

### Replies.

THOMAS CRACROFT, D.D., was the third son of George Cracroft of Fulnetby and Burgh, Lincolnshire. He entered at Lincoln College, Oxford, and was appointed a Fellow of Magdalen College by the Parliamentary Visitors in 1648; M.A., 1648; B.D., 1660; D.D. at Cambridge by Royal Mandate, 1678. His will was proved at York, 5 Aug., 1704. He resigned his Fellowship in 1657. For further particulars see Vol. IV. of the new series of the *Register of Magdalen College*, 1904, pp. 60—1.—W. D. MACRAY.

THOMAS CRACROFT, S.T.P., 1686.—See *Macray's Register of Members of Magdalen College, Oxford, New Series*, Vol. IV., p. 60. Frowde, London, 1904.—J. R. MAGRATH, Queen's College, Oxford.

BERKSHIRE MANORS.—The Manors of Hertrugge and Tydecombe are in the parish of Kintbury. Indeed they are identical. The manor of Tidcomb was held in the time of Henry V. and VI. by the families of Hertrugge, Burton, Romaine and Long. I do not know the Manor of Haselwyk; perhaps it is Haseley in another County.—EDITOR.

### Reviews.

THE LAW CONCERNING NAMES AND CHANGES OF NAMES, by A. C. Fox-Davies and P. W. P. Carlyon-Britton, F.S.A. (Elliot Stock).—This is a very useful handbook for all those who are concerned in the changing of surnames. Those who benefit under the wills of deceased persons who make it a condition that the fortunate recipients shall assume the name of their benefactors, lawyers who are concerned in such transactions, and the general public who are interested in heraldry and genealogy, will all find much to interest them in this volume, which, as far as we are aware, is the only popular work dealing with this abstruse subject. The names of the authors are a guarantee that the information given may be thoroughly relied upon.

HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS IN BERKSHIRE, by J. E. Vincent (Macmillan and Co.).—The best feature of this book is the illustrations by Mr. F. L. Griggs, which are admirable. Berkshire people looked forward to the issue of this work with pleasurable expectations, but have reason to be woefully disappointed. A large part of the County is practically untouched. It is somewhat extraordinary that anyone should have undertaken a work of this nature who possesses none of the qualifications necessary for its compilation. The writer possesses a fluent pen and writes pleasantly, showing a certain amount of humour, but he has not taken his task very seriously. He roams about a corner of the county, and makes random reflections upon what he sees. His idea of the origin of place-names are wild, perverse and nonsensical. He knows nothing about archæology or architecture, and is more at home in describing motor-car shows and such like things. His pages are never dull, and it is always interesting to read novel impressions concerning familiar objects, if one were not continually exasperated by ignorant statements and occasional lapses in the matter of taste. We wish that the book were better than it is, and if Mr. Vincent had taken more care in writing the book, had studied the subject more thoroughly, and had abstained from wild and foolish theories, he might have produced a book more worthy of the County, and more worth reading.