

Proceedings of the Society.

On July 6th a Special General Meeting of the Members was called for the election of a new President in the place of Mr. Charles E. Keyser. There was a large attendance. Lord Wyfold, who presided, proposed, Sir Edward Barry, Bart., F.S.A., seconded, and Mr. Philip Williams supported the election of the Revd. P. H. Ditchfield as President. This was carried unanimously. Mr. Morley was elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. Proposals were made by Mr. H. G. W. d'Almaine, F.S.A., Mr. A. E. Preston and others for new work, excavations, &c., to be undertaken by the Society. A vote of thanks was accorded to Lord Wyfold for acting as chairman, and also to Miss Baily for entertaining the company to tea.

On August 7th an instructive and enjoyable excursion was held, when the Members visited the ruins of Old Basing House (which were described by the President), Mattingley, Rotherwick, Odiham, and South Warnborough, where a Roman Villa, recently excavated, was admirably described by a lady antiquary who had been mainly responsible for the work.

On September 13th a visit was paid to the western part of the County, the Churches of Avington, Great Shefford, Welford, the Manor House of South Fawley (formerly the residence of the Moore family, now the property of the Wroughton family), Chaddleshworth (regretfully passing by Poughley Priory), and Prior's Court (the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Eustace Palmer, who entertained the company to tea and were cordially thanked by the President). The party lunched at Lambourn, where the Vicar described the Church and Major Edwards conducted the company through the Manor House, which formerly belonged to the Hipplesley family.

The following lectures have been delivered :—

On October 19th the President lectured on "Salisbury Cathedral," with lantern slides.

On November 16th Professor H. C. Hawkins lectured on "Man in Geological Perspective."

On December 21st Lieut.-Col. C. J. West lectured on "Architecture and Archæology in the Levant."