

his house had the small pox a month past, and he knows not whether it be fit that he should do so. III.—1602. Francis, first Baron Norreys, granted to his uncle [name not given] an estate for life in Hamstead Norreys, Everington, Buckhold, lands in Cookham and in Reading. In consideration whereof he released Twyford and Wokingham ("Okingham"); his pretence to them being the mistaking of the counties wherein the fines were levied. Later Lord Norreys complained that he had not been put into the Commission of the Peace. IV.—1602. Elizabeth, Dowager Lady Russell, writes to Cecil that her neighbour Mr. Dolman sends her word that the Queen means to come to his house. "If it please you, to lie in Donnington Castle, the poor desolate widow will afford you and my Lord of Worcester and his lady and my Lord of Shrewsbury and his lady [Bess of Hardwick's daughter] your friends three bedchambers, with inner chambers, Castle fashion, the best I have. (But soft I do not say for yourself and your lady one.) Let me forthwith know your pleasure herein and the day of your coming, that the widow may send for provision to London for your supper and time of Her Majesty's abode here." V.—Postal endorsements on letters of 1602 are given. Bristol, 25th Jan., 9 p.m. Calne 3.45 a.m., 26th, Marlborough 7.30 a.m., Newbury 12 noon, Reading 4 p.m., Hounslow 9 p.m. Another reads "at Reading at paste 10 of the clocke in the morning, At Maydenhead past 1 of the klok in the afternone." But there were complaints. Cecil's "last letters (though signed for life) were in running from the Court to York from 8 in the morning of the 16th till 4 in the afternoon of the 18th. Packets signed with an ordinary pass are for the most part four days in running.—E. K. PURNELL, North Hill, Windlesham.

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### Queries.

ROSE HILL, CAVERSHAM.—Can any reader kindly give any information with regard to the date of the building of this house, and of its early inhabitants?—M.C.M.

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## Proceedings of Societies.

BERKS ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—The annual meeting was held on May 4th, Mr. Keyser presiding. The Hon. Secretary's Report was read, which is published in this Journal, and Mr. Walker proposed and Mr. Wright seconded a proposition that it should be received, adopted, and printed and circulated, and that the best thanks of the Society be given to the Secretary. Mr. Ravenscroft presented his cash statement, for which he was thanked. The accounts showed £75 19s. 2½d. received; £69 18s. 6d. expended; leaving a balance of £6 os. 8½d. The Officers were then elected, and Mr. Gordon Hills gave a lecture entitled "Notes on the Customs and Constitutions of the Cathedrals of the Old Foundation, with special reference to Chichester." Tea was provided by the kind invitation of Mrs. F. E. Williams.

Owing to the Coronation festivities the usual excursion in June was abandoned. A two days' excursion has been arranged for July 26th and 27th, to Wells and Glastonbury.

NEWBURY DISTRICT FIELD CLUB.—We hope to publish in our next number the account of the annual meeting, and of the first excursion to Northern Berkshire.