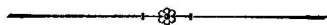




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NEWBURY FIELD CLUB.—The members had a very pleasant and interesting excursion on May 19th, to Hatfield House. The old Banqueting Hall, now the Stables, was much admired, and Mr. Keyser found an interesting mural painting in a room near the Tennis Courts. Two ex-Hon. Secretaries accompanied the excursion, the Rev. W. B. Banting and Mr. W. Money, and the present energetic Secretary, Mr. Watts, conducted the party. The Club propose to visit White Horse Hill in July.

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BERKS ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—This Society received and entertained the Dorset Field Club on June 23rd. The party visited the Museum where the Silchester Collection was admirably explained by the Honorary Curator, Dr. Joseph Stevens. The Town Hall, Hospitium and Church of S. Lawrence were ably described by Mr. Stallwood; the Abbey Ruins by the Rev. J. M. Guilding; Greyfriars' Church by Mr. Ravenscroft; and in the evening a conversazione was held at the Abbey Gate, when a Lecture on Silchester was given by Mr. Theodore White. On the following day the Dorset Field Club visited Silchester.