

The Annual Excursion of the Society took place on Wednesday, June 27th, when a large party went by train to Chipping Norton, where the Vicar, the Rev. G. A. LITTLEDALE, kindly met them and conducted them over the Church, and gave them a lecture on its history and the various interesting monuments and brasses in it. After taking tea at one of the hotels, the party drove in brakes and wagonettes to the Great Rollwright Stones, where Dr. EASTWOOD gave a lecture on these, and similar circles and groups of stones in England, and on the Continent, and gave as his opinion, that they were erected for astronomical purposes.

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## Proceedings of Societies.

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BERKS ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—The season of lectures has set in with renewed vigour; three have already been given and there are others to follow.

On October 23rd, Mrs. Cope was to have read her paper on "Parish Registers," but was unfortunately prevented by illness. In her absence, Mr. J. H. Cope kindly lectured in her stead.

On November 19th, the President lectured on the Berkshire Churches of Buckland, Hinton Waldrist and Longworth, and illustrated his address with an excellent series of lantern slides.

On January 3rd, Mr. Ravenscroft read a paper on the recent discovery of human remains in the Forbury Gardens at Reading, together with some notes on other ancient burials in the neighbourhood of the town. An interesting discussion followed, an account of which we must defer until our next number.

On January 31st, Mr. W. Page, F.S.A., general editor of the Victoria Histories of the Counties of England, will lecture on the History of Berkshire. The Mayor and Mayoress of Reading have kindly invited the members to tea and to a reception in the Council Chamber after the lecture, and also the members of the Berkshire Committee, who are also invited to the lecture.

On February 28th, the Rev. J. Howe will lecture on Winchester Cathedral, and other lectures are promised.