

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.