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PREFACE

IN response to the wishes of several members of the Society, the Council decided to publish as a Number of the Journal the Index of all the papers contributed to that periodical since its foundation in 1895. A desire was also expressed that the contents of its predecessor, the *Berks Archæological Journal*, should also be included. The whole covers a period of nearly thirty years. It was felt that a large amount of valuable material was contained in these volumes, but that much archæological information was lost, or with considerable difficulty unearthed, without a good and reliable index. The work of compiling this has been immense, and the Council and members are greatly indebted to Mr. Bunce, Assistant Librarian of the Reading Public Library, for the important work which he has so carefully and accurately accomplished. It will enable those who desire to know what our volumes contain, to examine their contents and to discover what may be found therein.

Prior to 1890 our Society published a few volumes of Transactions, but there was no general means for preserving any permanent record of the papers which were read before the Society or the research work of its members. Soon after I undertook the office of Hon. Secretary, feeling the necessity of such a publication, with the consent and approval of the late Rev. J. M. Guilding, Vicar of St. Laurence's Church, Reading, and Treasurer of the Society, I started the publication of the *Quarterly Journal of the Berkshire Archæological Society*, of which three volumes were issued, eight parts constituting each volume. The cost of these was considerable and was more than the Society could afford, and it was necessary to discontinue the publication. The same difficulty was felt by other neighbouring Societies, and the late Mr. James Parker conceived the idea of all Archæological Societies in the three counties uniting

in producing a joint Journal for all the Societies. He invited a meeting of all the Secretaries at his house in 1895, and the matter was discussed and favourably received. The Oxford Architectural and Archæological Society, the Oxfordshire Society, and others welcomed the scheme. I consented to act as Editor and made myself responsible for the financial arrangement. Unfortunately for its success, some of the Societies dropped out and decided to publish their own Journals; but as an independent Journal without any cost to our Society I succeeded in carrying on the publication for twenty-five years, four parts being published every year until the Great War burst upon the nation. During that disastrous period, on account of the increased cost of printing and the heavy burden of war-work, two parts were issued each year instead of four. After the publication of Volume xxv. in 1919 the Journal was purchased by the Society, and has been issued to all subscribing members free of cost since that date, two parts in each year.

During the last seven years prior to 1920 I have been greatly assisted in the editorial work by the co-operation of my friend and neighbour, Mr. John Hauntenville Cope. The Index reveals the names of those who have contributed to the pages of the Journal. Amongst these I may mention the late Rev. J. E. Field, Vicar of Benson, Mr. Walter Money, F.S.A., the late Rev. F. T. Wethered, Lady Russell of Swallowfield, Mrs. Cope, Mr. Treacher, Canon Oldfield, and, above all, our President, Mr. Charles Edward Keyser, F.S.A., for his valuable Architectural Notes on the churches of Berkshire, which he has enriched by an admirable series of magnificent photographic illustrations. Without his encouragement and co-operation I could never have carried on the Journal for so many years. The publisher and printer during all that period was Mr. Charles Slaughter, proprietor of the *Reading Observer*, and I desire to acknowledge his constant kindness and ready help, and also that of his manager, Mr. White, for many years.

In using the Index, in order to distinguish between items contained in the *Berks, Bucks and Oxon Archæological Journal* and the *Quarterly Journal of the Berkshire Archæological Society* it will be found that references to the latter and earlier

work always have the date of the year in brackets placed after the indicating word and number of the volume. Thus we note :

‘Aldermaston, Ancient Customs, iii. (1893), 110.’

This denotes that the reference is to the third volume of the *Quarterly Journal of the Berkshire Archæological Society*, and not to the *Berks, Bucks and Oxon Journal*. The references in the latter have no indicating year.

With this explanation we venture to send forth this Index, and trust that it may be very useful to the members.

P. H. DITCHFIELD,
Editor.

With this Index we enclose an index to the last volume of the *Berks, Bucks and Oxon Archæological Journal* for binding with that volume, as it was unfortunately omitted when the last number of that volume was issued.