

## **Proceedings of Societies.**

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**BERKS ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.**—On January 30th, the Rev. E. A. Goddard, Vicar of Clyffe, and Hon. Secretary of the Wilts Archæological Society, gave a very interesting lecture on "The Church Plate of Wilts."

On February 27th Mr. Llewellyn Treacher delivered a most able lecture on the "Geology of Berkshire," which was illustrated by some excellent magic lantern slides.

On April 3rd, Mr. Theodore H. White will lecture on "The Battle of Ashdown."

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## **Proceedings of the Oxford Architectural and Historical Society, 1901.**

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### *LENT TERM, 1901.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH.

A Meeting was held in the Ashmolean Museum\* at 8.15 p.m., Mr. F. Madan (acting President) in the chair. Mr. Whitwell, 70, Banbury Road, was elected a member of the Society. The election of a President for the current year was discussed and postponed. Mr. C. H. Blakiston, Christ Church (Secretary), gave a lecture on "Some Architecture of the Dark Ages in Italy," illustrated by photographs and lantern slides.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH.

Visit No. cclxxxv. The Members met at the porch of Magdalen College, where they were received by the President, and conducted through Chapel, Hall, Library, and other buildings, including the Founder's Tower and other parts of the President's Lodgings.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH.

Evening Meeting in the Ashmolean Museum, Mr. James Parker, V.P., in the chair, when the following elections to membership were

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\* By kind permission of the Keeper of the Museum, all the Evening Meetings of the year were held in the Lecture Room of the Museum.

made : Rev. F. W. T. Tudsbery, Oriel College ; B. V. Darbishire, M.A., F.R.G.S., 69, Southmoor Road ; Mrs. G. B. Simeon, 29, Norham Road ; H. Baskerville, Crowsley Park, Henley-on-Thames. Professor Rhys, Principal of Jesus College, introduced Mr. David MacRitchie, of Edinburgh, who addressed the Society on "Underground Dwellings in the British Isles," illustrating his lecture by lantern slides.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD.

Visit No. cclxxxvi. The members assembled at Merton College at 2.30 p.m., when the Warden and Mr. B. W. Henderson kindly met the party in the Hall, and shewed the Chapel, Library, and other buildings. After leaving the College the members crossed the street to Beam Hall, the 15th-century house of Professor T. Case, who very kindly described its interesting features.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH.

Evening Meeting in the Ashmolean Museum, Mr. James Parker, V.P., in the chair. Miss Marion Miller, 222, Iffley Road, was elected a member of the Society. Miss Swann gave an address on "Costume in England for the last Ten Centuries," with special reference to monumental effigies. The paper was illustrated by models, drawings, photographs and facsimiles of illuminated MSS.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH.

Visit No. cclxxxvii. The members left Oxford, some by road, others by the 2.25 train, for Charlbury, which is situated on the edge of Wychwood Forest, where they visited the church and other objects of interest.

*SUMMER TERM, 1901.*

TUESDAY, MAY 7TH.

Visit No. cclxxxviii. Members arrived at Thame Station 3.27 p.m., and drove to Long Crendon (2½ miles N.) to visit the Church, which is a fine one of various styles, the chancel and part of the nave being Early English, the north aisle Decorated, and the south aisle Perpendicular. The party was met by the Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Elwell, who very kindly described the church. They also visited the ancient Court House, which has been restored under the auspices of the "National Trust for the Preservation of Places of Historic Interest and Natural Beauty." Thence they drove to Chilton Church (2 miles N.). Thence to Chearsley Church (2½ miles E.), originally Early English, but considerably altered in the fifteenth century. Thence to Notley Abbey (2 miles S.), founded in 1162,

now a farm-house with buildings adjoining ; but here and there are numerous traces of Early English work, especially a fine piece of trefoiled corbel-table. The party returned to Thame Railway Station *viâ* Long Crendon (5 miles) in time for the 7.42 train to Oxford, arriving at 8.17.

MONDAY, MAY 13TH.

A meeting was held in the Ashmolean Museum at 8.15 p.m., Mr. James Parker, V.P., in the chair. The following elections to membership were made : D. K. Petano, B.A., St. John's College ; Rev. J. E. Odgers, M.A., 145, Woodstock Road ; Miss Sarah Hulbert, Redthorne, Summertown ; Miss Frances Drummond, 18, Rawlinson Road ; Miss Emily M. Hughes, Miss Eleanor M. Hughes, Oaken Holt. The Rev. Canon Bazeley, Hon. Gen. Sec. Bristol and Gloucestershire Archæological Society, and Local Sec. for Gloucestershire of Soc. Ant., Lond., gave a lecture on the history of Hayles Abbey, Gloucestershire, with an account of the excavations which had been conducted by him and Mr. St. Clair Baddeley in 1899 and 1900. The lecture will be illustrated by lantern slides. The Cistercian Abbey of Hayles was founded in 1246 by Richard, Earl of Cornwall, and dedicated Nov. 5th, 1251, in the presence of Henry III. and Queen Eleanor. The eastern apse of the Abbey Church with its five polygonal chapels, containing the shrine of the Holy Blood of Hayles, was consecrated by the Bishop of Worcester in 1277. (The Abbey was subsequently visited by the Society, see visit ccxc.).

THURSDAY, MAY 23RD.

Visit No. cclxxxix. The members left Folly Bridge by Steamboat, passing Iffley, Sandford, and Nuneham : leaving the boat at Abingdon. Here they first visited St. Helen's Church, where they were met by the Vicar, the Rev. H. T. Maitland. Afterwards they visited the ancient Almshouses and St. Nicholas' Church ; and then the Abbey, where Mr. Parker described the Abbey Buildings and gave some account of this ancient Foundation. They then crossed the ancient Bridge and walked *viâ* Culham to Sutton Courtney, about 1½ miles. Here they visited the Church, where they were met by the Vicar, the Rev. R. J. H. Rice. Afterwards, by permission of Mrs. Theobald, they had the opportunity of visiting the old house known as The Abbey. At Sutton Courtney they rejoined the Steamboat at 6.30 p.m., and returned to Oxford by the River.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13TH.

The Summer Excursion (No. ccxc.) was to Winchcombe and Hayles Abbey. A party left Oxford by the 7.58 a.m. train, reaching

Cheltenham at 9.57, and drove to Winchcombe, where the fine large Church with the traces of the Abbey precincts, was inspected. The party lunched here, and then drove to Hayles, where the Abbey was visited, and the recent excavations, conducted under the direction of the Rev. Canon Bazeley and W. St. Clair Baddeley, Esq., were shewn and explained. The Rev. Canon Bazeley, the Hon. Secretary of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archæological Society, very kindly met the party at Cheltenham and accompanied them during the excursion

#### EXTRA PROGRAMME FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1901.

Since it was suggested that some might be deterred by so long a 'one day's' excursion, arrangements were made for such as could spare the time to leave Oxford the *day before*, and sleep at Cheltenham, and meet the party the next morning at Cheltenham Station on the arrival of the Oxford train. A small party availed themselves of this extra programme, the Rev. Canon Bazeley kindly acting as *cicerone*. Oxford was left by the 11.55 train, reaching Andoversford Station at 1.5 p.m., and the party drove *via* Withington to Chedworth, where exists one of the most perfect Roman Villas in the country. This villa was discovered in 1866, and has been carefully excavated and preserved. There is an excellent Museum. This party joined the main excursion next morning.

#### MICHAELMAS TERM, 1901.

##### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, AT 2.30 P.M.

Visit No ccxci. The members met at the 12th century Church of St. Anne, North Hincksey. The church was described by Mr. Allfrey, who also gave information as to the mediæval frescoes, recently discovered under the whitewash. The members then went to the well-house, erected by Otho Nicholson, in 1616, to cover the spring from which the early water-supply of the city was derived. The spring and well-house are still used by the Oxford Waterworks. The road constructed in 1874 by the members of St. George's Guild under the direction of John Ruskin, was pointed out and described by Mr. Louis Dyer. The members next visited Mr. Simmons' cottage, where the 16th century woodwork was shown.

##### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH.

Evening Meeting in the Ashmolean Museum, the President, Mr. J. L. Myres, in the chair. At this meeting a change in the Rules was submitted to the Society and duly approved by the Committee in accordance with Rule XXXII.

That Rule XVI. shall read, "The President shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Any member may propose or second,

in the ordinary way, the outgoing President or any other member of the Society, provided that, &c."

The election was announced of Mr. J. L. Myres, M.A., F.S.A. (Christ Church) to the office of President, which had been vacant since January. Mr. T. Ashby gave an account of Recent Excavations in the Roman Forum, illustrated by numerous lantern slides. The paper was discussed by the President of Trinity College and others.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH.

Visit No. ccxcii. The members assembled in the Hall, of Worcester College, where the Rev. C. H. O. Daniel, M.A., kindly met the party and gave an account of the College. He pointed out the remains of Gloucester Hall, the best preserved example of the old Student Halls of Oxford, which are partially incorporated in the College Buildings. By kind permission of the Provost, the members were allowed to inspect the pictures which hang in the Provost's lodgings. They then visited the Chapel, with its ornamentation by William Burges (1827-81), a remarkable instance of a building whose fine proportions could not be fully appreciated previously. The members were received by the Librarian, Mr. Pottinger, who kindly allowed some of the valuable architectural drawings to be exhibited. The party then visited the Common Room and the Fellows' Garden, and left by the old gate which formed part of Gloucester College.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH.

Evening meeting in the Ashmolean Museum, the President in the chair. The following elections to the membership were made: T. R. Lawrence, 2, Polstead Road; A. W. Kirkaldy, M.A., 1, Northmoor Road; Rev. L. A. Cockerell, M.A., 106, Banbury Road; Prof. T. L. Bullock, M.A., 116, Banbury Road; Miss Hugo, 20, Regent Street; J. Ewan Davidson, B.A., 98, Banbury Road; H. S. Oppé, New College; L. Dyer, M.A., Sunbury Lodge. Mr. E. W. Allfrey read a paper on "Church Architecture in Auvergne," illustrated by lantern slides and diagrams.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD.

Members assembled in the Hall, of Corpus Christi College, when the President kindly met them, and gave particulars of the history of the College. After this the party visited the Kitchen, Chapel, Library, and that part of the City Wall which bounds the Fellows' Garden.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH.

The annual meeting was held in the Ashmolean Museum, the President in the chair. The following elections to membership were

made :—R. W. Jeffery, B.A., 10, St. Giles ; D. Trimmer, Ch. Ch. ; W. Parker, Ch. Ch. ; J. H. S. Ferryman, St. John's ; G. A. D. Beckingsale, Pembroke College ; H. L. Henderson, Ch. Ch. ; C. F. M. West, Ch. Ch. ; J. R. Kenyon, Ch. Ch. ; J. W. Ellis Guy, Ch. Ch. ; M. L. Smyth, Ch. Ch. ; H. B. Whitfield, Merton College ; D. L. Savory, St. John's College ; H. B. Cooper, M.A., Keble College ; Rev. C. R. Davey Biggs, D.D., 68, Woodstock Road ; G. Baskerville, B.A., Keble College ; Miss E. C. Lodge, Lady Margaret Hall ; C. de la Hey, St. John's College ; Prof. D. S. Margoliouth, M.A., 88, Woodstock Road ; Miss M. H. Linton, 37, St. Margaret's Road ; P. L. E. Walker, Merton College. The usual elections to offices were made as under : President, J. L. Myres, M.A., F.S.A., Ch. Ch. Auditors, R. T. Günther, M.A., Magdalen College ; A. W. Kirkaldy, M.A., Wadham College. Committee (to hold office till 1904) : E. W. Allfrey, M.A., Trinity College ; Rev. W. M. Merry, M.A., Lincoln College ; O. J. R. Howarth, B.A., Ch. Ch. The Secretaries' Annual Report was read. The President gave an address on the past and future work of the Society. This was followed by a short paper by Mr. R. T. Günther (illustrated by diagrams and views) on some recent architectural discoveries at Magdalen College.

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## History of Faringdon.

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COLONEL EDWARD UNTON, the next heir, commanded a force for the defence of the country at the time of the Spanish Armada. He was slain fighting in Portugal with Sir John Norris and Sir F. Drake. And now we come to the last and most distinguished scion of the race, Sir Henry Unton, who was educated at Oriel College, Oxford. In 1586 he was present at the Siege of Zulphen, where his kinsman, Sir Philip Sydneý, was slain, and was knighted by the Earl of Leicester. In 1591 he was appointed Ambassador to France, which he found an expensive post, and complains to the Lord Treasurer Burghley that he has only £500 left of the £2,500 he brought with him, and finds the cost of keeping his horses a burdensome business. He sent a spirited challenge to