

open timber roof and minstrels' gallery, three bedrooms panelled with oak, and the picturesque courtyard. The house is full of archæological and art treasures which have been collected by the present owners. After visiting the house Mrs. Lindsay gave a most courteous invitation to the party to see her very lovely gardens, of which they gladly availed themselves. The next visit was to the Abbey, where, by the kind permission of Colonel Good, the fine old hall, the remains of the chapel, and the solar were visited. The hall was filled with a very large collection of objects of anthropological and ethnological interest from South Africa. The return journey was made by the "Alaska," and Oxford was reached at 8 p.m.

Since writing this Report the Society has heard with the deepest regret of the death of Mr. James Parker, on October 10th. He may be considered as the founder of the O.L.A.B.R.S., for it was formed at his suggestion, the first meeting took place by his invitation at his house in The Turl, Oxford, on November 14th, 1894, and he always continued to be a firm friend to the Society. He attended many of the meetings, read Papers, and constantly joined in the discussions at the meetings and was always most kind in giving advice and valuable information to any of the members who desired to avail themselves of his great archæological knowledge.

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## 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.

VICTORIA COUNTY HISTORY OF BERKSHIRE.—We are glad to be able to state that the third volume will shortly be published, which should be widely read by all those who take an interest in the history of the Royal County. To produce this work a vast amount of research has been made at the Public Record Office and elsewhere, in fact, no stone has been left unturned to obtain information, which will throw light on the manorial history of the county. This

volume will be devoted to the history of the manors within the hundreds of Compton, Faircross, Ripplesmere and Cookham. Already the proofs have been sent to the Editor and Assistant Editor of the "Berks, Bucks and Oxon Archaeological Journal" to correct and read through. But where properties have changed owners as frequently as they have always done in Berks, it is no easy matter to follow each successive owner. Few counties are so badly off for Manorial Court Rolls, though in a few instances Manor Courts are still held annually in Berks.

### Queries.

**FOLIEJOHN PARK.**—Can any reader give the origin of this name? What does it mean?

**BATTLE OF BRIMPTON.**—In the early part of the 19th century owing to the introduction of machinery the labourers throughout the country banded together to destroy all engines and tackle. This led to rioting. There was a great riot in the Brimpton neighbourhood. This event was celebrated in verse under the title of "The Battle of Brimpton." Can any reader give the context?

**CLOCKMAKERS IN BERKS.**—Were there any makers of "grandfather" clocks in Berks? If so, what were their names; where and when did they live? [Our Correspondent would be most grateful for any information on above query.—EDITORS.] Any replies to above queries to be sent to "X.Y.Z.," c/o Mr. J. H. Cope, Finchampstead Place, Berks.

A CORRESPONDENT asks us, is it correct to place a "p" in such places as "Finchampstead," "Easthampstead," "Sulhampstead," "Hampstead Norris." Which is the older form of spelling? Information desired.

**HOBY OF BISHAM.**—Wanted any information on the Hoby family, particularly of William, younger brother of Sir Philip Hoby (knighted 1544) Sir Philip had a grant of the Abbey of Bisham in 1552, and of the Manor of Merdon near Winchester about 1550. d. s.p. May, 1558-9, left Bisham to his brother Thomas, and Merdon to his brother William. The latter married Anne, widow of Thomas Sternhold. Her maiden name was Horsmill. Did she leave a son, Philip Hoby, surviving in 1575, since William's son, Giles Hoby, by Alice, daughter of Henry Hadekinson, succeeded to Merdon on his father's death after (apparently) the year 1581? There is no record of William Hoby's burial at Hurley, and should be glad to know where and when he deceased? Also information desired on the first wife of Giles Hoby, said to be " . . . daughter of . . . Paulett of Winchester." Giles' second wife was Anne, daughter of Sir Thomas Clerk, of Avington county Southampton (Clerk of the Signet Office). She died s.p. 1630, and was buried at Hurley beside her husband Giles Hoby, who died 1625. The name of Hoby was introduced again into Hampshire in the 18th century, when William Stanley of Paultons, near Romsey, married Anne, daughter of Philip Hoby of Neath Abbey. She died in September, 1754, aged 84, and was buried in Holy Rood Church, Southampton. Who was Philip Hoby of Neath Abbey? Should be glad to know the connection between the before-named Hobys and Sir Thomas Hoby of Somerley, who married Elizabeth daughter of Sir John Mill of Mottisford Abbey, by his marriage, in 1679, with Margaret, daughter of Thomas Gray of Woolheding.—F. H. SUCKLING, Romsey.