



Proceedings of Archæological Societies.

NEWBURY FIELD CLUB.—The annual meeting was held on May 9th, and after the formal business a lecture was given by the Rev. C. L. Jeayes on "The Architecture of Nature."

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BERKS ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—On April 3rd, Mr. Theodore H. White gave an excellent lecture on "The Battle of Ashdown," in which he traced the fortunes of Alfred's warfare with the Danes, and expressed the opinion that the traditional site of the battle was the White Horse Hill, and that the famous quadruped was carved by Alfred's men. Mr. White knows the country so well and has studied it so carefully, that his opinions are of much value. His lecture was illustrated by an excellent map.

On May 29th the Annual Meeting was held, when the reports were read and the officers duly elected. The President was in the chair. The report prepared this year by Mr. Cheales, is printed in this Journal. The Rev. P. H. Ditchfield gave a lecture on "Some Notes on the Cathedral Church of Oxford."

The first Summer Excursion took place on June 18th, when the Society visited the Western portion of Wiltshire, and the itinerary was one of peculiar interest, comprising visits to Westbury, the White Horse and Bratton Castle, Edington (where luncheon was taken in the Monastery garden), Keevil and Devizes. Before leaving Devizes the party, which was a large one, was entertained to a meat tea on the kind invitation of the President. A more detailed account of this excursion will appear in our next number.