

Oxford Ladies' Archæological and Brass-Rubbing Society.

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THE Society this year on November 9th completes its twenty-fifth year.

It keeps up its full number of members, and has always candidates waiting for admission to membership as vacancies occur.

We have to deplore the loss of one of our members by death; Miss Selina Crawley, who was for many years a constant attendant at all meetings. Two members have resigned, as they are leaving Oxford.

There have not been quite as many meetings as usual this year, partly because many members were occupied during the Summer with the preparations for the great Victory Pageant, which was held in Oxford at the end of June and beginning of July, but the meetings which have been held have been well attended, and the Papers read at them of great interest.

Early in the year Miss Poynter gave a lecture on 'The black letter saints' dedication of churches in Oxfordshire,' being a continuation of a previous one of hers on the black

letter saints' dedications in churches in Oxford. She mentioned those of St. Anne, St. Margaret, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Helen, The Holy Cross, St. Catherine, St. Lawrence, St. Giles, St. Denis (at Northmoor), St. Edward the Confessor, St. Leonard, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, St. Thomas of Canterbury, St. Botolph, St. Birinius, St. Edburga, St. Kenelm and St. Olaf.

On November 7th the Warden of New College, the Rev. Dr. Spooner, very kindly received a large number of the members in the Hall of New College, and gave them an account of the history of the College, and the successive growth of its buildings, and afterwards they visited, under the guidance of Mr. H. Paintin, the Muniment Room, Chapel, Library and Kitchen.

A general meeting of the Society was held in December for the election of the officers of the Society, for reports from the Treasurer, Librarian and Secretaries, and for the presentation of a large brass vase with suitable inscription as a wedding present to Mrs. Macintosh from the Society, 'in token of their affection for her, and grateful appreciation of the kind interest she has always shown in the Society, and her hospitality to them on so many occasions.'

On February 28th Mr. Allen Shuffrey read a Paper to the Society on 'Vanished and Vanishing Oxford.' He exhibited a large collection of his beautiful pencil and water colour drawings illustrative of the many buildings of historical and archæological interest in Oxford, which have now either entirely disappeared or are in course of demolition. Mr. Shuffrey's collection is of great value, as it forms a record which will be of permanent interest to future students of Oxford's history and architecture.

In May a meeting took place in the Lecture Room at the Three Feathers, St. Aldate's, when Mr. C. Keyser, F.S.A., gave a lecture on 'Some Oxfordshire Churches.' He illustrated his Paper with beautiful photographs of the churches of Rollright, Hook Norton and Wigginton. Unfortunately, the time was too short to permit Mr. Keyser to give the whole of his lecture, as he had to catch a train back to Reading, but he most kindly promised to come again at a future time, the Society looks forward with much pleasure to his doing so.