



## The Berks, Bucks & Oxon Archæological Journal.

WITH this number the Eighteenth Volume of this Journal commences. The Editing of the volumes has been a considerable labour, but the work has been rewarded by the appreciation of many readers, and by the satisfaction that the researches of many scholars and students herein find a permanent record. Without the aid of this Journal much that has been saved from the ravages of Time must have been lost. Eighteen years ago the Editor was invited by Mr. James Parker, F.G.S., to meet the Secretaries of various Archæological Societies in the three Counties at Oxford, to arrange for the production of a Journal to contain the transactions of these various associations. Since then some of the societies have practically ceased to exist. Others have inaugurated their own journals; but the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Archæological Journal still continues its useful mission, though we should like to see that usefulness extended, its circulation increased, and a longer list of correspondents from all parts of the three Counties.

We are grateful to all antiquaries who have contributed to our pages, and especially to Mr. Keyser, F.S.A., President of the Berks Society, for his admirable series of illustrated papers on the Ecclesiastical Architecture of the County, which have for some time formed an important feature of this Journal. We would again solicit the aid of correspondents in various parts of the three Counties, and invite them to send in notes on antiquarian discoveries, on new architectural projects, and on all matters appertaining to the past history of our towns and villages.

The Editor has been fortunate in securing the assistance of Mr. J. Hautenville Cope as Assistant Editor. His experience on the Staff of the Victoria County History will render his help most valuable.

We would remind Subscribers that several subscriptions are in arrears, and we should be obliged if these could be paid without further delay. The names of New Subscribers will be thankfully received, and a copy of the Journal will be sent to anyone who desires to make its acquaintance. It is the Official Journal of the Berks Archæological Society, and all Members are especially invited to become Subscribers.