

THE BELLS OF BERKSHIRE.—The study of Campanology in the county of Berks has not received much attention, as far as we are aware. Hidden away in many an old Church Tower there are bells which have peeled forth their sonorous notes for three or four centuries, and whose antiquity is scarcely known even to those who often listen to their voice and obey their summons. Curious inscriptions are frequently found upon them; the names of founders, rectors, churchwardens, &c., are recorded, and sometimes the memory of notable characters in history is preserved on the time-worn, rusted surface of our bells. If our correspondents, and others who may be interested in the subject, will ascend their Church Towers and send us some notes of any ancient bells which they may discover, we may by degrees amass a complete chronicle of the Bells of Berkshire.

Affiliated Societies.

The Newbury Field Club held its Annual Meeting on April 24th. The President (Mr. W. G. Mount, M.P.) directed the attention of the Members to the contemplated restoration of the interesting old church at Lambourn. The tower is one of the oldest structures in the county, but owing to the extra height placed on the original Norman structure in the fifteenth century, it has got into a dangerous state, the tower arches being now unable to sustain the additional weight imposed upon them. On June 18th the Society made an expedition to Hughenden and High Wycombe.

Arrangements have been made to exchange publications with other Antiquarian Societies, and the following Journals have been received:—*Leicestershire and Rutland Notes and Queries*; *Gloucestershire Notes and Queries*; *Yorkshire Notes and Queries*; *Scottish Antiquary*; *Western Antiquary*: in addition to the Surrey Collections, already mentioned.