

Proceedings of Societies.

BERKS ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—The annual meeting was held on April 22nd, when a large number of Members were present. The report of the Hon. Secretary was read, which is published in this number of the Journal. The Hon. Treasurer made his annual report, showing receipts amounting to £80 15s. 5½d. and expenditure £77 13s. 3½d., leaving a balance in hand of £3 2s. 2d. He requested that the outstanding subscriptions amounting to £21 be paid at once. The officers for the ensuing year were elected, and votes of thanks passed for their past services. Mr. J. Tavenor-Perry gave a lecture on "The Towns and Spires of Mediæval Rome," illustrated by a series of sketches and drawings by the lecturer. By the kind invitation of Sir Edward and Lady Barry the Members and friends were entertained to tea.

On June 28th, the Society in conjunction with the Newbury District Field Club visited Bradford-on-Avon. A full report of the excursion will be given in our next number.

OXFORDSHIRE ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—The report for 1908 has been received. It contains a full report of the annual excursion to Southleigh, Northleigh, East End and the Roman villa, and Combe Church. Professor Haverfield gave an address on the Roman villa, and urged the necessity of raising £100 by Oxford University and the County of Oxford for further excavation and for repairing and preserving this fine example of Roman antiquity. The report also contains an excellent account of Watlington Town Hall by the Rev. H. Salter, and notes on the open fields of Oxfordshire by Mr. A. Ballard.

THE READING LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.—The annual meeting was held at the end of April. Canon Fowler was re-elected President, and Mr. Albin White gave an interesting lecture on "English Church Architecture."

HISTORY OF MAIDENHEAD.—We are glad to hear that Mr. J. W. Walker is engaged upon a history of the Borough of Maidenhead, which is sure to be eagerly welcomed by the inhabitants and by all Berkshire men.

ARDING OR HARDING.—A correspondent suggested that the surname of the family mentioned in Notes on Stevenon should be spelt Arding, not Harding. It is an old family and a representative is still alive at Wimbledon.