

BICENTENARY OF A VESTRY ACCOUNT BOOK IN USE.—At the Easter Vestry Meeting at Hurley the book in which the Churchwardens for Church Expenses was presented to the meeting, was purchased on June 20th, 1698, and has been used ever since.—F. J. WETHERED.

HURLEY PRIORY SEALS. — *Errata* p. 115, line 29, for Niesman read Niweman. Under Seal No. CX. for February 3rd, 1300, read Wednesday before Annunciation (March 25th), and for This Deed which is made, &c., read This Deed, the Seal of which, &c.

## Replies.

MALTHUS FAMILY (p. 122).—See "Collections for a History of the Family of Malthus," by J. O. Payne, London, 1890. Pedigrees will be found in Morant's "Essex," II., 543, and in Richard's Collection at the British Museum, Add. MS. 28,668, fo. 209. The following are stray notes:—

Wills of Berkshire Malthuses in the P.C.C.—

1646.	Malthus, Robert	5.	Twisse.
1655.	" Margery, widow.	291.	Aylett.
1658.	" John.	506.	Wotton.
1668.	" Wm.	128.	Hene.

There are probably others.

1654, June 3. Will of Gilbert Garrard, of Shinfield, gentleman. "To my son-in-law John Malthus ten shillings and to Anne his wife and to every of their children five shillings apiece." Proved 27th Sept., 1658 (P.C.C., 400 Wotton).

1603-25. Chancery proceedings, James I., Malthus v. Blaggrave. M. 9/36 refers to the water mills at Reading.

1580-81. Deed between John Malthus of Benefield, gent., and Richard Malthus in reference to land, mills, &c., next the land of John Thomsberie. Signature and seal of John Malthus. (Coleman's Catalogue No. 202, vol. 23, lot 135, 1891.)

1582. Deed between Richard of Bendfield, gent., and Roger Byddle in reference to land in Bendfield. Signature of Richard Malthus. (Coleman's Catalogue No. 202, vol. 23, lot 332, 1891.)

1580-81. Deed between John Malthus of Bendfield, gent., and Richard Malthus, son of the said John, in reference to the mansion house and land in Bendfield. Signature of Richard Malthus. Witnesses, John Treman, parson, William Monntague and others. (Coleman's Catalogue No. 204, vol. 23, lot 6, 1891.)

1721. Deed between the Mayor and Corporation of Reading and Reginald Fellows of Reading, Esq., in reference to Minster mill and lands late in possession of Robert Malthus and previously of Thomas Thorne. Signature of Richard Richards and Corporation seal. (Coleman's Catalogue No. 208, vol. 23, lot 177, 1892.)—G.F.T.S.