

## A Mediæval Patterned Tile from Tilehurst Churchyard.

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IN the last issue of this *Journal* (p. 105) reference was made to the finding of a number of mediæval inlaid floor tiles from the site of Reading Abbey. Another mediæval tile (Fig. 1), this time of the later printed type was found in Tilehurst Churchyard on October 14th, 1942. Tilehurst church has suffered at the hand of the restorer and it is now barely possible to trace the building activities of earlier ages but Christopher Hohler in his "Mediæval Paving Tiles in Buckinghamshire" shows that a group of tile makers were producing these printed tiles at Penn, Bucks, from the middle of the 14th century onwards and that this centre was responsible for many of the tile patterns in Berks., Bucks. and Oxon. He records a similar but not identical design from Radnage and St. Frideswide's Priory, Oxford<sup>1</sup>. The only other record of a similar design appears in "Patterns of Inlaid Tiles from Churches in the Diocese of Oxford" drawn by W. A. Church in 1844. This tile (Fig. 2) is recorded at Streatley but this church now contains no mediæval tiles.

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<sup>1</sup> *Records of Bucks*, XIV. (1941).

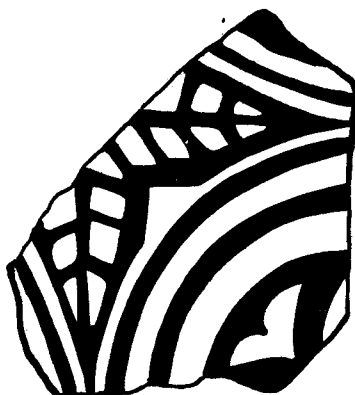


FIG. 1.

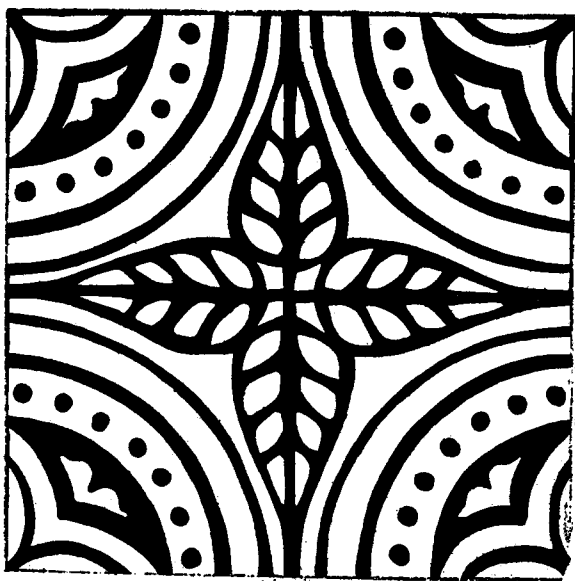


FIG. 2.