

certainly not forget the obligation which we owe to Mr. Eric S. Haslam and his sisters, through whose good will and generosity the work is being done; nor should we omit to express our appreciation of the unfailing interest and care with which the builders, Messrs. Joseph Parker & Son, and their foreman, Mr. Frank Hopkins, have carried it out.

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#### THE DERBYSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE.

A quarterly magazine under this title is to be published by the Derbyshire Rural Community Council under the editorship of Dr. L. du Garde Peach, M.A., who is well-known to readers of *Punch*, and to wireless listeners. The subjects will embrace matters of interest connected with Derbyshire, and no doubt the editor would welcome short papers on archaeology, antiquarian and historical subjects. Copies of the magazine may be had from Mr. L. Ramsbottom, secretary, Derbyshire Rural Community Council, Queen Street, Derby, at a cost of twopence each number.

THE DERBYSHIRE HOLDENS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS,  
by Wilfred H. Holden. Pub. by Apex Printing  
Service, 25, Little Saint Andrew St., London, W.C.2.  
1930. 3 guineas.

At the time of writing this is not issued, but it will be a handsome volume, crown quarto, antique paper and limited to 100 copies.

The work is illustrated by portraits, views, fac-similes of ancient deeds, arms, chart pedigrees, etc.; and in addition to the interesting story of the family of Holden, and its various branches, it contains valuable notices of allied families, lists of lords of manors, notes on the manors of Aston, and histories of the manors and estates of Darley Abbey (Derbyshire), Lackford (Suffolk), Haw-

ton, Nuthall, Felley Priory and Bramcote (Notts.), etc. At a time when the Holdens' house is passing from private to public ownership, it seems appropriate to embody its history in book form, for its future will be void of historical interest.

WILLIAM DUESBURY'S LONDON ACCOUNT BOOK, 1751-3.

With a foreword by R. L. Hobson. Illus. 15/- net.

Pub. by Herbert Jenkins, November, 1930.

Many readers of *D.A.J.* will be pleased to know that this important document has at last been published in full, and is now available for the student of English porcelain. This account book is referred to in the Editor's paper on the "Derby Pot Works" on another page. It was the property of the late Mr. William Bemrose of Derby, and after his death it was for many years lost to the world. The writer of this note discovered its present location through the late Mr. H. Cheney Bemrose, son of the former owner of the book, who thought it might be in the British Museum. So it was, not in the B.M. library, but in a parcel of miscellaneous papers in the Ceramic Department, where it had lain for 25 years unnoticed and unrecorded. The book is a document, not a narrative, and as such is of greater interest to the expert than to the general reader.

FURTHER NOTE ON A HOLED STONE NEAR ARBOR LOW.

A paper entitled "Arbor Low and the Holed-Stone," which appeared in the previous *Journal*, while containing certain useful conjectures calls for critical comment. The main point of the article concerns a much weathered stone gatepost in a wall one field away from the Circle. The writer describes it as having been recently brought from a situation lower down the field where it served as threshold to a gateway since abolished. But its extra disused iron brackets show plainly that its earlier use for a