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EDITORIAL

I was most gratified by the very enthusiastic reception given to the first issue of the Newsletter by all family members and thank you for writing to me.

In the first Newsletter I expressed the hope that future issues would carry contributions from other family members. I cannot emphasize too strongly that this is still my wish. I am perfectly happy to attend to all aspects of the production but would be delighted if as much as possible of the contents could come from you so please pass on to me any information, family stories or items of interest. They need not be all long articles as editors are always looking for 'fillers'. In some cases I may be able to enlarge upon contributions by further research but in any case do not hesitate to send me anything you may feel would be of interest. It is your Newsletter just as much as it is mine.

The next thing I must do is to apologise for an error I made in the article on John Briginshaw (1817-1902) in the first issue. In referring to the letter written in 1886 by the GWR to John I continued to say '.... at the same time the inhabitants of Wooburn Green subscribed....'. In fact this subscription list carries the date 1875. It was an inspection some days later of the 1881 census returns for Wooburn Green that brought my error to light for this showed that John was no longer Station Master there so I re-checked. It now seems quite clear that John's remaining 11 years service with them (1875-1886) were in full or in part connected with Little Kimble so perhaps, this station being an unstaffed halt, he lived elsewhere. Possibly his duties only required part-time attendance and he could have lived some way away even travelling there by the train. Also in my article I referred in one place to this branch line from Maidenhead joining the main line at West Wycombe. This should have been High Wycombe.

I indicated that in this Newsletter I hoped to feature the John's who farmed 'Foxleys Farm' but as some additional information has come to light which requires considerable further research I have decided to postpone this and substitute the William's of Taplow etc. Any of the articles produced on individuals can be, at best, only very sketchy and from time to time further details will emerge as research progresses. Where this happens I will try to keep you up-dated.

Before leaving my editorial and passing on to new information I would like to reproduce on the next page a poem written by Edmund Blunden. Some of you may already know it but I always feel it so beautifully reflects the thoughts one has as our family history unfolds that it merits repeating here.