

(597.) Gray Finch *and* Thomas Saxon and Mary, w; house in Newbury. £60.

(598.) William Wood *and* Thomas Ashley and Susanna, w; house, etc., and land in Wantage. £60.

(599.) Jonathan Farrow *and* William Flaggett and Elizabeth, w; houses in Newbury. £100.

(600.) Benjamin Stroud *and* Augustine Cutler and Frances, w; 1/3rd part of houses, etc., and lands in psh of Bray. £60.

L. J. ACTON PILE.

(*To be continued*).

Oxford Ladies' Archæological and Brass Rubbing Society.

YEAR 1908-1909.

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50 Members. 3 Honorary Members.

The O.L.A.B.R.S. has completed its fifteenth year.

The meetings continue to be well attended, and the Papers given during the year have been of much interest.

Seven meetings have been held. On November 25th, 1908, Mr. H. Balfour, Curator of the Pitt Rivers' Museum and Fellow of Exeter College, read a paper on "Archæology and Anthropology." It was illustrated by an exhibition of early weapons and flint implements.

On January 28th, 1909, a very enjoyable meeting took place at Jesus' College, and in spite of a very wet afternoon, there was a large attendance of members. The Principal, Sir John Rhys, received the party in the Hall, where he gave them an account of the founding and building of the College, and of later additions to it. He then took them to his own house, where he showed them pictures, books, etc., especial interest was taken in the portrait of the late Professor E. A. Freeman, painted by Lady Rhys, probably the most life-like portrait of him existing. The Hall, Chapel, Library and Common Room were then visited, and in the latter the magnificent College plate was put out for the inspection of the visitors. A most hearty vote of thanks was given to Sir John Rhys for his great kindness and the trouble he took to show everything interesting in the College to the Society.

A meeting took place on February 17th, in Hannington Hall, by kind permission of the Rev. F. Dyson, when Mr. Edward Lovett gave a most interesting and original paper on "The origin and antiquity of the Child's Doll." It was illustrated by about sixty lantern slides from examples in Mr. Lovett's private collection, and they showed very decidedly that the origin of the doll was a religious one, as exemplified by dolls found in early years. Photographs of dolls from Egypt, Greece, Rome, Burmah, India, France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the British Isles were shown, and much interesting folk-lore was told. Many questions were asked after the lecture, and a good discussion took place as to the religious origin of the Doll.

On March 10th, a business meeting of the Society was held to receive the Treasurer's accounts, which are in a very satisfactory condition, and to give members an opportunity of suggesting places for excursions and subjects for papers, but only six members attended. It was decided to hold a business meeting every year in the Hilary Term.

On May 19th, a very successful and well attended excursion took place to Fairford, Gloucestershire, where the Church with its large number of magnificent stained glass windows was visited. The weather was bright and warm, and after seeing the Church, the beautiful country round Fairford was explored, and Keble's house was visited.

On June 25th, the annual excursion of the Society took place. A large party of members and friends went by the "Alaska" steamer from Oxford to Day's Lock. Unfortunately immediately after starting, rain began, and continued without intermission all day, so it was quite impossible when Day's Lock was reached, for members to ascend Sinodun Hill, but some of them managed to visit the Abbey Church of Dorchester and the Church of Little Wittenham with its fine collection of brasses.