



Notes and Queries

RELATING TO BERKS, BUCKS AND OXON.

Communications are invited upon all subjects of Antiquarian or Architectural interest relating to the three counties. Correspondents are requested to write as plainly as possible, on one side of the paper only, with REPLIES, QUERIES and NOTES on SEPARATE SHEETS, and the name of the writer appended to each communication.

Notes.

DOMESDAY TABLES for the counties of Surrey, Berkshire, Middlesex, Hertford, Buckingham, Bedford, and for the New Forest, by the Hon. Francis Henry Baring (St. Catherine Press, 8, York Buildings, Adelphi, London).—This is a most valuable contribution to the study of Domesday Book, and we congratulate the author on the result of his careful research. Want of space prevents us from adequately reviewing this work in the present number, but we hope to call attention to it later on. The Author would be glad to hear from any members of Archæological Societies in Berks and Bucks, who are interested in the study of Domesday.

Queries.

HALL FAMILY OF HARPSDEN COURT.—The October number of the Archæological Journal containing your account of Harpsden Court is possibly of interest to me. How can I get information in regard to the Hall family that you say occupied this place from 1645 to 1855. It is quite possible that the Richard Hall who took up land in Maryland in 1650, and gave the name of Aldermaston, Mitcham, etc., etc., to his patents, and where next neighbours in Maryland were Cromwells of the same family as the General, was of the same family as the Halls of Harpsden. Aldermaston here was in the family from 1650 to 1860. Much of the other land taken up in 1650 is still in the family.—WM. COLEMAN HALL, 5137 Pulaski Avenue, Philadelphia, U.S.A.

MUNDY FAMILY.—Sir John Mundy, Mayor of London in 1522-3, is said to have been the son of William Mundy of High Wycombe. In Kingston's History of High Wycombe it is stated that a William Mundy was Mayor of the town in 1487. I should be glad to know if this statement is correct. Sir John Mundy was apprenticed to Sir John Shaa, Goldsmith of London, in 1482. In his Grant of Arms he is described as "of East Checkendon, Co. Oxon." He acquired the estates of Markeaton, Mackworth and Allestrey, Co. Derby, which are now in the possession of his descendants. I find mention of the Mundy

family at High Wycombe from the year 1344, and during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries various persons of that name appear to have held land in the neighbourhood, and filled public offices in High Wycombe and Aylesbury. Probably they were connected with the Maunde family of Chesterton, Co. Oxon, to whom there are brasses in the church of Chesterton. Any information on the subject would be very welcome.—PERCY D. MUNDY, 49, Selborne Road, Hove.

Proceedings of Societies.

BERKS ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—The first lecture of the Winter Session was given at the Abbey Gate on November 19th, when Mr. E. K. Purnell gave an interesting lecture on "The History of the Houses of Parliament." It was a very judicial and clearly delivered contribution to the constitutional history of England. The chair was occupied by the President, and there was a good attendance of Members. Mrs. Williams kindly entertained the company to tea.

Other lectures have been arranged :—

On January 20th, Mr. Mill Stephenson, F.S.A., will lecture on "Some Continental Brasses," illustrated by lantern slides. [Owing to the General Election this lecture has been postponed to March.]

On February 3rd, Mr. Ditchfield will lecture on "The Manor Houses of England," illustrated by lantern slides.

On February 22nd, the President will give a lecture on Some Berkshire Churches, illustrated by lantern slides.

NEWBURY DISTRICT FIELD CLUB finished the season with a very successful excursion to East and Great Shefford, Chaddleworth, Poughley and Winterbourne, on September 24th. We hope to give a detailed account of the places visited in a future number of the Journal.