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The Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the Abbey Gate on Wednesday, April 12th. Mr. Charles Smith presided, and there were present : Lady and Miss Russell, Revs. J. M. Guilding, Canon Slatter, C. W. Penny, Messrs. S. S. Stallwood, Nalder Clarke, J. O. Taylor, W. F. Blandy, H. J. Mackinder, R. E. Goolden, A. E. Hurford, T. H. White, J. Messer, W. H. Cooper, H. Wright, A. W. Parry, E. Wright, &c.

The Annual Report was read by the Treasurer, in the absence of the Secretary. Its adoption was proposed and seconded by Mr. S. S. Stallwood and Mr. J. O. Taylor. Officers for the ensuing year were elected on the proposition of Mr. Messer, seconded by Mr. Parry. Mr. Mackinder then delivered an interesting address, in which he pointed out the important part Reading had played in the history of England from the earliest times, and how close the county of Berks had been connected with every great epoch of our national history. The Rev. J. M. Guilding and Mr. W. F. Blandy proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was heartily passed.

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With this number a new volume of the Journal commences. It is now in its fifth year of publication. All who desire to receive copies should communicate with the Secretary, Abbey Gate, Reading.