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Editorial Address.

THE BERKS ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY has made a new departure, and determined to promote the study of Antiquities by publishing a QUARTERLY JOURNAL. The advantages which the publication of such a periodical will afford are so evident, that we feel sure it will commend itself to all the Members and friends of the Society. The QUARTERLY JOURNAL will be a permanent record of the work which the Society accomplishes, of the Papers which are read at its Meetings, of the discoveries which from time to time are made. It will be a means for enquiries to be instituted, and for Members to seek information upon any subject in which they may be interested. It will stimulate research into Parochial Records and Documents, the results of which will find a fitting place in our columns. The Royal County possesses vast fields for Archæological discovery which have never been explored. No exhaustive County History has ever been written, and in many a village hamlet there lie historical treasures awaiting discovery, and needing only the energy and zeal of an ardent Archæologist to bring them to the light. We venture to hope that the QUARTERLY JOURNAL may be the means of encouraging this research, and enable us to compile by degrees a large amount of historical and antiquarian knowledge which now lies unheeded or forgotten.

In this work the Editor begs the hearty co-operation of all Members of the Society and antiquarian students in the County. It is only by their help that an undertaking of this nature can be successfully accomplished. He hopes that some one specially interested in the work may be found in each Hundred of Berks who will kindly consent to forward to him any notes of antiquarian interest which relate to that Hundred. He invites all Members to take advantage of the "Notes and Queries" column, to institute enquiries about questions upon which they may be doubtful, and he hopes that those who have special knowledge upon any subject will favour the enquirers with replies. Researches into Folklore, the Genealogies of County Families and of the Owners of Ancient Manors, will here be recorded.

Nor must we omit the Architectural Branch of our Society's work. Notices of New Buildings and Restorations will always find a welcome in our pages, and this feature of the work of the Society will not be the least interesting among the records contained in the *QUARTERLY JOURNAL*.

In addition to the Berks Archæological Society, the Royal County possesses kindred associations—the Newbury Field Club and the Thames Valley Antiquarian Society—which have done good work in promoting the study of the past. Our columns will be open to the researches of the learned members of these societies, and we trust that our *QUARTERLY JOURNAL* may be the means of drawing together all who are seeking the same object, and who revere the traditions that time doth consecrate. With the hearty co-operation of all who love Antiquity, we fear not that our undertaking will succeed.

