

feathers in the pillow. It was immediately changed for one that was known to contain none, and the patient became quiet at once, and did not long survive. It may be worth while mentioning that twice during the last three months a corpse has been kept over a Sunday in this parish, and no fresh death occurred before the week was out.—EDWARD R. GARDINER, Fawley, Wantage.

List of Books relating to the History of Berks.

Miss Thoys has sent the following List of Books which she has found useful in giving information as to Local County History :—

Oxfordshire.—Vol. 5, Visitations of Oxfordshire in 1566 by W. Harvey, 1574 by R. Lee, and 1634 by J. Philpott and W. Ryley, with the Gatherings in Oxfordshire, collected by R. Lee in 1574, edited and annotated by W. H. Turner, 1871. A valuable book.

Oxfordshire.—Lords Lieutenant and High Sheriffs of Oxfordshire, 1086-1868, thin royal 8vo., cloth, gilt edges, 1868, full of pedigrees, as Berks and Oxon were under one High Sheriff until Queen Elizabeth's reign. This interesting work is augmented by Genealogical Notices of the various persons mentioned, rendering it in consequence of much value to the Genealogist.

Berkshire.—The Visitation of Berkshire, 1664-6, by Elias Ashmole, *Windsor Herald*, for Sir Edward Bysshe, *Clarenceux*, edited by W. C. Metcalfe, F.S.A., imperial 8vo. cloth, 1882.

Reading Corporation MSS.—An index published by the Historical MSS. Commission, 1888, eleventh report, appendix part VII., price 2s.

History of Wallingford.—1882, John Kirby Hedges, a very interesting book containing a *resumé* of English History.

Genealogist.—Vol. 4, Berks.

History of St. Lawrence's Church.—1883, Rev. C. Kerry.

Parochial History of Berks.

Non-Jurors of 1715.—Payne and Estcourt.

Berkshire (Description of).—De Foe.

Charities of Berks.—Parry.

History of Reading.—1802, Coates.

Berry's Genealogy of Berkshire.

Ashmole's Berkshire.

Executions at Reading.—MSS. book in Reference Library.

Ashmole.—Visitation of Berks.

Worthies of Berks.—Holme.

Hundred of Compton.—Hewett.

History of Newbury.—W. Money.

Battles of Newbury.—W. Money.

Hundred of Bray.—Kerry.

Verrim Exemplar at the Bodleian Library is the MSS. of Ashmole's History of Berkshire, and contains much imprinted matter.

Hundred of Wanting.—Clarke.

- Miscellanea Hearniana.**—Harleian Society Publication.
Marriage Licences of Salisbury.—Harleian Society Publication.
Suppression of the Monasteries.—Gasquet.
Records and Record Hunting.—W. Rye, 1888.
History of Windsor.—Hakewell.
The Choke Family of Avington.—W. Money, 1882.
Registers of Thatcham.—W. Money.
History of Basildon.—W. Money.
History of Sulhamstead.—Is., 1887, Emma E. Thoyts.
Beauties of England and Wales.—Berks, 1802.
Parish Church Goods.—W. Money, 1879.
Murray's Handbook.—1882.
Berkshire Lady.—MacQuoid. This is the romance of Calcot House.
Dulce Domum.—Newton, 1884.
Snare's Tour Round Reading.
Handy Guide to Reading.—Beecroft, 1882.
Stranger's Guide to Reading.—Hillier, 1882.
Ecclesiastical History of Reading.—P. H. Ditchfield, 1883.
Burke's Extinct Baronetage.
Life of Rev. R. Bird, of Burghfield.
Knights Templars.—Camden Society Publication.
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Antiquarian News.

THE MONKS OF MEDMENHAM.—The Monks of Medmenham were of the Cistercian Order, so called from Cisteaux, in the Bishopric of Chalons, in France. They were called Grey Monks from the dress, which consisted of a white cassock, with a narrow scapulary, over which a black gown was worn when they went abroad, and they were noted for the strictness of their rules. The Rev. C. Lowndes, in a paper contributed in 1871 to "The Records of Buckinghamshire," says:—"The chronicle of Stanley, a Cistercian Abbey in Wiltshire, in the Bodleian Library, Oxford, and dated 1204, states that the attempt to colonize Medmenham was a failure, and the Monks returned to Woburn the same year, when the abbot of that place was in consequence deposed. Two very old lists of Cistercian houses, and the annals of Park Louth, another abbey of the same order, concur in dating the second, and in this case successful colonization of Medmenham, in A.D. 1212." The account of the Abbots is very imperfect, being a cell to Woburn, and sub-