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LENT TERM, 1898.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH.

A Visit (No. cclviii) was made to the University College, where the Master received the Members in the Hall, and described the foundation and history of the College and its chief buildings. The Chapel, Library and Gardens were visited in turn.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH.

A Meeting was held at 8.15 p.m. in the Lecture Room of the Ashmolean Museum,* the Librarian in the chair. The following were elected members:—C. Edginton, Esq., Merton; Miss Fitzgerald, 12, Crick Road; Mrs. Laffan, 24, Norham Road; F. C. Uren, Esq, 4, North Parade Avenue. Mr. Manning exhibited and presented three brass-rubbings, and another was presented by Mr. Reynolds. Mr. H. G. De Watteville then read a paper on the growth and decay of Gothic Architecture.†

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH.

A Visit (cclix) was made to All Souls' College, where the members were received in the Hall by Professor Montagu Burrows, who gave an interesting resumé of the history of the College, after which the party went to the Chapel and Library, where Mr. Manning exhibited some old glass vessels used at the Mallard Feast, and Mr. Holden, the Sub-Librarian, explained many objects of interest.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND.

A Meeting was held at 8.15 p.m., the President in the chair. The following were elected Members:—Miss Wardale, 23, Woodstock Road; Mrs. Grenfell, Holywell Cottage; Mrs. B. J. Stapleton, 30, Leckford Road; T. F. Warburton, Esq., and D. L. Ames, Esq.,

* By kind permission of the Keeper of the Museum all the evening meetings of the year were held in the same Lecture Room.

† See *Oxford Journal*, Feb. 26th, 1898.

Magdalen ; Mrs. Allen, 69, Kingston Road ; Miss Gray, 1, St. Margaret's Road ; and W. F. E. Denison, Esq., New College. After some exhibitions of Samian ware stamped PICENI M from Shotover (by Mr. Manning), and of modern brass-work with Celtic decoration (by Miss Swann), Mr. W. L. Bros gave a lecture on the Architecture of Sicily, from the Greek period onwards, illustrated by numerous lantern slides.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST.

A Meeting was held at 8.15 p.m., the President in the chair. The following were elected Members :—J. W. Parry, Esq. and Mrs. Parry, 55, St. John Street ; Miss Lee, 16, Warnborough Road ; and M. H. Huthwaite, Esq., Keble. The Rev. E. R. Gardiner, Vicar of Long Wittenham, read a letter on the Church Plate of Berkshire,* illustrated, as was also the next paper, by some fine drawings and paintings by Miss B. C. Wroughton. Some church plate from St. Ebbe's, St. Michael's and St. Peter's in the East (Oxford) was exhibited. Miss G. Latham subsequently described some Norman doorways and other architectural features of Berkshire Churches.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3RD.

An Excursion (No. cclx) was made to Headington and the Wick Farm. The party drove first to Headington, where in the absence of the Vicar, the President of the Society, Mr. James Parker, gave an address on the Church and Royal Manor of Headington. Members then drove, walked or cycled to the Wick Farm, where Mr. Manning described the curious old Jacobean well house and its legends, and a further move was then made to the site of the Roman Villa. Tea was kindly provided at the Vicarage by Mrs. Scott Tucker, and much appreciated.

The Committee of the Oxfordshire Photographic Survey presented a Report in March of this year, and a statement of its progress and aims, both of which were printed.

SUMMER TERM. 1898.

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH.

An Excursion (No. cclxi) was made at 1.30 p.m. to North Leigh, Witney and Cogges. The Members drove *viâ* Ensham to North Leigh Church, where the Vicar, the Rev. G. J. Scott, received

* See *Oxford Journal*, April 2nd and 9th, 1898.

them. At Witney, which was next visited, the Rev. Canon Foxley Norris (Rector) described the Church. At Cogges the Vicar (the Rev. E. J. V. Payne) kindly entertained the party at tea, and a photograph taken by Mr. Taunt will be a permanent memorial of the day. The Manor House was also visited.

THURSDAY, MAY 17TH.

An Excursion (No. cclxii) was made by the 2.8 p.m. train to Reading, and thence in conveyances to Mapledurham, Hardwick House and Tidmarsh. The Rev. F. St. J. Thackeray, the Vicar, received the party at Mapledurham, and gave an account of the Church and its fine monuments of the Blount family. After a short visit to the interesting 16th century brick mansion near the Church, a move was made to Hardwick House, where Mrs. Rose hospitably entertained the members at tea. Tidmarsh Church and its octagonal apse was described by C. E. Keyser, Esq., and tea was again provided at the Manor House by Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins.

At Tidmarsh, a by-meeting was held, at which H. Granville Sharp, Esq., M.A., 111, Woodstock Road, was elected a member.

THURSDAY. JUNE 9TH.

An Excursion (No. cclxiii) was made to Cambridge,* in anticipation of which a descriptive itinerary had been printed for the Society's use. A party of about seventy or eighty started at 9 a.m. and reached their destination at 11.30. At the Archæological Museum, Professor Ridgway and Mr. T. D. Atkinson, President and Secretary respectively of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society, very kindly welcomed the Members, and proceeded to conduct them in turn to Peterhouse, Corpus, St. Benet's Tower, Queen's, and St. Catharine's. After lunch at the Bull Hotel, Trinity, St. John's, Caius and St. Sepulchre's were the chief places visited, time not allowing of the full programme to be carried out. King's College Chapel was occupied with a concert of sacred music, and so could not be visited till late in the afternoon. The members returned by a 6.45 train, after spending a very enjoyable day.

MICHAELMAS TERM, 1898.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH.

A Meeting was held at 3.15 p.m., the President (Mr. F. Madan) in the chair. The President announced that in consequence of the resignation of Mr. James Parker on July 1st, 1898, he had been

* See *Oxford Times and Oxford Journal*, June 18th, 1898.

elected by the Committee to fill Mr. Parker's place until the Annual Meeting on November 22nd ; and that Mr. C. H. Blakiston had been elected Assistant Secretary, in the absence from Oxford of Mr. De Watteville. The following were elected Members of the Society :—D. J. James, Esq., and F. A'C. Bergne, Esq., St. John's ; Miss Lees, Somerville College ; T. A. Cooper, Esq., Keble ; Miss C. M. E. Burrows, St. Hilda's Hall ; F. L. Underhill, Esq., Exeter ; Miss Stubbs, The Palace, Cuddesdon ; and J. Challenor Smith, Esq., Eastfield, Whitchurch, Reading. Mr. Manning exhibited some sketches and engravings of Rewley Abbey and Binsey, in connection with the proposed excursion to those places. The paper of the evening was then read by Mr. J. Garstang on the Roman remains at Ribchester, in Lancashire, with special reference to recent excavations, illustrated by plans and drawings* ; and a discussion followed.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH.

An Excursion (No. cclxiv) was made at 2 p.m. to Rewley Abbey and Binsey Church. The former, which had never before been visited by the Society, was explained by Mr. James Parker, the only architectural remains being a gateway and wall. The party then walked by Medley to Binsey Church, where Mr. Pinel pointed out the chief features.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH.

A Meeting was held at 8.15 p.m., Mr. James Parker in the chair. The following were elected Members :—Miss Lee, 4, Clarendon Villas ; J. M. Badger, Esq., Sunnymeade ; Miss Schomberg, 17, Marston Street ; Rev. Sir H. D. Blair, Bart., 103, Woodstock Road ; F. Waterfield, Esq., Ch. Ch. ; Mrs. J. Allin, The Elms, Iffley ; and Miss Willis, 6, Museum Road. The Chairman read a letter to the Society from Mr. J. H. Teague, of Penzance, about a stone at St. Hilary, in Cornwall, and Messrs. Manning and Hurst exhibited some engravings and drawings of Queen's College. The Rev. T. A. Turner, Vicar of Ickford, read a paper on the Bells and Bell-foundries of Oxford City and Diocese, illustrated by rubbings and casts of inscriptions.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH.

A Visit (No. cclxv) was made at 2.15 p.m. to Queen's College,

* A report of the excavations of Mr. Garstang, with illustrations, has since been published, price 2s.

where the Provost received the Members in the Hall and gave an account of the College, its history, buildings and portraits. Some treasures from among the College plate were also exhibited, and the Chapel and Common Room were visited.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND.

The Annual Meeting was held at 8.15 p.m., the President in the chair. The following elections were made.—As President, Mr. F. Madan ; as Auditors, Messrs. M. H. Green and C. Laing ; as Members of Committee, Messrs. A. J. Evans, J. H. Reynolds, H. Hurst, O. J. R. Howarth and C. B. Hutchinson. Mr. C. H. Blakiston exhibited and described some brass-rubbings from Goring and the neighbourhood, and Mr. Hurst illustrated by successive additions of coloured paper the evolution and growth of the buildings of Exeter College. The Annual Report of the Secretaries was then read. Numerous changes in, and additions to, the Rules were then proposed and discussed. The chief new rules which were carried were those which provide for a constant change in the *personnel* of the Committee (xiv), which simplify the procedure in the election of a President (xvi) and Members (xxi), and which provide for the publication of the Accounts (xxv).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH.

A Visit (No. cclxvi) was made at 2.15 p.m. to Exeter College and Carfax Tower. The Rector of Exeter gave an address in the Hall on the fortunes and fabric of the College, and then conducted the party over the Chapel. At about 4 o'clock the Members proceeded to the renovated Carfax Tower, and with infinite difficulty, owing to electric wires, wooden beams and darkness, clambered to the top. The evening however was already closing in, and the party soon dispersed.