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Headquarters, and we are grateful to the authorities for their hospitality and consideration of our requirements.

#### WORK DURING THE YEAR.

The Council is able to report that the usual number of lectures has been delivered and three excursions arranged.

At the close of the last Annual Meeting the lecture was given by Mr. H. T. Morley, A.S.P. upon *Book Plates during Four Centuries*, and a large number of slides were exhibited on the screen and about 500 examples in the Hall selected from the lecturer's large collection.

On October 21st the President delivered a lecture on *The Architectural Notes on the Churches of Enborne, Hampstead Marshall, Kintbury, Inkpen and Shalbourne*, which was illustrated by a large and valuable series of lantern illustrations, and at the same time Mr. Preston, F.S.A., gave an account of the progress of the excavations of Abingdon Abbey.

On November 25th, Mr. Harold Peake, F.S.A., gave a very interesting lecture on *Some Archæological Problems of South Berks*, which was followed by a discussion, instituted by Prof. Hawkins, upon the Monoglacial and Polyglacial periods.

On January 27th, 1923, the Rev. Dr. James, F.S.A., delivered an important lecture on *The Cult of the Dead in Pre-historic Times*, illustrated by lantern slides.

On February 17th, the Rev. Fothergill Robinson, F.S.A., had promised to give a lecture on *The History of Four Hundred Years of English Song*, but was prevented by a severe illness; but with his usual kindness, the President consented to take his place, and gave an interesting lecture on *Oxford Cathedral*, illustrated by a fine series of lantern slides.

On March 10th, in conjunction with the Reading Society of Architects, our Society was honoured by the visit of Mr. A. R. Powys, A.R.I.B.A., Secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, who gave a lecture on *Ancient Buildings, their Value and Treatment*, and we had the pleasure of welcoming many members of the Architects Society. It is hoped that similar combined meetings may be arranged in the future.

#### EXCURSIONS.

During the summer months three excursions were arranged. On July 27th and 28th the Society visited Abingdon, travelling from Reading by motor coaches. The members were very hos-

pitably received by the local Branch. The Mayor invited the Society to a reception in the Guildhall, where the splendid selection of Municipal Plate was exhibited. The cordial thanks of the members were expressed to the Mayor and Local Committee, and especially to Mr. d'Almaine, F.S.A., who made such excellent arrangements for our reception. Mr. Preston admirably described the excavations which were in process on the site of the Abbey, and places of interest were visited on the journey to and from Abingdon, including Radley College, where the Headmaster entertained the members to tea.

On August 24th the members visited Burghfield, Sulhamstead Abbots, Silchester, Basingstoke, Sherborne, Pamber and Aldermaston. The President and Mrs. Keyser kindly invited the members to tea at Aldermaston Court, and their hospitality was much appreciated.

On September 18th a visit was made to Farnham and its neighbourhood, and in the absence of the Hon. Secretary, the arrangements were carried out by Mr. Cope and Mr. Morley. Waverly Abbey was visited and described by Mr. Eggar, President of the Farnham District Field Club. Farnham Castle (by the kind permission of the Bishop of Winchester) and the Church were visited. On the return journey the members passed through Odiham and saw the Church and Priory.

The thanks of the Society are due to the following ladies and gentlemen who kindly entertained the members to tea on the occasion of the lectures:—Miss Bailey, the President and Mrs. Keyser, Miss Lawes, Mrs. Holden and Miss Walter, Miss Tatham and Miss Burnaby-Dyott.

#### LOCAL HISTORY RECORDS SCHEME.

Mr. C. B. Willcocks, F.R.I.B.A., has inaugurated a scheme for recording local matters of archæological and historical interest. The scheme has been adopted by our Society, in conjunction with the Reading and District Branch of the Historical Association, the Reading Literary and Scientific Society, and the Reading Society of Architects. The final details are now being settled by a committee composed of representatives of these Societies, with the Rev. P. H. Ditchfield as Chairman, Miss F. Maslem as Hon. Secretary, and Mr. H. T. Morley as Hon. Treasurer. Full particulars will be issued later to our members, whom we are confident will give the scheme every support.

## INVENTORY OF CHURCH PLATE.

Mr. J. W. Walker, F.S.A., is making good progress in compiling this valuable inventory, and the Society is grateful to him for undertaking this important work.

## INDEX OF THE JOURNAL.

The index of the papers, &c., recorded in the *Berks, Bucks and Oxon Archæological Journal* has been compiled, and it is proposed to publish it. The estimated cost is about £20, and the Council rely upon each member taking a copy at approximately 2/6 each.

We regret to have to record the death of Mrs. Heelas, who was an old and valued member, and took a keen interest in the lectures, &c.; she will be much missed. Also the Rev. A. W. Halpin and Mr. T. Hunt, and one of our oldest members, Mr. H. W. Taunt, of Oxford.

Although we have contributed substantial sums to various objects, the financial condition of the Society is in a very satisfactory state, and our thanks are due to Mr. Morley, our Treasurer.

The *Berks, Bucks and Oxon Archæological Journal* continued to be published, and is presented to all subscribers of 10/- per annum. Great thanks are due to the President for his gift of the magnificent series of illustrations, which form such a splendid feature of the publication. Important papers are being contributed by Dr. Grundy, of Oxford. Contributions of papers, notes and queries are cordially invited.

In conclusion, the Council is of opinion that the Society is in a satisfactory condition, and would encourage any works of excavation or exploration which any member may be able to undertake.

The prosperity and usefulness of the Society is to be estimated not only by large attendances at the meetings and excursions, but by the actual work of promoting archæological knowledge and research.

There is an increasing interest in historical and antiquarian investigation in the towns and villages, and the Society will always be willing to assist in this direction by providing lectures, &c., to promote the study of antiquities throughout the county.

## BERKSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

## Statement of Accounts, 1922.

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