



## Proceedings of Societies.

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BERKS ARHCÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—On February 17th, a well attended meeting was held at the Abbey Gate, Reading, to hear an excellent paper by the Rev. W. H. Summers, on "Glimpses of Reading in the Early Stuart Period," founded upon researches in the Calendar of State Papers. We regret that we are unable to give an account of the lecture, but we hope to do so in a future number. Alderman J. Messer presided, and Mr. Guilding added further information concerning the period with which he is so well acquainted.

On March 23rd, an interesting lecture was given by the Rev. Walter Marshall, Minor Canon of Windsor, on "Some points of interest in our Parish Churches," illustrated by a beautiful series of magic lantern slides.

We have to record with much regret the very sudden and lamented death of the President of the Berks Archæological Society, Sir George Russell, Bart, M.P., whose departure from us is so deeply deplored by a very large circle of his friends and neighbours. His genial nature, his kindness and many excellencies endeared him to all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. As the President of the Berks Society he always took a keen interest in its welfare, and his reception of the members at Swallowfield Park a few years ago, when Lady Russell read a paper on the history of the house he loved, was one of the most successful meetings in the annals of the Society. At the gathering on March 23rd, the Rev. P. H. Ditchfield proposed a vote of condolence to Lady Russell and her family, which was seconded by Mr. Messer, and passed unanimously.

