

## Proceedings of Societies.

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BERKS ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—The first meeting of the Winter Session was held on November 2nd, when an interesting lecture was given by Arthur W. Sutton, Esq., on "Egypt, Ancient and Modern." The lecture was illustrated by a magnificent series of lantern slides made principally from photographs taken by Mr. Sutton and his family. Mr. and Mrs. Sutton very kindly entertained the members to tea at the conclusion of the lecture.

The second lecture was given by the President on the Churches of Letcombe Regis and Letcombe Bassett. A most graphic description was given of the architectural features of the two churches, which was illustrated by excellent lantern slides and photographs. By the kindness of Mr. Keyser we hope to publish his paper *in extenso*, and to illustrate it with plates similar to those which are published in this number in the account of the Church at Childrey. Mr. Keyser kindly entertained the members to tea.

Mr. Andrew Oliver will lecture before the Society on February 1st on "Flemish Brasses in England," and it is hoped that Captain Henderson, Mr. W. C. F. Anderson and other antiquaries will deliver lectures during the present session.

OXFORD ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.—Under the presidency of Mr. J. L. Myres, this Society continues to flourish, and to pursue its active life. During last summer term three excursions took place, when Sandford Church, Temple Farm, redolent with the memories of the Knights Templars and Knights of St. John, the Mynchery, once a Benedictine Nunnery, Charlton-on-Otmoor, the fine decorated Merton Church, Bloxham, Adderbury and King's Sutton, were visited. Lectures have been given by Mr. Lionel Cust, Professor Petrie, and Mr. Percy Manning.

NEWBURY FIELD CLUB.—On September 18th, the Newbury antiquaries wandered far and visited Titchfield Church, Place House, and Porchester Castle and Church. The excursion was most successful. Mr. Keyser described the churches, and Mr. Watts deserves great credit for the admirable way in which he conducted the party and planned the excursion.

BUCKS ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—The exhibition arranged in the summer by this venerable Society was entirely successful, and reflects great credit on the many workers who promoted and carried through this great undertaking. A study of the catalogue shows a remarkable collection of rare and important antiquities, and objects of historic and local interest. These are so numerous that it is impossible here to give any adequate list, or to select for notice a tithe of those which should be recorded. The catalogue deserves a foremost place on the shelves of all Bucks antiquaries, and the brief descriptions of the geology of the county, its flora and fauna, add interest to the book. Heartly congratulations are due to the organisers of the exhibition, and especially to the secretaries, Messrs. J. C. Baker and C. E. Watkins.