

Rev. R. Pigott presided, supported by the Archdeacon of Bucks, Mr. Parker, F.S.A., Mr. Cocks, and other leading members of the Society. Mr. Ditchfield expressed a few words of welcome on behalf of the Berks Archæological Society. The members were fortunate in having Mr. St. John Hope as their guide. A visit was paid to the Reading Museum and its treasures described. Then the party proceeded in breaks to Silchester where Mr. Hope again described the story of the Roman City, and showed the results of the recent excavations. A very satisfactory day's Excursion was concluded, which was much enjoyed by all present.

Oxford Ladies' Brass Rubbing Society.

YEAR 1897-8.

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The O.L.B.R.S. has completed its fourth year; the number of its Members has increased, and all meetings have been well attended.

Two Honorary Members have been elected, Viscountess Dillon and Lady Edmund Verney.

Seven Meetings have been held during the year.

Papers have been read on :—

- "The Trumpington Brasses," by Miss FOSTER.
- "Cornish Brasses and Epitaphs," Mrs. WHITMARSH.
- "Some Somersetshire Brasses," Miss VAUGHAN JENKINS.
- "Brasses in Westminster Abbey," Miss E. MERCIER.
- "The Destruction of Brasses," Mrs. MEE.
- "Brasses at Claydon," Miss GREEN.
- "Brasses at Queen's College," Mrs. MEE.
- "The Feast of Peacock's Brass Lynn," Miss E. FOSTER.
- "Brasses of the Dunch Family at Little Wittenham," Miss GREEN and Miss RADFORD.

Many quaint epitaphs have been read by Members ; and many rubbings of brasses shown.

On February 16th, an open meeting of the Society took place ; which was attended by Members and their friends, to the number of 120. Viscount DILLON, President of the Society of Antiquaries, read a paper on "Armour for the Field, and for the Lists," which he illustrated with many photographs, rubbings, engravings, and pieces of armour.

On March 10th, the Society visited Queen's College, where they were most courteously received by the Provost, who, notwithstanding his numerous engagements as Vice-Chancellor, kindly found time to show them the Brasses, and to give them a short history of the College.

On May 11th, some of the Members of the Society accepted the kind invitation of the O.U.B.R.S. to accompany them on their excursion to Thame Church. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent. A paper by Mr. BARKER on the Brasses in the Church, was read by the SECRETARY (Mr. Underhill). Many of the Brasses were rubbed and epitaphs copied, after which the O.U.B.R.S. most hospitably entertained their guests at tea.

May 26th. The Annual Excursion of the Society took place, when fifty members and friends went by steamer from Oxford to Day's Lock, and visited the Churches of Long Wittenham, Little Wittenham and Dorchester ; and rubbed many of the Brasses.

A gift of rubbings of various Brasses has been made to the Society by Miss Bull.