

some skulls which were discovered in a Roman villa at Hambleton, a few miles away from this site, twelve years ago, and sent by Mr. Cocks to Sir Arthur Keith for determination. In the present case Sir Arthur thinks that there may have been a deliberate burial, all traces of which would in the long course of time in such a material as the brickearth have disappeared. Still, it seems very desirable that some further evidence should be discovered both as to the date of the human remains and also as to the age and mode of formation of the brickearth itself, the latter being a problem of considerable geological interest.

The skull has been presented to the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, where it will be available for future reference.

## The Protection of Ancient Buildings

We have been asked by the Secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings to insert the following letter. We hope both our readers and the members of our Society will respond to this appeal. The objects of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings are well known to many of us, for two years ago the members of the Berkshire Archæological Society had the pleasure of hearing a lecture from Mr. Powys on the work of his Society.—(Editors, *Berks, Bucks and Oxon Archæological Journal*.)

*The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings,*  
20 Buckingham Street, Adelphi, London, W.C.2.  
4th September, 1925.

DEAR SIR,

I would ask if you will kindly print this letter in the next issue of your Journal? The purpose of it is to draw the attention of your members individually to the work of this Society, and to the urgent need for increased subscriptions. My Committee is sure that your members will agree that the fact that your organisation is affiliated with our own and subscribes a guinea a year to our funds signifies that your Committee considers that the work done by this Society deserves support. I would therefore point out that this Society finished the year 1924 with the sum of £3 3s. od. in hand; yet so

much has the work increased that it has become necessary to engage a second assistant in order to cope with it. It is clear therefore that an increase in membership is essential if our work is not to be seriously curtailed, and it is the sincere hope of my Committee that it is the desire of the members of the Berkshire Archæological and Architectural Society to help us either by becoming members of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings or by making a substantial donation to our funds, and by inducing their friends who may be interested to do the same. I will gladly send copies of our current Annual Report to any who may wish to have them; a copy of the Report is sent free to members, to others a charge of 2/- is made. The Society also publishes pamphlets on repairs to ancient buildings and cottages, and leaflets on ancient bells and bell cages, wall paintings, etc.; the former may be had by members at reduced rates, while the latter cost only a few pence.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

A. R. Powys, *Secretary*.

## Notes

### SONNING PARISH REGISTERS.

The Rev. G. P. Crawford, the Vicar of Sonning, has recently prepared for publication the registers of the parish of Sonning from 1598 to 1812. We regret that owing to lack of support he has abandoned his project to print and publish the registers; but in order that they may be available for students and others he has presented the manuscripts he had prepared of the registers to the Reading Public Library, where they will be deposited in the local collection, and thus be available for the free use of all inquirers.

### CHURCH PLATE OF OXFORDSHIRE.

The Rev. J. T. Evans, F.S.A., rector of Stow-on-the-Wold, has just completed an examination of all the altar vessels in Oxfordshire, and the results will be embodied in a work entitled 'The Church Plate of Oxfordshire,' which will be the author's eighth volume. His former publications were: 'The Church