

A LOST BRASS.

I have been favoured with the following letter and rubbing by the Rev. Canon Staley, Rector of Ickford:

Some months ago I was informed that in the shop of a dealer in antiques in Oxford were two small brass shields which had been disposed of at an auction sale at Ickford. I purchased the same, only to discover that they had not belonged to Ickford Church. Later I was happy in discovering the brass from which one of the shields had been taken—that of John Perget, at Chipping Norton—and it is now restored to its own matrix in the monumental slab in the Parish Church.

The second shield, which measures $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches by $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches, is still in my possession, and I am anxious to find the brass to which it belongs, in order that it may be restored to its original place. I enclose a rubbing in the hope you may be able to re-produce it in your next issue of RECORDS OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. I shall be pleased to hear from anyone who can identify the shield—evidently one of four corner shields of some important brass, showing what is known as a "merchant's mark."

VERNON STALEY,

October 10, 1912. Rector of Ickford, Thame.

