

centuries ago. We desire to express our thanks to the Secretaries of the Societies and other gentlemen for the kind assistance they have rendered in inaugurating the Journal. We venture to seek the co-operation of all who are interested in Archæological pursuits, and we trust that the Journal may be useful in stimulating Antiquarian research and in recording the results of the labours of Archæologists in the three Counties. Again to quote the words of the wise Doctor: "May they ever be skilful in knowing, careful in keeping, and courteous in communicating, their curious collections in that kind."

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OXFORD ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.—The Official minutes of the proceedings of this active Society are published in this number.

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NEWBURY FIELD CLUB.—The Annual Meeting was held on February 6th, under the presidency of W. G. Mount, Esq., M.P. We regret that want of space prevents us from publishing the President's address and a full report of meeting. Mr. Mount described the excursion to Wilton House, the seat of the Earl of Pembroke, and to the town of Wilton, its Church, and interesting Town Hall with its charters and maces. The second excursion was to Wittenham Church, with the Crusader Chapel and leaden font, the site of the Roman discoveries at Long Wittenham, Dorchester and Little Wittenham. The officers were re-elected, and Mr. Walter Money gave an interesting account of the new volume of Transactions, which promises to be a valuable contribution to Berkshire History, adorned with several illustrations, and well worthy of the reputation of this distinguished Society.

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BERKS ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—The Annual Meeting was held on March 27th. The Report was read, and will be published in the next number of the Journal. The officers were re-elected, and a Paper was read by the Rev. P. H. Ditchfield on "The Livery Companies of London." The Secretary requested aid from the members of the Society for the completion of the Survey for Berks, the institution of a Photographic Survey of the County, and the collection of Berks Words for the new Dialect Dictionary.