of the programme as regards Water-Eaton was omitted.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH.

The second Meeting was held at 8.15 p.m., in the Old Ashmolean Museum, the President in the chair.

The following were elected Members of the Society :—R. F. Kerr, Esq., Christ Church ; Miss Thomas, 141, Woodstock Road ; Mrs. Drinkwater, 1, Farndon Road ; J. Cotton, Esq., 6, St. John's Road ; H. B. Forster, Esq., Exeter College.

H. HURST, M.A., read notices of (1) the so-called font, stoup, or chrismatory [more probably a cresset or lamp], lately discovered on the site of the new Municipal Buildings; (2) of some mouldings, etc., attributed to the 'Domus Conversorum' presented to the City by Henry III. in 1270; (3) of some glazed earthenware vessels with slip ornament of the 16th century; (4) of a knuckle-bone floor lately discovered in Holywell Street, bearing the initials W.E.R. with the date 1701.

P. MANNING, Esq. exhibited rubbings of some early sculptured stones from the churches of Adel and Dewsbury in Yorkshire.

J. PARK HARRISON, M.A. commented on the Byzantine affinities of some of the rubbings shewn, and then read "Some Notes on Pictures of Stone and Timber Buildings in Saxon MSS."

The PRESIDENT introduced the subject of a proposed Summer Excursion to Normandy, which would give Members a chance of studying the relative growth and progress of the Norman style in England and Normandy.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH.

An (No. CCXXI.) Excursion to Wallingford took place. The party was met by the Rev. J. E. FIELD, Vicar of Benson, who conducted them over the Kine-croft, where the vallum and fosse are in excellent preservation. Thence to the site of the Priory of the Holy Trinity, a cell of St. Albans. Afterwards they visited the Castle by permission of J. K. Hedges, Esq., who contributed a paper, read in his absence by the Rev. A. W. N. DEACON. Passing by St. Peter's Church, built by Judge Blackstone in 1777, a visit was made to St. Leonard's Church, where the Rev. E. B. MACKAY met the party.

The Mayor of Wallingford (Sidney Payne, Esq.) entertained the party at tea on the site of St. John's Hospital.

Time did not allow of a visit to Crowmarsh Church, which was on the programme.

A Bye-Meeting was held at Didcot, when the following were elected Members of the Society:—Miss B. C. Wroughton, Woolley Park, Wantage, and F. Colmer, Esq., Exeter College.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD.

An Excursion (No. CCXXII.) to Abingdon took place, when the Vicar of St. Helen's, the Rev. R. C. F. GRIFFITH met the party, and the following places were visited:—St. Nicholas Church, St. Helen's Church, Christ's Hospital and Almshouses, the Old Bridge and Remains of Abbey Buildings, and the site of the Old Abbey Church.

SATURDAY, MAY 12TH.

An Excursion (No. CCXXIII.) to Goring and Aldworth took place.

At Goring the party was met by the Rev. H. C. LITTLEWOOD and P. G. STONE, Esq., the latter of whom described the Church, and the recent excavations on the site of the Priory.

They then walked over the hill to Aldworth, remarkable for its series of interesting tombs. These were fully described by Mr. MANNING. From Aldworth they walked to Compton Station, on the Newbury line, in time to catch the 7.20 p.m. train to Oxford.

SATURDAY, MAY 26TH.

An Excursion (No. CCXXIV.) to Warborough, Benson, and Ewelme, &c. took place. The Rev. F. CHALKER, met the party at Warborough, where the Church was visited. At Benson, the Vicar, the Rev. J. E. FIELD, gave a very full account of the Church and district.

The Rev. H. K. SIMCOX met the party at Ewelme, and described the Church and conducted them over the interesting Hospital. Returning *via* Wallingford, the party visited the site of the recently discovered Romano-British settlement at Northfield Farm, Long Wittenham. They were entertained at tea by H. Hewett, Esq., who exhibited some of the objects found during his excavations in 1893. A Bye-Meeting was held during the Excursion, when H. W. Taunt, Esq. was elected a Member of the Society.

MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25TH, 26TH AND 27TH.

The Summer Excursion (No. CCXXV.) was arranged as follows : Leaving Oxford at 9 o'clock, they arrived *viâ* Reading and Basingstoke at the South Western Hotel at Southampton at 11.40 a.m. Leaving Southampton at 12.20, they reached Porchester at 10 minutes past 1. The Rev. J. VAUGHAN received them at the Church, which he described, some additional remarks being made by the President. They then examined the walls, the keep and the remaining domestic buildings of the interesting castle, respecting the date of which there has been much controversy. The President discussed the chief points. Leaving at 3.40 p.m., they arrived at Netley Abbey soon after half-past 4. The PRESIDENT gave a brief account of the Abbey, his remarks being illustrated by a large plan. At about 7 p.m., an open drag, the evening being very fine, conveyed the party to the ferry landing stage, whence in a few minutes they reached the

hotel. Had sufficient names been sent in for the Normandy Excursion, that had been arranged as the evening for departure from Southampton for Harve, so most of the party went down to the harbour to see the boat start.

On Tuesday, under the guidance of T. W. SHORE and W. DALE, Esqrs., the party made the tour of the remains of the ancient walls of Southampton, great facilities being offered to them for visiting the various towers and details throughout. The morning excursion concluded with a visit to St. Michael's Church, leaving very little time before the party left at 1.5 p.m. for Romsey. Arriving about 2 p.m., they visited the fine Abbey Church, where they were met by the Rev. J. J. C. YARBOROUGH, who, after a brief history of the buildings, conducted them over the various parts—some of the party mounting to the top of the tower—and afterwards entertained them at tea at the Vicarage. Leaving at 4.30 p.m. by the line running through a part of the New Forest, they arrived before 7 p.m. at Wimborne. After visiting the Minster, over which they were ably conducted by the Sacristan, they found comfortable quarters at the King's Head Hotel.

On Wednesday morning, leaving Wimborne at 9.40, they reached the Bournemouth West Station about 10 a.m. (some of the party having time to walk down to the pier), and leaving the West Station at 11.10 a.m. they reached Christchurch at 11.17. Here they were met by the Vicar (Rev. T. H. BUSH), who received the party and conducted them over the buildings and the precincts, giving them throughout interesting descriptions of the various parts visited. They visited the Castle Mound, where the President made a few general remarks upon the history of Christchurch, and the remarkable remains of domestic Norman architecture by the side of the river, possibly the house of the Governor of the Castle, built by Baldwin de Redvers. Leaving Christchurch at 1.30 and arriving at Brockenhurst station at 2 p.m., they drove thence through a picturesque part of the New Forest to Beaulieu Abbey, where they were courteously received by Lord MONTAGUE. In the Refectory the President made a few remarks upon the general history of the Abbey. Returning to Brockenhurst Station, they reached Oxford viâ Basingstoke and Reading by the evening train.

During the excursion the following were elected members of the Society:—Miss Vaughan Jenkins, 38, St. Margaret's Road; H. G. James, Esq., Marcon's Hall; J. Henson, Esq., Worcester College.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH.

An Excursion (No. CCXXVI.) to Stanton St. John, Forest Hill and Holton took place. The line of the Roman Road was pointed out passing across the main Wheatley Road from Headington Quarries down to Stowford. At Stanton S. John the Rev. L. DAVIDSON described the Church, at Forest Hill, the Rev. E. GREAVES, and at Holton the Rev. A. L. SMITH, their remarks being supplemented by the President. At Holton Park (the late) W. E. BISCOE, Esq. received the party. They had an opportunity of visiting the site of the mediæval residence of the Lord of the Manor surrounded by a large moat which still remains perfect. Several objects of antiquarian interest were exhibited and tea was provided for the party.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD.

(No. CCXXVII.) At 2 o'clock Members met at S. Mary Magdalen Church, where the Rev. H. E. CLAYTON gave a very full and interesting account of the Church. They afterwards walked to Worcester College, where in the hall the Rev. C. H. O. DANIEL narrated the history of the foundation and fortunes of Gloucester Hall and the foundation on the site eventually of Worcester College. The party afterwards were shewn over all the various parts of the buildings, including the cellars, which were supposed to be part possibly of the older work. They were also shewn some of the treasures of the Library.

At a Bye Meeting in the Library of Worcester College, the following were elected Members of the Society :—F. G. Todhunter, Esq., New College; G. G. Davidson, Esq., New College; Miss Poynter, 15, Park Terrace; C. E. P. Wellington, Esq., Bank of England Library Assoc.; W. L. Bros, Esq., Hellesylt, Sidcup.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH AND 8TH.

A Loan Exhibition of Articles illustrating the objects and pursuits of the Society, particularly bearing on the history of Oxford and its neighbourhood, was held in the Assembly Room at the Randolph Hotel. A very large collection of drawings and engravings were exhibited in addition to the objects. The admission tickets were 1/- each, of which between six and seven hundred were sold.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH.

A Meeting was held at 8.15 p.m. at Kettell Hall, at the invitation of Dr. and Mrs. Mee, the President in the chair. The following

were elected Members of the Society :—Mrs. Dickson, 125, Woodstock Road ; J. T. Dodd, M.A., Christ Church ; E. J. N. Aston, Esq., Jesus College.

The PRESIDENT gave a short address on the past work of the Society.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Sub-Committee who had arranged the Exhibition.

Mrs. MEE then contributed a most interesting paper on Kettell Hall.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH.

The afternoon's walk (No. CCXXVIII.) was devoted to the examination of the ancient domestic buildings in Oxford. A large number of Members and their friends assembled at Frewen Hall, where the Sheriff, C. L. SHADWELL, M.A., received them and gave an interesting account of St. Mary's College and the successive buildings erected on the site.

Afterwards the party broke up into sections ; visiting in succession the Crypt beneath Messrs. Sotham's premises, No. 121, St. Aldates ; the Chequers Inn, 113a, High Street ; the Old Buildings, dated 1611 and 1637, now occupied as the Police Station ; and the late 14th century Crypt beneath Mr. Boffin's premises, 107, High Street.

The owners of the several buildings kindly gave every facility to the Society.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH.

The second Meeting of the Michaelmas Term was held in the new Ashmolean Museum, the President in the chair.

The following were elected Members of the Society :—G. W. Young, M.A., Queen's College ; Viscount Dillon, F.S.A., Trinity College ; Miss E. Cowlard, Somerville Hall ; Rev. H. Furneaux, M.A., Christ Church ; Canon Ommaney, M.A., 29, Beaumont Street ; C. Druitt, M.A., Exeter College ; A. H. Thompson, Esq., Jesus College ; F. B. Birt, Esq., Brasenose College ; R. M. Holland, Esq., Trinity College ; W. J. Carter, Esq., 6, Oriel Street ; Rev. A. A. Jackson, M.A., Magdalen College ; Rev. J. O. N. Carter, M.A., Magdalen College ; A. H. Rowley, Esq., 1, Manor Road, Holywell ; G. Gardiner, Esq., 3, Southmoor Road ; H. Francis, Esq., Christ Church Lodge ; Miss B. Hanson, 43, Wellington Square ; Mrs. Grindle, 8, Beaumont Street ; Miss Fenshaw, 10, Fyfield Road.

The President having announced the unanimous nomination by the Committee of J. Park Harrison, M.A., as a Vice-President of the Society, he was duly elected.

The list of nominations for the vacant places on the Committee was read.

J. L. MYRES, B.A., read a paper on the Potteries and Bronze Industries of Cyprus, from the bronze age down to the Roman occupation, illustrated by numerous specimens from his recent excavations in the island.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH.

The Annual Meeting was held at 8.15 p.m. in the new Ashmolean Museum.

Jas. Parker, M.A., was re-elected as President. C. M. Laing, B.C.L., and M. H. Green, M.A., were elected Auditors.

The following gentlemen were elected, after a ballot, to serve on the Committee till November, 1896 : F. A. Dixey, M.A., M.D. ; A. J. Evans, M.A., F.S.A. ; Hugh Hall, M.A., B.C.L. ; H. Hurst, M.A., and A. R. Mowbray, F.R.I.B.A.

Mr. Manning then read the Annual Report.

F. MADAN, M.A., read a paper on the "History of the Ashmolean Museum and of the Ashmolean and Tradescent Collections."

