



The Berks, Bucks & Oxon Archæological Journal.

THE EDITORS are extremely sorry that the last number of the Journal was issued so late. This is entirely due to the exigencies caused by the War. It is very difficult to get anything printed in these days, and our publishers are sorely tried by having men called up for service. The increased cost of printing and publishing is enormous, and a discontinuance of the issue of this Journal during the War has been seriously contemplated. It has been decided, however, to produce an enlarged number instead of two separate numbers for the remainder of the year 1917; and if circumstances are more favourable to begin 1918 with a January number. It has been an inconvenience inherited from the past to begin each volume with the April number, and this may now be rectified; and it is hoped that the Journal may appear quarterly and regularly in January, April, July and October. This must, of course, depend mainly upon the possibility of the printers being able to produce the Journal, and upon the support which it receives from its subscribers. It is hoped that there may be a large increase in their number. The Journal is just able to pay its way in ordinary times, but these times are not ordinary; and the financial burden of its production threatens to be heavier than the Proprietor cares to undertake. It would be unfortunate if its publication should cease. The valuable series of architectural notes on Berkshire Churches enriched by costly illustrations by the President of the Berks Archæological Society, Mr. Charles Edward Keyser, F.S.A., alone cries aloud against any interruption of its course, and we hope to publish in the new volume a very important contribution on Berkshire Bells by one of the chief authorities on the subject of Campanology, Mr. H. B. Walters. We hope that antiquaries in Oxfordshire and Bucks will contribute to our pages, so that the interest of the Journal may extend throughout the whole district; and if the times were only favourable we should like to extend our borders and our pages and treat of the whole region of the Home Counties. Perhaps this may be accomplished in the future.

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