

## 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.*

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#### Notes.

CANT.—I shall be very much obliged if you can tell me of any one who takes an interest in languages, and who could procure for a Scotch friend of mine some information from English tinkers or knife-grinders (not gypsies) about their jargon. He has sent me a number of words known to Scottish tinkers and wishes to have English tinkers tested with them; also to have the English tinker words for a number of things as a counter test. I know no one here who could help me. Some three years ago there was a clergyman at Burnham who had studied *Slang*, but that is not quite the same as *Cant*, and not at all the same as *Shelta*. *Cant* has a strong *Anglo-Saxon* basis, and *Shelta* is cryptic *Erse*.—H. T. CROFTON, Oldfield, Maidenhead.

CAVERSHAM PRIORY.—The workmen employed by Mr. G. W. Talbot have discovered on the site of the ancient Priory an old well, lined with flint and chalk, filled up, but in good preservation.

CHILDREY BRASS.—Parts of the inscription and of the cross-head are loose, and should be fixed before they are lost, as it has happened to the Blewbury palimpsest.—A. OLIVER.

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#### Queries.

WARFIELD.—Is the name of Warfield as a family name known in Berks? Can any of your readers tell me if they have come across it in any old documents or registers?—H. BARNETT, Bracknell Vicarage.

ESGARSTON.—Last year some re-prints were made of the article published in this Journal, written by the Rev. F. Wethered. These have all been dispersed. Some copies are earnestly wanted by a correspondent, who will gladly pay any expense that may be incurred in order to secure them.—EDITOR.

LIDDIARD FAMILY.—In 1444 John Lydiard was Sheriff of Oxon and Berks: he was of Benham, and is said to have had a daughter, Alice, married in that year. Can you refer me to any sources of information whereby I might obtain some knowledge of this man?—W. B. LIDDIARD, 13, Gipsy Hill, London, E.C.

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#### Replies.

HELL FIRE CLUB AT MEDMENHAM.—The President was the Duke of Wharton. The Club was founded and suppressed by royal proclamation in 1721. See Dr. Brewer's *Historic Note Book*, 1891, p. 411.—ANDREW OLIVER.