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50 Members, 3 Honorary Members. 8 Candidates waiting for admission.

The Society has now completed its 20th year, and shows no falling off either in the number of its members or in the interest and value of the Papers read at meetings, of which this year there have been eight. It has not been found possible to have the usual excursion, principally owing to the fact that so many members were in the early part of the Summer preparing for and taking part in the Pageant of Literature, which was given in the Town Hall at the end of May ; and since then the terrible war and the wish of every one to economise as much as possible in pleasures so as to aid in Relief Funds, has made an excursion undesirable.

We have to record the very great loss the Society has sustained by the death of Miss Green, which took place on December 9th. She was one of the first members of the Society, and had filled the office of Librarian ever since 1895, only relinquishing it 1908 owing to failing health, but she continued to be a member of Committee and took the greatest interest in the Society to within a few

days of her death. As Librarian she did much valuable work, and especially so in keeping and tabulating the records of the Society so that reference to Papers is made easy. Miss Mee has succeeded to her place on the Committee.

The subjects treated on by the Lecturers has been very varied.

On October 15th, Mr. Edwin Cannan, M.A., read a Paper on "Milestones," with special reference to those of Oxfordshire.

On October 29th, Miss Legge gave a charming account of "Life in Japan," which she illustrated by Japanese pictures, needlework and various other things which she had herself brought from that country. This meeting was made even more interesting by the presence of two Japanese gentlemen, one of whom, Professor Hamada, the Professor of Archæology in Kioto, spoke in warm appreciation of Miss Legge's lecture. This meeting took place at 11, Chadlington Road, where Mr. and Mrs. E. Cannan most hospitably entertained the Society at tea.

On November 14th, the Annual General Meeting took place; it was held in Hannington Hall, and after the election of officers for the coming year Mr. C. E. Keyser, F.S.A., President British Archæological Association, and President of the Berkshire Archæological Society, read a paper on the "Berkshire Churches." This was profusely illustrated with beautiful photographic slides, which gave the Society some knowledge of the wealth of archæological interest to be found in the churches which Mr. Keyser so graphically described.

On December 2nd, Mrs. Braithwaite Batty gave a lecture on "Albert Dürer and Nürnberg" of a very interesting character.

On February 10th, Mrs. Parker lectured on "Oxfordshire Folklore and the Grammar of the Folk Dialect of the County," subjects new to the Society, but opening up a wide field for research.

The last meeting of the year took place, by kind invitation of Miss Mee, at Holywell House, when Mr. J. Hautenville Cope gave a paper very fully illustrated by fine photographs of Winchester Cathedral. He gave a very thrilling account of the way in which the restoration work was being carried out in strengthening the foundations, work which is attended with great difficulty and danger to those engaged in it. Mr. Cope showed an immense amount of knowledge of his subject, and his audience expressed much gratitude to him for the trouble he had taken for them. Miss Mee most hospitably entertained the large party at tea.