



## Proceedings of Societies.

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BERKS ARCHÆOLOGICAL AND NEWBURY DISTRICT FIELD CLUB.—These Societies have this year made two combined Excursions. Reports of these have appeared in the *Reading Mercury* and other newspapers, and need not be fully recorded here. On June 25th they visited Devizes and its neighbourhood, and were welcomed by the Mayor, the Rector, and Mr. Cunnington, Secretary of the Wilts Archæological Society. Devizes Castle was inspected and an able paper read by Mr. Walter Money on its history. The architecture of the churches was described by Mr. Keyser. Luncheon was served at the old Bear Inn, once kept by the father of Sir Thomas Lawrence. The Town Hall, with its collection of ancient charters and civic insignia, and the Museum were visited, and then the party drove to the picturesque village of Potterne, inspected the noble church and the old timbered houses, and then returned homewards with many memories of this delightful Wiltshire country. On September 10th, the two Societies visited North Hinksey, Cumnor, Northmoor, Stanton Harcourt and South Leigh. The churches were described by Mr. Keyser, and the party was favoured with the presence of Mr. James Parker and Mr. Walter Money. The former told the story of Amy Robsart and the inaccuracies of *Kenilworth*, and the latter gentleman read a paper on the history of the Manor House of Stanton, which we hope to publish at length. The excursion was admirably planned by Mr. Keyser and Mr. Watts.

On July 23rd the Berks Society made an Excursion to Stoke Poges, Burnham and Hitcham. The Society was very hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Veitch, at Burnham Park. Mr. Keyser described the churches, evincing a wealth of knowledge of ecclesiastical architecture. Mr. Ditchfield read a paper on Stoke Poges, which will possibly be published in a future number, and Mr. Goolden explained the plan and buildings of Burnham Abbey.

