

an ancestor of Hopson, of Newbury. Wren was an extraordinarily gifted man. His father was Dean of Windsor and in charge of the insignia belonging to the Star and Garter. When the Commonwealth came into existence he buried the insignia, and for a long time after the Cromwellian forces got into Windsor they hunted for it in vain. At last they found it, he believed, under the altar of the Chapel. A cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Macartney, which was unanimously carried, was proposed by the Rev. H. Cooper-Smith.

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## 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.*

THE Editors express the earnest hope that a larger number of Correspondents will avail themselves of these pages, and thus help those responsible for the publication of this Journal to extend its usefulness. There are several Queries—inserted in the Journals for 1915—still remaining unanswered. It is hoped that some readers may solve them.

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### Notes.

MODEL OF THE WEST FRIEZE OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.—When my husband, the Rev. John Climenson, restored Shiplake Church under Mr. Street's guidance, in 1869-70, on the tower wall was a model of the centre upper compartment of the western front of St. Paul's Cathedral. Of this, Mr. Howman, 50 years Vicar of Shiplake, from 1799 to 1849, in his notebook of a previous restoration of Shiplake Church in 1822, says: "There is every reason to believe that it is an original one, not only from the exquisite perfection of its execution, but from the circumstances of its having been brought from Badgemore House, near Henley-on-Thames, where Mr. Richard Jennings, the master builder of St. Paul's, resided. When the family of Grote quitted Badgemore it was purchased from that house by Mr. J. Plumbe, of Henley, who set it up as a front to a summer house in his garden. Here it remained for two years, but in 1833 was given by Mr. Plumbe to Rev. A. E. Howman, the Vicar of Shiplake. The alto relievo is composed of terra cotta; the rest is wood, which was fortunately preserved during its exposure at Henley by having been painted so coarsely that the flutings of the columns could scarcely be perceived. Their interior had entirely perished, but the decaying wood being removed and the hollows filled in with plaster of Paris, and then the outside paint being removed the work was restored to its original beauty." The representation in the frieze is the conversion of St. Paul. Mr. Richard Jennings, son of Nicholas Jennings and his wife (née Priscilla Salter, of Pangbourne), was master builder of St. Paul's Cathedral under Sir Christopher Wren. He built Badgemore, near

Henley, it is said, of the bricks and scaffolding of St. Paul's, brought to Henley by barges. The exterior of St. Paul's was finished in 1710. After Richard Jennings' death in 1718 Badgemore passed through several hands till a Mr. Adams left it to his nephew, Joseph Grote, uncle of the historian, who eventually inherited Badgemore and sold it in 1831, and presumably the model was included in the purchase. In 1870 the Vicar, the Rev. John Climenson, and the Churchwardens, deeming this model would be more properly placed in St. Paul's Cathedral, offered it to the Dean and Canons. They accepted it and sent £10 to the Restoration Fund of Shiplake Church. It is now in the Library of the Cathedral.—From my "History of Shiplake Church," EMILY J. CLIMENSON.

LAUD KINSHIP.—Archbishop Laud, by his will dated 1643, provided for the apprenticing of twelve boys at £10 each, ten natives of Reading, one Wokingham, and one Bray. This is to be done for two years, and every third year the £120 is to be given to six poor maids in marriage portions of £20 each (they must have lived three years in one place), five natives of Reading and one of Wokingham. On the 16th April, 1645, Elizabeth Fynmore, servant to Sam Johnson, claimed under the will; and 7th October, 1653, Margaret Fynmore, maidservant, claimed under Laud's will for the gift for preferment in marriage for the town of Reading. Later, Anne and Mabel Bigg, daughters of Richard Bigg, of Reading, cordwainer, of kin to Laud, were elected for the "six poor maids"; Sarah Mayott, maidservant, elected 1680 as of kin, and Mary Mayott, Jane Smith and Elizabeth Bowland, maids, said to have been of kin to Laud. In 1737 a resolution was passed that no person in future to be taken to be of kin to Archbishop Laud unless he or she produces a satisfactory pedigree. Doubtless claims became so numerous, and the kinship so remote, that this determination was necessary. It apparently is not recorded of the first two above applicants that they claimed to be of kin; I suppose that it is inferred. I should like to ascertain in what way they were connected with Laud's family. Anne Fynmore, of Reading, in her will, 1603, mentions her daughter who married — Webbe, who may have been related to the Archbishop's mother. Is it known who was Laud's grandmother, the wife of John Webbe, clothier, of Reading? —R. J. FYNMORE.

### Queries.

JOHN HARRISON, of Beech Hill, Berks, son of Richard Harrison, of Finchampstead. Matriculated St. Mary's Hall, Oxford, 1603. Admitted to Lincoln's Inn, 1606; Bar, 1613: Lent Reader, 1633; Double Reader and Treasurer of that Society, 1649. A friend of Elias Ashmole. Was 79 years of age, 1665. Married twice—firstly, Elizabeth, daughter of George Carleton, of Huntercombe, Oxon; secondly, Dorothy, daughter of Sir Edward Clarke, Knt., of Ardington, Berks.

EDWIN GRIFFIN, Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, 1698, son of Edwin Griffin, of New Windsor, Berks. Married Annie Goldesborough, of Harmondsworth, Middlesex. They had a son, Edwin Griffin, also of Lincoln's Inn and Harmondsworth. The will of the latter is at Somerset House (178 Edmunds), but the Treasurer's will cannot be found there. These arms of Griffin in east window, Lincoln's Inn Chapel, *arg. a griffin segreant sa.* Any information with regard to legal career, family and death of the above lawyers will be much appreciated. —M. S. THORPE, 49, Kitchener Road, East Finchley, N.