Correspondence.

SIR,—May I be permitted to add the following notes to Mr. Rutland's able address reported in the last number of the Berks Archæological Society. "Leland states that Maidenhead was denominated Alaunodunum, and also observes it was of old time called "Sowth Elington."

The town is situate on a Roman road, but whether it existed during Roman period seems uncertain.

The name "Elyndene" is found in the Court Roll of Bray and Cookham between 1333 and 1454. The town is called Elinton for the last time in the Bray Court Roll, 1296.

The name formerly spelt Maydenhuth in Bray Court Roll, 1288 to 1395, is supposed by Lyson and Gorham to be derived from "Maiden" (signifying "New") and "hythe" (a wharf). The word "Maiden" is used as we speak of a "maiden" speech. Personally I prefer Mr. Rutland's derivation. It is spelt in the Bray Court Roll as "Maydenhith" from 1432 to 1500, and as "Maiden-head" from 1500.

The old chapel was erected by the family of Hosebund about 1270, and re-built 1724. It stood in the roadway of the main street, and was re-built (where it now stands) in 1824.

The oldest Memorial Tablet bears date 1663. The Communion Plate is dated 1657 and 1727.

The Cookham Court Roll mentions Galfridur as Chaplain, 1395. (Richard II.) The Chapel became a benefice 1726, and Chas. Millar was the first Chaplain who received institution from the Bishop.

Yours obediently,

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