

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.

Note.

BISHOPS OF THE COUNTY OF BERKS (625—1901).—A very useful list of all the bishops who have presided over the County of Berks has recently been compiled. It is suggested that the churchwardens of the various parishes in Berkshire would do well to provide a copy for their respective churches. Copies may be obtained (5/- each) from the Rev. R. Tomlinson, Rector of Finchampstead. The proceeds of the sale will be given to the Oxford Diocesan Branch of the Clergy Sustentation Fund. We have examined the list; it seems to be carefully and accurately compiled; and we have much pleasure in recommending the plan of placing a copy in each church.

Queries.

CHILDREY, BERKS.—In 1557 Sir John Coope, Knt., of Canons Asheby, co. Northants, made his will. In it he leaves his lands at Childrey, Berks, to his youngest son, Anthony ("My lands, &c., in Childrey, Berks, as well as Kyngstons as Matravers, the parsonage and rectory of Childrey, the parke close and an acre of land called Hedlande Acre to the utter blacke lande in Childrey and the parsonage and rectory of Letcombe, to be sold by my executors." This Anthony Cope died the following year; he had married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Humphrey Stafford, of Blatherwyke, but left no heirs; so, I suppose, his property passed to his brother George, who died 1572, but I am not sure if he left any heirs: this I want to find out. I should be very glad of any particulars of this property as regards the Copes, and also any notes of Copes.—E. C. COPE, Sulhamstead, Berks.

SIEGE CROSS, THATCHAM.—Can anyone tell me the origin of this name? Has a history of Thatcham been published?—INQUIRER.