



## Notes and Queries

RELATING TO BERKS, BUCKS AND OXON.

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*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.*

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CHIPPING NORTON REGISTERS.—Will you oblige me by telling me if the registers of this Church have been printed? The Vicar told me that one earlier than 1654 existed, but was almost illegible.—BOSWELL BELCHER, Bibury.

BLOUNT FAMILY.—William Blount died in 1671 and is buried at Benfield, or Binfield, Berks. Would the registers indicate whether he lived in America, and is there any account of him or his will in the county records? Two sons of Sir Walter Blount, brother of William, came to America about 1670, and stopped first in Maryland with the son of William Blount who had returned to England. I want to find out whether this brother of Sir Walter was the one who came to Maryland? I am compiling "a history of the Blounts in America." What branch of the Blounts belonged the Rev. John Henry Blount, born in Chelsea in 1823, and died in London, 1884?—HELEN M. PRESCOTT, 387, Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta, Ga., U.S.A.

PIPER'S HOLE.—Can you give me the origin of "Piper's Hole"? One frequently finds the name used in the West of England applied to a deep cave or tunnel in rocks and cliffs; cf Piper's hole in Scilly, and several caves are known by this name in Cornwall, also in Leicestershire the name occurs. The Pytchley Hunt meets at Piper's Hole. Piper is a common midland family name.—ARTHUR A. COMBER, Heckfield, Winchfield.

BERKSHIRE MARRIAGE REGISTERS.—These Registers (Vol. I.) have been transcribed with much labour by Miss Thoyts, and edited by Mr. Phillimore. They are ready for the press and will be printed as soon as the requisite number of subscribers are received. The subscription price is Ten Shillings and Sixpence, and should be sent the Messrs. Phillimore & Co., 36, Essex Street, Strand, London.

Miss Thoyts has a large number of transcripts of Registers in her possession, and is prepared to give information with regard to their contents, on condition that 5/6 be sent to her, 2/6 of this will be sent to the clergyman in whose Register the entry be found, and 2/6 will go to the expenses of the Register Reference Library.

GENEALOGICAL QUERIES.—Mr. Sherwood's useful Magazine continues to supply a great want, and is a recognised means for obtaining information for all engaged in the investigation of Family History and Genealogy.