Aotes 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.

THE Editors express the earnest hope that a larger number of Correspondents will avail themselves of these pages, and thus help those responsible for the publication of this Journal to extend its usefulness. There are several Queries—inserted in the Journals for 1914—still remaining unanswered. It is hoped that some readers may solve them.

Notes.

WASHINGTON IN BERKSHIRE.—In a "Collection for Berkshire," by J. Richards, article Hagbourn, B. Mus., Add. M.S.S. 28,660-73, vol. v., p. 14, occurs the following:—"Crosscot, formerly the residence of the celebrated General Washington. He was, when in the English Army, in early life, quartered in Reading, where he formed an intimacy with his landlord's daughter, who afterwards married a Mr. Sims, of this place. Washington subsequently obtained his discharge and took up his residence at Crosscot, where he remained till the American War broke out, when he left for that country. His armchair, which was a portable one, was afterwards in the possession of Mr. Humphrey, of Blewberry, by whom it was sold to General Fox. Mr. Job Lously, Informant." Of course, it is self-evident that the President was never quartered at Reading. I do not know the date of the above extract.—R. J. Fynmore.

WOOLFORD AND ANTRUM FAMILIES.—In thanking "E.E.C." for reply to my query, I desire to say that Richard Buckeridge (not Buckingham), Vicar of Kingsclere, the son of Thomas Buckeridge, of Basildon, married Martha, daughter of William Wythens, of Grove, Wantage, and one of their daughters named Sarah married George Noyes, of Andover. The Richard Buckeridge, of Pangbourne, whom I thought might have married a Frances Woolford or Antrum, was son of John Buckeridge, of Bowdon, Pangbourne.—A. STEPHENS DYER.

BUCKERIDGE PEDIGREE.—William Withens married at Wantage, 1620.

HISTORY OF READING ABBEY.—Westfield, Reading. 29th June, 1915. Rev. P. H. Ditchfield, Secretary of the Berkshire Archæological Society. Dear Mr. Ditchfield,—I have recently published a small Guide to Reading Abbey which is intended for gratuitous distribution to visitors to Reading, or to others who are interested in its medieval history. I shall be very pleased to present a copy of this Guide to any members of the Berkshire Archæological Society who would care to have one, or possibly you may think it of sufficient interest for an annotation in the pages of the Journal. The booklet will be obtainable on application either to the Town Clerk of Reading or at the Public Library. In the case of the members of your Association, I should be willing to send them copies direct.—With kind regards, yours sincerely, Jamieson B. Hurry.

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WANTED information of the early lords of the Manor of Hanwell, Oxon.— J. HAUTENVILLE COPE.