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## TO THE READER.

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In most parts of this County, the strata consists of limestone, which is generally used for spreading over the land. In many of the towns and villages are curious remains of dilapidated edifices, chiefly composed of stone, peculiar to this part of the country, and in various parts are large piles of stone, for dividing the lands instead of quick-set hedges, within which stones are frequently found curious incrustations.

More crosses are found in Oxfordshire, than in any other county of England, but it is to be remarked that they are altogether

plain shaft crosses, and sometimes approached by several steps.

It is needless to observe on the many peculiarities in natural history found in this county, they having been so elaborately treated of by Dr. Plot.

When we reflect that Oxfordshire has been the seat of parliament, the scene of battles, that have had most important results, and also that in more distant times it was selected by the Romans as a station for one of their cities; we are induced to conclude, independent of the consideration that it contains the most celebrated and most ancient seat of learning, which may justly boast of having produced the most distinguished characters, at once proved

an ornament to the kingdom and to the national character, that this county possesses the most ample materials and prominent claims for topographical and historical research.

In order, therefore, to give some slight assistance to such an undertaking, the following short memorandums, are preserved, and herewith submitted to the notice of those, who may feel interested toward such an object.

G. O. P. T.

*April 19, 1820.*