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HISTORY OF THE PARISH OF EAST LOCKINGE, BERKS, BY MR. H. HALLAM. (Bartlett, London, and Nichols, Wantage). We cannot commend too highly this carefully written history of an important Berkshire village. Mr. Hallam's name is known to our readers as a student of Bell-lore ; and his new work will be welcomed by them as an accurate and pleasantly-written record of the village known to many as the residence of the Lord Lieutenant of the county, Lord Wantage. He tells us much about the history of the Manors of East Lockinge, Betterton and Ginge, and of the various owners, and Lady Wantage contributes a descriptive account of the pictures and other treasures of the Mansion. The chapter dealing with the history and architecture of the Parish Church will be read with much interest, and also the account of the Rectory. The extracts from the Parish Registers are curious and quaint, and will repay careful study. There is a book of affidavits of burials in woollen, and records of fines paid for avoiding the obnoxious law. Puritanism does not seem to have extended its influence in these remote parts of Berkshire, and all through the commonwealth period christenings were registered, and not the births as was usual at that time. Mr. Hallam discourses pleasantly on the antiquities of the Parish, recording the remains of the Anglo-Saxon burial which the present writer had the honour of exhibiting and describing to the Society of Antiquarians ; on the old roads, springs and wells, and especially on the field and place names which are so important, and concerning which so many errors are usually made. We venture to doubt Mr. Hallam's derivation of the name of the village. The original form was undoubtedly Lackinges or Lackinge, and signifies the sons of Lak, the original Saxon settler. We congratulate Mr. Hallam on his very carefully and pleasantly written book, and hope that many other writers will follow his example and record the annals of the place in which they live.

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HISTORY OF THE KEMP FAMILY.—Mr. F. Hitchin-Kemp is about to publish a history of his family, and would be glad to receive any unpublished facts relating to any branches of the family who may have resided in the counties of Berks, Bucks and Oxon. The Kemps have many distinguished scions of their race, and the volume promises to be a very important one. All communications should be addressed at once to the Author, 6, Beechfield Road, Catford, London, S.E.