

## NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS.

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It is scarcely to be expected that the records as given in the foregoing pages are entirely free from errors. Mistakes are very apt to occur in setting down names. While the author very sincerely regrets any omission, or erroneous statement which may be found, he believes there can not be many, and he does not think they will affect the main value of the book. The principal features of the book are believed to be the general account of the family during the two hundred years it has been in America, and a hundred and fifty years in England, and in tracing the descendants of the several branches, with special mention of many of the members, particularly those of the earlier generations.

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THE records show that there has, for many years, existed a marked partiality for the names John and James, and also that in families not having the Speed surname, Speed is much used as a given or Christian name. In the second branch—that of Captain James Speed—the following interesting table can be made, showing the alternate use of the names John and James :

- James Speed, of Spencer county, Ky.
  - John Speed, his father. of Louisville.
  - James Speed (Attorney-General), father of said John.
  - Judge John Speed, father of said James.
  - Captain James Speed, father of Judge John.
  - John Speed, of Mecklenburg, father of Captain James.
  - James Speed, father of said John.
  - John Speed, of Southampton, father of said James.
  - Dr. John Speed, of Oxford, father of said John.
  - John Speed, the historian, father of Dr. John Speed.
- Ten generations, covering a period of nearly three hundred and fifty years.