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THE Society this year completes its twenty-seventh year, and it continues to flourish. The usual number of meetings have been held, and all have been well attended.

There have been no changes on the Committee. On October 29th, Mr. Falconer Madan, F.S.A., late Bodley's Librarian, gave a lecture on 'Special Points in Oxford Colleges,' in which he gave many interesting and generally unknown details of the various facts concerning the origin of the foundations of many of the Colleges, and the derivations of their names.

On November 12th a Meeting was held in Hannington Hall, at which many members and friends were present to hear a lecture by Miss Fowler on Charles VIII of France, his times and contemporary history.

She exhibited very many beautiful lantern slides of views in France and Italy, and also many historical portraits of special interest, some of them being of great value to students of the characters and history of the celebrated men and women of the fifteenth century; that of Anne of Beaujeu was very striking.

After the lecture Mrs. Odgers very kindly received all those present at tea, which was served in the library.

On February 10th, Mr. Allen Shuffrey again very kindly exhibited a number of his beautiful drawings and paintings at

a meeting in St. Rognvald's Lecture Room, and he gave a paper on 'Picturesque Oxfordshire,' proving what a lovely county ours is, and how many places of archæological and artistic interest we possess.

After the meeting the President, Miss Swann, received the company at tea.

A meeting was held at Hannington Hall on May 18th to hear a paper by Mr. C. Keyser, F.S.A., on 'Churches in Oxfordshire.'

This paper, like all those he has so kindly given to the Society, was profusely illustrated by splendid photographic slides of the various churches, principally taken by Mr. Taunt.

The subject dealt with was a group of churches in North Oxfordshire, those of Croughton, Hanwell, Horley and Horton, all situated near to Banbury, and each possessing features of interest. Croughton has some very curious mural paintings, that of 'The Doom' being specially striking and much resembling in its treatment the mural painting of the same subject at Southleigh Church (also in Oxfordshire).

A number of photographs were shown of curious cornices outside the churches. These were elaborately carved with quaint figures, heads of men and animals, &c., and they generally appeared to be in very good preservation.

A very hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Keyser for this and the many other lectures he has so kindly given to the Society.

On Wednesday, May 27th, a paper was read in St. Rognvald's Lecture Room by Miss Frances Tobey, Professor of English in Colorado State Teachers' College, U.S.A., on 'A Visit to Italy,' with special reference to Santa Croce, a Florentine Record.

As the lecturer had just returned from a visit to Italy and was full of enthusiasm for all she had seen, this was a most interesting and instructive paper, and as Miss Tobey had brought back with her many photographs, paintings, &c., and gave many amusing accounts of her visits to places in Italy, a very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Miss Stone most kindly received all present at tea after the meeting.