

Church and Chapel records may afford information. Captain Hall always told me that General Lord Essex, the Parliamentary General, confided the besieging of Shiplake Court at Shiplake to his ancestor, who had a private spite against Mr. Francis Plowden, owner of that seat, who was a Roman Catholic.—(Mrs.) EMILY T. CLIMENSON, Shiplake Grange, Oxon.

Queries.

KNAPP FAMILY.—Mr. Oswald G. Knapp, of Hillside, Castle Hill, Maidenhead, is collecting materials for a general history of the Knapp family, which will be issued in a large volume with views of Seats, Arms, Portraits, etc. He will be glad of any information respecting existing families of that name. This important family history will be especially interesting to residents in Berks and Oxfordshire, as there were several branches in these counties, and also in Bucks. Thomas Knapp of Tylehurst was the founder of the Berks branch, which also extended to Shilton and Blechington, Oxon, and Little Linford and Shenley, Bucks. The Knapps were a wide spreading race, and inter-married with numerous County families in the three shires; their pedigree and family history will, therefore, be of much interest to others, including the following families:—Buckeridge, Bostock, Clarke, Keblewhite, Latton, Loder, Pottenger, Reade, Smallbone, Stampe, Wheate, Wilder. Mr. Oswald Knapp has kindly promised to send to this Journal information relating to these families if such be required.—EDITOR.

Proceedings of Societies.

BERKS ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—Owing to the General Election no meeting of the Society was held in January.

On February 3rd, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Ditchfield, gave a lecture on "The Manor Houses of England," illustrated by lantern slides.

On February 22nd, the President delivered an admirable lecture on "An Architectural Account of the Churches of Boxford, Avington, Uffington and Ashbury," illustrated by an excellent series of lantern views. Mr. Keyser kindly consented to publish his lecture in this Journal, and to contribute a number of plates illustrating his paper.

On March 10th, Mr. Mill Stevenson, F.S.A., gave an interesting lecture on "Some Continental Brasses," illustrated by lantern slides.

On April 6th, Mr. R. H. Foster will lecture on "The Roman City of Corstopitum, near Corbridge-on-Tyne," illustrated by lantern slides.

On April 29th, a lecture will be given by the Rev. R. S. Mylne, M.A., B.C.L., F.S.A., on "Bayeaux and Norman Architecture," illustrated by lantern slides. This will be the Annual Meeting of the Society, when officers will be elected and reports read.

SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES.—The 193rd Anniversary of the founding of the Society will be held on St. George's Day, April 23rd, when the members will dine together at Burlington House.