



Oxford Ladies' Brass Rubbing Society.

YEAR 1899-1900.

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50 Members.

The O.L.B.R.S. has completed its sixth year.

The Society which now limits the number of its Members to 50, has never fallen below that number ; and there are always Candidates waiting for admission as vacancies occur.

There has been no change this year of Officers or Members of the Society.

All Meetings have been very fully attended.

Owing to the depression consequent on the South African War, it was felt to be better to omit the annual Social Meeting, generally held in March.

Six Meetings have taken place during the year, and Papers have been read on :—

“Female Head-dresses, as shown on Sussex Brasses,” by
Mrs. MEE.

“Brasses at All Hallows, Barking,” by Miss E. MERCIER.

“Dresses and Personal Ornaments, as shown on Monuments
and Brasses during the past 1000 years,” by Miss
SWANN.

"The Brasses in Merton Chapel, Oxford," shown and described by Miss POYNTER.

"Monuments in the Isle of Man," by Mrs. RUSSELL.

Several of these Meetings have been held by kind permission of Dr. MEE, at Holywell House.

An Excursion of the Society took place on June 7th, to Crowmarsh, Goring and Streatley. Fifty Members and friends started at 9 o'clock from Folly Bridge by steamer to Crowmarsh, where a stay of an hour was made, and the Church visited. The Vicar met the party and pointed out the chief objects of interest, which included a Brass restored by the O.U.B.R.S. from the Dillon Fund, which has met with support from the O.L.B.R.S. The Treasurer of the Fund, the Rev. W. E. SCOTT HALL, took the opportunity of impressing upon those present the necessity that all persons interested in Brasses should do all in their power to aid in their preservation or restoration.

After leaving Crowmarsh, the journey was resumed by steamer to Goring, where, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the curious small Norman Church was described by Miss SWANN and Mr. HERBERT HURST, and some of the Brasses were rubbed by Members, who afterwards walked to Streatley Church and inspected the eight late Brasses in it.

The party returned by train from Goring, reaching Oxford at 5.50 p.m.

£3 REWARD.—Lawrence Litchfield went to America before 1636, said to have belonged to Kent, but nothing to support the tradition. Wanted any reference to a Lawrence Litchfield in English records 1600—1636, for which above reward will be paid to first person supplying such information, obtained from Public Records, and furnishing reference to authorities.—Address (by letter only) F. LAMB, Glenalden, Leamington Park, Acton, W.

PRIVATE LIBRARIES.—The second part of the "List of Private Libraries," compiled by Mr. G. Hedeler, of Leipzig, will soon be ready. It will contain more than 600 important private collections of the United Kingdom, including supplement to Part I. (U.S.A. and Canada). Those happy possessors of libraries, with whom Mr. Hedeler has been unable to communicate, are requested to furnish him with a few details as to the extent of their treasures and the special direction to which they devote themselves. By doing so, they will of course not incur any expense or obligation. It is obviously to the interest of bibliographical science, that a work of this kind should be as complete as possible.