



Notes and Queries

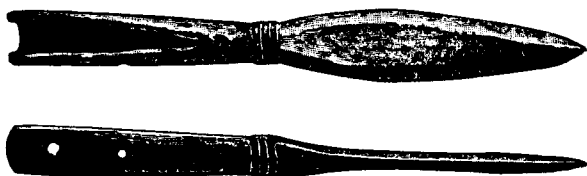
RELATING TO BERKS, BUCKS AND OXON.

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.

Notes.

IN reply to a query by Miss Thoyts on Pewter Church Vessels, in Vol. II. of the Berks Journal, it may be mentioned that the Alms Dish at Uffington Church is of pewter, quite plain, about nine inches in diameter, engraved on the rim Thos. Thatcher and Rich. Gearing, Churchwardens, 1790.

PILE DWELLING AT HEDSOR.—In our last number we published an account of the discovery of the Pile Dwellings at Hedsor. We now give an illustration of an iron spear-head found there. It is 6 1-10 inches long, with an open socket and two rivet holes. The neck is ornamented with three transverse bands representing the conventionalised string attachment to the shaft.



IRON SPEAR-HEAD FOUND AT HEDSOR.

THE Treasury authorities have just received from the Chief Constable of Buckingham a remarkable collection of coins, which were recently discovered at the village of Whitchurch, through the falling in of a ceiling of an old house. They are all silver coins and number 28, belonging entirely to the period covered by the reigns of Elizabeth, James I., and Charles I. The bulk of them are in an excellent state of preservation. The oldest date decipherable is 1565.

WINDSOR CASTLE is to have a museum for the reception of some of its historical relics which, owing to the want of a suitable place for their exhibition, have hitherto been inaccessible to visitors. The place selected for their arrangement is the spacious vestibule between the grand staircase and the Master of the Household's office. Here the walls are being fitted under the supervision of the Queen's Inspector of the Palace, with handsome oak and plate-glass cabinets, and in these the numerous interesting curios will be displayed when the cases are completed.

READING RECORDS.—The Rev. Hudson Shaw has been lecturing on Mediæval England, in connection with the Reading University Extension College, and mentioned the great boon which had been conferred upon all students of English history by the recent publication of the records of Reading. They owed it to the generosity of Mr. George William Palmer and to the scholarly perseverance of the editor of those records, the Rev. J. M. Guilding, that they now possessed a continuous narrative of some of the most interesting events in the history of this Borough, from a date early in the fifteenth century down to the time of Oliver Cromwell and the Commonwealth. Few English towns were so fortunate as to possess historical records so complete and instructive and so splendidly published and edited. It must always be a matter of the greatest interest to every patriotic citizen to be able to inform himself of the gradual development of his municipality from distant times, and to learn through what various and interesting stages of growth his native town had passed. That was the great boon which they owed to Mr. Palmer and to Mr. Guilding, and he ventured to express the hope that the publication of these valuable records might not stop with the Commonwealth in the 17th century, but that they might, if possible, be continued to a date much nearer to the present time.

Queries.

BUCKS SOLDIERS, 1645.—Are there any lists available of soldiers fighting on both sides in that contest?—A. C. H.

INQ. POST MORTEM.—Have any of them for Oxford and Bucks been printed?—A. C. H.

S. GILES', READING.—Where can I get the Registers of this Church recently printed?—A. C. H.

MARRIAGE WANTED.—I have marriage bond issued at Aylesbury, May, 1790, of John Duncombe, of London, and Sarah Goldwin, of Banbury. I want the place of marriage, supposed to be at Drayton, near Banbury, but there is no mention of it in the Register.—A. C. H.

DINTON.—What is known of the Dinton Hermit, who was supposed to be the executioner of Charles I.?

May I trouble you by enquiring if you can give me information—armorial, genealogical—relating to the families of Wayman, Weyman or Wheyman, Allen, Allan, Allyn, Merrill, Murrill, Byllynge, Billing, Washington, Warner. Should you be unable to do so, may I trouble you to refer me to some person who might be able to do so?—MARY E. RATH-MERRILL, St. Allan's Institute, Culumbus, Ohio, U.S.A., March 20th, 1897.