

upon another, and to revive the ancient glories of the "Westminster of South London."

Mr. Walter Money has increased the debt which antiquaries owe to him for all his zealous labours by transcribing from the original MS. in the Wood Library at Whitchurch, Hants, a royal Purveyance or record of the goods to be provided for the royal household whenever they should be required. It is called *A Perfect Booke of all the landes as well arable as pasture, meadows, wastes and waste grounds, &c., within the hundreds of Evenger, Chutlye, Kingsclere, Pastroe and Overton in the year 1575*. When the court removed from place to place purveyors were obliged to provide food for the royal household and had power to collect it from the estates in the neighbourhood of the court. This "Perfect Booke" tells how many geese or fat capons, or wheat or hens each person in each parish was obliged to provide. Hence there is in it a vast amount of information relating to these Hampshire places, and Mr. Money has much to say about the numerous families which are mentioned. There is a good index, and the volume will be found most useful to the students of Hampshire history.

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*The Memorials of old Buckinghamshire* is now in the press. Not the least interesting chapter is that by Mrs. Climensson on the famous relic of Reading Abbey, the "so-called uncorrupt hand of S. James," which throws fresh light on the strange stories connected therewith. Her account of Medmenham and its Monks is also full of interest. Lady Verney's chapter on Claydon is attractively written, and Mr. Summers' account of Milton's Homes, the Penn Family, and the Martyrs of Amersham, is well worthy of attention. The volume will have a list of subscribers, which will close shortly. The book will contain a large number of illustrations.

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## Proceedings of Societies.

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BERKS ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—On March 27th, the President, Mr. C. E. Keyser, gave an extremely interesting lecture on "The Tympana of Norman Doorways," illustrating it with a beautiful series of lantern slides and a unique collection of photographs of these curious carvings.

On May 1st, the annual meeting was held when the officers were elected and the reports read. These are printed in this number of the Journal. The Rev. A. Cheales read a valuable paper on the Reading Abbey Stone, the Tomb, and the Hand of S. James.

On June 17th, the first Summer Excursion took place, when the members visited the churches of Shinfield, Arborfield, Finchampstead and Swallowfield, and were hospitably entertained by Lady Russell at Swallowfield Park, who also read an interesting paper on the history of the house, and its various owners.

A visit to Faringdon is in contemplation in July.

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OXFORDSHIRE ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—The transactions and reports of the last year have been received. Lord North has succeeded the late Sir Henry Dryden as President. The annual excursion was made to Beckley, Charlton-on-Otmoor which still has its rood-scene, and Islip. There is an interesting account of the "Garland," a frame in the form of a cross rising from a circular base, which is covered with flowers and hung on the screen at Charlton, and also of Bishop Juxon's Rectory at Somerton, and of the strange story of the murderous affray near Stonor, in 1535. Mr. Pearman publishes in the transactions the history of the parish of Nuffield.

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NEWBURY FIELD CLUB.—The report contains an account of the annual meeting when Mr. Mount delivered his Presidential address, recording the events of the past year, and Mr. Keyser kindly repeated his lecture on Norman Tympana. On June 17th, the Society visited Barkham, Finchampstead, Eversley, and joined their friends in East Berks at Swallowfield and shared with them Lady Russell's kind hospitality.

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY.—The late Oxford University Brass-rubbing Society has changed its name and adopted one which covers a wider field of Archæological study and interest. Viscount Dillon is the president, Mr. Manning vice-president, and Mr. Ormerod, of Queen's College, secretary. We wish the Society every success under its new designation. During last term several excursions were made. The good work of studying and preserving monumental brasses will be continued, although the scope of the Society has been enlarged.