Supposed Relic-holder from Shepperton.—Dr. Eric Gardner, F.S.A., Local Secretary for Surrey, forwards the following note: Shepperton Manor House stands on the north bank of the Thames, above Walton, almost exactly half-way between Shepperton church and the site of the old church which was washed away in the latter half of the sixteenth century, and now lies in the bed of the river. Remains of it are dredged up from time to time, and its foundations occasionally

Supposed relic-holder from Shepperton. ($\frac{1}{3}$)

obstruct the river steamers when the water is unduly low. The leaden vessel, here illustrated, was found in the river just off the east end of the Manor House lawn, in association with the sunken masonry which lies there. It measures approximately $6\frac{1}{2}$ in. in height, and $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. in diameter. Its close resemblance to the leaden relic-holders described in the *Antiquaries Journal*, i, 271, makes it probable that it is the relic-holder from the altar of old Shepperton church.

Mural painting in Little Baddow Church, Essex.—The Rev. J. Berridge in a letter in the *Times Literary Supplement* of 6th July 1922 reports the discovery of a wall painting of St. Christopher in the usual place on the north wall of Little Baddow church. The painting, which measures about 10 ft. by 7 ft., was until recently covered by a thin coat of plaster and colour work. The saint is represented leaning on his staff and carrying the Christ child, who holds an orb. At the side is a church with belfry, bell, and turret, and other figures are also to be faintly seen. The background is red powdered with flowers. The upper part of the painting is well preserved, but the lower is considerably worn. Beneath the painting can be seen in places traces of earlier decoration, suggesting blocks of masonry.

Excavations at Abingdon Abbey.—Mr. A. E. Preston, F.S.A., on behalf of the Excavation Committee, forwards the following report:

Excavations on the site of the former Abbey of Abingdon have been