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50 Members.

The Society has completed its eleventh year, and shows no falling off either in the number of its Members, or in the interest in the Papers given at the Meetings.

One change only has taken place on the Committee.—Mrs. Evans having left Oxford, has felt obliged to resign her place on it, but we are glad to say continues her membership in the Society. Her place on the Committee is filled by Miss Stone, a former Secretary of the Society.

Several Members have resigned, as they have ceased to reside in Oxford, and their places have been filled up, in rotation, from the list of Candidates.

Six Meetings have been held, all fully attended.

Papers have been given on :—

“Paving Tiles in Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Shropshire,” by MRS. A. H. HORE. Illustrated by 130 original drawings made by MRS. A. H. HORE.

“Innsbruck, its history and monuments,” by MISS SPENCER THOMPSON.

“Some Ancient Temples and Buildings of India and Ceylon,” by DON ZILVA DE WICKREMASINGHI.

This meeting was held by kind permission of the Curators, on Tuesday evening, February 21st at 8 p.m., at the Indian Institute, and was attended by a very large party of members and friends.

The Lecturer, in a most able and learned Paper, proved very conclusively, that the principles of Sculpture and Architecture were known in India and Ceylon, at a far earlier period than has been hitherto supposed, and he exhibited lantern slide views of many early Temples and Buildings, in support of his theory. After the Paper, Sir W. Herschel, Mr. James Parker and Mr. Norman, all expressed their entire accordance with his views.

On Wednesday May 24th, the Society visited Magdalen College, where they were most kindly received by the President, who conducted them over the various Buildings, and gave a most interesting account of the history of the College.

On June 21st, the Annual Excursion of the Society took place, and a large number of members and their friends left Folly Bridge in the steamer *Alaska*, at 10 a.m., reaching Day's Lock at 1 o'clock, when the Churches of Little Wittenham, Long Wittenham and Dorchester were visited, and Sinodun Hill ascended, and they returned by steamer to Oxford, which was reached at 8 p.m.

At the first Yearly Meeting of the Society, an interesting Loan Exhibition was formed by members, and instead of Papers being read, the various exhibits were described by their owners. Much valuable needlework was shown, and Miss Parker exhibited a quantity of Indian ornaments made from Native seeds.

A number of 18th century dresses were shown, and several old samplers and needlework maps and charts. The Exhibition was so successful, that it is proposed to hold others.