



Oxford Ladies' Archæological and Brass-Rubbing Society.

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50 Members, 2 Honorary Members, 16 Candidates waiting for admission.

THE Society has now completed its twenty-fourth year, and maintains its full complement of members, while there are no less than 16 candidates awaiting membership.

Two vacancies have occurred during the year. One member has resigned owing to ill-health ; and we have to deplore the loss of another, one of the most constant attendants at our meetings, Mrs. Blake, who passed away on March 9th.

Owing to the difficulty of travelling occasioned by the war, we have again been unable to arrange for an excursion, but we have

had six meetings, all very fully attended. The first of these was held at Hannington Hall, when a very able paper was given by Mr. E. Beaumont on "Mediæval Academic Habit," which was illustrated by a very fine series of Brass Rubbings from his collection. This is the *seventh* paper he has been kind enough to give to the Society.

MEDIÆVAL ACADEMICAL HABIT

ILLUSTRATED BY RUBBINGS TAKEN FROM OLD BRASSES IN THE
FOLLOWING CHURCHES AND COLLEGE CHAPELS :—

Battle—Bray—Broxbourne—Cambridge (S. Benet's, S. Mary the Less)—Chinnor—Cirencester—Harrow—Hastings (S. Clement's)—London (St. Helen's, Bishopsgate)—Oxford (All Souls, Christ Church, S. John's, Magdalen, Merton, New College, S. Aldate's, S. Mary the Virgin, S. Michael's, S. Peter's-in-the-East—St. Albans—Taplow—Little Wilbraham—Winchester.

SYNOPSIS.

INTRODUCTORY.—Academical habit adapted from Monk's Costume
—The oldest Brass to the Memory of a Graduate—Difficulties of Differentiating between the various gowns—Three Periods in and Three Classes of Academical Dress.

DOCTOR OF DIVINITY.—The Cappa Clausa—Sub Tunica—The Caputium or Hood Curious Liripipes—The Pileus.

BACHELORS OF THE HIGHER FACULTIES.—The Taburdum Talare
—The Hood—D.C.L. habit—B.C.L. gown.

MASTER OF ARTS.—The Tunica—Cappa Nigra—The Hood.

S.T.S.—A Lapsed Degree—Gown and Hood similar to the M.A., probably a different colour.

BACHELOR OF ARTS.—The Tabard—Unauthorised Changes in the Hood.

UNDERGRADUATE.—The Long Gown—Belted Cassock—The Armillausa—Hood—Statutes restricting Tailors' Charges.

POST-REFORMATION.—A Transitional Period—The Changes made
—The Doublet—Long Full Gown.

THE ELIZABETHAN PERIOD.—Academical Robes discarded—The Civilian Gown and Ruff partially adopted.

THE RENAISSANCE.—Further Changes—The Hood—Bachelors and Undergraduates adopt the Cap—The Forerunner of the Mortar Board—M.A., B.A., Scholars, and Undergraduate Habit.

The second meeting was at Holywell House, by the very kind invitation of Miss Mee, when Miss Marten lectured on "Egyptian Art and Literature in Pyramid Times." She gave an account of "The sayings of Ptahotep," probably the oldest book in the world. It is addressed to the upper classes of Society as a manual of "How to behave as a gentleman in all circumstances of life"! Miss Marten showed photographs from it and of Egyptian scenery and monuments, and of bas-reliefs from tombs which illustrated Egyptian life in very early times.

On February 20th Sir Herbert Warren, K.C.V.O., President of Magdalen, read a most interesting paper on "The Connection of Poetry with Architecture"; he gave many selections from various poets illustrative of his subject.

On March 13th Mrs. A. H. Hore read a paper on "Encaustic Tiles," a subject on which she is one of our greatest authorities. She exhibited a magnificent collection of paintings of tiles she had made in various Abbeys and Churches. Mrs. Hore had a most enthusiastic welcome from the large number of members who attended her lecture—a well-deserved tribute, as the Society practically owes its existence to her efforts in 1894.

On June 11th a meeting was held in St. Rognwald's, when a most instructive and amusing paper was given by Miss Payne Smith on "Ancient and Modern Feeding and Cookery," a subject which was felt to be very appropriate for the present time!

The last meeting took place on June 18th. It was principally a business one to receive reports from the officers of the Society, all of which showed it to be in a very flourishing condition. Miss Swann read a short paper on "Betrothal and Wedding Rings."

