

APPEAL.

304, BANBURY ROAD,
OXFORD.

DEAR MR. DITCHFIELD,

The late Dr. Macrae left to the Bodleian Library Kelly's Directory for the three counties with many notes, prints, photographs and printed matter relating to many parishes in this Diocese. Mr. Madan has asked me to continue the collection, making Dr. Macrae's legacy a foundation to work on ; so far I have been successful in the immediate neighbourhood.

I propose making this an exhaustive reference to every parish in the three counties, giving a list of literature connected with them, engravings or photographs or reference to where they may be found, churches and other buildings, date of erection or restoration, dedication, openings, etc., special efforts to raise money, printed matter, maps, plans, public notices, sales of property, in fact, anything of local or general interest that would be useful for research in the distant future. Of course any MSS. will be cared for, and be easily accessible under the heading of the parish.

I should be grateful for any suggestions or help towards the success of this collection, and as there is no other person who has so wide a knowledge as yourself of the requirements for this undertaking, I should be glad if you would use your influence when opportunity occurs, to interest the clergy in the project.

I am badly in need of a second copy of Kelly's Directory for Berks, Bucks, and Oxon for 1887, as I wish to add a copy of their description to the other matter pertaining to each parish.

Anything sent to me at the Bodleian will be duly acknowledged.

Yours most truly,

W. P. ELLIS.