

## NOTE.

In the following pages have been put together such facts as the writer has been able to gather together respecting the name and family of Cambray. Though much more doubtless may still be learnt from a close study of our older records, it seems best not to longer defer printing the information which has been obtained. The result of the writer's investigations into Cambray history shows plainly:—

- (1). That the name has existed in England since the Norman Conquest.
- (2). That from that time to about the fifteenth century a family of Cambray, apparently of some importance, existed in Shropshire.
- (3). That the present Gloucestershire Cambrays can be traced back in the neighbourhood of Great Rissington and Icomb for a period of something like four hundred years.

It may, of course, be possible that the Shropshire family, of whose late history we know nothing, migrated southward, following the course of the Severn, and that from them have descended the Gloucestershire Cambrays. But, so far, no evidence in proof of such a connection has been obtained.

The sources of information for our knowledge of the medieval Cambrays are briefly indicated in the margin, and nothing has been set down for which there is not absolute evidence.

This history has been arranged upon the plan recommended by Mr. W. P. W. Phillimore in his well-known manual *How to Write the History of a Family*. By this method it will be seen that the relative position of any person referred to in the narrative can be at once ascertained by reference to the key pedigree, from which to the text there are full cross references.

To those members of the family and others, who have kindly rendered assistance in the compilation of this little family history,