

towards Wood Street. They are respectively 32ft., 98ft., 19ft., 40ft., and 127ft. The distance between Fish Street and Wood Street by the White Hart Lane is 149ft., and by the Corn Exchange Lane it is 198ft. Thus there is ample room for Pollyngton's second tenement called "Dousys" (No. 7), being only 19ft. wide, to lie at the rear of his other tenement called "Jeys," which is 98ft. wide. Their united widths are 117ft., while Rose Cheyney's tenement (No. 9) is 127ft. The difference of frontage to be explained (333ft. against 285ft.) is 48ft. If we thus deduct the frontage of Dousys, 47ft., as belonging to Wood Street, and if the site now occupied by the Corn Exchange has encroached 1ft. upon the lane, the two accounts agree precisely.

(To be continued.)

Oxford Ladies' Archæological and Brass-Rubbing Society.

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50 Members, 2 Honorary Members, 14 Candidates waiting for admission.

THE Society, founded in November, 1894, continues to flourish, and the number of its Members and the interest of the papers read at the meetings are fully maintained.

It has this year to deplore the loss of two of its Members by death. Miss Kate Ward, who had been a most energetic Secretary and valuable Member, passed away on December 23rd, 1916; and Miss Hyde, a Member almost from the beginning of the Society, and a contributor of Papers on Brasses and an exhibitor of very beautiful rubbings of them, died in April, 1917. Miss Poynter has been elected as Secretary in place of Miss Kate Ward. One Member has resigned on leaving Oxford. The vacancies have been filled up from the candidates who were waiting for admission.

Six meetings have been held, but owing to the shortage of petrol for motors and the consequent difficulties of going from place to place it has been thought advisable this year to omit the usual excursion.

On October 16th, 1916, Mr. F. Madan, F.S.A., Bodley's Librarian, read a paper of great interest on "Places of Pilgrimage in Oxford." Of these he mentioned five:—

I. The site of St. Frideswide's Church of the 8th century, the fragments of which were discovered by Mr. J. Park Harrison in the east end of the Lady Chapel and in the north choir aisle of the Cathedral, and outside the building he found traces of the foundations of a triple apse.

II. "The Cradle of the University," as it may be called, the old Convocation House, which stands at the north-east corner of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. This was the first building used by the University for its public ceremonies. The north side of this building was erected in the first half of the 14th century.

III. St. Edmund Hall, which stands first in the earliest (15th century) list of Halls, and which still exists. It represents, and it alone can represent, the pre-collegiate period described in all histories of the University.

IV. The Benedictine Buildings or *mansios* of Worcester College, and

V. The Holywell Music Room, which, as Dr. Mee has shown, is absolutely the first separate building in Europe erected and systematically employed for the special use of musicians. It was opened in 1748.

The lecture was illustrated by many original photographs. It was given, by kind invitation of Miss Mee, at Holywell House, in the music room, and she very kindly entertained the large party of Members to tea afterwards.

On November 10th a meeting was held in St. Rognvald's Lecture Room for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and Miss Swann gave a short paper on "The Mystery and Morality Plays."

On January 31st, 1917, Mr. C. E. Keyser, M.A., F.S.A., gave a lecture on the Churches of Sutton Courtney, Appleford, Drayton and Milton. It was held in Hannington Hall, and Mr. Keyser showed a very large collection of photographic slides, many of which he had most kindly had specially made for this lecture. Sutton Courtney has many objects of archæological interest, and all the Churches spoken of well repay a visit.

On February 28th Mrs. George Musgrave read a paper on *Misereres*, which she illustrated by a very large collection of beautifully-executed drawings of her own doing. She also exhibited a large collection of photographs of *Misereres*, the earliest example shown being one of the 13th century from Sutton Courtney Church. Many of the *Misereres* were carved with most quaint and grotesque figures, and showed very plainly the growing dislike of the people of the extortions and bad conduct of the clergy in the 14th and 15th centuries. These in many instances were represented in *Misereres* as foxes taking advantage of the credulity of their flocks. The meeting was held in the Lecture Room of the "Three Feathers," and Mrs. Musgrave entertained the Members and friends at tea after the meeting.

On May 11th Mr. G. Claridge Druce, F.L.S., gave a lecture on the origin of the Oxford "Physic Garden," with some account of Early English Botanists. He also showed many lantern slides of plates from his magnificent collection of Herbals.

The last meeting of the year took place on June 4th; it was at Oriel College, by kind invitation of the Rev. G. C. Richards. He received the Members in the Hall, and gave them an account of the foundation of the College and of its connection with St. Mary Hall; he afterwards conducted them over the Chapel, Hall, Library, and Common Room, the latter being full of portraits of the many celebrated people who have been members of Oriel.

