

the company departed highly pleased with the liberality of their benefactors. Relief was afforded by the town subscription to 480 poor persons, distributed in half-crown tickets, for bread and meat, and measures were taken for the release of the whole of the debtors confined in the county gaol by means of the same liberal benefactions."

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## Reviews.

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"**ECCLESIASTICAL MEMORIALS OF THE LOVETT FAMILY,**" by R. J. Arden Lovett (Van de Water, Ostend). Mr. Lovett, who contributed an account of Soulbury and its monuments to the last number of our Journal, has compiled a volume on the records of his ancient family, of whose lineage he may be justly proud. The Lovetts came over with the Conqueror; their ancestor was Richard de Louvet, who, with his sons William and Robert, assisted King William to subdue England. Their names are inscribed over the westerp door of the Notre Dame at Dives, Normandy. From William are descended the Lovetts of Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire, and he was enriched with many manors, and made master of the wolf hounds. Liscombe Park has been in the family ever since the thirteenth century, and is now in the possession of Percival Cosby Ernest Lovett, Esq. The author gives a list of the valuable family portraits which the house contains. In this volume will be found all the chief ecclesiastical records of the Lovetts, which extend over a wide area. In Bucks, Soulbury, Maidsmorton, Haddenham, Quanton, Fenny Stratford, Chichely, Great Hampden, Dinton, all contain monuments of the Lovetts. In Bedfordshire and Berkshire we find traces of them in the registers of Leighton Buzzard, Dunstable, Elstow and Sparsholt. In Northamptonshire Wappenham has many memorials; and Bredon and Pickwell, Leicestershire; Tawstock, Devon; Shoreham, Kent; and Caundle Bishop, Dorset; all help to tell the story of the Lovetts. As the author states "it is indeed a remarkable fact that a family should have continued in the male line for now nearly a thousand years,

and that there should be living at the present time no less than ten direct descendants." This quarto volume, which is well printed and carefully compiled, will be especially welcome to all members of the Lovett family, and to many others who are interested in genealogical and heraldic pursuits.

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"HISTORY OF THE ROYAL BERKSHIRE MILITIA," by Miss Thoyts. (Reading, printed for the authoress by Joseph Hawkes). We must congratulate Miss Thoyts upon the completion of a courageous and and well conceived task. It was no light matter to write the history of a Regiment, the records of which were a blank, and concerning which information was so scanty and difficult to procure. With much patience and indefatigable research has she gathered together the scattered details of Berkshire Military history, and woven them together into a compact and perfect whole. Colonel Bowles has contributed an introduction and an account of the Regiment during the last twenty-five years of its existence, and Miss Thoyts' book will long continue the standard work on the history of one of the most famous of our Militia battalions. In addition to much that is mainly interesting to the soldier and to relations and friends of officers who have belonged to this distinguished corps, there is a large amount of antiquarian detail which will well repay careful study. Both the authoress and her collaborateur carry us back to the early history of the defence of our country, to Saxon and Norman times, to the Fyrd, "arrays" and "musters," the Wars of the Roses, the tumultuous times of the civil war when Berkshire played no important part in the great struggle. Miss Thoyts' book will be welcomed by all who love their county, and who will be grateful to her for rescuing from oblivion the history of a Regiment which has played an important part in the military history of the country.

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"GLOUCESTERSHIRE PARISH REGISTERS—MARRIAGES," edited by W. P. W. Phillimore, M.A., B.C.L. Of late years there has been a great increase in published Parochial Registers, and the editor of this volume has contributed much to this kind of literature which is so important to the genealogist. He has wisely confined himself to marriages, as in so doing it is feasible to print the registers of a large number of parishes. The present volume contains those of eight parishes and records the weddings of about 11,000 persons.

The utility of the book will be great to all pedigree hunters, and we hope that Mr. Phillimore may be able to complete the task which he has begun.

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"THE GENEALOGICAL MAGAZINE."—We cordially welcome the first number of this new and valuable Journal of Family History, Heraldry and Pedigrees. It is published by Mr. Elliot Stock, and is therefore handsomely printed and artistically embellished, while experts in heraldry and genealogy contribute learned and able papers. Mr. Round writes on the surrender of the Isle of Wight; the Log of the Mayflower, the Sobieski Stuarts, Shakespeare's family, Nelson and his enchantress, are some of the leading features of the first number of the Magazine which we hope will have a long life.

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"RAMBLES AND RIDES AROUND OXFORD."—(Shrimpton and Son, Oxford).—This is an admirable popular handbook to the neighbourhood of Oxford, and we are glad to notice that a second edition is required. The new edition is ably edited, and much antiquarian lore is embodied in its interesting pages. All the places within eight miles of Carfax are described. We cordially recommend this excellent guide.

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NEW BOOKS.—The Editor is just about to publish his work on "The Story of our Towns," of which Mr. Redway is the publisher. The subject matter includes British, Roman and Saxon towns, Church and Castle towns, University and Palatinate towns, and Cinque Ports and Harbours. There are chapters on guilds and sieges. Dr. Jessopp has written an introduction to the volume. Two more volumes of Mr. Andrew's series of "Bygones" are in course of preparation, edited by the Editor of this journal. They will deal with "Bygone Buckinghamshire" and "Bygone Oxfordshire."