



Oxford Ladies' Archæological and Brass Rubbing Society.

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50 Members.

The Society has now completed its tenth year, and it has been thought advisable, to slightly alter its title, by adding the word Archæological to it, as Papers are now read at the meetings, which are not exclusively on Brasses ; but which deal with other subjects of Archæological or Antiquarian interest.

We have to deplore the death of one of our members ; Mrs. Russell, which occurred at the beginning of the Long Vacation. She had always taken much interest in the Society, and had given an excellent Paper, on inscribed monuments in the Isle of Man, and had besides, shown much hospitality to the Society. Her place, on the list of members, has been taken by Mrs. Musgrave.

There has been no falling off in the number of our members ; and we have several candidates waiting for admission, as vacancies occur.

The post of Treasurer, which was given up by Mrs. Drinkwater, on her leaving Oxford, has been filled by Miss L. Swann, and the Committee has been enlarged by adding to it the names of Miss Poynter and Miss Spencer Thompson.

Six Meetings have been held, all very fully attended.

Papers have been given on :—

“Brasses at North Leach,” by MISS BROWNE.

“Our Parish Fonts,” by MISS SWANN.

“An African God,” by MRS. BRAITHWAITE BATTY.

“Churches in Normandy,” by MISS POYNTER.

“St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, in the Past and in the Present,” by MISS SPENCER THOMSON.

“Sprouting China,” by MRS. EVANS.

And

“Old London Bridge,” by DR. MERCIER.

Interesting and historical exhibits, have been made at the Meetings, and many of the Papers have been very fully illustrated, with drawings, rubbings and diagrams, especially so, the one by Miss Poynter, when she showed the very beautiful collection of pictures, of Normandy Churches, painted by her Father.

On May 30th the Society visited St. John's College. The Rev. Dr. Whitmarsh, gave a most interesting account of it, and conducted the party over the Chapel, Library, and Garden and entertained them at tea in the Hall.

On June 27th, the Annual Excursion took place, when a large party of members and friends, visited Burford, Fulbrook and Shipton under Wychwood.

The Vicar of Burford, the Rev. S. Cass, received the party, and under his guidance, they visited the Church, Vicarage, and Speaker Lenthall's House, at Burford.

At Fulbrook, the Rev. J. E. Odgers, read an account of the Church; but there was not time for more than a hasty visit to Shipton.

DISCOVERY AT SALISBURY.—A discovery of archæological interest and importance was made at Salisbury recently by workmen engaged on some business premises. Four large and beautifully carved stones were found. They are exactly similar in design to portions of the ornamental work in Salisbury Cathedral. With the stones was found the basin of an early English font bearing a date contemporary with that of the cathedral. Additional interest attaches to the discovery in consequence of the fact that an ancient legend marks this particular site as that of the pay-house for the men who were engaged in building the cathedral.