

products of which were not in every-day demand. Before Samuel left Reading he cast another bell for Bray Church, which was in 1841 sold to the members of the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion for their Chapel in Maidenhead, now used by the Wesleyans. Here it abides in the turret, strikes the hours by the clock, and bears the inscription, "Samvell Knight made mee 1703."—J. W. WALKER.

Replies.

BRICKS.—There is no standard size for bricks until after the year 1800. It was not until 1839, when the tax on bricks was repealed, that the size of bricks was practically fixed by Act of Parliament and has remained since unaltered. In former times bricks varied in size in different districts, but measurements of bricks in old buildings seem to show they were smaller generally at that time than the present standard which is 8½ in. long, 4¼ in. wide, 2½ in. thick.—W. H. HALLAM, Lockinge.

Queries.

WANTED information about the Abbot's of Reading summer residences. A house here called "Quernies" is supposed to have belonged to Reading Abbey. Twenty-two years ago, when we came here, it was a very interesting looking old building in the form of an L. A wood near is even now called Abbot's Wood, also a field close by is always spoken of as Abbots-field. Three years ago the old house was a great deal altered and made into a gentleman's residence, it had been used as a farm-house for generations, as we knew an old lady, a farmer's daughter at Tylehurst, who was born at Quernies.—Rev. M. PENTYCROSS, The Chaplain's House, Goring Heath.

Reviews.

"HAMPSHIRE RECORDS, OLD AND NEW." An illustrated Quarterly Journal. No. I., Jan., 1914. Printed for H. E. RAYNBIRD by C. E. Symonds, Basingstoke.

We are always glad to welcome new publications dealing with antiquarian subjects and kindred studies. Mr. Hugh E. Raynbird is to be congratulated on the first number of "Hampshire Records, Old and New." It is both well printed and illustrated, and contains some interesting articles, the first of which is a description of the geology of Hampshire, accompanied by an excellent map in colours to show the various formations of soil. As this county borders on Berkshire for some miles, Berkshire people will find much to interest them in this description.

Other articles deal with Hampshire rivers, woods, trees, and cricket at Hackwood Park. There is also an interesting biography of the late Right Hon. Arthur Jeffreys, formerly M.P. for the Basingstoke Division of the County, and also of the late Mr. George Moss, who till his recent death was in charge of the excavations which Lord Bolton is carrying on at Basing House. This house, till its destruction by Cromwell, was the residence of the Marquis of Winchester. The gallant Marquis, who so bravely defended his ancestral home against the Roundheads, after its fall lived at Englefield House, and died there 6th March. 1674, aged 76.

Amongst the illustrations is one of the cork trees in Swallowfield Park, but in the description an error has been made. Swallowfield is not Mrs. Russell's residence, but that of Sir Charles Russell. We hope our new contemporary will have a long life before it.—J. HAUTENVILLE COPE.