

Esq., also of Burghfield. Reginald Williams was brother to Lord Williams of Thame, Lord High Chamberlain in the reign of Philip and Mary, who distinguished himself in the burning of the Bishops at Oxford; and his ardour caused him even to silence the dying Cranmer, when he attempted to speak from the stake, by cries of 'Make short, make short.' Lord Williams and his wife were buried at Thame. The figures of the baron and his lady are richly carved in alabaster, on their tomb, in the costume of the later years of Elizabeth; and it is remarkable that they have their heads, instead of their feet, turned towards the East. Richard Moore of Burghfield was an ancestor of Sir Francis Moore, Knt., of Fawley, near Wantage, where the picturesque old manor-house, occupied by so many generations of the Moores, is still standing, and is the property of Philip Wroughton, Esq., M.P. Sir Francis Moore is known by the 'Reports' which bear his name, and as having obtained a Charter from King James I., granting him the privilege of establishing the celebrated sheep-fair at East Ilsley, which had from early times been held on Cuckhamsley Hill, on the line of the famous 'Ridgeway.' Sir Henry Moore, of Fawley, was created a baronet in 1627; and the title and family became extinct on the death of Sir Thomas Moore, in 1807.

"I would refer those of your readers who may wish for further information on the subject of Leicester and Amy Robsart (Lady Dudley) to 'An Inquiry into the Particulars connected with the Death of Amy Robsart,' by J. T. Pettigrew, F.R.S., F.S.A., London, 1859; 'A Critical Enquiry into the Authenticity of the various Statements in relation to the Death of Amy Robsart,' by George Adlard, 1870; 'An Historical and Descriptive Account of Cumnor Place, &c.,' by A. D. Bartlett, of Abingdon, J. H. Parker, 1850; and 'Amye Robsart,' by the Rev. Canon J. E. Jackson, F.S.A., Wilts Arch. Mag., vol. xvii., pp. 47-93. Also to the recent Calendar of State Papers in the possession of the Marquis of Salisbury, at Hatfield. Among these latter MSS. is a Minute of Secretary Cecil a Meeting of the Privy Council in April, 1566, to consider the question of Leicester's marriage with the Queen. Two of the reasons assigned against it are these:—'He shall study nothing but to enhass his own particular frends to welth, to officees, to lands, and to offend others.' '*He is infamed by deth of his wiff.*'"

Reviews.

A Parochial History of St. Mary Bourne. By JOSEPH STEVENS.

We subjoin from the local press a short critique of this scholarly and interesting volume by our learned Vice-President, Dr. STEVENS, who has rendered such signal service to the cause of Archæology in our own and the neighbouring counties:—

"Dr. Stevens, who has rendered many valuable services to the student of antiquarian subjects, deserves the warmest thanks of all those interested in the preservation of the records, history, and traditions of our parishes, for the care

and labour he has bestowed in collecting, arranging, and elucidating all the chief facts that can be ascertained respecting the neighbourhood of St. Mary Bourne and Hurstbourne Priors in Hampshire. His large and handsome volume of nearly four hundred pages is a perfect mine of information. . . . We trust that it will meet with a cordial reception, and enjoy the wide circulation it undoubtedly deserves. . . . It is just the book to inculcate and foster a love for intellectual and scientific pursuits, in such variety as to suit the tastes of all who have the least care for mental culture."

The *Salisbury and Winchester Journal* says:—" . . There can be no doubt that the book will be for a long time to come a standard work on the history of this county."

Historical Manuscripts Commission. XI. Report. Corporation Charities of Reading.

We have received from Mr. GOLDER a copy of this work, which has a peculiar interest for Reading people, and contains a perfect mine of most valuable antiquarian and historical lore. The book contains a report of the numerous MSS. in the possession of the Reading Corporation, and gives information with regard to the old Trade Companies, Hearth-money, Burgess-money, Witchcraft, the Plague, Court Leet, the Players and Minstrels, Swan Marks, Gilds, "Stokks," Royal Visitors, and the striking events in English History with which the old town has been connected. We recommend every one who desires to know more about the history of his native town to read this most interesting volume.

Lecture on Thomas Noon Talfourd.

A copy has been sent to us of an interesting Paper by one of our Members, Mr. J. A. BRAIN, on the life and work of Sir Thomas N. Talfourd, a native of Reading, of whose brilliant career Mr. BRAIN has given a graphic and careful sketch. As far as we are aware, no biography of Judge Talfourd has yet appeared; and this Paper is the first contribution towards a "Life of Talfourd," which would, we feel sure, prove more worthy of record and more interesting than some of the numerous biographies which are constantly being produced.

History of Merchant Taylors' Company. By C. M. CLODE, C.B.; F.S.A.

Want of space obliges us to defer our notice of Mr. Clode's valuable "History of Merchant Taylors' Company," until our next issue.