

REVIEW.

Bucks. By John Nash, with notes of monuments by Katherine A. Esdaile. Shell Guide. Batsford. 2s. 6d.

This little guide of 46 pages is produced with all the splendour of illustration which one associates with Messrs. Batsford's publications. It would not fall for notice here if it were not for Mrs. Esdaile's very valuable comments on the monuments in our churches. With all the authority of her great knowledge in this matter she ascribes numerous monuments to sculptors from the 16th century Richard Stevens to Henry Weekes, who died in 1877. It will be essential for every future topographer of Bucks.

It is unfortunate that the notes relating to the various parishes in which the monuments are found really abound with errors. To choose a few examples, the "elaborate carved wood staircase" is, alas, no longer at Beachampton; it is untrue to say that Bradenham has "nave and chancel only"; the present church at Buckingham was *not* "built about 1780"; Chetwode Church is merely the chancel of the old Priory Church, to say that it "does not balance the proportions of the chancel" is to mislead; Hambleden is always spelt with an "o" in the suffix; Hillesden House was injured in the Civil War but restored, it was not destroyed until T. W. Coke, Lord Leicester, owned it; the churchyard door at Radclive does *not* "open into the Manor House," it would be strange if it did; the dovecot at Newton Longville can no longer be seen unfortunately.

These are a few examples of the carelessness which unfortunately disfigures this beautiful pamphlet; one wonders why the publishers did not refer the text to our Society, who would have been pleased to correct errors into which those less familiar with the county may easily be led.

Still, Mrs. Esdaile makes the little work important,
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