

And so remaineth xj^s iiij^d whyche the pryst Receynith towardes his stipend over and besides vj^l to hym yerely payd whyche ys collected and gathered of devocyon amonge thenhabitants there.

Ornamentes plate juelles goodes and catalles merly apperteynyng to the same ffraternytie there be none for yt ys served with-ornamentes of the parish church there.

There is one Chauntrey called Englefeld Chauntrey (ffounded by whome yt ys unknowne onto the Commyssyoners) hath ben dissolved sythe the iiijth of ffebruarye in the xxvij yere of the Kynges hyghnes Reygne by — Englefeld without the Kynges lycence. The value of the possessions thereof Amountethe to the some of lx^s v^d by yere.

Ornamentes plate juelles goodes and catalles at the dyssolucyon thereof were worthe.*

* Sic.—Value not filled in.

Notes and Queries

RELATING TO BERKS, BUCKS AND OXON.

Communications are invited upon all subjects of Antiquarian or Architectural interest relating to the three counties. Correspondents are requested to write as plainly as possible, on one side of the paper only, with REPLIES, QUERIES and NOTES on SEPARATE SHEETS, and the name of the writer appended to each communication.

Notes.

GENEALOGICAL QUERIES AND MEMORANDA.—We have received the second number of Mr. Tudor Sherwood's valuable quarterly magazine. From the number of queries it is evident that genealogists have begun to appreciate Mr. Sherwood's efforts on their behalf, and we wish him all success in his undertaking.

THE NORTHERN GENEALOGIST.—The July number of this Journal contains various Marriage Bonds, Indices to Wills, and many other useful sources of genealogical information. We hope that Mr. Gibbons' periodical may have a long life.

"BYGONE BERKSHIRE."—(W. Andrews & Co., Hull).—This volume has just been published. It is obviously impossible to give a review of the work in these pages, but we may mention that it contains chapters on Historic Berkshire, Windsor and Wallingford Castles, Cumnor Place and Amy Robsart, The Scouring of the White Horse, Reading Abbey, The Battles of Newbury, Binfield and Pope, and Bull-Baiting. There are also many illustrations.

THE FLORA OF BERKSHIRE.—This work, by Mr. G. C. Druce (published by the Clarendon Press) will be welcomed by collectors of Berkshire Books, as well as by our Botanists. It promises to be an exhaustive work written by a distinguished Botanist who has already published similar volumes for Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire.

NOTES ON THE WOLVERTON EXHIBITION OF ARTS AND CRAFTS.—We have received from Mr. J. L. Myres a catalogue of the principal objects shown at the recent Exhibition at Wolverton, many of which are of great antiquarian interest. It is, however, impossible owing to the pressure on our space to print any portion of this catalogue in our present number.

BERKS MILITIA.—We are glad to be able to announce that Miss Thoyts' book on the Berks Militia is about to be issued, and is the result of much research. The book will be bound in the regimental colours, with a fac-simile of the badge in gold on the covers. All who desire copies of the work should communicate immediately with Miss Thoyts, Sulhamstead Park, Berks.

Queries.

CALLEVA OR VINDONIS?—Is there any real proof that Silchester is Calleva? Has that not been rather hastily assumed by this generation? And can I find space in your crowded columns to "hesitate a doubt"? I incline to the heresy that Wallingford can much better claim to be Calleva; and this granted Silchester at once becomes Vindonis. It is so reputed by all the ancients; Ptolemy makes it so in his map. Camden and Stukely (in his later days) accept this; Horsley, from whom we moderns have accepted the contrary, can only make it out from the Itineraries by making Farnham the next station for Calleva to Venta Belgarum, which is something very like posting direct from Reading to Oxford through Newbury. The strong point of all appear to me to be this. The Hercules stone proves Silchester to have been Cair Segont, the capital of the Segontiaci. Where is there any sufficient proof that it was also Calleva the capital of the Atrebatas? The two Gallic tribes, the former by the Kennet, the Atrebatas on the Thames, were contemporaneous tribes in possession at the time of Cæsar's invasion. It requires large imagination to conclude that Vindonis was so much off the line, and that Cair Segont and the Segontiaci had suddenly been swallowed up and blotted out by the Atrebatas. At the same time there appears an utterly overwhelming modern consensus that such somehow is the case. May I be permitted thus to ventilate, if the phrase be not a bull, my "doubtful mind"; and remain, yours ready to be instructed, ANCEPS, 24th August, 1896.

Wanted any notes or references to the Berkshire Regiment (Militia), either 1642—59, 1758—65, 1793—1807, or any period of embodiment, such as reviews, marches, biographical notices of its officers, &c. Also a list of Lord Lieutenants of Berks from 1642. And any references to the Duke of St. Alban's Berks Regiment, time of Civil war, 1642—3—50; or Lord Lovelace's Berks Regiment, 1667. Does any portrait exist of Colonel Christopher Whichcote, Governor of Windsor Castle, 1650?—Miss THOYTS, Sulhampstead Park, Berks.

POSIE RINGS.—I saw a ring the other day with an inscription on the inside: "In Christ and thee my comfort be." It was said to be a Posie Ring. Can you give me any information as to the origin of these rings?—H. ARROWSMITH.

CHANNER FAMILY.—We have been awaiting replies as to the origin of this family. The Rev. C. H. Channer, of Adrian Rectory, U.S.A., writes to say that there is a tradition that the family is of Huguenot origin, but this is doubtful. The name of the silversmith is not on the list of the Goldsmith Company, which begins in 1697. Probably he lived some years earlier. A silver porringer stamped "Channers" has been found in Boston.—EDITOR.

ABBOT'S WALK.—The row of houses opposite the Forbury, Reading, is well known as the Abbot's Walk, but it is not generally known that this ancient track extended to Windsor Forest from Reading. An old inhabitant of this village gave me this information, and from his directions I have been able to trace portions of it distinctly from Wargrave over Bowsey Hill, by Lutman's Haven, across Bartlett's Farm to Littlewick, through by own grounds here, across Feenes' Farm, by the site of the old Manor House of Fiennes, Feens, or Woolley Firs, which was destroyed by fire in the last century, thence through the estates of Woolley Hall and Woolley Firs, across a field to Canon Lane and Ockwell's Manor House and then on by Holyport to Windsor. From Reading to Wargrave and from Holyport to Windsor I have not yet been able to trace it, but should be grateful if any of your readers could give me some further information on the subject.—H. ARROWSMITH, Littlewick Lodge, near Maidenhead.

DOLLY OR D'OYLEY.—James Dolley, of Oxford, married circa 1832, Eliz Farmer. Required the names of parents, ancestry and how connected with the D'Oyley printed pedigrees.—E.A.D.

MARSH PLOTS.—There are certain pieces of ground in this village, close to the houses and road, from which (though I am Vicar) I receive both great and small tithes. They are called Marsh Plots. Is such a custom common in other parishes?—S. WILSON, Preston Candover.

HORWOOD AND BRADFELD MANORS.—What is the connection between these two Manors? When and by whom were they first held together, and under what circumstances were they disconnected? Sir Richard Harrison, of East Court, in 1635 held land here; before him in 1609, Mr. William Harrison. About this time Mr. Muric Casanbon, son of Isaac Casanbon, had lease of great tithes; his wife was Francis, whose maiden name was Harrison, daughter of the then lessee of the great tithes. I should be glad of any further details relative to the connection of the Harrisons with Preston Candover.—S. WILSON, Preston Candover.

NEW BOOK ON CARVINGS.—I am engaged in making a study of Figure Carving in stone and wood from the 12th to the 15th Century inclusive, especially the Gothic or Early English Grotesque Work. The subject will be very fully illustrated, and treated, as far as possible, in divisions which may be roughly

indicated as follows :—Representations of a Future State, of Death, and of the Devil ; Satires on Ecclesiastical Matters ; Caricatures ; Symbolical or Grotesque Carvings upon Gargoyles, Capitals, Misereres, Stalls, etc., etc. Animal Subjects and Legends ; and anything that throws light on the opinions of the masons and workmen themselves. I should be very much obliged if you would be kind enough to tell me what you consider to be the best examples of such work in your Cathedral, or in any Church or Building near you. If any good and large photographs (clear enough for direct reproduction) can be obtained of these carvings, I shall be very happy either to pay the cost of taking an original negative, or to buy a good print from any negative that may exist. It would also be of great service if you would tell me the best guide book for the buildings in your district, and any other publications which I could buy or borrow, containing the iconography of these buildings, or giving any accurate details concerning Building Accounts, Architects, Masons, or Masons' Marks.—THEODORE ANDREA COOK, Highfield, Wantage.

STOWE.—Information with regard to the early history of Stowe, Bucks, and the Chaplin family, who resided there about 1600, is desired.—A. C. HAVELOCK, Ealing.

MILTONS IN READING.—Sir Christopher Milton, John Milton's brother, lived in Reading, and there were Miltons in Warfield in 1766. Were they descendants ? An authority states that Sir Christopher's son Thomas left one daughter, who died unmarried in 1769, but that it is not known when Thomas died, or whether he left any other children. I should be glad to hear whether there were any descendants of Sir Christopher Milton living a century ago in your neighbourhood.—R. H. JULIAN, Ilfracombe.

JOHN PONTIFEX, OF WEST WYCOMBE, 1589.—Any reference to this name at an earlier date, and the baptism of his descendant, Mary Pontifex, in 1745, will be welcome.—A. C. H.

MARRIAGE BONDS.—In reference to List of Marriage Bonds printed in the Berks, &c. Archæological Journal of July, I venture to say that some readers of your interesting publication would gladly receive answers to these two simple questions :—What was the nature and the amount of the Bond usually given ? When were such Bonds first given, and when did they cease to be given ?—J. E. CROMWELL, Reading.

Replies.

POSIE RINGS.—Inside or outside the hoop of a betrothal ring it was usual from about 1450 to 1800 to subscribe a posy (poesie) or motto : cf. Shakespeare, *Merchant of Venice*, V., i., 148 ; *Hamlet*, III., ii., 162 ; *As you like it*, III., ii., 287-9 ; also Ben Johnson, *Magnetic Lady* ; Herrick, *Hesperides*, &c. Some mottoes are curious. Dr. John Thomas, Bishop of Lincoln (1753), on marrying his fourth wife, had engraved on the ring "If I survive, I'll make thee five." In 1624 was published "Love's Garrand, or Posies for Rings, Handkerchiefs, and Gloves, and such pretty things as lovers send their loves." Some other mottoes may be quoted :—"My hart and I until I dy," "I love and like my choyce," "In God above and Christ his Sonne, we two are joynd both in one," "In constancie I live and dye." With this sordid one we will conclude :—"Thou wert not handsome, wise, but rich : 'Twas this that did my eye bewitch."