



# *The Quarterly Journal*

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**Berks Archaeological and Architectural Society.**



WITH this number our Journal enters upon the second year of its existence. It has proved itself a valuable adjunct to the Society's work in disseminating antiquarian knowledge and in stimulating enquiry and research into local historical records and archaeological remains. The "Notes and Queries" column has been found of great use, although some of the questions have as yet remained unanswered. The Editor hopes that any reader who possesses the requisite knowledge will endeavour to reply to the questions concerning which he possesses any useful information. The number of Subscribers is about 60, which is not sufficient to make the Journal self-supporting, and a subsidy has at present to be supplied from the Society's funds; but we hope that when it becomes more widely known a larger number of Subscribers may be found, and the Journal may cease to draw upon the funds of the Society for its support.

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Miss E. E. THOMTS has inaugurated a very useful and original scheme for the purpose of amassing historical information concerning the villages of the County. Three note books have been arranged, a number of pages being assigned to each village, with headings such as "The Manor," "The Church," "Eminent Men," &c.; these have been sent in rotation to a number of ladies and gentlemen who possess some knowledge of local history, with a request that each one should record any information which they might have acquired. It is hoped that on the principle that "every little makes a mickle,"

these scraps of knowledge may grow into a voluminous history of the County. Miss Thoyts is to be congratulated on her happy idea, and we hope that her "note book scheme" may have every success.

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A very successful *Conversazione* of the learned Societies of Reading was held in the Town Hall, in connection with the Prize Distribution to the Students of the Science and Art Schools. The Berks Archæological, the Literary and Scientific, the Natural History, Photographic and the Oxford University Extension Association, took part in the proceedings. The Prize of One Guinea offered by our Society was awarded to John A. Smith for measured drawings of the Pulpit of St. Lawrence's Church, Reading.

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## Meetings of the Society.

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A MEETING of the Society was held at the Athenæum, on January 26th. MR. S. S. STALLWOOD presided, and a Paper was read by the SECRETARY on "The Guilds of Reading," which will be published subsequently.

A MEETING of the Society was held at the Wokingham Town Hall, on Wednesday, March 26th, a Report of which will appear in our next number.

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.—We have received a copy of the sixth Annual Report of the Maidenhead Field Club and Thames Valley Antiquarian Society.

PAPERS have been read on "the Cross-fertilisation of Flowers by Insects," by Mr. J. Markham; on "Grasses and Sedges," by Miss A. Young, and Excursions made to Oxford, to Winkfield and Hurst, and to Kew Gardens. Under Mr. J. Rutland's able management the Society seems to be in a very flourishing and active condition.