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THE first simultaneous appearance in this journal of brief reports of meetings of the Oxford and Cambridge Philological Societies suggests that some account of the sister societies may interest readers of the *Classical Review*. For the following notice of the elder society, as it would appear to be, we are indebted to its Honorary Secretary, Mr. J. L. Myres, of Christ Church.

'The Oxford Philological Society was formed in 1870 'for the purpose of mutual help in the study of the Greek and Latin language and literature,' and usually meets two or three times a term in the evening for the discussion of papers. Provision has always been made for the discussion of philological papers 'not immediately concerned with Greek or Latin;' and since the decease of the Ancient History Society, a number of papers have been presented dealing with historical and archaeological subjects. The membership has fluctuated between fifty and one hundred; and the first and only President is the present Provost of Oriel. From 1879 to 1890 the Society published annual Transactions in demy 8vo. form, containing the abstracts, and in some cases the full text, of the papers which were read before the Society. The first number contains also the titles of the papers which had been already read before the Society since its foundation, and a reference to those which are published elsewhere in full.

'By a resolution carried in January 1900, there will in future be *six* meetings in the Michaelmas and Lent terms; of which two will be devoted exclusively to philological and literary papers, two to papers on ancient philosophy; and two to papers on ancient history and archaeology.'

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The published records of the Cambridge Society begin abruptly with the mention of a meeting on February 23, 1872 when, Professor Cowell being President, a Council was elected, and Mr. Jebb (now Professor of Greek) retired from the office of Secretary. It appears to have been an enlargement of a smaller society which met for the purpose of discussing philological, that is to say etymological questions. It is not limited to Cambridge men, it admits ladies to membership, and consists largely of non-residents. It publishes both Proceedings annually, and Transactions from time to time; and as it takes a copy of the *Journal of Philology* for each of its ordinary members, who number about 140, it must rank as the most important supporter of that publication. It possesses a small library, consisting chiefly of periodicals and books acquired by exchange. The Presidency is now practically a biennial office. Its present holder is Dr. C. Taylor, Master of St. John's College; and the Secretaries are Mr. J. A. Nairn, Trinity, and Mr. H. M. Chadwick, Clare.

The proposals of the Cambridge Board of Classics for the improvement of the first part of the Classical Tripos were adopted, not unanimously indeed, but without serious opposition. Their effect for good or ill cannot however be seen for some time as detailed regulations will have to be framed and due notice given of the changes.

We regret that by an oversight in the notice of Dr. P. Shorey's Odes and Epodes of Horace, the editor was taken to task for the phrase 'the blushing Hippocrene,' instead of the prime offender, John Keats.

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