

Museum for the purpose of inspecting the many objects of interest found at Silchester, and now preserved in Reading Museum.

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BUCKS ARCHITECTURAL AND ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—The annual excursion of the Architectural and Archæological Society of the county of Buckingham, was held in beautiful weather. The members left Aylesbury by the 10.10 a.m. train, and arrived at Taplow at 11.47 a.m. They then visited Hitcham Church (St. Mary's) and Burnham Church (St. Peter's), proceeding thence to the Royal Hotel, Slough, where luncheon was provided, after which the annual meeting was held. A visit was subsequently made to the following churches :—Langley Marish (St. Mary's) and Upton Old Church (St. Lawrence).

Oxford Ladies' Brass Rubbing Society.

YEAR 1898-9.

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50 Members.

The O.L.B.R.S. has completed its fifth year, and the number of its Members, which commenced with eight, has now risen to fifty.

It has been resolved that for the future the list of Members shall not exceed this number, but that ladies desiring to join the Society shall be admitted as guests, and elected members as vacancies occur.

During the past year the Society has had to deplore the loss of two members by death: Mrs. Wharton, of Merton Lea, and Miss Spencer, of Blackhall Road. Their places have been filled by Mrs. Iliffe and Mrs. Martin Sherwood.

One member, Miss Griffin, has resigned, and Mrs. Gradon has been elected in her stead.

Six meetings have been held during the year. Papers have been read on:—

"Brasses at Alvechurch, Worcestershire, and Coughton, Warwickshire," by Miss LUCY SWANN.

"Shroud Brasses in Oxfordshire and Kent," Miss POYNTER.

"Sweetheart Abbey, and Infant Brasses," the Hon. Mrs. STAPLETON.

"Cambridge Brasses," Miss FOSTER.

"Shroud Brasses," Miss SWANN.

"Longworth Brasses," Miss BLAKE.

"Brasses in Herefordshire," Mrs. HORE.

At all of these meetings good rubbings of the Brasses mentioned in the papers have been shown.

Many curious and well authenticated epitaphs have been recorded in the Society's list.

On March 15th, Viscount DILLON, President of the Society of Antiquaries, read for the third time a paper to the Society, the one on this occasion, being entitled: "A talk about Tournaments." He very fully illustrated it by rubbings. This meeting, was an open one, and it was largely attended by Members and their friends.

On May 29th, the Annual Excursion of the Society took place. 49 Members and their friends went in brakes or on bicycles to Ewelme, where the Rector, the Rev. W. K. Simcox, most kindly received them, and took them over the Almshouses and Church, where he gave descriptions of the monuments and brasses, and allowed rubbings to be taken of the latter.

The Members of the Society have been kindly invited by the O.U.B.R.S to be present at two of their evening meetings at the Ashmolean Museum. On the first occasion, to hear a paper by the Rev. J. E. Field, Vicar of Benson, and on the second to hear the Rev. A. W. Macklin (author of "Monumental Brasses"), on "The value of Despoiled Slabs." Many of the rubbings of Brasses made by Members during the year, have been given by them, to the Oxford Architectural and Historical Society, to add to their fine collection.