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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 taper 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

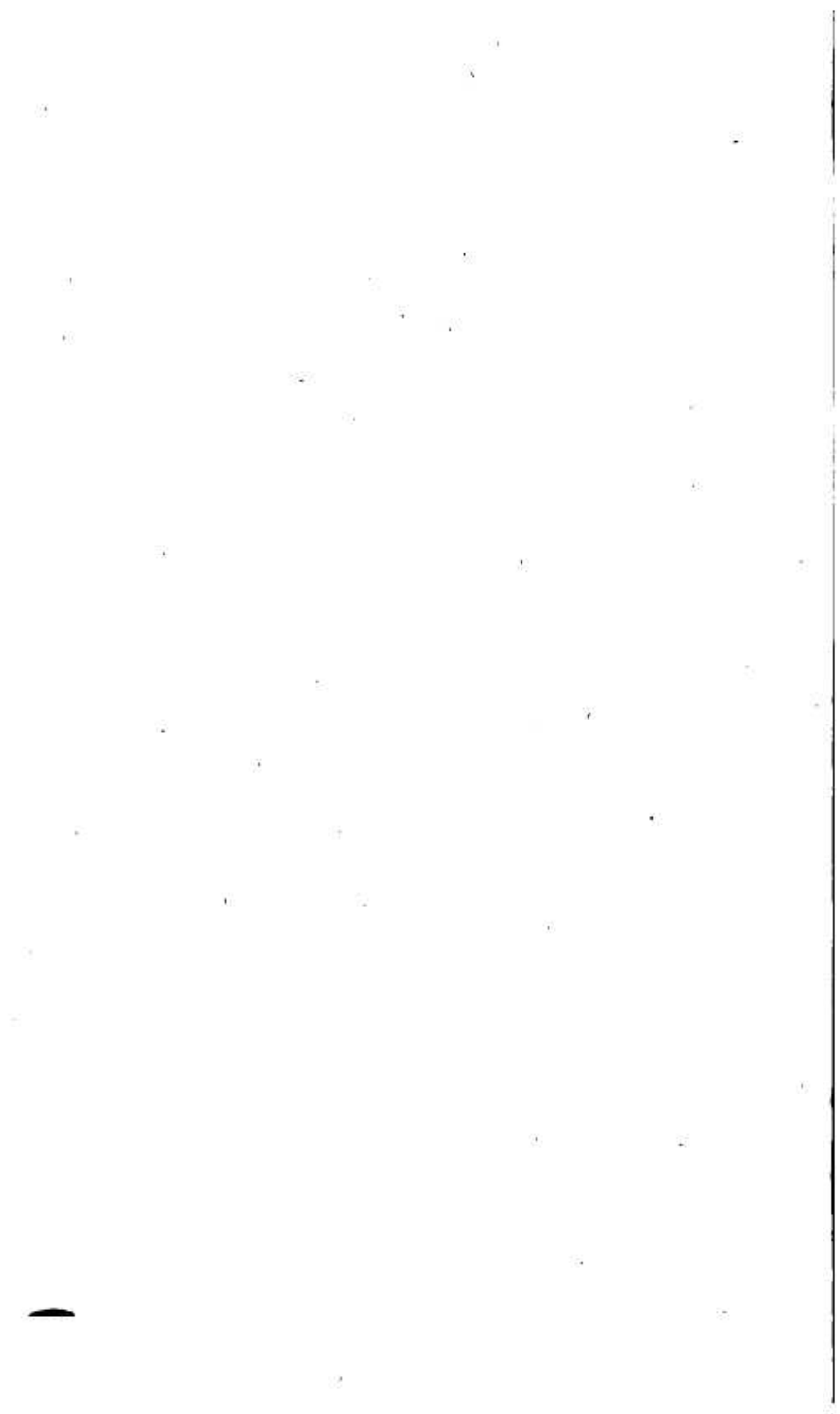
an ornament to the kingdom and to the national character, that this county possesses the most ample materials and prominent claims for topographical and historical research.

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.

*January 22, 1823.*





## OXFORDSHIRE.

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THE ancient inhabitants of this County were the Dobuni.

The BRITISH ICKNIELD WAY enters Oxfordshire at Chinnor, and quits it at Streatley.

The UPPER AND LOWER ICKNIELD WAYS, are cross roads near Lewkner and Aston Rowant.

The ROMAN AKEMAN WAY enters Oxfordshire at Blackthorn, and passes to the

north of Gravenhill Wood in Ambrosden Park to Chesterton, from thence to Kirtlington, over the River Cherwell, near Tackley, to Woodstock Park, and thence proceeds to Bath.

A Roman Way passes from Alchester over Otmoor to Wallingford, Berks.

Roman remains have been found at Alchester, Steeple Aston, Steeple Barton, Stonesfield, and Northleigh.

Some traces of the Ditch, made by King Offa, as a partition between his kingdom and Wessex, may be seen at Ardley, Middleton Stoney, Northbrook, Heyford, and Kirtlington.