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BERKS ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—On July 25th, the Society united with the Reading Literary and Scientific Society in visiting Ockwells and Bray. Ockwells Manor House, the residence of Edward Barry, Esq., is a fine example of a 15th century half-timbered mansion, and possesses many features of extreme interest. The party was welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Barry and hospitably entertained. Mr. Stallwood read an admirable paper on the history of the house and its architectural characteristics, which we hope to publish. After leaving Ockwells the members journeyed to Bray, where they were received by the Vicar, the Rev. C. A. Raymond, who described the Church and the Lych Gate; and then a move was made to Jesus Hospital founded in 1527, where the chaplain, the Rev. J. C. Gawthorne, and the Rev. J. M. Guilding gave a brief sketch of its history. The excursion was most enjoyable.

On September 30th, the Society visited Winchester and were favoured in having the Dean as a guide to the treasures of the Cathedral. After luncheon at the George Hotel, the party drove to the Hospital of St. Cross which was described by the Secretary. Visits were also paid to the School and County Hall.

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NEWBURY FIELD CLUB.—On August 28th, the Members made an excursion to West Shefford, Lambourn, White Horse Hill, the Blowing Stone and the Seven Barrows.