

LOCAL HISTORIES.

Two additions have lately been made to our County Histories.

Mr. John Parker, senior, of High Wycombe, has brought out a quarto volume, with illustrations, entitled "The Early History and Antiquities of High Wycombe," and dedicated to the Right Honourable Charles Robert, Baron Carington. The work was published by subscription, and at the head of a list of many and influential subscribers is H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. In a review of it, it is stated to be "a work of which it may be said, without exaggeration, that it is a model of what a contribution to county history should be. That its range is limited is, at starting, in its favour; but it is complete without being burdened with detail, and while every page is marked with the evidences of careful and laborious research, yet the compilation has been so judiciously managed, and the matter so well edited, that the volume is far from being dry reading."

Mr. Parker has had the satisfaction of receiving the commendations of distinguished antiquarians since the completion and publication of a work, which has been the result of many years of pleasurable labour and research. His son, Mr. J. Parker, junr., F.S.A., proposes to contribute a paper to the next year's RECORDS, on the subject of his father's volume.

Mr. Robert Gibbs, of Aylesbury, has published a work, in two volumes, entitled "Local Occurrences," which records, in chronological order, the past events of the locality. The first volume commences with the year

A.D. 1400, and is carried on to the end of the year 1700. The second volume is a continuation to the end of the year 1800. This work is exceedingly interesting, and very valuable as a book of reference. It is a source of great satisfaction that the author has stated in a note at the commencement of the second volume, that he “purposes to finish his work in a third volume, so as to embrace matters as near as possible to the date of publication.”
