

## Proceedings of Societies.

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BERKS ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—On November 19th, the Rev. P. H. Ditchfield lectured on "A Reading Pageant," and with the assistance of Mrs. Friend, the Rev. R. P. and Mrs. Newhouse, and Mr. Mansfield, read the book of words. The music of the pageant was most ably executed by Mr. Pryce Aspinall assisted by a choir of ladies and gentlemen. Much interest was shewn in the proceedings, and a hope was expressed that the town of Reading should have its Pageant.

On December 13th, Major Godsall delivered an able and interesting lecture on "A Military Study of the Conquest of Britain by the English," in which he advanced some new theories which are worthy of careful consideration. A resumé of his lecture appears in this number of the Journal.

Other Lectures promised are :—

January 30th, "Japan," by Dr. H. A. Powell.

February 13th, "A Tour in Petra," by Mr. A. W. Sutton.

March 19th, "The Land of Lleyrn," by Mr. Albin White.

April, by The President, on "Some Berkshire Churches."

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## Reviews.

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GLEANINGS AFTER TIME, Edited by G. L. Apperson, I.S.O. Elliot Stock, 1907. These chapters on social and domestic history have been gleaned from the earlier numbers of the *Antiquary*, and are well worthy of being re-printed. The selections which Mr. Apperson has made are admirable. He has wisely chosen those articles which illustrate the social side of English history, and his subjects range from a 13th century book of etiquette to an 18th century visit to America. Many of these chapters are too valuable to be left buried in the bygone columns of a magazine, and we are heartily glad to see them disinterred. The list of writers, including such well-known names as Mr. H. B. Wheatley, F.S.A., Viscount Dillon, F.S.A., L. Jewitt, F.S.A., and L. Toulmin Smith, and their articles, as well as others, will command attention. The present writer has a fatherly interest for this volume, as it was at his suggestion that the publisher first conceived the idea of making these gleanings.

MEMORIALS OF THE COUNTIES OF ENGLAND, Edited by the Rev. P. H. Ditchfield (Bemrose & Sons). Two more volumes have been added to this series. The Derbyshire Volume has been entrusted to the Rev. Dr. Cox, the distinguished antiquary, who is a native of that county, and has produced with