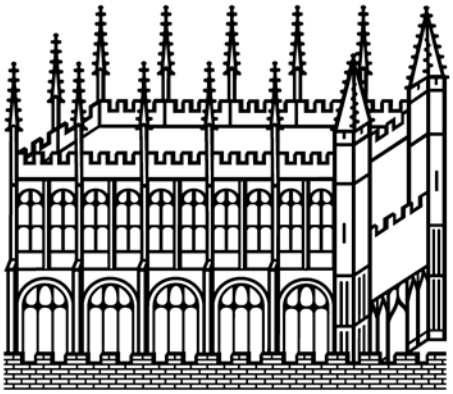

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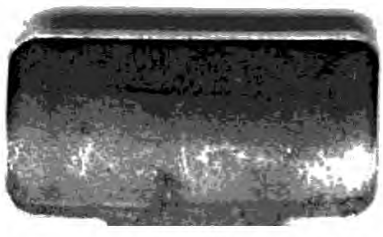

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PREFACE

THE following volume covers rather more than two and a half years from Aug. 10, 1725 to March 26, 1728. The first half of it was transcribed and prepared for the Press by Mrs. New; about forty pages were copied by Miss F. R. Rushbrook; for the rest I am responsible. What remains of the Diary, covering seven years, is enough for two more volumes.

The time has not yet come to give an account of Hearne's character and work, but one who has hitherto been a reader of the printed volumes and has now spent some months on the originals, both the Letters and the Diary, may describe what new impressions he has received. It will be enough to enumerate three, namely, Hearne's industry, his accuracy, and the difficulties under which he worked. We may take the last point first.

In the latter years of his life Hearne seems to have made it a rule never to leave Oxford even for one night, so that it was impossible for him to print a manuscript unless he was allowed to have it and copy it in his own room. He was able to obtain the loan of manuscripts from friends like the Earl of Oxford or Mr. Graves, or from the Cambridge University Library or the library at the Heralds' Office; but he was cut off from all manuscripts in the Bodleian, and although Dr. Mead with great liberality would provide him with transcripts from the Cotton Library, Hearne was unable to see the originals. He could make no researches among the National records at the Tower, and could only ask Mr. Holmes to verify a point, if he could give him the reference. It would be difficult to produce good work under these conditions even in the present day with the aid of books of reference, printed texts, and a rapid post by which to consult others. But Hearne had other difficulties. Not only did he issue books, but he had also to distribute them and to collect his money; and the letters are full of this subject. Many subscribers had to be consulted where the books were to be sent; and if the books were to be left with a

third party, unless he was willing to pay for them, they were brought back to Hearne. And the collection of the money, even when there was readiness to pay, was difficult. In those days, when cheques were unknown, it was necessary to send cash by the carrier or waggoner; but when there was no direct carrier, the method was unsafe, as the money would be left at some half-way house, to be called for by the Oxford carrier. In such cases it was preferable that a friend who lived at or near Oxford should pay and be refunded afterwards; or the money would be sent by the hands of some undergraduate, when next he went to Oxford. All this caused a deal of correspondence, and much tiresome bookkeeping.

The letters which are concerned with the collecting of money and the distribution of books illustrate not only the difficulties under which Hearne worked, but also his accuracy and the excellence of his memory. He seems to remember every detail of what took place a year or two years before, where the book was sent, and why it was returned, and that the money was defective by sixpence; for Hearne, though a liberal man, was careful of the sixpences. None of his subscribers are able to convict him of an error. His Letters and his Diary show that he was one of those who are by nature accurate and shudder if a person is given a wrong title or assigned a degree which is not his. If he quotes a book, he gives the exact page and the date of the edition from which he quotes. How accurate his texts are could only be tested by a comparison with the original manuscript; but he claims more than once that he always reproduced his manuscript letter for letter, and there can be little doubt that his texts were of an accuracy almost unknown at that time.

The third point, his diligence, is indicated by the mere number of the letters, if by nothing else. It is true that the forty volumes of letters are composed of letters sent to Hearne, but there can be little doubt that he wrote as many in reply. At the same time he was producing works with marvellous rapidity. *Adam de Domerham* appeared in two volumes in July, 1727; *Elmham* in one volume in January, 1728; the *Black Book of the Exchequer* in two volumes in January, 1729. So rapidly did he work that he began to print a new author before he had formed any thoughts about him. He did not see the first manuscript of Elmham until May 13, 1727 (see p. 302); on Sept. 7 he was still uncertain whether his name was Elmham or Elinham (see p. 346), but was already planning what author should follow Elmham. It might be maintained

that Hearne was too rapid and would have produced editions of more finality, if he had taken more time; but he points out that his object was not to give the correct text of his author but to reproduce the one manuscript that was entrusted to him; under his circumstances, he could not do more.

One unexpected feature appears from the Letters. From the Diary we might think that Hearne was a man of impetuosity and bitter words, but the Letters show that he had tact and patience, at all events when it was in question to retain a subscriber. He had the difficult task of keeping together a team of 150 subscribers, not all of them men of wisdom. Some of them were eager to see their names in print, and partly for this reason most of Hearne's volumes have, as an Appendix, a collection of archaeological odds and ends, with the names of the friends who supplied them. If a subscriber's suggestion were not accepted, there was danger that he would drop his subscription (see p. 352). In such cases Hearne required patience and tact. Notice, for instance, his answer to Dr. Mead of the date Oct. 26; and for a graceful suggestion that a subscriber should renew his subscription, see the letter of July 17, 1727.[1] If Hearne had been merely a tactless Non-juror, he would never have kept his subscribers together.

This volume shows how it was that Hearne could make a living and even save money by the volumes he issued. We learn (see p. 374) that his editions were generally of about 150 copies in all, some being in large size and some in small. If we assume that Hearne issued three volumes in two years (which was his average rate), and that the subscription was a guinea a volume in the large size and half a guinea in the small, it appears that Hearne's income cannot have been more than 200 guineas. But his printing, as we learn on page 37, was remarkably cheap, and cannot have cost him more than about £50 a year, and there was no cost for binding as the volumes were issued in quires unbound. Hearne therefore made a profit of more than a hundred pounds a year.

This work is known as Hearne's 'Diary', but that is not the word which Hearne himself uses; he describes himself as 'the writer of these matters', not 'the writer of this Diary'. It is not a record of his daily doings, but as it were a collection of materials for a History of his Times. He must have had a rule that no day should pass without an entry,

[1] There is an unfortunate misprint in this letter; 'now' should be read for 'not'.

whether he had something suitable or not. This is not obvious in the printed volumes, because when Hearne found nothing of importance to insert, he would fill his daily portion by copying a letter that he had written or received, a letter in some cases several weeks old; and as it is the method of this edition not to transcribe such entries, but to calendar the letters and insert them at the date when they were written, it appears at first sight that on some days he made no entry. Sometimes a letter that has been received by him will be spread over two or three days for want of better material; or he copies portions from *Mist's Journal* or the *Gazette* to supply his quota. But by some means or another he always supplied a daily portion.

This volume is edited on the same principles as its predecessors, but it will be found that the Letters are calendared now more briefly than in the first volumes of this series, and the Diary is printed with practically no omissions. Hearne's correspondence increased with years, and the letters are so numerous, and often about petty matters, such as the delivery of books, that it is impossible, and would be unwise, to give much space to each letter. On the other hand, the Diary improves as Hearne grows older, and few omissions are advisable. In the Preface to Vol. IV Mr. Rannie states that it was the Editor's custom to omit from the Diary '(1) minute descriptions of coins, most of which are in the Bodleian Library and catalogued there; (2) trivial notes made by Hearne from his readings in printed books; (3) classical criticisms of an obsolete kind'. But in the later volumes of the Diary there are few such entries, and perhaps Hearne's exclusion from the University widened his interests and his friendships. At all events the last volumes of the Diary are some of the most interesting. They are reproduced with Hearne's spelling, but in some cases the Editor has not reproduced his excessive number of capitals. Hearne's curious punctuation has never been followed; it is the punctuation of speech, not of writing, and (like the mediaeval punctuation) indicates where a breath should be taken. In his written works Hearne follows the ordinary method, and punctuates as a guide to the sense of a passage. The two systems usually coincide, but where the predicate is preceded by a long complex subject, Hearne in the Diary will insert a comma between the subject and predicate, to show that a breath must be taken before beginning the predicate. This and some other peculiarities would only perplex modern readers.

Hearne describes himself as an antiquary, and so he was in the wide sense of the word, but not in the sense in which Dugdale, Spelman, Madox, and Tanner were antiquaries. Hearne, like his friend Mr. Baker of Cambridge, was an antiquary in the sense that he was interested in the Classics, in ancient manuscripts, in Roman remains, coins, medals, Runic inscriptions, early printing, rare tracts, &c.; but chiefly from want of opportunity, he was not an antiquary in the sense of being familiar with English law and customs in the Middle Ages. In those days, when books were few, this kind of knowledge could only be acquired by working at the records in the Tower of London, or at least in libraries such as Sir Robert Cotton's. This was what Madox and Tanner had done; but Hearne never stirred from Oxford and had probably never seen a Pipe Roll, a Patent Roll, or a Plea Roll, and knew little about Episcopal Registers, Manorial Rolls, and such records. In this line Mr. Anstis and Dr. Tanner, among his correspondents, were of great use to him, and without their help he would often have been at a loss. The two letters of Dr. Tanner dated Aug. 19, and Oct. 14, 1727, are noteworthy, and show that Tanner had read widely in manuscripts, had taken notes of what he read, and had indexed his note-books; these two letters supply Hearne with nearly all that he was able to tell his readers about the two authors with which they deal. When Hearne was left to himself his antiquarian decisions are often at fault and are little better than guesses; and it may be noticed in this volume that when Madox, one of the greatest of our antiquaries, is mentioned by Hearne, it is with disparagement, because he was not a scholar and was mainly interested in legal matters.

Hearne is weak in particular when he deals with the antiquities of Oxford. Since he was refused access to the University Archives, to the Town muniments, and to all College muniments, and could not consult Twyne's collections or Wood's, it was impossible with these disadvantages, whatever might have been his antiquarian abilities, that he should be an authority on Mediaeval Oxford. This needs to be stated; for Hearne's verdicts on the antiquities of Oxford, extracted by Dr. Bliss in his edition of the Diary, have received more acceptance than they deserve. It will be noticed in this volume that, in almost every case where Hearne makes an excursion into the early history of Oxford, he blunders badly.

The value of Hearne's Diary lies not in his antiquarian verdicts, but in the information it gives about Oxford in his time, and in the picture

it supplies of Hearne himself, a man afflicted with no doubts, full of interests, a hearty friend, a hearty foe, and a hearty worker. He would like to pose as the solitary student, and it seems that he generally took solitary walks; but he was not a solitary: he had many friends among undergraduates and seems to have been popular with them; we hear repeatedly of evenings spent with Dr. Stratford or with Mr. Whiteside, of healths being drunk and, on one occasion, of half a guinea spent in this way; many of Hearne's friends suffered from gout, and the Non-jurors did not abjure wine. The following letter (Rawl. Lett. 6. 82) from the Rev. James Gibson of Weston Underwood, Bucks., at one time Hearne's schoolmaster at Bray, which being undated may be inserted here, seems to speak of some convivial occasion: 'My last journey has almost killed me. Being quite tired with my walk and drinking too much with you, and (what was worst of all) meeting so unhappily with your Vice-Principal, I was quite spent and overcome. . . . I shall be glad to see you once more, which I hope will be without any such interruption as happened this last time.' It is not difficult to understand that Hearne's talk was entertaining; this Diary with its vivid epithets and vigorous sentences shows what it must have been; and if his letters are exceedingly dull and proper, as was considered at that time befitting for a scholar, his Diary has, what in the eyes of a transcriber is a great merit, the quality of never being dull, and his talk no doubt had the same merit.

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THOMAS HEARNE.

VOL. CIX.

Aug. 10 (Tu.), 1725. When my Ed. of Textus Roffensis came out, my Friend, Thomas Rawlinson, Esq., writ me word that he had read my Preface to it, and that he lik'd it for being long. For, saith he with Rutilius, *Nil unquam longum est, quod sine fine placet.* My mentioning the Desecration of holy Bones put him in mind of the care his Grandfather, Richard Tayler, Esq., took at Chiswick in Middlesex. He (as the ill Custom now is) purchas'd some ground in the Church for a Vault for his Family. In digging, it appear'd they dip'd on some old Charnel House, or where Casualty or the Plague in some other Age had strew'd the Place with Sculls and other Bones. He, with all the Piety imaginable, *jussit defodi.* He was a plain man of Little Learning, the Son of a Yeoman of Taunton Dean in Somersetshire, but of good penetrating Parts, and thought the flinging the Bones of the Dead in Dunghills, or such vile Places (ut plerumque fit), the highth of wickedness. *This Age* (saith Mr. Rawlinson) *wants Monitors to goodness, God knows, nay, ev'n severe ones to scare them out of ill Practises. I do my Part in speaking; you, whose Pen is happier, by your Immortal Writings.*

Aug. 11 (Wed.). Yesterday call'd upon me, in the Morning, Mr. Brooks, Fellow of Oriel College, who put out in Gr. and Lat. a piece of Demosthenes. I talk'd with him about the Author of Pierce Plowman, a Book, he said, he never heard of before, and promised to consult the oldest Register they had, wch, he said, was then in his hands, to see if John Malvern occurrs Fellow of their College, but he said he believ'd that Register did not reach near the time of Edw. III.

Afterwards call'd upon me Mr. Wm Vesey, Fellow of Lincoln-College, who is searching the old Writings of their College, and seems to delight in Antiquities. Mr. Vesey told me he thought he had found in their College Writings that the Spicery in Oxford was in All-Halows' parish. He thought also he had found mention in the same Parish of the Apothecary (or *Apothecaries' Rew*).

He talk'd much of the old Map of Oxford in Queen Elizabeth's time that belongs to Mr. Baker, the Wire-Drawer, and was for having it reprinted. I told him it was Agas's Map, and that there was one in the Muséum Ashm., and that the late Dr. Brathwait, Warden of Winchester College, had another, wch I had seen formerly in the hands of Dr. Charlett. He said Mr. Hulet, a London Engraver now in Oxford, was willing to do it anew.

He talk'd much of Dr. Hutten's Antiquities of Oxford that I printed at the End of Textus Roff., and seem'd much pleas'd with that Book, and of all others that he had seen of my publishing, and wish'd he had been a Subscriber from the beginning, but having lost the opportunity, he desired to come in now, and accordingly subscrib'd for Peter Langtoft, that I am now printing, Yesterday.

Aug. 12 (**Th.**). Yesterday I purchas'd of Mr. Wilmot, Rob. Crowley's Ed. of Pierce Plowman, printed in 1550. It belong'd to Dr. Charlett, as did that of Owen Rogers's Ed. in 1561, wch I purchas'd formerly. This of Rob. Crowley's cost me 5s., the other but 1s. 6d. I find Mr. Strype took what he says from Rob. Crowley's Preface, having not (as I take it) seen the MS. (noted to be written in the year MIIIICIX) himself. Both my Copies belong'd once to the famous Mr. Wm Fulman, whose hand Writing occurs in several places of both. As this Ed. of Rob. Crowley exceeds that of Owen Rogers, upon account of the Goodness of the Paper and Types (and, it may be, the Correctness also), as well as the Preface (omitted by Owen Rogers), so Rogers's excells this upon account of the Crede (with a small Glossary) annex'd to it, which was never imprinted with the Book before, tho' I have seen it separate, particularly one Copy, lent me by my dear Friend, Thomas Rawlinson, Esq., wch I have made use of in my Ed. of Guil. Neubrig., and in my Glossary to Rob. of Gloucester.

Aug. 13 (**Fri.**). On Tuesday last one Brasier, of St. Peter's in the East, Oxon., saying in Company (the Mayor of Oxford, Mr. Appleby, being one of them) that he would lay a Guinea he could bowl down a hill 250 Yeards, and the Bowl should not stop till it came so far, one Plastin (and it must be noted both Brazier & he are half-strain'd Fellows) took him up, saying that himself would venture a Guinea that he would run down the hill, & stop the Bowle before it was got 250 yards. The Wager was confirm'd, the Money (a Guinea apiece) being put down in the Mayor's hands. Now, Brazier was to fix upon the Hill himself, and he fix'd upon Stoken Church Hill. There were several Betts on both sides, but it being not thought that a Hill so far off would be pitch'd upon, some did not go. The rest, however (one of wch was the Mayor), rid thither on Wednesday. But when they came to the Place, Plastin said he left himself to their Mercy, for he would not pretend to venture his Neck by running down a Place so steep. So he & his adherents lost

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Aug. 12, 1725. H. to W. Bedford (Diaries, 109. 6). Would be glad to have an account of the death of Mr. Rawlinson.

their Money. After which they all dined at Tetsworth, and return'd to Oxford like Fools in the Evening, being much laugh'd at, especially Plastin and his Crew. The Mayor was on Brazier's side.

Thomas Rawlinson, Esq., when he writ to me lately, told me that whereas I had mention'd to him his being about a select Catalogue, wch I said I was glad of (for he put the word himself into my Mouth), that his Imperious Creditors should have every Thing by his consent, 'till none dare demand any thing, thereby signifying that he would not pick and cull any more, and that he was only wishing to do the best for them.

He said, if he knew any Thing, John Murray's Print of Sir Thomas More that I made use of in Roper is both a later and a worse Print than most, and that 'tis the vilest Picture but one of him. He said, as he read my Book, or any other of my Books, he would go on with the English Freedom he was borne to. I wish he had, but he formerly mightily commended this Book, particularly what I had done my self, and said all people else were also well pleas'd with it. But, it seems, any Thing from poor John Murray, honest John Murray as Mr. Anstis us'd to stile him, is a good reason for finding fault. I told Mr. Rawlinson I was still of the same opinion about the Antiquity of this Picture, and that he (Mr. Rawlinson) and I judg'd of these kind of Antiquities after a different manner: he look'd upon that to be most ancient that was most elegant, I the contrary. Now, tho' this picture be not elegant, yet 'tis certainly old, and a Curiosity, and 'twas therefore published by me. The rest I left to others. Some, perhaps, would have Sir Thomas represented otherwise than he was. There are many things in this print that answer to what is said in the Description of this great man.

Aug. 14 (Sat.). Yesterday meeting Mr. Brazier, the Glover, he told me that he did bowle at that piece of Staken Church Hill wch is by Leuknor, and that he bowl'd 300 yards, whereas 250 was the wager, that Plastin did not pretend to run when he saw the Steepness of the Hill, that only the Mayor, Mr. Plastin, Mr. Hill, Butler of Queen's, and himself were there.

Yesterday Morning died at Nurse Marcham's in St. Peter's in the East, whither he removed from Will. Brazier the Glover's of that Parish (Brother to Brazier before mentioned), Mr. Charles Greeneway, a Man of far superior Sense to his two elder Brothers, one of which is, and hath been many Years, Register of Berks., and the other, Mr. Samuel Greeneway, is Senior Fellow of New College. This Mr. Charles Greeneway, who was about 56 Years of Age, had been a very genteel man, and had kept excellent Company. He was a great Ringer, & would talk excellently well, but he was generally fuddled and intoxicated, being for sitting up late a-nights. This continual bibbing brought his Spirits low, & put an end to his Life. He was a single man, having never been married. He died in debt, but he said some little time ago that what he had would satisfy more than he owed.

Tho. Rawlinson, Esq., in the last Letter but one I recd from him, told me that there was a Wooden Cutt, possibly made in his Time, publish'd of Sir Tho. More under Q. Mary, which he had seen.

He said, upon his Fayth, he wonder'd how *Chronicon Godstovianum*

should know nothing of Rosamund, not considering the reason why I call it so, wch I have signify'd in my Preface to Roper's Life of Sir Thomas to be from my lighting upon it as I was going to Godstowe with Mr. John Bagford, to view the Ruins thereof. I might call (as I told Mr. Rawlinson, in answer to him) any Chronicle that belong'd to him *Chronicon Rawlinsonianum*, tho' nothing of Rawlinson were mentioned in it.

Aug. 15 (Sun.). Last night, between 8 and 9 Clock, was buried very handsomely Mr. Charles Greeneway in St. Peter's Church Yard in the East. Those that held up the Pall had Hatbands, Gloves, & Rings. I have been many times told that his Brother of New College was very kind to him, allowing him twenty Guineas a Year. The Father of these Greeneways was a Brewer in Oxford, and so was this Charles Greeneway for some time, and the Brewhouse that was his own is in the Parish of St. Aldate's, but it hath stood a good while empty, so that he had no benefit of it.

On Friday last were elected Lecturers of Cairfax one Mr. Hunter, A.M. & Fellow of Queen's College, a good natured, half strain'd sot, and one Bilson, A.M. and Chaplain of All Souls College, a great Company Keeper.

On Sunday Morning, Aug. 1 (1725), the Lady Mary Vere, a Daughter of Aubery des Vere, the 20th and last Earl of Oxford of that Name, and Sister to the present Dutchess of St. Alban's, having been at Prayers at St. James's Chappel, and afterwards going to take the Air in Hyde Park before Dinner, was there seiz'd with a Fit of the Apoplexy, and expired in her Coach, having before been heard to say faintly, *Lord Jesus, receive me.* — Northampton Mercury, Aug. 9, Mond., 1725.

Aug. 16 (Mon.). My Friend, Thomas Rawlinson, Esq., in his last Letter to me, wch I receiv'd on Saturd., July 31st last, told me that *Mr. Ainsworth* of Hackney *is a Medalist, they say, and may be more.* I ask'd him about him, because Mr. Murray had formerly told me he is a very rigid, conscientious Nonjuror, an excellent Scholar, and very worthy of my acquaintance, and would therefore have me acquainted with him, if he came to Oxford. This Mr. Ainsworth is an old Man, & Mr. West of Balliol College (who hath been with him in Company) told me he is a strict Nonjuror, a very good man, but of those Nonjurors that go to Church. I judg'd that he had been rather a sort of Presbyterian, because I never heard any Friend of mine that is a Nonjuror mention him, upon any account whatsoever. It seems, he is a sort of Schoolmaster in Hackney, where he lives with his Wife (I think he hath no child) contentedly, but his Circumstances are but narrow. He drew up and published a Catalogue in Latin (8vo) of Mr. Kemp's Rarities, a great Number of which were Counterfeits. I have heard that Mr. Ainsworth, tho' he understands the History of Medalls tolerably well, yet he knows not how to distinguish genuine ones from such as are counterfeit. In the said Catalogue, I am told (for I have not examin'd it), is something *De Asse*, written by Mr. John Ward, Professor of Rhetorick in Gresham College. Which, perhaps, may be the same

Tract that I have separately upon the same Subject, written by the same Ward, as Mr Bruce told me.

The said Ward, Mr. Rawlinson in the same Letter told me, *is a Dogge who communicates for Bread, tho' he stole his Umbra of Learning, as Dr. Squintifgus Plague Writer says*[1].

At the same time Mr. Rawlinson told me that Mr. Bruce (abt whom I had enquired also) was altogether unknown to him: *Mr. Bruce mihi inter ignotissimos*, are Mr. Rawlinson's Words. I have been told that both Mr. Ward and this Bruce (who signify'd to me at Oxford that he was Mr. Ward's Pupil) are Presbyterians. I am sure Bruce told me several lyes, which argues him to be a Presbyterian.

Aug. 17 (Tu.). Dr. John Thorpe of Rochester (who is a skillfull Physician, and my worthy Friend) inform'd me by Letter from Rochester, June 13, 1722, that the Month immediately before he was at Mr. Lambard's House in Sevenoke, and the little time he had to spare he imploy'd in looking over and transcribing some Notes from his MSS. They are about 80 or 100 in number, and are chiefly Transcripts or Extracts, made either by his Learned Ancestor or by Lawrence Nowell, as will be perceiv'd by the under-written Specimen. Mr. Lambard, who is a person of great parts, courtesie, integrity, and worth, has been so kind as to offer the Dr. the Loan of any of them, for the use of himself or Friends. He told the Dr. that his Grandfather lent or gave several to Sr Roger Twisden, *wch I presume* (saith the Dr.) *may now be in the hands of Sr Tho. Sebright*; and that others were lost in the frequent Removes which his family was forced to make in the time of the civil Wars. Among his Family pictures he shew'd the Dr. 2 or 3 very good ones of Perambulation Lambard, as he is frequently called in that country; and obliged him with the sight of a MS. of his, containing a very particular and faithfull account of the most remarkable occurrences relating to Himself or Family. It has in some measure been continued by his Son and Grandson, and would be of great use to any person who should undertake to write the Life of this great and good Man. The Dr. told me he was mistaken in a former Letter *in saying that the present Mr. Lambard* (they are the Dr's. own Words) *was Great Grandson to the Antiquary, as ou will perceive by an Extract from a Pedegree of the Family on the other side of this paper.*

This Morning, at ten Clock, Magdalen Coll. great Bell went for one Slaymaker, Bach. of Arts and Clark of that College, who fell down Stairs last night, at about eleven Clock, as 'twas thought, & broke his Skull, as he was going up to his Room. He was a very great Sot, and some say he was now drunk, others that he had had once before an Apoplexy. He had been Bach. of Arts many Years, and was a pretty fat Man, & always wore a pudding sleeve Gown. He was born at Witney. Besides his Clerkship, I hear he had a Living in Lincolnshire, wch his Predecessor liv'd very handsomely upon without any thing else,

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[1] Mr. Rawlinson means my Friend, Dr. Richd Mead, with whom Mr. Rawlinson was much disgusted, tho' I always look'd upon the Dr. as his Friend.

whereas this Man could not by his Extravagancy maintain himself with both, but died miserably in debt. He had also some other Income upon several Accounts in the College, & was Minister some time at Whately, 'till such time as he was turn'd out for negligence [1].

Aug. 18 (Wed.). The Specimen mentioned above from Dr. Thorpe's Letter of Mr. Lambard's MSS.:—

1. *Ecclesiastica venerabilis Bedæ presbyteri historia, Anglo-Saxonicé. Libri v.*
2. *Chronica conservata in monasterio S. Martini. Anglo-Saxonicé.*
3. *Athelstani regis leges. Anglo-Saxonicé.* Quibus hæc nota præfigitur: *Hæc scripsit Laurentius Nowellus propria manu, in ædibus Cecillianis, anno domini* 1562, *Londini.*
4. *Chron. Peterburgensis. Anglo-Saxonicé. Laurens Nowell, Anno* 1565.
5. *H. Huntingdon leges Conquestoris, et Chronicon Sancti Albani, Laurentij Nouelli, Anno* 1565. Chronicon sic incipit: *De Brytanniæ Laudibus quidam sic scripsit, Illa quidem longé,* &c.
6. *Itinerarium Walliæ mag. Giraldi Cambrensis.*
7. *Hyberniæ descriptio (opus imperfectum), Laurentio Noelo Authore,* 1564.
8. *An account of the Death of Walter, Earle of Essex, E. Marshall of Ireland, K^t of the Garter,* &c.
9. Codex MS., cui hæc nota præfixa: *Gulielmus Malmsburiensis monachus inter alia sua monumenta descripsit nobis historiam Abbatum monasterij Glascon., atque illud opus Henrico, tunc temporis Wintoniensi Episcopo, dicavit, ex quo hæc quæ sequuntur succincte atque à magno volumine pauca quæ maxime memoratu digna putavimus excerpsimus.*

Baleus, in suis de Scriptoribus Centurijs, Antiquitates Glasconiæ appellat.

10. Codex cui hæc nota: *Vita et Mors Regis Edwardi secundi Gallicé conscripta à generalissimo milite, Thoma de la More, qui sequentium pars nonnulla fuit, et in Latinum traducta ab alio quodam ejus synchrono. Consule Baleum, Cent. 5^a, et comperies quendam Stephanum Eiton hæc eadem scripsisse. Libri exemplar est penes Wilhelmum Bowierum,* 1566, *Chartophylacem regium, prout mihi retulit Laurentius Noelus, qui hæc transcripsit manu propria. Guilielmus Lambardus.*
11. *Rerum à ducibus Normanniæ gestarum hystoria, à Guilielmo Gemeticensi conscripta.* Nota: *Hanc rerum Normannicarum historiam secutus videtur Thomas Walsingham in suo Neustriæ hypodigmate ad H. regem quintum dicatque, nam ducum Normannorum res gestas aliaque multa eisdem fere verbis atque hic noster exponit. Lege consuetudines Normannicas, Anno* 1574 *editas, fol.* 43. *Laurentius Noelus transcripsit* 1568, *in Gallia, nactus vetustissimum exemplar.*
12. Orosij Historia.
13. Commentaria in Ovidij Metamorphosin.
14. De Monetæ assaio, allaio, et examinatione, Tractatus incerti Authoris.
15. A Catalogue of the Knights made by K. James I.

Aug. 19 (Th.). The Extract from a Pedegree of the Lambards mentioned above to be sent me by Dr. Thorpe in 1722:—

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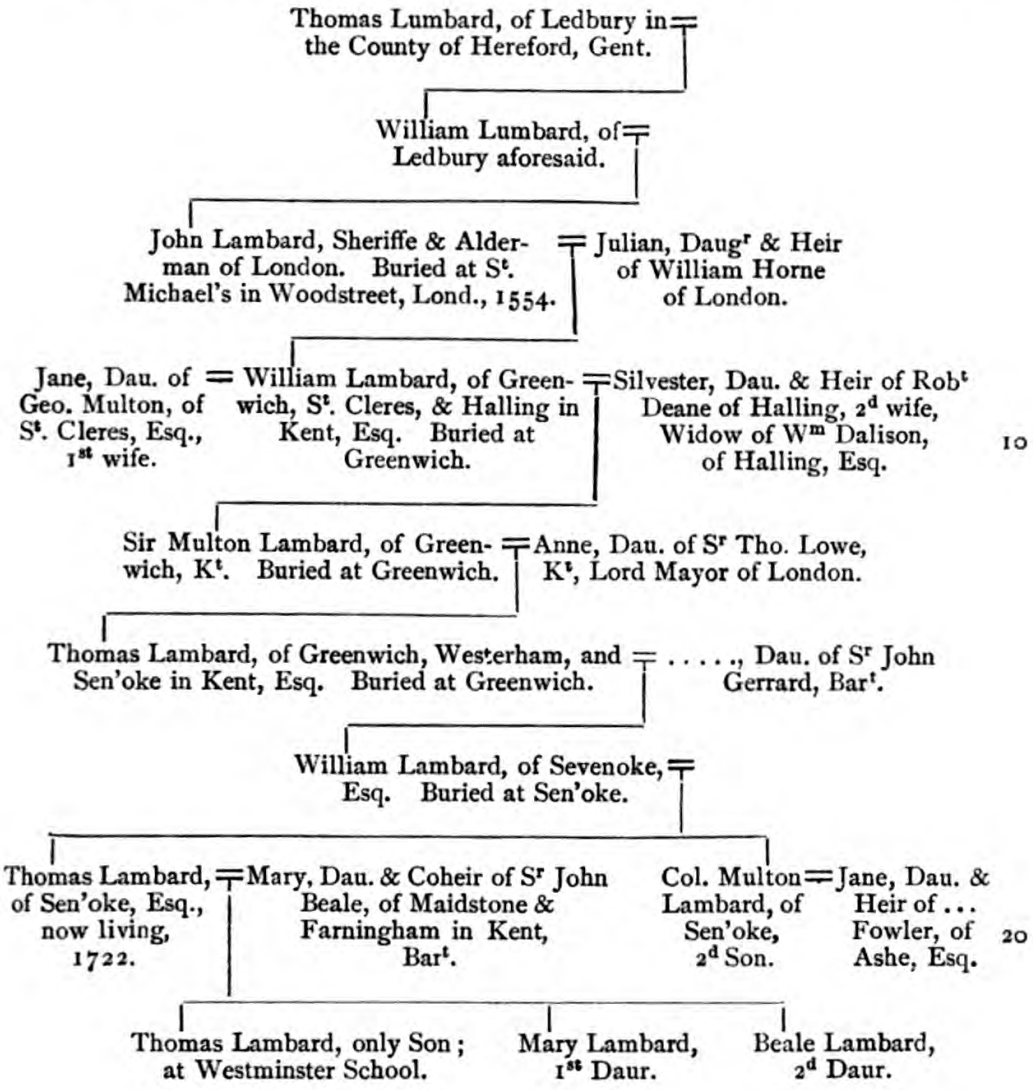
[1] He was buried on Wednesday night, Aug. 18, in the Coll. Chapell.



Aug. 20 (Fri.). Some time since (I am told, about Whitsontide last), the Revd. Mr. John Bruges, B.D. and late Fellow of Corpus Christi College, and now Rector of Childrey, near Wantage in Berks., married Mrs. Eliz. Peisley, the second Daughter (the eldest being married to Mr. Beaver, M.A. & Steward of Corpus Xti Coll.) of the late Mr. Anth. Peisly of Oxford, Bookseller, so that there are four Daughters now unmarried. Which Mr. Bruges is about 50 Years of age, and she about 28. Mr. Bruges took the Degree of M.A. on March 2, 1698, and that of B.D., July 17, 1708. He has a Brother that was Fellow of New Coll. (Hen. Bruges, who went out M.A., Oct. 21, 1697), and is now Master of Thame School.

On Sunday (Aug. 8) Night the Lady Mary, second Daughter and Coheiress to the Right Honourable Aubrey, the last Earl of Oxford of the illustrious Name of Vere, was buried in Westminster Abbey, from the Jerusalem Chamber, very splendidly. The Pall was supported by the Earl of Lincoln,

Earl of Delorain, Lord Viscount Falmouth, Lord Delawar, Lord Howard, and Lord Herbert. *Chief Mourner*, the Earl of Burford.

So the Northampton Mercury.

Aug. 21 (Sat.). In a Letter from Mr. Baker, of the 14th of Febr. last, from Cambridge, he told me he was sorry to hear of the death of my Compositor (Mr. Rance), and that he hop'd I would let it be a Caution to me not to fatigue my self with too much business, which, he doubts, was his Case: *& since* (says he) *your present Book* (of Peter Langtoft) *is drawing towards a Conclusion* (*which I am glad to hear*), *I wish you would be prevail'd with to allow your self some respite before you undertake the next.* NB. 'Twas not too much Business, for this he delighted in, that broke Mr. Rance, but distractions in his Family, &c. See my Account of his Death.

At the same time Mr. Baker writ thus, *I have just now receiv'd two of your Pictures from Dr.* (Ralph) *Bridges, being a very acceptable Present to me, & I return my thanks by this Post. You know, his Brother* (*your worthy Friend*) (John Bridges, Esq.) *had made large Collections toward the History of Northamptonshire, which I could wish were in your hands, & so I have told the Doctor. It's pity they should not be publisht, & I know of no man so fit to digest & perfect them as your self, if you would undertake that trouble; & I can easily presume you to be well inclin'd, out of the respect you had for the Collector.*

I told my Friend, Mr. Baker, that I fear'd he had pitch'd upon the most unqualify'd person that could be thought of. What the Dr. said afterwards to him, I know not. This is certain, that when he after this came to Oxford, he did not mention a syllable to me about this Affair, tho' I suppose the Papers are to be reserv'd for his Nephew, John Bridges, Esq., now Gentleman-Commoner of Christ-Church. My Ed. of Peter Langtoft is not yet finish'd, tho' they have been at work upon it hard ever since Mr. Baker wrote his Letter.

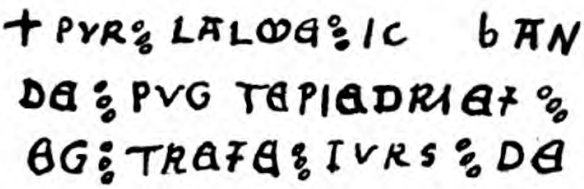
Aug. 22 (Sun.). Mr. Anstis told me, by a Letter from the Heralds' Office of xi Jan., 172$\frac{3}{4}$, that he fancy'd I was very right in my Judgment of leaving out such parts of Brun as would be of no use, and, being in the beginning, would disgust my Readers. Whether I would take it from the period of the Conquest, or put in any of the Saxon history, he said I should be best able to determine when I had the French Peter de Langtoft, which doubtlesse he should get for me at their next Chapter, and if it would be of any use to me, he said he could send me at the same time the Historical French Poem of Peter de Ickham, which he believ'd by his memory may be somewhat prior to Langtoft, but that (said he) will be easily adjusted upon collating, and how far they correspond or copy.

The French Langtoft was sent me soon after, and I have made use of it in my Ed. of Brunne, but I did not trouble my self about Ickham. I left out all Geffry Monmouth, and began at the Death of Cadwalader, as I have signify'd in my Preface.

Mr. Anstis had sent me a small Catalogue of books said to be printed in the time of Hen. 8. He said he took it out of Bale, who hath men-

tioned many more of the like nature as wrote contemporary with himself, but Mr. Anstis confesses he never saw any of them, but imagined some of the Libraries might afford copies. He said he knows a Gentleman that hath some of Sr Rich. Morison's, who told him he was a very polite Writer. If I cast (he said) my Eye over Bale, I should find several Historical Treatises mentioned by him as though they were published in his time, but possibly he was not exact. These Things were spoke of by Mr. Anstis, because he thought some of those old Historical pieces might be worth reprinting.

Aug. 23 (Mon.). Yesterday Mr. West of Balliol College shew'd me the following Copie of an Inscription at Wells, taken, as he said, about 50 Years since.



This cutt in 2 stones of a Buttresse of the Church of Welles, att the Western Door.

Mr. Edwd Burton, in his Letter to me of Nov. 7 last, told me that he and Dr. Wilkins examined the Archbishop's Catalogue of the MSS. in Lambeth Library, but could not find any such book as Langtoft or Brunne mentioned, & the number 131 (wch I had mentioned to him as being the Book) belongs to another book. By this he fancy'd that the information I had had mistook the Library. NB. It was no mistake. I follow'd Dr. Gale and Dr. Tanner, who had both seen Brunne's Translation of Langtoft in Lambeth Library. And, indeed, after this Mr. Burton told me that he had met with the MS., that 'tis imperfect, and on paper, and I easily guess from thence that 'tis not therefore so valuable as that I had lent me, and wch I have printed from the Inner Temple Library. But I refer to my Preface to Langtoft.

Aug. 24 (Tu.). On Friday, the 13th instant, Booths were put up in Port Meadow, by Oxford, for the Horse-Race, which began there on Monday, the 16th, and continued five days (what it had never done before), being not ended 'till late on Saturd. Evening, the 21st, so as the Booths were not pull'd down 'till yesterday (being the 23d), in the Afternoon, and even yesterday 'twas talk'd of that there would be another Race of two horses, and some said a Foot-Race for either a smock or a hoop-Petticoat, & some said also that there would be bull-baiting there, but the excessive Rains wch fell yesterday (as there have been great Rains all the time, as it were, that the Booths were up) prevented any farther Sports. And, indeed, 'twas time to have done,

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Aug. 24, 1725. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 205). Is very sorry for the death of Mr. Rawlinson. He had an account of what he owed H.: supposes the executor must be applied to by his creditors. Inquires about Mr. Granger's Florence of Worcester.

these Diversions (especially by continuing them so long) being nothing else but incentives to Idleness and Vice, and doing a great deal of harm to the youth of the University and others.

Aug. 25 (Wed.). Yesterday I bought of Mr. Nich. Cox, for a shilling (and he ask'd no more for it), a Pamphlet call'd, *A Letter to a Member of the Convocation of the University of Oxford: containing the Case of a late Fellow elect of University-College in that University; Lond.*, 1699, 4°, in 4 sheets and an half. This is the Case of Mr. Charles Usher of that College, written by himself, and sign'd at the end, C. U. He is still living, being of the Council for the City of London, in wch he acts with great Skill and Wisdom, being an excellent Lawyer, such as a City Councellor ought to be. The Case is well drawn, as indeed he was always look'd upon (very deservedly) to be a very ingenious man, and he was well belov'd in Oxford, but Dr. Charlett prov'd his inveterate Enemy, and being resolv'd to get him outed of his Fellowship (to which he had been honourably elected at Univ. Coll.), he contrived, by the help of his Agents (one of wch was Mr. Denison), to have him accordingly turn'd out, & to be expell'd the University, and so by this proceeding he got Mr. Denison (one of the Witnesses against Mr. Usher) to be elected Fellow in his room, wch was one of the most diabolical Acts that have been manag'd in the University, and so I remember 'twas generally look'd up[on] by all, particularly by all of us young men (and young men have usually a great compassion in judging upon such cases), who could not but observe a very extraordinary degree of wickedness throughout the whole Matter, since wch time Mr. Denison's Malice & Villany have appear'd on other occasions, especially lately with respect to the Headship of that College. Mr. Denison continued a great Favourite of Dr. Charlett's for many Years, but at last Charlett discarded him, & look'd upon him (& us'd him) as an ungratefull Rascal, and I am told (I wish it was true) that Charlett repented (& would sometimes cry) for the ill (very ill) usage he had shew'd to Mr. Usher, and I have likewise heard that old Prickett (lately dead), who was one of the principal managers against Mr. Usher, repented also, and that he would call Mr. Denison a great Rogue, as upon other Accounts, so for denying King Alfred to be the Founder of Great University Hall, afterwards, upon its being restor'd by Wm of Durham, stil'd University College. This Pamphlett was sold for six pence when it first came out, but, Charlett & his Agents destroying all they could, 'tis now become exceeding rare, & is worth five shillings.

Aug. 26 (Th.). My Friend the honble Benedict Leonard Calvert, Esq., writ me word from Paris, on Sept. 3, 1723, that that Country affords little pleasure in search of Antiquities, not that there is an intire want of them, but they are so disposed that it requires much time & application to see them. The King's Library, being under some new regulations & alterations, was then intirely shut up. His Closet of Medalls, &c., cannot be seen without an order from himself. Indeed, at Versailles, in the Gardens, are several antique figures, wch Mr. Calvert took some pains to examine. There are 3 senatorial figures, at the feet of each a sort of *Capsa*, or Coffer. *But that which seems* (says Mr. Calvert) *most valuable, as best executed, is one of Titus, the Roman Emperour, in*

the Military habit, resting one hand on a shield; on his Brest is represented two Angels, as it were supporting a Candlestick with seven Branches. This I take (continues he) *to relate to his triumph after the taking of Jerusalem. If my guess fall short of truth, excuse my freedom, & favour me with better information.* I writ back to Mr. Calvert, as I remember, and gave him my opinion of this Figure, and I think I told him what he called Angels were genii.

This Morning, about eight a Clock, died Mrs. Downes, in St. Mary Hall, Oxon., Widow of the late Mr. Downes, a young Gentleman, an ingenious, honest Nonjuror, late of St. John's Coll., Oxon., who died about six Months after he had married this Gentlewoman, who was under thirty Years of Age[1]. She came from London on purpose to see her Brother, Mr. John Leake, my Friend, and his Wife, Mrs. Patty Masters, who both lodge in St. Mary Hall, by the Favour of the Principal thereof, Dr. Wm King, who is absent, and hath been so a good while, in Ireland. Here in Oxford this young Woman, Mrs. Downes, had a Rash, and an high Feaver. Dr. Medcalf, a cockbrain'd Physician, said 'twas the small Pox, which made Mr. Leak (who, it seems, never had the small Pox) retire with his Wife into Holywell, but it proving other than the small Pox, they both return'd to the Hall. This Mrs. Downes was a good Woman, &, I hear, about five or six hundred Pounds (for she never had any Child) comes by her Death to Mr. Leake[2].

Aug. 27 (Fri.). My Friend, Mr. West of Ball. Coll., wrote me word from Lond., on the 6th of May last, that the Life of St. Cuthbert in the Cotton Library is wrote in Latin, and is pretty long, so that he could not have time to read it over there. It formerly belonged to Hegge, who at the top of the first page hath wrote, *Sum Liber Roberti Hegge,* & at the bottom, *Iste Author fuit Monachus Dunelm., et in multis sequitur Turgotum, monasterii illius Priorem, qui optima fide & eleganti stylo historiam Dunelm. ecclesiæ complexus est, floruitque imperante Rege Henrico illius nominis* 1°, *ut merito Turgoti Continuator dici poterit.* There are more Things in the Cotton Library relating to the Affairs of Durham than to any other Church or Place whatsoever, as Mr. West notes. Christopher Watson's thing (he says) is not above two Sheets of Paper, but in the same Volume is a History of Duresme by Thomas Watson, he believes of but small account.

Mr. West read over in the Cotton Library Arthur Agarde's Account of Domesday book, which (he says) gave him much satisfaction, and he should have transcribed it, only he found that Mr. Roger Gale had printed it in the Honours of Richmond.

The *Index quorundam librorum repertorum in Bibliothecis Monasteriorum per Johannem Lelandum*, which I had mentioned to Mr. West, he tells me

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Aug. 27, 1725. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 32). Remarks on Crowley's edition of Piers Plowman. [See Diary, Aug. 31, for rest of this letter.]

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[1] She was 29 Years of Age.

[2] She was buried, on Saturd. Night following, in St. Marie's Church. See below, at Sept. 17.

is very imperfect; by what he can guess (he says, what I had also suggested to him), he takes it to be the same with that in the 4th vol. of Leland's Collectanea.

The Verses in English (in the Cotton Libr.) from the reign of Wm Conq. to H. 6th begin thus, *At Westmynstre the Kynge crownyd ỳ was;* so I perceive they are the same with what I have printed at the End of Rob. of Gloucester.

Aug. 28 (Sat.). Yesterday seeing Mr. Wm Oldisworth, he told me that Dr. Fiddes had left 14 Chapters of his Life of Sir Thomas More, tho' Mr. Oldisworth had formerly told me only of four. But he said there were but four only that were any way finished, and that the other ten were only rude Sketches.

On Friday Morning, Aug. 20 last (before I walk'd out of Town), call'd at my room in Edm. Hall a Gentleman (a Forreigner), whom I do not remember to have seen before. He said he wanted to be acquainted with learned Men. I crav'd his Name. Instead of telling me that, he said he knew a person, naming his Name (but I forget it). Upon wch I told him I did not know that person. He then ask'd what Book I was publishing; I told him Peter Langtoft's Chronicle. He then went away immediately. I had then a person with me in my room about business. On Wednesd. Night last, Mr. Whiteside, Mr. West, & I being together, Mr. West, & so did Mr. Whiteside too, told me it was given out that I had put a great Affront upon a very learned Forreigner, by turning him out of my room when he came to subscribe to me, and Mr. Oldisworth told me the same Yesterday. I mentioned then the Truth to them, & neither of them could blame me, Mr. Oldisworth in particular looking upon it as very right. For I told them all, it was so false what was said about turning him out of my room that he was not at all in my room, neither did I ask him to come in, being only at the door. I do not know but it might be that rogue Bowles (for he spoke in a sort of unintelligible dialect) whom he mentioned as if he knew, calling him (as Mr. Whiteside suggested) Bowlesius. For the next day, being Saturd., Aug. 21, when, about 2 Clock in the Afternoon, I was in Mr. Clements's Shop, the Bookseller, Bowles came in, and, calling Sacchy Parker (a Nephew of Mr. Clements's) aside, desired him to go over to Mr. Rushee's the Frenchman's, & tell them there, that if the Chaies were ready, he was at Mr. Clements's ready to attend. Presently after comes into the Shop the same Gentleman that call'd upon me (and, as I remember, another or two), upon wch I immediately went out of the Shop, without speaking one word to either, and I understand Bowles went with him afterwards into Port-Meadow to the Race. Upon talking with Mr. Oldisworth, & telling him I could not learn this Gentleman's name, he said his Name is Dorville, that he is a very rich Dutchman, and is a great Villain, being one of those rogues that come to Oxford to pick up Stories and make Observations with an intent to do us a Mischief. Since that, this Evening I happen'd to see Mr. Sam. Parker, who ask'd me how I came to be angry t'other day with Mr. Dorville. I reply'd,

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Aug. 28, [1725]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 130). [See Diary, Sept. 7.]

I was not angry, that I did not know him, and therefore crav'd his Name. I told Mr. Parker that I had since heard he was but an ill-principled man. 'What then?' says Mr. Parker; 'we must be civil to Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heathens.' Now the incivility was on the Gentleman's side, first, not to tell me his name, next, to say I turn'd him out of my room, when he was not in it, & 3dly, to say he came to subscribe, when he mentioned not a word of it. If Mr. Parker delights in such acquaintance, let him have it. I am so far from desiring it that I avoid it. Mr. Parker said this Gentleman was in Oxford about 9 Years since, that he is one of the richest men in Holland, that he is come to get Collations, that he is gone from Oxford, but that he will be here again in a little time.

Aug. 29 (Sun.). Some time ago Mrs. Major (the second Wife of Mr. George Major, Keeper of the University Schools), meeting me in the Area of the new printing house, desired me (and she wept at the same time) to speak to her Husband (who is an old Man, about 70 Years of Age, and she but a young Woman, perhaps 34 or 35 Years old[1]), and to hinder him, if I could, from giving every thing away from her, as she said he was about to do, by Will. I told her, if he design'd so, 'twas wicked, and promised, if I had an opportunity, to speak to her husband (whom I always look'd upon as a very honest man). But an opportunity not offering, Major came to me last Friday, in the Morning (before I walk'd out of Town), and desired me to do what I could, with all speed, to bring his Wife to agreemt, for he said she had pitch'd upon me, and would be determin'd by my Opinion. He represented Matters, as I took it, very fairly. He said he had a great many poor, and those very near, Relations, that he would & was resolv'd to consider them, that his Wife was for having every thing to her self, so as all should come to her Relations (it must be observ'd, Mr. Major hath no Child, and, indeed, never had any), that she insisted mightily to have for her Life his House (wch he said was the best House he had) in St. Peter's in the East, but that he would not leave either that or any other house to her. I then told him his Wife ought to be consider'd, and 'twould be wicked not to do it. He allow'd it, said he had not one single two pence with her, only had liv'd with her in her own House in Holywell ever since they were married (wch is eight Years ago), but that, besides other Charges, he had spent fourty Pounds in repairing it. He told me he had entered into bond that she should have an hundred Pounds (tho' he had nothing with her, nor knew any thing in the least of her Money), wch he said he was resolv'd to leave her by his Will, having, it seems, upon Marriage promis'd to do so. I told him it would be proper, besides this hundred Pounds, to leave her somewhat in lieu of the House in St. Peter's, and I mention'd an hundred libs. on that account. He would by no means consent or hearken to this, saying that would be to give away to her, as it were, all the ready Money he had. Then I mention'd fifty Pounds, to

[1] On Saturday, Sept. 18, 1725, she told Mrs. Holman (Wife of Roger Holman), of St. Peter's in the East (when she and her husband, Mr. Major, were there together), that she is fourty six years old. So Mrs. Holman told me the next day (being Sunday), Sept. 29 [*sic*]. Mrs. Major died on Mond., Oct. 8, 1733, before her husband.

wch he agreed. Then we talk'd about his Goods. I said I would have him to leave all of them to her. This he declin'd. Then I said half, wch he agreed to, all but his Plate, wch he said might be worth 20 libs. He desired me to go and talk with his Wife, as soon as I could (only, before we parted, he said he had fix'd upon Mr. Worg, a single Man, that was Servant to Dr. Baron, as his Executor, and he thought of having me as Overseer, but this I declin'd, as having not taken the Oaths, and not caring to intermeddle, but I mention'd Roger Holman of St. Peter's as a Man that both himself and his Wife lik'd). I promis'd to go next day (wch was yesterday), at 10 Clock in the Morning, wch accordingly I did. When I came, I found Mrs. Major alone (excepting one young maid servant with her). She express'd abundance of Affection for me, look'd upon me as her good Friend, burst into Tears, continued a good while whining, crying, and lamenting, complain'd in a bitter manner of her hard case, blam'd her husband as a very wicked, base, unkind, irreligious man, represented her self as a most affectionate, dutifull wife (and so, indeed, I us'd to think), & exclaim'd mightily at what he had done in a former will or two, one of wch she promis'd to shew me, as also the bond above spoke of, but did not. I at last told her what Mr. Major had agreed to. She then exclaim'd against his Relations, as persons utterly deserving any thing, especially some of them. I then ask'd wt 'twas she would have, but could not get her answer. I was then going off, but she prevail'd with me to stay 'till Major came from the Schools, wch he did at eleven Clock. Then I expostulated with them both to come to agreement, a thing Mr. Major mightily desires. I repeated to her again what Mr. Major had agreed to the day before, and I conjured him to be as kind to her as he could, and to make as great an Addition farther as possibly he could in Christianity (for I look'd upon his Wife as a very good Woman), but I all along insisted that he should by all means consider his poor Relations (wch, however, his Wife cared not to hear of), & do all the good Offices he was able to them. His Wife began again to run out against his Relations, & to make such Excursions, wch as they were tedious & irksome, so they were nothing to the purpose. I told her, what I wanted to know was only what she would have. Then she said she was his good and loving Wife, & if she were to dye first, she would leave all to him during life. 'Hence,' said I, 'I find you would have him to leave you all he has during your Life.' 'No', said she, 'not I; let him make his Will as he pleases.' In short, I could get no direct answer what she would have, only I can very easily gather that she would have every thing he has, even to a single farthing. She had before his Return desired me to prevail with him to desist from making his Will a while, thinking (she told me) to bring him to a better temper. Accordingly, I spoke of this to him, but what he will do I know not. I think he hath plague enough. I hope he will allow her what is proper, and at the same time strive not to cheat his own poor Relations. I took my leave. Mr. Major thank'd me for my trouble; she came to the street gate with me, and told me softly she thank'd me for nothing, that the bond came to fourty of the fifty Pounds, and so went back, and indeed, I car'd not to talk with her more, finding all along that Mr. Heywood, the Atturney (for she had spoke of him

several times in our Discourse before Mr. Major came home), is to manage all for her.

Aug. 30 (Mon.). Tho' I have not yet seen (nor am I very desirous of seeing) Dr. Stukely's *Itinerarium curiosum* (as he stiles it), yet I have seen an Abstract of it in the Memoirs of Litterature, whence I gather that 'tis as silly and weak as it had been represented to me. He makes a Parliament to have been at old Woodstock in the time of King Ethelred. He took it from Dr. Plot. The word is *concilium* in the old Writers. Parliaments were not established 'till long after Ethelred's time. He tells us the House in wch Chaucer was born is still remaining at Woodstock. It seems, he hath not read Chaucer, nor his Life prefix'd to the black Letter Edd., where he might have learn'd that Chaucer was born in London. Chaucer only liv'd now and then at Woodstock. He gives a very ridiculous Account of the Royal Oak.

Aug. 31 (Tu.). The said Dr. Stukeley gives an Account of my Ld Lempster's Statues, but 'tis a poor one. He makes that of Tully to be of Tully's Age. But I remember the late Dr. Aldrich (Dean of Xt Church, as great a Judge of these Affairs as, perhaps, any one person in the World) was of quite another opinion. He rid over with Dr. Hudson, &c., on purpose to view these Statues. And he did affirm that tho' he look'd upon this Statue of Tully to be ancient and good, yet he did not believe it to be near his Age.

My Friend, Tho. Ward (of Longbridge, near Warwick, Esq.), writes me word (in a Letter from Warwick of the 27th instant) that, observing my opinion about Guttenburg in p. 751 of my Ed. of Guil. Neubrigensis, he was thereby put in mind of an Inscription he formerly transcrib'd from a choice (he says not what) MS., *which, perhaps* (says he), *you have not met with, so will beg leave to add it here.*

In the Year 1420, Lawrence Coster, a Citizen of Harlem, first invented Printing, and in 20 Years brought it to some perfection: and the Senate to eternize his memory caused this Inscription to be set upon his house :—

M. S.
Typographia
Ars Artium Omnium Conservatrix
nunc primum inventa
circum annum
1440.

Sept. 1 (Wed.). In the foresaid Letter Mr. Ward tells me that these following Scrapps are th' onely Remains of a large and curious MS., inadvertently laid aside, where it was torn to pieces by Vermin :—

In Laudem Rubeni Sherewoddi Carmen rude. Thus subscribed: Tuæ Salutis cupientissimus, tibique usque ad mortem deditissimus, Thomas Arundellus.

In the beginning: . . . . . braumptonne merchaunt . . . . . December anno domini 157 . . . . .

Quintillian, instructinge an Oratoure, desirethe a youngelinge to be geven him, whom Commendatons ferventle stirrethe . . . . . .

Mr. Ward heartily wisheth he had more of it to send me.

Yesterday I saw Mr. Timothy Thomas in Oxford, whither he is come with the Earl of Oxford (to whom he is Chaplain), who is going into Herefordshire. Mr. Thomas said that 'tis reported in London that my Friend, Thomas Rawlinson, Esq., died ten thousand Pounds in debt, that his Estate was mortgag'd to his Brother Richard for three thousand Pounds (and, it may be, there are other Mortgages upon it), and that his Books are to be auction'd out.

Sept. 2 (Th.). Mr. West of Balliol-College told me (on Saturday last) that Dr. Heywood of St. John's-Coll. had lately put his Life of Dr. Leigh (whom some stile Rabbi Leigh), the Non-juror, into the hands of Mr. William Oldisworth, who read it over, and afterwards return'd it, with about ten sheets of Animadversions or Remarks upon it, written by himself; with a Letter also (handsomely penn'd) to the Dr. Mr. West hath seen these Remarks; but (it seems) most of them concern the stile of Dr. Heywood, and do not afford any new Matter of Fact. Mr. Oldisworth (as Mr. West told me) hath referr'd the Dr. to a Collection of Letters betw. Mr. Dodwell and Dr. Leigh (relating to Dr. Leigh's Bourignian Principles, for such he was of once, tho' he afterwards left them) that he says are in my hands. This is down right false, and I cannot tell how Mr. Oldisworth (whom I do not remember to have ever heard make mention of Mr. Dodwell, nor did I ever mention Mr. Dodwell, that I know of, to him) came to write it. For I never saw but one Letter (and that was, indeed, upon the said subject, and I copied it) of Mr. Dodwell's to Dr. Leigh, but never saw any Letter written by Dr. Leigh to Mr. Dodwell, or, indeed, any thing else. Dr. Heywood would print this Life, but that Dr. Leigh's Daughter (so I think Mr. West told me), who is a Roman Catholick (and married to a Roman Catholick who, as I take it, turned her to that persuasion), is against its being printed, unless Dr. Heywood will say that Dr. Leigh died a Roman Catholick; but this Dr. Heywood will not do, being fully satisfied that 'tis false, and (as I well remember) I was likewise inform'd by Mr. (now Dr.) Richard Rawlinson that Dr. Leigh died a Protestant, tho' many gave it out that he was a Papist, wch they did the more confidently when they found that the Dr. (tho' he died in a Roman-Catholick Country) was permitted to be buried in consecrated Ground.

Sept. 3 (Fri.). On Wednesd. Night last, one Mr. Hoard (a Man of something more than fifty Years of Age), coming out of the Field (I hear, between eight and nine[1] Clock), where he had been raking Barly, to St. Gyles's in Oxford (where he lodg'd at his Son in Law's Farmer Harris), was rid over, a little above St. Gyles's, by a Scholar (two Scholars being riding very hard), and he died some time in the night, and yesterday Morning St. Gyles's Bell went for him. The Coroner (I hear) hath adjudg'd it an Accident; yet I am told that tho' the Man broke the way, the Scholar follow'd him, beat him down, & rid upon his Skull. The Man was an honest Man, & liv'd (as I am inform'd) at Stowe in the Wold, but came over this Harvest time to see his daughter, and to help (at Harvest Work) his Father.

[1] [MS. 'night.']

And last Saturday happen'd another unfortunate Thing. One Hart of Beckley being driving a Waggon, loaded with Corn, out of the Field, a Hare, started by some Grey Hounds that two or three Gentlemen had brought out (Scholars, I think), happen'd in passing by to fright the Horses, & thereby the Waggon overturn'd, fell upon the Man, & crush'd him to death.

Yesterday Morning (about half an hour after eight Clock) was married (by Mr. Peacock, I hear) in Magdalen-College Chappel, Oxon., Mrs. Arabella (commonly called Mrs. Bell, & sometimes Mrs. Belinda) Tyrrell (the eldest daughter of the late Lady Tyrrell) to Mr. John Knap (a very brisk, handsome young Fellow), Gentleman of the Horse to the Earl of Abbington. She is about 26 or 27 Years old, & he under 30. He was formerly page to the late Countess of Abington, & Mrs. Bell Tyrrel's Sister was so much in love with him (for the handsomness of his person) that 'tis said (had she lived longer) she would have had him. This Mrs. Bell Tyrrell is a very forward (tho' very good natur'd) body, & wanted a husband so much that ('tis said) she would have had any one. And yet she hath many thousand Pounds to her fortune, & used to keep very great Company, whereas Mr. Knap (whose Father is, and hath been many Years, in the Castle at Oxford, for debt, &c.) hath very little (tho' 'tis said he is to have a thousand libs. that hath been left him), & (however a very good natur'd man) a great Spendthrift. This Match was carried on with wonderfull Privacy. She went down to Magd. Coll. by her self in a very ordinary dress, & no body (not her Father in Law, Dr. Frewin) knew of it 'till 'twas over, excepting Mr. Cartwright of Wightham (Steward to my Ld Abbington), who gave her away in the Chappel, & Mr. Cartwright's Wife, who (I am told) made up the Match. No body commends this Act (but vehemently condemn it), her Mother being so very lately dead, & she in so very fair a way of much bettering her self with a husband equal to her Birth & Fortune. For, as for Knap, he was born at Bletchingdon, where his Father above mentioned was a very ordinary Gentleman. After the Marriage, my Ld Abbington, now at Wightham, sent his Coach over to Oxford to fetch Mrs. Knap to Wightham, where she lay with her husband in the best Room of the House, and this day my Lord being hunting at Wightham in his Charriot, he took her with him, handing his own Lady first into it, and then Mrs. Knap. And, being at Godstowe (since I writ what goes before) to-day, my Ld's Farrier, who lives at Wolvercote, assur'd me that the Match was made up and contriv'd by my Lord Abbington himself. He added that he (the Farrier) had been this Morning in my Ld's Cellar at Wightham, & that Mr. Knap came down to him very brisk, & ask'd him what he thought of the Business. The Farrier congratulated him for such good Success on his Side, such as was, indeed, extraordinary, and he wish'd it might continue. He said he saw Mrs. Knap also that Morning, but that she did not look so pleasant (tho' she us'd to be very gay & jolly) as her husband, Mr. Knap.

Sept. 4 (Sat.). On Friday, Aug. 6, 1725, about ten a Clock (Mr. Murray says, about nine a Clock) in the Morning, died in London my dear Friend, Thomas Rawlinson, Esq., and not, as the printed Papers have it, on Thursd., Aug. 5, and was buried on Thursd. Night following,

Aug. 12, as I am inform'd by Letter of the said 12th of Aug., written by Mr. Saml May of London House (in Aldersgate Street), in wch Mr. Rawlinson died, he having for several Years before rented Lodgings there. Mr. May (who is a wealthy Druggist) added, *it is not easy to tell his distemper*, but Mr. Murray, from whom I had a Letter from London of the same date, viz. Aug. 12, said that he died *after a languishing Illness.* Mr. Murray in the same Letter said that Mr. Rawlinson *made a Will two Days before* he died, *wherein it is said he has ordered his Debts to be Paid, and in order to it his Books are to be sold as soon as possible. I hear* (adds he) *he has left his Wife* 150 *pound a year for Life.*

On Wedn. Morning, July 21 last, I recd a long Letter from him (having writ to him a little before), and the next day, being Thursday, I delivered a Letter for him to Mrs. Bartlett, the Waggoner. On Saturd., July 31, I had another long Letter (being the last I ever had) from him, and on Tuesd., Aug. 3, I writ back to him, being the last Letter I ever writ to him. I sent it by Godfrey the Waggoner's Packet. Mr. May told me it came safe to him (I suppose, on Wednesday), but that he was not in a condition to read it.

In his last Letter he told me (upon occasion of a MS. I desired an Account of, that his Brother Richd told me he had, call'd, *The Memorialls Cronicles, written by John Douglas, Munke of Glastenbury Abbaye, ending with Hen.* 5, *a vellum MS., in Folio*) that he had not bin out of his sick bed but to evacuate and let it be made for above 20 days, and therefore *was like, if he would, to hunt Chronicles for me with a Horse Pox.* Notwthstanding which (for I knew his free way of writing), I was not at all apprehensive of his being near his end, because I knew, as he was a very industrious man, that 'twas usual with him to callate [*sic*] his Books (in wch he took prodigious pains), and to read (& even write, too) as well abed as up.

Tho' Mr. May observ'd, as I have noted, that 'tis not easy to tell his Distemper, yet I believe the immediate cause of it was a great Concern he had upon account of his Debts, which were very considerable. For after his marrying Mrs. Amy Frewin, that was a Servant to him, his Creditors were very angry with him, and united to give him trouble, particularly Dr. Mead (whom he owed, as I have been inform'd, five hundred libs.) and Mr. John Murray (whom he ow'd upon bond 100 libs.) were very clamarous, which affected him so much that he broke into such language as, perhaps, will not be look'd upon as decent, considering that 'twas a very great Obligation that he ow'd to them for lending him Money in his Want, & staying many Years for it. At the same time that his Creditors came upon him, I was also desir'd to joyn with them for what he ow'd me, wch was a pretty many pounds, but this I absolutely declin'd, notwithstanding he left me at liberty (for I inform'd him what I had been mov'd to) to do as I pleas'd, which he took extreme kindly, and I could wish that Dr. Mead & Mr. Murray had acted with the same moderation, since Mr. Rawlinson was all along contriving and endeavouring to do the best that every one should be paid, as himself told me, and he assur'd me in particular that he never design'd (nor did I ever think he did) that I should loose any thing by him, & so he said in effect with respect to others. But notwithstanding the Justness of the Debts, I am of

opinion that such as were not under an urgent necessity should have been less violent towards him, especially Booksellers, for whom he had done eminent service. For, being a Man of a brave, noble Spirit, and being a great Lover of Books, in wch I never knew any one whatsoever better skill'd, he took all opportunities of being present at, or at least giving Commissions at, Sales and Auctions, and by his high bidding he strangely advanced the Prices of Books, wch he likewise did in Booksellers' shops, so that I have heard it said long ago (and I am of the same Mind) that the Booksellers ought to erect a Statue to him. And yet so ingratefull were they that one of them arrested him for an inconsiderable Sum (and yet he was a person that Mr. Rawlinson had particularly obliged), wch was the beginning of his Troubles, and occasion'd him to keep in, so that he hath hardly been out many Years, and during that time he wore his beard for the most part long, and appear'd very negligent of himself, wch conduc'd, in no small measure, to the impairing of his Health.

When he was a School boy at Eaton School, his Grandfather, by the Mother's Side, Richd Tayler, Esq., settled upon him an Annuity of fourteen libs. per an. for his Life, to buy Books with, wch he not only fully expended & nobly answered the End of the Donor, but, indeed, laid out his whole Fortune this way, so as to acquire a Collection of Books, both for Number and Value, hardly to be equall'd by any one Study in England, wch was what really run him aground, & brought him at last into so much Trouble. For he was not a lewd, vicious Man, but, on the contrary, very virtuous, temperate, & sober, and never married 'till a little before he died.

Had he lived some Years longer (wch he might have done by the Course of nature, for he was not, I think, more than 45 or 46 Years of Age), 'tis probable he might have extricated himself, & lived comfortably. For an Estate (I am told, of six hundred Pounds per an.) came to him a few months since by the Death of his Mother, and he had begun to sell his Books in order to pay his Debts, & printed several Catalogues (six octavo little Volumes, the last of wch was printed just as he died), in wch are many rare, excellent, & uncommon Books, tho' the chief of his Collection was not comprehended in these Catalogues.

Mr. Rawlinson was a Man of very great Integrity and Honour, and so loyal that he would have done any thing for the Interest of K. James, that now lives in exile beyond Sea. He died in Communion of the Non-juring Church of England, being a perfect Hater of all new fangled Doctrines. And 'twas the Happiness of his Father (to whom he was eldest Son), Sir Thomas Rawlinson, Kt, who was Sheriff and Lord Mayor of London, to be also very honest & loyal, in so much that Sir Thomas Kensey (who had married the Sister of Mr. Rawlinson's Grandmother by the Mother's side), and Mr. Rawlinson's Father spent in two Years' space ten thousand Pounds to keep King James II on the Throne. Mr. Rawlinson had seen his Father's Expence under his own hand, and it amounted to 4600 libs. Sir Thomas Kensey was Sheriff of London in K. James IId's time, the year before Mr. Rawlinson's Father, and as he was a great Friend to the said King, so he was personally acquainted with him, and was a brave, bold man, 'till he broke his health by breaking his Leg, when he languish'd 'till the time of his death.

Mr. Rawlinson loving to be very free in his Discourse (for as he was born to the Freedom of an English Man, so he said he would make use of it), it prov'd of no small Disservice to him, because he did not observe the wise man's Caution, There is *a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.* Insomuch that when he was among such as were of different principles from himself (and could do him much mischief), he would, without distinguishing the seasons, make use of such girding Expressions as made the persons touch'd take all opportunities of shewing their resentment, and giving him trouble, tho' some did it in a sly way. Hence 'twas that even Dr. Mead, who had otherwise shew'd himself a Friend to Mr. Rawlinson, discover'd a great deal of indifference towards him for a good while before his death, and avoyded his Conversation, wch is purely owing to the too great Freedom of Mr. Rawlinson. For the Dr. having been bred a Presbyterian (as his Brothers were also, his Elder Brother, Samuel Mead, having been a tub preacher, tho' they are otherwise now), Mr. Rawlinson, who was the Dr.'s Companion, and used to dine & sup at his House, & to go up and down in the Dr.'s Coach with him (such an Affection did the Dr. shew towards him), took all occasions whatever of twitting him with this, & that, too, before company, & of adding other occasional Reflexions, by no means prudent, as made the Dr. withdraw his Kindness, & to express himself in a different manner from what he had done. This I have heard spoke of by some of Mr. Rawlinson's Friends with a sort of concern. And truly, 'twas with no small concern that I heard thereof at first, easily perceiving what the consequence would be.

Some gave out, & published it, too, in printed Papers, that Mr. Rawlinson understood the Editions and Title-Pages of Books only, without any other Skill in them, and thereupon they stiled him *Tom Folio.* But these were only Buffoons, and persons of very shallow Learning. 'Tis certain that Mr. Rawlinson understood the Editions & Titles of Books better than any Man I ever knew (for he had a very great Memory), but then, besides this, he was a great Reader, and had read abundance of the best writers ancient and modern throughout, and was intirely master of the Learning contain'd in them. He had digested the Classicks so well as to be able readily upon all occasions (what I have very often admired) to make use of passages from them very pertinently, what I never knew in so great perfection in any other person whatsoever.

On Friday, Aug. 27, 1725, After I had writ down the foregoing Particulars, Mr. Wm Oldisworth told me that Mr. Rawlinson (what I had not heard of before, nor could I have imagin'd it) had put his Money into the South Sea Stock, and was one of those that lost all by that wicked Scheme, in which so many Thousands were utterly undone, whilst others were as great Gainers. He said this was certainly true (for I doubted about it), and was what ruin'd his Fortune, and forced him to run so much in debt, and was the principal occasion of all his Miseries. But, upon Inquiry since, I am apt to think (and, indeed, am pretty well assur'd of it) that Mr. Oldisworth's Information is wrong.

Sept. 5 (Sun.).

London, Aug. 26, 1725. About the middle of last Week, a very odd Accident

happen'd at the Lady Killigrew's, Relict of the late Admiral of that Name, within two miles of S^{t}. Alban's. An Ass that had gone in the Wheel to draw Water 14 Years, now grown old and peevish, had no mind to work; and being forced into the Wheel by a Man whose Business it had been to put him in for that Space of Time, he got out in a Fury, and fasten'd his Teeth in the Calve of the Man's Leg, and tore it to Pieces. The Man cry'd out, but no body heard him; and the Ass came again, and suck'd his Blood, so that he died on Saturday Morning. The Ass was shot immediately.—*Northampton Mercury for Aug.* 30, 1725.

M^{rs}. Compton is appointed a Maid of Honour to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, in the room of the Countess of Pembroke.—*Ibid.*

NB. This Countess of Pembroke is a very young Creature, [formerly?] M^{rs}. How, [and] was married very lately (since June 8 last, when the Prints told us a Treaty of Marriage was on foot between them) to Thomas Herbert, Earl of Pembroke, being his 3^{d} wife. His L^{d}ship is now an old Man, near, if not quite, seventy years of age.

Sept. 6 (**Mon.**). Yesterday call'd upon me one M^{r}. White, with a Letter that he brought from White Waltham in Berks. for me. This White is (as I understood by him) a servant (a sort of Steward) to M^{r}. Okely, of the Hill House in White Waltham. M^{r}. Okely bought the said Hill House (alias Waltham Place) of M^{r}. James Hayes. M^{r}. Okely seldom lives there (his Business being chiefly in London, under Auditor Harley, as M^{r}. White said), but his Wife lives for the most part here, separate from her Husband, w^{ch} M^{r}. White observ'd to be wrong, and he said he took the liberty of telling her of it twice. M^{r}. White came from Hampshire, being born about Basingstoke, and hath lived two years at Waltham, and seems to be honest. M^{r}. Okely hath a Son at Christ-Church, above 20 years old (as M^{r}. White said, who came to fetch him into the Country), being their only Child. M^{r}. White said M^{rs}. Dodwell (widow of the famous M^{r}. Dodwell) of Shottesbrooke often makes Visits to M^{rs}. Okely. He said young M^{r}. Henry Dodwell is now in the Country, and that he saw him lately two or three times at Church.

Being at Heddington yesterday, at one Smith's, whose Wife is Mary Gourdon, I understood that the Man (named Hart) that was kill'd at Horton was Brother in Law to the said Mary Gourdon, having married a Sister of hers. It seems, he was in the loaded Cart, and a boy (the Carter) was upon one of the Horses. The Horses were frighted by the Hare and the Hounds. They ran round and round two or 3 times. The boy leapt off, but the Cart was overthrown, and a Spike of Iron happen'd to run through the Man, w^{ch} bereav'd him of his Senses, and he died four Hours after. He was a very sober, honest Man, and hath left a Wife & five Children behind him.

The following Note was communicated to me to-day by M^{r}. W^{m} Ellys, one of the Theater Printers, who had it from one of S^{t}. John's College:—

The Titles of the Prince of S^{t}. John's College.

The most Magnificent and Renown'd ——, by the Favour of fortune, Prince of Alba fortunata, Lord of S^{t}. John's, High Regent of the Hall, Duke of S^{t}. Giles's, Marquess of Magdalen's, Landgrave of the Grove, Count Palatine of the Cloysters, Chief Baylive of Beaumont High Ruler of Rome, Master

of the Mannor of Walton, Governor of Glocester Green, sole Commander of all Titles, Turnaments, and Triumphs, Superintendent in all Solemnitys whatsoever.

Rome is a Piece of Land so call'd, near to the End of the Walk call'd Non ultra, on the North side of Oxford.

John Case was the last that underwent this office, Anno Domini 1608.

Sept. 7 (Tu.). Mr. Baker writes me word from Cambridge (in a Letter of the 28th of last Month) that he is heartily sorry to hear of Mr. Rawlinson's death, and the more for what I added (from what I had been inform'd), *that it is not easy to tell his distemper*, & he sincerely condoles with me for the loss of so kind a Friend (as Mr. Rawlinson always was to me), & so usefull a Man in the History of Learning. *He has left* (saith Mr. Baker) *a noble Collection of Books, after all the Auctions & Sales that have been made; I hope he has not forgot you for some of them, if he has left a Will.*

What I said of Dr. Fiddes (viz. abt his being better at Essays than History and Antiquities, wch he had not made the Course of his Studies, and of his Life of Card. Wolsey's being a poor performance, partial and injudicious), he thinks to be just, and yet he should be glad to see his posthumous Lives of Bp Fisher and Sir Thomas More perfected. If Mr. Oldisworth be in earnest, no one (Mr. Baker saith) is better qualify'd for such a performance than he: *Few men are Masters of such a style as Dr. Fiddes's, besides himself, which was very extraordinary in a Country Divine.* No doubt, it would be a kindness to the Widow; Mr. Baker is sure, a service to the public. Did he think Mr. Oldisworth would undertake it, he would write to Mr. Anstis about it, who, he dares say, would be glad to have it in such good hands, if it be not in worse hands already. How that is, he does not know, for tho' Mr. Anstis gave him some faint hopes of seeing the Lives publisht, yet he said nothing of the Undertaker. All he can say is, that any thing he hath should be at Mr. Oldisworth's service, and he hath some Papers yet by him, concerning Bp Fisher as Master of Queen's College, which were not deliver'd, meeting with the news of the Doctor's death. But they are very dry things, and very unfit for so polite a Man as Mr. Oldisworth, unless by his skill & conduct he can polish them.

He is glad I have met with Rob. Crowley's Edition of Pierce Plowman. His Copy is by Owen Rogers, & wants the Glossary; so, it seems, is imperfect. In Stow's Survey, he finds John Chichester Maior an. 1370, & yet Fabian placeth his Maioralty an. 1368, 9; but he takes Stow to be the better authority, wch, he presumes, I follow. Mr. Baker judges right. I did follow Stow in what I said of Chichester's being Maior anno 1370 (and not, as Crowley, anno 1350).

Sept. 8 (Wed.). On Monday last died Mr. Edwards, Mancipal of Wadham-College, a very old man (and of a good, fair Character), and very hearty & lusty 'till a few Years since, when he married a young Wife (his Maid, I think [1]), after which he soon decay'd.

The Memoirs of Literature (that come out Monthly at London) are

[1] She was so, & her Name was Wood.

printed for Mr. Wm & Mr. John Innys (Booksellers there, and Partners), one of wch, viz. John Innys, mentioned them in a Letter to me of the 6th inst., from wch I gather that the Account in them of Dr. Stukely's Book (intit. by him, *Itinerarium curiosum*) was written by the Dr. himself, wch (were there nothing else) sufficiently shews his Vanity, he being characteriz'd in that account as having a great genius to the Study of Antiquities, and several things in it are highly in praise of this Performance, wch (after all, however) is but a very mean one, as I understand from all hands.

One of the Dr.'s Acquaintance is one Turner of Merton-Coll. (at least, he was very lately of that College), a Clergyman, a great Pretender to Antiquities, but most certainly a very impudent, debauch'd, drunken, lying, lewd Wretch, a Buffoon, and a very great Crony of that impudent, sawcy, brazen-faced Rascal, Bowles. Both these Fellows are Scandals to their Profession and to their Gowns.

About a fortnight since (or more) was brought to bed (in London), of a daughter, the Lady of my Friend, Wm Bromley, Junior, Esq., being her first Child. They were married on Thursday, July 2d, 1724.

Sept. 9 (Th.). Mr. Conybeare of Exeter College hath just printed, in 8vo, a Sermon preach'd very lately by him at St. Mary's in Oxford, at the triennial Visitation. It is about subscribing to the XXXIX Articles, and 'tis dedicated to the Bp of Oxford and to the Clergy of the Deaneries of Oxford and Cudsden. It seems, they desired him to print it. This Conybeare hath printed two or more Sermons before. He is look'd upon as a good Preacher, but he is a great Whig. He is Minister of St. Clement's, near Oxford, and is one of the Head Proctors of Oxford this Year.

Sept. 10 (Fri.). Mr. Anstis (Garter King of Arms) being in Oxford (with Mr. Mattaire), I spent the Evening with them last Night, & Mr. Burton of Corpus Xti Coll. (who is Tutor to a Son of Mr. Anstis's, just enter'd Gentleman-Com. of that College), & Mr. West of Balliol-Coll. were with us.

Mr. Mattaire then told me that Mr. Rawlinson made his Will in June last, that one Mr. Ford is his Executor, that he hath ordered all his Books to be sold, in order to pay his Debts, that he hath left 120 (I had before been told 150) libs. per an. to his Wife during Life, that he hath left only two Legacies, viz. 150 libs. to Mr. John Griffin, of Saresden in Oxfordshire (the person that married them), and 100 libs. to Mr. Clavell (I suppose, Walter Clavell, of the Inner-Temple, Esq.), and that he hath died (the Interest and principal being to be reckon'd together) ten thousand libs. in debt. Mr. Mattaire said Mr. Rawlinson was apprehensive, and spoke of it (at least) a year before, that he should live but a little while. He said he was perfectly raving and in a strange delirium for many hours before he died. Neither Mr. Anstis nor Mr. Mattaire seem to have any good opinion of Mr. Rawlinson's Widow. Mr. Rawlinson, however, spoke well of her, and I see no reason (as yet. at least) to think any thing ill of her, tho' Mr. Anstis let drop a word, that he wish'd she had not poyson'd Mr. Rawlinson. Mr. Rawlinson ow'd Mr. Anstis something more than 30 libs. Mr. Anstis does not seem

to think that he shall ever be paid. What must I then think of mine, which is more than 30 libs., tho' I had left part of it to Mr. Rawlinson's liberty, considering what Circumstances he was in; and yet, if there be enough, there is no reason but I ought (and Mr. Rawlinson assur'd me he never design'd I should be a looser by him, & he was certainly very honest) to be paid the whole, and some would insist, too, upon Interest, wch I never thought of? Mr. Mattaire said Mr. Rawlinson was grown (and I have reason to think it very true) so very satyrical and free with his tongue that he spoke ill of every body whatsoever, excepting only Dr. Richard Hale, and yet of him, too, at last he began to find fault.

Mr. Anstis told me the word Medicus (for a Physician) occurrs in Domesday Book.

Mr. Anstis is resolv'd to do nothing more in relation to his Register of the Garter, wch is in two Folios, & would make several Folios more, were he to go on in order to finish it in the manner he hath begun. It seems, he hath not had Encouragement.

Sept. 11 (Sat.). At the same time Mr. Mattaire took occasion to complain of the want of an History of Learning for England, & he mightily insisted that I would undertake such a Work, as the best qualifyed (he said) that he could think of.

We happened to talk of Boston of Bury, and of Dr. Tanner, who had (many Years ago) promised to print Boston, but, 'tis thought, hath now laid aside that design. I promised to publish this Book, if I could have a Copy of it; but I could never yet see one. Mr. Anstis hinted as if he knew where there is a Copy. I think he said in the hands of Mr. Awnsham Churchill, a Bookseller [1].

Mr. Wharton, in his Appendix to Dr. Cave's Historia Litteraria, tells us of a Copy in the hands of Dr. Thomas Gale, and that the Dr. intended to publish it, at least to illustrate Leland (upon the same subject) from it, he having, it seems, had a design of setting out Leland. Archbp Usher had a Copy, which one would think by Mr. Wharton is the same with that which belong'd to Dr. Gale. The Title, it seems, of the Work is, *Catalogus Scriptorum Ecclesiæ.*

Sept. 12 (Sun.). This Morning died, and the Bells went for her, old Mrs. Tremain, of St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxon. Her Daughter was a great Company Keeper of Madam Keil's, 'till after Madam Keil was found to be married to, at least to have one or more Children by, Mr. Castleman, Fellow of All Souls College, since wch this young Mrs. Tremain seldom sees her, unless when Madam Keil comes to Oxford, the said Madam Keil now living at Wotton, by Woodstock, where Mr. Castleman is generally with her. Young Mrs. Tremain is a single Woman, very ordinary, and was never married.

Last night Mr. Anstis (Garter King of Arms) call'd upon me at Edmund Hall, with Mr. Mattaire & Mr. West, and we afterwards went out and spent the Evening together with Mr. Whiteside in Cat-street.

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[1] He did say so.

Mr. Anstis said he was of Exeter Coll., & was entered there almost fourty Years ago.

Mr. Mattaire told us (and he said he did not care how publick it was made) that Roger Gale (who, indeed, is but a poor, stingy man) served him a very dirty trick. Mr. Hare (who cut his throat), it seems, had undertaken to publish *the Honour of Richmond* from a MS. in the Cotton Library. But, upon his Death, Mr. Gale undertook it, and accordingly had it printed very pompously in folio, in the manner Mr. Hare proposed it, & to the whole is prefix'd a large Preface of about 7 or 8 sheets of Paper, wch Mr. Anstis said last night was handsomely done in good Latin, but as for the Book it self, he observ'd that 'twas no great matter, being what any one else could have done in that manner. Upon this Mr. Mattaire said that the said Preface was writ in English, and that he (the said Mr. Mattaire) by the Interest of the Earl of Pembroke, translated it into Latin for Mr. Gale, that it being desired to be done with speed, he did it in about a Fortnight's time (tho' it was a piece of Learning out of his way, his studies not lying in English History and Antiquities), and that Mr. Gale, to whom he carried it, upon Delivery put into his hands a paper, with somewhat in it, yt Mr. Mattaire did not look upon 'till he came home, when he found it to be only three Guineas, whereas he said 'twas worth ten to write it, and he declar'd now that he would not do the same again for twenty Guineas. What Mr. Mattaire resents the more is, that Mr. Gale did not so much as give him a Book, wch, indeed, is very mean. This Roger Gale (however) hath shew'd himself in several respects to be a Friend to the Writer of these matters, in communicating his Fordun and several particulars relating to Learning, tho' 'tis very well known that he is a very great Whig, a Man of a very stingy temper, notwithstanding he be very rich and is in a wealthy Post. I before thought that he could have writ Latin himself. I find now he cannot.

Sept. 13 (Mon.). At the same time Mr. Mattaire told us that Dr. Atterbury, the depriv'd Bp of Rochester (who was my very good Friend and Acquaintance), was always, both at Christ-Church and afterwards, his bitter Enemy, and that 'twas chiefly by his Contrivance that he (Mr. Mattaire) was turn'd out from being second Master of Westminster School, to make way for Mr., now Dr., Robert Friend. His Enemies also gave out that Mr. Mattaire was a Whig, but were forc'd to be silent, when he appear'd to be, as he is, a Nonjuror. They would have had Mr. Mattaire to resign, but this he declin'd, & told them he would not leave the Place unless he were turn'd out, & if they did turn him out, that he would then publickly declare it to the World, wch accordingly he did in the Beginning of his *Vitæ Stephanorum*. Upon occasion of wch, I cannot but here mention what I spoke of formerly, viz. that Dr. Hudson and others would have had me to resign my Post of second Librarian of the Bodleian Library, but this I would not do (to their great Vexation), upon wch they proceeded violently, and I was not only debarr'd that Place (for I have still the old Keys by me), but depriv'd of what ever belong'd to me there, and all was given to others.

Mr. Anstis that night told me that if I would publish Thynne's Book

about K^ts^ of the Bath (in w^ch^ is a great deal of excellent Learning), he would let me have the use of his MS., & other pieces of Thynne that have not been yet printed.

Sept. 14 (Tu.). Last Night M^rs^. Tremaigne was buried, by her Husband, at S^t^. Michael's (I am told) in Oxford. Her Husband's Neck was broke (of w^ch^ he died) by a Fall from his Horse, a matter of twenty Years since, upon Shottover Hill. He was an Atturney, and bore a very ill Character.

M^r^. Anstis told me the other Night that he was looking over at Corpus X^ti^ College M^r^. Fulman's MSS. Collections, in 14 Volumes in 4^to^. He told me (and so have others, too, for I never perus'd them my self) that they are bound without any manner of Judgment in sorting the Papers. He said there are abundance of good and curious Things among them. M^r^. West began to peruse them at the same time. And M^r^. West told me himself that in one of the Volumes is a Transcript by M^r^. Fulman of Thomas Otterburne's Chronicle.

The late M^r^. Thomas Norgrove, Fellow of Corpus X^ti^ College, & afterwards Rector of Warborough (by Dorchester), where he died, was the person that drew up the Catalogue of Corpus X^ti^ Coll. MSS., w^ch^ is printed in D^r^. Edw. Bernard's Catalogue of the MSS. of England and Ireland. The said M^r^. Norgrove (a muddy headed Man) was the person that had M^r^. Fulman's MSS. bound in such an injudicious manner.

The following Note I had from M^r^. West, who had it from M^r^. Fulman's MSS. Coll.:—

> Alice, Daughter of Hugh Guies & Brigid Watkins, his Wife, was born at Droitwich in Worcestershire, upon All Saints' day, being then Thursday. She was 16 Years old and an half at Tilbury Camp, 1588; at thirty she married Thomas George, at Magdalen Parish Church, Oxford. By him she had ten Sons and five Daughters; among the rest, John George, living in October, 1680, aged 76, at which time she reckoned 39 Great Grand-children.

So far M^r^. West from Fulman. Quære in what Year this Woman (commonly called Mother George) died. I have heard that she was at least an hundred and twenty Years of Age.

M^r^. Anstis told me the same time that he had heard (from the Weymouth Family) that M^r^. Thynne, the Herald, tho' a very learned Man, was a very hard Drinker.

Sept. 15 (Wed.). M^r^. Mattaire, the first Night I was with him since he hath been in Oxford (viz. Thursd., Sept. 9), seem'd much displeas'd with M^r^. Thomas Rawlinson (as he told M^r^. Anstis, M^r^. West, and my self), because in some book or other he had call'd him (M^r^. Mattaire) *Vir sublestæ fidei.*

Memorand. that there are some remarkable Things relating to Leland in Alexander Nevil's Norwicus, p. 58, 64, 67.

In p. 79, Cambridge is styled by Nevill, *Academia omnium celeberrima*, and then afterwards he says (in p. 81) of Oxford, *Inter has* (urbes) *maximi nominis urbs* Oxonium *est* (*secundum* Cantebrigiam) *nobilissima, & antiquissima totius pænè terrarum orbis Academia*, having also in p. 80 said of Cambridge (among some other things), *cujus & urbis & Academiæ*

antiquitatem, & cum antiquitate dignitatem, Joannes Caius *nuper eleganti volumine complexus est.*

Sept. 16 (Th.). Mr. Anstis also the same Evening, mentioned above, said that he design'd to give several MSS. to Corpus Xti Library in this Univ., but as far as I could find they are of the Fathers in Latin and of the Canon Law, he having given away his best many Years ago to the Earl of Oxford, as I understood by a Letter from himself, and as for his Heraldry ones, I suppose he designs them for the College of Arms. I have now one Historical MS. of his, containing two Copies of Peter Langtoft in French, of wch I have spoke in my Preface to Peter Langtoft, now almost finished at the Theater Press.

Mr. Mattaire, it seems, as I found by his own Discourse, and by what I have heard from another since, hath lately put out a new Edition of Anacreon, in 4to, at a Guinea price. I cannot tell how this worthy Gentleman comes to imploy his time generally to so little purpose. Mr. Barnes, the properest Man in the World, hath given us an excellent Ed. of Anacreon, which hath been printed twice, and what Mr. Mattaire can pretend after him, I know not, unless to collect some Fragments of no great moment. The Editions of the Classicks, as well Greek as Latin, provided they may be called Editions, are very mean, and of no esteem with curious and learned men, tho' his Annales Typographici, &c., are of good value, & so are some other Things he hath done. Methinks, instead of spending time upon what hath been done over and over, he should publish MSS. that were never yet printed, and of such there are many in Greek (as well as Latin) very worthy of Mr. Mattaire's Care. But I think Mr. Mattaire, having not convers'd much in MSS., is far better skill'd in printed Books than in MSS.

Sept. 17 (Fri.). Last Night call'd upon me Mr. John Leake, with Dr. (for he had the Degree of Dr. of Physick conferr'd on him beyond Sea) William Fullerton (whom I had not seen for above 8 Years) and another Gentleman[1] (a Scotch Man, as Fullerton is also). They staid with me but a little while, and at our parting (after they were gone from my room), in High-Street (against St. Mary Hall), I took the opportunity to ask Mr. Leak about a Story concerning his Sister, that died on Thursday, Aug. 26 last, as I have signify'd above. I had heard it reported by several persons (and at several times) that just as his Sister in the Evening was going to be carried to her Grave, there came to St. Mary Hall a Gentleman, and, knocking at the door, he ask'd the person that opened it whether or no Mr. Leake were within. 'Twas answered he was, but that he could not then possibly be spoke with, because he was just going to bury his only Sister. Says the Gentleman, 'I must and will speak with him,' and thereupon he follows the other person into the room where Mr. Leak was, and, coming up to Mr. Leak, he acquainted him that Mr. Leak's Sister was his Wife, & desired the Coffin to be unnail'd, which being done, he kiss'd her and wept, & said he would prove the Marriage. Upon wch, the Coffin being nail'd again, a Cloak & Hatband were sent for, and he attended her to Church. I

[1] Mr. White.

was surpriz'd when I heard this Story, & did not firmly believe it, & was therefore desirous to be satisfy'd by Mr. Leake, who told me it was very true, that the Gentleman's Name is Browne, that he is a Musical Instrument Maker in London, & that they were married just a Month before she died. She kept this Affair so secret that she did not in the least discover it to her Brother, the said Mr. Leake, wch was the more amazing, because she was look'd upon as a Saint. She was delirious, & scream'd out many times in her Sickness, but never so much as once mentioned an Husband. Mr. Leake saith Mr. Browne hath prov'd the Marriage. Mr. Leake told me he looses by this about an hundred and fifty Pounds per annum, that is, about three thousand Pounds, she dying worth so much, and not five or six hundred Pounds only, as I had before suggested. It seems, Mr. Leak's Father, tho' a Non-Juror, was of a sower Temper, & being displeas'd with his Son, instead of giving him any Thing, he gave all to this Daughter. Mr. Leak is, nevertheless, very chearfull & pleasant, as becomes a wise Man.

Sept. 18 (Sat.).

On Wednesday Night, Sept. 8, 1725, between eleven and twelve a Clock, the People were greatly alarm'd at a Fire wch broke out at the south End of London Bridge, where the Houses, being all of Wood, burn'd with uncommon Vehemence on both Sides, till about fifty or sixty houses were laid in Ashes, eighteen whereof were upon the Bridge, and the rest in Tooley Street, and if a Stop had not been put to it by the old Stone Gate, which stood between the second and third Arches, the Flame must have unavoidably extended as far as the Draw-bridge, at least. We do not hear of any Lives lost, but the Damage in Merchandizes is very great. Some compute the Loss at a hundred Thousand Pound; but most of the Houses and Goods being insur'd, it will fall very heavy upon the Insurance. The Bridge, we are told, has suffer'd but little Damage; however, it is at present unpassable for Carts and Coaches, which are oblig'd to ferry over the River at Westminster.—*Northampt. Mercury of Sept.* 13, 1725.

Lond., Sept. 11. Col. Turner about 18 Years ago having receiv'd a Hurt on his Forehead, a Bunch grew thereon, wch was supposed to have occasion'd the Distemper of the Falling-Sickness; he had been for late Years importun'd to have it open'd, but would not consent to it 'till a few days ago, when an eminent Surgeon made an Operation, with that Success that he found the Point of a Sword in his Skull of an Inch long, which he took out, and since that the Colonel is very easy, and in a fair way of Recovery.—*Ibid.*

NB. Mr. Whiteside tells me he knows the Colonel, and that the Hurt happen'd at the Battle of Almanza, when he had a fall from his Horse.

Yesterday old Mr. Eaton, the Malster, of St. Gyles's, told me, as I was walking to Godstowe, that above fifty Years agoe liv'd the Lady Herbert, a Roman Catholick Lady, in Rewly House, and that he being upon an Apple Tree, & having gathered many Apples, happening to see her, he leap'd off the Tree many Yards, without any hurt, in a Fright, and ran away, tho' he believes, had he staid, she would not have been angry with him, being a Woman of a very good nature.

He said that he was well acquainted with Mr. Knapper (of the Family of the Holywell Knappers) that formerly taught School in Magd. Parish, Oxford. Wch Knapper was a worthy Roman Catholick, and taught many topping Gentlemen's Sons with great Success. When he died,

Mr. Eaton was one of those that carried him, & help'd lay him in his Grave. He left in Mr. Eaton's Hands a great Box of Books, wch he told me he might have kept, if he pleas'd, but that he delivered them to old Mr. Kimber of Holywell, Father of my Acquaintance, Mr. Thomas Kimber, that died lately, & that, lying a good while in a Celler, many of them were quite spoil'd. I am, however, apt to think that such as were of any value were secur'd by Mr. Kimber, &, it may be, some of those that I saw in my said Acquaintance's hands were part of them.

Sept. 19 (Sun.). On Saturday, Sept. 11 last, came news to Corpus Christi Coll., Oxon., of the Death of Dr. John Kircheval, Rector of Meysey Hampton in Gloucestershire, who, I suppose, died either that Morning or else the day before. This Dr. Kircheval, who was a single Man, was formerly Fellow of Corpus Xti Coll. He took the Degree of M.A., March 1, 1680, that of B.D., June 5, 1690, & that of D.D., July 3, 1695. He was a whimsical Man, but I am told he read Homer much.

Mr. Denison owns his Marriage to Mrs. — Bouchier, one of the Daughters of the late Dr. Bouchier, and she is so big that her Delivery, as I am told, is exspected every day. He hath followed this Female many Years.

This Morning Mr. John Jones, A.B. of Edm. Hall, one of the Assistants at the Ashmolean Muséum, was ordain'd Deacon at Christ-Church by Dr. Potter, Bp of Oxon. This Mr. Jones is made Chaplain of Worcester College.

Sept. 20 (Mon.). Yesterday, in the Forenoon, preach'd at St. Marie's, before the University, Mr. Burton of Corpus Christi College, and in the Afternoon Mr. Beare, formerly of Exeter College. The said Mr. Beare (whose Christian Name is John) is Father in law to Mr. Burton, having married Mr. Burton's Mother. Mr. Beare was formerly Curate to Dr. Carswell, Vicar of Bray, near Maidenhead in Berks. Mr. Beare is a good natur'd Man, & a good Scholar. He is small, & of a low voice.

Mr. Mattaire said, when we were together on Saturday Night, Sept. 11, that he design'd to give an Edition of Hermogenes. And I understood he had a MS. in wch is something of that kind not yet printed. I then told Mr. Mattaire of some MSS. notes of Mr. Joshua Barnes upon Hermogenes, in the Bodleian Library in a printed Copy. I had formerly told Mr. Edw. Prideaux Gwyn of the same Notes, who upon that sent a Copy of them to Mr. Upton, who (as I also told Mr. Mattaire) likewise intends an Edition of Hermogenes. Dr. Hudson likewise design'd an Edition of Hermogenes. And 'twas upon his Request that Mr. Barnes read over Hermogenes in the Bodl. Libr., & writ the said Notes. He writ them as he sate by me in that Libr., as, indeed, he us'd always there to come & sit by me when he studied there.

Sept. 21 (Tu.). Yesterday was elected Mayor of Oxford Mr. Vicars, a Mercer in All-Hallows' parish, a single Man (never yet married), about 36 or 37 Years of Age, in opposition to Mr. Brock, a Taylour in Jesus College Lane. Mr. Vicars carried it by a Majority of two hundred and twenty. Mr. Brock, or Brox, being several Years the Senior, exspected

it, and he might have had it (as 'tis said), had he not last Year oppos'd Mr. Appleby, who was Brock's Senior. Mr. Appleby happen'd to be absent at Stratford upon Avon Fair, & Brock then set up in opposition to him, thinking to have carried it in his Absence. This mov'd Mr. Appleby's Friends so much that they were resolv'd to oppose Brock this Year, wch they did very effectually, Mr. Appleby himself also encouraging them. The Bayliffes are Mr. Turner, a Chandler in St. Marie's Parish, and Mr. Nib, an Upholsterer in Holywell Parish.

Memorand. that tho' Alexander Nevyl's *Norvicus* be elegantly written in Latin, yet there is a vast deal of Partiality and Calumny shewn in it throughout against the Religious, and all Roman Catholicks. Neither is the Account of Norwich very good, most of the book being upon other Affairs, and much in it about England in general. So that, whereas I once thought it a book proper to be reprinted, I am now, upon having read it deliberately, of quite another mind. Yet this Book, with his *Kettus* of the 4to Edition, Lond., 1575, is so very scarce that I am told 'tis sold for fifty shillings or three Pounds at London.

Vossius, in p. 93 of his *Ars Historica*, notes that Christopher Person was a very bad Translatour from Greek into Latin. *Hæc Agathias* (saith he), *quæ tamen in sua ineptissima interpretatione, ut alia multa, planè præteriit Christophorus Persona.*

Sept. 22 (Wed.). The Street which goes from Xt Church, by Xt Ch. Almes House, to Littlegate is commonly call'd Brewers' Lane, and oftentimes Slaughter Lane. The People commonly say 'twas call'd Slaughter Lane from the Scholars being kill'd there; but that is a Mistake. 'Twas so denominated from slaying the Cattle there, as being remov'd from the body of the University. The true Name of this Lane or Street, when the Dominican and Franciscan Frieries flourished, and after, was Friers' Street, or Friers' Lane, tho' that name be now quite forgot, the Dominican Friery being on the South, and the Franciscan on the West Side of it; and, indeed, both these Houses were brave places, and many noble and very excellent Personages were buried in the Churches of each, and, even to this day, in the Place where the Dominican Church stood are bones dug up. I heard of some very lately, and of a piece of Gold (I know not what), but I do not hear that such are so frequently dug up at the place of the Franciscan Church. Nor have any Reliques been discovered for many Years at the place where the Penitentiarian Friary (commonly call'd The Friers of Penance, of Sackcloth, &c.) stood, wch was at the West End of Paradice Garden, & 'twas, when dissolv'd in 1307, united to the Franciscan Friery, in wch Year all the Friers of Penance were abolished. The Penitentiarians

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[*c.* **Sept. 22, 1725.**] **T. Baker to H.** (Rawl. 23. 26). [See Diary, Sept. 26, for part of this letter.] 'What you say of undertaking Bp. Fisher's Life, I have often thought of; but, to tell you the truth, I dare not venture, since right cannot be done him without giving great offence, & I would either do him right, or nothing at all.' Saw the Honour of Richmond, when first published, and thinks Mr. Agarde's tract is printed there. 'I thank you for your account of Mr. G.'s generosity to Mr. M., wch is pretty remarkable, & ought not to be forgot.'

at Oxford had a Chappel, made out of the Ruins of S^t^. Buddock's, alias S^t^. Bennet's, Church.

Sept. 23 (Th.). Hearing that M^r^. Anstis, Garter King of Arms, was indisposed at his Lodgings in Corpus X^ti^ Coll., yesterday Morning, betw. 10 & 11 Clock, I call'd upon him there, and found him under a Course of Physick, he having had a sort of Feaver, but was much recover'd, occasion'd partly, as he thought, by putting on a damp Shirt, & partly by the Sharpness of the Oxford Air.

M^r^. Anstis told me that he would have me (if I could have the Use of them) by all means look over M^r^. Fulman's Papers in Corpus X^ti^ Coll. Libr. I would very readily do this, but fear much that I cannot have a proper access to them.

Having a great desire of seeing that MS. in Corpus X^ti^ Coll. Library mark'd thus in the printed Catalogue, 1658, 191, *A Catalogue of D^r^. Dee's own and borrow'd MSS.*, 12°, I mentioned this to M^r^. Burton, who with some others were with M^r^. Anstis, and he promis'd I should see it, but, it being then near 11 Clock, their dinner time, it was deferr'd 'till some other opportunity, when both M^r^. Burton and their Librarian, M^r^. Spry, told me I should see it.

M^r^. Anstis, upon mentioning John Dee, took occasion to tell what a very great Antiquary, as well as Mathematician, he was. This I knew very well. M^r^. Anstis said (what I knew also full well) that he was buried in their Church of Mortlake, a place whither M^r^. Anstis often retires, a good part of w^ch^ Church was built and repair'd by John Dee. John Dee had a most admirable Library of printed and written Books, collected by him with great pains and expense. He had upwards of 4000 Books, near a 1000 of w^ch^ were MSS., several of w^ch^ concerning the History and Antiquities of Britain. John Dee was frequently call'd D^r^. Dee, but he never had this Degree in Divinity, Physick, or Law conferr'd on him. 'Twas a compliment only for his great Skill in Mathematicks, particularly as he was so excellent a Teacher of them.

Sept. 24 (Fri.). On Wednesday last, between three and four Clock in the Afternoon, I call'd upon D^r^. Tanner, Canon of Christ-Church. He had about six Folios before him, w^ch^ he said were what he had done for his *Scriptores Britannici*, which I understood from him he still prosecutes with as much Industry and Application as his Affairs will permit. Which I am glad of. For, indeed, I was afraid that he had laid aside this worthy Design. And, upon that supposition, I had some thoughts my self of publishing Boston of Bury, if I could procure a Copy, and this I told lately to M^r^. Anstis, who said he would mention it to the D^r^., but whether he hath or no, I cannot say.

The D^r^. told me his *Notitia Monastica* will not now be ready 'till about a Year hence, and that it will make two Volumes in Folio, he

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Sept. 24, 1725. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 27°. 264). Sends catalogue of books, any of which are at H.'s service. Wants to know whether his copy of John of Trevisa is the same as the MS. at Cambridge. What is the best edition of Holinshed worth? Asks H. to accept the Scottish Chronicle and French Kalendar. Remarks on Piers Plowman.

having been importun'd to take in the Valuations, wch Mr. Eckton is to do for him.

I talk'd with him about Thomas Eccleston's Book, *de Adventu Minorum in Angliam.* I told him from what is in Wood it seems to be a very good thing. He said he had often been deceiv'd in Titles, that the Things prov'd but indifferent when he came to consult them. He said an imperfect MS. of this Book (being that wch Mr. Wood refers to as imperf.) is in the Cotton Library, Nero A. 9, in wch the eight first Coll. are wanting, and the six last remaining. This must be that wch is mentioned thus by Dr. Smith (in his Catalogue), tho' without Eccleston's Name (pag. 49): *Regulæ, institutiones, & res gestæ Fratrum Minorum in Anglia.* He said the other MS. mentioned by Mr. Wood belongs to the Cathedral Church of York, insinuating at the same time that what Anthony had from it he had at second hand. I wish I had a compleat Transcript; I would print it, tho' I did not tell Dr. Tanner so. But how to get it, I know not.

Sept. 25 (Sat.).

The Lord Power, a Roman Catholick Peer of Ireland, who was lately said to die at Paris (See our Mercury of Sept. 6, Page 76.), was barbarously murder'd there by his Footman, who strangled him in his Bed with an Handkerchief, for the Lucre of 16000 Livres. He has since been apprehended, with the best Part of the Money upon him, together with a Fellow, his Accomplice in the Fact; and they are both sentenc'd to be broke alive upon the Wheel.—*Northampt. Mercury for Sept.* 20, 1725.

Whereas (saith the same Mercury of Sept. 20) it was said in our last That Edmund Turner, Esq., late Lieutenant Colonel of the 2d Troop of Horse Grenadiers, receiv'd his Wound by a Fall from his Horse at the Battle of Almanza, whilst the Enemy was pursuing; we are since inform'd that it happen'd near the End of Pall-Mall in a Rencounter; and that the Piece of Sword extracted from within his Scull was 1 Inch and 3 8ths of an Inch long.

NB. Shewing this Passage yesterday to Mr. Whiteside, who knows the Collonel, he told me 'twas false, and that the Coll. receiv'd his Damage at Almanza, and he thinks this passage is inserted that it might not be believ'd that the Collonel fled at Almanza.

Sept. 26 (Sun.). Mr. Baker, in a Letter without date that I recd the 23d inst., tells me there is somewhat in Bale (*Centuria Decima tertia*, Pag. 119) concerning *Joannes Archicantor Romanus*, &c., tho' he be not nam'd in the Index; & tho' it will not come up to my purpose, he sends it me in the words:—

Joannes Archicantor Romanus, Ecclesiæ D. Petri Præcentor, et Monasterii ad Martini Fanum Abbas, ab Agathone Pontifice, pro expediendis Regni Papistici negotiis, ad Anglo Saxones, Benedicto Biscopio comprecatore ac Duce, nuncius mittebatur. Timebant autem Sancti Patres, suis obsistentibus Inceptis, Brytannos et Scotos. Interfuit igitur Hatfeldensi Prælatorum Synodo Legatus Apostolicus, ut vocant: in quo Theodorus Archiepiscopus, post Monachorum spectra, et alias pro erigendo eorum Purgatorio Cacodæmonum illusiones, plura pro onerandis hominum conscientiis constituit. Acceperat à Pontifice Joannes in mandatis (verba sunt Bedæ in Libro 4, cap. 18) ut legendi et canendi Romanorum illic ritum atque

ordinem traderet, et cujus esset fidei Anglorum Ecclesia diligenter ei monstraret. Docuit ergo Ceremoniarum atque Cantionum ordinem et cursum, in celebrationibus dierum festorum et Missarum per totius anni Circulum observandum, In Vuiremuthensi ac Girvicensi Monasteriis, confluentibus undique, ex omnibus totius Insulæ cœnobiis monachis. Et ut in Templis hæc per omnes Regiones servarentur, literis ille mandavit.

Modulandi ac legendi ritus, Lib. 1.
De Catholica fide Anglorum, Lib. 1.
De Hatfeldensi Synodo, Lib. 1.
De quadam Synodo Romana, Lib. 1.

Et alia dum adhuc habitaret Romæ. Claruit anno à Redemptoris nostri in carnem origine 679, *quo erat ab Agathone in Brytanniam missus, Egfredo in Northumbria regnante. Sed ad patriam inde revertens, tandem pertransito Oceano, Infirmitate statim corripitur ac defungitur, Turoniæ in Galliis sepultus.*

You see, S^r^ (saith M^r^. Baker), there is no mention of Organs in Churches, nor could there be for some hundred Years after, so late as the times of Thomas Aquinas, as you find in M^r^. Gregorie's Tracts, Pag. 51, &c.

In the same Letter he says, *Since M^r^. Rawlinson has left a Will, I hope he has left his Brother Executor, and then you will have the same Interest in his Books you had before. Three of his best Books, viz. so many Copies of the* Antiquitates Britannicæ, *are in D^r^. Drake's hands, & are, indeed, very valuable.*

Sept. 27 (Mon.). M^r^. West of Balliol-College having taken a Journey lately to Bath with M^r^. Bathurst of that College, Son of my Lord Bathurst, he return'd on Saturday last, and told me that he went also to Wells and Glastonbury, and likewise to Wilton House, my Lord Pembroke's Seat, where he saw my Lord's fine Statues and Pictures, which are all very extraordinary. M^r^. Anstis had before told me of a very fine Picture there of K. Richard II^d^. This M^r^. West saw, and, indeed, it is (as he said) wonderfull fine, and represents the King (as he certainly was, according to all our Historians) to be a most beautifull, amiable Prince, indeed, the most beautifull that ever sat upon the English Throne. It was done, anno 1377, in the first Year of the King's Reign. That w^ch^ is in Westm. Abbey (that hath been printed not long ago by the Society of Antiquaries, as they are stiled) is a poor Thing.

M^r^. West said a Presbyterian Farmer hath now got Glastonbury, and that he intends in a little time to pull down the Kitchin, still standing, and the other Remains, and to build a new House.

Sept. 28. (Tu). After I had left M^r^. Anstis on Wednesday last, I understand since that the next day, being Thursday, he had a Pleurisy, and was forced to be fresh blouded, and that M^r^. Mattaire return'd to London yesterday by the Stage Coach, having otherwise design'd to have went back with M^r^. Anstis.

M^r^. Awnsham and John Churchill advertis'd in the year 1695, in D^r^. Blackmore's Prince Arthur, then published in Folio, that then was in the Press, *Joh. Lelandus de Scriptorib. illustrib., cum Bostono Buriensi & continuatione, per Thomam Tanner.*

M^r^. John Jones, A.B., left Edmund Hall on Saturd. last, & went to Worcester College, where he is made Chaplain, and is to have twenty Pounds per an., besides a Room.

Sept. 29 (Wed.). Yesterday the Dutchess of Marlborough came to Oxford from Woodstock, and went to Christ-Church to the Dean's, Dr. Bradshaw, Bp of Bristol, who waited upon her to All-Souls, New-College, &c., and cring'd to her as if he had been her Footman, as he did the Week before, when she came from Woodstock also to Oxford. She return'd yesterday to Woodstock, about 2 Clock in the Afternoon.

Sept. 30 (Th.).

Lond., Sept. 21, 1725. *An Instrument has passed the Privy-Seal, requiring Dr. Welton, the Nonjuror, to return to this Kingdom, upon his Faith and Allegiance to his Majesty, as he will answer the contrary at his Peril. He is now in Pensilvania.*—Northampton Mercury for Mond., Sept. 27, 1725.

Lond., Sept. 25, 1725. *We hear that the famous Ostrich died a few Days ago at Sturbridge-Fair; and that his Body was afterwards dissected at Cambridge by Mr. Warren, the Surgeon. He cut above six Inches deep in Fat. Many Stones, and Nails, and Half-pence, and some small Pieces of Silver, all turn'd black, were taken out of the Crop and Gizzard. The Silver and Copper Pieces were very visibly wasted, especially about the Edges.*—Northampt. Mercury aforesaid.

NB. This Ostrich was in Oxford this last Summer, and was there shew'd for many Days. What kill'd it was cramming of it too much, particularly with Iron, Stones, &c., wch (notwithstanding what they say) it could not digest.

Oct. 1 (Fri.). On Wednesday last the New Bayliffes of Oxford (viz. Mr. Turner and Mr. Nib) took place, and gave their Treat at the Town Hall.

Yesterday the New Mayor of Oxford took place, viz. Mr. Vicars, and the old Mayor, Mr. Appleby, laid down his Office, and, as usual, gave a Breakfast at the Town Hall to the Freemen, and a Dinner at Edmund Hall to the new Mayor & chief of the Corporation.

Charles Battely, Esq., did tell me in Oxford, on Aug. 29, 1720, that he would fain have me come to London, and he was very urgent (as he was afterwards at Islip), and said, if I happened to die there before him, he would take care that I should be buried in Westminster Abbey. Mr. Battely is since dead, and I never went to see him at London, where I should have had access to every Thing he had.

Oct. 2 (Sat.). Yesterday was a Convocation, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, when Dr. Mather was continued Vice-Chanc. for another Year, being his 3d Year.

Mr. West of Balliol College told me yesterday that Mr. John Lewis, the Roman Catholick Bookseller, told him that he, the said Lewis, bought Dr. Anthony Hall's Books all but mine, wch were taken out and bought by Mr. Stephen Fletcher of Oxford, and that 'twas the best bargain he ever bought in his Life, he selling two hundred Pounds' worth of them immediately, whereas he gave but seventy Pounds for them. Fletcher

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Sept. 30, 1725. H. to W. Bedford (Diaries, 109. 131). Has received no answer to his letter of Aug. 12, which he fears has miscarried. Langtoft is just finished.

might have had them for sixty Pounds, but he would not give so much. Wilmot and other Booksellers also blow'd upon them. Wilmot, indeed, had bargain'd for them, but broke off again by reason of the Widow's taking out the Books that I published, which, however, were amongst them when he bargain'd with her. For wch Trick he was about to prosecute her, but she made up the matter. I never could yet see the Catalogue of Dr. Hall's Books, but without doubt there must be many odd Things among them.

On Thursday night last died at Yarnton, near Oxford, old Mr. Jackson, head Cook of Merton College, aged 87, and yesterday in the Forenoon the Bells rang for him. He was a sad old, drunken Rogue, yet was a hale, lusty man 'till about half a Year before he died, when he retired to Yarnton. He hath left two Sons, both Clergymen, but Men of no great Character. One was of Merton College, the other (the youngest) was Clerk of All Souls College. They took the Degree of Bach. of Arts. This old Jackson was born at Ifley, near Oxford, at the House by the great Elm Tree, where a Nephew of his lives now, who is a married Man, and hath Children, and keeps a publick House. One Court was made Yesterday Head Cook, who was before second Cook, and one Stevens (who had been Jackson's Apprentice) was made second Cook.

Oct. 3 (Sun.). Mr. Anstis told Dr. Frewin t'other day, when he (Mr. Anstis) had the Pleurisy, and the Dr. said he must be blouded again (for he had been blouded once), that he was fifty five Years old.

Mr. West of Balliol-College told me on Friday last that 'twas the general opinion that Dr. Hale's Speech at London before the Physicians is better than any that hath been printed, not excepting even Dr. Mead's and Dr. Friend's, Dr. Hale shewing more honesty in it with respect to our English Physicians; but I can say nothing my self, having not read Dr. Hale's. I hear, however, that Dr. Hale hath a flirt or two at Dr. Mead, because Dr. Mead is for having such as study Physick travell. It may be, Dr. Hale envys Dr. Mead.

I was told also by Mr. West that Dr. Mead endeavours now mightily to have it stifled, that he was for making forreign Physicians to be of the same validity with our own Graduates at London. And, it seems, Dr. Freind is now sorry that he struck in with Dr. Mead on this score.

Mr. West at the same time told me that Mr. Whiston (what I had not heard before) was very lately in Oxford, I know not upon what account, and that he now wears a Wig, whereas formerly (when he was entered into the Bodlejan Library a Student) he wore his own Hair, wch was very gray, tho' but a young Man.

Oct. 4 (Mon.). The great Rains that have been of late have caused another Floud this Year (for there was one in the Spring), wch hath again done much damage to the Grass.

Mr. Whiteside told me yesterday Morning that one Dr. Grimbaldeston, a Physicion of London, tho' he never took any Degree whatsoever, is mentioned in the News to have died lately. This Gentleman, it seems, was some time ago worth seven thousand pounds, three thousand Pounds of wch he lost in the South Sea. He was remarkable for taking small

Fees and a penurious way of living. He had been married, but his Wife died *sine prole.* He was servitour of Brasennose College, where he was a sober, carefull Man, and sav'd threescore libs., which set him up in London. His Tutor was Mr. James Hamer, B.D. and Fellow of that College, who was also Tutor to Mr. Whiteside. He was born in the Parish of Kirkham in Lancashire, wch was likewise the Place of Mr. Whiteside's Nativity. He hath left a thousand Pounds to Bras-Nose College Library; the Money is to buy an Estate, with wch they are to buy Books. He hath also left five hundred Pounds to Jesus College Library upon the same account. Besides Legacies, he has left to the Place of his Nativity, & the School where educated, & some other Places (I think, Hospitals), & to his near Relations (in all) very considerable.

Oct. 5 (Tu.). Yesterday (being Monday), in the Morning, Mrs. Hal Tyrrel, younger Sister of Mrs. Bel Tyrrel (that was lately married to Mr. Knap), was married in Magd. College Chappel to young Mr. Man of Kidlington, who hath much such a poor Fortune as Mr. Knap. After the Marriage (which had been carrying on some time, even in my Lady Tyrrell's Life time, and she as well as Dr. Frewin consented) they presently went to Dr. Frewin's in High-Street, and thence, after a few hours, they went to Kidlington. This Mrs. Hal is the more healthy of the two Daughters, the other (I have been told) having been always infirm & complaining.

Yesterday being with Mr. Wm Oldisworth, he told me the MS. he formerly acquainted me with about the Kts of [the] Bath is of a different Title, & he believes 'tis a different Book from Mr. Anstis's MS. of Thynne's, intit., *Advocate and Anti-Advocate.* He said he would shew it me in a little time.

He said he had got a MS. of Rob. Hegge's Life of St. Cuthbert.

He said his Uncle, Austin Oldisworth, had made vast Collections, many of wch, he knew not well how, came into the hands of John Poynter of Merton College, whom Mr. Oldisworth deservedly looks upon as one of the emptiest, silly blockheads that ever put pen to paper.

He said a vast deal in Sr Robert Atkins's History of Gloucestershire was taken verbatim, without Judgment or Discretion, from MSS. Collections of a Predecessor or Ancestor of his.

William Oldisworth, Esq., that preserv'd Fairford painted Glass, was an Ancestor of Mr. Oldisworth's. The North Isle of Fairford Chirch is the burying place of the Oldisworths.

Mr. Oldisworth hath a MS., finely bound, in iii Volumes, 8vo, of Wickliff's Testament.

Mr. Man (to whom Hal Tyrrell is married) is a huge, lusty, drunken Fellow, & 'tis thought Bel Tyrrel is the better match'd.

Last Night one Philips, a Servitour of Exeter College, after Evening Prayers, about a Quarter after ten Clock, attempting to get out of the

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Oct. 5, 1725. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 207). Langtoft is finished and in the binder's hands. John of Glastonbury's Chronicle is to be the next book. Will perhaps mention Mr. Granger's coins in it, but can't tell how to get them engraved at Oxford.

College over the Wall, between the Convocation House and the Ashmolean Muséum, happen'd to fall upon the Iron Spikes just under, which ran so into one of his Thighs that he is in a dangerous Condition. It seems, he had been drinking in the Afternoon (I am told, at one Bourchier's, almost opposite to Mr. Clement's the Bookseller's), and design'd to return thither again. Another Gentleman was upon the Wall, designing also to leap down, but was prevented by this Disaster, and so, I suppose, were some others [1].

Pro-Vicechancellours are Dr. Shippen, Principal of Bras-Nose, Dr. Dobson, President of Trinity, Dr. Jones, Principal of Jesus, and Dr. Morley, Rector of Exeter.

I am told the foresaid Philips is Brother to the Gentleman that was drowned some time ago in the Charwell [2], by Christ Church Meadow, and that his Father is Goal Keeper of Caerdiff.

Oct. 6 (Wed.). Mr. Litchfield, the Printer, yesterday had of Mr. Wilmot but 26s. per sheet for printing, composing, and working off, &c., about four thousand of a Sermon in 8vo, with abundance of Notes at the bottom, in the same Letter for bigness with my Camden's Eliz., Livy's Hist., &c., whereas I pay them at the Theater three and twenty Shillings per sheet, tho' I work off but little more than an hundred, they reckoning three shillings & six Pence for that Number to the Press-men.

On Monday Night last was buried in St. Peter's Church Yard in the East one Robert Stonehill, a young Man (whose Father died not long ago, being one of those that keep Stage Coaches in Oxford, and his Widow follows the Imployment now), who hath left behind him a beautifull, comely, but impudent Sister [3], who keeps much Company, particularly with Mr. Height, the Organist of Magd. College, a single man, who hath left his Habitation in the College on purpose to live in King's Street in St. Peter's in the East, that he may have better convenience of conversing with & enjoying the Company of this Girl, whom he sometimes hands to Church.

Oct. 7 (Th.).

Dover, Sept. 26, 1725. We have just now an Account, by the Packet Boat from Calais, that the English College of Jesuits at St. Omer is burnt down to the Ground, wch must be a great Mortification to them; being the finest and best Seminary they had, and seldom stockt with less than 2 or 300 English Youths of the best Roman Catholick Families.—*Northampt. Mercury for Monday, Oct.* 4, 1725.

Lond., Sept. 30. Yesterday dy'd Dr. Grimbalston, a Physician in the Parish of St. Dunstan's in the West. We hear that he has left a good Estate, and several charitable Legacies, particularly an hundred Pounds to the Charity-School of the Parish aforesaid, and the like sum towards building their Workhouse.

Last Night, about nine Clock, old Jackson, the Cook, was buried at St. John Baptist's, by his first Wife. His second Wife, still living, is a good sort of body, and is a Yarnton Woman. His two Sons he had

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[1] This Philips recovered, and afterwds was entered of Edm. Hall.
[2] He is so.
[3] Mrs. Betty Stonehill.

by his first Wife. Mr. Oldisworth tells me the eldest Son is a good sort of Man, which I never heard any one else say.

Oct. 8 (Fri.). Mr. Thomas Granger of London lately lent me two Silver Saxon Coyns that are scarce. The first is thus inscrib'd, AEDELSTAN REX; Reverse, D · ISETRAM MO, with this Figure.

[Drawing of an altar on a base, with a triangular top above it, omitted.]

The second thus, SVVEFHERD MONETA •DOROBERNIA CIVITAS.

[Drawing of a head (between MONETA and DOROBERNIA) omitted.]

Mr. Granger, in his Letter to me of the 5th of June last, tells me that this is Swebherd, and that he was a Kentish King, and Reigned with Withred, mentioned in Bede, 'but so little of him', saith he, 'that this Coyn will be the more valuable.' 'There is another' (adds he, meaning the first) 'of Ethelstone, but what church is upon it wee cannot tell.'

He then sent me the Draughts of these Coins, done by Dr. Stukely, but being not satisfied with Dr. Stukely's Draughts, Mr. Granger lent me the Originals, wch came to my hands, Sept. xith last. Since wch Mr. Granger hath writ me another Letter of the 5th inst. from London, in wch he gives me some Account of these Coyns, what he had promised to do by Mr. Murray and Mr. Whiteside. His Words are:—

That of K. Ædthelstan I know nothing more, but sent it for your Speculation, as to the Rudeness of the Church upon it, and could be glad to know what Church it was; there seems to have been more Kings of that name than what our Chrons mention, or that King had many Coyns.

As to Swefherd, Bede is the first Historian that mentions him, and from whome others Copy, but this Coyn is his, without doubt, and cleares up the certainty of that King, who reigned with Withred, as is mentioned by Bede, and from him Speed, in his Chron., pa. 294, Milton, p. 68, and Harris, his History of Kent, pa. 407, besides Tyrrel, Langhorne, and others. Dr. Hicks, in his Thesaurus, from Sr A. Fountaine, makes two of this King's Coyns Incerta, no. 5 and no. 6, wch altho' said *Incerta*, the first is Swefherd, and both of them have on the Revers *Dorobernia Civitas*.

Oct. 9 (Sat.). On Tuesday last Farmer Absalom of Heddington being riding (with some others at some distance behind him) from Heddington to Stanton St. John's, where they were to dine, & to pay for Wood they had bought of Mr. Jackson, New College Woodman, his Horse, otherwise very gentle & sure-footed, happened, in Stanton Field, not much above Stafford Grove, to stumble, & the Farmer (a lusty, strong Man), pitching over the Horse's Head, was thereby so much damag'd that they put him into a Dung Cart, wch happened to be in the Field, and brought him back to Heddington, and the next day (being Wednesday) he died, about nine Clock at Night, having spoke but little, and hardly been in his Senses ever since his Fall, and yesterday, in the Afternoon, he was buried, by his Wife, who had been a good sort of Woman, in

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Oct. 8, 1725. H. to E. Bayly (Rawl. 110. 84). Supposes E. B. has completed his design about the Chichester Inscription. Has finished Langtoft, and is now upon a new work, in which he may have room for several other 'curious Pieces'.

Heddington Church, with a great Attendance, not only from Heddington (for all the Town were invited), but from Oxford, &c. This Farmer Absalom was a very resolute Man, a great Swearer and Drinker, and much addicted to Women, and 'tis confidently reported that he was the occasion the Woman (that I have lately insinuated to have made away with her Husband) was not apprehended & brought to Justice, he being one of those that are said to debauch her, and make use of her body. Yet some say the Farmer had several good Qualities, as that he was very good natured, generous sometimes to the poor, and a good Master to those that work'd for him. Some say he was a little in drink when he was riding along, & I hear for certain he had been drinking very hard the night before, & I was told yesterday that it was a dead Palsy, and that there was no Fracture or Dislocation appear'd upon a Surgeon's Examination after his Fall. Others say 'twas an Apoplexy, but this I find not to be true. He hath left an Estate of about fourty or fifty libs. per an., wch comes to his only Child, a Son (that is a married Man and) a Brewer in Oxford, whom he had by his foresaid Wife, who was Sister to Mr. George Vincent, a Cutler, a very honest Man in Oxford, & they were Children of old Mr. Vincent that lately kept Stump Hall, a place famous for keeping up the custom of selling drink in black Pots.

Oct. 10 (Sun.). Mr. Graves, of Mickleton in Gloucestershire, being in Oxford, last Night he communicated to me the following Inscription, viz.

In the North Isle of the Chappel at King's Norton in Worcestershire, on a small Tablett of Stone fix'd in the Wall, on the East side of the door, is this Inscription in Capital Letters, viz.

Th' ascention day, on ninth of May,
Third year of King James' Raigne,
To end my Time, and steale my Coyne,
I, William Greves, was slaine.
1605.

He was an old, Rich Batchelor, and, living by himself, was robb'd, and murder'd.

Mr. Anstis told me yesterday, at Corpus Christi Coll., that he hath got a Confirmation of the Arms of Sheldon in the time of K. Edw. IV.

Mr. Whiteside told me last night, being in company with Mr. Graves and my self, that Dr. Grimbaldeston left 100 libs. per an. to the Church of Kirkham (where he was born) for Prayers throughout the year every day.

Mr. Whiteside also told me that Dr. Clarke of All Souls hath given two Decanters of Silver to the Commoners' Table of Bras-Nose College, both of them together worth fourty libs.

Frederick Tilney, Esq., died very lately. My Ld Craven married his only Child, a very agreeable Lady, as well as a great Fortune. Mr. Whiteside told me then that this Tilney hath left two Exhibitions to Queen's College in Oxford.

Mr. Graves told me and Mr. West yesterday that he gave four shillings for his Copy (that is printed) of Geffry Monmouth. Mr. West hath lately

bought a printed Copy of Geff. Mon., but I know not what he gave for it. Mr. Graves hath a MS. of Geff. Mon.

Mr. Anstis told me yesterday that his Register of the Garter cost him about fourteen hundred libs., that he cannot be refunded, and that he will do no more. I saw both vols., wch he hath given to Corpus Christi College Library, but I cannot see how they could cost him so much, unless he paid extravagantly for Transcripts, &c. The Cuts are nothing equal to Mr. Ashmole's.

Mr. Mattaire hath sent a Latin Letter to the President & Fellows of Corpus, to thank them for their Civilities, & he is sending them some of his own Books that he hath published. The Letter they have agreed to fix in one of them. I saw it.

I saw yesterday in Corpus Xti Coll. Library, by the favour of Mr. Aylmer, a young Physician there, *A Catalogue of Dr. Dee's own and borrow'd MSS.*, 12o. It is in the Catalogue, Num. 1658, 191, but 'tis a very small Parcel of his MSS., containing only some of his Mathematical Books, & some of those relating to the occult Philosophy. One of them is Vettius Valens. What I wanted to see this Catalogue [for] was to see what he had about our English History & Antiquities, but tho' he had a vast deal, yet nothing is there mentioned, but then the first part of the Book (wch is a small Thing) contains private Notes, writ with a pencil, about his conversing with Spirits, &c., what is not taken notice of in the printed Catalogue drawn up by Mr. Norgrove.

Oct. 11. (Mon.). Last night was a great and visible Eclipse (the Air being clear) of the Moon, in the beginning of the Evening, at which Time the Moon rose eclips'd somewhat more than one 12th Part thereof, according to the following Calculation that had been made (tho', perhaps, there were some Variations) by such as are skill'd in Affairs of that kind:—

	h.	m.	s.
The beginning, October 10th, at	4	56	25
Beginning of Total Darkness	5	54	44
Middle, or Time of greatest Darkness . . .	6	44	58
Ending of Total Darkness	7	35	12
End of the Eclipse	8	33	31
Time of Total Darkness	1	40	28

Digits eclipsed, 22 and a half.

Mr. Anstis told me on Saturday last that there is in Lincoln's Inn, *Secretum Abbatis Glastoniensis*, wch he mentioned upon occasion of my being about to print *John of Glastonbury's Chronicle*. This I knew not before, tho' I knew that there is one of this *Secretum* in Bibl. Bodl., being the 1st of Mr. Wood's MSS. in that Library.

Henry Patridge, Esq., was (as was also his elder Brother, Rob. Patridge, Esq.) Gentleman Commoner of Edmund Hall in Oxford, where he was look'd upon as a very good natur'd Gentleman, as he certainly is, tho' he be a great Whig. He was a very handsome Person, and one of Dr. Luff's

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Oct. 11, 1725. W. Cox to H. (Rawl. 14. 91). Directions for sending Ld. Bruce's copy of Langtoft. Sends subscription for John of Glastonbury.

Daughters (she that was afterwards Madam Bull, and at length Madam Hannes, she being married for her second Husband to Dr. Hannes, who us'd her most barbarously (tho' a wonderfull fine, handsome Woman), to the shortening her days) was in love with him, & he also had great Affections for her, but this Match not taking, Mr. Patridge, after he had left Oxford, married a young Lady, Mrs. Holder, whose great Uncle was the famous Dr. William Holder, at wch time they were reckoned the handsomest Couple in London; but she died, when she was just turn'd of seventeen Years of Age, of her second Child, to the immoderate Grief of Mr. Patridge, she being as good natur'd as she was handsome. Mr. Patridge had her taken in wax work after her Death, and from that wax work is her Effigies to the middle in Clarkenwell Church, where she was buried. Some time after her Death, Mr. Patridge married a second wife, very rich, but no beauty, whom I saw about 14 Years since in Oxford with him, and I supp'd with them, Mr. Patridge having been a Lodger in the Room I lodge now in at Edm. Hall, during his Residence in Oxford as a Member of that University. My best Friend, Mr. Francis Cherry, was intimate with him, & he us'd to be often at Mr. Cherry's at Shottesbrooke, as also did his eldest Brother, Robert, who died unmarried, Mr. Cherry's Father (William Cherry, Esq.) being their Guardian. Mr. Patridge hath a great Estate (enjoying that also of his Brother Robert), & hath many Children by his second Wife. They live at . . .

Oct. 12 (Tu.). Mr. Granger, in his Letter of the 5th inst., informed me that he was *informed that the Notes and Emendations in his Chronicon Florentii Wigorniensis are of the proper hand Writing of H. Wharton, and that he is promised a Letter or two of his to confirm it.*

Yesterday Mr. Anstis, Garter K. of Arms, left Oxford.

Oct. 13 (Wed.). Last Night being at Balliol College, where I spent the Evening with only Mr. West, he (Mr. West) shewed me an old Silver Greek Coin, which, he said, was given him by Mr. James Brunker of Jesus College. On one side is Apollinis caput laureatum. On the other, MVPINAIΩN, cum Apollinis effigie, lauri ramum læva tenentis. Ad Murinam Æolicam attinet, de qua Plinius, lib. v, sect. xxxii, non ad Lemniam (inquit Harduinus) aliamve, si qua est ulla. Stephano: *Μύρινα Αἰολίδος . . . τὸ ἐθνικὸν, Μυριναῖος.*

At the same time he shew'd me some printed Extracts, out of old Evidences, relating to the dispute about the Provost of Oriel Dr. Carter's claiming a Negative. They are in 4to. They seem to be of Litchfield's print. Mr. West said he had them of Mr. Edmunds of Jesus, and that they are part of a Book that is to come out in time, but these Extracts are done before hand for the Lawyers. Mr. Edmunds is now Fellow of

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Oct. 12, 1725. H. to T. Granger (Diaries, 109. 158). Thanks for notes about the two coins. May have some remarks on them in John of Glastonbury. Thinks Sir Andrew Fountaine has rightly placed them *inter incerta.* The church on Æthelstan's coin is Canterbury.

Oct. 13, 1725. E. Bayly to H. (Rawl. 2. 7). Has done nothing further about the Chichester Inscription, since hearing that Dr. Langwith intended to publish an account of it. If H. thinks it worth while to insert his notes on it in John of Glastonbury, they are at his service. Sends subscription.

Jesus and Master of Arts, but is one of those that Dr. Carter deny'd Admission to to a Fellowship of Oriel, tho' elected, and Mr. Edmunds is one of those that disputes that Affair.

Yesterday, in the Afternoon, I call'd upon Dr. Stratford of Xt Ch., who is newly come from Berkshire. He seem'd concern'd that Mr. Mattaire should take up, when last in Oxford, his Residence in Corpus Xti, having been formerly of Xt Ch., and said if he had been in Oxford, he would have contriv'd it otherwise.

On Monday last I bought of Wilmot a very good Harduin de Nummis, in 4to, for twelve Shillings, tho' mark'd nineteen shillings at beginning, and Wilmot ask'd a Guinea for it. Fletcher hath one much worse, wch he will not leave under fourteen Shillings.

Oct. 14 (Th.). Mr. Graves told me since he was in Oxford (for he is not yet gone) that he was entered of Pembroke College in the year 1693. He took the Degree of Bach. of Arts, but, coming to a good Estate, he went no farther, but left the Univ.

Mr. Browne Willis is busy in collecting not only Money for the rebuilding of Buckingham, but likewise for rebuilding a Church or Chappel at Fenny Stratford, wch, it seems, is in the Parish of Blechley that Mr. Willis is Patron of. Mr. Willis is now in Oxford upon this account, and he told us last Night (when I was with Mr. Graves and Mr. Whiteside) that the Tower or Steeple of this Chappel is already quite finished, he having, it seems, had that done first. He says it shall be dedicated to St. Martin. It is not to be so big as the old Church or Chappel was, which hath been down many Years.

Oct. 15 (Fri.). Mr. Willis is about publishing a Book of the History and Antiquities of the Cathedral of York. Yesterday he was writing Epitaphs out of one of Dodsworth's MSS. Collections in Bodley, that Mr. Dodsworth had met with in that Cathedral. Mr. Willis is a poor Writer of History and Antiquities, unless he get somebody to do it for him, at least to cook and adjust his Papers. A Thing wch was observ'd also by Mr. Anstis, when he was lately in Oxford.

Mr. Graves, since he hath been in Oxford, bought Skinner's *Etymologicon*. He gave fifteen shillings for it to Fletcher. Indeed, it is now worth a Guinea, tho' I have known it commonly go for five or six Shillings, about which Price I gave for mine.

Mr. Graves told me last night that yesterday in Bodley he look'd over, for about an hour, Dr. Stukeley's *Itinerarium curiosum*, where, it seems, the Book is, tho' not yet bound. He said there are some clever Things in it, but, having understood that Stukely's Things and Accounts are not to be rely'd on, he sunk his opinion.

Oct. 14, [1725]. **T. Baker to H.** (Rawl. 23. 152). Glad Langtoft is finished. Can offer no advice as to H.'s next undertaking. Hopes Dr. Tanner will live to finish his 'Historical Design.' 'Would he abstract himself from the world, as you do, he might do better service in the History of Learning.' Mr. Anstis would be the fittest person to advise H.

Oct. 15, 1725. **J. Anstis to H.** (Rawl. 1. 101). [See account of this letter, Diary, Oct. 18–21.]

On Tuesday last died old Mrs. Langford, of St. Gyles's, Oxon., & was buried last Night in St. Gyles's Church. One of her sons was a Chandler in Oxon., another Butler of St. John's Coll., but they are both dead. Her Husband was Cook of St. John's. Her daughter is a Millener in Oxford, being the Widow of Peter Sherwin, Son of the late Mr. Wm Sherwin, the Yeoman Beadle of Div., wch Peter Sherwin left her six Children, begotten by him of her body. She is a pretty civil body, a good manager, & was beautifull, but he was a sorry, drunken sot.

Oct. 16 (Sat.). Dr. Bentley speaks very disrespectfully and contemptuously of that vain, cock-brain'd Man, Mr. Wasse of Aynoe, notwithstanding Wasse crys up Bentley most extravagantly, and says, next to himself, Bentley is the greatest Man in the World.

Dr. Bentley is Regius Professor of Divinity at Cambridge, yet makes no figure in the Chair, being, indeed, a very poor Divine, not at all vers'd in the Fathers, a very mean Disputant, & letting the Disputants do as they please.

I heard last Night that Richard Parker's *Sceletos Cantabrigiensis* is advertis'd to be reprinted with a Continuation to this present time. This Piece was first printed by me in Leland's Collectanea.

Oct. 17 (Sun.).

Norwich, Oct. 2, 1725. On Sunday last, about Nine at Night, the North Part of the Horizon appeared with unusual Lights, which increased till half an Hour past Ten, when the North, North-East, and North-West were illuminated in a very surprizing Manner; the Light being much greater in those Parts than the rising of a full Moon, in a clear Sky, usually produces. At the same Time, the Horizon was interspersed with many small, streaming Lights, which kept in continual Motion; and one large, streaming Light arose in the North-East, and with great Celerity flew to South-West, and there immediately expired. The Light continued for several Hours in an extraordinary Manner, and occasions many Speculations.—*Northampton Mercury* for Oct. 11th, 1725.

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Oct. 18 (Mon.). Mr. Anstis, in a Letter from Putney of the 15th inst., tells me that he hath inspected some of his Collections which he hath at Putney, and finds that he hath transcribed from Mr. Selden's Collections, marked ff. ff. in Lincoln's Inn Library, p. 68, that Pope Innocent the 4th, at Lions, on 4 Id. March, granted to Glastonbury, because it was a cold place, *ut cum interessent divinis, pileos eorum ordini congruentes deferre valeant,* and at the bottom he hath wrote, *Secretum Abbat. Glaston., MS. apud Comitem Arundel.*, whose MSS. were given to Gresham College,

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Oct. 16, 1725. Sir A. Wescombe to H. (Rawl. 17. 56). Directions for sending his copies of Langtoft.

Oct. 18, 1725. M. G. Drake to H. (Rawl. 14. 104). Would have answered sooner, but had thoughts of waiting on H. at Oxford. Surprized the money has not been received: will send it by Mr. West, '& shall be glad of y^{e}

among which, in the printed Oxford Catalogue, the second Book relates to Glastonbury, but he had not then time to look over the residue. If it remain there, he believes Dr. Mead can get the loan of it from thence, but he knows not whether any books can be borrowed from Lincoln's Inn, according to their Rules. *You remember* (saith he) *a privilege of the like nature of wearing capps, granted to the Monks of S^t. Augustine's in the book I formerly lent you.* He saith he hath some other Collections from this *Secretum Abbatis* relating to the Earl Marshal's rights upon creation of the Abbats of Glastonbury, but these papers are in the Heralds' Office at present.

This day, in the Afternoon, between two and three Clock, Mr. John Rance (Son of my late Printer, Mr. John Rance) his Wife was brought to bed of her first child in Holywell, where they live. It is a Daughter[1].

Oct. 19 (Tu.). Last Night Mr. West told Mr. Greaves and me of a MS. Life of S^t. Dunstan, brought to him to be sold, which he believ'd he should buy to-day.

Yesterday, being S^t. Luke's Day, Mr. Graves's eldest Daughter was just 12 years old, that being her Birth day.

Mr. Anstis, in the Letter beforementioned of Oct. 15, tells me that I know the Character given by Erasmus to Abbot Bere for his learning, and that he was sent Embassadour with Sir Gilbert Talbot to congratulate the Accession of the Pope, & to carry the Garter to the Duke of Urbin in the end of the reign of Hen. VII, which he believes Polydor Virgil mentions. Mr. Anstis hath printed the Instructions to them for the investing the Duke of Urbin.

Mr. Graves gave yesterday to Fletcher, the Bookseller, half a Guinea (or ten shillings and sixpence) for the 4^to Ed. of Occo de Nummis, w^ch I look upon as very dear, considering how far preferable the Folio Ed. is to it, being four times as large.

Mr. West said Occo's Inscriptions (a thin folio) was sold in London lately for three Pounds, or else for three Guineas. I have this Book.

Mr. Ward of Longbridge (among other Things) hath from time to time sent me several Scottish Things, which I have often wondered how he procured. I am told his Grandmother was one of the Family of the Stuarts, and 'tis probable he came by them that way.

Oct. 20 (Wed.). Memorand. that on Monday last Broadstock began to work off the Plate of the Oxford Almanack for 1726, so long (viz. a whole year) are they now before they can prepare this little trifling Work, about w^ch more noise and clutter is made than if an hundred Books of

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oppertunity of being acquainted with a Gentleman of so good a Character as I hear Mr. West has.'

Oct. 19, 1725. W. Brome to H. (Rawl. 14. 41). Sends by Mr. Rawlins payment for Langtoft and John of Glastonbury. Directions for binding the former. Never heard of Blount's History. [See Diary, Oct. 24.] [PS.] The late Bp. of St. David's duplicate copy of Robert of Gloucester is now W. B.'s, and can be spared to anyone that wants it.

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[1] NB. It died in the beginning of November following.

learning were printing by the University, whereas they nowadays print just nothing but these Almanacks, with shame be it spoken.

Mr. West of Balliol College hath told me that Dr. William Jones, Principal of Jesus College, who is very ill of a Dropsy, so that his Life is despair'd of, made his Will on Monday Morning last.

Mr. West (at the same time) said, and I had heard him say the same before, that Dr. Tanner, when last in Oxford, had borrow'd out of the School Tower nine Vols. of Brian Twyne's MSS. Coll., perhaps for something about the Case of the Mastership of University College.

Mr. Anstis, in his Letter of the 15th inst., tells me that if the treatise of Mr. Thinne (that Mr. Oldisworth told me of) be different from the Advocate and Anti-advocate, he should be very eager to see it, if that liberty may be obtained; though he is fully convinced that in case it should be so, it must have been wrote by him before such time as he composed the Anti-advocate, because that work seems to have conteined whatever Mr. Thinn at that time knew upon the Subject; unlesse he thought proper to cast it into another form. He wishes I could procure a sight of it for my self, if he might not have that favour; for every thing (saith Mr. Anstis) that Mr. Thinn finished must contain several curious Remarks & Extracts from Records, wherein he was a great Master.

Oct. 21 (Th.). Mr. Anstis at the same time inform'd me that Mr. West was so kind to put him in hopes that he would take the pains to examine the Lists of the Knights of the Bath, which he (Mr. Anstis) lately published in an hurry, so as that he had not sufficient time to correct even the presse. There is an account of Knighthoods among Anth. à Wood's MSS., number'd in the printed Catalogue 8480, collected by young Vincent, but without any Vouchers; however, Mr. Anstis presumes some light may be gotten by comparing his Lists with those of Mr. Anstis. In it, by the cursory view that Mr. Anstis made, he found the names of those said to be made at the Coronation of Hen. IV, which he had imperfectly taken from Hollingshead, and also, that the Knights made at the Coronation of the Prince in 19 H. 7, which he had conjectured to have been of the Degree of the Bath, are therein expressly so termed. In return for this trouble, Mr. Anstis will correct a book for Mr. West, and add several things to it, which will soon occur to him upon a review, which he designs. *You see* (says he) *what mistakes are in the print even by a Quotation in p.* 64 *from the Scotichron., which should be amended, l.* 16, *c.* 16, *page* 1286. He says, if Mr. West pleases to take a printed book, & only place the variations in the margin, it will be the easiest method. The Knights of the Bath in 10 H. 7 & 15 E. 4 are in Ashm. MS., n. 7088. Those at ye Coronation of Ch. 2, in 7234 & 7263. Those made at that time he took from the books in the Heralds' Office, & yet he hath seen a Copy which hath added Sr Peter Wentworth, of Lillingston Lovel in Bucks. There is another Creation mentioned in 7348. I acquainted Mr. West with this, and he hath undertaken it.

Mr. Baillardeau, the Frenchman, told me to-night that some time since he lent Dr. Ralph Bridges an old MS. in Vellum, containing the History

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Oct. 21, 1725. W. Bedford to H. (Rawl. 28. 22). 'You had had the enclos'd [advertisement] near a week ago, had Mr. James the printer not forgott to send it me by a penny post letter.'

of W^m^ the Conqueror, the Life of Thomas à Becket, &c. He got it in the Fenns of the Son of a Frenchman, that was Clark of a Parish, & taught a little School for boys and Girls, & dying in M^r^. Baillardeau's debt, he (M^r^. B.) was forc'd to be contented with this & some other Books in lieu of it. He said the rest of the Books were of little or no value. He desir'd me to give the D^r^. his Service, & to let me have (at his request) the perusal of the MS. He says it belong'd to Crowland Abbey.

M^r^. Willis, of Whaddon Hall, being engag'd in the good and worthy Design of building partly by his own Money, and partly by the Contributions of Friends, a Church or Chappell at Fenny Stratford in Bucks., I this day, in the Evening, gave M^r^. Willis half a Guinea tow^ds^ it, paying it into his own hands.

Oct. 22 (Fri.). M^r^. Willis told me last night that the Dean of X^t^ Ch., D^r^. Bradshaw, gave two Guineas, and the Canons of X^t^ Church a Guinea apiece, to the Chappel of Fenny Stratford.

M^r^. Sam^l^ May of Lond. writes me word, in a Letter from London House of the 19^th^ inst., that M^r^. Tho. Rawlinson's Executors are his Widow and one M^r^. Ford (an Attorney, he thinks), and that he was buried at S^t^. Botolph's, Aldersgate, by M^r^. Wagstaffe.

This Morning call'd upon me, w^ch^ he had never done before, M^r^. Henry Dodwell of Magd. Hall, Son of the late very learned M^r^. Henry Dodwell. He call'd about M^r^. Vansittart's subscribing to Peter Langtoft & John of Glastonbury. He told me he was almost three Years' standing. I got him to stay almost a Quarter of an hour. I had never discours'd him before. I had heard, and so it appear'd to me, that he is a changeling. He is, however, goodnatur'd, and may, and I hope he will, make a good Man, but, having not (most certainly, as I take it) a Capacity, I cannot see how he can make any thing of the figure in Learning that his Father did. But I must suspend my opinion, & leave it to after-times. I ask'd him about his Father's MSS. He said he had not seen them. Nor did I find that he had seen or knew much of his printed Books. He mentioned D^r^. Heywood & M^r^. Parker; the former about his Father's Copy of Thomas a Kempis, the latter about his Father's Diss. upon Irenæus. He had heard, he said, D^r^. Heywood speak of Kempis. I told him I had seen it, & that I had made publick mention of it. He said M^r^. Parker had told him the Diss. upon Irenæus would bear reprinting. I told him I had heard his Father's Lectures were reprinted. He said he had heard (but he knew not from whom) the same. After this, I met M^r^. Leake & M^r^. Parker. The former said he was not at all acquainted with this young Man, nay, did not know him by sight. M^r^. Parker said he knew him, but had not seen him of late (indeed, he hath been in the Country, coming up yesterday), but they both agreed (M^r^. Leak only from what he had heard) that he would never make a Scholar, whatever he might with respect to being a good man. M^r^. Leak observ'd that he understood he wanted both parts and application.

Oct. 23 (Sat.). Yesterday M^r^. Whiteside lent M^r^. Graves a MS. of

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Oct. 23, 1725. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 33). Sends money for Langtoft, and wishes to continue a subscriber.

Sir Wm Dugdale's, containing Charters & Seals, out of the Muséum, to the Castle, where Hulet, the Ingraver, is put, and there Mr. Graves and Hulet used it several hours. I saw it last night in Mr. Graves's hands at Spreadbury the Cook's shop. He told me he must have it again to-day, Mr. Whiteside having told him that Books might be lent out of the Muséum.

Last Tuesday Mrs. Mary Smith of Heddington, one of the Daughters of Mother Gordon of that place, was brought to bed of a Son. She hath a Son & Daughter (born before), both living. Her Husband is a Taylour, & lived before Marriage at Marston.

Oct. 24 (Sun.). Mr. Baker, in a Letter from Cambridge of the 14th inst., tells me that he thanks me for my account of Dr. Tanner's designs, which, under a multiplicity of other business, he doubts must proceed slowly. He wishes he may live to finish his Historical Design. *Would he abstract himself* (saith he) *from the World, as you do, he might do better service in the History of Learning.*

Mr. Anstis, I presume (saith he), *is return'd from Oxford, otherwise I should have sent my service. He is the fittest man, and most able to advise in your business, &c, I doubt not, you have consulted him to that purpose.*

He knows nothing but well of Mr. Hughes. NB. Mr. Baker mentions Mr. Hughes, because I consulted him about him. This Mr. Hughes was of St. John's Coll., Cambr., was a Nonjuror, & is the same that I have spoke of in Vol. 90, p. 17.

Mr. Will. Brome, of Ewithington, near Hereford, in a Letter of the 19th inst., tells me he never heard of their Countryman Blount's History of England, much less knows where it is. But shall make enquiry.

Oct. 25 (Mon.). Northampton Mercury for Monday, Oct. 18, 1725:—

London, Oct. 12. Sir Hans Sloane is rechosen President of the College of Physicians, and the four Censors chosen for next Year to Visit the Apothecaries' Shops, and Inspect their Drugs and Medicines, are Dr. Haws, Dr. West, Dr. Stukely, and Dr. Wharton.

NB. I am told these Censors are very mean Physicians. I am sure Dr. Stukely is look'd upon by all as altogether ignorant in his Faculty of Physick. It seems, this causes a Quarrel among the Physicians at London.

Oct. 26 (Tu.). I hear several talk that a second Ed. of Rymer's Fœdera is printed; but then some suppose that they are only a certain Number of Copies, reserv'd in some hands, of the former Impression, and that the *second Edition* is added. But this may be discovered with a little trouble.

The Church of Benham-Valence in Berks. is seventy six feet in length,

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Oct. 26, 1725. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 209). Sends parcel containing copies of Langtoft for 14 subscribers (named). [PS.] Has sent the MS. to Mr. Anstis direct.

& sixteen in breadth. The Tower is built of Wood, and hath 5 bells, & is about thirty five feet in height.

Oct. 27 (Wed.). One Yates, a Poulterer in Oxford, having, Saturday last was Sennight, forestalled the Market, Mr. Beauver (M.A., Steward of Corpus Xti Coll., and) Clarke of the Market, seeing him in the Market with a Hamper, or something in wch the Fowle were, demanded a sight of them, wch Yates refusing, Beaver thereupon collered him, upon wch Yates struck him, & blows happened on both sides. So I have heard the Story. However it be, Beaver hath put him into the Court. This Beaver is himself one of the Proctors of the Vice-chancellour's Court. He was certainly in the wrong for striking Yates, and is blam'd on that score by all People[1].

Mr. Dodwell above mentioned, p. 10, 11, having said that he would call upon me as Yesterday for Mr. Vansittart's Book of Peter Langtoft, & he said so more than once, I accordingly exspected him as yesterday, when I was at home all day, being busy in delivering Books, but, upon his not coming, I this day, in the Morning, about half an hour after eight Clock, sent my Bookbinder to him with the Book, but, it seems (wch confirms what was told me about his want of Application), he was then in bed, tho' very well. He slipt on his Gown, & got out of Bed, and told my Binder (who was let into his room by some body else) that he exspected the Book yesterday. My Binder said 'twas ready, and that (what I had bid him tell him) I exspected he would have call'd Yesterday, according to his Promise. My Binder observ'd the Tea-Kittle upon the Fire, & Dishes all ready against he got up to go to Breakfast, according to the modern Fashion of your Lazy People. I hope he will consider better, & that he will endeavour to imitate that very great Man, his Father, who was so remarkable for his Piety, Industry, and Learning.

Oct. 28 (Th.). Mr. Denison of University College's Wife was lately brought to bed of a Son, as we are told.

London, October 19. On Saturday Night last died the Lady Child, Relict of Sir Thomas Willoughby, and also of Sir Josiah Child. She was Mother of the Lord Middleton, the Lord Viscount Castlemain, and the Dutchess of Chandois, and nearly ally'd to so many of the Prime Nobility that, 'tis said, above fifty great Families will go into Mourning for the Death of this Lady.—*Northampton Mercury, for Mond., Oct.* 25, 1725.

On Sunday Morning, Oct. 17 last, a surprizing Accident happen'd at Tottenham, 5 Miles from London, viz. The Rev. Mr. Ravenal, Curate of the

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Oct. 27, 1725. Edward Young to H. (Rawl. 18. 57). By order of his master, Sir Philip Sydenham, sends by Mr. Godfrey £1 2*s*. for Langtoft.

Oct. 28, 1725. R. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 3. 95). Directions for sending Langtoft. Will send payment as soon as he receives it from subscribers. [For rest of letter, see Diary, Nov. 8. Note by Hearne:—'Recd on Sunday, Oct. 31, 1725.']

Oct. 28, 1725. Sir H. Sloane to H. (Rawl. 16. 76). Account of payments received by him, and sent to H. by Godfrey, for Langtoft and John of Glastonbury.

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[1] The Vice-Chancellour stopp'd it from going on in the Court immediately, and Yates was pardoned.

said Parish, after reading Prayers distinctly, and pronouncing his Prayer before Sermon, took his Text from these Words, *What is Truth?* which he began to explain for about 5 Minutes. When, on a sudden, he told the People, with great Vehemence of Speech, That he had something extraordinary to say, and that if they stirred out of their Pews, they would be destroy'd with Thunder and Lightning; and called out loudly to shut all the Doors. This unfortunate Gentleman being of a sober Life and Conversation, these Expressions produced strange Confusions, during which he sunk down in the Pulpit, and the Clerk and others, going up to his Assistance, found he was distracted. He still continuing his Outcry of Thunder and Lightning, People at last crowded out of the Church, in such Disorder that divers were hurt and bruised, and it was a considerable Time before they could get him out of the Pulpit. Some say he 's likely to recover, but others the contrary.—*Ibid.*

On Sunday Morning, Oct. 18th last, the Countess of Oxford was safely deliver'd of a Son, but it died on Friday, Oct. 22, following.—*Ibid.*

Yesterday Morning, in a Congregation, was presented to the Degree of Bach. of Div. Mr. Warton of Magd. Coll., the University Professor of Poetry, who is now Minister of Basingstoke, where he lives with his Wife and Children.

Oct. 29 (Fri.). Yesterday I call'd upon Mr. Dodwell of Magd. Hall. I found him within in his Chambers at Magd. Coll. It was a little after 3 Clock in the Afternoon. I staid not quite a Quarter of an hour with him, my Business being only to inquire about Langtoft, that I had sent to him for Mr. Torkington. His Rooms are very large. I found him with a Book before him, wch he put presently up. I know not what it was, tho' it seem'd to be English. It was the only Book I saw in the Room. This young Man went to School at Ockingham in Berks. His Master, he said, was Mr. Neal of Trinity-College in Cambridge. He said the School was not very full, but that Mr. Neal was, nevertheless, a very good Schoolmaster. I know not this Neal, but I have heard that he is very conceited.

Oct. 30 (Sat.). This being the Birth day of what they call the Prince of Wales, there was mighty Ringing of Bells, particularly at Christ Church, in Oxford.

Yesterday being the Wedding day of Thomas Browne, Mancipal of Magd. Coll., tho' he be but poor, and his Wife, however a comely body, also as poor, yet the Wedding day was kept in Holywell, where they now live, with as much Gaiety and Rejoycing as if they were Persons of Distinction. Indeed, they are a proud, conceited Couple. She is visited by hardly any of her Neighbours, who do not like her proud humour. But there is the Wife of one Robert Bastin (who both lived with Dr. Gardiner, Warden of All Souls Coll.) and the Wife of one Hardyng,

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Oct. 30, 1725. J. Anstis to H. (Rawl. 19. 64). Could not sooner acknowledge receipt of books. Will return the MS., with H.'s present, to the Temple, and the other to the Heralds' Office. [For rest of letter, see Diary, Nov. 3–5. Note by Hearne:—'Recd, Sund., Oct. 31, 1725.']

Oct. 30, 1725. J. Woodward to H. (Rawl. 18. 41). Received books, and sends subscription-money for Langtoft and John of Glastonbury. [For rest of letter, see Diary, Nov. 2. Note by Hearne:—'Recd, Sund., Oct 31, 1725. Nov. 1, 1725, Recd the Money of Mr. Wilmot, viz. 8 Guineas.']

Porter of New-Coll., who are her great Companions, being of the same haughty Temper with her self.

Oct. 31 (Sun.). Yesterday Mr. Francis Gwyn, Fellow of All Souls College, told me that Abbotsbury in Dorsetshire (the Abbey of wch Place, then one of the Seats of the Strangways, out of peak, was burnt down by old Shaftsbury, then a Commander against the King, in the Civil Wars) is wonderfull pleasant, & a most delicious Seat.

Nov. 1 (Mon.). On Friday last (Oct. 29) were planted four Yew Trees upon the Top of Heddington-Hill, round the Elm Tree wch is commonly call'd *Jo. Pullen's Tree.* They are given by Mr. Tilman Bobart, Brother of the late Mr. Jacob Bobart.

Mr. West of Balliol-College told me last Night that Mr. Thompson (the Hanoverian Gentleman Commoner of Edmund Hall) does not like me. I ask'd him, why? Because, he said, I would not be acquainted with him. I told him I was acquainted with none of them. This Thompson, I am inform'd, said lately that he exspects great Preferment, as soon as he is qualify'd. He is a mighty Man with Mr. Burton of Corpus Xti Coll., as is likewise Mr. West.

This Afternoon, between four and five Clock, meeting in High Street Dr. John Cockman, he told me that last Friday his Brother Mr. Thomas Cockman's Case was heard in Westminster Hall, and carried for him so far as that a Prohibition is ordered against the Vice-Chancellor and other Heads of Houses' proceeding any farther, & they are to be cited to London, to give Reasons for what they have done.

Nov. 2 (Tu.). Dr. John Woodward of Gresham College tells me, in a Letter I recd from him on Sunday Night last, Oct. 31, that he hath

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Lord Mayor's Day, 1725. T. Girdler to H. (Rawl. 6. 99). Thanks for advertisement and books. 'I find you are condescended from Ancient History to Modern Law, & that none of the exactest. I leave the Professors to make proper Remarks.' Points out some errors in Langtoft. [Note by Hearne:—'Recd, Sund., Oct. 31, 1725.']

Nov. 1, 1725. R. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 3. 96). Received H.'s of 26th ult. The copies of Langtoft must lie at the Stamp Office until R. B. returns to town. Wants three more copies. Mr. Wrottesley being dead, is at a loss how to get his subscription. [For rest of letter, see Diary, Nov. 10. Note by Hearne:—'Recd this Letter, Nov. 4, 1725, Thursd.']

Nov. 2, 1725. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 210). Supposes J. M. received the copies of Langtoft. All are paid for except Mr. Clavell's, for which a guinea is due. 'I can now tell you that I have just reprinted my Letter about some Antiquities between Windsor and Oxford. I have printed just an hundred Copies, as you advis'd, all in large Paper. This Business is a Secret here. Be pleas'd to let me know what Number you would have sent to you. Half a Crown each Copy will be the lowest Price, and I know not yet whether I can afford it so, unless I know the exact Number you would have.' [PS.] 'I do not advertise the Letter. You will talk of it only among Friends.'

Nov. 2, [1725]. J. Bromley to H. (Rawl. 14. 38). Desires H. to send his father's copy of Langtoft by the bearer. Has orders to subscribe for John of Glastonbury. [Note by Hearne:—'Recd in Catstreet, Nov. 2d, 1725.']

Nov. 2, [1725]. Samuel Chandler to H. (Rawl. 14. 57). If H. can spare a copy of Langtoft for a friend, will take it as a special favour. 'I would

caused a Cast of his Votive Shield to be made for the University of Oxford, to which he ever pays a very great Regard: and would send it, if he could be put in a safe way to do that. He says he mention'd it formerly to Mr. Bowles & Mr. Whiteside; but neither of them have given him Directions. As for that Coxcomb, Bowles, I have nothing to do with him, but seeing Mr. Whiteside last night, I mentioned it to him, who said, if the Dr. would send it by the Waggon to him, he would take great care of it.

Nov. 3 (Wed.). I heard Mr. Wicksey of Oriel College say, on Monday Night last, that Mr. Davenant, late Fellow of that College, had taken prodigious Pains in reading over, and digesting, and epitomizing the Writings of their College, but that, in many Things, he had shew'd but little Judgment.

Mr. Brooks of that College at the same time told me that they had no Register that went so far back as the Author of Pearce Plowman, and that it does not appear from any of their Writings, that he knew of, that the said Author was Fellow of their College.

Mr. Anstis (in a Letter from Putney, Oct. 30 last) tells me that he hath, with great pleasure, read over a great deal of my Additions to Peter Langtoft, and hath himself a MS. of Bp Fisher's Life, which contains what I have printed. He says I have rightly quoted Mr. Ashmole about the *hora tertia* in the word *Undron*: but he (Mr. Anstis) hath given reasons, in his Notes to the Register of the Garter, p. 202, why the Founder, by the *Hora tertia* in his Statutes, might not design it according to the Ecclesiastical manner of Computation, but in the Civil calculation for three in the afternoon, and, in p. 428 of the Introduction, he says he hath been larger upon the signification of *Tabart* than my Glossary. NB. Whatever Mr. Anstis may have said (for I have not had an opportunity of Reading him), there is no doubt but the *hora tertia* was design'd in the Statute to be nine of the Clock in the Morning. And, I believe, 'twas changed to three in the Afternoon that they might lye abed the longer. I have said enough of *Tabard* in my Glossary. I did not know then that Mr. Anstis had writ about it.

Nov. 4 (Th.). Mr. Anstis, in the same Letter, tells me that he thinks I may make a good volume of the life of Hen. V in the Heralds' Office, which beginns, *Lucerna*, with the Treatise of Basset, which they have till

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willingly pay double the price rather than disoblige my friend.' [The letter is addressed: 'Revd Dr. Hearne.']

Nov. 2, 1725. R. Furney to H. (Rawl. 14. 141). Thanks for account of Langtoft: the book may be sent to the Bp. of Winchelsea's house at Chelsea. [Note by Hearne:—'Recd this Letter, Nov. 4, 1725, Thursd.']

Nov. 2, 1725. S. Mead to H. (Rawl. 15. 161). Received copies of Langtoft: hearty thanks for present. Subscribes for John of Glastonbury for himself and Ld. Harcourt. [Note by Hearne:—'Recd this Letter, Wedn., Nov. 3d, 1725.']

Nov. 3, 1725. W. Holwell to H. (Rawl. 15. 87). His brother of Christ Church will send for Langtoft, and pay first subscription for John of Glastonbury. [Note by Hearne:—'Answd, Aug. 10, 1726.']

Nov. 4, 1725. H. to S. Chandler (Rawl. 14. 56). Though with great

the Batail of Patay, on 12 of Febr., 1427, the title of wch, he says, I shall find in his Introduction, p. 136, joining thereto some Extracts out of their Book of Whethamstede about the two battels of St. Albans, & some other particularities during that reign, and of Ed. IV, which they have in another MS., and therein a very full original letter to Sr John Fastolf, touching one of the battails at St. Albans. *In this matter* (saith he) *I shall lose the pleasure of your instructing me in what would be new to me, as you constantly do when you publish what I have not formerly seen.* He adds, *If the Lord Oxford would lend you Elman* [Elmham], *then you would have another Historian of Hen. V, and you might also take out what is conteined relating to that reign in several MSS. stiled the Polycronicons*, &c.

Nov. 5 (Fri.). In the same Letter Mr. Anstis says he is very much obliged to Mr. West, & that, in return for his Civility, he hath requested other favours from him. He says he is now augmenting his Historical Essay about Knighthood of the Bath, as he hath already done that about the Garter, to a considerable Degree, *but this* (saith he) *is only for the passing away some hours which would be idly spent. For I have done with printing, after the usage I received; unlesse I should abridge the Book of the Garter, for I beleive no other Person will take that Drudgery; and possibly I may do it in Latin, and at the end print all the Registers of the Garter to the death of Charles the second, and then I shall find how far it may be acceptable to Foreigners, & thereby I may have an opportunity of inserting what I have since added. But I could easily have went through all the Stalls in the same manner as I have done that which is published.*

Nov. 6 (Sat.). Yesterday being the Powder Treason, there was very little Ringing of Bells, many people now beginning to think that this Plot was a State Contrivance, on purpose to bring an Odium upon the Roman Catholicks, especially since there have been of late so many sham Plots, and others being displeased that the Prince of Orange's Landing should in the Thanksgiving be jumbled with the other, as if it was a great Blessing, when in reality it was one of the greatest Mischiefs that have befallen us.

London, Oct. 26, 1725. We hear that his Majesty had been pleased to continue Mr. David Gregory for a Year longer to be Professor of Modern

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difficulty, will spare a copy of Langtoft, provided some one will call for it with the payment. [PS.] 'I am neither a Doctor nor in Orders.'

Nov. 4, [1725]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 149). Thanks for sending books to Mr. Bedford: hopes they are paid for. Sends names of several subscribers for John of Glastonbury. [For rest of letter, see Diary, Nov. 9.]

Nov. 4, 1725. Charles Lyddell to H. (Rawl. 15. 132). Please send books to Mr. Batteley of Christ Church, who will pay subscription.

Nov. 5, 1725. J. Murray to H. (Rawl. 16. 22). Received copies of Langtoft. Wants 20 copies of H.'s 'Antiquities.' Has sent Mr. Granger's coins to be engraved: they will be finished and sent to H. next week. 'I believe yov need not fear the disposall of ye number of Copice yov have printed of yovr Antiquities, without an advertisement, at yr own price. I Leave it to yov whether a Letter on thatt account will not be verry acceptable to Sr Hans Sloan and Dr. Mead, if not acquainted allreardy [*sic*].' Sends names of subscribers for John of Glastonbury.

History in the University of Oxford, and also to continue the Reverend Mr. Harris a Year longer in the same Quality at Cambridge.—*Northampton Mercury for Nov.* 1.

Friday last (Oct. 22d) being the Birthday of her highness the Princess Anne, who then enter'd the 17th Year of her Age, several of the Lords Justices, and others of the Nobility in Town, went to Kensington to compliment her Highness thereupon.—*Ibid.*

Saturday last (Oct. 23d) General Pepper died at Chelsea, and last Night (Oct. 25) was buried in that Church.—*Ibid.*

NB. This Pepper was a notorious Whig General and one of the Villains of this Age. Yet not so bad as some others.

Lond., Oct. 28. In a learned Book wrote by Dr. Cotton Mather of New England, Entituled, *The Christian Philosopher*, lately publish'd here, among many other curious Discoveries in Nature is this following, in *Page* 158, *viz.*

'Lately, in my Neighbourhood, a poor Negro Man reaching to Vomit, a monstrous Worm thrust up one End of itself, which the Man seizing on, fell to pulling of it as a Fisherman hales up his Line, and pulled till the Worm lay in an enormous Heap; whence being drawn into its Length, and measured, the Worm in full Extent of it made about 150 Foot long. I may say, *Hisce Ipse Vidi Oculis.*'

'Tis further observable that the Person had a most voracious Appetite before he parted with this Worm, which was near the thickness of a Goose-Quill, but gradually smaller, and Jointed from one End to the other.—*Northampt. Merc. ibid.*

London, Oct. 30. Yesterday the Reverend Dr. Wilkins, Chaplain to his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Archdeacon of Suffolk, presented to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, at Leicester House, the Works of John Selden, Esq., in 3 Vols., Folio, being introduced by his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.—*Ibid.*

Nov. 7 (Sun.). There being three Fellowships this Year vacant at All Souls, there were, as always, a great many Candidates. The Majority of the Fellows chose three, all of Balliol College, but the Warden, by virtue of his Negative, hindered the Election, and so the matter is devolved to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Yesterday Morning (the last Scrutiny having been on Friday Night last) there was a great Bustle, upon account of hastening to Lambeth.

On Friday last died Mr. Charles Hinde, M.A., Vicar of Waterstoke, near Thame in Oxfordshire. This Gentleman was of New-Inne Hall, as a Member of which he took the Degree of Master of Arts, April 6, 1676. He hath two Children, both Clergymen, one of wch, the eldest, I knew, when he was of Hart Hall, of wch he took the Degree of M.A., Oct. 27, 1710. This Mr. Hinde (the Father) was a Man of little or no Learning, but was, however, a shrewd Man in worldly Affairs. He understood the Business of an Atturney, or Pettyfogger, far beyond that of his own Function, & was so lucky and industrious in Affairs of the World as to get very rich. He was so well vers'd in buying & selling, and in the Management of Husbandry, that he was commonly call'd Farmer Hinde, as well by others as by his Brother in Law, White Kennett, now Bp of Peterborough, whose second Wife was Sister to Mr. Hinde's Wife.

Nov. 5, 1725. R. Richardson to H. (Rawl. 9. 33). [See Diary, Nov. 11.]

Mr. West of Balliol College told me this Afternoon that he had lately bought of Mr. Wells, an Oxford Bookseller, Taylor the Water Poët's Works, for wch he gave seven Shillings. This Book, having been turn'd to wast Paper, is now scarce, & enquir'd after by some People.

Nov. 8 (Mon.). On Thursday last Mr. Wm Alsop, Fellow of Bras-Nose College, had a Fit of an Apoplexy, as he was going from Black Hall over to the College. I am told he hath had one Fit before.

Dr. Ralph Bridges tells me (in a Letter from Southweald in Essex of Oct. 28 last) that the Manuscript he had from Mr. Bailleardeau had not been kept by him so long there, if he had not believed that He gave it to him, not lent it. However, he says, it is fit he should tell me That he shall return it back into his own hands without being much concern'd whether it was a Gift or a Loan only. He says there is a pretty antient Copy in it of *Gulielmus Gemeticensis de Gestis Ducum Normannorum*, but this Tract is printed in Du Chesne. But, he says, the most antient MSt in the book is a Life of Thom. a Becket, by *William, a Monk of Canterbury. It is such declamatory stuff that I hope* (saith he) *you will never, & (I'me sure, after you have perused it) can think it worth publication. But I must submitt all such matters to better Judgments.* Thus the Dr., who is no great Judge of these Affairs. However, having not seen the MS., I can say nothing.

In the same Letter he informs me that his late Brother John Bridges Esqrs Executor has determined to sell the valuable Library of the said John Bridges, my worthy Friend, by Auction, and the Dr. promiseth me to take care one of the first Catalogues that goes to Oxford shall be sent to me.

Nov. 9 (Tu.). Yesterday being the Visitation of the Bodlejan Library, the Speech was spoke by Mr. Davis, M.A. and Student of Christ-Church, the same that was Secretary to Dr. Smalridge, late Bp of Bristol.

Mr. Baker (in a Letter from Cambridge of the 4th inst.) tells me that they have Jo. Bellenden's Translation of Hector Boëthius's History of Scotland (a Copy of which, tho' a little imperfect at the Beginning, was lately given me by Thomas Ward, of Longbridge, near Warwick, Esq.). All the Title (it seems) it bears is this, *Heir beginnis the Hystory & Croniklis of Scotland.* If there was any name or Date, a blundering Bookbinder has blinded it, by placing the College Arms upon it. But at the end of the Proheme (Mr. Baker says) you have the Translater's name, & place (Edinburgh) where printed, but no Date.

I presume (saith Mr. Baker) *you have seen Dr.* Stukeley's Itinerarium curiosum, *where are several Plates & Prints of the ruins of Glastonbury Abbey, if you think any of them worth using as Ornaments of your Book.* NB. Dr. Stukeley's Book I have not yet seen, nor am I sollicitous about it. He is a fancifull man, & in nothing to be rely'd on, as I find from such as I can converse with, which are but few. I have found Instances

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Nov. 9, 1725. J. Thorpe to H. (Rawl. 10. 109). Sends by his neighbour, Mr. Gibson, 1½ guineas for Langtoft. [For rest of letter, see Diary, Nov. 15, 16.]

my self of his disingenuity, particularly in his descriptions of two Coins I lately saw, quite contrary to the Originals.

Mr. Baker tells me, *Mr. Lawrence Torkington of St. John's College* (in their University) *took the Degree of Bach. of Civil Law at Cambridge last year. This from the Register.* This Mr. Torkington is Rector of Shottesbrooke, and Vicar of White Waltham, near Maidenhead in Berks.

Mr. Whiteside told me to-day that he would shew me Mr. Andrew Paschal's Papers in the Ashmolean Muséum. He said this upon account of what I have said of this Mr. Paschal in my Preface to Peter Langtoft. He had promis'd to do this when I was printing the Edition of Langtoft, and some time before it came out, but, it may be, he forgot. He also to-day told me that he could tell me what the Nature of Earthhorns, mentioned in Langtoft, was, tho' I could not explain the Nature thereof in my Glossary, nor any one else that I had ask'd about them, one of wch was even Mr. Whiteside himself. I shall be glad of having another opportunity of doing it.

Nov. 10 (Wed.). Yesterday, in the Afternoon, Mr. Hinde was buried in his Parish Church of Waterstoke.

Dr. Ralph Bridges tells me, in a Letter writ (after that mentioned above) from Southweald, near Brentwood in Essex, Nov. 1 last, that in about a fortnight's time he would return *Baillеardeau's* MS. to Him; that he finds no great matter of pleasure in reading the Account of *T. à Becket*, tho' the writing of the MS. be antient, since he finds so good an account of that Prelate in *Stephanides*'s Life, who was his Secretary, and is publish'd by *Mr. Sparkes*, amongst the Peterboro Writers, about two Years ago. So the Dr. But I should be glad to see the MS., that I may judge for my self, well knowing that the Dr. is not verst in Affairs of this nature.

Yesterday, in the Afternoon, call'd upon me Mr. George Greenway, Rector of Kimpton, near Andover in Hampshire. This Gentleman, who was of St. John's College in Oxford, and was formerly Schoolmaster at . . . . ., is a Man of Learning, and hath some Skill in our Antiquities. He collects Coins, & other Matters of that Nature. He hath a very indifferent, mean opinion of Dr. Stukely. Nor is he pleased with the Copy of the Chichester broken Inscription in the Phil. Transactions. He cannot think MAGN BRIT right in some Copies. He talkt of *Cenomani* being the reading, perhaps, or CENOMANORVM. Dr. Baily's is the best Copy I have yet seen of it, &, upon that occasion, I have writ a short Discourse, not yet published.

He talk'd (& so did Mr. West of Balliol College on Saturday last) of a Tessellated Pavement being found lately by Norleigh, & that Mr. Perrot of Norleigh hath got it taken up, & put into a Room of his House.

He said Everley, Andover, &c., plainly denote places of Camps, Ever being (saith he) a Camp in signification, and *over* (saith he) is the same with *ever*, so as Andover (according to him) is the camp of the Andates.

Nov. 10, 1725. T. Hinton to H. (Rawl. 7. 52). Sends message to Mr. Collis. [For rest of letter, see Diary, Dec. 5, and Feb. 13, 172$\frac{5}{6}$.]

Nov. 11 (Th.). Dr. Richard Richardson writes me word (in a Letter from North Bierley in Yorkshire, of the 5th instant) that he received mine of Oct. 11th, which (as far as he can informe himselfe) was the day that Mr. Thoresby dyed. For some time before his death, he had lost the use of his right side in a great measure, which disabled him from writing, and his distemper had so far affected his head that he was capable of very litle buisiness. His Muséum remains still in the same state he left it, his eldest Son (who is a Clergyman, and preferred in the South by the Bishope of London [1]) is not yet come into the Country. 'Tis believed that the Bishope of London will have the disposall of his Collection. The most valuable part of it is his Medalls, which are chiefly Romane and Saxon, and a good Collection of English Coyns, & occasionall Medalls from the Conquest to this time. His Bookes are also valuable & prety numerous; and, indeed, it is not to be wonder'd at, since the foundation of this Collection was my Lord Fairfaxe's Medalls & his Library, which were purchased by Mr. Thoresby's father, to both which there have since been made considerable additions. If Dr. Richardson can learn any certainty of the disposall of that Collection, he promises to acquaint me. He says he hath met with nothing in Antiquity lately worth communicating to me. If in any thing he can serve me, he says, I may be assured of a friend in him.

Nov. 12 (Fri.). The Copy of a Paper relating to the Manour of Ashdowne or Ashbury (in Berkshire), that belong'd to Glastonbury-Abbey, which Paper was lent me on the 10th instant by my Friend, Mr. George Wigan, Student of Xt Church.

[The charter, printed by Hearne in *Joannis Glastoniensis Chronica*, p. 567, is omitted.]

Nov. 13 (Sat.).

Lond., Nov. 2. The famous Mr. Thoresby of Leeds is lately dead; he was a most ingenious Antiquary, and has left a very large and rare Collection of Curiosities.—*Northampt. Mercury for Nov.* 8.

The Earl of Salisbury is removing his fine Pictures and rich Furniture from his ancient Seat of Hatfield, in Hertfordshire, to Salisbury, his Lordship having hir'd a House for twenty Years in that City.—*Ibid.*

Nov. 11, 1725. Sir H. Sloane to H. (Rawl. 16. 80). 'I was very well pleasd wt the paper you mention printed in the memoires for the curious which I have, but desire 3 copies of it printed by its selfe.'

Nov. 12, 1725. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 27c. 266). Will readily lend books mentioned in H.'s letter. Has sent Bale, which he wants returned as soon as possible. Encloses notes on Robert of Gloucester and Henry de Blois, abbot of Glastonbury. Remarks on organs, &c. Asks H. to explain an Irish inscription, of which he sends a facsimile.

Nov. 13, 1725. G. Lake to H. (Rawl. 15. 116). Sends £3 12*s.* for Langtoft. [PS.] Wants to know the worth of a certain chronicle without title-page. [Note by Hearne:—'Nov. 20, 1725. Recd of Farmer Casemore the Sum of 3 libs. 12 s., by order of Mr. Lake of Chippenham.']

Nov. 13, 1725. R. Mead to H. (Rawl. 15. 145). Has received copies of Langtoft, and letter 'concerning a new Edition of *your Letter about some Antiquitys between Windsor and Oxford.*' Will shortly make acknowledgments for Langtoft, and send subscriptions for John of Glastonbury.

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[1] Gibson.

We have an account from Devonshire of a very extraordinary Accident that happen'd in the hunting of a Fox. Sir William Pole, Member of Parliament, who has a fine Pack of Dogs for the Fox, having lately chaced one of those Creatures nine or ten Miles over Downs and Heath very close, *Reynard*, at last, took to the Cliffs for Security, which proved his Ruin, and had like to have been that of the Dogs; for he run himself quite off the highest Precipice among them 2 or 300 Yards, and was dashed to Pieces; and the Dogs had all follow'd, if the Huntsman had not timely exercised his skill in preventing it.—*Ibid.*

The Post-master of Dover writes an account of another extraordinary Accident, viz. That on Sunday last (Oct. 31) a Boy, playing on the Cliffs there, fell down among them, as high as the Monument in London, and People hastning to see how it fared with him, just as they came to him, he ran away; and 'tis affirm'd he got not the least harm.—*Ibid.*

Nov. 14 (Sun.). Mr. Greenway, when he was in Town the other day, told me that at Broughton (the Brige of Antoninus), against the Wall of the Church, I think he said, is an hollow thing wch is very ancient, and he takes it to be a Roman Antiquity, tho' it be commonly call'd a Font, wch, however, he thinks, cannot be, being too small [*sic*] for the ancient Fonts, when immersion or dipping was us'd, & too small for the present way of sprinkling. But I know not what to think, unless I could see it. He talk'd of making farther Examination, and to inquire there for other Antiquities and Curiosities, being of opinion that at that Place must be many Things of note, as there generally are at the Roman Stations.

Nov. 15 (Mon.). About a Fortnight since, Mr. Rolleston, late of Oriel-College, and now Fellow of Merton-College, took the Degree of Master of Arts.

About Thursday last Dr. Francis Gastrell, Canon of Christ-Church, of the seventh Stall, and Bishop of Chester, was seiz'd very violently with the Gout in his Head. He was told that if he would take a Bottle of Port Wine, it might, probably, drive it back, but this he absolutely declin'd, saying he had much rather die than drink a whole Bottle of that Wine. Accordingly, he died sometime last Night, at his Lodgings in Christ-Church, and the Bells went for him this Morning, being much lamented. Indeed, he was the very best of all the Bishops, excepting Dr. Hooper, Bishop of Bath and Wells, and had many excellent Qualities, among some bad ones. I am told he died in the 63d, or grand Climacterical, Year of his Age. He took the Degree of M.A., Apr. 20, 1687, that of B.D., June 23, 1694, and that of D.D., July 13, 1700. On Jan. 5, 1702, he was instituted Canon of Xt Church, and on Apr. 4th, 1714, he was consecrated Bishop of Chester. He hath written and published several Books, and was look'd upon as a Man of a good rational Head, and in several Things he shew'd himself honest, notwithstanding he was a Complyer.

Nov. 14, 1725. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 212). Received, on Nov. 12, payment for 20 copies of Antiquities and two copies of Langtoft. There is no hurry about Mr. Granger's coins. Where were they found, and to whom did they belong, before they came to him? Has entered names of subscribers for Glastonbury.

Nov. 16, 1725. H. to [Edward Harley], earl of Oxford (Rawl. 26. 63). 'I desire your Ldship to accept of this Little Thing that I have been often importun'd to reprint.' Wishes he had a list of the 'Historical Pieces' in the earl's library.

This day I rec^{d} a Letter from D^{r}. John Thorpe of Rochester, dated at Rochester, Nov. 9, 1725, in w^{ch} he tells me that his Friend, M^{r}. Lambard, has been at Tunbridge Wells all the last Summer: that he met him the Sunday immediately before (Nov. 7) at my Lady Dowager Barnard's (who dyed on Tuesday Morning, Nov. 9 last, the very day the D^{r}. writ his Letter). He (M^{r}. Lambard), the D^{r}. says, will, by his Son, send to Oxford the MS. I mention'd, at his Return to Ch. Ch. after Christmass. He says he will write to me more largely the first opportunity.

Nov. 16 (Tu.). The said Letter was brought me by M^{r}. Francis Gibson, a Neighbour of the D$^{r's}$. at Rochester. This M^{r}. Gibson was never at Oxford before. He is a Cheshire Man by Birth. He hath a Son, 15 Years of Age, a Scholar of University College, whose Tutour is M^{r}. Browne, Fellow of that College. M^{r}. Gibson told me that he dislik'd two Things only in Oxford, viz. the Dearness of Wood, & the little Attendance of servants upon Strangers that come to Town, they seeming indifferent whether they stirr'd or not.

He told me that Harris, that writ *Lexicon Technicum*, bore a very ill Character when living, and a worse since his Death; that he was a very superficial Scholar, as no doubt but he was; and that none of his works, particularly his Book about Kent, are of any Authority. In this Book of Kent (injudiciously taken from others) M^{r}. Gibson observ'd that he had, among other Gross Blunders, mistaken the Names, &c., of Parishes. M^{r}. Gibson said the said Harris was a pitifull, shuffling Fellow, and died much in debt, as did his Patron, the Lord Rumney.

He said one of the present Prebendaries of Rochester is D^{r}. Hill, who, he said, was of X^{t} Church in this University, and was Tutour to the present Archb^{p} of Canterbury, D^{r}. W^{m} Wake. This Hill is Dan. Hill, who took the Degree of M.A. as a Member of X^{t} Ch., on April 30, 1673. M^{r}. Gibson said the said Hill was made D^{r}. by the said Archb^{p}, whose Power, on that score, he mightily defends, tho' before he was as much against it.

Nov. 17 (Wed.). One M^{r}. Delaval, a young Master of Arts, Chaplain of Magd. Coll., who, I am told, was born at Northampton, hath just printed at the Theater, in 8vo, a Discourse of the late M^{r}. Thomas Collins's, Master of Magd. Coll. School, tho' without M^{r}. Collins's Name to it, intitled, *The Jewish Philosophers encounter'd and confuted, in a Sermon preached at S^{t}. Marie's in the Univ. of Oxford, by a late Member of that University.* It is upon 1 Cor. i. 20. I well remember that I heard this Sermon preach'd at S^{t}. Marie's, and 'twas much applauded. But what Alterations M^{r}. Delaval hath made, I cannot say, tho' I cannot doubt but he hath made several for the worse, since he lately made a very poor, rambling Sermon at S^{t}. Marie's, as I am inform'd, w^{ch} is suppos'd to have been taken by him from some Notes of M^{r}. Collins's, tho' strangely murder'd by him. It seems, this Delaval was a Scholar of M^{r}. Collins's, and afterwards used to read to him, w^{ch} occasion'd M^{r}. Collins to leave him his Books, and, it seems, he got, too, several of his MSS. Papers, but how, I know not, since I have been frequently told that M^{r}. Collins gave express orders that all his own MSS. Papers should be burnt, and I have as often heard that they were

all so destroy'd by his Executors, Mr. Lydall and Mr. Jennings. I heard yesterday that these Executors, as they ought, are very angry with Delaval for acting thus, since he could not but know that as Mr. Collins in his Life time was always averse to the publication of any thing, so he was as much against any thing's being printed after his Death. But this Delaval is a silly, weak, fantastical Fellow, & 'tis much wondered at that Mr. Collins should therefore have such an Affection for him.

Nov. 18 (Th.). Yesterday Morning (between nine and ten of the Clock) died, of a Dropsy, Dr. William Jones, Principal of Jesus College, being about 50 Years of Age[1]. He was a large, lusty Man, a through-paced Whig, and look'd upon as a great Trickster. He was slow and heavy, of a small Voice, and of but little Learning.

There is just come out, in 8vo, A Discourse intit. *The Necessity and Benefit of Confirmation: A Sermon preached at West-Cowes-Chapel, in the Isle of Wight, on Sunday, Aug.* 15, 1725, *for the farther Instruction of young Persons desirous of*[2], *and shortly to be confirm'd. By John King, M.A., Late of Queen's-College, Oxon.; pr. by L. Lichfield, for the Author,* 1725. Upon Ephes. vi. 4. This Mr. King is Son of Mr. John King, formerly Mancipal of Queen's College, and now living in St. Peter's in the East, Oxon. 'Tis a poor, mean Sermon.

Nov. 19 (Fri.). On Wednesday Night last (Nov. 17) John Shepard, of St. Peter's in the East, his Wife was brought to bed of a Son, being her third Child, she having had a Girl and a Boy, both living, before.

London, Nov. 11, 1725. On Tuesday last (Nov. 9th) died the Right Honourable Elizabeth, Lady Dowager Barnard, Relict of the Right Honourable Christopher, late Lord Barnard, Baron of Barnard Castle, in the County Palatine of Durham, and eldest Sister to the late Lord Duke of Newcastle, having left the Bulk of her Estate to her Son, the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Vane, with divers handsome Legacies to her old Servants.—*Northampton Mercury, Mond., Nov.* 15, 1725.

Nov. 18, 1725. H. to S. Chandler (Rawl. 14. 56a). No one having called for Langtoft, has parted with it to another.

Nov. 18, 1725. R. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 3. 97). A 'fit of illness' has caused delay in sending subscription-money for Langtoft: hopes to send it next week. 'I like both the Preface & the Index. But I think You need not have taken so very particular notice of a small slipp (if it be so) of my late Worthy Brother in his Letter which You have printed, calling Rob. Brunne's Transition a Prologue. I shall, when I deliver out Your Book to the Gentlemen Subscribers, recommend Your John a Glastonbury all I can, & I hope to give You a good account of the Success.'

Nov. 18, 1725. J. Murray to H. (Rawl. 16. 14). Has received 21 copies of the 'Letter,' and sends six guineas for Glastonbury. [PS.] Mr. Granger will send the plate, and some account of it, with his Florence of Worcester.

Nov. 19, 1725. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 36). Acknowledges receipt of books and papers. Could not expect or desire so quick a return of Bale. 'Your notice about Organs in John of Glastonbury, and the Irish Inscription (which, by the by, may be worthy of more pains than You imagine), I leave to Your Own Discretion.'

Nov. 19, 1725. B. Willis to H. (Rawl. 12. 78). [See Diary, Nov. 22.]

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[1] He was in the 50th Year.

[2] Sic.

London, Nov. 13. Last Sunday 7 night (Oct. 31) died the Reverend Mr. Stockton, Rector of Eltham in Kent, aged upwards of 99 Years. He held that Living in Oliver's Usurpation, and ever since; and has buried one entire Generation of his Parishioners, and Part of one or two more. About a Fortnight before, he was seen weeding in his Garden.—*Ibid.*

They are about to reprint at Dublin, by Subscription, all the Tracts written on the Popish Controversy in the Reigns of K. Charles II and K. James II, which are generally allowed by the Learned to make up a compleat Body of Romish Controversial Divinity. The Publication of them is recommended by the Clergy as a Thing very much for the Interest of the Protestant Religion.

In this Edition 'tis proposed to insert, as well the Tracts written by the Papists, as by the Protestants. The Encouragement of this Work is for these Reasons:

1. Because it will be Matter of great Curiosity, as well as Use, to know and see the utmost which the great Champions of Rome could say in Defence of their Cause, at the Time when they were highly favoured.

2. By comparing both Sides, the intelligent Reader may more clearly see how absolutely indefensible the Cause of Popery is.

3. Because, if this were not done, the Papists might be apt to represent these Treatises as unanswerable.

'Tis supposed this Work may contain 1500 Sheets in Folio, and the Volumes 300 Sheets each.—*Northampt. Merc., ibid.*

Nov. 20 (Sat.). Yesterday, at four Clock in the Afternoon, was buried in Christ-Church Cathedral Dr. Gastrell, Bp of Chester, when Mr. George Wigan spoke the Speech.

And also yesterday, in the Evening, was buried in Jesus College Chappel, Dr. Wm Jones, Principal of that College.

Nov. 21 (Sun.). I am told Mr. Wigan's Speech upon the Bp of Chester was very handsome, but that the Canons, as well as Dean, all but Dr. Burton (for Dr. Stratford was not at home), are much displeas'd at his speaking and taking notice of the Bp's being educated amongst them in their own College, at a time when all Virtue, Honesty, Arts, Sciences, and good Learning were promoted & encourag'd, and not discountenanc'd there. And, withall, it vex'd them that he should be prais'd for the great Service he hath done to Religion and the Universities by his publick Writings.

I am well inform'd that, just after the Bp's Death, the Dean, Dr. Bradshaw, was told 'twas usual that a Speech should be spoke at the Grave, when any Canon died, & that Mr. Wigan was the person to do it (I think, as Rhetorick Reader), and that 'twas the Custom for the Dean to send for the person to do it, & desire him to speak a Speech. The Dean, having, & so, I suppose, those of his own Kidney, too, had no mind that a Speech should be spoke, said he knew not the Custom, & sent a Messenger to the Subdean, Dr. Terry, who bid him return to the Dean, & tell him 'twas the Custom for the Dean to order it. Upon wch the

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Nov. 20, 1725. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 214). Received last night six guineas for John of Glastonbury for various subscribers (named). Wishes to be remembered to Mr. Granger. 'I think I shall take occasion to speak of his Coins, when I mention K. Athelstan's Settlement of the Mintage.' Will be glad to have a sight of Florence of Worcester.

Dean, instead of decently sending for Mr. Wigan, and of asking him to sit down, & of desiring him to speak, sent a poor ordinary Fellow to Mr. Wigan, & ordered him to tell him that he must speak a Speech.

Nov. 22 (Mon.). Tho' Mr. Willis of Whaddon be justly blamed for some indiscreet Things he hath published, full of gross Blunders and Mistakes, yet he hath done many Things that deserve Commendation, and particularly what he is endeavouring now to have done, viz. the erecting a Church or Chappell at Fenny-Stratford, in reference to wch I had a Letter from him Yesterday, dated at Whaddon Hall, the 19th instant, wch he tells me came to give Thanks for my generous gift to their Chapell, that they doubt not of my good Offices in the University, and hope I spoke to Mr. Whiteside, to whom, he saith, he hath wrote 2 letters without answers, & so desires me to jogg his memory, and begg him to favour him with a line. He hopes he will follow my example, for they are, as he says, a true Object of Charity. This Week, he says, they shall get up a Bell in the Tower, and a Clock, they hope, by Christmass. If he is pretty well, he says, he shall go in about a fortnight to London to put his eldest son to Westminster School.

Nov. 23 (Tu.). The Answer I writ to Mr. Willis was as follows:—

Honoured Sir,

What you are doing for the Town of Fenny-Stratford (and, indeed, for the Church of England) is very generous, and can never be sufficiently commended. What Mr. Whiteside and others do in it, I know not farther than that I have several times heard them speak very honourably of it. Some Ages ago Affairs of this nature did not require such earnest Petitions. They were then as willing as they are backward now to promote such good, Christian, charitable Offices. I wish you would not mention my little Mite. As small as it was, I hope a Blessing will attend it. I am glad you are going to put your eldest Son to Westminster School, under so truly excellent a Master as Dr. Friend, for whom I have always had a very great honour, tho' I am an utter stranger to him. I wish your Son all possible Success, that he may prove a good Scholar, and (which is far above all Learning) a good, honest Man.

I am,
Dear, Honoured Sir,
Your most humble servt,
THO. HEARNE.

Edm. Hall, Oxford,
Nov. 21, 1725.

On Friday last Mr. Cooper (Son of Mr. George Cooper, the Register of our Univ.) was made Bach. of Physick. He is Fellow of New-Coll., and practises Physick at Bedford, and I am told he hath good Business in those Parts.

Nov. 24 (Wed.). The Archbp of Canterbury (as we are inform'd), upon the Devolution, hath nominated three Fellows of All Souls Coll., viz. Mr. Trevor, Gent. Commoner of Queen's Coll., & Mr. Wake & Mr. Tyndale, Bachs of Arts of Christ Church. Trevor & Tyndale stood at

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Nov. 22, 1725. B. Willis to H. (Rawl. 12. 79). [See Diary, Nov. 25.]

the College, but Wake (who is a Founder's Kinsman, and related also to the Archbp) not.

One Pen, an Apothecary in Oxford, a Man between 30 and 40 Years old, is lately married to the Widow Pennington, wife of Mr. Pennington (to whom she had been servant), late Fellow of Queen's Coll., & afterwards a Minister in Berkshire, where he died. This Penn had been married twice before, but, being a cruel sort of Man, he soon made an end of both his wives.

Nov. 25 (Th.). Last Night Mr. West (who hath been at Whaddon Hall, and Stony Stratford, and Fenny Stratford) brought me a Letter (dated Nov. 22) from Browne Willis, Esq., with whom Mr. West stay'd part of one day, viz. Mond., when he went from Oxford. *I had the favour of yours yesterday* (saith Mr. Willis), *and having the Honour of Mr. West's good company one day, being, thro' my ill managed zeal for Fenny-Stratford, deprived, very unwillingly, of it to-night, can only have time by Him to return you thanks for your excellent letter*, &c.

Nov. 26 (Fri.). I am inform'd that Dr. David Wilkins, the Prussian, was lately married to a Sister of my Lord Fairfax of Kent.

London, Nov. 16 (1725). On Saturday last (Nov. 13), in the Afternoon, a Woman, very big with Child, and near her time, with a young Child in her Arms, happening to fall, as she was endeavouring to get out of the Way of a Cart, under Bishopsgate, loaded with Meal, the two Horses avoided trampling on her, and the heavy Cart did not in the least hurt either the Woman or her Child, but both were very miraculously preserved, and taken up safe, to the great Surprize of the vast Crowd of Spectators.—*Northampton Mercury for Nov. 22, 1725.*

Nov. 27 (Sat.). Tho' what Mr. Willis is doing for Fenny Stratford towards the building of the Chappell, whereof he hath himself given an hundred libs. (as he laid out some years ago five hundred libs., at least, upon Bletchley Church, in procuring a good Ring of Bells, and repairing and beautifying the Chancell), be very generous, laudable, & charitable, yet Mr. West tells me he is malign'd and ridicul'd for it, & not at all thank'd, and even Mr. West himself seems mightily to blame him for it, saying that his children (which are eight in number, 4 boys & four Girls, the two eldest of wch Girls, now about 17 Years of Age, are twins) will be bound to curse him for giving away that hundred libs. out of their Fortunes, his Estate being not, as Mr. Willis says, hardly a thousand libs. per an.

Nov. 27, [1725]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 27). Thanks for Langtoft, though he has not yet had much time to read it. Is much pleased with the Life of Dr. Wallis, which is very entertaining, and contains things of great remark. Thanks for accounts of Mr. Thoresby and Mr. Bridges. [For rest of letter, see Diary, Dec. 2.]

Nov. 27, 1725. S. Gale to H. (Rawl. 15. 16). Subscribes for 'ye Monk of Glastonbury.' Wonders he has not received his copies of Langtoft: wants to know when to call for them.

Nov. 27, 1725. Dr. Thomas Tanner to H. (Rawl. 10. 1). Hoped to have seen H. before leaving Oxford, but was prevented by business. Has ordered one of the Bp. of Bristol's servants to pay a guinea for Langtoft, and

But, let them say what they will, 'tis a commendable Undertaking, & I cannot think Mr. Willis or his Children will be ever a whit the poorer. On the contrary, I hope God Almighty will bless them on this account.

Nov. 28 (Sun.).

London, Nov. 16 (1725). On Friday last (Nov. 12) came on the Election of an Organist of St. George's, Hanover Square, and the Salary being settled at 45l. per Annum, there were seven Candidates, viz. Mr. Rosengrave; Mr. Cole, Organist of the Chappel of the Royal Hospital of Chelsea, and of St. Mary Hill, London; Mr. Monro, Organist of St. Peter's, Cornhill, Mr. Stanley, the ingenious blind Youth, aged 13 Years and an half, Organist of Allhallows, Breadstreet; Mr. Centlivre, Organist of Oxford Chappel, near Oxford-Square; Mr. Sweet, Organist of the Chappel in Duke-street, Westminster; and Mr. Orbel [?], Organist of St. Bartholomew the Great in West Smithfield. The Vestry, which consists of above 30 Lords and 70 Gentlemen, having appointed Dr. Crofts, Dr. Pegush, Mr. Bononcini, and Mr. Giminiani to be Judges which of the Candidates perform'd best, each of them composed a Subject to be carry'd on by the said Candidates in the way of Fugeing, and one Hour was allow'd for every one to play upon the four Subjects so appointed, one not to hear another, unless himself had done before. Only the four first perform'd, and all of them very masterly. In the Conclusion, the Judges gave it for the famous Mr. Rosengrave, who made that Way of Performance his Study a great Part of his Life; and he was accordingly chosen.—*Northampton Mercury for Nov.* 22, 1725.

Cambridge, Nov. 12. On Wednesday last (Nov. 10) died the Reverend Mr. Ferdinando Smithies, Senior Fellow of Queen's-College. He was born on the very Day of the Martyrdom of King Charles I, 1648. He gave much Money to charitable Uses in his Life-time, particularly to Christ-Church Hospital 1500l. Also to his own College 1500l., to be appropriated to the Use of three Batchelors of Arts, till the Time of their taking the Degree of Masters.—*Ibid.*

Nov. 29 (Mon.). Yesterday, Dr. Henry Felton, Principal of Edm. Hall, preach'd at St. Marie's, in the Afternoon, before the University. But I know not wt Sermon it was. I doubt not, a rambling one, like his rest. For, as he is very weak and shallow, yet very conceited, nothing extraordinary must ever be exspected from him. He is mighty fond of his Resurrection Sermon, and of his Book of the Classicks, both wch are very indifferent Pieces, the former making out nothing, and doing no body any good, and the latter a meer injudicious Rhapsody, admired & cry'd up by none but such as are against the Classicks, & aim at nothing but a little superficial knowledge.

Nov. 30 (Tu.). As I had conjectur'd, so yesterday, after I had writ what goes before, I was told that Dr. Felton's Sermon, on Sunday last, was certainly one of the worst that ever was preached in Oxford. The

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to receive the book. Subscribes for John of Glastonbury. Will be glad to serve H. [See Diary, Dec. 1.]

Nov. 27, 1725. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 34). His MS. relating to the Order of St. Francis was missing from the parcel. Offers to lend H. two rolls relating to the Broomes of Warwickshire. [See Diary, Dec. 30.]

Nov. 29, [1725]. Sir A. Wescombe to H. (Rawl. 17. 58). Thinking he would have been in town, did not answer H.'s of Oct. 26. Received books, for which he owes 1½ guineas. Subscribes for John of Glastonbury. Will send payment for both in January.

Person that told me said he heard it, adding that 'twas a meer Rhapsody, without Method or Proof of any Thing, a nonsensical Jumble, not fit to be spoke in a Pulpit. The Subject was our Saviour's Riding upon an Ass. All the Gentleman could gather from his incoherent Stuff was, that an Ass and a Colt are different. This Gentleman said he was resolved, if he could help it, never to hear Dr. Felton (whom he had never heard before), Dr. Matthew Hole (Rector of Exeter Coll.), nor Bowles of Oriel Coll. preach any more, every one of wch, nevertheless, is so vain as to think himself as good a Preacher as any in England.

Dec. 1 (Wed.). Yesterday I had a Letter from Dr. Thomas Tanner, dated at Norwich, Nov. 27, 1725, in wch he tells me that he shall be glad to serve me in the Work of John of Glastonbury, that I am now printing, or any thing else out of any Papers in his power.

Dec. 2 (Th.). On Tuesday last I recd a Letter, dated at Cambridge, Nov. 27 last, from Mr. Baker, in wch he tells me he doubts not I have seen some Account of my Author, John of Glastonbury, that I am now printing, in *Acta Benedict., by Mabillon, Sec.* 3, *Pag.* 493. Thence it likewise appears, says Mr. Baker, that Adam Domerham was the immediate Continuator of William of Malmesbury, from the times where Malmesbury ends to the time of Abbot Jo. de Taunton. That Domerham, he says, they have at Trin. Coll. (as noted by Dr. Gale), for his name is not to it, bound up with William of Malms. & various other things concerning Glaston. Abbey. *It is now* (saith he) *too late for Domerham, you having begun already with the Author that succeeds him. But there are several other valuable things, viz. Copies of Bulls, Charters, Grants, Privileges, &c., wch might possibly be of use to you; & if you think it worth the while, I have the leave of the present Library Keeper, Mr. Parne, to send it to you for a Quarter of a year, & if you give me directions where it is to be left for you at London, It shall be sent: always desiring that you will not be determin'd either way in complement to me, but as your own Judgment shall direct.*

One thing he hath to desire of me. A Friend of his (Dr. Knight) is publishing the Life of Erasmus, now in the Press. He wants a Letter of Lupset, beginning, *Quanta sit Læi virulentia*, &c., wch he is told is *inter Lupseti et aliorum Epistolas. If I am not mistaken* (saith Mr. Baker), *you have some Letters of Lupset, Sr Tho. More, &c., & if this Letter happens to be among them, he and I would thank you for a Copy, if it be not too long, and as such too troublesome.*

Dec. 1, 1725. H. to T. Tanner (Diaries, 110. 82). Obliged for letter of Nov. 27 and the guinea for Langtoft. Inquires about Thomas Eccleston's De Adventu Minorum in Angliam: supposes the MS. at York is perfect. 'A Gentleman, some time ago, told me he wondered I did not print this Writer. I reply'd, I had not seen any more of him than some Fragments, and that I knew not how to get the whole, provided he were proper to be printed.'

Dec. 1, 1725. J. Innys to H. (Rawl. 15. 91). Has paid Godfrey five guineas for Langtoft and John of Glastonbury. [For rest of letter, see Diary, Dec. 8.] [Note by Hearne:—'Dec. 4, 1725. Recd 5 Guineas of Mr. Godfrey.']

So far Mr. Baker. The Author I am printing, John of Glastonbury, begins his History at the very beginning of the Affairs of Glastonbury, makes use of William of Malmesbury and Adam de Domerham, among other Monuments of that Abbey, & brings the Story down to his own Time, wch was the beginning of the 15th Century, in a constant order, so that I know not whether it may be proper for me to meddle with Domerham at large, especially since Mr. Wharton hath published, in p. 578 of the 1st Part of his *Anglia Sacra*, what he thought proper of him. However, I should be glad to peruse the Trinity Coll. MS., if Mr. Baker will send it to our Friend, Mr. Bedford, who may send it to me by Mr. Thomas Godfrey, one of our Oxford Waggoners, that sets up at the Oxford Arms in Warwick Lane, & I will take great care of it. As for Mabillon, some Years ago I look'd him over, but had forgot he had taken notice of my Author, and at present I have no opportunity of consulting him afresh.

The *Epistolæ Lupseti*, &c., Mr. Baker speaks of, are in a printed 4to Vol. (a very rare Book) that Mr. Baker gave me himself, anno 1717. There are 3 Epistles of Lupset, viz. (1) Thomas Lupsetus eximio viro, Guilhelmo Neseno, S.D.: *Vix queam, mi Nesene, verbis ullis consequi*, &c. (2) Thomas Lupsetus Eduardo Leo: *Nequeo satis mirari, Lee optime*, &c. (3) Thomas Lupsetus Paynello suo, S. P.: *Mi Paynelle dulcissime, salve. Non possum profecto non mirari*, &c. So neither of them is wt is desired. Yet if the Book may, notwithstanding, be of service to the Dr., I will very freely lend it him, & send it to Mr. Baker for that end.

Dec. 3 (Fri.). On Wedn. last was a Convocation, at 2 Clock Afternoon, for disposing of a living, the Patron whereof is Sir Wm Compton. The Living is Henlip in Worcestershire, said by some to be worth fourscore, by others an hundred, libs. per an. Sir Wm being a Roman Catholick, the University put in their Claim. Candidates were Mr. Bignel, Bach. of Div. of St. John's Coll., & Mr. Coningsby, M.A. of St. Mary Hall. The latter carried it, having 96 Votes, & the former only 74.

On Tuesday, the 7th inst., will be a Sale of Books, very curious, at London, by Mr. Fletcher Gyles. He asks for my Ross four Guineas. I suppose it may be large Paper, Dr. Charlett (whose Book Mr. Whiteside says it was, & says Fletcher Gyles gave to Rawlins, Dr. Charlett's Kinsman, fifty shillings for it) having subscrib'd for such. He asks fifteen shillings for Gunton's Peterborough, fifteen shillings for Dr. Powell's Gyraldus Cambrensis, half a Guinea for Twyne de rebus Albionicis.

Mr. Brookland, my Compositor at the Theater Printing House, told me this Afternoon that Dr. Hudson had two hundred Guineas of the Duke of Chandois for his Dedication of Æsop's Fables to the Marquess of Carnarvon, the Duke's Son. Mr. Brookland said the Dr. himself told him this, Mr. Brookland being then Compositor to the Dr. Yet this is the very worst Ed. that we have of Æsop, as I am well assured.

Dec. 4 (Sat.).

London, Nov. 23 (1725). On Friday Night last (Nov. 19) the Youths of Westminster School perform'd the Play of *Andrea* in the Old Dormitory;

Dec. 4, 1725. S. Gale to H. (Rawl. 15. 17). Received letter of 30th

where were present the Duke of Bedford, the Earl of Sunderland, and many others of the Nobility and Quality.—*Northampton Mercury for Monday, Nov.* 29.

The Reverend Dr. Wilkins, Prebendary of Canterbury, and Archdeacon of Suffolk, was lately marry'd to the Honourable Mrs. Fairfax, eldest Sister to the Right Honourable the Lord Fairfax, of Leeds Castle in the County of Kent, a Lady of a considerable Fortune.—*Ibid.*

The Character of this Wilkins is that he will do any Thing in the whole World for Money, wt I have heard spoke of him with respect to his publishing Books, particularly Selden's Works.

Dec. 5 (Sun.). My Friend, Mr. Thomas Hinton, Rector of Lasham in Hampshire, writes me word from that place, in a Letter of the 10th of last Month, that I seem to him to be in love with Glastonbury by publishing so many things about it; which has occasioned him to run over that Account (in English) againe, that I some time since published about that Abby. And when he writ that Letter, he says, he was making some Observations and Reflections upon it, which he intends to take some opportunity to trouble me with.

Dec. 6 (Mon.). Somner's Saxon Dictionary is now reckon'd cheap at three Guineas, or three Pounds three shillings, wch is the Price Fletcher Gyles puts it at in his Sale that he is now carrying on at London. I bought one some time since for fourty five shillings. I remember one sold for a Crown.

Dr. Tanner, in p. 197, refers to the Transcripts of many Charters belonging to the Priory of Montacute, in Somersetshire, in the Hands, anno 1692, of Mr. Andrew Paschal, then Rector of Chedzoy, near Bridgewater. Ask the Dr. about them. The Dr., from the Monasticon, makes this Priory to be founded by William, Earl of Morton, temp. Hen. I. John of Glastonbury saith it was founded by William the Conqueror.

Dec. 7 (Tu.). Yesterday died at South Hinksey (in Berks.), near Oxford, one Mr. Goffe, a young Man of that Place, who kept a publick House there. His first Wife, a young, good sort of Woman, the Daughter of John Keen, an Oxford Barber, died about 2 Years since, leaving him two Children, now living, since wch he married a second Wife, now a Widow, who is big with Child.

This Day, in the Forenoon, Mr. Eubulus Thelwell, B.D., and Rector of Longworth in Berks., was elected Principal of Jesus College. He is my Acquaintance, is a modest, good natur'd Man, and look'd upon as

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ult., with copies of Langtoft. Wants his large copy exchanged for a small one. Subscribes for Glastonbury for Sir John Evelyn and himself.

Dec. 4, 1725. R. Graves to H. (Rawl. 15. 49). Delivered books to subscribers. Encloses payment in two old books, which, with papers, prints, and Roman coins, he begs H. to accept. [Notes by Hearne:—'Recd this Letter, with one Parcell, Dec. 6, 1725. Recd two other Parcells from Mr. Whiteside (to whom Mr. Graves had sent them), Dec. 7, 1725.']

Dec. 5, [1725]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 28, 29). Glad Mr. Bedford has paid the money. [For rest of letter, see Diary, Dec. 12, 13. Note by Hearne:—'Recd, Dec. 8, 1725.']

Dec. 6, 1725. H. to [S. Gale] (Rawl. 15. 17b). Cannot let S. G. have a small copy of Langtoft.

honest. One Pardowe endeavour'd to be head, as did also Mr. Humphrey Lloyd, and 'twas thought Lloyd would have been the Man, tho' he had but two Votes, besides his own, but Pardoe's Men had a design of going over to him, if they could not get it for Pardoe, and Lloyd's Men were resolv'd to go to Pardoe, too, if Lloyd himself did not stand it out. But Pardoe, finding that he should loose the Headship, and, if Lloyd had it, the Rectory of Longworth also, wisely relinquish'd his Interest to Thelwell, and now Pardoe is to be Rector of Longworth. The Principality, I am told, is worth five hundred Pounds per annum, there being annex'd to it by Sir Leolin Jenkins two Sine-Cures in Wales of good Value.

Dec. 8 (Wed.). There is printed and published at London an 8vo Pamphlet every Month, called Memoirs of Litterature, the Author whereof, I am told by Mr. John Innys, of London, Bookseller, who, with his elder Brother, Mr. Wm Innys, prints it, is Mr. La Roch. Mr. John Innys informs me, by Letter of the 1st inst., that that for November was then published, and that in it is an Account of Peter Langtoft's Chronicle, that I put out, and that they have desired Mr. La Roch always to give an Account of what Books I shall favour the Publick with.

Dec. 9 (Th.).

London, Nov. 30 (Tuesd.), 1725. This Day, Mr. Curl, the Bookseller, was found guilty, in the King's Bench Court, of two Indictments, for printing obscene Pamphlets.—*Northampt. Mercury for Mond., Dec.* 6, 1725.

NB. This is that Villain, Curl, that was so severely whipt, some Years since, for his Rogueries, in Westminster School by the School boys of that Place.

They write from Oxford that on Thursday last (Nov. 25) Henry Talbot, Esq., Son to the Bishop of Durham, was married to Miss Clopton, Daughter of Councillor Clopton, of Stratford upon Avon in the County of Warwick, in Trinity College Chapel, by the Rev. Mr. Ingram, a near Relation of the Lady's.—*Ibid.*

NB. I well remember the Discourse in Oxford about this Wedding, and that 'twas said many fine People were at it, and that the Lady cry'd bitterly during the Ceremony.

London, Dec. 2 (Thursday, 1725). The Outlawry against Mathias Earbery, a Nonjuring Clergyman, for writing a treasonable Libel, entituled, *An History of the Clemency of our English Monarchs*, and afterwards flying from Justice, was this Week revers'd in the Court of King's Bench.—*Northampt. Merc. ibid.*

Dec. 10 (Fri.). Last Night I was told that Mr. Big, the present Warden of New College, is weary of the Headship, and that he now wisheth that he had never taken it. He is a very rich Man, & married

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Dec. 9, [1725]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 140). Sends William of Malmesbury, with Mr. Parne's leave to keep it a quarter of a year. Encloses an extract from Mabillon relating to Glastonbury, &c. Thought Domerham was Adam's true name. 'If there be any thing in Lupset's Letter *Edwardo Leo* in vindication of Erasmus, I will thank you if you will send a Copy, if it be not too long.'

Dec. 10, 1725. R. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 13. 123). Account of subscriptions collected for Langtoft and Glastonbury. [PS.] Hopes Mr. Baillardeau received the MS.

a very great Fortune. His Wife is a very pretty Woman. He ought, in short, being married, to leave the College, it being against the Statutes and the Design of the Founder that the Warden should marry; but these are Things that are evaded all over the University, with Shame be it spoken, and Colleges & Halls are turn'd into Cunny-boroughs. As for Mr. Prince, that stood to be Head, tho' he desisted at last against Big, he is very lately dead, being Fellow of Winchester College.

Dec. 11 (Sat.). On Thursday Night last was buried at St. Marie's, Oxon., one Mr. Hartley, an old, thin Man (who died Tuesday last, of a Consumption), that was Cryer to the City of Oxford, being Deputy to one Willet, a Shoemaker, who is the City Bellman & Mayor's Serjeant. One Cox (who lives in St. Peter's Church Yard in the East) succeeds Hartley.

I am inform'd, by one that knows full well, that the present Duke of Chandois is one of the proudest Men living (he is a Man, said the Gentleman, of intolerable Pride), and but a very poor Friend to Scholars, notwithstanding what he hath now and then pretended. He hath a good Collection of Historical MSS., wch belong'd to Sir James Ware, but he is one of those that neither makes [*sic*] use of MSS. they have themselves, nor let others that are able make use of them.

Mr. Clements ask'd me to-day, for an ordinary secondhand Whear's Method of Reading History, with Dodwell's Invitation, 4s. 6d., and said he would not abate any thing of 3s. 6d., saying the Book was very scarce, and out of print, and 'twas very difficult to get them from London.

Dec. 12 (Sun.). Mr. Baker writes to me, in a Letter from Cambridge of the 5th inst., that the Criticisms I had mention'd to him relating to Bp Fisher, and the word *vndron*, he thinks to be just. He could have wisht Dr. Fiddes had liv'd to give us a Life of Bp Fisher. *That in MS.* (*whereof*, saith he, *I have seen several Copies*) *is not worthy of him, & the printed Life, instead of improving it, has done it wrong.*

He adds, *The Mr* (Dr. Waterland) *of Magd. Coll., where Mr. Pepys's Books are now lodg'd, has found among 'em an old Copy of* Lives of Saints, *the same, he presumes, that is quoted by you* (Mr. Baker means in my Ed. of Peter Langtoft) *under the name of Mr. Sheldon's MS., Mr. Pepys's Copy being imperfect, wanting* 2 *or three Leaves, as he supposeth* (*the enclosed Paper will show*). *If the Sheldon MS. be in your hands, & perfect, & any young Scholar could be employ'd to perfect Mr. Pepys's MS. from thence, I doubt not the Mr, Dr. Waterland, would be willing to gratify any such Scholar for his pains, with thanks. That Dr. is now turning towards Antiquities, & has made good progress in the Saxon, wch I am glad of, for we want a man skil'd in that Language, since Mr. Smith has left us.*

Dec. 11, 1725. E. Bayly to H. (Rawl. 2. 9). Sends by Mr. Edward Battine the plate of the Chichester Inscription, engraved by Mr. Sturt. The letters are not cut 'so true and handsome' as might have been expected from such a hand. Mr. Gale 'has taken an unaccountable Liberty in altering & misplacing some Letters in the fifth Line, in order to support his Hypothesis of Cogidunus's being Legatus Augusti.' Much more on same subject. Sends some observations on the Inscription. When may Glastonbury be expected?

Dec. 13 (Mon.). In the same Letter Mr. Baker tells me the late Bp of Ely's MSS. were opened that Week, but are yet in such confusion that little use is to be made of them.

A Copy of Dr. Waterland's Paper here follows:—

In Pepys's Library is a MS. containing *Lives of Saints*. It is the same Book (an older Copy) with what Mr. Hearn quotes under the Name of Mr. Sheldon's MS. This MS. is in Vellum, folio, pages 528. The Lives begin with St. Andrew, Nov. 30. And end with St. Thomas's Translation, Nov. 25. The MS. wants two Leaves, being part of St. Luke's Legend, the whole of the xi thousand Virgins, and part of Simon and Jude.

'For as a Lyoun he aros up þat all þinges ouercom,
And sternliche he wole come aȝen for to ȝiue oure dom.'

Here the gap as far as to these two verses,

'Therfore ȝe schulleth hol and sound choose now atten ende,
In ȝoure folye to byleve oþer elles to him sone wende.'

There is wanting at the end (a Leaf, I suppose, torn off) all from these two lines in the Legend of Becket's Translation:—

'Þat al þe cuntre þeraboute in Tounes wyde and longe,
miȝte unneþe al þat folk þat þer com underfonge.'

The MS. has no prologue to it, which Mr. Sheldon's seems to have.

Dec. 14 (Tu.). I answered Mr. Baker on Dec. 11th, telling him I had Mr. Sheldon's MS. of the Lives of the Saints but for a very little time (about 3 or 4 days), during wch time (amidst my other Business) I could only run it over, and make some few Observations from it, of wch there is an Account in Langtoft. As I remember, 'tis a very imperfect MS., but how much is wanting, I am not capable of telling, having no other MS., when I ran it over, to compare it with. Dr. Frewin, an excellent Physician of this Place, was the Person that brought it from Mr. Sheldon to me (at wch time I had known nothing of it), that I might give my opinion of it, what it was, and of what age, and 'twas returned by me to him (Dr. Frewin) punctually, as I was directed. The Dr. goes sometimes from hence to Mr. Sheldon's, as Physician to that worthy Family (and I have been importun'd by him, by Mr. Sheldon's order, to go with him in his Charriot, a way of travelling I was never us'd to), and perhaps Dr. Waterland (whom I very deservedly honour for his excellent Learning, and the eminent Service he hath done to the Christian Church) may obtain what he wants from it, if he be pleased to apply to his Correspondent, Dr. Heywood, of St. John's Coll. in this Univ. Had I had Mr. Sheldon's MS. longer, I think I should (notwithstanding so imperfect) have transcrib'd several other Things from it, some of which, I am apprehensive, would have been of some service in John of Glastonbury. But I leave the farther use of that, and other MSS. of that kind, to be made by more able persons. This is what I writ to Mr. Baker.

Dec. 15 (Wed.). Mr. Creed, V. Principal of Edmund Hall, a Man of very great Vanity, and much given to Women (taking as little care of the

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Dec. 14, 1725. C. Lowe to H. (Rawl. 27c. 72). Wants to know to whom he shall pay subscription for Langtoft. Mr. Calvert is now in town, and presents his service.

Dec. 15, 1725. T. Tanner to H. (Rawl. 10. 2). Never saw the York or

Hall as Dr. Felton, the Principal), had his Picture brought home to his Room yesterday, done by one Reyner, a Painter that does abundance of Pictures, such as they are, for Men & Women, both in Oxford & in the Country, & lives in High Street; but 'tis much handsomer than he is.

Last Night Mr. Prujean (an honest Roman Catholick Black Smith, that lives in St. Clement's, by Oxford, and was intimate with Mr. Kimber) told me that the said Mr. Kimber's Mother, who was certainly, as I find by all Hands, a very good Woman, used to do much good, especially to poor people, in curing Agues, &c., wch Cures, he said, she did by holy Water, a Circumstance Mr. Prujean mentioned upon account of my telling him how she made her Husband a Convert, who was before a Protestant, as all the Family had been, by advising him to put holy water upon a Cow, wch could not be cured 'till this was done, wch being so done, Mr. Kimber turn'd Catholick, & so continued, & had his Children educated the same way.

Dec. 16 (Th.).

Lond., Dec. 7 (Tuesd.). We had this Day very tempestuous Weather, wch has been attended with fatal Consequences, even the oversetting of several Boats and Barges on the River Thames, and the Loss of many Lives; and the Pales which were set upon the Ruins of the late Conflagration on London Bridge, have been again demolished.—*Northampt. Mercury for Mond., Dec.* 13.

During the abovemention'd Tempest, we had a most agreeable Scene of Vocal and Instrumental Harmony at St. Paul's Cathedral, being a Rehearsal of the Musick which is to be perform'd next Thursday (Dec. 9th), in Honour of the Feast of the Sons of the Clergy. The Audience was very magnificent, and the Collection for the intended Charity [amounted] to 130 l.—*Ibid.*

Lond., Dec. 9. In the Hurricane that happen'd last Tuesday, between Nine and Ten a Clock, a loaded Hay-Cart was blown down in the Road between Tottenham and London, which, falling upon the Driver that rode by its Side, kill'd the Horse, and broke the Man's Thigh-Bone.—*Ibid.*

In the same Hurricane (as the St. James's Evening Post tells us) a Lighter, with an hundred Quarters of Oats in it, sunk off the Temple.—*Ibid.*

NB. I have made mention of this Hurricane in pag. 67 of Vol. 108.

I heard last Sunday one say, just come from London, that in the said Hurricane were drown'd about fifty Persons, most, if not all, Women, coming to Market at London, and that one Woman, being not quite

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any other copy of Eccleston's book, so cannot judge of its fitness to be printed. 'Our Master *Leland* had an exceeding good talent of extracting, in a few pages, or sometimes lines, every thing Historical out of tedious Lives and Legends; I believe he has given us an instance of his Skill that way in this very Author. . . . From Dr. Smith's Catalogue, it seems as if the greater part . . . of what remains is Apparition, Miracles, [&c.] . . . wch will scarce be worth printing, esp. now so soon after the many insignificant things of that Order wch Capt. Stevens has stuff'd out his Supplements with.' Fancies the Dean or Chapter would lend it to H. or any other learned person, upon proper security. More on same subject.

Dec. 16, 1725. H. to [C. Lowe] (Rawl. 110. 120). 'Some of the best News I have heard lately is what you tell me about the Arrival in England of my dear, honourable Friend, Mr. Calvert, to whom my most humble Service.' Glad the books came safe. The two guineas may be paid to Mr. Thomas Godfrey, one of the Oxford waggoners.

dead, was taken out, & set upon a Bench, and that a Gentleman going by offered two Guineas to any one to take her in, but no body would, & so she perished.

Dec. 17 (Fri.). On Wednesday last Mr. John Shephard's Child was christened, & named Robert, his eldest being named Mary, & the second Thomas. At the same time his Wife was churched, both being done in St. Peter's Church in the East.

Yesterday Magd. Coll. & other Bells in Oxford went for Mr. Almont of Kidlington, Steward of Magd. Coll., who died Yesterday Morning at Kidlington, aged, I am told, near fourscore. His Wife had been dead many Years, & he left no Children living. His Sister is living.

Dec. 18 (Sat.). Memorand. that Mr. West shew'd me (Mr. Graves & Mr. Whiteside being present) the MS. Life of St. Dunstan, mentioned above, pag. 3. This he did two or three days after he had told Mr. Graves & me of it. But he only shew'd it me, & it was at Viner's in the Old Butcher Rowe, & did not, in the least, offer to lend it to either of us. As I remember, it begins, *Willelmus*. I believe it may be Wm of Malmsbury's. I am apt to think it contains nothing of Consequence but what is already published.

Yesterday, at 2 Clock Afternoon, was a Convocation, in wch Sir Edward Deering, of Oriel Coll., Bart, was created Master of Arts.

Dec. 19 (Sun.). I am told that the person that presented Sir Edwd Dering in the Convocation House was Mr. Wicksey, Fellow of Oriel College, that he spoke much of the Antiquity of Sir Edward's Family, making it famous even in the Saxon Times, wch is false, & speaking much of Sir Edward's Beauty, wch is also false, at least it was fulsome, Sir Edwd being not beautifull.

Dec. 20 (Mon.). I am told the present Ld Shaftsbury of New College, who is married, but his Wife & he live as yet separate, by reason of their Nonage, is a Youth of most prodigious Parts. His Father died in his Travels at Naples, anno 1713, at wch time this Anthony Cooper, the present young Earl of Shaftsbury, was about two Years old.

I am told by Mr. Wm Ellis, the Printer, that Squire Baskerville's Orchard at Sunningwell pays ten shillings per an. for privy Tithes to the Minister of St. Hellen's in Abbington, & that this Money is pd now yearly by Sir John Stonehouse of Radley, who hath the Estate that belong'd to Baskerville, the Baskerville Family being exstinct.

Roger Holman told me to-day that his Son, John Holman, as yet unmarried, who is a Barber, is above 32 Years old. This John Holman

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Dec. 19, 1725. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 35). Sends the two rolls. [See Diary, Dec. 30.]

Dec. 20, 1725. H. to [E. Bayly] (Rawl. 110. 95). 'I recd your Plate & Notes by Mr. Battine. But, since you have not been pleased to send therewith a short English Discourse in the manner you would have it printed, I shall forbear saying anything in publick about it, 'till such time as you shall draw up such a Discourse, in order to wch your Notes (of wch I will not transcribe one word) shall be return'd when you please.' [PS.] Does not know when Glastonbury will be finished.

is said to be the Son really of Dr. Gardiner, Warden of All Souls-College, to whom Roger's first Wife (a pretty young Woman) was Bedmaker. He is very much like Gardiner.

Dec. 21 (Tu.). Yesterday died one Mr. Thomas Finmore, who had been for some time in Oxford Castle, but was, by Contributions rais'd among Scholars, got out three or 4 days before he died. His Wife hath been dead some time, being a Relation of the late Mr. Jacob Bobart's. As long as she lived, they thriv'd, having no Children, and kept a publick House for Ale and Cyder against the Theater, but, upon her Death, all went backwards, Finmore being a great Hunter and Gamester, & altogether, as he was in her Lifetime, negligent of his business, going every day out with Gentlemen for Sport and Pastime.

Yesterday the Goods of one Bouchier, an Irishman by Birth, but by Trade a Barber, were seiz'd at his House near the Theater in St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxon., upon account of a Bond in Ireland. This Man work'd Journywork some time since in Oxford, but at length he left off his Trade, & kept an Ale House. Tho' he left a Wife & Children in Ireland, where his said Wife lives now, yet he married another in Oxford, who is dead, leaving him one Child, and since that he is lately married to another, the Daughter of Pierce, the Barber. So that he hath now actually two Wives living.

Dec. 22 (Wed.). Mr. Burton of Corpus Xti College was very lately presented to the Vicaridge of Buckland, near Faringdon in Berks., by one Mrs. Millington, an old Virgin Daughter of the late Sir Thomas Millington. 'Tis tenable with his Fellowship. 'Tis said by himself that she gave it without his Seeking, tho' great Application was made to her in the behalf of others. But others think otherwise, and that he, being ambitious, made Interest for it, and 'tis resented by Mr. Lee, fellow of Corpus, who was one of those that apply'd for it, not thinking that Mr. Burton (who aims at higher Matters) would have taken so small a Place. But as small

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Dec. 21, 1725. R. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 3. 98). Long account of subscriptions received for Langtoft and Glastonbury. Will send by Godfrey 5½ guineas for the latter. [For rest of letter, see Diary, Dec. 26. Note by Hearne:—'Delivered Mr. Balliardeau's Catalogue immediately upon Receipt. Dec. 25, went to Mr. Bridges, but he not at home. Delivered it to him next Morning, Dec. 26.']

Dec. 21, 1725. R. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 3. 99). Sends by Godfrey three of his late brother's Auction Catalogues, 'or Catalogues design'd by my Br of the Stamp-Office for ye Auction of the Famous Library at Lincoln's-Inn, & to begin Feb. 7 next,' one of which is for H., another for R. B.'s nephew at Christ Church, and a third for Mr. Baillardeau. 'You may tell my Nephew that, by what I find, his Father expects he shoud pay You for Langtoft out of his Allowance.' [See Hearne's Letter to W. Bridges, Dec. 29.] Has Mr. Baillardeau received the MS. sent last month? Godfrey has 5½ guineas for H.

Dec. 22, 1725. E. Arblaster to H. (Rawl. 1. 128). Since he has missed the opportunity of subscribing for Langtoft, will not subscribe for Glastonbury, as both relate to the same subject. Sends names of several subscribers. Wants explanation of an inscription on a brass coin found in an

as 'tis, 'tis worth 50 or 60 libs. per an. at least, and is pleasantly situated, & very convenient for one that lives in Oxford. Mr. Bishop had it before, but he is removed to Lincolnshire, upon the Death of Mr. Porter.

Dec. 23 (Th.). On Sunday Night, Dec. 12 last, between the Hours of Eleven and Twelve, a Fire broke out in the House of the Duke of Kent, in St. James's Square, wch, before Two, destroyed the same, together with great Part of the rich Furniture. This was one of the finest Houses in London. The Duke of Kent and his Dutchess, being in Bed, were safely conveyed out to the Lady Holderness's in Pall-Mall. The Duke's Gallery of Fine Pictures was saved. 'Tis said this Misfortune began in the Dutchess's Woman's Room. The next day the Dutchess set out in the Afternoon for the Duke's Seat in Bedfordshire.

Dec. 24 (Fri.). Mr. Baillardeau told me yesterday his MS. was return'd by Dr. Ralph Bridges, and that 'tis an excellent one, notwithstanding much depretiated by the Dr. He promised to shew it me at some time or other.

On Wednesday last was an Election of a Fellow of Winchester, in room of Mr. Prince, deceased. There was a great Bustle, Noise, & Difference, insomuch that at last, instead of a Senior, they elected a Junior Fellow of New-College, one Bowles (who hath a Brother Fellow of Magd. Coll.), a man that, I am told, hath behaved himself well enough in New College, but he is only Bach. of Arts, being about 4 or 5 Years' standing. He had not so much as ever thought of coming in, and accordingly had spoke to nobody about it.

Dec. 25 (Sat., Xtmass day). Mr. Whiteside told me last night that 'tis advertiz'd in the News Papers that one Simmonds, who writes himself formerly of Christ-Church, will shortly publish the Letters of Mary, Queen of Scots, the same with those Buchanan was concern'd for. This is a villanous Design. I suppose it may be from those in the Earl of Oxford's hands, wch, however, are not Originals, & since Buchanan retracted, no honest man can believe otherwise than that all is Forgery, on purpose to slur that excellent Queen, whose Death should have been revenged by her Son, but being not, I fear the misfortunes that have happened since are, in great measure, owing to that neglect[1].

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old house belonging to Sir Edward Littleton. Nothing has been found of late at Etocetum.

Dec. 22, 1725. B. L. Calvert to H. (Rawl. 4. 19). Apologizes for delay in sending subscription for Langtoft. Has been hoping to see H. at Oxford, but accidents have prevented it. Hears Dr. Rawlinson will soon be in England, 'who, by his long stay in Italy, is well provided wth curious observations & collections.' B. L. C.'s visit to Rome was too short to satisfy his curiosity, or enrich his collections. Remarks on the tomb of 'St. Richard, K. of England,' at Lucca, on foreign libraries, &c.

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[1] NB. The Book is since come out. I have it. 'Tis meer Fiction, done out of a malicious Design.

Dec. 26 (Sun.). Dr. Ralph Bridges tells me, in a Letter from London of the 21 inst., that Richd Foley, Esq., & Robert Stevens, Esq., have heard no good report of John of Glastonbury that I am printing, tho' he assures me 'tis not by him, he being wholly ignorant any otherwise than by my *new Title* (as he says) who or what this Author is. Had not the Dr. deny'd it, I should have guess'd it to be himself, tho' I now suspect it to be some such Fellow as Dr. Stukeley, who, I think, is great with Stevens. Be it as it will, I shall tell the Dr. that I am wholly regardless of what is insinuated in his Letter against John of Glastonbury, that not only the Editors of the Monasticon (viz. Mr. Dodsworth, Sir John Marsham, Sir Wm Dugdale, and Mr. Somner), but Bp Fell, Mabillon, & other learned Men have judged him proper to be printed, and that I am glad I happen to strike into such good Company.

Dec.[1] 27 (Mon.).

London, Dec. 14, 1725. They write from Bristol that, during the Hurricane last Tuesday Morning (Dec. 7), a Glass-house near that City was blown down, whereby 14 or 15 Persons lost their Lives.—*Northampt. Mercury for Mond., Dec.* 20, 1725.

Lond., Dec. 16 (Thursd.). A Treaty of Marriage is on foot between Mr. Lethellier and the only Daughter of William Sloper, Esq., Member of Parliament for Camelford in Cornwall, and will be soon consummated.—*Ibid.*

NB. This Mr. Lethullier was lately Gent. Com. of Trin. Coll., Oxon.

Dec. 28 (Tu.). Yesterday a man, a Brewer, that lives by Rewly, desired me to write him down the Foundress's Name of Rewly Chappel, saying he would have it lye in his Family, upon wch I writ as follows: *Ela Longespe, Countess of Warwick, founded Rewly Chappel. Many of the Harcourts, and other great persons, were buried there.*

Mr. Vesey of Lincoln College told me yesterday that he hath found that there was a Hall in St. Gyles's Parish, call'd Black Hall. He promised to enquire farther about it.

He told me Dr. Bentley had, some time ago, two MSS. from their Library, giving a Note for them, wch MSS. he kept many Years, and when they were demanded, he sent them back by a Carrier, in a surly manner, without any Letter of Advice or Thanks.

Dec. 29 (Wed.). I am told Fletcher Gyles asks three Pounds ten shillings for the Dauphin *Cicero de Oratore.* I know not what should make the Dauphin Books so dear, there being nothing hardly of Learning in any of them but Pliny's Nat. History, wch, indeed, was done for Glory,

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Dec. [26?], 1725. R. Graves to H. (Rawl. 6. 1). Received letter of 9th instant. Thanks for present of little book. Wants H.'s judgement on the choice of editions of certain books. Has had Mr. Swan's papers by him some years: hopes H. will extract anything worth notice. The sheets relating to Beauchief Abbey were copied from Dugdale's MSS. Mr. Whiteside has not sent word whether Hulett is at liberty yet.

Dec. 29, 1725. H. to W. Bridges (Draft, Rawl. 39. 125). Sent a copy

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[1] [MS. 'Oct.']

and much pains and learning (tho' the old Ed. exceeds it in some respects) are shew'd in it, and it made the Editor, Harduin, distracted.

Mr. Griffyth Gunnis, Rector of Remenham in Berks., and lately Fellow of Jesus College, Oxon., was some time since married to the only Daughter, & only Child, of the late Dr. Hugh Wynne, the Nonjuror. This Gunnis is rich, & she had a good Fortune, the Dr. being said to die worth about fifteen hundred Pounds in Money, wch I suppose, he had saved before he was deprived of his Chancellorship of St. Asaph and Fellowship of All Souls.

This Morning, about 9 Clock, the new Oxford Printing House had like to have been burnt, occasioned by Carelesness, some body (that was packing Books on the East side of it, call'd Baskett's side) having left a Candle Burning, or some Snuff of a Candle, wch, no body being in the Room when he was below, fir'd some of the Books, I think Common Prayers, & thereby about 20 libs. damage was done. Had it been in the Night, the whole Building, and the other Buildings near, might have been destroy'd.

Dec. 30 (Th.). Thomas Ward, of Longbridge, near Warwick, Esq., lent me lately two Rolls in Parchment, wch confirme Sir Will. Dugdale's conjecture about the Broomes of Woodlow and Badgesley-Clinton being descended from Brome of Lapworth in the same County.

He told me of a Book he was inform'd of at London, offer'd to sale, intitled, *the Ship of Fools*, printed 1570. It is a Translation out of Latin, shewing the Folly of all States, per Alex. Barclay, priest, wherein are abundance of old wooden Cuts, fol., pr. 10 s., but Mr. Ward beg'd my Advice before he ventures to buy it, he being an utter Stranger to the Book. I am not unacquainted with this Book, tho' I have no Copy of it. Not long ago I saw one in a Shop in Oxford, viz. Mr. Clements's, who ask'd 5 s. for it, but it wanted the Title Page. If Mr. Ward gives 10 s. for it, 'twill be Price enough[1].

Dec. 31 (Fri.).

Lond., Dec. 21, 1725. Died lately the Honourable the Lady Gayer, only Daughter to James, Earl of Anglesea, a Lady of most excellent Qualities.—*Northampton Mercury for Mond., Dec.* 27.

Lond., Dec. 21. A few days ago dy'd, in Covent Garden, Mr. Charles Christian, the finest Cutter of Stone Seals in Europe.—*Ibid.*

Lond., Dec. 21. Last Week one Mr. Woodward died at his Lodgings in the Temple, said to be worth 80000 l., the Bulk of which Estate, for want of his making a Will, goes to his Sister, a poor, industrious Widow of St. Dunstan's in the West, whom the Miser had not the Heart to assist, any more than himself, with common Necessaries, and who was therefore oblig'd to teach little Children to read.—*Ibid.*

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of Langtoft to W. B.'s son, who returned it and refused to pay for it: supposes, therefore, that the book is now his own.

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[1] Mr. Ward afterwards gave me the said Book.

Jan. 1 (Sat.), 172$\frac{5}{6}$.

Lond., Dec. 23. A few Days ago died the Rev. M^{r}. Johnson, Vicar of Cranbrook and Apelford in Kent. The Vicarages are in the Patronage of his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, who has presented the Rev. M^{r}. Disney, Curate of Lambeth, to both of them.—*Northampt. Merc. ibid.*

Lond., Dec. 23. Last Friday (Dec. 17) the Lady of the Marquiss and Earl of Carnarvan, Daughter to the Right Honourable the Earl of Dysert, was brought to bed of a Daughter, at his Grace the Duke of Chandos's House in S^{t}. James's Square.

Lond., Dec. 23. Last Week the Son of the R^{t} Hon. the Lord S^{t}. John of Bletsoe was baptized by the Name of John; Sir John Hynde Cotton, Baronet, and Humphrey Parson, Esq., Alderman, standing Godfathers, and the Lady Crowley Godmother. It is remarkable that this Child is the only Heir born to the Honour and Estate these 80 or 90 Years past.—*Ibid.*

Jan. 2 (Sun.).

Lond., Dec. 25. The famous M^{r}. Christian, Stone Seal Engraver, being dead, is succeeded by M^{r}. Pownall, the only Man (according to the Sentiments of the greatest Judges in that Art) fit to succeed so great a Man.—*Northampt. Merc. ibid.*

NB. I have been told, by one that knew him[1], that the said Christian was a prodigious great Man, that he died about 30 Years of Age, and that 'twas his Misfortune to be an excessive Drinker.

Jan. 3 (Mon.). M^{r}. West of Balliol Coll. told me lately that 'tis his design to make as good a Collection of Books as possibly he can. At present he is very inquisitive that way.

Jan. 4 (Tu.). M^{r}. Combes yesterday told me that there was hardly five Pounds' worth of Damage done to the printing house on Wednesday last, but others say there was rather an hundred Pounds' worth, & that Combes, who hath the Care of Basket's side, only diminisheth the matter that the less Blame may fall upon himself.

Old W^{m} Haynes of Stowe Wood told me yesterday that he is 79 Years old. He is a very hearty, vigorous, sturdy Man.

Roger Parncot, a Taylor by Hart Hall in Oxford, was full 95 Years old, as I am well assured, last X^{t}mass day. He now keeps in, and hath done so for a good while, not that he is sick, but old Age confines him.

Jan. 2, 172$\frac{5}{6}$. Earl of Oxford to H. (Rawl. 8. 188). Thanks for letter and book. Wants another large copy of Langtoft, and in future will have two copies of H.'s publications. [For rest of letter, see Diary, Jan. 9.]

Jan. 3, 172$\frac{5}{6}$. H. to T. Tanner (Diaries, 110. 127). Can only judge of Eccleston by the printed fragments, which contain things of great remark. The objection to miracles, &c., will also apply to the publications of other monkish writers. Is unacquainted with Capt. Stevens, and has not had an opportunity of reading his Supplements. 'I hear he is a very worthy and a very honest Man, & upon that score I respect him.' What old MSS. of Adam de Domerham are there, besides that at Cambridge? Is there anything about him in Boston of Bury? The MS. of John of Glastonbury was lent to H. by Ld. Bruce.

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[1] M^{r}. Whiteside.

Jan. 5 (Wed.). Yesterday call'd upon me Mr. — Calvert, Brother of my honourable Friend, Benj. Leonard Calvert, Esq. This Gent. is a year younger than Benj. He hath been in Mary Land & many Places. His Brother Benj. is just return'd from Rome, and other foreign Places, where he spent his time to very good purpose in collecting & seeing Antiquities. But he could not have access to many MSS., for want of Catalogues, & upon account of the Disorder of most, if not all, of their Libraries, to say nothing of a sort of shiness upon account of Principles of Religion. Even Montfaucon himself told Mr. B. L. Calvert that he could not see some MSS. at Rome, tho' I cannot tell for what reason. Yet I heard Mr. Freebairn of Edinburgh give another Account. For he told me that when he was a good while together at Rome, he met with such Civility as to obtain the sight & use of any MS. he desired, and, indeed, he transcrib'd many Things from thence, some of wch relate to Mary, Q. of Scots.

Mr. Calvert told me that his Sister, who married Mr. Hyde of Kingston Lisle, hath two Children (I think he said both Boys) living by the said Mr. Hyde, and that she is big of another. She is a very pretty, good-natured young Woman, younger than either of the Gentlemen.

In Thames Street, Oxford (commonly now, from the George Inn, called George Lane), lives one Wigans, who hath a very pretty Daughter, about seventeen Years of Age, who being missing from her Parents from Sunday, Dec. 19 last, to Thursday, Dec. 23d following, the said Dec. 23d, upon Notice given, one of the Head Proctors, viz. he of Corpus, came to Jesus College in the Evening, & went into a Gentleman's Room, but the Gentlemen (for 'twas discovered there were two) were hid. They apprehended her and another lewd Girl, her companion, whom they found also in the College, & put them both to Bridewell, & on Tuesday, Dec. 28, the said Wigans was whipp'd, having fourty lashes in Bridewell, & dismiss'd, tho' she would confess nothing. Next day she was seen again in Town, finely dress'd (in lac'd Stockings), & patch'd. Her Companion was whipp'd at the same time, & after about 5 Lashes, she began to confess, and after about 5 more, she told all, viz. that Wigans had lay with 5 or six Gentlemen of the College, & had been from Sunday till the Thursday in the College.

Jan. 6 (Th.). Mr. Colley of Xt Church told me on Tuesday last, and so did Mr. Whiteside last Night, that tho' Dr. Bradshaw, Bp of Bristol & Dean of Xt Church, had agreed and promised, as, indeed, he ought to have done, to bury, or read the Funeral Office at the burying of, Bp Gastrell, yet, when it came to be done, he absolutely deny'd to do it, & then Mr. Colley read it himself, Mr. Colley being the person that perform'd the last Sacerdotal Acts to the Bp just before he died.

On Monday last died in St. Gyles's Parish, Oxon., Mr. Adam Gartside, M. A. and one of the Senior Fellows of Braz-Nose-College. He was buried at Brazen-Nose the next day, in the Evening. This Gentleman took the Degree of M. A. on Dec. 17, 1708, much about wch time his Wife died in Childbed of two Children, both wch also then died. Some look'd upon her as his Whore, but the lest censorious say they

were certainly married. She was a black Girl, & one of the Daughters of M^r^. Stephen Prince (since deceas'd), that with his wife (likewise since dead) kept for many Years Noah's Ark (w^ch^ Stephen Prince's Wife was a fat, buxom, jolly Woman), & they had good Business, the House being situated by Magd. Coll., especially upon account of M^rs^. Prince's being ready to oblige any Persons at any time with what pleasure she could afford them. After this, Gartside married another poor creature (as the first was), somewhere about Marcham in Berks., & liv'd with her sometimes in one Place, & sometimes in another, for no body cared to let him a House long, & at last they lived together in S^t^. Gyles's, where he died heartbroken, in the 43^d^ Year of his Age, leaving his Wife behind him, & a pretty child by her, a Girl of about 12 Years of Age. His fellowship was worth six score pounds a year to him. Yet he died much in debt, 'tho his Father, still living (I know not whether in Cheshire), says he hath had of him more than seventeen hundred libs. since he hath been of the University.

Jan. 7 (Fri.). John Wilmot, the frolicksome Earl of Rochester, as he was one of the handsomest Persons in England, so his Lady also, Eliz. Mallet, was very handsome. This Lord (who died at the high Lodge in Woodstocke, July 26, 1680) used sometimes, with others of his Companions, to run naked, and particularly they did so once in Woodstocke Park, upon a Sunday in the Afternoon, exspecting that several of the female Sex would have been Spectators, but not one appear'd. The Man that stript them, & pull'd off their Shirts, kept the Shirts, & did not deliver them any more, going off with them before they finish'd the Race. He left a Son, Charles Wilmot, who died the Year after his Father, unmarried & under age, being the handsomest Child one of them [*sic*] in England, insomuch that an old Woman of Woodstocke told me yesterday that when the Duke of Monmouth was at Port-Meadow Race, & afterwards went to my L^d^ Rochester's at Woodstock, when the Duke, the Earl, and the child (the said Charles) walk'd in the Park, the Duke gave the boy the right hand, and she thought him the finest boy she ever beheld with her Eyes. The Duke made him a Present of a fine little Horse, &c. Once the wild Earl of Rochester, and some of his Companions, a little way from Woodstock, meeting in a morning with a fine young Maid going with butter to Market, they bought all the butter of her, and paid her for it, & afterwards stuck it up against a Tree, w^ch^ the Maid perceiving, after they were gone, she went & took it off, thinking it pity that it should be quite spoil'd. They observ'd her, &, riding after her, soon overtook her, &, as a punishment, set her upon her head, & clapt the Butter upon her Breech.

Jan. 8 (Sat.). As for the said Earl of Rochester, mentioning his dying of a Consumption yesterday to some who well remember him, they said his death was occasioned chiefly by his extravagant dealing with Women. They said he was very barbarous to his own Lady, 'tho so very fine a Woman, and that when he was upon his Deathbed, he begg'd of God Almighty (for he was a great Penitent) to shorten the Life of his Son, that he might not live to be a Man, for fear he should lead the same debaucht Life his Father had done, & that God heard his

Prayers, & cut that most beautifull boy off, when he was about 13 Years old. The Father (among other Girls) us'd the body of one Nell Browne of Woodstock, who, tho' she look'd pretty well when clean, yet she was a very nasty, ordinary, silly Creature, wch made people much admire. As for his 3 Daughters, the eldest, Ann, was a tall, handsome body, married first to Henry Bainton, in com. Wilts., Esq., & afterwards to Francis Grevil (eldest Son to Foulk, Lord Brook), by whom she had, among other Children, William, the present Lord Brooke, who, 'tho he has aim'd to be wicked like his Grandfather, the Lord Rochester, yet he wants his Parts. The second Daughter, the Lady Eliz. She was a pretty little Body, & was married to Edward Montague, Earl of Sandwich, who was Master of the horse to the Prince of Denmark, Temp. W. III and Queen Anne, & by her he had Issue his only Son, Edward, Lord Hinchinbroke.[1] I cannot learn any thing of Woodstock People about the Lady Mallet, what sort of person she was, any farther than that she was not so handsome as the other two; but I find by the Peerage of England[2] that she was married to —Vaughan, Baron Lisburne, in Ireland.

Jan. 9 (Sun.). The Earl of Oxford writes me word, in a Letter from Down Hall in Essex of the 2d of this Month, that a Dr. of Phisick, near that place, is printing a book of the Roman Stations in Britain, according to the Imperial Itinerary; that he takes about seven counties in his first book, and as this is received, he will go on. It will be dedicated to my Lord Winchelsea. He says he is also writing the antiquities of Hertfordshire. Mentioning this Yesterday to Mr. Whiteside & Mr. West, they told me the book was advertiz'd as published, and Mr. West told me he had ordered one to be sent for. Who this Dr. should be, I know not. If it should prove to be Dr. Stukeley, I shall not be very desirous to see it, having receiv'd so very indifferent a Character from all hands of his other Books, wch I have not seen my self.

Jan. 10 (Mon.). Mr. Evan Lloyd, M.A. & Fellow of Jesus Coll., walking on Friday last with me to Heddington, told me that Dr. Jones (their late Principal) had a design (wch he often mentioned) of erecting a Library for Undergraduates, wch is much wanted, in the College, & that he had put it down so (as he understood) in a former Will, but that he altered his Mind afterwards, being somewhat displeased with the Society, and gave them only twenty Pounds. He said the Dr.'s only Executor is his Nephew, one of the Fellows of the College, & that 'tis judg'd (after all Legacies are paid) that he will have clear 3 or 400 libs.

Jan. 8, 172⅝. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 37–40). Encloses long extracts and notes relating to Alexander Barclay, John Bellenden, archdeacon of Murray, 'Inte-bergewe, the place mention'd in Joh. Coleman's Conveyance of Lands in Clodeshale' [see the preceding volume, p. 277], &c. Begs H. to accept Barclay's Stultifera Navis.

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[1] See Peerage of Eng., vol. i, p. 270.

[2] Vol. 3, p. 310.

Jan. 11 (Tu.). My Friend the honourable Benedict Leonard Calvert Esq$^{r's}$ Father (who died L^{d} Baltemore, Apr. 16, 1715[1]) was, as I am inform'd from all hands (notwithstanding my Friend be quite otherwise), a very loose, debauch'd Man. And 'tho his Lady (Sister to the present Earl of Litchfield) was a most beautifull, lovely, large Woman (as he was also a very handsome Man), yet when he liv'd at Woodstock Park, w^{ch} was his, & w^{ch} he at last sold for about 8000 libs., tho' it was worth a vast deal more, he could not be contented with her, but lay much with (generally more than with his Lady) a fine, beautifull young Girl, one M^{rs}. Grove, that is still living in Woodstock, but never yet married, now about 30 Years old, & still very handsome, to the great discomposure of his Lady, whom he used very barbarously, and would often (when he came late home a-nights) force out of her Bed quite, as it were, naked, &, for fear, she would hide herself, & sometimes run up to the top of the House, & at other times apply to a Friend, not far off, for Cloaths in that Condition to hide her Nakedness. Since that, I am told the present Lord Baltemore (who is unmarried) keeps the said M^{rs}. Grove company, as his Father did. His Mother, the said Lady Baltemore, being thus used, 'tis said for that reason frequented other Company also, tho' she was otherwise a very good, charitable Woman, & of an excellent Temper, quite contrary to my Lord. She died (as I observed formerly[2]), Janu. 22, 1720. Her Husband, the L^{d} Baltemore, was a strange, proud Man. The foresaid M^{rs}. Grove's own Mother (who is said to have been a Whore also) upheld her Daughter in her debauch'd life, & even when her Daughter lay at M^{r}. Ives's in Oxford, for some time, with my L^{d}, where they bedded together as Man & Wife, the Mother was there likewise, & they frequently rid out together in the Coach. This I heard for certain Yesterday.

Jan. 12 (Wed.). The famous M^{r}. Thomas Creech took the Degree of M.A., as a Member of Wadham College, June 13, 1683, after w^{ch} he became Fellow of All-Souls-College, as a Member of w^{ch} he proceeded Bach. of Div., March 18, 1696, & after that, hang'd himself at M^{r}. Ives the Apothecarie's, where he then lodg'd. He was found dead in a Garret there on July 19, 1700 (the day D^{r}. White Kennett went out D^{r}. of Div.), but he had hung some days, as was guess'd, for the body then stunk. He is said to have been melancholly for some time before, occasion'd (as 'tis discours'd) upon account of a Mistress. He was certainly a most ingenious Man, as appears from his incomparable English Translation of Lucretius, & from many other Pieces, and when he was of Wadham

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Jan. 11, 172⅝. H. to the Earl of Oxford (Draft, Rawl. 8. 187). Glad he is able to furnish his lordship with a second copy of Langtoft. Will reserve Mr. Harley's copy for him. Sends another copy of his Letter, which, as it relates to Leland's Itinerary, may be acceptable. Does not know who is writing about the Roman Stations. 'It should seem by your Lordship's Account to be one that hath published some Things of w^{ch} I have heard no good Character, w^{ch} therefore makes me not sollicitous about seeing them. But perhaps this may be a different writer.'

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[1] Vol. 91, p. 23.

[2] Vol. 91, p. 33.

College (where he was Chum with Mr., afterwards Dr., Humphry Hody), he was observ'd to be a most severe Student, as he was afterwards for some time at All Souls, tho' he grew lazy at last. He had promis'd an Edition of Justin Martyr's Works, in order to wch many sheets (above fifty) of Notes were found among his Papers after his Death, wch Dr. Grabe borrowed, & I have heard him say they were excellent, tho' some things were amiss in them. This Mr. Creech was a very proud, morose, sower Man, & no good Company.

Jan. 13 (Th.). One Mr. Templer is Clarke of Woodstock, wch is only a Chappel of Ease to Bladon. This Templer is an old man, upwards of seventy, having been blind some time. He was look'd upon as one of the very best Clarkes in England, and, indeed, he does part of his Duty still admirably well, as I am told, in setting the Psalm, &c., but what he cannot do himself is done by his Son, who, however, is never like to prove any Thing near so clever as his Father.

Jan. 14 (Fri.). About a Fortnight since died Mr. Robert Eyston, of East Hendred, near Wantage in Berks., Brother of my late Friend and Acquaintance, Charles Eyston, Esq. A Woman from Hendred told me yesterday that he was buried in Hendred Church yesterday was sennight. I had not heard of his Illness. She said his Death was occasioned by his Cutting a Corn upon one of his Toes. His wife cut it first, but he, being not therewith contented, cut it himself, & the bloud came, wch afterwards putting him to great Agony, he had his Toe cut off, upon wch a Mortification ensued. He continued, after 'twas cut off, six Weeks, or two Months, as she said. He was a very good natured Man, but not Bookish, as his Brother Charles was. He was upwards of fifty Years of Age. He hath been twice married. By his first Wife he had Children. Two of his Sons are now living. His second Wife was his Maid servant, but, I think, he had no Child by her.

Jan. 15 (Sat.). One Moll Jones, of St. Thomas's Parish, Oxon., having been a good while Chairwoman at the Angel Inn in Oxford to Mrs. King, that keeps it, was lookt upon to be honest, and Mrs. King was extreme kind to her, but some time since a great deal of Linnen & silver Spoons, & some other Things, from Time to Time having been found missing, one Morning all the Chairwomen were search'd, one after another, but when Moll's Turn came, she appear'd very unwilling, but was forced, & under her Cloaths, behind her Breech, was found a pair of Holland sheets, &, upon search at several Places, she was found to have stole at least three score Pounds' worth of Goods from the Angel. She was tryed this Sessions, & tho' she confess'd the Facts, yet was only condemn'd to be burnt in the Hand, wch was done yesterday. She is a married Woman, being the Wife of one Joseph Folly, a Boatman, a man of an indifferent Character, as she hath really deserved no better, even before, she having had two or three Bastards.

This day I saw in Oxford one Mr. Wildgoose, a Farmer, of Denton in the Parish of Cuddesdon, near Oxford. He is Grandson to the famous Mr. William Wildgoose of that Place, who had taken the Degree of M.A. as a Member of Brazen-Nose College, and was one of the most eminent

and successfull Schoolmasters (for he taught a private Grammar School at Denton) in this part of England, and under him was educated in Grammar Learning the famous Mr. Andrew Allam of Edm. Hall. He went beyond Sea, his Grandson said, after he left off Schoole, & he said he died somewhere there, tho' he could not be positive, nor did he know much of him, only that he had heard that he was a great Scholar.

NB. The same Afternoon, viz. this day, Mr. Spencer of Horsepath told me that the said Mr. Wildgoose died in France, & that he practised Physick, and was a Doctor of Physick of Oxford.

Mr. West of Balliol Coll. shew'd me to-night the little Book my Ld Oxford told me of, relating to the Roman Stations. The Author is one N. Salmon, of Bishop's Stortford in Hertfordshire. 'Tis a very poor, meagre Performance, & not fit to be considered. The Author admires Dr. Stukeley, who, it may be, joyns. He mentions Browne Willis for his Discoveries about Roman Stations, who, God knows, never troubles himself with that branch of Antiquity. The Author advertises his Antiquities of Hertfordshire to be in folio, & to be put to the Press, when he hath an hundred Subscribers, at twenty shillings a Book, half to be paid in hand.

Jan. 16 (Sun.). As for the abovesaid Mr. Wildgoose, I cannot find that ever he was Dr. of Oxon. Mr. Spenser yesterday told me that he was Great-Grandfather of the present Mr. Wildgoose that I saw Yesterday.

I was told yesterday a bad piece of News, wch it seems is too true, viz. that one of the Sons of my late Friend, Mr. Robert Eyston, is married to his Father's Wife's Sister, and that this Marriage was over sometime before [*sic*] his Father's Death, wch I am glad of, because, in all probability, it would otherwise have broke his Father's heart. I was surpriz'd at this, that the young Man should be so very indiscreet as to marry his Aunt, who hath neither Beauty (the quite contrary) nor Fortune, to say nothing of the Indecorousness of the Thing [1].

Jan. 17 (Mon.). Dodford in Worcestershire was a Priory for Benedictine Monks, founded by King Hen. II to the Honour of the B. Virgin Mary, A.D. 1170. In Edw. IVth's time it was united to Hales-Owen in Shropshire, it being then almost ruined. Vide Mon. Angl., T. 2, p. 307. It happens to be omitted by Dr. Tanner in his Notitia Monastica. Mr. West of Ball. Coll. told me yesterday that there are some Things about it in some Papers of Mr. Abbington, the Worcestershire Antiquary, in Jesus-Coll. Library, but I suppose there is much more in that Antiquarie's intire Book of the Antiquities of the whole County of Worcester, a Work never yet printed, but I am inform'd by Mr. Graves, and several others, that 'tis in MS. in the hands of Sir Wm Compton, & that he asks an hundred libs. for it, & will not lend it.

Jan. 18 (Tu.). Yesterday three other Women were burnt in the hand (but 'twas with a cold, not, as the other was, wth a hot, Iron), for being Confederates with Moll Jones in her Thievery at the Angel, being look'd upon as worse than she, by reason they encouraged her by their

[1] [Note by Dr. Bliss :] See on to Vol. 112, p. 54.

buying of her what she stole. Moll Jones has had two or three Bastards and two of the other Women (if not the third also, who is but young, the other two being elderly) have the Characters of Whores, tho' they are all three, as well as Moll Jones, married. One of the elderly Women is Mrs. Dewy, whose Husband is a Boatman in St. Thomas's Parish, & 'tis her Daughter that is the young Woman, who being lately married, her Mother is said to have procured her such stolen Goods to set her up. The other elderly Woman is Mrs. Pavy, whose husband is a Locksmith, & they live just by Bocardo, at the End of Northstreet, as we come to turn down Jesus College Lane, anciently called Summer Lane. It seems, this Pavy sells Drink also, but the House is look'd upon as a Bawdy House.

On Saturday Night last came to Oxford Mr. Cockman, Master (for so he certainly is) of University College, & lay there that Night, as he hath done ever since, in the Lodgings, where he designs to continue. He sent for me last night, desiring I would spend the Evening with him & his Brother, Dr. Cockman, but I happened to be engag'd; but this Afternoon, about two Clock, I call'd upon him, & spent a little time with him and the Dr. I ask'd him whether all was ended. He said he knew nothing to the contrary but 'twas. Mr. Denison came to Town last Night, &, I suppose, is plotting or contriving something.

Jan. 19 (Wed.). Dr. Bentley hath just published in 4to (printed at Cambridge) Terence, to wch he hath joyn'd Phædrus. I was shew'd this Edition yesterday. I find 'tis a Performance much laugh'd at. It was undertaken chiefly on account of Dr. Hare's Edition, Bentley acting maliciously. I just saw it, and had soon done, for, indeed, I never lov'd to read any thing of this proud Man's, who neither thinks, writes, nor acts as other people.

Jan. 20 (Th.). Last Night I heard that Mr. Sam. Peploe is nominated Bp of Chester, and one Mr. Gilbert Canon of Xt Ch., both wch Places were enjoy'd lately by Dr. Gastrell. The said Peploe is the very Man that occasion'd Dr. Gastrell's Case about Degrees. Peploe was of Jesus College in Oxford, as a Member of wch he took the Degree of M.A., Oct. 19, 1693. Afterwards he writ & printed, as I remember, some silly Thing about the Affair at Preston, call'd by the Georgian Faction a Rebellion. This was look'd upon as Merit. The Archbp of Canterbury, Wake, made him Bach. of Div., & he was preferr'd to the Wardenship of Manchester, the Statutes of wch Place require the Warden to be at least Bach. of Div. The Bp of Chester is to admit the Warden, but Dr. Gastrel, then Bp, refus'd it, & so he did to his dying day, & fully shew'd that he could not in conscience do it, because Peploe was not qualify'd by the Place, having not had his Degree of Bach. of Div. in either of the Universities, wch he ought to have, the Degree men-

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Jan. 20, [172⅝]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 177). [See Diary, Feb. 1.] 'I had Mr. Bridges' Catalogue from the Dr. It is a Trade Catalogue, & drawn in such a Method as makes it less usefull to you or me. However, the Dr. was kind in sending it to us both. I heard lately from our Friend, Mr. Willis, who is so full of Church work that his Antiquities go on slowly.'

tioned in the Statutes being to be understood of University Degrees. I am told the Archbp also made him D. of Div. Sed quære. Now he is Bp, he will admit himself. This Thing is done to insult the Ashes of Dr. Gastrel. This Peploe is a poor spirited, illiterate Creature, impudent & knavish, like the Crew. And as for Gilbert, I never heard of him 'till very lately, when I was told he was a young Master of Arts of Merton-College, and went over with the Duke of Brunswick this last Journey to Hanover, & return'd with him just after last Christmass.

Jan. 21 (Fri.). Yesterday called upon me Mr. Warton (late of Magd. Coll.), Minister of Basingstoke in Hampshire. He wants mightily to know what the Valuation of Seleburne Priory in that County was at the Dissolution, and what writings there are relating to it, and where lodg'd. He likewise wants to know what writings there are, and where they may be met with, concerning Basingstoke Hospital. It seems, he is about retrieving some Tithes.

He told me Mr. Richd Furney is made Archdeacon of Surrey, and that the Bp of Winchester (a heavy Man), Dr. Willis, is mighty fond of him, because of his searching into old Records.

He told me Mr. Henry Edmunds of Jesus Coll. is well vers'd in old Writings. If so, it must be very lately, upon account of his Controversy with the Provost of Oriel Coll.

Jan. 22 (Sat.). I understand that Mr. Peploe, above mentioned, is not yet Dr. of Div. at Lambeth, whatever he may be, and that he hath not printed any Thing about the Preston Affair.

Yesterday I just run over Dr. John Friend's iid Volume of *The History of Physick*, wch is just come out, the 1st Vol. having been published some Time since. He speaks mighty honourably of Lynacre for a fine Writer of Latin, as well as for his great Skill in Physick. He takes notice of Ant. à Wood for not giving a large Account of some Physician of Merton College, & thinks, had he knew much of him, we should have had it in his printed Book of the Hist. & Antiq. of Oxf. But the Dr. should have considered that Anthony reserved what he had about Merton Coll., and the famous Men thereof, for an intire & distinct Work of itself, but what became of it, I know not. The Dr. prefers Lynacre's Latin both to Erasmus's & Sr John Cheek's. He animadverts upon my Friend, Mr. Ruddiman of Edinburgh, tho' not by Name, that published Buchanan, as not a true Latinist. Yet I must say that Mr. Ruddiman hath the Character of writing excellent Latin, of being a good Scholar, and of being a modest, honest Man.

Yesterday Mr. Robt Harley (one of the Sons of Mr. Auditor Harley, Brother of the late Earl of Oxford) left Christ Church, where he was Gent. Com. He call'd upon me, and told me that he had been at Oxford three years.

Jan. 23 (Sun.). On Monday last Mr. George Major recd at Basse's (in Cat-Street) the Sum of seven score Pounds of one John Russell, servant to the President of Magd. Coll., the said Major having sold his place, as Keeper of the University Schools, to the said John for the said

Sum. This Practice of selling Places is a most vile, scandalous Thing. Major did not put his hand to any Paper, pretending it must be done before the Vice-Chancellour, before whom the Keys must be surrendered. But 'tis said the Vice-Chancellour (in whose Gift the Place is) before consented to it, and that he was induc'd to it by Dr. Butler, President of Magd. Coll., and that Blockhead, Dr. Bouchier, Principal of Alban Hall, to wch Bouchier John had been servant formerly. 'Tis said all three, i. e. the V. Chanc., Butler, and Bouchier, are to have a share or Consideration on this Account, & that something must still be given to the Vice-Chancellour's Man. I am well assur'd that when Major was ill, when Dr. Shippen was V. Chancellour, he, the said Major, ask'd two hundred and fifty libs. for the Place, and that Basse in Cat-Street (who was then Servt to Dr. Shippen) offered him an hundred & fifty Pounds, but Major would not take it. Scholars must pay for this. For 'tis to be observ'd that as Major, so others have also demanded & taken most exorbitant Fees of Scholars for Trifles, wch I hope may be put a stop to, & that nothing may be paid but what may be justly demanded; but this cannot be exspected as long as Vice-Chancellours encourage such unreasonable Demands. Major himself bought the place, when Dr. Paynter (I think) was Vice-Chancellour, of one old Benj. Cutler (Butler of New Coll.), a very great Rogue.

Jan. 24 (Mon.). John Gatisden is the Man mentioned by Dr. John Freind to be of Merton Coll., whom he supposes Ant. à Wood to know no more of than what is said of him in his printed Book, a Supposition very weak, since Ant. intended a large work about that College, & therefore in his printed Book he cuts all off short about this Coll., as himself expressly tells us. The Dr. should have had in his view what is observ'd in Leland's Coll., vol. iv, p. 54.

Jan. 25 (Tu., St. Paul). Meeting Mr. Baillardeau, the Frenchman, on Sunday Night last, in the Street, I had a pretty deal of Discourse with him, and I put him in mind of letting me have a sight of his MS. (that I had got Dr. Ralph Bridges to return to him), according to his promise, but, I know not for what reason, he several times told me he would not shew it me, for wch reason I am very indifferent. The Man is a very poor spirited Creature, and as he hath no skill himself in these Affairs, so he is unwilling any one that is vers'd in them should peruse what he hath, tho', after all, it was not fair in Dr. Bridges to keep the MS. so long, & then to give it a mean Character when he was put in mind of restoring it. Mr. Baillardeau said he lent it to John Bridges, Esq., deceas'd, who writ a Note, & put in it, signifying that 'twas Mr. Baillardeau's, & by that means he came by it again, otherwise he might have lost it.

Yesterday I learn'd that Major gave fourscore Pounds to old Benj. Cutler for his Place of being Keeper of the Schools.

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Jan. 26 (Wed.). Dr. John Cockman told me yesterday that he is in the 46th Year of his Age, that he was entered in the University in 1699, and that his Wife (who hath been dead about two Years) was about a Year and a half older than himself. He had with her twenty thousand Pounds. She died of the Colick. He had by her one Daughter, a pretty Girl, now living. He says he hath now at his own Disposal eighteen thousand Pounds, besides eight thousand Pounds that is his Daughter's.

This day Mr. West of Balliol College went to London to stay there for some time, where he intends to buy some of the Books of my late Friend, John Bridges, Esq., wch are to begin to be sold by Auction on Febr. 7 next.

Jan. 27 (Th.). Yesterday, in the Forenoon, one Mr. Par, Bach. of Arts of Brazen Nose Coll., a Lancashire Man, was unanimously (without any Opposition) elected Fellow of that Coll., in the room of Mr. Garthside, deceased. This Mr. Par is a good natured, courteous Man. He is Curate to Mr. Whiteside at King's Walden in Hartfordshire.

Mr. Richd Duckworth (who died many Years ago) is mentioned as a Writer in the second, or spurious, Ed. of *Athenæ Oxon.*, he being Author of the *Tintinnalogia*. For, indeed, he was a great Ringer, & had very great Skill in it. He lived to a great age. He is said in the *Athenæ* to be a Leycestershire Man born, but Mr. Whiteside told me yesterday that he was of Lancashire by birth. He used to call upon Mr. Whiteside, when he (Mr. Whiteside) was a young Student in Brazennose Coll., of wch Coll. Mr. Duckworth had been Fellow, after wch he was Rector of Steple Aston, & made the Place much better than it had been, by recovering & settling many Tithes that were refused, in order to wch he went to Law with the Parishioners, and overthrew them, after wch he left the Place, & became Vice-Principal of Alban-Hall under old Dr. Bouchier, but what he did there I know not. This is certain, that he had been a Schoolmaster also at Steeple Aston, and was severe to his Scholars, some of wch were Boys of good Birth.

Yesterday came News to Oxford, by way of Letter, of the death in the West Indian Plantations of Mr. Wm Jenkins, aged about fourty, who lived there with his Brother in Law & his own Sister. He died soon after Mrs. Ellen Jenkins arrived there, who was carried over this last Summer from her native Place, St. Peter's in the East, Oxford.

Meeting Mr. George Major this day in Cat Street, he delivered back to me half a Guinea that a good while since I gave him towards the roofing of Holywell Church. The Church is roof'd, but, it seems, he never offered this half Guinea (because, I suppose, they did not want it), tho' I gave it because he then told me they wanted Money, & I desired he would not let it be known from whom it came.

Jan. 28 (Fri.). John Russell, the President of Magdalen College's Man, took Place as Keeper of the University Schools on Wednesday last,

Major, it seems, having surrendered all to[1] him upon receiving the seven score Pounds, for wch he, the said Major, sold him this Place, as I have before signify'd. I should have also observ'd that Major us'd to pay ten libs. per annum to the Inferior Beadles, and, when once he refus'd it, upon complaint and at the Motion of old Wm Sherwin, he was put into the Vice-Chancellour's Court, and Major was cast, a Thing I have several Times heard Major complain of, since he said he had not made any such Contract upon his entering upon the Place in Dr. Paynter's time.

Jan. 29 (Sat.). Yesterday, in the Afternoon, about 4 Clock, I call'd upon Mr. Cockman, Master of University College, who told me they had not as yet heard of any Plea put in by Mr. Denison against their Declaration, given in some time since at Westminster Hall. Among other Things in that Declaration, Mr. Cockman told me, is noted that K. Alfred was their Founder, that as Founder he was also Visitor, and that his Successors had the same power, that the College consists of a Master and Fellows, that they have a Privilege of electing when there is a Vacancy, that he (Mr. Cockman) was duly elected, & was afterwards admitted, but was hindered from enjoying his Rights by some that pretended to that Power as Visitors, in prejudice both to the King's Prerogative, & to the Damage of Mr. Cockman. These are some of the Particulars he told me, adding that the Damage express'd in the Declaration is to the Value of ten thousand Pounds, a Sum put in by the Lawyers, as usual in such Cases.

Yesterday Morning Dr. Bouchier Principal of Alban Hall's Wife was brought to bed of a Son. She is the Daughter of the late Mr. Harris, the Attorney. She hath a pretty Face, but otherwise she is ill shap'd, & she is fat. She was brought to bed in the Hall, wch is turn'd into a Cunny-borough, there being not so much as one Scholar (neither hath there been a good while) in it, besides the Principal himself, who is a proud, impudent Blockhead.

Jan. 30 (Sun.). It must be noted that on Friday there was no Court, tho' it was Court day, in the Vice-Chancellour's Court, Dr. Bouchier, the Vice-Chancellour's Assessor, absenting himself because of his Wife's Lying Inn, just as if himself had been brought abed, wch is a most shamefull thing that Business must be put to the great Inconvenience of several for such poor, frivolous Reasons as this.

Jan. 31 (Mon.). On Saturday last Mr. Gilbert was installed Canon of Christ Church, being stiled in his Patent, *Legum Doctor, vel quocunque alio titulo insignitus*, so worded for fear his Degree of Doctor of Laws (wch he took at Lambeth) should be here scrupled. He is a very impudent, forward Fellow, fit for the Turn of the Party. But, indeed, considering the Defection of the Nation, we cannot exspect better.

About a Fortnight since (for he was buried last Thursday was Sennight) died one old Isaack (that was his Christian Name), Alms Man and Prior of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, near Oxford. He was a mighty honest Man, & therefore well beloved at Xt Church, where he waited, and went

[1] [MS. 'too'.]

on Errands. On Friday last, one Acres, a Taylor of Oxford, was chosen into his Room, carrying it but by one Vote.

Feb. 1 (Tu.). Mr. Baker of Cambridge tells me, in a letter dated from thence on the 20th of last Month, that he is glad the Trin. Coll. MS. in their University, wch by his means hath been lent me by Mr. Thomas Parne, the present Library Keeper of that Coll., wch MS. I recd the 16th of Dec. last, & is lent me for a Quarter of a Year (& contains Adam de Domerham, as well as Guil. Malmsb. *de Antiquitatibus ecclesiæ Glaston.*, with many other valuable Things of that kind), proves of use to me. His great concern now is, least I should hurt my Eyes (for the MS. is writ in a small hand, & in many places is hard to be read and made out), or prejudice my health by sitting too close to it; and therefore he desires I will take my own time; he dares say Mr. Parne will not be too hasty in calling for it, but willing to renewe my days, or to grant me more, if there should be occasion. He says Mr. Parne is now making Collections towards a History of Trinity College, and the two old Colleges it was founded upon (Michael House and King's Hall) by Hen. the VIIIth, for that devout Prince (as Mr. Baker stiles him) seldome built without first pulling down. If any thing fall in my way concerning any of these Colleges, He (Mr. Parne) will be thankfull for an account, and Mr. Baker dares say will be as ready to make acknowledgments to me as I am to him. He has very good Materials concerning the two old Houses from their Treasury, but will be glad of more.

Feb. 2 (Wed.). I am very glad to understand Mr. Parne's Design. Some Years ago old Mr. Henry Jones, Rector of Sunningwell, near Abbington in Berks., bequeath'd to the Bodlejan Library a Parcel of MSS. wch had been Bp Fell's, to whom Mr. Jones was a Trustee or Executor, I think, at least he had these MSS. lodg'd in his hands, with Directions to leave them at his Death to the Bodl. Library. So the Matter has been told more than once to me, for I did not know Mr. Jones my self. Upon Mr. Jones's Death they came to the Bodlejan Library, and I entered them with my own hand in the Benefactors' Book. Among them, as I remember, is one or two relating to Trin. Coll. Library in Cambridge, but I think they are the Statutes, at least relate to the Statutes of that College. But being debarr'd the Library, I cannot give, at present, any other Account, wch otherwise I should very readily and very willingly do. 'Tis very probable Mr. Parne at that distance may more easily have the thing examin'd into than I who live in Oxford, where now I seldom see or use any other Books than what my own little Library affords, or what are transmitted to me by some particular Friends, whom I hope (& do not doubt but) God will reward.

Feb. 3 (Th.). When Mr. Baker's Letter before mention'd came to me, I had transcrib'd all Adam de Domerham in the Trin. Coll. MS., besides wch I have transcrib'd some few other Things, and now I shall take

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Feb. 3, 172⅝. J. Murray to H. (Rawl. 16. 13). Sends subscription-money for John of Glastonbury. [Note by Hearne :—'Recd this Lettr, Friday, Febr. 4, and the Money, viz. ten Guineas, the next day, being Febr. 5, 1725.']

a little breathing, & by degrees examin what I have writ out, hoping to have done by the 16th of March. If I live, I shall give a publick Account hereafter of the use I have made of this valuable MS. If I should not have done with it by the said 16th of March, I will beg a little longer time, what I find by Mr. Baker's Letter will (in all probability) be easily granted.

Feb. 4 (Fri.). Yesterday I just saw in Sheets a new Book, in 8vo, being the Life of Sir Thomas More. 'Tis patch work, taken, in a great measure, from Sir Thomas's Grandson's Book on that Subject, printed in 4to. I saw it at Mr. Richd Clements's. Who did it, I know not, unless Mr. Jebb[1], who is ready to do any Thing for a Penny, wch I am sorry for, scribbled it. Much use is made in it of Roper's Life of Sir Thomas More, wch I printed some Years since, & wch bears a great Price.

Feb. 5 (Sat.). Mr. John Pepper (whose true Sirname is Piperd), a Cooper living in St. Clement's, near Oxford, told me yesterday that he is 63 Years of Age. He hath a Son, a Bach. of Arts, some time since of Balliol College, but now he is a marryed Clergyman in Hampshire, and hath printed one or more Sermons, as I think I have formerly heard his Father say.

Feb. 6 (Sun.). On Friday Night last came to Oxford Bouchier the Irishman's Wife from Ireland, to appear at next Sessions against her said Husband, upon account of his being married to another Woman, viz. Mr. Pearce the Barber's Daughter, and yesterday the said Bouchier was apprehended and sent to Goal.

On Friday last Dr. Harrison of All Souls, by Compulsion, for he would not do it otherwise, read a Lecture in the History School, but it was such poor stuff, I am told, as he ought for ever to be asham'd of. He abus'd the Vice-Chancellour, and the subject of his horridly poor Lecture was about the Statutes, wch he read, and telling the Auditors that they should bring their Books, and write down Notes wch he would give upon Lucius Florus, in the manner as those are *in usum Delphini*, and telling his Auditors also that if those of them that were of his own House did not attend him to the School and back again home, they should be sconc'd two Pence, to the use of the University, *toties quoties*, as the Statute directs, Tit. v, § 2. I heard a Gentleman, a Master of Arts, say yesterday that by what he could learn from several (for he did not hear it himself), it was such miserable, scandalous Stuff, that he ought for it to be expell'd the University. The Dr. brought some of his own College to hector and bully in the School.

Feb. 7 (Mon.). Little did I think, some Years ago, to have ever seen such a most flourishing Society as Christ Church was then, brought to such

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Feb. 5, 172⅝. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 216). Thanks for 10 guineas received for copies of John of Glastonbury for various subscribers (named). Glad J. M. is well. Mr. Ridley brought the plate of Mr. Granger's Saxon coins, which H. will take notice of in the preface to Glastonbury.

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[1] He is the Publisher.

miserable Confusion as 'tis in at present, when, as the head and all, as it were, of the Canons are Whiggs, almost all the rest are warp'd and just like them, and yet for all that they will not trust one another. On the contrary, formerly there was a wonderfull agreement amongst them, and Learning then was carried on and encouraged as much as 'tis discountenanc'd now. Among others that have chang'd is one Sansbury, a Student, a young Master of Arts, not long since a high Tory, but now an impudent, sawcy Whig, as is also one Allen, another Student, whose Father was a Mercer in Oxford (& his Mother lives now in Oxford), but failing by his Carelessness, went to London, where for his Roguery he is said to have been hang'd. I say this Allen, who is likewise a young Master of Arts, from a high Tory is become an errant Whig, and runs all lengths to please the Dean, Dr. Bradshaw, Gilbert, & such vile, filthy Creatures.

Feb. 8 (Tu.). Yesterday Morning (as I am told) Mr. George Ward (commonly call'd Jolly Ward) of University Coll. sent to the Master, Mr. Cockman, that he would speak with him. The Master let him know that he was at home. Upon wch Ward went to him, & ask'd him by what Authority he took Possession of the Lodgings, and acted as Master, when he knew 'twas another Man's Right, adding that in a Little Time he would be called before his Betters. The Master said he was duly elected, and duly admitted. This is look'd upon as one of Ward's bullying Airs upon a dying Cause.

Feb. 9 (Wed.). About seven of the Clock at night, last Monday, died suddenly in his Chair, as 'tis said, one Mr. John Free, aged about fifty, of St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford. He was a Watch-maker, & was look'd upon as the best Workman in that sort of business in Oxford; but he lost many of his Customers upon account of his being a very great Whig. He was commonly call'd Skinny Free, because some time ago he is reported to have said that he wish'd all the Tories throughout the World were flea'd, and their Skins hung up upon Trees, and their Heads upon Pinnacles. He was a sober Man, and saving, & his Wife (who is living, with three Children she had by him) and he lived lovingly together. He was a Man that read much, & would talk well enough of History. He also busied himself much in finding out the Longitude. The first time he discovered himself to be so very violent a Whig was some Years since, when Oxford was so much pester'd with Souldiers, soon after the Business at Preston [1].

Feb. 10, 172⅝. H. to R. Furney (Diaries, III. 19). Hears that R. F. is made Archdeacon of Surrey, and wishes him joy. Wants to know the valuation of Selborne Priory, Hants, at the dissolution, and what writings there are relating to Basingstoke Hospital.

Feb. 10, 172⅝. B. L. Calvert to H. (Rawl. 14. 52). Thanks for congratulations on his safe arrival. Apologizes for delay in sending subscription-money, which has been delivered to Godfrey to-day.

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[1] He was buried in St. Peter's Church in the East, at 4 Clock afternoon, on Thursday following.

Feb. 11 (Fri.). Yesterday call'd upon me Mr. Tottenham, Fellow of Linc. Coll., & read part of a Letter he had recd from Dr. Archer, Archdeacon of Taunton, in wch the Dr. offers to send me some Things relating to Glastonbury, if they would be of service. I told him any thing of that kind would be welcome. This the Dr. did upon account of my being now engag'd in publishing the Chronicle of Glastonbury written by John, Monk of Glastonbury. The Dr. is a married Man. He is look'd upon as honest, and so is Mr. Tottenham. The Dr. minds Rabbinical Learning much, as well as our own Antiquities. Mr. Tottenham told me the Bp of Bath & Wells, Dr. Hooper, entered into the 87th Year of his Age last November.

Mr. Tottenham then ask'd me why I did not print *Joh. Twyne de Rebus Albionicis*. I said 'twas printed already. He said 'twas very scarce. I told him, if I should print it, 'twould not be much more common. I think, by some Circumstances, Mr. West of Balliol Coll., an acquaintance of Mr. Tottenham's, hath some mind to reprint this little Book.

Feb. 12 (Sat.). Sir John Stonehouse of Radley, having a mighty desire to have what Leland says, in p. 13 of the iid Vol. of his Itinerary, about the Chappel that was formerly at Bayworth, yesterday Mr. Joseph Brookland, the Printer, writ them out for him, I letting him have the Book for that purpose in my Chamber. Mr. Brookland told me Mr. Cary, Rector of Sunningwell, cannot endure to hear of this Passage, because it carry'd a Suit of Law against him some Years since, with Relation to the Tiths claim'd by the Minister of St. Nicholas in Abbington, upon account of this Chappell. The Words of Leland are: *At the West end of the Area wheryn the Abbay Chirch of* Abbingdon *stondith is a Charnel Chapelle, to the which was gyven the profite of a Chapelle at* Bayworth, *by* Bagley-Wood.

Feb. 13 (Sun.). I was told last Night that the Vice-Chancellour was on Friday last at the History School himself, to hear Dr. Harrison, but that the Dr. would not read, and told the Vice-Chancellour that he should not make him read, do what he would. Upon wch the Vice-Chancellour told him that as Vice-Chancellour he believ'd he had power to force him to it. Quære farther.

The Revd Mr. Thomas Hinton, Rector of Lasham in Hampshire, told me, in a Letter from thence of Nov. 10th last, that I seem to be in love with Glastonbury, by publishing so many things about it, wch has occasioned him to run over that (anonymous) Account again that I some time since published about that Abbey; and he was then making some observations and reflexions upon it, which he intended to take some opportunity to trouble me with.

Feb. 12, 172⅝. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 42). Sends another parcel of books for H. to peruse. Is there a MS. of Rouse's History of the Earls of Warwick now in existence, as described by Nicholson in his Historical Library? Guesses Sir Roger Swillington to be father of Ralph Swillington, Attorney-General to Henry VIII, and Recorder of Coventry. [PS.] 'Pray Give my Service to Cousin West, when you see him.

Feb. 14 (Mon.). I was told yesterday, by several persons, that Mr. Ant. à Wood, tho' he was but 64 Years of Age, had the looks of one of four score.

The Profits paid to St. Nicholas at Abbington per an. out of the Tithes at Bayworth, I am told, are now eight libs. per annum. Quære?

This day I heard that Mr. Aaron Baker, who is now down in Devonshire, his Native County, is made Recorder and Town Clerk of Plymouth. He is one of the Proctors of the Vice-Chancellour's Court, wch he must now leave. His Father is living, being a Clergyman near Plymouth. This Aaron Baker is poor. He married the Daughter of one Dewe, an Oxford Barber, by whom he hath many Children living. This Baker is a Barrister of Law. He is a Man of but mean Understanding.

This day, in the Afternoon, Mr. Baillardeau, the French Hugonot, shew'd me at his Lodgings, voluntarily, several printed Books, among wch Boissardus's Antiquities, for wch Boissardus he ask'd five Pounds, but said he would not sell it. He lodges at Mr. Richd Clements' the Bookseller's. He did not pretend, nor did I ask him, to shew me his MS. of Tho. à Becket's Life, &c. Some body or other, I suppose, hath prejudiced him.

Feb. 15 (Tu.). Yesterday Mr. John Holman, Son of Mr. Roger Holman of St. Peter's in the East, was full 32 Years old, being born on St. Valentine's day, Febr. 14, 1693.

Yesterday Mr. Benj. Cole, the Engraver, told me that he is within about a Month of being three score years old. Mr. Cole told me then that he design'd in a little time to put out Proposals for printing a Book of Heraldry in folio, containing about fifty thousand Coats of Arms.

My late Friend John Bridges Esqr's Books being now selling by Auction in London, they began to be sold on Monday, the 7th inst. I hear they go very high, being fair Books, in good Condition, & most of them finely bound. This Afternoon I was told of a Gentleman of All Souls College, I suppose Dr. Clarke, that gave a Commission of 8s. for an Homer in two Volumes, a small 8vo, if not 12o, but it went for six Guineas. People are in love with good Binding more than good Reading.

Feb. 16 (Wed.). Yesterday Mr. Robert Speakman, a Joyner of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, went to Canterbury to survey something for Corpus Christi College, who have some Estate there, this Speakman being expert in the Art of Surveying, and being well skill'd also in drawing

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Feb. 16, 172⅝. B. Willis to H. (Rawl. 12. 80). Encloses two draughts of Glastonbury. 'I have been a very poor Customer for Books of late years on acct of my numerous Family, & scarce laid out 20 sh. an year but in Schoole Boy Books; however, be pleased to put mee down among yr Glastonbury subscribers. I have been very much out of order of late; however, hope to creep to Oxford in a little time, if I am able, provided I can forward our Chapell Benefactions, which moves heavily in Co. Bucks. When I went to Bath in the last summer, I spent 2 days in Glastonbury, took a good deal of pains abt the Abby, scratcht out my self a plan of it from Dr. Stewkley, corrected him in many things. I dare say this will be a curiosity, if you will get it engraved. In this Abby plan the windows in St. Joseph's Chapell are somewhat too bigg; be pleased to let yr engraver contract them, & reduce the Kitchen, less the better, to answer the Scale. This was drawn from a larger,

Mapps. He was never at Canterbury before, but designs now to take notice of the Antiquities there.

Yesterday Mr. Jenkinson, Fellow of Magd. Coll., and Brother of Sir Rob. Jenkinson, took the Degree of Bach. of Div.[1]

Feb. 17 (Th.). Just now I heard of the News of the Death of Mr. Richd Rogers, formerly of New Coll., who married a Daughter of Mr. Tub of Ifley. This Mr. Rogers took the Degree of M.A., May 27, 1706. He was a Clergyman somewhere Salisbury way. Quære?

I was told to-day that Dr. Bartue, Brother to the Earl of Abbington, read a Natural Philosophy Lecture, as he is the Publick University Reader, last Saturday Morning, being forced to it by the Vice-Chanc., and that 'tis the second he ever read.

Feb. 18 (Fri.). John Russell, who hath succeeded Major as Keeper of the University Schools, gives a mighty Character (as I happened to hear him talk yesterday) of Mr. Penniston, alias Kery (for his Name was changed from Kery upon account of an Estate), Rector of Sunningwell, and he magnifies him for keeping a Pack of Dogs, and I know not what. And at the same time he mightily extolls Dr. Bartue, Brother of the Earl of Abbington, & Fellow of All Souls Coll., & Reader of Natural Philosophy to the Univ. of Oxford, who commonly lives at Sunningwell with Mr. Kery's Sister, to whom he is said (& not unjustly) to be married, having several Children (who go by other Names) by him. She is a very proud woman, but the Dr. is a very good natured Man, & not look'd upon as proud.

Feb. 19 (Sat.). Last Night I heard that Dr. Harrison, being in the Country two or three Miles from Oxford, hath writ the Vice-Chancellour a very submissive Letter, begging pardon for the great Affront he gave him, and complaining of an ill state of health, wch confines him to the Country.

Yesterday I heard, when I walk'd to Sunningwell, that John Russell (who hath got Major's Place, and lived sometime with Mr. Peniston, alias Kery, and not with Dr. Bartue) is a strange cracking, bragging, lying, proud Fellow, a Thing I heard also before.

Feb. 20 (Sun.). In the year 1696, about a Week before Christmass, Mr. Green of Chilswell Farm, Father to the present Mr. Green of that

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incorrect plan by my direction, but I was not by when it was done. Harris of London, for whom I have a particuler respect, drew it. He will, I suppose, engrave it for abt a Guinnea & half. In short, dear Sir, I wish it was engraven; abundance wd be glad, & it wd give a better Idea of the Abby then 40 descriptions. I made one of my Children Copy out what Dr. Stewkly says of Glastonbury, which if you Include, it will not be amiss.' [PS.] 'I humbly begg, if you doe not print the plan, or ground plan, of the Abby, I may have it again.' [See Diary, Feb. 28.]

Feb. 16, 172⅝. R. Woodforde to H. (Rawl. 18. 3). Is obliged to Mr. Clements for subscribing in his name. Though not a great way from Ilchester, knows nothing remarkable about it, but will make 'a nicer enquiry'.

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[1] & afterwds, viz. in Act Term, 1727, that of Dr. of Div.

Farm, being at one Gardiner's, that kept a publick House at South Hinxey, with one Stevenson of Sunningwell, it being night, they went homewards together, but in a very dirty ground (for so 'tis always in wet Weather, being a rich Soil) call'd Bootom, just beyond Hinxey, as we go towards Foxcomb, after they had been in it a little way, M^{r}. Green complain'd of being very ill, & thereupon his Companion endeavour'd to assist him, w^{ch} as he was doing, his s^{d} Companion, Stephenson, complain'd also of being very ill, & down he dropp'd dead all in the dirt, speaking no other word after but 'I thank God, my Affairs are all settled.' He could not be recovered, but as for Green, he recovered, & lived some Years after, as I have been told. This Stephenson's Son now lives at Sunningwell, being a Farmer, and his Wife is Sister to my Printer, M^{r}. Joseph Brookland.

Some Years ago lived at Sunningwell an old Woman, one M^{rs}. Stephenson (I know not whether related to the farmer Stevenson), that lived to be six score and six Years old, as M^{r}. Brookland told me. She had her sight to the last, & lov'd carding and Spinning. She had a Son upwards of fourscore, who died before her, and she followed him to the Grave.

Feb. 21 (Mon.). The young Lord Brudenel of Queen's Coll., who hath not yet put on a Gown, catch'd a great Cold at the beginning of November last, by riding a-hunting one wet day, w^{ch} turn'd to a most violent Feaver, so that his Life was despair'd of for some time, he doing all his necessary Occasions under him for some days, & being for several days perfectly senseless, but, at last, by very great care & pains, & by the blessing of God, he recovered, & is now so well as to go abroad again, & is very chearfull.

M^{r}. Steer, a young Master of Arts of X^{t} Church, told me to-day that one M^{r}. Oldmixon is going to print the Antiquities of Somersetshire in 3 Volumes in folio, that he hath been about this Work eleven Years, that he hath got M^{r}. Palmer's Papers, w^{ch} are in many Volumes in MSS., that he is a Poët, was A.M. & Fellow of Magd. Coll., & great with M^{r}. Addison, that he hath printed several Things without his Name to them, one of which is an English Translation of the fine Latine Poem call'd Callipædia, or the Art of getting pretty Children, and another a Critical History upon Eachard. M^{r}. Steer said he design'd to take in what I have published upon Glastonbury, and that he mightily inquired after me. Quære about this Gentleman, whom I had never heard of before[1].

Feb. 22 (Tu.). Last Night began to be emptied Edmund-Hall Bog-House, w^{ch} no body that I know of remembers to have been emptied. Nor can I learn that it ever was emptied, there being a Spring that

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Feb. 22, 172$\frac{5}{6}$. E. Burton to H. (Rawl. 3. 183). [See Diary, Feb. 27, and H.'s letter to E. B. of March 15. On a blank sheet of this letter are two drafts in reply, which Hearne has struck through:—(1) 'As I remember, D^{r}. Mill's Collations of the Marbles are by no means to be rely'd on. 'Twas a Study quite out of his way. But 'tis now some Years since I have not had [*sic*]

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[1] NB. He is a vile republican.

conveys most of the Filth off. There was, indeed, occasion to have it mended, and that would have been sufficient [1].

Feb. 23 (Ashwed.). Mr. Upton, a Schoolmaster in the West of England, in wch Country he was born, was of Eaton School, and afterwards Fellow of King's Coll. in Cambridge. His Father was Gardiner to old Sir Philip Sydenham, Father to the present Sir Philip Sydenham. I am told his Father design'd him to be an Hostler, or for some mean Imployment, & was going towards London with that intent, when Sir Philip was carrying his Son to Eaton. Sir Philip, understanding his Mind, told him he should have some better business, viz. that he should be servant to his Son at Eaton School, wch accordingly he was, & so became a Scholar in the School himself, tho' many Years older than Sir Philipp's Son (I have heard it said he was 25 when he came to Eaton, wch, I suppose, is a mistake; it may be, he was so old when he went from it to King's), & grew a good Grammatical Scholar, & young Mr. Sydenham prov'd his true & great Friend. At length he became one of the Masters at Eaton, & marrying, was afterwards, as now, an Eminent Schoolmaster in the West, & was preferr'd to a Living by his Patron, the present Sir Philip Sydenham, to whom Mr. Upton had dedicated *Dionysius Halicarnass. de Structura Orationis.* Mr. Upton, who is a very good Scholar, hath also published Ascham's Schoolmaster, with Notes, but he hath altered the Language. He is upon an Edition of Hephæstion, wch Mr. Steers of Xt Church (who was his Scholar) told me last Night is to be a thin folio, at 20s. per Book, & that Mr. Upton shew'd him a printed Specimen of it this last Summer. Mr. Mattaire hath likewise a design to print Hephæstion. It should be a small Book, being but little it self.

Last Night, between 8 & 9 Clock, Mrs. Mary Johnson, wife of Mr. Richd Johnson, Mancipal of Edm. Hall, was brought to bed of a boy, being the fourth boy (& fourth Child) she hath had.

Feb. 24 (Th., St. Matthias). Yesterday the Latin Sermon, as usual, at St. Marie's before the determining Bachelours, was preach'd by Mr. Burton of Corpus Xti Coll., one of the Pro-Proctors.

Rochester, Febr. 11 (1725). Last Friday, at 4 in the Afternoon, very dreadful Claps of Thunder and Lightning happen'd at Chatham; and at Frensbury, 2 Miles from thence, a Flash of Lightning fell on the Steeple, part

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access to those Monuments, and you therefore write to a very improper person about them,' &c. (2) 'I am apt to think the last Letter I recd from you is wrong superscrib'd. For, instead of being directed (as, without doubt, you design'd) to a person that hath leisure and access to the Marbles you speak of, you direct to one that hath no access to them. In short, you know those who either view (or, at least, can view) them daily, and 'tis to such you ought to apply. As I remember, the Collations you mention are not to be rely'd on.']

Feb. 24, [1725]. **Sir A. Wescombe to H.** (Rawl. 11. 98). Has sent three guineas for Langtoft and John of Glastonbury. [Note by Hearne:—'Recd this Lettr, Febr. 25, 1725. Money pd, Febr. 26, 1725.']

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[1] They work'd but one Night, the Principal, upon consideration, ordering them to desist.

of Wood, set it on Fire, and endanger'd the Church. It also split in pieces the Mast of a Hulk, which is a large Vessel in the Harbor used for Rigging Ships of War, and burnt Part of it likewise.—*Reading Mercury* for Febr. 21, 1726.

NB. I find by my notes that there was much small Rain at Oxford that day, but no Storm.

Feb. 25 (Fri.). I have been inform'd that the same day, Febr. 4, was much Lightning and Thunder about Burford in Oxfordshire.

London, Feb. 17. John Anstis, Esq. (Son of John Anstis, Esq., Garter King at Arms), hath a Reversionary Grant of the said Office, and of Genealogist to the most Hon. Order of Knights of the Bath.—*Reading Mercury* for Febr. 21, 1726.

NB. This young Mr. Anstis is now Gent. Com. of Corpus Xti Coll., Oxon., where Mr. Burton is his Tutor. I happened yesterday to speak with an honest Gent. about this Reversion, & I said I was surpriz'd at it, not thinking that this young Gentleman's Father had had such Interest with the Whiggs as to obtain a Reversion himself, having been always esteem'd an high Tory. *Poh! Poh!* saith he, *you are mistaken in John Anstis. He hath two Faces. I heard he was about such a Contrivance, when he was here in Oxford to enter his Son. I hate your double faced Fellows. He hath an Oxford Face when he is in Oxford, & another elsewhere. When he was in Oxford, he shunn'd seeing some with whom he was formerly very intimate.*

Feb. 26 (Sat.). We learn also from the said Reading Mercury of the 21st of Febr., that there died there lately Sir Lorenzo Fettiplace, of Childrey in Berks., B., at his Seat at Swimbroke in Oxfordshire, and that he is succeeded in Honor and Estate by his Brother, now Sir George Fettiplace, Bar.

Yesterday I walk'd to Beckley, when I heard Farmer Tombes of that Place say that he is now seventy six Years of Age. He is a wonderfull hearty, lusty Man, and of great Discourse.

Feb. 27 (Sun.). Mr. Edward Burton writes me word from London, of Feb. 22 last, that Dr. Wilkins hath acquainted him with his design of Publishing a new Edition of the *Marmora Oxoniensia*, and that he has, to render it as perfect as he can, already got Dr. Mill's & Dr. Potter's book, wch they compared with the Stones, for the use of the late Mr. Grævius. He wants my Assistance. But I cannot give it. Dr. Mill was

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Feb. 25, 172⅝. J. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 117). Sends, by Mr. Fletcher, a MS. relating to Mortuaries, formerly belonging to Dr. Anthony Hall. [See Diary, March 4.] Has a modern MS. containing Greek tracts (specified): wants to know whether they are all printed. Mentions prices of books at Mr. Bridges' auction. [See Diary, March 5.] 'After the Auction I shall be with Mr. Clavel, Peter Le Neve, George Holmes, and John Murray, where we shall not fail to drink your health.'

Feb. 26, 172⅝. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 218). Thanks for five guineas received for John of Glastonbury. One of Sir Anthony Wescombe's subscriptions is for Sir John Stanley.

not versed in these Affairs. Those Collations are not to be rely'd on. There are Professors, Canons, & many other persons in Oxford, who have leisure and opportunity. Application should be made to them.

Yesterday was entered as a Servitour of Edm. Hall the Gentleman of Exeter College[1] that was lately hurt upon the Spikes in the Theater, in getting over the Wall of Exeter College.

Feb. 28 (Mon.). On Friday last, and Yesterday, I saw Mr. John Thompson, formerly Fellow of Queen's Coll., but now Minister of Maidenhead in Berks., & Rector of some Church in the Isle of Wight. He lives always at Maidenhead, where he is married. He told me he was come to Oxford in order to raise a Contribution for a Chappell at Maidenhead. I told him they had already a very good, strong Chappell. He said 'twas not big enough, and must therefore be pull'd down ; a poor, scandalous Thing, as I told him. If it be not big enough, cannot it be enlarg'd? Maidenhead is a Chappell of Ease to Bray & Cookham. This Thompson is a fat, lusty, proud Man, of but little Learning,

Mr. Willis being in Oxford, this day I delivered back to him, by his servant, two or three Papers relating to Glastonbury, viz. the Ichnography, the Kitchin, & an Extract out of Stukeley. I had recd them very lately, & I have made no use of them.

March 1 (Tu.). One Mr. Hooper, commonly called Dr. Hooper, was formerly Fellow of Magd. Coll., Oxon., but growing craz'd, he was outed, & had 30 libs. per an. allow'd him afterwards as long as he liv'd, after wch time he did not live in the College, but in the Gravel Walk near the College, being look'd after by a Sister, a single body, as he always was, that lived with him, whom he used to call Keeper. She was a very cross Creature, as bad as he was good. For I have heard several say that he was as honest a Man as ever lived. After he had left the College, he went without a Gown, and wore constantly a very long Coat, like your Frocks worn by Waggoners, & apply'd himself to Gardening, with wonderfull Success, digging himself with a Man that he constantly hired. He would carry his Spade upon his Shoulders, & work hard every working day. He would likewise prune, ingraft, & do other Things of that kind himself. He raised several Nurseries, & planted many Orchards, but he did all for

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March 1, 172⅝. Richard Forster [to H.?] (Rawl. 5. 85). 'At the beginning of the last week I receiv'd a most signal proof of yor charitable & friendly regard to me, by your good advice in order to my health, wch has a just Right to my most humble & gratefull acknowledgments, & I desire your favorable acceptance of my very hearty & humble thanks. My stomack & digestion has long been, & still is, good, I thank God, so that I have not scrupled to eat salt meats as they came in my way, nor drank my Liquors always warm, but henceforward I shall be more on the reserve. I have from my youth used to bathe my head with cold Water, the Vertues of wch have of late made so much noise in our own & other countries: &, indeed, it was a refreshing for a minute or two from the hot Itching in my head, but since I had yor Opinion that it was not proper to apply any cooling thing there, for

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[1] Philips.

nothing; for he would never take any Thing of any body whatsoever. 'Twas his constant practise to give away Trees, &c., but then he took care it should be only to the Poor, & such as were in want, not to others. Indeed, he was a man of very extraordinary Charity, and gave all he had away in that manner (for he had a small Estate) before he died. His Sister died two or three Years before him. I am told he died above 30 Years ago, and was buried in Magd. Coll. Chappel. He was near four score years of Age, a comely, neat, proper, upright Man, and beloved & respected by all sorts of people. He planted the Elms in the Gravel Walk by Magd. Coll.

March 2 (Wed.). Mr. Willis of Whaddon Hall, having been in Town 4 or 5 days (he came on Thursday last), went away Yesterday, in the Afternoon. He told me, and shew'd me a Copy of Dr. Wells's own Letter offering it, that Dr. Wells, about eight Years ago, voluntarily proposed and offered to give twenty Pounds towards building a Chappel at Fenny Stratford, viz. ten Pounds for the Case, and ten Pounds towards the Seats, but now he shuffles, and endeavours to get off this Promise & Offer.

He told me that Mr. Baker of Cambridge hath made his Will, & in it left to him (the said Mr. Willis) the two 8vo Books about Abbeys that he, the said Mr. Willis, published, in wch Mr. Baker hath made many MSS. Additions and Corrections, as, indeed, the Book is a strange faulty Book.

Mr. Willis is printing a 4to Book (& about 400 Pages are printed), being a History of the Province of York, giving an Account of the Bps, &c., of that Province. He desired me to write for him to the Bp of Man, Dr. Thomas Wilson, for an Account of the Bps of Sodor, their Burials, and Epitaphs, & of the Archdeacons of Man, with a Description of the Cathedral & Monuments in it before 1600. He told me he had himself writ to the Bp, but had not had an Answer. I know not well how to do this, having no other Business to write about.

Yesterday, in the Afternoon, New College great Bell went out for Capt. Hen. Thomas, Fellow of that College, who died, I think, in the Plantations, whither he went about a Year ago, having been there and in other Parts before. He had good Skill in Mathematicks & Navigation, & was look'd upon as a Man of Parts, but he was a violent Whig. He took the Degree of M.A., Dec. 15, 1711. Quære whether he was not once Captain of a Ship[1].

March 3 (Th.). Yesterday in the Afternoon, the Wife of Mr. Thomas Browne, Mancipal of Magd. Coll., was brought to bed in Holywell, where they live, of a Daughter, being her first Child.

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fear of increasing the Numnesse in the part affected, I have abstain'd from it. . . . I pray God to give me Successe in pursuing yor directions, & may he vouchsafe me grace to profit by the Affliction, be the event what he pleases.' Apologizes for a mistake in the transcript of the Petition. [The address to this letter is wanting.]

March 1, 172⅝. William Reading to H. (Rawl. 16. 52). [See Diary, April 2, 1727.]

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[1] See below, March 11th.

Lond., Feb. 22, 1725. Friday last (Febr. 18, 1725) the Reverend Dr. Wyat, one of the Canons of the Cathedral of Sarum, departed this Life in the 94th Year of his Age.—*Reading Mercury for Febr.* 28, $17\frac{25}{26}$.

NB. This Divine was a sober, learned Man, & was formerly Fellow of St. John's Coll., Oxon., where he was Tutor to the famous Dr. Edward Bernard. (See Dr. Thomas Smith's Life of Dr. Bernard, p. 6.) He took the Degree of Bach. of Div., Dec. 5, 1661, & that of D.D., June 23, 1666.

March 4 (Fri.). Last Night I recd from Mr. James West, now in London, a little 4to MS., in wch are *Miscellanea de Mortuariis, eorum Origine, naturâ, & progressu*, by Dr. Tho. Barlow, with some few Notes upon the same Subject at the Beginning by Sr Wm Dugdale. The 1st by Dr. Barlowe's, the latter by Sr Wm's own hand. He tells me it is at my service to print or make what use I will of it, but having not yet had time to read it, he begs that, as soon as I have done with it, I would send it back again. I soon had done with it. I run it over (& that is enough) without writing a word out of it.

March 5 (Sat.). Mr. West, in his Letter of the 25th of last Month, tells me Books at Mr. Bridges's Auction sell at extravagant Prices. Lambecius' Comment. in Bibl. Cæsaream 30l.; Grævius & Gronovius's Thes. at 57l.; Stephanus's Thesaurus 19l.; Debry's History of India 26l.; and that Morning Sigonius's Livy (large Paper, supposed to be the only Copy in England) at 35l. 10s. He says he hath bought several small books, and was then going to get the Lives of St. Bridget, St. Patrick, & St. Columb, which he happened to hear me mention.

March 6 (Sun.). One Shaw, Dr. of Physick, and Schoolmaster of Tamworth, sometime since published a Latin Syntax, and just now he hath published another 8vo Grammatical piece about the Heteroclites, in wch he hath a Letter to Dr. Robert Freind, Master of Westminster School, about some places of Horace. He seems to be an affected, bold, conceited Man. He despises old musty books and MSS. Remember to inquire about this Man, & of what University. I am told he was not of Oxford.

March 7 (Mon.). Mr. Willis told me t'other day that Dr. Stukeley, besides books in Antiquity, hath published three or four Books in his own Faculty, Physick, one of which is of Anatomy, wch is much commended, as he said, by Dr. Frewin, as having very nice and exact Cuts,

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March 6, [172$\frac{5}{6}$]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 10). Encloses copy of a letter from Queen Elizabeth to Frederick, king of Denmark, dated April 27, 1585, in which 'honorable mention' is made of Sir Thomas Bodley. Will send the maps shortly. [See Diary, April 9.] H. may take his own time with the Trinity College MS. Mr. Willis sent T. B. a specimen of his book: wishes he had printed it in folio. 'His design of a Chapel is a very good design. I am glad he meets with good encouragement at Oxford, but dare not promise him the like here.'

March 7, 172$\frac{5}{6}$. R. Mead to H. (Rawl. 15. 144). Sends, by his Nephew Rolleston, 8 guineas in acknowledgement of H.'s favours, and 12 guineas for

wch I could not but take notice of, the Dr. being look'd upon as but an indifferent Physician, a Thing wch Mr. Willis could not deny, saying he had some Skill, tho' he was far from being a topping or an eminent Physician.

London, Feb. 22, 172⅝. His Majesty having been pleas'd to grant a Commission to the Rt Hon. Talbot Yelverton, Earl of Essex, Deputy to his Grace the Duke of Norfolk, Hereditary Earl-Marshal of England, for creating the Hon. Grey Longueville, Esq., Hanover Herald, and Gloucester King of Arms, and Edmund Sawyer, Esq., Brunswick Herald of arms, the Ceremony was accordingly perform'd on Thursday last (Febr. 17), John Anstis, Esq., Garter King of Arms, administring the usual Oaths, the Heralds, Pursuivants, and other Officers of the College of Arms officiating in their several Capacities.—*Reading Mercury for Mond., Febr.* 28, 1726.

March 8 (Tu.). Dr. Thomas Barlowe, Bp of Lincoln, tho' a good Divine, yet was a very poor Preacher, as I [a] few days since heard old Mrs. Beisly, a widow Woman of St. Peter's in the East, Oxon., now seventy three Years old, say, she remembring him very well. K. Charles the IId made him Bp, by the endeavours of Sir Joseph Williamson, &c., wch Sir Joseph was an ungratefull Man, & neglected those that were equally as good Scholars, & men of much better Judgment, & far more Honesty. For, as for Barlowe, he was a Calvinistical, trimming Divine, and tho' a Man of great Reading, yet of but little Judgment.

Memorand. that this day I return'd back to London, by Godfrey the Waggoner, Mr. West his MS. about Mortuaries, in wch MS. are also some Things of Dr. Barlowe by way of Letter against Transubstantiation, wch I did not think it worth my while to read.

March 9 (Wed.). I was told yesterday that Mr. Xtoph. Bateman lately offered Sigonius's Livy, full as good as that in Mr. Bridges's Study sold for 35l. 10s., for half a Guinea, wch I do not wonder at, since I never look'd upon it to be worth even that Money, considering it hath been printed several times, & the Notes of Sigonius have been taken into other Editions over and over. Besides, Mr. Bridges's Copy was not the best Ed. of Sigonius. For his was printed at *Ven., per Ald. P. Manut.*, 1555, fol., whereas there was a more compleat one at Ven., apud Aldum nepotem, 1592, fol., in wch Sigonius's Scholia were enlarg'd, and a defence of some of them added against Glarean and Robortellus.

March 10 (Th.). The Assize Sermon before the Judges at Oxford was preach'd this day at St. Marie's by Mr. Spry, Fellow of Corpus Christi College.

On Tuesday last Mr. Browne of Univ. Coll. told me that their Master, Mr. Cockman, had writ a long Letter to him from London, where he is now in order to have Things quite terminated relating to the Mastership, in wch he gave him a very favourable Account. He had been with my Ld Chief Justice Raymond and Judge Tracy. Raymond, being too nearly concern'd, was not so open, but Tracy told him plainly how the Matter would go, signifying that he understood the Case now very clearly,

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subscriptions for John of Glastonbury. [Note by Hearne:—'Recd, March 11th, 1725. Answd then Morning.']

and the King's Right, as visitor, would be asserted, & that of the Heads & Doctors set aside as an Usurpation. He said they would pin Mr. Denison down, so as after he had put all he could into his Plea, he should not have room for a second Plea, so that by this we may gather the Issue will be speedy. So I understood from Mr. Browne.

March 11 (Fri.). Memorandum that Henry Thomas, Esq., mentioned above, pag. 43, did not die beyond Sea, but at London, at his Chambers in the Temple, of a Pleuretick Feaver, on Sunday, Febr. 27 last.

Dr. Cockman of Univ. Coll. told me this Afternoon that Sir Edward Filmer of East Sutton, near Maidstone in Kent, hath got a great Curiosity, being a Vellom. MS. giving an Account of all Q. Elizabeth's Favourites, a Thing, it seems, never printed.

March 12 (Sat.). Yesterday, as I was walking to Heddington, I met Mr. Browne of Univ. Coll. in St. Clement's, & having a little Discourse with him about their College Affairs, I told him Mr. Denison's Party were very confident that they should prevail, upon wch he said, in a little time they will find themselves very much mistaken. He said Dr. Shippen and some others (I suppose Dr. De Laune is one) are contriving that Denison's Charges may be all born by the University, under a Notion that he is defending the University Rights and Privileges. I said this was abominable; he is doing Mischief to the University, and, by maintain[in]g an usurped Power, he does what he can to ruin our Privileges, & the Convocation ought to protest against any such Thing as being at the Charges. 'True,' saith Mr. Browne, 'and the Masters ought to be appriz'd, that they may stand stiff against any such Proposal.'

March 13 (Sun.). Last Night Mr. Whiteside return'd from London, whither he went last Monday. He told me last Night that Fletcher Gyles, of London, Bookseller, hath bought the late Dr. Conant of Kiddlington's Books, and that he is going to print a Catalogue of them in order for a Sale.

March 14 (Mon.).

Lond., March 1 (172$\frac{5}{6}$). Last Friday (Febr. 25) died, of the Small-Pox, the Hon. Mrs. North, only Daughter to Francis North, Ld. Guilford, at his Lordship's House in Albemarl-street, aged 18.—(*Reading Mercury for Monday, March* 7, 1726.)

Mr. Baillardeau told me to-day of the Byzantine Historians being sold for 130 libs. in Mr. Bridges's Auction, & of another Set sold for the same Money. I remember two Setts sold for 30 libs.

March 15 (Tu.).

London, March 3 (1726). Dr. Welton, the Nonjuror, is order'd home by the Government from the English Church in Philadelpha. We hear that the

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March 15, 172$\frac{5}{6}$. H. to E. Burton (Diaries, III. 55). 'In Aug., 1720, you gave me a Coin of King Æthelstan's, found with many more in Ireland.

Reverend Mr. Archibald Cunnings, lately arriv'd from Gibralter, where he officiated as Chaplain to that Garrison for above three Years, is appointed by the Lord Bishop of London to be Minister of the said Church of Philadelpha, according to the Terms of his present Majesty his Warrant, granted in the third Year of his Reign, which we are inform'd continues the Salary of 50l. a Year formerly annexed to that Cure.—*Reading Merc. for March* 7, 1726.

March 16 (Wed.).

London, March 8th, 1726. Saturday last (March 5th) Evelyn Pierpont, Duke and Earl of Kingston, Marquess of Dorchester, Viscount Newark, and Baron Pierpont, of Holme Pierpont in the County of Nottingham, departed this Life at his House in Arlington Street, after a few Days' Illness, which proved to be a Mortification in the Bowels.

In 1706, Queen Ann made him a Marquess, and one of the Commissioners for treating of an Union with Scotland. In November, 1714, King George made him Warden and Chief Justice in Eyre of the Forrests, Parks, Chaces, and Warrens beyond Trent, and next Month Custos Rotulorum of the County of Wilts., and a Member of his most Honourable Privy Council. In Aug., 1715, he was made a Duke, and in December, 1716, Ld Privy-Seal, in wch Post he was succeeded some time after by the Duke of Kent. In 1719, his Majesty created him Ld President of the Council, and one of the Knights Companions of the most noble Order of the Garter; and next Year the Rt Hon. the Ld Viscount Townshend being made President of the Council, his Majesty restored the Duke to the Office of Ld Privy Seal, which he held till his Death.

He marry'd to his first Wife the Lady Mary Fielding, Daughter to William, Earl of Denbigh, and had by her 3 Daughters, *viz.* the Lady Mary, who is marry'd to Wortly Montague (Son and Heir of Sidney Wortly Montague, 2d Son of Edward, the 1st Earl of Sandwich); the Lady Evelyn, marry'd to John, Lord Gower; and the Lady Frances, marry'd to John, late Earl of Mar (and is now with him beyond Sea). His Grace had likewise an only Son, named William, who, dying in 1713, left Issue one Son and one Daughter; which Son is now Duke of Kingston, and is about 14 Years of Age. His Grace marry'd to his 2d Wife the Lady Elizabeth Armia Bentinck, Sister by the half Blood to Hen., now Duke of Portland, by whom he had 2 Daughters.—*Reading Mercury for Monday, March* 14, 1726.

March 17 (Th.). Yesterday Morning Balliol College Bell, and afterwards St. Marie's & some other Bells, rang out for Dr. Jos. Hunt, Master of Balliol College, who died on Monday Morning last (March 14) at Astrop Wells, where he hath been for some time with his Lady. He was about 48 Years of Age. He was a very handsome, comely, proper Man, and of a fresh & florid Complexion. But when he was an Undergraduate, he was very thin & consumptive, & 'twas thought he could not get it off, but he recovered, grew plump and lusty, and so continued 'till he marry'd, when he became Head of the College, a young, brisk, buxome, but very good natured Woman, a natural Daughter of the late Duke of Buckingham's, a matter of twenty Years younger than himself, by whom

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From these Coins you suggested that Ireland was conquered by the English Kings long before H. II time. I know not your reasons, but, it seems, Keder (whose Book I have not) hath asserted the same, as you then told me.' Being debarred the Library, is unable to examine the stones E. B. speaks of. 'But here are many of *the Sons of our Common Alma Mater* (to use your own words), such as Professors, Canons, &c., that have both leisure and opportunity.'

he hath one Child, and 'tis said she is breeding again. She proved a good Wife to him, tho' it had been more prudent in him, & more for his health, had he abstain'd from Matrimony. The Dr. was a good natur'd Man, & many Years since he publish'd in Gr. Lat. at the Theater, in 8vo, Theodosii Sphærica.

March 18 (Fri.).

London, March 10, 1726. The Right Honourable the Lord Trevor is appointed Keeper of the Privy-Seal, in the Room of the Duke of Kingston, deceas'd.—*Reading Mercury for Monday, March* 14, 1726.

Yesterday Morning Mr. Thelwall, Principal of Jesus College, was presented to the Degree of Dr. of Div. in a Congregation held at nine Clock.

On Wedn. last, in the Afternoon, being March 16, I delivered to the Northampton Carrier an old MS. that had been lent me for a Quarter of a Year, I having recd it on Dec. 16 last by the same Carrier, by the Interest of my Friend, Mr. Baker, out of Trinity College Library in Cambridge. I paid the Carriage, & directed it for Mr. Baker, who will deliver it to Mr. Tho. Parne, Fellow & Librarian of Trin. Coll., who delivered it to Mr. Baker. It contains Will. of Malmsb. & Adam de Domerham de Antiq. Eccl. Glaston., & many other Things upon that Subject. Domerham, never printed, I have transcrib'd at large, & compared Malmsb. with Dr. Gale's Ed., wch is very faulty, & I have also transcrib'd many of the other Things in the MS.

March 19 (Sat.). Mr. Whiteside told me on Thursday Morning last that, when he was last in London, Mr. Rowley, a Mathematical Instrument Maker, told him and Mr. James Joye of a MS. of Cornwall, written by Mr. Scawen, an eminent Lawyer, and a Cornish Gentleman, and a good Antiquary, in ii Parts. The present Mr. Scawen, of Cashalton in Surrey, hath one part, and the other was lent by him to Mr. Stonystreet, who died some time since (perhaps a Year ago). Mr. Joye hath promised, if he can procure it, that I shall have both parts of this MS., if the other part can be retriev'd, to do with them as I please.

March 20 (Sun.). Dr. Hunt was buried, I hear, according to his own desire, in the Church of King-Sutton, in wch Parish Astrop is situated, on Friday night last.

On Thursday last (March 17) John Russell, who bought Major's Place, sold it, and quitted it again for an hundred and sixty three Pounds, I am told, to one Pemberton[1], that came from London, and is Brother to that proud Creature, Mrs. (often call'd Madam) Hardyng, Wife of Hardyng,

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March 19, 172⅝. **R. Richardson to H.** (Rawl. 9. 34). [See Diary, March 23.]

March 19, 172⅝. **T. Ward to H.** (Rawl. 11. 43). Hopes his last parcel came safe. Will send another when he hears from H. Will be obliged with an account of Rouse's MS. History of the Earls of Warwick.

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[1] 'Tis true.

the Porter of New College. I was told at the same time that Russell, besides the seven score Pounds he had given to Major, gave fifteen Pounds extraordinary to some body else, I think the Vice-Chancellour's Man. These are sad Rogueries, to the Scandal of the University, that such Places should be sold at extravagant Rates, & exorbitant Fees afterwards demanded of Scholars, as is the Practice, quite contrary to the Statutes & to the Table of Fees, where the University Clerk or Keeper of the Schools' Fees are fix'd, as well as those of the Beadles, &c.

March 21 (Mon.). The said John Russell now lives again with his Master, Dr. Butler, President of Magdalen College, who, it seems, is very kind to him, and I am inform'd 'tis a very beneficial Place, & I suppose he exspects some College Place from the Dr., when any that shall be judg'd suitable falls, tho' Russell is but a silly, prating Fellow, and of little Conduct.

On Saturday Night last (March 19) died the Widow Clarke, of St. Peter's in the Baily, aged eighty two, Mother in Law to one Mrs. Field, wife of John Field, a Farrier, by Worcester College. This Mrs. Field was her daughter by a Former Husband, one Love. This widow was a hearty Woman, without Sickness, & she went off suddenly, without any Distemper but Age.

March 22 (Tu.). On Monday Night, Febr. 14, 1725, I recd from Mr. Ward, of Longbridge, near Warwick, the following Books, wch he lends me to peruse.

[Here follow the titles, and a few notes, of 28 printed books and manuscript pieces relating to English history.]

March 23 (Wed.). On Monday last, March 21, was christened in Holywell Church the Daughter of Mr. Thomas Browne & his Wife, Mrs. Dorothy Browne, whose Maiden Name was Dandridge, of that Parish, wch Tho. Browne is Mancipal of Magd. Coll. The Christening was splendid and chargeable, as if they had been persons of Quality, such is the Vanity of these poor, upstart, conceited People.

On Monday last Dr. Cockman of University Coll., in Company of Mr. Nevile & Mr. Browne of that College, told me that Dr. Bouchier, as well as others, are devillishly nettled and confounded at what they are doing in Westminster Hall about their Mastership, and that Bouchier now begins to call Denison his *Brother Denison*, and not *Master* as before.

My Friend, Dr. Richard Richardson, of North Bierley in Yorkshire, informs me, by Letter from thence, March 19th, 172⅝, that he wrote, immediately after he had recd my Letter of Jan. 1 last, to a Friend at Leedes, in order to get the best information he could of Mr. Thoresby's Muséum, & how it was to be disposed of, but his two Sons, who are both Clergymen, & setled in the South, were then come to no resolution about them. He wrote a second & third time, but could get no satisfactory account to send me. He had orders from a Gentleman in Cheshire to have bought a great number of his printed Bookes; but a few dayes agoe

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March 22, 172⅝. R. Furney to H. (Rawl. 14. 142). [See Diary, April 6.

he had a Letter from Leeds, which brings him an account that Mr. Thoresby's eldest son, (who, he perceives, has the disposall of the Muséum & Bookes) was then at Leedes, and had packt up all, in order to remove them into the South, but whether to London or to his living, he can not informe me. The most valuable part of his Collection, (viz.) His Medals & Bookes, belong'd to Tho., Ld Fairfax, wch Mr. Thoresby's father purchased, who was then a curiouse person, & made considerable additions to it before it came into the hands of his son. The Dr. tells me I shall find every thing that is valuable in his Muséum printed either in the Philo. Tran. or else in his Ducatus Leodiensis. *It is very probable*, he says, *I may still get a sight of his Collection.* If he had known that I had desired an Account, as I told him I had in my last, of any of his MSS., he is sure he could have prevailed upon him to have obliged me.

The Dr., in the same Letter, says the Præcentor of Yorke is his relation, & a man of good learning; he will be a very fitt person to apply to about Eccleston's History *de adventu fratrum minorum in Angliam. I wil write to him*, says the Dr., *the next weeke, & the account of it, wch I know he wil not faile to give me, shall be sent you.*

March 24 (Th.). Last Night Dr. Cockman told me and Mr. Whiteside that some time since being with the Recorder of Oxford (Serjeant Skinner), who, with Serjeant Hawkins, &c., are Mr. Denison's Counsel, he ask'd the Recorder what is the meaning that the Affair of University College is so delay'd, & such Shiftings us'd, when he (the Serjeant) knew very well that what Denison & his Party alledg'd is very trifling, and that Mr. Cockman's Right is very plain & notorious. The Recorder could not but acknowledge this to be true, but he said one Man was the occasion of not terminating Matters, meaning Dr. Shippen, who I find now by Dr. Cockman is for bringing it to Convocation, whereas formerly in Usher's Case old Bouchier & others were wholly against the Power of the Convocation, where, if it had been brought thither, Mr. Usher would certainly have been righted. Thus can these Men act forwards & backwards, just as they please, for their poor, secular, wicked Ends.

March 25 (Fri.), 1726. This Lent they have put up at the Theater a very fine Organ, much the finest (as the best Judges say) in Oxford, in

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March 24, 172⅝. J. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 118). [For part of this letter, see Diary, April 1.] 'Looking into Mr. Bridges' copy of the Athenæ Oxonienses, which he purchased out of Dr. Charlett's Collection, I found the following Note, wrote by Dr. Tanner, which to fill up a Vacant Page I here send You: "Memorandum that Mr. Anthony a Wood told Mr. Martin several times before his Sickness that he intended to receive the Sacrament att his hands in the Church of Witham the following Xmas. That during his Sickness he was almost constantly attended by Mr. Martin, Mr. Biss, &c., who can certifye that he always desired the Church of England's Prayers, which he had Constantly read to him twice a day for the last week of his Sickness. That he desired the Sacrament to be given him by Mr. Martin; that he himself particularly ordered that it should be inserted in his Will, which was made three or four dayes before his Death, that he died in the Communion of the Church of England, as by Law Established; that there was no Papist or Reputed Papist that visited him during his last Sickness.—Tho. Tanner, D.D."'

room of that wch was a Year since remov'd from thence to St. Peter's in the East.

Tho' Mr. Crosse, the Apothecary, of Oxford, who died many Years since, and was Founder of the Hospital at Amphthill in Bedfordshire, and had been one of Bp Fell's Executors, hath generally the Character of having been a very charitable & a good Man, yet the Widow Clark, who lives in the Turl, and was related to him, and is a good sort of Woman, assured me yesterday that he was far from being kind to his poor Relations, leaving her just nothing, whereas he had enough to have left a Benevolence to them, without prejudicing his other Designs at all.

March 26 (Sat.). Yesterday, in the Afternoon, Mr. Graves of Mickleton came to Oxford, and went at four Clock this Morning to London. I spent the Evening last Night with him and Mr. Whiteside. Mr. Graves said that Mr. Beaton's Map of Warwickshire will now come out in a little time. He commends it mightily, as a most accurate Thing. This Beaton writes *The Lady's Diary*, an *Almanack*, that comes out every Year. This Beaton hath a Mathematical Head. It seems, he condemns all the Mapps that ever were done of all or any Parts of England, as full of Faults. I guess him from hence to be a conceited, vain Man.

Mr. Graves told me that Mr. Thomas, who is setting out a new Edition of Dugdale's Warwickshire, makes bitter Complaints of the Roguery of the Booksellers, who manage Things as they please with respect to the printing the Book. Why did he imploy Booksellers, and not reserve it to himself?

Yesterday Mr. Richd Johnson Mancipal of Edmund Hall's Child was Christened, by the Name of John. Godfathers, Mr. Appleby, the Chandler, & Mr. Alderman Boyce. Godmother, Mrs. Clarke, wife of Mr. Clarke, an Oxford Brewer.

March 27 (Sun.). About the same time that Dr. Hunt died, Mr. John Wills died also (I am told 'twas the day after), formerly Fellow of Balliol College, where he was married some time before he left his Fellowship, and had a boy and a Girl, the boy being now A. B. of that College. This Mr. Wills took the Degree of M.A., June 23, 1701. He died of the Gout in the Stomack. He was a proud, conceited Man. He had a mighty mind to be head of Balliol College, & he was mightily talk'd of to be Dr. Hunt's Successor, when Dr. Hunt was in his declining Condition.

Mr. Baker writes me word, in a Letter of the 23d inst., that that day, being Wedn., he recd by the Carrier their Trin. Coll. MS., & that he hath burnt my Receit for the MS., viz. Will. of Malmsbury, &c.

I mention'd to him *Radulphus Niger* in Trin. Coll. Libr. also. I had never seen this Author, & wanted to know whether there be any thing remarkable in him not publish'd. He tells me he had the MS. then by him. It contains only the Reign of King John, & the 2 first years of Hen. 3d, under this Title: *De gestis tempore Regis Jhonis, Fratris Ricardi Regis, sc. ab anno gracie* MCIXIX [*sic*] *usque ad an. Regni Regis H. filii ejusdem* ii, the same that is quoted by Pits, beginning thus, *victoriosissimo Anglorum Rege Ricardo,* &c., but does not answere the large Character he gives of the Author, being a trite thing. It is in a very

modern hand, & was given to the College by Dr. Nevile, Master thereof in the Reigns of Qu. Eliz. & King James, & may be about the same age, or not much older, &, what is yet worse, the Leaves (by an unskilfull Binder) are cut in some places within the Margin, so that it is an imperfect Book, & of little use, & not worth my perusal. Were it worth the while, Mr. Baker says I might freely have the use of it from Mr. Parne.

March 28 (Mon.). Last Night I was told by Mr. Whiteside that some day last Week died Dr. Daniel Whitby, Chantor of Salisbury. He was elected Scholar of Trinity Coll., Oxon., on June 13th, 1655, aged 17 Years, as we are told in the 2d or spurious Ed. of *Athenæ Oxon.*, Vol. ii, col. 1068. He was a great Writer against the Papists, &c., & was always a very hard Student, but he was a muddy headed Man, & of but odd, latitudinarian Principles. His Annotations on the New Testament, in ii Vols., fol., were much commended by Dr. Gilbert Burnet, as they have been by some others of the same opinion with Burnet, but they are not much esteem'd by true orthodox Men.

Last Saturday died Mr. Bannister, an Apothecary of St. Michael's in Oxford, hardly fourty Years old. He was a very hard Drinker, wch is what kill'd him. His first Wife was Mrs. Mary Sherwin, the youngest Daughter of the late Mr. Wm Sherwin, one of our Oxford Yeoman Beadles. She was a pretty Woman, but died, being hardly 21 Years old, many Years ago, soon after she was married, just after she had been delivered of her first Child, of the small Pox, the Child dying then also. After this Mr. Bannister, who had good business in his Trade, married a second wife, with whom I hear he had about 2000 libs. (as he had 500 libs. by his first), by whom he had two Children.

On Wednesday last (March 23d) died Mr. Carter, a Butcher at Foxcomb-Hill, where he sold Ale also, but the Ale Trade was carried on chiefly by his wife, who had had two husbands before, viz. one Viner, by whom she had two Sons, now living, after whose death she married one Bright, by whom she had one Son, now living, tho' the common saying is that the true Father of this Son was the late young Mr. Baskerville, to whom it is very like. By Carter, a Dorsetshire Man, and a strong, lusty Man, she had no Children. He died, having been married to her many Years, in the fifty first Year of his Age, & was buried in Sunningwell Church Yard, as he desired, tho' Foxcomb be in Cumnore Parish. He was at Oxford Market on Saturd., March 12th, at Abbington Market on Mond., March 14th (for he kept both these Markets), fell very ill on Sunday, March 20 (having been out of order before), made his Will on Mond., March 21, & died on the day mentioned, as 'tis said, of hard drinking.

March 29 (Tu.). An Advertisement is printed, signifying that on Saturday next, being the 2d of April, a new Organ will be open'd in the Parish-Church of St. Hellen, Abingdon, on which Occasion an Anthem will be sung by several Gentlemen of Oxford, and after [the] Sermon will be a very good Ordinary at the White-Hart Inn for half a Crown each Person.

In Mr. Dodwell's Epistolary Discourse about the Soul, is a short Discourse concerning Sacerdotal Absolution: whereby the Independent Rights of the Church, and the Necessity of avoiding Schism, are briefly

cleared. By Mr. Dodwell also. The Ep. Disc. was printed in 1706, & afterwards came out another more correct Edition. The said short Discourse conc. Sacerdotal Abs., I find, was sold by it self in 1707, price 2d., supernumerary Copies being printed off.

In the year 1707 came out at Lond., in 8vo, *Christ's Prayer upon the Crosse for his Enemies: Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.* By Sr John Hayward, Kt, late Dr. of Lawes. Revis'd by Dr. George Hickes, with his Preface. Pr. for Sam Keble and Will Keble, for whom was also printed Mr. Dodwell's little Discourse of Sacerdotal Absolution.

March 31 (Th.). Mr. Denison & his party have put in a Plea against Mr. Cockman, wch I saw on Tuesday last. They say that Mr. Cockman was not elected according to the Form and Customs of the College; that, setting aside K. Alfred, the College was of a very old Erection, and enjoy'd divers Privileges, wch had been confirm'd by Royal Authority; that it was call'd by divers Names, sometimes by that of the Master & Scholars of Great University Hall, sometimes of the Master, Scholars, & Fellows of Great Univ. Hall, & sometimes of the Master, Scholars, & Fellows of the College of Great University Hall, till Febr. 9, anno 15 Eliz., when they were incorporated, & had a Charter by the Name of the Master & Fellows of University College, wch Title they have enjoy'd ever since. That the Chancellor, Masters, & Scholars of the University of Oxford us'd to visit them (either *per se*, or *per suos delegatos*), 'till such time as the said Chancellor, Masters, & Scholars, by an Instrument, not now exstant, delegated all Drs. of Divinity, & such as have procuratorial Office, resident in the University, to be perpetual Visitors. A Plea wch is so very frivolous & silly, that I can hardly think that it will appear of any manner of Validity in Westminster Hall. As I remember, 'twas sign'd by Serjeant Hawkins, & nobody else, but 'twas only a Copy that I saw.

April 1 (Fri.). Mr. West of Balliol College told me, in a Letter from Lond. of March 24th last, that that day ended the Sale of Books and Prints of the late Mr. Bridges. The three MSS. at the end were sold to the following Persons: Lucian (being the greater part of him, in uncial Letters, about 800 Years old) to my Lord Oxford for fourty Guineas; Horace, Juvenal, & Persius, neatly writ in Vellum, to Walter Clavel, Esq., for 15 Guineas; and Hen. VII's Missal to the Speaker of the House of Commons for thirty Guineas. He says the Book of Coins from Q. Elizabeth to the Commonwealth, which occurs in the Catalogue, p. 171, num. 3702, was sold for three Pounds and a Shilling to the Duke of Devonshire. This is a great Bite, it being only some Coins jumbled together (the first of wch is one of H. VIII, & there is but one, and no[t] one of K. Edw. VI nor Q. Mary), that Mr. Whiteside borrowed of Mr.

March 30, 1726. H. to R. Mead (Diaries, III. 89). Inquiries about a MS. History of Taxes in the Cotton Library, said to be in Leland's handwriting. [See Diary, April 11.]

[*c.* **March, 1726.**] **T. Baker to H.** (Rawl. 23. 30). Sends the maps of Oxford and Cambridge, which he hopes H. will find worth acceptance. [See Diary, April 9.]

Nash of Wadham College, & had some few Copies wrought off, & he gave me one, & since Mr. Whiteside heard that this little Thing sold so extravagantly he hath got the Plates of Nash again, in order to have more wrought off. There is also a little Book of some forreign modern Coins, wrought off also from Plates, that Mr. Whiteside had of Mr. Nash, wch I have likewise.

Mr. West, in the same Letter, says he hath lately met with a small Collection of Original Letters of my Ld Clarendon.

Mr. West says he bought a pretty great Rarity at Mr. Bridges's Auction, intitled, *the true Portraictures of the Kings and Queens of England from the Conquerour to Q. Elizabeth, with MSS. additions and Remarks by Mr. Lambard*, who wrote the Perambulation of Kent, and had, the day before the date of his Letter, brought him a fine, perfect Copy of *Boëcius de Consolatione*, translated by John Waltown, Canon of Osney, and emprynted at Tavestock in Denshire. He hath likewise the Lives of St. Thomas Cantilupe & the Lady Warner, and a MS. imperfect Chronicle of England, wch he lately purchased.

April 2 (Sat.). Yesterday, about three Clock in the Afternoon, fell down the Tower of St. Peter's Church in the Bailly, Oxon., & beat down the Church with it, especially all the North part, leaving only part of the Walls of the South Side, & all the East walls of the Chancell, wch Chancell, at least the East part of it, had been repair'd, or, indeed, rather rebuilt, within these 30 Years, by Contributions, rais'd chiefly from Scholars, but as for the whole Church it self, I take it to be the same mentioned by me lately in my notes to Guil. Neubrigensis, from an old MS. Chronicle. In wch Notes, pag. 710, is this Remark: MCXIIII. *Hîc fuit fundata nova ecclesia Sancti Petri Oxon.* This was in the xvth Year of K. Hen. I. They have exspected the Tower to fall for some Years, and 'tis pity, therefore, that, since 'twas very plain it could not stand long, they had not pull'd it down, by wch many Things would have been saved. The Tower stood in the Middle of the Church.

April 3 (Sun.). Mr. Thomas Myn, the Joyner, of whose death I have formerly given an Account, having by Will left his Wife all that he had, tho' with some condition, that what she brought should, upon her Death, go to her Relations, & what he brought, upon her Death, should go to his Relations, the said Thomas Myn's Brother, John Myn, and his two Sisters, Susan and Hesther Myn, were so exasperated hereat, being not willing to wait, that they were resolved to have it before her Death, & thereupon John Myn forced her to law, & took possession of a House that Thomas Myn had built before his Death, by Magd. Parish Church, pretending 'twas his by Inheritance. But the matter was determin'd in Chancery in favour of the Widow Myn, & on Friday last, by virtue of the Determination, the Widow took Possession of ye said House herself, & plac'd five Men in the House, to keep it for her, when she came away in the Evening. John Myn happened not to be in the House when the Widow took possession, it being suppos'd that he was kept away from coming; but his Wife having two Pistols, both loaded with four Bullets each, she attempted to fire them, either at the Widow, or some body else, but, as Providence would, neither went off.

Next Morning, being Saturday, at one Clock, John Myn gets privately into the House, with another Man, I hear, coming over the wall somewhere by the Beaumonts, & blowing out the Candle that was in the Room, he stabb'd one Hastings, that was formerly a Souldier, but now a poor Oxford labourer, whose wife & children are living, under the left Pap, quite into the Heart, with a dagger, that he died immediately in a minute, & then he stabb'd with the same dagger another, one Taylour, a labourer also, an honest Man, who hath four Children, but his wife hath been dead about seven Years, under the Belly, & wounded him elsewhere, but 'tis thought he will recover. Upon this the other 3 run away, as did also John Myn himself, nor is John yet found, tho' I do not doubt but he will in a little time, & 'tis hop'd he will have a due Reward for this Barbarous, horrid Murder. His Wife was apprehended & committed to Goal Yesterday.

April 4 (Mon.). The Jury upon the Coroner's Inquest, on Saturday, brought in John Myn's killing Hastings to be wilfull Murder.

Last Saturday Night, about nine Clock, happened a Fire at the Mitre Inn in Al-hallows' Parish in Oxford, occasioned by a Candle in the Stables without a Lantern. It burnt vehemently, but great Assistance coming in, and the Engine playing well, & the Wind being very still, it was exstinguished, without doing much damage besides burning the Stables.

April 5 (Tu.). Yesterday call'd upon me one Mr. David Scot, so he told me his Name was, with a Letter from a Nonjuring Clergyman, Mr. John Lindsay, who is putting out a new Ed. of *Mason's Vindiciæ Eccl. Angl.* This Mr. Scot (a young, handsome Gentleman) is employ'd to collect Subscriptions for Printing a Compleat History, in Folio, of the Kings of Scotland and Great-Britain, from the Year of the World 3619 to the Year of Christ 1720. It will make one Vol. of 160 Sheets, in wch will be Figures of the Kings, & other Embellishments. It will be in 8 Books; the first 5 will be a faithfull Translation of the History of Hector Boetius, illustrated by the most approved ancient and modern Authors. The last 3 will be a continued History of Scotland, collected from the Manuscripts, Memoirs, & Registers of several impartial Writers. Neither Mr. Lindsay's Letter nor the printed Proposals declare who is the Author. Neither would Mr. Scot tell me himself. No more is declared in the Proposals than that 'tis all *faithfully translated, collected, and digested by an impartial Hand.* I was told sometime since of such a design by Mr. Anderson, who is a presbyterian. But Mr. Scot insinuated that this is not his, & he said that Mr. Anderson is a partial Writer. Yet I know not what to think. He told me he would call upon me again before he goes back to London, wch will be this Week. As the Author conceals his Name, so I cannot tell how to give any Character at all of the work to Gentlemen, who certainly will, and very justly too, inquire after that.

Mr. Scot told me Mr. Oconner's Translation of Dr. Keting's History of Ireland is a most horrid, silly Performance, that Oconner is a most sad Blockhead, & wholly ignorant of all Learning, that he knows nothing of the old Irish History or Language, &, indeed, that he is altogether

unqualify'd for any such Undertaking. He added, that his Translation was really done by one Dr. Raymond, an Irish clergyman, to whom Oconner was servant, and that this Oconner stole it from his said Master, who afterwds came over to England with a design to print all truly at London, but that he died there before he could bring Matters about. Oconner, it seems, hath been in prison, & his nose is eat off with the Pox, wch he got by having two Wives together, both, it seems, still living. This Oconner, therefore, by what I learn, is an horrid Villain.

April 6 (Wed.). Mr. Furney, in a Letter dated from Chelsea, March 22, $172\frac{5}{6}$, upon my writing to him about Selburne Priory in Hampshire, writes to me thus, being all the Answer he said he could return to mine :—

The Priory of Selburne is not expressed among the Religious Houses in Hampshire, whose Valuation was taken in 1534. In the Register of Bp Beaufort, under this Title, Taxatio bonorum Temporalium Religiosorum in Archidiaconatu Winton., 'tis said,

Prior de Selborne habet Maneria

Bromdene	1 · 16 · 2
Apud Shete	0 · 17 · 0
Selebourne	6 · 0 · 0
In Civitate Winton. de Redditu	6 · 8 · 0
Tannaria sua taxatur ad	2 · 0 · 00
In Toto	38 · 14 · $0\frac{1}{2}$
Decimæ	2 · 16 · $1\frac{1}{2}$

There are great Blunders (says Mr. Furney) in casting up the Sums, which I can by no means answer for. I think they are so in the Original. Tho' I transcribed this in great hast, I believe I have omitted nothing; and, were I not at so considerable a distance, would have examined into those particulars. But I desire you will not depend upon this account till you have it better confirmed. In the Register of Bp Orleton 'tis said, Prioratus Selborn est de advocatione Episcopi Winton. In the Register of Bp Edingdon, Num. 2, is Commissio ad procedendum contra Edmundum, Priorem de Seleborne, de dilapidatione delatum et suspensum. Granted by the Bp in 1359.

I writ to Mr. Furney at the same time about Basingstoke Hospital in the same letter, upon wch he writes in the same Answer :—

I cannot give you any Information concerning Basingstoke Hospital. Mr. Warton, late Fellow of Magdalen Colledge, and now Poetry Professor of the University, is Vicar of the place, & is the most likely man to enquire of.

NB. Mr. Warton was the Man that consulted me, but I could give him no Account, & therefore I applied to Mr. Furney.

April 7 (Th.). I was told last Night by Mr. Whiteside, and I suppose 'tis what others think and say also, that Sir Isaack Newton took his famous Book call'd *Principia Mathematica*, another Edition whereof is just come out, from Hints given him by the late Dr. Hook (many of whose Papers cannot now be found), as well as from others that he receiv'd from Sir Christopher Wren, both of wch were equally as great Men as Sir Isaack, who, by the way, understands not one bit of Classical Learning, nor can he, as I hear, write Latin, but is beholden to others to do that for him, altho' his Books be only Mathematical Latin.

April 8 (Fri.). On the 31st of July, 1724, as I have noted in pag. 72 of Vol. 104, went from Oxford into his native Country, Devonshire, my Friend, Mr. Dyer of Oriel College, where he hath continued ever since, but he hath not relinquished his Fellowship. At the same time went with him Mrs. Alice Welles of Oxford, a comely maiden Body of about fifty Years of Age. She was born and lived all her time 'till then in Oxford. She is since married to Mr. Dyer, and they own their Marriage, and she hath continued to live with him (ever since she went from Oxford) in Devonshire. She was never married before.

This day I writ a Letter to Dr. Richard Richardson, of North Bierly in Yorkshire, in answer to one from him of the 19th of last Month. Among other Things in my Letter is this Passage, viz.

I have lately seen *The Works of Walter Moyle, Esq.*, in ii Volumes, 8vo. The Author, I find, was a Latitudinarian. I never hardly met with a more confident Writer. There is a Letter (amongst the several Pieces) of Mr. Dodwell's about *Lucian's Philopatris*, but 'tis not only most faultily printed, but many material Things are omitted, and others transpos'd. Mr. Moyle hath spoke very contemptuously of some of the greatest Men, as well ancient as modern. He hath aspers'd the Clergy and their Friends, and endeavour'd to do disservice to Religion. His Criticisms are bold, but often wrong. His Papers had better been conceal'd, at least most of them. Mr. Moyle lov'd to have the last word, however in the wrong. This appears from what he writ against Mr. Richard King, with respect to the Thundering Legion. Mr. King had much the better of the Argument, Truth being on his side, tho' Mr. Moyle would not yield.

April 9 (Sat.). Mr. Baker of Cambridge hath lately given me two great Curiosities, viz. the two old Maps, done in Queen Elizabeth's time, of Oxford and Cambridge, but they are both much shattered. In Braunius's *Civitates Orbis Terrarum*, printed in several Books, at several times an. MDXCIII, &c., are Maps of Oxford and Cambridge, wch I have often seen. The Map there of Cambridge, Mr. Baker says, seems to be a good one, and much the same with that wch he gave me. That of Oxford, he says, seems not so well done; but he says I can judge best. Indeed, as I remember, that of Oxford is wretched. Mr. Bagford and I us'd often to laugh at it.

April 10 (Easter Sun.). Above a Week since died the Reverend Mr. William Reeves, Vicar of St. Marie's in Reading, and, I am told, he was buried Yesterday was Sennight. He was a very worthy, learned Man, and, among other Things, translated into English, and published with usefull Notes, the ancient Apologists for the Christian Religion, in 2 Volumes, 8vo, a Work wch hath [done] and will do good service to Religion, notwithstanding the Efforts of all her Adversaries, such as Atheists, Deists, Latitudinarians, &c. Such a latitudinarian Writer was the late Walter Moyle, Esq., as appears from his Posthumous Works, newly published in 2 Volumes, 8vo, a very vile Performance.

April 11 (Mon.). There was lately printed and published at London an Anonymous Book, intit., *The Royal Treasury of England: or, An*

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Historical Account of all Taxes, under what Denomination soever, from the Conquest to this present Year; Lond., 1725, 8°. It consists of 372 Pages, besides a long Preface. The Author, whoever he was (he seems to be a Roman Catholick), makes much use of a MS. Tract in the Cotton Library, wch, he tells us in pag. 5, is intit., *Impositions and Taxes on the State, gather'd out of Monkish Registers and Stories, from the Conquest to* Henry *the* 7th, *and is* (as he says) *of the Hand of the famous Antiquary*, Leland; Cleopatra, F. 6, Fo. 145. Accordingly, he quotes it as Leland's all along. This is a new discovery. Neither Dr. Thomas Smith, nor Ant. à Wood, nor any one else that I know, ever observ'd or noted before that 'tis Leland's, and yet they were very well acquainted with & knew Leland's Hand. Nor, indeed, can I believe it to be his. Having never been at London, I cannot now judge my self of the Hand. But I have writ about it to Dr. Mead, who hath not as yet return'd me any Answer. The Author of this MS. Tract cites more than once a MS. in the Hands of John Savil, who seems to be too late for Leland, who dyed, April 18, 1552, whereas this John Savile, being, as I take it, elder Brother to Sir Hen. Savile, became a Commoner of Brazen-Nose Coll. about 1561, & consequently must have been too young, even when Leland dyed, much more before, to have had the Custody of MSS. This MS. Tract also often quotes Things out of John Everesden, an Author not accounted for by Leland in his Book *de Scriptorib.*, unless he be the same with his *Johannes Burgensis*, or *Buryensis*. Again, this MS. Tract quotes the very lines of Mat. Paris, by wch it seems to refer to a printed Book, but then that Author was not published till 1571, wch was many Years after Leland's Death.

Yesterday Dr. Felton, Principal of Edmund Hall, preach'd and administred the Sacrament in the Chappel of that Hall.

Last Sunday Night dyed the other poor Man (one Taylour) that John Myn lately stabb'd. This poor Man made Affidavit some days since that Myn was the Man that stabb'd him, tho' he said he could not be positive that he was the person that kill'd Hastings.

April 12 (Tu.). Dr. Rich. Newton, Principal of Hart-Hall, hath just printed & published a Book of his own writing, intitled, *University Education: or, an Explication and Amendment of the Statute which, under a Penalty insufficient and eluded, prohibits the Admission of Scholars going from one Society to another without the Leave of their respective Governors, or of their Chancellor, humbly propos'd to the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Oxford, as a Means necessary to the good Education of Youth in the said University; on occasion of the late irregular Admission of William Seaman, Commoner of Hart-Hall, into Oriel College. By R. Newton, D.D., Principal of Hart-Hall; Lond.*, 1726, 8°. This Book, wch consists of 207 Pages, besides the Preface, is a most wretched, silly, trifling Thing, in wch are many Lyes, but not so much as one curious or good Observation throughout the whole. It seems, Newton is quite mad with Pride & Conceit, & no one but such a Man could have writ & published such a sorry, pitifull Book. As for Seaman, he could

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not get a *Discessit*, and thereupon he was admitted at Oriel without one, the Provost of Oriel paying fourty shillings to the Vice-Chancellour, the Penalty injoyn'd by Statute in that Case. And though Newton alledges an Instance of one Thomas Wysse, that in the Year 1548 was restored by the Vice-Chancellour to White-Hall, upon complaint of Mr. Man, Principal of the said Hall, who had not given him leave to go to any other Place, and yet, notwithstanding, he was entered of St. Mary College by Mr. John Bury, Rector of that College, one Mr. Thomas Ponsbury, Fellow of New College, having a hand also in the Matter. But this Instance (the only one brought in the whole Book) is nothing for Newton, but quite against him, Mr. Bury restoring him rather than paying the 40s. But if he had paid that Money, there would have been an end of the Business, & he might have staid at St. Mary College. Now Dr. Newton would have both the Penalty inflicted, and Restitution made also, wch would be very unjust. In short, he is for arbitrary Power, & would have no body remove from his Hall, without he have a good Character in a formal *Discessit* from himself, wch if he should refuse, a young Man might be ruin'd, & could not go to another House, tho' manifestly to his own Advantage, as may, in some measure, appear from Newton's acting with respect to one Joseph Somaster of Hart-Hall, who, for several reasons, desir'd to remove to Balliol College, one of wch was for a Scholarship, but 'twas so long before he could prevail with Newton to grant him a *Discessit*, that he was a little superannuated for the Scholarship before he could be admitted at Balliol, wch, however, the Society did not regard, the Fault being plainly Newton's, and yet Newton now in this wretched Book lays hold of this as an Argument that he ought not to be made Scholar of Balliol, saying that one that is but a day superannuated is incapable of the Scholarship, & the better to shew that Somaster was superannuated, he hath printed a Certificate of Somaster's Age from the Register Book of the Place of his Nativity, but I am assur'd 'tis a false Certificate, as I am also sure it must be false, that Somaster *writ himself* (as Newton, pag. 146) 18 Years of Age, when he was matriculated, because the Beadle, and not the Scholar, always writes the Age of the Scholar matriculated.

Yesterday seeing Mr. William Oldisworth, we had a pretty deal of discourse about Newton's Book. He told me he had talk'd with Newton about it very openly and plainly, Newton having ask'd him what people said of it. Mr. Oldisworth flatly said that 'twas judg'd to be a very weak, silly Performance, & was only ridicul'd instead of being prais'd. Notwithstanding wch, Newton is very fond of it, & Mr. Oldisworth told me that he is going on with another Book, I know not what, but I think 'tis about the Nature, Privileges, &c., of Halls. Be it what it will, I can never now exspect any thing curious & usefull, or done with any tolerable Skill & Judgment (whatever words may be in it) from this Gentleman, who, however, was formerly an excellent Preacher, as I have heretofore insinuated more than once, 'till he was spoil'd by too great an Opinion of himself.

It was not, as is above asserted, pag. 97, on Sat. Morn., Apr. 2d, but on Friday Evening, April 1st, that John Minn did the Mischief there spoke of, and yesterday the Coroner's Inquest found the Death of

Taylour, as they had done that of Hastings, to be wilfull Murther. And now Papers are out with a Reward for apprehending the said John Minn, one of which is here inserted.

[1] WHEREAS *John Minn*, of the City of *Oxford*, Tallow-Chandler, on *Friday* the First Day of *April*, about Nine of the Clock in the Evening, did forcibly Break open the Mansion-House of *Ann Minn*, Widow, in the Parish of St. *Mary Magdalene* within this City, after Possession thereof had been in a Legal manner delivered to the said *Ann Minn;* and did then barbarously murder one *Edward Hastings*, and did give several Wounds to *Richard Taylor*, who is since Dead of the same. And the said *John Minn*, by the Coroner's Inquest, is found Guilty of both the said Murders, and is fled from Justice. And whereas it has been already Advertised, That if any Person or Persons shall Apprehend the said *John Minn*, so as he be brought to Justice, the Person or Persons apprehending him shall receive Ten Pounds from the said *Ann Minn*.

Now for the better Encouraging all Persons to Apprehend the said *John Minn*, the Mayor, Bayliffs, and Commonalty of the City of *Oxford* do hereby promise, That whoever shall Apprehend the said *John Minn*, so as he be brought to Justice, the Person or Persons Apprehending him shall receive from the said City the Summ of Ten Pounds, over and besides the Ten Pounds to be paid by the said *Ann Minn*.[1]

April 13 (Wed.).

London, April 7, 1726. The Rev. M[r]. Francis Fox, of Pottern, near the Devizes, is presented by the Right Hon. the L[d] Chancellor to the Vicaridge of S[t]. Mary in Reading, Berks., which is worth 300l. per annum.—*Reading Mercury for Monday, April* 11, 1726.

NB. The said Francis Fox was of Edmund Hall, where he took the Degree of M.A., and was commonly called Father Fox. He had been Apprentice to a Glover at London, & serv'd six Years and an half of his time, before he was enter'd in the University. He hath written & published many little practical Things in Divinity. I have mentioned him formerly at large.

Lond., Apr. 7, 1726. They write from Marlborough in Wiltshire that, upon digging upon an old Roman Wall near that Town, there were found therein several Pieces of Antiquity.—*Reading Mercury, ibid.*

On Monday Evening last Susanna Minn, Sister of John Minn, was apprehended, & after Examination committed to Bocardo in Oxford, she having taken Possession against Law, since her Brother's Flight, of the House in Magd. Parish w[ch] belongs to her Sister in Law, the Widow Min, & upon this a Pad-lock is put upon the Door of the House, as I am inform'd.

April 15 (Fri.). Yesterday died the Widow Musgrave, of the Eagle

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April 14, 1726. H. to R. Mead (Diaries, III. 116). On receipt of R. M.'s letter, is fully convinced that the tract cannot be Leland's. Much more on same subject. When John of Glastonbury is finished, intends to print Adam de Domerham de Rebus Gestis Glastoniensibus from a MS. belonging to Trinity College, Cambridge.

[1–1] [This inserted account is printed.]

& Child in S^t^. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, Wife of the late M^r^. Musgrave of that Place, of whose Death I have spoke formerly. She was many Years younger than he. He was an Irish man, & a Papist. But she was an English Woman, & a Protestant, & all their Children, w^ch^ are very young, are Protestants.

D^r^. Mead writ me word, on the 12^th^ inst., that, upon receiving my Letter of March 30^th^, he applyed to M^r^. Casley, Under-librarian in the Cotton Library, to know if there was in the Library a MS. of the hand of Leland, intitled, *Impositions and Taxes on the State, gathered out of Monkish Registers and Stories, from the Conquest to Henry the* 7^th^. Upon searching, M^r^. Casley found that there is in the Library (Cleopatra, F. 6) a Treatise so intitled, but written not by the hand of Leland, but by that of John Josceline, and containing about 60 Pages in Folio. M^r^. Casley told him that, being acquainted with M^r^. Josceline's Writing, he is sure that this is of his hand.

In a former Letter, Nov. 16, 1725, I told the D^r^. that M^r^. Anstis, when lately at Oxford, mentioned to me some things relating to the Reign of Hen. 5^th^, which he thought fit to be published. The D^r^. hath since talk'd with M^r^. Anstis about this matter, and he tells him that he thinks a just Volume might be made of these, and that if I think fit, I may have 'em. The D^r^. mentions this, because he supposes I may now be thinking upon what my next Work shall be after John of Glastonbury. If he can in any thing serve me, the D^r^. prays me to let him have my Commands. This is very kind & generous in the D^r^., & indeed, I have always found him so.

April 16 (Sat.). M^r^. Scot, whom I have mentioned above, pag. 98, hath accidentally met me in the Streets two or three times since I spoke of him. The last was yesterday Morning, when he told me that, having staid longer than he intended, he should return to London to-day. I find, by discoursing with two or three honest Gentlemen, that M^r^. Lindsay, who sent a Letter to me by this Scot, is a Man of but a dubious Character. I have very little Acquaintance with this Lindsay, but I understand he was first a Lawyer, and that upon the Death of his Wife he went into Orders. As to M^r^. Scot, a Gentleman last Night told me that he took him to be the Author of the Scottish History, tho', upon my talking with him, he then began to alter his Mind. M^r^. Scot yesterday Morning, when I met him, had a great many of the Sheets under his Arm, but they being nothing but the iv first Books of Boëthius, I had not the Curiosity of reading any part therof, but the Gentleman I saw last Night told me he had read some part, & that 'tis very poor, & that he concludes that the whole will be very indifferent, the style, it seems, being flat and miserable. For my own part, I can say nothing of my self, tho' I cannot see how the latter part of the History, if it be done as is pretended, can be printed in these times at London in a publick manner, as this will be, the several Booksellers being mentioned by Name as engag'd in Management of the Affair. The same Gentleman told me last Night that above a Year ago, one M^r^. Bruce published Proposals for printing an History of Scotland in folio, but that 'tis not yet come out, & he fears Subscribers (for it seems this Gentleman procur'd him several) are much baulk'd.

April 17 (Sun.). Mr. Baker, in a Letter from Cambridge the 9th inst., tells me that from the hints I gave concerning the MS. in the Cotton Library said to be in Leland's hand, he is altogether of my opinion the Publisher is mistaken. Mr. Baker hath compar'd the Quotations (most of them, at least) from that MS. with the edition of Math. Paris's *Historia Major*, publish'd by Archbp Parker, an. 1571, thro' the Reigns of the two first Williams, and finds them to answere in Page and Line as cited from that MS., only there is some variation in the Date of years, which may be an easy mistake of the Press; & what is more remarkable, he cites the Pages and lines of Math. Paris (probably publisht when he wrote), but not of the other Historians, probably printed after his time. What I had observ'd further concerning Eversden & John Savil is (he saith) a confirmation of the Publisher's mistake. *Were I* (says Mr. Baker) *to guess at the Publisher, by his way of writing, I should take him to be Capt. Stephens, who has given us a Supplement to Dugdale's Monasticon, who is a great undertaker, but how well he performs, you can judg best.*

Mr. Baker says he is sorry for the fall of our antient Church (of St. Peter's in the Bailly). 'This' (says he) 'is the Period of Churches, for all are old, most decay'd, & some falling; such newes, I doubt, we shal have too often.'

Dr. Knight's Book, he believes, is publisht at London, where Mr. Baker says he then was, in order to make Presents to the Speaker (to whom dedicated), & some others. They had it not then at Cambridge, tho' printed there.

He told me, at the same time, that he was told my Jo. Ross's History was sold at an Auction of Mr. Bridges's Books for 6 libs. 8 sh.

The Easter Sermons were preach'd before the University this Year as follows. On Good Friday, at Xt Church, by Mr. Allen, Student of Xt Church, and Son to the late Mr. Allen, of Oxford, Mercer, who is said to have been hang'd at London. On Easterday, at St. Peter's, East, by Mr. Harrison, Fellow of Corpus Xti Coll. On Easter Monday, by Mr. Straight of Magd. Coll., at St. Marie's. On Easter Tuesday, by Mr. Greenaway of Hart Hall, at St. Marie's. The Repeater of the said four Sermons at St. Marie's was this day Mr. Harrison aforesaid.

Paracelsus, the learned Physician, died before he was 30 Years old, tho' he had such confidence in the absolute perfection of his skill, that he doubted not to profess himself able by Physick to preserve a man in so perfect a temperature that he should never dye by sickness. *Henry Cuffe of the Differences of Man's Age*, pag. 71.

A Crow, according to Hesiod, liveth out nine men's lives (meaning every age to be 100 Years); the Hart, by the same Author's witness, thrice as many; the Raven trebleth the Hart's endurance. Ibid. p. 87.

Meeting Mr. Pardoe on Friday last in South Street, Oxford, he told me he had been lately in Essex at Dr. Ralph Bridges', & that he learned that the Study of John Bridges, Esq. (late Brother of the said Dr. Ralph Bridges), came, as it was sold by Auction, to four thousand five hundred libs.

This Afternoon was buried in St. Peter's Church Yard in the East, by her husband, between 5 & 6 Clock, Mrs. Musgrave, of the Eagle & Child, aged 55 Years.

Parish-Churches, upon their first Institution in the Primitive Church, were styled *Tituli*. See Spelman's larger Worke of Tithes, pag. 10.

Mr. Spencer of Horspath on Saturday last told me that a Yard Land generally at Horspath is 28 Acres.

Yesterday died old Roger Parncot, a Taylor of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, at his House in Cat Street, in the 95th Year of his Age. He was a very honest, & a very notable Man, being very well vers'd in History, beyond a Man of his Education. He would discourse very well upon Historical Subjects, wch made his Company formerly much desired, & the Fellows of Brasen-Nose College, where he was Taylor, would often keep him up all night, purely for the sake of talking in History. I am told, however, that he was much better at prophane than sacred History, and that he was particularly skill'd in the Turkish History.

April 20 (Wed.).

London, Apr. 14, 1726. On Tuesday last (April 12, being Easter Tuesday [1]) Dr. Peploe was consecrated Bishop of Chester, at S. Margaret's, Westminster, by his Grace the Archbishop of York, assisted by the Bishops of Durham, S. Asaph, and some other Prelates.—*Reading Mercury for Monday, Apr.* 18, 1726.

Lond., Apr. 16. Last Thursday (Apr. 14 [1]), in the Evening, her Grace the Dutchess of Wharton died at her Lodgings in Gerrard street, without Issue.—*Ibid.*

Mr. James Norreys, late Fellow of All-Souls College, who hath been dead a few Years, was one of the chief that brought in Dr. Gardiner to be Warden of that College. Two or three Years after which, Gardiner & he being together in a Sommer House near the Common Room of the College, & no Scholar else with them (nor, indeed, any one else, excepting Roger Holman, whom Mr. Norreys mightily loved, tho' there were some boys on the Slats that saw them), certain Words arising between Gardiner and Norreys (for it seems they were a little in Beer), Gardiner gave Mr. Norreys very ill language, wch Mr. Norreys not taking, not only told Gardiner that he was a Rogue & Villain, but also beat him soundly, to the great discomposure of Gardiner, who, however, put it up, and next day desired Mr. Norreys to say nothing of it, by wch means it was kept

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April 18, 1726. H. to T. Ward (Diaries, III. 127). Returns books with thanks. Has not had time to transcribe anything from them. Supposes from T. W's speaking of him lately, that he has some piece of John Ross's.

April 19, 1726. H. to [P.] Sexton (Diaries, III. 128). On Oct. 26 last sent Ld. Kingsale's copy of Langtoft to P. S., for which the second payment is due. Mentions the MS. tract in the Cotton Library which is wrongly ascribed to Leland.

April 20, 1726. Dr. Edmund Archer to H. (Rawl. B. 206. 72). Sends, by Mr. Tottenham, copies of records relating to the monasteries of Bath and Glastonbury, &c. The perambulations of the forests may be acceptable to lovers of antiquity. The instruments relating to Bath supplement the account in the Monasticon. Those relating to Glastonbury will help to supply what is omitted by Adam de Domerham in the history of the contention between the bishops and abbots of Bath. More on same subject. Gives account of other papers which may be useful to H. [This letter is wrongly dated 1724.]

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[1] [The words in parentheses are Hearne's.]

such a secret that I heard nothing of it, 'till yesterday I heard thereof from Roger Holman's own Mouth.

This day, at six Clock in the Afternoon, was buried old Roger Parncot in the Church Yard of St. Peter's in the East, on the left hand of the first Church door next to Queen's Coll.

April 21 (Th.). My Mother's Name was Edith Wise, being the Daughter of Thomas Wise by his Wife Edith, Daughter of Joseph Hearne, of Pen in Bucks. My Mother died of the small Pox about 26 Years ago, & is buried in the Church Yard of White Waltham, near Maidenhead in Berks., where my Father is also buried. My Mother's Mother, the said Edith, Wife of Thomas Wise, lies buried in the Church Yard of Shottesbrooke in Berks., her Husband being of that Parish. I do not remember her, but I remember my Grandfather Wise very well, tho' I do not remember my Uncle, Thomas Wise, the only Son of the said Thomas, wch Uncle Wise died very young of the small Pox, at London, where he was breeding up to the Law, he being an excellent good Scholar, and writing a fine hand. My Mother Edith had an only Sister, named Mary Wise, younger than she, who married to one Mr. Henry Page, of Bray in Berks., where she lives (with her Husband) now, having had several Children by him. Her Daughter Mary lives in Bray Town, is married, and has 3 Children.

Yesterday, at two Clock in the Afternoon, was a Convocation, when the old Proctors (Mr. Conybeare of Exeter and Mr. Smith of Corpus) laid down their Office, & the new Proctors (Mr. Newland of Magd. Coll. and Mr. Speke of Wadham Coll.) were admitted. Mr. Conybeare (as usual) made a Speech in the Convocation House, but I know not what it was.

One Day (a Taylor, and Deputy Clarke of St. Marie's and the Schools) tells me that he hath a Note that Roger Parncot took out of the Register himself, signifying that he (Parncot) was born Dec. 27, 1635, so that he died in the 91st Year of his Age. Yet Day saith that 'tis a mistake, he being born on Xtmass Day, or Dec. 25, & he saith he doth not know but the Year may be mistaken too. I am sure I have heard more than once that he was born on Xtmass Day, 1630, so that he was compleat 95 Years old last Xtmass day.

April 22 (Fri.). On Wednesday last John Minn was taken at Colshall, two Miles from Faringdon, and being carried before Sir Robert Pye as a Justice of Peace, Sir Robert would not examin him himself, but sent word of his being apprehended immediately to the Major of Oxford, and Yesterday a Coach went for him to Sir Robert's, where he lay, and, about 3 Clock in the Afternoon, he was brought into Oxford, & carried presently before the Vice-Chancellour, who committed him to the Castle, where he now is, in order to be tried the next Assizes, provided he live so long, for he is much wounded, having been shot before he could be taken.

April 21, 1726. J. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 119). Has been unable to procure Keder. [See Diary, April 23.] 'Tom Rawlinson's Books will be sold by Auction next Winter. I hear there are great divisions in Baliol College, which is one reason for my staying in Town longer than I intended.' Browne Willis has been in town, and returned to Whaddon yesterday.

On Wednesday last, in the Convocation, a Letter from the Chancellour was read, to put off the Act, w^ch^ accordingly was agreed to. Nor is it suppos'd that there will be ever any more publick Act in the manner it ought to be kept, since it hath been intermitted such a Number of Years (I never saw a compleat one in my Life), so that no body will be able to direct how it should be done.

Since the writing of what goes before, I hear that John Minn died of his Wounds, in the Castle, last night about nine Clock.

This Morning, between four and five of the Clock, died, lamented by no body, the Reverend D^r^. Bernard Gardiner, Doctor of the Civil Law, Warden of All Souls College, Custos Archivorum of the University of Oxford, one of the Curators of the Theater in that University, and Rector of [Hawarden, co. Flint], which Rectory is said to be worth seven hundred Pounds per Annum, tho' he was never at it but once, first when about eleven or twelve Years since he was inducted to it, and once since, when his Curate, to whom he allow'd but a small Matter, forced him to go down, he declining to make up his Accounts, as he us'd to do, w^ch^ presently drove Gardiner (who was a strange lover of Money) down, that he might see all Accounts settled to his Mind himself. This Gardiner (who was of a strange fat, large body) took the Degree of Bach. of Civil Law on June 21, 1693 (at w^ch^ time he was Fellow of All-Souls College, having been first of Magd. Coll., but he never took the Degree of Master of Arts). After w^ch^, on June 9^th^, 1698, he took the Degree of D^r^. of Civil Law, and in the Year 1702 he was made Warden of All-Souls College, upon the Death of the Honourable Leopald William Finch, D.D., who died in December the same Year, 1702. The next Year, viz. in 1703, he was elected *Custos Archivorum* of the Univ. of Oxford, in the room of D^r^. John Wallis, who died on Oct. 28, 1703, but Gardiner got this Post by a small Majority, there being a very great Opposition made against him by the very ingenious M^r^. Edm. Perkes, M.A. and Fellow of Corpus Christi College, who had certainly carried it, had it not been for an Election of Fellows that was to be soon after at All Souls College, w^ch^ gain'd Gardiner the Interest of some that would otherwise have been against him. This Gardiner was one of the most haughty, proud, tyrannical Men in the whole World. We are all born to do what good we can in the World, but he did all the Mischief that possibly he could. He would let no[1] body be at rest, either in the College or elsewhere, that he thought would thwart his wicked purpose, provided he could any way have any advantage over them. He was a most illiterate Man, tho' very cunning and subtile in order to bring about any design he had form'd. The *Triumviri*, as they were call'd, viz. D^r^. Charlett, D^r^. Baron, and D^r^. Gardiner, are now gone, as is also old Lancaster of Queen's College. The ancients would have said (& I joyn with them), *God have mercy upon their Souls*. The said D^r^. Gardiner died in great misery of a Fistula, of w^ch^ he hath been very ill for more than two Months, and was cut for it several Times. He was not only a malicious, proud Man, but also very loose & vicious, & had several Bastards, & before he was Warden he was a common Drunkard, & took all opportunities of having his pleasure

[1] [MS. 'not.']

with Whores. His Widow is Daughter of Sir Sebastian Smith of Oxford, wch Sir Sebastian is as great a Lover of Money as Gardiner was. Dr. Gardiner hath left one Daughter, his only Child living, by her.

[1] I, *Browne Willis*, do hereby Certify That this Petition has been Subscribed and Recommended as a *Pious*, *Necessary*, and *Beneficial* Work, by above 40 of the Neighbouring *Gentry* and *Clergy*: The greatest Part of whom have purposely view'd the Design, in order to Promote it.

And that the same has been Approved of by His Grace the Lord Arch-bishop of *Canterbury*, and Bishop of *London*, our late *Diocesans*; and the Lord Bishop of *Lincoln*, our present *Diocesan*; the Arch-deacon of *Buckingham*, and *Representatives* in Parliament of the *County*; who have all of them Contributed very Liberally hereunto.

N.B. The Gentlemen who have Subscribed and Recommended this Petition are, *Rich. Smith*, *R. Lowndes*, *Tho. Chapman*, *Benj. Wodnoth*, *Tho. Price*, *H. Andrewes*, *J. Thurloe-Brace*, *Fra. Duncombe*, *Tho. Uthwat*, *Bern. Turney*, *Rich. Abell*, *B. Chernock*, Hon. *Charles Leigh*, *Will. Hartley*, Sen., *J. Hanmer*, *T. Backwell*, *J. Knapp*, &c., Esquires.

And the Clergy who have also Subscribed and Recommended it are, The Reverend the Ministers of *Newport*, *Woughton*, *Broughton*, *Willen*, *Stony-Stratford*, *Sherrington*, *Lathbury*, *Great-Linford*, *Loughton*, *Great-Harwood*, *Mursley*, *Addington*, *East-Claydon*, *Westbury*, *Blecheley*, *Simpson*, &c.[1]

April 23 (Sat.). Mr. West writes me word, from London of the 21st inst., that he hath not been able to procure Keder de Nummis Suecicis, wch I mentioned to him because I had a mind to see what is said in it relating to Ireland's being conquered before the time of Henry II by some of our English Princes. 'Tis certain that in K. Ælfred's time great Addresses were made to the said K. Ælfred from the Countries in the Cyrrene or Irish Sea, even to the farthest coasts of Ireland. Hence Asser Menevensis speaks of a daily expedition made on that account to K. Ælfred, wch must have been upon account of some Subjection to England. Asser's Words are: Quid loquar de fræquentibus contra paganos expeditionibus 7 bellis 7 incessabilibus negni gubernaculis; de quotidiana nationum quæ in cýrreno mari vsque vltimum Hýberniæ finem habitant. Wise, in his most wretched Edition of Asser, hath printed it *in Tyrreno mari*, meerly from Conjecture, without any Authority whatsoever, & in his Notes at the End he as weakly conjectures that it should be Hyberiæ for Hyberniæ, &, withall, after *quotidiana* he puts [ ], and tells us there is a manifest lacuna, & thinks *legatione* may supply it. O horrible! But this is not the only liberty; his Book is full of such foolish & wild Fancies. His Defence of the controverted clause relating to Grymbald is the weakest Defence that was ever made upon any occasion. His Arguments are weak and often unintelligible. There is much false Latin all along. It looks as if he had writ first in English, & afterwards translated the English, either himself or else some of his Agents for him. He tells us the MS. of Asser made use of by Florence of Worcester was much better

[1–1] [This certificate, which probably relates to the building of the chapel at Fenny Stratford, is on a printed slip of paper. At the back of it is a pencil note in Browne Willis's handwriting: 'Acct of ye Bps of Sodor, their Burials & Epitaphs, & of ye Archdeacons of Man, with a Description of ye Cathedral & Monuments in it before 1600, for ye sake [?] & use of . . . [?] who is writing ye History of ye Province of York, at his Palace in ye Isle of M.' See Diary, March 2.]

than either that made use of by Archbp Parker, or Mr. Camden. If so, to what purpose did he undertake to defend the Clause, since 'twas wanting in the MS. that Florence us'd, if we follow his Chronicle? This is giving up the Matter. But for my own part, I think Mr. Camden's Copy better than any other, as 'twas more full and compleat. This was the Matter to be insisted on, & it hath been already very well done by Mr. Twyne (of whom Wise speaks but slightly) and others, and there was no occasion for a new Defence. But Wise did it for Ostentation. He says I had assured him that I had seen Mr. Twyne's Account of his Conference with Camden in Corpus Xti Coll. Library. This is a down right lie. I never told him so, nor, indeed, never spoke to Wise above 2 or three times, wch was accidentally, at wch times I did not tell him any such Thing. What I have said of that Matter may be seen in pag. 292 of vol. ii of my Ductor Historicus, & in p. 178 of my Ed. of Sir John Spelman's Life of K. Ælfred. But the truth is, I never did see my self any such Paper in Corpus Xti Coll. Library. *Uterni*, an ancient People in the South of Ireland, are mentioned in Ptolemy, and the word *Cyrrenum* alludes to them.

John Minn was buried last night in Magdalen Parish Church Yard. Mr. Bouchier, the Irish Man, was found guilty this Sessions of having two Wives, his first Wife being come out of Ireland, & proving the matter plainly against him, but his Punishment was only burning in the Hand, & not to cohabit any more with his second Wife.

April 24 (Sun.). Sir Philip Sydenham, in a Letter dated July 9th, 1720, told me, upon my mentioning Ernulphus, Bp of Rochester, & Author of Textus Roffensis, to him, that he had examined about him, and found him at large in Gunton's History of Peterborough, of wch he was the noble Abbot, also in the Appendix by Bish. Patrick. Mr. Wharton's *Anglia Sacra*, Vol. i, both in his Preface & the History of Rochester Cathedral, mentions him. So doth Bale in his Centuries, but he makes him Author of other persons' works. Sr Philip supposes Pits, in his Centuries, mentions him. Mr. Collier, in his Ch. History, mentions him. Sr Wm Dugdale, in his Origines Juridiciales, Fol., quotes him. Leland's Collectanea, Vol. i, also speaks of him. Sir Philip examined *Pia Neustria* by Father Monstrier, printed 1663, in fol., where he is omitted, but he takes notice of Bis. Ernulphus's Predecessors in the See of Rochester, under the description of the Abbey of St. Beck. He supposes R[e]yner, in his Account of the Benedictines, must treat of him. Sir Philip had it not, tho' he had formerly sent for it. Other Authors treat of the Benedictines, and likely among them of this Noble & Religious Prelate, whose Memory ought to be lasting. Sir Philip had almost forgot Archbp Anselm's Letters, which frequently mention him. His Edition of St. Anselm is printed at Paris in Fol., 1675, by Father Gerboron, a Benedictine.

April 25 (Mon., St. Mark). Last Night I had a Letter from my Friend, Dr. Richard Rawlinson, dated at Child's Coffee House in St.

April 25, 1726. H. to [R. Rawlinson] (Draft, Rawl. 26. 64). Was glad to hear of R. R.'s safe arrival in England. Account of money owed to H. by

Paul's Church Yard, London, April 23 last. The Dr. hath been several Years beyond Sea, for the most part at Rome. He tells me his deceased Brother's embroiled affairs, and unnatural Usage, take up more hours than he could wish, so that he hath not time to detail on his travels, but he flatters himself this Summer to see me. In the interim, from Rome by last Post, he tells me he hears of a Sepulchral Chamber discover'd in the *via Appia*, near the City, in wch are inscriptions relating to the functions and officers of the Court of *Livia Augusti*, before unknown, of which they daily expect more ample remarks.

April 26 (Tu.). Yesterday in the Afternoon, about 3 Clock, Dr. Gardiner was, according to his desire, carried out of Town in an Herse, and buried in a Vault belonging to Sir Sebastian Smith's Family, in the Church of Cuddesdon, near Oxford, in wch Vault Dr. Gardiner's eldest Daughter is buried. I hear from several hands that the Dr. hath left two hundred Pounds to the Hospital of St. Clement's, near Oxford, of wch Hospital he being one of the Trustees, 'tis said and believed 'twas the Poor's own Money that he left them, being what he had for Interest of their Money, as Dr. Fry did the same, when he left them a thousand libs., it being their own Money. And what makes it very credible of Dr. Gardiner is this, that when he sconced (as he often did) any of the Servants, &c., in a very tyrannical manner, he would take the Money and send it to the Prisoners in the Castle & Bocardo, & injoyn such as carry'd it to tell them in express Terms that it came from him, as if it had been his Charity, when 'twas really what he extorted from poor servants, &c. This I have often heard one or two of the poor Servants of the College say. This is all the Charity Money (but it cannot be called his Charity) that he left. For as for ten libs. he hath ordered in his Will for to buy a Silver Tankerd for the College, 'tis not Charity. 'Twas what (& a great deal more) he ow'd the College, where he had eat and drunk so many Years. Instead of having all the Fellows of the College at his Funeral, there were only eight, being what he ordered himself, & those, too, such (excepting one, viz. Mr. Brook) that cared not at all for him, wch looks as if Dr. Gardiner did not die in Charity with the College. For he would not have had even these (two of wch were Dr. Irish and Dr. Clarke), could he have well avoided it. He died very rich, and hath left, I hear, all to his Widow (not specifying any thing for the Child), besides the little I have mentioned.

This day, being Tuesday, at Two a Clock in the Afternoon, was a Convocation for election of a *Custos Archivorum* of the University of

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Thomas Rawlinson. 'In short, as to your Brother's Affairs, I refer to a Letter I writ to him, to his great satisfaction, on March 16, 1724, when I shew'd him there was due to me (none of wch hath since been discharg'd) sixty four Pounds ten shillings & seven Pence, the 21s. for your small Fordun being included.' Mentions the death of Dr. Gardiner. [PS.] Thanks for presents sent from beyond sea. Will be glad to hear more of the Sepulchral Chamber.

April 26, 1726. H. to E. Archer (Draft, Rawl. B. 206. 74). Thanks for papers relating to Glastonbury and Bath. Will make a separate work of Adam de Domerham from a MS. in Trinity College, Cambridge, 'and your Papers will then very properly fall in.' The process about the election of Walter More is curious. Wood says that Thomas Wasyn was elected abbot on the death of John Sellwode. 'I was a little (tho', I think, very little) known to

Oxford. The Convocation held till a little more than half hour after five. Several put up, viz. Dr. Bouchier, the Regius Professor of Law, Dr. Isham, Dr. of Civ. Law & Fellow of Magd. Coll., Mr. Francis Wise (M.A. and Fellow of Trin. Coll., and the intruding second Librarian, he being put into my Place by Mr. Bowles, the Head Librarian), Mr. Brooke (M.A. and Fellow of All-Souls-Coll.), Mr. Smith, M.A. & Fellow of Corpus Xti Coll. (one of the Head Proctors last Year), and Mr. Henry Edmunds, M.A. and Fellow of Jesus Coll.; but all desisted but Dr. Isham & Mr. Wise, and the Whiggs striking in with Wise, it was carried for him, tho' he be a very silly, conceited Man, much such another as his Friend, Bowles (tho' I cannot say quite so bad), as any impartial, considerate Man may see by the silly Ed. of Asserius Menevensis that he hath put out, in wch he hath given up the very Clause he contended for, as I have insinuated above. It seems, Dr. Tanner, who is not in Oxford, is a great Friend of Wise's, & so is Browne Willis, and even Dr. Stratford & Dr. Terry, both Canons of Xt Church. But 'tis no matter what persons have Places nowadays. The silliest Fellows are most likely to obtain them, and, indeed, all are silly Fellows that strike in with Men of timeserving, trimming Principles (such as Wise is), and all are serv'd right enough that pretend to be honest, & yet will strike into all Measures, be they what they will, and therefore, Bowles, Wise, & such others, are justly pitch'd upon, on purpose to mortify those that dare not to be honest. Dr. Isham had 136 Votes, Mr. Wise 144. Dr. Stratford & Dr. Terry, Canons of Xt Church, turn'd the Matter for Wise by striking in with his Party. Dr. Terry was known to be a Whifler, but as for Stratford, by what he had said it was thought he would have acted otherwise, but now he is condemn'd as a very great Villain, and 'tis believ'd he will do any Villany in the World. When his Vote & Interest was desired by Dr. Isham, he did not pretend Conscience in the Matter, wch ought to sway, an Oath being taken, & such a reason he could not have been blam'd for, had he been sincere, but instead of that, he gave two reasons, wch he ought to be asham'd of, why he would be for Wise; first, because his Father, afterwards Bp of Chester, was of the same College with Wise; secondly, because, holding an Estate in Oxford of Magd. Coll., the College (& Isham was one concern'd) had rais'd his Fine lately. Pitifull Reasons! As to the Fine, Dr. Isham told him that 'twas no more than what they had done at Xt Church, particularly Dr. Stratford himself, & so in other Colleges they did the same; nay, at Xt Ch. they raised Fines much higher than they did at Magd. Coll., as he appeal'd to Dr. Stratford himself, at the same time telling Dr. Stratford that they were particularly kind to him in that point. 'After all,' says Dr. Isham, 'as we do not blame you nor any one else for looking to the Value of your Respective

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you formerly in Oxford, where I always had a great Respect for you, as I have had ever since. This I have upon occasion express'd to Friends, but I never had an opportunity of shewing it to your self till now.'

April 26, 1726. H. to T. Granger (Diaries, III. 144). Returns, by Godfrey's waggon, the 4to edition of Florence of Worcester. Has transcribed the MS. notes into his own copy. Will begin the appendix to John of Glastonbury this week. His remarks on T. G.'s coins are to be in the preface.

Estates, so you ought not to blame us. On the contrary, we ought to be blam'd & condemn'd, if we did not look into our Estates.'

April 27 (Wed.). Peter Le Neve, Esq., Norroy King of Arms, told me by Letter, on Saturday, May 22d, 1725, that if there be any other MSS., &c., in his Collection, besides those he sent me, which afterwards I return'd him back, I may command them for my perusal.

This Morning, at nine of the Clock, was a Convocation for Election of a Curator of ye Theater, in room of Dr. Gardiner, deceas'd. Dr. Mather, the Vice-Chancellour, was chosen, in Opposition to the President of Trin. Coll., the President having only one Vote.

April 28 (Th.).

London, April 19, 1726. On Saturday last (Apr. 17) a Person in Hyde Park leap'd upwards of 70 Yards in 19 Jumps, for a Wager of 50 Guineas, to the Admiration of a vast Number of Spectators.—*Reading Mercury for Mond., Apr.* 25, 1726.

Ipswich, April 18, 1726. Yesterday Dr. Wilkins, our Archdeacon, began his primary Visitation here; and was attended with a numerous Appearance of Clergymen, who had not seen an Archdeacon in this Place above these twenty Years. He gave his Charge in the Tower Church, and deliver'd Articles of Visitation to the Church-Wardens of the Jurisdiction.—*Reading Merc. ibid.*

April 29 (Fri.). Yesterday, in the Afternoon, died of a violent Feaver Mrs. Litchfeild, Wife of Mr. Henry Litchfeild (Printer), of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, Brother of Mr. Leonard Litchfeild, of the same Parish, Printer. Both these Brothers married two Sisters, that were the Daughters of one Betts, a Taylor of St. Peter's Parish. These Litchfeilds' Father's Sister was married to Betts, and by her Betts had the said two Daughters, so that Leonard & Henry Litchfield married their first Cousins, and their Marriages were incestuous[1].

April 30 (Sat.). Last Tuesday died at London the Reverend Mr. Jer. Collier, a Man of excellent Parts and Learning, and great Integrity, he being a Nonjuror, and deprived of what he had at the time of the wicked Revolution. He was a Cambridge Man, and ought therefore to be reckoned among the famous Worthies of that University. He writ and published many Books, some of which are about the Stage, An Historical & Geographical Dictionary, a Church History of Britain, Essays, &c.

April 29, 1726. H. to J. West (Diaries, III. 152). Thanks for inquiring about Keder. Begins to think that Ireland was really conquered by the English even before the time of Henry II. Archdeacon Archer has sent H. several things of value by Mr. Tottenham. 'You are, I think, in the right not to come to Oxford while the Heats are so high in your College. Happy are those that are not engag'd in the modern way of Elections, which proves so very fatal to all good Learning.'

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[1] NB. I hear since that 'twas not so, but that old Litchfield and old Betts married two Sisters whose Name[s] were Wells, and that Betts had by his Wife the said two Daughters.

This day Dr. Gardiner's Atchievement, or (as commonly pronounced) Hatchment, was hung up at the Warden's Lodgings. It was a Question whether it should not be hung over the College Gate, but carried against it.

Yesterday Morning Mr. Tag of Paradice Garden was married, in Goosey Church in Berkshire, to a very agreeable, good natured young Woman, Mrs. — Hundson (who hath several Sisters), of Spersholt in that County.

May 1 (Sun.). Yesterday in the Afternoon, about six Clock, Mrs. Litchfeild, Wife of Hen. Litchfeild, was buried in the Church Yard of St. Peter's in the East.

Yesterday, at 12 Clock (Noon), I accidentally met Mr. John Masson, the French Clergyman (whom I had not seen for several Years), in High Street. I had a little Discourse with him, & but little, relating to the *Marmora Oxoniensia*, wch Dr. Wilkins is going to reprint. Mr. Masson said Dr. Wilkins came to Oxford the Night before, viz. Friday Night, April 29, with that design. Mr. Masson seem'd to have a very indifferent opinion of Dr. Wilkins's Abilities. Mr. Masson told me Mr. Chishull had the same design, by way of Appendix to his *Inscriptiones Asiaticæ*, now printing in London. Mr. Masson has a very indifferent Opinion of Dr. Mill's Skill in these Things. Indeed, I know full well that Dr. Mill's & Dr. Potter's Collations are by no means to be rely'd on. In the Evening, between six and seven a Clock, Dr. Wilkins call'd upon me, & would fain have my Assistance, wch I told him I could not give. He had also heard that Mr. Chishull had the same design, but he believ'd it to be Report only. I told him that many Years 'twas talk'd of here in Oxford that Mr. Chishull would reprint the *Marmora Oxon.* with his own Collection. Dr. Wilkins is for doing any Thing for Money. He says the Archbp of Canterbury put him upon it. Be it as it will, I shall be altogether unconcern'd in the Affair, after the ill Usage I recd from some in the University wch I always wish well to. I say some, because the Majority condemn'd their Proceedings.

I have been told that three Things concurr'd to make Dr. Isham loose the late Election. 1st, his being against Dr. King in the late Election for Members of Parl. for the Univ. 2dly, his meeting the Drs., &c., on the Road, and presenting with them the Address to the Duke of Brunswick, commonly called King George, about the Professorship of Modern History and Languages. 3dly, his being against Mr. Cockman at University College, he being, it seems, present at their Meetings as Council for Denison, a reason of no validity, since he was a Lawyer, & being spoke to by Denison first, he serv'd him as he would have Mr. Cockman, had he secur'd him in time. For the same reason Stratford and his Associates may always be against Serjeant Skinner, Recorder of Oxford, he being also Council for Mr. Denison.

May 2 (Mon.). This day Sennight they began to level the great hollow way at Heddington Hill, so as to make the whole Horseway even, whereas before it was so very rough & uneven that there was hardly passage for Horses, Coaches, Waggons, &c. This is a laudable Thing, & will be of as good Service as the making Magd. Coll. Bridge wider. See what I have noted about this way in the iid Vol. of Leland's Itin.

I understand this Afternoon, by Mr. Clements, that the Copy of Prideaux's Marmora, with Dr. Mill's Collations, that Dr. Wilkins hath got, is that wch belong'd to Mr. Monnax, and after his Death to Dr. Hunt, Master of Balliol Coll. Dr. Hunt sent it to Dr. Wilkins, when he (Dr. Wilkins) was about Selden's Works. I formerly saw it, but the Collations appear'd not accurate. Dr. Stratford hath another Copy, wch I am told he will not let Wilkins see. I know not whether the Collations in Stratford's be the same with those that are in Wilkins's, but they are of Dr. Mill's hand. I also formerly saw these too, & they appear'd to me but unskillfully done.

As for this Wilkins, who is married to my Ld Fairfax's Sister, 'twas thought formerly that he would marry one Betty Crowder, a pretty forward Girl, who was his Laundress in Holywell, where she lives poorly with her Mother. When Wilkins lodg'd in Holywell, he was frequently seen to go in there, & 'tis reported that there were many free Actions between them, but Money will buy all off.

May 3 (Tu.). On the 27th of last Month I recd of Mr. Thomas Lambard, Student of Xt Church, a small 4to MS. wch belongs to his Father, Thomas Lambard, of Sennoke in Kent, Esq., who lends it me. It was all written & collected by Laurence Noell. It contains as follows :—

Laurentii Noelli, 1566.

1. Gulielmus Malmsburiensis monachus, inter alia sua monumenta, descripsit nobis historiam abbatum monasterii Glascon., atque illud opus Henrico, tunc temporis Wintoniensi episcopo, dicavit, ex quo hæc quæ sequuntur succincte, atque è magno volumine pauca, quæ maxime memoratu digna putavimus, excerpsimus. P. 22. Is Sigefridus, Cicestrensis episcopus factus, successorem habuit, anno 1126, Henricum, fratrem Theobaldi, comitis Blesensis, nepotem Henrici regis ex sorore Adela, qui etiam non multo post fit episcopus Wintoniæ, vir doctiss., comes, benignus, liberalis, vir laudatissimus et ecclesiæ nostræ utilis. Hic Willelmus Malmesburiensis historiam suam de Glastonia finivit [1]; prosequitur alius quidam, monachus (opinor) Glaston'. This Continuator was Adam de Domerham, tho' his Name did not occurr in the MS. made use of by Noel, wch I believe to be the MS. in Trin. Coll. Libr., Cambridge, lately lent me, where Domerham's Name is added by Dr. Gale, tho' it was not in the old hand. Noell hath also collected some things from the Continuator.

2. Vita & mors Regis Edwardi secundi, Gallice conscripta, à Generosissimo milite, Thoma de la More, qui sequentium pars nonnulla fuit, & in Latinum traducta ab alio quodam ejus synchrono. Consule Baleum, Cent. 5a, et comperies quendam Stephanum Eiton hæc eadem scripsisse. It occurrs p. 33 of this Vol. But 'tis only an Abstract. The whole is published by Mr. Camden in his Anglica, Normannica, &c. At the End of these Extracts Wm Lambard writes thus :—

Libri Exemplar est penes Wilhelmum Bowierum, Chartophylacem regium,

[1] [In the margin :] finis hystoriæ Gul. Malmes.

prout mihi retulit Laurentius Noelus, qui hæc transcripsit manu propria. Guilielmus Lambardus.

3. Appendix Hystoriæ Hybernicæ. This is included in the Irish Annals, published by Mr. Camden in his Britannia, only this Passage, I think, is not there in express terms, viz.

Anno 1369. Magna mortalitas in occidentalibus partibus Angliæ, maxime Oxoniæ, quæ Scholarium numerosam multitudinem consumpsit. Dominus Willelmus de Windesor fit locumtenens regis Hiberniæ.

May 4 (Wed.). Reading Mercury for Monday, May 2, 1726 :—

London, April 26, 1726. Last week died the Right Hon. Tho. Arundel, Lord Arundel, at his Lordship's Seat of Wardour in Wiltshire.

London, April 28, 1726. Last Week died at the Bath the Hon. Robert Digby, Esq., one of the Knights of the Shire for the County of Warwick, second Son to the Right Hon. the Ld Digby, of Colshill in the said County, a Peer of Ireland.—*Ibid.*

On Tuesday Night last died Mr. Charles Strode, in the 21st Year of his Age: A Person of a rare Genius in the Knowledge of Musick. He had been educated under Dr. Croft, was his Deputy and Organist at White-Hall Chappel. He was a young Man of great Sobriety and Modesty.—*Ibid.*

This day, at one Clock Afternoon, Magd. Coll. Bell went for the Death of one Mr. Levet, Demy of that Coll., who died in the Country.

May 6 (Fri.). The Widow Clarke, who lives in the Turl at Oxford, and is a Woman of a good Character, hath told me (as she hath others) several times that, when she was a young Woman, Mr., now Dr., White Kennett, the present Bp of Peterborough, when he was Bach. of Arts of Edmund Hall, oblig'd her and her Sister (since dead), elder than her, to come to cards with him at one Nicholas Cox's, still living, and then living next Edmund Hall, one thirtieth of January, about two Clock in the Afternoon, where they plaid many hours, and were very merry, a thing I mention because of its being so solemn a Fast day. It shews Kennett's Regard to it even then, tho' he was then much better than he hath been since. These young Women (who were gay and airy) made hast to dine at home, that they might get out the sooner, but they would not let their Mother know upon what design, who would have been averse to it, and, indeed, she wonder'd much (for she had been at Church), when she found Dinner got ready by them so soon. If she knew it afterwards, I doubt not but she chid them severely for it.

May 7 (Sat.). Barnes's Euripides being grown very scarce, Mr. Wilmot shew'd me by his Book yesterday that Mr. Knapton, of London,

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May 5, 1726. H. to B. L. Calvert (Diaries, III. 162). Was in hopes of seeing B. L. C. at Oxford before this. Sends message to Mr. Sexton of Gray's Inn. Wants to see Keder's book De Nummis Suecicis: understands there is something about Ireland in it.

May 7, 1726. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. II. 44). [For part of this letter, see Diary, June 18.] Has nothing of Ross's now by him, but would willingly

Bookseller, lately gave him fourty shillings for one, & offered that Money himself for it, & for as many other Copies as he could help him to. Mr. Wilmot hath one more, but he asks two Guineas for it. I bought a very good one (as good as that Wilmot hath now) this Week for twenty seven shillings. One King, of King's Coll. in Cambridge, hath just put out an Ed. in Gr. and Latin, in 8vo, of the 3 first Tragedies of Euripides, pretending Barnes to be full of faults; but, let them say what they will, Barnes's will be always valuable.

May 8 (Sun.). I understood by Mr. Oldisworth last Night that Dr. Newton is writing a Book relating to Exeter College.

Mr. Oldisworth told me he hath got many ancient MSS. Papers as old as Hen. VI relating to Sir John Fastolf, and that Mr. Anstis's Account of Sir John is very mean with respect to the Actions of his Life.

When the Matter about an Act was proposed the other day in the Convocation House, some Speeches were made for it, particularly one by Mr. David Gregory, Professor of Modern Languages of Xt Church, and Mr. Burton, who is Pro-Proctor again of Corpus Xti, both wch were wretched, & Burton's was false Latin. These silly Speeches, tho' for an Act, yet turn'd many to be against one that would otherwise have voted for an Act. Burton this year was for an Act, tho' last Year he was against one, even after it had been carried in Convocation that there should be one.

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May 9 (Mon.). Yesterday Morning The Revd Mr. Thomas Allen, Rector of Murston and Kingsdowne, near Sittingbourne in Kent, called upon me, being come to Oxford with a Son of Sir John Hales's, who is to be entered of some College. Mr. Allen told me that the elder Brother of this young Gentleman died some time since in France. The said elder Brother is the same that was with Mr. Allen, when he was in Oxford before. I have mentioned him at that time as being page to K. James III.

He told me that Mr. John Burman, Minister of Newington and Bobing in Kent, & formerly Fellow of University College, died lately, being buried in Newington Church on Wednesday last was fortnight. He died of a Kentish Ague. He died in very good Circumstances, being a very close, near Man. He hath left a Widow & three Children, one of which is a boy. Mr. Burman was Son in Law to Dr. Plot, who married, for his second Wife, Mr. Burman's Mother. Mr. Burman was a good Scholar and Mathematician, but was highly and justly blamed for parting with Dr. Plot's Papers to that conceited, superficial Scholar, Dr. Harris, who put out *Lexicon Technicum.*

May 10 (Tu.). On Sunday Morning last, soon after Mr. Allen came to my room, came to Oxford from Wooburne (near High Wicomb in Buckinghamshire), where she liveth in Service, being a Maiden body,

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get a transcript of the MS. about the Earls of Warwick. Sends a fresh parcel, with Petrus Aldefonsus.

my Sister, Anne Hearne, accompanied with one Mr. Tacket and his wife, & after their Refreshment at my Room, I went to Lower Wolvercote, & met them, & dined with them there, Tacket's Wife's Mother living there. After dinner I went with them to view the Ruins of Godstowe Nunnery. My Sister is in the thirty fifth Year of her Age. Mr. Tacket (who was borne near Wadsdon in Bucks, tho' he now lives at Woburne, where he goes to day labour) is in the 21st Year of his Age, & his Wife in that of her 25th. They have had one Child, wch is living, being a Girl. They are second Couzins, & are a pretty civil couple, & their Mother (the Widow Bodon of Wolvercote, who is importun'd by them to go and live with them, wch accordingly she designs shortly) is a very honest, industrious, poor Woman, & well beloved of her Neighbours. My Sister and the two that came with her went out of Town yesterday, in the Afternoon, between 4 and 5 Clock.

May 11 (Wed.). Yesterday Morning, about five of the Clock, Mr. Thomas Hunt, of Cat Street in Oxford, Barber, cut his own Throat, & died immediately, the wound being very ghastly, and the Windpipe cut in two. He did it with a Razour, as he lay in bed. He was Son of the late Wm Hunt, a Barber also. He was a Batchelour, between thirty and fourty Years old, was a civil, sensible Man, and had good Business, but was ruin'd by keeping a young, comely Girl in his House, who got all his Money from him, they being very familiar together. She lay in a Bed just by him in a Room that had but a very slender partition between them. She went into his Room about six Clock that Morning, and finding him dead in his bed, gave a great Shreak, & so rais'd Company. There is another Woman living in the same House, though a different Tenement, that is Aunt to the said young Woman, that had a hand, as is reported, in the Ruin of this young Man, and that is Mrs. Price, Wife of Cary Price, a Cook, now in the Castle for debt. This Aunt is a very impudent, loose Creature, & of a very high Spirit, and joyn'd with her Neice in sucking this Hunt, who grew very negligent and sottish, & ran into many People's debt. He was not long ago in the Vice-Chancellour's Court, & was in danger of being thrown now into Goal, wch occasion'd him to committ the Fact. He had twice before attempted to make away with himself, as I hear, once by drowning in the Cherwell very early in the Morning, but his Mistress (the Girl beforementioned) running after him, only in slippers & a loose Morning Gown over her, it was prevented, he being only up to the middle in water. Another time by endeavouring to cut his Throat, but this was also prevented, & afterwards the Razours were laid aside anights, but 'twas forgot to do this the night before he thus murdered himself. He shav'd me Saturday Morning last, & talk'd very sensibly, nor did I see any disorder in him, so that I could not see any likelyhood of such an Accident, tho' some Months before I knew him much disordered, occasion'd by very hard drinking and his debts, and then one might have been rather apprehensive than now[1].

[1] He was buried, by his Father and Mother, about ten Clock at Night, on the next day, being Wednesday, in the Church Yard of St. Peter's in the East. NB. I have heard it several times since reported by some Neighbours that there is very great suspicion that some body murdered him.

May 12 (Th.). John, Son of Francis Cutler and Mary, his wife, was baptized January 18, 1687 (White-Waltham Register).

May 13 (Fri.). Yesterday came on the Election of a Master of Balliol College. Upon the death of D^r^. Hunt, two appear'd Candidates, viz. M^r^. Sanford & M^r^. Best, but the Interest being so divided that Sanford, tho' the Senior, and much the best Scholar, & a Man of a good Character in other respects, finding that he should not be able to get it for himself, endeavours w^t^ he could to obtain it for M^r^. Theophilus Lee of Corpus X^ti^ Coll., Nephew to D^r^. Bridges, Visitor of Balliol College, & accordingly I find, at least am told, that one of the votes being rejected by those that were for Sanford, as bad, viz. M^r^. Luxe's[1], who is mad, there was an equality, and so now the Visitor is to decide the Matter,

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May 12, 1726. H. to R. Rawlinson (Draft, Diaries, 112. 7. Original, Rawl. 111. 143). 'I am very sorry for the Scheme you speak of. I was an utter stranger to it. I knew nothing of your Brother's Marriage 'till a considerable time after 'twas over. Neither was I privy to any of his Management, any more than what was very publick, that of the selling his Books, which, however, I always told him I could heartily wish were kept together. I always acknowledg'd him as a Friend, and so I shall always speak of him, notwithstanding I do not now exspect to be paid what I spoke of. Yet he told me he never design'd I should be a looser by him. What they do, I am a stranger to. No doubt but your Medals are curious. I have not your Father's Print, neither did I ever see or hear of it before. But D^r^. Tayler's I have. What you say of the Editor of Selden is (I believe, for I have not seen the Work) very just. He says the Archbishop of Cant. put him upon *Marm. Oxon.* Yet his veracity is questioned. He wanted Papers of me. But had I made the Observations I once design'd, I should never communicate them to such a one. I intended to have copied all the Stones, with as much accuracy as I was capable of, but the very ill usage I met with made me lay aside all such thoughts, and retire to my Cell, where I have lived (just like a Recluse) sequestred from the World, among the small Number of Books I have, ever since. I wish, with all my heart, you and I could meet in some private place, and converse together as we did formerly, tho' it were but for a single hour. I want to look over *Keder de Nummis Suecicis*, but I know not who hath got the Book. . . . Your Brother was a likely man to have this Book. But there was no asking him for any thing at last. I could never get him to lend me, or tell me what is contained in, a Folio MS., in vellum, entit. *The Memorialls Cronicles, written by John Douglas, Munke of Glastenbury abbaye,—ending with Hen. 5.* And yet I mentioned it to him several times; the last was a little before he died, when my speaking of it put him into a great passion, as I perceiv'd by his Letter. But, it seems, he was then very ill, what I did not know of, otherwise I should have forborn. 'Twas you that assured me, under your own hand, that he had such a MS., and as 'tis, in all probability, to my present design, I should still be glad to peruse it. But, alass! who must be apply'd to, and how can I now exspect it? I shall therefore rest without it.' [Note by Rawlinson:—'Rec^d^, May 14, 1726.']

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[1] I am inform'd since that this is not true, but that Luxe's Vote was allow'd, and yet, notwithstanding, there was an equality, but that M^r^. Lee is really the Master, he being chosen in the old way, and Best in a new way of D^r^. Bouchier's prescribing. The matter, however, is before the Visitor.

notwithstanding Best hath taken possession, I hear, both of the Chair and Lodgings.

The Rev. Mr. Peplo is presented, by the Rt Honble the Lord Chancellor, to the Vicarage of Preston in Lancashire, vacant by the Promotion of his Father to the See of Chester.—*Reading Mercury for Mond., May 9th, 1726.*

Captain Elwes, in March, 1718, lived at Binfield in Berks., and had several MSS. of Sir W. Raleigh, that, if I had went over, he would have had me to see. Quære whether he be still living?

May 14 (Sat.). Yesterday Dr. Bertie (Brother to the Earl of Abbington) and Mr. Niblet were elected at All Souls to be return'd for Head of that College to the Archbishop of Canterbury, who is to fix upon one of them.

Mr. Allen told me the other day (viz. on Sunday Morning last) that Titus Oates was Minister of Bobbing in Kent.

He said that Fuller, the Informer, was born at Milton, a Market Town in Kent, being Bastard Son to one Harplet, by which Harplet he was sent to betray K. James at St. Germain's.

The old Hall at Leedes Abbey in Kent is supposed by Mr. Allen and others to have been the Infirmary to the Abbey. It is hardly a quarter of a Mile from the Abbey.

One Chamneys, who had the Estate of Boxley Abbey in Kent in 1724, being a Libertine, and not thriving, is since gone from it. Quærie, who hath it now? Mr. Allen could not then tell me.

Patricksborn an Alien-Priory (in Kent) to the Abbey of Beaulieu in Normandy. Mr. Allen told me Mr. Bateman of University College hath been Curate near it, and perhaps can tell something about it.

Mr. Allen told me then that Mr. Clarke of Ulcomb, commonly called Ookham, in Kent, died about half a Year ago. He had the Estate to which the Parsonage of Ookham belongs. See these Coll., vol. 104, p. 131.

He said Wingham, wch was a College for a Rector and six Canons, founded by John Peckham, Archbp of Cant., A.D. 1280 (according to Mon. A., but according to Sprot's Chron. A.D. 1286), is about four Miles from Canterbury.

My Father, George Hearne, coming with my Uncle, Wm Hearne, soon after I was Batchelour of Arts, to see me at Oxford in the latter end of the Year 1699, upon his return home to White Waltham, fell sick of the Small Pox, and recovered, but his Wife, my Mother, Edith Hearne, the Daughter of Thomas Wise and Edith, his Wife, of Shottesbrooke, both deceas'd some time before, falling sick also just after of the same Distemper, died of it, and is buried in White-Waltham Church Yard, by whom also my Father (according to his desire) is since buried. January 19th, 1699, he addresses himself to his Friends and Neighbours.

May 15 (Sun.). In the Year 1692 I was in my Latin Grammar and Corderius, under Mr. Patrick Gourdon, now Prebendary of Hereford, then Master of the Free School at Bray, near Windsor in Berks., &, before that, Professor of the Hebrew Tongue at Aberdeen in Scotland. He was look'd upon, as he is, to be a Good Scholar, but he had not so good

a way of teaching as his Successor, Mr. James Gibson, who taught me afterwards as Master of that School. This Mr. Gibson is now Minister of Wootton Underwood, near Brill in Bucks. Mr. Gibson's first Wife, a very pretty, good natured young Woman, was one of the Daughters of old Mrs. Adams, of St. Aldate's in Oxford. Mr. Gibson had two Children by her, a Girl and a Boy. The Son is now M.A., & lives some where in the Country, being in Orders. This first Wife died in Childbed many Years ago (above twenty), & is buried at Bray. The School flourished much whilst she lived, she being a neat, prudent Woman, and they had many Borders, but afterwards Mr. Gibson marrying one Mrs. Newton, an old Maid, who had been House Keeper in Mr. Cherry of Shottesbrooke's Family many Years, as she had been Housekeeper elsewhere before she came to Mr. Cherry's, tho' she was & is (for she is still living with her Husband at Wootton) a very notable, understanding Woman, yet there was not that Content among the Borders as before, & thereupon the School decay'd daily, wch discompos'd Mr. Gibson much, & he left it, & retir'd to Wootton, where he hath lived comfortably, tho' it be only a Donative of 40 libs. per an., ever since, sometimes teaching school there privately. This Mr. Gibson, who is elder Brother to the present Provost of Queen's Coll., had an excellent way of teaching School, and he is a very honest Man, & a very good School Scholar. His Second Wife, Mrs. Newton, when he married her, was House Keeper to Robert Patridge, Esq., in Norfolk, who is since dead.

May 16 (Mon.). On Saturday last, I hear, the Matter of Oriel College was determin'd against the Provost in Westminster-Hall. The Hearing then lasted twelve hours. The two Appellants, viz. Mr. Henry Edmunds of Jesus College & Mr. Parkhurst of Brazen Nose College, were declar'd Fellows, & a shilling damage was assign'd, so that now they may sue for Costs. So I was inform'd last Night. This is a great Confusion to the Provost, who hath not only lost his Negative by this (a thing he much insisted upon, what was never done before in the College), but hath likewise made the Bp of Lincoln loose his Visitatorial Power of that College, the King being at the same time, viz. when this Affair for the two Appellants was decided, declared Visitor of the College. Had Carter succeeded, other Heads would have also insisted upon a Negative, & then there would have been an End of all Elections. That Rascal, Bowles, all along struck in with the Provost. Mr. Dyer hath been so great a Friend in this Business, that some time since I heard several of the Fellows say that, if they carried their Point against the Provost, they ought to reckon Mr. Dyer a Restorer of their College.

May 17 (Tu.). My eldest Brother, George Hearne, was prenticed to a Gardiner at Shoreditch, London. He writ a Letter from thence to my Father (just after he was bound), Jan. 22, 169$\frac{2}{3}$, after wch he fell sick of the small Pox, and died about Cherry time in 1694. He was a Youth

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May 17, 1726. H. to [Mrs. Jane Hearne] (Rough draft, Rawl. 39. 129 'I recd the bag & Papers safe, and I thank you for the great Care you took about them. I have sent you two Guineas, wch I desire you would be pleased to accept of. I find it much better than if I had look'd the Papers over with

of good Parts, and excellent Understanding. He was about a Year older than I.

Mr. Allen told me, on May 8th last, that in the Parish of Thong (or else Baptchild) in Kent is an old Building close by the Road side, on the left hand that leads from Sittingbourne to Canterbury. It looks like a Chappell. It is a Yard high in some Places. It is but small.

He also told me that, a Mile from Thong, Roman Tiles are dug up towards the Sea.

He told me that at Bredgare in Kent is a Stone Building by a Pond, call'd the Gore. Perhaps this was a Piece of the College that was built at Bredgare by Rob. de Bradgare, Clerk, 16 Rich. II, and dedicated to the Holy Trinity.

The Foggs have been great in Kent, and have had large Estates.

May 18 (Wed.). At the same time Mr. Allen told me that the common People have a Tradition that Wm the Conqueror was turn'd back at Tunbridge, and that thence 'twas call'd *Turnbridge*. Indeed, I find it once written *Turnbrige* for *Tunbridge* in Dr. *Board's Perambulation*, which I have in MS., being transcrib'd by me from a Copy, written by the hand of the learned Laurence Noel, and lent me by Thomas Lambard, of Sevenoke in Kent, Esq.

Mr. Allen is Rector of Murston and Kingsdowne in Kent. Mr. Allen told me Kingsdowne belong'd to the Finches. Mr. Allen's Uncle (Thomas Finch) had the whole Parish. There was a Gallows. There is a Field now call'd Gallows Field. There is a little Church, or rather, a Chappell. There was a great House, now half down, in which was a Prison. There is a Place, about half a Mile from the House, call'd Dungate, where three ways meet.

Dr. Wilkins's Lady, who is Sister to my Ld Fairfax, is a great Fortune, but she is half witted. She is towards 30 Years of Age. The Dr. is asham'd to carry her with him. She is for that and other reasons angry with him.

On Sunday last, in the Afternoon, about four Clock, Mr. Niblett of All

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you, where I could not have had the time requisite. I take care to burn them as I peruse them. I find many of my own writing, wch I am very glad fell into no other hands, they being now fit only for the Flames, & I thought my Father, as I several times desired him, had burnt them himself. If you find any more of his Papers, I intreat that they may be also sent to me. Could not his Books and Pamphletts be also sent over in the Bag, that I may have time to look over & assign such as are proper for Ned? I have sent a Crown Piece for my Uncle.' [Hearne has twice written (with a slight difference), and struck out, the following passage:—'My Sister, Anne Hearne, informed me lately that she had been over with you about receiving her share of houshold Goods, wch she says were left her by my father, but she adds that you refuse to give them to her till I come over, or otherwise send word to you. What these Houshold Goods are, I know not, farther than that she mentioned some Pewter Dishes. In short, I intreat that all things may be easy. If I have any Interest in any houshold Goods, I freely give all to her, provided there may not be the least damage either to your self or my two Brothers. But as for the Papers & Books, I desire all of them, tho' I think I shall keep very few of the Books, but let my brother Ned have them, as he desires, tho' with a request that if any be proper for Wm & my Sister, he would gratify them therewith.']

Souls Coll. went for Lambeth, but Dr. Bertue did not go till yesterday Morning.

May 19 (Th.).

London, May 12, 1726. His Grace Charles Beauclair, Duke of St. Alban's, Earl of Burford, Baron of Heddington, and Captain of the Band of Gentlemen Pensioners, Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County of Berks., and Knight of the most Noble Order of the Garter, died lately at the Bath. He was the only Natural Son of King Charles the Second by Mrs. Eleanor Gwyn (being born May 8th, according to the Peerage of England, but about the 14th or 15th of May, according to Ant. à Wood, An. 1670[1]), and in 1694 was married to the Lady Diana Vere, eldest Daughter and Coheir to Aubrey de Vere, the 20th and last Earl of Oxford of that Name, by whom he had Issue seven Sons. His Grace is succeeded in his Honour and Estate by his eldest Son, Charles, Earl of Burford, Member of Parliament for the Borough of New Windsor in the County of Berks.—*Reading Mercury for Monday, May* 16, 1726.

On Sunday, May 8th last, died, at his Seat in Northamptonshire, Sir John Blencoe, Knt., formerly one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, who, by reason of his great Age, resign'd that Place some Years since.—*Ibid.*

May 20 (Fri.). Dr. Richd Rawlinson, in a Letter to me from London, where he now is, of the 11th inst., blames his late Brother Thomas to the last degree for his Marriage, docking the entail of the paternal Estate, &c., by wch the Dr. is so very much injured, all of which, he says, is owing to one of the most sacred Character's Management. There are many Things to that purpose in the Letter, which, however, I do not transcribe, because he hath injoyn'd me to burn it.

At the same time he told me he will take some opportunity, by parcells, of communicating his collection of ancient and modern Medals, wch at home and abroad are very numerous, and as to their value, he says, I'll be a good judge on sight of them.

He observes, as he notes in that Letter, that Wilkins, who published Selden, is on some design to give us our Arundel Marbles, wch the Dr. thinks him much less capable of than he was for Selden, who appears in colours widely different from his desert, and in a most incorrect edition, such as himself would be, if alive, and his well wishers are at present, much ashamed of. Three inducements, says Dr. Rawlinson, that sham Dr. had for the undertaking of Selden's works: the first and most powerfull, Regina pecunia; a second, ambition and hopes of preferment; and the last, to hand afresh to the world this author's peculiar affection to the Cloath the Editor wears, which he so freely exclaims against in several of his pieces; but which of these motives urges on an Edition to the Marmora Oxoniensia? nothing, sure, saith the Dr., but an itch to make himself known for as poor a Critick as Divine. The Dr. wishes my self had encouragement for a such like work, to correct the errours of Prideaux, and afford us some new discoveries, which that man of learning has omitted; *perhaps* (says the Dr.) *you are engaged in a different way more for the benefit of the learned world.* NB. I told the Dr. I had once such a design, but the very ill usage I met with made me lay it aside, I being debarr'd the Library, &c.

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[1] [The words in parentheses are added by Hearne.]

May 21 (Sat.). Mr. Baker of Cambridge tells me, in a Letter from thence of the 8th inst., that he cannot meet with *Keder de Nummis Suecicis* in any of their Libraries, nor is it in the Catalogue of the late Bp of Ely's Books.

To help to fill up a Letter, he sends me a few old Verses he met with at the end of a MS. Psalter, in a pretty old hand:—

Nota quod isti versus scribuntur apud Glastoniam super Lapidem marmoreum:

Transit Avolonam duodena caterva virorum, Avolona
Flos ab Aramathia Joseph est primus eorum, est
Josaphat ex Joseph genitus Patrem comitatur, Insula
Hiis aliisque decem Jus Glasthonie prebeatur. Glasthoniæ.

But these, he since finds, are printed (with some variation) in Weever's Funeral Monuments, Pref. Discourse, Pag. 58, & are only sent, Mr. Baker says, for want of somewhat better.

He says Dr. Knight's Book of the Life of Erasmus is now publisht at Cambridge. He says Dr. Knight has printed the remarkable Letter I sent him from Lupset, with acknowledgments to the owner, and has, besides, made good use of Sr Tho. Moore's Letter concerning the Greeks and Trojans, &c., that I printed with Sr Tho. More's Life by Roper. He doubts not I have seen Dr. Hare's *Epistola Critica*, &c., wch, if answered, is like to lay the foundation of a Paper war betwixt two *great men*. NB. I have just seen it, but not read it. Neither have I inclination to read it at present, it being about Terence & Phædrus, lately published by Dr. Bentley purely because Dr. Hare had published Terence before. To be sure, Bentley is nettled at Dr. Hare's Observations in the said Ep. Crit.

Marianus Scotus scripsit secundum quosdam Notitiam utriusque imperii. Vide Jac. Wareum de Scriptoribus Hiberniæ, p. 51, & Voss. de Hist. Lat.

May 22 (Sun.). In p. 26 of his Apparatus ad Theologiam Mr. Penton hath these Words, speaking of translating from Latin into English, & vice versa,—*quod in usu est hodiè Viro his artibus valde instructo, qui suum hunc mihi morem communicavit.* He means the late Mr. Thomas Collins, Head Master of Magd. Coll. School, as Mr. Collins told me himself.

May 22, 1726. H. to [Rev. Cuthbert] Parkinson (Diaries, 112. 28). 'I thank you very kindly for your valuable Present of *The Antiquities of the English Franciscans*. The excellent Author (to whom my very humble service) hath taken a great deal of pains, and shew'd much Skill in compiling this Work, which I peruse and read with much delight. I cannot think that any one can be against it that hath any regard for true Devotion. 'Tis from such Books that we learn the Piety, Sanctity, and Generosity of our Ancestors. And 'tis, therefore, a very usefull Piece of service to collect any Thing upon such Subjects. When I had the happiness of seeing you last here, I mentioned to you a MS. of *John of Glastonbury* that belong'd formerly to Sir Richard Tycheburn. I know not whether you have thought of it since. . . . I was very sorry to hear some time since of the Death of Mr. Robt Eyston.' [See Diary, June 4.]

May 24 (Tu.). My Lord Chesterfield and Col. James Hales have Interest in Biland Abbey. About 150 Years ago (as Mr. Allen of Kent lately told me), Sir Edward Hales and the Earl of Chesterfield married two Sisters, whose names were Cromer, between which two Sisters was an Estate of above thirty thousand libs. per an., Part of which was Biland Abbey, I think[1]. It may be, Col. Hales hath some old Writings about the Abbey.

Thomas Lambard, of Sevenoke in Kent, Esq., was formerly Gent. Commoner of Queen's Coll., Oxon., I think. Quære?

The said Bilaund Abbey is in Yorkshire. There is mention of it in Guil. Neubrigensis.

May 25 (Wed.). Last Saturday was buried, in Spersholt Church in Berks., Mr. Palmer, a Gentleman of that Place, who died, aged about 30 Years, with hard drinking, leaving a Widow without Children, being the eldest Sister of the Wife of Mr. Tag, of Paradice Garden in Oxford, whose Wife, viz. Mr. Tag's, hath an excellent Character both for sense & good nature. Their Maiden Name is Hundsdon.

Henry Earl of Warwick's Grant of Cumton to the Church of St. Mary at Warwick. Ex Apographo Thomæ Ward de Warwick, armigeri.

Henricus Comes Warewic' Presentibus & futuris, Salutem. Sciatis quod Ego, pro salute mea, & Margaritæ, uxoris meæ, & omnium parentum & antecessorum meorum, dedi ecclesiam de Cumtona, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, libere & quiete in perpetuam elemosinam, ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ de Warewic', & hac mea carta confirmavi, ut sit omni tempore in prebenda unius canonicorum ibi deo serviencium. Hujus autem donationis sunt Testes, Margarita, uxor mea, Siwardus de Ardena, Tirstinus de Monte forti, Hugo filius Ricardi, Henricus senescallus.

Ecclesia de Cumpton data Ecclesie Collegii de Warewic'.

His Seal in Green Wax appendant, the Earl riding upon an Horse, with his sword upright in his right hand; round: + SIG . . . . . MITIS . . . . . IC.

Mr. Ward tells us not whence this was copied. The said Henry was Henry de Newburgh, the first Earl of Warwick of the Norman line, who (as Dugdale saith) gave the Church of Compton (Murdak) for a Prebend to the maintenance of one Canon therein. So that the design for making this Church of St. Mary Collegiate was originally laid by the said Henry; but the Work being not effected by him, Roger, his Son, and Successor in the Earldom, did, in the Year MCXXIII, 23 H. I, consummate it. See Dugdale's Warwickshire, p. 343, & his Baronage, Part i, p. 69, where he refers for his Authority to Regist. Coll. de Warwick, penes Rem. R. in Scac.

May 23, 1726. H. to T. Ward (Diaries, 112. 30). Much indebted to T. W. for kindness in lending books. Received letter of 7th instant, with parcel. Petrus Alphonsus is printed both by itself and in the Bibliotheca Patrum. [See Diary, June 7.] There is nothing in it to H.'s purpose. The note from Schedel contains nothing new.

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[1] [Hearne has written against this sentence, 'Here must be some mistake.']

May 26 (Th.). Mr. Nicolas Cox, who sells Books in Oxford, was baptized at Stanton St. John's on Febr. 4th, 1649, as appears from the Register there.

London, May 17, 1726. On Thursday last, May 12, the Hon. Edward Digby, third Son to the Rt Hon. the Lord Digby, was unanimously chosen Member of Parliament for the County of Warwick, in the Room of his Brother, the Hon. Robert Digby, Esq., deceas'd.—*Reading Mercury, May* 23, 1726.

London, May 19, 1726. We hear that, on the 5th Instant the Rev. Mr. Segar, Chaplain to (Benj. Hoadley[1]) the Bishop of Sarum, and the Rev. Mr. Bampton were, by the Dean and Chapter, elected Canons of that Cathedral in the Room of Dr. Wyat and Dr. Whitby, deceas'd.—*Ibid.*

London, May 19, 1726. A few days ago died Capt. John Macky, who was during the late War Master of the Packet-Boats from Dover to Calis, &c., and who wrote the entertaining Descriptions of Towns, Gentlemen's Seats, Battles, Sieges, &c., which we meet with in those four Pocket Volums call'd, *Journies through* England, Scotland, *and the* Austrian Netherlands.—*Ibid.*

Lond., May 17, 1726. On Saturday last (May 14[1]) there was a Tryal at Bar, in the Court of Common-Pleas at Westminster, between the Rt Rev. Ld Bishop of Lincoln and the Master and Fellows of Oriel College, Oxon., relating to the Right of Electing a Visitor of the said College; when the Verdict was given by the Jury for the latter.—*Ibid.*

May 27 (Fri.). I hear that Mr. Taylour of Goring, who lives in the Place where the Nunnery there stood, and hath the Estate, at least a good part of it, tho' a civil Gentleman, is, notwithstanding, in a declining Condition with respect to his Circumstances, having been ingaged in many Law Suits. It is dangerous meddling with Estates that belong'd to Religious Houses.

May 28 (Sat.). St. Edward's, or St. Edmund's, Well was about a Furlong[2] S.S. West of St. Clement's Church, by Oxford. It was stopt up in the time of K. Edw. I. About a Year ago was discovered in the Bulwarks, or one of the Bastions, a fine Spring of water, and a Well was made, wch I saw yesterday. Some think this Spring fed St. Edward's, or St. Edmund's, Well.

May 29 (Whitsun.). Yesterday being the Birth day of the Duke of Brunswick, commonly called K. George, when he entered into the sixty seventh Year of his Age, there was very little ringing of Bells and rejoycing in Oxford.

Yesterday was Sennight, being May 21, the Wife of one Mr. Samuel Whillier, of St. Gyles's in Oxford, was buried at St. Gyles's. By her death an Estate beyond Ifley, being a fine Meadow of 29 libs. per annum, is come to the poor of Abbington, and, accordingly, the Mayor and other of the Trustees of Abbington took possession of it on Friday last. This Mrs. Whillier had very substantial, rich Relations. She was considerably more than fourscore Years of Age. Her Husband is also at least fourscore, & is now helpless, tho' he hath been a lusty, hearty Man, but was not so kind to his Wife ('tis said) as he ought to have been, upon whose Life his Livelyhood, as it were, depended.

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[1] [The words in parentheses are added by Hearne.]
[2] 275 Yards.

May 30 (Mon.). Yesterday died, at about five Clock in the Afternoon, Mr. Samuel Wright, of All Hallows' Parish, Oxford, Head Cook of Univ. Coll., a Person of great skill in his business, and of an excellent facetious Temper, wch made his Company much desired, he being, withall, an honest Man. He was about fourty Years of Age, or better, & died of a dropsy. He hath left a Widow and a Daughter behind him. He was buried to-Night at All Hallows'.

Yesterday, just after Church time in the Morning, a youth named Clark, being an Apprentice to one Beazly, a Taylour of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, cut his Throat in the Cellar, when he was sent down to tap a Vessel of Small Beer, but the Knife being blunt, his Windpipe was not touched, so that he is like to do well again. He is sixteen Years of Age, had been at St. Peter's Church just before, had a very good Master & Mistress, wanted for nothing, but is of a selfish, stubborn Temper, & says that he was instigated by the Devil [1].

Last night, in the Evening, one Mr. Cook, a Commoner of Queen's College, of about two Years' standing, a pretty civil Youth, was accidentally drowned some where by Ifley, as he was swimming.

Last Night came News to All Souls College that the Archbp of Canterbury hath made Mr. Niblet Warden of All Souls College, in room of Dr. Gardiner, deceas'd, wch as it must vex Dr. Bartie, so, without doubt, several others of the College must be very much displeas'd, at the same time as others, to be sure, are very well pleas'd.

May 31 (Tu.). In p. 210 of Mr. Ashmole's *Theatrum Chemicum* is an Hieroglyphical device of Cremer, somtime, saith Mr. Ashmole, in p. 465 of his Annotations, Abbot of Westminster, and Scholler (in this Rosacrucian Science) to Raymond Lully, which he caused to be painted upon an Arched Wall in Westminster Abbey, where now the Statues of our Kings and Queens are set in their respective Habits. See more there relating to Westminster Abbey, p. 466.

More things there, p. 467, about Cremer, who is thought to have translated into English *Hermes Bird*, written by Raymund Lully. Cremes [*sic*] flourished A.D. 1337.

William Bird, Prior of Bath, expended much Money by endeavouring what he might to finish the Abbey Church of Bath (the foundation of which sumptuous Building was begun by Oliver King, but he, dying, left it unperfect), and had brought it to perfection, had not he been cut off by death. See Ashmole, ibid. p. 475, and Wood's Athenæ Oxon., vol. i, in the Fasti. There are many remarkable Things relating to this Priory of Bath in the iid vol. of Leland's Itinerary.

June 1 (Wed.). Last night, at nine Clock, was buried in St. Peter's

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May 30, 1726. H. to the Earl of Oxford (Diaries, 112. 40). Inquires whether there is a MS. of Adam de Domerham's Historia de Rebus Gestis Glastoniensibus in his lordship's library.

June 1, 1726. H. to J. Murray (Draft, Diaries, 112. 45. Original, Rawl. 112. 220). Is there anything relating to Glastonbury in J. M.'s MS. called

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[1] He did well again.

Church in the East, Oxon., Mr. Cook of Queen's College, who was drowned on Sunday Night last at Swithun's Wiers, near Ifley.

London, May 24, 1726. On Saturday (May 21[1]), in the Afternoon, a Negro Servant, who was harrowing with three Horses in a Field at Beckingham, was kill'd by the Lightning, as were also two of the Horses.—*Reading Mercury for Mond., May* 30.

NB. That day was very hot, tho' there was a fine Wind, and all the Afternoon we heard great Thunder at some distance from Oxford, but it did not reach us, tho' we had a small sprinkling of Rain.

London, May 26, 1726. The Lightning on Tuesday last (May 24[1]) set Fire to a House on Tower-Hill, which, however, was quickly extinguish'd. An adjoining House was partly until'd, and a Beam split; and the Windows of several Houses in that Neighbourhood broke.—*Reading Mercury ibid.*

NB. That day at Oxford we had a fine Shower in the Morning, but afterwards it proved a cool day, nor had we any Thunder or Lightning all day long.

Lond., May 26, 1726. On the 19th (Thursd.[1]) the Spire of Weston Flavel (in Northamptonshire[1]) was split asunder by the Violence of a Clap of Thunder.—*Read. M. ibid.*

NB. 'Twas excessive hot that day at Oxford, but we had no Lightning, Thunder, or Rain.

Lond., May 26, 1726. Yesterday (Wednesday, May 25[1]) two Boys playing in the Fields near Horse-lie Down (in Surrey[1]), in the Time of the Thunder and Lightning, the one was struck Dead by the Thunder, and the other scorch'd by the Lightning.—*Read. M. ibid.*

NB. That day, viz. May 25, was very hot, and we perceiv'd that much Thunder and Rain went about in the Afternoon, but we had none at Oxford, only a little Rain.

Edward IV's Wardrobe? [PS.] Hopes Mr. Granger received his Florence of Worcester.

June 1, 1726. R. R[awlinson] to H. (Rawl. 9. 23). Apologizes for delay in answering letter of May 12. Wants to know how to send his father's print and monumental inscription, &c. 'I am much troubled that it lyes not in my power to serve you as to the Esqr's books, which he has entirely left to the care of a stranger, though, perhaps, in most things his hard intentions towards one who never injur'd him, may be frustrated.' Sends two inscriptions. [See Diary, Aug. 13.] 'This morning Mr. Eyston, brother to our late friend at Henred, brought me a present of his piece on the English Franciscans, and at the same time shewed me a copy of a Lettr from you, which F. Parkinson (whom I saw at their Chapter at Rome) and his friends would, I find, print and prefix to some copies of this work, but yet suspend their intentions till they obtain your permission for it, or mentioning your recommendation in an advertisement which they also designed. I am desired to give you this prævious notice, and to request your answer, conformable to which I presume they will act.' [PS.] Thinks he has a piece of Nicholas Keder s.

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[1] [The words in parentheses are Hearne's.]

June 2 (Th.). Mr. Pepper, of St. Clement's, by Oxford, told me Yesterday that next August 8th he is compleat 64 Years of Age.

I am well assured that the famous Botanist, Mr. John Ray, was episcopally ordain'd. Search his Letters published by Mr. Derham, particularly the account of his Death.

The following Books some time ago I bought out of Dr. Charlett's Study of Mr. Wilmot:—

	£	s.	d.
Atkins's Gloucestershire	5	5	0
Gale's Historians	3	3	0
Cressy['s] Ch. Hist.	2	0	0
Newcourt's Repertorium	1	10	0
Thoroton's Nottinghamshire	2	10	00
Kennett's Parochial Antiq.	1	10	00
Scriptores de re Accipitraria	0	10	6
Kilbourn's Survey of Kent	0	8	0
Lhuydii Lithophylacium Brit.	0	2	6
Jo. Twynus de rebus albionicis	0	7	6
Herne's Charter-House	0	7	0
Bp of Carlisle's Border Laws	0	7	0

June 4 (Sat.). On Thursday last, in the Afternoon, call'd upon me Father Cuthbert Parkinson, who came from East Hendred in Berks. on purpose to see me. His Nephew, Mr. Fetherston, came along with him, and yesterday I spent the greatest Part of the day with them.

Mr. Parkinson told me that he himself is the Author of *Collectanea Anglo-Minoritica, or, A Collection of the Antiquities of the English Franciscans, or Friars Minors, commonly call'd Gray Friers, in two Parts. With an Appendix concerning the English Nuns of the Order of Saint Clare;* Lond., 1726, 4°. He compil'd this Work, as he told me, by the help of Books in the Study of my late excellent Friend, Charles Eyston, of East Hendred, Esq. Mr. Parkinson (who is a Franciscan himself) is now in the 59th Year of his Age, as he told me himself. He is a very worthy, learned Man, and of an excellent good natured temper. The said Book is what my Letter above, pag. 28[1], relates to, wch Letter

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June 3, 1726. H. to R. Rawlinson (Draft, Diaries, 112. 47. Original, Rawl. 111. 145). Thanks for letter of 1st instant. Directions for sending parcels. 'I find you have pick'd up Marbles as well as other Things of great value, for which I congratulate you, & hope you may live a great many Years for the good of the publick, which you have so much at heart. The two old Inscriptions you sent me are very acceptable, notwithstanding one of them be so very imperfect. [See Diary, Aug. 13.] Pray be pleas'd to give my best Respects to the very worthy Author you mention. I knew not his Name 'till you discover'd it. I give free liberty of making whatever use they shall think fit of the short letter I writ upon occasion of that good Book.' Glad R. R. thinks he has a piece of Keder's. Inquires about an error in the inscription to Thomas More. [See *Johannis Glastoniensis Chronica*, ii. 655.] [PS.] 'I burnt your former Letter, as you desired.' [Note by Rawlinson:—'Recd, 4 Junii, 1726. Answered, 6 Junii, 1726.']

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[1] [See Hearne's letter to Father Parkinson, May 22.]

they are urgent with me to give leave to be printed, to be prefix'd to some of the Copies. Accordingly, I gave them liberty to do with it as they please.

We walk'd yesterday to the Gray and Black F[r]iers, by Little Gate, or Water Gate, in Oxford, neither Mr. Parkinson nor Mr. Fetherstone having been there before.

Mr. Fetherstone lives at Mr. William Young's of Whadcombe, a Seat near Falley in Berks. 'Tis called Whadcombe Chantery. There are Ruins at Whadcombe (as Mr. Fetherstone told me) of a Chappel. They have discovered there an old Pot, & there are to be seen there old Stone Pillars. Humane Bones are dug up there.

The said Mr. Wm Young (as Mr. Fetherstone told me) is a curious Man in Books, Medalls, & Natural Rarities, & hath an excellent Collection of all these. Mr. Fetherstone shew'd me 8 or 9 of these Coins, being good ones, & he brought them on purpose, & said I should be extremely welcome, if I came into that Country, at Mr. Young's.

Parson Horn, lately dead, Minister of Nettlebed in Oxfordshire, married Mr. Young's Aunt. Mr. Young is 49 Years old. His Wife is Daughter of one Sponer, of one of the Mortons near Wallingford. This Mr. Young's Brother Charles married the other Sister, & lives with her and hath an Estate at Lye Farm, at the Edge of the King's Heath, 2 Miles beyond Lamborn. The said Mr. Charles Young is younger than his Brother Wm, which Wm hath 8 Children.

Mr. Fetherstone said that some time ago was found at Ledcombe Castle an Urn, full of Roman & other Coins, & that the said Mr. Wm Young hath a piece of the Urn, & most of the Coins, if not all. The said Ledcombe Castle is what is otherwise call'd Saxborough Castle, of wch I have made mention formerly, & I have lately taken notice of it in my Advertisement to the Reader prefix'd to my Letter that I reprinted last Year of the Antiquities betw. Windsor & Oxford. Yet Mr. Fetherstone agreed with me, & so, he said, Mr. Young and others do, that Ledcombe Castle is a Danish Camp, notwithstanding these Coins, about wch I must remember to make a farther & more exact Inquiry.

June 5 (Sun.). Mr. Parkinson at the same time did assure me that what was reported about a Son of Mr. Robert Eyston's being married to a Sister of his said Father's Widow is false.

Mr. Ward of Warwick lent me lately a thin Paper printed Book, in 4to, intit., *A Tragedye or enterlude manyfestyng the chefe promyses of God vnto man by all ages in the olde lawe, from the fall of Adam to the incarnacyon of the lorde Jesus Christ. Compyled by Johan Bale, Anno Domini* MDXXXVIII. 'Tis imperfect at the End, & so I cannot tell where printed, tho' from the Letter I gather it was beyond Sea. It is in verse (such verse as it is), and contains nothing of good Remark, & is therefore of value only for its Rarity.

He also at the same time lent me a little 8vo MS., being a List of many Roman Coins (I know not in whose hands), from whence I pick'd nothing to my purpose.

June 6 (Mon.). On Friday Evening last died Elizabeth Smith, the Daughter of — Smith & Mary, his Wife, of Heddington, near Oxford,

being a child of very great hopes, of little more than six Years of Age. She died of a Feaver in the Head, being sick about 10 days, and hardly able to speak after she was first taken ill, but continued, as it were, stupid. She was buried last Night, about seven a Clock, by a brother of hers that died about 7 years ago.

Yesterday died Mr. Wm Bolt, a Joyner of Oxford, commonly called Farmer Bolt, in the 70th Year of his Age, a Man that was always running after Women, for whom he pretended a wonderfull Affection, but could never get any Wife. He was a poor Man, spending what Money he got (wch could not be a little, since he was an industrious Man, & would work well) in foolish Exploits about Women, who all, however, hated him, & he would be sometimes pump'd by their means, especially when he made his Addresses to such as were far above him, both in Quality and Fortune, as he frequently did. And yet the poor Man had the Vanity to think & pretend himself descended, in a direct line, from an ancient and Knightly Family, and for that reason would brag of his being a Gentleman by Birth, & for that reason he would often go with a sword by his side, wch gave occasion to many of good Mirth & Sport. He was buried to-night in St. Peter's Church Yard in the East, of wch he was a Parishioner, tho' he had lived for some time in St. Marie's Parish, where he died. His Coffin was carried by 6 young Men, & the Pall held up by six young Women very decently.

June 7 (Tu.).

[1] Cross in Cross-Cheeping in Coventry.

1542, 34 H. 8.

An Indenture of Covenants between Cuthbert Joyner, Simon Parker, John Jet, Aldermen of the City of Coventry, and Henry Over and Christopher Waren, Citizens of the same, on the one part, And Thomas Phillips, of the Town of Bristow free Mason, and John Petit, of Wellingborough in the County of Northampton, on the other part.

Thomas Phillips and John Petit, for them, their Executors and Administrators, that they, their Executors, Administrators, or Assignes, for nine score and seven pounds 6s. 8d. to them paid, as after shall be expressed, &c., before the feast of St. Michael the Archangell, which shall be in Anno Domini 1543, shall newly and substantially and workmanly make, build, sett up, and fully finish a new Cross, of good, suer, seasonable freestone, of the Quarryes of Attilborough or Rounton in the County of Warwick, or of both the said Quarries, except the Stone belonging to the Stepps of the same Crosse, which shall be had and made of harder ston in the late priory in this said Citie, at the only proper costs, Charges, and expences of the said Tho. P. and J. P. and their Assignes.

The same Crosse to be erected and set up in the Markett place in the said Citie of Coventry, called crosse cheeping, in such place there as the old Crosse now standeth, after the manner, forme, fashion, and due proportion in all points of a Crosse redie made and set up in the Towne of Abington in the Countie of Berks. And further, to set on every principall pinnacle in the lowest story of the same new Crosse, the Ymage (Image) of a Beast or a foule holding up a Fane, and on everie principall pinnacle in the second story, the Image of a naked Boy, with a Targett, and holding a Fane. And that the same new Crosse, before the feast of the Nativitie of St. John Baptist,

[1] Ex Apographo Thomæ Ward de Warwick, Armigeri, qui quonam loco adservetur originale non indicavit.

which shall be in the year of our Lord God 1542, shall be wrought, made, and set up, of the Height of twentie foot above the highest Stepp of the same Crosse, except only the workmanship of the Images, fynnyalls, and other pictures.

And that the same Crosse, before the feast of S^t^. Michaell the archangell then next ensuing, shall be made, wrought, and set up, of the Height of 25 foot above the highest Stepp of the same Crosse, before the feast of the Nativitie of S^t^. John (the) Baptist, which shall be in the year of our Lord God 1543, shall be made, wrought, and set up, in the Height of 40 foot above the said highest step.

And that before the feaste of S^t^. Michaell the Archangell then next following, the said Crosse shall be fully made, wrought, and set up, to the Height of 45 foot, or higher (if the said Crosse in Abington be higher), above the said highest step, and finished in all points, as well in ymagerie work, pictures, and fynialls, as otherwise, according to the due forme and proportion of the said Crosse in Abington.

And further, the said T. P. and J. P. covenant and grant to find all Leade and Iron belonging to the same Crosse, and all Ston, Lyme, and Sand, with the Workmanship and carriage of the same, and all other necessarys, whatsoever they be, to be had and expended about the same Crosse, at their Costs, Charges, and expences. And also at their Charges to prepare, find, and make an House or Lodge for Masons to work in dureing the time of making the same Crosse.

Provided alwayes, and it is agreed between the said parties, that the said Cuthbert Joyner, S. P., J. Jet, H. O., and Christop. Waren shall find all Fanes to be set in the same Crosse, and all Iron and Leade belonging to the same Fanes: and also 6 or 8 old ymages to be set in the said Crosse, yf they will serve and be thought meete for the same Work (or else not), the same ymages to be repaired and clensed at the Charges of the said T. P. and J. P.

Provided also, and it is agreed between the said Parties, that where the said Crosse in Abington hath 8 steps, the now Crosse to be made in Coventry aforesaid shall have but 4 steps.

Provided also, and it is agreed between the said Parties, that where the said Crosse in Abington is begone in 8 panes, and changed in the second Story into 6 panes, to the deformitie of the same Crosse, this now Crosse to be made in Coventry shall be begone in 6 panes, till the full finishing of the same. In Consideration of which said Crosse to be wrought, made, set up, and finished in forme above written, the said C. J., S. P., J. J., H. O., & C. W. covenant by these presents to pay, or cause to be paid, unto the said T. P. and J. Petit, or their Assignes, 197l.—6s.—8d. sterling, in manner and forme following, that is to say, the 18^th^ Day of July next ensueing the date hereof 6l.—13s.—4d., and every 4^th^ Fryday then next ensuing and ymmediately following 6l.—13s.—4d., till the Sum of 73l.—6s.—8d. more be fully paid, and when the said Crosse is of the Height of 20 foot above the highest Step of the same, except the Images, Pictures, and finialls, then to paie on the Fryday next after the accomplishment of the said Crosse of the height of 20 feet, 6l., and then to paie every 4^th^ Fryday after 6l., till the Sum of 12l. be more paid. And when the said Crosse is of the Height of 25 foot above the highest Step, then to paie on every Fryday after 6l., till the Sum of 53l. be more paid, and when the said Crosse is of the Height of 40 foot above the highest Step, then to paie on the Fryday next before S^t^. Marget's Day, next after the accomplishment of the said Crosse of the Height of 40 foot, 6l., and everie 4^th^ Fryday next 6l., till the Sum of 12l. more be paid, and when the said Crosse is fully finished in all points, according to the said Bargain, and according to the purport and Effect of these Indentures, then to pay to the said Thomas Phillips and John Petit, or their Assignes, 17l.—6s.—8d. in full payment and Contentation of the said Sum of 197l.—6s.—8d.

In Witness, &c.

The foresaid Mr. Ward hath got and lent me an old Vellum MS. containing several Things, the first of wch is Peter Alphonsus's Book, that he intitles *clericalis disciplina*. When I writ to Mr. Ward on the 23d of last Month, I had not considered his Book, but I have since, & find it to be different from wt I then writ to him. I had seen formerly, which was not this, but a much better Thing, being lent me by Mr. Graves, viz. his *Dialogus adversus Judæos*, wch is printed by it self, and in the *Bibliotheca Patrum*, whereas this *clericalis Disciplina* is much shorter than that, & not worth publishing, as I take it, being nothing but a dry, sapless Collection of moral Fables. It contains 89 Pages. The nature of it may be better perceiv'd from Peter's Prologue, wch is this :—

Incipit liber Petri Aldefonsi.

Dixit Petrus Andelfunsus, servus Ihesu Christi, Henrici Regis Anglorum Medicus, compositor hujus libri. Gratias ago Deo, qui primus est sine principio, à quo bonorum omnium est principium, finis sine fine, tocius boni complementum, Sapiens qui rationem & sapientiam præbet homini, qui nos sua aspiravit sapientia, & suæ rationis admirabili illustravit claritate, & multiformi Spiritus Sancti sui ditavit gracia. Quia igitur me, licet peccatorem, multimoda vestire dignatus est sapientia, Ne lucerna mihi credita sub modio lateret tecta, eodem spiritu instigante, ad multorum utilitatem hunc librum componere ammonitus sum, ipsum obsecrans, ut huic mei libelli principio bonum finem adjungat, meque custodiat, ne quid in eo dicatur quod suæ displiceat voluntati. Deus igitur in hoc opusculo mihi sit auxilium, qui me librum hunc componere & in Latinum transferre compulit. Cum enim apud me sæpius retrctando [1] humanæ causas curationis omni modo scire laborem, humanum quidem ingenium inveni ex præcepto conditoris ad hoc esse deputatum, ut, quamdiu est in hoc seculo, in sanctæ studeat excercitatione philosophiæ, qua de creatore suo meliorem majoremque habeat notitiam. Et moderata vivere studeat continentia, & ab imminentibus sciat se præcavere adversitatibus, eoque tramite gradiatur in seculo, qui eum ducat ad rengna cœlorum. Quod si in præfinita sanctæ disciplinæ norma vixerit, hoc quidem pro quo creatus est complevit debetque perfectus appellari. Fragilemque hominis consideravi compositionem esse, quæ, ne tædium incurrat, quasi provehendo paucis & paucis instruenda est. Duritiæ quoque ejus sum recordatus, ut facilius retineat, quamvis quodammodo necessario dulcificanda est & mollienda. Quia & obliviosa est, multis indiget quæ oblitorum faciant recordari. Propterea igitur libellum compegi, partim ex proverbiis philosophorum & suis castigationibus, partim ex proverbiis & castigationibus arabicis & fabulis & versibus, & partim ex animalium & volucrum similitudinibus. Modum tamen consideravi, ne si plura necessariis scripserim, scripta honeri potius sint lectori, quam subsidia, ut legentibus & audientibus sint desiderium & occasio addiscendi, scientes vero per hæc quæ hic continentur oblitorum reminiscantur. Huic libello nomen ex re, i. clericalem disciplinam, dedi. Reddit enim clerum disciplinatum. Vitandum tamen decrevi pro possibilitate sensus mei, ne quid in nostro tractatu inveniatur quod nostræ credulitati sit contrarium, vel à nostra fide diversum, ad quod adjuvet me omnipotens Deus cui supernitor. Amen. Si quis tamen hoc opusculum humano & exteriori oculo percurrerit & quid in eo quod humana pariter cavit natura viderit, subtiliori oculo item & item religere moneo & demum ipsi & omnibus catholicæ fidei perfectis, corrigendum appono. Nichil enim in humanis inventionibus putat esse philosophus perfectum.

Mr. Ward of Warwick hath a very fair Copy of Edm. Bolton's Nero Cæsar, with all the Coins except that at pag. 277. I have also my self

[1] L[ege] retractando.

a very fair Copy of this Book, as I have also another very imperfect one, in wch likewise the Coins are wanting. Mr. Ward hath writ as follows at the beginning of his:—

See Page 222.

Upon the Report of a certain French Antiquary, the D. of Parma caused his Farnessan Gardens at Campo Vaccino to be dug up, where the Gold Baths of Nero are already found, and in his House Works of beautiful Architecture, besides a small Idol of Massy Gold, which was forthwith sent to Parma, with 2 Statues of Marble, and many other Pieces of Antiquity.

From Rome, July 14, 1725°. In the Weekly Worcester-Journal.

Yesterday, being Monday, June 6th, Mrs. Hall Tyrrel, Wife of Mr. Man of Kidlington, near Woodstock, was brought to bed of a boy at Mr. More the Surgeon's in St. Gyles's in Oxford, where she was forced to go in, he being of kin to Mr. Man. She was come to Oxford to buy Childbed Linnen, but was taken ill before she could return. NB. She was married but on Monday, Oct. 4 last, just 35 Weeks, or 8 Months and 3 Weeks before she was brought to bed.

June 8 (Wed.). Yesterday, in the Afternoon, came into Oxford in a Coach the New Warden (Mr. Big) of All Souls Coll., & was met about Whately by a pretty good Number of Persons, most of them Townsmen of Oxford, and he was immediately install'd.

This Morning died old Mr. Butler, of the Cockpit in Holywell in the Suburbs of Oxford, aged near ninety, as 'tis said. His Son, Adrian Butler, who is a married man, & hath Children, lives in St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, and hath been several Years Deputy Steward to Magdalen College.

Mr. Ward of Warwick hath lent me an 8vo Book containing these Things, bound together, and pr. in the black Letter, viz. (1) The profe and declaration of thys proposition: Fayth only iustifieth: gathered & set forthe by Richarde Tracy. Ded to K. H. VIII, but not said when nor where printed.

[Three other parts, 1543, omitted.]

June 9 (Th.).

London, May 31, 1726. On Sunday, the 29th Instant, died one John Luckins, of Henley upon Thames, in the hundred and eighth Year of his Age, and was inter'd in St. Mary's Church Yard of the same Place, on Tuesday, the 31st, following.—*Reading Mercury for Monday, June* 6th, 1726.

Lond., May 31, 1726. We hear his Majesty hath granted his Warrant for erecting two additional Fellowships in Jesus College, Oxon., one of the Fellows to be chosen out of North-Wales, and the other out of South-Wales.—*Reading Mercury ibid.*

London, June 2, 1726. The Rev. Mr. Coleyre, Vicar of Kingston, has presented himself to the Curacy of Richmond in Surry, vacant by the Death of Dr. Brady; upon which it is thought Mr. Coleyre will resign the Vicarage of Kingston.—*Ibid.*

Q. if this be not the same Coleyre that was formerly Fellow of All Souls College, where he had at least one Bastard.

London, June 4, 1726.—Ramsgate in Kent, May 31. Last Sunday Morning we had such a dreadful Storm of Thunder and Lightning, that most of the

Houses in Town were very much shaken, and the People in general very much terrified; and at the house of Mr. George Joad the Lightning descended into the Chimny, demolish'd it with that Part of the House; it split the Bedstead whereon two Persons lay, shiver'd the Mantle-Piece into many Pieces, burn'd the Hangings about the Bed, and the Stockings by the Bedside; melted 14 Pewter Platers; made a large Hole in a Copper Pot, and burn'd several Windows, but none in the House receiv'd any Hurt.—*Ibid.*

NB. Saturday, May 28th, was one of the hottest days I ever felt, but there was a cool wind. It thundered at a distance from Oxford all night till Sunday Morning, May 29, when we had a little Rain at Oxford, after which 'twas an excessive hot day, tho' there was a brisk wind. A Gentleman of Oxford, viz. Mr. Whiteside of the Museum, rid from Oxford the said Saturday to preach and administer the Sacrament the next day, being Whitsunday, and he returned to Oxford on Whit Munday, and he told me that in Hartfordshire, whither he went, Kings Walden being the Place, they had nothing but continual Thunder and Lightning, attended with Rain, from Saturday Night, nine of the Clock, till next Morning, nine Clock.

Lond., June 4th, 1726. We have an Account from Basingstoke, that about four Miles from that Place one Farmer Tub had his Barn, Stables, Stacks of Corn, Hay, &c., burnt down and destroy'd by the Thunder and Lightning, on Monday Night last (May 30th); the Damage the said Farmer has sustain'd thereby is computed to be between 5 and 600l.—*Reading Mercury ibid.*

NB. The said 30th of May was a prodigious hot day, but very windy, and there was great Thunder and Lightning the night following, 'till after 2 Clock on Tuesday Morning, some of wch was near Oxford, & we had with it (what was much wanted) a very great Shower of Rain between 1 & 2 Clock that Morning, after wch it was a prodigious hot day.

Lond., June 4th, 1726. We hear from Whitchurch in Hampshire that one Mr. Forad, a Miller, had 4 Horses struck dead in the Field by the Lightning, on Saturday Night last, May 28th.—*Ibid.*

The same Night a Man and Horse was struck dead on the Road, by the Lightning, between Maulin Hill-House and Alsford, near Winchester; another Person, who was in his Company on Horseback, was likewise struck down, but recover'd again and rod home.—*Ibid.*

June 10 (Fri.). When I came first to Oxford, a Batchelour of Arts of Exeter College was unhappily killed on Friday, the 12th of June, 1696, in the Afternoon, between 5 and 6 of the Clock, by one Jeffery Ammon, an Ale-House Keeper. The Scholar went down, with 2 or 3 more, to High-Bridge, to this Man's house, call'd *The Whole in the Wall* (& since frequently *Antiquity Hall*), where they differed about their reckoning (3s. & 6d., I think it was), & upon that, this Ammon (being a surly sort of a fellow, tho' otherwise good natured, & well acquainted and very intimate with the Gentleman) took up a Glass bottle, & flung it at the Scholar, & hit him somewhere about the Eye (I think the Temples), & knock'd him down; he was not quite dead, but before the Surgeon came he died, he being sent for immediately. The Surgeon opened the wound a little more, but the Scull was no where broke. As I remember, they said the Gentleman, after he was struck, recovered so far as to go to

the Bog-house, & there died presently. Jeffery was tryed for his Life, but came off, & lived several Years after, & lies buried in Binsey Church Yard, being an ingenious Man, 'tho he had little Religion. I have mentioned him formerly.

June 11 (St. Barnabas). On Friday, the 3d inst., I met, near Lincoln College, by himself, walking, Mr. Mattaire, who told me he was come to Town with his Wife, on purpose to shew her the University, and that he lodg'd with her at Dr. Stratford of Christ Church's Lodgings. I had not time, and he seem'd to be in hast, to ask him any thing about his intended Edition of Hephæstion, wch, it may be, he is not now so eager about, there being an Edition lately come out in 4to beyond Sea, tho' without any Translation.

June 12 (Sun.). This was the Martyrdom of St. Nazarius, St. Celsus, Basilides, Cirini, & Nabor, all martyred at Milan in the time of Nero. Celsus was but a boy. The three last were much honoured formerly in Oxford, as appears from the Beadles Book wch I have.

Mrs. Mary Finch was the Wife of Edm. Sawyer, Esq., of Heywood, in the Parish of White Waltham in Berks. William Yorke, of Devises, in the County of Wilts., Esq., married Sarah, Sister of the said Mary Finch, wch Sarah is now living, but Mr. York is dead. Mrs. Dorothy Finch, another Sister, is now living, and is the widow of Wm Wright, Esq., late Recorder of Oxford. Mrs. Johannah Finch, another Sister, married Mr. Dalby of Reading. I find mention of these four in a Lease, July 29th, 1687, 3d Jac. II, where is also mention of Wm Cherry, Esq., as concern'd, I suppose, for Eliz. Finch, wch was another Sister, & is now living, being the Widow of my late best Friend, Francis Cherry, Esq., Son of the said Wm Cherry, Esq. The Lease was of certain Lands (being Part of the Manour of Feens) let then to Tho. Hatch of White Waltham, wch Manour is in White Waltham Parish, & belong'd to the five Daughters, the Father, John Finch, Esq., dying without Issue Male.

Last Night died Mrs. Trollop, an old Widow Woman, at Alderman

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June 11, 1726. E. Archer to H. (Rawl. B. 206. 16). Glad the papers are acceptable. The Adam de Domerham E. A. mentioned is that in Wharton. Notes on abbots of Glastonbury, and copy of the bishop's instrument nominating Richard Beere. 'I thank you very much for your kind remembrance of me, which you so obligingly express.'

June 12, 1726. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 31). Deferred writing in expectation of seeing Mr. Willis. Mr. Murray and T. B. propose that H. should give another edition of Ross's History, which now sells at such an extravagant price. 'And yet if you forbear, I doubt some of the Dutch Mercenary Printers may do you that service for it, or some other of your Books, now very scarce & dear.' Hopes Dr. Tanner's Notitia Monastica is in the press. H. will shortly see a short essay by Dr. Middleton. 'Every thing by him is neat, & yet, tho' it may please the rest of the world, I doubt it will hardly please your Friend, Dr. Mead, being (chiefly) in answere to the Doctor's *Oratio Harveiana*, &c., & not much for the honor of the first Professors of Physic at Rome, wch the Dr. maintains with so much zeal.' Never saw any MS. of the Notitia Utriusque Imperii. [See Diary, Aug. 9.] Directions for sending copies of John of Glastonbury.

Wise's in the Cornmarket, Oxford, wch Alderman Wise (who is a Mercer) his wife is daughter to the said Mrs. Trollop. This Mrs. Trollop, whose Son is Deputy or Under Sheriff of Oxfordshire, & was Clark to the late Mr. Recorder Wright, was a strange talking woman, & after the Death of her husband she became crazed. She was Sister to the said late Recorder Wright, as is also the late Alderman White's Widow.

June 13 (Mon.). There are such differences now in the University of Oxford (hardly one College but where all the Members are busied in Law Businesses and Quarrels, not at all relating to the promoting of Learning) that good Letters miserably decay every day, insomuch that this last Ordination, on Trin. Sunday, at Oxford, there were no fewer (as I am inform'd) than fifteen denyed Orders for Insufficiency, wch is the more to be noted, because our Bps, and those employ'd by them, are themselves generally illiterate[1] Men.

June 14 (Tu.). Yesterday Mr. Mattaire call'd upon me at Edm. Hall, & staid with me at least an hour, being, he said, to go out of Town with his Wife for London to-morrow. He talk'd to me about Dr. Stratford's denying his Copy (with Dr. Mill's Collations) of the Marm. Oxon. to Dr. Wilkins, & commended the Dr. for it. Wilkins came to the Dr. (it seems) in a huffing manner, & at the same time told him he had got the Earl of Oxford's Copy (in wch are some MSS. Notes of my late Friend, Dr. Thomas Smith, and the Book was mine, only it happened to be put among the Printed Books, & sold with them, whereas it should have been laid by for me with the Dr.'s MSS. Papers, as I was afterwards inform'd by Mr. Bedford, but I have (for I have seen the Book) the Lections, & other more considerable Things among the Dr.'s Papers), but Dr. Stratford told him he was sure he had not, and insinuated that my Lord would not lend it him. Dr. Stratford told Mr. Mattaire many other Things about this Affair, & said, among other particulars, that he saw no reason why, by lending Wilkins any thing, he should help him to spoil a good Book, insinuating that Wilkins is not fit for the Undertaking, & that he would make strange Work of it, wch is the opinion also of all others that I have happened to talk with about this Matter. Wilkins was nettled, & told some afterwards that he would give a publick Character of the Dr. in lively Colours.

June 15 (Wed.). Mr. Mattaire at the same time talk'd a little with me about the late forreign Ed. of Hephæstion in 4to, wch he said was prettily printed, but not so well by much as the old Edition, and that the Editor did not give us a Translation, because he did not understand Hephæstion.

Last Night (between 7 and 8 Clock) Madam Trollop was buried very decently in the North Isle of St. Peter's Church in the East, Oxford, where her Relations by her Mother's side, her Mother being a Dewy, lye. She was aged three score and fifteen. There was a great Number of Men and Women (all Relations) that attended the Funeral.

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[1] ['very' is struck out before 'illiterate'.]

June 16 (Th.). From *the Reading Post: or, The Weekly Mercury, for Mond., June* 13, 1726:—

London, June 7th. Saturday last (June 4th [1]), a Waterman's Daughter at Battersea was struck blind by a Flash of Lightning.

We had that day, and in the night, a great deal of Rain several times at Oxford, but no Thunder.

We hear from Exeter that they have had the most dreadful Thunder and Lightning there that ever was known since the Memory of Man; and from Chimleigh, in the same County of Devon, that they had Hail stones there bigger than a Man could grasp, whereby three Men were kill'd as they were going home.

On Tuesday Night (May 31 [1]) at Chalk-Hill in Kent, about 6 Miles from Greenwich, a House took Fire, supposed to be by the Lightning; there was only one Woman in it, and she lost her Life.

We had a great deal of Thunder and Lightning at Oxford, with a great Shower of Rain, on Tuesday Morning, May 31, but it afterwards proved a fair and very hot day. See above, pag. 74.

There are melancholy Accounts of the same Nature from several Parts of England, far and near.

London, June 11th. On Thursday Night last (June 9th [1]) there happen'd a dreadful Fire at Blueberry (in Berks.[1]), which burnt down the out Houses, Barns, Stables, &c., and Part of the Dwelling-House of the Crown Inn; how this unhappy Accident happen'd is not yet known.

June 17 (Fri.). Yesterday my Friend, Mr. James West of Balliol College, had his Grace in Congregation for the Degree of Master of Arts[2].

Mr. Roger Holman, of St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, married his second Wife, Priscilla Shene, now living with him, in January, 1698.

Mr. Wm Oldisworth told me Yesterday that he was the Author of the Plain-Dealer. This was an occasional Paper, much applauded.

He told me that his Apology for Bp Parker is to come out after the Bp's Comm. or History of his own Time, written in Latin, and now printing in London, Mr. Sam. Parker, Son to the Bishop, being Editor. Which History, at the same time the Latin one is published, is also to come out in English, being translated by Mr. Newlin, late of Magd. Coll., but I have heard, both from Mr. Oldisworth and others, that 'tis a bad Translation, tho' Mr. Parker hath corrected it in some Places. Mr. Oldisworth's Apology is half as large as the History, as Mr. Oldisworth told me, and is to be at half the Subscription Price of the History.

Sir James Clavering, Baronet, a young Nobleman, lately of Queen's College, Oxon., died about a Month or 5 weeks since, of a Consumption, at Paris. When he first came to Queen's Coll., he was sober and regular, but he, after some time, got into a bad Gang, & grew a very hard Drinker.

June 18 (Sat.). On Saturday, the 13th of May, 1699, about a Quarter of a Mile from Oxford, viz. on Heddington Hill, which is on the East

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[1] [The words in parentheses are Hearne's.]
[2] See below, June 24th.

side of the City, a Murther was committed; wch happened in this manner. On that day Mr. George Godfrey of Heddington, a Village about a Mile and half from Oxford (they generally say two Miles from Oxford, if we reckon from Cairfax, the heart of the City), came to Town together with his Wife (some call her only his Whore), a comely Woman, and having done his Business, went into an Inn (I have not heard the Name) to receive fourty Pounds. His Wife went not in with him, but went homewards, yet staid at the Horse, or Black Nag, in St. Clement's Parish, according to her husband's appointment. It happen'd that he staid a little longer than ordinary, and therefore he did not call upon his Wife, supposing that she had not staid 'till that time of night for him, it being between 10 and 11 of the Clock, and therefore he went on by himself, but being hardly got out of St. Clement's, a Friend of his (of Heddington also) overtook him, and so they went on together. Being hardly got up the Hill, 3 Men set upon them on a suddain, and commanded Mr. Godfrey to deliver his fourty Pounds. Which he refused, and desired his Friend to stand by him, who assured him he would. Two of them set upon Mr. Godfrey, and the other upon his Assistant, who worsted him, and made him to cry out, which being heard by the other two, one of them pull'd out a Pistol and shot Mr. Godfrey, of which Wound he dyed immediately, without speaking a Word, notwithstanding there were those that said he uttered these Words, viz. *I am a dead Man.* His Friend, seeing this, made away, which had he not, I believe he would have been safe enough, because the Villains perceiving Mr. Godfrey to fall, they fled off immediately, not so much as taking the Money with them, which was taken up the next Morning by some of Mr. Godfrey's Friends. Presently after, his Wife came, and saw the body in the way, but thinking it to be some person sleeping, passed by without taking any more notice, but, immediately after hearing 'twas her husband, she was almost beside her self. An Hue and Cry was sent after the Murtherers the next Morning, and one of them (an Oxford Man, a Shoemaker by Trade) was said to be taken, tho' it appear'd otherwise afterwards. The body was carried to Heddington, and abundance of People went to see it, as well Scholars as others. I went not, but I was told he was shot full in the Heart. I have several times heard that the Murtherers came (and I do not doubt it) to an untimely End, but in what manner, & what were their Names, I could never yet learn. As for his Widow, or Whore, who had been married before, but her husband was dead, she is now living, being at this time the Wife of one Mr. Sellard, a Joyner of St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford. She is almost blind. Godfrey kept her Company while her first Husband was living. I think I have made mention of this Godfrey formerly.

Mr. Ward of Warwick, in a Letter from Warwick of the 7th of last Month, inclosed a Note from that very Book of *Schedel's Chronicle* (mentioned by Mr. Graves, in my Preface to Robert of Gloucester) lately in the Hands of Mr. Fancourt, Bookseller in Stratford upon Avon. A Copy of wch note is this, *Nota iste cronicus ponit ii summos pontifices sub nomine Johannis septimi, Græcum, scilicet, et Maguntinum, Anglicum alias dictum, qui mulier reperta numerum in cathalago patrum non auget. Ideo iste habet ponere XXIIII Johannem, Platanus tamen et alii ponunt*

ipsum Johannem mulierem sub nomine Jo. VIII, et ideo ipsi habent ponere XXIIII Johannem pontificem.

Mr. Ward in that Letter desires leave to assure me, as he had done formerly, of a sincere hearty welcome to any Thing in his Custody: and if I would be so free at any time to let him know what I have a mind to Copy out, he will readily lend it me, and shall be glad of the opportunity, he says, to acknowledge, in some measure, those many Favours I have confer'd upon him.

June 19 (Sun.). The same Week that George Godfrey above mentioned was murdered, happen'd a very unnatural Murder at Thame (as I remember I was at that time, viz. in May, 1699, informed), where a Father kill'd his own Son. For, having two Sons, and his Brother dying, and leaving his whole Estate to the elder of these, the Father and the younger Son were very angry because nothing was left to them. Hereupon they both concluded to make away the other Son, which they soon did. For going to dine at his House one day, after Dinner they all 3 went out into the Garden to walk, and the Father, taking an opportunity when his Son was turned, pulled a Knife out of his Pocket, and stabbed him in the Neck, of which he dyed. The younger Son was taken, but the Father escaped.

June 20 (Mon.). Mr. West of Ball. Coll. told me last night that the History of the English Franciscans, in 4to, is just advertis'd in the Prints, and mention'd in them as recommended by me. It is put at 8s. 6d. The Author is Mr. Cuthbert Parkinson (who is now at East Hendred in Berks.), as himself told me.

June 21 (Tu.). Dr. Clarke of All Souls and others now mightily endeavour to get the love of Mr. Niblet, Warden of All Souls College, tho' they were before so much against him, and last Week Clarke treated him at his Lodgings. And yesterday Dr. Shippen, Principal of Brazen Nose Coll., Dr. Clarke, old Mr. Rowney & his Son, young Mr. Rowney, went with Mr. Niblet to Newnham Lock, & dined there, tho' all were against Niblet's being Warden, if they could have hindered it. They endeavour what they can to get into the common measures of the Heads of Houses.

June 21, 1726. H. to [Mrs. Jane Hearne] (Rawl. 110. 89). 'I have sent you the bag, and desire that you would put into it the Books & Pamphletts, & send them by the Carrier. You may likewise send wt other written Papers you have found, if any. You will find two or three cast Things in the Bag, wch I wish may be of any service to you. I am glad you are better. My Respects to all Friends.'

June 21, 1726. H. to R. Rawlinson (Rawl. 111. 147). 'After I had sealed my last Letter, Mr. Parkinson inform'd me that himself is the Author of the History of the English Franciscans, which he need not be asham'd of, it being done excellently well, every way agreeable to what I said of it. If they print what I said, I would beg a Copy of it.' Would be glad to see Keder. Dr. Charlett's library was sold to Mr. Wilmot for £500. Never saw Mr. R. Gale's Registrum: he should have mentioned the 'Memorial' R. R. communicated. Thanks for inscription on Mr. More. 'I congratulate you for your being acquainted with that learned, modest, and good Man, whose Name

June 22 (Wed.). From the Reading Post, or Weekly Mercury, for Monday, June 20, 1726:—

London, June 14 (Tuesd.[1]). Sir John Evelyn, Bar[t], hath obtain'd a Grant for two Fairs a Year to be kept at Welcot, in the Parish of Dorking in Surry.

This Sir John Evelyn hath a Son, now Gentleman-Commoner of Queen's Coll., Oxon.

On Wednesday last (June 8[th] [1]) died the Rev. M[r]. Pool, Rector of Esher in Surry, which Living (worth 120l. *per Ann.*) is in the Gift of Wadham College.

London, June 16 (Thursd.[1]). A few Days ago was found (by a Breach in the Remains of the Wall) on the North-Side of the Altar of the Parish-Church of S[t]. John Zachary, London, the Body of Sir Nicholas Twyford, Knt., Citizen and Goldsmith, who was Lord-Mayor in 1388, 11 Richard II, of whose Goods (says *Stow*) the said Church was made and new builded; with a Tomb for them, and others of that Race, 1390. In gratefull Memory of whom, the Minister and Inhabitants have caus'd the same to be decently repair'd.

On Friday Night last (June 10[th] [1]), about 11 o'Clock, as the Rev. M[r]. Anthony Alsop, Prebendary of Winchester, and Rector of Brightwell (near Wallingford[1]), in the County of Berks., was walking by a small Brook call'd the Lock Bourne, near the College of Winchester, the Ground gave way under his Feet, which threw him into the Brook, where he was found dead the next Morning.

The Rectory of Brightwell being in the Gift of the Bishop of Winchester, his Lordship has been pleas'd to give it to the Rev. M[r]. Morgan, one of his Lordship's Chaplains; a Living worth about 500l. *per annum.*

The R[t] Rev. (M[r]. Peploe[1]) the Lord Bishop of Chester, who is lately gone down to his Diocese, was receiv'd at Warrington, on the 7[th] Instant (June 7[th], Tuesd.[1]), with Ringing of Bells, and other Demonstrations of Joy and Respect, and was impatiently expected at Manchester.

June 23 (Th.). As for M[r]. Anthony Alsop above mentioned, he was one of the oldest, and one of the most ingenious, Acquaintance I had. He was a Man of a most ready wit, of excellent Learning, a fine Preacher, and of rare good nature. He was look'd upon to be the best Writer of Lyric Verses in the World. He was a Derbyshire Man, was bred up at Westminster School, & from thence elected Student of Christ Church. He took the Degree of Master of Arts, March 23, 1696, & that of Bach. of Div., Dec. 12, 1706. Many Years agoe he published,

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I should be glad to know, that at present fills his Post. I wish, with all my heart, you may become Master of your late Brother's MSS., and of other very curious and very valuable Pieces of Antiquity that he had. You are a Man of honour, and I do not doubt but you will do what you can to hinder his Friends from being Loosers.' Has sent the Schemes of the Determining Bachelors for 1723–5, but has not those for 1721, 2. The index to John of Glastonbury is now being printed. [Notes by Rawlinson:—'To M[r]. Hearne: Grandfather & Father's Monuments, S[r] T. R.'s picture; to write about M[r]. Mayes, and English buried abroad.' 'M[r]. Paul Meighan at Grey's Inne Gate, Holbourn, Bookseller, for M[r]. Hearne's letter.' 'Croydon in Surrey, June 20, 1726. A woman, going into a House on the Common, was struck down, and very much bruised, and scorched by the lightning, but, being blooded, is like to recover. Part of ye House was untiled, and a Horse killed.' 'Rec[d], 22 June, 1726. Answer'd, 9 July, 1726, and sent Father's picture & Monum[t], Grandfather's Monum[t].']

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from the Theater Press, in Greek & Latin, Æsop's Fables, in 8vo, wch is an excellent Edition. He was a neat Writer of Epitaphs, & did many Things that way, & in Poetry, most of wch are unknown. He was about 55 Years of Age when his unfortunate Death happened, wch was occasioned by the Workmen's having loosened the Ground in order to new Pitch it, what Mr. Alsop did not know of. He was going that byway to his Lodging, having parted (I am told) with a Friend at the College great Gate, wch being not readily opened, Mr. Alsop said he would not stay, but go the by way, wch he unhappily did. His Death is much lamented.

On Tuesday last Mr. Niblet, the new Warden of All Souls College, rid over upon an Horse, with Mr. Vicars, the Mayor of Oxford, & Mr. Wyn, Fellow of All Souls Coll., to Wotton, near Woodstock, to see Mr. Castlemain & his Wife, or, as some say, Whore, where they dined, & return'd in the dusk of the Evening, a Thing much noted by the College & others, & resented even by Niblet's Friends as a scandalous Thing. But, it seems, he was great with Castlemain & this woman before he was Warden, keeping hardly any one else Company of the College but Castlemain, & Vicars is also mighty great both with Castlemain & his Mistress. As for Castlemain himself, he is a Man of a most filthy, obscene Conversation.

Mr. Niblet, the Warden, is 29 Years of Age compleat next September, as he said lately to some of the College.

June 24 (Fri., 8vo Kal. Jul.). Yesterday, being Thursday, June 23d, Mr. West of Balliol College was presented in Congregation to the Degree of Master of Arts. See above, June 17th.

June 25 (Sat., 7mo Kal. Jul.). This is St. Amand's day. At East Hendred in Berks. is an old Chappel (belonging to the Manour House of Mr. Eyston) dedicated to St. John Baptist & St. Amand.

Mr. Wicksey, Fellow of Oriel Coll., told me last Night that he is 22 Years' standing in the University.

Mr. Wicksey told me that Mr. Davenant had writ many Things about St. Bartholomew's Hospital near Oxford, and that among them was a Scatch of a Seal, being a sort of Cross, done rudely by Mr. Davenant himself. Mr. Wicksey hinted as if it were the Hospital Seal. Mr. Wicksey said he could not gather for certain when the Hospital was first founded, or who the first Founder was. In p. 90 of the iid Vol. of Leland's Itin., I have signify'd that, as I took it, this Hospital was first founded by Queen Margaret, Wife to King Edward the First. Mr. Wicksey said he believ'd it was founded before the Conquest.

June 26 (Sun., 6 Kal. Jul.; Johannis & Pauli, mar.). Mr. Sawyer, the occupyer of Poghley in Berks. (where was a Priory founded

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June 24, 1726. H. to J. Woodward (Diaries, 112. 96). Finds that in the first volume of Mr. Moyle's works, he speaks of J. W.'s famous shield as a modern invention. 'I was not at all surpriz'd at it, because I find him every where to be a very confident, bold Writer, & in very many things Prophane.' What does J. W. think of his argument, and who is Mr. Sergeant who published these works? Glad J. W. is recovered. Progress of John of Glastonbury.

by Ralph de Chaddeworth (temp. H. 3) for Canons Regular of the Order of S^{t}. Austine, and dedicated to S^{t}. Margaret), instead of building a Chappel there, as he ought to do (the Priory being now all in Ruins), hath put up a dark Room, w^{ch} is commonly call'd a Conjuring Room, and by others a Coyning Room, being an odd Building.

At East Hendred in Berks. are 40 Acres of Land w^{ch} are never plow'd, the People being afraid to do it, because this Land belong'd to the Chaplain at Hendred, who was a Carthusian.

The Chaplain of the Chappel at Hendred (dedicated to S^{t}. John Baptist & S^{t}. Amand) was called Rector. Quære whether S^{t}. Amand's were not a distinct Rectory. Domestick Chaplains were not to say Mass till the Parish Priest had done.

Richard Bagley married to — Chapman, both of them of White-Waltham in Berks., by M^{r}. Griffyth in White Waltham Church, at the Beginning of Nov., 17—. The said Chapman Daughter in Law to my Father, George Hearne.

June 27 (Mon., 5^{o} Kal. Jul.; S^{t}. Crescens). This day being the Translation of S^{t}. Benignus, Abbat of Glastonbury (who died in his Retirement at Ferramere, & was there buried, but was translated with great Ceremony to Glastonbury, in the Reign of W^{m} Rufus), formerly there used to be great Rejoycings & Devotion upon this occasion at Glastonbury, and in other parts of England. He is supposed to have died about the Year of X^{t} 455, above 630 Years after w^{ch} he was translated. He was born in Ireland, & was first call'd Beonna. As S^{t}. Patrick was the first bishop of Armagh, & the first Abbat of Glastonbury, so he was succeeded in both by S^{t}. Benignus.

My L^{d} Clarendon, p. 158 of the 1st Vol. of his Hist., Ed. fol., tells us that D^{r}. John Bastwick was unknown to either University. But M^{r}. Wood, Ath. Oxon., vol. ii, col. 317, tells us that tho' he was *D^{r}. of Phys. of Padua*, yet he was *sometimes of Emanuel Coll. in Cambridge*, and was at length *a Practitioner at Colchester in Essex, in w^{ch} County he was born.* M^{r}. Baker can inform whether M^{r}. Wood be right.

June 28 (Tu., 4^{o} Kal. Jul.; S^{t}. Leo, Pope & Confessor, S^{t}. Irenæus, B^{p} of Lyons). The said Leo was Pope Leo the 1st. His Memory was formerly much honoured in England. He is commonly called Leo the Great. He died Anno X^{ti} 460. He was a glorious Defender of the Christian Faith against Attila the Hun, & other Enemies. The Roman Martyrology also reckons this to be the Martyrdom of Irenæus, B^{p} of Lyons.

On Saturday last, June 25, was entered Gentleman Commoner of Edmund Hall, one M^{r}. John Stone of Derbyshire, whose Father was with him.

Yesterday M^{r}. Willis of Whaddon Hall, who came to Oxford Thursday last, and goes out of Town again to-day, told me that the Chappel of Fenny Stratford was all finished but leading it. He said the old Chappel was dedicated to S^{t}. Margaret, but he would have this called S^{t}. Martin's, because his Father died upon the day of S^{t}. Martin's Translation, being the 4th of July.

June 29 (Wed., 3° Kal. Jul.; S^t. Peter & Paul). About the beginning of December in 1697, D^r. Henry Helliar, Vice President of Corpus Christi Coll., Oxon., cut his Throat at Bicester, he having been for about six Weeks or more in a kind of distracted Condition. It was said that the Physician, having been just before with him, going out of the Room, by chance left the knife with w^ch he had been doing something to him upon the Bed, and that the D^r. immediately took it, and did violence to himself. It was said by some the occasion of his Frenzy was about an Estate, which had not fell out according to his mind, upon the Death of some of his Relations. But this was not believ'd, as I remember, but 'tis more likely it was upon account of the Oaths, w^ch he had taken, & writ for. He became Scholar of Corpus X^ti the beginning of April (Ath. Oxon., Ed. 2, vol. ii, col. 1034), 1677, aged 15 years; Bac. of Arts, 12 May, 1680.; M. of A., 6 March, 1682; Fellow of Corpus X^ti, 1687; Bac. of Div., Mar. 1, 1691; D.D., July 3, 1695 (Cat. of Grad.). He was Author of

A Sermon preach'd before the Univ. of Oxon., 4 Dec., 1687, conc. the Obligation of Oaths, on Psal. 15. 4; Oxon., 1688, 4^to. It was thought that he reflected in this upon K. James II for breaking his Coronation Oath.

A Discourse of Schism, 4°, a twelve penny Pamphlett, published, as I remember, the latter End of 1696.

The D^r. was a very ingenious Man, but of trimming Principles, w^ch proved fatal to him.

June 30 (Th., Prid. Kal. Jul.; Commem. S. Pauli, Sancta Lucina). This day is also reckoned in the Roman Martyrology, of w^ch I have an old Vellum MS., for the day on w^ch S^t. Mildred, the second of the three most Religious Daughters of Merwald, Brother of Ethelred, King of Mercia, died. She died anno 676, according to Cressy, Ch. Hist., p. 430. She was Abbess of Thanet Nunnery, and was there first buried, but near four hundred years after translated to S^t. Austin's at Canterbury, to w^ch this Nunnery was united. There was a Church at Oxford dedicated to her Memory. It stood where Exeter College is now.

July 1 (Fri., Kal. Jul.; S^t. Rumwold). The said S^t. Rumwold is reported to have been the son of Alfred, K. of Northumberland, by his most Religious and Devout Wife, Kyneburg, daughter of Penda, the

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June 30, 1726. J. Woodward to H. (Rawl. 12. 115). Thanks for letter of 24th instant. H. is right in his judgement of Mr. Moyle's works. Is told that Mr. Sergeant of the Tower is the editor. 'As to my Clypeus Votivus, for such the best Antiquaryes judg it to be, M^r. Moyle passes sentence upon it without ever having seen it, from two very imperfect Scetches of D^r. Clarke and Drakensberg, and without having consulted M^r. Dodwell's excellent Book de Parma, &c.' Much more on same subject. Mr. Holloway has lately published some Discourses of J. W.'s: hopes they will reach Oxford. [PS.] Has a plaister cast of his Clypeus ready for the Museum, if he knew any one who would convey it safely.

July 1, 1726. H. to T. Baker (Diaries, 112. 107). Apologizes for writing again so soon. Wants Mr. Willis's Account of Glastonbury, from a MS. of William of Worcester at Cambridge, compared with the original, but does not know how to get it done. [Note by Hearne:—' Memorand. I had writ to him two or 3 days before.']

Pagan K. of the Mercians, by whom he had also another Son called Osred, who succeeded him in the Kingdom in the Year 705, according to the Saxon Annals (Ed. Gibs., pag. 50), tho' some say that Alfred died without a Son, and so (but wrong) I think I have put it in Ductor Historicus (vol. ii, p. 305). As for Kyneburga, after some time, by leave of her husband, she addicted her self wholly to Religion, and founded a Nunnery at Castor in Northamptonshire, where she became Abbess herself, & had many Princes' & Nobles' Daughters under her, & 'tis amazing to read how she was reverenced both living & dead, tho' the Danes had so little Regard for her that they destroyed the House about the year 1010 (Tanner's Not. Mon., p. 160, from Camden). But her Son Romwald's Memory grew more famous than hers. For, as soon as he was delivered, according to the Legend in Capgrave (fol. 174 b), he cried out three times that he was a Christian, & thereupon was presently baptized, made a Confession of his Faith, preached to the people, giving them good Instruction, & so died, after wch his body, being buried privately, was translated to Brackley, where it continued for at least a Year, & then, three Years after his death, it was translated to Buckingham, where there was formerly a very fine shrine to his Memory. And 'tis surprizing to consider what Respect was paid to him, both at Brackley & at Buckingham, in former ages. Great Flocks of people met at certain times of the year, particularly about this time of the beginning of July, at both places, at Buckingham upon account of his shrine, and at Brackley upon account of his dying near that place, & afterwards for his being buried for some time at it. But that wch chiefly drew the People to Brackley was a very famous Well there, being the very place where he is said to have preached soon after his Birth. Leland mentions this, telling us in his Itinerary (vol. vii, p. 6) that *there be 2 faire Springs, or Wells, a litlle West North West from S. Peter's Churche* (at Brackley). *The one of them is caullyd S. Rumvaldes Welle, wher they say that with in a fewe Dayes of his Birth he prechid. The other is caullyd Welle.*

July 2 (Sat., 6 Non. Jul.; Visitatio B. M. Virg.). This day also died St. Swithun, Bp of Winchester, who was born about the year 800, and about 38 Years after succeeded Helmstan as Bp of Winchester, and died July 2d, 862. He was a Man of such great Sanctity & Humility that he was sainted for it. He was very learned & very wise, & upon that account was Tutor to K. Ethelwolph, Father of Ælfred the Great. He always travelled on Foot, even after he was Bp. So that if a Church was to be consecrated at never so great distance, he would foot it, tho', that he might not bee seen, after he was Bp he us'd to walk by night. He ordered himself to be buried after his death in one of the most vile Places of the Church Yard, wch was accordingly done, tho' he was afterwds translated to a more honourable Place. There were so many

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July 2, 1726. T. Tanner to H. (Rawl. 16. 121). Sends a Cartulary of Glastonbury for H. to peruse. 'I formerly compared it with Dr. Gale's Edition, many of whose mistakes . . . this MS. enabled me to correct.' Remarks on Adam de Domerham. [Pencil note by Hearne:—'July 2d, 1726. Recd then of ye Revd Dr. Tanner, Chancellor of Norwich, an old Cartulary of Glastonbury in MS. It was borrowed for me of Dr. Cox Macro, of Norton in Suffolk', &c.]

Miracles reported of him at Winchester, that tho' the Cathedral Church was dedicated to S^t^. Peter & S^t^. Paul, yet it was commonly called S^t^. Swithun's.

From the Reading Post, or Weekly Mercury, Monday, June 27, 1726:—

London, June 23 (Thursd.[1]). On Monday (June 20[1]), about 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon, a violent Storm of Thunder and Lightning happen'd on Craydon (Croydon[1]) Common (in Surrey[1]), by which a Woman that was going into her House was struck down and very much bruised, her Cloaths burnt, her Arm and Breast very much scorch'd; but, being presently let Blood, and other proper Means being used, she is like to recover. Part of the House was untiled, and the Tiles driven by the Hurricane many Yards distant. A little way from that Place an Horse was struck dead at the same time.

NB. At Oxford that day we had several Showers of Rain, but no Thunder.

July 3 (Sun., v^o^ Non. Jul.)[2].

Apud Edissam, Mesopotamiæ urbem, translacio corporis Thomæ apostoli.—*Martyrolog. Rom. MS. penes me.*

There is an undergraduate Commoner of Edmund Hall (one Jackson), a tall, overgrown Northern Man, who says he is above five and fourty Years old. He hath a younger Brother of Queen's Coll., who hath been Master of Arts several Years, the same that was Repeater some time since of the Easter Sermons at Oxford. This Jackson of Edm. Hall is in orders, & preaches near Reading. The B^p^ of London, D^r^. Gibson, designs to do something for him. He hath an Estate in the North, & followed farming before he came to Oxford, whither he went through the Perswasions of the B^p^ of London, as I am told.

July 4 (Mon., 4^to^ Non. Jul.). This day is the Translation of S^t^. Martin, B^p^ of Tours, and upon this day M^r^. Willis of Whaddon Hall would have Fenny Stratford Chappell commemorated, tho' the old Chapell was dedicated to S^t^. Margaret.

Yesterday was Cassington Feast and Wurnal Feast, both Churches there being, I think, dedicated to S^t^. Peter. It was also Wotton Feast, a Chappel of Ease to Cumnore, near Abbington, at w^ch^ time there is wrestling, &c., in the Afternoon, upon Sunningwell Common, and they drink at the Ale House at Foxcomb Hill, there being no Ale House at Wotton.

I must remember to ask either M^r^. Baker or M^r^. Murray about A Catechistical Discourse upon the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, X Commandments, & VII Sacraments, in 8^vo^, pr. about Hen. VII's time. M^r^. Parkinson & M^r^. Fetherston the other day ask'd me about it.

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[1] [The words in parentheses are Hearne's.]

[2] [From this point for about a year Hearne habitually prefixes to his account of almost each day an entry of the saint or saints commemorated on that day in the Roman Catholic martyrologies. When he quotes from a MS., it is one of his own Collection (see Diary, June 30). In all other cases the quotation is from Baronius's edition of the *Martyrologium Romanum*. The entries are here copied out as far as Oct. 27, 1726, in order to give specimens of Hearne's method, but after that date are omitted.]

July 5 (Tu., 3tio Non. Jul.; St. Zoe, a Roman Virgin & Martyr). This is St. Anselm's day, according to the Cambridge Almanack.

One Mr. Dudley is Chaplain to the Bishop of Lincoln, whose name is Reynolds. This Dudley is Vicar of Watford, in the County of Northampton. He is Prebendary of Aylesbury (which is worth 34 libs. per an., one Year with another). He is Patron of the Church of Aylesbury, and of the School of Aylesbury, putting in at both. He is a single Man.

July 6 (Wed., Prid. Non. Julii; The Octaves of St. Peter & Paul). This is the day also on wch St. Sexburga died. She was the Sister of St. Etheldreda, Wife of Ecgfrid King of Northumberland, & both of them the beautifull Daughters of Anna, the pious King of the East Angles. This Sexburga, after the Death of her Husband, Ercombert, King of Kent, wch happened Anno 664, betook herself to a Religious Life, & became a Nun at Ely, under her Sister, the before mentioned Etheldred, or Ediltrudis, commonly, but corruptly, called St. Audrey, & having continued in that State fifteen Years, upon the death of her said Sister, she herself became Abbess of Ely, & governing it with great prudence, piety, and sanctity sixteen Years, she died as upon this day, Anno 699, according to some, tho' others say Anno 695. She reigned with her husband four and twenty Years, to whom she was married when she was extraordinary young.

July 7 (Th., Non. Julij; The Translation of St. Thomas à Becket).

—Apud gentem Anglorum civitate Wentana, Sancti Heddæ, episcopi & confessoris. Ipso (eod.) die Sanctæ Ethelburgæ virginis, sororis Etheldredæ virginis. Cantuariæ, translacio Sancti Thomæ, archiepiscopi et martyris.

St. Thomas à Becket was design'd by the bloudy Ruffians that murdered him (Godw., p. 94, Ed. Angl.) to have been thrown into the Sea, or else they intended to have hewen it into a thousand pieces: but the Prior and the Monks, doubting some such Thing, buried it immediately in the Undercraft (in crypto subterraneo, Godw., Ed. Lat.), whence soon after it was removed, & laid in a most sumptuous shrine in the East End of the Church.

St. Ethelburg was one of the Sisters of St. Etheldreda, or St. Audrey, & Sister of St. Erconwald, Bp of London, who founded Barking Nunnery in Essex, of wch this St. Ethelburg was the first Abbess. And, it seems, after her death & burial there, the Nunnery was call'd by her Name,

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July 5, 1726. H. to E. Archer (Rawl. B. 206. 74 b). Received letter of June 11 on June 22, by Mr. Tottenham. Much pleased with copy of instrument relating to Richard Bere. Will be glad of such collections as E. A. shall think proper. 'But as these Things are to be joyn'd to Adam de Domerham, I am not in any very great hast for them.' Hearty thanks for all favours.

July 7, [1726]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 32). [See Diary, July 11.]

July 7, 1726. J. Murray to H. (Rawl. 8. 145). Finds nothing in Edward IV's Wardrobe relating to Glastonbury. Mr. Wanley died yesterday morning. Dr. Rawlinson intends to send H. some things shortly.

having before been only call'd S^t^. Mary's. And for that reason it is, I suppose, that we are told (Tanner's Not. Mon., p. 60) that this Nunnery being the first in England, & founded about A.D. 680, by Erkenwald, B^p^ of London, it was of the Order of S^t^. Benedict, & dedicated to S^t^. Ethelburg, or Alburg, & S^t^. Mary, & endow'd at the Dissolution with 862l. 12s. 5d. ob. per an., Dugd.; 1084l. 6s. 2d. ob. q., Speed. But this Nunnery was before the Year 680 (the time fix'd by Weever, from whom Tanner had it), if we follow others, and therefore Reyner places it Anno 630. And, indeed, S^t^. Ethelburg's death being placed (Cressy's Ch. Hist., p. 430) Anno 676, it seems plain that there must have been here some Congregation of Religious Women before A.D. 680, tho', perhaps, the Nunnery was not fully regulated 'till then. Others make this to be the day on w^ch^, not this S^t^. Ethelburga, but another S^t^. Ethelburga, Wife or Q. of K. Ina, died, viz. A.D. 741, according to Cressy, Ch. Hist., p. 596, being also Abbess (the 3^d^ in Number) of Barking, tho' others (as even Cressy observes from the English Martyrol.) place her death on the 9^th^ of July. Such uncertainties are there in these more early Affairs of our Country.

As for S^t^. Hedda, B^p^ of Winchester, some say (Godw., Ed. Angl., p. 211) he died anno 704, others 705, this seventh day of July. He was a Man of great Sanctity, tho' of mean Learning according to Bede, notwithstanding W. of Malmesbury insinuates that he had a very good share of Learning, considering the Times in w^ch^ he lived.

July 8 (Fri., viii Id. Jul.; S^t^. Grymbald). The said S^t^. Grymbald is the same that was Monk and Prior of the famous Monastery of S^t^. Bertin in Flanders, and, being sent for over by K. Ælfred, assisted y^t^ great King in the restoring of Learning at Oxford, being one of the first Professors in that place, and 'twas at Oxford that he built the famous Church of S^t^. Peter's in the East, under w^ch^, at the East End, he made a Vault, with a design to have been buried in it himself, but, upon account of the great disturbance between the old Scholars and the new, he retired to Winchester, & died there on July 8^th^, Anno 904, & was buried in the Abbey there (built by K. Ælfred), of w^ch^ he was Abbat, according to W^m^ of Malmsbury, as I have cited him in p. 178 of Sir John Spelman's Life of K. Ælfred.

This being a forward Year, they began reaping at several Places last Monday (July 4^th^), as at Grove, by Wantage, at Islip, &c., & yesterday they began at Cowley, by Oxford.

July 9 (Sat., 7^o^ Id. Jul.).

Romæ ad guttam jugiter manantem, natalis Sancti Zenonis martiris & aliorum decem milium ducentorum trium. Eodem die beati Cyrilli episcopi. Qui flammis injectus cum illæsus evanuisset ac stupore tanti miraculi à judice esset dimissus, rursus pro instanti & alacri prædicacione facta de Christo, ab eodem capite plexus est.—*Martyrolog. Rom. MS. penes me.*

On Thursday last was presented in Congregation to y^e^ Degree of Bach. of Civ. Law, M^r^. Horsmanden, Rector of Haseley, near Maldon in Essex, & son of the Rev^d^ M^r^. Horsmanden, Rector of Purley, next Parish to Haseley.

And yesterday was presented to the Deg. of Doct. of Civ. Law, the Hon^ble^ M^r^. Digby, Fellow of All Souls Coll., son of the L^d^ Digby.

July 10 (Sun., 6° Id. Jul.; Romæ 7 fratrum, filior. Sanctæ Felicitatis, tempore Antonini). On Wednesday Morning last (July 6th[1]) died at London Mr. Humphrey Wanley, of a Dropsy. He was born at Coventry on March 21, 1671, being the Son of the Revd Mr. Nath. Wanley, that writ The History of Man, and some other Books. He was put an Apprentice at Coventry, I think first to a Limner, & afterwards to some other Trade, as I have heard, but the late Bp of Worcester, Dr. Wm Lloyd, at that time Bp of Litchfeild and Coventry, understanding that he had some skill in MSS., & that he writ an excellent Hand, as he came once thro' Coventry, he had a mind to try him. And finding what was reported to be true, he took care to take him from his Trade, & to send him to Oxford to his Friend, Dr. John Mill, Principal of Edm. Hall, thinking that the Dr., by his Care, might make him a usefull, serviceable Man in Matters relating to Learning. He was entered Batler of that Hall, but becoming soon acquainted with that busy Man, Dr. Charlett, Master of University College, Dr. Mill could not have his design, wch was to have well grounded him in Greek and Latin, what Wanley wanted much, & in some Academical Learning. But Charlett wheedling him, & Wanley being naturally of an unsettled temper, presently left Edm. Hall, having been but at one Lecture with his Tutor, and that was in Logick, wch he swore he could not comprehend, saying, 'By God, Mr. Milles' (for he was then Vice-Principal under Dr. Mill), 'I do not, nor cannot, understand it,' & so came no more, & entered himself of University Coll. under Dr. Charlett, in whose Lodgings he lay. Being now at Dr. Charlett's Command, he was employ'd in writing trivial Things, & in talking big (for Wanley was very impudent with Charlett), so that he got no true Learning. After a little time, he was made an Assistant Keeper of the Bodlejan Library, where he did a vast deal of Mischief, wch I had much ado to rectify after Dr. Hudson became Librarian, & I was employ'd for that purpose. After awhile he left Oxford, went to London, & became Secretary to the Religious Societies, & at length Librarian to Secretary Harley, he that was afterwds Earl of Oxford, wch Post he held even under the present Earl of Oxford, Son to the other, to his dying day. He was a man of good Parts, & might have been considerable, had he stuck to any one Thing, but then he very much wanted Steddiness and Judgment. He was employ'd by Dr. Hickes to draw up the Catalogue of Saxon & other Northern MSS. in the said Dr's. Thesaurus, wch Wanley accordingly did, & dedicated it to Secretary Harley, but his Remarks were writ in English, & translated into Latin by the care, as I remember, of Mr. Thwaites, who got it done for Wanley, tho', perhaps, some Things were done in Latin by Wanley himself, who, however, was very meanly skill'd in that Business, as may appear from his Preface to the Oxford Catalogue of MSS. relating to the Indexes of that Work, wch Wanley did, tho' the Index to the Cat. of Bodlejan MSS. is built upon an Index, now in MS., far better done by Mr. Eamanuel Pritchard, Janitor of the Bodlejan Library. Mr. Wanley, besides what hath been mentioned, published one Book, a Translation, for the use of the Religious Societies.

[1] The News Papers say July 5th, being Tuesd., but Mr. Murray's Letter to me said July 6th.

He was a very loose, debauched Man, kept Whores, was a very great Sot, & by that means broke to Pieces his otherwise very strong Constitution. He married a Widow Woman in London (that had several Children), who died a few years since suddenly, but Wanley had no Child by her. He was a very great Rogue, & was one of those perjur'd Wretches that got Mr. Usher out of his Fellowship at University Coll., wch was the Original of the Mischiefs to that Place. He had begun a Catalogue of the Earl of Oxford's MSS., but he took such an injudicious Method that, had he lived many Years longer, it would never have been finished. He had compleated six, if not seven, Vols. in Folio, taking in whole Passages out of the respective Pieces, on purpose to swell the Work, for wch he was often in my hearing much blam'd, and an Epitome of what he had done was intended, and another Method design'd for what remain'd. He married another Wife (a very young Creature, who had been his Whore) just a fornight before he died, & by that means she has [?] wt he had, wch was considerable. He is buried in Marybone Church.

July 11 (Mon., 5° Id. Jul.; Translatio Sancti Benedicti, Abbatis & Confessoris, & sororis ejus, S. Scolasticæ virginis.) Mr. Baker of Cambridge writes me word, in a Letter of the 7th inst., that Bennett Coll. Library is under two Locks & Keys, & two of the College are always to attend.

In a Catalogue of the Scholars of Emanuel College, he finds Bastwick's name at the year 1592, who, he presumes, may be the same with the Doctor, if his age agrees. Whether he took a Degree with them, will not appear, their Registers being imperfect at that Period, & a large chasm of 12 or 13 years. NB. in a Picture I have of Dr. Bastwick, præfix'd to his Flagellum Pontificum, Lond., 1641, I find Dr. Bastwick was fourty seven Years of Age in 1640, so that he was born in 1593, or, at least, much about the time that Bastwick occurrs Scholar of Emanuel Coll., & therefore I take them to be two different persons.

Mr. Baker knows of no Church or Chappel dedicated to St. Amand; he is pretty sure there is none such in that Diocese.

Nor does he know whether Mr. Ray (the famous Botanist) were episcopally ordain'd; probably not, otherwise we should hardly have found him amongst the ejected Fellows of Trinity College, where Dr. Calamy has plac't him. Their Registers at Trin. Coll. are imperfect, during the time of Confusion, or, were they perfect, it would not appear from thence, & they have no man there at Cambridge now living that knew him, or near his standing. He proceeded Mr. of Arts at Trin. Coll. an. 1651, where he preach't & Commonplac't in Chappell. The College, during his time, was under the government of Dr. Hill & Dr. Arrowsmith, both Members of the Assembly of Divines, who would hardly have allow'd of Episcopal Orders, tho' they had no other Orders themselves.

July 12 (Tu., 4to Id. Jul.).

Apud Cyprum, beati Nasonis antiqui Christi discipuli. In Aquileia, natalis

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July 11, 1726. H. to A. Francke (Rawl. 26. 65). Reminds A. F. of his promise to return Macrobius.

Sancti Ermagoræ vel Ermagorii episcopi, discipuli beati Marci Evangelistæ, qui inter miracula sanitatum & prædicacionis instanciam ac populorum conversionem plurima pœnarum genera expertus, ad ultimum cum Fortunato archidiacono suo capitali supplicio perpetuum meruit triumphum.—*Martyrol. Rom. MS. penes me.*

Last Sunday was Marcham Feast, near Abbington in Berks., the Church being dedicated to Thomas à Becket.

July 13 (Wed., 3tio Id. Jul.). This is the day of the Translation of the Reliques of St. Mildred to Canterb. See her death, above, pag. 104.

One Mr. Wildgoose, a Butcher by Trade, but now follows chiefly making of Paper Boxes, lives with his Wife in Magd. Parish, Oxon. He is an Astrologer, & delights mightily in it. He was born in the year 1656.

From The Reading Post: or, The Weekly Mercury, for Mond., Jul. 11, 1726:—

London, July 5 (Tuesd.). Yesterday, at the King's Bench Bar at Westminster, Mr. Tho. Meighn, a Bookseller, was convicted, upon an Information exhibited by his Majesty's Attorney-General, for publishing a Book intituled, *England's Conversion and Reformation compared; Or, The young Gentleman directed in the Choice of his Religion: To which is premised, An Enquiry into the Grounds of the Catholick Faith*, &c. Which Book, as it appear'd by the Defendant's Confession, was printed at Antwerp, and sent over hither to be dispers'd. Being upon his Recognizances, he is to receive Judgment next Term.

Last Sunday Morning my Friend Mr. John Leak's Wife was brought to bed, in St. Mary Hall, of a Boy.

July 14 (Th., 2do Id. Jul.).

Apud Pontum, natalis beati Focæ, episcopi civitatis Sinopis, qui sub Trajano imperatore carcerem, vincula, ferrum, ignem eciam pro Christo superavit. Alexandriæ, Sancti Heracleæ antistitis, ob cujus opinionem celeberrimam memorat se Affricanus hystoriographus ad eum properasse.—*Martyrol. Rom. MS. penes me.*

From The Reading Post of Mond. last:—

Lond., Jul. 5 (1726, Tuesd.[1]). On Thursday last, the 30th of June, departed this Life the most Noble Adeleide, Dutchess of Shrewsbury, Relict of the late Duke of that Name. She was descended from the ancient Family of the Piercies, Earls of Northumberland, and was one of the Ladies of the Bed-Chamber to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales. She was a Lady of extraordinary Parts, of a Humour Angelical; the best of Wives, and the best of Mistresses; Generous, Courteous, Charitable, and Good Natured in the highest degree of Perfection. Her Death is greatly lamented by both Rich and Poor.

So the News, but I have been told the contrary is true.

July 13, 1726. H. to W. Bedford (Rawl. 26. 65). Asks W. B. to convey the enclosed letter to Mr. A. Francke, who has not yet returned H.'s Macrobius.

July 13, 1726. H. to P. Sexton (Rawl. 26. 65). Wants to know P. S.'s decision about subscribing for John of Glastonbury.

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[1] [Added by Hearne.]

The Rev. Mr. David Scurlock, one of the Lecturers of Hackney, was lately presented to the Vicarage of Pottern in Wiltshire.

This Scurlock is a sorry Fellow, being the same that was of Jesus College. I have mentioned him formerly. Mr. Francis Fox was Vicar of Pottern before.

July 15 (Fri., Idus Julii). This is the Translation of St. Swithun, Bp of Winchester, concerning whom see above, p. 107.

The MS. Roman Martyrology, wch I have, also reckons this to be the day on wch Adeodatus, or Deusdedit, Archbp of Canterbury, an holy Confessor, died, anno 664, being the 6th Archbp of Cant., tho' others say he died on July 14, and others on June the last. See Godwin de Præs., p. 59, Ed. Lat., who observes that he was the last Archbp that was buried in the Church Porch of St. Austin's.

My Friend, Edward Prideaux Gwyn, Esq., who came to Oxford on Wednesday last from Warwickshire, & went out of Town to-day for Devonshire, told me on Wedn. night last that the Chappel of Combe Abbey in Warwickshire is turn'd into a dining Room for servants.

Wm Bromley of Bagginton, Esq., as Mr. Gwyn told me, hath got a MS. of the Life of the old Ld Orrery (Broghil), temp. Car. II, wch was writ by his Chaplain. But, it seems, 'tis not Mr. Bromley's own Book.

The said Wm Bromley, Esq., hath also Copies of Letters that pass'd, Anno 1692, between Mary, Princess of Orange (she that was call'd Q. Mary), & the Princess Anne of Denmark, in wch the said Princess Mary was urgent with the Princess Anne to turn off or discard the Lady Churchill, she that was afterwds Dutchess of Marlborough.

Mr. Gwyn then told me that Wm Peytoe, of Chesterton in Warwicksh., Esq., is a very honest Gentleman, tho' his Grandfather, Sir Edward Peytoe, was a very Active Rebell. He was never yet married, tho' near 40 Years of Age. He travelled in France & Italy.

The Ld Leigh of Stonely Abbey, Com. Warw., is a great Brute, notwithstanding he had Academical Education. He is between 40 and 50 Years of Age.

July 16 (Sat., 17 Kal. Augusti). This day is the Translation of St. Osmund, Bp of Salisbury, who died Dec. 3d, 1099, & was buried in the Cathedral Church that he finished, it having been begun by his Predecessor, Herman, of Old Salisbury. His Translation to new Salisbury happened two hundred Years after his Death. 'Tis remarkable that the very next day after it was finished by this Osmund, the steeple or Spire of the said Cathedral Ch. of Old Salisbury was fired by Lightning, wch afterwards Osmund repaired, & furnished his Church with all manner of Ornaments. He came out of Normandy into England with Wm the Conq., by whom he was made Chancellor of England, & E. of Dorset. He was first Author of *Ordinale secundum Usum Sarum.*

July 17 (Sun., 16 Kal. Aug.; St. Kenelm, K. & Mart.). This St. Kenelm became K. of the Mercians in the 7th Year of his Age, Anno 820, upon the death of his Father, Kenulph. But he reign'd only

five Months. For his envious Sister, Quendrida, having a mind to the Kingdom, tho' she did not enjoy her desire in that respect, took care to have him murder'd in Staffordshire by his Guardian, a bloudy Villain, one Aschebert. After wch Aschebert buried him very obscurely, till at length the body being providentially discovered, it was translated in great State to Winchelcombe in Gloucestershire, the Abbey of wch Place his Father had founded. The Feast in honour of this innocent young Prince used to be one of the biggest in England.

July 18 (Mon., 15 Kal. Aug.). This day is the Martyrdom of St. Arnulph the Bishop. As 'tis also the Translation of St. Edburg the Virgin. There were several Saints of this Name, but this is look'd upon to be the same that was sirnamed Buggan, and was probably Daughter of Kentwin, King of the West-Saxons, and it may be the same that Alcuine makes in his Poems to be a great Benefactress to the Abbey of Glastonbury, where she built an Altar dedicated to the twelve Apostles. Her Mother, Eangitha, is said to have been Abbess of a Monastery in Kent, & upon her death 'tis reported that she was succeeded as Abbess by this her Daughter, Edburga, who, Cressy tells us, dyed Anno 759. Near Ailesbury is a Village called Eadburton, wch Name it receiv'd from this Edburga, as 'tis thought by Cressy, being the same, as I take it, that is commonly called Bearton, unless Cressy mistakes for Edburton in Sussex.

Mr. Horsmanden, whom I have mentioned above, pag. 118, to be presented to the Deg. of Bach. of Civ. Law, hath two Sisters, one of wch is so extremely handsome that several call her the Queen & the Beauty of Essex. The Duke of Brunswick some time agoe had a great mind to her, & sent for her on purpose to debauch her, but she declin'd his Invitation, & secur'd her Virtue, for wch she is much commended. She is not yet married.

July 19 (Tu., 14 Kal. Aug.).

Apud Thebaidem, Natale Sancti patris nostri Arsenii, de quo in verbis seniorum refertur, quod propter redundacionem lacrimarum tergendam sudarium semper in sinu vel in manu habuerit.—*Martyrolog. Rom. MS. penes me.*

Yesterday the ejected Fellows, I hear, of Oriel College, were restored upon their Petition in the Chappel, but the Provost declin'd doing it, & went out of the Chappell with one other Fellow, Bowles, I think, upon wch the Senior Fellow, Dr. Woodward, did it, the rest of the Fellows being present, and approving what was done. I hear the Provost declin'd it,

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July 18, 1726. H. to W. Price (Diaries, 112. 132). 'I repeat my Thanks to you for your Civilities in Oxford on Febr. 22d, 1724. I wrote to you at the time you fix'd; but, hearing nothing, I suppose there may be some scruple about the Legacy left by Mr. Walden.'

July 19, 1726. H. to R. Rawlinson (Rawl. 111. 149). Received 40*s.* by Dr. Heywood, 'but he could not tell me what it was for.' Glad to hear that R. R. will be in Oxford shortly. Mr. Sexton has not acknowledged receipt of Ld. Kingsale's copy of Langtoft or paid second subscription: wants to know whether he is in town. [Note by Rawlinson:—'Recd, 20 July, 1726. Answd, 1 Aug., 1726. Holbourn Court, numb. vii, Mr. Sexton.']

unless the ejected Fellows would shew an Instrument for doing it from the Crown, & the Visitor, as he calls the Bishop of Lincoln.

From a little Paper MS. in 8vo, neatly written, lent me on Thursday, June 2^{d}, 1726, by M^{r}. Cuthbert Parkinson:—

[1] A Practise of Constantius the Emperour to trye the constancie of suche Christians as weare of his Courte.

For what cause and in what manner Courtizans are tolerated to live in Rome.

Upon what occasion the Chartrous-monkes tooke their beginning, according to the storie which I have seene pictured about the Cloister of their Monasterie in Paris founded by K. Lewis the Sainct.

Of an accident which I sawe in Rome.

Of the 7 Electors of the Romane Emperour, and of his 3 crownes, &c.

A declaration of the Englishe title to the crowne of France.

Of divers orders which are at this daye of greatest account amonge our Christian Princes.

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[Some verses upon Dr. Carter and Dr. Newton, printed in the preceding volume, p. 297, are omitted here.]

July 20 (Wed., 13° Kal. Aug.).

Natale beati Joseph, qui cognominatus est justus. Hic prædicacionis & sanctitatis officio inserviens, multamque pro fide Christi persecusionem à Judæis sustinens, victoriosissimo fine in Judæa quievit. De quo profertur quod venenum biberit, & nichil ex hoc triste pertulit propter Domini fidem.—*Martyrol. Rom. MS. penes me.*

Eodem die, Sanctæ Margaretæ, virginis & martyris.—*Ibid.*

From The Reading Post, or The Weekly Mercury, Mond., July 18, 1726:—

London, July 12 (Tuesd.), 1726. We hear that the Rev. D^{r}. Young, Chaplain in Ordinary to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and Author of several beautiful Poems, &c., hath obtain'd a Pension of 200 l. per Annum, payable out of the Civil List.

NB. This Gentleman, who is Fellow of All-Souls College, is a most conceited Person, of very vile Principles, and a very poor, mean Poet in the Opinion of the best Judges.

July 21 (Th., 12° Kal. Aug.).

Romæ, Sanctæ Praxedis virginis. Hæc in omni castitate & lege divina erudita, vigiliis & oracionibus atque jejuniis assidue vacans, quievit in Christo, sepultaque est juxta suam sororem, Potencianam, Via Salaria. In Galliis civitate Massilia, natale Sancti Victoris, qui cum esset miles, & nec militare nec ydolis sacrificare vellet, primo in carcerem trusus, ibique ab angelis visitatus est, deinde variis excruciatus pœnis, novissime contritus in mola pistoria martyrium consummavit.—*Martyrol. Rom. MS. penes me.*

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[1] [The headings only of the articles are given here.]

Last Tuesday (July 19), at two Clock in y^e^ Afternoon, was a Convocation for electing a Rector of Norley in Com. Devon., w^ch^ falls to the University's Presentation, by reason the L^d^ Petre is a Rom. Catholick, & a minor. So I am told. Candidates were M^r^. Prouse, M.A. of Balliol Coll., & M^r^. Ford, M.A. of Queen's Coll. M^r^. Ford had about an 120 votes, & M^r^. Prouse about 90, so Ford is the Man.

M^r^. John Holt, M.A., lately Student of X^t^ Church, Oxon., commonly call'd Chick Holt, a man of a most sweet Temper, with whom I am well acquainted, was the other day in Town (he living now in Warwickshire, where he hath a Living, being in Orders), with his Sister, as yet unmarried, a young Lady of 27 Years of Age, a wonderfull pretty creature, & of equal sense & good nature.

This Morning died in Oxford, in S^t^. Peter's Parish in the East, of a Consumption, one M^r^. Whitehead, an Apothecary of London, at his Mother in Law's House, the Widow Costard, whose Daughter he married, but she died about a Year agoe, without any Child by him. The Widow Costard's husband was a Bastard.

July 22 (Fri., 11° Kal. Aug.).

Apud Massiliam, natalis S. Mariæ Magdalenæ, de qua Dominus ejecit septem dæmonia, & quæ ipsum Salvatorem à mortuis resurgentem prima videre meruit. Philippis, S. Syntyches, cujus beatus Paulus Apostolus meminit (ad Philippen., cap. iv.[1]).—*Martyrol. Rom.*

From the Reading Post, July 18, 1726:—

London, July 15 (Frid.[1]). Christ's Church (in Hampshire[1]), July 6 (Wedn.[1]). There happened here Yesterday (Jul. 5, Tuesd.[1]) a terrible Thunder-Storm, that lasted from eight in the Evening till about eleven; the Lightning with which it was accompanied set fire to the Mills and Dwelling-House of one William Ward of Sopley, about two Miles distance from this Place, which in a short Time reduc'd the same to Ashes; considerable Damages were also done in the Parts adjacent, and in some Houses the Goods were broke all to Pieces. Some Persons were struck down by the Lightning, but by good Providence none were kill'd.

NB. That day was a very hot, sultry, close day, and much Thunder went about, as we heard at Oxford, where we had some Rain in the Afternoon, particularly at Night, and there was a vast deal of Lightning, but the Thunder, w^ch^ we heard at a distance, did not come up.

London, July 16 (Sat.[1]). They write from Ludbury in Herefordshire that on the 5^th^ Inst. (Tuesd.[1]) they had such a violent Rain there that the Town was almost drown'd, several Houses being 6 Foot in Water, and many Persons had their Goods carried away, and some had Fish brought into their Lower-Rooms from the adjacent Ponds, particularly into one M^r^. Arrowsmith's, who had a very handsome Dish of Fish in his Parlour. The Damage is computed at least to amount to 5 or 600 l.

July 23 (Sat., 10 Kal. Aug.). The Martyrdom of S^t^. Apollinaris, ordain'd B^p^ at Rome by S^t^. Peter, and sent by him to Ravenna. He was martyred under Vespasian.—*Martyr. Rom.* On this day also died

[1] The words in parentheses are added by Hearne.]

at Rome S^t^. Brigit the Widow, whose Body was afterwards translated into Sweden. She died, as is noted by Baronius in Martyrol. Rom., A. D. 1373.

Yesterday Morning died of a Fistula, of w^ch^ he hath been ill a great while, M^r^. Cross, a Taylor of S^t^. Marie's Parish, Oxon., aged a little more than three score. He had been of a very strong Constitution, but he broke it to pieces by excessive drinking.

Yesterday, as I was walking to Godstowe, near S^t^. John's Coll. I met with M^r^. Anderson, a Scottish Man, whose Brother is Professor of Div. at Aberdeen. He is related, he told me, to M^r^. James Anderson, the Scottish Historian & Antiquary. I have seen this Gent. several times some Years ago. Saith he, 'M^r^. James Anderson often asks after you, & what you are doing. "Be sure," saith he, "when you go to Oxford, always inquire how Tom Hearne does, & what he is upon."' This Gent. told me that the said M^r^. James Anderson is upon publishing a Collection of all Things pro & con relating to Mary, Q. of Scots, & that his other great Work, being a sort of *Formulare Scoticanum*, as yet in MS., is prodigious.

Just as I was parting from this M^r^. Anderson, he whispers me in the Ear, in the hearing, however, of another Scottish Gent. that was with him, 'You are the only honest Man,' saith he, 'in Oxford. You want a larger Gullet to swallow damned cramp Oaths.'

Yesterday was condemned at the Oxford Assizes to be hanged, one M^r^. Heddington, born at Wicombe in Bucks., but his Wife, a good sort of Woman, lives in S^t^. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxon., from whom he hath lived, as it were, coming to her but sometimes, for a matter of 18 Years at least, he being about 50 Years of Age, & hath a Son, a Bach. of Arts, that is a Clergyman, a good sort of young Man. He, the Father, hath led a sorry life, & committed several Pranks upon the Highway. He was condemned particularly for a Robbery near Henley upon Thames[1].

This Morning died, of a dropsy & the Jaundice, M^r^. Edward Tea, of S^t^. Peter's in the East, Oxon., whose Mother, a widow Woman, lives in that Parish also. He was a sad Sot, & much addicted to whoring.

July 24 (Sun., 9 Kal. Aug.; S^t^. Christine the Virgin, who suffered Martyrdom before the times of S^t^. Augustin, according to some). Yesterday, in the Afternoon, between five & six Clock, I call'd upon D^r^. Tanner at X^t^ Ch., and staid with him at least half an hour. He told me I might use D^r^. Macro's MS. of Glastonbury till such time as he (D^r^. Tanner) went out of Town, w^ch^ will be towards Michaelmas.

Talking, among other Things, about Ant. à Wood, I told him, I wondered that among Anthony's Books in the Museum are hardly any of our chief Books in History and Antiquities, since I thought he must have had a good Collection of them. But the D^r^. said he never had them, contenting himself to use them in Libraries.

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[1] He got his pardon.

He said nothing about *Notitia Monastica*, so that I begin to think that Dr. Tanner's new Ed. of that Book is not yet in the Press. Neither did he enter into any Discourse about Anth. à Wood's Hist. & Antiq. of Oxford in English, or about the Athenæ Oxon., the latter of wch is published so wretchedly by the Dr. in the second Edition.

He complain'd, & very justly, very much of Dr. Gale's Ed. of our Historians as most faultily transcrib'd, noting (and that justly, too) that the first Vol., wch was by Mr. Fulman, Dr. Gale being concern'd in two Volumes only, is well done, & is much the best. He said he did not know who corrected the Press for Dr. Gale. I told him 'twas Dr. Mill, at wch Dr. Tanner seem'd amaz'd. But I added, I had heard Dr. Mill say so himself.

On Friday last (July 22), in the Afternoon, about 4 Clock, a Fire happened in St. Gyles's, Oxon., wch in a very little space burnt down 3 Houses. It came by the Carelessness of a Woman burning straw in a House, but ran out to see the Judges go out of Town, & in the mean time the House was set on Fire.

July 25 (Mon., 8 Kal. Aug.; St. James, the Brother of St. John the Evangelist. He was beheaded by Herod Agrippa). Yesterday, in the Afternoon, was carried in an Herse to be buried at Newnham Courtney, near Oxford, Mr. Whitehead, the Apothecary, his Wife & Father-in-Law being buried there.

Yesterday, in the Afternoon, call'd upon me a young Man, one Mr. Hopwood of London, a Mercer[1], I think. He had formerly brought me a Letter from my late Friend, Thomas Rawlinson, Esq. He seems a very honest Man. He told me Mr. Samuel Jebb now studies Physick, and that he is every day with Dr. Mead. He told me Mr. Thomas Deacon practises Physic at Manchester, & that Mr. Thomas Wagstaffe is but in an indifferent State of Health. All these 3 Gentlemen are Non-jurors, and Authors.

Yesterday was Kennington Feast, near Abbington in Berks. Some say the Chappel is dedicated to St. Margaret, others to St. Mary Magd. They keep the Feast always the Sunday before St. James.

Last Night Mr. Edward Tea was buried in St. Peter's Church in the East.

July 26 (Tu., 7 Kal. Aug.; St. Anne the Mother of the B. V. Mary). Last Night Mr. Cross the Taylor was buried at St. Marie's.

July 25, 1726. H. to Dr. Cox Macro (Diaries, 113. 11). Thanks for the loan of the Cartulary of Glastonbury, which will be of service in Adam de Domerham, which he is just going to print.

July 26, 1726. J. Woodward to H. (Rawl. 12. 125). Thanks for copies of Mr. Dodwell's book. Will send money for them with subscription for John of Glastonbury. Wants his small copies of Leland's Itinerary, &c., exchanged for large. 'Mr. Holloway being ye Editor of my Book, I must present no Exemplars of it, or I had sent some to my Friends in yt University. As I have great Relyance of your Judgment, I shall be glad to have it of ye

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[1] [Altered from 'an Apothecary.']

The present Minister of Abbington is one Mr. Newcome, a Cambridge Man, a sort of a Presbyterian. He is much hated in the Town.

July 27 (Wed., 6 Kal. Aug.). This is the day kept in honour of the VII sleepers, so called because in the Reign of Theodosius the second, about the Year 449, when the Resurrection (as we have it from Greg. Turon.) came to be doubted by many, seven Persons, who had been buried alive in a Cave at Ephesus by Decius the Emperor, in the time of his Persecution against the Christians, and had slept for about 200 Years, awoke & testified the Truth of this Doctrine, to the great Amazement of all. But Baronius does not seem to approve of this Account, but to lean rather to those who will have them so called from their being shut in a Cave by Decius, where they died or slept (for the Death of the Martyrs is call'd Sleep), & near 200 Years after were found, their bodies incorrupt & fresh, as if alive, when in the time of Theodosius II the cave was opened.

The Reading Post, for Mond., July 25, 1726:—

London, July 19 (Tuesd.[1]). Last Sunday (July 17 [1]), in the Afternoon, died at Kensington Gravel Pits, the Rt Honourable William Cadogan, Earl Cadogan, Viscount Caversham, Baron of Reading, and of Oakley, General of the Foot Forces in South Britain, Master of the Robes, Colonel of the First Regiment of Foot Guards, Governor of the Isle of Wight, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Thistle, & one of his Majesty's Most Hon. Privy Council. He left two Daughters, the Lady Sarah and the Lady Margaret, the former whereof is married to his Grace the Duke of Richmond.

He was descended from the Antient Stock of the Britons. His Grandfather, Col. Wm Cadogan, signaliz'd himself against the Irish Rebels in 1641, and was buried at Trim in that Kingdom, leaving his Son, Henry Cadogan, Esq., Heir to a genteel Estate. Which Henry married Bridget, Daughter to Sir Hardress Waller (by Eliz. his Wife, Daughter to Sir—Dowdall), and died at Dublin in Jan., 1715, leaving Issue two Sons, viz. Wm (the deceased) and Charles, and one Daughter named Penelope.

The Deceased was one of the Members for New-Woodstock in the Reign of Queen Anne, who in 1705 made him a Brigadier General and Colonel of a Regiment of Horse in Flanders, advanc'd him to be a Major-General in 1708, and next Year Lieutenant of the Tower, and sent him her Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the States and Brussels. His Military Atchievements in Flanders under the Glorious Duke of Marlborough, and the great share he had in suppressing the late Rebellion in Scotland, which will perpetuate his Name to the latest Posterity, are Materials for too large an History, as well as too fresh in Memory to be insisted on here; therefore it may suffice to take Notice that his present Majesty no sooner came to the Crown but he made him Master of the Robes and Colonel of the Second Royal Regiment of Foot Guards, and soon after sent him Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the States General, to Brussels, and so also to Vienna, at which Places he settled the famous Barrier Treaty. In 1716, his Majesty was pleased to call him to his most Honourable Privy-Council, and to honour him with the most Noble Order of St. Andrew at the Thistle, in the Room of

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Discourses now first printed: & to know how ye learned there receive it. You will see my Design is good.' [For part of this letter, see Diary, Aug. 8.] [PS.] Enquires about Mr. Leaves of Wadham.

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[1] [The words in parentheses are Hearne's.]

the late Earl of Mar, and created him Baron of Reading, to which, on the 7th of April, 1718, his Majesty added the Titles of Baron of Oakley in the County of Bucks., Viscount of Caversham in the County of Oxford, and Earl Cadogan, and afterwards he constituted him Gen. of the Foot Forces in South Britain, Colonel of the First Regiment of Foot-Guards, and Governor of the Isle of Wight.

He having died without Male Issue, the Honour devolves to his Brother, the Hon. Charles Cadogan, Colonel of a Regiment of Foot, and Representative of the Borough of Newport, who is married to a Daughter of Sir Hans Sloane, Knight.

NB. Sir Hans Sloane is a Baronet. And as for the deceased Earl, he died of a Fistula, & was one of the great Villains of this Age, & so he ought to be chronicled by impartial Historians.

July 28 (Th., 5 Kal. Aug.). This is St. Sampson's Day. He was a Bp in Lesser Britain, & flourished about An. Dom. 600. The Church of Cricklade in Wiltshire is dedicated to St. Sampson.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tea of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford (who lives with her mother on the south side of High Street), is reported to be married to one Mr. Bradley, A.B. & Fellow of New College, who hath been observ'd for a good while together to be much at the House. She is 27 Years old.

July 29 (Fri., 4 Kal. Aug.).

Tarasci in Gallia Narbonensi, Sanctæ Marthæ virginis, hospitæ Salvatoris nostri, & sororis beatæ Mariæ Magdalenæ, & sancti Lazari.—*Baronii Martyrolog.* De ea vide S. Luc. x & Joan. x & xii.

Reading Post for Mond., Jul. 25, 1726:—

London, July 19. His Majesty has been pleased to create his Highness Prince Frederick a Baron, Viscount, Earl, Marquis, and Duke of the Kingdom of Great Britain, by the Names, Styles, and Titles of Baron of Snaudon in the County of Carnarvon, Viscount of Launceston in the County of Cornwall, Earl of Eltham in the County of Kent, Marquis of the Isle of Wight, and Duke of Edinburgh.

His Majesty has likewise been pleased to create his Highness Prince William a Baron, Viscount, Earl, Marquis, and Duke of the Kingdom of Great Britain, by the Names, Styles, and Titles of Baron of the Isle of Alderney, Viscount of Trematon in the County of Cornwall, Earl of Kinnington in the County of Surrey, Marquis of Berkhamstead in the County of Hertford, and Duke of Cumberland.

On Thursday last (July 14th [1]), in a Storm that happen'd at Tunbridge, there fell Hail Stones of such a monstrous Size that kill'd great Numbers of the Poultry in the Fields; and the People took to their Houses to avoid Mischief.

That day was fine at Oxford, only a little after 12 Clock in the Morning was a very great Shower of Rain, wch held near 2 hours, and in the Afternoon fell a little Rain.

Yesterday died at his Habitation in Jesus Coll. Lane, Oxon., Mr. Richard Matthews, formerley Hostler at the Angel Inn, an excellent Jockey. He was about 52 or 53 Years old. He died of a Dropsy.

July 28, [1726]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 92). Thanks for valuable book, Reliquiæ Bodleianæ, which completes T. B.'s collection. [For rest of letter, see Diary, Aug. 8.]

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[1] [The words in parentheses are Hearne's.]

July 30 (Sat., 3 Kal. Aug.). This is the day of S^t^. Abdon and S^t^. Sennen, who were Persians, and were martyred at Rome in the time of Decius.

Reading Post for Mond., Jul. 25, 1726:—

Friday's Post (July 22^d^[1]) brought these following Advices.—Rome, July 6. On Tuesday Morning Cardinal Marescetti was seiz'd with a high Fever, and desir'd the Viaticum, which was immediately given him. In a few Hours after he fell into the Agonies of Death, upon which the Extream Unction was administred to him, and he received the Absolution *in casu Mortis*; the next Morning he departed this Life, aged 98 Years and 9 Months, and in the 51^st^ Year of his Cardinalship, having been created by Clement x^th^.

London, July 23 (Saturd.[1]). This Week the Dutchess of Grafton was brought to Bed of a Daughter; as was also the Dutchess of Queensbury of a Son.

July 31 (Sun., Prid. Kal. Aug.). This is S^t^. Germanus's Day. This great and holy Man was B^p^ of Auxerre, & came over with S^t^. Lupus, B^p^ of Troyes (Civitas Tricassina), into Britain, about the Year 429, & clear'd the Country of the Pelagian Heresy, for w^ch^ his Name (as well as upon other Accounts) will be ever famous.

Formerly there was a Cross upon a Bridge as we go to Bagley. For the Warden and Fellows of All Souls College being upon Lecture days, & other holy days (*diebus legibilibus & aliis diebus feriatis*) obliged to go in their Statutable Habits, their Habits, I mean, appointed by the College Statutes, within a Mile about Oxford every way, there are these Words in the Statute: *Spacium vero unius miliaris circa Universitatem prædictam in Australi parte, usque ad crucem super pontem versus Bagle.*—This must, I think, be the Bridge in the High way as we come to Kenington Common.

All Souls College was six Years in building, and cost 4345 libs. 15s. 5d., è Cod. vet. Impensarum in turri Collegii adservato.

Aug. 1 (Mon., Kal. Aug.; Sancti Petri ad vincula). Hac de re egi in Glossario ad Rob. Glouc., quod videsis.

—donec per majorem partem juristarum ac etiam artistarum sociorum dicti collegii tunc præsencium super nominatione scholarium deficientium fuerit concordatum, et tunc idem custos tot juristas in loco juristarum et artistas in loco deficientium artistarum per ipsum et majorem partem sociorum, ut præmittitur, nominatos de melioribus ipsorum nominantium sano judicio habilioribusque nec non ad scholasticam magis aptis in ipsa Universitate Oxon. studentibus, qui decimum septimum ætatis annum compleverint, et vicesimum sextum non excesserint.—E Statutis Coll. Om. Anim.

In All-Souls Coll. Statutes mention made of Burford Hall, nuper vocat. Charleton's Inn, as being where part of All Souls Coll. is now.

Aug. 2 (Tu., 4^to^ Nonas Aug.; S. Stephani Papæ, & martyris sub Valeriano post an. 253). Last Sunday, in the Afternoon, M^r^. W^m^ Oldisworth told me that D^r^. Mangey (a Cambridge D^r^.) & D^r^. Berryman (who was of Oriel College) were both then in Oxford. Both these D^rs^. are Authors. I have formerly seen D^r^. Mangey at my

[1] [The words in parentheses are Hearne's.]

Room, who was spoke well of to me by Mr. Baker of Cambridge, but I hear now that this Dr. Mangey is but a very sorry Man. I am told he is about an Edition of Philo Judæus's Works, of wch, indeed, there wants a good Edition & vast Improvements (as I remember) might be made from the Bodlejan MSS.

Yesterday being the Inauguration day of the Duke of Brunswick, there was great Ringing of Bells in Oxford, and the University Sermon at St. Marie's was preach'd by Mr. Wilder of Pembroke.

Aug. 3 (Wed., 3tio Nonas Aug.).

Hierosolymis, Inventio corporis beatissimi Stephani Protomartyris, & Sanctorum Gamalielis, Nicodemis, & Abidonis[1], sicut Luciano presbytero divinitus revelatum est, Honorii principis tempore.—*Baronii Martyrolog. Rom.*

Yesterday called upon me my ingenious Friend, the Honourable Benedict Leonard Calvert, Esq., being the first time I have seen him since his Return from his Travells in Italy & France, where he hath been at Rome, Naples, Paris, &c. He communicated to me the following Letter, wch he transcrib'd from a Register at Westminster:

[2] fol. 30. In the first Register Book under the year 1489 (4 Hen. 7).

Edw. Botiller, monk of Westminster, desiring leave from John, Abbot of Westminster, to leave the monastery, and to retire to St. Milburghe's Priory at Wenlock, of the Cluniack order, in order to take upon him that habit by rule, The Abbot grants it, Ap. 9, 1489. *Vid. the Abbot's dismission Act* (in ye same Register). Follows the Abbot's letter to the said Prior:

Reverent Brother in Crist, we grete you wele. And it is so that one Edward Botiller, a Brother of ours, hath often and diverse tymes praied and desired us licence to be dismissed out of our obedience, and he desireth to be a Brother of your place and your obedience, and hath grete desire to be with you and in that Contree, at which desire we have licensed the same Edward, and geve hym a dimission under our seale; the same Edward hath competent lerning and understondyng, and can syng both playn Song and prikked Song, and also a faire writer, a florisher and maker of Capital lettres. Wherfore I pray you that ye will admitte the same Edward Botiller to be a Brother of your place, and under your rule and Obedience. And god preserve you. Writen at our monastery of Westm. the ix day of Aprill.

The said Abbat was John Estney, who succeeded Tho. Milling, wch Milling being preferred by K. Edw. IV, an. 1474, to the Bpprick of Hereford, Mr. Willis presumes that he held this Abbey for some time in Commendam with that Bpprick, and tells us that he died an. 1492, & was buried at Westm. in St. John Baptist's Chapel. But, for my part, since Estney occurrs as Abbat in the Letter aforesaid, an. 1489, 4 years before Milling died, I am apt to think he, the said Milling, did not hold the Abbey in Commendam.

Aug. 3, 1726. E. P. Gwyn to H. (Rawl. 15. 55, 56). Sends a copy from Rymer of the Patent of Naturalization granted to Titus Livius, 1437. Will send copies of the Grant of Henry Fitz-Count to E. P.'s ancestor, Roger de Heale, and of Charters granted to the Priory of Christ Church in Hampshire. The Oxford Carrier will bring subscription for John of Glastonbury.

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[1] [Baronius has 'Nicodemi, & Abibonis.']

[2] [Marginal note:] This I have since printed in Adam de Domerham.

Aug. 4 (Th., Pridie Nonas Aug.). Tho' S^t^. Dominic, Founder of the Dominican Order, died at Bononia on the 8^th^ of the Ides of Aug. (Aug. 6), An. D. 1221 (5 Hen. III), in the 51^st^ Year of his Age, and his Anniversary Solemnity was ordered to be the day before his Death, viz. on the Nones or 5^th^ of Aug., yet Pope Paul IV^th^ ordered it to be observed on the iv^th^ of Aug., because the Feast of S^t^. Mary ad Nives was on the 5^th^.

These Verses following were communicated to me the other day by Edward Prideaux Gwyn, Esq., when he was in Oxford:—

Upon S^r^ James Baker's death.

Here lies a Knight, who now is dead,
But when alive wore Ribband red;
In grief for which his Brethren two
Have turn'd their red ones into blue.

Upon S^r^ Robert Walpole's being made Knight of the Garter.

S^r^ Robert, his Credit & Int'rest to shew,
Has drop'd his red Ribband, & took up a blue;
To two Strings already the Knight is preferr'd;
Odd Numbers are lucky, we pray for a third.

Yesterday died M^r^. Booth, Butler of Wadham-College, a very honest Man, of a middle age.

Aug. 5 (Fri., Non. Aug.).

Romæ in Esquiliis, dedicatio Basilicæ S. Mariæ ad Nives.—In Anglia, S. Osuualdi Regis, cujus actus venerabilis Beda presbyter commemorat.—*Martyrol. Rom.* Migravit Osuualdus ex hac vita anno D. 642.—*Baronius.*

This Oswald was King of Northumberland. There is a large and particular Account of him in Cressy's Ch. Hist.

Aug. 4, 1726. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 222). John of Glastonbury being just finished, is now at work upon Adam de Domerham, 'who is a very great Rarity and Curiosity, and was never yet printed.'

Aug. 4, 1726. H. to R. Rawlinson (Rawl. 111. 151). Received half a guinea from Mr. Sexton for Ld. Kingsale's Langtoft. Thanks for letter and seals. Is pleased with the information about Meighan, the Sepulchral Chamber, and Humphrey W[anley]. Does not remember having seen the notes about St. Edmundsbury, &c. 'I have heard a very odd Character both of M^r^. Kemp and his (M^r^. Kemp's) Collection. But I never heard before that W. depreciated them. On the contrary, I have several times been told that W. and he were agreed, and that they made Antiquities just as they pleas'd.' Has not yet read Dr. Middleton's book. Dr. Mead's is an excellent Speech, though the Appendix be otherwise. Does not know the present state of the Bodleian, but all agree 'that what was brought into so good an Order by so many Years' Work, is now all in confusion by new tangled Contrivances.' [Note by Rawlinson:—'Rec^d^, 18 Aug^t^, 1726.']

Aug. 5, 1726. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 45). Sends Stow's Chronicle, 1601, and other books and fragments for H. to peruse. 'I purposed begging y^e^ Favour of y^o^ to have added an Old Pedigree of *Serjeant Ward's* to y^e^ Book You are now about.' Though too late for this, if inserted in H.'s next book, it would be of service to T. W. [PS.] Sends a guinea for John of Glastonbury. Will send the pedigree, when examined. Encloses titles of some books bought in London. [For rest of letter, see Diary, March 18, 172$\frac{6}{7}$.]

The Reading Post, Mond., Aug. 1, 1726:—

London, July 30, Sat. On Tuesday last died Mr. Downs, a Nonjuring Clergyman.

The said Mr. Downes, whose Christian Name was Theophilus, was of Ball. Coll., as a Member of wch he took the Degree of M.A., July 10, 1679. He was a very worthy, learned Man, & wrote and published several Things. After his Ejectment from his Fellowship of Balliol Coll. (for he was Fellow there) for refusing the Oaths to the Prince & Princess of Orange, he travell'd beyond Sea, & took care for some Years of several young Gentlemen, with great Success, he being a wise Man.

They write from Canterbury that on Sunday last (July 24) died the Rev. Dr. Thomas Wise, Chaplain to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales. He was Rector of St. Alphage, with St. Mary Northgate, annex'd, in that City, and Vicar of Beaksbourn in that Diocese, one of the six Preachers of the Cathedral Church, and Prebendary of Lincoln. All his Preferments are in the Gift of the Archbishop of Lincoln.

This Wise, who was Son of John Wise, of Dorchester in Oxfordshire, & was admitted of Exeter Coll. in Michaelmass Term in 1687, was an Author of several Books, but they are heavy, dull Things, & little Regarded by Men of Judgment, yet he was a person of a comely presence. He took the Degree of M.A., July 7, 1694, that of B.D., Oct. 30, 1705, & that of D.D., July 10, 1708.

Aug. 6 (Sat., 8vo Idus Aug.; The Transfiguration of our b. Ld & Saviour in Mount Tabor). Yesterday my Friend, the honble B. Leonard Calvert, Esq., left Oxford between 11 and 12 Clock, & rode in a Chaise to Ditchley to see his Uncle & Aunt, the Earl of Litchfield and his Countess.

He told me his Brother, Edwd Calvert, is married, & that his wife was then big with Child when he call'd upon me some time ago, tho' I understood from himself (viz. Mr. Edw. Calvert) that he was not married, but it seems he bantered.

Mr. Calvert gave me a Medal of the famous Magliabechi, which is an extraordinary Curiosity. This Magliabechi was a very great Man, and was Librarian to the great Duke of Florence. He was never (as I have been told) above ten Miles out of Florence in his Life, and then he walk'd. He liv'd upon hard Eggs, & wore no shirt. He us'd to lie in the Library at last, & he dined at the Duke's Table. His Memory was so prodigious that he could (when at any time consulted) immediately tell what Authors had writ upon any Subject. He did not understand Greek, and I am told could not write Latin. He was, notwithstanding his severe way of living, a Man of great Humanity and Complaisance, and particularly civil to Strangers.

Aug. 6, 1726. F. Gwyn to H. (Rawl. 6. 164). Has sent by the Oxford carrier two guineas of his father's subscription-money for John of Glastonbury. Asks H. to keep the books until November. [Note by Hearne:—'Recd, Wedn., Aug. 10, 1726.']

[? **Aug. 6, 1726.**] **E. P. G[wyn] to H.** (Rawl. 6. 163). 'Our Journey to Newenham is putt off. I gave you this Notice, tho' you did not seem

On Wednesday last died, in St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, one Madam Best, wife of one Best, formerly an Excise Man, who is still living, tho' many Years older than his Wife, who was about three score. Her maiden Name was Gracious Crooke, & she made a great noise formerly in Oxford before she married, when she lived in St. Aldate's Parish, where she kept Blackamores, Monkeys, & Dogs, & was reported to lye with them. She was carryed out of Town yesterday, in order to be buried at Kensington, her husband not mourning, to whom, it seems, she hath left nothing, but, I am told, she hath bequeath'd most to one Leybourne of Brasen Nose Coll.

Aug. 7 (Sun., 7mo Idus Aug.; The Name of Jesus). Last Night, about five of the Clock, died Mr. Thomas Jesson, M.A. and Chaplain of Christ-Church. He was born at Coventry, and was originally of Magdalen College. His Sister is married to an Apothecary of Coventry. He was between 30 and 40 Years of Age, was a sweet tempered Man, and was my particular Acquaintance.

Aug. 8 (Mon., 6to Idus Aug.).

Romæ, sanctorum martyrum Cyriaci diaconi, Largi, & Smaragdi, cum aliis viginti, qui in persecutione Diocletiani & Maximiani passi sunt decimo septimo Kalend. Aprilis. Eorum corpora à Joanne presbytero via Salaria sepulta, S. Marcellus Papa in prædium Lucinæ via Ostiensi hac die transtulit: quæ postea in urbem delata, in Diaconia sanctæ Mariæ in via Lata recondita fuerunt.—*Martyrolog. Rom. Baronii.*

Mr. Baker, in a Letter from Cambridge of the 28th of July last, tells me that the Catechistical Discourse I mentioned, printed about Hen. VII time, he never did see. There is such a Book printed in 8vo in Hen. VIII time, an. MDXLIII, under the Title of *A Necessary Doctrine & Erudition for any Chrysten Man*, &c., upon the Crede, 7 Sacramentes, x Commandementes, Lorde's Prayer, &c. If that be the Book my Friend wants, Mr. Baker should be glad of an opportunity of presenting me with it[1]. It is likewise printed in 4to the same year; the 8vo Edition is the scarcer Book.

The Bastwick Mr. Baker mention'd will not (it seems) agree with the Doctor's age, & yet Mr. Baker is apt to think it is the same that Mr. Wood has mistaken for Dr. John Bastwick. For both their Matricula & Register

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determin'd, for fear you might go, & be disappointed.' [This note was probably enclosed in Francis Gwyn's letter of Aug. 6.]

Aug. 7, 1726. H. to B. L. Calvert (Diaries, 113. 35). 'I shall often think of the Conversation we had together last Week in Oxford. Your Present of the Medal to the Honour of Magliabechi (who was a very great Man), as it was very acceptable, so I shall often look upon it.' Longs to see the catalogue of that extraordinary man's books. Inquires whether Sir Thomas Wyatt's picture is still at Ditchley. If so, is it by Hans Holbein, and 'agreeable to the Print in Leland'?

Aug. 8, 1726. H. to J. Woodward (Diaries, 113. 38). John of Glastonbury will be published shortly. Has no large copies of the books mentioned.

[1] He did afterwds give it me.

of Degrees are perfect from the year 1602. Mr. Baker hath turn'd both the Books for ten years after, and cannot meet with any Bastwick of Eman. Coll. in either of these Registers: so that if he were of Eman. Coll., he either was not matriculated, or took no Degree.

He is glad I find the Trin. Coll. MS. of Domerham to be of value.

Mr. Baker hath lately met with a Copy of King's College Statutes, and now sends me the Words of the Statute relating to an Organist, without any Reserve.

Cap. i. De numero Scholarium, Studentium, &c.—Sint semper et continue in eodem Collegio decem Capellani Seculares—Ac insuper sex Clerici Stipendiarii—legendi et psallendi et cantandi peritiam habentes, in vocibus similiter bene dispositi, Quorum Capellanorum sive Clericorum unus sciat jubilare in Organis in Ecclesia Collegiata ibidem, in Divinis quotidie deservientes—

Mr. Baker sends me the Book of the erudition of a Christen Man at a venture, & begs my acceptance. I recd it on the 3d inst. 'Tis a valuable Thing. He says Dr. Middleton told him he would send me his Book against Dr. Mead from London, otherwise I should have had it from himself (Mr. Baker). NB. I have not yet recd any Copy, neither have I had any opportunity of reading it[1].

Dr. Woodward of Gresham College, in his Letter to me of the 26th of July last, tells me that I shew my just Concern for the Character of his Shield; he wishes I was there to see how great a Variety he hath of Antiquityes not less authentic, perfect, & observable.

I had before the 4to Ed. of K. Hen. VIII's Book, *Londini, in ædibus Thomæ Bertheleti, Regii Impressoris, An.* M.D.XXXVII. *Cum Privilegio.* But six leaves are wanting. It was Mr. Fulman's Book, a Man very curious in Things of this kind.

This day Sennight was Radley Feast & Stunsfield Feast and Soutleigh Feast.

On Sunday, July 31 last, Dr. Bartie of All Souls College was ordain'd Deacon privately at Cuddesdon by Dr. Potter, Bp of Oxford, and Yesterday he was ordained Priest privately at the same Place by the same Bp. This Dr. Barty hath got a Parsonage of about four hundred libs. per an. lately given him. He now acknowledges his Marriage, & will in a little time quit All Souls Coll. Last Week his Brother, the Earl of Abbington, sent for the Dr.'s wife, tho' he had never before taken any notice of her, & two of her Children, a Coach & six going for them. And they were receiv'd very kindly. Her Maiden Name was Cary, & she us'd to be much toasted by Young Gentlemen formerly, by the Name of Betty Cary, at wch time she lived in Jesus College Lane in Oxford, & was a mighty pretty Creature, but the Small Pox afterwards altered her very much.

The Book of Nature, translated and Epitomiz'd. Psal. 19. 1, 6;

'I have not yet had an opportunity of Reading your new Book, but, to be sure, it must be good. I am highly sensible of the great value of your Collection, notwithstanding I have not seen it.' Mr. Leaves is very well, and often comes from Ewelme to Oxford.

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[1] It came afterwards.

Rom. 1. 19, 20. By George Sikes. Printed in the Year 1667, 8°. A canting Thing of 109 Pages. 'Tis not mentioned by Ant. à Wood.

Aug. 9 (Tu., 5to Idus Aug.; Vigilia Sancti Laurentii). Mr. Murray, in a Letter of July 7th last, told me that he finds nothing in his MS. of Edward IVth's Wardrobe relating to Glastonbury, otherwise he should have been very ready to communicate it to me.

Mr. Baker, in a Letter from Cambridge of the 12th of June last, told me that he never saw any MS. of the *Notitia utriusque Imperii.* He hath been told Dr. Hook gave hints to several learned Men, which he never pursu'd himself. He thinks the Pendulum was claim'd by him as his Invention, tho' the Honor fell upon another.

Aug. 10 (Wed.[1], 4to Idus Aug.; Sancti Laurentii in pers. Valeriani). On Monday last, at 4 Clock in the Afternoon, being their Prayer time, Mr. Thomas Jesson was buried in Xt Church Cathedral.

The present Earl of Pembroke, tho', as 'tis said, near 4 score Years of Age, is a lusty, vigorous Man. He is much blam'd for his late Marriage with that young, brisk Creature, Miss How, in prejudice to his Children, but he says he married because he could not live without, & that if he did not marry, he must do worse. Yet he had liv'd a Widower several Years. Last Sunday was Baldwin Feast, near Oxford, and Brightwell Feast, near Abbington in Berks.

Aug. 11 (Th., 3tio Idus Aug., Sancti Tiburtii martyris Rom. sub Diocletiano). Dr. Mead hath got Basingstochius's Hist. of Britain, in wch are eleven Parts. He bought it of Fletcher Gyles, to whom he gave three Guineas for it, tho' Gyles gave only 1s. 6d. for it. Mr. West of Balliol College hath another Copy, with eleven Parts also. He likewise had it of Gyles, but I know not what he gave Gyles for it.

The said Fletcher Gyles was Apprentice to Mr. Hartley, of London,

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Aug. 9, 1726. H. to E. Burton (Diaries, 113. 45). Mr. Peisly paid first subscription for John of Glastonbury some time ago. Is now printing Adam de Domerham, which is a great rarity and curiosity. Supposes E. B. has not Keder de Nummis Suecicis. May have occasion to speak of King Æthelstan's coin.

Aug. 9, 1726. H. to R. Rawlinson (Draft, Diaries, 113, 44. Original, Rawl. 111. 153). Has returned impressions of seals. Please note anything relating to Adam de Domerham: does not know when he died. [PS.] Delivered letter to Dr. Heywood. [Note by Rawlinson:—'Recd, 18 Augt, 1726.']

Aug. 10, 1726. H. to E. P. Gwyn (Diaries, 113. 46). Thanks for transcript from Rymer, which came too late for John of Glastonbury: must therefore reserve it for Adam de Domerham. Is there anything about William, abbot of Ford, in the Register of Ford Abbey?

Aug. 10, 1726. E. Archer to H. (Rawl. 1. 129). Apologizes for delay in writing caused by business and illness. Further account of papers which he promised to transmit to H.

Aug. 10, 1726. W. Holwell to H. (Rawl. 15. 88). Wants to know what book H. is publishing, that he may subscribe for it. [For rest of letter, see Diary, Aug. 14. Note by Hearne:—'Recd, Saturd., Aug. 13, 1726.']

Aug. 11, [1726]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 11). [For part of this letter,

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[1] [MS. 'Tuesd.']

Bookseller, which Hartley afterwards broke. This Gyles is just turn'd of fourty Years of Age.

Dr. Hunt's Books, late Master of Balliol College, are now selling in the College. Mr. West bought Challoner de Republica Anglorum there for 3s. 6d. Mr. Wilmot, the Bookseller, bought about seventy Pounds' worth, all cheap Bargains. I am told Many others have also bought good Pennyworths. I did not hear of the Sale 'till too late, tho' I think there was very little that I should have much affected.

This Morning died old Mr. Eaton, of St. Gyles's in Oxon., Malster. I have mentioned him formerly.

Aug. 12 (Fri., Pridie Idus Aug.). This is St. Clare's day. She instituted the order of Religious Women called the Claresses. She was born of honourable Parents at Assisium in Italy, and was admitted to the Order by St. Francis himself, on the 19th of March, Anno 1212, and was soon follow'd by others, for whom St. Francis wrote a Rule, full of Austerities and penitential Mortifications. She died Anno 1253, and was canonized two Years after by Pope Alexander the 4th. There were but few Houses of this Order of Nuns in England. An Account of them may be seen at the End of Mr. Parkinson's History of the English Franciscans, newly come out in 4to, which is a very good Book.

On Wednesday last, in the Afternoon, was hanged at Oxford one Harris, a Baker of London, condemned last Assizes for Horse stealing, but Heddington of Oxford, and a Woman, both wch deserv'd hanging much more, are repriev'd, in order, as I am told, to be transported.

Reading Post for Mond., Aug. 8, 1726:—

Lond., Aug. 2 (Tuesd.[1]). We hear that this Morning arriv'd an Express from Hanover with an Account of the Death of Prince Maximilian, Brother to his most Sacred Majesty King George (so they call the Duke of Brunswick[1]), and who was a General in the Service of his Imperial Majesty.

He was born Dec. 14th, 1666.

Aug. 13 (Sat., Idibus Aug.; Hippolyti martyris Romæ sub Valeriano imp.). Dr. Rawlinson, in a Letter from Lond. of June 1st last, informs me that, amongst other Curiosities he picked up abroad, he hath made a large Collection of ancient Seals, Roman and Gothick, of most of which he hath a Catalogue, with their several Draughts, and short Explications. He should be mighty glad to give me a sight of

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see Diary, Aug. 19.] Sends Dr. Middleton's book. Glad John of Glastonbury is finished. Has written to Mr. Bedford about subscriptions.

Aug. 13, 1726. E. Burton to H. (Rawl. 27b. 189). Received letter of 9th instant. Mr. Peisly will pay for John of Glastonbury and Domerham. Sends abstract of Keder de Nummis Suecicis, notes on a copy of Sir John Perrot's Will in the hands of the Hon. Thomas Cornwallis, &c.

Aug. 13, 1726. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 46–48). Account of a fragment of the Liber Festialis printed by Caxton, 1496, of which he encloses a specimen. Will try to procure the loan of it for H. [PS.] Dr. Rawlinson and Mr. Graves are now at Warwick.

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[1] [The words in parentheses are Hearne's.]

them, but for the present he despairs of that satisfaction. Amongst other matters, he hath two Marbles, on which are the following inscriptions:—

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. . . . . VRNINA
. . . . . TET SVIS
. . . . . POSTERISQVE
. . . . . R . . . . . M . . .

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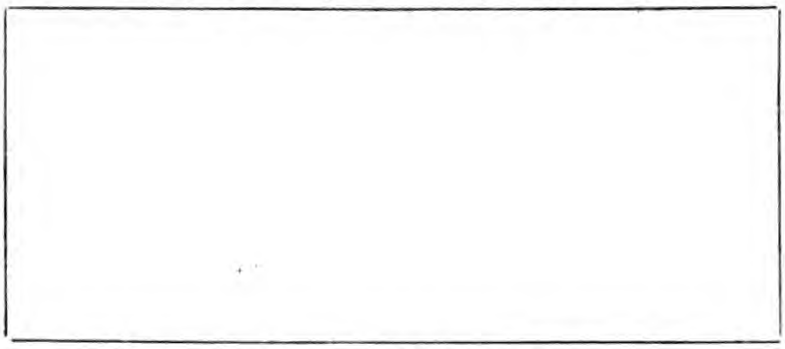
VIX . ANN . VIII.

My mention of *Keder de Nummis Suecicis* recall'd to his mind that he hath seen, or perhaps hath, a Piece *de argento Runis seu literis Gothicis insignito, quod delineatum in Camdeni Britannia Anglice nunc loquente et ampliata, literato exhibetur orbi, sententia Nicolai Kederi, Regii Antiquitatum Collegii quod Holmiæ est assessoris. Lipsiæ*, 1703, 4to.

Aug. 14 (Sun., Decimo Nono Kal. Septembris; Vigilia Assumptionis b. Mariæ virg.). Last Night I recd a Letter from William Holwell, of Exeter, Esq., who was a few Years since Gentleman Commoner of Xt Church, and whose Sister is Wife of Dr. Peter Foulkes, Canon of Xt Church. In this Letter Mr. Holwell tells me (it is dated at Exeter, Aug. 10, 1726) that a Gentleman that lately came from Worcester gave him the Draught of a Tombstone that was in the Cathedral Church, with the Inscription, which they there cannot tell what to make of. So Mr. Holwell takes the opportunity of sending to me for a right information, the favour of wch, he says, will very much oblige him.

Denarius Philosophorum dum Spiro Spero



in uno 23410 Non Spirans Spera.

But I cannot unriddle this for Mr. Holwell.

Aug. 15 (Mon., 18o Kal. Sept.; Assumption of the B. V. Mary). Last night came to Oxford from Warwickshire, where he hath been to

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Aug. 15, 1726. H. to J. Anstis (Diaries, 113. 56). Is indebted for letter

view his Estate, my Friend, Dr. Richard Rawlinson, and I was with him at the Miter several Hours. He hath been travelling several Years. He was four Years together at Rome. He was present at the Queen's Delivery of her first Child, the P. of W., and was then very near the Queen. This Prince is an extraordinary fine Child. The Duke of York is too young to judge of him yet. The King is a Man that is by no means a Bigot to the Ch. of Rome. He is a Man of an excellent Understanding. Yet he is unfortunate in making Scotch & Irish his Confidents, & those, too, of the meanest sort. Wch Thing is of very great disse[r]vice. The Queen is a zealous Roman Catholick, but hath, as well as the King, a prodigious Affection for the English.

Yesterday Dr. Richard Richardson of Yorkshire call'd upon me in the Afternoon, & I spent about three Hours with him. He hath brought to Oxford a Son, and entered him Gent. Com. of Brasennose, Mr. Yarburge being his Tutour. This Dr. Richardson (who is a right worthy, learned Man) brought me an Account (a very good one) of the MS. of Thomas Eccleston at York, from his Kinsman, Mr. John Richardson, præcentor of York. It is a small 8vo, of about 47 pages. I find they knew little (or, indeed, nothing) of it, till I made Inquiry about it, so that now they set a very great value upon it, & I fear it will be impossible to get the Loan of it, tho' I find Dr. Richardson will do what he can.

Aug. 16 (Tu., 17° Kal. Sept.).

—In Gallia Narbonensi apud Montem Pessulanum, depositio B. Rocchi confessoris, qui multas Italiæ urbes à morbo epidimiæ signo crucis liberavit : cujus corpus Venetias postea translatum fuit. Diem obiit A.D. 1327. Corpus Venetias translatum A.D. 1485.

Last Sunday was the Feast of Laurence Hinxey, or Ferry Hinxey, alias North Hinxey, in Berks., at wch were (as always there are) a vast Number of People. The Gridiron of St. Laurence was upon the old Church, but 'tis not upon this.

Last Sunday Morning, between 8 & 9 Clock, when they were at Prayers, at Merton Coll., one Mr. Gardiner, M.A. & Fellow of that College, cut his own Throat in his Chamber, and died of the Wound last Night. He was a pretty Man, & was about 25 Years of Age. He was Nephew to Dr. Bernard Gardiner, late Warden of All Souls College, being eldest Son of Sir Brochas Gardiner. He came out of the Country the Evening before, & was observ'd to look very wild & disordered. 'Tis thought either his Father, or some other Relations, had discontented him. And 'tis affirm'd that he was necessitated, wch I do not see how it can be, since he had a good Fellowship, & is said to have been a sober, good natured Man. He hath two Sisters, wch for a good while together lived at Dr. Gardiner's at All Souls Coll., & used to go to the College Chappell. One of them was observ'd to be very rampant & wild, & mighty desirous of Men, so as to be ready to leap out at Window after them.

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of Oct. 30 last. Has finished John of Glastonbury, and is now printing Adam de Domerham. 'After wch, I have thoughts of printing your MS. Life of Hen. V, provided it be a Thing of value, & come to my hands in good time.'

Aug. 17 (Wed., 16° Kal. Sept.; The Octaves of S^t. Laurence). This Morning D^r. Rawlinson went out of Oxford, at 4 Clock in the Morning, in the Stage Coach for London, with M^r. Tireman, that came with him. The said M^r. Tireman is a Nonjuror and a Merchant, and a very honest Man. He was born at York.

M^r. Tireman told me that a good Part of Whitby Abbey is ill standing. It belongs to the Cholmondleys.

M^r. Tireman's Father had a MS. giving an Account of the Vestments, Vessels, &c., of the Church of S^t. Peter's Church at York. M^r. Tireman promised me to inquire about it, & to give me an account thereof.

Beverley Minster, he told me, was lately repair'd (viz. since A.D. 1720) with Money collected, and wonderfully improv'd in the South-Sea.

He said S^t. Olave's, alias S^t. Mary's, Church at York is still standing, & there are vast Remains of the Abbey.

He said Nun-Appleton in Yorkshire was bought by M^r. Milner, a Merchant, whose Son, Sir William Milner, married a Daughter of Sir W^m Dawes's.

Christopher Tancred, Esq., he told me, is Lord of the Manour of Arden, and perhaps hath got some Writings relating to the Benedictine Nunnery there.

Quære where D^r. Constable is now, & whether he can tell any thing about the Priory of Præmonstratensians near Richmond, w^ch was founded by Roald the Constable, A.D. 1152.

Speed tells us there was a Nunnery at Gilling in Yorkshire. L^d Fairfax of Gilling hath the Estate. He is a Peer of England, different from L^d Fairfax of Camerone in Scotland. He lives at Gilling, and probably hath Writings about the Nunnery.

Aug. 18 (Th., 15° Kal. Sept.; S^t. Helen's). Last Night M^r. Gardiner, that cut his Throat, was buried in S^t. John Baptist's Church at Merton College. I hear he was a very proud Man.

The present Pope is 76 Years of Age.

D^r. Rawlinson told me, before he went from Oxford t'other day, that M^r. Downes, that was of Balliol College & died lately, was the Author of the Introduction to Hereditary Right, and that M^r. Harbin drew up the rest of the Book.

Aug. 19 (Fri., 14° Kal. Sept.). S^t. Magnus's day.

—Anagniæ (in Latio [1]), sancti Magni, Episcopi & martyris, qui in persecutione Decii necatus est.

M^r. Baker writes me word, in a Letter from Cambridge of Aug. 11^th last, that unless the Book he gave me of K. Hen. VIII^th's Institution of a Christian Man be the Book my Friend enquired after about the Creed,

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Aug. 18, 1726. H. to R. Furney (Diaries, 113. 62). Is indebted for letter of March 22 last. Thanks for consulting the register about Selborne Priory. Can't get any information about Basingstoke Hospital.

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[1] [The words in parentheses are Hearne's.]

L^d's Prayer, and X Commandments, &c., he knows of none such printed in Henry VII[I]^th's time, nor can he meet with any such in Mansel's Catalogue.

I have got K. Hen. VIII's Institution of a Christian Man, printed in 4^to, MDXXXVII, but it wants six leaves. It belong'd to the famous M^r. William Fulman. Had it been perfect, it had been well worth a Guinea. M^r. Baker knows it has been sold for more money.

D^r. Tanner (as M^r. Baker understands by a Friend) has gone as far as Yorkshire in his Monastic Collections: but that being a large County, & all the Welsh Counties being to follow, he (M^r. Baker) doubts it may be a year or two ere we can hope to see it, he (the D^r.) having so much other business upon his hands.

Aug. 20 (Sat., 13° Kal. Sept.).

In territorio Lingoniensi, depositio S. Bernardi, primi Clareuallensis abbatis, vita, doctrina, & miraculis gloriosi. Migravit ex hac vita anno à Christo Domino 1153.

There is just published, in 8^vo, Samuelis Parkeri, Episcopi Oxon., Commentarii sui temporis. 'Tis one Volume, printed in a large Letter. 'Tis published by his Son, M^r. Samuel Parker. I have not had as yet an opportunity of perusing it. I hear but an indifferent Character of it. Indeed, I have often heard that M^r. Parker hath left out, for want of Courage, many of the chief Things, and, as I remember, he insinuated to my self that he designed to do so. He never shew'd me the MS. But he did shew it to M^r. Francis Taylour of Univ. Coll., who assured me that M^r. Parker resolv'd to omitt many Things. And I suppose others are altered.

Aug. 21 ([Sun.], 12° Kal. Sept.).

Romæ in agro Verano, sanctæ Cyriacæ, viduæ & martyris, quæ in persecutione Valeriani cum se suaque omnia in sanctorum ministeria impendisset, demum pro Christo martyrium subiens, vitam quoque ipsam libenter impendit. —*Martyrolog. Rom.*

M^r. Rob. Woodford, Rector of Evilton in Somersetshire, told me, in a Letter from Evilton, Feb. 16, 1725, that tho' he is not a great way from Ilchester, yet he knows nothing very remarkable about it but what has been taken notice of already, but he will make a nicer enquiry concerning it than he hath hitherto done, & if he can learn any particulars worth my knowledge, he said, I should be sure to be inform'd of them by him.

Aug. 20, 1726. S. Gale to H. (Rawl. 15. 19). Apologizes for delay in writing, caused by absence from town. Has sent four guineas for Langtoft and John of Glastonbury. One copy of the former was in large paper, which 'Breaks my Sett, all y^e rest being small'.

Aug. 21, 1726. T. Hinton to H. (Rawl. 15. 80). Asks H. to get his John of Glastonbury bound and lettered. Mr. Collis of Magdalen College will take charge of the books and pay for them. [For rest of letter, see Diary, Dec. 11.]

Aug. 22, 1726. H. to S. Gale (Diaries, 113. 66). Thanks for four guineas received on the 20th instant. Understood the large copy of Langtoft

Aug. 23 (Tu., 10° Kal. Sept.).

—Hierosolymis, S. Zachæi Episcopi, qui quartus à B. Jacobo Apostolo Hierosolymitanam ecclesiam rexit.—*Martyrol. Rom.*

Yesterday Morning came to Oxford (with Mr. John Murray) Mr. Thomas Granger of London. The said Mr. Granger is a curious, good humour'd Gentleman, and hath an excellent Collection of Books in English History and Antiquities, as well as a fine Collection of Coins and Medals.

I have printed two scarce Saxon Coins of Mr. Granger's in my Preface to John of Glastonbury.

Yesterday I bought at Ball. Coll., among Dr. Hunt's Books, Greaves upon the Ægyptian Pyramids for 5s.

Aug. 24 (Wed., 9° Kal. Sept.; St. Bartholomew). Mr. John Sturt of London is also now in Oxford with Mr. Bateman and Mr. Granger. This Mr. Sturt hath been one of the most eminent, indeed the eminentest, Engraver for writing of this last Age. He is a Man now (as he saith) of 68 Years of Age. His own writing is also as good as his Engraving. The Things he hath done are prodigious.

Mr. Murray told me formerly that he (Mr. Murray) began to collect Books at eleven, now he says at thirteen Years of age. I thought Mr. Murray had kept all his Curiosities together, ever since he began collecting, excepting Duplicates, but he tells me now that, besides Duplicates, he hath parted, upon occasion, with a vast Number of Things, and I find he lets any one that wants have what Books he hath, & 'tis this way that he gets his Support.

Aug. 25 (Th., 8vo Kal. Sept.).

—Lutetiæ Parisiorum, S. Ludovici confes. Regis Franc., vitæ sanctitate, ac miraculorum gloria illustris.—*Martyr. Rom.* Migravit ex hac vita anno Domini 1270.

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was for Sir John Evelyn; had he known in time, could more easily have spared a small one.

Aug. 22, 1726. R. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 3. 101). 'In answer to yr Paper of the 10th Instant, This comes to acquaint You that I resign my office of being Distributor of Your Books, since it interferes so much with my Business here; & Besides, You choose such an improper time for the Publication, that no Gentleman I subscribed for will be in Town before the Middle of November. And I cannot always find leisure to be in London when Your Subscribers are. However, I believe I can recommend You to a much more proper Person, that may further your Subscriptions, & do you more Service than an out-of-ye-way Contry Parson can do; I mean yr Freind, Mr. Murray, or else Woodman, the Bookseller.' Directions for sending John of Glastonbury. [Note by Hearne:—'Recd, Thursd., Aug. 25, 1726.']

Aug. 23, 1726. J. Anstis to H. (Rawl. 1. 102). Remarks on the MS. Life of Henry V in the Heralds' Office. Thinks H. should print Elmham, both in prose and verse, with it, of which there are copies in the Cotton and Harleian libraries, and probably at Oxford. Will also send Basset, of which he knows no copy besides that in the Heralds' Office. More on same subject. H. must wait until J. A. returns to London. Will probably call at Oxford. Hopes Mr. Murray will subscribe for Domerham. [Notes by Hearne:—'Recd, Aug. 30, 1726, Tuesd. Answd, Sept. 11th, 1726.']

Mr. Christopher Bateman is a Westmorland Man by birth.

Mr. Thomas Granger was born at Brayles in Warwickshire. He hath a Sister living near Campden in Gloucestershire. She is married to one Mr. Goodall, a Minister there. This Goodall was of Trinity College.

Mr. John Murray bought yesterday Lhuyd's Archæol. Brit., a fair Copy & well bound, for five shillings. He bought also Causin's Holy Court for the same Money.

At the same time I bought an excellent good Copy of De la Champ's Pliny for 3s. 6d.

Mr. Murray at the same time bought Montfaucon's Antiquities, in v Vols., translated into English, for 3 libs. 10s., wch is more than they are worth, it being a bad performance.

Mr. Murray told me yesterday that formerly he gave 10s. for Barnabee's Journal, wch was afterwards (a few Years since) reprinted, & sold for very little.

Aug. 26 (Fri., 7mo Kal. Sept.).

Romæ, S. Zepherini, Papæ & Martyris.—*Martyrol. Rom.* A.D. 203.

Last Sunday was Beckley, Horton, and Chalgrave Feast.

At the End of Roger Gale's Honores de Richmond is printed Agard's Discourse of the Name, Antiquity, & Nature of Domesday.

Mr. West of Balliol College told me, in a Letter from London of the 31 of May, 1725, that he found little or no mention of any thing relating to St. Winifrid in the Cotton Library, except what is commonly known and taken notice of in the *Legenda Aurea*. I had writ to him to consult the *liber Festialis* there in MS.

Aug. 27 (Sat., 6to Kal. Sept.).

Capuæ in Campania, natalis S. Rufi, Episc. & martyris, qui cum esset Patriciæ dignitatis, à B. Apollinare, S. Petri discipulo, cum universa familia baptizatus est.

Mr. George Hammond, that was of Brazen Nose Coll., & is now Rector of Syrensham in Com. Northampt., hath married a very pretty Woman to his Wife. See about him in Vol. 99, p. 215.

About a Quarter of a Year since died at Sea, as she was coming from France to lye in in England, Madam Clarke, whose Maiden Name was Bartie, the pretty Wife of that proud spendthrift, Mr. Clarke of Weston, who hath lived for some time beyond Sea.

On Tuesday last the Oxford Horse Race began in Port Meadow, and ended yesterday.

Aug. 28 (Sun., 5to Kal. Sept.; St. Augustin, Bp of Hippo). This is Yarnton Feast and Holton Feast.

At Campden in Gloucestershire lives one Mr. Ballard, a Taylor, who hath a Daughter, a very pretty Girl, of about fourteen Years of Age, that hath an extraordinary Genius for Coins, & hath made an odd Collection

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Aug. 26, 1726. S. Gale to H. (Rawl. 15. 20). Glad to hear Adam de Domerham 'is to be call'd again into Being. We in this part of ye world have never Heard of such a Writer. I should be glad to know what He treats of.' Sends a MS. History for H. to peruse. [See Diary, Dec. 25.]

of them. Mr. Granger (who came from thence last Night in his Return to London) saw her, and speaks much of her, wch I took the more notice of because he is himself a good Judge of Coins, & hath an admirable Collection of them, especially of English ones. But, it seems, this young Girl is chiefly delighted with those that are Roman.

Aug. 29 (Mon., 4to Kal. Sept.; The beheading of St. John Bapt.). Mr. Granger told me yesterday that he hath an 8vo MS. containing Collections relating to the Univ. of Cambridge. He promised to lend it me.

He hath got a MS. in English, being a Translation of Parker's History of his own Times. This he hath had for some time, & by it it appears that great Alterations are made in the Ed. just come out. It seems, it was prepared for the Press. The Account of Anthony, Earl of Shaftesbury, in the Print, it seems, is mightily softened. This was done by the Editor, Mr. Parker, purely out of fear. But 'twas certainly wrong in the Editor to make such Alterations.

At the same time Mr. Granger told me that he hath got Tanner's *Notitia Monastica*, with MSS. Notes by Mr. Humph. Wanley's own hand, being given him by Humph. Wanley himself.

Aug. 30 (Tu., 3tio Kal. Sept.; St. Felix the Presbyter, who suffered martyrdom under Diocletian and Maximian). Norden tells us, in his Chorographical Description of Cornwall, as yet in MS., that at St. Kayne's well in Cornwall is a tree of a most strange nature. For, being but one body, it beareth the branches of 4 kinds, oke, ashe, elme, & withie.

Being at Xt Church last Saturday, at Dr. Tanner's Lodgings, Mr. Jackson, who is the Dr's. Clarke, told me he thought the Dr. was now finishing his *Notitia Monastica*, & that the Dr., when that Work was ended, would put to the Press another, wch, I suppose, may be that *de Scriptoribus Britannicis*.

Mr. Calvert told me, when he was in Oxford lately, that Dr. Middleton had his Meddal struck at Rome when he was there. I think I have been told that Dr. Mead hath one of them.

Dr. Tanner told me to-day, when I met him accidentally, about 2 Clock afternoon, in Catstreet, that Dr. Cox Macro, of Norton in Suffolk, hath a noble Register MS. of St. Edmundsbury, & that he hath a fine Library of Books, in wch are many Curiosities, among wch are many Papers of Sir Hen. Spelman, divers of wch are Letters, among wch are several of Peiresk's.

Aug. 31 (Wed., Pridie Kal. Sept.; St. Aidan, the 1st Bp of Lindisfarn, St. Cuthburg, Sister of Ina, K. of the West Saxons). St. Aidan was a Scot. He died Aug. 31, A.D. 651. *Cressy*, p. 365. He erected a Monastery at Lindisfarn, A.D. 635. It was of White Monks.

Aug. 29, 1726. H. to E. Archer (Rawl. B. 206. 74b). Hearty thanks for papers delivered by Mr. Tottenham on the 20th instant. Will insert them after William of Malmesbury, leaving Adam de Domerham for the second volume. Wishes E. A. a perfect recovery from his illness.

The See & Order continued there 241 Years, when the Church of Lindisfarn was destroyed by the Danes, & the See & Order were translated from thence to Conk-Chester. *Cressy*, p. 349.

S^t^. Cuthburg founded a Monastery at Winburn in Dorsetshire for Benedictine Nuns, A.D. 715; *Tanner*, p. 51. S. Quenburg, her Sister, had a hand in y^e^ Foundation; *Cressy*, p. 713. Others say it was founded A.D. 713; *Ibid.* She died A.D. 727, last day of Aug. She had been married to Osred (or, as others say, to his Predecessor, Allfrid), King of Northumberland, but was divorced, & afterwards lived a chast Virgin. *Cressy*, p. 540.

D^r^. Rawlinson (when he was lately in Oxford) told me that his late Brother, my Friend Thomas Rawlinson's Study (notwithstanding what had been sold) consisted (besides MSS.) of fifty Thousand Volumes.

Sept. 1 (Th., Kalend. Sept.).

In provincia Narbonensi, S. Ægidii, abbatis & confessoris.—*Martyrol. Rom.*

Claruisse testatur Sigeb. in chro. anno Domini 715, sed errat: nam (ut ex ejus vita apparet) constat vixisse temporibus Clodovei, Regis Francorum, & Theodorici, Regis Italiæ. Adeo ut claruerit A.D. 506. Vide Baronium in Martyrol. Rom.

M^r^. Henry Layng of Balliol College was lately presented to the good Living of Pauler's Pury in Northamptonshire by my L^d^ Bathurst, to whose Son at Balliol College he is Tutour. M^r^. Layng succeeds in this Living M^r^. Joseph Spinall, formerly of Queen's Coll., Oxon., who was presented to it by Sir Benj. Bathurst, whose Son M^r^. Spinall was supposed to be. This Mr. Spinall hath left a Widow behind her [*sic*], whose Maiden Name was Betts. Her Sister was married to D^r^. Hudson, being his 1^st^ Wife. There was another Sister. They were Oxford Women of very mean Fortune.

Sept. 2 (Fri., 4^to^ Nonas Sept.).

Pamiæ in Gallia, S. Antonini martyris, cujus reliquiæ in ecclesia Palentina magna veneratione asservantur.—*Martyrol. Rom.*

Quonam anno passus sit, incertum. Antonium vulgo appellant, male.

Sept. 3 (Sat., 3^tio^ Nonas Sept.).

Corinthi, natalis Sanctæ Phæbes, cujus meminit beatus Apostolus Paulus ad Romanos scribens (cap. nimirum xvi[1]).—*Martyrol. Rom.*

We hear that Prince Frederick is created Marquis of the Isle of Ely, instead of the Isle of Wight, as hath been mention'd.—*Reading Post* for Mond., Aug. 22, 1726.

On Friday, Aug. 12, as one John Childs, a Cooper in Reading, was taking up some Bricks out of the Floor of his Shop, he found a considerable quantity of Money there.—*Ibid.*

Sept. 4 (Sun., Pridie Nonas Sept.). The Translation of S^t^. Cuthbert, A. D. 995, from Conchester, where it had reposed 113 Years, to Durham. See Cressy, p. 995.

The Rev. M^r^. Edward Littleton, one of the Assistants at Eaton School,

[1] [The words in parentheses are Hearne's.]

and Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, suceeds the late Rev. Mr. Melchior, not only in the Living of Maplederham in Oxfordshire (worth 240 l. per an.), but also in his Fellowship of Eaton College.—*Reading Mercury for Mond., Aug.* 22, *& for Mond., Aug.* 29, 1726.

Sept. 5 (Mon., Nonis Sept.).

In pago Taruanensi, monasterio Sithin, sancti Bertini abbatis.—*Martyrol. Rom.*

Migravit ex humanis anno Domini 698. Magni fuit nominis apud Britannos. Inde ad oram Kalendarii penes me vetusti impressi scribitur *St. Bertin Staffordiæ.*

On Saturday last, in the Forenoon, Dr. Tanner call'd upon me at 11 Clock, & staid near an hour. He told me that he had laid aside all thoughts of publishing Hegge's History of St. Cuthbert, that Dr. Charlett put him upon it, that he had made some little Notes or Remarks upon it, but that he sent many Years ago the Text & all to Dr. Todd, & could never get his Book again. He said he thought the MS. he had made use of was much finer than that lent me by Mr. West, wch is only a Transcript.

Sept. 6 (Tu., Octavo Idus Sept.).

—Romæ, sancti Eleutherii abbatis, serui Dei, quem sanctus Gregorius Papa scribit oratione & lacrymis mortuum suscitasse.—*Martyrol. Rom.*

Vixit dict. tempore S. Gregorii. Episcopus vocatur apud Bedam mendose, notante Baronio.

One Mr. Browne, M.A. of Queen's Coll., Oxon., hath just published from the Theater Press, Cardinal Barberini's Poems in 8vo, wch had been printed several times before.

Sept. 7 (Wed., 7mo Idus Sept.).

In territorio Augustodunensi, sanctæ Reginæ, virginis & martyris, quæ sub Proconsule Olybrio, carceris, equulei, ac lampadarum perpessa supplicia, demùm capitali sententia damnata migravit ad sponsum.—*Martyrol. Rom.*

Mrs. Egleston was buried last Monday Evening in All Hallows' Church, in wch Parish she died, and there she lived formerly with her Husband, who is buried in the same Church.

On Friday last, Sept. 2, died at his Parsonage of Charlbury in Oxfordshire, Dr. John Brabourn, Principal of New Inn Hall, and formerly Fellow of Magdalen Coll., Oxon. He took the Degree of M.A., June 10, 1687, and accumulated the Degrees of Bach. and Doct. of Div. on July 1, 1708. This Dr. Brabourn was a strange sot, a poor scholar, and good for just nothing. He hath left a Son as great a blockhead as the Father.

On Monday last drown'd himself in the River Cherwell, and was taken up yesterday, one Wallington, a young Man of about 28 Years of Age, a Butcher by Trade, as was his Father (who hath been dead about 20 years) also, with whom he was bred in Thames Street, commonly called George Lane, in the Suburbs of Oxford. This young man (who kept on his Father's Trade for his Mother, now living in Thames Street)

Sept. 5, 1726. G. Lake to H. (Rawl. 15. 118). Asks H. to get the books bound, as before. [For rest of letter, see Diary, Dec. 7.]

had a very good Character upon account of his Sobriety & behaviour. He was a handsome, genteel Man, and well beloved. He was given to no vice, & I do not find that he was ever heard to swear rashly. But, some time since, I think about two Months ago, being forced to take some Oath against his Conscience, it so struck upon him that he grew disordered, & was sometimes quite distracted, w^ch^ was the occasion of his destroying himself.

Sept. 8 (Th., 6^to^ Idus Sept.). The Nativity of the B. Virgin Mary.

When M^r^. Murray & M^r^. Bateman were lately in Oxford, M^r^. Murray put into my hands, for a few days, a Paper MS. in fol., with the Arms of England & France on both sides of the Binding, being Norden's Description of Cornwall. He desired me to look it over, and to give my Opinion of it, it being, he said, Christopher Bateman's, who, he said, gave 20 libs. for it, & he added that Kit, being in but bad Circumstances, would print it, to raise some Money, and had been at the charges of engraving the Draughts in it, of w^ch^ Proofs lay in the Book, tho' I found the Engravings wrong in many particulars. But the Mapps were wanting in the MS. I mean the county Maps. I do not know but this is the MS. that belong'd to S^t^. James's Library. Yet there being several faults in the writing, I cannot tell whether it be the Original. Roger Gale, Esq., hath a MS. of this Work, but M^r^. Murray said 'tis only a Copy of this MS. of M^r^. Bateman's. He confess'd, however, that M^r^. Gale hath the Mapps, but added that he would lend them Kit Bateman to be published.

Sept. 9 (Fri., 5^to^ Idus Sept.; S. Gorgon. temp. Diocletiani). This Morning went suddenly from Oxford to London, in the Stage Coach, my Friend, M^r^. James West, M.A. of Balliol College, occasioned by the very dangerous Illness of one of his Sisters.

Yesterday M^r^. Layng of Balliol College gave me a fine copy of Coryat's Crudities, which is a most rare Book. As there are abundance of very weak, idle Things in that Book, so there are, withall, very many Observations that are very good and usefull, as was long since noted by Purchas and some others. The Author kept a Diary, in w^ch^ he entered whatever Notes he thought memorable for many Years, but what became of it after his Death is uncertain, tho' 'tis probable that his Mother, Gertrude, who lived divers Years after his Death, & died in an extreme old Age, destroy'd it. One would wish to have seen that Diary, in w^ch^, without doubt, were many Remarks of English Affairs, particularly before he travell'd beyond Sea, w^ch^ was not till he was turn'd of Thirty.

Sept. 8, 1726. T. Granger to H. (Rawl. 6. 119). Received letter of 6th instant and John of Glastonbury. Hearty thanks for notice of the two Saxon coins. 'If I should Say my great Errand to Oxford was onely to See M^r^. Hearne (to whose Name, as long as I live, I stand Engaged), it would lessen my respect to other freinds: but assure your Selfe 'twas M^r^. Hearne, Whiteside, and the hopes of Seeing my Nephew, drew me there; and in whose Company, with other fr^ds^, I had so great pleasure that I regretted the parting with you. S^r^, Since I have been so fortunate to recommend (as I think) to your tast an Oriental Liquor, I design in a short time to send you Some.' [PS.] Respects from Mr. Murray, who has received the books, and delivered some of them.

Sept. 10 (Sat., 4to Idus Sept.).

—Romæ, beati Hilari, Papæ & confessoris.—*Mart. Rom.*

Acta ejus ex diversis antiquis codicibus conquisita digessit Baronius. Successit hic Sancto Leoni Magno. Obiit A. D. 482 juxta Helvicum.

Copy of my Letter to Mr. Murray on Tuesday last, when I return'd the MS. of Norden, spoke of above, pag. 84 :—

Sir,

Mr. Norden's Character is well known from what is already printed of his *Speculum Britanniæ*. Yet I think nothing of his, that I have seen, equals his *Topographical and Historical Description of Cornwall* that you lodg'd with me for a few days. But the Mapps being wanting in the MS., I cannot judge of the whole. He took a right method to trace the original of Places, by making himself acquainted, in some degree, with the Saxon Tongue. Nor did he neglect even the Brittish Language. Even Geffry of Monmouth was, in many respects, a favourite Author with him. And that justly, since 'tis certain that Geffry is in many Things an Author of Credit. The most early Accounts in other Countries, as well as our own, were brought down by Tradition. And therefore, 'tis rather a wonder that there are no more inconsistencies in Geffry. Mr. Norden being sensible of this, hath modestly apologiz'd for him. And so, without doubt, had he seen it, he would have done for the Brittish Chronicle in Jesus College Library, which contains more historical Facts than are in Geffry, and ought to be printed by such as are versed in the Brittish Language. There are many other Pieces as yet unpublished of Norden. I hope these may be retrieved also, and I think his *Preparative* to the whole should be reprinted, as it was first published at London, in 1596, in 31 Pages in 8°. But this little Thing I never yet saw, only I have some MSS. Extracts from it, that were given me by a Friend. But I leave this, and other matters of this kind, to more Proper Judges than,

Sir,

Your most obliged, humble servant,

THO. HEARNE[1].

Edmund Hall, Oxford.
Sept. 6, 1726.

Last Sunday were Blechingden and Horsepath Feasts.

Sept. 10, 1726. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 12). Received books from Mr. Bedford, 'wch I have not yet had time to peruse, but can find in the Preface you have given too large a character of your Friend, much more then he deserves.' Account of subscriptions for John of Glastonbury. 'Mr. Willis is now at Cambridge, solliciting contributions for his new Chappel. We have begun at St. John's by giving five Guineas towards it, wch, tho' much beneath what is done at Oxford, yet I wish the rest of the Colleges would do the like. He has a Print (Ichnography) for you, wch will be a very proper Ornament to Adam de Domerham. This, I presume, he has told you of himself. He show'd me his Book, containing already 500 Pages in 4to, taking in the whole Northern Province, with the Diocese of Lichfield; one or two more Dioceses are to be added, wch, with the Index & Preface not yet finisht, will swell it to a good Bulk, & cost him some time.' [For part of letter, see Diary, Sept. 15.]

Sept. 10, 1726. Sir H. Sloane to H. (Rawl. 28. 66). Has received parcel and sent £5 2*s*. for John of Glastonbury and Adam de Domerham.

Sept. 10, 1726. W. Thomas to H. (Rawl. 16. 135). Received letter

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[1] [The original letter is in Rawl. 110. 8.]

Sept. 11 (Sun., 3tio Idus Sept.).

—Alexandriæ, sanctæ Theodoræ, quæ cùm incautè deliquisset, facti pœnitens, mira abstinentia & patientia in habitu sancto incognita perseveravit usque ad mortem.—*Martyrolog. Rom.* Vixit temporibus Zenonis Imperatoris.—*Baron.*

We hear there has been lately found, in the House of Mr. Cole, of Grantham in Lincolnshire, some very fine old Gold of King Edward III's Coin, very fresh.—*Reading Post for Mond., Sept.* 5, 1726.

Last Thursday and Friday were two Horse Races in Cumner Meadow, near Abbington in Berks., occasion'd by some Affront in Port Meadow to my Ld Abbington, who, for that reason, altered his Resolution of giving a Brace of Bucks to be run for in Port Meadow on Friday, Aug. 26 last, & they were run for in Cumner Meadow on Thursday last. The Affront his Ldship receiv'd was from some of the Free-Men of Oxford.

Sept. 12 (Mon., Prid. Idus Sept.).

—Anderlaci, sancti Guidonis confessoris.—*Martyrol. Rom.* Migravit ex hac vita Anno D. 1112.—*Baronius.*

Dr. Rawlinson, when he was lately in Town, told me Mr. Wm Lewis, the Bookseller, had given me some MSS., as Mr. Lewis told him himself, and that he had sent them by a Gentleman of Balliol Coll., the MSS. having belong'd to Dr. Hall. I told him I had heard nothing of them, but that Mr. West of Balliol Coll. had told me he had bought some MSS. of Mr. Lewis, two or three of wch he shew'd me; one, as I remember, was a Paper fol. MSSt, in wch, among other Things, is *Testamentum XII patriarcharum*, wch belong'd to Dr. Gale, as appears by the Dr.'s Hand in many places, & 'tis, I think, mentioned in the printed Catalogue of the Dr's. MSS., but, I suppose, was lent out, and never restored. Dr. Rawlinson told me, upon his Return to London, he would enquire of Mr. Lewis. The Dr. did so, and accordingly inform'd me by Letter, brought me by Mr. Murray, and delivered by him to me at Godstowe, Aug. 23d last, the Date being from London of the 20th of that month, that *Mr. Lewis told him the MSS. designed for me were sent by Mr. Layng, Tutor to Ld Bathurst's son, from whom the Dr. supposed I would hear suddenly.* Mr. Layng (for that is his Name, and he is an ingenious Man) was then out of Town, but he hath been return'd above a Week, and last Night I was in his Company, but many others being with us, I could not ask him about it. However, Dr. Hall happening to be mention'd, he said he had some MSS. of his, one of which he would shew me, but gave not the least hint that Mr. Lewis had sent me any Thing.

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and advertisement. Has asked Dr. Stratford to pay for the book sent. Wishes to continue a subscriber. [PS.] Ld. Oxford is at present out of town.

Sept. 11, 1726. H. to R. Rawlinson (Rawl. 111. 155). Thanks for letter delivered by Mr. Murray at Godstow, on August 23. Has not seen Mr. Lang about the MSS.: would be glad to know what they were. Mr. Murray has R. R.'s John of Glastonbury.

Sept. 12, 1726. H. to A. Francke (Diaries, 113. 91). 'I am sorry I should have fresh occasion to demand my collated Macrobius.' Expected to have received it long since.

Sept. 13 (Tu., Idib. Sept.).

—Apud Senonas, sancti Amati, Episcopi & confessoris.—*Martyrol. Rom.* Excessit ex hac vita anno Domini 690.—*Baron.*

Last Sunday were a great many Feasts, such as Witney, Haley, Crawley, Coggs, Kidlington, the Frice, Thrup, Gozzard, Water-Eaton, Charleton, Upper Arncot, Nether Arncot, Fencot, Mercot, Oakley, Great Milton, Garsington, &c.

I must remember to ask Mr. West for an Account from a Register of one that was married, by allowance of the Bp in Queen Elizabeth's Time, that could neither hear nor speak, having been born so. Mr. West hath also a Coryat's Crudities. But Mr. Layng told me on Sunday Night last that Mr. West's is imperfect, it wanting a Cut. Quære? Mr. Layng then told me that he had that Copy of Coryate that he gave me of Mr. Creighton, Rector of Odcombe in Somersetshire, the Place of Tom Coryate's Nativity. Mr. Layng then said that Mr. Creighton hath got a Copy, at least can tell the Particulars, of Tom Coryate's Will. The said Mr. Creighton is an ingenious, good sort of Man.

Sept. 14 (Wed., 18° Kal. Oct.).

Exaltatio sanctæ Crucis, quando Heraclius Imperator, Cosrhoe Rege devicto, eam de Perside Hierosolymam reportavit.—*Mart. Rom.*

Reading Post for Mond., Sept. 12, 1726:—

Lisbon, Aug. 31 (1726), N. S. One Welton, a Nonjuring English Clergyman, who some time ago arrived here from Philadelphia, died lately of a Dropsy. During his Illness he refused the Assistance of the English Minister here, alledging he was not of his Communion, though, as for himself, he declared he was of the Church of England as reformed by Archbishop Cranmer. After his Death, among his Things were found an Episcopal Seal, which he had made use of in Pensylvania, whereas he assumed and exercised privily and by Stealth the Character and Functions of a Bishop. Information of such his Practices having been transmitted from Pensylvania last Year to the Lords Justices of Great Britain, they ordered a Writ of Privy Seal to be sent to him, commanding him to return Home; which Writ being served upon him in January last at Philadelphia, he chose, rather than pay Obedience to it, to retire hither.

NB. This is the famous Dr. Welton, Minister of White-Chappel, who suffered much for his Honesty, and was, it seems, a Bishop, and is now above the Malice of all his Enemies.

Sept. 15 (Th., 17° Kal. Oct.; The Octaves of the Nativity of the B. V. Mary). Yesterday was a very fine day, and in the Afternoon was a very visible Eclipse of the Sun. It begun at 22 Minutes after four in the Afternoon, the Middle was at 18 Minutes after 5, and it

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Sept. 15, 1726. T. Thomas to H. (Rawl. 16. 132). Received letter of 9th instant at Down Hall, Essex. Is concerned that the payment for John of Glastonbury has been neglected: will have the matter set right. [For rest of letter, see Diary, Sept. 17.]

Sept. 15, 1726. Sir A. Wescombe to H. (Rawl. 17. 57). Sends £3 3*s*.

ended near seven. The Sun's body was more than half darkened, viz. almost 7 Digits.

Mr. Baker, in a Letter from Cambridge of the 10th inst., tells me he did see Dr. Conyers Middleton's Face or Head, as it was struck at Rome, the same, he presumes, I spoke of in a Letter to him (Mr. Baker). It is the same, I having been told of it both by Mr. Calvert and Dr. Rawlinson.

Mr. Baker observes that Basingstoch's History (he means the XI Books I told him of) must be a great Curiosity. He wishes that & Tho. Eccleston were in my Collection, at least that the latter were in my hands, since, he says, I could make good use of it.

He says Trinity College in their University will have reason to thank me for bringing to light Adam de Domerham (for I am now printing him), who might otherwise have layd in obscurity, & probably never have seen the light.

Sept. 16 (Fri., 16 Kal. Oct.).

—In Anglia, S. Edithæ virginis, Edgari Anglorum Regis filiæ, quæ in monasterio à teneris annis Deo dicata, seculum hoc ignoravit potius, quam reliquit.—*Martyrol. Rom.* Claruit (inquit Baronius) circa annum Domini 980.

She was the Natural Daughter of K. Edgar. Some make her to have died on the 15th of Sept. She was a vailed Nun in the Monastery of Wilton, and, according to some Authors, was made Abbess thereof by her father at 15 years of Age. She died in the 23rd year of her Age, the sixth of her Brother King Ethelred's Reign, and of our S. Xt 984. She is greatly commended for her chastity and beauty, wch latter was augmented by her sometimes with very costly & curious Attire, tho' next her Skin she always wore a Shift of hair. Her body was buried at Wilton, in the Church of St. Denisse, which her self had caused to be built.

Mr. George Wigan of Xt Church is Rector of Old Swinford, near Sturbridge in Worcestershire.

Sept. 17 (Sat., 15o Kal. Oct.).

—Apud Leodium, B. Lamberti, Episcopi Trajectensis, qui cum regiam domum zelo religionis increpasset, à nocentibus innocens occisus, aulam regni celestis perpetuò victurus intravit.—*Martyrol. Rom.*

Mr. Timothy Thomas, in a Letter from Doverstreet, Westm., Sept. 15, 1726, tells me that my Lord Oxford tells him that there is no MS. of *Adam de Domerham* in the *Harleyan Library*.

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for John of Glastonbury and Adam de Domerham for himself and Sir John Stanley.

Sept. 16, 1726. R[ichard] Levett to H. (Rawl. 7. 154). Directions for delivering and paying for John of Glastonbury. Subscribes for Adam de Domerham. [Note by Hearne: 'Recd, Sept. 20th, 1726, Tuesd.']

Sept. 17, 1726. W. Bedford to H. (Rawl. 2. 67b). Account of subscription-money delivered to Godfrey for John of Glastonbury and Adam de Domerham, amounting to £14 3*s*. 6*d*. 'James the printer tells me he will subscribe no more.'

Sept. 18 (Sun., 14° Kal. Oct.).

Natalis S. Methodii, Olympi, Lyciæ, & postea Tyri Episcopi, sermonis nitore ac doctrina clarissimi: qui ad extremum novissimæ persecutionis (ut scribit sanctus Hieronymus) in Chalcide Græciæ martyrio coronatus est.—*Martyrol. Rom.*

Alii sub Diocletiano, alii sub Decio & Valeriano passum esse aiunt. Prior sententia verior, notante Baronio.

Sept. 19 (Mon., 13° Kal. Oct.).

—Cantuariæ, S. Theodori Episcopi, qui à Vitaliano Papa in Angliam missus, doctrina & sanctitate refulsit.—*Mart. Rom.* Migravit ex hac vita (inquit Baronius) anno Domini 690, cum sedisset annis 22.

Yesterday was Ifley and Littlemore Feasts, near Oxford.

Sept. 20 (Tu., 12° Kal. Oct.).

—Cyzici in Propontide, natalis sanctorum martyrum Faustæ virginis, & Euilasii, sub Maximiano imperatore: quorum Fausta ab eodem Euilasio idolorum sacerdote decalvata, & ad turpitudinem rasa, suspensa & torta est: deinde cum vellet eam mediam secare, & carnifices lædere non valerent, stupens Euilasius, in Christum credidit: & dum ipse etiam Imperatoris jussu fortiter torqueretur, Fausta capite terebrata, clavis toto corpore confixa, & sartagini ignitæ imposita, cum eodem, voce de cœlo vocata, transivit ad Dominum.—*Martyrolog. Rom.*

Yesterday was elected Mayor of Oxford for the ensuing Year, M^r. Brock, the Taylour, that was put by last year. But the present Mayor, M^r. Vicaris, was not at the Election, because on Saturday Night last he had a very dangerous fall from his Horse, w^ch startled in Cheyney Lane, as he was going toward Shottover, & he was thereby very much bruized.

Sept. 21 (Wed., 11^mo Kal. Oct.; S^t. Matthew). From the Reading Post of Mond., Sept. 19, 1726:—

Reading, Sept. 12 (1726[1]). This Morning, about 8 o'Clock, we had terrible Thunder and Lightning here, which burnt a Farmer's Barn and a con-

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Sept. 18, 1726. E. Arblaster to H. (Rawl. 13. 33). Received letter of 7th instant: supposes the one preceding it on the same subject is lost. Has sent Mr. Hill's subscription for John of Glastonbury. 'M^r. Hill has no desire to subscribe for Adam de Domerham, nor I neither, but if you will let me know when you are about to publish another, you shall know our minds.' [For part of this letter, see Diary, Sept. 30.] Wants the address of his old friend, Mr. Houston.

Sept. 19, 1726. [Charles], lord Bruce to H. (Rawl. 3. 161). Received letter, two MSS., and printed book in sheets. Subscribes for small copy of Adam de Domerham. Sends 10 MSS., most of which formerly belonged to Michelney Abbey in Somersetshire. H. may print what he pleases from them.

Sept. 20, 1726. S. Mead to H. (Rawl. 15. 162). Was in the country when he received letter of 6th instant. Has not yet seen the copies of John of Glastonbury, for which he will send seven guineas when he comes to town. Subscribes for one large copy of Adam de Domerham for Ld. Harcourt, and two large and one small for himself.

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[1] [The date in parentheses is added by Hearne.]

siderable quantity of his Corn, about one Mile out of Town. Also the Mast and Pump of a Barge was split to pieces, and the Sail burnt.

NB. I saw a Man of Reading twice since this Storm, who told me that tho' he had been at Sea, & beyond Sea, & saw, and was in, several dreadfull Tempests, both at Sea & at Land, yet he never was in any one like this. It shook all the Houses in Reading, & every one trembled at it. We had that Morning a great deal of Rain at Oxford, & heard much Thunder at a distance.

London, Sept. 16 (Frid.[1]). On Monday Morning (Sept. 12[1]), about eight o'Clock, there was terrible Thunder at Harrow on the Hill, when the Lightning penetrated thro' the Tiling and Cieling of a House there, and rent a Bedstead, and struck a Child of 3 Years old, that lay in Bed, in such manner that it lay as dead for an Hour and half, or two Hours. Also the Barrel of a Fowling Piece, that stood in the Chamber, was torn in Pieces by it at the same time.

The same Morning a Barn near Wycombe, in Buckinghamshire, was burnt by Lightning.

Sept. 22 (Th., 10° Kal. Oct.).

Natalis Sanctorum Mauricii sociorumque ejus Seduni in Gallia sub Maximiano.

On the 19th instant Mr. West of Balliol College gave me two Copies of the 1st Volume of Lucian, printed in Greek at Basil, 1545, 8vo, at the beginning of one of wch with MSS. Notes I have writ thus:—

Codicem hunc, in cujus margine notæ multæ occurrunt manuscriptæ (quarum aliquot bonæ frugis esse existimo), è Bibliotheca Bridgesiana, A. D. 1725, à se redemptum, mihi perquam humane pro more suo dono dedit amicus ornatissimus, Jacobus West, A. M. è Collegio Balliolensi. Notarum auctor erat Ant. Æmilius. Tomus iidus desideratur. Nec quidem habuit Bridgesius, qui tamen Voluminis imi aliud exemplar possedit, quod & ipse etiam penes me habeo ex dono itidem amici eximii, quem dixi, Jacobi West.

Sept. 23 (Fri., 9° Kal. Oct.).

—Iconii in Lycaonia, sanctæ Theclæ, virginis & martyris, quæ à sancto Paulo Apostolo ad fidem perducta, sub Nerone Imperatore in confessione Christi ignes ac bestias devicit, & post plurima ad doctrinam multorum superata certamina, Seleuciam veniens, ibi requievit in pace: quam sancti Patres summis laudibus celebrârunt.—*Martyrol. Rom.*

NB. Her Acts are published in Greek and Latin by Dr. Grabe in his Spicilegium Patrum.

Sept. 22, 1726. J. Joye to H. (Rawl. 15. 104). Has received copy of John of Glastonbury and paid Thomas Godfrey's servant £2 2*s.* 6*d.* Subscribes for Adam de Domerham.

Sept. 22, 1726. R. Mead to H. (Rawl. 15. 146). Has received John of Glastonbury. Will shortly make proper acknowledgement and send subscribers' names for Adam de Domerham. [For rest of Letter, see Diary, Oct. 1.]

Sept. 23, 1726. C. Lyddell to H. (Rawl. 15. 133). Wants his books

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[1] [The words in parentheses are Hearne's.]

At Stanford Hall, near Loughborough in Leicestershire, lives one Francis Lewis, Esq., who is extreme great with that worthless, rich Fellow, Dr. Butler, President of Magd. Coll., Oxon. This Lewis is a Man of no true honour nor Sincerity, as I have discovered by several Instances.

Sept. 24 (Sat., 8vo Kal. Octob.).

Arvernis, depositio S. Rustici, Episcopi & confessoris.—*Mart. Rom.* Numeratur septimus ordine Episcopus Arvernensis. Vixit temporibus Honorii Imp. & ejus successoris Valentiniani.—*Baronius.*

In Dr. Grabe's Ed. of the Acts of St. Thecla is a large Omission, the MS. he us'd being imperfect. This I afterwards supply'd from another MS., and printed the Fragment in the vith Vol. of Leland's Coll.

Sept. 25 (Sun., 7mo Kal. Oct.).

In castello Emaus natalis B. Cleophæ, Christi discipuli, quem tradunt in eadem domo in qua mensam Domino paraverat, pro confessione illius à Judæis occisum, & gloriosa memoria sepultum.—*Mart. Rom.*

De eo Luc. Evangel. c. 24.

Sept. 26 (Mon., 6to Kal. Oct.).

Nicomediæ, Natalis SS. martyrum Cypriani, & Justinæ virginis, quæ sub Diocletiano Imp. & Eutholmio Præside multa pro Christo perpessa, ipsum quoque Cyprianum, cum esset magus, & suis magicis artibus eam dementare conaretur, convertit ad Christum: cum quo postea martyrium sumpsit.—*Mart. Rom.*

Non desunt qui cum Cypriano, episcopo Carthaginensi, confundant, male. Noster enim patria fuit Antiochenus. Vide Baronium in Martyrolog.

At Christ Church is one Mr. Birch, a Gentleman-Commoner of about three Years' standing, a Person of such a strange, Rambling Genius that many call him a second Pryn, being, as Pryn was, given to Divinity, Law, Musick, & indeed every Thing, and is also (as Pryn) likewise very troublesome.

Sept. 27 (Tu., 5to Kal. Oct.; St. Cosmas and Damianus, Brothers, pers. Dioclet.). Yesterday my ingenious Friend, the hon.

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delivered to Mr. Batteley, who will pay for them. Wishes to continue a subscriber.

Sept. 24, 1726. J. Woodward to H. (Rawl. 27c. 383). Apologizes for delay in writing; 'but I have bin very much of late taken up with Ranging my Books, which I have finished but this Day, and now all are in Method.' How many copies of Domerham does H. intend to print? 'I wish you could give us as good Memoirs of Friar Bacon as you have done of Dr. Dee. . . . I have Reason to believe he found out the Mariners' Chart.'

Sept. 25, 1726. H. to Lord Bruce (Diaries, 113. 107). Received the 10 MSS., of which he will take great care. Is glad to see that in some of them are passages relating to Michelney Abbey, which the editors of the Monasticon knew very little about. Has not received the first subscription for Adam de Domerham. [PS.] 'I am not in Orders.'

B. L. Calvert, Esq., came again to Oxford in his Return out of Gloucestershire. He told me that his Uncle, the Earl of Litchfield, reads a pretty deal, particularly that he reads all my Books, and is extremely delighted with them. He told me that he was well assur'd (what I knew also before) that Mr. Parkinson compil'd his Book of the English Grey Friers from Mr. Charles Eyston's Papers. Indeed, this is very true; that worthy Gentleman having wrote this Book, tho' not intirely digested it before his Death, as he also writ an History of all our Abbeys, wch is yet in MS.

Sept. 28 (Wed., 4to Kal. Oct.).

—In Boemia, S. Wenceslai, Ducis Boemorum & martyris, sanctitate & miraculis gloriosi, qui in domo patris sui necatus, victor pervenit ad palmam.—*Martyrol. Rom.*

Last Sunday was Islip Feast.

Mr. Roger Bourchier, Fellow of Worcester College, is a Man of great Reading in various Sorts of Learning. He hath been always of that Place, having been entered there when it was a Hall, at his first coming to Oxford. He is not in Orders. Mr. Colley of Xt Church says he is the greatest Man in England for Divinity. This Mr. Colley is an apocalyptical Man, being much given to Books upon the Revelation, reading, besides Mede, other Things that he meets with upon that Subject, and he is particularly strangely taken with a great folio upon the Revelation, written by Mr. Daubuz (that same that wrote a Latin 8vo Book upon the Passage in Josephus relating to our Saviour), and published since his Death, wch Mr. Colley saith is the most learned Book by much that ever he read. I have not seen this Book of Daubuz's, but Mr. Colley having recommended it to Bourchier, the said Bourchier also now mightily commends it. By this you may guess that these two Gentlemen are fancifull, as they are also esteem'd to be.

Sept. 29 (Th., 3tio Kal. Oct.; St. Michael). From the Reading Post for Mond., Sept. 26, 1726:—

Lond., Sept. 20 (Tuesd.[1]). On Sunday last (Sept. 18) died at his House in Lincoln's-Inn Fields, Robert Dormer, Esq., one of his Majesty's Justices of the Court of Common Pleas, who sate upon that Bench about twenty Years.

NB. He was a vile Man, and had not a dram of good Learning.

Hereford, Sept. 18[2] (Sund.[1]). This Day a Man walk'd, in Wide Marsh, 50 Miles, between four in the Morning and six in the Evening, and won 30 l.

Sept. 28, 1726. W. Brome to H. (Rawl. 14. 40). Received letter of Sept. 13, with bill for £1 11*s.* and advertisement of Adam de Domerham, for which he intends to subscribe. Hopes John of Glastonbury will be sent by the Hereford carrier. Wants to know the name of the continuator of Wood's Athenæ Oxon. 'I do not hear of any thing extraord[in]ary now in your Presses at Oxon., but I live in a State of Ignorance as to that matter.'

[*c.* **Sept., 1726.**] **E. Arblaster to H.** (Rawl. 13. 34). Orders bearer to receive and pay for John of Glastonbury.

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[1] [The words in parentheses are Hearne's.]

[2] So the News.

London, Sept. 24 (Sat.[1]). Thursday (Sept. 22[1]) came Letters from Genoa, advising that on the 1st of Sept. a terrible Earthquake happen'd at Palermo, the Capital of Sicily, by which a third part of that City was destroy'd, with about 8000 Persons.

Sept. 30 (Fri.[2], Pridie Kal. Oct.; St. Hierome). Mr. Edward Arblaster, in a Letter from Longdon of the 18th inst., tells me that about three days before he was at Ashby de la Zouch, where he view'd the Church, as he frequently does, and in it a very stately Monument of Henry, Earl of Huntingdon, carved in full Proportion, with his Armour, neatly gilded and painted, with his Lady; he was buried 1561. Near to this is the Earth (as yet unpaved) in which lies buried the Corps of our dear Ferdinando[3]; *a sight* (says Mr. Arblaster) *too shocking for those that were* (*I believe*) *less acquainted with him to withstand.*

At the Place (as they call it), or, as Mr. Arblaster presumes, Palace, of the Family are the noblest Ruins of a House that Mr. Arblaster ever saw; and he wishes some ingenious Person was employ'd to take a Draught of it, as it stands at present, for he is of Opinion it would make the best Figure of any thing that is of that nature.

Oct. 1 (Sat., Kal. Oct.). Sancti Remigii, Episcopi Rhemensis in Gallia. E vita decessit A. D. 545.

Dr. Mead, in a Letter from Ormond-street, Lond., of the 22d of last Month, tells me that he thinks I should, by all means, make my next Book (after Adam de Domerham) the MS. of Mr. Anstis of Hen. V, and follow his (Mr. Anstis's) Advice in adding Elmham. He says he shall talk with Mr. Anstis when he comes to Town from the Bath, and he believes he shall be able to procure Elmham for me out of the Cotton Library.

Oct. 2 (Sun., Sexto Nonas Octobris).

——Herfordiæ in Anglia, S. Thomæ, Episcopi & confessoris.—*Mart. Rom.*

Thomæ sc. Cantilupi. Ex hac vita migravit A. D. 1282, juxta Godwinum. Sed hac de re vide quid notavi in Præf. ad Petri Langtofti Chron. Nam ibi plura ea qua potui diligentia.

Oct. 1, 1726. M. Johnson, jun., to H. (Rawl. 15. 94). Received both H.'s letters in the country. Please send small copies of John of Glastonbury and Adam de Domerham together, when the latter is finished, to Mr. Norris, who will pay for them. Through a misunderstanding of Mr. Rawlinson, has missed several of H.'s books. Directions for sending future publications. Will be proud to show H. any MSS. in his study.

Oct. 1, 1726. T. Thomas to H. (Rawl. 16. 131). Has received the books, and delivered Mr. Harley's copy into his own hands. Wants directions for payment.

Oct. 2, 1726. H. to R. Rawlinson (Rawl. 111. 157). Received letter of Sept. 24, after Mr. Knapton had delivered parcel. Supposes his letter

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[1] [The words in parentheses are Hearne's.]

[2] [MS. 'Saturd.']

[3] He was my Friend, viz. the Honble Ferdinando Hastings, Esq. (lately Nobleman of Xt Church), Brother to the Earl of Huntingdon.

From a Letter of Mr. J. Jones, Curate to Mr. Whiteside, at King's Walden in Hartfordshire. 'Tis dated & written to Mr. Whiteside (who communicated it), Sept. 27th, 1726:—

My Humble Service to Mr. Hearne and Mr. Parr. When I was at Luton, I transcribed an Epitaph from the Tomb of——Ld Wenlock, which, for the Antiquity of it, perhaps may not be unacceptable to Mr. Hearne, if you please to shew it him.——I had not time to take it down exactly in the very manner and characters, but for the Words & Spelling, it runs thus:

(On the left side of the Tomb, regarding the Situation of ye Body, with Feet eastward:)

In Wenlok bradi: in this Town Lordshipes had i: her am i now fady= | Criste's moder helpe me lady= under these stones for a tyme schall i | rest my bones= dye mot i ned ones: myghtful god grant me thy wones. | Amen. |

(On the other side:)

Wilhelmus hic tumulatus de Wenlok natus ex ordine presbiteratus: alter | hujus villæ dominus meus fuit ille: hic jacet indignus: animæ deus esto benignus.

(The Label:)

Jesu fili Dei, miserere mei.

Salve, Maria Mater Misericordie.

No date. This Ld, as Mr. Eaton informs me from an Ancient MS. he has seen at Sr John Napier's, was one of the Founders of an Order or Society at Luton, instituted in Honour of the H. Trinity, & a Member of it himself. There is nothing else of this kind remarkable at that Church, nor at Hitchin. Only at Luton, in the Chancel, there are cut in Stone in the Wall, in ancient Characters, these Words, 'Val-les ha-bent-da-bunt Val les [*sic*].'——I shall be glad, when you write to me next, if you please to let me know something relating to the Foundation of that Church (Luton), the time when, &c. A curious person in that Town desired me to get some intelligence, if I could.

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prefixed to Mr. Parkinson's book was forgotten. 'Many confidently gave out that you were the Author of the Antiquities of Glastonbury, and, among others, your late Brother (my dear deceased Friend), who writ to me very positively that 'twas done by you; but I assured the contrary, tho' they were hard of Belief.' Remarks on a medal noted in H.'s Collection of Curious Discourses. 'You have a most noble Collection, such as is exceeded by few, and is very much for your Reputation. You are much in the right to settle it so that it may not be separated, tho' 'tis a pretty difficult matter to do so. . . . Mr. Moyle was certainly a man of the Latitudinarian strain, and, by what I can see in his Books that I have perus'd, had very little Religion. The Publisher hath neither consulted his own nor Mr. Moyle's Character in setting out such Writings.' Has seen Kerr's Memoirs, but has no inclination to read it. Sorry for the declining condition of Mr. Spinckes. Mr. Calvert is in Oxford, but goes to-morrow. 'The Shock in Sicily is lamentable. But if the People are so wicked, they have no reason to exspect better.' The translator of Buchanan had nothing from H., unless from something already printed. Mr. Peck gave H. some medals, as noted in Fordun. Does not know what will become of Mr. Bridges' MSS. 'He was my worthy Friend, but was at last very peevish, and he had better have made no Collections than to leave them as some say he has; but this may be Misinformation, and I should be inclin'd to think the best of a man of Judgment.' [PS.] Has not yet had the books from Mr. Layng, who is ill. [Notes by Rawlinson:—'*Incensa Batav. Classe* amt ye Jettons. Eyston's letter sent by Knapton & Wilmott. Ld Winchelsea's death. An Otho & large bronze Med., Commonwealth Seal, &c. Terræ filius reprinted. Mr. Lewis's letter recd.']

Oct. 3 (Mon., 5to Nonas Oct.).

——Apud Belgas in diœcesi Namurcensi, S. Gerardi abbatis. Obiit anno Dom. 958. Vide Baronii Mart.

Oct. 4 (Tu., 4to Nonas Oct.).

Assisii in Umbria, natalis S. Francisci confessoris, fundatoris ordinis Minorum, cujus vitam sanctitate ac miraculis plenam S. Bonaventura conscripsit.—*Mart. Rom.* Migravit ex hac vita A. D. 1226. Relatus est inter sanctos à Gregorio Papa Nono, ann. 1228.—*Baronius.*

On Saturday last, Oct. 1, the new Mayor of Oxford, Mr. Brock, was admitted to his Office. The new Bayliffs for the City are one Mr. Green, a Tallow Chandler, and one Mayow, a Millener, the Father of wch Mayow was a Mercer, whom I knew, of St. Aldate's Parish, a puritanical, Whiggish man, that was very great and intimate with old Blake, now dead, as this Mayow is also, with whom he used to hold frequent Discourse, when Men's Characters not of their Mind used to be ript up, and Reflexions made with respect to the National Concerns.

Oct. 5 (Wed., 3tio Nonas Oct.). This is St. Placidus's day. He was a Monk and Disciple of St. Benedict. He suffered Martyrdom in the time of Justinian, Anno D. 539, being kill'd, with many others, at Messana in Sicily by Manuchas the Pirate. See Baronius upon the Roman Martyrology.

Yesterday Morning my Friend, ye Hon. B. L. Calvert, Esq., went from Oxford for London.

Last Monday Mr. George Wigan, Student of Xt Church, was admitted Principal of New-Inn Hall, in room of Dr. Brabourn, deceased.

Last Sunday was Cowley Feast and Cumner Feast.

The following Paper was communicated to me yesterday by Mr. Isham, Fellow of Lincoln-College, viz.

In the Register of St. Martin's Parish, Leicester, Feb. 5, 18th Eliz.

Tho. Tilsly & Ursula Russet were married, & because the sayd Thomas was & is naturally deaf & dumb, could not for his part observe the order of the form of Marriage, after the approbation had from Thomas, the Bishop of Linc., John Chippendale, LL.D. & Commissary, & Mr. Ricd Davys, Mayor of Leicester, & others of his Brethren, with the rest of the Parish, the sayd Thomas, for expressing of his mind, in stead of words, of his own accord us'd these signs: first he embraced her with his Arms, took her by the hand, & put a ring on her finger, & laid his Hand upon his Heart, & held up his hands towards Heav'n; & to shew his Continuance to dwell with her to his live's End, he did it by closing his Eyes with his hands, & digging the Earth with his Feet, & pulling as tho' he wd ring a Bell, with other Signs approv'd. | Concordat cum Originali. S. H.

Oct. 6 (Th., Pridie Non. Oct.).

Agenni in Gallia, natalis sanctæ Fidei, virginis & Martyris, cujus exemplo beatus Caprasius ad martyrium animatus, agonem suum feliciter consummavit.—*Mart. Rom.* Passa est in persecutione Diocletiani sub Præside Daciano.—*Baron.*

Oct. 3, 1726. H. to R. Mead (Diaries, 113. 118). Thanks for letter of Sept. 22. Is of R. M.'s opinion about publishing Henry V and Elmham. Glad there is a prospect of procuring the latter from the Cotton Library.

From the Reading Post for Mond., Oct. 3, 1726:—

Lond., Sept. 27 (Mond.[1]). On Wednesday last (Sept. 21[1]) died at his House in the City of Chester, Sir Thomas Mainwaring, Bar[t]; he was the 22[d] and last Male Heir, from the coming of William the Conqueror, of the ancient Family of the Mainwarings of Peover in that County.

Lond., Sept. 29, Thursd. The Rev. M[r]. Francis Wise was lately presented to the Vicarage of Harlow in the County of Essex.

NB. This Wise hath a Donative besides, & is fellow of Trinity-Coll., Oxon., Custos Archivor. of the Univ. of Oxon., & the intruding ii[d] Librarian of the Bodl. Library, w[ch] is really my Place.

Lond., Oct. 3.——Eastwell in Kent, Sept. 30, Frid. The Right Hon. Heneage, Earl of Winchelsea, died here this Morning of the Cholick, in the 70[th] Year of his Age, after about a Week's Illness. A Nobleman inferior to no Peer of Great Britain, by his illustrious Extraction.

NB. He was a Gentleman of great Integrity and Learning.

Oct. 7 (Fri., Nonis Oct.).

Romæ via Ardeatina, depositio sàncti Marci, Papæ & confessoris.—*Mart. Rom.*

Yesterday, at 2 Clock in the Afternoon, was a Convocation, when D[r]. Mather, President of Corpus Christi, was continued Vice-Chancellour for another Year, being his fourth Year. D[r]. Butler, President of Magd. Coll., is one of the Pro-Vice-Chancellours.

I hear the Vice-Chancellour in his Speech, among other Things, lamented the Death of that great Villain, D[r]. Gardiner, late Warden of All Souls, & advised the Magistrates of y[e] University to put a stop, as much as they can, to Luxury. Who are greater Epicureans, & more addicted to Luxury, than most of y[e] Heads of Houses?

Oct. 8 (Sat., Octavo Idus Oct.).

Natalis beati Simeonis senis, qui in Euangelio (Luc. ii) Dominum Jesum suis in ulnis suscepisse legitur.—*Mart. Rom.*

M[r]. West of Balliol Coll. gave 15s. for Southouse's *Monasticon Favershamiense* in M[r]. Bridges's Auction, in w[ch] are some MSS. Notes, w[ch] I have transcribed in this Book.

Oct. 9 (Sun., 7[mo] Idus Oct.). This is S[t]. Denis's day. He was martyred at Paris. He was baptized by S[t]. Paul the Apostle. He is

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Oct. 8, 1726. H. to M. Johnson, jun. (Rawl. 39. 132). Had reserved a large copy of John of Glastonbury for M. J., but understands by his letter that he has changed his mind. Thanks for offering to show H. his MSS., if he should come to Spalding.

Oct. 8, [1726]. J. Anstis to H. (Rawl. 1. 43). [See Diary, Dec. 9.]

Oct. 9, 1726. H. to W. Lewis (Diaries, 113. 125). Thanks for present of MSS., delivered by Mr. Layng of Balliol College. Has found two or three of value among them. Wishes he had a catalogue of all W. L.'s MSS.

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[1] [The words in parentheses are Hearne's.]

commonly called S^t^. Denys the Areopagite. He was the 1^st^ B^p^ of Athens. See Baronius's Martyrol.

Oct. 10 (Mon., 6^to^ Idus Oct.).

—Eboraci in Anglia, S. Paulini Episcopi, discipuli B. Gregorii Papæ, qui cum aliis ad prædicandum Euangelium illuc ab eo missus, Eduuinum Regem, ejusque populum ad fidem Christi convertit.—*Mart. Rom.* Migravit ex hac vita A.D. 644, cum sedisset annis 22.—*Baron.*

Yesterday was Marston Feast, near Oxford.

M^r^. Isham of Lincoln College tells me that M^r^. Morton, who writ the Natural History of Northamptonshire, died about two Months since.

On Saturday Night last was a very great and remarkable Aurora borealis, it having been that day, and a day or two before, wonderfull fine Weather. It began about six Clock, & lasted a great part of the night, and tho' the Moon was almost at the End of the last Quarter, 'twas almost as light as day. The Sky was very red, and flashes & Darts of Lightning were very frequent and frightfull from all Quarters.

Oct. 11 (Tu., 5^to^ Idus Oct.).

—Vesontione in Galliis, sancti Germani, Episcopi & Martyris.—*Mart. Rom.*

Fuit septimus ejus sedis Episcopus, occisus ab Arrianis A. D. 372.

M^r^. West of Ball. Coll. told me yesterday that his Father is in the 61^st^ year of his age. He said he was born on New Year's day[1]. M^r^. West of Ball. Coll. then told me that his eldest Sister, who is very ingenious & curious in collecting Prints, and is very handsome, is in the 17^th^ Year of her Age. M^r^. West hath two other Sisters, the youngest of w^ch^ is but 12 Years of Age, and is very sickly.

Oct. 12 (Wed., 4^to^ Idus Oct.).

—Eboraci in Anglia, S. Walfridi (sive Wilfridi[2]), Episcopi & Confessoris.—*Mart. Rom.*

'D^r^. Hudson had two little 4^to^ MSS. of mine upon Josephus, but I could never yet retrieve them, and I know not whether he did not destroy them himself.'

Oct. 11, 1726. H. to [Mrs. Jane Hearne] (Rawl. 39. 130). 'I rec^d^ your last Parcel of Papers, & have sent you half a Guinea to defray the Expenses you have been at on that account. My Sister, Anne Hearne, informed me lately about her share of some Houshold Goods left her by my Father. W^t^ they are I know not any farther than that she mention'd some Pewter Dishes. In short, I intreat that all things may be easy, and if I have any share in any of those houshold Goods (w^t^ever they are), I freely give all to her, provided there may not be the least Damage either to your self or my two Brothers. I thank you for the Quills.' [Hearne has altered the date from Sept. 28 to Oct. 3, and finally to Oct. 11.]

Oct. 11, 1726. H. to [W. Holwell] (Rawl. 39. 133). Expected Langtoft to be called for long ago. That and John of Glastonbury will be delivered on payment of a guinea and a half. Can't unriddle the Worcester Inscription.

Oct. 12, [1726]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 74). Glad Mr. Bedford has paid subscriptions for John of Glastonbury and Adam de Domerham. Sends

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[1] On Oct. 19, 1727, M^r^. West told me his Father is 63.

[2] [The words in parentheses are Hearne's.]

Diem obiit A. D. 732. De hoc archiep. Ebor. Vide Baronium in Mart., ut Godwin. de Præs., & Cressy Hist. Eccl.

From y^e^ Reading Post for Mond., Oct. 10, 1726:—

Lond., Oct. 4. On Sunday Night last (Oct. 2 [1]) died the Rev. M^r^. Pritchard, one of the Portionists of S^t^. Dunstan's, Stepney. The Presentation is in the Gift of Brasen-Nose College, Oxford.

We hear that a Bill will be brought in next Sessions of Parliament, for the endowing the three Churches that are built in the said Parish, and which will be in the Gift of Brazen-Nose College.

The Bishop (Hooper [1]) of Bath and Wells's Lady is lately dead.

Lond., Oct. 6. On Tuesday Morning last (Oct. 4 [1]) died in Russel-street, Bloomsbury, the Hon. M^rs^. Harley, Aunt to the Earl of Oxford.

In August last past a Person unknown came to Cutt-Hedge-Inn, in the Liberty of Longparish, near Andover, Hampshire, very well drest, and mounted on a Steed worth 20 Guineas; and having two small Twigs in his Hand, he came in and desired the Landlord (M^r^. Robert Webb) to give him Correction, which the Landlord at first seem'd unwilling to comply with, but, at the Gentleman's further Intreaty, he call'd in a lusty Porter, which was at the House, and the Gentleman (having himself untrust his Breeches) caused the Porter to take him at his Back, and the Landlord, with the Twigs afore-said, paid him on the bare Buttocks until the Blood ran: For which the Gentleman was very thankful; which the better to express, he treated the Landlord and Porter, and so went off unknown.

D^r^. Thomas Gale's Epitaph, sent me by his Son, Roger Gale, Esq. I have printed it in Fordun.

[The epitaph, inserted here, is omitted.]

Oct. 13 (Th., 3^tio^ Idus Oct.). This is the day of the Translation of K. Edw. the Confessor, being, according to Cressy, his ii^d^ Translation, who observes (Ch. Hist., p. 992) that 36 Years after his Death, his Body, w^ch^ had been buried in his own new Ch. of S^t^. Peter at Westm., was taken up, & found uncorrupt, & translated to a more decent place. Then again it was translated, A. D. 1163, by S. Thomas, Archb^p^ of Cant., in the presence of K. Hen. II. And this was on the 13^th^ of Oct., as it is commemorated in our Martyrologe; whereas in the Roman his memory is celebrated on the 5^th^ of Nov., being the day of his Death.

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names of several subscribers for the latter. [For part of this letter, see Diary, Oct. 22, 25.] 'What you say of M^r^. Rawlinson's Library would seem incredible, did it not come from you.'

Oct. 12, 1726. A. Francke to H. (Rawl. 13. 11). Received H.'s of July 13th. Was disappointed in returning Macrobius by a gentleman who promised to deliver it. Has now given it to Mr. Bowditch, Fellow of Wadham College, who has promised to convey it. Apologizes for keeping it so long. 'Ill health, another way of thinking, want of convenience in a country life for these sort of studyes, &, above all, of a companion in them to abett & comfort them, has made me lay by those designs I formerly had in this & some other Authors I had taken some payns about; till by an alteration in all these circumstances, I can return to them with pleasure, which I very much now fear, so that You must be content with y^e^ gratefull returns of my heart in private, instead of those publick thanks I design'd in a more lasting & more solemn manner for you.'

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[1] [The words in parentheses are Hearne's.]

About an hundred years after this, he was a 3d time translated, in the presence of K. Hen. 3d, and reposed in a golden shrine, prepared for it by the same King.

Oct. 14 (Fri., Pridie Idus Oct.).

Romæ via Aurelia, natalis beati Calisti, Papæ & martyris, qui Alexandri imperatoris jussu diutiùs fame in carcere cruciatus, & quotidie fustibus cæsus, tandem è fenestra domus, in qua custodiebatur, præcipitatus, atque in puteum demersus, victoriæ triumphum promeruit.—*Martyr. Rom.*

When my Friend, the Honble B. L. Calvert, Esq., was in Oxford last, he told me that Edward Sheldon, of Weston, Esq., hath got old hangings, in wch are represented many of the neighbouring Gentlemen's Country Seats, about the time of Q. Eliz. Mr. Calvert had it from Mr. Graves. I must remember to ask Mr. Graves about this.

Mr. Calvert at the same time told me that there is a curious Gentleman, that he saw at Dijon in Burgundy, who is reckon'd to have the greatest and best Collection of Geographical Books and Maps of any Person in those Parts.

When the fine, snug old House at Ditchley was lately pull'd down, they found part of the Walls to consist of neither Stone nor Brick, but of a sort of hard Morter, much like what I have seen of the Romans, and in the Ruins of old Abbeys.

Oct. 15 (Sat., Idibus Oct.).

—Cracoviæ, sanctæ Heduuigis, Ducissæ Poloniæ, quæ pauperum obsequio dedita, etiam miraculis claruit: quam & Clemens Papa Quartus numero Sanctorum adscripsit.—*Mart. Rom.*

Migravit ex hac vita anno D. 1243, & relata est inter Sanctos, A. 1267, anno vero sequenti corpus ejus translatum est.

Mr. West yesterday shew'd me at Godstowe an extream rare book, intit., *Nic. Carri, Novocastrensis Angli, Græcæ linguæ in Academia Cantabrigiensi nuper professoris Regii, De Scriptorum Britannicorum paucitate, Oratio, nunc primum ædita.* ¶ *Ejusdem fere argumenti, aliorum Centones aliquot adjiciuntur. Londini*, 1576, 8o. This little Thing consists of 3 sheets of Paper. 'Twas published by Tho. Hatcher, who dedicated it to Dr. Wilson. 'Tis prettily written. Mr. West told me that he had been well assured that my late Friend, Tho. Rawlinson, Esq., could never get a sight of any Copy of this Book, tho' he much desired it. He added that John Murray also never saw any Copy besides this. Mr. West said he had it from a Newcastle Man.

Oct. 15, 1726. E. Bayly to H. (Rawl. 39. 135). An Oxford friend of the Rev. Mr. Bingham of Havant will pay E. B.'s second subscription for John of Glastonbury. 'If you don't think it worth while to make any use of the Copper Plate & Acct, wch I sent you by Mr. Battine, relating to the Chichester Inscription, you'll please to return them with the Book above mention'd. I have no Thoughts of publishing any thing on that Subject my Self, it being quite out of my way, & my necessary affairs not allowing me so much time for the Pursuit of such Studys as wou'd be requisite to fitt any thing for ye Press.' [Note by Hearne:—'Recd, Oct. 18, 1726, Tuesd.']

Mr. West hath a fine Copy of Harding's Chronicle, for wch Fletcher Gyles, the Bookseller, offered him five Guineas, as Mr. West told me himself.

Yesterday Morning died, about nine Clock, Mrs. Gilman, of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, a good, quiet, honest Woman, Widow of one Gilman, a Barber of that Parish, who died several Years since, wch Gilman (commonly called Tonsor Gilman to distinguish him from other Gilmans) was an old Knave. His Widow's Maiden name was Meers, being Sister of Mr. Wm Meers, who had been Master of Arts of Edm. Hall, proceeding Anno 1680, & died many years ago. The said Widow died in the 76th Year of her Age. Mr. Wm Meers was a very quiet, honest, meek Man[1].

Oct. 16 (Sun., 17mo Kal. Nov.).

—Apud Arbonam in Germania, sancti Galli abbatis, discipuli beati Columbani. —*Mart. Rom.* Migravit ex hac vita A. D. 640.—*Baron.*

On Thursday Morning last call'd upon me a younger Brother of my Friend, the Honble B. L. Calvert, Esq., viz. the same that call'd last Winter. His Brother, my Ld Baltemore, was also in Town with him, but I did not see my Ld, with whom I have no acquaintance. This younger Brother is married. His Lady hath miscarried of one Child, and now she is big again. He seems to be a very good natured young Gentleman, but all the Learning of this Family is lodg'd in my Friend above-mentioned.

Oct. 17 (Mon., 16 Kal. Nov.). The Translation of St. Etheldreda, commonly called St. Audrey. She was Daughter of Anna, K. of the East Angles. She was first married to Tombert, Prince of the Girvians, and afterwards to Egfrid, Prince, & at length King, of Northumberland. But tho' she was married to both of them, yet she remained a Virgin. Her first Husband died soon after the Marriage, being not able to perswade her to submitt to his Embraces, nor could the second (a Man of youth, beauty, & religion) prevail more effectually, but permitted her to retire, so that she became a Nun at Coldingham, under the Abbess thereof, Ebba, who was Aunt to Etheldreda, & when afterwards K. Egfrid endeavoured to get her from thence, she, by the direction of Ebba, fled to the Isle of Ely, where she built a Nunnery, & became the first Abbess herself, & died & was buried there, A. D. 679, the 8th day before the Calends of July, & was buried among her own Religious Virgins in the same Coffin of Wood, wherein she lay when she gave up her Spirit: 16 Years after wch her bones were taken up by the care of her elder Sister, Sexburga, & put into a new Coffin, & translated to a Church dedicated to her Honour. She was but very young when she died. She

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Oct. 17, 1726. W. Holwell to H. (Rawl. 7. 63). Apologizes for delay in paying subscriptions. His brother Foulkes' son will wait on H. with the

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[1] She was buried in St. Peter's Church Yard, by her Husband and Brother, on Sunday Night, Oct. 16.

was a Lady of wonderfull beauty, & when a young maid, she wore about her Neck waighty Chains of Jewells, w^ch^ caused a fiery heat & swelling in her Neck, w^ch^ she afterwards ascribed to her Pride. From thence 'tis that fine silk necklaces, worn by young Girls afterwards in Commemoration of S^t^. Etheldreda, or S^t^. Audrey, were called Taudrey lace. See Cressy's Church History.

Oct. 18 (Tu., 15 Kal. Nov.).

Natalis beati Lucæ Euangelistæ, qui multa passus pro Christi nomine, Spiritu sancto plenus obiit in Bithynia: cujus ossa Constantinopolim translata sunt, & inde Patavium delata.—*Martyr. Rom.*

Yesterday M^r^. West of Balliol College shew'd me in MS. *A State of the late Election of a Master of Baliol College in Oxford, May* 12^th^, 1726. It consists of 6 pages, fol. It is on M^r^. Best's Side, & perhaps was drawn up by M^r^. Best himself. 'Tis a very weak Thing. *At the late Election* (it says[1]) *of a Master of the said College, M^r^. Sanford, the Senior Scrutator, insisted that every fellow, except himself & his Brother Scrutator* (M^r^. Lux[1]), *should move out of the Chappel, whilst the two Scrutators voted, and that the rest of the Electors should come one by one into the Chappell to Vote.* (This was very right in M^r^. Sanford, as I have been well assured, and agreeable to the old way of electing, but D^r^. Bouchier (as this very Case also mentions), it seems, was the Man that put Best upon the new way, w^ch^ M^r^. Sanford would not submit to.[1])

M^r^. Lux, the Junior Scrutator, insisted that all the Electors should continue in Chappel whilst the Scrutators voted, & likewise during the whole Election.

M^r^. Sanford——persisting to declare that he would not proceed to Election, whilst they (the Electors[1]) *so continued* (in Chappel[1]), *M^r^. Lux, the Junior Scrutator, of equal power by the Statute with the Senior, in Concurrence with M^r^. Best & his friends, desired the next Senior, the Rev^d^ M^r^. Rich, to act as Scrutator with him, w^ch^ accordingly he did, & M^r^. Lux——in the Names of them both, pronounced the Rev^d^ M^r^. Best duly elected Master, as having an absolute Majority of the whole Society.*

By an absolute Majority for M^r^. Best, M^r^. Best & his friends explain themselves thus: The division of Voices appear'd to be M^r^. Lux, M^r^. Rich, M^r^. Best, M^r^. Wilson, M^r^. Thomas, M^r^. Walker, the Six for M^r^. Best; M^r^. Sanford, M^r^. Jones, M^r^. Loveday, M^r^. Coxe, M^r^. Godwyn, & M^r^. Quick, the six against him. Upon a Supposition that M^r^. Quick's Vote had been good, the Division had been equal, but in that Case the Statute of the College de Electione Magistri *directing the Junior fellow (which was M^r^. Quick) to go over to the opposite Side to make a Majority, his Vote was to be reckoned as given for M^r^. Best, whereby M^r^. Best would have had a Statutable Majority. But M^r^. Best & his friends declared that the said M^r^. Quick's Fellowship was* ipso facto *void, as much as if he was*

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money, and take the books. Sorry H. could not unriddle the inscription. Sends another, which he lately met with. [See Diary, Dec. 2.] Wishes to continue a subscriber.

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[1] [The words in these parentheses are Hearne's.]

naturally dead: because he had not subscribed the Declaration the Act of Uniformity requires of every Fellow of a College at or before his admission to his Fellowship: w^ch^ M^r^. Best legally prov'd to the Society before the Election, & gave M^r^. Quick timely Notice that that objection would be made to the Validity of his Vote, if he appear'd to give it; accordingly upon his appearance the Objection was made, whereby M^r^. Best had an absolute Majority, Six out of Eleven Fellows. (This was a wicked Thing in Best & his Party. M^r^. Quick had omitted Subscribing thro' forgetfullness, not any scruple, & advantage should not have been taken hold of this Neglect, as, indeed, it would not, had he been for M^r^. Best, as I am assur'd M^r^. Best had told him before the Election.[1]) *M^r^. Best & his Friends thought themselves oblidged to protest, as they did before the Society, against the Election of any Gentleman that had never been of, or admitted into, the College, because they conceive every such person to be statutably ineligible; apprehending the word* extraneus *to mean in Baliol College Statutes only a Cohabitor, Convictor, or Commoner* (a very strange interpretation[1]), *but in any Sense of the Word, such Extraneous person could not be chosen but by an absolute Majority* (Majori parte Sociorum *are the Words in the Statute*) *of the Fellows, w^ch^ Majority they were, & the Consent of the Visitor.*

M^r^. Sanford continued in Chappel, & some of the other Gentlemen, instead of retiring, as they insisted the Electors ought to do, into the Room near the Chappel, continued in the Ante-chappel during the Time M^r^. Lux & M^r^. Rich took the Suffrages.——

After M^r^. Best & his friends had finished their Election, & were retired from Chappel, the rest of the Society (who, exclusive of M^r^. Quick, were but 5 in Number, & inclusive of him were a Statutable Minority) proceeded to elect the Rev^d^ M^r^. Theophilus Leigh of Corpus X^ti^ College, a Gentleman that M^r^. Best and his friends conceive to be ineligible according to Statute, as never having been of the College.

As a proof of that Caution with w^ch^ M^r^. Best & his friends acted in the whole affair: They took not a single Stepp in it without first consulting D^r^. Bouchier, y^e^ Regius Civilian Professor, what they might legally and statutably do in it: And the Steps they took were as well in persuance of his opinion as their own Consciences & Judgements. (It was a very weak Thing in them to be guided by that K.[1] & Blockhead, Bouchier[2].)

Oct. 19 (Wed., 14° Kal. Nov.).

Oxonii in Anglia, sanctæ Fredesuuidæ virginis.—*Mart. Rom.* De ea tabulæ eccles. Oxoniensis, unde & Molan. hac die in addit. ad Usuardum.—*Baronius.*

S^t^. Frideswide flourished about the year 740. She was the ornament and patroness of the most illustrious City and University of Oxford. Her Father's Name Didan, a person of noble quality, and her Mother's Safrida. From her Infancy she had an aversion from all delicacies. She usually lay upon the hard pavement. A great part of the Night she spent upon her Knees, or prostrate upon the Ground. Her ordinary dyet was barley-bread, with a few hearbes and roots, and her drink only

[1] [i. e. Knave.]

[2] [The words in these parentheses are Hearne's.]

water. By her example 12 other Virgins forsook the World. She dedicated her self wholly to Religion by her Parents' leave. By the Munificence of the King, she built a Monastery, into wch she entred with her Companions, & passed the greatest part of her time in Prayer and Fasting. Alard, or Algar, a young Prince, being smitten with her Beauty, she leaves the Monastery, & flyes to Oxford, whither Algar pursued her, but was struck blind as he entered the City, but restored to sight by her means at his Repentance. Princes were afterwds scrupulous about entering the City at that Gate. Out of Thankfullness, she built another Monastery, in wch she spent the remainder of her Life in purity & divine Contemplation. This was at Oxford, & there she was buried, & after her death, her immaculate Body, reposing there, became the principal Ornament of the City. There is a shrine, call'd St. Frideswide's Shrine, now at Xt Church.

From Mr. West of Balliol's Copy of Monasticon Faversham iense these MSS. Notes. He lent me the Book, Frid., Oct. 7, 1726.

Chronic. Saxonic., edit. Oxon., p. 244, l. 7. Faupeꝑꝑeld, i. e. Faversham.

Anno 1148. Solebat his diebus Regina Regis Stephani curiam S. Augustini frequentare, quia opus de Faversham, quod ipsa cum Domino suo Rege Stephano à fundamentis inceperat, perficere cupiebat. Gervas. Chron.

Anno 1152. Obiit Matildis Regina v. Men. Maij, et sepulta est in cœnobio quod cum Rege Stephano fundaverat apud Faversham; ibidem.

Anno 1153. Obiit Eustachius, Regis Filius, et sepultus est apud Faversham; ibidem.

Anno 1154. Rex Stephanus obiit viii Kalend. Novembr. Corpus in Ecclesia de Faversham sepultum est; ibidem.

P. 28, l. 6. Monast. Ang. MSS. Eccles. Cant.

l. 13. *ejus*] Suæ, MS. Eccl. Cant.

l. 19. *ceperunt*] MS. Cant. inceperunt.

P. 97, l. 1. *as Ambassador to mediate*] wch was A. D. 1527, or 1528, about June, for he arriv'd at Calis, July 11. He staid at Canterb.; 3 daies after he went for Feversham. Stow, p. 527.

Ib. l. 24. *The next*, &c.] The Almnery was seated at the outer gate, & the stable yet standing in the little meadow was the Oratory.

P. 114, l. 11. *the Almnery*] At the side of these 4 lines are put points, & in the Margin is written, *The Interlocutory or Parlor.*

P. 127, l. 1. *One Marsh*, &c.] These Lands were purchased of Robert Fale, see p. 111.

P. 128, l. 20. *30th*] Anno 33to.

Ibid. l. 21. *of* July] July 8.

P. 129, l. 6. *Cellerar*] adde John Lynsted, for so it is in ye Original in the Augmentation Office.

P. 146, l. 15. *But others would have Fulke de Newnham*] A. D. 1153, A. R. R. Steph. 18o, Fulk de Newenham founded the Priory of Davington; ut patet ex Evidentiis Johannis Hulsæ de Newenham.

At the End of the Book:—

Plate in the Treasury of the Monastery.

1. One peice of the Holy Crosse closed in gold & set with stones.,
2. A crucifix silver & gilt, weight 50 ℥.
3. A mitre with pearl.

4. A staffe with a Crosse. The staffe silver, parcel gilt. The Crosse silver gilt & enamel'd.
5. A pontifical ring of gold, with 4 other gold rings, ℥ iii et dimid.
6. 2 ouches of silver set with pearl.
7. ix chalices with their patents of silver gilt, pond. 150 ℥.
8. 2 Censers of Silver & gilt, pond. 140 ℥.
9. A Navet of silver, pond. ℥ 16.
10. A bel of silver, 2 paxes of silver, parcel gilt, pond. ℥ x, & 4 crewets of silver, pond. 26 ℥.

Plate in the Abbot's Chamber.

1. A standing peice all gilt, with a cover, pond. ℥ xxx.
2. A flat peice of silver, with a cover, pond. ℥ xii.
3. A salt of silver, with a cover, pond. ℥ 16.
4. 2 gilt spoons, pond. ℥ 1.
5. 6 spoons of silver, with knobs like strawberryes, pond. ℥ vi.
6. 5 Masors, with 2 covers, pond. ℥ xiiii.

Plate in the Fratery.

1. vii Masors, with 3 Covers, pond. ℥ lxxxi.
2. vi silver spoons, pond. ℥ iiii.

Plate in the portery.

1. A Masor, pond. ℥ ii.
2. A salt of silver, with a cover, pond. ℥ vi s.

Summe total of the silver plate was ℥ 554½.
of gold in rings——— ℥ iii s.

Besides the peice of the H. Crosse, the crucifix, Mitre, Staff, & 2 ouches of silver set with pearl.

The Price of ye Horses in the Stables.

	li.	s.	d.
In ye first stable vi horses, price	6	0	0
In the 2d stable v horses, price	3	6	8
In ye 3d stable v horses, price	1	13	4
In ye 4th stable iv horses, price	1	0	0
Item 2 Mares—price	1	6	8
2 Mares, price	1	0	0
Horses & Mares 24, price	14	6	8

In Graveney Church, on the North-side, & in the Chancell belonging to Graveny court, in the windows, is inscrib'd on the glasse:—

T. Fauersham et Johanna Uxor ejus.

In the opposite chancel, on the South side, on a Tomb halfeway in the Orchard, & arched over:—

✠ Orate pro animabus Roberti Dodde et Ricardi de Faversham, filii sui, quondam Domini de . . . . . (ob)iit . . . vicesimo Octobris Anno Domini millesimo C.C.C. lxxxi, quorum corpora . . . . . et quarum animarum propitietur D[eu]s—.

I suppose [by] filii is meant generi.

Near the sd Tomb of Dod & Faversham is this in the same Chancel:—

✠ Hic jacet Johanna, quæ fuit uxor Johannis Botiller de Graveney, quæ fuit filia Ricardi de Faversham, quondam Dominus [*sic*] de . . . . . obiit xxxo die Novembris A. D. Millesimo C.C.C.C. viii et Anno . . . . . Conquestum Angliæ decimo, cujus animæ propitietur D[eu]s. Amen. (Suppleatur chasma sic—et Anno H. IV post conquestum.)

In the Window: Johannes Botiller et Johanna Uxor ejus. The Armes of Botiller are yet to be seen both in the windows & on the Gravestones.

Oct. 20 (Th., 13° Kal. Nov.).

Parisiis, sanctorum Georgii diaconi, & Aurelii.—*Mart. Rom.* At, inquit Baronius, Translatio potius, quam dies natalis horum sanctorum hic agitur, quum eorum reliquiæ in Gallias delatæ, Parisiis conditæ sunt. Natalis autem dies Georgii & Aurelii martyrum agitur 6. Kalend. August., de quibus S. Eulogius in Memor. sanct., lib. 2, cap. 10. Passi sunt A. D. 852.

This being the Coronation day of George, Duke of Brunswick, commonly called King George, there was mighty jambling of Bells very early in the Morning at several Places in Oxford.

Mr. West of Balliol Coll., on the 16th instant, lent me a MS. of the History of England, being a little Folio. 'Tis of that kind wch is call'd Brute of England, with wch Caxton so much agrees. But 'tis very imperfect, beginning with the latter part of Cap. 94, and ending in Hen. vth's Reign in Cap. 244, but the latter part of this Chap. is also wanting.

Oct. 21 (Fri., 12° Kal. Nov.).

Apud Coloniam Agrippinam, natalis sanctarum Ursulæ & sociorum ejus, quæ pro Christiana religione & virginitatis constantia ab Hunnis interfectæ, martyrio vitam consummarunt, & plurima earum corpora Coloniæ condita fuerunt.—*Mart. Rom.*

Hoc accidisse A. D. 453 testatur Sigebert. At ex vita S. Ursulæ ad finem Gaufridi Monumethensis in Bibl. Vaticana docuit Baronius sub Maximo Tyranno hoc est temporibus Gratiani contigisse docuit. Hac de vita rogandus amicissimus Calvertus.

Yesterday I delivered back into Mr. West's own hands his MS. Brute of England, after wch Mr. West went for London in the Afternoon, lying last Night at Tetsworth.

From the Reading Post for Monday, Oct. 17, 1726:—

London, Oct. 11. On Saturday Night last (Oct. 8th), the Phænomenon call'd *Aurora Borealis*, or *Morning Blush*, frequently seen in the Morning in the Northern Parts of Europe, was observ'd from this City; it appearing as Streaks of Light darting several Ways in the Clouds; which has occasion'd various Prognostications among the Vulgar.

Staffordshire, Oct. 10. On Saturday, the 8th instant, between 7 and 8, from a dark, gloomy Night here, broke forth on a sudden a most surprizing and terrifying Appearance in the Sky, consisting of various Shapes of Light, some resembling Fire, and others Blood, with many Streaks of brighter Light descending perpendicular in direct Lines almost to the Stretch of our Horizon Eastward, whilst at the same time a most furious Agitation appear'd above, darting in a confused manner to and fro, numberless Sparkles of Fire mixed with black Spots, as if the World had been in an universal Contest, attended with Slaughter and Destruction; which could not be observed without Dread to every Christian Eye. The Situation of this Appearance was principally East and North, but in the End extended to the West, so far as to give such a Sort of burning Complection to the Sky that way, as is commonly observed at a Distance in London, when any House begins to be on Fire, before the Flames are seen. The Visibility of what I here relate continued about two Hours, most of which Time it was as light as it usually is a Quarter before Sun Rising in a clear Morning.

Oct. 22 (Sat., 11mo Kal. Nov.).

Apud Coloniam, S. Cordulæ, quæ una ex sodalibus S. Ursulæ, cùm aliarum suppliciis & cæde perterrita se occultasset, ejus rei pœnitens postridie se ultro patefecit, & novissima omnium martyrii coronam accepit.—*Martyr. Rom.*

Mr. Baker, in a Letter from Cambridge of the 12th inst., tells me yt he knows nothing of Ad. de Domerham, more than is printed in my last Book (viz. John of Glastonbury), nor of Michelney more than is printed in Dugdale (wch, indeed, is very little). If any thing occurrs, he shall be glad to impart it. Dr. Tanner (whom he presumes I may have consulted), he says, is the likest man to inform me, who, being a West Country Man, must have had good opportunities of Enquiry.

Oct. 23 (Sun., 10o Kal. Nov.).

Rhotomagi, S. Romani Episcopi.—*Mart. Rom.*

Ejus sedis episcopus erat vicesimus ordine, seditque A. D. 622, ut è tabulis ejus Ecclesiæ cum Democharе docuit Baronius.

Oct. 24 (Mon., 9no Kal. Nov.).

In Vertano monasterio (transitus[1]) sancti Martini abbatis.—*Mart. Rom.*

De eo item (inquit Baronius) Usuard. hac die & alii. Ad[d]o autem ad quintum Idus Decembris. Agit de eodem Greg. Turon. de glor. confess., cap. 57.

On Thursday last were married in St. Peter's Church in the East, Oxford, Mr. Henry Litchfield, the Printer, and Mrs. Gilman (the Widow of one Thomas Gilman, Son of the late Tonsor Gilman), both of that Parish. She is about 61 or 62 Years of Age, & he about 41, both of them peevish, cross People.

Oct. 25 (Tu., 8vo Kal. Nov.).

Suessione in Gallia, sanctorum martyrum Crispini & Crispiniani, nobilium Romanorum, qui in persecutione Diocletiani sub Rictiovaro Præside, post immania tormenta gladio trucidati, coronam martyrii consecuti sunt: quorum corpora postea Romam delata fuerunt, atque in ecclesia S. Laurentii in pane & perna honorifice tumulata.—*Mart. Rom.*

Last Friday (tho' others say, Friday was sennight) Mr. Wm Doccra, M.A. and Minister of Stratton Audley, near Bicister in Oxford-shire, cut his

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Oct. 23, 1726. H. to J. West (Diaries, 113. 156). Hopes J. W. met with pleasant entertainment at Tetsworth, and got safe to London. Has paid the 4*s.* to Jerry at Godstow. The Order of Pœnance is a curiosity, but not so rare as Nicholas Carr's book. Was disappointed in reading the latter. 'For I exspected that he would have spoken of the Havock made of our Writers at the Dissolution; but this, as I remember, he does not so much as touch upon. At the same time perished also a great many *Tabulæ*, in wch were recorded the Foundations & Transactions in several Religious Houses.' Service to Mr. Granger and Mr. Murray.

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[1] ['transitus' added by Hearne.]

Throat. This Gent., who was formerly Student of X^t^ Church, took the Degree of M.A., as a Member of that House, on March 31, 1707. He was a single Man.[1]

M^r^. Baker, in his Letter to me from Cambridge, of the 12^th^ inst., tells me he believes he may have the same Copy of the Life of S^t^. Cuthbert (by Hegge) with that I spoke of to him (being the printed Book), which he should willingly have sent me, were it not bound up with several other things; as likewise, *The Ancient Rites & Monuments of the Monast. & Cath. Church of Durham*, MS. But the latter he hath in print, w^ch^, in his Opinion, is much more valuable. It is now pretty scarce, & if I have it not, he will present me with it, since I am dealing in such things. NB. I have both these printed Things. That of Hegge is strangely altered from the MS., a Copy of w^ch^ I have. Yet even the MS. is much against the Monks.

Oct. 26 (Wed., 7^mo^ Kal. Nov.).

Narbonæ, sancti Rustici, Episcopi & confessoris, qui claruit temporibus Valentiniani & Leonis Imperatorum.—*Mart. Rom.*

Oct. 27 (Th., 6^to^ Kal. Nov.). Vigilia Sanctorum Apostolorum Simonis & Judæ.

This Morning the said M^r^. Heber (whose X^tian^ Name is John) went for Cambridge by London. He was Civilian of Univ. Coll., where he was 3 Years. He designs to enter of S^t^. John's Coll., Camb. His elder Brother, M^r^. Thomas Heber, was Gent. Com. of Univ. Coll., M^r^. Baynes being his Tutor. This elder Brother hath the Estate, & is married. They were born at a Village in Craven in Yorkshire. The Father, M^r^. Reginald Heber, hath been dead about 12 years, aged about fourty. He was Gent. Com. of Queen's Coll., Oxford, & afterwards spent a Year at Cambridge.

What is said above, in pag. 132, about M^r^. Sheldon's Hangings M^r^. Graves informs me to-day (Oct. 26, 1726) is true, and that they are (as he remembers) of three Counties, viz. the 3 Counties (as he takes it) in w^ch^ the Sheldons of Weston had Estates. They are very well done, & were wove by Rich. Hicks, whose Son, Francis Hicks, occurrs in col. 469 of the 1^st^ Vol. of *Athenæ Oxon*, as a Writer. The said Francis Hicks's Son told this to M^r^. Graves.

NB. M^r^. Heber above impos'd upon me. He never design'd to enter of S^t^. John's Coll. Nor did he ever deliver my Letter. He left

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Oct. 26, 1726. H. to T. Baker (Diaries, 113. 161). 'I take this opportunity of writing to you by *this hopefull young Gentleman* (*my Friend*) [Hearne has struck through the words in italics: see Diary, Oct. 27], M^r^. Heber, who leaves University College in order to *become a Member of your University*' [the words in italics are altered from 'be entered of your College']. Lately saw Nicholas Carr's Oratio, published by Thomas Hatcher, in a friend's hands. [See Diary, Oct. 15.] Would be glad to know of other works of his.

Oct. 27, 1726. J. Murray to H. (Rawl. 16. 20, 21). Sends by Godfrey eleven guineas, five of which he borrowed of H. at Oxford, and the rest for

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[1] NB. He recover'd, & is still living, Oct. 25, 1727.

University Coll. in debt. He got a Testimonium from Mr. Denison's Party of the College, & is gone into Orders, & preaches in London. He hath the Character of a treacherous Young Man.

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[The sentences from the Latin martyrology, which are prefixed to the account of most days from July 3, 1726, to June 28, 1727, are omitted from this point unless Hearne has added his own notes.]

Oct. 28 (Fri., Quinto Kal. Nov.). On Tuesday last died Mrs. Green, the Wife of Mr. Green, Tallow Chandler of Cairfax Parish in Oxford, & she was buried in Cairfax Church last Night. She was a young Woman of a good Character[1], & she was handsome, but as for her husband (who is now one of the Bayliffs of the City of Oxford), he is a very conceited, proud Man.

From the Reading Post for Monday, Oct. 24, 1726:—

London, Oct. 18. We have an Account from Bath, That on Friday Morning last, after a long Indisposition, died there, in the 52d Year of his Age, Sir Jeffery Gilbert, Kt, Lord Chief Baron of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer at Westminster. In 1715, he was made a Puisny Judge of the King's Bench in Ireland; and in the same year advanc'd to be Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer in the same Kingdom. He was afterwards strongly sollicited to accept the Great Seal of Ireland, but chose to be remov'd into his native Country; and was accordingly, in 1722, made a Baron of the Exchequer in this Kingdom. In 1724–5, he was appointed one of the Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal.

Brussels, Oct. 21. Last Saturday the whole City was under great Consternation on Account of an extraordinary Light which continued from 7 in the Evening till 11, and was so bright that it almost resembled Day Light, tho' this is only what is known by the Name of the North Light. People are the more alarm'd because it was never seen in this country.

Oct. 29 (Sat., Quarto Kal. Nov.). On Thursd. Night last Mr. Graves, of Mickleton in Gloucestershire, who is now in Oxford, shew'd me a copper Coin of Theodora, the second Wife of Constantius Chlorus. It is small. He said he was told it was found near Campden in Gloucestershire. It is a great Rarity; all her Coins are scarce. On one side is, FL MAX THEODORA AVG; Theodoræ cap. diad. On the Reverse, PIETAS ROMANA; Figura muliebris, stans cum puerulo lactente. Infra, T.R.S., as I remember; but I should see it again.

John of Glastonbury for various subscribers (named). Sends names of two subscribers for Adam de Domerham. Encloses copy of verses under Thomas Britton's picture.

Oct. 29, 1726. J. West to H. (Rawl. 17. 60). Obliged for letter. Drank H.'s health last night with Mr. Murray and Mr. Granger. Has not been able to procure I. Tzetzes' Chiliads. Note on Mr. Peck. [See Diary, Oct. 31.] Encloses copy of a letter from John Foxe to Magdalen College, presenting them with his Book of Martyrs, May 24, —.

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[1] She was proud.

Oct. 30 (Sun., 3tio Kal. Nov.). This being the Birth day of the Duke of Brunswick's B. Son (who is commonly called the Prince of Wales), there was mighty jambling of Bells in Oxford. He enters now the 44th Year of his Age.

My Friend, Mr. Graves of Mickleton (in Gloucestershire) was born on April 22d, 1677, as he told me last Night.

My Friend, Mr. Thomas Granger, was born at Hawford, near Brayles, in Warwickshire.

Mr. Graves hath an Aunt that is an hundred and one Years of Age, as I heard him say last Night. She is still a Woman that is vigorous, & hath her senses perfect. She is a tall, upright Woman, and still comely, she having been formerly very handsome. Mr. Graves said that Dr. Knight (if he survives her) is to preach her funeral Sermon, he being very great with her.

The said Dr. Knight is different from Dr. Knight that was of St. John's Coll., Oxford. He was a Cambridge Man, and hath published one vile, Whiggish Sermon, if not more. He hath likewise scribled[1] and published the Lives of Dean Collet & Erasmus, both in 8vo Volumes, & are but miserable Stuff. There are, indeed, divers Cuts in them, but they are to please Women and Children. The Life of Erasmus is worse than that of Dean Colet.

Mr. Graves told me last night that his Estate belong'd to Eynsham Abbey, near Oxford, that tho' he hath a Box or Chest containing abundance of Writings relating to it, yet he hath none before Q. Eliz. time, the older ones (at least, many of them) being in Christ-Church Treasury.

The present Earl of Litchfeild is a very handsome Man, some say the handsomest Gentleman in England. His Lady also (who is Daughter to Sir John Hales) is very fine, & I have heard Mr. Graves say that my Lord married her for her Beauty.

Oct. 31 (Mon., Pridie Kal. Nov.).

. — SS. Ampliati, Urbani, & Narcissi, quorum meminit S. Paulus ad Romanos scribens: qui ob Euangelium Christi à Judæis & Gentilibus cæsi sunt.— *Mart. Rom.*

St. Paul mentions them thus in Chap. xvi ad Rom., v. 8, 9, 11, *Greet Amplias my beloved in the Lord. Salute Urbane, our helper in Christ.— Greet them that be of the houshold of Narcissus, which are in the Lord.*

Mr. West (in a Letter from Lond. of the 29 inst., dated from the Inner-Temple) tells me that Mr. Peck's book of Stanford is almost finished, and that he is very much assisted by Mr. Baker, Dr. Tanner, & White Kennett. NB. Dr. Tanner (just before he went last to Norwich) told me (upon my asking him) that White Kennett did not assist him at all, nor did he himself seem to own that he gave any Assistance.

Oct. 30, 1726. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112, 223). Account of money received on Oct. 28 for Adam de Domerham. 'I am glad you think of Chauncy.'

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[1] ['Scribled' is altered from 'writ.']

Mrs. Basse of Cat. Street, Oxford (whose first Husband was Henry Stephens), is 58 Years old next June 5th, 1727.

The Earl of Pembroke was in Oxford to-day with his young Lady, and dined with Dr. Clarke at All Souls College.

Nov. 1 (Tu., Kalendis Nov.; All Saints' Day). Mr. Allen of Kent (who is now in Oxford) told me last Night that the Maiden Name of Sir John Hales's first Lady was Beling, she being Daughter of Sir John Beling of Cornwall, a Gentleman of 5 or 6000 libs. per an. Estate. By this first Lady he had (besides other Children) a Daughter, who is Wife to the present Earl of Litchfield. This Daughter had a portion of 8 or 9000 libs. So that (besides her beauty, which is great) she had also a noble Fortune.

Sir John Hales's 2d Lady's Maiden Name is Begnal, being of Irish Birth. She had but a small Fortune. She was educated in the Nunnery of St. Cidd, founded by Madam Maintenon, she that was the famous Whore to the late King of France, Lewis XIV, wch Nunnery was founded for Gentlemen's Daughters, who might either take the Habit or go off with a Portion of 2 or 300 libs. This Lady of Sir John's elder Sister[1] is Lady Abbess of the English Nunnery at Graveling.

Nov. 2 (Wed., Quarto Nonas Novembris).

Commemoratio omnium fidelium defunctorum.—*Mart. Rom.*

This is commonly called All-Souls' day.

Valerius Andreas, in his Bibliotheca Belgica, p. 866, Ed. Lovanii, 1643, 4°, gives an Account of Richard Whyte of Basingstoke and his Writings, but mentions no more than 9 books of his History, so that even then the 10th and 11th Books (which my Friend, Mr. West, hath) were extremely scarce. This Verderius [*sic*] was a Roman-Catholic, and his Book is excellent. But he says nothing about a Book that Pitseus, pag. 107, says this Whyte wrote about St. Ursula, printed at Doway, anno 1610. Pitseus (it seems) had this Life, and had read it. I should be glad to know something particularly about it, & whether any notice be taken in it about a MS. of Geffry of Monmouth, with the Life of St. Ursula in it, that is mentioned as being in the Vatican Library by Baronius in his *Martyrologium Romanum*, & of this MS. Life the said Baronius made good use. Ask Mr. West whether there be any Thing about St. Ursula either in the 10th or 11th part of Whyte's History of Britain.

Nov. 1, 1726. H. to A. Francke (Diaries, 114. 7). Received Macrobius on Oct. 21. 'I wish you had given us an Edition of this Author, as you formerly told me you fully design'd; and, indeed, it was that Undertaking of yours that made me take the Pains to collate him.'

Nov. 2, 1726. B. L. Calvert to H. (Rawl. 14. 54). Apologizes for delay in writing. [For part of letter, see Diary, Nov. 28, 29.] Has written to Mr. Paston about the copy of the old writing.

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[1] [i. e. the elder sister of this lady of Sir John's.]

Nov. 3 (Th., 3tio Nonas Nov.). Thomas Goldwell, Bp of St. Asaph, a Person of a holy Life, and great Learning, who, for the sake of Religion (for he was a Roman Catholick), went beyond Sea after Q. Eliz. came to the Crown, & he died at Rome, writ an Account of St. Wenefrid and of the Holy Well, & the Antiquities thereof, in Flint-shire. But I am uncertain whether it was ever printed. Perhaps Mr. West may have an Opportunity of inquiring. The said Bp Goldwell was very much esteem'd by Card. Baronius, and other eminent Men. See Baronius's Marty. Rom., sub Nov. 3tio.

Dr. Rawlinson (in a Letter from Lond. of Nov. 1 last) tells me that my reflexions on Mr. Moyle, at the End of John of Glastonbury, have raised on me a Nest of hornets, but he says by what is already printed, their satyr is as edgeless as their endeavour strong to say something spitefull and unreasonable: such a Coryphæus of the party must be defended at all events, and everything sacrificed on such an occasion to spleen. *Some pretended* (says the Dr.) *to affirm that there was not only venom in your Works, but rank treason. One la Roche, a French Huguenot, who patches for the booksellers a piece he terms*, Memoirs of Literature, *I am informed* (continues the Dr.) *intends not to let you pass by unremarked in his next labours for bread; but Hackney Writers, and such kind of Cattle, are mushrooms of an hour's growth, and forgot almost as soon as born. These* (adds the Dr.) *are some Notices I picked up in conversation, as one cannot always chuse one's company, and one lays under obligations to bear with impertinencies.*

In the latter End of 1700, I sent the College Writings of Shottesbrooke (that I had borrowed of my Couzin, Stephen Edwards) to my best Friend and Patron, Francis Cherry, Esq., who promised (after he had perused them) to restore them to my Couzin.

I do not find that my Couzin had any Writings in his Custody of the Custos's or Wardens.

Mr. Creech (Fellow of All-Souls College) hanged himself in the year 1700. He was one of the most applauded Wits we had, and for several curious Pieces deserved well of the Common-Wealth of Learning. By the Coroner's Inquest he was found *non compos mentis*. The Evidence for it was very good, being such as had observed him to be melancholly for some considerable time. He was upon a new Edition of the ancient Father, Justine Martyr, and had prepared several Materials for it.

Nov. 4 (Fri., Pridie Nonas Nov.). From the Reading Post for Mond., Oct. 31, 1726:—

London, Oct. 27. Yesterday the Rev. and Learned Dr. Hare was elected Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral and on Monday next will be install'd.

NB. This Dr. Hare, who was before dean of Worcester, succeeds in the Deanery of St. Paul's Dr. Godolphin, who hath resign'd. Dr. Hare is

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Nov. 3, 1726. H. to R. Rawlinson (Rawl. 111. 159). Inquired about the parcel, but Mr. Wilmot had received none: 'so that I fear a Trick.' Was the Life of St. Ursula in the Vatican Library ever entirely printed, and of what antiquity is it? Would be glad of a copy of the printed fragment of his letter relating to the antiquities of the Grey Friars. It was not in R. R.'s former parcel. [Note by Rawlinson:—'Recd, 4 Nov.; answd, 5 Nov. 1726.']

a Cambridge Man, & some time since put out Terence in 4to after w^{ch} D^{r}. Bentley put out another Ed. in 4to also, in w^{ch} falling upon D^{r}. Hare, the said D^{r}. Hare hath defended himself in a 4to Pamphlet in Lat., and uses as opprobrious Language as Bentley.

On Friday last (Oct. 21[1]) died in Bedford-Row the Hon. M^{r}. Ashley, a Person of great Learning and Probity, who, tho' descended from a Noble Family, yet was contented to be obscurely good.

Nov. 5 (Sat., Nonis Nov.). On Thursday last (Nov. 3^{d}) was entered Commoner of St. John's Coll., Oxon. (under the Tuition of M^{r}. Smith, Fellow of that College), M^{r}. Philip Hales, Son of Sir John Hales, Baronett, by his second Lady. He is 16 years old, but will be matriculated only æt. 15, as I understand. M^{r}. Allen of Kent (who came to see him entered, for he had been, for some time before, under the care of M^{r}. Samuel Parker) told me he was 16, but the young Gentleman himself told me he was only 15. He is a very pretty Youth, and of very great hopes, being much inclin'd to Books. He told me (and so did M^{r}. Allen too) that he hath two Aunts, who are Sir John's own Sisters, that are Nuns at Roan, of the order of poor Claresses. He had another Aunt (Sir John's Sister also), viz. M^{rs}. Anne Hales y^{t} was a Nun of the Augustin Order at Paris, who is now dead. This M^{rs}. Anne Hales (who was a wonderfull fine, beautifull Creature) died when she was about 35 Years of Age. M^{r}. Allen hath a printed Copy of Verses upon her. 'Tis supposed that she was deeply in love with some body that was beneath her, and that to avoyd Matrimony she retired to a Nunnery.

S^{r} Norton Knatchbull had a Folio MS., w^{ch} must be of great use, thus intit. in S^{r}. Norton's Auction Cat. (inter MSS., p. 7) (in my Study x 10), *D^{r}. Rich. Zouche's Privileges of the University of Oxford, collected into a Body*, 1659. And in pag. 8 there is mentioned to be among his MSS., A Chronicle of England in English Verse, on Paper, fol.; & num. 157, John Norden's Abstract of the General Survey of the Soke of Lindesey, in the County of Lincoln, with all the Mannors, Townships, Lands, and Tenements within or belonging to the same, being a parcel of the Dutchy of Cornwall, 1616, fol.

Nov. 6 (Sun., Octavo Idus Novembris). M^{r}. Willis of Whaddon-Hall told me last night that M^{r}. Francis Peck, who is printing the Antiquities of Stanford in Lincolnshire, which he calls *Academia tertia Anglicana*, was formerly his Servant. For being a poor Servitour of S^{t}. John's Coll. in Cambridge (I think M^{r}. Willis said his Mother was a poor Woman that work'd for her Bread, being a sort of Semstress), M^{r}. Willis took him to his House at Whaddon before Slyford was with him, where he

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Nov. 5, 1726. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 49, 50). Has lately met with some curiosities at Coventry, of which he encloses a catalogue. Account of two pictures he has purchased. Subscribes for Adam de Domerham. Wants H.'s Account of Antiquities between Windsor and Oxford, 1725.

Nov. 6, [1726]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 15). [See Diary, Nov. 17, 18. Note by Hearne:—'Rec^{d}, Nov. 8th, Tuesd., 1726.']

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[1] [Added by Hearne.]

wrote for him, & drew some Things, he being an expeditious Scribe, and good at drawing. After some time Mr. Willis discovered him to be a Villain. For he not only preached in a certain Church without being in Orders, but betray'd the Family Concerns of Mr. Willis, who thereupon quite discarded him. He is a Batchelour of Arts, & is now a Clergyman. He hath got some good Papers of other Men's, particularly of one that is dead, & formerly undertook the Antiquities of Stanford, & by the help of these he may make a good Book, he being himself (what Mr. Willis acknowledges) a Man of Parts, & no mean Scholar, tho' very conceited.

Mr. John Dryden, the Great Poët, was buried in Westminster Abbey, among the old Poëts, in May, 1700, being carried from the College of Physicians, where an Oration was pronounced by the famous Dr. Garth, in wch he did not mention one Word of Jesus Xt, but made an Oration as an Apostrophe to the Great God Apollo, to influence the Minds of the Auditors with a wise, but, without doubt, Poëtical Understanding; and, as a Conclusion, instead of a Psalm of David, repeated the 30th Ode of the 3d Book of Horace's Odes, beginning, *Exegi Monumentum*, &c. He made a great many Blunders in the Pronunciation.

Nov. 7 (Mon., 7mo Idus Nov.). Yesterday were Newnham-Courtney, Stanton Harcourt, and Wightham Feasts.

On Thursday last were elected Fellows of All Souls College (there being two Vacancies) Mr. Shuckborough, Bach. of Arts of Christ Church, and Mr. Frederick, a Commoner of Univ. Coll. So that tho' the three Gentlemen of Balliol College that were elected by a Majority last Year, but were all rejected by the Visitor, stood again this Year, yet no Regard was had to either of them, to the no small Vexation of Dr. Harrison, their great Advocate, whose Interest is wholly sunk in the College, as well as in most other Places.

Nov. 8 (Tu., 6to Idus Nov.).

Romæ via Lavicana natalis sanctorum quatuor coronatorum fratrum, Severi, Severiani, Carpophori, & Victorini, qui sub Diocletiano Imperatore ictibus plumbatarum usque ad mortem cæsi sunt.—*Martyrolog. Rom.*

Dies hic quatuor martyrum coronatorum (quibus ecclesia Romæ dicata fuit) olim apud Oxonienses etiam magno cum honore observabatur, id quod colligo è Kalendario veteri Oxoniensi.

Nov. 7, 1726. H. to R. Rawlinson (Rawl. 111. 161). Received R. R.'s of the 5th. Has inquired again about the parcel, but Mr. Wilmot has received none: concludes there has been a trick. 'I have not seen my Ld Winchelsea's Character, I having disused the Coffee-House for many Years.' Thanks for remark about *Incensa Batavorum Classe*. Has heard much of Henley, but has not the curiosity to read anything of his. Received the MSS. Mr. Lewis designed for him. 'I have not read the *Terræ Filius*; but that Paper wch relates to my Prosecution was given me, and I cannot but say there is too much of Truth in it. I have not seen the Apology for Moyle against me, nor heard any Thing of it but what you write. I congratulate you upon your Discoveries at the Broker's Shop. I should be very glad to hear of a Compromise with respect to your Late Brother's Affairs. If Things come to the Lawyers, God knows when there will be an end.' [Note by Rawlinson:—'Recd, 8 Nov., 1726. Answerd, 10 Nov., 1726.']

Mr. Allen of Kent tells me that the finest Parochial Church he ever saw is Wrexham in the County of Denbigh, the Tower of which is very large and very high. On the North side of the said Tower are 12 Statues, in four Ranks, one above another, all intire. On the West Side of it are nine Statues, in 3 Ranks, one above another. K. David's Picture, pretty well done by a modern hand, is in the West End of the Church. Within 2 or 3 Miles of it is Gressford Church, almost as big and as fine, excepting the Statues, as the other. It is a Country Village, the other is a Market Town.

Mr. Prescot (who was Student of Xt Church, and is Son of Mr. Prescot, the Antiquary) hath (as Mr. Allen informs me) an old Picture of St. Werburg in Glass. It is fix'd in one of the Windows of his Study in his Parsonage House, within 3 or 4 Miles of Chester. Mr. Prescot hath also an ancient Silver Bracelet or Collar.

Alderman Minshull of Chester (who hath been Mayor and is now Alderman of ye City of Chester) hath a great Genius to Antiquities. He was formerly a Bookbinder. He now lives upon his Estate. He hath (as Mr. Allen tells me) an old Seal of K. John, found in some old Rubbish. He bought it of a Mason, or some common Man, and he hath cleansed it well. The Walls of Chester are intire, and are near two Miles in Circuitt, and the Walk upon the Walls is fine.

Nov. 9 (Wed., 5to Idus Nov.). Yesterday being the Visitation of the Bodlejan Library, the Speech on that occasion was spoke in the Natural Philosophy School by Mr. Blakeway, M.A., Student of Xt Church, and Master of that College School.

This day I writ to Mr. Timothy Thomas, to see whether in that great Variety of Charters in my Ld Oxford's Library there be any one relating to the Foundation, or to the Endowments of Muchelney Abbey, of which Abbey there is nothing in the Monasticon but a short Extract out of Wm Malmesb. Nor can I hear of any Thing (for I have not the Book) about it in Stephens.

Nov. 10 (Th., 4to Idus Nov.). This day I writ to Mr. Calvert, putting him in mind of what he told me about his Uncle Pastone's being a very curious Gentleman, who hath many Writings of great Value, among which is one (of which I would fain have a Copy) by which *duodecim denarii annuatim* were given *monachis Ecclesiæ Sancti Andreæ de Bromholme ad emendacionem librorum dictæ Ecclesiæ.* But perhaps it may be too much trouble for Mr. Calvert to procure it me. Mr. Calvert told me also that the Brother of Mr. Pastone's Lady hath many old, valuable Writings. I wish I had some account of what they are.

I told him that Baronius hath made good use of a Life of St. Ursula in a MS. of Geffry of Monmouth that he tells us is in the Vatican Library. Had Mr. Calvert seen this MS., his great Curiosity would have prompted him to have taken Notes from it.

Nov. 11 (Fri., 3tio Idus Nov.). Last Night I spent the Evening with Dr. Stratford at Christ Church, at his Lodgings, no body else but Mr. Whiteside being with us. The Dr. said that he heard Dr. Hickes

declare to his (Dr. Stratford's) Couzin Sheldon at Xt Church, that he (Dr. Hickes) was not the Author of *Some Discourses upon Dr. Burnet and Dr. Tillotson; occasioned by the late Funeral Sermon of the former upon the later:* but that Mr. Lesley was the true Author, tho' Dr. Burnet in his Answer to it (wch Answer, by the bye, is very poor) had made him (Dr. Hickes) to be the Author. I took particular Notice of this, because, indeed, I always took it for granted (and so did all I have talk'd with about it) that Dr. Hickes writ this Book, and so I told Dr. Stratford, but Dr. Stratford still urged what he had heard Dr. Hickes himself declare. There is another shrewd Book (wch I have quoted in pag. 417 of the vith Vol. of Leland's Coll., as I had done the former at the beginning of Mr. Dodwell's book *De parma Equestri Woodwardiana*), wch Mr. Lesley wrote, and this might occasion the Mistake.

Dr. Stratford said Mr. Mattaire was in good earnest about his Design of publishing the *Marmora Oxoniensia*, in order to wch the Dr. either had lent or would lend him his Copy, corrected by Dr. Mill, and my Ld Oxford would lend him his Copy noted by Dr. Smith. This last is really my Book tho' it never came to me. And so I told Dr. Stratford. However, what I have among Dr. Smith's MSS. Papers is more considerable than any Thing there is in it. The Dr. was urgent I would let Mr. Mattaire have the use of Dr. Smith's Papers. I told him I could not, the Dr. himself having left them wholly to my use, to be seen by no one. He then said Mr. Mattaire should let me have a Copy of Prideaux, to insert any Thing from Dr. Smith's Papers. I told him I would do no such thing, but when Mr. Mattaire's Ed. was printed, I should be glad to see it before 'twas published, and then I could act as I should see proper. After all, I take it at present that Mr. Mattaire is not in good earnest. If he be, he should examine all the Stones anew. For truly Dr. Mill (and so I told Dr. Stratford) was no Judge, and had little or no Skill in Affairs of this Nature. Dr. Stratford said Mr. Mattaire was the most proper person living to publish these *Marmora*, because of his Skill in the Greek Dialects. This is little to the purpose. The chief Thing is to copy accurately, and this Mr. Mattaire (I fear) is not capable of, at least he is much blamed for the little Exactness he shews in the Books he publisheth.

Nov. 12 (Sat., Pridie Idus Nov.). From The Reading Post for Mond., Nov. 7th, 1726:—

London, Nov. 1. Yesterday the Rev. & Learned Dr. Francis Hare was installed Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral; and afterwards gave a very genteel Entertainment to all belonging to that Church at the Chapter-House.

They tell us from Ivelchester that on Tuesday, the 25th of October last (when we had a great deal of small Rain all day long at Oxford [1]), about seven in the Morning, they felt a great Shock of an Earthquake, which shook the People in their beds; but the Prison felt it most.

Nov. 12, 1726. T. Girdler to H. (Rawl. 6. 100). Desired Dr. Ballam [?] to pay the money. 'My old & faithfull servant, Booth, is dead.' Directions for sending book, when finished. Is removing from Johnson's Court to James St., Westminster.

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[1] [The words in parentheses are Hearne's.]

Nov. 13 (Sun., Idibus Nov.). On Thursday, the 3d of this Month, this Year, was hang'd at Tyburne Anthony Drury for Robberies on the highway (he having particularly robb'd the Bisseter Waggon of a great Sum of Money, &c.), in the 28th Year of his Age. After the Death of Mr. Harrison, late Chaplain of Christ-Church, and Minister of Magdalen-Parish in Oxford, his Widow (an elderly body, tho' Mr. Harrison was a young Man), who was Daughter of Mr. Arthur Violet (who had been Esq. Beadle of Div. of the Univ. of Oxford), was married to this Drury, who married her purely for her Money, a great deal of wch he soon spent, and so left her. He was a person of a good natural Understanding, and might have liv'd in great Reputation, and very happily, he being very famous for curing smoaky Chimnies, for which reason he was commonly called The Chimney Doctor, and got considerably by this Practice. But after he was married to Mrs. Harrison, she thought such a Profession too low, and would therefore have had him to leave it, wch he declin'd. This, and the Difference of their Age (she being an old Woman to him), as well as her cross, ugly humours (wch kill'd her first Husband, who was a mighty good natured Man) made him very uneasy, and conduced to his Ruin, to say nothing of his having another Wife, with wch he was charg'd in Newgate by the Minister of Newgate, but wav'd it, and would not give a direct Answer. He was born at Norwich, of honest, creditable Parents, who gave him good Education for Business, and instructed him in the Principles of Religion. At the place of Execution he appear'd with abundance of Courage; he said King, the Waggoner, was the only Person who put him upon Robbing the Bissiter Waggon, as also the Banbury Waggon, and his own Wife of 4 l., but that he got only 2 or 3 s. from her. He complain'd of his Wife's Unkindness, but forgave her. He call'd to a Gentleman at the place of Execution, and gave him some Directions relating to his Estate. He also gave several Advices to the Spectators, desiring them to live Holy, Virtuous, and Godly Lives; and he hop'd to be sav'd thro' the Merits of Jesus Christ, and died apparently Penitent.

My Ld Abercorne (whose Name was Hambleton, and he was Earl of Abercorne) was try'd for Murther of his Steward, at the Summer Assizes at Oxford (the Murther having been done at Burford), in 1697. The Tryal lasted from 7 Clock in the Morning till 6 in the Evening. The Murther was clear. Yet, the Jury being brib'd, he was brought in not-guilty. They were also (especially the Foreman, my Lord ——) drunk. My Lord had many Friends that spoke for him, particularly the Duke of Norfolk, and Dr. Hough, Bp of Oxford. The Bp said much in praise of his former Life, as that he lived honestly, soberly, and peaceably; and the Duke said that he did not think that a Man who was formerly related to the Royal Bloud in all the three Kingdoms, as my Lord was, should presume to commit such an horrid Crime. This Ld Abercorne had before threatned several times to murther many others, and after he came off, he committed another Murther, and came to an untimely End in Ireland, as I have heard.

William Skinner, of the Parish of St. Martin's Vintry in the City of London, was buried there Aug. 31, 1719. He was born in the Parish of White-Waltham in Berks.

About the year 1704, a young Gentleman (a Commoner) of Magd. Hall, in this University, who was Son to the learned Dr. Inett, being drinking with 3 others, after they had drank Ale for some time, 'twas concluded to drink Brandy upon it; wch they did in such a Quantity that they all fell asleep. After some time 3 of them awoke, and found the other (Inett) quite dead, and he could never be recover'd, the Strength of both Liquors exhausting his Spirits. Richd Barlow, of the Parish of White-Waltham, died A. D. 1705, suddenly, having before drunk a considerable Quantity of Ale and Brandy.

Nov. 14 (Mon., Decimo octavo Kal. Decembris). Mr. Mattaire gives out very industriously that my lat[e] Friend, Thomas Rawlinson, Esqr's Books are worth ten thousand libs., wch is very justly look'd upon as a monstrous Price, and will, I fear, hinder them, even the MSS. as well as the rest (tho' 'tis the MSS. he aims at) from coming to my Friend, Dr. Richard Rawlinson.

My Sister, Elizabeth Hearne, died in July, 1699, being then of the Parish of Wockingham, or Ockingham, in that County, but she was buried in White-Waltham Church Yard, in wch Parish of White-Waltham she was born.

Nov. 15 (Tu., 17mo Kal. Dec.). On Nov. 9th last called upon me Edward Harley, Esq., late Gentleman-Commoner and Master of Arts of Christ-Church (Son of Auditor Harley), he being going with his Lady (Sister of Mr. Morgan of Tredeager) into Wales. This Mr. Harley is a fine Gentleman, being much given to Books, and a Friend to Scholars. He hath one Son (being his first Child) about a Quarter of a Year old, by his Lady, who is a very great Fortune to him.[1]

Nov. 14, 1726. H. to R. Rawlinson (Rawl. 111. 163). Received R. R.'s of the 10th. Went to all the Oxford booksellers, but could learn nothing of the packet: fears it is irretrievable. Thanks for the Apology for Moyle. Knows of nothing material written against Dr. Woodward's Shield, and sees no reason for him to be concerned about a Defence. Hopes R. R. will not lose Mr. May's assistance, notwithstanding his retirement. 'To be sure, as he is a good and able Man, he will do you what service he can upon all occasions. I cannot see why Mr. Mattaire should give out such extravagant Prices, unless it be for the sake of somebody that is to be serv'd.' Wishes a compromise could be made. [Note by Rawlinson:—'Recd, 15 Nov., 1726.']

Nov. 15, 1726. H. to [E. Bayly] (Rawl. 39. 134). Mr. Bingham's friend paid for John of Glastonbury, and the book was delivered to him. 'I am sorry you who are so capable cannot find time to write a little Discourse upon the Chichester Inscription. Wt I writ long since was design'd to attend some such Discourse of yours, but now I find I shall not have so good Company . . . [hole in MS.] have writ I intend to print (if I am not hindered), and at the same time shall publish your Copy [of the] Inscription. For wch reason I have not return'd the Plate, & [for ye] same reason I shall keep your Notes also by me some time longer, & consider them before I print my own short Remarks.'

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[1] He hath another Son since.—Dec. 6th, 1727.

Nov. 16 (Wed., 16° Kal. Dec.).

Cantuariæ in Anglia S. Edmundi Episcopi, cujus sanctitatem Deus miraculorum magnitudine declaravit.—*Martyro. Rom.* Obiit A. D. 1246. eumque Innocentius Quartus inter Sanctos recensuit. Sic Baronius.

Secundum Godwinum aliosque hoc ipso die (16° Nov.) vitam cum morte commutavit, quo tamen non obiisse sed translatum fuisse commemoravit Kalendarium Oxoniense. Aberravit Baronius de anno obitus. Decessit enim è vita, A.D. 1242. At Whartonus monuit hoc etiam falsum esse. Nam docet è multis auctoribus vetustis eum obiisse 16 Cal. Decembr., A. D. 1240, auctoremque ejus vitæ vetustæ MS. lapsum esse in Collegio S. Trinitatis Cantab., qui obitum ejus ponit xvi Cal. Novembr., & sepulturam xi Cal. ejusdem Mensis. Vide Whartoni Angl. Sacr., Vol. i, p. 11, & p. 58, & p. 115.

Nov. 17 (Th., 15° Kal. Dec.).

— In Britannia sancti Hugonis Episcopi, qui ex monacho Carthusiano ad ecclesiam Lincolniensem regendam vocatus, multis claruit miraculis, & sancto fine quievit.—*Martyrol. Rom.*

Obiit A. D. 1200, hoc ipso die, juxta Godwynum, cui suffragatur, ut jam vidimus, Martyrologium Rom. At Sept. 14, A. D. 1200, accidisse narrat Trivetus; 16 Nov. R. de Diceto, sicut citavit Le Neve. Martyrolog. Rom. sequimur. Et recte. Neque refragantur Kalendaria vetera.

Mr. Baker tells me, in a Letter of the 6th, that he had deferr'd answering my kind Letter, in expectation of seeing My Friend (Mr. Heber), not then come, who, tho' their College (of St. John's at Cambr.) be so unusually full that some of the Scholars are oblig'd to lodge in the Town, yet he shall endeavor to accommodate as well as they can.

Dr. Macro (he says), whom I spoke of, has left the College some time ago, so that he has not had an opportunity of viewing his MSS., but if he is not mistaken, they do not belong to him, but to a Friend of his name in Norfolk.

The Book, he says, I mention'd of Nic. Carr, is indeed a great Rarity, if it be the same that was valu'd in one of Mr. Gyles's Catalogues at 10 sh., at which price Mr. Baker sent for it, but it was dispos'd off the very day before he receiv'd his Letter. Had it been his, tho' he should have put a great value upon it, yet (Mr. Baker says) it should have been freely at my service. He never could meet with it in any Sale of Books before.

Nor does Mr. Baker know whether that Life of St. Ursula be any where printed which I spoke of at the End of G. of Monmouth in the Vatican, but there is a Life of St. Ursula printed in Surius, Tom. v, at

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Nov. 16, 1726. J. West to H. (Rawl. 17. 62). [For part of letter, see Diary, Nov. 21.] 'The Famous, or rather Infamous, Edmund Curl hath lately printed two Letters in defence of ye Late Mr. Moyle (one addressed to You, the other to Mr. Serjeant, who published his Posthumous Works), wrote by himself. In which You & Mr. Dodwell (whom all good and Learned men must ever esteem) are treated with equal rudeness & virulence.'

Nov. 17, 1726. W. Bedford to H. (Rawl. 14. 33). Directions for sending letters to Sir Philip Sydenham at Scarborough. Glad H. has got his book from Mr. Francke. [For rest of letter, see Diary, Nov. 24.]

October 21, under the following Title: *Illustre Martyrium Sanctissimæ Virginis Ursulæ et undecim millium Virginum, quemadmodum in pervetustis MS. Codicibus extat, incerto quidem, sed docto Authore, eoque non sane recenti, sed antiquo.* The Continuators of Bollandus have yet gone no further than the Month of June, that Mr. Baker hath met with.

Nov. 18 (Fri., 14° Kal. Dec.; The Octaves of St. Martin the Bishop). In the same Letter Mr. Baker tells me that Dr. Middleton of Cambridge corresponds with one Fontanini, an Author & a Roman Prelate, & having occasion to write to him that week (in wch Mr. Baker's Letter is dated), he would make Enquiry after that Life & MS. He says that learned Prelate would be glad I would give a new Edition of the rest of Wm of Malmesbury's Historical Works, as well as his Hist. Glaston. But that, Mr. Baker presumes, will be out of my way, so he only mentions it. He (Fontanini) says (from what Authority Mr. Baker does not know) a new Edition of Malmsbury was intended by Bp Usher. Mr. Baker judges rightly that 'twill be out of my way to publish the other Historical Pieces of Malmsb. I shall leave that to some body else that hath access to, and convenience of consulting, the MSS. I lately saw in Mr. West of Balliol College's hands a MS. of Wm of Malmsbury's Life of St. Dunstan, but I only just saw it. It seem'd to contain nothing but what we have already in print about that Saint. But I cannot judge, unless I had perus'd it [1], wch was not offered me. Archbp Usher made many Collections about our Antiquities & History. Divers of his Adversaria are in Bodley (by the Gift of the late James Tyrrel, Esq.), & I have some others, tho' mine are not so considerable as those in Bodley. In those in Bodley, as I remember, there are many Things relating to Wm of Malmesb., but I cannot, at this distance of time, recollect whether there be any mention in them of his designing to put out Malmesbury.

Mr. Baker observes to me (upon my mentioning Michelney Abbey to him) that there is nothing in Captain Stephens (whose Book about Abbeys I have not) concerning Michelney Abbey, that he could meet with. In Reyner's *Apostolatus Benedictinorum*, &c., pag. 212, is the following Passage: *Abbatiæ, quorum Prælati non habebant sedem in Parliamento, computabantur tamen inter Barones Regni Spirituales.* The tenth in Order is, *X. Abbatia S. Petri de Muchelney in Comitatu Somersetensi, valoris 498 lib.* And in the Appendix, pag. 68, *Abbas de Muchelney* stands nam'd in Letters of Protection from Edw. the first, an. R. 22, amongst a great many others of that & other Orders. In the Acts of a Chapter of that Order (viz. Benedict.), an 1340, *Abbas de Muchilney* is again nam'd, p. 105. And again, in a Taxation, *Abbas de Muchelney*, Pag, 110 of the Appendix. 'These are little things (says Mr. Baker) hardly worth the mentioning, & wch possibly you may have seen already; I only mention 'em to show my readiness, if I had somewhat better.'

At the writing that Letter Mr. Baker observes that Mrs. Bedford was then there, admitting her youngest Son, a pretty Youth, at wch I am very glad, that College being a very worthy College, where I could wish many others were entered, if wishing would do it.

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[1] Mr. West hath since given me the MS.

Nov. 19 (Sat., 13° Kal. Dec.). From the Reading Post for Mond., Nov. 14, 1726:—

London, Nov. 10. We hear from Oxford that the Rev. Mr. Charles Leaden is presented to the Vicarage of Chesterton in Oxfordshire, vacant by the Resignation of Mr. John Burton, Schoolmaster of Winchester College.

Some days since died at his Chambers in Gray's Inn, the Rev. Mr. Bishop, a non-juring Clergyman.

NB. This Mr. Bishop, whose Christian Name was William, was a very honest Man, & was of Trinity College, Oxford, as a Member of wch he took the Degree of M.A., Febr. 19, 1683. Dr. Charlett used to call him his Couzin Bishop. He did not like Anthony Wood's way of writing Lives, so that being once talking with Anthony, Anthony told Mr. Bishop he would write his Life. 'Prithee Anthony,' says Mr. Bishop, 'hast a mind to have a good Cudgel,' upon wch Anthony forbore.

Nov. 20 (Sun., 12° Kal. Dec.). John Bracy was Abbat of Mochelney in Somersetshire. But I cannot tell in what year, nor in what Reign. I find mention of him thus in a MS. of Divine Offices, lent me by my Ld Bruce:—

Explicit Te Deum ex conversione venerabilis dompni Johannis Bracy, Mochelnie abbatis, in honorem Sanctæ Mariæ.

So that perhaps he was a Writer. According to some K. Ina was the 1st Founder of Michelney Abbey, according to others K. Athelstan, An. 896 or An. 839, *Leland's Coll., vol. i, p.* 78, *& vol. iii, p.* 71. The Church there was founded by K. Alfred; *Leland's Coll., vol. i, p.* 26.

NB. K. Athelstan began to reign A.D. 925, & reign'd 16 Years, dying A.D. 941. Hickes's Thes., Vol. 2, p. 185. So that the Dates must be wrong, as they are also in the Monast. And for A.D. 840 in Tanner's Notitia, p. 51, should be rather 940.

Nov. 21 (Mon., 11mo Kal. Dec.). Mr. West informs me, from Lond. of the 16th inst., that Mr. John Murray is gone to my Lord Oxford's at Wimple, where wthout doubt he will see very great Curiosities.

Mr. West hath some Extracts made out of the Leiger Book of Christ's-Hospital in Abbington, 1638, containing short Memoirs relating to Jeffrey Barbour, Sr Peter Bessills, & Sr John Mason, wch, if they will be of any use, he will send me. As he remembers, there is something of this kind upon the Tabula hung up in the present Hospital there.

NB. I shall be glad to peruse these Extracts, tho' I suppose they might be taken from the same Leiger Book that I have quoted, pag. 198 of the ixth Vol. of Leland's Itin., in wch Vol. I have also printed the Table at large, Mr. Leland himself having taken some Notes from it.

Mr. West at the same time tells me that he had seen that day a Noble book, finely printed, with a great Number of beautifull Cutts, in a large folio, wch, because he takes it to be a very great Rarity, he hath sent the Title, viz. *Succinct Genealogies of the Noble and antient howses of Alno or de Alneto, Broc of Shephale, Latimer of Duntish, Drayton of Drayton, Manduit of Werminster, Greene of Drayton, Vere of Addington, Fitzlewes of Westbornedon, Howard of Effingham, and Mordaunt of Turvey. Justi-*

fied by publick Records, Antient & Extant Charters, histories, & other authentick Proofs, and enriched with divers Sculptures of Tombs, Images, Seales, & other Curiosityes, by Robert Halstead. London, printed in the Year of our Lord MDCLXXXV. (Mr. West judges rightly that the said book is a very great Rarity. I do not remember any thing distinctly about it, but I think I have seen it. I would fain have some short account of this Haulstead, who and what he was, & whether he was a Man of Learning.)

If I want any thing to be consulted or transcribed in the Cotton Library, Mr. West desires me to let him know, and he will get it done, for he lives close to it almost.

At the writing that Letter, Mr. West was then looking over Sr Thomas Sebright's Catalogue, where if he finds any Thing that he thinks will please me, he will let me know. I know not what Catalogue that is, tho' I suppose it contains the MSS. as well as printed Books of Sir Thomas's Library. I should be glad to see this Catalogue my self, tho' perhaps it may not be granted.

Nov. 22 (Tu., 10° Kal. Dec.). The following Particulars were told me by Mr. Allen, Rector of Murston in Kent, on the 8th of this Month, he being then in Oxford.—Mrs. Anne Hales, a Nun of the Order of St. Augustin, at Paris sur la Fossé, was the Daughter of Sir Edward Hales, Governour of the Tower in the Reign of K. James II, in whose Time he was also Collonel of a Regiment. She was his eldest and favourite Daughter. He had resolv'd to give her ten thousand Pounds, if she would have married a Gentleman Sir Edward had in View, of three or four thousand Pounds per an., a Gentleman of an unexceptionable Character. But she declin'd all Overtures of that nature, for reasons guess'd at, but not known, and so retired to a Nunnery, where she perform'd two Years of Probation at her Father's Request (he being very unwilling she should take the Habit), before she was admitted a Nun. When she entered, she was about 22 Years old, and she died aged about 35. She was a most beautifull, healthy Woman, and virtuous, and very ingenious, and so well bred that no body was more fit for a Court. Her two younger Sisters are Nuns of the Order of St. Clare, at Roan in Normandy. Sir Edward was afterwards sorry (as was the whole Family) that he had put them to a Nunnery of that poor and rigorous Order. He was first induced to it by the Subpreceptor of him that they call the Pretender, who pretended that the poorer the Nuns are, they are so much the better, and will consequently go the sooner to Heaven. This Subpræceptor was a covetous Man himself. They have been sickly ever since they were Nuns. Sir Edward Hales lays buried at the English Augustin Nunnery at Paris beforementioned, and his foresaid eldest Daughter is buried there too. Mr. Massey, that was Dean of Christ-Church, was Confessor to the Blew English Nunns at Paris, & in that Nunnery he is buried. He hath been dead 10 or 11 Years.

Elbertus, sive Engelbertus, Leoninus, vulgò de Leew, uxorem duxit Barbaram de Haze, filiam Johannis, primarii Legum Professoris Lovanii. Vivere desiit an. 1598, prid. Non. Dec., annos natus 79. Vixitque in primo atque unico matrimonio annos quinquaginta duos. Superstes vidua annis 37 marito supervixit.—*Valerii Andreæ Bibliotheca Belgica*, p. 179.

Nov. 23 (Wed., 9mo Kal. Dec.). In the old Oxford Kalendar or Almanack (before the Reformation) which I have, the Winter is made to begin upon this day.

From the Reading Post for Mond., Nov. 21, 1726:—

London, Nov. 15. Some days since died at Paris the Countess Dowager of Derwentwater, Mother to the late Earl beheaded on Tower Hill for High Treason.

Lond., Nov. 17. On Monday (Nov. 14) died at his House in Clarges Street, Rich. Atherton, of Busey in Lancashire, Esq.

NB. This young Gent. was a few Years since Gentleman Commoner of Brazen-Nose Coll., where M^{r}. Hall, a Non-juring Clergyman (a very honest Man) of my Acquaintance, resided for some time, on purpose to direct & look over him, tho' he had besides a College Tutor, & by this Management it was hop'd he would have proved a very honest Gentleman; but leaving the College, he married, and became a vile Whig, & good just for nothing, as I am well assured.

Nov. 24 (Th., 8vo Kal. Dec.). M^{r}. W^{m} Bedford, in a Letter from London of Nov. 17 last, tells me (upon my consulting him) that he verily believes D^{r}. Hickes to have been the Author of the book I mention'd to him (viz. that I have spoke of above, p. 25), and he dares venture to affirm it for many very good reasons. But he can't at present (he says) gather any certainty from his father's papers, they being (all relating to D^{r}. Hickes) in his Brother Smith's hands. However, he will ask him when he writes next. NB. I must remember to remind M^{r}. Bedford of this, for I would fain be fully satisfy'd.

Nov. 25 (Fri., 7mo Kal. Dec.). This day I writ to M^{r}. James West, now at London, desiring him that (since he had generously offer'd either to consult or transcribe any Thing for me from the Cotton Library, near to w^{ch} he is) he would be pleased to look into Julius F. x. 13 in that Library, being *an Account of the foundation of several Monasteries in England*, and see whether there be any mention in it of Michelney Abbey in Somersetshire.

Nov. 26 (Sat. 6to Kal. Dec.). On Wednesd. last (being the 23^{d} instant) one young Complin, an Apothecary of Cat-Street, was married to a Sister of M^{r}. Powell the Beadle, he having been an Apprentice in that Family, and following the Business in the Family since the Death of the two Brothers that were Apothecaries. This young Complin is a thin Man. His Father died of a Consumption something above 20 Years since. His Mother hath continued ever since a Widow.

Yesterday died M^{rs}. Hanley, Wife of M^{r}. Hanley, a Bookbinder of All Hallows' parish in Oxford. This Hanley was her 2^{d} Husband, her

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Nov. 26, 1726. R. Graves to H. (Rawl. 6. 146, 147). Sends the imperfect Froissart and another old MS., which he begs H. to accept, also the Life of Thomas à Becket, and the Black Book of the Exchequer. [See Diary, Dec. 1. Preceding this letter is an extract from the Cartulary of Kenilworth Priory, 'penes Ric. Graves,' 1726, and following it is a note by Hearne, dated Nov. 28, acknowledging the receipt of the MSS.]

first being Mr. Smith, a Bookbinder, who died soon after he married her. She died of a Miscarriage. She was one of the Daughters of the late Widow Marshall of Oxford, & was a pretty sort of a Woman.

Mr. Yatman, a Roman Catholick, that hath a little Estate at Sandford, near Oxford (being a thatch'd House), & some Land, lives at Rid Merley in Worcestershire. Quære whether he was not born at Rid Merley.

The Clark of Stanton Harcourt's Name is Wheeler. He is an old Man, and hath been Clarke there more than 30 Years. He hath a Daughter married at Stanton St. John's.

Nov. 27 (Sun., 5to Kal. Dec.). Mr. Baillardeau, the Frenchman, told me last Night that one Mr. Solicoffré de St. Gal, a young Gentleman from Switzerland, hath been some Months in Oxford, & will stay a good while longer, being come purely for the sake of Study. He is a person, he says, of prodigious Industry, very great Sobriety, of a vast genius to Languages, such as Arabick, &c., and addicts himself wholly to Books, keeping very little Company.

Mr. Baillardeau at the same time told me that he hath been often at Cæsar's Camp by East Hampstead, near Ockingham in Berks., and that he and some others took care to dig much there at the Request of my late Friend, John Bridges, Esq., to see if any Antiquities could be discovered there. But nothing of that nature occurr'd. Nor could he ever hear that any Antiquities had been there found. I told him of a Silver Trajan I had, said to be found there (tho', after all, I look upon it as otherwise), and of a Place there call'd Wickham Bushes. From the Form, I take it to have been a Danish Camp. Mr. Baillardeau said it was never call'd Cæsar's Camp 'till the Reign of K. James II, who, happening to be hunting in these Parts, fell into that Camp, and his Attendants told his Majesty the Place should be call'd Cæsar's Camp, wch, accordingly, it hath ever since.

Mr. Benj. Cooper, Register of the Univ. of Oxford, died at the Beginning of Febr. in $170\frac{9}{1}$, and his Son George was elected in his stead, & is still Register.

Nov. 28 (Mon., 4to Kal. Dec.). Yesterday, at Evening Prayer Time, Mrs. Hanley was buried in All Hallows' Church Yard.

Mr. Calvert tells me, in a Letter from London of the 2d inst., that he cannot yet hear of Magliabechi's Catalogue, nor has he yet learn't that Mr. Campbell (a learned Gentleman, that generally resides at his Brother-in-law Mr. Brerewood's, near Windsor) has been either an Editor or an Author, tho' he knows he has been often concern'd as an inspector to Editions, and as an Help to some Authors. He was particularly concerned in the Translation of Abbé Terracon's Critical Dissertation on Homer; wch is the book I want to see, and wch Mr. Calvert hopes to send me as a present.[1]

Ad finem fol. 21 a. Nicolai Carri orationis de paucitate Scriptorum Britannicorum (in Muséo Ashmoliano, inter Codices Ant. à Wood, num. 710. 1), inter alia hæc decerpta sunt ex Præfatione Gualteri Barkeri, in

[1] Mr. Calvert hath since sent it me.

Spicilegium Ed. Grantæ. Dicta autem Oratio excusa est Londini, A. D. 1576, 8vo.

— Cum illum (Joannem Juellum) dico, Cranmerum, Parkerum, — Balæum, Foxum, Fissherum, — Lambertum, et innumerabiles alios videor nominare, qui quamvis non tam multa, multum tamen exararunt. Illud enim maximum decus in Oratore, et Theologo est βραχὺς εἶναι ἀλλὰ ἐν βραχεῖ πολλὰ περιέχειν. Nam ut non necessariò infertur conclusio, magnus est ergo sapiens est: sic neque doctrina alicujus vel magnitudine operis, vel infinitate laboris, aut voluminum turba semper est æstimanda.

Nov. 29 (Tu., 3tio Kal. Dec.). Mr. Calvert (in the Letter I mentioned yesterday) tells me that the MS. of Geffry Mon. made use of by Baronius in the Vatican, is what he often enquired after, but never could get a Sight of it.

Upon my desiring Mr. Calvert's Brother Edward to ask of him if he had collected any thing relating to St. Cuthbert in his Northern Journey, he tells me he only set down in his Notes the Heads and Titles of some MSS., having very little time then to transcribe. He hath lookt back on those Notes he then made, and finds nothing particularly relating to St. Cuthbert, but part of the following MS. He gives it in the Words as he enter'd it.

In Bibliotheca Ebor.

Lib. *MS.* sine titulo, incipit, *Generali nomine regio Northanymbrorum*, &c. Sequitur, De antiquo et moderno statu Haugustaldensis Ecclesiæ. *Est in Northanymb. provincia haud procul à Tyna*, &c. Seq. Quat. Pag. de reliquiis Dunelm. Seq. 'Libellum de Miraculis et ortu Sancti Cuthberti secundum Ethelredum, Abbatem Rievall', et Reginaldum, monachum de Coldyngh, directum Priori et conventui Ecclesiæ Dunelm.' Seq. alia de Ecclesiâ et Episcopis Dunelm., &c.

Mr. Calvert says I know best whether this tract of the life of St. Cuthbert be publish'd.

Nov. 30 (Wed., Pridie Kal. Dec.; St. Andrew's day). One Mrs. Anne Toff, Wife of William Toff, Cloth-worker, of the Town of Godliman, within 3 Miles of Guilford in Surrey, was deliver'd of 9 Creatures resembling Rabbits, at several times in the Month of October last, and since that she hath been delivered of 8 more, in all seventeen. All Papers are full of this, as are also many private Letters, and 'tis so well attested by several Chirurgeons, Physicians, and others (among wch is Mr. John Howard, Chirurgeon and Man-Midwife in Guilford, who deliver'd her, Women Midwives being, after one Rabbit came from her, afraid to proceed), that no doubt is made about the Truth of the Fact.[1]

Dec. 1 (Th., Kal. Dec.). On the 28th inst. I recd from Mr. Graves, of Mickleton in Glouc.shire, a MS. Copy, in folio, of the Black Book in the Exchequer, wch Mr. Graves hath been pleased to lend me. He says he could heartily wish I would undertake the publishing this MS., for it is certainly the most antient List of the Nobility and Gentry of the Kingdom that we have upon Record, next to Domesday Book; for altho' it was

[1] A Cheat. See below, p. 132.

drawn up in the time of K. Henry the 2d, it is rather a List of the Nobility in the Reign of K. Henry the 1st, there being enter'd therein a much greater Number de veteri Feoffamento then de novo Feoffamento; besides, it is not only a bare Catalogue of Names, but there is a great deal of Curiosity and Variety in the Prefaces to the Returns of their respective Charters. At the Beginning is the will of K. Henry the 2d, and at the End is a remarkable Paper relating to the Honour of Bologne, and to the Constitution of the King's Houshold. The Original Copy is among Sr W. Dugdale's MSS. in the Muséum Ashm., *wch be sure* (says Mr. Graves) *you might borrow of Mr. Whiteside, to collate it therewith.* Indeed Mr. Graves had it written out fair, in order to print it himself some years agoe; but could not with Conveniency attend the Press, and was unwilling to put it into a Bookseller's Hands, &c.

In answer to this, I must tell Mr. Graves that I am willing to undertake the publication of this Book, provided he will get it first of all nicely collated, wch he may do without making the least use of my Name, the mention of wch might, perhaps, prove an Obstruction to my Design. It will be the best way to keep it as a Secret 'till I come to execute this Design, at wch time I may occasionally inspect the MS. at the Muséum my self, as I shall meet with any dubious passage. Mr. Graves may be as expeditious as he can in this Affair, & 'tis possible, when he comes to Oxford, he may have an Opportunity of comparing it himself. I know not what Encouragement there may be for this Book. I must also desire Mr. Graves to send me a short History of this MS., I being a stranger to it.

Dec. 2 (Fri.). On Wednesday Night last, about eight of the Clock at Night, died of a strong Feaver Mr. Martin, a Gentleman-Commoner of University College, of about a Year's standing, a sad drunken, wild youth.

The same day died Mr. Beckford, the Paper-Maker, of Wolvercot.

Wm Holwell, of Exeter, Esq., tells me, in a Letter of October the 17th last, that in the Perillous Times in Buckland Filleigh Church in Devonshire, there lyes one Mr. Owen, that was Minister there, and over the West door, on a Copper Plate, are these words, Mia, Goda, Gida. There is likewise over his Grave an Inscription, but that so obliterated as not to be legible.

Dec. 3 (Sat.). Mr. John Beckford of Wolvercote, who died of the Gout in his Stomack on Wednesday Night last, was buried in Wolvercote Church to-day. He would have been compleat fifty nine Years of Age, had he lived 'till twelfth day next, he being born in the Year 1667, at Drayton, near Dorchester in Oxfordshire. His Father is buried in the Chancell of Wolvercote Church, & so is a younger Brother of his, viz., Thomas Beckford, who died of the Gout some Years since, in the 44th Year of his Age. Mr. John Beckford hath left a Widow and four Children, & is died rich. Two of these Children are Daughters, one of wch is unmarried, the other, a very pretty Woman, was married to one Mr. Perrot, a Millener of Oxford, who died soon after he had married her,

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Dec. 3, 1726. J. Anstis to H. (Rawl. 1. 103). [See Diary, Dec. 6. Note by Hearne:—'Recd. Dec. 4, Sund., 1726. Answered, Dec. 5, Mond., 1726.']

very suddenly, after wch she was courted by one Mr. Hind, a Lawyer of Oxford, who would fain have had her, but she could not be prevail'd with, & so she married one Holbech, a sort of Merchant in London, or rather, a distiller and seller of strong Liquors, who proves a very sorry Husband. She hath had two Children, both Girls (I think one was by her 1st Husband, she being delivered after his Death), the second of wch she was brought to bed of about a Month before her Father died. Mr. Beckford hath left a younger Brother, who is Butler of Trin. Coll., Oxford, of wch Coll. he was before Cook, an honest, sober Man, and single and rich, & I am told made his Will some time ago, in wch he hath left each of the 4 Children of the before-mentioned Mr. John Beckford two hundred Pounds, that is, eight hundred Pounds to all of them.

Mrs. Bishop, the Wife of Jerry Bishop that keeps the Fish House at Godstowe, and is Nephew of the said Mr. Beckford's Mother, who died a very old Woman a few Years ago, is 39 Years old next Sunday, i.e. tomorrow come sennight, she being born the shortest day in the Year, as she says, Anno 1687.

Dec. 4 (Sun., Pridie Non. Dec.). Mr. Fetherston, who now lives at Mr. Young's beyond Fawley in Berks., is a Grey Frier, and was Confessor to Mr. Robert Eyston, & lived in his House at East Hendred till he died. He is a very worthy Man, & a good Scholar.

Young Mr. Eyston, eldest Son of my late Friend, Charles Eyston, Esq., married, about August last, the Daughter of one Mr. Hawkins, a Kentish Roman Catholick Gentleman, a very agreeable, pretty young Woman, of about Mr. Eyston's Age, viz. little more than 20, but she was not above a 1000 libs. Fortune, Mr. Eyston having many Brothers & Sisters, that are to be considered out of his Estate. He lives (with his Lady) at Hendred with his Mother.

From the Reading Post for Monday, Nov. 28, 1726:—

London, Nov. 23, 1726. We hear that the Reverend Dr. Gilbert, Sub-Almoner to his Majesty, is made Dean of Exeter, and Arch-Deacon of the same, in the room of the Reverend Dr. Trelawny, deceased.

This Dr. Gilbert is only a Lambeth Dr., and is Canon of Xt Ch.

John Norrys, Esq., was Lord of the Manour of Heywood in Berks., June 8th, anno reg. Eliz. 16.

My Brother George was living in March 18, 169¾.

Jane Blackwell, of the Parish of White Waltham in Berks., buried there, Aug. 11th, 1693.

Dec. 5 (Mon., Nonis Dec.). On Friday last, in the Afternoon, was a Convocation for electing a Minister of some West Country living, wch falls to the University upon account of the Patron's being a Roman Catholick, in the Room of Mr. Charles Reeve, M.A., late of New Coll., who is dead. This Mr. Reeve took the said Degree of M.A., June 14, 1707. He married one Mrs. White, Sister of Mr. White, the Chymist of Holywell in Oxford. He drank very hard, wch ended his Life. His Wife is living. Candidates were Mr. Bourn, Chaplain of Corpus Xti Coll., & Mr. Quick of Christ Church. Mr. Bourn is much the Senior. They are both Masters of Arts. Mr. Bourn had 130 Votes, & Mr. Quick only 98.

Magd. Coll., & Univ. Coll. struck in with Corpus. Mr. Bourn had been formerly of Univ. Coll., Dr. Charlett being his Uncle. Balliol Coll. struck in with Christ-Church.

A. D. 1698. A Charter passed the Seals, for the making Glocester Hall in Oxford a College, by the name of Worcester College. Sr Tho. Cook gave for that End 10000 lib., and Dr. Woodrof pretended to be a great Benefactor. Sr Tho. committed the care of that business to the Bp of Worcester, Dr. Stillingfleet. But Dr. Woodrof put into the Charter that the King should have Liberty to put in, and turn out, the Fellows, at his pleasure, wch displeased the Bishop very much, who said that Kings have already had enough to do with our Colleges. Upon this it was reported the Bp would alter his purpose, and give the Money to some other place in this University. And Dr. Mill, Principal of Edmund Hall, said that if it should so fall out he did not question but he should get it for Edm. Hall; for Bp Stillingfleet nominated that place at first as most fit; and Dr. Mill had abundance of more Interest, too, with the Bp than Dr. Woodrof. But soon after I heard that things were settled again between the Bishop and Dr. Woodrof, by reason of a Paper drawn up, which annull'd what was inserted in the Charter with relation to the King; and thereupon the Business went forward, & after some Years it was fully ended, & Gloucester Hall became a College, notwithstanding the Contrivances of the late Dr. Lancaster to have it at Magdalen-Hall.

Some Years since, at Hart-Hall, a very scandalous Act happened. About the Year 1697, a Gentleman entered himself Commoner, and with him, at the same time, another person Gentleman-Commoner of that Hall. These two were Chamber-Fellows, or (as the common Phrase is) Chums. But, it seems, the Gentleman-Commoner was not really of the Male, but Female, Sex; and therefore she was properly to be called a Gentlewoman-Commoner. She dressed herself in Man's Apparel, and so passed, without any suspicion, till some time, for a Man; for, the Commoner performing her Exercise for her, she accompanied with, and did all things as, the other Scholars. And she had continued longer undiscovered, had not she been found with Child, by means of her Copulation with the foresaid Commoner. She lay in in November, 1698, in the West Part of the University, I think in the Parish of Cairfax. I remember the story full well,[1] but I cannot tell what became of the Commoner, tho' I think he was convey'd off, otherwise he would have been expell'd.

Dec. 6 (Tu., 8vo Idus Dec.). On Saturday last Mr. Anstis put into Dr. Mead's hands, to be sent to me, three MSS. of the Life of Hen. V, viz. that beginning *Lucerna*, whence he got a piece transcribed for his Essay upon the Bath, while he was in the Country, where he now finds the Copier mistook *Dominicam passionem* for *passionis*, which, however, will not alter the sense. The other MS. contains part of the History of Basset, which by the Inscription was carried on to the time of the death of Sr John Fastolf, but Mr. Anstis does not know where the whole is to be found. The third MS. is doubtless (as Mr. Anstis observes) the Collection made by that early Historian, Antiquary, and Astronomer,

[1] [MS. 'fell.]

Will. Worcester, or Wircestre, and continued by his Son. Of these there are several things in Mr. Anstis's life of Sir John Fastolf, which is in Corpus Xti College Library, Oxon., to wch Mr. Anstis can add several other materials, if I should have occasion for them, and, indeed, he is satisfyed that there is no foundation for the conjecture he there made, that his name Botoner was assumed with any relation to his being an Officer of Arms to Fastolf, because he hath since found that the Father of this first William called himself also Botanor from his Mother. Mr. Anstis is induced to conjecture that this Collection was made by these Worcesters, not only because on the back of a leaf towards the beginning of this MS. there is a direction to Mr. Worcester, but as there are two letters bound up in it, directed to Sr John Fastolf himself. It contains divers pieces of value and Curiosity. There is a Kalendar of this Worcester in the Bodleian Library, as Mr. Anstis notes, and this I have often seen and perused, but 'tis not to my purpose. Mr. Anstis hath given a receipt for these Books to the Heralds' Office, making himself liable for the safe return of them, and hath obtained a Minuit made in their Chapter, that I may have any of their old Historians to be published, which will be of ease, because, as they are a Corporation, they cannot do any thing of this nature without such an Order. He says if I print Tho. Elmham's Verses, I will have some diversion as well as trouble in the Numeral letters, the Acrosticks, the Rebus's, &c., for there are Verses distinct from the Prose History. As he takes it, there is a book in the Cotton Library, entituled, *de Heuricis*, that will be of service to me in these lives. As that part of our History from Rich. 2 is the most obscure, he wishes I would print as much as I can find of these Ages. Whatever he hath I may command. Both the Letters to Fastolf are very curious; if I should print that about the battle of St. Albans, wherein several Officers of Arms are mentioned, he can give me some Notes thereon, having transcribed it several years since. NB. This Letter of Mr. Anstis to me is dated at the Heralds' Office, Dec. 3, 1726. NB. I leave the said two Letters, wch are in French, & many other Things of that kind, to Mr. Anstis himself, it being his business to publish them, as he hath Things of that kind, particularly abt Sir John Falstolf.

Dec. 7 (Wed., 7mo Idus Dec.). Mr. Gilbert Lake, Vicar of Chippenham, Wilts., tells me, by Letter of Sept. 5 last, that a Gentleman, near them, has upon his Sun-dial these 4 letters, H. B. M. P., which he affirms to be abbreviations upon pieces of Antiquity; he is resolv'd not to discover their meaning, and Mr. Lake says they are not wise enough thereabouts to find it out. I writ him word I knew not the meaning. These Letters in old Sepulchral Monuments signify, *Heres bene merenti posuit.* But that signification can have no place here.

Dec. 8 (Th., 6to Idus Dec.). From the Reading Post for Monday, Dec. 5, 1726:—

London, Dec. 5. Last Week died Dr. Thomas Tudway, Professor of Musick in the University of Cambridge, above 70 Years old. He was Organist of King's College and Pembroke-Hall; the former of which Places he enjoy'd above 50 Years. He was a Man of good Note for his skill in Church Musick.

This Dr. Tudway was look'd upon as a very honest Man, & suffered several Things on that Account in the time of Q. Anne.

The Woman that has been deliver'd of 17 Rabbits at Godalmin is come to Town by Order of his Majesty, and is lodg'd at the Bagnio in Long-Acre, where there is a great Resort to see her.

Mr. Martin, mentioned above, pag. 67, was carried out of Oxford on Saturday last, in order to be buried at Reygate in Surrey. He was just two Years' standing in Oxford. His Mother is living. He was an only Child, at least, an only Son. Quære?

Dec. 9 (Fri., 5to Idus Dec.).

Petragoricis in Gallia sancti Cypriani abbatis, magnæ sanctitatis viri.—*Martyrol. Rom.*

He is put into the Oxford Almanack for the Year 1677, wch Almanack, I am apt to think, was done, in great measure, by the Direction of Mr. Obadiah Walker, Master of University College, who was very intimate with Bishop Fell, insomuch that the Bp was in many Things governed by him 'till such time as Mr. Walker proved to be a Roman Catholick, wch conduced, as many say, to the shortening of the Bp's Life.

Mr. Anstis, in a Letter from Bath of the 8th of October last (for he was then at that Place for his health), told me that as soon as he got to the Heralds' Office, wch would be in a little time after his return to Putney, he would take care to deliver the Books he mentioned about Henry V to Mr. Murray, our friend. For he says he thinks he got an Order entred in their Chapter books formerly for that purpose, otherwise he must stop for a Chapter. NB. Since that Letter Mr. Anstis is gone to the Heralds' Office, but, instead of Mr. Murray, he hath delivered the books to Dr. Mead, Mr. Murray (I understand) being out of Town, either in Hartfordshire, or else at my Lord Oxford's at Wimpole, whither Mr. West told me he was gone. The Books being in Dr. Mead's hands, I suppose I shall now have them in some short time, the Dr. having told me that he would have me, by all means, make the Life of Hen. V from these MSS. my next Work, tho' my Design upon this part of our History is what I first propos'd my self, and that, too, above a Year ago, when Mr. Anstis was then in Oxford, & much approv'd of what I mentioned, adding that he would, for that end, send his MS. beginning *Lucerna*, &c.

In the same Letter Mr. Anstis tells me that there is in the Harley Library a folio MS. containing Livius, Elmham, & some other Memorials of Hen. V, 'wch book,' saith he, 'Dr. Mead will doubtless endeavour to procure for you'; and then, he says, I might make a very handsome volume; but he knows no other Copy of the *Lucerna* besides that in the Heralds' Office, or of *Basset*.

At the same time, he observes that Mr. Oldsworth is possibly of opinion that the Manuscript of Mr. Thinne is a single Copy, and consequently of greater value. But if it be entituled the Advocate and Antiadvocate, He will find that by Mr. Anstis's Quotation Mr. Anstis hath a transcript of it; and Mr. Anstis supposes some one or other will comply with the Request that he (Mr. Anstis) made in the Essay of the Knighthood of the Bath, by

publishing it. Mr. Anstis says he could easily add several Explanations & notes, & he thinks it wants also some Corrections.

Dec. 11 (Sun., 8tio Idus Dec.). Mr. Eeedes, Gentleman-Commoner of Edmund-Hall, says himself that he is twenty six Years of age.

Memorandum that tho' I writ my Letter to Dr. Fullerton yesterday, I did not send it away till to-day, the Post not going to London yesterday.

Mr. Thomas Hinton, Rector of Lasham in Hampshire, tells me in a Letter from thence, Aug. 21, 1726, that he is a perfect Stranger to Adam de Domerham; but he hath a few remarks on the Antiquitys of Glassenbury, which he designs to bring with him to Oxford.

Mr. George Parker, the Astrologer, was born August the 9th, Anno 1654.

Dec. 12 (Mon., Prid. Id. Dec.). Yesterday, in the afternoon was found drowned in one of the Ditches of the Holly Bush at this hither end of Botley Caussey, one Hicky, an old Irish man, a Glover, who lived in the Alms House by Xt Church. He had been formerly a Souldier many years. His Wife died a few Years since, & is buried in St. Peter's Ch. Yard in the East. It is supposed he fell into the Ditch on Saturday Night last late, it being a dismall, wet, slippery Night, & he having been seen drunk then at Botley.[1]

On Thursday last, in a Convocation, Mr. William Cole, one of the Sons of Mr. Cole, the Nonjuror, who looks after the Clarendon Library at Cornbury, was created Dr. of Physick by Diploma, there being but two or three against it. He hath good Business in the Practice of Physick, Dr. Mead having been his great Friend.

Being in company last Night with Mr. Sanford of Balliol Coll., and some others, and the English Copy of Ant. à Wood's Hist. and Antiquities of Oxford being mentioned, Mr. Sanford said more than once that it would be published by some Gentleman, but who the person is he would not tell, tho' I suppose it may be Mr. Wise, the Keeper of the University Archives, the MS. being now in the School Tower, by the contrivance of the late Dr. Gardiner, tho' it really belongs to the Ashmolean Muséum.

Mr. Tottenham & Mr. Isham, Fellows of Lincoln College, were with us.

Dec. 10, 1726. H. to Dr. William Fullerton (Diaries, 114. 86). 'As your acquainting me first with Mr. Walden's Legacy (for I knew it not before) was extremely kind, so 'tis still as kind that you offer to receive the Money for me. I very readily and thankfully embrace this Offer.' Has drawn a bill in the form W. F. prescribes, to be shown to the gentlemen who are to pay it. Service to Mr. Bowdler. [See Diary, Dec. 11.]

Dec. 10, 1726. H. to Humphrey Orme and Walter Pryse (Diaries, 114. 87). Desires them to pay to Dr. William Fullerton the sum of £40 in part of the legacy left him by Mr. Lionel Walden.

Dec. 10, 1726. J. West to H. (Rawl. 17. 61). [See Diary, Dec. 20.] 'Browne Willis is in Town: his book is just finished.' [This letter is wrongly dated Nov. 10. Note by Hearne:—'Recd, Dec. 11th, Sund. Night, 1726. Answer'd, Dec. 20, Tuesd., 1726.']

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[1] NB. He was buried in St. Thomas's Church Yard.

They told us that having been very lately in Essex and at London, they saw in Westminster Abbey a very fine honorary Monument, with an Inscription, to the Memory of the late Dr. Grabe, who lays buried in St. Pancras Church Yard. It is erected (it seems) by the care and at the charge of the late Earl of Oxford.

The present Earl of Oxford hath lately presented my Friend, Mr. Timothy Thomas, to the Living of Prestein in Radnorshire, worth at least four hundred Pounds per Annum. Mr. Samuel (lately Student of Xt Church) expected it, and I am well informed that he would certainly have had it, had the present Earl of Oxford's Father been living. I have heard that the present Earl offered it to Dr. Stratford, but that the Dr. declined it, & desired that his Lordship would be pleased to confer it upon Tim. Thomas.

Dec. 13 (Tu., Idib. Dec.). My Friend, William Bromley, Junior, Esqr's Lady was very lately delivered of a Son, being her second Child.

Dec. 14 (Wed., Decimo nono Kal. Jan.). From the Reading Post for Mond., Dec. 12, 1726:—

London, Dec. 7, 1726. His Majesty hath been pleased to grant to the Reverend Dr. James Stillingfleet the Deanery of Worcester, void by the Resignation of the Reverend Dr. Hare, now Dean of St. Paul's.

On Saturday Morning last (Dec. 3d) died the Reverend Mr. Ellison, first Reader of the Church of St. Martin's in the Fields.

This Mr. Jos. Ellitson[1] died also Fellow of Queen's Coll., Oxford. He took the Degree of M.A., July 4, 1712.

Last Sunday Morning, Dec. 11th, Dr. Bouchier, Principal of Alban Hall's Wife was brought to bed of a Daughter, being her second Child.

Dec. 15 (Th., 18o Kal. Jan.). On Sept. 26, 1726, Mr. Calvert told me that he hath an Uncle call'd Mr. Paston, who is a very curious Gentleman. He is a Roman Catholick. He lives at Pauntley in Gloucestershire. He married Mr. Calvert's Aunt, viz. the Lady Anne Calvert. She is his second Wife. His Estate (at least, the greatest Part) is Abbey Lands, and thrives with him, as it is a general Observation that Abbey Lands thrive in Roman Catholick Hands, tho' not in others. Mr. Charles Hyde is Chaplain to him. Mr. Paston's Son married Mrs. Courtney, a Lady of great Understanding & Virtue. They were married in 1725. Her Brother (who is a Protestant) hath many old, valuable Writings. Mr. Calvert then told me that the Great Tithes of Kipling, near Richmond in Yorkshire, belong'd to the Priory of St. Agatha, i.e. *Richmond juxta.* The foresaid young Mr. Paston (William Paston, Esq.) lives at Horton, near Badminton in Gloucestershire. This Horton belong'd to the Church of Salisbury.

Mr. Calvert at the same time told me that in the Cathedral Church of Gloucester (in the Chancell) on several Tiles of the Pavement is, *Dompnus Thomas Sebrok abbas.*

At Gloucester is a Monument, call'd K. Osrick's. But Mr. Calvert

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Dec. 15, [1726]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 16). [See Diary, Dec. 22.]

[1] i. e. Elliotson.

gave good reason, from the Crosses and flour de Luces being in the Crown, to think that it is long after the Conquest.

Mr. Pauncefoot is Minister of Pauntley in Gloucestershire.

Dec. 16 (Fri., 17mo Kal. Jan.). This day is commonly called *O Sapientia.*

From a Paper that was given me by the honourable Ben. Leon. Calvert, Esq., on Sept. 26 last. This Paper was written by Mr. Calvert's own hand.

Extracts of Old Charters, taken from an old Pedigree of the Family of *Paston*, in wch they are thus inserted :—

Copies of Deeds from an old Leiger book pertaining to the Abbey of Bromholme, Temp. Henr. 2di.

[The copy of a grant from Richard de Paston to the Abbey of Bromholm, printed in *Adam de Domerham*, p. lviii, is omitted here.]

In an old Book, supposed to appertain to William Botimer, Wurcester Herald of Armes, & Executor to Sr John Fastolfe, Knt, wherein are most of the Norfolk Pedigrees, is writ as followeth :—

Obitus Willelmi Paston, filii Clementis Paston, 14° die Augusti, anno regni Regis Henrici 6ti 22°, *Litera Dominicali D.* Sed Memorandum quod dies Anniversarii sui tenetur semper die 13, quia 14 dies est Vig. Assumptionis beatæ Mariæ, et iste Willelmus fuit ætatis 66 annorum, et natus fuit apud Paston. Moritur Londini. Sepultus Norwici. Et memorandum quod omnes antecessores sui, excepto Wulstano, qui venit in Angliam ad Willelmum Comitem Glanville tertio anno post conquestum, sepulti sunt apud Paston, in Choro Ecclesiæ et Porterio, et ipse Wulstanus sepultus fuit apud Baketon prope dictum Willelmum Glanville, ubi Abbathia de Bromholme primo fundata est.

This Will. was judge of the Common-pleas temp. Hen. 6ti, & had 110 marks & 2 Gownes, above the usual fee of his Office.

The said old Book mentions that the said Earl Glanville founded the Abby first at Baketon, where he and his Cousin were buryed.

Temp. Henr. 2di, Ricardus, fil. Radulfi de Paston, concessit et dedit Monachis Ecclesiæ Sancti Andreæ de Bromholme duodecim Denarios annuatim redd., &c., ad emendacionem libror. dictæ Ecclesiæ ; Vide Cart., &c.

Hen. 2d, Anno regni sui 18mo, 16 die Februarii, confirmavit donaciones Ricardi prædicti, fil. Radulfi de Paston.

These two deeds are copied from the Leiger Book of the said Abby. Robert the son of Ric. died 1252.

Hamelinus, filius Galfridi Plantagenet, Regis Jerusalem, Comitis Andegaviæ, ex Matilda Imperatrice, filia Reg. Henrici, fil. Conquisitoris, et frater Reg. Hen. 2, creatus fuit Comes de Warren, A. D. 1169.

Johannes, Norwicens' Episcopus, concessit licentiam Clementi de Paston oratorium privatum habere ad celebrandam missam. Dat. apud Thornaye, 6 Iduum Januarii, A. D. 1301, consecrationis suæ 3°.

Clemens Paston, qui obiit quarto Ed. 2di, tenuit unum Messuagium et terras de Abbate et Conventu Sancti Benedicti de Hulme, in villa de Paston et Knapton, solvendo quinque solidos septem denarios et ob. ann[u]atim.—Vid. Lib. dict. Mon., fol. 133.

John, Bishop of Norwich, gives leave to Clement, the son of Walter de Paston, to have a Chappell in his house. Dat. apud Henningham, quinto Calend. Augusti, A. D. 1314, Consec. suæ 14.✠Frater Johannes, &c.

Bromholme-Priory. Q.

This said Pedigree is wrote in Q. Elizabeth's time.

Dec. 17 (Sat., 16to Kal. Jan.). Within two Miles and less of Woodstock, is a little Village called Begbrook, from a famous Well dedicated to St. Begga, wch was in old Time much resorted to, as other Wells of the same nature were, and a little House or Covering was erected over it for the better Security of the Water. And there is no doubt but other Holy Wells had Houses or Coverings also over them. I am sure St. Margaret's Well, on the West Side of Binsey Church, had one, but it was pull'd down about the Year 1630, as I gather from some Remarks of Mr. Anthony à Wood that I have in a little Book of his, written by his own hand, and was very lately given me by Mr. Lancelot Hill, Butler of Queen's College in Oxford.

Mr. Timothy Thomas, M.A. and Student of Christ Church, and Chaplain to the Earl of Oxford, is preferr'd by the said Earl to the rich Living (at least four hundred Pounds per annum) of Prestein in Radnorshire, vacant by the Death of the former Incumbent. Mr. Samuel Palmer, late Student of Christ-Church, expected it, and I am well assured that, had the old Earl of Oxford lived till this time, Mr. Palmer (who is Son of the late Presbyterian Writer, Mr. Palmer) would have had it.

Dec. 18 (Sun., 15o Kal. Jan.). Above a Week since was entered Gentleman-Commoner of Edmund Hall one Mr. Murrowe, who was about two Years at Cambridge.

Yesterday was presented in Congregation to the Degree of Batchelor of Arts one Mr. Walters, a Gentleman-Commoner of Edmund Hall, whose Uncle is Mr. Greenway, that I have mentioned in my Glossary to Peter Langtoft. This Mr. Walters stood last Election to be Fellow of All Souls Coll., [1] but mist it, as he did also the next Election in 1727 [1].

Dr. Potter the Bishop of Oxford's Lady hath had ten Children. She lay in with the last about six Weeks since. About six of them are living. She is a very handsome Woman, about 33 or 34 Years of Age. She is descended (her Maiden-Name being Venner) from that villainous Rebell, Col. Venner, who was hang'd on Jan. 19, 1660. Both she and her Husband, the Bishop, are miserably stingy.

Mr. William Dale, of Queen's College, Oxford, who was look'd upon to be the most ingenious Man of that College, and another Master of Arts of the same House, died about Sept., A. D. 1697, of a violent and very odd Feaver that raged then in Oxford.

Dec. 19 (Mon., 14o Kal. Jan.). The above mentioned Mr. William Dale took the Degree of M.A., March 9, 1690. He was Fellow of Queen's Coll., and a great Tutor there. He was a sober Man, a good Preacher, and an hard Student. He was very carefull of the Youth committed to his Trust, and would constantly see that they came to Lecture, and did all other proper Duties. He was a Corrector for some time at the Theater Press, and then 'twas that he greatly assisted Mr. Jacob

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Dec. 17, 1726. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 225). Account of subscription-money received for Adam de Domerham. Sorry J. M. and Mr. Granger are so much indisposed.

[1–1] [Added later.]

Bobart in the iii[d] Volume of the Oxford History of Plants, taking particular Care about the Latin, in w[ch] Language M[r]. Bobart was not so well vers'd. I do not know of any Thing published by M[r]. Dale. But he left several good Papers behind him in MS., one of w[ch] I remember to have seen, being Tables & Explications of many Branches of Aristotle's Rhetorick. This, when I was an Undergraduate, I transcribed for the use of a Gentleman of Edm. Hall.

On S[t]. Barnabas's day, in the Year 1703, one M[r]. Will. Harding, of Trin. Coll., Oxon., who took the Degree of M.A. on Nov. 2, 1693, being to preach that day before the University, just before he was to perform the Duty, shot himself, and died immediately. He was an ingenious, jocose Man, but somewhat melancholly at certain Seasons. His Father was formerly Head-Cook of Eaton. His Uncle, M[r]. Michael Harding, had been Fellow of Trin. Coll., but was dead some time before, viz. soon after I came to Oxford, & his Books (an excellent Collection) were sold by Auction. The said Michael Harding took the Degree of M.A., Nov. 4, 1672, & that of B.D., Dec. 17, 1684. He was an ingenious Man, and an excellent Scholar, but intolerably proud. He was a furious Man against the Roman Catholicks, as I could gather from a furious Sermon he preached (the only one I ever heard him preach) at S[t]. Marie's upon the 5[th] of Nov., and yet some of his near Relations were of that perswasion, one of w[ch] was my particular Acquaintance, M[r]. Francis Harding, the Cook, a very honest Man, whose Death I have formerly mentioned, who used often to complain of the Haughtiness of his said Uncle.

One M[r]. Culley (a Barge Master of S[t]. Aldate's Parish in Oxford) hath a Daughter, a very pretty, jolly, neat Woman, that is now in the 29[th] Year of her Age, being compleat so much about March or April next. This young Woman (when she was 18 Years of Age) was married to one of the Sons of the late Alderman Nibb, but her Husband prov'd a sorry Rascal to her, and abus'd her in a most horrible Manner, so that they lived asunder; and he hath now been gone (he being at present a Souldier in the Guards) many Years. She hath had no Child by him. Her Father is 74 Years of Age, a brisk, hearty Man. Her Mother is 70 Years of Age, but tho' she hath been a lively, Nimble Woman (w[ch] made M[r]. Culley use to call her Mother Lightfoot) yet she is much broke.

Dec. 20 (Tu., 13° Kal. Jan.). M[r]. West tells me, in a Letter from the Inner Temple of Dec. 10[th] last, that he finds by looking into Leland that the Table I mentioned to have (been printed by me [1]) there, is the same with his Extracts, which are said to be taken out of a kind of Legger book, remayning at the New Hospitall of Christechurch in Abingdon, upon the xiiii[th] day of September, 1638, which book was written by one Francis Little, sometymes Mayor there, the 20[th] of September, anno Domini 1627.

Dec. 20, 1726. H. to T. Tanner (Draft, Diaries, 112, 1. Copy, Diaries, 114. 116). Thanks for procuring the loan of Dr. Macro's Register. Will take notice of the MS. in Adam de Domerham. Wants information about John

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[1] [The words in parentheses are Hearne's.]

Notwithstanding this, I shall be glad of an opportunity of seeing these Extracts, there being, it may be, something remarkable in them that may have escaped me.

Mr. West says he can as yet get no account of Robert Halstead; when he does, he shall not fail to communicate it. He says he hath never compared his MS. Life of St. Dunstan with the printed one, so he cannot say any thing on that head. Such as it is, he says, if I have any occasion for it, he will send it me. I know not what occasion I ever shall have for it, the mention of such Things happening to me very often when I am not aware. I wish Mr. West would examine Surius and Papebrochius and Bollandus, as well as our own Writers, & try whether there be any Thing momentous, that does not occurr there. I have not an opportunity of doing it my self.

He says The Account of the Foundation of several Monasteries in England (Cotton, Julius F. x. 13) contains only Short Notes of the Years of the foundation of some few religious houses, with the name of the Original Charter or Grant, on Two Sheets of Paper, & hath nothing in it relating to Michelney Abbey, which I mentioned. (I took notice of this MS. to Mr. West, on purpose to know whether there was any Thing in it about Michelney, wch is an Abbey that I can get very little Account of, neither Mr. Dodsworth nor Sr Wm Dugdale having met with any particulars (as far as I can learn) of Consequence concerning it. And yet 'twas a very old Abbey, and is mentioned as a mitred Abbey, tho' not one of the Parliamentary stated ones. K. Ina (as Leland notes) is said by some to have been Founder, tho' others (as Leland observes) tell us (and that I think more truly) that K. Æthelstan founded it. Ælfred the Great built the Church, as is likewise noted by Leland.)

Mr. West saith he hath run over Sir Thomas Sebright's Catalogue, which consists of a great Number of very valuable printed Books. He hath (saith Mr. West) a good Collection of our English Historians, but not many rare and scarce Things, wch he expected to find, among wch are a

Missale ad usum Ecclesiæ Sarum impress. in Pergameno. (I want to know the Date.)

Le premier Volume de l'Histoire de Lancelote du Lac & les Compagnons de la Table Ronde; Rouen, 1488.

Terentius; first Edition.

Durand's Rationale, printed on Vellom, 1459. (This I have often heard Dr. Foulkes speak of. There is an old one (but I think on Paper) in Balliol College Library.)

Lives of the Fathers, with their Heads, by Glover, 1640.

Fidelis Servi subdito Infideli Responsio, una cum Errorum examine in 7o Libro Nich. Sanderi de Schismate Anglicano, 1573.

Item Lib. 2s contra Sanderum. N.B. Sr Roger Twysden hath wrote in the beginning, *Written by Dr. Ackworth, a Civilian, as I have been assured by the Archbishop of Armagh & the Earl of Bath, anno* 1646, *but q. if he were not only Author of the Second Part.*

Bracy, abbot of Michelney. Hears that Mr. Ash, who is recommended for the vicarage of Broughton, is a man of vile character, and without University education. Asks T. T. to use his interest on behalf of Mr. Currer.

De Persecutione Anglicana libellus, cum figuris; 8° Romæ, 1582.
The Life of Christ, by John Hind, printed on Vellom, 1532.

His MSS. are chiefly
Rolls of Parliament, from the 1st of Rychard the Second to the eighteenth of H. 6, with many curious Remarks by Sr Roger Twisden.
Extracts from the Journals of both Houses of Parliament by Sr Roger Twisden.
A Collection of Speeches, Debates, & Observations in the Parliaments of Q. Elizabeth, by Sr Roger Twisden.
Charters and Donations from Henry the 1st's time to Edward the 3d's.
Journals of the House of Commons, in 35 Volumes.
Bracton de Legibus.
An old MS. in Vellom of St John's Revelation.
Chronicle of the Kings of France, containing many remarkable Things relating to the Kings of England. *A noble Book* in old French.
Chronicles, W. Malmsbury, Ran. de Higden, Wm Neubrigensis, Wm Thorn, Diversi Tractatus Monasterii Sancti Augustini Dorobern.
Historia Monasterii de Ramesey. (I should be glad to see this, tho', perhaps, 'tis the same that is printed by Dr. Gale.)
Notula de denariis Beati Petri in Anglia solvendis.
H. Huntingdon & Gyr. Cambrensis in pergamenis.
Transcripta ex libro MSo. de Abbathia de Stanlawe, nunc Whalley. (This I would likewise see.)
Vita M. Paris per Dominum Rogerum Twysden. (I know not what can be extraordinary in this, more than we have already. I should be glad to learn.)
List of High Sheriffs in all the Counties of England, from H. 2 to the end of K. James.
Concessæ & Chartæ Regum Archiep. Cant.
Epistolæ Beati Anselmi Archiep. Cantuar. (These Epistles Sr Roger design'd to have put out. As far as I can learn, there are many not printed. But of this I cannot be positive.)
An old Chronicle of England, beginning, how Engelond was first called Albyon.

Quarto MSS.:—
An antient Chronicle from Brute to Edw. 2d.
Robert de Avesbury. (This I have printed.)
Collectio Epistolarum Petri Blesensis, qui vixit temp. H. 2, 1160.
Vita Sancti Albani, Historia regis Offæ, & Gesta omnium Abbatum Sancti Albani Monasterii, in membranis.
These (Mr. West says) are all that he imagines would give me any pleasure.
I am inclin'd to think the Catalogue Mr. West hath seen is only of Sir Roger Twisden's Books, and, it may be, 'tis the very same with what I saw many Years ago, even before Sir Thomas Sebright had bought them. But Sir Thomas hath since purchas'd Mr. Badger's Books, as also the MSS. of Mr. Edward Lhuyd. I look'd over Mr. Badger's Study during Mr. Badger's Life, but there was very little or nothing to my purpose. I also look'd over Mr. Lhuyd's old MSS., as I did likewise

many of Mr. Lhuyd's own Writing, tho' I think several of Mr. Lhuyd's Papers were not among those MSS. when I had the View of them.

Dec. 21 (Wed., 12° Kal. Jan.; St Thomas). Yesterday I writ & sent by Post the following Letter to Dr. Tanner. [See at the foot of the page 239.]

Dec. 22 (Th., 11mo Kal. Jan.). Mr. Baker of Cambridge, in a Letter from St John's College there, Dec. 15th last, tells me that Mr. Parne (who is Fellow of Trinity College) has a Favour to ask of me, if it can be done without too much trouble by any Friend. He is told we have a Copy of Trin. Coll. Cambr. Statutes in the Bodleian. The Original of their Statutes is either lost or wanting, and the Copies vary, particularly at Cap. 41, *De Officio trium Lectorum Publicorum*, &c., where in the latter end of the last Paragraph are these words—*aut ab Academiâ amplius* 40ta *dies in annos singulos abfuerit, nisi gravissima causa per Magistrum dicti Coll. et majorem partem octo seniorum ejusdem approbanda obstiterit . . . . . quocunque scripto, autoritate, &c., non obstante.* Quære, If there be in the Bodleyan Copy any words to fill this Chasm, *& if there be* (says Mr. Baker), *you are desir'd to send the words.*

Mr. Baker begs my pardon for this trouble; Mr. Parne or he will do me as much service in any of our Libraries, if there be occasion.

Upon Receipt of the said Letter, I writ out the said Passage, & the next day went to see Mr. Combes (a Printer in Oxford, who is Uncle to Mr. Parne), & put it into his Hands, who said he would get some body to examin it with the Bodleyan MS., and afterwards would either give it me, or else send it himself to Cambridge. I first told Mr. Baker, & by him Mr. Parne, of the Bodl. Copy, after wch Mr. Parne writ to his said Uncle, who assured him, he having employ'd a Friend, that there is such a MS. in the Bodl. Library.

Dec. 23 (Fri., 10mo Kal. Jan.; St Victoria, Virg. & Mart. temp. Decii). From the Reading Post for Monday, Dec. 19, 1726:—

London, Dec. 13. On Friday Night the Vestry of St. Martin's in the Fields chose the Rev. Mr. Horseley their 2d Reader to succeed Mr. Ellison, deceased, a Clerk of the said Church, which is reckon'd worth about 300 l. per Annum.

From the same Paper:—

Lond., Dec. 13. Dr. (John Cockman[1]) of Maidstone was lately marry'd to Mrs. Dyke, Sister to Sir Thomas Dyke of Sussex, Bart.

Dec. 21, 1726. H. to R. Richardson (Rough draft, Diaries, 112. i). Has written to Dr. Tanner about the Vicarage of Broughton. 'I know not what Interest I may have with the Dr. in Things of this kind. It may be, little, or none.'

[Dec. 21], 1726. S. Gale to H. (Rawl. 15. 21). Sends subscription-money for John of Glastonbury and Adam de Domerham. [For rest of letter, see Diary, Dec. 25. It is dated 'Die Divi Thomæ.' Note by Hearne:—Recd, Dec. 24, 1726.']

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[1] [The words in parentheses are Hearne's.]

(This Dr. Cockman, who is younger Brother to Mr. Thomas Cockman, Master of University College, is a Man of sweet Temper, and is ingenious. He had a great Practise in his Profession of Physick at Maidstone. But his first wife being a great Fortune to him, upon her Death, or rather before, he left off his Practice & came and liv'd in Univ. Coll. in Oxford, of wch he had been formerly a Member. By the said first Wife (a pretty Woman) he had only one Child, a Daughter (a pretty young Girl) now living. As for Sir Thomas Dyke's Sister, she is not very young, but very agreeable, both in her Person and Temper, and tho' younger than the Dr., who is about 46 Years of Age, yet she is of an age suitable to his. Sir Thomas Dyke was a young Nobleman of Xt Church a few Years since.)

[1] Mary Toft, the Rabbit Woman from Godliman, is ordered to be prosecuted, upon the Statute of Edward III, for being a vile Cheat and Impostor. There is a very great Resort of all manner of People to see her in Tothill-fields, Bridewell.

Dec. 24 (Sat., 9no Kal. Jan. Out of the foresaid Reading Post for Monday, Dec. 19:—

London, Dec. 16. By Letters arriv'd on Wednesday (Dec. 14 [2]) from Tunbridge Wells came Advice that the Reverend Dr. Lupton, Preacher at Lincoln Inn's Chapel, Lecturer at the Temple Church, Fellow of Lincoln College in Oxford, and Prebendary of Durham, died there on Tuesday Night last (Dec. 13 [2]).

NB. He was not Fellow, when he died, of Linc. College, having relinquished that long since. This Dr. Lupton, who was first of Queen's College in Oxford, where he was Clarke, took the Degree of Master of Arts, as a Member of Lincoln College, July 1, 1700, that of B.D., Feb. 14, 1708, and that of D.D., Feb. 13, 1711. He was a studious Man, a good Scholar, and a good Preacher; but, I am told, there is something (I know not what) that is very singular, whimsical, and odd in his Will. He was a Man of a sickly Constitution, & he would be frequently complaining of his Health when he lived in Oxford, where he used to keep in very much on that account. He hath printed several Sermons.

Dec. 25 (Sun., 8vo Kal. Jan.; Christmas Day). One Mr. Zachary Pearce, a Cambridge Gentleman, who some time since put out a Piece of Tully, with a fulsome Dedication, hath just published a Sermon in 8vo, preached by him at London, at the Consecration of some new Church there, viz. in London, by Bp Gibson, at the End of wch he hath added an Essay about ye Original of Temples. In wch Essay he often quotes Dr. Potter Bp of Oxford's Antiquities of Greece, as if Potter had any Thing extraordinary, not observ'd before by Meursius, whereas, indeed, Potter is nothing but Rouse improv'd from Meursius, as any one may immediately perceive, that will give himself the Trouble of considering impartially. And whereas many very curious new Observations might have been made (several relating to the Greek Coins), Potter hath not made so much as one, the Study of those Coins, &c., being quite out of his way. This Pearce also speaks of Sir Isaac Newton as the Genius &

[1] See above, p. 63.

[2] [The words in parentheses are added by Hearne.]

Glory of this Isle, & makes him as great a Chronologer as he is a Mathematician. There is no doubt that Sir Isaac is a very great Mathematician, but in Chronology he advanceth Paradoxes & new opinions, and being no Classical Scholar (as I am well assured he is not), he must be at a loss for Reading, to know w^t^ the Antients delivered of such and such Affairs, and 'tis too late to begin Reading now at his great Age, tho' I cannot find that he much thinks of Death.

Yesterday one Anne Holder, a married Woman of S^t^. Thomas's Parish in Oxford (a Fruit Woman), happened to fall headlong into the same Ditch that Hicky (above mentioned) was drowned in, as she was filling a Bucket of Water, and it being a Floud, & the Ditch deep, & she, withall, very heavy (for she was fat), tho' many saw her drop, & ran immediately to her Assistance, yet she was taken up dead, the Waters having presently stifled her, by reason she fell upon her Face. She was about 47 Years of Age, and was a grievous swearing Creature.

On the 6^th^ of September last was put into my hands by Samuel Gale, Esq., who sent it by one M^r^. Wood (characteriz'd by M^r^. Gale as an excellent Designer, and whose Drawings, he said, are esteem'd by all the Conniseurs), a MS. History in 4^to^, written in English. In his Letter, dated at London, August 26, M^r^. Gale writes of it thus to me: *You may peruse & make use of it as you think fitt. I don't look upon it to be antient but He is just in his Quotations. It contains a remarkable Series of the Papal Usurpations upon this Kingdom, intermix'd with variety of Historical Facts, particularly the Holy Warr. The Author is unknown to me, but I guess it to be writt about the Reign of K. Charles I. I should be glad of your Sentiments upon it.* And in his Postscript he says, *I don't find that this MS. was ever printed.* Yesterday M^r^. Dobson (Brother of the Warden of Winchester, & Son of M^r^. Dobson, President of Trinity Coll., Oxon.) call'd upon me, & delivered me a Letter from the said M^r^. Gale, dated at Lond., Dec. 21 last, in w^ch^ he mentions the said MS., & says, *if it be of any Use to me, it's at my Service longer; otherwise he desires me to let M^r^. Dobson have it, who will take care to convey it to him. And, withall, he adds that he should be glad to have my Sentiments of it, when I favour him with a Line.* Accordingly, I put it into the Hands of the said M^r^. Dobson, who belongs to the Custom House, & returns next Tuesday (as he said), with a Letter, in w^ch^ I told M^r^. Gale that I had *read it half over, & no farther (& far enough, too), it being an indifferent Thing.* Indeed, the Author (whoever he was) was a Zealot & a bitter Enemy of the Roman Catholicks. It is a Rhapsody against them, consisting of a great deal of railing Stuff. It is collected from common printed Books, & is mixed with the Author's Reflexions. It treats of the Lives of the Popes & of our English Kings, but I do not think it fit to be printed. But if M^r^. Gale thinks otherwise, let him print it. It was writ about K. James or K. Charles I^st's^ time, as far as I can judge from what I read of it.

Richard, the Son of Henry Trigg, of White Waltham in Berks., was baptized the 27^th^ day of November in the Year 1661. *White-Waltham Register.*

Bro. W^m^ 1688.

John Watts, of White-Waltham in Berks., was buried there, Sept. 11^th^, 1698.

Dec. 26 (Mon., 7mo Kal. Jan.; St. Stephen). Yesterday Morning preached at Xt Church, before the University, Dr. Wm Bradshaw, Dean of Xt Church and Bishop of Bristol. I am told he made a good, practical Sermon enough, proper to the day. I do not remember that he ever preach'd before the University before.

On July the 6th, 1719, My late Friend, Charles Eyston, Esq., writ me word from East Hendred that since his return from Oxford (whither he came with his two Brothers to see me), he turned to a Passage or two in his Copy of Harpesfyeld's MS. (about the Divorce), which he remembered he had read in that of New College, when they were there togeather with me, and he was satisfyed there is little, at least no materiall difference between theyrs and his, and consequently that his is full as authentick as theyrs. *When you come over* (saith he), *I will lend you mine, to carry back with you.* NB. I had not the opportunity of taking it back with me, he dying (Nov. 5th, 1721) when I was about going to Hendred. I saw this MS. in his hands when I was at Hendred in June, 1720.

Dec. 27 (Tu., 6to Kal. Jan.; St. John the Evangelist). Yesterday Morning one James Weller, a young Man of about 22 Years of Age, hang'd himself in St. Gyles's, Oxon., where he lodg'd, and assisted in making Mault for Mr. King of the Angel, &c. He had been concern'd in stealing drink at the Angel, wch being discovered, he was tax'd with it. At first he stiffly denied it, but being not able to rest after this Denyal, on Sunday Morning last he came to the Angel, went up to Mr. King, then in Bed, & confess'd himself guilty. Mr. King pardon'd him. Notwithstanding wch, he was discontented & restless, & told some he should be dead to-morrow, wch, however, was not much minded, 'till after he had hang'd himself. He was a single Man, & was born at Church Hanborough, near Woodstock, where his Father now lived. I am told, had he surviv'd his Father, he would have had an Estate of about 30 or 40 libs. per annum. An own Aunt of his (one Mrs. Weston) is now living at Cowley, near Oxford, who is very rich, she having a very good Estate there, with whom this Weller lived for some time, but she was more cruel to him than to her servants.

LVGVDVNI for LVGDVNI in Tab. viii. 6 of Augustinus's Nummi. Indeed, Lugudunum is the most ancient way of writing this Word, as I find is also noted by Vossius de Hist. Græcis.

Dec. 28 (Wed., 5to Kal. Jan.). From the Reading Post for Mond., Dec. 26, 1726:—

London, Dec. 20. A few Days since died Mrs. Dickins, Wife to Dr. Dickins of Liverpool, and Daughter to the late Mr. Barnard, Serjeant Surgeon to Queen Anne.

——A Prosecution is ordered to be carried out in the Court of King's-Bench, next Hillary Term, against Mary Toft of Godalmin, for an infamous Cheat and Imposture, in pretending to have brought forth 17 præter-natural Rabbits. She is still detained a Prisoner in Bridewell, where none but the

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Dec. 26, 1726. T. Tanner to H. (Rawl. 16. 122). [See Hearne's letter to Dr. Richardson, Jan. 1, and Diary, Jan. 16, 172⅞. Note by Hearne:—'Recd, Dec. 30, Friday, 1726.']

Keeper's Wife is permitted to go into the Room to deliver any thing to her; the infinite Crowds of People that resort to see her, not being suffered to approach too near, and more especially her Husband, who is strictly search'd when he comes to the Prison.——

Last Week died the Rev. Mr. (Henry) Layng, Sub-Dean and Canon-Residentiary of the Cathedral Church of Wells, and Rector of — in that Diocese. He was many Years Convocation Man for that Chapter.

NB. He was Father to Mr. Henry Layng of Balliol-College. He was also Archdeacon of Wells, & is succeeded in that Archdeaconry by Dr. Edm. Archer, Archdeacon of Taunton, wch Archdeaconry of Taunton he must now resign. I think the said Archdeacon Layng was a Dublin Man. *Quære.*

London, Dec. 23. The Reverend Dr. Johnson, Chaplain to her Royal Highness, succeeds the late Reverend Dr. Lupton in his Prebend of Durham.—Mrs. Bacon, Wife of Thomas Bacon, Esq., Member of Parliament for the Town of Cambridge, dy'd lately in Queen's Square; by her Death a considerable Estate falls, as we are inform'd, to Christ's Hospital.

Dec. 29 (Th., 4to Kal. Jan.). Thomas Heber, Esq., elder Brother of Mr. John Heber, was Gent. Com. of University Coll. (as was lately Mr. John) some few Years ago, where his Tutor was the late Mr. Benj. Baynes, Fellow of that Coll. The said Thomas Heber married the late Mr. Atherton's Sister.

Yesterday Morning was found drowned in one of the Ditches near St. Thomas's Church, Oxford, one old Francklin (a Man of above four-score, but very hearty), who endeavoured to get out of the Workhouse of that Parish, where he was put with other poor People, happened to fall in the Ditch as he was getting down from the Window, for wch he had ty'd sheets. He was by Trade a Tanner, and formerly liv'd toppingly, tho' at last he begg'd about. He was always look'd upon as a sad Rogue. Besides the said Franklin are several others in and about Oxford. One of them, an Apothecary near Cairfax, had a Daughter that lately put on Men's Apparel, and endeavoured to act the Part of a Man. She hath rambled in that condition about the Country, and hath courted young Women, and been married as if she were a Man. She is a bold, wild young Creature, and is the very same that is understood in the following Passage of the Reading Post for Mond., Dec. 26 last, viz.

London, Dec. 23. They write from Worcester, Dec. 15, that one of the two Women (mention'd in our last to have been married to one another) is still continu'd here in Custody. 'Tis said that she wears Man's Apparel, is Daughter to an Apothecary at Oxford, and being somewhat delirious, stroll'd away from her Father's House, committing those unaccountable Pranks in the Country about of courting and marrying other Women.

Dec. 30 (Fri., 3tio Kal. Jan.). It was not at the chief Work House in St. Thomas's Parish that old Francklin was drown'd, but at a lesser House by the Red Ox in that Parish, where Friends and others had taken

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Dec. 29, 1726. J. West to H. (Rawl. 17. 63). [See Diary, Jan. 2, 172$\frac{6}{7}$.] Has not been able to get Tzetzes. [Note by Hearne:—'Recd, Jan. 1st, 172$\frac{6}{7}$. Answ'd next day.']

care to secure him, with two or three more, to keep him from Contempt of the World, by having a sufficient provision made for him, that he might not ramble up and down the Streets, & beg as he had done for some time, he having been formerly in good Circumstances, but he would not be confin'd, but contriv'd to get out at Window. He thought to have step'd over the Ditch, but, it seems, fell in the Middle, & it being deep, he was drown'd, & the Body swam down as far as Paradice Garden; where 'twas taken up.

Dr. Rawlinson, when he was lately at Rome, told me in a Letter from thence of Febr. 16 (N.S.), or Febr. 5 (V.S.), 1725, that he then hunted Antiquities so much that he was a perfect stranger to the modern state of the World, and he said Rome has more than enough to employ one more curious than himself, and more capable of improvement.

Hen. Mori Historia Provinciæ Anglicanæ societatis Jesu; *Audomari*, 1660, fol. This Book I never yet saw. Mr. Eyston used often to talk of it as judiciously writ, tho' not very politely and clearly.

In the Library of Mr. John Humphry, of Rowell, or Rothwell, in Northamptonshire, sold by Auction in 1682 at London, among other MSS. was, *Missa de Sancta Barbara, & cum Catalogo Abbatissarum de Berking, cum Visitatione Episcopi Lond. ad idem Monasterium de Berkyng, Nono Sept., Anno* 1507, *quarto.* So the Catalogue wch I have, μ 16, wch contains a Volume of Auction Catalogues.

Among the said MSS. occurrs also this, viz. num. 44, *Manusc. Lat. of Agreements about Manners in the Isle of Wight, &c. Explaining very much Eng. Hist., with divers Coats of Arms in Colours; quarto.*

Also num. 45, *Liber B. Mariæ Isid., Liber Isidori Episc. de Vita S. Dunstani, & Regula Sancti Bened. octavo.*

Also num. 57, *Bartholomæus de Proprietatibus Rerum curiosis. Scriptum; Octavo.*

Dec. 31 (Sat., Pridie Kal. Jan.). Benefices in Eton Colledge Guifte (from a Folio MS. in my Possession, containing a Collection of many Papers that belong'd formerly to Bp Fell, pag. 250)[1]:—

Com. Oxon.	Maple Durham, Rec. Cottford, Rec. Astall, Vic. Bloxham, Vic.
Northffolke	Spurle, Vicar. Tychwell, Rec. East Wrotham, Rec. Docking, Vic. Southmeare, a Donatyve.
Sussex	Petworth, Rec. Poleing, Rec. Climping, Vic. Leominster, Vic.
Monmouth	Christchurch, Vic. Nash, Vic. Godcliff, Vic.

[1] NB. I sent this Account, upon his Request, to Dr. Richard Rawlinson, at Child's Coffee House in St. Paul's Church Yard, Jan. 5th, 172$\frac{8}{9}$.

Suff.	Chetsham, Vic. Creeting St. Mary, Rec. Blakenham, Vic.
Lincol'	Thurleby, Vic. Oneby, Vic. Brumham, Vic.
London.	St. Albon's in Woodstreete.
Dorset.	Sturminster Marshall, Vic.
Wilts.	Hullavington, Vic. Pidlehinton, Rec.
Somers^{t}.	Haforde, Rec. Stoake Gursye, Vic. Wotton Courtney, Rec.
Cant.	Newington, Vic.
Warwick.	Longrampton,[1] Vic.
Devon.	Modbury, Vic.
Southampt.	Ellingham, Vic.
Northampt.	Everden, Rec.
Berks.	Stratfeild Mortimer, Vic.

Indorsed, A Note of Eaton Coll. Livings.

Jan. 1 (Sun., Kalendis Januarii), 172⅞. In the Year 1686 was sold by Auction at London, Catalogus *libror. Joan. Bradford, D.D., & Gul. Cooperi, A.M., Londinensium*, 4to, among w^{ch} are some MSS., one of w^{ch} is mentioned in pag. 82 of the said Catalogue: *A Copy procured from M^{r}. Jo. Selden (who had the Original under the Queen's own hand) of a pious and learned Treatise, written by Q. Eliz. of famous memory*, but the Catalogue does not tell us the Title of y^{e} said MS.

Jan. 2 (Mon., Quarto Nonas Jan.). M^{r}. West, in a Letter I rec^{d} last Night, dated from the Inner Temple, Dec. 29th last, tells me that Sir Thomas Sebright's Catalogue (from whence he took the names of Books he sent me) was made last Year, so that he supposes it is a compleat List, unless, perhaps, M^{r}. Lhuyd's MSS. are not digested or put into Method, which, he is told, consisted chiefly of loose Papers and Memorandums, & which probably may require a good Etymologist to put

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Jan. 1, 172⅞. H. to R. Richardson (Diaries, 114. 143). Quotes the following passage from Dr. Tanner's letter of Dec. 26: 'I writ but the Post before yours came to hand to our Dean at Christ-Church, . . . I expect an answer by the very next post; and then will immediately write about the Vicarage of Broughton, to which, I hope, upon no consideration whatever, my Brethren will present a person of ill character, and, if there be still room, I shall be glad to assist D^{r}. Richardson's Friend, as well as I can at this distance.'

Jan. 1, 172⅞. H. to J. West (Diaries, 114, 145). Inquires about a MS. entitled, Missa de Sancta Barbara, sold by auction in 1682. [See Diary, Dec. 30, 1726.] Thinks Mr. John Bagford drew up the catalogue. Kind remembrances from Dr. Tanner.

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[1] Sic, pro Longcampton, *vel potius* Longcompton.

into order. NB. Mr. Lhuyd had a great many old MSS. of good note, besides those of his own writing, and 'tis of those old ones that I wish a Catalogue were drawn by some one skill'd in the old Irish, of wch many of them consist, & in the old British.

He says he hath not an opportunity there of comparing his Life of St. Dunstan with the Authors I mention'd, but will send it me (if it be worth my Acceptance) by Mr. Whiteside, who told him he should be in Town very shortly, by whom he shall also send his Extracts from the Abbington Leiger book for my Perusall. His MS. Life will be very acceptable, as I told him to-day in my Answer.

He says he had taken a Copy of Dr. Grabe's Inscription before I wrote, & intended to have transmitted it to me. It is a Noble Monument, made by Bird, and represents the Dr. sitting at full Length, in his own Hair & Sacerdotall Habit, on a Sepulchral Monument of rich Granite. In his right hand a Pen, in his left a Book open to read in. On one side lye Folios & Parchments, on the other an antient Lamp burning; his feet rest on a Beautifull Cornish of White Marble. He is placed just over the Heads of Casaubon and Camden. His Statue is (in Mr. West's opinion) well cut, tho' he can say nothing to the Likeness, *as having*, he says, *never seen that great Man.* Under his Feet is a Slab of White Marble, laid into the Wall, on which is the following Inscription:—

In Ecclesia Parochiali Sancti Pancratii prope Londinum jacet **Joh. Ernestus | Grabius,** S. T. P., Gente Borussus, affectu Nostras, Eruditionis fama Illustratisque | Antiquæ Ecclesiæ monumentis, per Universum Orbem Christianum Celeberrimus. | Qui, cum in Deterioris Sæculi fæcem inudisset(*sic*), ut à Depravato Ecclesiæ Statu Animum | Averteret, in auream illius ætatem frequenti Cogitatione remeavit; et cum priscis | Patribus familiaritatem coluit jucundissimam. | Horum Exemplis accensus, eâ Christianarum omnium Virtutum præcellentiâ | Enituit, ut etiam inter Splendidissima Primorum sæculorum Lumina eluxisse | Potuisset; Ecclesiam Antiquam, Primævam, Apostolicam, summâ Veneratione | Prosecutus est; Anglicanæ utpote quæ ab eâ minimùm decesserat, Proximos hono-|Res detulit: Hanc Domo, Hanc Patriâ, quas Mortalium Nemo magis dilexit, chario-|Rem habuit; in hujus gremium se recipi vehementer gestiit; Ab hujus sinu ad Eccle-|Siam Primitivorum, qui conscripti sunt in Cœlis Lætus emigravit tertio die Nov., MDCCXI, | Ætatis xlvi. Ne Publicum deesset testimonium Eximii illius honoris, quo hospitem | Adeo Illustrem coluit Britannia, Robertus, Comes de **Oxon.** et Comes MORTI|MER, pro spectatu (*sic*) suo in literas & literatos amore, CÆNOTAPHIUM hoc posuit. |

Jan. 3 (Tu., 3tio Nonas Jan.). Dr. Humphry Hody died on Jan. 21, 1706, in the 45th Year of his Age, at wch time I heard Dr. Grabe say that he was an older Man than Dr. Hody, so that Dr. Grabe must have been at least 51 Years of Age when he died. The said Dr. Grabe was a Prussian by Birth, and in his own Country a Lutheran, but disliking some Things of that Perswasion, he writ a Book or two in his own Language, shewing his Dissent from some Particulars, wch, as I think, being answered, & he being uneasy, he came into England, and coming acquainted with Dr. Mill, Principal of Edm. Hall, he proposed to publish several Books, one of wch was to shew that the Church of England excells all other Churches. But Dr. Mill and others put him by this Design, as thinking (and very rightly) that he was very unqualify'd for such an Undertaking, as he was a Forreigner, not thoroughly acquainted with our

Affairs, & being still in some Things a Lutheran. Instead, therefore, of writing for the Church of England, they put him upon *Spicilegium Patrum*, wch he had also propos'd, and accordingly he printed two Volumes of that Work in 8vo during his Residence in Edm. Hall. After wch being made Chaplain of Christ Church, he laid by that design (for he was a very fickle, unsettled, whimsical Man), and put out an 8vo Volume of a Piece of Justin Martyr, and intended other Parts, but did not, leaving the rest for others, wch accordingly was done, and then he set upon an Edition of Irenæus, and finished it, tho' had it been to consist of several Volumes, he would certainly have laid it aside. After this leaving his Chaplainship, he settled at London, and put out Bp Bull's Works in Folio, but without the Bp's Leave, adding many Things of his own, wch are far inferior to the Bishop's. Then he set upon the Septuagint, according to the Alexandrian MS., and printed some Parts of it, & prepared the rest for the Press, wch hath been since published by Mr. George Wigan, now Principal of New Inn Hall. But Dr. Grabe was so weary of this Work of the Septuagint that I have often heard him say he wish'd he had never undertaken it. However, his Friends prevail'd with him to go on, tho' during his being upon it, he made an Excursion into Matters of Controversy, and writ and publish'd a little Octavo Book against Mr. Whiston, printed first at the Theater in Oxford, and, since the Dr's. Death, at London. In order to the writing of wch Book against Mr. Whiston (wch was afterwards answered by Mr. Whiston), he was oblig'd to take one or more Journies to Oxford to consult MSS., in one of wch Journies he happen'd to receive a Bruise on his Breast from the Coach, wch occasion'd his Death. The Dr., after he had left his Chaplainship of Christ Church, where he never officiated, had an hundred a Year Pension settled upon him from Queen Anne, but 'twas very rarely paid him, as I have heard him complain more than once, insomuch that he wanted Money, and would often borrow of Friends and 'twas his general Complaint that he could not get generous Subscribers heartily to promote and encourage his learned Labours. 'Tis certain he was a worthy Man, & what he hath done in Ecclesiastical Affairs is extraordinary. Yet he was far from being that great Man some have extoll'd him for. He had no Classical Learning. His Judgment was not great. His Stile was poor. He receiv'd Orders as of the Church of England from the Hands of Dr. Wm Floyd, Bishop of Worcester, but he did not then receive the Sacrament, nor did the Bp offer it him. Indeed, Dr. Grabe (who was intirely for Consubstantiation) never communicated with us. When he was of Edm. Hall and of Xt Church, he would frequent the Chappel Prayers, as he would constantly go to the Publick Churches, but then he would never receive the Sacrament at any of those Times, but he used to go to London, & for some time he receiv'd at the Hands of Mr. Edward Stevens after the manner of the Greek Church, and, after Stevens's Death, I have been told, from some Lutheran, but how he receiv'd at his Death I have not learn'd, tho' some have said he receiv'd from Dr. Hickes. In short, I could never understand otherwise but that Dr. Grabe was very unsettled, and was for setting up a Religion of his own framing. In some Things he was a Lutheran, in others for the Church of England, in others a Papist, & in several for the Greek Church. When I say a Papist, I mean he was for some of the

Errours of the Church of Rome, tho' at the same Time I have heard him at a publick Coffee House bitterly rail (for wch he was check'd) against the Pope, calling him Anti-Christ, &c. He was in many Things very credulous and very superstitious, & for some time (tho' he chang'd his mind afterwards) he us'd to keep Saints' Days as strictly as Sundays, and was unwilling to work himself, or to let others work for him on those Days. He had strange Fancies about Spirits, and when he heard of a Fire (as there was one at Edm. Hall once whilst he was there), he would presently cry out that there were Spirits. His way of writing was to have a Bottle of Ale, Brandy, or Wine stand by him, & every three or four lines of his writing he would drink thereof. He was a Man that mightily delighted in Women's Company, and he was very sweet upon them, insomuch that at last he mightily desired a Wife, & he had made his Addresses to a Daughter of Sir Sebastian Smith's of Oxford, but she was married to Dr. Gardiner of All Souls instead of Dr. Grabe, who had then other young Women in his View. Dr. Grabe died (as I have noted elsewhere) in a dubious Condition, & cowardly, if what Mr. Samuel Gale told me be true. The Earl of Oxford sent him Money upon his Death Bed. What he did for him before, I know not. It hath been said very little. The erecting a Monument is popular, befitting such as make Court to the House of Hanover. I have heard Dr. Grabe say that he preach'd and read Lectures, tho' not in Orders, for about eleven Years before he came to England. When he was here, I very much assisted him in Things relating to MSS., & transcrib'd from old MSS. a vast Number of sheets for him, some of wch he printed, and some are now among his MSS. Papers in the Bodleian Library. At the same time I was also a great Assistant to Dr. Mill, Dr. Hudson, &c. When Dr. Grabe first came to Oxford, he had not much Greek, but at length, by Dr. Mill's help, he became well versed in such Greek as is us'd in Ecclesiastical Writings. So I have often heard Dr. Mill say. He was, withall, a Man of so much Vanity, as mightily to court and desire Applause, & would talk of Obelisks and Asterisks, and of his own Undertakings before all Persons, even such as were perfectly ignorant and illiterate, on purpose that he might be commended by them. He always wore a Wig while he was with us, at least, as long as I knew any Thing of him, wch I note because Mr. West hath observ'd that he is in the Statue represented in his own Hair. He was a Man of mean Presence, and by no means personable. His Eyes were so fix'd as if he look'd two ways at once. Yet he would fain be thought an handsome Man. These are many of the severe Remarks that used to be made upon Dr. Grabe, and among the rest even by his Friend, Dr. John Mill, to whom (what I should have observ'd before) he wrote a Letter that is printed in 4to about the Septuagint. Notwithstanding all wch, Dr. Grabe was certainly a good, pious Man, and what he did with respect to Ecclesiastical Learning is prodigious.

Jan. 4 (Wed., Pridie Nonas Jan.). Last Friday was a Tryal (that last[ed] several Hours), at St. Mary's in Oxford, about presenting to Cherlebury in Oxfordshire, vacant by the Death of Dr. Brabourn. Upon wch Vacancy St. John's College put in their Claim, tho' they had never presented before, it belonging (it seems) to them after such a Number of

Years had been expired, w^{ch} happened now to be the Case. D^{r}. Heywood of S^{t}. John's College was presented by the College soon after D^{r}. Brabourn's Death. But a Caveat was put in against his Institution by one Saunders of Gloucestershire, who pretended to the Right of Presentation, because they had had it before, & Brabourn's Wife was a Saunders, & would fain have had it in behalf of her Son, young Brabourn. On Friday Morning the said Turner [*sic*] presented one Allen, in Opposition to S^{t}. John's College. Both the B^{p} of Oxford & his Archdeacon, as well as D^{r}. Irish, Judge of y^{e} Court, sate. There was a great Auditory. Council from London for both sides came down, viz. D^{r}. Wills for S^{t}. John's Coll., & Serjeant Hawkins for Turner. Many gave out that 'twould certainly go for Turner, in behalf of Brabourn. But the matter appear'd too plain for the College, & the Jury brought it in for S^{t}. John's College, to the Confusion of Brabourn & those that were for him.

S^{t}. John's College in Oxford was founded by Sir Thomas White, in the time of Philip & Mary. The bigger Quadrangle is chiefly the old Building, w^{ch} Sir Thomas had repair'd, that belong'd to the Bernardines, or to the College of Cistercian or White Monks. The Refectory also and the Chappel are the same that they had, only they were likewise put into a better Condition. The first President was from X^{t} Church. And now they are obliged to have a Head from X^{t} Church, if they cannot elect one from their own Body. They pay 20 s. per an. to X^{t} Ch., from whom Sir Thomas had the Site of the College of the Bernardines, & the Grove belonging to them, upon that condition. When a President is presented to Christ Church (as he always is), the Dean and Chapter, or in their absence the Chancellor or his Vice-Chancellour, are to admitt him within 7 days, otherwise he takes place as President of course. The Grove of the Bernardines was wonderfull pleasant, as the College likewise was, as may plainly appear from the present College of S^{t}. John. S^{t}. John's College is dedicated to God Almighty, the B. Virgin Mary, & to S^{t}. John Baptist. The Bernardine College only to the V. Mary, and all y^{e} Cistercian Religious Houses were dedicated to her.

Jan. 5 (Thur.). We have an account that this day Sennight (Dec. 29) the Tower of Chalgrove Church, near Watlington, in Oxfordshire, fell down (they having been ringing a little before) & broke the six Bells belonging to it. I am told 'twas old and ruinous.

Memorand. that formerly the Theater Printers at Oxford kept no other Holidays at X^{t}mass but the three days immediately following

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Jan. 5, 172$\frac{6}{7}$. H. to R. Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 2). Sends list of livings in the gift of Eton College. [See Diary, Dec. 31, 1726.] Thanks for note about the Almanack of 1448. Remarks on it. The inscriptions on the two old marbles were sent before. Does not know what to make of the seal. [See Diary, Jan. 21. Note by Rawlinson:—'Rec^{d}. 7 January, 172$\frac{6}{7}$. Answered, 2 Feb.']

Jan. 5, 172$\frac{6}{7}$. W. Fullerton to H. (Rawl. 39. 137). Has received the £40, and wants directions for sending it. As soon as the affair is determined in chancery, will send the remainder. [Note by Hearne :—'Rec^{d} this Lett^{r}, Jan. 6th, 172$\frac{6}{7}$.']

X^t^mass day, and the Circumcision commonly called New Year's day. The other days, excepting X^t^mass day it self, they used to work, not so much as keeping Epiphany or 12^th^ day Holyday, only at night they did not use Candles, a Thing I note, because the Custom hath of late been altered, so as little work is done during all the 12 days.

Jan. 6 (Fri.). Last night M^r^. Richardson, Gent. Com. of Brazennose Coll., told me that a young Gentleman, who is a Commoner of Balliol Coll. viz. M^r^. Farrer, told him of a Roman Temple of Diana in the Woulds beyond York. He said, he would ask M^r^. Farrer farther. This M^r^. Farrer is a pretty ingenious young Gentleman, of about 3 Quarters of a Year's standing, and was M^r^. Richardson's School Fellow at Bradford in Yorkshire.

Last Saturday night was buried in Sunningwell Church Yard, in Berks, the Widow Palmer of that Place, aged an hundred and one years.

Jan. 7 (Sat.). William Muskham, Rector of the Church of Dereham in Cumberland, built Queen's College Gate near Edmund Hall, & certain Chambers on the North side of the said Gate before the year 1352. The said Gate is still standing, as also the Chamber over it, built likewise by Muskham, w^ch^ Chamber was the very Chamber in w^ch^ Prince Henry (afterwards K. Henry V) lived when he was a Member of that College. John Ross in his History of England, that I printed, hath noted this. And there is a note about it in one of the windows of the Chamber. My late Friend Charles Eyston, of East Hendred in Berks, Esq., not long before he died, being in Oxford, with one or two other honest worthy Gentlemen, & understanding from me, that that was K. Hen. V^th's^ Chamber, had a mighty desire of seeing the Inside, w^ch^ accordingly I obtained, & M^r^. Eyston earnestly desired of the Gentleman then residing in it, that he would use his Interest, that this Chamber might not be pulled down with the rest now at this time of erecting new Buildings in the College. But what will be done, I know not, tho' I fear the worst, especially since they have pulled down the old Refectory, w^ch^ was on the west side of the old Quadrangle, & was a fine old Structure, that I used to admire much, & should have admired it the more, had I seen the old Ænigmatical Inscription, & the Arms of the several Benefactors of the College, with w^ch^ it was once adorned. But these were destroyed long before the Refectory, w^ch^ was lately pulled down, & the name of Muskham (who gave 160 marks for building it) quite forgot, as is also that of one John Wharton, who gave four Pounds to the Refectory in order to repair and adorn it in the Time of K. Hen. VII.

Jan. 8 (Sun.). Studley Hospital for poor People near Beckley in Oxfordshire, was built by Sir George Croke, kt., one of the Judges, who also built the Chappel near to the Manour House at Studley. He liberally endowed them both. He died anno 1641. He was an admirable Lawyer, and had the character of being an honest man. He is buried in the Chancel of Waterstoke (near Oxford) where he died. His Reports

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Jan. 7, 172⅘. J. Anstis to H. (Rawl. 1. 104). [See Diary, Jan. 12. An extract from this letter is printed in *Thomas de Elmham*, p. 376.]

are exstant. From him was descended Mr. Croke of Studley, who died the latter end of this last summer, being High Sheriff of Oxfordshire.

Jan. 9 (Mon.). The Abbat of Abbington used to keep Court in an House on Grandpont Bridge, in St. Aldate's Parish, Oxford[1].

Grandpont Bridge consists of above 40 stone Arches.

Brian Twyne looks upon Fryer Bacon's Study, on Grandpont Bridge, as a Fiction. Without doubt he had an observatory in that Place. The lower part is very old, tho' the upper Part be new. It is now the Water-works. I have spoken of this Study in my Glossary to Peter Langtoft[2].

Magdalen Bridge, Oxon., was built by Wm. Waynfleet, Founder of Magd. Coll. Yet there was an older Bridge, according to Twyne, who tells us, from the Book of the Hospital of St. John Baptist, that K. Hen. III founded the said Hospital, not far from the Bridge. He confirms it from *Florilegus*. But Leland tells us of a Ferry only then. If there was a Bridge, 'twas only a foot Bridge, as indeed there is a Tradition that formerly there was only a foot Bridge there[3].

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Jan. 10 (Tu.). On Sunday last the Wind being extraordinarily high (and it being a strange dismal Wet day) in the Forenoon the Kitchen Chimney of New College fell down, and broke the Ribs of the Man that turned the Spit (but 'tis hoped he may be recovered) & spoiled all the Meat at the Fire. It was a very odd, rotten, old Chimney.

Yesterday Morning died old Mr. Michael Burghers, of St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford. He was born at Amsterdam in Holland, and being an Ingraver, when young he came into England, and after some time settling at Oxford, he worked as a Journeyman to Mr. David Loggan, University Engraver. Upon Loggan's Death Burghers himself was made the University Engraver. He was look'd upon as the best general Engraver in England, and had always, 'till very lately within these two or 3 Years, a vast deal of Business, so that being withall a very industrious man, he got a vast deal of Money, & purchased a pretty Estate in Oxford. His Wife hath been dead several Years. His only Daughter

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Jan. 9, 172⅞. H. to [W. Fullerton] (Draft, Rawl. 39. 136). Is indebted for letters of Dec. 15 and Jan. 5. 'I am infinitely obliged to you and my other Friends. I most humbly desire you, in the first Place, to accept of five Pounds of it for your very great service; in the next, to defray what charges you . . . may have been at; and, in the third place, to pay the Remainder to Mr. Thomas Godfrey, at the Oxford Arms in Warwick Lane.'

Jan. 10, 172⅞. J. West to H. (Rawl. 17. 64). [See Diary, Jan. 19.] Mr. Whiteside has just gone to dine with the Earl of Oxford. He has got the Life of St. Dunstan for H. [Note by Hearne:—'Recd, Frid. Night, Jan. 13th, 1726.']

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[1] The south part of St. Aldate's parish is in the county of Berks. and in the hundred of Hormer, which belonged to the abbot of Abingdon.—Ed.

[2] Twyne is here the better Antiquary; the myth of friar Bacon's Study was originated after 1600, as Twyne himself tells us.—Ed.

[3] Pettypont existed before the Norman Conquest, and in the year 1396 it was a bridge suitable for pack-horses (see Coroner's Inquests, p. 50).—Ed.

(and, I think, only Child now living) is the Wife of one Welman, a Barber in S[t]. Peter's Parish. The old Man was so foolish, as to make all he had over to them some time ago, whereupon they wanted to be rid of him, and for some time they kept him a Prisoner in his own House. For he and they lived all together in a House of his by East Gate, and gave out one while, that he was gone to Holland, and another that he was at Hackbourne in Berks, where his son-in-law Welman hath some Estate, and all this that he might not come out to pay his Debts, for they having got all, the old man was reduced so as to borrow money, and run in debt in other ways. It is true, the old man was, in many respect, a great Villain, and a very debauched Person. Yet for all that, they should have taken all possible care of him, & not have starv'd him as they did. Had he had the Comforts of Life, he might have held out (as all think) ten or a douzen years longer, and yet he was about 4 score when he died. He was a very strong man,—had a vast stomack. He was struck with a Palsy a few days before he died, w[ch] if it had been known to Physicians and Apothecaries in good Time, they might (as I am well assured) in all probability, have recovered him so as he might have held out a good while longer, but, it seems, they thought their Father had lived too long already.

Jan. 11 (Wed.). M[r]. Anstis (in a letter from Putney of the 7[th] inst) tells me, that he hopes I have received the MSS. w[ch] he sent to our friend D[r]. Mead (on Saturd. Dec. 3, 1726. NB. I have not yet rec[d] them, nor hath the D[r]. sent any word about them); M[r]. Anstis says if I print that life of Hen. V, I may, if I please, take notice of it's being ascribed to Roger Wall by some Historians, misled by the Device of the Owner of the book, which he hath observed in the History of the Garter, p. 375, at large. And if I have any occasion to mention Worcester he says he can add several materials to those printed by him, both of the father and of the son, in his life of Sir John Falstolf, and indeed he says he must correct that Conjecture concerning the reason of the name Botoner often used by them. M[r]. Anstis says, if he is not mistaken the Harley Library ascribes a book to Elmham, possibly a Copy of what he sent me (by D[r]. Mead, w[ch] I have not yet rec[d]) but there is his Hist. of Hen. V. in the Cotton Library Jul. E. 4 in verse, w[ch] he tells me I shall find trouble to explain. He gives me an instance upon the treason of Richard de Coningsburgh, Earl of Cambridge & Brother to the Duke of York, Henry Lord Scrope, & Thomas Greye detected at Portsmouth.

(a) Scr Ut Us Conspirat Ri Mat Ur O Leu Cia Plebi.
(b) Rumpe Jugo Co R Aiens Res Dabit ultra sonum.
(c) E J A Ruit Gens Avita Malis Opus Hoste Triumphat etc.

(a) The Initial letters [says M[r]. Anstis] of the words in this verse make Scrop, and the Numerals are C.V.V.C.M.V.LV.C.L 1415, MCCCLLVVV.

(b) The Initial letters of the first words are Richard, and Zorc (for York frequently) by changing the letters in Cor, and adding Jugum that is Z.

(c) The great initial letters and other great letters in this verse set together and read backwards make Thomas Graie.

Jan. 11, 172⅞. J. Anstis to H. (Rawl. 1. 105). [See Diary, Jan. 15.]

(I think I have seen these three Verses printed, & (in the same manner) explained in some printed book, I know not whether in some piece of Francis Thinne's.) If I print it, he says, without Notes, it will be unintelligible Jargon, and in several places there will be an occasion to consult Œdipus. That was the fantastical humour of the Poets in that age, as appears from Gower and others, some of their verses relating to the Devices of persons living in their ages are cited by him in the Garter books, and he says I know the like enigmatical verses are upon the Mosaick Pavement erected by Roger Ware in Westminster Abbey. He knows not whether the late Authors about that Abbey have explained them, which I may have from him, if I should have any occasion for them.

He says that book of Worcester contains several valuable pieces, and he supposes I will print some of them. If I print that letter about the battle of S^{t}. Alban's sent to Sir John Falstolf, he will explain the titles of the Officers therein named, and I may add thereto a short Account of both battles of S^{t}. Alban's from Whethamstede from their Library. I know (he says) who John Somersett, to whom the life of Hen. V. is dedicated, was, otherwise he will send me some Account of him. He hath somewhere in the book of the Garter observed from a foreign Historian that Hen. V would not permit the use of Featherbeds to his Souldiers, & intended when he had fully conquered France, to have cut down all the Vines, being, it seems, of the Opinion of Lycurgus, but M^{r}. Anstis knows not in what part of his book it is. This is not, he believes, mentioned by any of our Historians. He tells me I know the occasion, why the French Historians, who hated him, say he dyed of a Distemper, which they called Fiacre.

Collonell Nevell, of the Familly of the Nevells in Northamptonshire, decended of the Nevells, Barrons of Abergaveney, and was a branch of Westmeorland. So a note I had from among my Father's Papers.

Jan. 12 (Th.). Last night M^{r}. Michael Burghers was buried, at a little after ten of the Clock, in the Church of S^{t}. Peter's in the East. They buried him very meanly, indeed hardly decently, it being a very dark night, they chose this Time on purpose not to be seen. They had not buried him in the Church, only his Wife was buried there.

Jan. 1, $169\frac{7}{8}$ I was at Shottesbrooke at M^{r}. Cherry's, having went thither just before Christmas. At this Time it was, that I transcrib'd Spelman's History & Fate of Sacrilege, w^{ch} was afterwards printed from my Manuscript. M^{r}. Cherry had the Copy from M^{r}. White Kennett, and he from M^{r}. Edm. Gibson. M^{r}. Kennett had then lately sent for it, it being wanted, and therefore M^{r}. Cherry desired me to make all the hast I could in transcribing it, and to loose as little time as possible. Accordingly I despatched it, and after I had done, M^{r}. Kennett coming to Shottesbrooke, He and M^{r}. Cherry (& myself sometimes reading) compared my Transcript with M^{r}. Gibson's Copy, & M^{r}. Kennett took both, at least M^{r}. Gibson's Copy along with him.

Jan. 13 (Fri.). Yesterday Morning was one of the finest Mornings that ever I knew, till about half an hour after ten, the sun till that time shining extraordinary bright and clear, but of a sudden it grew very dark & dismal, & many Claps of Thunder ensued both then and the Afternoon, and prodigious showers of Rain, w^{ch} lasted, with small Intermissions, till

7 Clock this morning. And I hear that at Woodstock & thereabouts the Lightening, Thunder, Hail & Rain were so dismal, as the like had hardly been known.

[Hearne reproduces the letter of N. Booth of May 3, 1725 ; see vol. viii, p. 364.]

In answer to such Letter, I told Mr. Boothe by Letter (May 6th, 1725) that Saintlowe Kniveton was, as he rightly observed, a very good Antiquary, but that I did not remember any Thing among his Notes in Bodley to his design. However (I told him) 'twas so along agoe since I read those Notes, that I could not trust my memory, & should therefore think, that it would be proper for him to get somebody to consult them that had free access to the Library, wch I had not since I was debarr'd it. I added, that the Collection of curious Discourses that I published in 1720 might perhaps be of some service to him, if he could meet with it.

Jan. 14 (Sat.). Yesterday one Mayne (a Journeyman Cook of St. John's College) a man lame and upwards of 50 years of age, but thin and Slim, walk'd eleven Times round Magd. Coll. Walk in less than 2 Hrs for a Wager. He was to perform it in 2 Hours Time, otherwise to loose. He had done it about 21 minutes sooner than the time. The Walk is look'd upon to be 3 Quarters of a mile round.

[Quotations from John Rowse in his history of the Kings of England about the University of Oxford in the time of King Alfred.]

In St. Gyles's Parish was an House of Learning in K. Hen. VIth time called Greek Hall. I have mention of it in some MSS. Papers, transcrib'd from the Cotton Library and given me by Mr. Graves. I know not what Antiquity the said Hall was of. But I am apt to think, it was first so called even in the British Times, and it might have been renewed from Time to Time.

Dr. Francis Carswell, late Vicar of Bray in Berkshire's Books, were sold by Auction at London in 1709. Among them were many rare and valuable Books. In page 25 of the Catalogue wch I have (V. 3. 7) at numb. 81 of the English folios, is mention of Archbp. Laud's Remains, a Manuscript fairly written.

In an old imperfect Psalter in English wch I have (V. 4) in 4to used in the 2d year of Q. Elizabeth's Reign, is this written at the Beginning—

Jan. 14, 172⅘. H. to J. Anstis (Diaries, 115. 16). Has received both letters and is obliged for J. A.'s observations. Has not yet received the MSS. from Dr. Mead. Has nowhere printed Dr. Wallis's Account of the University's Right to Printing, or any other papers relating to the controversy with Parker and Guy.

Jan. 14, 172⅘. H. to T. Baker (Draft, Rawl. 39. 126, 127). Encloses solution to query about the missing words in the Statute of Trinity College. Hopes it may be satisfactory. [Note by Hearne: — 'Recd back from Mr. Combes, the Printer, Jan. 14th, 1726, Saturday.']

Jan. 14, 172⅘. H. to W. Fullerton (Rawl. 39. 136). Has just received £40 in part payment of Mr. Walden's legacy. Was in hopes W. F. would have accepted what H. mentioned. [This draft is wrongly dated Dec. 14.]

'Popery was not quite downe, till the 3d yeare of Qu. Eliz. This Psalter was the Liturgy used in the 2d yeare of her Reigne.

'The Papists frequented the Churches untill her seventh yeare.'

Jan. 15 (Sun.). Yesterday I recd a Letter from Mr. Anstis, in which he tells me, that it runs in his Head, that I have somewhere printed the State of the Right of the University to Printing, drawn up by D. Wallis. If it be so, he desires I would acquaint him, in which of my Volumes it may be found. His Letter dated Jan. xi. $172\frac{6}{7}$ without mention from what Place, upon which I returned him this Answer [see previous page].

Margaret Gardener, of White-Waltham in Berks, was asked to Mr. Charles Weldon of Shottesbrooke in the same County Ao 1693, and were soon after married, but she died after a few years without Issue. The said Mr. Weldon was afterwards married to a second Wife, Mrs. . . . . They are both still living, but have no Children. Memorandum, that I have an Account of the Wedding in one of these Volumes. Mr. Weldon is my Relation. His ancestors had all Shottesbroke, but this Mr. Weldon hath only one House there and a Plot of Ground. All the rest of the Parish is Mr. Vansittart's.

On Friday, May 3d, 1700, David Jones, A.M. and Student of Christ-Church was expelled the University of Oxford, for abusing in a most intolerable manner Dr. Paynter Vice-Chancellour, Dr. Bouchier Judge of the Vice-Chancellour's Court, Dr. Hody etc. at such time as he (Mr. Jones) was cast in a Cause depending between him and . . . . . of the said College.

Jan. 16 (Mon.). On the 30th of Dec. last I recd a Letter from Dr. Tanner Chancellour of Norwich, dated at Norwich the 26th of that month, in wch he sends me a Copy of the Instrument for electing Richd Whiting Abbot of Glastonbury. He had it transcribed by his Secretary Jackson out of the Original Parchment. This I design to print in Adam de Domerham now in the Press. Dr. Tanner hath also an Original Letter about the first seising and examination of this poor old Abbat, but Bp Burnet having desired a Copy, has printed it in the Appendix of his IIId Volume Hist. Reformat. He tells me, that he returned Dr. Cox Macro the Glastonbury Register with my thanks upon his (Dr. Tanner's) first coming home. He (Dr. Macro) lives at Norton near Bury upon an Estate of his own about 400 or 500 li. per ann., has a great love for these kind of Studies and several curious old books he has picked up.

Upon my mentioning to him John Bracy as Abbot of Michelney, a monastery in Somersetshire, he says, of the Michelney Abbats he hath only the names of seven. The nearest Writers, he saith, that he hath to the name I mentioned *John Bracy*, are *John Bracebrigge*, a Priest professed in the Monastery of Syon (temp. Hen. VI) and writ a piece or two of Grammar, one stiled *Catholicon*. The other is *John Bray*—who was one of K. Richd. IId's Phisitians, and writ *Synonyma de nominibus Herbarum* MS. somewhere in Dr. Fr. Bernard's and now in Sr Hans Sloane's Library. These two have not yet been mentioned in the books *de Scriptoribus*, and the Dr. shall be glad of my discovery of the new one John Bracy, wch I am now in quest of.

At the same time the Dr. saith that he writ but the Post before mine

came to hand to their Dean at Christ Church, as he had done just before to the Bp of Landaff, about a matter of pretty great concern, about wch he expected an answer by the very next post; and then he would immediately write about the Vicarage of Broughton—to wch he hopes upon no consideration whatever his bretheren will present a person of ill character, and if there be still room, he says, he shall be glad to assist Dr. Richardson's Friend as well as he can at that distance.

Jan. 17 (Tu.). Sir Philip Sydenham in a Letter of Nov. 9th, 1719, observed to me, I being then upon Sprot's Chronicle, that Mr. Camden quotes Mr. Thomas Sprot under Richmondshire about Swalle, without a Character or Information of him, but by it Sir Philip says he should think it more extensive or general than what relates to the Church of Canterb. & the Kings of England, & he wonders Mr. Somner complains for the want of him, when two Copies are in the Cott. Library, & Hollingshed and Sir Richard Baker mention him in their Catalogues, from whom they had help and Assistance, besides Sir Edwd Dering's. [NB. It was from Sir Edward's MS. that I printed Sprot's Chronicle, quite different from those in the X Scriptores, & from those in the Cott. Library, nor indeed do I know of any other MS. besides Sir Edward's of that Piece which I printed.]

Sir Philip had before told me of a noble MS. of Higden's Polychronicon in the Hands of one Mr. Sprint. But in this Letter he tells me he had not seen Mr. Sprint since he wrote before, but would send soon to him, tho' it seems he designed then to present it to my Ld Sunderland. Sir Philip did not court or desire any acquaintance with him, finding him an Heretick as well as Schismatick. He is descended, saith Sir Philip, from Sprint Dean of Bristoll. Sir Philip believes Mr. George Coryat's Poem of England is printed, altho' neither his son Thomas nor Mr. Wood had seen it. For he finds Dr. Caius quotes these handsome Verses of his, with these words in his praise, Georgius Coriatus Poeta Oxoniensis et cum primis elegans, hissce versibus.

> Et duo sunt totum gymnasia nota per Orbem
> Oxonium studiis florens, mihi dulcis alumna,
> Regis opus, tuaqꝫ illustris, Rex Cantaber, aedes
> Magnifice florens sacris Academia Musis.

Sir Philip wonders no mention is made besides of this book, and also Dr. Caius's British Cities, whom he finds quoted by Hollingshed. Sir P. wonders that no remains of that book of Mr. George Coryat's are in their Family. For Sr John Sydenham of their House of Brompton presented him to Odcumb where he died, and where his son Thomas was born.

Sir Philip wishes, that the Catalogue of Bishop Bury's Library were printed. It is said (saith he) to be in your Archives.

Jan. 18 (Wed.). From the Reading Post for Monday, Jan. 16, 1727.

Lond. Jan. 11th. Mary Toft the Rabit Woman, charged upon Oath for being an abominable cheat, was brought on the 7th inst. from Bridewell to the Sessions held for the City and Liberty of Westminster, and was by the court remanded back to Bridewell; and we are informed that there will be an Information prefer'd against her and others the next Term, for a Conspiracy

and Misdemeanor in contriving and carrying on the aforesaid cheat, and that they will be tryed at the next Assizes for the County of Surrey.

Plymouth, Jan. 10. We have had very stormy Weather for two or three days [as 'twas also at Oxford]. On Friday morning, Jan. 6th, a Clap of Thunder & Lightening struck down several Men that were at work at the Victualling-office, broke down part of the Wall, & damaged the Roof.

The Bp of Oxford, Dr. Potter, hath instituted Dr. Haywood, and he is since inducted into the Living of Charlbury.

Jan. 19 (Thur.). Dr. Felton, Principal of Edmund Hall, hath got 7 Children living, viz. three Sons and four Daughters.

In the Cotton Library (Julius F. x. 13, Fol. 9, 7, 6) is, An Account of the Foundation of several Monasteries in England. My Friend Mr. James West, in a Letter of the 10th inst. from the Inner Temple, hath sent me part of it, and intends to send the Remainder if it pleases me. I had mentioned it to him upon account of Michelney Abbey, thinking there might have been in it something about that Abbey, but he assured me there was nothing. That was all I desired, notwithstanding wch he hath been so kind as to undertake to copy the whole Tract.

Jan. 21 (Sat.). Dr. Rawlinson in a Letter from London of the 29th of Dec. last tells me, that he lately recd a present from a friend of an old Almanack on leaves of velom of 1448, which by some writing thereon he is assured once belonged to my benefactor Dr. Smith. [NB. I never heard Dr. Smith say any such thing. Mr. Bugford had some such Thing, and I think there is one in the Ashmolean Museum. See what I have said in my Spicilegium at the End of Guil. Neubrigensis.]

The seal of the said Dr. Rawlinson's letter he said was a discovery he made at a Broker's, but such an one as he can't read, he therefore begs my assistance. In my answer to the Doctor, I told him, I could not tell what to make of it. But I find now, at least I think, that 'tis WILLIAM SCOT.

In the same Letter he sends me these Inscriptions on two Original Marbles in his possession, wch Inscriptions he had also sent me formerly.

. . . . . M . . . . . I B. VALES.

. . . . . VRNINA.

The Second Inscription.

D. M.
C. POMPONIUS
HYMNUS
POMPONIAI
DVLCISSIMAI.
VIX. ANN. VIII.

Jan. 20, 172⅞. H. to J. West (Diaries, 115. 28). Thanks for transcribing a part of the Cottonian tract: will be glad to have the remainder. Wishes to know when John Bracy, abbot of Michelney, flourished.

Jan. 22, 172⅞. H. to J. Murray at John's Coffee House, Swithin's Alley, near the Royal Exchange (Draft, Diaries, 115. 32. Original, Rawl. 112, 227). Wants to know in what year Foxe's Book of Martyrs was printed, and whether the date is put at the beginning or at the end. Hopes J. M. and Mr. Granger are recovered.

Jan. 23 (Mon.). Last Night Mr. Richardson of Brasennose Coll. told me, that the young Gentleman of Ball. Coll. upon his inquiry of him, could give no farther account of the Temple of Diana, in the Woulds beyond York, but it seems 'twas concluded to be Diana's Temple from Heads of Oxen etc. found there.

Jan. 24 (Tu.). The famous Dr. Pocock assisted Mr. Selden very much, as Selden himself is pleased to acknowledge in several Places, particularly in his Ed. of Eutychius's *Origines Ecclesiae Alexandrinae*, wch *Origines* is only a small inconsiderable Fragment of *Eutychius's Annales*, that Pocock himself afterwards published in Arabick and Latin. Indeed Selden, notwithstanding his great Pretences, had little Skill in Arabick, and he made use of others' Help in that, as in many other Things. His design of printing these Annals was purely out of his hatred to Episcopacy. His Commentary upon them, wch is large, is a meer Rhapsody, learned indeed & full of Reading but generally (like his other Performances) injudicious. His Efforts against Episcopacy are but weak, and yet he did what he was able.

Jan. 25 (Wed.). On the 5th July, N.S., 1724, Dr. Rawlinson writ me a Letter from Rome, at wch time my Friend the Honble Benedict Leonard Calvert, Esq., was there also, to whom the Dr., as Mr. Calvert hath since told me, was Antiquary at Rome.

[Dr. Rawlinson speaks of the grandeur of the ruins of Syracuse; of his Brother's going into Arabia; 'perhaps now he traverses the burning sands of Arabia.']

Jan. 26 (Thur.). Out of the Reading Post for Mond., Jan. 23, 1727—

London, Jan. 18. On Friday morning last died Thomas Madox, Esq., his Majesty's Historiographer, the Learned Author of the *Formulare Anglicanum*, *History of the Exchequer*, and *Firma Burgi*: Works that have merited Universal Approbation, and which (without any other Encomiums) will transmit to Posterity a just idea of the truly great and worthy Compiler thereof.

NB. This Mr. Madox I have mentioned several times formerly. Some years ago he was in Oxford, & frequented the Bodleian Library, at wch time I was acquainted with him. Mr. Lhuyd was then living, & we all used to meet together with Dr. Whalley, since deceased, of Oriel College, & Mr. Lewis Thomas the Printer. Mr. Madox was certainly well versed in Affairs belonging to the Exchequer, but he understood very little or nothing of Classical Learning. He was also conceited, otherwise he

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Jan. 23, 172⅞. H. to R. Rawlinson at Child's Coffee House in St. Paul's Churchyard (Draft, Diaries, 115. 34. Original, Rawl. 32. 3). Much wants a copy of Anthony à Wood's Will. Supposes it was proved in the Prerogative Court. Where were the two old marbles found? Thinks the words on the seal are WILLIAM SCOT, but, being modern, it is hardly worth much consideration.

Jan. 24, [172⅞]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 17). Is indebted for two letters. Mr. Parne sends thanks for answer to his inquiry. [For part of letter, see Diary, Jan. 27.] Thanks H. for 'making Mr. P. a subscriber for Domerham.'

would not have spoken as he did in my hearing slightly of Mr. Dodsworth's MSS. Collections. His Head was turned more to Law than true History. I do not know that he had any University Education. He was a thorough-paced Whig, & did all to please the Party.

Jan. 27 (Fri.). Last night I received a Letter from Mr. Baker of Cambridge, dated the 24th inst., in wch he tells me that he hears nothing of my Friend Mr. Heber, who has (doubtless) [says Mr. B.] altered his Intentions, wch Mr. Baker cannot be very sorry for, they being so full at St. John's College, that it would have been hard to have found him a convenient apartment. You will think it strange (says he) that we that have three pretty large Courts, should want roomes, especially at this time, whilst we are only a Body without a Head, yet so it is, we are in want of roomes. [What Mr. Baker means by their having a College without a Head, is to be understood of Dr. Jenkins, who for a good while hath been deprived of his understanding. 'Tis a very worthy College, at least hath been, & it hath produced a very considerable Number of brave honest men.]

I writ something to him, I forget what, about a *Lat. Chron. ad finem Hen. V.* He says he knows nothing of this Chron. but he suspects it to be the same with *Brute* in English, translated, and continued by Caxton. He hath that *Brute* in English, MS., as low as Hen. V, with very little variation from Caxton printed, which shall be at my service, if I please to accept it. It had been Archbp. Sharp's, afterwards Dr. Gale's, and was given Dr. Baker by Dr. Mangey. [It will be a very acceptable Present. I take Brute to have been a much older Book than what is called Caxton's Chronicle, & that Caxton was only a Continuator & in several things an alterer of the Language.]

I mentioned to him a MS. treatise of Queen Eliz., that had been copied from the original under the Queen's own Hand, that belonged to Mr. Selden. It is that I have mentioned under Jan. 1, 1726. Upon wch Mr. Baker notes that if that MS. treatise of Queen Eliz. was taken from Mr. Selden's, he hopes we may have it amongst Mr. Selden's MSS. He adds, That Queen translated from the French *A meditation &c. of Margaret Queen of Navarre* as you find in Maunsell's Catalogue. [I do not remember to have seen the said MS. among Mr. Selden's in Bodley. But Mr. Selden had many MSS. that never came to Oxford, as he had also many printed Books, particularly a curious Collection in the common Law, that we never had.] I have got the said Meditation. It was published by Bale anno 1548, 8o. It is among my Books FF 2553.

Jan. 28 (Sat.). In the second or spurious Ed. of Athenae Oxon., vol. II, col. 1063, it is said that Mr. Bromley, now Parl. man for the Univ. of Oxford, became a Gent. Com. of Ch. Ch. under the Tuition of Mr. John Old, being matric. in Easter Term an. 1679 aged 15. Which when his son Mr. Francis Bromley, now student of Xt Ch., saw lately at my room he told me it was false, his Father, he said, being sixty years of age.

Jan. 29 (Sun.). Memorandum that the Pulpit of the Church of

Jan. 29, 172⅘. H. to Sir H. Sloane (Diaries, 115. 48). Would be glad

White Waltham in Berks. formerly stood in the West end of the said Church, but in the year 1687 by an Instrument from Dr. Edw. Masters, official of the Archdeacon of Berks., liberty was granted (the Instrument wch I have being dated April 13th that year) of removing the said Pulpit to the East end of the said Church where the reading Desk then stood, and the said Desk was ordered to be placed just under it, wch accordingly was forthwith done and much about the same time the Church was white-washed and the Sentences of Scripture that were before upon the walls were all done out, wch I have often justly lamented.

Thomas Newman, Parish Clarke of Shottesbrooke in Berks., died Dec. 15, 1713, and is buried in Shottesbrooke Church Yard. He was my kinsman. His son John Newman married afterwards Dr. White Kennett, Bp of Peterborough's daughter, he having lived several years with the Dr. The marriage was clandestine, but he proved a very good Husband and they live now happily in London, the father having been reconciled a good while.

Jan. 30 (Mon.). This day preached at St. Marie's before the University Mr. Coningsby of St. Mary Hall, who hath the character of a good Preacher and of being (as a Complyer) an honest man.

Dr. Rawlinson in a Letter from London of Sept. 24 last told me that in one of my Prefaces, tho' he did not call to mind which, [it was that to the Collection of Curious Discourses] I mentioned a Medal of Louis XIV with the motto *Incensa Batavorum classa*, but he fears this was only a counterfeit cast in Germany, and only a Copy of that true one (of which he hath the entire series of the reign of Louis XIV on his great actions in number above 350 finely struck), on wch it runs *Incensa Batavorum classe*—as printed also and graven in the noble History of that Reign, which the Doctor hath in copper as well as paper, and as he is informed, the only thing of that nature amongst us, which with the rest of his medals &c. he hopes to consign to posterity, not to be dispersed. He hath been very busy in digesting his old Roman and Gothick Seals into the best order the nature of the thing will bear; they rise to above 500; of these are near 260 finely drawn with explications in the Italian language. The former possessour, one Lorenzani, a Roman, had so far prepared the work for the press, that he had wrote an introduction and designed a beautiful frontispiece, but as a work of great expence in the Doctor's hands, he [the Dr.] fears it must lye dormant.

At the same time the Doctor tells me that my observations at the end of John of Glastonbury on Mr. Moyle's works have raised, he hears, a nest of hornetts or rather waspes against me; such are the antagonists of our . . . . . .[1] and the patrons of Moyle, from whom, the Dr. says, I may expect severity, tho' probably no shadow of arguments; the poyson such sort of creatures spit. Mr. Sergeant of the Tower published two Volumes of Moyle's works, as he is informed, (and indeed I had been told so before

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to have a copy of the Prologue to John Bray's Synonyma de Nominibus Herbarum, one of Sir H.'s MSS.

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[1] No doubt he means 'King' (James III).—Ed.

by Dr. Woodward, Mr. Sergeant's name being also subjoyned to the Preface) tho' contrary to the knowledge say some, others against the consent of Moyle's son now on his Travels. Anth. Hammond (known formerly for his noisy Tory eloquence, since a Proteus, since a beggar, said to have attempted the life of the Chevalier on his Scotch embarkation, at present a prisoner for debt in the King's bench and prostitutour of his pen for bread) has added a third of Mr. Moyle's works by himself formerly reprinted.

The Doctor at the same time takes notice, that they see there lately published the memoirs of John Kerr, Esq., an honest Scott or, in Burnett's phrase, a true Scot, in which he severely lashes a German ministry, wch he with great assurance affirms us governed by, and that all our offices are sold &c. and many more reflexions, which, the Dr. says, he dares not stain his paper with, as he knows not what terms like those of Mr. Kerr might even here bear. The author, says the Dr., is dead; the truth of the MS. is sworn to as left by him, and such a warrant prefixed to the first part of leave to keep company with the late Queen's enemies, on purpose to betray them, such an instance hardly to be produced in history.

[Rawlinson's meditations on the recent destruction of Palermo by an earthquake are omitted.]

The Doctor says also that in the translation of Buchanan's History is a Letter as he thinks, of Mary Q. of Scots, said to be published from my collection of Dr. Smith's letters, but this the Dr. says is not the first ill use made of my name, if such it is, he hath observed. [NB. I communicated nothing of Dr. Smith's papers, it may be 'tis no more than what is in my Ed. of Camden's Eliz. Quaere?]

He says that he is told the Editor of *Annales Academiæ Stamfordianæ* has taken good pains in his work. The Dr. means Mr. Peck, who it seems told the Dr. that he formerly gave me some old medals. [He did so, and I have printed two or three of these medals in my preface to John Fordun's Scotichronicon.]

The Dr. says, the papers of Mr. Bridges are in the hands of a Brother, not the Dr. [but I think Wm. Bridges, Esq.], who will neither make use of them himself or permit it to any other able or willing to pursue the design wch the Doctor is informed [and very justly] in Northamptonshire he had been very diligent in, and spared neither his trouble nor even great expenses, but these are for the present doomed to obscurity or are hereafter to be the boasted work of some future stranger.

Jan. 31 (Tu.). On Saturday last one young Mr. Payne, the second or youngest son of Mr. Payne a wealthy Brazier of All Hallows Parish in Oxford, stabb'd himself with a knife in Bocardo Prison in Oxford, where he had been put by his Father, to whom he was apprenticed, for his wickedness, he being indeed a very ill young man, having attempted to

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Jan. 31, 172⅞. J. Murray to H. (Rawl. 16. 16). [See Diary, Feb. 2.]

Jan. 31, 172⅞. J. West to H. (Rawl. 17. 65). Sends remainder of extract from MS. in the Cotton Library. Mr. Clavell's service. Dr. Simon

kill his mother, and having broke open and robb'd a House or two, nay he attempted to rob his own Father's House, and was guilty of many other vile Actions. The elder Son is a Master of Arts, of a dull nature, so that he cannot get into orders. He lives at home with his Father, who is very indulgent to him, & used to make the younger Brother serve him at dinner, & dine after he (the elder Brother) had done, wch might perhaps make ye younger worse than otherwise he would have been. This younger son died of his wound in great agony the same day, about 12 clock at night, and was buried the following night in All Hallows Church. His mother is almost distracted about it, she being against his coming out of Bocardo, whereas his Father otherwise would have let him out. This young man was twenty two years of age.

Feb. 1 (Wed.). From the Reading Post for Mond., Jan. 30, 1727.

Cambridge, Jan. 20. Last Week died Mr. Edward Clarke senior Fellow of Clare-Hall. He was one of the three Squire Beadles of this University; in which Place he was succeeded by Mr. Tho. Huntman of Trinity College. One hundred and sixteen scholars were this Day admitted Bachelors of Arts.

This day meeting Mr. Christopher Haslam, he told me, that the Ruins of Clive Abbey in Devonshire are wonderfully fine, the finest he thinks in England. It was a Benedictine Abby (others say a Cistercian Abby) to the honour of the blessed Virgin Mary and was built by Will. de Romare, 9 Ric. I.

He also told me, that at his Patron Sir William Windham's is an old Box or Chest of old Writings that belonges to the Abby of Witham in Somersetshire, wch Witham Abby was the first House the Carthusian Monks had in England, & was built by K. Hen. II to the honour of St. John Bapt. Mr. Haslam promised to look over these writings and to send me an account of them.

Feb. 2 (Thur.). Yesterday, seeing one Joseph Humphreys a maulster of Bisseter, a young man, he told me, that the blaspheming man, that now lives at Bisseter (whom I have formerly mentioned, his name is Bathe), that he is a wheelwright by Trade, and that he hath writ and printed one or more Pamphlets, which have been answered by one Williams, a Stone Cutter of Middleton Cheyney, which Williams (he said) is a man of parts, & bears a good character, but as for Bathe, he said, he is a very sorry wicked fellow.

Last night I had a Letter from Mr. John Murray, dated at London January the 31, 1726, in which he tells me, that he hath (as he takes it) the first Edition of Fox's Book of Martyrs, with the Title printed for John Day, but without date, and wanting a leaf or two at the end. He cannot say whether it is dated there or no. He says, his is the perfectest he ever saw, at the end of the Calendar of which there is an Almanack for 31 years beginning at 1563, which he takes to be the year in which it was printed.

Degge desires to be a perpetual subscriber to H.'s works. 'Mr. Whiteside likes London so well that I know not if he will ever return to Oxford again.' [Note by Hearne :—'Recd, Tuesd., Jan. 31, 1726.']

This morning the Bell went for the Son of one Charles Smith, a Taylor of S^t^. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, a most pretty charming child of nine years of age, who going to school with other schoolboys, happened by way of play to swallow a horse bean about a week ago w^ch^ stuck in his wind pipe and could not be removed & so he died this morning, much lamented by all who knew him.

Feb. 3 (Fri.). I hear, that complaint being made to the Vice-chancellour D^r^. Mather by some, particularly by one M^r^. Aysscu[1] of the Vice-chancellour's own College (Corpus Christi), of some Passages in M^r^. Coningsby's 30^th^ of January's Sermon, there was a meeting on that occasion on Wednesday last of the vicechancellour & some other Heads of Houses & Doctors (some of w^ch^ I hear were D^r^. Shippen Principal of Brasenose Coll., Doctor Dobson President of Trin. Coll., D^r^. Butler President of Magd. Coll., D^r^. Holland Warden of Merton Coll., D^r^. Gibson Provost of Queen's Coll., D^r^. Felton Principal of Edm. Hall, D^r^. Terry Canon of Christ Church), and that M^r^. Coningsbye being called for appeared, but his notes being demanded, he pretended he had lost them, upon w^ch^ he was ordered to preach no more before the University for two years. What the passages of Offence were I hear no further, than that he should, in commending K. Charles I say, that he was a Prince that was not an alien by Birth, & that he preferred to Dignities in the Church men of true worth & Learning. Also that he said all Rebellion was unlawfull. From such expressions K. George (as he is stiled) was look'd upon as reflected upon for preferring such as he does & the Revolution branded. I am told M^r^. Coningsby's Sermon was well delivered, that 'twas a good honest Discourse, and that all were very attentive that heard it, without the least smile, as often happens when any stinging Passage comes from a sermon.

Yesterday died M^rs^. Peisley, widow of the late M^r^. Anthony Peisley of Oxford Bookseller. Her maiden name was Newland, she being sister to the late M^r^. James Newland, one of the yeomen Beadles of the University of Oxford. She died in S^t^. Marie's Parish, and was a good industrious Woman.

I am well informed, that M^r^. John Heber, who went very lately from Univ. Coll. where he was Gent. Commoner, is gone into orders, and that he preaches in London, he having had a Testimonium, signed by 3 hands of the College, such as were of M^r^. Denison's side, whose cause this Heber, it seem, espouses, his Tutor (M^r^. Rogers) being one of those for Denison.

Feb. 4 (Sat.). This morning I receiv'd from D^r^. Rawlinson, by Godfrey the Carrier, a Copy of Ant. à Wood's will, I having desired the Dr. to procure it for me. It is as follows:—[see Wood's Life and Times, vol. iii, O.H.S., pp. 502–4].

Feb. 4, 172$\frac{6}{7}$. Sir H. Sloane to H. (Rawl. 16. 81). [See Diary, Feb. 10.]

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[1] Francis Ayscough, preceptor to George III.—Ed.

Feb. 5 (Sun.). Yesterday called upon me, as he passed through Oxford in his way to London, Mr. Timothy Thomas, Chaplain to the Earl of Oxford, and Rector of Prestein in Radnorshire. He was very urgent with me to reprint Leland's Itinerary, but I absolutely declined it, as I had to some others that formerly moved it. Upon wch he said, that in five Years time it would certainly be done by some other person (a Bookseller he said) in Holland, tho' he said such an Edition would only enhance the value of mine, wch is already at an extravagant Price.

Copy of the certificate of my Father and Mother's marriage, wch I found among his Papers:—'These are to certifie whom it may concerne that George Herne & Edey Wise were lawfully joyned together in holy Matrymony in the parish Church of Stoke Podges this 11th Aprill, 1676; per Fran. Butterfield, minister.'

Constantine Phipps the younger, of the Parish of St. Andrew's Holburn in the county of Middlesex, was buried in White Waltham Church com. Berks. Nov. 26, in the 3d year of the Reign of Wm. & Mary, A.D. 1691. NB. He was Son of the late Sir Constantine Phipps, who lies buried in the same Church.

On Nov. 1, 1703, being All Saints day, Mr. James Finmore, then Curate to Dr. White Kennett at Shottesbrooke in Berks., now Vicar of Odiham in Hampshire, preached at St. Mary's in Oxford before the University, upon Eccles. xi. 5. His Design was to assert a Providence; but running out very copiously upon Philosophy, he discovered a great deal of Affectation; and being not reckoned a Person of skill in that study, he came off but with little Applause, especially since his whole Discourse was very unmethodical & had but little connexion; tho' if it had been managed by an accurate Person the very same matter being handled with more conciseness would have made a plausible and ingenious Discourse.

Last night was buried in St. Marie's Church about 10 Clock the widow Peisly.

Also yesterday, between 4 & 5 clock in the afternoon, Mr. Charles Smith's son was buried very decently (six young women holding up the Pall) in St. Peter's Church in the East.

Feb. 6 (Mon.). Nicholas Martin, that was a witness to Mr. Wood's will, was originally of Corpus Xti College, where he took the Degree of M.A. Dec. 17, 1683. He became afterwards the Principal of Hart-Hall, in wch office he died of the Cholick many years ago, & is buried in St. Peter's Church in the East, Oxford. He was a learned honest man. He was the person that prayed by Mr. Wood during his sickness.

Last Saturday night (Feb. 4th) died at his mother's House at Sunningwell, near Abbington in Berks., Mr. William Ellys, son of Mr. Ellis, late Minister of Kennington near Abbington. He was one of the Theatre

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Feb. 6, 172⅞. B. L. Calvert to H. (Rawl. 4. 21, 22). Will send Abbé Terracon's book as soon as the second volume comes out. Encloses copy made by Mr. Paston of a charter of Richard de Paston to the Abbey of Bromholm in Norfolk. As to H.'s doubt about the MS. in the York Library, is sure he could not have mistaken York for Durham. Encloses copy of an inscription at Rome to Titus Claudius. Has met with a 4to edition of Sir Thomas More's Epigrammata, 1520. Longs to see Adam de Domerham.

Compositors, and was about fourty years of age. He died of a Consumption, occasioned chiefly by a great cold, wch he neglected too long. He walked over from Oxford to his Mother in a very weak condition about three weeks ago, but never returned to Oxford again. He was an honest man, & a great lover of Antiquities, wch he used to take great notice of & would discourse well upon such Subjects. He had a great memory. (He was buried in Sunningwell Church on Tuesd., Febr. 7, in the afternoon.)

Feb. 7 (Tu.). Last night called upon me, and we spent the evening together, Mr. Philip Hales of St. John's College, who came last week from my Ld Litchfield's at Ditchley, where he was most kindly received and entertained by my Lord and Lady, that excellent and most accomplished Lady being his Sister. She is a very virtuous Woman. Mr. Hales used to read to her four Hours a day, two Hours at a time, some good book, whilst she worked at her needle. She is a strict Roman Catholick, tho' my Lord be a Protestant. My Lord hath six Children living by her, two Sons and four Daughters. She is about 30 Years of age, tho' she does not look to be above 25.

Mr. Hales made great Inquiry there, for a valuable MS. of Higden's Polychronicon, wch I formerly saw at Oxford in the Hands of Mr. Calvert, and I have quoted as my Lord's in Sprot's Chronicle. Mr. Calvert brought it from Ditchley on purpose to shew me. But my Ld Litchfield could not now find it to shew Mr. Hales. But Mr. Hales designs to make further Inquiry.

Mr. Hales was at the English College at Doway a year and a half, if not more, where he learned Latin, and passed an Examination in it when he was five or six years old.

Feb. 8 (Wed.). Yesterday morning, about 1 Clock, died my Friend Mr. John Leake's only child, a little boy of wch his wife (who hath very lately miscarried) was very fond.

And yesterday in the afternoon died Dr. Frampton's son (and only child) of a consumption, being about nine years old. He went to Abbington school.

From an old imperfect Parchment I recd from Dr. Richard Rawlinson, Dec. 21, 1726, who desires to have it again:—'Sextus episcopus' &c. [*deed omitted.*[1] Ed.]

Before setting out for his journey, will give Mr. Lowe orders about his books. [Note by Hearne:—'Recd, Feb. 8, Wednesd., 1726.']

Feb. 8, 172⅞. Mrs. Jane Hearne to H. (Rawl. 27b. 379). 'I Received yours. I Received the Letter Dated the 11 of October, and the halfe giney, which I give you many thanks for it. I had sent sooner, but I was willing to hear of your brother Edmund befoore I sent. I heard from him about a weeke ago, and he was very Well, and he will be hear at spring. Your brother

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[1] The deed was so imperfect that Hearne's transcription is of little value. It was evidently a command by Pope Sextus, dated Mar. 18, 1479, to the Archbishop of Salzburg, and the bishops of Ratisbon and Freysingen, about the abbess and convent of Munich.

Mem. that I returned the said broken Parchment wch I cannot well understand to Dr. Rawlinson with Wood's will by Godfrey's waggon on Feb. 21, Tuesd., 1726, the Dr. being then at London.

Feb. 9 (Th.). Last night about six Clock Mr. Leak's Child was buried in St. Peter's Church in the East.

To the Honble Benedict Leonard Calvert, Esq., at Mr. Lowe's near Westminster Abbey. Dear Sir, Your Letter of the sixth came in very good time, just as I was thinking upon Bromholme. I thank both you, and that other very curious Gentleman Mr. Paston for the Charter. I suppose Mr. Paston copied it himself. I shall (I believe) print it in Adam de Domerham. But I know not Mr. Paston's Christian name. Be pleased to let me know it, and his Title. But whereas in his Copy of the Charter 'tis *de servitio Radulphi filii Warini de Bruoeno*, I find it *Bruario* for *Bruoeno* in a note I had from you, and I am much mistaken if your's be not the truer Reading.

Abbé Terracon's book will be very welcome, particularly for the sake of yourself and the two ingenious & worthy translators. I wish you had an answer to what I writ with relation to the At-Hydes.

I am now pretty well satisfied, that the MS. you mentioned must be at York. I find you looked over all the MSS. there. Pray did you see among them, *Thomas Eccleston's Historia de adventu fratrum minorum in ngliam*? There are valuable Extracts from it in Leland's Collectanea. And 'tis quoted as an excellent thing by the learned Author of the History of the English Franciscans.

Your Inscription about Claudius is remarkable. 'Tis probable I may take notice of it hereafter.

I suppose I may have seen the thin Quarto Edition (you speak of) of the Poetical Works of Sir Thomas More. But I cannot be positive.

Your name will (I think) be mentioned more than once in Adam de Domerham, but the book will not be out before you go, if your Journey be (as you suppose) within a month. I was in great hopes we should have seen one another again before your Journey. I now despair of it. Adieu, therefore, my dear honourable Friend, and all Health and Happiness attend you. When shall we see one another again, oh! when shall it be?

Your most obliged humble servant,
Tho. Hearne.

Edmund Hall, Oxford.
Feb. 9th, 1726.

Feb. 10 (Fri.). From the Reading Post for Mond., Feb. 6, 1727—

London, Feb. 5. We hear from Oxford that Mr. Coningsby, Vice-Principal of St. Mary's Hall, having preached a Sermon before the University on the

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William and Sistar are very Well, and your unkell William is . . . [?], as he hath beene a Late. Mr. Torkington is at London, and he will be hear at spring, When Mr. Vansittart and family Coms, and I will send you Word as soone as he Comes.' [Note by Hearne :—' Recd, Febr. 8th, Wedn., 1726.']

Feb. 10, 172⅞. H. to [T. Hinton] (Rawl. 15. 81). Complains of the

30th of January, which was thought disrespectfull to the King and his Government, hath been convened before the Vice-Chancellor and several Doctors, and censured for the same, and suspended from preaching within the Precinct of the University. The Lord Townsend hath sent a Letter of Thanks to the Vice-Chancellor for what he hath done ; so there is an end of this matter.

Sir Hans Sloane informs me by Letter from London of the fourth inst. that the MS. Tract of John Bray that he hath begins with these words, *Hic incipiunt Synonyma de nominibus herbarum secundum magistrum Iohannem Bray:* and ends thus, *Explicit liber synonymorum editus a magistro I. B. de nominibus artem phisicalem & syrurgicalem tangentibus in genere.*

There are many other things in the volume that contains that Tract. Sir Hans says he hath many such volumes & when I come to London, he says, he should be very glad I looked upon them, tho' great numbers of them are relating to physick, yet he tells me perhaps I might find something curious. He adds, if in this, or any thing else he can be of service or use to me, I may freely command him. Indeed Sir Hans is a man of great Humanity and Courtesy.

Yesterday in the afternoon a little boy of about nine years old, being son to one Jakes a Glassman in All Hallows Parish, Oxford, was shot dead accidentally by another little boy (one Frogley) an Apothecarie's son, near Balliol College, as they were at school near that College. It seems, Frogley had taken up the Gun & not knowing it was charged, offered, by way of Jest, to shoot a Girl, but it went over her head & shot Jakes, as he sat at the Boghouse, & he died immediately.

Feb. 11 (Sat.). Last night, between seven and eight clock, Dr. Frampton's Son was buried by his mother the Dr.'s wife in St. Peter's Church in the East, Oxon.

Feb. 12 (Sun.). Dr. Rawlinson, in his Letter to me from London of the 2nd inst. at the same time he sent me a copy of Ant. Wood's Will, tells me, that the Business of settling the accommodation about his late

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delay in taking up John of Glastonbury, which is bound and lettered according to T. H.'s letter of Aug. 21 last.

Feb. 11, 172$\frac{6}{7}$. H. to [T. Hinton] (Rawl. 15. 82). Met Mr. Collis by accident, who took up and paid for John of Glastonbury. Hoped to have received T. H.'s remarks on the Antiquities of Glastonbury before this. Remarks on Adam de Domerham. How did Anthony Wood come to make Dr. Charlett one of his trustees ?

Feb. 11, 172$\frac{6}{7}$. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 27c. 270). Thanks for letter and book. Wishes to be a constant subscriber. [PS.] Is the new edition of the Ductor Historicus by H. ? Sends drawing of an inscription and seal, of which he wants H.'s opinion. Borrowed the Particular of Abbey Lands from the Recorder of Warwick.

Feb. 11, 172$\frac{6}{7}$. J. West to H. (Rawl. 17. 66). [See Diary, Feb. 13. Note by Hearne :—' Recd, Sund., Febr. 12, 1726.']

Feb. 12, 172$\frac{6}{7}$. H. to R. Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 4). Thanks for copy of Wood's Will, received on the 4th instant. Will return it as soon as he can get a Scheme of the Determining Bachelors for R. R. ' I am very glad the Administration of your Brother's Will is granted to you. But who are the two chief contrivers against you, that you say are removed ? In looking over

brother, is at last finished, and the administration is granted to him of his said Brother's Will, and he is now with all speed entering on the Execution of it, as he hopes to the satisfaction of his brother's creditors, and perhaps, he says, more to his honour than the usage shewed to him may deserve. But as he intends to act with all justice, he doubts not but that Providence, wch has already so visibly appeared in his favour, if he may presume to judge the removal of two the chief contrivers against him to another state to be such, the same will, he hopes, yet interpose in his favour.

The Dr.'s two marbles, he says, were found in 1723 near a villa of *Tully* not far from a place called *Grotta Ferrata*, about 15 miles on the other side of Rome towards Naples, a few miles from old *Tusculum*.

Feb. 13 (Mon.). Mr. West tells me in a Letter I had from him last night, dated at London the 11th inst. that he hath enquired of Mr. Murray & several other persons for the book of George Coryat about England, I mentioned in my last to him, but it seems, without success; so that he is apt to believe it never was printed. He says, the first Edition of Fox's book of Martyrs was printed at London in 1567. He says, Mr. Lewis is publishing a long account of Feversham, the same who wrote the Antiquities of the Isle of Tanet. He says, Proposals are published of a new book of Mr. Madox's entitled *Baronia Anglica*. He likewise tells me, that Mr. Clavell's thing, he wanted to send me, is (he finds) only a Note of some MS. in Oxford relating to Glastonbury, wrote by one Dr. Greene.

NB. I know not who this Green should be, nor what kind of book it is. I do not remember to have ever heard of it or its Author before.

Feb. 14 (Shrove-Tuesday). On Sunday Morning last, Feb. 12, Mr. John Holman, of St. Marie's Parish, Oxon., Barber, was married in St. Thomas's Church, in the West suburbs of Oxford, to Mrs. — Clifton, the only Daughter & only Child of Mr. Clifton, that keeps the Crown Inn in the Corn Market, Oxford. This Mr. John Holman is the reputed son of Mr. Roger Holman of St. Peter's Parish, Oxon., a shoemaker by Trade (but he lately sold ale, having left of his Trade, in St. Peter's Parish), tho' his true Father (and he is exactly like him) was the late Dr. Gardiner, Warden of All Souls College, to whom Roger Holman's first wife (by whom came this John Holman) was Bedmaker & with whom Gardiner was wonderfull familiar. Mr. Clifton is reputed to be very rich, so that his Daughter (who is a jolly, lusty woman, whereas John Holman is a thin man) will, in all probability, prove a good Fortune.

On Saturday last died in Childbed one Mrs. King, wife of Charles King, victualler, of St. Marie's Parish, Oxon., a very comely, jolly Woman of 33 years of Age, being her first Child. A Woman being not able to deliver her, Mr. Wood the Chirurgeon was sent for, & he delivered her, but the Child (a boy) was killed & she died two or three days after & was

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his Effects, be pleas'd to take notice of such writing of mine, of any kind, that you meet with. I trust to your prudence in this Affair, well knowing that you will act with all honour and discretion.' May mention one of R. R.'s marbles in Adam de Domerham. Has not yet seen the Defence of Moyle. 'You will remember to send it, . . . tho', after all, perhaps it may not be worthy so much as my sight.' [Note by Rawlinson :—' Recd, 13 Feb., 172$\frac{4}{5}$.']

buried at St. Marie's on Sunday night last. Had Mr. Wood been sent for sooner, both had been saved.

On Saturday last was sennight Feb. 4th a Farmer's wife of Borstall, near Brill, in Bucks., being near threescore Years of age, fell down a Cellar, that comes into the street, & is always in the day time open, & is very deep & dangerous, in the Corn Market, Oxford, she having some burden on her head, & not perceiving it, & she died two or three days after, having hardly spoke after it happened. Mr. Hallifax (that was mayor lately) lives in the House, to wch this Cellar (that hath been often complained of) belongs.

Feb. 15 (Ash Wednesday). Yesterday called upon me, a little after 12 Clock, a Brother (whom I had never seen before) of my Friend the Honble Benedict Leonard Calvert, Esq. There was with him another young Gentleman, Mr. Grove of Grove near Wantage. They staid with me about an hour, and we had much Discourse about Italy & Maryland, my Friend Bened. above mentioned being about going to be Governour there, viz. in Maryland.

The said Mr. Grove is a very pretty man and ingenious. He was of Pembroke College, where Dr. Banting (he said) before he was Head, was his Tutor. He is brother of Mrs. Grove that was Miss to Mr. Calvert's Father & is still a very pretty Woman, tho' she still lives freely. Mr. Grove said that their Family is as old as the Danes, & that Grove by Wantage was denominated from them, whereas I thought that they had taken name from that Place, & so indeed I am still inclined to believe.

These two Gentlemen told me, that the late Dr. Cadogan's Things are either selling or about to be sold, I mean his Pictures & Curiosities of that kind, wch they said are very fine & one Picture of some very fine Woman is so very extraordinary, as that a prodigious sum is designed to be bid for it.

My Friend B. L. Calvert picked up in Italy a very considerable Collection of Curiosities, wch it seems are come over. One of them is an old Statue of Scipio Africanus very fine. I wish it were nicely engraved. I must enquire of him, where twas found. Also I must get a List of him of his chief Things, whether Books, Prints or Medals, that he procured in his Voyage.

Feb. 16 (Thur.). Yesterday in the afternoon Mr. Prujean of St. Clement's Parish near Oxford, an honest sensible Roman Catholick, telling me that the day before, viz. Shrove-Tuesday, the workmen, as they were digging for Gravell on the North side of Holywell Church in the Garden between the Holy Well and the Church, they had found several humane [*sic*] bones, I went down thither upon that occasion with him. When we came, they had filled up part of one of the holes and so covered a good number of the bones viz. the skull & some others, but

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Feb. 16, [172$\frac{6}{7}$]. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 174). The bad weather has prevented him from sending the book this week: hopes to send it next. [For rest of letter, see Diary, Feb. 21.]

Feb. 16, 172$\frac{6}{7}$. R. Richardson to H. (Rawl. 9. 30). [See Diary, Feb. 24, 25.]

I saw the two shank bones of a man in the Gravel, wch they covered with it again, & I am of opinion (and I think there can be no doubt made of it, what I remember I have also formerly mentioned) that the north wing of the Church hath been down many Years, wch when standing it made the Church (wch is dedicated to the holy Cross) to be in form (as without doubt formerly it was) of a Cross, and I believe that the said Wing might come as far as this Sceleton now discovered, tho' part of the Church Yard was also on this northside. For Westward under the Tower in the same Garden, as the workmen dug at the same time another hole for a necessary House or House of Ease, they found other humane bones in the gravel, several of wch (one being a piece of a skull) I saw yesterday, and two or three of the workmen being there, I could not but exclaim against this act of building an House of Ease upon sacred Ground, & declare my resentment, that part of the Church Yard should be turned into a Cabbage Garden, that being the use to wch the whole Garden is at present imployed, as part of other churchyards, lying on the Northside of the respective Churches, are also turned into Cabbage Gardens, particularly part of the Church Yard of St. Peter's in the East Oxford. I wish we could learn how far the Church Yard of Holywell extended northwards, & that care were taken to make some separation from the rest of the ground, that hereafter what belonged to the Church and Churchyard might not be turned to a prophane Use. But I fear my wish is in vain. How long since the bodies were buried, to wch the bones now discovered belonged, I cannot learn, but it would not be before Hen. VIth time, because till his Time the Inhabitants, both of Holywell & Wolvercote, used to burie their dead at St. Peter's in the East, to wch Holywell & Wolvercote are chappels of Ease. I well remember the burying of two, viz. old Richd Heathfield a shoemaker & his wife, who both died within half an hour of one another, in that part of the Church Yard, that is on the north of St. Peter's Church, according to their own desire, tho' there be now no sign of their Grave. No Fragments of any Coffin nor no Stone Coffin appearing, where the Bones at Holywell were found, I am of opinion, that the bodies were buried in winding sheets only, a practise much in use formerly, even in Q. Elizabeth's Time.

Feb. 17 (Fri.). On Wednesday last died in Oxford, at Mr. Ives the Apothecaries, Esq. Greenvill of Wootton Underwood, near Brill in Bucks., a man of but a shallow Understanding.

From the Reading Post for Mon., Feb. 13, 1727:—

London. Last Saturday (Feb. 4th) one John Darleston, employed sometimes as an Under Grave-Digger at St. Leonard Shoreditch was taken in the Fact of stealing several of the Ornaments and Brass Inscriptions belonging to the Monuments of that Church, one of which was about 400 Years old; and he had upon him, when taken, two Pieces of brass Inscriptions of long standing; all which he confessed before the Justice, Col. Mitchel, and was thereupon committed to Newgate.

Yesterday in the afternoon called upon me and staid with me near an Hour the Rev. Mr. Thomas Parne, A.M. & Fellow of Trin. Coll. Cambridge, the same who sent me to be used by me a Quarter of a Year (putting it into Mr. Baker's hands) the MS. of Adam de Domerham *de rebus gestis Glastoniensibus*.

This Mr. Parne is an ingenious man, & seems to be a very courteous, civil Gentleman. He is writing an History of their College. He says he hath collected all the Materials, & that he hath now nothing to do, but to digest them, wch he designs to do gradually. They have a prodigious Quantity of Papers belonging to the College in their Treasury. He intends to annex the Statutes of the College. His book will be in a small folio. He told me, Mr. Baker, tho' of but a weak Constitution, yet is a very healthy man & hath continued in his health by a regular, temperate way of living, he going to bed soon, & rising early, even to their Prayers constantly, wch are at five Clock.

Feb. 18 (Sat.). Mr. Parne at the same time told me, that their Library of Trin. Coll. is at present in confusion, but that 'twould be regulated in some short time. They have both there, and in other Places of their University, many more MSS. (some of wch of great note) than are particularized in the Oxford Catalogue. But it was their own fault that a compleater account was not published there of their MSS. For they either refused, or else neglected to send in Catalogues, so that the Editors were obliged to rest, & depend chiefly for that University upon the Catalogue that had been drawn up and published many years before by Dr. Tho. James. I endeavoured to induce Mr. Parne to undertake an exact and full Catalogue of their MSS., but he utterly declined it upon account of other business.

Feb. 19 (Sun.). This morning Esq. Greenvil was carried from Mr. Ives the Apothecarie's in an Herse, in order to be buried at his Seat of Wotton. He was about 50 years of age. He died of a Dropsy. He was very crooked.

Dr. Rawlinson, in a Letter from London of the 11th inst., tells me, that the administration, on certain conditions, of his Brother's affairs, being come into his hands, they were then preparing to sell the Catalogue, made by his Brother in his life time, (he means the last he made of wch I had one sent me). Amongst his Brother's papers, he says a number of my letters were delivered to him; perused he dares say, if not picked, tho' even thus he had, he says, better fortune than in the rest of his papers, which his designed Executour & Son (now gone to their place, and called to another account) presumed to destroy. Amongst those papers remaining, he finds several very severe reflections, and frequently too just, on persons, times &c. He had begun characters of several people dead and living, had drawn up materials for a history of printing, and, as he guesses, a short beginning of a Draught of his own life, as well as an Epitaph for him afterwards. All his excursions and journeys he has wrote in the Latin tongue, but he had not time, or would not make use of it, to digest his papers. The Dr. says, he need not tell me how bitter he was in satyr, or how good natured he could be on proper occasions, of these two different talents he hath proofs sufficient in Scraps left behind him. The Dr. says, he was much surprised to find him so indolent and careless as to his Creditors, when he surveys the accounts of his debts under his own hand, and the schemes he had resolved on, such as the Dr. himself can approve and term laudable, but alas! a fatal marriage and its more fruitfull consequences pushed him on methods, directly

opposite to his principles, which dictated nought but that hereditary right which he attempted to undermine, if not blow up. The Dr. says, he is much pressed by some to engrave his picture, as by others for a permission to copy it: for both our friend Mr. Murray is urgent, but such a leave, the Dr. says, he cannot but think a tacite reproach to his ashes, and a revival of his indiscretions, which, after the sale of his Library, it is to be hoped may dye: God grant his virtues (for many and great he had, adds the Dr.) a different fate. The Dr. is sorry to say, he does not yet find many of those MSS. he exspected, but perhaps before he finishes his Catalogue (a province he himself hath undertaken) he may be undeceived. The Earl of Oxford, he says, has been at London House, longs much for some choice rarities, but such are the conditions, all or none, which few will think fit to comply with. He says he finds in several of them notes of my perusal. He does not find so many Leidger books &c., as has been imagined, of Classicks few of Antiquity, and as to Missals and beautifull miniatures, he thinks without vanity, he may assert himself to exceed.

So far from the Dr.'s Letter. I am glad the administration is fallen to him. The Creditors may now expect an honourable Satisfaction. I know not, what the Dr. means by his Brother's designed Executour & Son (now he says gone to their place, and called to another account) but I must press him to let me know. His brother had certainly many and great virtues. He was my particular Friend, and I shall always have a true regard for his memory. His Lashes in his writing were very severe. I have many Instances by me. For he would frequently send me loose bits of Paper of that nature. I liked his freedom very well. But he did not use caution. He did not consider, that there is a time to be silent, & a time to speak. This exposed him very much, when he fell into company of a different genius from himself. But now tho' he had so many virtues, yet, as all men have their failings, so he had so large a share of them, as not only conduced very much to the embarassing of his Affairs, to the shortening of his Life, but to the blemish of his Reputation. I wish the Dr. may preserve his whole Collection of MSS. together, & not part with them, to say nothing of the principal of his printed books. But I must not pretend to advise. I had the perusal of many of his books written & printed, & should have had more had not the misfortunes, that attended his marriage, prevented [1].

In a Letter I writ to-day to Mr. West I have this Passage. I knew Mr. Madox. His Learning lay in Affairs of the Exchequer. And he had a pretty good share of Common Law. But he was little versed in Classicks and Philology. I was many years ago acquainted with him in Oxford, when he studied (for some short time) at the Bodl. Library. I know not whether he had any University Education.

Feb. 20 (Mon.). About ten days since I met with and purchased for 2d. (tho' for its Rarity & Curiosity it be worth a Crown) a little printed Thing in English verse with a Dedication in Prose before it intit.: *In honour of Abingdon, or on the seaventh day of September's solemnization*

[1] This paragraph is also used by Hearne as a letter to Rawlinson on Feb. 21 (Rawl. 32. 5).

1641. *By John Richardson, Serjeant of Abingdon in the County of Berks. Printed in the yeare* 1641. 4°. It is dedicated to the worshipfull the Major, Bayliffs, and Burgesses of Abingdon.

The King and Parliament had published & decreed, that, on the said 7th of Sept., 1641, every parish should keep a Festival (religiously to be performed) in honour of the great Peacemaker, upon account of the accommodation with the Scots.

Caleva is here made to be Oxford. King Cissa is made to be founder of the Abbey. Many of the ruined Battlements of the Abbey then (1641) to be seen. The Crosse then standing, wch is here called unparalleled & harmless, but threatened to be destroyed. St. Helen's bells (what I never heard before) are called Aaron's bells. Christ's Hospitall near the Churchyard wall; where were also Royse's fruitfull nurseries, out of wch the E. of Pembroke's Gardens were supplied. There is now no Nursery, nor any tradition of one[1]. The said 7th day was a Tuesday. The Festival was proclaimed, because a joyfull peace was concluded betwixt the Scots & us. St. Nicholas's bells called honest Nick's low bells. The hundred and sixth Psalm sung by two thousand Quoristers at the Crosse. The Figure of K. David upon the Crosse, tho' afterwards destroyed by hair-brained Separatists, an Epithet made use of for that crew by the Author. Mention of the skilfull Sergeant Corderoy. Mention of the well known Antelop in Abbington. No feast to be paralleled with this of Abbingdon. A great deal of money collected that day for the Poor. The Author a Cavalier.

Feb. 21 (Tues.). Mr. Baker, in a letter from Cambridge, of the 16th inst., tells me that he hath heard nothing of Mr. Heber, nor does Dr. Dickins remember to have wrote to him or heard from him. This I mention, because Mr. Heber (as I informed Mr. Baker) had told me that Dr. Dickins (who is Regius Professor of Law at Cambridge) had writ him a Letter, advising him to go to Cambridge. I find now, that this Heber imposed upon me, and indeed I have heard from those, that know him full well. of many of his Tricks.

Mr. Baker in the same letter sent me the Title of the first edition of Fox's Mart.. as he took it from a perfect Copy viz. *Actes & Monuments of these latter & perillous dayes, touching matters of the Churche, wherein ar comprehended & described the great Persecutions & horrible troubles that have bene wrought & practised by the Romishe Prelates, speciallye in this Realme of England & Scotland from the yeare of our Lorde a thousande, unto the time now present &c. Gathered & collected*

Feb. 21, 172⅞. R. Graves to H. (Rawl. 6. 148). Would have written before, but intended to come to Oxford last month to enter his son at college, 'but he was seised with a Fever and Ague, which hang'd on him for some Time.' Intends to bring him about Lady Day. The bearer is the young tailor of Campden who has collected so many old coins. As to collating the MS. with the original in the Museum, knows of no one to employ. Will willingly pay a guinea to a capable person. Suggests that H. should do it himself. Remarks on the Black Book of the Exchequer. 'The young Man,

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[1] The reference, which Hearne did not understand, is to Royse's Grammar School which provides scholars to Pembroke College, Oxford.

accordynge to the true Copies & wrytinges Certificatorie, as well of the Parties themselves that suffered, as also out of the Bishops Registers, which were the doers thereof, By John Fox. Imprinted at London by John Day dwelling over Aldersgate beneth St. Martin's Anno 1563, *the* 20 *of March. Cum gratia et privilegio Regiae Majestatis.* Mr. Baker never saw more than one perfect Copy of this Book & that among the late Bp. of Ely's (Dr. More's) Books, now out of its place, for he cannot find it, as before.

He says, what I heard of the Mr. of St. John's in their Univ. Dr. Jenkins's having lost his Understanding, he doubts, is too true. He has left the College, and Mr. Baker fears, will hardly ever be in a Condition to return.

Feb. 22 (Wed.). Mr. Ellis (whom in Vol. 105, p. 172, I have mentioned to have stabbed himself at Mortlock, where he was an eminent schoolmaster) was for many years a Nonjuror & lived in great Reputation, all people respecting him for his principles, and he had the Children of some of the best Quality under him, and he got thereby a great deal of money. But at last he took the Oaths & then he was despised, and deservedly too, which made him discontented, so that a Reflexion upon his Defection & wickedness (for so his taking the Oaths was) spurred him on to lay violent hands upon himself. He was a good scholar, and was formerly mighty great with Mr. Henry Jones, Rector of Sunningwell near Abbington in Berks. & here twas, viz. at Sunningwell, that Mr. Ellis taught school first, where he had also abundance of scholars of the best kind, Mr. Jones himself being then a Nonjuror also. This old Mr. Henry Jones was one of Bp Fell's Executors, & while he continued firm to his Principles, he was much respected, but he also at last complying and taking the Oaths, he grew also despicable, wch made him melancholly & shortened his life, so that he died obscurely. Dr. Thomas Bailley also of Magd. Coll. stood out for many years, & was respected for it, but afterwards accepting the Headship of Magd. Coll. he complyed with the Government, & took the Oaths, upon wch his former acquaintance (such as were firm and truly honest) despised him, & shunned his Company, wch affected him so much, that he died in a short time, having been President only 4 years.

Feb. 23 (Thur.). John Ward of Hackney, Esq., having on the 11th inst. received his Sentence at the King's Bench Bar, Westminster, to pay a Fine of Five hundred Pounds, to stand one Hour in the Pillory, and

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whose name is George Ballard, has been all about the Country to pick up old money, and has got a great Number. . . . When he has gott any new that I have not seen, he brings 'em to me to tell him whose they are. . . . I suppose he will bring some of them with him to shew you.'

Feb. 22, 172$\frac{4}{5}$. E. Archer to H. (Rawl. 1. 132). Can give no account of the Abbots of Michelney at present: hopes to have more leisure shortly. [Note by Hearne:—'Recd by Mr. Tottenham, Sund. Night, Febr. 26, 1726.']

Feb. 23, 172$\frac{6}{7}$. R. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 3. 102). Has been prevented from writing by a long illness. Wants large copy of John of Glastonbury sent to Brigadier Dormer. Will send payment by Godfrey.

Feb. 23, 172$\frac{6}{7}$. J. West to H. (Rawl. 17. 67). Received letter and

to give Security for his good behaviour for seven Years, accordingly he stood in the Pillory on Friday the 17th before Westminster Hall Gate, pursuant to his Sentence. It seems, it was for Forgery, being prosecuted by the Dutchess of Buckingham, he having added to some Writing a Cipher too much. A vast Concourse of People was assembled on this Occasion, and a Soldier was sent to the House of Correction for throwing an Egg at him. At his being taken down he fainted, being extremely weak. I have been told, he had been before expelled the Parliament House. He has the Character of a sad Rogue. I am told he is brother to that wretch George Ward, commonly called Jolly Ward of University College [1].

Feb. 24 (Fri.). On Tuesday morning last it began to rain hard at eight clock, and so it continued till the next day being Wed. ten clock at night, when it turned to snow, and continued snowing till twelve Clock & after, so that it rained & snowed fifty two hours together, & had the Snow layd, it would have proved very deep. There was a great Floud before wch had lasted above two Months, but the Rains & Snow now encreased it so prodigiously, that such a Floud hath not been known for a great many Years.

Last night I recd a Letter from Dr. Richardson of Yorkshire, dated at Preston in Lancashire Feb. 16, 172$\frac{6}{7}$, at the beginning of wch he hath this Passage:—'I am very much obliged to you for your two very kind letters, & for your redyness in serving my friend Currer in the afaire [*sic*] of Broughton; but I am afraid he cannot succeed in it, since I am informed, that Mr. Bankes of Skipton, a person of a very good Character, has made the same proposals to the Dean & Chapter, that were formerly made by Mr. Ash; so that now we have no room to exspect so great a favoure from the College; but must always with due gratitude acknowledge Dr. Tanner's great Civility to us, as wel as yours, upon that occasion, to whome pray give my service when you write to him.'

He tells me, he returned from York to Preston the week before the Date of his Letter, & that his kinsman, the Precentor of York was then at York at my Service. The Dr. had writ to him some time agoe, to solicite that he [the Dr.] might have the liberty to send me Thomas Eccleston's History to Oxford. He gave the Dr. no great hopes of Success, but told him that if he [the Dr.] should speake to the Deane &c. perhaps he might prevaile. The Dr. spoake to severall of the Prebendaries, & told them that he would give them any security for the safe

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parcel. Thanks for present of the 'Collectors Scheme.' [For part of letter, see Diary, Feb. 28.] 'T. Rawlinson's Catalogue is just published; it contains only some part of his Worst books (I suppose), and was printed by himself before his Death. I have just run it over, and find nothing extraordinary in it. It is very large, and is sold for two & 6d.' Mr. Serjeant's books are to be sold at the same time.

[**Feb. 24, 172$\frac{6}{7}$.**] **H. to T. Tanner** (Rough draft, Rawl. 110. 30). Thanks for instrument about Richard Whiting. Will make public mention of Dr. Macro's Register. Can't learn when John Bracy flourished. Quotes

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[1] Mem. Tis not so.

returne of the MS. but they all told him the same Story, that severall of their MSS. had been lost by trusting them out of the Library, & named a New Testament, that had been lent to some of Dr. Mill's friends for him to collate, which had never been returned. Since that time there has been an Order made, that no Bookes of any kind should be trusted out of the Library, but they agreed, that he should have the liberty to transcribe it, & this is all the favoure he could obtaine. There are only 47 pages of it, & some part of the Booke has either been writ with bad ink, or lain in some damp place, for the letters are so pale, & the Abbreviations so particular, that who ever undertakes to transcribe it correctly, must be much more conversant in the knowledge of MSS. than the Dr. (he says) can pretend to, & he fears that they have no person in the North, that he knows of, that can do it upon any consideration; if at any time I have any friend, that should come up to the North that is qualifyed to such an undertaking, the Dr. says he could procure him the liberty to transcribe it.

Feb. 25 (Sat.). As to Eccleston, I am much obliged to Dr. Richardson and his worthy Kinsman the Precentor, for their great trouble in reference to the York MS., but I now despair (for I cannot go thither myself, & I know not what person to imploy) not only of having the MS. sent me, but of having it copied for me; so that my design of printing Eccleston from that MS. is now (as I apprehend) wholly at an end.

Dr. Richardson in the same Letter told me, he has now in his hands a large Vol. of original Letters & Copies &c., relating to the Affairs of England with Scotland in King H. the VIII time. At the beginning of the Book is writ, This Booke made the first of June the xv Year of the Reigne of our Soueraigne Ld King Henry the VIII A. D. MDXXIII[1]; in which are severall letters from my Ld Dacres (then Warden generall of the Borders of England) to the Chanceler of Scotland; Severall letters of Cardinal Wulsys & others to him; Severall Original Letters from my Ld. Surrey (then Treasurer and Admiral of England) to my Ld. Dacres. Original letters from several Abbots to my Ld. Dacres, great numbers of letters from other hands to my Ld. Dacres as wel English as Scotch. Letters to the Duke of Albany. The Collection belongs to Tho. Hesketh, Esq., one of the members of Parl. for Preston, & if I think any thing in this Vol. will be either satisfactory to me, or usefull to the publick, he is sure he can so far prevail upon him, that I may have the perusal of the Book at Oxford; which if I desire, he says shall be sent to me from hence. The Dr. says, he should only stay there three weeks longer at the farthest, & then return into Yorkshire, therefore desires to hear from me in that time.

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passage from Dr. Richardson's letter of Feb. 16 about the Vicarage of Broughton. [See Diary, Feb. 24.] Had he known there would be difficulty about getting the loan of Eccleston, would have said nothing about it. Thanks for the account of the MS. sent by the Precentor. Knows of no friend who would transcribe it.

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[1] Hearne writes MVXXIII.

The Dr. says, he hath also by him a MS. Bible, pretty intire in English, & a Latine Testament handsomely writ, but these seem to bear no higher date than Ric. the 3d. They both belong to the same Gentleman.

The Dr. hath a Rental of the Lands belonging to Furness Abby.

NB. I should be glad to peruse the Collection of Letters & the said Rental & so I design to tell the Dr. by Letter, directed to him at Preston tomorrow.

Feb. 26 (Sun.). Meeting last Friday Mr. Prujean of St. Clements, he told me, that two other Skulls have been found, where they have made a boghouse hole at the west End of the north side of Holywell Church Yard, so that there have been found in that place three Skulls all lying by one another, whence it appears, that the bodies were buried all three in a rew [*sic*].

On Thursday last John Rance, son of my late Printer's child (a Girl), was baptized in Holywell Church, of wch Parish he is, his wife having been brought to bed some time before.

The following Extracts, from a Register at Abbington, were lent me by Mr. James West, of Balliol College, on Feb. 7, 1726, he being then at London. Who made them I know not, but they were taken anno 1638.[1]

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Feb. 27 (Mon.). On Saturday last Feb. 25 died in Magd. Coll. Mr. Mat. Tubb, Fellow of that College & only Son of Mr. Tubb of Ifley near Oxford, wch Mr. Tubb of Ifley lived formerly near Cairfax in Oxford, and kept a great millener's shop, but leaving off his Trade, he went to and settled at his Estate at Ifley, & hath ever since followed Maulting. His foresaid Son took the degree of M.A. on May 13, 1709, & being an excessive hard drinker (& having frequently fits withall, with wch he had been troubled several years) died just after he was turned of fourty; I have heard at Ifley, that he was in the 42d Year of his Age.

On Saturday, the nineteenth of this month, called upon me Mrs. Jane Rance, the youngest of the three Daughters of my late Printer Mr. John Rance, after whose Death she went with her sister Sidney to London, & both of them have lived there ever since with their eldest sister, who is married (& hath by him seven children living) to Mr. Johnson[2] who keeps a tavern and hath great business, but this Mrs. Jane having not her health there, is returned to Oxford for the Recovery of it, having left her sister Sidney behind her. But the true reason of her coming is said to be, upon account of Mr. Paulin, a young Gentleman that is Chaplain of New College, & formerly, during her Father's life, courted her, & Letters on that account have since her being at London passed between them, as she told me herself, tho' she added, that all was now over, he having set his Affections upon another.

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[1] Here follow ten pages of extracts. The original register was printed at Oxford in 1871, entitled 'A monument of Christian Munificence by Francis Little, sometime mayor of Abingdon, or an account of the brotherhood of the Holy Cross and of the Hospital of Christ in Abingdon (1627),' edited by Claude Delaval Cobham, B.C.L.

[2] N.B. A little after the writing of this, this Johnson became bankrupt.

Feb. 28 (Tu.). Mr. West tells, in a Letter from the Inner Temple of the 23rd, that he is pretty certain it is *Joscelinum vestrum Palmerum* in Fox's Latin Letter, before his book in Magd. Coll. Library. I guessed it should be *Julium vestrum Palmerum*. For 'tis Julius in the Book of Martyrs and in Wood. Mr. West thinks he could not mistake so grossly, as to write Joscelinum for Julium. Mr. West transcribed the Copy I have from the Original in the College Library. I went lately to the Coll. Library with Mr. Collis, one of the Senior Fellows, to see the Orig. but we could not get into the Library, being it seems barricadoed, because 'twas out of order.

Mr. West says Mr. Stephens (a Gentleman of his acquaintance) is made Historiographer Royal. He says he is a very honest good-natured man but he believes of no great reading in our Antiquities.

March 1 (Wed.). Yesterday in the afternoon at 4 clock, the Time of their Prayers, Mr. Matt. Tubb was buried in Magd. Coll. Chappell. This Gentleman used to preach sometimes at St. Marie's.

Dr. William Nicholson, having been lately made Archbp. of Cashal, died a few days afterwards, as he sate in his chair in his study, of an Apoplexy. I have several times formerly made mention of this person, with whom now and then I formerly corresponded. He was (Ath. Oxon. ed. 2, col. 980) son of Joseph Nicholson, minister of Plumland in Cumberland, and became a student in Queen's Coll. Oxon. in midsummer Term anno 1670 aged 15 years, afterwards a poor serving Child, & when Taberder & Bach. of Arts he was sent by Sir Joseph Williamson, then one of ye Secretaries of State, to travell in Germany, where he got some knowledge in the Northern Languages. On July 3, 1679, he proceeded M. of Arts, & forthwith was made Fellow of his College, about wch time he became Chaplain to Dr. Edw. Rainbow bp. of Carlisle, who in the year 1681 gave him a Canonry in the Church of Carlisle, a Benefice in Cumberland, & in Sept. 1682 the Archdeaconry of Carlisle, in the Place of Tho. Musgrave resigning. Afterwards, upon the Death of Dr. Thomas Smith, he was made Bp. of Carlisle, being consecrated at Lambeth, June 14, 1702, & was created D.D. but not at Oxford. Here he sate many Years, & was at length translated to the See of London Derry in Ireland, & lastly, as I have said, made Archbp. of Cashall.

He hath written :—Description of Poland: Description of Denmark; Both wch are in the 1st Vol. of the English Atlass Oxon. 1680. Description of part of the Empire of Germany &c., Oxon. 1681 fol., being the second Vol. of the English Atlas. Description of the remaining part of

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Feb. 28, 172⅞. H. to [R. Bridges] (Rawl. 3. 102). Has sent John of Glastonbury to Brigadier Dormer. Had heard of R. B.'s illness. Congratulates him upon his recovery.

c. **Feb., 172⅞. H. to [Mrs. Jane Hearne]** (Rawl. 27b. 379). 'I am very glad wt I sent came safe. I have now sent a Guinea, wch I desire you to accept of, as also five shillings for my Uncle William, wch you will be pleas'd to take care shall be laid out for something to comfort him. I had sent sooner, only I was willing first of all to hear about my former Letter. I shall be glad to know when Mr. Torkington is in the Country. My Respects to all my Friends.'

the Empire &c., Oxon. 1683, being the 3rd vol. of the English Atlas. Several Sermons. A Letter to Mr. Obad. Walker, Master of Univ. Coll. concerning a Runic Inscription at Beaucastle; published in the Phil. Transact., Dec. 1685. A letter to Sir Will. Dugdale concerning a Runic Inscription at the Font of Bridekirk, *ibid.* The English Historical Library in 2 vols. 8vo, afterwards enlarged to & printed in a small Folio at London. The Scottish Historical Library, 8vo. The Irish Historical Library printed at Dublin, 8vo. And other things.

He was a bold impudent man, & his said Historical Libraries are full of gross mistakes, wch however he cared not to acknowledge. He was of a large size as to his person. Dr. Hickes complimented him much for his Skill in the Runic Language.

March 2 (Thur.). On Tuesday last called upon me Mr. Wilson, Bach. of Arts of Ch: Ch:, Son of Dr. Wilson, Bishop of Man.

He is lately come from that Island, where he hath been detained a good while (almost two Years), wch hindered him (he having been like to have been drowned) from coming to Oxford to determine last Year, for wch reason he determines this Lent.

He told me of a new sort of money (silver & brass) coyned lately for that Island. It seems, before they had only Brass, of wch there was only three hundred Pounds worth coyned, wch makes it scarce.

He told me, that his Father is about publishing the New Testament in Manks and English, a Thing never done before. He told me, his Father sent Bishop Gibson a compleat Tract of the Isle of Man, written by himself, but that 'tis strangely mangled by Gibson in his late second Ed. of Camden's Brit. I wish the Bishop of Man would give it us separately.

Yesterday, in the afternoon, called upon me, Mr. George Ballard, a young man (a Tayllour) of Campden in Gloucestershire, of whom I have heard Mr. Graves speak more than once. This Ballard is an ingenious curious young man, & hath pickt up abundance of old Coins, some of wch he shewed me. He hath been at many places about the country for that End. He hath also pickt up many of our Historians, & other English Books, & takes great delight in them, but he is no scholar. He is a mighty admirer of John Fox & talks mightily against the Roman Catholicks, tho' I told him, that there are fifteen thousand Lyes in Fox, & brought him to some sense of the Abuses frequently put upon the poor Roman Catholicks.

He shewd me an old Ed. wch is the first of *Historia Britannica, hoc est, de rebus gestis Britanniae seu Angliae Commentarioli tres* of wch I have two Editions, one printed *Ambergae* 1603, the other at Oxford 1640, 8vo. I know not who the author was, but the Title in Mr. Ballard's Book is, *De rebus gestis Britanniae Commentarioli tres. Ad ornatissimum virum M. Henricum Broncarem Armigerum E.S. Londini Ex Officina Typographica Henrici Binneman.*

Mr. Ballard told me, about a week ago he met with a curious old Paint upon board (an original, as he takes it), done excellently well, of Queen Catharine, the divorced wife of Hen. VIII.

Mr. Ballard hath a Sister (wch Mr. Graves used to talk also of) equally

curious in Coins & Books with himself. He told me, she is twenty three years of Age.

There came with Mr. Ballard, one Mr. Ellys, who deals in Laces &c. and is Brother in law to Mr. Ballard, having married another (one elder) Sister of Mr. Ballard's, by whom he hath 2 children.

March 3 (Fri.). [A History of the Trinitarian Friars in Oxford. It is the same in substance as Wood's account, *City of Oxford* (O.H.S.), vol. ii, pp. 482–8, except that Hearne gives no authorities.]

March 4 (Sat.). On Wednesday last (March 1st) died Mr. Holmes, M.A. & Chaplain of Queen's Coll. Oxford, & was buried on Friday night following at six Clock in St. Peter's Church in the East, very pompously, the funeral expenses coming to thirty pounds at least, and yet his Father (who is still living & was formerly of Queen's Coll. himself) is only a Curate & a petty schoolmaster somewhere about Wantage. This young man killed himself with excessive drinking. He was much in debt but his Father (who was present at his death) hath discharged all. He had a brother a distiller, who also killed himself with immoderate drinking. The Father hath now no son living, but there are three daughters, one of wch was also present at Oxford when this young man of Queen's Coll. died.

March 5 (Sun.). On Tuesday last, Feb. 28, Dr. Richard Frewin was married, in the church of Bessilsleigh near Abbington, to Mrs. Eliz. Woodward, niece of Dr. Joseph Woodward, Fellow of Oriel College, & Register of the Chancellour of Oxford's Court. She is about 35 years of Age & the Dr. about 50. She hath lived with, and taken care of her Uncle, in New-Inn Hall Lane, where he now lives, many years. She is a Woman of extraordinary good nature. They were married by Dr. Shippen, Principal of Brazenose Coll. & they lay together the first night at the said Dr. Shippen's House at Appleton.

March 7 (Tu.). Mrs. Eliz. Shepherd (whose maiden name was Sanders) the wife of Mr. John Shepherd of St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, was born on July 25th in the year one thousand six hundred ninety seven.

March 8 (Wed.). Dr. Robert Clavering, Bishop of Landaff, hath printed his Charge at his primary Visitation. It is in 4to. 'Tis long, flat & heavy. He observes (among other things) what a weighty affair the

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March 6, 172⅞. **H. to T. Ward** (Diaries, 115. 159). Received letter of 13th ult., with books. Is obliged to the Recorder for the Particular of Abbey Lands. Does not know what to say about the inscription and seal. 'The new Edition of *Ductor Historicus* was done without my Privity, as you may easily learn from what I have said in the Catalogue of my Books.'

March 7, 172⅞. **H. to J. West** (Diaries, 115. 160). Many years ago corrected a copy of the Earl of Surrey's Poems for Mr. Serjeant. 'I do not doubt but it came safe to his hands, tho' he never made me the least Acknowledgement either by Letter or Word of Mouth.' If this book is in his auction, it would be worth while to secure it.

[*c.* **March 8, 172⅞.**] **T. Baker to H.** (Rawl. 22. 18). [For part of letter, see Diary, March 11.] 'I am not sorry for Mr. Heber's disappointment, for I should have found it difficult to have accommodated him so well as I should

office of a Bishop is & that he already feels the Burden of it. No doubt 'tis weighty, but alas! what do they feel of it, that never live in their Dioceses, but at a great distance from them, indulging themselves in Luxury & Ease. Of these is Dr. Clavering, who lives (from his Diocese of Landaff & his Deanery of Hereford) in Christ Church, Oxon., with his young wife, where he eats, drinks & gets Children.

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March 9 (Th.). Dr. Henry Egerton, Bp. of Hereford, preached before the H. of Lords last 30th of January. His Sermon is printed. It begins with 'And'. It is a most strange stupid thing. Surely nothing hardly can be worse.

This day began the Assizes at Oxford. The Judges were Fortescue Aland and Alexander Denton. The Sermon was preached by Mr. Owen of St. John's Coll. who hath put out part of Vida.

March 10 (Fri.). On Saturday night, Febr: 25, the Sessions ended at the Old Bailey, when, among such as received sentence, John Darleston, a Grave Digger of Shoreditch Parish, convicted of stealing several Brass Ornaments, etc., from Tombs in that Church, was ordered to suffer two months Imprisonment.

Collonel Legg, chief Ranger of Whitchwood Forest, died (I am told) about twenty years ago, and lays buried in Charlbury Church. I am promised his Epitaph. He was a Roman Catholick and extremely well beloved. I am told he died in the hundred and first year of his age. He wore his own hair, and was very grey. He was a fine lusty, haile man. His face was very red. He used to rise very early, and would take his stick, and walk two or three or more hours in the forest, then come home to breakfast, when he took a cup of Ale, and a bit of Bread and Cheese, then he would take his stick again, and go into the Forest, and at dinner time come home and take his dinner, which was never more than of one Dish, let there be ever so many Dishes at the table, and he would never drink till he had eat what was sufficient. All at table would be sure to drink to him, and he would take his glass and fill it of the same liquor they had drank of, but instead of drinking, he would put it into his Cup, and going round the Company as they sate at Table (for he would rise up as soon as he had eat of one Dish) if any young Ladies were there, he would ever now and then dab his Finger on their necks as he walked round. Upon wch they would turn their Heads, and then he would kiss them, and be very merry, as he was at all times, perhaps there was not a more merry man in England, and when

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have desir'd, &, for your sake, should have endeavor'd.' [Note by Hearne:—'Recd, Thursd., March 9th, 1726.']

March 9, 172⅝. J. West to H. (Rawl. 17. 68). [See Diary, March 12.]

March 10, 172⅝. Ric. Furney of Chelsea to H. (Rawl. 14. 143). Would like to subscribe to Hearne's new work relating to antiquities; he does not know its title. [Hearne makes a note that he replied on March 15 that the work is Adam de Domerham.]

the whole Company had dined, he would take of his whole Cup of mixed liquors at a draught generally, having not drank before, after which he seldom would drink again till supper. His Funeral cost about fifty Pounds, but 'twas chiefly for the poor, there being a vast deal of Bread given away to the poor at the Church when he was buried.

March 11 (Sat.). Mr. Baker, in a Letter from Cambridge (without Date) that I recd on Thursday last the 9th instant, tells me, that he is glad I recd the MS. Volume of the History of Brute of England, together with part of Mr. Richd. Smith's MS. Catalogue (both which Mr. Baker gave me) tho' both imperfect. He says, had the Catalogue been compleat, the other Part also (which belonged to the late Bp of Ely Dr. Wm. Fleetwood, who lent it me formerly, and I have quoted as his in my Preface to Jo. Ross), should have been at my Service. Mr. Baker had once a full expectation given him by the Bp, but he finds, there is no depending upon Compliments, for which reason, he says, he uses none to me, tho' he adds I have complimented him (Mr. Baker) much beyond what he deserves. N.B. I have not complimented Mr. Baker, he deserves all, and much more than I have said of him in my Books. But his Modesty excuses. Mr. Baker says, he does not know who the Author was of the Book in Latin of the English History I mentioned by E. S. unless Sir Edw. Stradling, who was a learned man and Antiquary, and the Book seems to be wrote by a Man of Quality. Mr. Baker had it once (of the first Edition) but poor Mr. Laughton coming into his Chamber, turning it, being pleased with it, carryed it off, as his manner was, but always gave him somewhat better. That same man (his worthy Friend) had the most skill in Books of any man Mr. Baker ever knew in Cambridge, and had made the best Collection; But see the Vanity of the World, after he had taken so much pains in collecting, he died intestate, the Books came into unskillful hands, who sold 'em at York, every way to disadvantage.

March 12 (Sun.). Mr. West tells me in a letter from London of the 9th instant, that the MS. Mr. Clavel spoke to him about was Dr. Goodman's Account of the Glastonbury Thorn, which Mr. West told him I had printed in the 'Antiquities of Glastonbury', as indeed I have. He said, that the next night, being the 10th instant, he heard the Earl of Surrey's Poems, in Mr. Serjeant's Auction, would come up, when he would be sure to take care to secure it, the Corrections in it being (as I told him) by my own hand from Mr. Selden's Copy, tho' Mr. Serjeant never made me the least acknowledgment, either by writing or word of mouth.

Mr. West said, Mr. Best's Election was heard that day, viz. the day he wrote his Letter, March 9th, being Thursday, and that the Visitor had deferred his Judgment till Monday (the 13th) when the worst they feared would be a new Election.

March 13 (Mon.). Yesterday Seeing Mr. Eckton (that put out the Valor Beneficiorum) with Dr. Butler, President of Magd. Coll., in High Street, Mr. Eckton (whom I had never seen but once before, which was also in High Street) took occasion to speak to me, upon wch I took the

opportunity of asking him, whether he had yet help'd Dr. Tanner to what the Dr. mentioned to me he designed to have from him to compleat his designed New Edition of his Notitia Monastica. Mr. Eckton said he had done nothing as yet, but that he would set about it as soon as he understood the Dr. was in good earnest. He said, the Dr. talked of having this from him seven years ago, but he believes him not to be in earnest, and he added, that the Dr. is afraid to publish his book, and he was of opinion, that it would not come out in his lifetime, wch I took great notice of, and said, 'I suppose then the Dr. expects other Preferment, and may be afraid lest this book may obstruct it.' 'I know not for that,' replys Mr. Eckton, 'but it will open a new Scene of Affairs and displease abundance of people that are now in possession of the Abbey Lands, because as it will shew what Livings and Estates belonged to them, so it will set forth their true value.' This Mr. Eckton seems to be a good sort of man [1].

March 14 (Tu.). Yesterday Mr. Brookland told me, that the Catalogue of the Printed Books in the Bodleian Library is begun to be reprinted, in wch my Appendix is involved. But I suppose the whole will bear the name of somebody else, that hath put the Library into Confusion, and hath done (I believe) no Service to the Catalogue.

About a fortnight since I hear died Mr. William Wotton, commonly called Dr. Wotton, who took the Decree of Bach. of Div. many years ago at Cambridge, of wch Univ. he was originally. He was a man of great natural parts, and might have proved a great man, had he stuck to any particular sort of Learning. But being of a rambling genius, he dealt in many things, and in his latter time applied himself to the Brittish Language, and got a great deal of knowledge on it. He was a bold impudent man, and committed some years ago such indecent Actions in Buckinghamshire (where he had a good Living) as made him fly into Wales, where he absconded often under a fained name Several years. Besides his Reflexions upon ancient and modern learning, he hath written and published many other things, among wch are some about English Antiquities (viz. the Accounts of the Welsh Cathedrals), for the Service of his admirer Brown Willis, Esq., who was spoiled by this Wotton. Mr. Wotton also had made great Progress in printing Howell Dha's Laws, wch will now (I hear) be finished by Moses Williams and somebody else.

March 15 (Wed.). Yesterday my Ld Dupplin, a young nobleman of Christ Church, Son of the Earl of Kinoul, and nephew to the Earl of Oxford, calling upon me (as he does sometimes) I happened to mention to him, from Nicholson's Scottish Historical Library, the Rota Temporum,

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March 14, 172⅞. R. Bridges to H. (Rawl. Lett. 3. 100). Sends two guineas for a copy of John of Glastonbury, and desires copies of Adam de Domerham for the Hon. Brigadier Dormer, Mr. Trumbull, Sir Clement Cottrell, and himself.

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[1] So I thought then (March 13, 172⅞) but since I am informed that he is very covetous and uncommunicative (Jan. 22, 172⅞).

a piece of Scottish History in MS., quoted by Mr. Camden as good Authority, now in the Ld Tarbet's Library. My Lord said, he would write to his Father about it, his Father having Interest in that Family.

My Lord Dupplin told me at the same time, that Mr. Anderson hath met with very little Encouragement for his book about the Queen of Scots.

My Ld (who is a pretty, ingenious, hopefull young Gent.) told me of an Itinerarium Scoticanum newly published, in wch are all the Roman Monuments of that Country. He promised to get one and to give it to me.

To-day (March 15) my Ld Dupplin called upon me again, and informed me, that one Richard Goddard (who is a Tenant of the Duchess of Marlborough at Eynsham) hath over the door of his House an old Stone, supposed to have come from the Abbey of Eynsham, upon wch is an Angel, holding an Escutcheon, on wch Escutcheon are four Saxon Letters. My Lord said, he was told this.

March 16 (Thur.). Last Monday (March 13) The Honble Dr. Henry Bridges, Visitor of Balliol College, gave Judgment about the Mastership of that Coll: when he declared his nephew, Mr. Theophilus Lee, duly elected, to the great Confusion of Mr. Best and his Friends. But Mr. Best etc. may thank Dr. Bourchier for this, whom they employed on this occasion as a Counseller, and he advising them to a new way of electing, by that means Mr. Best (who took that way) lost his point, whereas Mr. Lee's Friends following the old method (wch was to go out of the Chappelle and so to come in again one by one, and vote and after voting to recede) thereby obtained the Cause for him. Nor do I doubt, but this was the old way in other Elections. I find it was so in the Abbies, when in Elections in their Chapter Houses, they used to retire, when they had severally given their vote, that thereby matters might be carried on (as they ought) secretly. This I told Mr. Sandford of Balliol Coll. and some other of Mr. Lee's Friends of, and I hear they made use of what I said, and I am informed, that my Book of Adam de Domerham (in wch is the form of electing an Abbat of Glastonbury) was quoted on the occasion, I having mentioned to Mr. Sandford etc. that form, who therefore made some application to me for the first volume, in which the Form is, but the book being still under the Press, I could not grant the favour. This Mr. Theophilus Lee bears the Character of a good, honest, man. I wish he may prove such.

March 17 (Fri.). This Lent took the Degree of Bachelour of Arts, and compleated it by Determination, Mr. Hen. Dodwell, Commoner of Magd. Hall, Son of the late pious and learned Mr. Henry Dodwell. So that by taking a degree, he hath taken the Oath of Allegiance to the Duke of Brunswick, as King of England, a thing directly contrary to the Principles of his late Father, who abhorred all thoughts of this nature. For

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March 17, 172⅞. Rawlinson to H. (Diaries, 116. 19). He has delivered to Mr. Fletcher a packet, who promises to send it by Monday's parcel. It contains some old deeds which may be returned at leisure. In the sale of his brother's books trifles sell extravagantly, but good books indifferently.

wch reason tho' he frequented the publick Churches, after the decease of the late deprived Bp. of Norwich, the Schism being, according to his notion, then closed, yet he always shewed a Dessent publickly in the Congregation, whenever any devotion was put up for the Usurper. But it seems this young man (as I am informed,) who comes not near me, is so very conceited, as to term his Father a man of wrong Principles, one that neither thought nor acted right, and he pretends to understand matters much more clearly and far better, and for that reason he acts contrary. I fear by this, that he is quite spoiled. For tho' he hath but mean parts, yet he might have acted honestly, and not have been a disgrace to his deceased good Father. But he hath been mislead, partly by women, and partly by that sorry man, his Tutor, Mr., commonly called Dr. Keen of Magd. Coll., who is a man of a very sordid Temper, very proud, and will do anything for money, as well as by one Eaton, Vice-Principal of Magd. Hall, a man of very low Principles. The first day this young Mr. Dodwell determined on was Tuesd. Feb. 28, last, and the 2nd yesterday, March 16th, both of them what are called gracious days, so that he gave the Collector at least a broad piece, by way of bribe, for such days, on purpose that he might be up at disputing the less time, a thing his Father would have detested.

[Some extracts from Dugdale's *Hist. of Warwickshire* are omitted.]

March 20 (Mon.). On Saturday last, at two Clock in the afternoon was a Convocation about an Address, with relation to the present posture of Affairs, to the Duke of Brunswick, commonly stiled King George. I hear there was a full House, and that there was great opposition, but it was carried by about 20 or 30. The University, at least, most of them, are infatuated, to run into all the measures that are taken for the Ruin of this poor Church and nation. But what signify Addresses? The whole kingdom addressed Dick Cromwell, and promised to stand by him with their Lives and fortunes, but when the time of tryal came, they soon forsook him. The same may happen to another Cromwell.

March 21 (Tu.). I hear, that the Address in the Oxford Convocation, on Saturday last, was carried by twenty-four, there being 137 for it and 113 against it.

One Mr. Ford, a very rich Attorney, lived some years since near

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March 18, 172⅞. Ric. Furney to H. (Rawl. Lett. 27 B. 295; Diaries, 116. 31). Subscribes for a copy of Adam de Domerham, to be sent to the Three Daggers and Queen's Head, Fleet Street. Would like a copy of John of Glastonbury and of Heming's Cartulary. Promises to send H. shortly a copy of a letter of Soldan, emperour of the Turks, addressed to a Christian, preserved in the register of John de Pontissera, bishop of Winchester.

March 19, 172⅞. H. to Ric. Rawlinson (Rawl. Lett. 32. 6). Has received the letters of Feb. 23 and Mar. 17. Has received no Catalogue, so that he does not know when the auction began. Mr. Fletcher, who was in Oxford on Feb. 27, declined letting H. have a catalogue, 'which is what I thought he would do.'

March 21, 172⅞. West to H. (Rawl. Lett. 17. 69), *see* Diary of March 23 & 24.

St. John's College in Oxford. Afterwch he removed to New Inn Hall Lane. Thence about a year since he went and lived at Beckley, where he is still, but is selling off his goods there, in order to remove near to London, where his eldest Daughter is very lately married to one Mr. Kendrick, a clergyman, whose father was a mercer in Oxford, and died some time since. Mr. Ford (whose wife died a pretty while since, and is burried in Oxford) is a man of very ill Character. His youngest Daughter, a virgin under twenty years of age, one of the prettiest Creatures in England, died about a Quarter of a year since, and is burried at Beckley, her Father being not willing to be at the Charges of carrying her to, and burying her by her mother at, Oxford.

March 22 (Wed.). From the Reading Post for Mond., March 20, 1727:—

London, March 14. Last Saturday the Address from the University of Cambridge was presented to his Majesty by the Vice-Chancellor, the Heads of Colleges, etc. to the number of 18 Persons; his Majesty returned them a most gracious Answer, and they had severally the Honour to kiss his Majesty's Hand, and were afterwards splendidly entertained at Dinner by the Right Hon. the Lord Viscount Townshend at his Lordship's House in Cleveland Court.

March 13. Yesterday the Hon. and Rev. Dr. Bridges, Visitor of Balliol College, Oxon., decided the Controversy depending between the Rev. Mr. Best and the Rev. Mr. Lee, about the Election of the Master of the said College, declaring the latter to have been duly elected.

[I hear, that when Judgment came to be given on the said 13 March, the Judge and both the Assessors agreed, that Mr. Best's election was invalid, and that one of the Assessors would not allow Mr. Lee's Election good, but that the Judge (viz. Dr. Bridges) and the other Assessor agreed that 'twas valid, and thereupon the Judge declared him duly elected. Mr. Best desired the Judge's reasons but the Judge, as he ought, declined giving any. This business being over, Mr. Lee came into Oxford yesterday, March 21, being Tuesd. about five Clock, with a vast attendance, and immediately took possession.]

March 23 (Th.). Mr. West, in a letter from Lond. of the 21, informs me, that when he wrote last to me, he was in hopes Surrey's Poems had not been sold. Upon Inquiry, he found they were sold the night before he had mine [on that subject]; however it was some comfort (he says) to his disappointment that it was bought by a friend of mine, and a very worthy man, Mr. James Joye. [This James Joye, esq., who is a very rich man, was a great acquaintance of Mr. Sergeant. I saw them together at Oxford.]

March 21, 172⅘. Gale to H. (Rawl. 6. 54). Says there is nothing about Adam de Domerham in his late father's papers.

March 23, 1726. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. Lett. 32. 7). Has received the parcel from Mr. Fletcher's son. The best way of sending is by carrier, and not by booksellers, especially not by some sort of them. The seals were broken. 'I fear something was taken out of the parcel before it came to me.' The Epitaph on 'your deceased brother was not in the parcel though you mentioned it as sent.' H. was glad to find in it Keder's little book.

Mr. West believes, he shall not now [Balliol College Affair is determined against his tutor Mr. Best] be so soon in Oxford as he intended, nothing but the pleasure of seeing me (he says) would incline him to come at all.

He says, our friend Mr. Anstis is going to sell his Office of Garter, after some misunderstandings with several of the Heralds. He and Mr. Le Neve are both worthy men, beloved by all that know them, but very averse to one another. Mr. Anstis showed Mr. West two fine books, the other day, a Leiger of Newstead Abbey, and a Leiger of Chertsey Abbey, but only of one Abbat's time.

March 24 (Fri.). Mr. West in the same Letter tells me, that he had the honour of being admitted a Fellow of the Royal Society on Thursday the 16th instant, and that on Monday morning, between one and two of the Clock, being the 20th inst., the world lost that great man, Sir Isaac Newton, aged 85. He supposes Sir Hans Sloane will succeed him as President, tho' some talk of Martin Foulkes.

On Wednesday last died of a Cancer in the mouth, Mrs. Boyce, Wife of Alderman Boyce of Oxford, aged near 60, being several years older than the Alderman. She was a widow when the Alderman marryed her, but the Alderman had never been married before. She was an excellent Wife. [She was carried out of Town to be burried somewhere near Stoken Church on Sund. March 26 following.]

March 25 (Sat.). Meeting Mr. Saml. Parker on Thursday last, he told me, that another son of the late learned Mr. Dodwell is entered of this Univ. as a member of Trin. Coll., but he could not inform me, who is his tutor. He is a Commoner. Mr. Parker supposes all is managed by the mother, tho' I am apt to think others are also concerned. Be it as it will, the making the Children act contrary to their Father's Principles, with respect to the Government, is slurring him, and doing him a great piece of Injustice. The younger son is named William, and is the youngest of the six children (2 Sons and 4 Daughters) that Mr. Dodwell left behind him living at the time of his death.

Sir Isaac Newton above mentioned was certainly a very great mathematician, and he is justly famed for his 'Principia Mathematica' etc., but I cannot learn, that he had any other learning, unless it be that he made some sallies, by way of diversion, into Chronology, tho' I fear his Chronological Knowledge was no better than Dr. Wallis's, wch was but mean (considering his great skill in mathematics, and many other branches of Learning) as appears from what he hath done at the end of Bp. Fell's St. Cyprian. When I first came to Oxford, Mr. Francis Thompson, Fellow of Queen's Coll., was much cryed up by many in that College, for understanding the foresaid Sir Isaac Newton's Principia Mathematica, some maintaining that he understood them better than the author then did himself. This Mr. Thompson was a sober man, and a great Tutor. He did the College several signal services. The Statutes (which I have seen) require an actual fellow to be Head, and accordingly he being actual fellow, stood upon the Death of Dr. Timothy Halton, but instead of an actual Fellow, they chose Dr. Lancaster, that had left his fellowship many years. This Election occasioned a Pamphlet, printed by Leonard

Litchfield, drawn up partly by honest Dr. Crosthwait (who always maintained, that none but an actual fellow ought to be elected Provost) and partly by Mr. Thompson himself. Some time after a Parsonage fell to Mr. Thompson, and he retired to it, and I think he is still living at it, free from the strife, trouble, and mischiefs of Elections. Sir Isaac Newton was formerly Fellow of Trin. Coll: in Cambridge. He died a Batchelour. Some years since I heard an eminent mathematician (since deceased) say, that he could mention another Person, then living, every way equal in mathematicks to Sir Isaac Newton tho' he had not published. We asked him (for there was one more, a very virtuous Gentleman with us) who this should be. He replyed Sir Christopher Wren, who was indeed a very extraordinary man, being an admirable architect, a profound mathematician, and well versed (what Sir Isaac was not) in Classical Learning. It is remarkable, that Sir Isaac owed much to some Papers he had got of Dr. Hooke's.

March 26 (Sun.). On Friday morning March 17, 1726–7, Mr. Tagg's wife of Paradice Garden, Oxford, was delivered of a Daughter, being her first Child.

March 28 (Tu.). Dr. Rawlinson, in a letter from Rome July 18 O. S. but July 7 N. S. 1724, told me, that among a great quantity of History and Antiquities, which he had collected in all parts, where his curiosity lead him, it is highly probable some duplicates will arise to gratify friends. The mony others lavish in Equipage, Coaches and Embroidery, he put to use this way, and deprived of those gaudy appearances he had notwithstanding entered as far, and seen as much, perhaps more, than some of our Peacocks. Of the remarkable accidents, that happened within four years past, which were very extraordinary, he had been a witness. The holy year then approaching, he said would put an end to his curiosity as to Rome. He said, he highly approved the foundation of the new Professorships at Oxford and Cambridge for the modern languages, as certainly usefull, if for nothing but to curtail the benefit of tutorage to our young nobility and gentry from impudent and ignorant French Hugonots and Scotch Pedlers. With the languages they will come out with vast advantage. For, to our shame at present be it spoken, both Tutors and pupils come, and go very little skilled in the languages, and the little they often know of the learned languages is useless, as the pronunciation, especially in Italy, is widely different from ours, in a manner unintelligible to us and them as the Dr., he says, found by experience.

March 29 (Wed.). From the Reading Post for Mond., March 27, 1727.

London, March 25. On Wednesday last died at Chelsea Mr. Dashwood, of Norbrook in Oxfordshire.

March 30 (Th.). Yesterday called upon me at twelve Clock at noon,

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March 30, 1727. Rev. John Tottenham to H. (Rawl. Lett. 10. 131). [See Diary, April 7.]

March 30, 1727. Ward to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 272). Suggests that the name

Mr. Gagnier, with three other Foreigners, who much desired to talk with me. One of these three told me, he was about a Spicilegium Patrum, wch he would bring down to the end of the ivth Century. He said, he had met with many things for it at Paris, much more than at Oxford, and that he should have abundance more for the two first centuries, than Dr. Grabe had met with. He said, he had transcribed from my Edition of Leland's Coll., the Fragment of the Acts of St. Thecla, that I have there printed, having been omitted by Dr. Grabe. He said (and the other two agreed with him) that Mr. Schelwig (to whom Mr. Dodwell had communicated his Dissertation upon Theophilus Antiochenus) is a sot and an illiterate man and that he had quite lost the said Dissertation, wch is the reason, that his Friend Wolfius hath taken no notice of it in the Ed. he lately set out of Theophilus Antiochenus. Mr. Schelwig himself had promised an Ed. of this Author, wch made Mr. Dodwell write the Dissertation, and communicate to him, in order to be printed with it. I must now tell Mrs. Dodwell to be very careful of the Copy Mr. Dodwell kept by himself. This gent. (who is about a new Spicilegium Patrum) wanted much to see my old Copy of Pliny's Epistles corrected by Jocundus in which is also the 1st Ed. of the xth book, wch was at 1st printed imperfectly, but 'tis supplyed in my Copy by Jocundus, who inserted the Epistles, that were wanting from a MS. that is not now to be found. For some reasons, I could not shew this gentleman the book. Tho' I had known Mr. Gagnier many years, yet these three gents were strangers to me, & I know not whether they be men of probity and sincerity. They are all three young men.

March 31. Good Friday. From the London Gazette, Numb. 6566, viz. From Tuesday, March 21, to Saturday, March 25, 1727.

[Then follows the address of the University presented to the King.]

Thus this silly Address, occasioned by the Duke of Brunswick's declaring his danger from the Pretender, as K. J. is unjustly called. But should there be an Alteration, and the rightfull Prince placed on the Throne, these and all other Changelings would then be as ready to caress him, as they do now the Duke of Brunswick, and then it may be such Changelings too as Bromley and Clark[1] (for such they are also) would be ashamed to hear of their cringing and complyance. When this Address was about to be presented at London, Mr. Francis Bromley (son of Wm. Bromley, Esq., above mentioned) who is Student of Xt Ch. came to me, and, among other things, asked me, what I thought about the University's Addressing. I said 'twas silly, that the University should never Address (Scholars being supposed to mind Learning not Politicks),

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Bocardo [i.e. the North Gate and prison of Oxford] alludes to the story of Bochoris, king of Egypt; or that it should be Blochardo, because it was a fort or blockhouse.

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[1] Who presented the address to the King. They were the Parliamentary representatives of the University.—Ed.

and that those were Changelings that promoted any such things. He then said his Father and Dr. Clark were to present it. I said then they are Changelings too, wch he took great notice of, and replyed they were forced to do it, otherwise they would be turned out from being Members of Parl: for the University.

April 1 (Sat.). Yesterday morning died Farmer Tombes, of Beckley near Oxford, in the 74th year of his age. He was a very great drinker, and was formerly a very famous Wrestler, being a strong lusty man. He was well beloved, and lived very handsomely & creditably, till of late he was brought into Trouble and a Lawsuit by the Earl of Abington's Steward, wch, 'tis supposed, broke the Farmer's heart. This suit was not ended when he died. He died a Widdower.

Upon the Duke of Normandy's Conquest of England Ao 1066, the Scholars all in a manner left Oxford, & little Learning was left there.

April 2, Easter day. Mr. William Reading (in a Letter from Sion College of March 1, 1725–6) told me, that they had no MS. in their Library (of Sion College, of wch Library he is the Keeper) relating to English matters, of any good Antiquity. He said, he was then labouring a little work, wch he intended for the Press, wch obliged him to look into things of that kind, and he promised himself some new discoveries from a MS. of our Engl. Kings from the first times to K. Hen. V., but when he came to examine it, it proved (he says) so trifling and imperfect, that he could get nothing worth his trouble out of it. He said, if he should see Oxford before he published, he should crave leave to communicate with me upon the subject.

Wt book this is (Mr. Reading said he was upon), I know not, tho' Mr. Grainger and Mr. Allen said it was something about Heraldry. I have not seen Mr. Reading, nor heard anything from him since.

April 3, Easter Monday. [*A letter to Mrs. Dodwell about the loss of Mr. Dodwell's dissertation: see Mar.* 30.]

April 4 (Tu.). I hear Sir Isaac Newton died intestate, tho', besides a considerable paternal Estate, he was worth in money twenty seven thousand Pounds. He had promised to be a benefactor to the Royal Society, but failed.

Some time before he died, a great Quarrel happened between him & Dr. Halley, so as they fell to bad language. This 'tis thought so much discomfited Sir Isaac as to hasten his end.

Sir Isaac died in great Pain, tho' he was not sick, wch Pain proceeded from some inward Decay, as appeared from opening him. He is buried in Westminster Abbey.

April 2, 1727. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. Lett. 23. 34; Diaries, 116. 45). Writes that he has the Catalogue of Mr. Laughton's books, but it contains only the Latin books; it is so badly done that he does not send it to H. He has heard from Dr. Tanner complaining of want of health and inflammation of the eyes. Wishes to know the title of a sermon preached by Bp. Fisher in 1521.

Sir Isaac was a man of no promising Aspect. He was a short, well set man. He was full of thought, and spoke very little in company, so that his conversation was not agreeable. When he rode in his Coach, one arm would be out of the Coach on one side, and the other on the other. He hath left behind him a MS Chronology compleat and ordered to be printed.

Some years ago Sir Isaac was very much troubled with a Lethargy, occasioned by too much thinking, but he had got it off fairly well before he died.

About a Fortnight since died M^r^. Hen. Watkins (who took the Degree of Master of Arts, May 26, 1691), Student of X^t^ Ch. and Secretary to my L^d^ Arran, Chancellor of the Univ. of Oxford. He died worth about ten thousand libs.

April 5 (Wed.). From the Reading Post for Mond., Apr. 3, 1727:—

London, March 28. A most tragical Accident happened the 19^th^ instant near Truro in Cornwall where Nicholas Hearle, a justice of the Peace, and Clerk of the Peace for that County, being in his Chamber, loading a Pistol to ride out, the same unhappily discharged from his Hand, and shot his Lady, who was sitting at the Fireside thro' the Head, who died immediately. The Coroner's Jury have brought in their Verdict Accidental Death, and Mr. Hearle has surrendered himself at Launceston to take his Trial at the Assizes.

We hear from Grafton Park in Northamptonshire, that lately died there, John Sharp, Esq., Son to the late Archbishop Sharp, a Gentleman of great Worth and Abilities.

London, March 30. The Corpse of Sir Isaac Newton which was burried on Tuesday [March 28] in the Abbey from the Jerusalem Chamber was follow'd to the Grave by a great many Persons of Quality and Distinction, to shew the Respect they bore to that unquestionably great man, and six noble Peers supported the Pall.

Yesterday [March 29, Wed.] John Conduit, Esq., Member of Parliament for Whitchurch, received his Patent, constituting him Master Worker of his Majesty's Mint in the Tower, in the Room of Sir Isaac Newton, deceased.

Last Saturday [March 25] died at his house in Duke Street, Westminster, M^r^. Watkins, formerly Judge Advocate.

April 6 (Th.). Last Monday (being Easter Monday) M^r^. Thomas Brazier, Son of M^r^. Brazier a Glover of S^t^. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxon., was married in Magd. Coll. Chappel to M^rs^. Leaver, a pretty girle, who hath lived with M^r^. Leaver the Apothocary of that Parish, tho' they are not related, for about a year, and as soon as they came out of Chappell, they rid to her Friends, substantial creditable people, that keep a Farm at Mackney, near Wallingford in Berks. This Thomas Brazier (who is about 22 years of age and she is about the same age) was for the space of 4 years a Querister of Magd. Coll., but so dull and awkward, that his Father took him home to his trade, in w^ch^ he also proves but poor.

April 6, 1726. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 121; Diaries, 116. 43). Describes the funeral of Sir Isaac Newton. Sir Hans Sloane has been unanimously elected President of the Royal Society; it is hoped that the Natural History of our country will be more encouraged now. W. is setting out to-morrow for Cambridge, where he will have the happiness of seeing, though not of conversing with, that great man Dr. Baker.

Last Tuesday (being Easter Tuesday), there being a Bull baiting at Heddington near Oxford, a Quarrel arose between some Scholars that were there, & two or three of Heddington, about a Cat, that the Scholars would have had tied to the Bulls Tayl. The Scholars being worsted, at wch time one Walters (lately Gent. Com. now a Batch. of Arts) & one Laun (a Civilian, who came lately from Hart Hall, but is now, as is Mr. Walters, of Edm. Hall) were sadly beat and bruised, so as not to be able to come home, but were fetched back in a chair, notice was given to other Scholars at Oxford, whereupon a great Number (some say five hundred, others about two hundred) of them went immediately with Clubs to Heddington, and committed such strange disorders, as have hardly been heard of. They broke almost all the windows in the Town, (pulling down the very window bars) got into Houses, opened Chests, beat & bruiz 13 several people in an intolerable manner, were going to break all the windows of the Church, and they would have proceeded to worse mischief had not Mr. Newland the Proctor of Magd. Coll. been sent for, who coming in the evening, with great difficulty put an end to this unhappy Riot. Tis said, that fifty Pounds will not make good the glass, to except the other Damage, wch is very great, & Heddington looked very strange after this disaster. Some of the Inhabitants, upon approach of the Scholars, run away, others hid themselves, the rest that staid and were found suffered much.

April 7 (Fri.). The Rev. Mr. John Tottenham, M.A., Fellow of Linc. College, and Prebendary of Wells, tells me from Wells, in a Letter of March 30th last, that in the Middle of the Lady's Chappel, which is behind their Quire [at Wells] near the steps leading to the Altar, the workmen, digging a grave for Mr. Healy, in the beginning of that month, found a freestone Coffin about twenty Inches under the Pavement and in which was the bones of Bp Button the first, in due order. There was a large gold stone ring on his finger, wch Dr. Archer [Archdeacon of Wells] with much ado recover'd from the workmen. In the Coffin was found a small silver cup full of Liquor, which was thrown in the dirt before anybody of Curiosity came to the Grave. The Cup was cover'd with a small silver Paten, which was a little eaten up with rust. There was no inscription upon either of them. They are in the hands of Archdeacon Archer, who would not have suffered the good Bishop's bones to have been disturbed, had he known where they had lain.

Mr. Tottenham tells me in the same Letter, that Dr. Morris, their Town Physician, who died the week before the date of his Letter, at Ensham, order'd in his Will, that three Sonatas should be play'd over his Corps just before it was carried from the house to the Church, and the Ceremony, he says, was performed the day before he dates his Letter, viz. on Wednesd., March 29.

NB. The said Dr. I hear was an eminent Physician and rich. He had just entered a Son at Oxford, & was returning home, but was taken ill, and died at Eynsham, four miles from Oxford.

April 10 (Mon.). The Easter Preachers this year before the Univ. of Oxford were Mr. Henry Gregory Student of Xt Church on Good Friday

at Xt Church, Mr. Lamprey Chaplain of Xt Ch. at St. Peter's in the East on Easter Day, Mr. Creed Vice-Principal of Edm. Hall on Easter Monday at St. Marie's, and Mr. Brooke Fellow of Oriel Coll. at St. Marie's on Easter Tuesday, which four Sermons were yesterday repeated at St. Marie's by Mr. Creed aforesaid, who, I am told, did it pretty well, wch 'tis not to be wondered, considering his own Sermon (wch was much the longest) was one of the four. But indeed 'tis a new Thing to have the Repeater to be one of the four Preachers.

Upon looking over some of my papers, I find I have the pr. Catalogue of Mr. Laughton's books, but 'tis (as Mr. Baker observes) a very scandalous one, containing only some of his Gr. and Latin books, the best part of his study being wholly omitted; what became of the rest, I know not, only they have two large Classes of them at Cambridge, most of them old Editions, which stand there not much regarded. Among wch Mr. Baker observes is Jordanus Bruno, a silly idle book, that went at such an extravagant price in Charles Bernard's Auction.

April 11 (Tu.). Ao 1067 Wm Conq. besieged Oxford, and took it. The North side being weakest, he laid siege to it on that Part. It seems the Scholars and others, that remained there, were for Edgar Atheling, and were therefore the same as we now-a-days call Non-Jurors. After he had taken it he used those that were against him most barbarously, so that it is no wonder that the Scholars either fled or were otherwise ruined, and that he withdrew the Exhibitions that King Alfred had settled upon his 3 Halls, wch three Halls altogether made a College.

April 12 (Wed.). From the Reading Post for Monday, April 10, 1727.

London, April 4. About three a Clock yesterday Morning [Easter Tuesday] dyed the well known Mr Solomon Nigri, a Native of Damascus; he was a constant Attendant of the Ambassadors from Morocco, who made him their Associate, and employed him as an Interpreter; in which latter Capacity, he had been useful at Court, as well as on many private occasions.

[NB. This person was a very great man in the Arabick Language &c. and well known at Rome, Florence, and where not? Dr. Constable used to speak highly in his Commendation, he having seen him at Rome & some other places of Italy, and the last time the Dr. saw him was here in Oxford, where Mr. Negri was for some days, and where I saw and talked with him also. As Mr. Negri was an understanding man, so he was also very civil and modest and had no affectation.]

April 13 (Th.). Yesterday called upon me, and brought me a Letter from Dr. Rawlinson, one Mr. Wren, a young gentleman of Warwick, but had now been at London for about 3 Weeks with Dr. Rawlinson, and some other friends. This Mr. Wren is a Nonjuror, and a married man. He is an Atturney, and looks after Dr. Rawlinson's Estate in Warwick-

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April 11, 1727. H. to Furney (Rawl. Letters 27 B. 296). Acknowledges the guinea for Adam de Domerham [see Mar. 18. 172$\frac{6}{7}$]; cannot supply him with Heming's Cartulary, but has a copy of John of Glastonbury, which F. shall have for a guinea 'as you are my friend.'

shire. The Dr.'s Estate there and elsewhere (besides what money he hath) is (it seems) about thirteen hundred libs. per annum.

Yesterday at two Clock in the afternoon was a Convocation, when the Proctors Mr. Newland of Magd. Coll. and Mr. Speke of Wadham Coll. for the year 1726 laid down their office and those for the current year 1727, viz. Mr. Smith of St. John's Coll., and Mr. Barrett of Queen's College, took place. At wch time Mr. Newland, the former Senior Proctor, made, as usual, a speech.

April 14 (Fri.). On Tuesday last preached the Latin Sermon (it being the day before the beginning of the Term), at St. Marie's (before the University), one Mr. Catcot, M.A. and some time Fellow of St. John's College in Oxford, but now Master of a Free School in Bristol, where he hath also a good Living. This Mr. Catcot married one Miss Patty Syms, the youngest and handsomest (and indeed she is looked upon as very handsome) of the five Daughters of the Widow Syms in St. Gyles's Parish in Oxford. Mr. Catcot is an ingenious sober good sort of man, tho' when he was at Oxford he was very idle, spending most of his Time in shooting and sauntring about. He writ and published (when he was at Oxford) a piece of Poetry or two. He is a mighty admirer of the Writings of the late Mr. Norris of Bemerton. Mr. Catcot is 34 years of age.

April 15 (Sat.). The Castle of Oxford was built by Sir Rob. Doyley on the West side of the town A.D. 1071 at the command of the K. Wm the Conq. on purpose to curb the inhabitants of Oxford, who stood still firm to Edgar Atheling.

I am told, that Mr. Newland of Magd. College's Speech last Wednesday was sad stuff, mostly Common Place, & that there was not one remarkable Action for the whole year taken notice of in it. He spoke of *juvenis quidam nobilissimus*, but I cannot find that any one knew who it was he meant.

April 16 (Sun.). Being debarred the Bodl. Library, I have not been there many years. For wch reason I got Mr. John Leak to inspect the Sermon of Bp. Fisher mentioned above [i. e. p. 293], and to take down the title for me, wch accordingly he did and gave it me yesterday.

April 17 (Mon.). Yesterday I recd a Letter from Mr. John Worthington, a person unknown (both by person and Character) to me, with

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April 15, 1727. B. L. Calvert to H. (Rawl. Lett. 14. 53; Diaries, 116. 67). Is now setting out on his long projected voyage [i. e. to Maryland]; sends H. a parcel of old parchments and coins.

April 16, 1727. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. Lett. 32. 8). 'Yesterday I received from Mr. Peisley your Packet, and your letter. I had a little before received another letter from you by a young gentleman of Warwick, who told me his name is Wren. Your old velom remains came safe, though the packet in which they were contained had been broke open, and I cannot therefore tell whether these were all you sent. Curl's pamphlet is like him. The extract from my book is very faultily printed by him, what need not be wondered at. His pamphlet is below my notice. I am glad however to have seen it. What I noted about Athenae Oxon. is true, and I matter not the Booksellers' rage.'

several Particulars relating to the reputed Nunnery of Little Gidding in Huntingtonshire, occasioned by what I have printed upon that Subject at the beginning of Peter Langtoft's Chronicle. Upon wch I writ the following Letter to him, he having very civilly offered to send me other things, there being in his Hands some Remains of the Religious Exercises, performed by the Maiden Sisters at Little Gidding. And if I have a mind to give the World a Tast thereof, a MS., containing about 5 Sheets (he says), is at my Service and Command, as soon as I please, and that I shall find him ready to serve me upon this or any like occasion.

To Mr. John Worthington, at the Hen and Chickens, a Linnen-Drapers' House, over against Serjeants Inn, in Fleet Street, London.

Sir, yesterday I recd your obliging Letter, together with your Transcripts relating to Little Gidding, for all wch I thank you. I knew not before, who was the Author of the Letter I published. Perhaps you can give me some farther Account of Mr. Lenton. The Religious Exercises, you speak of, performed by the Maiden Sisters, at Little Gidding, will be very acceptable, and if you send the MS. at your leisure by Godfrey's waggon at the Oxford Arms in Warwick Lane, it will come safe. In the meantime I am,

Sir,

Your most humble Servant,

THO. HEARNE.

Edm. Hall,
Oxford. April 17, 1727.

April 18 (Tu.). On Saturday last, I recd a Letter from Mr. John Loveday, dated at the Forebury in Reading, in wch he tells me that the person who can best inform me about the quondam Chappel on Caversham Bridge, is Mr. Brigham of Canon-End in that Parish, whose Ancestors were once in possession of the greatest part of it, and from whose Writings we might (as he is very well assured) have a satisfactory Account of it. But it seems they are suspicious of every one, and therefore we must not expect any Information from that Quarter. Mr. Loveday once ask'd the Father of the present Possessor about it, who told him briefly that it was dedicated to St. Ann, and that from thence the Religious went at certain times to a Well now in the Hedge between the Field called the Mount, and the Lane called Priest Lane, wch is supposed to have its name from their going thro' it to the Well, wch was called formerly St. Ann's Well. He likewise informed him that there was in the Memory of Man a large ancient Oak just by the Well, wch was also had in great Veneration. This is the whole of his answer, & the Son inheriting his Father's suspicious Temper, as well as his Estate, 'tis in vain to desire a more particular account from him. About 12 years since, an Inhabitant of the Parish, observing what a good foundation there was still remaining of the Chappel, built him an House upon it. Mr. Loveday

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April 18, 1727. Dr. John Thorpe of Rochester to H. (Rawl. Lett. 10. 110; Diaries, 116. 106). Sends subscription for John de Glaston' and Adam de Domerham. Also sends two MSS. for perusal, one entitled Remembrances collected by Sir Roger Twysden, Bart., the other Analecta Roberti Plot, but by Dr. Plot's son-in-law, John Burman, vicar of Newington and Bobbington in Kent, who died April 13, 1726.

adds, that Kennet in his Parochial Antiquities says, that the Presentation to this Chappel was in the year 1258, in the Hands of Margaret, Widow of Walter Mareschall, Earl of Pembroke, and that he also mentions another Chappel in the same Parish, dedicated to Our Lady.

Mr. Loveday it seems is a very curious young gentleman, and if I think he can find out something more relating to the Chappel from some old Persons in the Parish, if he knew what Question to ask them, he is very ready to make application, & to give me what satisfaction he can.

April 20 (**Th.**). Yesterday Mr. Henry Layng, M.A. of Balliol College, lent me a Paper he met with at Paules Pury in Northamptonshire, of wch he is Rector, indorsed by (as I guess) Sir Nicholas Throgmorton's own hand: *Inventory of all the Plate as well the Quene Majesties as my nowne* under which in another hand (his son as I guess Sir Arthur Throgmorton's) *Plate carryed by my father into fraunsse* (when he went thither Embassadour temp. R. Eliz. viz. in the 1st year of her Reign), and containing as follows written in a different I think Sir Mich. Throgmorton's secretary's hand from both the Indorsments.

The quenes plate.

xi platters silver wayeng iic iiiixx vi ounces.
xxxii dishes silver wayeng iiiic iiixx ounces.
xx salsivers[1] silver wayeng cxlix ounces.
xi Silver Trenchers percell gilt wayeng foure score ounces.
A nest of gilt boles with a cover wayeng three score xv ounces iii quarters.
Three gylt boles without a cover wayeng fortye ounces.
Two gilt standing pottes wayeng icxix ounces dim.
Two gylt saltes with a cover wayeng xxxiiii ounces iii quarters dim.
A bason and Ewer gilt wayeng iiiixx xvi ounces.
A Lewer[2] gilt wayeng xii ounces quart.
xii Trenchers wayeng iiiixx iiii ounces iii quart.
Two white silver pottes wayeng ic vii ounces.
A payre of flagons gylt.

Myne owne plate.

ix silver dishes wayeng ic iiiixx iiii ounces dim.
Two dozen silver trenchers wayeng iic ii ounces.
ii Silver boules pounced wayeng xliii ounces quart.
A Chaffing dishe silver wayeng xlii ounces iii quarters.
A dosin white silver spones wayeng xvi ounces i quart. dim.
ii standing cupps one within the other wayeng xxiii ounces dim. quart.
A gilt Cupp standing with a Cover wayeng xxii ounces iii quarts.

April 19, 1727. H. to Mr. John Loveday (Diaries, 116. 60). H. would like to know more about the chapel at Caversham Bridge. 'Adam de Domerham draws towards an end.'

April 20, 1727. Ric. Furney to H. (Rawl. Lett. 14. 137). Sending an extract from fol. 122 of the register of John de Pontissera, bp. of Winchester, i. e. a letter of Soldan, emperor of the Turks.

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[1] Probably the transcriber misread the word.—Ed.
[2] There is no such word; probably *Ewer* in the original.—Ed.

A gilt cupp standing with a Cover wayeng xxi ounces dim. quart.
A gilt cupp with a cover standing wayeng xiii ounces quart.
A standing cup gilt with a cover wayeng xvii ounces quart., chalis like.
A standing boole gilt wayeng xi ounces quart. dim.
iii thynne boles gilt with a cover wayeng xx ounces iii quart.
A salt gilt with a cover wayeng ix ounces dim. quart.
A lytle salt gilt, Acorne wyse, with a pepper boxe wayeng v ounces farthing good.[1]
vi gilt spones with handes and tunnes wayeng ix ounces dim. & dim. quart.
A payre of glasse flagons barred with silver and gilt.
A bason and Ewre silver wayeng ii^{c}ii^{xx} viii ounces iii quarts. dim.
iiii whyte silver boles without a Cover wayeng iii score ounces.
Four silver Candle stikes wayeng xiiii frenche markes v ounces dim. having iiii Sockettes to take of and on to put in round Candelles.
A Sylver tonne of viii cuppes.

April 21 (Fri.). On Saturday the 8th inst. died of the small Pox at London, the Rt. Honble John Brydges, marquess of Carnarvon, eldest son of his Grace James Brydges, Duke of Chandois. This young Gent. who was lately of Balliol College, was born in Jan. 170$\frac{2}{3}$. Tho' his Father be a stingy, close, proud man, yet I have heard this his son (who hath left Issue by his Lady one Son, & she is big of another child) commended as a man of different qualities. I know not how justly.

From the Reading Post for Mond., April 17:—

> April 6. Our Assizes here being ended, among other things transacted here, the [Oxford] Woman that wears Man's Apparel, and has played unaccountable Pranks about the Country, is ordered to be discharged. Tis said she is with Child, and that her Husband is come to her.

April 22 (Sat.). M^{r}. Guy of Oxford, Joyner, a great Man with the Earl of Abbington, told me yesterday, that he is between sixty and seventy years old, I think he is 63.

April 23 (Sun.). Yesterday I rec^{d} the Curiosities, given me by M^{r}. Calvert. The Parchments relate to Ploughley, two or three of w^{ch} I had formerly borrowed of M^{r}. Calvert, and I have printed them in the Hist. & Antiquities of Glastonbury. The Coins are most of them Roman, and there are three or 4 Greek ones, and they are good. Among the said Coins is a Copper Medal of Cardinal Borromaus, w^{ch} is good. Round his head is, S. CAR. BOR. CAR. MLI. There is a large fine Print of Cardinal Borromaeus in the Bodl. Libr. given by the Late D^{r}. Mill.

April 22, 1727. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 122; see also Diary for April 25). Describes a visit to the University Library at Cambridge and to the Pepys MSS. 'On Wednesday next comes on another auction of T. R.'s books.'

April 23, 1727. H. to B. L. Calvert 'to be left with Mr. Charles Lowe near Westminster Abbey' (Diaries, 116. 69). Thanks for the coins and parchments. 'I fear this letter will not reach you before you go from England.'

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[1] I cannot explain this phrase.—Ed.

April 24 (Mon.). Dr. Isham of Magd. Coll. is made Secretary to my Ld Arran, Chancellor of the Univ. of Oxon., in room of Mr. Watkins deceased.

Yesterday Morning at three clock Mrs. Shepherd, of St. Peter's in the East, Oxon., wife of Mr. John Shepherd, was brought to bed of a boy, wch was immediately christened by the name of John, & it died soon after. This is her fourth child. It was burried in St. Peter's Ch. Yard this Evening.

There being a great Flaw in the East End of Cairfax Church, Oxon., this day they began to pull part of the said East End down in order to repair it.

April 25 (Tu.). Last Week the Oxford Act for the current year was put off, tho' not without a considerable opposition.

Mr. West tells me, in a Letter from Lond. of the 22nd inst., that being lately in Cambridgeshire he spent two days in that University, both wch times he had the pleasure of seeing my Friend Mr. Baker, who was pleased to walk with him, and shew him his College, the Library etc. What hath been given to the Library by Mr. Baker himself is no small addition to it; Mr. Baker being turned out of his Fellowship for his honesty and Integrity (as I have also lost my places for the same reason, in not taking the wicked Oaths) writes himself in all his books, '*Socius ejectus.*' His Goodness and Humanity are as charming to those, who have the happiness of his conversation, as his Learning is profitable to his Correspondents.

April 26 (Wed.). I wish Mr. West, when he was at Cambridge, had remembered to have asked them about, and to have got a sight of the Box of ancient coyns and medals of great value mentioned by me in § 13 of my Preface to The Curious Discourses, to have been given to that Univ. Library by Dr. Andrew Pern. Had he seen these, he might have noted whether there were among them any of the *nummi ratiti* wch were less than those that had the *rostra navis* on the Reverse, & on the obverse a Janus. All these sort of Coins are scarce, but nothing near so scarce as the *Tenedia*, the obverse of wch were somewhat like the Figures on the obverse of the Roman Asses.

April 27 (Th.). Mr. Major (who now lives in Holywell, and was lately Keeper of the Schools) is in the 72nd year of his age.

About a fortnight since came from Greenwich to Oxford Dr. Edm. Halley, to read as he is Savilian Professor of Geometry, and yesterday in the Afternoon he went back, designing to lye last night at Tetsworth, & to be taken up in the Coach this morning, he being grown feeble by some Lameness in one of his Legs, and being now in the 71st year of his age. For he was born Oct. 29, 1656.

April 26, 1727. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. Lett. 32. 9). 'I received from Mr. Peisley yesterday the Catalogue of your brother's books which begin to be sold to-day.' He finds the little book of Keder is not what he wanted, viz. *Keder (Nic.) de nummis Hibern', Anglo-Sax' &c. Lips.* 1708, 4to.

April 27, 1727. J. Worthington to H. (Rawl. Lett. 18. 42). Sends the MS. [see Diary, April 17]; hopes to discover something about Mr. Lenton at the Heralds' Office next month, 'where I design to spend some time.'

Mr. West, in his Letter above mentioned, tells me, that in a 4to Pamphlet, being an Account of the dreadfull Tempest in 1703, faithfully collected by an ingenious hand, is some account of Damages done to Mr. Cherry's Mill at Shottesbrooke. If I have not seen it he will send an Extract. [I have this Pamphlet. 'Twas a Windmill at some distance north-west from Mr. Cherry's House. It was fired with the Lightning, wch then accompanied the Hurricane.]

Mr. Baker shewed Mr. West the famous Bible, I have given an account of in Rob. of Glouc. and several Letters of that great Divine's, Mr. Mede's, lent him by my Lord Oxford.

April 28 (Fri.).

[Extracts from the Reading Post of Mond., April 24; of no value.—Ed.]

April 29 (Sat.). On Monday last (Ap. 24) Mr. Rolleston of Merton coll. called upon me, & asked, whether I had then recd any MSS. etc. from his Uncle Dr. Mead, being those put into the Dr.'s hands by Mr. Anstis on Dec. 3 last. I said I had not. He said the Dr. told him he would send them on that day. These MSS. relate (it seems) to the Life of Hen. V,[1] and the Dr. hath had another (I am told) for some time upon the same Subject from the Earl of Oxford.

On Mond. last Apr. 24 died old Mr. Ludwell, of St. Peter's in the Bailly, Oxon., Tallow Chandler, & was burried there (within the Ruins of the Church) on Thursd. night last, Apr. 27. He died very rich, & I am told, he hath left an hundred libs. towards the rebuilding that Church.

April 30 (Sun.). On Tuesday last died at the Bath Colvely Leigh, D. of Civ. Law and Fellow of All Souls College, aged about 42. His Sister my Lady Clarke is now the Wife of Dr. Rob. Shippen, Principal of Brasen nose College. This Dr. Leigh, who was commonly called Stag Leigh, was a terrible hard Drinker (wch shortened his Life) & very troublesome in the College, he taking delight to foment Differences, & yet in this he was right, that he strenuously opposed the imperious, tyrannical proceedings of Dr. Gardiner, late Warden of that College.

Mr. Emmot (lately an Excise Man of Oxford, who now sells Ale publickly near the Theater) is a man that takes some delight in old coins and in other antiquities. He was born in the year 1682.

May 1 (Mon.). On Saturday last Mr. Wilson of Christ Ch., son of Dr. Wilson, Bp of Man, told me, that Mr. Willis had printed some

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April 30, 1727. Baker to H. (Rawl. Lett. 22. 76; Diaries, 116. 95). Sees in the Catalogue of Rawlinson's books that there is a large paper copy of H.'s Curious Discourses; it is stated that only 90 copies were printed; he presumes it means on large paper; otherwise the book will be a great rarity. He knows nothing of Tilley's (or Tillesley's) History referred to by Ant. Wood, and thinks there is no such MS. at Cambridge. 'We have elected a new master.' There were at first six competitors, but one desisted.

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[1] I have since received them, viz. on Saturday, May 13, 1727.

Things about the Diocese of Man (in his 4th book of Cathedrals) that he had recd from his Father the Bishop, but that he had printed all with most wretched Faults and Corruptions, at wch his Father (as he ought) was much concerned, and had sent to Mr. Willis, either to return his notes and observations, or at least not to mention his name. I do not at all wonder at these Blunders, and this way of Mr. Willis's Management. Yet 'tis the more unpardonable with respect to the Diocese of Man, because the Bp. had corrected the Proofs (three in number, one after the other) that Mr. Willis sent to him & yet Mr. Willis let all go on as before.

Thomas Kellet was vicar of Mitton [in Yorkshire] in the 37th year of K. Hen. VIII. at St. John Baptist's day, as appears from a Receipt of the said Thomas Kellet, dated that year & day in the hands of Dr. Richard Rawlinson. The said Dr. Rawlinson hath an oblong small vellum book, being a Calendar of an. 1443. But I see nothing remarkable in it.

May 2 (Tu.). 'Tis somewhat strange, that since we have so good Travells about other Parts of the World, there should be so little about Africa. Yet Leo Africanus's History of Africa is an excellent usefull book.

I am told, that the late Solomon Nigri, besides his understanding the Oriental Languages, was excellently well versed in Latin, & had a very ready command both in writing & speaking it. He was but poor, & received but little Encouragement in England, nothing equal to his great knowledge and worth.

May 3 (Wed.). Yesterday being a prodigious hot day, in the Afternoon, between two & three Clock, began a very great storm of Hail, Lightning, Thunder and Rain. The Hail (of wch there were large stones) was soon over, but the Lightning and Thunder continued till after five, & the Rain till after nine of the Clock, when it ceased for a little while, but about ten Clock it began again & continued raining very hard till the afternoon one Clock the next day.

May 4 (Th.). Ao. 1074. Sir Robert Doilley built the Collegiate Church of St. George in the Castle of Oxford for Secular Canons, of the order of St. Austin. They were afterwards translated to Osney Abbey,

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May 2, 1727. Mead to H. (Rawl. 15. 163). Is sending 15 guineas by Mr. Rowney, jun.; seven guineas for 4 copies of John Glastonbury, and seven guineas for 4 copies of Adam de Domerham (one of which is for Lord Harcourt), and one guinea as a present.

May 3, 1727. The Rev. Ra. Farthing, Vicar of Ottery St. Mary (Rawl. 5. 66; Diaries, 116. 93). Asks if H. can say what is meant by the sign *Lu.*, used by Dr. Mill in the Appendix to his Greek Testament; it is evidently a manuscript. Says that formerly when he was under Dr. Hudson's tuition he had the honour of knowing H.; he is sure H. will do his best in a point which concerns the reputation of that great and good man Dr. Mill, whom Dr. Bentley has much abused.

May 4, 1727. J. Worthington to H. (Rawl. 18. 44). Has sent H. the MS. If H. is willing to print it, W. will transcribe Mr. Lenton's large letter,

and then the House in the Castle became an Inn for Scholars, who were Subject to the Chancellours of Oxford. Many brave persons were burried both at S^t^ George's & at Osney; but, alas! no notice is now taken of them, but they are utterly forgot.

May 5 (Fri.). M^r^. Ward of Warwick, whom I have often called by the name of M^r^. Ward of Longbridge near Warwick, is, I hear, writing the History and Antiquities of Coventry, in order to w^ch^ he hath good materials.

Yesterday M^r^. Graves of Mickleton called upon me. He told me, that young Ballard the Taylor of Campden is out of his time, & hath very good business at his trade, but that he is now learning Latin, going twice a day for that end to the School-master there, and that he hath a great mind to come and enter of [*sic*] some College or Hall in Oxford, but M^r^. Graves gives him no encouragement, judging it better (& so I think too) to keep to his Trade. This young Ballard's Great Uncle was a Doctor of Physick. M^r^. Graves hath promised to send me some account of him.

On Monday last M^r^. Patrick Musgrave, that keeps the Eagle & Child in S^t^ Peter's Parish in the East, Oxon. (as his Father & Mother did lately), was married, in Wadham College Chappel, to M^rs^. Mary Prince, the youngest Daughter of M^r^. W^m^. Prince, of that Parish, Barber, and for some years Mancipal of Edmund Hall, w^ch^ M^rs^. Mary Prince is about 34 or 35 years of Age, & is at least ten years older than the said Musgrave her husband, is a Woman of a very good Character, having been very dutifull to her Parents, now in a decayed Condition, & particularly her Father hath been many Years in a helpless Condition, having lost his Understanding, tho' he was formerly a brisk, airy, neat man, tho' very proud; and he would talk very contemptuously of the Roman Catholics, tho' he had been one himself, till converted by that Calvinistical Divine, D^r^. Thomas Barlowe.

May 6 (Sat.). About a fortnight since died M^r^. Jackson of Stanton S^t^. John's near Oxford, about 50 years of age. He was Steward or Woodman there to New College. He was a man that bore a good fair Character, and had a pretty estate. He was however a hard drinker, & 'twas that w^ch^ shortened his Life, tho' he had a lameness withal that contributed to it, having got some hurt. He lay ill a great while & hath left a Wife[1] and Children behind him. His Sister is Wife to M^r^. Lydal of Cat Street, Oxford, Chirirgeon. This M^r^. Jackson's Father was a Clergyman.

M^r^. Sacheveral (who died two or three years since at his House in Cumnor Parish) as he was an excellent Ringer, so he was an extraordinary Judge of Ringing. When D^r^. Shippen was Vice-Chancellor of Oxford, 'twas proposed to have S^t^. Marie's six Bells in Oxford made either eight or ten. D^r^. Shippen was mightily for it, & refered the management to

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'though I have a great deal of writing work in hand. I am so pleased with the Publickness of your Spirit &c. that I shall not grudge any labour.'

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[1] Who very soon after married a miller of that place.

Sacheverel. Upon wch Mr. Brookland (now my Printer, and a good Ringer himself) went over on purpose about it to Sacheverel & desired him to go forthwith to Dr. Shippen, but Sacheverel (who said, if they were made either eight or ten, provided the fifth were new cast, it would be the best Peal in England) neglecting to go, the matter was dropt & wholly laid aside.

May 8 (Mon.). On Thursday last (May 4th) my Friend Richard Graves, Esq., being now in Oxford entered his eldest Son, Morgan Graves (so named from his Mother's surname, wch was Morgan), a Commoner of University College.

May 9 (Tu.). About the year 1075 the Jews began to come much to Oxford. After they were settled, they procured a great many Houses, particularly in the parishes of St. Martin, St. Edward, & St. Aldate, & heaped up vast wealth. Their Dwellings in St. Edward's and St. Aldate's were so considerable as to be stiled the old and new Jewry[1], & [in] St. Aldate's parish they had a synagogue where they had masters that taught the Hebrew Tongue to the great advantage of the University[2], as there were Scholars that afterwards taught in Jewish Houses stiled from thence Lombard Hall, Mosses Hall, Jacob Hall[3], etc., having their names without doubt from Jews to whom they had formerly belonged.

From the Reading Post for Monday, May 8, 1727:—

Worcester, April 27. We hear, that on Tuesday last [April 25] in the great Thunder Storm a poor Man was struck down, and fell into Grafton Brook, and was drowned. And a Boy was struck blind by the Lightning near Evesham. The Hail-stones, that fell there at the same time, were as big as common small nuts.

[NB. It was then a very hot day at Oxford, and there was some Rain in the afternoon, and we heard abundance of Thunder, but at a distance.]

May 12 (Fri.). On Monday last died suddenly the Reverend Mr. Leonard Smith, Vicar of Amersden near Bissester, and formerly Fellow of Queen's College, Oxon. He took the Degree of M.A. June 14, 1681.

May 7, 1727. H. to Dr. Richardson at North Bierly, near Bradford in Yorkshire (Diaries, 116. 88). 'Yesterday I received from Mr. Ramsden the MS. volume of Letters &c. relating to the affairs of England with Scotland in King Hen. VIII's time . . . and your MS. rental of Cokersand Abbey.' Thanks for the loan of them.

May 8, 1727. H. to Mr. John Worthington (Diaries, 116. 89). Thanks for the MS. of the Religious Exercises of the Maiden Sisters at Little Gidding. Hopes to have an opportunity of printing it.

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[1] This is incorrect. Hearne may have had in mind the fact that St. Aldate's Street was sometimes called Great Jewry, and Pembroke Street and its continuation eastward Little Jewry.—Ed.

[2] There is no indication that members of the University studied Hebrew or attended the Synagogue.—Ed.

[3] In these instances *hall* means *house*. None of them are known to have been Academic halls.—Ed.

About a Fortnight since (as 'tis said) Mrs. Mary Jenkins, youngest daughter of the late Widow Jenkins of St. Peter's in the East, Oxon., was married to one Mr. Jay, a young wild Fellow, A.B. and Demy of Magd. College, wch, in all probability, may prove of very ill consequence to both. They do not acknowledge their Marriage, least it should out him of his Demyship.

May 15 (Mon.). Yesterday, in the Afternoon, at Six Clock called upon me, Thomas Rowney, Senior, Esq., of St. Gyles's, Oxford. He told me, he is now in the 60th year of his age, that he was first elected member of Parliament for the City of Oxford A. D. 1695, being then 28 years of age, that he served 27 years, and that his Son Thomas Rowney, Junior, Esq., hath served ever since. Mr. Rowney told me, that in writings he had of about 200 years old, Stockwell Street is mentioned. This Street went from Gloucester Hall to Walton. He told me of Foundations of old buildings dug up in his Grounds near Walton Well. He said the King's Head Inn is mentioned in the said old writings too, whence he told me he gathers, it was a famous Inn then. I rather take it to have been then an Hall by that name. He said, he had four acres of Land in St. Gyles's field called Smoke Acre, i. e. Smock Acre. It was (as he said) to buy Smocks for Nunns, but of what Nunnery he could not tell.

Thomas Cogan beautified Cairfax Church. The Lands abutting upon Stockwell Street belonged to the Cogans.

The Flouer de Luce Inn, Oxon., belonged to Anth. Wood[1], who turned it into an Annuity to Mr. Rowney's Father, but he lived but a year and a half after. Mr. Rowney is said to have been a great gainer thereby. This I mentioned to Mr. Rowney who denied it, saying, that the contrary was rather true, it being in a strange old shattered condition, and therefore the Repair came to a very considerable sum.

May 16 (Tu.). Mr. Rowney on Sunday also told me, that he had bought the late Bp. of Chester, Dr. Gastrell's Study for his Son, that is M.A. and Student of Xt Ch., who is younger than he that is Member of Parl.

Mr. Parker yesterday told me (what I had not heard before, & what I was surprised at), that the late famous Mr. Dodwell made no outward Signs of dissent at the immoral petitions (as he used to stile them) for the present usurped powers, when he came to Church after the Death of Dr. Lloyd, Bishop of Norwich, and yet from his books one would certainly conclude, & so I always thought, that he shewed outward notes of Dissent, as I am sure he did (from what I have heard) after K. James was drove away, 'till the Schism commenc'd. And I am very sure, that when

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May 14, 1727. H. to Rev. Mr. Farthing, vicar of Ottery St. Mary (Diaries, 116, 96). Says he does not know what Dr. Mill meant by the abbreviation *Lu.*; he suggests that Dr. William Worth, archdeacon of Worcester, might know.

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[1] It belonged and belongs to Merton; but the Woods had the lease of it.—Ed.

I once dined with him, and his wife and children (the children being then small) he mentioned (in returning thanks to God) K. James III by name.

May 17 (Wed.). From the Reading Post for Mond., May 15, 1727:—

Worcester, May 4. We have an account from Shetford, near Banbury in Oxfordshire, that last Week there fell there Hail Stones three Inches round, and an Oak Tree was split all to pieces by Lightning. From Burford they tell us the Hail Storm was so violent there, that it flooded the whole Town. And from Inkborow they write, that in the Hurricane the earth was torn up near a Foot thick over the green wheat as if it had been newly ploughed.

May 18 (Th.). On Saturd. last, May 13, I received from Dr. Mead, a very fair Vellum MS. in 4to that belongs to the Herald's Office, being borrowed thence by him and delivered to him on Dec. 3 last, for my use by John Anstis, Esq., Garter Pr. K. of Arms. It contains in Latin the Life of Hen. V. never yet printed, beginning *Lucerna* etc. The Author is commonly said to be Roger Wall. But this is a Mistake, occasioned by his Name & Rebus at the beginning. This Wall was only the Possessor of it. The true Author was a foreigner & stranger, as he tells us himself fol. 1, as *Non enim valeo extra fores rethoricae positus peregrinus & advena tantam materiam condigna amicire clammide etc.*

May 19 (Fri.). On the 16th of this inst. [Tuesd.] died in the Evening, one Mrs. Hamilton, of St. Marie's Parish, Oxford, the wife of one Mr. Hamilton, who is now in London, they having for some time lived separately. They formerly kept a Coffee House in St. Marie's Parish, and they had very extraordinary Business, but she being an extravagant proud Woman, and he keeping other Women company, they did not thrive, so that she came upon St. Marie's Parish, and at last, viz., about a month since, the Parish put her into their publick Workhouse. She was burried very handsomely at St. Peter's in the Bailly (in wch Parish St. Mary's Workhouse is) on Friday night following.

On the 17th inst. (viz. Wednesd.) died old Mr. Bremicham (whom I have several times formerly mentioned) of St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, in the 95th year of his age. He was sitting abroad well on Saturday last but was suddenly taken with a fainting fit.

Yesterday I called upon Dr. Tanner at Xt. Ch. who told me, that Anth. Wood had been very ungratefull to Brian Twyne, in not acknowledging the very great assistance he had from his Papers, so very great, that the main of his Hist. & Antiq. Univ. Oxon. is wholly his. He shewed me a Passage, he had from Brian Twyne's Coll. being a short account of a great storm of Hail, I think ao 801, from *Odo's Chronicha.* I suppose th s must be Odo Cluniacensis, tho' I cannot be positive, who flourished A.D. 926, & writ, among other things, *Chronicon succinctum* mentioned by Dr. Cave to be in Bennet Coll. Lib. in MS. vol. ix. And indeed in the late Cat. of the MSS. in that Library I find it thus mentioned (in page 3):—

May 18, 1727. Murray to H. (Rawl. 16. 17). 'This night end[ed] Mr. Rawlinson's sale, where the books in general sold well.'

A IX. *Chronica Odonis, Abbatis Cluniacensis, à Mundo Condito ad annum circiter* 870.

I must remember to mention this to Mr. Baker, and to move him to give me some account, if he can do it without trouble.

May 20 (Sat.). Last night, about eight clock, was burried in St. Peter's Church Yard in the East, old Mr. Wm Bremicham, a Man that had formerly lived very handsomely, being a Lock Smith by Trade. He maintained several Men under him, having great Business. He had several Houses in St. Peter's Parish, and rented much land besides. How he came to be reduced to such mean Circumstances, as for many years to receive Alms of the Parish, I know not.

May 21 (Whitsun.). Dr. Tanner told me on Thursday last, when I called upon him, that he had never seen Thomas Key's Defence of his *Assertio Antiquitatis Academiae Oxon.* I told him I had it, and that Anthony Wood had seen it, and mentions it under the title of *Examen* etc., but that he could not tell what became of it afterwards. The Dr. said 'tis very probable Anthony had it, but perhaps did not care to own it, Anthony being shy about letting people know what he had about Oxford, that it might not be discovered what assistances he had received from others, wch certainly were very great. The Dr. said, what Anthony had done ought by no means to be despised, but Brian Twyne (he said & indeed very justly) was far superior to him.

May 22 (Mon.). Ao 1076. Wm the Conqueror was at the Abbey of Abbington for some time, with wch place (especially the Isle of Andersey, so called from its being sacred to St. Andrew) he was wonderfully delighted, and therefore both he and his son Wm Rufus came thither often. Here some tell us he first heard of Exhibitions settled by K. Alfred upon the Univ. of Oxford, with wch he was much displeased, & therefore took them away for fear they might encourage the Scholars to keep still to the Saxon tongue. But this I look upon as a poor reason for his withdrawing them, since he had confirmed K. Edward's Laws, by which it was established, that no Scholars, nor those of the Clergy for any cause should be injured. I look upon the Scholars' firmness to Edgar Atheling to be the true reason. As for Andersey at Abbington, there was in old time a Church in that Isle, dedicated to St. Andrew, and there was in the Saxon times also a Royal Palace.

May 24 (Wed.). From the Reading Post for Mond., May 22, 1727:

London, May 16. The Lord Baltimore being lately at Tennis, was struck on the Head with such Violence by a Ball, that he lost 70 Ounces of Blood on the Spot; but his Lordship is now upon the Recovery.

Worcester, May 11. They write from Honiton, near Shipton, that on the 2d instant a Barn with four or five Bays of Building, and a Stable with a Mare in it, were set on Fire, and burnt by the Lightning.

London, May 18. Yesterday the Rev. Mr. Turford was chosen a Lecturer for the United Parishes of St. Swithin's, London Stone, & St. Mary Bothaw, in the room of the Rev. Mr. Wheatley who resigned. The Election was by Ballotting.

Eliz. Reeves of the Parish of St. Gyles's, Oxford, is little more than

fifteen years of age. These Reeves's formerly lived at Watlington. *Quaere* more about them.

May 25 (Th.). The anonymous Life of Hen. V. commonly ascribed to Roger Wall, is dedicated to John Somerset. The Dedication is at the end of the Book. Part of it is in verse. Dr. Tanner told me the other day, that this Dedication is printed in Francis Thynne's Additions to that Part of Hollingshede's Chron. that concerns Scotland. The said Somerset was Physician to Hen. VI.

May 26 (Fri.). In the Cotton Library Julius F. vii. 43, is *Querimonia Ioannis Somerset, Physici R. Henrici VI de ingratitudine Universitatis Cantabrigiensis, uersibus elegiacis.*

To get a Copy of this, at least to get some account of it. It may be proper to write about it to Mr. Baker, who it's probable can tell me several things about this John Somerset.

May 27 (Sat.). Dr. Felton, Principal of Edm. Hall, hath just printed at the Theatre and published a little 8vo book against the Papists, being a Dialogue betw. a Papist and a Countryman. It was occasioned (as he pretends) by some of his Parish, he being Rector of Whitwell in Derbyshire, that are Roman Catholicks, and, it seems, there are many of that persuasion in those parts and the Doctor aims at converting them, at least at putting a stop to their farther growth. I have but just looked into it. Nor does it deserve reading, it being but very poor frothy vain stuff, just like its Author, so that, in all probability, it may increase rather than diminish the numbers of Roman Catholicks. It is much laughed at, as it deserves.

May 28 (Trinity Sun.). Yesterday about 8 Clock in the Morning, one Thomas Wisdom, a young man about 22 years of age, was unfortunately killed by a Horse by Cabbage Hall, a little House at the foot of Headington Hill, just opposite to the London Road. He was Servant to Mr. Heywood of Holywell and carried two rich [*sic*] stone horses which he had broke, up to the watering Place just by Cabbage Hall, as he used to do every Morning, and talking upon one of the Horses (wch he rid) by Cabbage Hall, where he called for a pot of drink, the Bridle being Loose, as he stooped to reach it, he fell off the Horse he sat upon, and the Horses being very wanton, one of them kicked him so violently that he died immediately, to the great Grief of Mr. Heywood, and his Family, and all that knew him, he being an excellent Servant, and well beloved. He was a sober civil man. He hath an elder brother Daniel Wisdom, who is a married man and a day labourer, having Children,

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May 26, 1727. Thomas Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 52). Has received five of the books safely, and asks H. to accept the other two.

May 27, 1727. William Lewis (at London) to H. (Rawl. 7. 173). Thinks H. should have some place in London where subscribers might call for their books. Ross of Warwick, large paper, recently sold for £6 6*s*.

May 28, 1727. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. Lett. 22. 19). 'Mr. Pepys's MSS., as you mention, are at Magdalen College.' Believes that the Master Dr. Waterland, 'now our principal Antiquary,' who employs much time in

that lives at Sandford near Oxford. And he hath a sister living in S^{t}. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford. He was burried this afternoon at Ferry-Hinxey.

May 29 (Mon.). This being the Restauration of King Ch. II, there was very great and very good ringing of Bells in Oxford, but very little and very poor yesterday, w^{ch} was the Birthday of the Duke of Brunswick, commonly called King George. The Sermon this day before the Univ. at S^{t}. Mary's was preached by M^{r}. Greenaway of Hart Hall. M^{r}. Jonathan Colley being Chantor of X^{t} Church, he yesterday set a penitential Anthem w^{ch} enraged the Dean D^{r}. Bradshaw to that degree, that after service he sent for and reprimanded him.

Last night I spent the Evening with Sir John Morgan, a young nobleman of Queen's Coll., a Baronet, a very pretty hopefull young Gent, and some others. Sir John (who is of Herefordshire) told me, that M^{r}. Matthew Gibson's Memoirs of the Scudamore Family and his account of Dore Abbey is printed, and that he hath seen it printed.

The present Bp. of Oxford D^{r}. Potter hath had ten Children by his Lady, who is a Venner, seven of w^{ch} are living. His eldest Daughter (who is almost fifteen years old) is a very pretty creature. His lady is about 34 or 35 years of age, and is a very handsome woman.

May 30 (Tu.). There is just come out in 8vo an English book, being the Life of Robert Dudley Earl of Leycester. The Author's name is not added, but I am well assured 'tis M^{r}. Jebb, who hath done in the same manner (without putting his name) the Life of Mary Q. of Scotts and that of Sir Thomas More. This M^{r}. Jebb (who pretends to many parts of Learning and is a pretended Non-juror also, tho' 'tis feared he is far from being sincere, w^{ch} I am very sorry for) is a man that bears but an indifferent Character. He is turned a meer Hackney Writer. His Collection called *sedecim Scriptores* about Mary Q. of Scots is not much inquired after, as I am told. He makes use of several Things from my books, some with and others (as if he had been the first Discoverer) without acknowledgment. M^{r}. John Shepherd of S^{t}. Peter's in the East, Oxon., says, he is thirty-three years old next S^{t}. Andrew's day, and that his Father (who lives at Charlbury) is (as his said Father says himself) in the 87th year of his age. His Father was born at Oddington.

May 31 (Wed.). From the Reading Post of Monday, May 29, 1727:—

Yesterday M^{r}. Scot, Author of the History of Scotland now published, having presented a Copy of the said History to the King, had the Honour to kiss his Majesty's Hand; being introduced by the Right Hon. the Earl of Leicester, one of the Lords of his Majesty's Bedchamber; As also the same

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perusing them, will in time print what is ancient. 'We have lately had a present made us of Oriental MSS. by one Mr. Lewis. I am glad you are entred into a correspondence with Mr. Worthington, a very good man and my kind friend. He had a little Fellowship at Peterhouse, whence he was ejected upon the Revolution. He may be trusted as much as most men I know.'

May 31, 1727. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 120; Diaries, 116. 121). Has

Day, having delivered Books to their Royal Highnesses, the Prince and Princess of Wales, he had the Honour to kiss their Hands; being introduced to the Prince by the Right Hon. the Lord William Manners, one of the Lords of his Royal Highness's Bedchamber; and to the Princess by the Right Hon. the Earls of Selkirk and Grantham.

NB. This is the Scot, whom I have formerly mentioned as being in Oxford to collect subscriptions. He was then very shy of having his name discovered, and would have been thought to be a mighty honest man, and indeed some took him to be a Roman Catholick, but for my part I suspected him at first, & I find now my suspicion was just. I have not yet seen his book, but from the Sheets he then shewed me it appeared to me, that he was a mean Writer and as meanly skilled in History.

June 1 (Th.). Yesterday Mr. Big, Warden of New College, proceeded Dr. of Div.

June 3 (Sat.). Thursday last being Corpus Christi day, there was a very great gaudy at Corpus Christi College, whereas they had not held a gaudy before upon that day for xii Years.

Dr. John Davies, Head of Queens' College in Cambridge, hath printed several Pieces of Tully in 8vo. One is just now come out, viz. *de legibus*. This Dr. Davies is a dull heavy flat Writer, & his notes are verbose, & have not much in them. He makes Tully to have writ viii books *de legibus*, but his argument is very weak, being taken from a Fragmt of the Vth book in Macrobius, from wch Fragment we learn, that it was a little after midday when that part of the Dispute began. A Summer's day was alotted for it. Now, says the Dr., this Fragmt being part of the Vth book, & there being a great deal of the day behind, enough for three books besides this vth, I conclude there were viii books in all, a most wretched Conclusion. That there were v. 'tis plain, but uncertain whether any more. The Dr. hath put out other Things, as Minutius Felix in 8vo, Julius Caesar in 4to, etc., but these are also equally dull Editions. I some years ago saw him in Oxford, he being at that time Proctor of Cambridge. His Conversation was equally heavy as his writing. He is a Creature of Dr. Bentley's, and takes all opportunities of extolling that Monster.

June 4 (Sun.). On Wednesday last, being May 31, was buried in Garsingdon Church near Oxford, Mr. Wicomb of Garsingdon, a Gentleman about 50 Years of Age, who died somewhere in the Country, of the Gout. The same day was buried in Great Milton Church one Mrs. Cox, an old Woman of 87 Years of Age, who had been married three times. 'Tis said she had the foul disease by the first. Her second Husband's name was Faulconbridge. Selling drink, & being a close wary Woman, she got a great deal of Money, viz. about fifteen hundred Pounds, for the sake of wch (upon Faulconbridge's Death) one Mr. Cox, a very handsome young jolly man, that belongs to the Earl of Abbington, married her, but 'tis said he would not lye with her, & now upon her death he hath what she had.

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been in Worcestershire. Has met with no curiosities except a book entitled *Henrici secundi et Thomae Cantuariensis monomachia*, which he offers to H.

[This Cox broke (he being a Chandler in Thame) a few months after, viz. before X^t^mass following, much in debt, being a great cheat.]

At Knightsbridge near London in Com. Middl. dwells one M^r^. Lovell, who keeps a publick House, selling Wine, Rack, Ale, Brandy, etc. This Lovell married the Daughter of one Henry Silvester, of Oxford, Cordwainer, who was born at Cassenton (near Oxford) where he had formerly an Estate, w^ch^ he sold & hath spent what he had. He was formerly in great Business, but he is so dwindled, that he now only acts the part of a Cobler, yet his Daughter (who was born upon New Year's day in 1696) lives very well with her husband.

June 5 (Mon.). M^r^. Adam Langley (formerly of Christ Church, Oxon.) is now a schoolmaster in the Country, and hath a Son that assists him, w^ch^ son was last week pluck'd in the Publick Schools, when he was examined for his Batch. of Arts degree, because he could not tell, how many Conjugations there are. For being asked, he answered three & there being many other Defects, w^ch^ happened all through his Answers. For w^ch^ reason he was ordered to come down and appear again in the Afternoon, w^ch^ he did, & then his performance was allowed of. He afterwards blamed his Father for putting him upon the business of teaching school, w^ch^, he said, he hated.

June 6 (Tu.). Yesterday Morning died M^r^. Samuel Greeneway, M.A. and Senior Fellow of New College. He took that degree Oct. 10, 1689. He hath a younger Brother, that is Register of Barkshire. Younger than either of w^ch^ was M^r^. Charles Greeneway, who died sometime ago, & is buried in St. Peter's Churchyard in the East. The said M^r^. Sam^l^. Greeneway was a great Sot & a great blockhead. He was Hebrew Professor of the College, tho' he did not know the Hebrew Letters.

Also yesterday died M^rs^. Gadney, a Widow Woman of S^t^. Thomas's Parish in the West Suburbs of Oxford, whose Husband (a Pipe-maker) died 8 or 9 years ago, after w^ch^ she also kept on the Trade, being much assisted by her Daughter, who was very dutiful to her, and is an unmarried handsome young Woman. The said Widow Gadney died under Sixty Years of Age of a Cancer on one side of her Face, of w^ch^ she lay ill a great while.

June 7 (Wed.). Yesterday came to Oxford Browne Willis, Esq., & brought with him his new 4^to^ Book about the northern Cathedrals, w^ch^ is a strange Rhapsody, full of most gross Blunders. He came into the Room, where I & M^r^. Whiteside were with Sir John Morgan & some other young Gentlemen, one of w^ch^ young Gentlemen had the Curiosity just to look into the book, M^r^. Willis having delivered it for that intent, & he found several odd Mistakes as soon as he peep'd into it, w^ch^ all the Company allowed to be such, w^ch^ M^r^. Willis, however, as his way is, maintained to be right, where upon the young gentleman look'd no farther, but delivered it to Sir John Morgan, who was desired by M^r^. Willis to keep it all night, and to send it to him to his Inn today. Sir John seemed to despise it. Yet he took it with him & merrily said he would sleep upon it, well perceiving that it is an odd heavy stupid book, as the rest did. Tis M^r^. Willis's unhappiness to publish blunders upon blunders.

It had been well had he done no more than *The View of the Mitred Abbeys* in Leland's Coll. wch I took great pains about, & afterwards published it for his Reputation, tho' had I let it go as he first wrote it, it had been every whit as bad as the rest of his Things.

Mr. Puffett (who lived lately in Magpie Lane, Oxon.) was born Feb. 10, 1676. He now lives in Bear Lane, Oxon.

Mr. Benj. Cole, the Engraver, was born (I think) Feb. 2nd, 1667. He now lives also in Bear Lane.

June 8 (Thurs.). Last night was burried at St. Thomas's Mrs. Gadney; and at New College Mr. Greeneway. Mrs. Gadney died in the 51st year of her Age, being born (I think) on the 10th of June, 1676.

Yesterday Mr. Benj. Cole told me, that he was very well acquainted with Mr. Anth. à Wood, & used to be often at his Lodgings. He said Anth. put a great confidence in him, & would order him several times to unlock his drawer, and take money out for him. He said Anthony was a very passionate man, but when out of his passion he would be very pleasant and good humour'd. He said, Anthony in his passion would swear very much. He said he bound books for Anthony (for this Cole was originally a bookbinder) and that Anthony would once have had him work upon a Sunday, a Copy of his *Athenae* being in hast to be bound for the Duke of Ormond, but Cole refused this upon any account. I remember when Dr. Mill's Testament was just finished, the Dr. being in great hast to go to London, to present it to Q. Anne, had his Dedication printed at the Theatre on a Sunday, the Dr. pretending it a Case of Necessity. Mr. Cole said Anthony could (when he pleased) hear very well, tho' he pretended to be very deaf always, & that he hath seen him several times walking under St. Marie's Spire & at some other places, when they have been ringing, on purpose to hear the bells wch (it seems) he mightily delighted in.

June 9 (Fri.). The Revd. Mr. Wm. Smith, sometime ago Fellow of Univ. Coll. & now a Minister in the North, was enter'd of Univ. Coll., *plebeii filius* on May 28, 1668, in Trin. Term, aet. 16, being the son of Wm. Smith of Easby in Yorkshire.

June 10 (Sat.). From the Reading Post for Monday, June 5, 1727:—

Edinburg. May 28. We have an account from Airth 18 Miles West of this City, near to the Influx of the River Carron, of a very rare piece of Antiquity found in the South Bank of the Forth, viz. a Canoe of 36 Foot long, 4 Foot broad in the middle, four Foot four Inches deep, four Inches thick in the Sides, all of one Piece of solid Oak, Sharp at the Stem, and Square at the

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June 8, 1727. Worthington to H. (Rawl. 18. 43). Sends the transcript of Mr. Lenton's letter about the nunnery at Little Gidding. Sends a pedigree of Mr. Lenton who was of Gray's Inn and Notley Abbey, Bucks., and was alive in 1634.

June 9, 1727. H. to Dr. Ric. Mead (Diaries, 116. 125). Both Lord Oxford's MS. and the MS. *Lucerna* of the Heralds' Office are anonymous. Could Dr. Mead see if Cott. MS. Julius E. iv. 2, which seems to be the same work, is ascribed to Elmham in the old hand?

June 10, 1727. West to H. (Rawl. 17. 70). 'We admitted Dr. Rawlinson a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries last week.'

Stern. The River's washing away the Banks discovered a part of her; she was ordered to be dug up by Mr. Graham, Judge Admiral, and Proprietor of the Place. What was discovered of her, was found to be above 15 Foot under Ground. 'Tis remarkable that she is finely polished, being perfectly smooth on the Outside and Inside, and the Wood of an extraordinary hardness, & not one Knot in the whole.

June 11 (Sun.). From the aforesaid Reading Post for June 5:—

Reading, June 5. Yesterday in some Ground near this Town a Whirlwind took up 4 Heycocks (as judged) 100 yds. into the Air, consisting of near 200 weight a Piece, & carried them near half a mile.

NB. The said 4th June was a very hot fair day at Oxford, tho' much thunder went about at a distance.

June 12 (Mon.). On the 10th of May last came on in Westminster Hall the final hearing of University Coll. Case, and, after a whole day's examining into that Affair, 'twas declared by the Judges, that the King is Visitor of that Coll. & that consequently what the V. Chanc. Proctors & Drs. of Div. lately did, under pretence of being Visitors, is null and void, so that Mr. Denison's plea of being put in by the Visitors is quite extinguished, & Mr. Cockman having been duly elected & duly admitted, is Head, and accordingly came down on Wednesday last, & the next day & since hath in every point acted as Head, & so will do. His Enemies, who made a most wretched injudicious Defence in Westminster Hall, are so strangely exasperated and nettled at this Victory, that yesterday morning Mr. George Ward, commonly called Jolly Ward ('tis supposed by the Direction of Dr. Bouchier & Mr. Denison) got into Chappel sooner than ordinary in his Surplice, usurped the Master's Seat, read Prayers & afterwards sent for the Buttery Book, struck Mr. Cockman's name out from being Master, & conveyed away out of the Hall or public Refectory the Master's Chair, and this he did as Senior resident Fellow, wch piece of Villany makes many people laugh, who now plainly see the weakness of Denison's Cause, when they come to such Tricks as this. Mr. Denison does not now seem to stir in the College, he having cut himself out from being Fellow, his Fellowship being also vacant as he is married. Yet I hear my Lord Arran, as Chancellor of the Univ. hath entered a Caveat, directed to the Duke of Newcastle, Secretary of State, petitioning his Grace, that he would not admitt Mr. Cockman (now K. George, as they stile the Duke of Brunswick, is absent beyond sea) as Master, 'till the University hath tryed their Right of a visitatorial Power of that College. But I understand this Caveat is only laughed at, as being ridiculous, this matter having been already tried in Westminster Hall, & the King proved to be Visitor. And the pretence of the University by Convocation's [*sic*] having a power of visiting was formerly deny'd by Mr. Denison & his Party, particularly when he intruded into his Fellowship, & 'tis now made use of to bring all the Charges Mr. Denison hath been at upon the University. As for Wm. of Durham's Money that he gave the College, the Convocation I always thought were formerly Trustees of it, but the Chest being gone, and the Money swallowed up, the Matter is drop'd, at least the Convocation can claim no other Right, than what relates to that Money, & this too must be the whole & not only a part, unless

delegated by the whole Convocation, and yet even here too, were they now to use their power, 'tis only under the King, who is undoubtedly (as Successor to the Royal Founder King Alfred) Visitor of Univ. Coll. tho' he may Commission the Convocation to exercise that Power.

June 13 (Tu.).

To James West, Esq., at No. 7° in the Inner Temple, London:

Dear Sir,

Yesterday I rec^{d} by M^{r}. Moseley's Servant your kind Present of Rich. Browne's *Monomachia*, for w^{ch} I heartily thank you, as I do for the Verses (w^{ch} I fear have put you to charges, besides great trouble) from the Cottonian Library. These Verses will be of great service to me, there being in them many particulars (of good remark) relating to that great man John Somerset. Besides these Presents, there is another sent by you at the same time, that I am also to thank you for, viz. the last print done by the Society you speak of.

The Saxon Language began to decline very visibly after the Norman Conquest. W^{m}. the Conqueror himself was a bitter Enemy to it, especially after the Opposition he found at Oxford from the Friends (as there were very many) of Edgar Atheling, who was a great Patron of it, and lived to a great Age. Upon Edgar's Death it lost many favourites, tho' it kept pretty well up for a good while after, as you may see from that oldest piece (I can now think of) of our English Language, that I printed in page 391 of *Textus Roffensis*. 'Twas much encouraged in several Abbies, particularly at Tavistock, and even in Abbington too, notwithstanding the Conquerour's being so much at this latter, when he used to reside at Andersey just by it [1].

I shall be glad to see your Boetius, when we have an opportunity of meeting and conversing together. But I fear this will not be soon, as is wished for by

Your most obliged humble Serv^{t}.,

Thos Hearne.

D^{r}. Tanner is come from Wiltshire, but gone again for Norwich. He desir'd me to return your Compliments.

June 14 (Wed.). On the 2nd instant (being Friday) died in the Morning John Whitfield of Maidenhead, in the County of Berks., Esq., & one of the Benchers of the Middle-Temple. This M^{r}. Whitfield lived to a great age, & was a lusty hearty man. He was an old man when I was a schoolboy, & had three Daughters that were Women. He was a thorough-pac'd Whig, and much addicted to Secular Interest.

Last Saturday died D. Matth. Curtois, Rector of West, or Little, Hendred near Wantage in Berks., w^{ch} Parsonage is in the gift of Corpus X^{ti} Coll. Oxon., of w^{ch} D^{r}. Curtois had been formerly Fellow. He took the Degree, as a member of that Coll., of M.A., March 4, 1672, that of B.D., Nov. 18, 1682, & that of D.D., June 27, 1695. He was a rich man,

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[1] This letter is printed in full, not for its value but as an example of Hearne's method of dealing with the history of the Saxon and Norman periods.—Ed.

but I never heard of any good he did. He was a married man, but hath left no Children. He died at West Hendred aforesaid, and is to be burried there to-night.

June 15 (Th.). From the Reading Post for Mond., June 12 :—

Manchester, June 8. On Monday last the 29th of May, Mr. Bolton, one of our Fellows, preached a Sermon from Romans xiii. 5, wherein he asserted absolute unlimited Obedience, without saying one Word of Obedience to King George, to be always a necessary and Christian Duty, bore very hard on the Toleration Act, and charg'd the Church of Geneva equally with the Church of Rome in maintaining the Doctrine of deposing and murdering Princes. The Bishop [Saml. Peploe] being present demanded his Sermon as soon as he came out of the Pulpit.

June 16 (Fri.). Yesterday called upon me Mr. Wm. Dodwell, of Trinity Coll., Oxon., of wch House he is a Commoner under the Tuition of Mr. Tho. Ball, Fellow of that Coll. This young gent is the youngest of the late famous Mr. Dodwell's Children. He staid with me but a very little while, nor had he call'd at all, were it not about a message from his Mother and Mr. Torkington. His Mother sent me word, that her late Husband's MSS are just as I left them when I look'd them over. The youth (who does not seem at present to have any promising parts) is directed (I fear) by such as will make him act as his Brother of Magd. Hall does, contrary to his Father's Principles.

On Tuesday last died Mr. Joseph Jackson, Rector of South Weston near Watlington, wch Parsonage is in the gift of Queen's Coll., Oxon., & will now go along with Hampton Powell, so that Mr. Atkinson, Minister of Hampton Powell, will have them both. Mr. Jackson was a Man of good Character, & well beloved (where he lived) at Weston. He hath left several Children behind him, one of wch (who was of Corpus Xti Coll., Oxon.) is a Clergyman, & another a Farmer, the rest are Daughters. He was about 67 years old. His wife is also living.

June 17 (Sat.). Sund., May 28, 1727. The Duke of Brunswick, commonly called K. George, entered into the 68th year of his Age. He received on the occasion the Compliments of their Royal Highnesses (as the Prints say), the Nobility, Foreign Ministers, etc. There was a very numerous and splendid Court at St. James's; the Park and Tower guns were fired at one o'clock; but the Rejoycings, usual on the occasion, were deferr'd till the day after, May 29.

On June 3d [Saturd.] the said Duke about 9 Clock in the Morn arrived at Greenwich from St. James's, and immediately went on board the Carolina yatcht (to go to Hanover), upon wch the guns fir'd from all the other Yatchs. The Dukes of Grafton, Dorset, Newcastle, Leeds, Richmond, Argyle, and Hamilton, the Earls of Leicester, Orkney, and Selkirk; the Lords Delaware, and Finch, and Sir Robert Walpole;

June 15, 1727. H. to T. Baker (Rawl. 39. 139). Would like information about John Somerset, physician to Hen. VI.

together with many other Persons of Quality and Distinction, went on board and took their Leave of him. At 11 the Yachts were all under sail, but with little or no Wind, so that they were towed by Boats; and the Guards and the Duke's (or, as they call him, King's) Coaches were ordered to proceed on the Kentish Road, to be ready in case the Duke should be becalmed. The Lord Viscount Townshend, with his two sons were [*sic*] on board the Fubb's[1] Yacht.

Thursday Morning last about six Clock, news was brought me of ye Death of the said George. It was afterwards confidently talked of. And yesterday it was fully confirm'd from all hands. I did not observe so much as one person shew the least sorrow for it.

June 18 (Sun.). The said News being confirmed (as I said) of the Death of K. George (as he is stiled) his Son (a Bastard, as 'tis said) George (the Pretended Prince of Wales) having been proclaimed in London on Thursday, June 15, King of these Realms, was yesterday, at two Clock in the Afternoon, proclaim'd in Oxford at the usual Places, the Vice-chancellor & many Doctors & Masters attending the Solemnity at S^{t}. Marie's, where a little Scaffold was rais'd for them. I happened to go through High Street during the Procession. They made a sorry Appearance. The Rejoycings were mean & not much ringing. And there were no Illuminations nor Bonfires in the Evening. It is very remarkable, that 'twas a very Fine day, till just the Procession began, when of a sudden arose a very considerable Thunder Shower, w^{ch} lasted till the Procession was over & then it grew very fair again & so continued. The Thunder & great Rain with it made all take notice, & many said Heaven was angry at their Proceeding. 'Tis remarkable that (as may be seen in pag. 131 of Vol. 57 of these Memoirs) when Rich. Cromwell was proclaimed on Sept. 6, 1658 at Oxon. at the usual Places where Kings are proclaimed, while he was proclaiming before S^{t}. Marie's Door, the Mayor, Recorder, Town clerk, accompanied by Col. Unton Crooke & his Troops, were pelted with Carrot and Turnip Tops by young Scholars & others. There was no such thing yesterday, tho' honest men thought they deserved. The present K. George the II^{d} is a hott-headed Fool. His pretended Father was a sullen close reserved man & could command his Temper, tho' in almost all respects a very wicked man.

June 19 (Mon.). After I had writ what is said under June 18th, I understood, that it being observ'd at night, that there were in Oxford on Saturday no Bonfires nor Illuminations, a mob ran along the Street, & were going to break windows, upon w^{ch} about eleven Clock at night Candles were put up in many Places, & Bonfires made near against Merton College, the Three Tun Tavern, and All Souls College.

As for George Lewis Elector of Hanover & Duke of Brunswick that is dead, & is commonly called King George, He was born May 28, 1660. He marryed Sophia Dorothea, his Cousin German, the Duke of Zell's only Daughter, An. 1682, of whom was born (tho' not begot by the said George, but by Count Coningsmark, he that occasion'd the murder of M^{r}. Thynne), George Augustus (Electoral Prince of Hanover & Prince

[1] [Fob and Fub, cheat or impostor. N. E. D.]

of Wales, & now King of England by the name of George the II[d]) on Octob. 30[th], 1683. In Sept. 1705 he married Wilhelmina Carolina Princess of Brandenburgh Anspach, who was born March 1, 1682, by whom he hath Issue living:

1. Frederick (now to be stiled Prince of Wales), Baron of Snawdon, in the County of Caernarvon, Viscount of Lanceston in Cornwall, Earl of Eltham in Kent, Marquis of the Isle of Wight, and Duke of Edinburgh. He was never yet in England. He is said to have little or no understanding. He was born Jan. 20[th], 1705.
2. Anne, born Octob. 22, 1709.
3. Amelia Sophia, born May 30[th], 1711.
4. Elizabeth Carolina, born May 30[th], 1713.
5. William, Baron of the Isle of Alderney, Earl of Kennington in Surrey, Marquiss of Berkhamstead in Hertfordshire, & Duke of Cumberland. He was born April 15[th], 1721. Here are five Children, two Sons and three Daughters.

June 20 (Tu.). On Sunday morning last died M[r]. Fanshaw Weorg, Mancipal of Balliol Coll. & lately menial Servant to D[r]. Baron. He was an old Bachelour, about 65 years of age, & died worth at last an hundred Pounds per an. He was very covetous and stingy. He hath left behind him a Brother, a married Man, that is a barber in Oxford, & is also rich, & two sisters. The said Fanshaw Weorg (when Servant to D[r]. Baron) used to be curious in some old Papers, & he would hang up oftentimes what he look'd upon as Rarities on the walls of the Room belonging to him, as a servant. He died intestate. And this morning died suddenly one M[r]. Kibblewhyte of Holywell, a Baker, a sorry sort of a man, who married one of the sisters of the said Fanshaw Weorg, leaving by her three Children. This Kibblewhyte work'd (being but poor) at last (for he was an old man) journey work.

June 21 (Wed.). From the Reading Post for Mond., June 19, 1727:—

[An account of the proclamation of George II in London.]

June 22 (Th.). On Tuesday night last (Jun. 20) M[r]. Fanshaw Weorg was burried in Magd. Parish Churchyard, Oxford.

On the said Tuesd. night (June 20[th]) died of a Dropsy D[r]. Eubulus Thelwell, Principal of Jesus Coll., Oxford, having enjoyed that Post but little more than a year and a half, he being elected into it Dec. 7, 1725. This worthy Gent took the Degree of M.A. on June 8[th], 1705, that of B.D. on July 24, 1713, and that of D.D. on . . . . . He was my old Acquaintance, and was an honest man, so far as a complyer may be styled such. I became first acquainted with him above twenty years ago at Eynsham near Witney, when I was there three or four days to meet M[r]. Edward Lhuyd, who then lodg'd there with this M[r]. Thelwell and some other Gentlemen, at which time I first took notice of the Antiquities

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June 22, 1727. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 123, and Diary, June 30; see above).

of that Place, there having been there a right famous Abbey, tho' there are hardly any Remains of it now. Dr. Thelwell used little or no Exercise, wch shortened his Life.

June 23 (Fri.). From the before-mentioned Reading Mercury for Mond., June 19, 1727 :—

London. On Saturday last [June 10th] a concurrent Patent passed the Great Seal, whereby the Office of Garter Principal King at Arms is granted to John Anstis, sen. and John Anstis, jun. Esquires, and to the Survivor of them, for Life, notwithstanding the Opposition made to the passing of the same.

June 24 (Sat.). Out of the same Mercury :—

London, June 17.
His Majesty's Declaration at His First Sitting in the Privy Council [*omitted*].

June 25 (Sun.). Staunton St. John Feast. I was told last night, that Jolly Ward of Univ. Coll. did on Sund., June 18th, usurp the Master of Univ. College's seat again, & read Prayers, insisting to have Mr. Cockman shew something signed, either by the King or by the University, or some body else, before he submitts & this he had also told Mr. Cockman the Master before. As for the University, Mr. Cockman hath deny'd the Doctor's Power, and the Matter hath been tryed in Westminster Hall, & ye King is declared Visitor. As Mr. Cockman was statutably elected and statutably admitted, there is no occasion for the Visitor's Hand, tho' (I suppose) if they continue refractory and disobedient, a proper method will be taken to reduce them to good Manners, indeed Ward & such Debauchees are not fit for any Society.

Last Thursday night Dr. Thelwall was buried in Jesus College Chappell. I am told (what I am sorry to hear) that he died very much in debt.

Last Thursday Mr. Theophilus Lee, Master of Balliol College, proceeded Dr. of Divinity.

Yesterday morning was found dead in his bed, being very well and hearty the day before, being Friday, when he was about his Business, Mr. Thomas Nash, a Currier, an old Bachelour, of about 79 years of age, by East Gate in St. Peter's in the East, Oxford. He died rich, & was burried to-night in St. Peter's Ch. Yard.

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June 26 (Mon.). On Wednesday and Thursday last the V. Chancellour & Proctors, and other Heads of Houses, met about an Address to his present Majesty K. George II, as they stile this Usurper. Who drew it up I know not, but some Objections were made against it, particularly by Dr Bradshaw, Bp. of Bristol & Dean of Xt. Church, who objected—

1st that there was very little of Condoleance (*sic*) in it, and he would therefore have it more full in that point, to wch Dr De Laune replyed,

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June 26, 1727. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 35) *printed in Thomas de Elmham, p.* 351.

that this was an Address of Congratulation, rather than Condoleance, that just to touch upon the latter was sufficient, especially since there had been a Misunderstanding between his late Majesty & this his Son.

2dly the Bp. objected, notice ought to be taken in the Address of his late Majestie's Benefaction to the Universities in settling Professors of modern Languages & modern History. To wch Dr Shippen replyed, My Lord, we do not pretend to write an History of his Late Majesty's Life. The University addressed him upon that Account. 'Tis a Point of History, and if your Lordship will undertake to write his late Majesty's Life, I for my part shall be glad of it. I promise to be a subscriber to it.

3dly the Bishop objected, that the University were inconstant in their Loyalty, and only shewed it out of a Principle of Interest. To wch Mr. Wigan, Principal of New Inn Hall, replyed saying, My Lord, there was a Time once, when the University shewed their Loyalty, when 'twas not for their Interest to do so.

The Objections being got over, the very same Address was read in a full Convocation, so I am told it was, the next day, being Friday, at two Clock afternoon, & this day the Vice-Chancellour &c. went with it to London.

June 27 (Tu.). In a Letter from London of June 15 last, Dr Mead sent me Mr. Casley's Answer to my Queries, relating to the Prose Life of Hen. V, two MSS. of wch I have by me, and there is a IIId in the Cotton Library, with respect to wch last Mr. Casley writes thus in his Letter to Dr. Mead, June 14th: 'Dr. James [Mr. Casley should have said Mr. Richard James] has written the Contents of Jul. E. IV with his own hand, in the first Page of the Book. And the second Tract he entitles thus, 2. *Anonymus de vita et gestis Henrici 5ti Regis Anglorum cum dedicatorio epilogo ad Doctorem Iohannem Somerseth Regis medicum.* The third thus, 3. *Chronica Latina de gestis ejusdem, quae alibi attribuitur monacho cuidam de Eltham.* And in the Margin, with another hand, against each Tract, is written *Thomas de Elmham.* But I find no Author's Name in the Body of either of the Tracts; only the latter is said to be written by the same, who wrote the former. And John Pits, in his Book of English Writers, page 915, says *Thomas Elinhamus scripsit Chronica rerum Anglicarum usque ad H. 5.* Each spells his name different ways. The words enquired after in the first Page, are thus, *Non enim valeo extra fores rethorice positus peregrinis & advena.* There is no note of destinction after *positus*; and the word following is *peregrinis* not *peregrinus.*'

June 28 (Wed.). From the Reading Mercury for Mond., June 26:—

London, June 20. A few Days ago died at his House, at Mile End, Dr. Cole, a noted Physician. [N.B. He was the son of the Rev. Mr. Cole a Non-Juror still living, and got into good Business by means of Dr. Mead, who was his Friend.]

Last Sunday [June 18] about noon died suddenly at his House in Kensington, the Right Hon. Nicholas Lechmere, Lord Lechmere of Evesham, Chancellor of the Dutchy of Lancaster for Life, and Privy Counsellor. [He was a noted, but very impudent Lawyer.]

Oxon., June 18. Last Saturday [June 17] being Market-Day, the Heads of

Houses, Wardens, Doctors, and Proctors of this University, met in their Scarlet Gowns; as did the Mayor Mr. Box, the Aldermen &c. on Horseback, with several Hundreds more, and including the Scholars, 'tis computed that near 5,000 Persons were assembled at the Occasion of Proclaiming his present Majesty, which was done with universal Applause, and loud Acclamations of *Long Live King George the Second*; the Bells rung everywhere, and the Night concluded with Bonfires, Illuminations, and drinking Loyal Healths throughout the city. The same Night there was also in the great Hall at Christ-church a fine Concert of Musick both Vocal and Instrumental at which were present about 1,000 Auditors.

This Account is false in several Particulars. As for the Concert of Musick's being this night, it was accidental. It was agreed upon before the Death of George some time, purely for the benefit of Mr. John Smith, a poor drunken, rakish Chaplain of that College, much in debt, & a good singer, & should have been the night before, but news being brought of George's Death, 'twas thought proper to have it on the Proclamation night.

June 29 (Thur.). At Wotton, near Abbington in Berks., lives one Beesly, a Farmer, who hath a Son called Michael Beesly, living there also with his Father. This Son (who was born at Sunningwell, where his Father then lived) is an ingenious young man, and hath learned to ingrave only by once seeing the late Michael Burghers ingrave, so that he hath composed and ingraved a book, about singing Psalms and Anthems, himself (wch he teaches in Parochial Churches), of wch there are two Editions.

June 30 (Fri.). Mr. West, in a Letter from the Inner Temple of the 22nd inst., tells me, that Mr. Le Neve, Norroy K. of Arms, shewed him some time since an old Parchment Deed, dated MCCXX, sealed with the seal of the Abbot of Tame, whose Abbot is an Arbitrator between the Abbot of St. Nicholas of Bittlesden, and the Abbot of Oseney. Mr. West says, the reason of his mentioning it to me is, because he does not remember any abbey of the Cistertian Order (as Bittlesden was) dedicated to any saint but the Virgin Mother. ['Tis remarkable, & I could not have imagined any such thing, it being plain from the Monasticon, that this Abbey was dedicated to the V. Mary. But Mr. West will endeavour to procure a Copy of the Charter for my better Satisfaction[1].]

In the same Letter he hath the following Passage, relating to their present Majesties, as they are stiled, who aim at Popularity, as if that would make out their Title, & gain universal Love. 'The sudden News

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June 30, 1727. H. to West (Rawl. 11. 124). 'I hope my compositor will have finished Adam de Domerham by the latter end of next week. Nothing will then remain but to get the books dry and to set the binder at work. I thank you for what you note relating to the advances towards Popularity [*see Diary, June* 30]. I am walking to a retired place (what I like beyond all humane Greatness), but shall be back at night. I shall there remember dear Mr. West and some other Friends.'

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[1] The Charter is entered in the Oseney Cartulary (Cott. MS. Vitell. E. xv. fol. 148) and reads 'sancti Nicholai de B.'

of the King's Death hath brought all the Nobility and Gentry of the Kingdom to London. Their now Majesties behave themselves in the most affable & obliging manner to all Persons whatsoever, & seem entirely rooted in the Affections of the People. Every Person is admitted to them, and nobody comes away displeased.'

July 1 (Sat.). Yesterday I walked from Oxford through Bagley Wood to Bayworth, wch tho' it be a very pleasant Place, yet the old House of the Baskervilles is now almost quite gone to ruin, the Family of the Baskervilles being (as I have noted formerly) exstinct. Thence I walked (leaving Beaulieu Farm on the right hand) to Norcot, where are two old Barns, one of wch hath several Buttresses, and on both at the East end are remains of a Cross, whence I gather, that they have been formerly Chappels, at least I take that with Buttresses to have been a Chappel, & perhaps the other might have been an Infirmary. This Norcot is very pleasant, and the Prior & sometimes the Abbot of Abbingdon used to be here. Thence I walked to Abbington. From Abbington I walked to Radley or Rodley, where Sir John Stonehouse hath built a new brick House, but 'tis nothing near so pleasant nor snug as the old large House, most of wch (they say) is to be pulled down. The Innside & the Gardens &c. of the New House are not quite finished. An old Woman told me, that Sir John and his lady are very charitable to the poor, tho' I had heard the contrary from others. Sir John's eldest Daughter by this Lady (whose maiden name was Penelope Dashwood), viz. Mrs. Penelope Stonehouse (a fine Creature), is married to Sir Henry Adkins. Walking from Radley, I overtook a man with hoops on his back, who told me, he had been at work at Radley, & that he was going to Sunningwell, where (he said) he lives. I understood afterwards, that 'twas Mr. Thomas Ellis, who was prenticed to a Wine-Cooper in London, where he lived till very lately, when he came into ye Country for his Health, he being consumptive. He is a mighty sober young man, & is brother to the late Mr. Wm. Ellys, of whom I have made mention formerly. Parting with the said Mr. Thomas Ellys, I walked to Sandford Ferry, & crossing the water, after some little refreshment at Sandford Mill, I walked to Mr. Powell's of Sandford, but I did not speak with him, as I designed, he being private in a room by himself taking a Knap (tho' his Lady being in the Country [Worcestershire] where she hath been at least two Months, I looked upon this as the most proper time for some Conversation with Mr. Powell, who is a very worthy good Man, & much beloved). From Sandford I walked to Ifley & so to Oxford.

July 2 (Sun.). Last night I was told that this day sennight[1], being Sunday, June 25th, Dr. Shippen at St. Marie's, where he sat as Vice-Chancellour, the Vice-Chancellour being absent at London, sent Mr. Mussendine the Beadle to the Master of Univ. Coll., Mr. Cockman, as he was sitting at St. Marie's in one of the side-seats, to tell him, that that was not his proper Place, but that he should remove, upon wch Mr. Cockman readily told the Beadle, that he desired that Dr. Shippen would give him his message in writing, wch Answer nettled Dr. Shippen, who declined

[1] But see below, page 56. [*See p.* 333.]

giving it in writing, & Mr. Cockman took no further notice of the Message.

At the same time I was told, that George, commonly called Jolly, Ward still persists to make disturbances in the College, & that one day last week, being a working day, he summoned several together, among wch were College Servants, & told them, that one Mr. Cockman pretended to act as Master of Univ. Coll., but that he was only an Intruder and Usurper, and that therefore they should pay him no Obedience, nor show him any Respect as Master. But both Dr. Shippen & Jolly Ward are laughed at.

Thomas Walsingham tells us Hen. Vth's coronation was *5 Idus Aprilis dominica in passione Domini.* According to Walsingham therefore we should read in Elmham, *7mo Idus Aprilis* for *quinto Nonas Aprilis.* [See the letter of July 3 to J. Anstis.]

July 4 (Tu.). On Friday last was married the Widow Reynolds of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, to one King, who keeps an Ale House in St. Ebb's Parish. Her first Husband was a Clergyman, & as a Clergyman's Widow she hath had 5 libs. per an. wch she must now, upon this new marriage, lose. Her father was Gilman the Barber, commonly called Tonsor Gilman.

Mr. John Grubbe of Xt Church took ye Degree of M.A., June 28, 1675, and was Schoolmaster of the School there. He was a very ingenious man and was Author of *The British Heroes.* He left the School, and retired to Gloucester, where he was also Schoolmaster to the time of his death. At Christ-Church he was succeeded as Schoolmaster by Mr. Rob. Cock, who afterwards went to Chippenham in Wilts., of wch he was Vicar & is still living, a good Scholar & a conscientious Man, but is not Vicar, being out of it upon account of his declining the Oaths, when the late Duke of Brunswick was made King. The foresaid Mr. John Grubbe had a Brother, named Bartholomew Grubbe, who taught a writing School in St. Aldate's Parish, Oxford, & left behind him a Son, who was lately of Xt Church, being a Servitour, & he might have done there very well, the College being kind to him, but after he had done his exercise for the Degree of Bach. of Arts, he left the College, & threw off his Gown, & wrote to get a Livelyhood Leases &c. (for he writes the Lawyer's hand well) for his Father-in-Law, one Cheyney, who married his Mother after Mr. Bartholomew Grubbe's Death, & she is still living, being little more than 40 years of age. After he had been a little while at his Father-in-Law's, he set up teaching school in St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, but

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July 3, 1727. H. to J. Anstis (Diaries, 117. 11). 'I am now considering Thomas Elmham, of which I have two MSS. before me, viz. that you sent from the Herald's Office, and that lent me by my Lord Oxford.' Both are anonymous, but a third MS. in the Cotton Library is attributed to Elmham. H. cannot understand the words at the beginning, *Non enim valeo extra fores rethoricae positus peregrinus & advena*; for he was Prior of Lenton and not a foreigner. Another work ascribed to him is Cott. MS. Claud. E. iv, Annals of Britain to the year 1389. Anstis had printed in his introduction a passage from Elmham in which are the words *quinto Nonas Aprilis.* H. thinks *Idus* should be read, 'yet even so I cannot reconcile the matter.'

of a sudden he left the children, took a Ramble into ye Country &, among other Places, lived some time at Cambridge, where he wrote for bread. About a Year & half since he married, (after he was returned again to Oxford) a very pretty, beautifull, brisk young Girl, the Daughter of one Mr. ——, a Clergyman & Schoolmaster of Beconsfield, who was at a bording school in Oxford. They are both (especially she) very young, & she must needs be mad for a husband, to marry so little deformed a man as this Grub, who is very jealous of her, she being a Company Keeper. They both live now in St. Peter's Parish aforesaid (but they have had no Child as yet) & he now teaches school again.

July 5 (Wed.). From the Reading Post for Mond., July 8, 1727:—

Norwich, June 24. Last Sunday [June 18th] a dread Tempest happened here about 3 in the afternoon. At Melton, 4 or 5 miles off, a House was burnt by the Lightning.

The said 18th was a very fine hot day at Oxford.

July 6 (Thur.). William Gibbons, M.D. of St. John's College, Oxford, was an ingenious man, & had great Practice in his Faculty when he lived in Oxford, as he had afterwards many years in London, where he is still living, but I do not now hear much of him. He used to be called the drunken Doctor in Oxford, being, it seems, a great Bibber or Toper, & so, it may be, he was for some time afterwards in London. I know of nothing published under this Doctor's name, tho' he hath had the character of a learned man.

July 7 (Fri.). Mr. Stockwell of Trin. Coll. hath very lately printed & published two Sermons in 8vo printed at the Theater, one of wch was preached at St. Helen's in Abbington at the opening of the Organ there, wch organ, tho' it cost a good sum of money, is a very bad one.

Mr. Hutchins of Hart Hall hath just published Xenophon's Cyropedia in Gr. & Lat. with notes, printed in 4to at the Theater.

The Proclamation of the Usurper (Geo. II) the other day at Abbington was with extravagant Rejoycings, as indeed it hath been at most Places, it being strange to see how forward people are to shew their Zeal. But so it was, when Dick Cromwell was proclaimed.

July 8 (Sat.). Mr. Anstis tells me in a Letter from Mortlake of July 5, that the MS. *Lucerna* was doubtless wrote by a foreigner by Birth, and consequently one should imagine not by Elmham, whose name is Saxon, unless he chanced to be born himself from English

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July 5, 1727. Anstis to H. (Rawl. 1. 106; Diaries, 117. 17 and 23). Thinks MS. *Lucerna* is written by a foreigner and has been attributed to Elmham in error, owing to the fact that Elmham composed a poem on Hen. V. Certainly 'quinto Nonas Aprilis' in the MS. is wrong; it should be 'quinto Idus', i.e. April 9, 1413, which was a Sunday, and Coronations were always on a Sunday or some great Holyday. 'As the present Coronation will require some thoughts of mine, I desire that if there be any particulars of the Coronation of Hen. V specified in the MS., beside what I printed from it concerning the creation of the Knights of the Bath, that you would be so kind to oblige me with a transcript, which may be of some service.'

Parents beyond Sea. The occasion of ascribing this History to him may be, in that he composed a Poëm of that Reign, whereof Mr. Anstis sent me an Extract. Mr. Anstis never consulted the Annals in the Cotton Library; but when he next hath time in London, he will take that opportunity.

NB. I am now printing the MS. *Lucerna*, and I ascribe it (by virtue of the Cotton MS.) to Elmham, as Mr. Anstis himself had done also in his Introduction, tho' he there makes the MS. of the Heralds' Office to be written by an anonymous different Author, & makes them to be different pieces, whereas they are really one & the same Life, & consequently the Author was the same of both. Elmham might (for some reason) conceal his name, & personate a Foreigner, tho' he was really an Englishman. 'Tis probable he was a bitter enemy to Edw. IV, as John Somerset was, & so it might not be safe to appear openly. 'Tis certain for some reason or other his name hath been industriously concealed. The Extract Mr. Anstis sent from the Poetical Life he had (I think) from Francis Thynne.

July 9 (Sun.). On Friday last Mr. John Wigan of Christ Church accumulated the Degrees of Bach. and Doctor of Physick.

Yesterday being Act Saturday, Mr. Creswick, of Worcester College, took ye Degree of Doctor of Div. as a Grand-Compounder, & he preached this day at St. Marie's in the Forenoon, & Mr. George Wigan, Principal of New Inn Hall & elder Brother of the said John Wigan, in the Afternoon.

On Wed., May 31 last, meeting Dr. John Gibson, Provost of Queen's College in the High Street, he told me, his Brother Matthew had ordered him to deliver me a Book, being a Present to me of his Memoirs of the Scudamore Family & his Account of Dore Abbey, & that he had sent also something else in a Letter to be communicated to me. He said, he would send the book to me, when he had got one done up. At last, yesterday, at almost twelve Clock, he sent over his Man to me at Edm. Hall with a Book upon the said Subject, printed at London in 4to & dedicated to the Lady Scudamore. The Man told me his master presented his Service to me, & desired me to peruse that book. Upon looking into it, I found the Provost had writ his own Name in it at the beginning, as a Present to him from the Author. Whereupon I told the man, the Provost told me he would send a Book that was given to me, and that this was not the book. In two or three Minutes I turned over every leaf & delivered it back to ye man, bidding him to return it to the Provost, & to tell him I had perused it.

The said Work of Mr. Mathew Gibson is the same with the MS. he formerly shewed me, & of wch I have at that time taken notice. He is a crazed Man, as the Provost is also. As I remember, 'tis a weak shallow Thing, & yet the Author had the Confidence to desire me to print it, wch I absolutely refused.

July 10, 1727. H. to Mead (Diaries, 117. 21). Thanks for a letter. Is now satisfied that the author is Thomas Elmham. Is printing only 60 large and 100 small copies.

July 10, 1727. H. to West (Diaries, 117. 21). Elmham states that Hen. V

July 11 (Tu.). On Saturday last (July 8th) Mr. Thomas Pardo, Rector of Longworth in Berks., took the Degree of Dr. in Div., and yesterday morning he was elected without opposition Principal of Jesus College, in room of Dr. Thelwell deceased.

July 13 (Thur.). Just before the University of Oxford Address was carried to London, the Bp of Bristol, Dr. Bradshaw, moved, that the young noblemen of the Univ. might go up with it also, wch accordingly the Vice-chancellour & Dr. Mather very readily granted. Wch is looked upon very justly, not only as unprecedented, but as very weak, the young noblemen being not Members of ye Convocation, & even the Undergraduates of all other Denominations had as much right every whit to attend as they. However go (at least some of them) they did, but tho' the Oxford Gentlemen made so much hast, thinking to have been before Cambridge, & to have presented their Address on June 28, being Wednesday, yet Cambridge were first admitted, & Oxford Men were put by till July 1st, when 'twas presented, as may be seen from the Gazette. But whereas 'tis there insinuated, that even the Chancellour of Oxford presented it in his Gown, I am well assured, that 'tis false. For tho' he be Dr. of Civil Law of Oxford, he could not be persuaded to wear his Gown, tho' the Chancellour of Cambridge appeared in his Gown, neither had the two members of the Univ. of Oxford (Mr. Bromley & Dr. Clarke) their Gowns on. As for this Address, 'tis canting & foolish & cringing, such as might be expected from such as have & are always upon principles of secular Interest ready again to abjure a rightfull sovereign, & on such occasions are as ready to call Rebellion Loyalty, as truly honest good men are forward to condemn such proceeding, & to give another Term to such Actions.

July 14 (Fri.). On Friday night (the day having been prodigious hot) July 7th was a most prodigious storm of Lightning and Thunder, and at Wantage (where it was far worse than we had it at Oxford, for it was not very near us) there was a young Man of about 24 years of age, called John Pope (son of a sufficient Farmer of Gynge) killed with the Lightning at a dancing bout, a flash of Lightning coming in at Window, and striking him dead in a moment.

Yesterday being also a most strange hot day, at 3 Clock in the Afternoon was a storm of Lightning & Thunder with a great shower of Rain, wch lasted something more than a Quarter of an hour. After wch at

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forbad any ballads to be published in his praise after the battle of Agencourt; but in Cott. MS. Vitell. D. xii, there is a thing in old English verse entitled *The siege of Harflet and battle of Agencourt*. H. would like an account of it.

July 11, 1727. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. Lett. 32. 10). Sends an advertisement of Thomas Elmham: 'You know I have 14*s*. of your money in my hands.'

July 11, 1727. Matthew Gibson to H. (Rawl. 15. 29). Having been promoted to the benefice of Abbey Dore, he asks his 'old friend' for information about the writers who lived at that Abbey.

July 12, 1727. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 125). Sends a list of the contents of Cott. MS. Vitell. D. 12. 11.

five a Clock was another storm of Lightning & Thunder, far bigger than the former, attended with such a prodigious shower of Rain (accompanied with hail) as was hardly ever known in Oxford. It lasted at least half an hour, & poured down at such a Rate, as filled Cellars, the streets &c., that there was hardly any stirring, & in some Cellars Lads pulled off their Cloaths & swam.

Last Monday one Chapman going out B. of Civil Law of Univ. Coll., Mr. Denison then dined in the Hall, & sate as Master, & Dr. Bouchier, Mr. Ward & Mack Mussenden the Beadle were there also, they being (it seems) still resolved to be troublesome. Mr. Cockman was not in the Hall, nor did he say any Thing about this Affair, when I called upon him on Thursday the 13th inst., when he told me, that if they forced him, he would address to the Visitor the King for Confirmation, tho' he hoped they would consider better, and prevent it. He said he believed Dr. Shippen was chief in carrying on these Troubles.

July 15 (Sat.). Thomas Erpenius's admirable library of Oriental MSS. is now in the Publick Library at Cambridge, having been procured for that Place by the Duke of Buckingham (he that was murdered by Felton) when he was Chancellour of that University. Since which there is an Accession of many other Oriental MSS. to that place, particularly very lately by one Mr. Lewis.

July 16 (Sun.). On Wednesday last, in the afternoon, called upon me, & we spent the Evening together, Mr. James Wilks (who had a son with him), late of White Waltham near Maidenhead in Berks., but now of Dogmersfield near Odiam in Hampshire, a man of a good head for surveying of Land. He brought his son, with a design to enter him of Queen's College, & from thence to get him to be Clerk of All Souls by the Interest he hath with Mr. Powney, Fellow of All Souls. This son of his was of Eaton school under Dr. Blandi & might have been scholar of King's Coll. in Cambridge, & in time Fellow, had he not ran away from school, having been concerned in a Rebellion, after wch his Father had him go to the Free School at Wingfield in Berks. (I think 'tis a Free School) for a year or more, since wch he hath been at home a year (I think also) & now is for having him educated at Oxford.

The said Mr. James Wilks told me, Mr. Griffyth of White Waltham made a Will, leaving Mr. David Davies of Flintshire in Wales (of wch County Mr. Griffith was) his Executor, he being his Cousin, & when all was paid, Mr. Davies went off clear with about fourscore Pounds.

He said, that the new Chappell of Maidenhead is quite finished, & that it cost near a thousand libs., that 'tis a pretty Thing, & that it is built according to the Modell, that he (the said Mr. James Wilks) contrived.

He said, John Whitfeild of Maidenhead, Esq., who died lately, was only fourscore years of age, whereas I thought he had been near ninety.

July 17 (Mon.). Mr. Wilkes told me the other day, that the Vicarage of White Waltham in Berks. is hardly worth 70 libs. per an. and that the

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July 17, 1727. Furney to H. (Rawl. 5. 152). Would like his copy

Vicarage of Bray (at wch place he was born) is not (what I was amazed at, it being such a very large Parish) above fourscore libs. per an.

July 18 (Tu.). In the Cotton Library is John Somerset's Complaint of the Ingratitude of the University of Cambridge. I have a Copy of this sent me by Mr. West. This Complaint I am apt to think unjust from some remarkable Passages sent me by Mr. Baker. Thence it appears, that it was not Somerset, but Jo. Langton, Chancellour of that University, that put K. Hen. VI upon the good Design of founding King's College. Accordingly, in the old Missa pro Benefactoribus Universitatis, honourable mention is made of John Langton, & nothing said of John Somerset, wch could hardly have happened, had he been a Benefactor, unless he forfeited that favor by complaining. Nor has Mr. Baker met with Somerset amongst the Benefactors at King's College, where however Langton occurs, & is mentioned in an honourable way, as moving the king to build that College.

July 19 (Wed.). Yesterday died at Bessilsleigh Mr. Ra. Hopley, Fellow of Brasennose College. He took the degree of M.A. on May 21, 1713. He was a very hard Drinker, wch brought the Gout & Dropsy upon him that caused his Death[1].

From the Reading Post for Mond., July 17, 1727:—

London, July 11. Yesterday John Ecton, Esq., Receiver of the Tenths of the Clergy, being introduced by his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, presented their Majesties with his Book, entitled, a State of the Bounty of Queen Anne for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the poor Clergy; wch was graciously received, and he had the Honour of kissing their Majesties Hands.

July 20 (Thur.). On Monday, July 11th last, were married in Magd. Parish Church, Oxford, Joseph Scrag & Sarah Nicholas. The said Jos. Scrag was born in St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, & hath lived by way of a servant for some time with Alderman Boys of Oxford, where by running of errands & such business he hath saved about twenty pounds, wch the Alderman takes care of for him, & he would have done more for him, had not he married this Sarah Nicholas, who is a Fatherless

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of Adam de Domerham sent to Thomas Wotton's, bookseller, at the Three Dragons and Queen's Head in Fleet Street.

July 17, 1727. H. to Francis Lewis, Esq., at Stanford Hall, near Loughborough (Diaries, 117. 41). 'Sir, your delight in the ancient history of our country is the reason of my sending this Advertisement, from which you will learn that, Adam de Domerham being finished, I am not printing Thomas Elmham's Life of Hen. V.... Your name was printed in John of Glastonbury purely by virtue of a former direction from you, but had your last letter come time enough, it had been there omitted as 'tis now for Domerham; so that 'tis not upon the score of subscribing, but only that you may see what I am now carrying on in that branch of Learning which you love so much, that this trouble is giving you by, sir, your most humble servant, Tho. Hearne.'

July 18, 1727. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 36) *printed in Thomas de Elmham, p.* 353.

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[1] He was buried in the College Chappel, Friday night following.

Child, being born at Islip, & tho' she hath four hundred Pounds, yet she is but thirteen years of age, as her Brother-in-law Mr. Osbaldston of Oxford, Chandler, told me on Tuesday last, & is under Guardianship, her Guardian being Mr. Michael Moore of Oxford, Surgeon, who is extremely concerned (as others also are) at this Match, wch, it seems, was brought about, notwithstanding the utmost caution of Mr. Moore, where she boarded, as she does still. As for Scrag, he is also a young boy under twenty, & at present neither of them seems fit for any business. She is a white-looked fat chubbed Girl, & big for her Age.

July 21 (Fri.). Neither Leland nor Bale mention Thomas Elmham, whence I gather, that they knew nothing of him. Nor indeed does Pitseus speak of him anywhere, but in his Appendix, and there too 'tis in such a manner, as shews that he knew very little of him. He tells us there, that his name was Elmham, & that he wrote a Chronicle of the Affairs of England till the time of Hen. V.; This must be his book of Annals in the Cotton Library, wch however ends before the time of that King, as we learn from Dr. Smith's Catalogue of that Library. Pitseus had not heard of his life of Hen. V, wch is likewise in the same Library, both in prose & verse, tho' that in verse is so intricate & enigmatical, that 'tis a perfect Jargon, but the prose one is good, & there are other Copies of it, and I am now printing it at the Theater.

July 22 (Sat.). The Rev. Mr. Thomas Troughear writes me word from Northwood, of woh Place he is Minister, in the Isle of Wight, on the 15th inst., that he hath made Inquiry, if the Worsleys had any Monuments of Antiquity among them, and that on Tuesday the 11th inst. he was agreeably surprized by a message from Mr. James Worsley of Pile Well, near Limington, Hants, who sent for him to Lady Miller's and there told him, that hearing he had made Enquiry for any things that respected the Antiquity of the Isle of Wight, he sent for him and desired him to acquaint me, that he has large Collections, wch he thinks will deserve to be printed by themselves, & such as shew that the Bishop of London in his Camden has misrepresented Matters very much himself, or has been greatly imposed upon. Mr. Troughear says, I have nothing to do but write a Letter to Mr. James Worsley, as above directed, & let him know what I am upon, & what I desire of him. He is a gentleman of Curiosity, & is well acquainted with Mr. Browne Willis, who Mr. Troughear perceives is very faulty in his Account of Hampshire, as Mr. Worsley says. Mr. Troughear says the sooner I write to Mr. Worsley, the better. He says, Mr. Worsley has Collections that will make almost twenty sheets in Folio, wherein is shewed, that Camden and other Writers were misinformed.

July 21, 1727. J. Thorpe to H. (Rawl. 10. 111). Thanks for 'the account of some Antiquities between Windsor and Oxford.'

July 22, 1727. Graves to H. (Rawl. 6. 149). Has received the Advertisement and will subscribe for Elmham. On Thursday last was with Mr. Canning in his new house at Foxcote 'which is much the stateliest and finest in the neighbourhood.' Would like his copy of Adam de Domerham bound & lettered in the usual way.

July 23, 1727. H. to James Worsley (Diaries, 117. 48). Sends him an

July 24 (Mon.). Yesterday was Kennington Feast near Abbington, at wch time are always a vast concourse of People at that Place, & wrestling and backsword playing use to be in a Close on the East side of Swadling's Tenement.

Above a week since died Dr. Edward Wells, Rector of Cottesbach in Leicestershire and of Blechley in Buckinghamshire. He was the son of Edw. Wells of Corsham in Wilts., Clerk. He became Student of Xt Church from Westminster School in Mich. Term anno 1686, aged 19 Years or thereabouts. He took the Degree of Bach. of Arts, July 10, 1690, in wch year he published: A Geographical Table containing the principal Countries, Kingdoms, Provinces, Islands, Cities, Towns, Rivers, &c. of the now known World, &c. *Oxon* 1690, dedicated to Sir James Long of Draycot in Wilts., Knight & Baronet. This Geographical Table was also printed by itself in Latin at Oxon. 1690, and by the Author dedicated to Rich. Hill, Bach. of Div. and Canon of Salisbury.

He took the Degree of M.A., June 1, 1693, & accumulated the Degrees of Bach. & Dr. of Div., Apr. 5, 1704. When he was of Christ-Church he was a noted Tutor, and was looked upon as a sincere religious man, but after he came to live in the Country, he shewed himself an hypocrite, & grew into contempt among those that before respected him, particularly after he became (upon my declining it, upon account of the Oaths, when 'twas offered me) Rector of the rich Living of Blechley, wch he shamefully neglected, & seldom went to, but lived at Cottesbach, where he taught school also, & writ & scribbled many books, on purpose to scrape up money, tho' he was a single man, & was otherwise very rich. The truth is, he was a man of great Industry, but the books he hath writ & published, as they are very many, so they are unaccurate, & contain very little that is curious. Among wch books are:—

A set of maps with an 8vo book of Geography.

A book of Arithmetic in 8vo.

Maps & Cuts to Sir Roger Lestrange's translation of Josephus.

Xenophon's works in Gr.–Lat. in 5 vols. 8vo, printed at the Theater, in wch are Mr. Dodwell's Annales Xenophontei.

A conference with Mr. Dowley the Presbyterian.

A tract against Dr. Clarke.

A paraphrase & Annotations upon the Old and New Testament. He died while that Part wch belongs to the Old Test. was printing.

A little silly Tract, to prove K. George rightfull Heir of these Kingdoms.

And many other Things besides hardly worth mentioning. One of wch is about building Churches, wch got him Subscriptions to rebuild Cottesbatch Church, the overplus of wch (I am told) he put into his own Pocket.

July 25 (Tu.). On Thursday last died at his House in Holywell, Oxford, of a Dropsy, Mr. Vicars, under-Butler of Wadham College, aged at least 70. He had formerly been servant to Dr. Ironside, when Warden

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advertisement [of Elmham]. Is glad to hear that Mr. Worsley is heartily engaged in the study of antiquity.

of that College, who gave him the Place. He was buried at Holywell on Saturday night. He hath left a son, who is a most excellent Ringer, and is under-Butler of New College.

On Sunday morning last was found dead in his Bed Mr. Thomas Flaxon of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford. He was abroad on Saturday last, and, I think, I met him & spoke to him that day, or the day before, & he had that very day been ringing at Magd. College. He was a single man, and was turned of seventy Years of Age. He was a Taylour by Trade, but was very indifferent at that business, minding chiefly ringing, at wch he was most excellent, being deservedly looked upon as one of the best Ringers in the World. He was a very honest, innocent, harmless, modest man, and one that might be trusted on any account. He was very well beloved, but was very poor. Some years since he was bit in one of his Legs by a large Dog, wch could never be cured, but he was lame ever after. He was otherwise a very strong lusty man. He was buried last night in St. Peter's in the East Church Yard, almost under Edmund Hall buttery, where his Brother (who died a few years since, and had been also an excellent Ringer, and was also a Taylor, tho' a Bungler & poor) had been buried before, at wch time were rung two handsome Peals, one round-ringing (as he was carrying to Church) the other Changes (after he was put in the Ground).

July 26 (Wed.). On Wednesday the 19th instant, about four Clock in the Morning, a considerable Shock of an Earthquake was felt at Oxford, and many Parts of England, and at Bath we hear that some Tiles were moved by it from off the Houses. In many Places it put people into a very great consternation.

July 27 (Thur.). Yesterday I was told by Mr. Francis Gwyn, of All Souls College, that Dr. Pearce Dod told him, that when the College of Physicians at London waited lately in a body on the Queen, as they call George the present Elector of Hanover's Wife, she said, in the hearing of the said Dr. Dod, to one by her, by way of sneer, *enough to kill a whole nation*, wch words are much resented, especially by some, and indeed many, particularly the Tories, are much nettled at the present Proceedings, this George II continuing Things as they were before, & in all probability will act, if we may judge from his beginning, with an higher hand than George I. His late speech to the Parliament gives great Offence to the Tories, because he commends the last Parliament, & would have such

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July 27, 1727. Wm. Bedford to H. (Rawl. 2. 68). 'I hope now I may expect your books every day, which as soon as I have delivered to the Subscribers and returned you the money for these and their first payments for the next, I hope I shall be quite ready to enter upon my intended journey to Leyden in pursuit of the study of Physick in that University. I have a very worthy friend here that lodges at Mr. Bettenham's & is his corrector to the printing press, who, if you approve of it, may take care of your books and deliver 'em when printed, as I have done for you hitherto; he's a Nonjuring Clergyman; his name is Mr. Robert Gordoun. As to those books that are to go to Cambridge, my mother will, when you send 'em to Mr. Gordoun's, take care herself to see them sent to Mr. Baker, at whose desire she will do that and other little businesses for him.'

another chosen, speaks well of the Dissenters &c. But King James may be glad of this, since, if Matters go on so, his Interest must needs be thereby much strengthened. For the Tories will be thereby forced to be for him, whereas if they should be now put in place, they would be all against him, as I heard one of them say myself very lately. As for George the I, 'tis very remarkable, that he died on the 10th of June (the 21st in that Country) being the birthday of K. James, & not at one Clock in the Morning on June 11th as the world is made to believe, on purpose that it might not be thought he went out of this Life on so remarkable a day as K. James's Birthday, whose Kingdoms he had so long & so unjustly usurped. The said George I was quite rotten & eat up with whoring.

July 28 (Fri.). Meeting Mr. Gagnier the Frenchman on Wednesday last, he told me, that Mr. Samuel Clarke (as he had been well informed) translated into Latin all Abulpheda's Geography from the Arabick, and that the Translation was in the hands of Dr. Edmund Castel, but he cannot learn what became of it after Dr. Castel's death.

He the said Mr. Gagnier hath put out some time ago for printing Abulpheda in Arabick & Latin with notes. The present Dean of St. Paul's (Dr. Hare, he that put out Horace) wants a specimen of the work. Mr. Gagnier told him Mr. Graves had published a specimen, wch hath been since reprinted in Dr. Hudson's Geographer. But the Dr. wants a specimen done by Mr. Gagnier himself.

Mr. Gagnier observed to me also, that Monsr Thevenot at Paris designed an Edition of Abulpheda, as did also the late Dr. Edward Bernard of Oxford.

July 29 (Sat.). Yesterday I recd from Dr. Richard Rawlinson the Epitaph, that my late Friend his Brother, Thomas Rawlinson, Esq., made upon himself, wch (says the Dr.) stands thus under his own hand: Hic jacet . . . . . vir liberrimi spiritus, Qui omnes mortales pari ratione habuit; Tacuisse de criminibus non auro vendidit; Qui rege dempto, neminem agnovit superiorem; Illum vero, ô infortunium, nunquam potuit inspicere.

July 30, Radley Feast (Sun.). Yesterday Mr. Browne of University College, Dr. John Cockman & Mr. Cavendish Nevile being present, told me, that 'twas not upon a Sunday (as I was misinformed above, pag. 10) that Dr. Shippen sent to Mr. Cockman, Master of Univ. Coll., but upon Thursday, June 29, being the day of St. Peter and St. Paul, and that it was after Church was over Mussenden came to the Master and told him,

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July 28, 1727. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 127). Sends the transcript of the Cotton MS. 'One of the deeds Mr. Norroy gave me for you is printed in the Decem Scriptores p. 1827, but without the witnesses, which are the most numerous I ever saw to a deed of that kind, being 124. Among my friend Peter's collection I met with a curiosity, being the original donation of Edward the Confessour of the mannour of Great Swell in Gloucestershire to the Abbey of Evesham, and the original decree of the University of Bononia against the Pope's authority for dispensing with the marriage of Henry VIII and Queen Catharine.'

Dr. Shippen sent him word, not to sit at St. Marie's as head of a House, but to sit there among the common Masters, the other being not his proper Place. Mr. Cockman desired Mussenden to stay while he writ down the words, & while he read them to him, that he might stand to them upon occasion, but this Mussenden refused, & ran off presently. However, Mr. Cockman wrote them down, & soon after Mussenden returns again from Dr. Shippen, & told him, that the Vice-Chancellour (meaning Shippen who was Provicechancellour) kept to what he had said, & was not sorry for the message sent; but it seems he had not the least Countenance from the Vice-Chancellour himself, Dr. Mather, for this proceeding.

July 31 (Mon.). At Aylesford in Kent was a very fine Priory of Carmelite Fryers, the Remains of wch make a noble Seat at this time. Dr. Thorpe of Rochester can tell many things about it.

Dr. William Tilby, formerly Fellow of Corpus Xti College, hath just printed a Sermon in 4to, preached by him in the Church of Adderbury or Aldbury near Ricot, of wch he is minister. 'Tis upon the occasion of the Accession of the present Elector of Hanover to the Throne, whose Right he pretends mightily to maintain, and to stigmatize those as Rebells that think otherwise. 'Tis dedicated to the Lady Eliz. Ashurst, and a strange Dedication 'tis. He mightily magnifies the Hanoverian Family, & condemns those that are any ways against it. Nay he speaks much against the high Churchman, that he used formerly to caress so much, at wch time no one seemed higher, in so much that none were so honest with him as Dr. Sacheverel & his Abettors. And 'tis withall certain, that both Dr. Sacheverell & he would fain at that time have been thought great Friends of K. James III. But 'twas all Noise.

Aug. 1 (Tu.). At Holywell Mill by Oxford lives one Symonds, a Miller, who is a Poetaster, and hath written & printed little trifling Songs or Ballads, one of wch is upon Anne Meals, that was burnt at Green Ditch near Oxford, for poisoning of her Husband, for wch he had a Guinea. He went to Abbington School seven years, and left it in 1707. He was lookt upon as a lad of Parts, of wch he brags very much now.

Aug. 2 (Wed.). Mr. Ward of Warwick hath lent me a 4to MS. in Vellom, written (as I take it) in the time of K. Hen. III. It is a fair MS., very legible. The Author's name is wanting. 'Tis by way of Dialogue between Magister & Discipulus.

[Extracts from the *Elucidarius* of Honorius Augustodunensis omitted.]

July 31, 1727. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 126). Has found in the Minute Book of the Soc. of Antiq. that Dec. 4, 1723, Mr. Martin brought to the Society *a very curious MS., being a Chronicle of Hen. V with many other matters of religion wrote by John Elmham monk for Robert Wall.* 'Mr. Martin lives in Norfolk where our friend Norroy now is. If you write to him, he will enquire after it.' Sends some notes about Little Gidding taken from a MS. Collection of Antiquities.

Aug. 1, 1727. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. Lett. 32. 11). Sends him a large copy of Adam de Domerham. It is less expensive for R. to send small sums of money by Godfrey the carrier than to employ booksellers.

This MS. contains also of the same age; 1. *Sermo de corpore & sanguine Christi*; 2. *De dominica oratione Sermo, duabus partibus*; 3. *De ordine clerici, & quid sit clericus*; 4. Some other Miscellaneous Things of the same Age.

Aug. 3 (Thurs.). From all parts of the West, particularly from Wales, we have Accounts signifying, that the Earthquake on the 19th of last Month did in several Places considerable Damage. It demolished many walls, chimneys, & corn-houses, & opened Latches and Locks. Bed Posts quivered and shook, as if some Hand had shaken them, [to] the great surprize & wonder of the People. Roofs of some Houses were thrown down by it, & the Course of the Springs was so altered as to make them very muddy, and of a chalky Colour. At Brecon it shook the whole Town and the adjacent Country. It was there more terrible towards the Conclusion, when all the Houses, Beds &c. trembled, Doors flew open, and what was lodged upon shelves fell down. It was, as they write from thence, accompanied with a very great Noise, resembling the rumbling of a Waggon, but much louder; and the Noise was more frightful within Doors than without. The Air was at the same Time of a dark blewish Hue, and continued so for some short Time after. It continued there over half a minute, & in some Places it was above a Minute.

From the Reading Post for Monday, July 31, 1727:—

London, July 29. Last night died the Rt. Hon. the Lord Viscount Harcourt. The same night died the Right Hon. the Lord Brook.

The said Lord Brook was named William, and was Grandson of Fulk Lord Brooke by his Son Francis, who married the Lady Ann Wilmot, Daughter to John Wilmot late Earl of Rochester. He was a very wild debauched young man.

As for Ld Harcourt, He was most certainly a very great Lawyer, tho' governed by Interest, so that he changed Principles often. When young, he was wild. He was of Pembroke College in Oxford, but was there very negligent. His first wife was a very mean Woman, wch made his Father Sir Philip Harcourt as it were to discard him, wch putting him to his shifts, he studied the Law with very great assiduity, & became thereby very knowing in it, & 'twas to his being pincht that he used to ascribe all his Greatness.

Aug. 3, 1727. Samuel Mead to H. (Rawl. 8. 108). Thanks for copies of Adam de Domerham, one a present from H., the others subscribed for.

Aug. 3, 1727. T. Grainger to H. (Rawl. 6. 120). Thanks for Adam de Domerham. Will subscribe for the next book.

Aug. 3, 1727. John Hindle to H. (Rawl. 7. 46). 'I opened your letter because my master Dr. Woodward has had for a fortnight past a kind of gouty pain in both feet, so that it is not proper that he attend to any business for the Time. He hath a great esteem for all learned men, but some of them do not so well by him as they ought. For your former books some send and never pay him for them, others leave them upon his hands, so that there are several remaining in the house.'

Aug. 4 (Fri.). On Wednesday night last about six Clock was hanged, at the Castle at Oxford, one Joan Oliver, alias Forrester, who was tried there, and condemned this last Assizes for the Murder of a Male Infant at Henley upon Thames (where she lived) not a year old. It appeared, that the Mother of the Child gave him to this Joan Oliver to hold, while she went upstairs to dress herself, and because he befouled Joan, she inhumanly set him up to his knees in a Pot of scalding Water, so that he died the next morning. The Woman pretended Innocency to the last, nor did she acknowledge any Thing at the Tree than that she was innocent, but it was plainly proved against her, & the Tenor of her Life was answerable. After the Execution, the body was got off by Scholars and dissected at Exeter College. She was about 40 years old.

Aug. 5 (Sat.). Thomas Ward, of Warwick, Esq., hath lent me a MS. in Vellum 4to written in English, in a hand of the time of Hen. VI, intit. *The theoricke parte of the extraction of the Quintessence of Raymonde Lullii, otherwise called the mirror of light of Roger Bacon.* It consists of three books. In the second book fol. 49 b is inserted in English a tract of Kiranne about the seven herbs, that are influenced by the seven Planets. It is introduced thus:—

[Extract omitted.]

Aug. 6 (Sun.). The Lord Viscount Harcourt died in the 67th year of his Age of a dead Palsy. He was buried on Friday night last at 7 Clock in Stanton Harcourt Church.

Last Friday, Aug. 4th, a poor man was crushed to death, as he was driving a Load of Hay into the Roebuck in Oxford. It seems the Axle Tree broke, & his Head was pressed so to the Wall, that he died in an instant, his Brains falling out.

Last Thursday M^{r}. White, an honest Scottish Gentleman, called upon me with M^{r}. Leake. This M^{r}. White hath been some time in Oxford, & he sometimes lodges in S^{t}. Mary Hall. He talked with me much about the English & Scottish History.

M^{r}. White observed, that M^{r}. Scot's History of Scotland, lately published, is very mean. He told me, the old Scottish Translation of Hector Boice hath many Interpolations, not in the Text, without distinction. He said, this old Translation of H. Boice is far beyond what M^{r}. Scot hath translated.

He said, M^{r}. Haye hath (he believes) laid aside his design of publishing Fordun with the Additions of Bowmaker. I told him I was sorry for it. But I perceive he met not with incouragement, & M^{r}. White told me my Edition of Fordun had damped it. But I told him, as my Design

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Aug. 5, 1727. Bedford to H. (Rawl. 2. 69). Sends £11 14*s.* for subscriptions. 'Mr. Bowdler speaking to me of a legacy of £100, left to you by Mr. Walden, was much concerned that the Executor had paid you but forty of it, which he himself out of regard to you had lent him, on purpose that you might have something of it at least, & good Mr. Bowdler is unpaid by the executor to this day. However he desires you should know that a ship from the West Indies is daily expected with great effects in it for Capt. Orme, the executor, when he hopes to get your remaining £60 paid.'

did not interfere with his, I was sorry for it, & I assured him, I formerly wrote to Mr. Haye, to signify how glad I was of his undertaking. Mr. Haye is about 50 years of age.

Aug. 7 (Mon.). Yesterday, about two Clock in the Afternoon, died Dr. Sedgwicke Harrison, Camden Professor of History, & Fellow of All Souls College. This Gentleman was originally of Gloucester Hall (now Worcester College) where he was looked upon to be a good Scholar. After several Tryals, he at last became Fellow of All Souls College, tho' Dr. Gardiner the Warden did always what he could to hinder him. He took the Degree of M.A. as a Member of Gloc. Hall on June 13, 1705, and as a Member of All Souls College that of B.LL. March 10, 1706, and that of Dr. in the same Faculty on Oct. 16, 1710. He used sometimes to practice Physick, and he hath a Letter about the small Pox published in the Phil. Transactions. Upon the death of Dr. Aldworth he became Camden Professor of History, an account of wch I have given at the time of his Election. He was a man that might have done good Things, had he minded his Studies. But being of an invidious, malicious, furious temper, he seldom spoke well of any one, but was for doing what mischief he could, & he was constantly carrying on one way or other litigious Affairs. Indeed he was a Match for Dr. Gardiner, & his temper in that respect had this good effect, that he would never submit to, nor suffer, if he could help it, the tyrannical proceedings of that haughty man. No body used more warmly to condemn the negligence of our Professors in not reading than Dr. Harrison, but after he became Professor himself, no one was more remiss. Indeed he acted so very scandalously in that beneficial Post, that all cryed out shame upon him, wch nevertheless he did not regard. He generally lived at Farmore at a Farmer's whose Daughter he is reported to be married to, & to have four Children by her living. He was brought from thence in a Charriot last Thursday to All Souls College, where he died (as I said) yesterday, lamented by no body. He had a Complication of Distempers occasioned chiefly by his drinking strong Drams [1].

Aug. 8 (Tu.). Yesterday Mr. Vesey of Lincoln Coll. called upon me, and shewed me from their College Treasury the will of Magister Nicholaus de Eu in parchment, made 1312; also John Hampton's will dated 1328 [2]. *Suteria* mentioned in this Will. *Quere* where Shoemakers Row in Oxford was? Shoe Lane I think was what is now called New Inn Hall Lane [3].

Aug. 9 (Wed.). Just published, *Judgment, Mercy and Fidelity the Weightier Matters, or Duties of the Law:* A sermon preached at St. Helen's church in Abington, July 18, 1727, at the Assizes held there for the County of Berks., before the Honourable Mr. Justice Page, and Mr. Justice Reynolds. By Francis Fox, M.A., Vicar of St. Marie's in Reading, and Prebendary of Salisbury. Printed for and sold by Timothy Westley, in Reading, Berks. Price 4d.

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[1] He was buried at five Clock on Tuesday night following in the College Chappel.
[2] Some details are omitted as the documents are at Lincoln College still.—Ed.
[3] Hearne is wrong; *suteria* was a part of Cornmarket.—Ed.

On yesterday morning died one Mr. Franklin, commonly from his crookedness called Ld Shaftsbury, of St. Peter's in the East, Oxon., Taylor, and was buried in St. Peter's Church-Yard this Evening. He was about 60 years old, and was a wealthy Presbyterian.

Aug. 10 (Thurs.). Thomas Ward, of Warwick, Esq., hath lent me The Life and manners of Ignatius Loyola by John Peter Maffeius Preest, translated into English. 'Tis a paper MS. in 4to, but the upper parts of many Leaves at the beginning have been eat off by Rats or Mice. It consists of 3 books. 'Ignatius used to sleep about four hours anights. He had his Chamber verie darcke and little, the forme whereof surelie as yet his successours have not chaunged, I think uppon verie devotion. He loved cleanliness in his meat and apparell, but such as was easie and not verie exquisit, such as becomes a straunger and the servaunt of Christ, and a neate frugalitie pleased hym much at all tymes, especiallie to allure men unto hym.' In the 3rd booke, 'His favour and stature of bodie,' the fifteenth chapter. 'He was of a mean stature, his countenance gratefull and full of dignitie, of colour betwene browne and white, with a broade and hye forhead, quicke eyes and somewhat long & crooked nose, which is a speciall note of wisdome as they affirme that give Judgment of a man's disposition by looking in his face. He halted a little by reason of the wound that he tooke long before at the siege of the Castle of Pompelon [when he was a soldier] but without anie deformitie; that a man could not scarcely espie it unless he were very curious. His Image that is carryed about setteth hym not out lyvely as they affirme that were familiar with hym, for indeede they that make Images of earth, did make his Image in playster after he was deade, for bycause himself whilst he was alive, although he were wearied with many men's requests, wold not suffer hymself eyther to be paynted or framed in playster, being a notable despiser of humayne glorie in all things, and surelie verie worthy, that the devoute posteritie, being myndfull of so notable a father, should allwayes imitat and commend his holiness of type and most excellent virtues.'

Aug. 11 (Fri.). Mr. Vesey of Lincoln College told me yesterday, that there were several Chanteries in All-Hallows Church, Oxon., one of wch was the Chantery of St. Anne founded by Wm de Burcestre.

Mr. Nicholas Corsellis, Bach. of Civil Law of Lincoln College, Oxford, where he now resides, & where he was before Gentleman Commoner, is descended from the famous Frederick Corsellis, the first Printer at Oxford, & indeed the very first Printer in England, printing being at Oxford before it was in any other Part of England.

Aug. 12 (Sat.). Thomas Ward of Warwick, Esq., hath lent me a little 4to Paper MS., being An oration made in the Parliamente howse against the Queen's supremacy. Mr. Ward guesses it to be Feckenham's. *A bold speech*, saith Mr. Ward, *against the Queen's Supremacy, perhaps by John*

Aug. 10, 1727. Sir Anthony Wescombe to H. (Rawl. 11. 99). Sends by Godfrey the carrier £2 13*s*. 6*d*., part for Adam de Domerham and part for Elmham.

Feckenham, last Abbat of Westminster, anno 1559. Vide Wood's Athen. Oxon. i. 221. I have read it over but I think the Arguments of no great force. [Mr. Ward hath since given it to me.]

Aug. 13, Laurence Hinxsey Feast (Sun.). Yesterday was a Convocation at two Clock in the afternoon, when Dr. Richard Frewin, M.D., was unanimously elected Camden's Professor of History in the room of Dr. Harrison deceased. At first indeed Dr. Winch Holdsworth of St. John's College appeared for it, but he being a Divine, and I having plainly, from Mr. Camden's Letter, made it appear to several that consulted me, that the Founder designed a man neither in orders nor beneficed, many of Dr. Holdsworth [*sic*] Friends declared, that the thing was so clear, that they could not vote for any but one not in orders, so that Dr. Holdsworth, having well weighed the matter, at length desisted, & then nobody appeared but Dr. Frewin. Several were urgent with me to stand, adding, that Dr. Frewin would not stand against me, but this I absolutely declined, & I told them, I would not take any Place whatsoever, let it be never so profitable, because I could not take the Oaths, at wch they were satisfyed.

Aug. 14 (Mon.). Last night, spending the evening with Mr. Whiteside and Mr. Fletcher Gyles, a London Bookseller, Mr. Gyles told me, he lately sold my Leland's Itinerary of the ordinary Paper for ten Pounds. I told him 'twas a good Price, but he seemed not to allow it, having kept it, he said, long by him. The original Price was only one Pound eighteen shillings. Booksellers never think they have enough for books, but they care to give very little for them.

He said, he sold Dugdale's Monasticon at the same time, to the same Gentleman that bought the Itinerary, for twelve Pounds, having also kept that long by him.

Tho' Thomas Bacon, alias Sclater, of Catley near Linton in Cambridgeshire, Esq., be a prodigious rich man, (so that to give away generously ten thousand Pounds would be as it were nothing to him) yet he is most abominably stingy, & noted for a most wretched, miserable, penurious muck-worm, & so greedy, that he matters not how he heaps up wealth upon wealth.

Aug. 16 (Wed.). From the Reading Post, Aug. 14, 1727:—

London, Aug. 8. On Saturday last died Mrs. Spinckes, who survived her husband Mr. Nathaniel Spinckes, the Nonjuring Clergyman, about eight Days; they were both upwards of seventy years of Age.

Aug. 13, 1727. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 37) *printed in Thomas Elmham, p.* 356.

Aug. 14, 1727. Philip Sydenham to H. (Rawl. 9. 163). 'I hope you are making further progress in publishing our old English Historians, by which their principles may be established against the virulent and unjust calumnies of dissolute, ignorant and Whiggish Libertines and deists.'

Aug. 15, 1727. H. to Dr. Edward Bayly at Havant (Diaries, 117. 77). H. returns the Chichester Inscription which he had printed in Adam de Domerham.

NB. The said Mr. Spinckes was a most worthy man, and Author of several Books, wch shew him (as he was) to have been a very pious, learned Man.

London, Aug. 10. A few Days since died the Reverend and Learned Dr. Wells, Rector of Cotsbach in Leicestershire, and Bletchley in Buckinghamshire, a Gentleman deservedly remarkable for his exemplary Piety, Learning and Hospitality.

This is the same Dr. Wells, whom I have mentioned above, who, instead of being hospitable, was close and stingy.

Aug. 18 (Fri.). Last night I had a pretty deal of Discourse with Mr. Gagnier, who is about Abulpheda. I read to him a part of a Letter I had received from Mr. Baker of Cambridge, wch part gives an account of Dr. Edmund Castel, who left his Oriental MSS. to the Publick Library of Cambridge, but Mr. Samuel Clarke's Translation of Abulpheda is not among them.

Mr. Gagnier said, Wolfius's *Bibliotheca Ebraea* is well done. I knew this Wolfius at Oxford some years ago.

Mr. Gagnier had 30 guineas of my Lord Oxford some time ago, for some little Jobs he did for my Lord in Affairs of Oriental Learning, but it seems Humphrey Wanley did what he could to hinder my Lord's generosity.

Aug. 17, 1727. Thomas Girdler to H. (Rawl. 6. 102). Wishes to know when Waldon was first called Saffron-Waldon.

Aug. 17, 1727. H. to James West (Diaries, 117. 79). Asks if West has seen in print any speech of Abbot Feckenham against the Royal Supremacy.

Aug. 17, 1727. William Charles to H. (Rawl. Lett. 4. 48). John Prinne, Esq., of Charlton Regis, Gloucestershire, is planning a new edition of Atkins's Hist. of Gloucestershire. For this purpose he is consulting the Register of St. Peter's Abbey, Gloucester, where he frequently meets the word *Starmacotto*, which he cannot understand. Mr. Charles is the minister of the parish, and as he is coming to Jesus College, he had undertaken to consult Mr. Hearne.

Aug. 19, 1727. H. to Mr. Thomas Troughear of Northwood, Isle of Wight (Diaries, 117. 81). Asks whether Sir Robert Worsley has any old Leiger Books or other old writings of Apple-Dorcomb, which was a cell to the abbey of St. Mary de Montisbury in Normandy.

Aug. 19, 1727. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. Lett. 32. 12). Has received from Mr. Peisley the present of the Conspiracy against Genoua; also half a guinea, which with 14*s.* which H. had makes 24*s.* 6*d.*; of this one guinea is a subscription for a large paper edition of Thomas Elmham. 'I am just going to smoke a pipe privately, where I shall look over the Conspiracy and remember you by myself, tho' I rather wish I could see you here. I know the trouble and hurry you are in, and wish all possible success. But I fear there are underminers, such too as may possibly seem friends. But I need not tell you (who know the world so much) any news of this kind. I am a perfect recluse, and yet know too much of insidious doings.'

Aug. 19, 1727. Tanner to H. (Rawl. 10. 3). Has been indisposed from eating fruit or some other cause, which renders this country [Norfolk] very sickly. In some villages they have not men enough to get in the harvest. Thomas de Elmham is called Elinham by Pitsaeus in one passage and Holingham in another. He was elected Prior of Lenton in the beginning of 1414, the writ for restitution of his temporalities bearing date 11 Jun. 2 Hen. V.

Aug. 20 (Sun.). Beckley, Horton, and Chalgrave Feasts, & Kirtleton also. Last Friday, at two Clock in the Afternoon, was a Convocation, when Mr. Bromley and Dr. Clarke were chosen again members of Parl. for the Univ. of Oxford. There was no opposition. At first indeed 'twas talked, that one Mr. Moseley, Fellow of Merton Coll., would stand, but his interest was too small to make any appearance.

The Priory of Nutley[1] in Bucks., I am told, is now (at least Part of it) a great Farm House. The Country People have a notion, that there was a City once at Nutley.

I was told yesterday, that Mr. Causton, Minister of Hadnam, whom I have formerly mentioned, is a very honest, sober man, a good Preacher & well beloved. He hath three Daughters (and no other Children), one of which is the wife of a very wealthy Grazier.

Aug. 21 (Mon.). On Saturday last, Christ Church Great Bell, and St. Mary's Great Bell, rang out for Dr. William Croft, who died very lately at the Bath. He was a most eminent Phisician, and took the Degree of Dr. of Musick, as a Member of Christ Church, on July 9, 1713.

Mr. Hill, Master of the Free School of Bradford in Yorkshire, was Fellow of St. John's College in Cambridge. He is about 36 years of age, as I am told, & 'tis reported that he is a very good master.

Dr. Robert Freind, Head Master of Westminster School, preached before the House of Commons on the 30th of January, $171\frac{9}{1}$. The Sermon is printed in 4to, but 'tis looked upon as but very indifferent, he being but a mean Preacher, tho' an excellent schoolmaster, & eminent at making Epitaphs and Epigrams in Latin, tho' not so for writing any continued Discourse. I am told, he hath no esteem for English History and Antiquities, contrary to his most famous Predecessor Mr. Camden, who thought that Study (in wch he was an exact Master) deserved (as without doubt it does) the greatest encouragement.

Aug. 22 (Tu.). Anno 1602 was printed at Oxford in 8vo John Willoughby's Translation, from the Greek into English, of several Pieces of St. Chrysostome, treating on divers places of holy Scripture. 'Tis a scarce piece, and not mentioned in Athenae Oxonienses. I have it. In col. 323 of vol. i of the said Athenae of the 2nd ed. (for this Willoughby is not mentioned in the 1st ed.) indeed 'tis said, that this John Willoughby was born of genteel Parents in Dorsetshire, became a Sojourner of Exeter Coll. in 1584 aged 20 Years, took one Degree in Arts, holy Orders, as it seems, and became beneficed in the Church, and Author of *A Treatise for the Preparation of the Lord's Supper*, Oxon., 1603, dedicated to K.

From this writ or that upon the vacancy by his resignation 1 Hen. VI, 'Mr. Holms from the records can settle the true name.' There is nothing about Lenton in the Registers of the Archbishop of York, as it was a Cluniac house.

Aug. 22, 1727. H. to Baker (Diaries, 117. 85). Hopes to print something about John Somerset in *Thomas Elmham*.

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[1] It was an Abbey. There was never a city at Nutley.—Ed.

James, at wch time Mr. Wood says the Author was living in Oxon. But it seems Mr. Wood had never heard of the book I spoke of before, at wch time Mr. Willoughby was, viz. Sept. 2, 1602, of Brodegat's Hall.

Aug. 23 (Wed.). On Monday last died in St. Gyles's Parish, Oxon., where she and her Husband have lived for some time, Mrs. New, wife of Mr. New, son of Mr. New that formerly kept the King's Arms in Holywell, and she was buried last night in Holywell Church. She was married to young New on July 31, 1725, being then hardly twenty years old, as may be seen vol. 108 page 165 of these Memoirs. She was a very fat young Woman, and died in Childbed of her second Child, she having had one last year. Both the Children are living.

Also, in Holywell Church was buried a night or two before, I think it was Saturday night, one Betty Crowder, a young unmarried Woman, Daughter of the Widow Crowder, a poor Woman of Holywell Parish. This Betty Crowder hath been a very pretty body, but at last she took ill Courses, and some say she died of the Pox, others that she died of Grief, for being at last slighted by Dr. David Wilkins, who formerly, when he lived at Oxford and lodged for a good while in Holywell, pretended Love to her, & he used to go to her almost every night, & 'tis commonly said, that he debauched her, & that he promised to marry her, tho' afterwards he married another body, viz. the Sister of my Lord Fairfax. Last Year this Wilkins was in Town, & then I heard it said, that this Betty Crowder got, or at least had the promise of, some Money from him, tho' her being slighted, 'tis reported, had such an Effect, as to end her Life. This is the Discourse. 'Tis certain she was a pretty, bold Girl. She was buried very genteely; I know not at whose Charges, six young men carrying her, & six young Women holding up the Pall.

Aug. 24 (Thur.). On Sunday last was buried in the afternoon, at Waterstoke near Thame, the Widow Chambers, who formerly lived in St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford. Her husband hath been dead many years, after whose death she used to gather Books for a Livelyhood at the Theater Printing House, & to sowe books for the Bookbinders. About 7 or 8 Years since, she removed to Thame to a Daughter's, wch Daughter lived before her marriage at Sir H. Ashurst's, out of wch Family the present Vicar of Waterstoke Mr. Lewis (a Cambridge man), who succeeded Mr. Hynde, married his Wife, she having been there Fellow-servant with the widow Chambers's Daughter, upon wch account Mr. Lewis preached a Funeral Sermon gratis at the Funeral of the Widow, in wch he took notice that he did not know her, but that he had heard that she was a pious good Woman. She would have been compleat ninety one years of age, had she lived till the 18th of October next.

Aug. 23, 1727. The Hon. Will. Bromley to H. (Rawl. Letters, 3. 157). Has received Adam de Domerham. Will send the money by his son when he returns to Oxford, and a subscription for Elmham.

Aug. 25, 1727. H. to Sir Hans Sloane (Diaries, 117. 88). Has put him down for three copies (small paper) of Thomas Elmham. Would be glad to know if MS. 8755. 20 in the Library of Sir Hans contains any note about John Somerset.

On Tuesday last called upon me Mr. Edward Burton, formerly of Oriel College. He told me that Dr. David Wilkins hath laid aside his design of publishing *Marmora Oxoniensia*, being discountenanced by the Vice-Chanc., who told him the right of Prideaux's Copy was the University's.

He said Mr. Mattaire's design of publishing them was all Pretence. He said, Dr. Wilkins was now about publishing Orosius in Saxon. I told him I suppose [*sic*] he had got Mr. Elstob's Copy & Observations. This he allowed. This book done, he said Wilkins would publish a Polyglott Bible of the modern Languages in six Volumes Folio.

Aug. 26 (Sat.). On Wednesday last Dr. Joseph Smith called upon me. He was formerly Fellow of Queen's College, Oxon., and was Proctor there A. D. 1704. He is a grave, worthy man, and is younger Brother to the late learned Dr. John Smith, Prebendary of Durham, who put out Bede's Eccl. Hist. in Latin and Saxon, wch was finished at the Press by his son, Mr. George Smith.

The said Mr. George Smith, son of the foresaid Dr. John Smith, is an ingenious Man, & an excellent scholar. He married (as Dr. Joseph Smith told me) about four years since a Daughter of Mr. Hilkiah Bedfords, & lives retiredly with her in the Country, in a very studious manner. This Mr. George Smith being a Non-juror, sometime since a Popish Priest came several times to him, and endeavoured to draw him over to the Church of Rome. Mr. Smith avoyded discoursing with him, saying he was not ready at discourse, but if he pleased to enter into Dispute by Letter, he would converse with him in that manner. Accordingly, several Letters passed, and Mr. Smith (who could not be perverted) talked of printing the controversy.

Dr. Joseph Smith told me he was entered of Queen's Coll., the latter end of 1689. The foresaid Mr. George Smith was of Queen's Coll. in Oxford, a little while under the direction of Mr. Thwaites.

Aug. 27 (Sun.).

Thomas Ward of Warwick, Esq., hath lent me a little 4to paper MS. in Latin, being *Vita Everardi Mercuriani, Prepositi generalis Societatis Jesu, ab Ant. Possevino conscripta.* Begins *Everardus honestis parentibus Mercurii natus*, ends *quibus societatis spiritus, ac tanta vocatio sapit.* Follows, *Quae Everardus Mercurianus, Societatis Jesu prepositus generalis, pro variis occasionibus ad ejusdem Societatis instructionem, dicere solebat.*

Aug. 28 (Mon.). On Tuesday last, Aug. 22nd, began the Oxford Race in Port Meadow, and ended on Friday night, but the last day was only a poor Saddle ran for, bought with a little parcel of Money, collected by the Freemen of Oxford, my Lord Abbington, who was, during the race, at Wightham, declining as formerly to give bucks, upon account of the Affront he received last Year, and even this year there was a sort

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Aug. 27, 1727. H. to Dr. Mead (Diaries, 117. 91). Would like a copy of the Prologue of Cott. MS. Claud. E. iv. 1, the annals of Thomas Elmham.

Aug. 28, 1727. Mr. G. Drake of Shardeloes to H. (Rawl. Lett. 4. 123). Desires copies of Adam de Domerham and of Thomas de Elmham.

of murmuring, when on Friday in the afternoon he passed thro' the meadow in his Coach in his Return for Ricot.

Aug. 30 (Wed.). Yesterday died of a Feavor, or rather (as I hear) of the Gout in the Stomack, after 4 or 5 days' Illness, M^r^. Peisly, a noted wealthy mason, that lived in New-Inn Hall Lane in Oxford, leaving a Wife (a very pretty Woman) & three Children, & his wife is big again. He was about 44 or 45 years of age, & he and one Townsend carried (as it were) all the business in masonry before them, both in Oxford and all the Parts about it. This M^r^. Peisly was looked upon as a very courteous well behaved man. [Buried in S^t^. Michael's Church this night.]

Yesterday I heard that whereas D^r^. Bently talked much lately of putting out a new Edition of Homer, he is now mighty warm upon an Edition of Ovid, for no other reason but out of spight to Peter Burman, a Forreigner, who hath lately published Ovid. Thus does this poor old spightfull man turn all his thoughts upon Revenge, & spends his time in meer Trifles.

Sept. 1 (Fri.). About a fortnight or three Weeks since, as I was told yesterday by John Woodall of Braywick, died James Hayes of Holyport, in the Parish of Bray near Windsor in Berks., Esq., in the 76^th^ Year of his age. He was a large & very fat man. He was but a little Drinker, but a great Eater, tho' his principal Meal was a Dinner, when he would feed to admiration. He was Brother-in-law to my late best Friend Francis Cherry, Esq., one of whose Sisters he (M^r^. Hayes) married, & had many Children by her, but she hath been dead many Years. One of his Children is James Hayes, Esq., with whom I went to school a little while at Bray, when he was a very small boy. Afterwards he went to Eaton School, and from thence he was admitted Gent. Com. of Corpus X^ti^ Coll. in Oxon., where he proved idle & extravagant. Being taken home, he married, & sometimes followed Law Affairs. He (as his Father was) is of low Whiggish Principles. This young James Hayes, when a school boy at Bray, as I remember, promised much, but afterwards by no means answered exspectation. As for that virtuous man, M^r^. Cherry beforesaid, he died (as I have formerly observed) A.D. 1713, in the 48^th^ year of his Age, but his Widow M^rs^. Eliz. Cherry (whose maiden name was Eliz. Finch) is still living, and being (for so I am well informed) ten Years older than her said Spouse, being it seems born in 1655, she must now be in the 72^nd^ year of her Age.

Aug. 29, 1727. H. to Thomas Girdler, in St. James Street, Westminster (Diaries, 117. 93). H. does not know when Chipping Walden in Essex was first called Saffron Walden.

Aug. 31, 1727. H. to Rev. Thomas Allen, rector of Murston near Sittingbourne (Diaries, 117. 95). Is glad the two copies of Adam de Domerham have reached Mr. Reading's hands. Is busy printing Thomas Elmham. Would like the address of Mr. Bateman 'of your College'.

Sept. 1, 1727. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 129). Has met with no notices concerning Abbot Feckenham's speech, and has had no answer 'from M^r^. Norroy, which I must excuse, since I hear he is just married.' The fine oaks in Dean's yard are said to have been planted by the last abbot.

Sept. 2 (Sat.). On Thursday last died Thomas Rowney senior, Esq., at his House in S^t^. Gyles's Parish, Oxford, where he lived. His Distemper was an Apoplexy, with w^ch^ he was struck on Sunday last, as he was at dinner at the mayor of Oxford's. He had had a Palsey in his mouth many years. He died in the 60^th^ year of his Age. He had been Parliament Man for the City of Oxford many years, & upon his desisting or declining to serve any longer, his son Thomas Rowney junior, Esq., who is as yet unmarried, tho' towards fourty years of Age, was chosen, and hath served ever since. The foresaid Thomas Rowney senior was a very rich man, & some years agoe did some service to the Poor, when Corn, being at ten shillings or more a Bushell, he sold great Quantities to them for 4 or 5 shillings a Bushell, w^ch^ I have often heard mentioned in his Commendation. But as for other Acts of Charity, I know of none, on the contrary I have often heard him railed at for a stingy, close, miserly man. Yet 'tis certain, that he was generally looked upon as an honest Tory, & when he was member of Parliament, he constantly attended in the Parliament House, a Thing w^ch^ cannot be said of many other Tory Members.

Sept. 3 (Sun.). S^t^. Gyles's Feast, Oxon., Blechingden Feast, Noke Feast, Horspath Feast. [So it was kept this year, but it should be the Sunday after the Nativity of the B.V. Mary.][1]

Sept. 4 (Mon.). Last night, Browne Willis, Esq., called upon me, and told me he designed Bletchley for one of his Sons, two of w^ch^ go to school at New College, and 'tis [for] one of these he designs it when he comes of age, but in the meantime another shall hold it. His eldest son (Heir apparent to the Estate) goes to School at Westminster.

He said, D^r^. Wells is reported by some to have died worth about 2,000, by others about 4,000, libs., but 'tis uncertain w^ch^ is true; 500 libs. in money was found in his Study behind his books, after his death. He made a Whimsical Will, w^ch^ will occasion ('tis thought) much trouble.

Sept. 2, 1727. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 53). Has lately met with a terrier of the lands of St. John's Hospital at Coventry, in which occurs the word 'gode' as a quantity, e. g. 'a gode of land'. Would like to know what the word means.

Sept. 2, 1727. Wm. Reading of Sion College to H. (Rawl. 28. 65). 'A great friend of mine has a son just ripe for the University, to be entered in quality of Gentleman Commoner, but he will have him strictly kept to all the Disputations, Studies & Exercises of the best governed Society. And he wants to be informed of a Tutor, who is a good Christian, a Gentleman, a Scholar, and a skilful and diligent teacher.... If you please, without mentioning the business to any one, to let us know what you would advise us to do. I should be glad to hear whether M^r^. Tho. Cockman be settled at Univ. Coll.'

Hearne's answer (Sept. 5): *first draft*:—'Were I to give advice to myself, I should think University College a very proper place to fix a young gentleman at, the present Master being, as I take it, a good man, a good scholar & having seen much of the world, & I hear he takes particular care

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[1] [The words in brackets have been crossed out.]

He made it & writ it himself with his own hand. He desired to have his Eyes, mouth, &c. closed with a Cerecloth, &c.

My Friend, the Rev. Mr. Thomas Baker of St. John's Coll., Cambridge, was born at Lanchester or Langcester near Durham, and can tell many things about the place, particularly about the College there, built and endowed by Anthony Beck, Bp of Durham, about 20 Ed. I, for a Dean and seven Prebendaries.

Sept. 5 (Tu.). Mr. Willis (as he told me) is, Sept. 14 next, compleat fourty four years of age, being born Sept. 14, 1682, which happened then to be a Fryday. Mr. Willis said, that my Friend Mr. Thomas Baker of Cambridge is in the seventieth year of his Age. He said, Mr. Lowndes of Winslaw died t'other day suddenly, in the 47th Year of his age, having used himself much to drink Drams.

Thomas Ward, of Warwick, Esq., hath lent me an English imperfect MS. in 4to, by way of Dialogue about Religion between a Male and Female. But there is nothing Historical in it.

Yesterday died the Wife of Mr. Penn of Oxford, Apothecary, being his third wife, tho' he be under fourty years of age. He is a very cross ill-natured Fellow. She was a very pretty Woman, & was before the Wife of Mr. Wm Penington, formerly Fellow of Queen's Coll., Oxon., & she was first servant to Mr. Penington, when he was Curate to Dr. Pearson at Sulhampstead Abbots in Berks., & when Mr. Penington got a living of his own, he married her & by her management he saved money, tho' he was in debt before. By Mr. Penington she had one child, a son, now Querister of Magd. Coll., Oxon., but the Child is now destitute. For tho' she had seven hundred libs. when Mr. Pen married her yet Pen got every Farthing from her, & tho' he promised to do great matters for the Child, yet he performed nothing, & 'tis thought for certain now that he will do nothing. [She was buried in Holywell Church, Oxon., on Thursd. night, Sept. 7.]

Sept. 6 (Wed.). Yesterday, at four Clock in the Afternoon, was buried Thomas Rowney sen., Esq., in a splendid and very decent manner in St. Gyles's church, Oxon.

'I am glad', saith Mr. Baker in a Letter from Cambridge of the 3rd inst., 'to find in the Prints, that you have given a Degree of Dr. of Div. to P. Courayer at Oxford, an Honor he so well deserves, by his brave

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about Tutors. For my own part, had I any one to send to the University, unless I were pretty well assured that he would, while here, be educated well and in the most strict manner, both as to the Academical learning (which is at present time most shamefully neglected) and (which is much beyond Learning) religion and good honest principles, I would much sooner have him follow some humble employment, where Innocence may be better secured.' *Second draft*:—'As I am unacquainted with the present methods used in Colleges, you will be pleased to excuse me from pretending to give the least advice.'

Sept. 6, 1727. T. Allen to H. (Rawl. 1. 23). 'The unaccountable gentleman you are in quest of must be shot lieing or not at all. He will not come near me; seems alwaise in hast to be gone to Oxford, where I cannot find he has much more business than he has here. The best way to get a letter to him is to inclose it in another directed to the Rev. Mr. Jones, rector of Hardress near Canterbury' [*see Sept. 12*].

& unanswerable Defence of the Orders of our Church. His Book is now translating into English under the direction of the Archbp of Cant., who had taken prodigious pains in helping him to materials.' NB. This Degree Mr. Baker speaks of was given in Convocation by Diploma about a week ago, viz. on Monday, at 2 Clock afternoon, Aug. 28. As for Courayer, tho' he defends our Orders, yet he looks upon us all as Schissmaticks, if not worse, as I had it from Mr. Calvert, who talked with him.

Sept. 7 (Thur.). About four months since, young Mr. J. Ives, Apothecary, of Oxford, was married to a Daughter of one Mr. Eldridge of Great Milton in Oxfordshire.

On Monday last died of a lingering distemper, & was buried yesterday about 3 clock in the Afternoon, one Mr. Wm Spenser, servant for many Years to Dr. George Clarke, with whom he lived at the time of his Death, wch happened in the said Dr. Clarke's Lodgings in All Souls College. This Spenser's Wife (by whom he had no Child) lives there also as a servant to Dr. Clarke. As for Spenser, who was about 50 Years old, tho' only 43 was put upon his Coffin, & his wife is much older than he, he was a most swearing, lying, heathenish Wretch, & 'twas a Disgrace to Dr. Clarke to have such a man for his servant.

Sept. 10 (Sun.). Witney, Haley, Crawley, Coggs, Kidlington, the Frice, Gozzard, Thrup, Watereaton, Charleton, Upper Arncot, Nether Arncot, Fencot, Mercot, Oakley, Great Milton, Garsington, Hampton Poyle, Charlbury, Blackthorne, & Wotton by Woodstock feasts.

Mr. Fry, an honest Farmer that lives, with his Wife & Children, at Iffley near Oxford, was born at Basselden near Ilsley in Berks. He is between fifty and threescore Years of age. He tells me, that he thinks Mr. Powell of Sandford must be near, if not quite threescore & ten years old, and his Lady, notwithstanding she looks so plump, smooth, & gay (being a very handsome Woman) at least sixty. [NB. She is since dead, being only 53.]

The Lord John Stawell, Brother of the present Lord Stawell, was a very great Spendthrift. He was resolved, if possible, to have the finest Lady, the finest Horse, and the finest House in the Kingdom. Accordingly, his Lady was looked upon as the greatest Beauty (being the Lady Margaret, Daughter to James Earl of Salisbury), and he had a wonderful fine Horse, & he built of the finest marble an extraordinary fine House,

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Sept. 7, 1727. H. to Mr. George Holmes, Deputy Keeper of the Records in the Tower of London (Diaries, 117. 108). Asks if he can discover whether Elmham or Elinham was the name of the Prior of Lenton, in Notts., who was elected in the beginning of 1414. The name should be found in the writ for restitution of his temporalities, which was issued Jun. 11, 2 Hen. V, or in the writ upon the vacancy by his resignation 5 Hen. VI.

Sept. 8, 1727. Furney to H. (Rawl. 5. 154). Has desired Mr. Page, Fellow of Magdalen, to pay H. for Elmham. 'I would have sent this franked but that since the Parliament is dissolved my Lord has not the privilege of franking, nor of having letters free of postage, that are directed to him.'

Sept. 9, 1727. Holmes to H. (Rawl. 7. 61) *printed in Thomas de Elmham, p. 345.*

in a strange wild Place in Somersetshire, w^ch^ last ruined him. So I was told yesterday by M^r^. Henry Layng, M.A., of Balliol College & Rector of Pauler's Pury in Somersetshire.[1]

Sept. 11 (Mon.). M^r^. Ward of Warwick hath lent me [he hath since given it me] The Lyf of the mother Teresa of Jesus, Foundresse of the monasteries of the descalced or bare-footed Carmelite Nunnes and Fryers of the first Rule. Written by herself, at the commaundement of her ghostly father, and now translated into English, out of Spanish. By W. M. of the Society of Jesus. Very profitable for all vertuous and devout people, and for all those that are desyrous to be such, or at least do not obstinately deprive themselves of so great a benefit. A wooden print of the virgin Mary crowned. Imprinted in Antwerp by Henrie Jaye, Anno MDCXII, 4^to^. At the end, 'This book was ended in June, in the yeare of our Lord 1562. I meane the first time which shee wrote it, without distinction of Chapters; for after this shee wrote it over agayne, distinguishing it into Chapters, and adding many things, which happened afterward, as for example the foundation of the monastery of S. Joseph in Avila.'

Sept. 15 (Fri.). On Monday last died one M^r^. Richardson, Fellow of All Souls College, and was buried the next day in the afternoon, in that College Chappel. He was elected from Balliol College, and was a very hard drinker, w^ch^ killed him, being aged only thirty-one.

Sept. 16 (Sat.). On Thursday last, S^t^. Marie's Great Bell rang out in the Evening, as did some other Bells, for M^r^. Stephen Fletcher, of the said Parish of S^t^. Marie's in Oxford, Bookseller, who died (I think on Tuesday last) at London of a violent Feaver, aged 47, being born anno 1680. He had lived for some time at London, coming down, however, sometimes to Oxford, where his wife & five children lived in his shop,

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Sept. 12, 1727. H. to Mr. Ric. Myles, barber, at Henley (Rawl. 1. 24). 'The best way to get a letter conveyed to the gentleman you mention is to inclose it in another directed to the Rev. M^r^. Jones, rector of Hardress, near Canterbury' [*see Sept. 6*].

Sept. 12, 1727. Ric. Mead to H. (Rawl. 8. 78). Sends the Prologue of Elmham's Chronicle, transcribed by Mr. Casley.

Sept. 12, 1727. H. to John Anstis at the Heralds' Office (Diaries, 117. 111). Wishes to know whether William of Worcester, of whom H. is 'now sometimes thinking' was ever Monk of Westminster and when he died. The latter point would determine whether the Latin Annals, sent by Anstis to H., relating to the times from Ric. II to Ed. IV, are really his.

Sept. 14, 1727. H. to Dr. Mead (Diaries, 117. 112). Asks for a copy of the Prologue, if there be one, of Cott. MS. Claudius E. iv. 1, Elmham's Annales Regum.

Sept. 15, 1727. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 133). 'M^r^. Martin, owner of the MS. [of Elmham], has been desired by M^r^. Norroy to bring it to town when he comes, which will be in Michaelmas term, and then you may be sure to have an account from me. I believe M^r^. Garter very busy at this time, he being the only Herald concerned in ordering the ceremonial.'

Sept. 16, 1727. Sir H. Sloane to H. (Rawl. 9. 91). Has found the MS. and will send it to H.

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[1] Paulerspury is in Northants.—Ed.

and he kept a shop at Westminster, he having in all a great stock of Books, the best of which he had removed to London. About a month since he was in Oxford, & went thence about three Weeks ago, but being ill, his wife went up to him about a fortnight since. He was born at Salisbury, was prenticed to old Mr. Oxland of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, as a bookbinder (Mr. Oxlad [*sic*] being both a bookbinder & bookseller), but being out of his time, he never followed the binding Trade, but wholly betook himself to bookselling, and marrying a good natured young Woman, he first lived by the Turl Gate in Oxford, & afterwards removed to St. Marie's Parish. He was a very proud, confident, ill-natured, impudent, ignorant Fellow, peevish and froward to his Wife (whom he used to beat), a great Sot, and a whoring prostituted Wretch, and of no Credit, tho' he always made a great Stir & Bustle.

Sept. 17 (Sun.). Littlemore, Ifley, Woodeaton Feasts.

We have in the Prints a dismal and deplorable piece of news from Burwell, three miles from Newmarket in Cambridgeshire. A Puppet Shewer being there, he had hired a Barn, built of Burwell stone, & covered with thatch at top, and being to shew on the 8th instant, wch was a Friday, and the Nativity of our B. Lady, at eight Clock at night, he not only locked, but nailed up the door, that none should enter, but such as paid. But it seems a boy, that had a wooden lantern, having a mind to see, got into a Stable (adjoyning to the barn) in wch was much Hay and straw & other combustible stuff, and peeping through a hole, he set down his Lantern carelessly, wch not only happened to fire itself, but set fire to the Hay & Straw, & in a moment the Top of the Barn was also fired, so that not above 7 or 8 persons that were in it escaped; for pressing one upon another towards the door, wch was fastened, they all perished, some having their Hands burnt off, others their Heads, & some quite consumed, and there were seven or 8 Horses burnt besides. Above an hundred and twenty persons, men, women & Children were destroyed. The Puppet Shewer himself might have escaped, but being concerned for his Wife & 2 Children, he also was burnt with them. Among others, a man & his Wife, that were married that Morning, likewise perished, to say nothing of others, the Relation being very tragical & frightfull.

Sept. 18 (Mon.). Last night Mr. Stephen Fletcher, the Bookseller, having been brought from London in an Herse, was buried in St. Marie's Church, Oxford.

Mr. Ward of Warwick hath lent me to peruse, a large thick Paper folio MS. being the History of Troy in French Verse, with Pictures. But the Pictures reach but a little way, the Limner, for some reason or other, not going on. At beginning: Cy sensuit listoire de Troye et la destrucion translatee de Latin en Francoys mise par personnages composee par maistre Jaques Milet estudiant en loys en la ville Dorleans commencee lan mil cccc cinquante le second jour du mois de Septambre et commance a parler le Roy Priam. At the End, after the French, in the same hand with the rest of the Book: Et haec sufficiant scripta per me Johannem Floud in artibus magistrum Parisius commorantem & completa vta mensis Decembris vigilia sancti Nicholay anno Domini millesimo cccc^mo LXI^mo die predicta.

Sept. 19 (Tu.). Yesterday, was elected Mayor of the City of Oxford Mr. John Boyce, mercer and one of the Aldermen of that City. He was opposed by Mr. Alderman Wise, but Wise lost it by a great Majority. This Mr. Boise is a civil courteous man, and is 54 years of age, being born at Heddington Quarry near Oxford in the year 1673. At the same time were elected Bayliffes for the same City, Mr. Wheatly a Milliner, & Mr. Kibblewhite a Baker.

When I lately talked with Mr. White, an honest Scottish Gentleman of good sense, he observed to me, that Mr. Laurence Eachard is a bad Historian and superficial, and that he is a very bad Translater, & that his Roman History is taken, with some alteration of the stile, from Dr. Howell's History of the World.

Mr. Ballardeau, the Frenchman, is for the Doctrine of deposing Princes. He defended it lately in discourse with myself & young Mr. Hales of St. John's Coll.

Many Parliaments were held at Reading. The Place was in the Abbey. In June, 1467, being the 7th year of Edw. IV, was one there, taken notice of by Wm Worcetre in his MSS. Annales in the Heralds' Office, wch I have now before me in Edmund Hall.

'Tis remarkable, that the Convocation House was but very thin, when the Diploma passed for the conferring the Degree of Dr. of Div. upon Pere Courayer. A Convocation had been once called for it, but the Proctors were not to be found, so another day was appointed.

Sept. 20 (Wed.). About a Fortnight since died of a great Age, Dr. George Hooper, Bp of Bath and Wells, a man of a very good Character as a Complyer. He was a Person of great Learning, and hath written & published many things. Indeed he was the very best on the Bench of the present Bishops, than wch there never was a more ignorant & wicked Set in England. The best now remaining is Dr. Wilson, Bp of Man. I note this and other Things, without respect of persons, or out of any Affection whatsoever.

Thomas Ward of Warwick, Esq., hath lent me to peruse, a little 4to Paper MS. of a modern hand intit.: 'Consideratio Monachii habita, et a P.N. approbata, in qua querebatur, quid nostris tempore pestis agendum esset.'

Sept. 21 (Thur.). Dr. John Mill had a design of printing Ignatius's Epistles with Polycarp, not only as Archbp Usher had done them, but as they had been set out by Isaac Vossius, in order to wch I wrote out some Things for him, & he intended to have made what Improvements he could.

Sept. 22 (Fri.). Mr. Baillardeau, the French Refugee, is a vile Fellow. I heard him lately very eagerly defend the deposing Doctrine of rightfull

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Sept. 19, 1727. Will. Brome to H. (Rawl. Lett. 3. 141). Himself and family have been sick 'of this new Fever'. He has received Domerham; will send the money and half a guinea for Elmham by a neighbour who is going to Oxford next term.

Sept. 21, 1727. Mead to H. (Rawl. 39. 141). Sends Elmham's Prologue to his Annals, transcribed by Mr. Casley.

Kings. But his arguments were very weak & silly. Yet by such he may do mischief among young Gentlemen, with whom he converses. Tho' he be between sixty and seventy[1] years of age, yet he is a very great Lyer, as I have found him out in several Instances, and I have heard him much complained of on that account. He is a mean Scholar, and nothing versed in Antiquity, w^ch^ he seems to despise, notwithstanding he hath got some old Coins, w^ch^ he begs of Gentlemen, with a design to make money of them.

My Father, George Hearne, who died Oct. 18, 1723, was born April 8, 1649.

Sept. 23 (Sat.). Yesterday morning, died old M^r^. Bernard Day, of S^t^. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, mercer. He had been formerly a topping man, & in great circumstances. But he was at last a Sot & was reduced to Poverty. He was buried in S^t^. Peter's Church in the East, on Sunday night following.

D^r^. Ralph Bridges hath lately printed a Sermon, preached by him (since the Death of the late Duke of Brunswick) at S^t^. Paul's, London. I have not yet seen it, but I understand 'tis in praise of that Duke and of his Successor, & without doubt 'tis silly enough, this D^r^. Bridges being a very weak man & very wavering, so that whereas he was once a high Tory, he is now a vile Whig, but disregarded by almost all, to his no small Regret.

Sept. 24 (Sun.). Islip Feast. Yesterday, died M^r^. Wicomb, of S^t^. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, mercer. He was a Batchelor & was elder Brother of the late M^r^. Wicomb of that Parish, mercer, whose Widow, a good sort of Woman, now follows the Trade. He was a man of very good sense, and would talk extraordinary well at intervals & certain seasons, but at other times (as he hath been for many years) he was lunatick; for w^ch^ reason he hath of late been confined in a mad-house in S^t^. Clement's near Oxford, where he died. He was a very courteous, civil man, & was about 50 years of age.

Sept. 25 (Mon.). They write from Cambridge that 119 perished in the fire at Burwell, and 12 were miserably burnt, one of which is since dead.

Sept. 26 (Tu.). Last night was buried in All Hallows Church, M^r^. Wicomb of Oxford, mercer, whose death I have mentioned above. And

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Sept. 23, 1727. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 38) *printed in Thomas de Elmham, p. 357.*

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Sept. 24, 1727. H. to Dr. Tanner (Diaries, 117. 123). H. has obtained a copy of Elmham's Prologue to his Annals in the Cotton Library. But finds in it no reference to a longer English History in three books, which according to Dr. T. is in the Prologue to *Speculum Augustinianum* by Elmham, which Dr. T. identifies with Elmham's Annales. H. asks that T. should send him the Prologue of the *Speculum*, if he has it, or say where the *Speculum* may be met with.

Sept. 26, 1727. E. P. Gwyn of Ford Abbey to H. (Rawl. 6. 166).

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[1] He has since told me he is seventy or more.

last night was buried in St. Peter's Church in the East, Oxford, one Mrs. Gardiner, who died on Saturday last, Wife of Mr. Gardiner, a Taylour, that lives in the Gravel Walk near Magdalen College.

Humphry Duke of Gloucester (commonly called the good Duke of Gloucester) was extremely addicted to Women, so that Dr. Gilbert Kymer his Physician wrote a Tract, dedicated to this Duke, called *Dietarium Salutis*, in wch he takes particular notice of this vice of the Duke's, and prescribes against it. This I have now before me, being lent me by Sir Hans Sloane. 'Tis a great Rarity. I know of no other MS. of it.

Sept. 27 (Wed.). Yesterday I sent a Letter by Post (delivering it at my Room to Mr. Poland) to Mr. West of the Inner Temple, in wch I observed some Things about Mr. John Norden, Mr. West having by Letter desired it. Above a Year since I saw Norden's Description of Cornwal, having been put into my hands to look it over, but I had it only a fortnight, so cannot tell so well what to think of it, as otherwise I might. I wrote a Letter about it to Mr. Christopher Bateman, whose MS., as I was informed, it was. There were printed Draughts in it, but not exactly according to the MS. The Map was also wanting. I know not, whether Mr. West hath been desired to do any Thing about it.

Sept. 28 (Thur.). Yesterday at two Clock in the afternoon was a Convocation, when Dr. Mather was continued, by virtue of the Chancellour's Letter, Vice-Chancellour for another Year, being his fifth Year.

Remember to look over Mr. Dodsworth's MSS. vol. 11 for any mention of Luttrell. To transcribe, or get transcribed, the Pedigree of Paynel in vol. 79.

Sept. 29 (Fri.). Yesterday morning died at his Lodgings in St. Marie's Parish, Oxon., one John Paulin, an old man aged near, if not quite, fourscore. He formerly used, for many Years, to go in errands at Christ Church, & being a single man & strangely penurious, so as to deny himself almost necessaries, he grew rich, & so died of a mortification in one of his Legs, wch might have been prevented, would he have allowed himself what was convenient in such cases.

Also yesterday died, at his Lodging in the same Parish of St. Marie's, Mr. John Knap, Husband of Mrs. Bell Tyrrell, after they had been married little more than two Years, they being married, as I have noted on Sept. 2, 1725. He had no Child by her, nor indeed did they always cohabit together. For the marriage proved very unhappy, he as well as she keeping other Company. And as he was a great Drinker, so he also followed other Women so much, that he got the Foul Distemper, wch was one reason (as I have often heard) of his wife's displeasure, tho' at best she was but too much addicted to other men, whose company she wonderfully delighted [*sic*]. He was certainly a very handsome, clean, brisk young man, 'till his constitution was mined by ill courses, wch ended his Life. His Wife was with him all the time of his Illness in St. Marie's

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'My brother will be at Oxford within these three weeks, who will pay you for the last book, that is as soon as the carrier from our side of the country could convey it.' Desires to know of materials for the history of Devonshire.

Parish, wch hath been some time, & seemed extraordinary fond & carefull of him. 'Tis happy that the Earl of Abbington contrived to settle matters, so that her Husband could not spend what she had.

Sept. 30 (Sat.). On Thursday night last Mr. Graves, then in Oxford, who went for London yesterday morn with his Daughter, told me, that Dr. Knight is now writing the Life of Dr. Simon Patrick, the late Bishop of Ely. I thought Knight had done with Lives, since he hath performed so very badly with respect to the Lives of Dr. John Colet & Erasmus.

Oct. 1 (Sun.). Cowley Feast and Cumner Feast.

Yesterday were married, in Corpus Christi Coll. Chappell, young Mr. Clarke, son of Farmer Clarke of Littlemore, and Mrs. Basset, niece of the said old Mr. Clarke's Wife. Young Mr. Clarke is a very good natured man, but the young Woman, tho' tall and handsome, is very ill natured. They were bred up together in old Mr. Clarke's House at Littlemore, & the old People forced the match, contrary to the young man's Inclination.

Oct. 2 (Mon.). Yesterday, about one Clock in the afternoon, Mr. Knap was carried out of Oxford in an Herse, and buried, according to his own desire, in Blechingdon Church that Evening, it being the Place of his Nativity.

Oct. 3 (Tu.). On Saturday night last, being Sept. 30, died about eleven Clock, of an Apoplexy, the Rev. Dr. George Carter, Provost of Oriel College. He had been out a day or two before upon his horse, and was seemingly as well as he hath been some years, he having had a good while a very unwholesome look, wch made several say, that he had a certain distemper, & that wch made it rumoured the more was, his being known to keep some forward Women Company, particularly he was much in company with Mr. Wood the Chirurgeon's Wife, who hath had abundance of children, and even on Saturday night I hear both Mr. Wood & his Wife supped with him, at wch time he complained of his health. They left him between nine & ten Clock, but soon after a messenger was sent again to Mr. Wood to come & bleed the Provost, & another also was sent

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Sept. 30, 1727. Sir Philip Sydenham, from the Commanderie of St. John's in Clerkenwell to H. (Rawl. 9. 164). 'I have answered your letters when there was any occasion, and always communicate my mean knowledge to you, for which you never gave me thanks; so I forbore giving you any disturbance either now or for the future. I have left Brympton some time, therefore desire you to leave me out, least [*sic*] I should be thought vain and assuming.'

Oct. 2, 1727. H. to Edward Prideaux Gwyn, Esq., M.P., at Ford Abbey, near Crewkerne (Diaries, 117. 130). Says that two MSS. in the Ashmolean Museum, 6491 and 7298 in the printed Catalogue, may be to Mr. Prideaux's purpose. H. would be glad to hear of any originals of William Worcester, astronomer, antiquary, and historian.

Oct. 2, 1727. H. to Thomas Ward of Warwick (Diaries, 117. 131). H. returns the MSS. as he has no prospect of leisure to transcribe from them. He presents him with his copy of Fordun, having met with another copy by the favour of a Friend.

to Mr. Lydal the Chirurgeon, but before the latter came the Provost was dead. When he was elected Provost, he bore a tolerable good Character, but afterwards he acted very knavishly in the College. He was a single man, & had much Preferment, tho' his Places were not very high, wch however altogether brought in a great Sum yearly, wch occasioned one to say, that Dr. Carter built low, but his Building spread. He mightily desired a Bishoprick, and would have done (as plainly appeared) any Thing whatsoever for one. He was rich when he was elected Provost, wch was indeed one considerable reason of their electing him, thinking he might prove a Benefactor, and indeed I hear that he hath left them very considerably. His Sister (the Widow of the late Dr. Ludwell) is living, as is also (I am told) another Sister. He was buried in Oriel College Chapell on Wed. night, 7 Clock, Oct. 4.

Oct. 4 (Wed.). Yesterday I sent back to Thomas Ward of Warwick, Esq., certain MSS. he had lent me, among wch was one in 4to in Latin about elections[1], but I had not time to transcribe any thing thence, otherwise some particulars might have been of service in some of my publick Designs. At the same time I made him a present of Fordun's Chronicle, that I published, in large Paper, purely because he importuned me several times for the Things in it about Coventre, the History & Antiquities of wch place (it seems) he is compiling, and indeed he hath got a great number of good Papers upon that Subject.

Oct. 5 (Thur.). Dr. Stratford told me yesterday, that the late Bishop of Bath & Wells, Dr. Hooper, died by eating a melon, & drinking Cyder after, wch threw him into a loosness, that soon carried him off.

Oct. 6 (Fri.). Dr. Brathwayt (he that was Warden of New College, and afterwards Warden of Winchester) had a printed Account of the School of Tame in a thin Folio.

On Aug. 2, 1704, William Ray, Esq., Consul of Smyrna, was created at Oxford Dr. of Law, for a valuable Collection of old Greek & Roman Coins he gave to the Bodleian Library.

Oct. 7 (Sat.). Mr. John Baron (S. T. B.) was elected Master of Balliol College, in room of Dr. Maunder deceased, on Jan. 20, $170\frac{4}{5}$.

Oct. 8 (Sun.). Thomas Gascoigne lies buried in New College. Yet he was of Oriel College. His Dictionarium Theologicum in ii vols. is in Lincoln College Library. There are in it many Historical Passages, wch ought to be collected together & printed, and so I have upon occasion told several of the College. But they do not any of them seem at all inclined or willing that such a Thing should be done. I have given a very remarkable Specimen of the Work in the Antiquities of Glastonbury. And there are many more in Mr. Wood's Hist. & Antiquities Univ. Oxon.

Tho' John Somerset (who was Physician to K. Hen. VI) was originally of Oxford, where he was civilly used, yet it does not appear as yet to me, what House he was of there. I think he staid there more than two

[1] He afterwards gave it me.

Years, after wch he went to Cambridge, & was there many Years, being twice Proctor there. He complained of the Ingratitude of Cambridge; I think unjustly. But of this I speak in Thomas Elmham's Life of Hen. V that I am now printing.

Oct. 9 (Mon.). The last time Mr. Layng was at my room, he told me of a MS. of Stephen Birchington's in the hands either of Mr. West, or else of Mr. Wm. Lewis, Bookseller in Covent Garden, in wch MS. are many Things relating to the Reign of Hen. VI. He promised to get it me, or at least to let me know particularly what is in it.

Mr. West, in a Letter from the Inner Temple of the 4th, tells me of a MS. of Thomas Elmham's Poetical History of Hen. V in the hands of one Mr. Martin, a Norfolk gent. The initial Letters of some Verses at the end explain it to be done by Elmham. It belonged to (or at least was written at the Expence of) one Roger Wall (the same Wall to be sure to whom the MS. of the Heralds' Office of Elmham's prose Life of Hen. V belonged, that I am printing). It is imperfect in 9 Chapters at the beginning of the 5th Year, and so (Mr. Martin saith) is another Copy in the Cotton Library under Julius E, with wch he once compared it. Mr. Martin will be in London soon, and will then bring it up, or send it to Mr. West sooner, if he Mr. West thinks it will be of any service to me. 'Twas preserved in the Study of an old Clergyman at Fersfield, bound up with another Life in Verse of Alexander the Great, written by one Roger de Spoleto.

NB. It being not the Poetical History that I am printing, wch hath nothing material but what is in the Prose, & the Poetry being meer Jargon, I know not of what use it may be to me, especially since I have already got what I wanted from two Copies of this Poetical Life in the Cotton Library. Yet for all this I should be glad to see it. [NB. It was afterwards sent me, & I have quoted it in the Prose Elmham.]

Oct. 10 (Tu.). Mr. West in the same Letter tells me, that he had just then met with a Stowe's Summarye, printed in 12o 1570. 'Tis a very fine and perfect Copy, and tho' Mr. West hath some, and hath seen many, Editions, he does not remember ever to have seen this, which he sends me an account of, because, after the Preface, follows [*sic*] five Leaves entituled, *The names of the Authors out of the which this Summarye is collected.* The four last of which Leaves are the very same with Mr. Murray's Fragment, that I printed in p. 645 of Heming. If I desire the first Leaf, he will transcribe it for me. This verifies (he saith) both our Conjectures, that they belonged to one of Mr. Stowe's Books. NB. I should be glad to have a Copy of the first Leaf, provided it contains an account of some other Authors than what are mentioned in the other Leaves. [NB. I have since had a Copy sent me by Mr. West, but I see no great matter in it, there being nothing but names, without any account of the Authors.]

Yesterday Mr. Baillardeau the Frenchman told me, that he was born at Callais, but lived most part of his time in France at Paris. He said he is more than 70 Years old.

Oct. 11 (Wed.). George Ward of Univ. Coll., being resolved still to be troublesome there, (by the Direction of Dr. Shippen, Dr. Bouchier,

Mr. Denison, &c., who were at his room the Afternoon before this) Ward, on Monday morning last at 8 Clock Prayers, he having told the Evening before the Master that he would do so, proceeded to admitt Mr. Heather fellow there, he having been elected long before, & desired the Fellows to stay, declaring the reason of his so doing. Upon wch the Master Mr. Cockman (who was present) said, *Mr. Ward, I always understood that no one could admitt Fellows but the Master if he were present, & was not rendered uncapable any way of being present, or else refused to do it, & if he were absent, another could not legally do it, without his leave, provided he did not decline it. Now neither of these reasons can be alledged here. I am present being Master, am willing to admitt Mr. Heather, & have commissioned no one else to do it.* Upon wch Mr. Ward called him Intruder, & told him he had nothing to do there. The Master said, this Affair should be represented (I suppose above). After wch Ward admitted Mr. Heather, whom Mr. Cockman sometime ago offered to admitt, tho' Heather declined it, at the same time he admitted Mr. Scot, whom Ward now struck out of the Book from being Fellow, as he did Mr. Cockman from being Master, the latter of wch he had also more than once done before, & plaid some other rude Pranks.

Oct. 12 (Thur.). Yesterday was the Coronation at Westminster of the Elector of Hanover and his Lady, pretended King and Queen of England, but there was but little Ringing of Bells at Oxford, but in the evening were great Illuminations there, some people having threatned that otherwise Windows should be broke. The Coronation was designed to have been upon the 4th of this month, & medals were struck for that day with the Date, but 'twas deferred, as was given out, because of the Apprehension they were in of a great Spring Tide, wch might enter Westminster, but the true reason ('tis said) was, that the Elector was a little before that time reported to be very ill, & indeed it was confidently said by many, that he was dead. Which Report, when it was heard of at Court, made them carry him out in a Coach on Sept. 28, being Thursday, on purpose to shew the People that he was not dead. He was seen to go into the Coach (& he was carried to view some Souldiers), but I was told he was not seen to come out of it again. But as it will, most say that he was at that time ill, some of the Piles, & others of an Apoplexy, tho' others again tell us, that 'twas nothing but Report, raised on purpose to make a Confusion.

Oct. 13 (Fri.). On Monday the 2d instant, Dr. Mather, Vice-Chanc. of Oxford, went up to London with Mr. Powell, one of the Yeomen Beadles, to present a Book of Verses, in the name of the Univ., printed at

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Oct. 12, 1727. John Murray to H. (Rawl. 8. 143). Sends two MSS. about Sir Thomas More. 'Mr. Bateman is very forward in printing Norden of Cornwall. He proposes to print but a small number, not exceeding 150. He desires that you will give leave to print a letter of yours to me of Sept. 6, 1726, wherein you were pleased to give your thoughts of the MSS.'

Oct. 13, 1727. H. to Murray (Rawl. 112. 234). He received £5: 18: 0, eight subscriptions for Elmham; also thanks for the loan of two MSS. about Sir Thomas More.

the Theatre in folio, to the pretended King and Queen of Great Britain. Poor stuff it is, but good enough to present to Usurpers, & well enough for Cringers, that will do any Thing for Interest. One of the Versifiers is Mr. Francis Bromley, A.B. & Student of Christ Church, son of Wm. Bromley of Bagginton near Coventre, Esq., member of Parl. for the Univ. of Oxford. Dr. Potter Bp of Oxford, Dr. Bradshaw Bp of Bristol, Dr. Clavering Bp of St. Asaph, Dr. Carter late Provost of Oriel Coll., Dr. Holland warden of Merton Coll., old Dr. Hole Rector of Exeter Coll., Dr. Felton Principal of Edmund Hall, Mr. James Creed Vice-Principal of the same Hall, & several other poor meanspirited People, have also Verses there. But the very best (wch were sort of Sneers upon their Majesties, &c.) have been left out by the three Examiners of the Verses, viz. Mr. Jones of Balliol Coll. (who hath English Verses in the book to the Queen, a meer studied Piece of Flattery), Mr. Brown of Queen's Coll., & Mr. Owen of St. John's Coll. Mr. Warton, Poetry Professor of the Univ., had sent a very good English Copy, but this was rejected, under Pretence of reflecting upon Q. Eliz., but I hear the true reason was, that there were Girds in [*sic*] on the present Usurpers & their Agents. As the Book is now, the very best Copy is one of only two Verses, by one Upton of Wadham Coll., wch are, however, much laughed at (as indeed the whole book ought to be), & 'twas a good while before they were allowed any room, but at last they were admitted at the bottom of a Page. Cambridge Verses were presented by one of their members in Parliament, attended by one of the Univ. Beadles, a good while before Oxford Verses. They have been much condemned, & deservedly too, & yet they are preferable to those of Oxford, there being in them some good Historical Remarks by way of Notes, particularly about the Univ. Library, &c.

Oct. 14 (Sat.). On Sept. 21, 1705, I paid half a Crown for the Stone, that was found at Rewley near Oxford, in memory of the Foundation of the Chappel at Rewley Abbey by Ela Longespee Countess of Warwick, wch Stone I put the same day into the Anatomy School, where it now remains. I printed it in Leland's Itinerary.

The Street, on the north side of wch Balliol College stands, was anciently called Horsemanger Street, & afterwards (as 'tis now) Canditch, tho' I think Canditch (wch is the same with *Candida Fossa*) is also a very old name.

'Tis pity the old Statutes of Balliol College are lost, as I am told they are. The Seal was intire some Years since, & in it the intire Effigies of Dervorguilla the Foundress, in the Habit of a Vowess. The Effigies of

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Oct. 14, 1727. Tanner to H. (Rawl. 10. 4). Has been abroad upon a long journey: hence has not answered H's letter of Sept. 14. There are two MSS. of William of Worcester's Itinerary in Bennet College library; the title says it was written in 1478, but it mentions event of 1480. He would like Hearne to print it. There is a work of his *De Sacramentis Dedicationis* in Magdalen Coll. library at Oxford. There are tracts of this Worcester, alias Botoner, in Cott. MSS. Jul. F. vii. Wood and Brian Twyne attribute to him a work called *Polyandrius Oxoniensium*. His *Collectiones Medicinales* are in the library of Sir Hans Sloane. He is said to have been Sir John Falstoff's herald, and probably lived at Castre in Norfolk, Sir John's seat. At the

her in the Bodleian Library is very pretty, but the Face of her was taken by the Painter Mr. Sulman from Jenny Riggs, the greatest beauty (more than thirty Years ago) in Oxford.

Oct. 15 (Sun.). Last night Mr. Hall, the Non-juring Clergyman, who lived formerly in Brasenose Coll. in Oxford, called upon me, I haveing not seen him for above five years, & we spent the Evening together.

The late Mr. Spinks was one of the Non-juring Bishops. Mr. Hall himself is also a Bishop, and so are Mr. Gandy, Mr. Doughty, and Mr. Blackbourn. Mr. Gandy is seventy-eight years of Age.

Yesterday, the Rev. Mr. Walter Hodges, Fellow of Oriel College, was elected Provost of that College, in room of Dr. Carter deceased. He was opposed by the Rev. Mr. Wicksey, Fellow of the same College, who had been aiming at it for several Years, but for other reasons, as well as for his making that Coxcomb Bowles his Curate at St. Marie's, he was put by, notwithstanding Bowles did what he could for him, as did also Mr. Brook, Fellow of that College. Mr. Hodges is said to have an Estate of fifteen hundred Pounds per an. & to be a good Scholar, & an honest Man.

Oct. 16 (Mon.). Last night, spending the Evening with Mr. Hall (my nonjuring Friend), Mr. Whiteside, Mr. Brook of Oriel Coll., and Mr. Richardson of Brasennose Coll., I understood that Mr. Wicksey went out of Town, as soon as the Election at Oriel Coll. was over, being, it seems, much nettled. He is gone to the Lord Chancellour of Great Brittain, to see if he can out Mr. Hodges, under pretence that Mr. Hodges ought not to have it by their Statutes, having fifteen hundred Pounds a Year Estate, wch is pretended is much beyond what their Statutes allow. A very poor Plea! & I believe groundless, whatever it may be with respect to Fellowships. But it seems Dr. Shippen, among others, hath put this into Wicksey's Head, Shippen being for Wicksey I hear; wch brings to mind, what I heard the other day about Mr. Denison, namely that Dr. Carter was very poor when he was elected Head of Oriel College, Denison thereby insinuating that a poor man ought now also to be elected, and not Hodges. But what Denison said is downright false. Carter, as I well remember, was elected chiefly for this reason, that he was rich.

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beginning of MS. no. 162 in New College library is *Iste liber pertinet Willelmo Wyrcestre de Castre prope Yermuth.* In the MS. of John Phreas's Cosmography at Balliol is the note *Ex dono venerabilis viri Will. Worcestrensis quondam scholaris Aule Cervine de beneficiis domini Iohannis Falstoff militis de Northfolcia collegio Ballioli in Oxonia.* He was born in St. James's parish at Bristol in 1415, came to Oxford in 1431, was of Hart Hall and there resident in 1437, lived at Bristol 1438, lived in Norfolk with Sir John Falstoff in 1440. As for Master John Somerset, who was Chancellor of the Exchequer, there is mention of him in Epistolae Univ. Oxon., which shows his favour to Oxford.

Oct. 15, 1727. S. P. Gwyn to H. (Rawl. 6. 165). Is sending copies of a charter of Henry Fitz-Count, of a charter of Isabella de Fortibus to the Priory of Christ Church, and of a charter of Edw. I. Would be glad to hear of Leiger Books that relate to the Antiquities of Devon. There are so many monastic charters in private hands that he wishes H. would publish them in a supplementary volume to the Monasticon.

Wicksey also pretends another reason, that the Election should be vacated, viz. because that by their Statutes the Election ought to be *sine discordia*. Now says he and his friends, had it been *sine discordia*, then both Wicksey himself & his friends ought to have come over to Hodges &c. A very poor Plea, & what even Mr. Brook himself laughs at. Mr. Hodges carried by a Majority of two Votes, the Votes standing thus, viz.

For Mr. Wicksey	For Mr. Hodges
1. Mr. Wicksey himself	1. Mr. Hodges himself
2. Mr. Bowles	2. Dr. Woodward
3. Mr. Pipern	3. Mr. Catheral (who is Dean & had, *si necesse*, two votes)
4. Mr. Brook	4. Dr. Reyner
5. Mr. Parry	5. Mr. Chester
6. Mr. Makepace	6. Mr. Woollen
7. Mr. Martin	7. Mr. Crastor
	8. Dr. Fisher
	9. Mr. Edmunds

Mr. Dyer, who was altogether for Mr. Hodges, could not be there.

Oct. 17 (Tu.). On Sunday, Oct. 8, died one Morton in the 64th Year of his Age, a man that lived in St. Gyles's Parish, Oxon., where he kept a victualling House, wch however was managed chiefly by his Wife, he working continually at Mr. Rowney's at day labour, where he was well beloved and had good business. He died of a new sort of feaver, wch hath raged, & does still rage, all over England, & carries off many, & in Lancashire, I hear, 'tis more mortal than in other Places, & comes out in black spots. It is supposed to have been occasioned partly by the great heats last summer, & the peoples drinking excessively of small beer, & other cooling Liquor, & partly by eating too much Cabbage & Cale, wch have been infected with an unusual number of Catterpillars. The said Morton was buried at St. Gyles's on Tuesday, Oct. 10. His Wife was so afflicted at the Loss, & partly with Bills brought in upon her (their Debts being great, when people thought they were wealthy, their Business being great), that she died last Sunday, Oct. 15.

Oct. 18 (Wed.). John Boyce, Esq., Mayor of the City of Oxford, having, as usual, attended at the Coronation as Cup-bearer for Ale, he was, as hath been customary of late years (this Custom, I think, began first at the Restauration of K. Ch. II) knighted by the pretended king, as was also at the same time Mr. Oliver Greenaway, one of the Aldermen of the City of Oxford, who was one of those that went with the Mayor, wch thing of knighting one of the Mayor of Oxford's Attendants is perfectly new, but this Greenaway being a very great Whig, & having made some attempt to be Mayor this year, on purpose that he might be knighted at the Coronation, tho' he could not succeed, it was done, I suppose, for that reason by way of sneer upon the Tories, of wch kind is the Mayor. The Mayor & the said Sir Oliver Greenaway, &c., returned from London yesterday, & were met in the Afternoon at Whately by several, it may be two hundred, Citizens of Oxford. The Mayors of Oxford that have been knighted are, (1) Sir Sampson White at the Coronation of K. Ch. II,

(2) Sir — Walker at the Cor. of K. James II, (3) Sir Robert Harrison at the Cor. of Wm. & Mary, (4) Sir Wm. Claxton at the Cor. of Q. Anne, (5) Sir Daniel Webb at the Cor. of George I, (6) Sir John Boyce at the Coronation of George II & his Princess.

Oct. 19 (Thur.). On Monday last, at two Clock in the Afternoon, was a Convocation for creating my Lord Noel, brother to the Duke of Beaufort, Master of Arts. He was presented by Mr. Denison, his Tutor, who said something (I know not what) in his praise. I was told by Mr. Whiteside, who was at the Convocation, that 'twas the thinnest Convocation he was ever at, very few being at it. Nobody of Univ. Coll. was there, Denison, Jolly Ward, & one or two more of Denison's party excepted. My Lord Noel is now going to leave the College. Yesterday Mr. Denison, Mr. Ward, Mr. Heather, & Mr. Whiteside dined with him at the College, at which time my Lord Noel gave a Box of pretty Baubles (some sea shells) that were given his Lordship by the late Countess of Coventre to the Museum Ashmolianum. This Lord Noel was born in Sept. 1709, and christened by the name of Charles Noel, being the late Duke of Beaufort's son by his second Lady, the Lady Rachel Noel, (a beautifull Creature) second Daughter & co-heir to Wriothesley Baptist, late Earl of Gainsborough, by wch Lady he had also the present Duke of Beaufort, who was born in April 1707. As for my Lord Noel, his Mother died in Childbed of him, after she had been married 3 years, she being married anno 1706.

Oct. 20 (Fri.). My Friend Mr. James West of the Inner Temple, having been in Worcestershire, last night he called and lay at Oxford in his Return to London, and I spent the Evening with him, nobody else being with us.

He told me that Norden's Description of Cornwall, now printing in London, on purpose to get Mr. Christopher Bateman the Bookseller (now broke) some money, is to be dedicated to the Earl of Oxford.

Mr. Bateman was a few years since a most topping Bookseller. I always looked upon him as a very fair, honest man. It seems he was negligent in his accounts, trusted too much to a servant, & had a very sorry son now living. It is also certain, that he was a very hard Drinker, but, what is worse, I am told by pretty good hands, that he followed lewd Women.

Mr. West gave thirty-five Pounds for a convenient Place at the late Coronation. Some gave sixty, some fifty guineas, & so downwards to three guineas for Places.

Mr. West assured me for certain, that John Murray's Father, what I had heard before from Thomas Rawlinson, Esq., deceased, was a Pawnbroker in Hounsditch, & that whatever John does, is out of a prospect of being a Gainer some way or other.

Oct. 21 (Sat.). At the same time Mr. West told me that some time ago he looked over part of Dr. White Kennett, the Bishop of Peterborough's Collectanea, then in the Hands of Browne Willis, Esq., in wch he found vile Characters of Dr. Nicolson, late Bp of Carlisle, & Dr. Manningham, late Bp of Chichester. Mr. West promised to send them to me. It was (it seems) for their trimming. Yet sure they were not in

trimming equal to this Kennett, whom however Browne Willis strangely caresses.

Yesterday, Mr. Francis Gwynne of All Souls Coll. told me, that his Father, Francis Gwynne of Ford Abbey in Devonshire, Esq., is fourscore Years of Age, and yet he is still a brave, harty [*sic*], vigorous man.

Thomas Palmer, of Fairfeild near Bridgwater, Esq., is a Man of no manner of courage or true honour, but strikes into any measures whatsoever, so that he is deservedly reckoned one of those that are styled *Acceders*, from their cringing principles, being ready & willing & forward to give up everything to please the Elector & Electoress of Hanover, notwithstanding they once professed other things. These are the men that will kiss the very breeches of such Princes, on purpose to win favour, & to get Preferment.

Oct. 23 (Mon.). Mr. West told me on Thursday night last, that he never would accept of any Preferment, but would, after Provision for his Sisters, live upon what he had, &, if he survive his Father, should have; & yet he said he designed to stand for Member of Parl. at some time or other.

My Friend Edward Prideaux Gwynne, Esq., is now collecting Materials for the Antiquities of Devonshire, & hath interleaved Rydon's Book on that Subject, with design to improve it. He hath wrote to me for Information. Some I have given him, & shall give him more.

Oct. 24 (Tu.). I find by a written note at the beginning of a Field's History of the Church in folio, that Mr. Henry Sowtham was mayor of the City of Oxford on May 6, 1630.

Tho' Dr. John Potter, the white-livered Bishop of Oxford, declined (as I hear) the Bprick of Bath & Wells, when 'twas lately offered him, yet he aims mightily to be Archbishop of Canterbury, if he should survive Wake, and indeed (as Times are) he is likely enough to have it, being, I am told, very great with the present Elector & Electoress of Hanover, and for that reason he lately preached the Coronation Sermon, wch will appear publickly very soon, poor enough, I do not doubt, he being but a very indifferent Preacher.

Oct. 22, 1727. H. to Dr. Mead (Diaries, 117. 155). Thanks him for Elmham's Prologue to his Annals. A friend in Norfolk has said that he believes these Annals to be the same as *Speculum Augustinianum*, composed by Elmham at St. Austin's, Canterbury, in 1416; and that the Prologue to the *Speculum* hints at a longer English History in three books. On being asked where the *Speculum* is to be met with, he replies that he can't make out from his notes where the *Speculum* is, unless it is in Cott. MS. Claudius E. iv. 1. H. therefore asks Dr. Mead to examine the MS. again, to see if it contains another Prologue besides that which has been sent.

Oct. 24, 1727. Rev. H. Hall to H. (Rawl. 7. 7). Says that Dr. Mead has complained that Hearne has made no acknowledgement to him of a transcript sent to him a month ago.

Oct. 24, 1727. H. to John Worthington (Rawl. 39. 140). Thanks for the account of Mr. Lenton. 'I have not yet found an opportunity of publishing your papers. I shall not have room to insert them in Thomas de Elmham, so must reserve them for another work.'

Oct. 25 (Wed.). Last Week they cut down the fine pleasant Garden in Brasennose College Quadrangle, wch was not only a great Ornament to it, & was agreeable to the Quadrangles of our old Monasteries, but was a delightful & pleasant Shade in Summer Time, & made the rooms, in hot Seasons, much cooler than otherwise they would have been. This is done by the direction of the Principal, and some others, purely to turn it into a Grass Plot, & to erect some silly Statue there.

In the time of Hen. V were abundance of Irish Scholars in Oxford, & from their living there, one Street, going from Gloucester Hall (now Worcester College) towards High-Bridge, was called Irishmen's Street. Here, viz. in that Street, were many Halls or Houses for entertainment of them, but a great many of them at that time (viz. in the Reign of Hen. V) were so rakish, that (under the name of Chamberdekyns) they committed strange Disorders, so that they were expelled this Place (and their Houses began to decay & the Street to loose its name) and then they went to Cambridge, where they were guilty of the same Enormities, wch occasioned them at length by order of Parliament in the Time of Hen. VI to be banished the Nation, with Injunction not to come hither into England any more with an intent to settle at our Universities[1].

Oct. 27 (Fri.). Mr. (commonly, from his studying Physick, called Dr.) Reyner, of Oriel College, told me last night, that Mr. Dyer's Estate is six hundred Pounds per annum, a Thing wch Mr. Reyner knows full well. At the same time he told me, that Mr. Hodges carried the Election but by one vote, he (Mr. Hodges) not voting himself, tho' Mr. Wicksey did.

On Wednesday morning last, died the Reverend Mr. Gilbert Stradling,

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Oct. 26, 1727. Jane Hearne to H. (Rawl. Lett. 27 B. 378). 'Loving Son, These few lines are to sattisfie you your unckell William Hearn is Dead. He Died a Michallmas Day. He sent for me and I went to him every day and I was with him when he died and he Wanted for nothing in his sickness, and I berried him and took those few things as he had. He left a pretty many Books, which I hope is of sum valu; for they are the best part of the goods as he left, and I have sent them all to you and I hope you Will except of them because they Where your unkel's. Your brother Edmund hath bene hear this Michallmas and your brother William is com to live at Shotteshbrock at Mr. Vansittart's and is garner there. Your sister Ann Hearn's ould master is Dead and she hath a very good place at Wobarn and a maid under hur.... I am indiferent I praise God, and I Hope this Will find you so and I remaine your loving mother, Jane Hearn.'

Oct. 26, 1727. H. to Dr. Mead (Diaries, 117. 159). Begs his pardon that the Transcript of Elmham's Prologue received on Sept. 21 was not acknowledged until Oct. 22. The reason was that he was apprehensive that his friend in Norfolk, when he heard that it contained no mention of a longer history, would suggest some new thing, which accordingly he did. H. therefore delayed his acknowledgement that he might not have to write twice. 'If I was in the wrong, I readily own it, and again beg pardon.'

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[1] Irishman's Street was not between Worcester College and High Bridge, but between North Gate and High Bridge. There were no Academic halls in it, and it was in decay and without houses before the reign of Ric. II. Hearne, like others of his time, amplified his materials.—Ed.

student of Christ Church, who took the Degree of M.A. as a Grand-Compounder on July 7, 1692. He was a very ingenious man, and an excellent scholar, and retained his Parts to the last, tho' he had lost his hearing for a great while, kept in for a great many Years, and was grievously afflicted with the Gout. In the younger Part of his Life he had been much given to hunting, Horse-racing, &c., which brought him to Poverty, after w^ch^ he led such a recluse Life, that I do not remember to have seen him above three times in my life, the first was when I was Batchelour of Arts, when as he was preaching, in Lent time, at S^t^. Peter's in the East, before the University, there was a strange Combustion [*sic*] in the Church, by a sudden report (from a noise, occasioned by unlucky boys throwing down great Stones from the Tower upon the leads of the Church) that the Church was falling, at w^ch^ all run out in the utmost confusion, & much mischief was done, tho' nobody was killed, not one remaining, except the Preacher (then deaf, & preached about the grand Conflagration of the World), D^r^. Wallis, & one or two more. The second time I saw him was, when I once heard him afterwards preach at S^t^. Marie's, & the third time when he voted for my being Architypographus & Beadle. He was buried last night in the Cathedral.

Oct. 28 (Sat.). On Thursday last (being the 26^th^ inst.), Sir John Boyce, K^t^ & Mayor of the City of Oxford, was married at X^t^ Church to the Widow Holmes, a Woman of near 70 Years of age (all agree that she is 67), who hath lived for some time in Oxford in S^t^. Peter's Parish in the East, where she had furnished a House very finely. She was born at Kidlington, near Oxford, being the Daughter of one Tewell, a Farmer (a stingy, covetous man) of that Place, and she hath a Sister that is Wife to M^r^. More, the Chirurgeon, of S^t^. Gyles's Parish, in the suburbs of Oxford. Sir John Boyce is her third Husband, the name of her first being Rapley, a rich shoemaker of London; after whose death she married Rapley's Journeyman, the foresaid Holmes, after whose death she came to Oxford, and being a very ambitious, proud, lecherous Woman (that she might be a Lady) she married Sir John. She hath had no children. She hath about four hundred Pounds per an. The match was soon made up, Sir John, out of covetousness, being forward for it, as she was out of Lechery. Sir John hath only one Child (by his first wife, who died but on March 22^nd^ last) a boy, of about sixteen years of age, who is now Commoner of X^t^ Church. By this marriage Sir John thinks to get a farther advantage, and that is, to have his son married to M^r^. More's Daughter (a very pretty girl) & only Child. M^r^. More is very rich.

Oct. 29 (Sun.). M^r^. Marriner of S^t^. Peter's in the East says he was born in the year 1673. M^r^. Cobb of S^t^. Peter's in the East, shoemaker, is 79 years of age.

Oct. 28, 1727. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 55). Offers to lend (among other things) a MS. of sermons by Gosselyn, prior of St. Bartholomew's, London. [With the letter is a copy of a charter dated St. Gregory's day, 32 Ed. III; a grant by Richard Blaunche to Henry Mullyngs of Coventry.]

From Mist's Journal for Saturday, Oct. 28, 1727:—

They write from Chichester, That some very valuable antient Coins, and a most curious Piece of Roman Pavement, had been found in the Bishop's Gardens there, whose House being lately new built, the Gardens were putting into Order, when the workmen found these Rarities.

Oct. 30 (Mon.). On Friday, being Oct. 27, was a hearing before the Lord Chancellour of England, Sir Peter King, of Oriel Coll. case, with respect to a Provost of that College. Mr. Wicksey alledged two reasons against Mr. Hodges's being Head, (1) that he had above a thousand libs. per an. & brought many arguments to prove, that he had so much. Upon wch says Mr. Hodges, 'Mr. Wicksey, you need not have given yourself this trouble. I own I have such an Estate.' Upon wch says the Chancellour, 'this reason makes for Mr. Hodges. It is for the Interest of the College, that a Man of a good Estate should be Head.' (2) That four of those that elected Mr. Hodges were not statutable Fellows, having never been admitted by the late Provost. Indeed they were not admitted by him, because he denyed their Election by virtue of his pretended negative. But the negative being legally set aside, they were otherwise admitted, as appeared from the Register, where both their Election and Admission were entered, & even signed by Wicksey also, two of whose voters also were of the same Election and Admission. In short, Mr. Wicksey's Allegations and objections were adjudged very weak and frivolous, and the Chancellour (as Visitor under K. G.) immediately confirmed Mr. Hodges, & administered the Oath to him as Head, so that Wicksey (who is looked upon as a Rogue, & to have been altogether in the Scheme of the late Provost, tho' he pretended then to be otherwise) is quite now thrown by, tho' perhaps he may still pretend, that there is a nullity, unless Mr. Hodges be also confirmed by the Bp of Lincoln, wch, however, I believe will signify just nothing.

Oct. 31 (Tu.). Mr. Upton of Wadham College's Distick, in the late Oxford Verses (wch are wretched ones) wch is an Epitome of the whole Book (& better than any in it) is this:—

Rex hostes domuit vivens, nos Pace beavit
Quos moriens Domino tradidit ille Pari.
Cicero erat tenuissima valetudine[1].
Mea mihi conscientia pluris est, quam hominum sermo.

Yesterday being the Birth day of the Elector of Hanover (commonly called K. George II) there was much jambling of Bells in Oxford, & 'twas talked, that great Tom at Christ Church would ring out, what the Dean

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Oct. 31, 1727. Ric. Mead to H. (Rawl. 8. 79). 'You needed no apology for your delaying the acknowledgement for the transcript of Elmham's prologue. I was glad to hear you had received it, because a Letter may miscarry, and happened to signify my fear that mine had done so to a Gentleman who is a friend of yours, and I suppose mentioned my uneasiness to you. Encloses Mr. Casley's last letter.

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[1] Apparently Hearne's own comment; it must mean that truth or ultimate influence is sometimes with those that are weak and insignificant, e.g. the Nonjurors.

indeed (Dr. Bradshaw) was mightily for, but 'twas prevented by one of the Canons being against it. This Bell I never yet heard ring out.

Yesterday morning Mr. Eedes (who went into Orders this last summer), a Gentleman Commoner of Edm. Hall, went into Kent to be a Curate there. He is an undergraduate, but keeps his Chamber still, that he may take a Bach. of Law's Degree. He was born at Witney, & bred up a Presbyterian, his mother's second husband being such, and he hath led a strange drunken Life at Edm. Hall. His Father was a Clergyman of St. Mary Hall, & I hear a sober man, & left his son well, who hath spent most in a dissolute Life.

Nov. 1 (Wed.). Last night, in the evening about 8 Clock, came privately to Town Mr. Hodges, Provost of Oriel Coll., at wch time the Bells rang, as they had done in the afternoon, when many went out to meet him, it being expected that he would have come by Tetsworth, but he came by Henly.

King James Ist's Speeches are good, & are better than his other Things. One of his Speeches was in the Starre-Chamber, June 20th, 1616, a long one, & printed in 4to. When K. James came into England, he was an old King, past middle age; but tho' he was practised in government ever since he was 12 Years old, yet he was a stranger to our English Government & Laws, wch however he made himself master of, & was well versed in time in our Laws. King James's wise Grandfather Hen. VII foretold, that the less Kingdome by Marriage would follow the greater, and not the greater the lesser (i.e. that Scotland would conforme to England) & therefore married his eldest daughter Margaret to James the fourth, his [our K. James Ist's] great Grandfather. K. James used to say, when he was in Scotland, if any moved him to delay Justice, that it was against the Office of a King so to do; but when any made suit to hasten Justice, he told them he had rather grant 40 of these suits, than one of the other. This was always his custome, & so he resolved to do in England. In Countrys where the formalitie of Law hath no place, as in Denmark particularly (of wch K. James was an eye-witness) all their State is governed only by a written Law; there is no Advocate or Proctor admitted to plead, only the parties themselves plead their own cause, & then a man stands up and reads the Law, and there is an end; for the very Law-booke it selfe is their only Judge. Happy were all Kingdomes, if they could be so. K. James commended A.D. 1616 Ld Verulam as a good Ld Chancellour, but he warped afterwards.

Mrs. Browne, the wife of Mr. Browne, a Barber of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, hath been married to the said Mr. Browne nineteen years. She is 37 years of age. She had three Children by that time she was 22 years old. She was born in Oxford, tho' bred up at Black-Bourton among her Relations. Her son is about 16 years old. Her husband Mr. Browne was born at Littlemore. His Father was a Farmer there, but hath been dead some years. His mother is still living at Littlemore.

Nov. 2 (Th.). Remember to ask Mr. Baker, of Cambridge, whether

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Nov. 2, 1727. H. to Mead (Diaries, 117. 169). Thanks for Mead's letter of Oct. 31st; is now satisfied that there is no other Prologue in Claudius E. iv. 1

the account of their Library, in the late Cambridge Verses, be an exact and true one, and to be relyed upon.

Nov. 3 (Fri.). On Michaelmas day last (Sept. 29), being Friday, died my Uncle William Hearne, younger and only Brother of my late Father George Hearne. He died (aged 77) in White-Waltham Street (where he lived) & is buried in the Church Yard of that Parish. He was always a single man, and was a Taylour by Trade. He was a man of a very good understanding, and excellent Judgment. He was a great Lover of Antiquities, & loved to walk about after them. He was never weary in talking upon Subjects of that kind. He was withall a very honest man, and because of his Love to K. James, he abstained from the publick Churches for many Years. When the Prince of Orange went with his Army through Maidenhead Thicket to Windsor (& so to London) in order to dispossess his Father-in-Law K. James, my uncle William was like to have been shot in the Thicket, because of his speaking something there in favour of K. James against the Prince of Orange. He died very poor (tho' he was once in very good circumstances, having had a Messuage or two Tenements and some land at Hurst, in Wilts., left him by his mother Eliz. Hearne, who died A.D. 1680), occasioned, it may be, by having been kind to some Friends. He & his Sister Eliz. Hearne were Executors to their mother, the foresaid Eliz. Hearne, besides wch Daughter there was no other, but she hath been dead a great many (above 30) years of a Consumption, being the wife of John Warner, Husbandman, of Cookham Dean near Maidenhead, by whom she had several children. My Uncle Wm was also an excellent Ringer, especially at the Treble (his Ear being very good, till such time as he lost his hearing), few Countrymen exceeding him. He likewise took much delight in orchards & Gardening. He was buried in White Waltham Church Yard, as close by my Father as he could be laid, on Monday following, being Oct. 2nd.

Nov. 4 (Sat.). K. James I was much against delays in Courts, and in his Speech in the Starre Chamber professed & declared himself mightily against Prohibitions, and 'tis there that he takes notice, that when a poor minister had with long labour, & great expence of charge and time, gotten a sentence for his Tithes, then came a Prohibition, and turned him round from Court to Court, and so made his cause immortal and endless. He was also for having people acquiesce after Judgment given, & not murmur at it, declaring that whenever any Decree should be given against himself in his private right, between himself & a subject, he would as humbly acquiesce, as the meanest man in the Land. For in every Plea there are two parties, and Judgment can be but for one, and against the other; so one must always be displeased. He always desired the Judges in their Circuits to be carefull to give a good account to himself & his Chancellour, of the Duties performed by all Justices of the Peace. Which government by Justices he looked upon as so laudable, & esteemed it so highly, that he made Scotland to be governed by Justices & Con-

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'than that you sent, and so I shall tell Dr. Tanner. The last trouble I gave you was (as you rightly suppose) occasioned by what was mentioned by a Friend of mine, the Rev. & worthy Mr. H. Hall.'

stables, as England is. He declared, & so he had done in the Parliament House, that he could love the person of a Papist, being otherwise a good man and honestly bred; but the person of an Apostate Papist he hated. He gives particular Orders about Rogues, & observes that for Rogues were many good Acts of Parliament, and that Edward VI, though but a child, for this in his time gave better order than many Kings did in their age. He was mightily against encreasing Buildings in London, & against the Country nobility & Gentry's living there, taking notice that it was wont to be the honour & reputation of such to live in the country & keep hospitality, for wch we were famous above all the countries in the world; wch we may the better do, having a soil abundantly fertile to live in.

Nov. 5 (Sun.). Feasts: Nuneham, Stanton Harcourt, Middleton Stoney, Wightham. To James West, Esq., at no. 7 in Fig-tree Court. 'Sir, I received your Parcel, and your kind Presents in it, very safe, and I thank you, as I do likewise for the Remainder of the Catalogue of Authors in John Stowe's Summary. *Arnolde's Chronicles* is the same book that others stile *The Customs of London.* Andrew Bord's *Introduction of Knowledge* is very scarce, but, it may be, you will pick it up in London. It is worth having, as for other reasons, so particularly for several good Things in it relating to England. I read it over many years ago with much pleasure. *John Balenden* or *Belenden* is the same that was Author of the old Scottish Translation of Hector Boëthius. Which Translation is hard to meet with. I had a Copy of it lately given me. *John Sleydon* is the same with *John Sleidan.* His Commentaries & Epitome of History are very common. The Copy you mention of the Nuremberg Chronicle I saw several times formerly when I was a schoolboy, and indeed it was the first I ever did see. It belonged to the Library of Bray School. Afterwards I saw it at Mr. Cherry's. It was taken from the Library (in wch were several good books) for fear of being imbezzled. But I did not know (till you told me) that it was in Mr. Rawlinson's Collection. I believe Mr. Bateman can tell best, how Mr. Rawlinson came by this book. What you mention to be at the beginning, is the hand writing of Mr. Thomas King, a Writing-Master and Scrivener at Maidenhead (a man otherwise of no good character), whom I well remember. He was a great Imitatour, in flourishing, of the famous Mr. Edward Cocker, who died (in very mean Circumstances) in the King's Bench. He was several days in writing this at the beginning of the Nuremberg Chronicle. The then master of Bray School was Mr. Patrick Gordon, a Scottish Episcopal Divine, now (if he be still living, as I think he is) Prebendary of Hereford, (who taught me my Accidence, what he often speaks of) and was Hebrew Professor at Aberdeen, and a good Scholar. He succeeded in the School Mr. (now, if he be living, Dr.) King of Chelsey, a lusty man, a severe Schoolmaster (as I have heard) and a thorough-paced Scholar. Mr. Gordon was succeeded at Bray by Mr. James Gibson, now Minister of Wotton-under-hill in Bucks., who was a good carefull Schoolmaster, and well skilled in Grammar Learning. I have not as yet so much as seen *Pars nona bibliothecae Rawlinsonianae.* I should be extreme glad to see my truly worthy Friend Mr. Baker, were

it only *in Effigie*, and am Dear Sir, your very much obliged & most humble servant, Tho. Hearne. Nov. 5, 1727.'

Nov. 6 (Mon.). Mr. Whiteside told me yesterday, that on Thursday night last, being Nov. 2nd, was a great Flash of Lightning (what he saw himself) half an hour after six clock. It continued about half a Minute. It was seen South East from Christ Church. It appeared over some Gentlemen's Heads upon travelling over Stoken Church Hill. The Sky was serene and clear from Clouds. Mr. Whiteside says, it was of the same nature with that very great one (wch, however, was of a far greater height) that appeared some years ago. It is called by Dr. Hook *lampas volans*.

There is a Custom at Balliol College, for every Freshman on the 1st of Nov., when they begin to keep Fires, each of them to tell in his turn a story, the Seniors being Auditors, & the Dean of the College is present to see Things regular. It is done in the Hall at the Eagle, & there is afterwards a Collation, every junior contributing something. No Gown is excepted.

[p. 198. Notes on the last leaf.]

Mr. Badger (Beadle of the beggars for the Univ. of Oxon.) born Ap. 3, 1685. Holland 4*s*. 3*d*. ell (as good as for 6*s*.); bought 19 ells Feb. 6, 1727 (4 lib. 9*d*.). Feb. 13, 1727 bought 19 ells more at the same Price, viz. 4 lib. 9*d*.

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Nov. 7 (Tu.). On Wednesday, Oct. 25th last, was a Convocation at two Clock in the Afternoon, for creating Master of Arts my Lord Sidney Beauclair, or Beauclerk, of Trinity College. This young Gentleman is the 5th Son of his Grace Charles Duke of St. Albans, the natural Son of K. Charles II by Madam Eleanor Gwin. Which Duke was born May 8th, 1670, & married in April, 1690, the Lady Diana Vere, eldest Daughter & Coheir to Aubrey de Vere, the 20th & last Earl of Oxford of that name. Of her my Lord Sidney was born Feb. 27, 170$\frac{2}{3}$. A few days after my Lord Sidney was made Master of Arts, was entered of Queen's College my Lord James Beauclerk (the 7th Son of the said Duke) born in 1709.

The Bishop of Oxford, Dr. John Potter's Sermon at the Coronation of the Elector & Electoress of Hanover is just published in 4to, Price 6d. 'Tis a most sad, wretched, dull Thing, sufficiently justifying what I have formerly observed of this white-livered Bishop, that tho' he hath been strangely magnifyed by the Party, yet he is far from being a truly great man upon any account. He hath got a few distinctions for the Professor's Chair, and that is all. He hath neither Language (whether Latin or English) nor any Thing curious in any one of his Books. Indeed the

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Nov. 7, 1727. H. to his mother (Rawl. Lett. 27 B. 378). Sends her two guineas 'for the care of my uncle' [see Letter Oct. 26], and for the Quills and Books sends her some 'cast cloaths.' He sees by the papers sent that his uncle had at one time an estate at Hurst.

Dedication to Harley before the Lat. Translation of his Greek Antiquities is good Latin. But then 'twas penned by Dr. Mill. As for the Translation itself, 'tis vile; in excuse of wch Potter pretends 'twas done by his Pupils (he being then Tutor at Lincoln Coll.), and that he did not see it till after 'twas printed, wch is downright false, as one of his Pupils (who had a hand in it) assured me, telling me that every Thing was revised by Potter himself. In this dull Coronation Sermon he resolves the wicked Revolution (or rather Rebellion), & the coming of the Prince & Princess to the Throne, into Providence, & extolls the Revolution & these Governours in as elegant words (wch, God knows, are very poor ones) as he can.

Nov. 8 (Wed.). On Friday last (Nov. 3) were elected Fellows of All Souls College (there being six Vacancies) Mr. Trevor of Queen's College, Mr. Baker of Balliol, Mr. Doyly of Pembroke, Mr. Henly of St. John's, Mr. Freeman & Mr. Henchman of Trinity Coll., and yesterday they were all six admitted; but one Mr. Darrell or Dorrell, a Civilian of University College, being one of those that stood, and being rejected notwithstanding he be Founder's Kinsman (and his Pedigree very clear, as I am told), he appeals to the Visitor for Right. I hear from unprejudiced persons that he is a man of a very good Character; but most of the College being (as I have had it from some of themselves) for keeping out all such as pretend to be Founder's Kinsmen, report that he is altogether insufficient as to Learning, a Plea they always allege in such Cases. And yet 'tis most notorious that Learning in Elections of this College (& rarely nowadays in those of other Colleges) is very little or not at all regarded. Three or four of the Darrells (this Gentleman's Relations) have been formerly Fellows of this College upon the score of being Founder's Kinsmen, one of wch was Mr. George Darrell a good antiquary, as appears from his Folio MS. about the University Statutes, now in the Archives of the Bodley Library.

This being the visitation day of the Bodley Library, the speech was made & spoke by Mr. David Gregory, student of Xt Church & Professor of Modern History & Languages in the Univ. of Oxford.

Nov. 9 (Thur.). About a fortnight or three Weeks ago died the Rev. Mr. Jackson, Reader of the Temple Church, and Minor Canon of St. Paul's. He was eldest son of the late Mr. Jackson, cook of Merton College, &, it is reported, he hath left a thousand Pounds to Merton College.

Mr. Francis Gwynne, Fellow of All Souls College, tho' he be at least ten years standing in the University, yet he did not take the Degree of Master of Arts 'till this Michaelmas Term.

Nov. 9, 1727. H. to Dr. Richard Richardson of North Bierley near Bradford, Yorks. (Diaries, 118. 4). Has transcribed some originals from the folio MS. of Letters; it is a book that will be of use to such as treat of the affairs in the north in the 15th and 16th years of Hen. VIII. He will return it together with the Rental as soon as he hears whether it is to be sent by the carrier. Hopes he has received Adam de Domerham from Mr. Yarburge who paid the guinea and received the copy. Believes that Elmham will be ready soon after Christmas.

Nov. 10 (Fri.). The Bp of Oxford's Sermon at the Coronation is upon 2 Chron. ix. 8. I have not heard it commended by so much as one person, all saying and agreeing that he is a bad Preacher: & yet in some news Papers (by the Contrivance, it may be, of the Bookseller) it is said *to be highly esteemed by all that read it*, the contrary, however, to wch is true.

Nov. 11 (Sat.). Yesterday accumulated, as a Grand Compounder of Univ. College, the Degrees of Bach. & Dr. in Div., the Revd. Mr. Richard Banner, whose Wife is Sister to the Wife of Dr. Butler, President of Magd. Coll. This Mr. Banner took the Degree of Master of Arts on June 5, 1702.

Yesterday I walked from Oxford to Chilswell Farm and from thence to Denton Court, wch way (a strangely unked[1], solitary walk) I had never went to Denton Court before. I did it chiefly to have a better notion of the ancient solitariness & retiredness of the Place, when the Hermit Aben[2] inhabited here. I went by a Coppice (a little above Chilswell Farm) called Birch Coppice, the only Place in this Country (that I know of) where Birch grows.

Nov. 12 (Sun.). Sunningwell Feast; Bladon Feast. Yesterday called upon me Mr. Francis Bromley, A.B., Student of Xt Church. He told me that the late Lord Brooke, who died in the 32nd year of his age, would not at last so much as let Jolly Ward of University College come into his House, the said Ward having been one of the chief Instruments in debauching his Lordship. He said his Lordship kept nothing but Whores (every Maid being such) in his House to the last, & that 'twas his practise to lye in their Turns with all of them. He said however that his Lordship, lying ill a good while, dyed a Penitent, leaving the Hon. Wm. Bromley, Esq., Father of the said Mr. Francis Bromley, to be one of the Guardians to his son, the present Lord Brook, a boy of great hopes, that now goes to Winchester School, wch School, it seems, is now in good Repute, notwithstanding it was lately in so very bad a condition.

Nov. 13 (Mon.). Dr. John Leng, Bishop of Norwich, being lately dead of the Small Pox, Dr. William Baker, Bishop of Bangor, is nominated to that See. The said Dr. Leng was, tho' a Whig, looked upon as a goodnatured man, & was formerly a good Scholar, Terence (wch is the best done of the Cambridge Classicks) being put out by him. The Rev. Dr. Sherlock, Dean of Chichester, is nominated to Bangor, & Mr. Newey, Brother-in-Law to Dr. Waddington, Bp of Chichester, to the Deanery of Chichester. As for Sherlock, he is looked upon as a good Preacher, and I am told he is a better Scholar than his Father, Dr. Wm. Sherlock, the late Dean of St. Paul's. Indeed this Dr. Wm. Sherlock, tho' a fine Preacher, & a good, plausible English Writer, yet was, like Dr. John Tillotson, a mean Scholar.

Nov. 11, 1727. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 134). Is sending a barrel of oysters.

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[1] This old-fashioned, local word means 'uncomfortable' (lit. uncouth).—Ed.
[2] The mythical founder of Abingdon.—Ed.

Nov. 14 (Tu.). Mr. Wood (in p. 85 of his Hist. & Antiq., Oxon.) tells us he was at that time the shorter about Merton College, because of his Design to write and publish a distinct Volume concerning all the Affairs of that College. Dr. Tanner knows now more than any man living of Mr. Wood, and writing to him this day I mentioned it to him, and told him I should be very glad to know whether Mr. Wood really compiled such a Work, or what is become of it.

Nov. 15 (Wed.). Last night Mr. Francis Bromley of Xt Church told me that his uncle, the Lord William Stawell, is only 47 years of Age, and Mr. Edward Stawell (Brother to the said Lord) only 44, and that his (the said Mr. Francis Bromley's) Mother (the Lady Eliz. Stawell) is 55 years old. Which Lady Eliz. is Wife of the Honble Wm. Bromley of Bagginton, near Coventre, Esq. My Lord Stawell was nobleman of Christ-Church, and had for his Tutor there Mr. (now Dr. Wm.) Stratford, and he was created Master of Arts, May 15, 1701.

Nov. 16 (Thur.). Mr. Baker, in a Letter from Cambridge, of the 12th inst., tells me that he is sorry for Dr. Rawlinson's sake, that his Brother's last Books have gone so low; & yet, he says, the Antiq. Brit. of the London Edit. sold for 8 lib. 15s. & my Hist. & Antiquities of Glastonbury for 1 lib. 5s. Mr. Baker means *Pars nona Bibliothecae Rawlinsonianae*, just sold by Auction at London, the Catalogue of wch I have not as yet so much as seen.

Nov. 17 (Fri.). Yesterday, meeting with Mr. Wm. Dodwell (by the Schools) of Trin. Coll. (where he is Commoner), he told me that his Mother never was yet at Oxford, so that I take it he and his Brother of Magdalen Hall have had some particular Directors here as to their Entrance and Conduct.

He told me his Mother and all their Family have had the small Pox long since, wch he mentioned upon my saying she might be affraid of coming hither on that account.

He said he hath only 3 sisters now living. He said his Master, Mr. Neal, is now Curate at Ockingham, as well as Schoolmaster there. He said Mr. Vansittart of Shottesbrooke had lately a very sad fall (by wch he had like to have been killed) from his Horse, as he was hunting in the Forest. He was very much hurt, but is upon the Recovery.

He said Mr. Torkington (Rector of Shottesbrooke & Vicar of White-Waltham) had like to have dyed lately of the new Feaver (as 'tis called) that hath raged & carried off everywhere so many of late, it having been a hot Summer, & there having been a prodigious number of Caterpillars, Chaffers, & other Insects.

He said Mr. Torkington (having no Parsonage House) lives altogether in Mr. Vansittart's House at Shottesbrooke. I told him there was a Vicarage House at White-Waltham, in wch Mr. Gryffith (the latter Part

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Nov. 16, 1627. R. Gale to H. (Rawl. 6. 39). Desires to be a subscriber for two copies of anything H. prints. Dr. Woodward is too ill to attend to the matter.

of his Life) lived. He said 'twas not good enough, & therefore Mr. Torkington let it out to two or three poor people. I told him Mr. Griffyth had put it into very good condition, & I looked upon it as a pretty good convenient House.

He said Mr. Torkington is pretty kind to the poor.

Nov. 18 (Sat.). Yesterday died, and the Bells in Oxford rang out for, Madam Anne Powell, Wife of my Friend John Powell, of Sandford near Oxford, Esq. She was the Daughter of Mrs. — Wells, of Bambridge in Hampshire, as I have noted before. She was a most beautifull, comely, sprightly, tall Woman, and tho' near, if not quite three-score years old[1], carried her Beauty to the last. They were a very loving couple, and the Loss of her must be a great Grief to her Husband, who is much older than she, and is a very humble, good man, as she was also a good Woman, tho' stately and proud. There are only two children (both daughters) living, (tho' they have had several other Children), neither of wch are yet married. She died of the Cholick, being taken ill but last Monday.

Nov. 20 (Mon.). My Lord Noel, Brother to the Duke of Beaufort, hath not (it seems) left University College, but is only gone a travelling,

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Nov. 18, 1727. Graves to H. (Rawl. 6. 150). 'I was very much concerned I could not see you that night at Oxford; for I was twice at your Chamber, and you was not come home. I was obliged to sup with my son's Tutour, and designed in the morning before I went to call upon you; but, being abed but one hour the night before I come out of London, I so overslept myself, that it was full time for us to be on Horseback, before I got up; indeed if I had been by myself, I would have staid 2 or 3 Hours longer, but my Daughter being with me, and very poorly mounted, I was fain to take Horse as soon as I was up and dressed, and were 2 Hours at last in the night. . . . Mr. Le Neve is lately married, as I was told, to his servant, whose Father was a tenant to him, and the miller of the parish.' Is sorry the transcript of the Black Book is inaccurate. 'I mett with an old Register in London of St. Marie's Colledge, now Oriel Colledge in Oxford; it is in Parchment, and I think drawn up in Ed. III or Ric. II's time. I have it not brought down from London yet; there was bound up with it another MS. in paper, containing several ordinances by the Bps. of Lincoln, relating to the same Colledge. I have had them both new bound separately. The latter I have here sent, and beg your acceptance of it; and the other, when it comes down, if you desire to see it, I will send up to you. I suppose the Colledge would be displeased to have anything of that nature published; otherwise it is at your service, to make what use you please of it. I thought I should have had 'em both come down this week, and indeed expected 'em for this 3 weeks past, which made me deferr writing till I received 'em, designing to send 'em to you at the same time[2].'

Nov. 18, 1727. H. to Murray (Rawl. 112. 236). Thanks for two catalogues of Rawlinson's sale. The printer is upon the Appendix to Elmham.

Nov. 20, 1727. H. to Rawl. (Rawl. 32. 13). Has received from

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[1] She was only fifty years of age. *Note by Hearne.*

[2] This MS. is now in the Bodleian, MS. 15485 (Rawlinson Statutes 45). It was printed by Hearne as Appendix VI in his edition of Trokelowe's Annales Edwardi II (Oxf. 1729). The register of Oriel College is now in the British Museum.—Ed.

& keeps his Chambers there still (wch are part of the Master's Lodgings) with a design that Mr. Denison should lye in them in his absence, and accordingly I understand Mr. Denison and his Wife and Child lye there now, a Thing done purely out of Spite, Mr. Denison laying still a Claim to the Headship, tho' neither elected, nor put in by a legal Authority. This Denison at the same time pays for Lodgings (that he hath taken) in High Street, being a whole House.

The Archbp of Canterbury hath cited the Warden & Fellows of All Souls College to appear at Lambeth about Mr. Darrell who (tho' Founder's Kinsman) was put by a Fellowship in the late Election.

Nov. 21 (Tu.). Yesterday, meeting Mr. Wicksey of Oriel College, we spent an hour together. He told me Mr. Brooks of their College, being gone to be Head Schoolmaster of Manchester, the Affairs of their late Provost (Dr. Carter) with respect to his Benefaction to Oriel College would be now managed by himself & Mr. Brooks the Lawyer.

He said Dr. Carter, Dr. Ibbetson, and Mr. Beckham were the three best Scholars he ever knew of Oriel Coll., taking no notice of Mr. Davenant & Mr. Dyer.

He said he was not at all satisfied about Mr. Hodges's being declared Provost, believing himself (as far as I could perceive) to be Provost, notwithstanding Mr. Hodges had the majority. But I could not perceive any other reason he had to alledge besides Mr. Hodges's having a good Estate. Wch reason is much laughed at. He said, however, that notwithstanding the goodness of his cause, he could not now help himself, the Lord Chancellour having confirmed Mr. Hodges's Election.

Mr. Wicksey is fourty Years of age, as he said himself. Mr. Hodges was Pupil to Mr. Wicksey. Mr. Brooks was first Pupil to Mr. Wicksey, but Mr. Wicksey being sick he became Pupil to Mr. Beckham.

Nov. 22 (Wed.). At the same time Mr. Weekesy [*sic*] told me that Mr. Thomas Ward (that shot himself) left them (he having made his Will when he was *mentis compos*) a great many valuable books.

He said Dr. Carter had an excellent Collection of books, wch he had left to the College Library, in wch most of them were wanting. He said Mr. Carter's Heart was certainly broke upon his loosing [*sic*] the cause with respect to his claiming a Negative. He said, had Dr. Carter lived a little longer, he would certainly have resigned the Provostship, and have lived retiredly in the Country upon his Estate. He said that Dr. Carter was a very charitable man, and gave away more that way than all, at least than most of the Heads of Houses in Oxford, at the same time however allowing that he was very ambitious after preferment, and that

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Mr. Murray parts 9 and 10 of the list of the books of R.'s brother. Is sorry to hear that the books of part 9 went so low. 'There is such a glut of books at this time in London, that I fear it will lessen the sale.'

Nov. 22, 1727. J. Murray to H. (Rawl. 8. 147). Sends two copies of the Catalogue of Mr. Rawlinson's sale. The Dr. [i. e. Rawlinson] says he sent a copy of the last Catalogue to be left for H. with Peasley. Is going next week to Sacomb until after Christmas. Mr. Bateman goes on with printing

his ambition put him upon those unwarrantable measures wch proved his ruin, he thinking by aiming at an unlimited power to please the Bp of Lincoln & so to get a Bprick, wch on the contrary disobliged the Bp, who thereby lost his visitatorial power.

Nov. 23 (Thur.). About six Weeks or two months since died my Friend and Acquaintance Mr. Stephen Bowdler, formerly of Brazennose Coll., a stout, lusty, honest man, being a Non-Juror. He used often to be much afflicted with the Gout, & being taken with the epidemic Distemper (called the new Feaver) that now rageth, he would take nothing to carry off this distemper, least [*sic*] it should bring the Gout; but what he feared really came; the Gout got either to his Stomack or head (it may be both) & so carried him off in Herefordshire, where he generally lived. He used often to come to Dr. Shippen's at Brazennose, they two being very great. He was about fifty years of age.

Last Monday morning Mr. Thomas Speakman, by Dr. Felton's Order, took measure of the East Part of Edm. Hall, both in the Church Yard (Dr. Felton standing by in his studying Gown) & the Hall Quadrangle, in order to make a Draught for a new building, Dr. Felton (a poor, vain, halfstrained, conceited man) saying that the Hall (at least the North side) shall speedily (by his care) be new built.

Nov. 24 (Fri.). On Tuesday last in the Afternoon (the Funeral being over about four clock) was buried very decently in Sandford Church Madam Powell, at wch time a vast deal of Bread (according to a good old custom, now much neglected) was given to the Poor, every one having a two-penny loaf, upon wch occasion the poor of all the Parishes round about came & no one was denyed.

On Wednesday last in the Afternoon, meeting with Mr. White, an honest Scottish Nonjuror (whom I have formerly mentioned), he told me he had a design to publish *Juliani Apost. Caesares* in Gr. and Latin, with short notes such as var. lectt., &c. He said 'twould make a very little thing, & he was advised to print the Greek without accents, accents being of a late Invention. I told him I would give no advice, but were I to print it myself, I would use accents, unless I could meet with a MS. in Capitals, & then I would follow the MS. exactly letter for letter, & print it without accents as I suppose such a MS. would be without any. In short, I told him were I to print it without Accents (in the present case, where we have no MS. of it in Capitals) I would even then use Capitals, that (as well as without Accents) being the oldest way of writing.

Nov. 25 (Sat.). The Provost & Fellows or Scholars of Oriel Coll. (10 in number) originally were to have but twelve pence a week. If corn came to ten shillings a Quarter, they were to have fifteen pence each a week during the Dearness, but that ceasing, they were then to have no more than twelve Pence. The Provost was to dine in common with the Fellows. But afterwards he had a distinct Table allowed, and ten marks per an. added for supporting that and a manservant. Adam Brome, alias

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Norden and hopes it will be done by Christmas. Mr. Granger is laid up with the gout.

Browne[1], was the first Provost. Adam Brome is buried in St. Anne's[2] Chappell (now called Adam Brome's Chappell) at the north side of St. Marie's church, Oxford. His Tomb is still there, but the Brasses are all off, so that there is no inscription, having been all destroyed in the Civil War time.

Nov. 26 (Sun.). On the 16th of Dec. 1717, the hon. Benedict Leonard Calvert, Esq., gave me the Effigies of himself, done in miniature, when he was a Boy, wch I keep by me still (& shall keep) for the sake of the friendship of that ingenious young Gentleman.

Yesterday the President of Trin. College's Man told me that Mr. Wm. Dodwell lodges in the President's Lodgings, I know not by what favour (if it be a favour), tho' it may be some of the Wright's means. Be it as it will, it is the way to make him thoroughly for the Duke of Brunswick, the President himself being zealous that way, at least seemingly so, and he was one of those that (notwithstanding his great age) went up lately with the University of Oxford's Address to the present Intruders or Usurpers.

Nov. 27 (Mon.). Yesterday in the afternoon called upon me Mrs. Sidney Rance, one of the Daughters of my late Printer, Mr. John Rance. She hath lived in London almost ever since her Father's Death, but is come (for a little while) to Oxford about particular Business. She said what chiefly occasioned her Father's Death was a violent cold, wch he could not get off, and a concern for the death of his Wife. But I believe other Things conduced, as I have formerly said.

Since what is written above, pag. 10, I have had given me by Dr. Rawlinson *Pars nona bibliothecae Rawlinsonianae*, wch is already sold, and *Pars decima*, now selling. Besides the Copy, above mentioned, of the Lond. Ed. of Antiquitates Ecclesiae Brit. there were two other copies, all three of wch the Earl of Oxford hath purchased, the last (wch was Archbishop Parker's own book) at £10 12*s*., a price (as the Dr. says)

Nov. 27, 1727. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 15). 'You have my letter to your Brother, in wch matters between him and me were justly stated, to his great satisfaction. . . . I do not doubt but you will act with the friendship that has always past between us, and I return you my thanks for your design of keeping up the prices of my books, in order to which I send you the several prices (what you desire) of what I have published since Leland's Itinerary. I printed but a small number of any of them, but I see no occasion to specify what the particular numbers were. That is sometimes done in the books themselves, tho' not in all. I would fain have those baulked that expect great bargains from the falsly supposed great numbers. As I have hitherto printed but a few, so I shall continue the same method.' [On the next page he gives the prices at which his books were issued, down to Adam de Domerham; he also adds that 156 copies were printed of Leland, 60 of Rossius, 148 of Alfred of Beverley, 148 of Roper's life of Sir Thomas More.]

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[1] Whether he was ever called *Browne* is very doubtful. Hearne gives no authority.—Ed.

[2] Wood, City of Oxford, vol. ii, says the tomb is in St. Mary's Chapel, not St. Anne's.—Ed.

much below its value, as he also says the other two went much too low. But I must needs say I think they went high enough, unless they contain much more than I conceive they do. The Harrow Edition hath everything (as I apprehend) that is very material, excepting what relates to Cambridge, & that I look upon but as a small Defect, the account being but slight, & much more copious & full in Caius, &c. Dr. Rawlinson saith My Lord hath now three Copies of this Ed. from their Library, wch no man but himself has in the world. Whether any one else hath three Copies or no I cannot tell, but that there are several other Copies is very certain, & I am apt to think that in Merton College is as much to be valued as any. But indeed I know not what is so much esteemed in the London Ed. above the Harrow, & should be glad to learn. 'Tis a very great sign (among many others) of the great decay of Learning that whimsical & nonsensical books bring greater Prices in these Auctions than books of true worth & learning wch are sold at mean rates, not so much often as their binding came to. My Lord Oxford is exspected in London this week to survey my late Friend Thomas Rawlinson, Esq.'s MSS., wch are to go entire together. It seems my Lord has and continues to engross all the pieces printed by Caxton, W. de Worde, &c., in the Rawlinson Collection.

Nov. 28 (Tu.). Mr. Mattaire, in the year 1706, printed and published, at London, in 8vo a Book *De Dialectis Graecis*, wch he calls his *Primitiae*. This book is recommended by Dr. Thomas Knipe, at that time Head Master of Westm. School, he having succeeded the famous Dr. Busby. Mr. Mattaire, in this book, shows great diligence. He takes in whatever material Things had been wrote before by others, and adds many Observations of his own. Mr. Mattaire indeed is well skilled in the Greek Dialects, and that's the reason of his being imployed lately by Dr. John Freind for Dr. Wogan's Ed. of Arataeus[1].

This Term went out, as Grand-Compounder, Dr. of the Civil Law, Mr. Holt (commonly called Chick Holt) of Xt Church, now a Clergyman in the Country.

On Sunday night last at nine Clock died Mr. Arthur Kite, head Butler of Oriel Coll., of a Dropsy, aged about 55. He was formerly a schoolmaster of Kidlington, and marrying, and writing a good hand, he was taken notice of by Dr. George Royce, Provost of Oriel College, & so he got to be buttler, chiefly indeed upon account of his Wife, who was very great with Dr. Royce, as she was afterwards with Dr. Carter (who for that reason got Arthur's son, who now wears a sword, to be secretary to the Bp of Oxford, Dr. Potter, & made him Butler likewise under his Father, so as, upon his Father's death, he was to have it himself), she being a pretty Woman, a Midwife, and very forward. This Arthur Kite, when

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Nov. 28, 1727. J. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 131). [See Diary, Dec. 1 and Dec. 2.] Next Thursday is the great struggle for the Presidents of the Royal Society. Had been given the matrix of a seal; sends an impression. [It is ⅝ in. in diameter, circular, a lion, S. PETRI D' BOTEKESHAM.]

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[1] i. e. Aretaeus.—Ed.

young, was very lusty & famous for wrestling. The said son of Arthur Kite is a Bachelor of Arts, & a proud, ignorant Fop.

Nov. 29 (Wed.). Last summer Mrs. Sarah Adkins, a large comely Laundress, proved with child & was delivered of a Boy, the Father of wch is Mr. Thomas Hunt, M.A., a clergyman & a Tutor in Hart Hall, to whom the said Sarah Adkins was Laundress. After she was delivered, Mr. Hunt (as is reported) married her, the least he could do. Mr. Hunt is a man well versed in the Oriental Tongues, & was looked upon (before this Thing) as a virtuous man, tho' I have heard of other sly Intriegues of his with Girls. The late Bp of Bath & Wells, Dr. Hooper, was his great Friend and gave him a living, and made him Prebendary of Wells, but had he lived (upon hearing of this) he would have quite discarded him.

Nov. 30 (Thur.). On Tuesday last in the afternoon Mr. Arthur Kite was buried at Kidlington, according to his desire. He died but in mean circumstances, notwithstanding he had a good Place, and his Wife sometime ago got so much money by Midwifery. Dr. Carter left ten Pounds to his Wife. She exspected more, but I suppose he well rewarded her in his life time, as, without doubt, he did Mr. Wood the Chirurgeon's Wife, with whom he used to be so intimate. And here it must be noted that on Tuesday last an elderly Woman of very good reputation (who lives near Mr. Wood's) told me that some years since, happening to go into Mr. Wood's, she saw in a by room Dr. Carter & Mr. Wood's maid (a very comely, handsome Girl) sitting by themselves together, and Carter kissing her, with both his hands round her middle. This Girl afterwards married Dr. Carter's manservant, one Serjeant, after wch Carter had his full swill of her.

Dec. 1 (Fri.). Mr. West tells me (in a Letter from the Inner Temple, Nov. 28 last) that Mr. Murray shewed him a curious book he had lately met with, giving an account of the several Translations of the Bible intituled *The true copye of a Prologue written about two C. yeres paste by John Wyckliffe* (*as maye justly be gathered bi that that John Bale hath written of hym in hys boke entitled the Summarye of famouse Wryters of the Isle of great Britan*) *the original whereof is found, written in an olde English bible betwixt the olde Testament and the newe, Whych Bible remaynith now in the King his Majesties Chamber* + + + *Imprinted at London by Robert Crowley dwelling in Elie Rents in Holborn, Anno domini MDL. Cum privilegio ad Imprimendum solum.* On the Reverse of the Title is a wooden Cut of Wycliffe with English verses.

Dec. 2 (Sat.). Mr. West, in the same Letter, told me that Mr. Murray told him that on Nov. 27 last (being the day before the date of his Letter) he had read over a large Diary of the Life of Antony Wood, wrote all by

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Nov. 30, 1727. H. to E. P. Gwyn, Esq., M.P., at Ford Abbey (Diaries, 118. 27). Thanks for copies of three old charters sent by the hand of G.'s brother. There might be something about Devonshire in the Dodsworth MSS. in Bodley. Asks whether there is a Cartulary of Plimpton Abbey, beginning at the Saxon Times; it is said to be in the hands of Mr. Strode near Plymouth.

his own hand, but would not let him know who lent it him. When he knows, Mr. West will endeavour to procure me a sight of it, because (he says) he knows it will please me. [NB. I must desire Mr. West to ask Mr. Murray how far it reaches. The first Part of this Diary I have seen and read (being in the hands of the Earl of Oxford), and I have printed a Passage out of it at the beginning of the 1st vol. of Leland's Coll. But that first part has nothing after the Restauration.]

Dec. 3 (Sun.). Tackley feast; Sandford feast, near Oxford. Yesterday called upon me Mr. Timothy Thomas, rector of Prestein in Radnorshire & Chaplain to the E. of Oxford, & (at present) Student of Xt Church. I told him I wanted a note or list of what MSS. historical Pieces, never yet published, but fit to be printed, there are in the Harleian Library. This I had formerly mentioned to him, as I had to the present Earl of Oxford himself, and so I had to others, but in vain, and yet my Lord had signified to me (& he told Dr. Mead the same) that I might have the Loan of any MS. from that Library for asking; but I know not how to ask for what I know nothing of. I desired Mr. Thomas again to get me such a note or list. But he declined it. I said I would write to my Lord himself. He said my Lord had something else to do than to look over his Library and make Catalogues. I allowed this, But I said that I should desire no more than an account of what might be put down (without the trouble of looking upon the books) by memory.

Dec. 4 (Mon.). Mr. West, in the Letter above mentioned, sent me the Impression of a seal with s' PETRI DE· OTERESHA and the Figure of a Talbot. It is a small seal. He was to know who St. Peter of Oteresha was? He hath heard (he says) of St. Mary de Oterey. NB. In Somersetshire, in the hundred of South Petherton, is a village called Ottersey[1], and this I take to be the Place. It may be there was formerly some Guild there. I have seen several seals of this kind that belonged to Guilds.

Dec. 5 (Tu.). Last night I spent the evening at Dr. Stratford's, Canon of Xt Ch. Dr. Leigh (an ingenious Physician of that College), Mr. Timothy Thomas & Mr. Mannerton (both also of the same College) were with us. Dr. Stratford asked Dr. Leigh whether it were really true that a Woman sometimes is delivered of a live child after going eleven months. The Dr. said it was, & referred to an excellent (but scarce) book wrote by Dodonaeus for authentick Instances, wch book is well wrote & com-

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Dec. 5, 1727. T. Thorpe to H. (Rawl. 10. 112). Two Roman coins have been found at Mereworth, Kent. Sends a copy of a petition signed by 1106 men of Kent, received from Rev. Mr. Forster, rector of Crondale[2].

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[1] The church of Ottersey is St. Mary's, not St. Peter's. It is not known that there was any guild or hospital there. See the letter of Nov. 28. The seal is a good impression and Hearne had not taken the trouble to read it. It is *Sigillum* PETRI D' BOTEKESHA[M] (i.e. Botsham in Cambridgeshire).—Ed.

[2] This was printed by Hearne as an Appendix to the Black Book of the Exchequer.—Ed.

mended by Dr. John Freind. It is said the present Queen (as they call her) went with Prince William six weeks beyond the nine months.

Dr. Radcliffe was sent to for the present K. James III (K. James II being alive) for his Advice, the King (at that time Prince) being ill, wch according he sent. The Dr. was much blamed; he said he was obliged to it (if he had his Fee) to prescribe for any one, not excepting even K. James II himself. Dr. Stratford spoke very contemptuously of my late Friend Thomas Rawlinson, Esq. He said he never was in Mr. Rawlinson's Company but one half hour, & he never desired more of it. I am apt to think the Dr. had heard that Mr. Rawlinson (as I am sure he did) slighted him. Or it may be, Dr. Stratford had heard that Mr. Rawlinson slighted both the late and the present Earl of Oxford, as indeed he did.

Dec. 6 (Wed.). Last Summer Dr. Richardson, of North Bierly in Yorkshire, sent me a parchment Roll intit.: *Rentale omnium firmarum, reddituum & serviciorum domus de Cokersand factum per Jacobum Skypton cellerarium de termino incipiente ad festum Pentecostes et sancti Martini in yeme anno domini MDI°.* The said Cokersand (or Pyling) was an Abby of Premonstratensian Canons, built by Theobald Walter temp. Hen. II & dedicated to the B. Virgin (Tanner's Not. Mon., p. 107). Leland says it was 'an Abbay of Cistertienses'; Speed and Reyner say it was of the Cluniack Order.

Last night Mr. Whiteside (who went to London last Wed. and returned Monday night last) acquainted me that my Lord Oxford desired him to tell me that he had got Ant. à Wood's Diary to 1660, written with his own hand, wch he would lend me if I thought fit. NB. I formerly saw and read a transcript of it, being shewed me by the Transcriber, Mr. (now Dr.) Ric. Rawlinson. Afterwards I had the Original in my hands for a day, & wrote out a Passage that I have printed at the beginning of Leland's Collectanea. I borrowed it of the present Earl of Oxford's Father. But I have no transcript of this Diary. I will therefore desire my Lord to send it me again.

Dec. 7 (Thur.). About a Quarter of a Year since died of the dead Palsy Mrs. Spencer, wife of Mr. Spencer (the Petty Fogger) of Horsepath, near Oxford, without Issue by him. Nor indeed ever had he any Child. He is very rich and covetous. He is a man of 52 years of age.

In the forementioned Roll of Dr. Richardson's among the *tenentes ad voluntatem in Salforthschyre* is *Radulfus Chaydoke tenet tres acras terrae et dim. reddit per ann. iiis. iiiid.* Under Lydgate, Hyrleton, & Barton: *Domus hospitalis sancti Johannis Cestriae pro Mossgraunge modo in tenura David Herve vs.* Under *liberi tenentes in Derbyschyre* is *Prior de Brusko tenet terram in Dalton lib. red. xiid.* [NB. Burscough was a Priory of Black Canons in Lancashire.] *Gylbertus Skaresbreke tenet unam acram terrae in Skaresbreke red. iis.*

Dec. 6, 1727. The Earl of Oxford to H. (Rawl. 8. 189). Has a roll of the Receipts used by the Master Cook of Richard II; would be glad to lend it to H.; has also a Diary of Anthony Wood to the year 1659, and would like to know where the remainder is. Desires information about Welbeck Abbey.

Dec. 7, 1727. E. P. Gwyn to H. (Rawl. 6. 167). Hears the Dodsworth MSS. give the Pipe Rolls for some counties. Is that of Devonshire there?

Dec. 8 (Fri.). On Thursday, Nov. 30th last, was a great struggle at the Royal Society, Lond., to get out Sir Hans Sloane from being President of the Royal Society, Martin Folkes, Esq. (a Cambridge man as to Education), opposing him. But it was carried for Sir Hans by a great majority, and Folkes at the same time was put out from being of the Council. This Folkes is an ingenious Man, but forward & conceited, & 'twas foolish to oppose Sir Hans.

Tho' Dr. Mead was a great Freind [*sic*] to Dr. John Freind (particularly when Dr. Freind was Prisoner), yet Dr. Freind (I am well assured) acts the ungratefull Part, and underhand does Dr. Mead what mischief he can.

I am told that both Dr. Mead and Dr. Freind were against Sir Hans Sloane in the late Election of President of the Royal Society. But the Earl of Oxford was for Sir Hans. So was my Freind Mr. James West.

Dec. 9 (Sat.). On Monday last died at Heddington the youngest Child (a Boy, more than two years old) of Mrs. Mary Smith (whose maiden name was Mary Gordon) of Heddington, the wife of Mr. Smith, a Taylor of that Place, and was buried in the Church Yard there, on Thursday night following, wch I note upon account of some former Remarks I have made upon these Gordons. It was a fine, hopefull, lively Child.

Samuel Stebbing, Esq., Somerset Herald, and Secretary and Seal-keeper of the Earl Marshal's Court, who continued Sandford's Genealogical History of the Kings of England, died on Friday Night, Aug. 21, 1719. This Gentleman got good Reputation by that Performance, tho' I do not find that he was much of a scholar.

The year 1719 was a sad sickly Time, abundance of People (particularly young People) being carried off by a particular Feaver (almost such a one as is now) that was Epidemical.

Humphry, Duke of Gloucester, was born A. D. 1390, according to Wm. Worcester's Annals. Dr. Kymer wrote his Dietary to the Duke A. D. 1404[1] (the Duke then only 14 years old), at wch time the Duke was guilty (as the Dr. himself observes) of immoderate Venery, wch did him much hurt. He was slain at Bury A. D. 1446 (& died without issue) aged 56.

Dec. 10 (Sun.). Last Summer (I think on Trinity Sunday or some time after) went into Orders Mr. Eedes, a Gentleman Commoner (whom I have formerly mentioned) of Edmund Hall, a man that hath taken no Degree, but all the time that he hath been of the Hall he hath led a strange, drunken, heathenish Life, and though he was first bred up at an Academy among Presbyterians (and his mother is now a Presbyterian, her second Husband being such, tho' her first, by whom she had this son, was a Clergyman of the Church of England) & hath lived after such a manner, yet Dr. Felton (Principal of Edm. Hall, who used to sit up all night & drink with him) did not at all scruple to give him a Testimonium, so that now he officiates as a Clergyman in Kent.

Dec. 9, 1727. J. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 135). See Diaries, Dec. 14, Dec. 17, and Dec. 19.

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[1] Note by Hearne: 'It should be 1424.'

Dec. 11 (Mon.). About a week since, the Butler of University College, Mr. John Anderson, told me that Dr. Charlett (with whom he was very intimate) was affraid [*sic*] of every one for about a year & a half before he died, being grown quite another man from what he had been, that he would often cry & bemoan himself, that sometimes he would call out in his bed 'oh! John, John! ah, ah, John, John! I have a heavy load upon me.' The Butler asked him what troubled him. But he could never rightly understand. The Butler offered to do what he could for him. To wch he replyed 'Thou sayest well, John,' but still went on lamenting, without declaring his Grief. For my part, I believe it was chiefly upon account of his villanies to me & because I baffled him & some others.

Dec. 12 (Tu.). Mr. John Keen, of St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxon., Barber, is in the 68th year of his age, being born anno 1659 at South Hinxey (near Abbington) in Berks.

Yesterday was the first time I ever saw Dr. Wilkins's Ed. of Selden's Works, wch I found (tho' I turned over only the 1st vol.) to answer to the bad Character [that] had been given me of it, so that sure hereafter it must make all honest, good men have a very mean opinion of this vile Editor, as indeed I find all I converse with have. He is a very barren, dull Writer himself, and therefore rakes together what he can of other men's, and builds upon them, and oftentimes does them a great deal of Injustice. Mr. Edward Burton was a great assistant to him, as he says in the Preface, & so indeed I have heard Mr. Burton say himself, but by what I could find Mr. Burton say when I last talked with him, his opinion of Wilkins is much sunk.

Dec. 14 (Thur.). On Dec. 9th last Mr. West told me by Letter from the Inner Temple, that Dr. Tanner hath the Continuation of Anth. à Wood's Diary from 1660 to near the Time of his Death. My Lord Oxford hath the Original of the first Part, being given to the late Earl by Mr. Anstis, whom Dr. Tanner formerly often desired to burn it.

Mr. Anstis also gave to the late Earl of Oxford (& 'tis now in the hands of the present Earl) Sir Simonds Dewes's Life, written by himself. I formerly heard Mr. Bagford several times speak of it, but I did not

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Dec. 11, 1727. H. to the Earl of Oxford (Diaries, 118. 39). Thanks for his Lordship's letter of the 6th. Would like to see the roll of the Coronation of Ric. II. Would be glad of the loan of Wood's Diary; borrowed it once for one day from his Lordship's father; has heard that the continuation of the Diary is in Dr. Tanner's hands. Can supply no information about Welbeck Abbey. The fragment at the end of the MS. of Elmham is only a copy of part of the history in the body of the book [see Diary, Dec. 27].

Dec. 12, 1727. Baker to H. (Diaries, 118. 71; Rawl. Lett. 27 B. 42). Says that a copy of Antiq. Brit. purchased by Lord Oxford at the Rawlinson sale has the annotations of Arcbp. Parker and is very valuable. Has never been to Wimple, though often invited by Lord Oxford, and consequently does not know the Catalogue of the Library.

Dec. 13, 1727. H. to E. P. Gwyn (Diaries, 118. 42). In the Dodsworth MS. is a transcript of one of the Pipe Rolls, in which there must be something about Devonshire. Suggests that in the MSS. of Sir Roger Twisden in the Harleian Library there may also be extracts from the Pipe Rolls.

know (till Mr. West informed me) that 'twas given to the Earl by Mr. Anstis, Mr. Anstis having never told me so himself, tho' he told me that he gave the Earl many other MSS. (it may be with a view of gaining his Ldship's Interest).

Yesterday morning, between seven and eight clock, died suddenly the wife of Mr. Pocock (commonly called Alderman Pocock), a Fruiterer of St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford. She was an old Woman that had had a tyssical Cough many years.

Mr. Henry Silvester, of Oxford, Cordwainer, was born at Cassington on Sept. 16, 1667.

Dec. 15 (Fri.). On the 13th of Feb., 1726, was lent me (to be perused), by Thomas Ward, of Warwick, Esq., a thin folio Paper MS. intit.: 'A perfect Collection shewing the surrendringe upp of the dissolved Abbies, monasteries, Priories; together withe certen Hospitalls & other thinges, aswell in the tyme of kinge Henrie the eighte, & kinge Edward the sixte, particulerlie sett downe in sundrie her Majesties Counties, within her Highnes Realme of England.' Mr. Ward says in his Letter of the 11th of that Month that he borrowed it of their Recorder for my Perusal, who, he says, promises to lend him several other curious Things. I have taken the following notes from it as I perused it:

Anno Hen. VIII 38 secunda.

Scriptum factum domino regi per Robertum Carliolen Episcopum et praepositum Collegii Regalis beatae Mariae de Eton in Buck juxta Windsore & eundem [*sic*] Colleg' de manerio de Clatford in com. Wiltes', ac manerium de Mylborne Becke et Lutton in com. Dors' &c.; necnon de manerio de Euston in com. Somerset. Dat xx Decembris.

Scriptum factum domino regi per Decanum Liberae Capellae Regiae sci. Johannis martiris infra castrum de Windsor in com. Berk et ejusdem loci Canonicos de manerio de Damarycourtt in com. Dors' ac uno clauso terrae voc' Shawe prope manerium de Shawe &c. in nova Windsore ac messuagio in tenura Willelmi domini Saint John prope London-wall in London; dat' xxo Decembris.

Collegium sancti Egidii Novae Sarum scit' et capt' fuit in manus domini Regis per Robertum Griffithe majorem eiusdem civitatis & alios Commisionarios in huiusmodi casu secundum formam statuti anno xxxviii Hen. VIII edit'; dat' xx Junii.

Carta facta domino regi per Decanum Collegii sanctae et individuae Trinitatis de Thornton in com. Lincoln et ejusdem loci Capitulum de manerio de Carleton in le morelande ac manerium de Rothwell &c. in com. Lincol'; dat' viio Maii.

Carta facta domino regi per magistrum Hospitalis sanctae Trinitatis de Arundell in com' Sussex de toto Hospitali illo.

Carta facta domino regi per magistrum Aulae beatae Mariae voc' Gunwell Hall infra villam et universitatem Cantabr' de hospicio voc' Phiswick Hostell &c. dat xxixo Octobris.

Scriptum factum domino regi per magistrum collegii sancti Michaelis Cantebr' vulgariter nuncupati Michell Hous in Cambridge de toto Collegio illo. Dat' xxix Octobris.

Scriptum factum domino regi per magistrum sive custodem aulae vocatae the

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Dec. 15, 1727. W. Brome to H. (Rawl. 5. 143). Has asked the President of Trinity to pay H. what is due to him. Mr. Stephen Bowdler died Oct. 24, aged 55.

Kinges Hall in Cambridge & scolares ejusdem de tota aula illa. Dat' xxix Octobris.

Scriptum factum domino regi per rectorem & socios collegii de Slapton in com. Devon de toto collegio illo; dat' vii Nov.

Scriptum factum domino regi per Decanum et Capitulum ecclesiae cathedralis Christi et beatae Mariae virginis Dunolm' de collegio voc' Durham College in suburbiis villae Oxoniae in com. Oxon; dat' xx Maii, anno 38 Hen. VIII.

Scriptum factum domino regi per Will. Fox gen. de Hospitali sanctae Trinitatis beatae Mariae & sancti Johannis Baptistae in Ludlowe in com. Salop. ac eciam de manerio de Rock in eodem com., necnon de manerio de Ludford in com. Heref'; dat' vicesimo Octobris, anno 37 Hen. VIII.

Scriptum factum domino regi per Johannem episcopum Exon' de manerio de Ferringdon in com. Sutht' &c.; dat. xxvii Aprilis.

Scriptum factum domino regi per Will. Norwicen' episcopum & custodem cantariae ad altare beatae Mariae in ecclesia sancti Andreae de Brundishe in com. Suff' de cantaria ista de Brundishe; dat. xxv Julii, 36 Hen. VIII.

Scriptum confirmacionis ejusdem factum domino regi per Ricardum Fulmerston; dat' secundo Augusti.

Scriptum factum domino regi per magistrum collegii sanctae Trinitatis de Arundell in com. Sussex de toto collegio illo; dat' xii Decemb.

Scriptum factum domino regi per Thomam Cantuar' episcopum de rectoria de Harrowe ad montem in com. Midd.; dat' xviii Nov.

Scriptum factum domino regi per magistrum hospitalis sancti Egidii de Kepire juxta Dunolm' in com' Dunolm' de hospitale illo; dat' xiiii Januarii.

Scriptum factum domino regi per magistrum & confratres ac sorores hospitalis sancti Johannis Baptistae in civitate Coventr' de toto hospitale illo; dat' quarto Marcii.

Scriptum factum domino regi per magistrum et confratres hospitalis sancti Johannis Baptistae extra Radclyffe gate Bristoll de toto hospitale illo; dat' quarto Marcii, 35 Hen. VIII.

Scriptum factum domino regi per Decanum collegii sanctae Trinitatis de Westbury super Trin' (*sic*) in com. Glouc' de toto collegio illo; dat' xviii Feb.

Scriptum factum domino regi per magistrum collegii sive cantariae in ecclesia de Winkfeild in com. Suff. de cantaria illa; dat' secundo Junii, anno xxxiiii°.

Memorandum that I have a perfect Transcript of the said MS. taken by myself, after w^ch^ I returned back M^r^. Ward's.

Dec. 16 (Sat.). Yesterday at three Clock in the Afternoon M^rs^. Pocock was buried in the Church of S^t^. Peter's in the East, leaving the Character behind her of a good wife, tho' her Husband be a sorry man. She was 70 years of age.

On Thursday night last, died at Charlbury, in Oxfordshire, old M^r^. John Shepherd, of that Place, elder brother of the late M^r^. Thomas Shepherd, of S^t^. Peter's in the East, Oxford. He lived, after his Father's Death, for some time in S^t^. Peter's Parish with his son John, now of that Parish. He would have been compleat eighty eight years of age, had he lived till Candlemas day next. He was confined to his Bed nine weeks. He had been a very strong, hearty man, and a great Wrestler and back-

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Dec. 16, 1727. R. Graves to H. (Rawl. 6. 152). 'I am glad you design the Black Book for the next you publish. As soon as M^r^. Le Neve is come to town, I will write to him about it, to get what information I can relating thereto, without taking any notice of your design.' Sends 17/6 and a book [see letter of Dec. 22].

sword player. Twenty Pounds per an. comes by his Death to his Son John aforesaid, who hath paid his Father so much a year ever since the Death of Mr. Thomas Shepherd before mentioned, for the House & Goods he enjoys in St. Peter's Parish, but now 'tis all his own. [He was buried at Charlebury, on Saturday, in the Afternoon, Dec. 16.]

Mrs. Pottle the Beadle's Wife (the Daughter of old Mrs. Wynne, that formerly kept the Catharine Wheel, now down, by Balliol Coll. & now lives at Denton Court, beyond Botley in Berks.) is not quite thirty years old. She was married before she was quite 17 years of age, & she hath had nine Children. [See afterwards under June 12th, 1728.]

Dec. 17 (Sun.). Mr. West, in a Letter from the Inner Temple, Dec. 9, 1727, tells me that my Lord Oxford buys very many of the ordinary printed pieces in Mr. Rawlinson's Auction, but is far from engrossing them. [NB. What Mr. West calls ordinary printed pieces are Curiosities. 'Tis certain the three copies of the London Ed. of *Antiquitates Eccl. Brit.* are such, and so are the many little pieces Mr. Rawlinson had lent me, in wch I had wrote memorandums to signify that Mr. Rawlinson had lent them me, and that I read them before I returned them, wch memorandums, it seems, (as I had it from Mr. Tim. Thomas) induced my Lord to buy them.]

Dec. 18 (Mon.). Last night Sir John Morgan, of Queen's College, told me that he is seventeen years and an half old.

Mr. Anstis of Corpus Xti Coll. at the same time told me that he is nineteen years and an half of age. And Mr. Blomer, Commoner of Xt Ch. told me also, that he is likewise nineteen and a half. Mr. Blomer was of Westminster School; and so was Mr. Anstis for some time, but afterwards he was taught by Mr. Michael Mattaire for about two years before he came to Oxford. Sir John Morgan was also of Westm. School.

On Saturday last was published in London, the 3rd Edition (with a letter from the Rev. Dr. Charlett, late Vice-Chancellor [So the Print of Mist's Journal, tho' Charlett was never Vice-Ch., only Pro Vice-Ch.] of the University of Oxford, to the Reverend Mr. Hawkins): *The* PERJUR'D FANATICK; *or, the malicious Conspiracy of Sir* JOHN CROKE, *of Chilton, Bart., Justice of Peace in com. Bucks,* HENRY LARIMORE, *Anabaptist Preacher, and other Fanaticks, against the Life of* ROBERT HAWKINS, A.M., *late Minister of Chilton, occasioned by his suit for Tithes; discovered in a* TRYAL *at Ailesbury, before the Right Honourable Sir Matthew Hale, the Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer. Price 1s.*

Mr. John Cooke, of St. Thomas Parish in the W. Suburbs of Oxford, by Trade a Glover, but now a Letter Carrier (he being disabled from work at Gloving by reason of a Rheumatism in his hands, &c.), is fifty two years old. His Grandfather was an old Cavalier, and a souldier to K. Charles the first.

Dec. 19 (Tu.). Some years ago, a difference happening between Bp Nicholson and Dr. Kennett now Bp of Peterborough (tho' before they had been, at least pretended to be, great Friends), Kennett was pleased to enter a note about it in his MSS. collections, wch collections

being lent by him to Browne Willis, Esq., were shewed and lent by him to Mr. James West, who transcribed it into one of his volumes, & sent it to me in his last Letter of Dec. 9th last. 'Tis as follows:—

William Nicholson, fellow of Queen's College, Oxon., went as Amanuensis or Undersecretary to Sir Joseph Williamson at the treaty of Nimeguen. At his return to Oxford he assisted in the English Atlas. He got to be Chaplain to Bp Smith; much in favour with Sr Christopher Musgrave, who obtained this Bishoprick from the Queen; kept right by Archbp Tenison; influenced by Archbp Wake, who made him his successour in the office of Lord Almoner and got for him (as he thought) from one of the Ministers a promise of the next Vacancy of Bath and Wells. Which reversion Bp Nicholson thought was afterwards promised to Bishop Hoadley. Hinc lachrymae! He fell upon the Sermon[1] out of Indignation to the Bishop, and in my hearing called him the most opprobrious names, and it was my softning his Anger on that account that drew him into the Tumultuous thought of my being a friend and confident of the Bishop's of Bangor [viz. Hoadley] and the most likely man to have given him assistance in his later writings, when in truth his Lordship wanted no assistance and would not have accepted mine so soon as that of others, who were nearer friends and Correspondents to his Lordship. Had I really assisted the Bishop of Bangor, I should be proud to own it, and the Bishop I hope would not have been ashamed of it. But when there was no such thing, it could not be my interest or vanity to vent such a Story, and could I have been so foolish and wicked to have invented such a Lye, I should not have told it to the Bishop of Carlisle of all men living, because of his grievous prejudice against the Bp of Bangor, so great that I am sure he would have hated me, had I confessed any such familiar Love and friendship for Bp Hoadley, whom he thought his Competitor and Supplanter. As to Bulky Reputation, see Memoirs of Bp Brownrigg, p. 134.

This is just like Kennett, who indeed aimed at the Bprick of Bath & Wells himself. But another hath got it, viz. Dr. John Wynne. No doubt but Kennett would have been proud to have assisted Hoadley in his vile Writings. This I believe, tho' 'tis hard believing any man that hath (as Kennett hath) lost his Credit and Reputation.

Dec. 20 (Wed.). Mr. Brome, in a Letter of the 15th inst., tells me that Mr. Stephen Bowdler dyed the 24th of Oct. last, in the 55th year of his age, & was born upon the Nat. of St. John Baptist, 1672. [If he was born then, he must have dyed in the 56th year of his age.]

Touching Woolstaples, see Stowe's Survey, p. 496. He mentions several Woolstaples ordained in England by K. Edw. I ao regni 27, and then I think the Woolstaple at Holywell in the suburbs of Oxford began[2].

Dec. 21 (Thur.). Anno 1674 was published in 4to a Book *de nummis* under Mr. Selden's name, by Moses Pit. 'Tis exactly the same with that which goes under the name of Alexander Sardus, first published in 1579, and afterwards at Franckfort in 12o in 1609, and again in Graevius's Thesaurus. The Franckfort Edition is in Mr. Selden's Library at Oxford. So that it must be reckoned a Knavery of the Bookseller, who has taken care to make no Alteration, unless it be that in the

[1] Hearne adds, 'of Hoadley, that made so much noise, and occasioned so many Books to be wrote and printed.'

[2] The woolstaple in Holywell is one of the Oxford myths.—Ed.

Dedication for *Alexander Sardus Augustino Musso Patricio Ferrariensi* he puts *Joannes Seldenus Simoni Dewes Equiti Aurato*, and at the end of it for *Moguntiaci Calend. Maii 1579* he puts *Ex Med. Templ. Calend. Maii 1642*. This I told Dr. Wilkins of, when he begun to set out Selden's Works; but I know not whether he hath noted it.

Dec. 22 (Fri.). Mr. Weeksey of Oriel College told me last night that Oriel College Coppice (mentioned in their Statutes or rather Injunctions) is by Studley or Horton. This he said upon account of my speaking of it, & he much wondered how I should come to know that 'tis taken notice of in their statutes. But I did not tell him any Thing of my having a Copy of them, being given me lately by Mr. Graves.

Dec. 23 (Sat.). Dr. More, late Bp of Norwich, had Livy printed anno 1470. 'Tis Num. 3 in the printed catalogue of the MSS. of England & Ireland.

Mr. Thomas Bennett, of London, Bookseller, died on Monday, Aug. 26th, 1706, about three Clock in the Morning. His Funeral Sermon (according to his own desire) was preached by Dr. Francis Atterbury, afterwards Bp of Oxford, wch being printed, a just character may there be found of Mr. Bennett, a man of excellent Parts, great Industry, & of a good Reputation. He died young, yet very rich.

Dec. 24 (Sun.). Mr. West, in a Letter from the Inner Temple of the 22nd, tells me that the day before he took the opportunity of sending by the widow Fletcher's servant the MS. of Elmham, wch he borrowed of Mr. Martin of Norfolk for my use, having been delivered to him on Wednesday night last. The said MS. is the Poetical Life of Hen. V by Thomas Elmham. But it comes too late for my Design, my Ed. of the Prose Life of that Prince by the same Author being finished, all but the Preface, wch is not yet printed. The loose Leaves at the End, he says, were transcribed by Mr. Martin out of the Cotton Library to compleat it.

On the 21st (Mr. West says) ended Tho. Rawlinson's Auction, num. 10, when there was another Catalogue (num. 11) delivered out for the 22nd of January. Mr. West bought the single sheet of Humphry Wanley's notes, extracted from the Harleyan Library, relating to Bury St. Edmunds, wch if I have not, Mr. West says, he will send me a Transcript of them, there being only 50 printed. NB. I have them not, nor did I ever see them. If it will not be loss of Time to Mr. West, a Transcript would be acceptable[1].

Dec. 22, 1727. J. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 136). [See Diary, Dec. 24.] 'Brown Willis, Esq., has been here some time; on what project I know not.'

Dec. 22, 1727. H. to R. Graves (Rawl. 6. 152). Has received the present of the little book of Sir George Downing's; also 17/6, viz. 11/- for Elmham, 2/- for the binding of 'yours and Mr. Canning's copies of Elmham', 2/- for two Oxford Almanacks, and 2/6 to drink with Mr. Whiteside, 'which I have told him of'. There is still 4/- owing for 'the binding of yours and Mr. Canning's copies of Adam de Domerham'.

Dec. 22, 1727. The Earl of Oxford to H. (Rawl. 8. 190). Sends to H. the 'Roll of Cookerie' and Wood's Diary [see letter of Dec. 6].

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[1] [See Letter of Jan. 4, 172⅞].

Peter Le Neve, Esq., Norroy K. of Arms, hath lately married his maid (a young brisk Woman, and he an old man) & hath just brought her to London out of Norfolk. He was never married before.

Dec. 25 (Mon.). Mr. Whiteside told me yesterday that Dr. Halley took the Hint of the time when Julius Caesar landed in Britain from Dr. Bainbridge's Canicularia.

Mr. Edward Prideaux Gwyn, being very busy in collecting materials for the Antiquities of Devonshire, is mighty desirous of knowing what there is in Bodley, in Dodsworth's Transcript of the Pipe-Roll, relating to that County. He wrote me a Letter on that Point, in answer to wch I refer to what occurrs above in this Volume [1].

Last Wednesday night, Dec. 20th, died Mr. Cox, butler of Merton College, & he was buried last night (tho' he died, where he lived with his wife, in St. John Baptist's Parish) in St. Peter's Church in the East, having no child by his wife, a melancholy Woman.

Dec. 26 (Tu.). On Thursday the 14th of this month died Sir John Curson, of Waterperry near Thame in Oxfordshire, Baronett, a man that was a Roman Catholick, but of great goodness. His Honour & Estate now descend to his son Francis, and I am told (for wch I am glad) that three hundred Pounds per an. come by his death to Mr. Powell of Sandford near Oxford.

The Earl of Oxford, in his Letter of the 6th inst. from London, tells me that he can send me nothing about Thomas Elmham, only the following note wch he finds in his Catalogue, '62 B. 5 codex chartaceus, Historia de vita et rebus gestis R. Henrici V, adjudicata Thomae de Elmham, qui ex monacho Abbatiae S. Augustini juxta muros Cantuariae factus fuit Prior Lantoniensis'. Then (my Lord says) there is mentioned what else is in the Book, but nothing more of Tho. Elmham.

Dec. 27 (Wed.). What my Ld says of something else being in the Book, that is different from Thomas Elmham, is a mistake of Humph. Wanley, that entered it in his Ldship's Catalogue. There is indeed a Fragment at the End of the MS., but then 'tis only another Transcript of Part of the History wch occurs in the Body of the Book, & so I told my Lord in my Letter to him, as may be seen above [2].

Last Sunday (Dec. 24th) was ordained Deacon at Xt Church Mr Francis Bromley, A.B., Student of Xt Ch., and one of the sons of the Hon. Wm Bromley, of Bagginton in Warwickshire, Esq., a young Gentleman of a studious, sober Life. Yet he hath Verses in the Oxford Verses upon the Death of the late Elector of Hanover & the Accession to the Crown of the Present Usurper.

Dec. 25, 1727. H. to the Earl of Oxford at his House in Dover Street near Piccadilly (Diaries, 118. 65). Has just received his Lordship's very kind letter of the 22nd and a parcel containing an old parchment roll being directions for Cookery by K. Richard the II's cook, and Anthony à Wood's Diary ending in 1659. Thanks for the loan of them. Retains still the MS. of Elmham as the printed copies can hardly be ready for another month.

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[1] [See Letter of Nov. 30.] [2] [See Letter of Dec. 11.]

Dec. 28 (Thur.). Yesterday was a very fine morning till about nine clock, when it changed to a very dismal raw showry cold day, there being, besides abundance of Rain, several Storms of Hail, one of wch storms of Hail between three and four clock in the Afternoon (at wch time it was dismally dark) was attended with Thunder & Lightning, two claps whereof were very loud at Oxford.

Mr. Fyndal the Printer hath an Estate of fifty Pounds per an. at Marston. Mr. Coventry Litchfield, of Oxford, Barber (a single man, Brother to Mr. Leonard Litchfield the Printer) hath an Estate at Marston near Oxford of seventy libs. per an. and more. He hath likewise an estate at Ifley. Mr. Thomas Eldrige, of Oxford, Bathe Coachman, is 59 years old the beginning of next March. Mr. Cobb of St. Peter's parish in the East, Oxon., told me to-day that next 1st May he is 70 years old.

Dec. 29 (Fri.). 'Tis very remarkable that, according to the Black Book of the Exchequer, in the time of Hen. II the Harcourts had at Stanton in Oxfordshire (called now Stanton Harcourt) only one Kt's Fee or 640 acres of Land, wch was (at the Rate of 12d. an acre, a great Price in those days) 32 libs. per an., and that the Doileys had in that County 34 Kt's Fee at least, or 21,560 acres of land, that is (at the foresaid rate) 1,088 libs. per an.[1]

Dec. 30 (Sat.). On March 1, 1708, Mrs. Mary Cherry wrote me a Letter from London, giving her own and her Mother's thanks for the great care and trouble (she says) I had been at about her dear brother's affairs, with other very kind Expressions. The same Mrs. Mary Cherry (I know not whether she be still living) was sister to my dear Friend Mr. Thomas Cherry, the same she speaks of in her Letter. She was a most beautifull, good-natured, ingenious young Woman (as her Mother had been also), and wanted only a good Fortune to make her a Match for a Lord.

Dec. 29, 1727. H. to J. West, 7 in Figtree Court, Inner Temple (Rawl. 111. 165). Thanks for the metrical life of Hen. V. It is mere jargon; 'my thanks, however, to the owner'. B. Willis is at London about his parsonage. 'The town of Fenny Stratford are displeased with him.' Is printing West's notes about Oxford as an Appendix to Elmham. 'I hope I may hereafter print your notes about Abingdon[2]. Somebody hinted that you have a MS. of some piece of Stephen Birchington's.'

Dec. 29, 1727. Ja. Gibson to H. (Rawl. 6. 79). Asks H. if he knows of any one to buy a copyhold house in Long Crendon.

Dec. 30, 1727. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 48). Some notes on John Chedworth, bishop of Lincoln. 'Dr. Drake, now with Sir Thomas Wentworth in Yorkshire, assures me he will come up to London with Sir Thomas to Parliament and put an end to Antiq. Brit.; the book has been printed two or three years and only wants his notes.'

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[1] Hearne does not understand that a knight's fee was no fixed quantity of land; some of the knight's fees in Oxfordshire are as small as 200 acres, others as large as 2,000 acres.—Ed.

[2] They were printed by Hearne as Appendix XII to the Black Book of the Exchequer.—Ed.

Dec. 31 (Sun.). Yesterday I was told that the Pettites or Petties of Tetsworth (from whom by the mother's side Ant. à Wood was descended), who were once very rich both there (having almost all Tetsworth to their share) and elsewhere, are reduced to very mean Circumstances, in a great measure thro' ill husbandry, the chief of them (who hath about 30 libs. per an. tho' something precarious) living now at Thame, and keeping an Ale House there.

Jan. 2 (Tu.). Mr. Barker of St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford (a married man), who belongs to Magd. Coll., was born (he told me yesterday) on St. John the Evangelist's day (Dec. 27) 1688.

Jan. 3 (Wed.). Mr. Ward of Warwick hath lent me a Quarto Paper MS. in English, being a Translation of Sanders' *de schismate Anglicano*. I find it to contain the Appendixes also, but there is nothing but what is in the Latin Book wch I have. The Translator's name appears not, nor can I tell whether it was ever printed.

On Monday morning last were married in Exeter Coll. Chappel, by Mr. Betty, Fellow of that College, Mr. Wm Clarke (one of the Theater Printers) and a Maid Servant (a Widow Woman of about 30 years of age) of Mr. Ellys's, cook of Exeter College. Her maiden name was Shillingworth, being born at Heddington near Oxford. She had no child by her first Husband. She hath the Character of a good servant. Mr. Clarke was born (as I have formerly noted) on Friday, Ap. 8th, 1698.

Jan. 4 (Thur.). On Tuesday last was buried in Waterperry Church Sir John Curson, his Corps having laid so long above Ground according to his own desire, and (I am told) it lay in the Bed (also according to his own desire) twenty-four hours after his Death, before it was laid out.

Mr. Ward of Warwick hath got a little Thing in 8vo intit. *Les Indulgences et Pardons donnez et octroyez par nostre S. Pere le Pape Sixte V à ceux & celles qui deuotement porteront le Cordon S. François, & se mettront de l'Archiconfrerie par luy fondee & erigee és maisons & eglises de l'Ordre des freres Cordeliers. Au Pont-a-Mousson 1604.* 'Tis a Rarity. I just run it over, he having lent it me.

Jan. 5 (Fri.). Mr. Thomas Martin of Norfolk hath a fair vellum

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Jan. 4, 172⅞. Dr. Ralph Bridges to H. (Rawl. 3. 103). Asks that four copies of Adam de Domerham for which he had subscribed be sent to Mr. Motte's, bookseller, near Temple Bar. What remains to be paid for them shall then be sent to H. [see Jan. 8].

Jan. 4, 172⅞. J. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 137). 'I yesterday met with one Mr. Bruce at Mr. Granger's, who tells me he is an acquaintance of yours and desired me to send the Greek Professor of Leyden's commendations to you, Havercampus who is publishing *Eutropius cum notis*.' [The letter contains a transcript of Wanley's notes on Bury St. Edmunds, mentioned in the letter of Dec. 22.] Has just heard of the original plates of Saxton's maps. 'Mr. Rawlinson's books will not be sold for near the money expected.'

Jan. 5, 172⅞. John Loveday to H. (Rawl. 7. 177). Sends a copy of a charter in his possession; it was left by the late Mr. John Deane of Mattingley, Hants, to Mr. William Groves of Reading. [Eustace, prior of

MS. in 4to of the Metrical History of Hen. V by Thomas Elmham. It belonged anciently to Roger Walle, as appears from the End, viz.

Constat magistro Rogero Walle.
Claudatur muro, constat liber iste Rogero.

Mr. West hath borrowed this MS. for me. I received it the 28th of Dec. last. This Metrical History comprehends only 5 years of this King's Reign. The whole is meer Jargon, not fit to be published, being sad obscure miserable Verse. Nor is there any Thing material of History, but what we have more at large & far more clearly done in the Prose History w^{ch} I have printed. I have, however, given a Specimen of it in that Prose Hist. The Prologue to this metrical History is in Prose, which I shall here transcribe.

[The Prologue beginning 'Ad honorem beatissimae Trinitatis' ending 'sub rubrica XIIII anni quinti' is here omitted.—Ed.]

This work contains only five years of K. Hen. V Reign. The first ten *capitula* of *Annus quintus* are wanting. M^{r}. Martin attempted to supply them from the Cotton Library, but 'tis not done. I cannot find that the Author carried this little work (*opusculum*) on beyond *annus quintus*. In the Cotton Library (Julius E. N. 2) is Elmham's Prose Life of Hen. V (w^{ch} I have just printed from 2 MSS.) & immediately after (viz. in the same MS.) the Metrical Life (a perfect Copy, all but the Hymn, yet contains only five years of this Prince) & E. IV. 4 *Gesta R. Henrici V incerto Auctore.* [Query what this may be.] And in the same Library (Vesp. D. XII. 10) is another copy of the said Metrical Life or History of H. V, but I think it wants something at the beginning.

Jan. 6 (Sat.). Yesterday the Widow Wilkins of Ifley (a good sort of Woman, whose husband hath been dead many years, & was Clarke of Ifley) told me that she was married in the 31st year of her age, in the time of the great Frost A.D. 1683, so that she is now seventy-five years of Age. Yet at the same time she added that this is the common reckoning, she being at that time more than 31. For she said she had a Brother, who hath been dead five years, & was 72 when he died, and yet she was then three years older than he, so that she must now (according to this account, & she believes it to be the true one) be 80 years old.

Jan. 7 (Sun.). This day died M^{r}. Wilkins, an old Goldsmith of All Hallows Parish in Oxford. Also the same day died M^{r}. John Arthur, a single man, who belonged to the Common Room of Magd.

Merton, renounces all claim on the service of William Eylward and his descendants; the witnesses are from Bramshill, Mattingley, Cuffold, and Turgis, and the deed was endorsed Holshot, which like Mattingley was a manor in Heckfield parish.—Ed.]

Jan. 5, 172$\frac{7}{8}$. H. to Lord Bruce, Warwick Street, near the Haymarket (*draft*; Rawl. 28. 121). Asks what historical MSS. are in his library. Will send a copy of Elmham very shortly.

Jan. 6, 172$\frac{7}{8}$. H. to Maurice Johnson, Esq. (*draft*; Rawl. 28. 121). Would like to know what historical MSS. he possesses. Dr. Nathaniel Johnson made large and very good collections about the Antiquities of Yorkshire. It would be a good piece of service for some one of the county to digest them. Elmham is nearly finished.

Coll., where he got much money. He was lame many years, but that wch was the immediate Cause of his Death was a fall as he came down the steps last Thursday of Magd. Coll. Hall.

Jan. 8 (Mon.). On Sunday last, in the Evening, was buried in All-hallowes Church Yard the Widow Mathews, of that Parish, a little Woman, aged (as I am informed) something more than an hundred years. She was mother of Mr. Mathews the Chandler.

On Sunday, Dec. 31 last, Mr. Copley, Mr. Pennington, and Mr. Bowles, three Gentlemen Commoners of Queen's Coll. with another Gentleman Commoner of Oriel Coll., abused and beat in a most intolerable manner one Mr. Allen, a Barber of St. Clements near Oxford, in the Evening, for no manner of reason, only for hindering his Maid (whom he had sent forth on an Errand) from being abused by them; after wch they also fell upon and beat an apprentice of one Mr. Rob. Hyerons, a Baker in St. Peter's in the East. This scandalous affair is now under consideration. They had been (it seems) all the afternoon (and were got drunk) at a Coffee house, newly set up in St. Clements's [*sic*], kept by one Bygge, who hath a very beautifull, comely Wife (of a loose life) & a beautifull sister (unmarried) living with them, wch sister is also very loose, and 'tis for this reason that young Gentlemen frequent the House, a Thing which hath been much complained of. This Bygge's Wife & her sisters are the Daughters of one Mr. Sam. Tarrent, formerly M.A. of Univ. Coll., afterwards a Clergyman in Hampshire, but he is now dead. As for Bygge himself, he is a drunken, heavy Fellow, & a Chandler by Trade.

Jan. 9 (Tu.). Last Sunday I spent the Evening with Dr. Stratford, canon of Xt Church, at his Lodgings in Xt Church with Mr. Colley & Mr. Whiteside, and no one else with us. The Dr. then said (what I never heard before) that Mr. (afterwards Dr.) Grabe, when of their College, used to receive the Sacrament privately at their College from some particular Friend there according to the Scottish Liturgy of Archbp Laud. I told him he used (as certainly he did) for some time to go to London to receive it of Mr. Edw. Stephens according to the Greek way, & this Mr. Stephens hath mentioned in one of his printed Books. This I told the Dr. of, a Thing he had not heard before.

Jan. 10 (Wed.). Mr. Wilkins, the Goldsmith, was buried in All-Hallows Church last night. He died aged 77. He was very rich, being always a single man. He hath left a thousand libs., I hear, to Mr. George

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Jan. 8, 172⅞. H. to Ralph Bridges (Rawl. 3. 104). Supposes that in his letter of Jan. 4 B. means John of Glastonbury not Adam de Domerham, towards which he had paid nothing. He had paid 3½ guineas for four copies of J. of G., and still owes 3½ guineas. 'Making me stay so long is no kindness, but a great diskindness.' The copies are being sent.

Jan. 8, 172⅞. Lord Bruce to H. (Rawl. 3. 160). Has received back the MSS. Sends the 2nd subscription for Adam de Domerham, and the 1st and 2nd for Elmham.

Jan. 8, 172⅞. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 16). Has received from Peisley a copy of Part XI of the Catalogue and another copy for Mr. Corsellis.

Cooper, the Univ. Register, whose second Wife (still living) lived some years with Mr. Wilkins, to whom she was related, &, it seems, he promised a thousand libs. (to be paid at his Death) upon her marriage to Cooper, she having then nothing by way of Portion. The rest Mr. Wilkins hath left (being, as said, three or four thousand libs.) to a nephew that lived with him.

Jan. 11 (Thur.). Last Friday, Jan. 5th, the Rev. Mr. John Spry, B.D., senior Fellow of Corpus Xti Coll. & Rector of West (or Little) Hendred in Berks., was married in Corpus Xti College Chappel to one Mrs. Hume, who lives in St. Gyles's Parish, Oxon., and is the Daughter of a Clergyman, who is dead, but her mother is living.

Jan. 12 (Fri.). Mr. Thomas Ward of Warwick hath lent me (but it belongs to somebody else) a little Paper MS. in 12o called *Indulgences graunted by Pope Sixtus quintus espetiall to all those and to such which doe inrolle themselves in the Archfraternitie of the cord or Girdle of St. Frauncis and other confraternities to them united.* I just run it over, without writing any Thing from it. He hath also lent me a single MS. sheet of Paper (wrote only on two Pages of it) in fol. intit. *Robart Typper's Apollogie in defence of his Majesties Commission for defective Tytles.* I read it, but wrote nothing out of it.

Jan. 13 (Sat.). Mrs Mary Smith (whose Maiden name was Gordon) told me yesterday that she is 42 years of age.

Mr. Ward of Warwick hath lent me a little Paper MS. in Folio to peruse, but 'tis not his own, being *An abstract of some Survey of the Lands in the Dutchy of Cornwall in anno 7 Ed. III.* I transcribed nothing from it, not finding any thing to my purpose. Mr. Ward hath also lent me to peruse (but 'tis not his own) a single Paper sheet in MS., being *His Majestie's message to the house of Commons delivered by Secretarie Coke, tercio Maii 1628.* In this the King's Resolution of defending the ancient Privileges of the Subject is set forth.

Jan. 14 (Sun.). There is dead very lately Sir Abstrupus Danby, Knt., in an advanced Age; a Gentleman of an ancient and honourable Family in Yorkshire. He was descended from a Daughter of the Lord Scrope, of Massam and Upsal, which being a Barony in Fee, descends to the Females, and lies now in obeyance [*sic*] between Abstrupus Danby, Esq. and the present Sir Marmaduke Wyvill, Bart.; so in Mist's Journal of yesterday, Jan. 13. I remember that fourteen or fifteen years ago the

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Jan. 11, 172⅞. J. West to H. (Rawl. 17. 72). 'I had this week the MSS. given me. It contains a Chronicle which begins at the end of Edward the Confessour and comes to Henry III. At page 84 is the proem of Will. Neubrig. At page 88 you will find a Catalogue of the Abbots of Malmesbury. It wants the reigns of Ed. I and Ed. II and goes on to Ed. III, which is pretty long and full. It often mentions the Abbots of Oseney and particularly the story of Cardinal Ottobon's hiding himself in the steeple there. It was formerly the book of Sir Gervase Holles, all whose papers I have. At the end of a MS. formerly Sir Henry Spelman's and before belonging to Robert Hare, being chiefly law tracts, is a small Chronicle from Will. I to Ed. II.'

said Sir Abstrupus Danby was for some time in Oxford, & studied constantly in the Bodleian Library, into w^ch^ I got him admitted. He came to Oxford purely for the sake of that Library, and looked over M^r^. Dodsworth's MSS. Collections with great diligence, purely, I suppose, for Things concerning his own Estate and Family, and he and his servant with him extracted many Things. He was then a very old, but brisk, regular man, and used to rise very early in a morning.

Jan. 16 (Tu.). M^r^. Rob. Speakman (an ingenious Joyner of S^t^. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford) is next December compleat 39 years old, being born in Dec. 1689. M^r^. Hawkins, a Taylour of S^t^. Clement's near Oxford, is 42 years old.

Last Sunday in the Afternoon was buried in S^t^. Marie's Churchyard, Oxford, the Widow Martin, of that Parish, whose Husband, a Hatter, died about two years ago. She died last Thursday, aged about fourscore. They were both of them in their hearts Presbyterians, tho' they frequented the Church. They were unnatural to their only child living, a son, who is a Gentleman's Clark, or in some such business, at Salisbury, and lives very handsomely with his Wife & two Children. They were always very unkind to him, as they had been to another son, who thereupon drowned himself some years ago. This son at Salisbury (who hath a good fair Character) was very kind to his Parents, and used to send them money. They hated him, however, because he was of a different perswasion from them. His mother desired to be carried to her Grave by six Women, to have none else invited, to have about a Bushell of Lemon & Orange Peel put at the Bottom of her coffin instead of Bran. But the Son, who was present, observed none of these & other singularities, but buried her very decently. Some time since he had sent her eight guineas. She sealed them up, & had it writ upon, that they should be sent back again to him. She had a House about 8 libs. per an. (in w^ch^ she lived) that now comes to her son.

Yesterday morning they began to pull down the Remainder of S^t^. Peter's Church in the Bailly, Oxon., in order to have a new one erected in its stead, w^ch^ new one they compute will cost two thousand libs.

Jan. 17 (Wed.). On the 12^th^ of Oct. last M^r^. Murray lent me a thin folio Paper MS. done or sowed [*sic*] up in a Vellum Cover;

Jan. 15, 172⅞. H. to E. P. Gwyn, Esq., M.P. (Diaries, 118. 87). Thanks for *Epistola Bedae de Æquinoctio verno* transcribed by E. P. G. from his MS., but it has already been printed. The complete works of Bede have never been printed. 'B^p^ Fell had thoughts of it, and indeed he was the most publick-spirited Divine that ever appeared among us since Archbishop Laud's Time, and had he lived some years longer, such a great Work might have appeared for the Honour and Glory of England. But his death (w^ch^ was an universal Loss) put a stop to that and many other noble works, one of w^ch^ was Fr. Junius's *Etymologicon Anglicanum* w^ch^ now lies hid among many other of that learned man's MSS. without the least prospects of its ever being printed, notwithstanding the engagement that that and other perfect Writings he gave the University should be faithfully & correctly published.'

Jan. 17, 172⅞. R. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 3. 106). Finds from H.'s letter of Jan. 8 that he is expected to be Hearne's 'book-conveyer, an office more

on wch it is intitled, *The Booke of Sir Thomas Moore.* This I have read over. It is wrote in the nature of a Play or Interlude, soon after his death I believe. Tho' it appears from thence plainly, what a great, wise, good, and charitable man Sir Thomas was, yet there is no particular of History in it, but what we know already. It is the original, being in many places strangely scored & in others so altered that 'tis hard to make some things out.

Jan. 18 (Thur.). At the same time Mr. Murray lent me to peruse, a Paper folio MS. intit. *The Life and Death of Sir Thomas Moore, knight, sometymes Lord high Chancellor of England. Written in the tyme of Queene Marie.* Mr. Murray observes, that it is dedicated to Mr. Wm. Roper, & it seems to him very little to differ from that which goes under the name of Roper, except in the Dedication and 3 or 4 Leaves at the latter end. Indeed there is nothing material relating to Sir Thomas's Life but what is in Roper more pithily & judiciously told. And as for the said 3 or 4 Leaves, they are nothing to the Life of Sir Thomas, but are observations about the Catholick Faith & martyrdom. The Dedication I shall here transcribe at large. *The Epistle Dedicatorie to Mr. William Roper* [Begins 'To enterprise any thing' . . . ends 'happie new yeares, your Worshipps bounden N.H.L.D.']

Jan. 20 (Sat.). Tho' the Archbp of Cant., as 'tis said (tho' some say the contrary), approved of Mr. Darrell's Pedigree, yet he hath given the business of a Fellowship at All Souls against him, pretending his great want of Letters. Mr. Darrell was examined at Lambeth in Homer, Herodian, Horace, and Tacitus.

Jan. 21 (Sun.). Mr. Ward of Warwick hath lent me, he having borrowed it, a MS. 4to Paper, wrote on one side, called, *Epilogus tragoediae Caesaris interfecti, actae in aede Christi Oxon. 1581.* I just read it over.

Jan. 22 (Mon.). Mr. Ward also lent me a 4to Paper in MS., being Dr. Corbet's Epitaph on Dr. Donne. This he also borrowed. It is thus:—

[Printed in Corbet's Poems, p. 152 (ed. Gilchrist, London, 1807).]

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properly belonging to booksellers'; but as he is going to London next month H. may send 4 copies of J. of Glastonbury and 4 copies of A. de Domerham; when they arrive the money shall be sent.

Jan. 20, 172⅞. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 175; Diaries, 118. 149, 150). Some remarks on Mr. Wanley's opinion of Josceline de Brackelonde's life of Abbot Sampson; on Dr. Batley's history of St. Edmund's Bury; and on the London and Harrow editions of Antiq. Brit.

Jan. 20, 172⅞. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 17). Thanks for the present of *The Life of Sir John Perrott.* 'Reading over your Catalogue, I find p. 35 a book *about the Proceedings at Magd. Coll.* ascribed to my late Friend Dr. Smith, who assured me under his own hand, that he knew not in the least, who was the author of that narrative; so that I am sorry that in your Catalogue so very honest a man should be made to write a book, that he not only disowned, but was displeased with, not only as justice is not done in it to the horribly abused and unjustly abdicated King, but also as right is not done in it to Dr. Smith himself.'

Jan. 23 (Tu.). The beginning of last Week young Mr. Brasier (son of Mr. Brasier the Glover of St. Peter's in the East, Oxon.) & his Wife & Mr. Leaver the Apothecary, having been at cards at one Acarly's, that keeps a publick House in St. Peter's Parish, as they returned home at one clock in the morning, two young Gentlemen of Magd. Coll. being in the street (High Street) on the other side of the way, said to one another, 'God, we will have that Woman' (meaning young Brazier's Wife, a comely body) & thereupon presently went over the way, & just as they were got to old Brazier's House (the place at wch young Brazier & his wife lodge) said they would have the Woman. Leaver desired them to be civil, telling them she was a man's wife going home with her husband. Notwithstanding which, the Gentlemen knocked him down, & proceeded to take her, but she was got in, & when they still persisted to be rude, young Brazier having got a Penknife, or some other instrument, stabbed one of the Gentlemen (viz. Mr. Pescod, a Demy of Magd. Coll.) into the Belly, who bled much, & was presently carried to the Grey-hound,[1] where he is now, the wound being considerable.

Jan. 24 (Wed.). As to Leaver above mentioned, he is a man that is (not without great reason) supposed to lye often with the said young Brazier's Wife, she having been his servant before she was married to Brazier (who is a poor half-strained creature), & 'tis well known, that Leaver is a man much addicted to unlawfull venery, he having debauched several, particularly some that lived with him besides.

Jan. 25 (Thur.). Out of Mr. Thomas Martin's MS. of Elmham's metrical Chronicle of Hen. V.

[Lines about Sir John Oldcastle; see the edition of Elmham in the Rolls Series.]

Jan. 26 (Fri.). The Atcheivement of Sir John Presbyter (from a MS. Paper communicated to me by Tho. Ward, of Warwick, Esq., who had borrowed it).

He beareth party per pale, indented, God's Glory & his owne Interest. Over all profit, pleasure counterchanged, insigned with an Helmet of Ignorance, opened with confidence befitting his Degree, manteled with Gules & Tyranny, Doubled with Hypocrisie; upon a Wreath of Pride and Covetousnesse, for his Crest a Sinister hand lifting up a Solemne League and Covenant reversed and torne; in an Escrole underneath the sheild [*sic*] these words for his Motto, viz. Author aut nihil. This Coate is impaled with another of foure pieces, signifying thereby his foure severall matches; The first is the House of Geneva, she beareth for her Armes a feild of separation with marginall notes on the bible falsly quoted; the second is the House of Scotland, she beareth in her Escocheon the feild Rebellion, charged with a stoole of Repentance; the

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Jan. 23, 172⅞. H. to R. Bridges (Rawl. 3. 105). Sends 4 copies of J. of Glastonbury; 'when I am paid the 3½ guineas for them [see Jan. 8], I shall be ready to attend to what you have to say about any other books' [see Jan. 17].

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[1] At the corner of Long Wall; now part of site of Magd. Coll. school.—Ed.

third is the Family of Amsterdam, she beareth in a feild of Tolleration three Jewes heads proper, with as many Blew caps on them; the fourth & last is the Country of New England, she beareth for her Armoriall Ensignes in a feild of Sedition a crop-eared Preachman, preacht up into a Pulpit proper, holding forth to the people a Schismaticall Directory.

Jan. 27 (Sat.). On Thursday last, Jan. 25th (being St. Paul's Day), the Foundation Stone was laid for the new church of St. Peter's in the Bailly, Oxford.

From a MS. Paper lent me by Mr. Ward of Warwick, who had borrowed it. In the Will of William Pym of Woollavington of Somerset, gent., deceased. 'Item I give to Agnes that I did a long time take for my wife, till of late she hath denyed me to be her husband (although we were married with our friends consent, her father, mother, and uncle at it, & now she sweareth she will never love me, neither will be perswaded by Preachers, nor any other, which hath hapned within these few yeares, and Toby Andrewes the beginner, which I did see with mine owne Eyes when he did more than was fitting, and this by the meanes of Robert Musgrove and their Abettors, I have lived a miserable life these sixe or seaven yeares, and now I leave the revenge to God) tenne pounds to buy her a Great Horse, for I could not these many years please her with one great enough.' Proved 20 Sept., 1610, Wingfeild (a booke in the Prerogative Office, in Warwicke), fol. 81.

Jan. 28 (Sun.). Many years ago I was importuned to translate into Latin Mr. Lesly's *Pont. & Regale*, but this I declined. I was desired (I suppose at the motion of Mr. Lesly), because I was reported to be not only ready at writing Latin, but also for writing in that language elegantly.

Jan. 29 (Mon.). I was told last night, that the present Archbp of Cant., Dr. Wake, is one of the most abstemious men living.

At the same time, Bp Potter's late Coronation Sermon was talked of, and the Company agreed (and indeed all others agree in the same) that 'tis a sad, dull, stupid Thing, without method or Language, & they noted also, that his Book of Ch. Government was stole from the Archbp of Spalato, &c. Indeed, I knew Potter's abilities long ago, Dr. Aldrich & the best Judges having noted him to be a very poor mean Writer, of no Stile or good Method, & that his Gr. Antiq., &c., were taken from Meursius & other noted Books. But the Party cryed him up, & even Dr. Mill & Dr. Grabe did what they could to advance him.

Jan. 30 (Tu.). Mr. Euseb. Isham, M.A. & Fellow of Lincoln College, preached the Univer. Sermon this day at St. Marie's. He is an ingenious man, & is Brother to Dr. Isham of Magd. Coll.

Inscription of the Piller [*sic*] to be sett up near the Escureall, where the Prince [afterwards K. Ch. I] parted with the Kinge of Spaine [from

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Jan. 30, 172⅞. H. to Murray (Rawl. 112. 238). Elmham being done, the next will be the Black Book of the Exchequer.

a MS. Paper communicated to me by Tho. Ward of Warwick, Esq., who borrowed it].

[Inscription omitted; begins 'Hic ubi fausta', ends 'posteritati sacrum'.]

Fontanelle, in his Elogium of Sir Isaac Newton, printed not only in French, but in English, compares Sir Isaac & Cartesius, but gives the Preference out of partiality to the latter, whereas indeed Sir Isaac was much the greater man, Cartesius building upon Fancy, Sir Isaac upon Experience.

Sir Isaac's Relations are all very covetous, & now they print every Thing of his that they can get a penny by.

Dr. Halley (now in the 72nd year of his age) does not care to be thought old. Dr. Halley is excellent at writing short discourses in Mathematicks; but when he dives into other Subjects, he is whimsical, fancifull, and erroneous.

Feb. 1 (Thur.). The MS. of Peter Basset & Christopher Hanson (to which the Memorandum, taken from the beginning of it, at the end of this Volume[1] relates) begins at 1415 & ends in 1428, & so takes in part of Hen. VIth's Reign; indeed it is larger with respect to Hen. VI than Hen. V, there being 19 leaves of Hen. VI & but 16 of Hen. V. It is all in French, & hath been lent me from the Heralds' Office by the care of Mr. Anstis, who put it into Dr. Mead's hands, by whom it was sent me, at the same time I had Thomas Elmham & Wm. Worcester. Elmham I have printed, but Basset I have let alone, leaving that matter wholly to Mr. Anstis, who hath wrote the Life of Sir John Fastolf, to whose Exploits this Book relates, at least to the Actions in wch he was, & is rather *Adversaria* than a digested piece[2].

Mrs. Wells, the widow of Mr. Nath. Wells, of St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxon., was born March 25th, 1663.

Feb. 3 (Sat.). Old Mr. Haynes, of Stowe Wood, near Beckley, told me yesterday, when I walked thither, that he is eighty-two years of age, & that he had a Brother that lived & died at Stanton St. John's about two

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Feb. 2, 172⅞. H. to Dr. Mead (Diaries, 118. 107). The copies of Elmham are being sewn up. An advertisement is being issued that the next publication will be *The Black Book of the Exchequer* with *William Worcester's Annals*. The former would have been useful to Archbishop Usher in his *Sylloge epistolarum Hibernicarum*, had he known of it.

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[1] i. e. p. 185. 'Iste liber de Actibus, Armis & conquestu Regni Franciae, ducatus Normannie, ducatus Allenconiae, ducatus Andegaviae et Cenomanniae, cum aliis pluribus comitatibus, compilatus fuit ad nobilem virum Johannem Fastolf, baronem de Cyllyeguillem in anno Christi M CCCC LIX, anno quo dictus Johannes Fastolf obiit per Petrum Basset armigerum Anglicae nationis exercentem arma in patria Francia sub victorioso principe Rege Henrico quinto [& Christoforum Hanson de Almayn, quod [*sic*] cum Thoma Beauford duce Excestre exhibet santrore [*sic*] natus de Paryavil de clericis Johannis Fastolf per diligenciam Willelmi Wright secretarii predicti Johannis Fastolf] & sub Johanne duce Bedfordiae regenti regni Franciae, necnon aliorum principum locumtenencium sub rege Henrico Vto in toto per spacium xxxv annorum.'

[2] The article on Peter Basset in *D. N. B.* says there is doubt whether the MS. of Peter Basset formerly at the Heralds' Office is in existence. Hearne's description may settle the point. See also Diary, Feb. 8.

months ago, twenty years younger than himself, wch brother was a lusty proper strong man.

One Kent of Beckley was buried at Beckley on Thursday night last, at wch time I am told was an excellent Funeral Sermon preached in that Church, not for Kent, but for another, a substantial man of that Place, who desired it. As for Kent, he was a very strange Eater, devouring almost whatever was set before him, and once he eat a whole Peck of raw old Onions at one time without salt. Many such stories are told of him, & those true, insomuch that the Parish had much ado to keep him, & indeed I am told he died of want, being about 50 years of age. He used to be the common hangman at the Castle of Oxford.

Mr. Finch of Heddington hath a son, a young man, of Trinity College, by his Wife, a fine jolly handsome Woman, the Daughter of Mr. Lewington of Stanton St. John's, whose wife was also a very handsome brisk jolly Woman (by whom he had the said Madam Finch) & after Mr. Lewington's Death, she married Mr. Richard Cox of Stanton St. John's, who is since dead, as she is also.

Feb. 4 (Sun.). Dr. Craven, Master of Sidney College in Cambridge. being dead, the news Papers for yesterday tell us, that the Reverend Mr. Chambers being elected Master in his room, had declined accepting it; upon which they were proceeding to a new Choice.

The Rev. Mr. Wm. Wall died very lately. He was of Queen's Coll. in this Univ., as a member of which he took the Degree of M.A. on June 14, 1670, & afterwards became Vicar of Shoreham in Kent, a very poor Place for so truly learned a Divine, and yet this was all he had. He was the Author of a most excellent Book, called *The History of Infant Baptism*, printed in 8vo & 4to, for wch he had the Degree of Dr. of Div. conferred on him by Diploma a few years since by the Univ. of Oxford.

Feb. 5 (Mon.). I was told last night, that Dr. John Hough, Bp of Worcester, is in the 77th Year of his age.

Dr. Robert Freind, Head Master of Westminster School, was very lately made Preceptor to Prince William, as they call the second son of the present King (as they call him) George II.

Mr. Ward of Warwick hath lent me a MS. Paper in fol. (he borrowed) being writ on two Pages, by way of two Letters to a noble Lord, 'per anonymum', containing *Instructions for forraine Travell*:—

To have a devota or ancient nunne to chat withall, for nunns speake quaint Dialect, and present her with a few English gloves or knives. For apparel, let it be fashionable, and it matters not how plain it be, it being a rediculous vanity to goe gaudy among strangers. Chuse ever for your drinke in Hot countryes of France, Italy & Spaine, either water alone, or but a little wine with a great deale of Water, according to that wholesome verse

In cratere meo Thetis est conjuncta Lyaeo
Est Dea juncta Deo, sed Dea major eo.

Water is the generall drinke of most parts of the world, and conduceth more to health and Longevity then the fuming and hot drinks of Beere, Wine, Meade and the like, and agreeth very well with hot constitutions, such as your Lordship's is. The late countesse of Arundell, the countesse of Bristow, Sir Nicholas Fortescue, Sir John Hunt, and many more, drinke nothing but Water, and enjoy by it better & more constant health than ever before.

I make noe doubt it will agree with your Lordship's young constitution, both inwardly and outwardly. To Bathe your Body in the river in hot Weather is very good. To put Borage, Buglosse, Baume, Burnel, a sprig of Rosemary, Sugar, and a Lemmon to Spring Water, will make a wholesome, and pleasant Julip, and sometimes your Lordship may drinke milke & water with a little Sugar; I allow of smal Cyder which is the common drinke in Normandy, and for the mornings draught, if 'tis[1] Hott season, clarifyed whey, which being a mild, smoth, tempering drinke is fitt for the morning according to that

vacuis committere venis
Nil nisi lene decet.

Feb. 6 (Tu.). Copy of a MS. Paper, communicated to me lately by Mr. Ward of Warwick, who borrowed it. 'Certen most wicked & most slanderous words, gathered out of the Book of Gaspar Cicochius, printed in Poland.'

[Extract omitted, abusing Queen Elizabeth and James I.]

Feb. 7 (Wed.). Mr. Pocock (commonly called Alderman Pocock), Fruiterer, of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, is fourscore years of age compleat next March.

About three weeks since, Mrs. Deborah Wrench of Oxford (whose Father-in-law is Mr. Tag of Paradise Garden) was married in London to a Journey-man Gardiner in London, a man (I am told) neither personable nor of any Fortune, whereas she is a very pretty body, and hath a Fortune of three or four hundred Pounds.

Feb. 8 (Thur.). From a MS. in Paper in the Heralds' Office, containing many Things relating to the Reign of K. Hen. V, among wch are Peter Basset's and Christopher Hanson's imperfect *Adversaria* (commonly called Peter Basset's Life) of Hen. V in French.

The ordre of the states of the blode Ryalle. A Duke's eldeste sonne & heyre being of the blode Ryalle shall go or be sett before a Marques, and if he be not of the blode Ryalle, he shal be sett above a Erle. A Erle's sonne & heyre, yf he be of the blode Ryalle, shall sytt above a Vysconte, and if he be not of the blode Ryalle he shall sytt above a baron. The yongre sonne of a Duke to go & be sett above a baron. Also ye muste knowe & understande that some Lordes be of the blode Ryalle, & of smalle lyveleehoode, and some knyghtes be weddyd unto a ladye of Ryalle blode, she shall keype the state that she was before. The Ladie of lowe degree shall keype the state of her lordes blode which she is marryed unto, and therfor the Ryalle blode shall have honour & reverence. Therfor lett the Offycers of honour take good heade of the byrthe & nexte of the blode Ryalle. Yf the kynges uncle or brother keepe the estate in the kynges hawlle by the kinges commaundement, the Clothe of Estate shal be taken & rowllyd uppe as hyghe as his heade.

Also take heede unto Straungers, & put them in worshippe and reverence, for yf they have good enterteynement, hit is your soveraignes honour. And yf the kynge of any partie sende to our soveraigne any messuage [*sic*], & yf he be a knyght receive hym as a baron; and if he be a Esquyer receve hym as a knyght; and if he be a yeoman, receve hym as a Esquyer, and yf he be a Grome receve hym as a yeoman. Also hit is no Rebuke to a knyght, to sett a Grome of the kynges at his Table.

Feb. 9 (Fri.). I hear (and all I talk with agree in it) that Father Courayer (who hath wrote in Defence of the English Ordination and

[1] Hearne writes 'yt his'.

is come to England) hath an hundred and fifty libs. per annum settled upon him, & that vast Presents are made to him. Tho' this Gent. allows of the Ordination of the Ch. of Eng., yet he calls our English Bps schismatical Bishops.

Feb. 10 (Sat.). Yesterday in my walk (it being a fine warm Summer's day) I called at Binsey, and had some discourse with Mr. Thomas Pricket of that Place, a man I have mentioned formerly. Mr. Pricket is now in the 71st year of his age. His wife is living. He hath three children, a son & two Daughters. The son is a married man, & lives with his Wife at Binsey. One of the Daughters lives with her Father, the other is married & lives with her Husband at Ifley. Mr. Pricket (I mean the Father) hath been a very lusty man, & hath been a souldier of the Militia, particularly in the time of Monmouth's Rebellion, but he never went farther than Bisseter, Thame, &c. At Thame the present Earl of Abbingdon exercised at that time with them military affairs in Thame School, when this Pricket & others taught him several things in Arms.

About two Lands' length, or two Furlongs southwest from Binsey, on the other side the Water, that goes from Wightham to Botley, was formerly a notable village called Seckworth, situated in Berkshire. 'Tis now intirely demolished, & there is nothing remaining of it, only there stands a house & two or three hovels for cows, &c., on part of the Ground where it stood. The highway passed through it, & so over the water through Binsey Ford, & so to Oxford. There is a hardway now to be seen, & at Binsey the said way (which comes over the water, that goes from Wightham to Botley, wch water is called Seckworth) is called in one or two Places the King's Swarth.

Feb. 11 (Sun.). The Word Swarth before mentioned is a corruption for swaech, which signifies *villa, callis, semita.* So the King's Swarth is no more than the King's way. There is a tradition, that there were once above twenty Inns in Seckworth[1]. Some say that Wightham Castle on the hill was besieged by the Danes from Seckworth. I take Wightham castle to have been taken & demolished by the Danes in the Reign of K. Etheldred, Father of Edm. Ironside, wch K. Etheldred began to reign A. D. 978. In Etheldred's Reign also Seckworth was destroyed by the Danes, but it revived again in the days of K. Edw. Confessor, who was born at Islip, and began to reign A. D. 1042.

K. Edw. Confessor & his beautifull, virtuous, chast & learned Q. Edgitha or Editha were often at Seckworth, when they used to come to Oxford from Islip & Heddington, coming allong the King's Swarth beyond new Parks, so that then there was a Passage that way over

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[1] This tradition may be safely discredited. It is well known that there was a small manor and village of Seckworth, but there is no evidence that it was ever a place of importance; it is rarely mentioned in mediaeval deeds. The statement that the high road once passed through Seckworth is very doubtful. The way to Eynsham in the middle ages was probably through Cassington; otherwise the Thames had to be forded twice, once at Binsey and once at Eynsham.—Ed.

the Cherwell.[1] Oxford at that time (viz. in Edw. Conf. time) flourished much.

Feb. 12 (Mon.). From Mist's Journal for Sat., Feb. 10, $172\frac{7}{8}$.

London, Feb. 10. It is said that upon Father Courayer's Escape here from France, Lord Percival met him with his Coach and six at Greenwich, where he landed, and brought him to his House in Town, desiring him to use it as his own; and after Dinner, made him a handsome Present, as has likewise the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the new Bishops, Dr Hare and Dr Sherlock, in consideration of his great merit and suffering for writing a famous Treatise, entitled, *A Defence of the Validity of the English Ordinations, and of the succession of the Bishops in the Church of England.*

Feb. 13 (Tu.). Copy of a letter written to Dr. Mead by Mr. Anstis communicated to me by Dr. Mead on Sat., May 13, 1727, when I received from the Dr. 4 MSS., viz. one of Thomas Elmham put into his hands by the Earl of Oxford, and 3 put into his hands by Mr. Anstis, wch 3 belong to the Heralds' Office and are Thomas Elmham, Peter Basset, William Worcester's Chronicle:—

Sir, I have obtained an order to be entred in the minuits of our Chapter, that Mr Hearn may at any time receive any of the old Historians in the Office (where there are a great many) to print them, in case any one will undertake for the return of the MSS., which I have undertook for the present [as regards the [2]] three books sent you. I will soon give Mr Hearne my opinion of these three Books, & if He be sufficiently master of the French Language, we can furnish him with others of this kind. By this means I shall never find any thing new to myself, because I have already perused whatever is in our Books for my purpose. We have Scala Mundi & Evesham, which I saw this day placed near these Books. I am now going to Putney and am your most obedt servt, John Anstis.

Dr. Mead hath struck out the date, but I believe 'twas Dec. 1726, on wch day Mr. Anstis wrote to me that he had put the 3 MSS. into Dr. Mead's hands for my use, tho' the Dr. did not send them till long after, they coming to me on May 1st following.

Feb. 14 (Wed.). There is the following advertisement in Mist's Journal for Saturday last:—

'Ωριγένους περὶ εὐχῆς βιβλίον, Origenis de Oratione liber . . . ab editore Gulielmo Reading A.M. in collegio Sionensi Bibliothecario. To be had at Sion College price 10s. 6d. NB. A very small number are printed.

Feb. 13, $172\frac{7}{8}$. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 44). In Wharton's copy of the Antiq. Brit., there are very considerable notes by Sir John Parker, the Archbishop's son. 'I am told Fr. Courayer is firm to his first principles and goes to the chappell of the King of Sardinia's Ambassador, and yet has a pension of 100 lib., which he has well deserved.'

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[1] Hearne advances no proof for these statements. It is not certain that there was a place called King's Swarth by the Parks. Probably Hearne's argument is that the causeway from Seckworth to Botley points towards Headington, and if it led there it would cross the Cherwell by the Parks. The whole passage is hypothetical.—Ed.

[2] Some such words are necessary to make sense.

Feb. 15 (Thur.). As to the Ed. of Origen περὶ εὐχῆς, I have not yet seen it, but indeed I exspect no great matter from it, the Editor, Mr. Reading, having never been used to MSS. (and it seems this at Cambridge, the only one I know of, is but a blind one) and being withall but an heavy, injudicious tho' industrious man. The Oxford Ed., wch came out from the Theater anno 1686 & is called Bp Fell's Ed., is a very pretty one, being printed from the Cambridge MS. & the Translation to it being done (as he told me himself) chiefly by Dr. Mill.

Feb. 16 (Fri.). Mr. More, Gentleman Commoner of Xt Ch., grandson of the late Dr. More, Bp of Norwich & afterwards of Ely, is twenty years old, he being born (as he told me last night) five years after the great Storm, wch happened in Nov. 1703.

Dr. Tanner being made Treasurer of Xt Ch. and Prolocutor of the Lower House of Convocation, and being a man otherwise of vast business, as he is Chancellour of the Diocess [*sic*] of Norwich, there is now no great prospect of our having any publick Work of Learning from him during his Life.

Feb. 17 (Sat.). Mr. John Heber, that was lately a Civilian of University College, being in orders, tho' an undergraduate, is made Fellow of Manchester College.

Dr. Ralph Bridges, Vicar of Southweald, near Brentwood in Essex, is made Convocation man. He is the worthless Brother of my late very worthy Friend John Bridges, Esq., the only man of that Family of any manner of note, for Learning or any other laudable Quality [1].

Feb. 18 (Sun.). From Mist's Journal for yesterday, Feb. 17, 172$\frac{7}{8}$.

London, Feb. 17. 'Tis said his Majesty has been graciously pleased to settle a Royal Pension of one hundred Pounds per annum on the learned Father Courayer, who was obliged to quit his Preferments in his own Church in France, for so unanswerably defending ours.

A Caveat being entered some time ago at the Lord Privy Seal's Office, to prevent the passing of a Patent, constituting the Rev. Mr. Heber Fellow of Manchester College, his Lordship last Tuesday heard the Merits of the Cause argued by able Counsell, and has declared in Favour of the Patent.

Feb. 19 (Mon.). From the said Journal of Mist:—

London, Feb. 17. On Monday last, being the last day of Term, several persons appeared at the King's Bench upon their Recognizances, and were continued. At the same time the following sentence was passed on Mr. Curl, viz. to pay 25 marks for *The Nun in her Smock*; 25 for the Treatise *De usu flagrorum*; for *The Memoirs of Ker of Kersland* 20 marks, and to stand in the Pillory at Charing-Cross, to remain in prison till all was paid, and to be bound in a Penalty of £100 for his good Behaviour.

This is that vile, scandalous, wicked, impudent Wretch Edmund Curl, the Publisher of most obscene wretched Books.

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[1] Hearne and Mr. Bridges were in strained relations; see letters of Jan. 4 and Jan. 17, both of which begin 'Mr. Hearne'; but the letter of Feb. 27th and later letters begin 'Good Mr. Hearne'.—Ed.

Feb. 20 (Tu.). Last Saturday called upon me, and staid with me a great while, in the forenoon, Mr. John Loveday, Gentleman Commoner of Magd. Coll., Oxon., of wch he was entered this Lent Term. He was born at Caversham in Oxfordshire, where his Father Mr. Thomas Loveday is buried, having shortened his days by hard drinking as his son told me.

The said young Mr. Loveday is an ingenious Gent. and takes great delight in Antiquities. He hath a Collection of old Coins (some of wch he shewed me) & collects curious Papers and Books. He went to School at Reading, his master being Mr. Haviland John Hiley, who took his Master of Arts Degree as a member of Ball. Coll., May 27, 1714. He said he believed his said Master (whom I know not) is as good a Schoolmaster as any in England.

Mr. Thomas Loveday (Father of this young Mr. Loveday) lived several years at Feens in the Parish of White Waltham, near Maidenhead in Berks., having bought that Estate, wch (as his son told me) is now the Joynture of his Widow, the mother of this young Loveday.

Feb. 21 (Wed.). Meeting Mr. Tottenham of Lincoln College last Friday (as I returned from my walk to Beckley, it being an extraordinary fine day) on Magd. Coll. Bridge, he told me Dr. Archer (Archdeacon of Wells) designed to send me in a little time some MSS. Papers of good value.

Last night was buried in St. Michael's church, Oxon., the widow of the late Alderman Pinnel of Oxford (who was a mercer), but she died in the Parish of Allhallows. She was about fourscore years of age.

Yesterday died the widow Eyson (whose first husband's name was Cawdrey) of St. Gyles's, Oxford, & was buried at three clock to-day. In her first husband's Time she lived in very good circumstances, but was afterwards reduced. She was about 81 years of age.

Feb. 22 (Thur.). About a month or five weeks since died of the Feaver, that raged of late so much in England and other Parts, Mrs. Willis of Drayton near Dorchester in Oxfordshire, & she is there buried. She was hardly fourty years of age, a jolly, comely, proper and very sensible, brisk, well-bred Woman. Her Husband (by whom she hath left two or three children) is much older than she, and hath a great Loss by her Death, she being an extraordinary tender Wife, & an excellent

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Feb. 20, 172⅞. H. to Lord Bruce (Rawl. 3. 160). Has received half a guinea, the second payment for Adam de Domerham. Sends a copy of Elmham, according to the letter of Jan. 8; the price is 11/-, which may be sent by Godfrey.

Feb. 20, 172⅞. H. to Murray (Rawl. 112. 240). Sends 8 copies of Elmham for distribution.

Feb. 20, 172⅞. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 18). Sends a copy of Elmham. With this is the Advertisement of the Black Book of the Exchequer and the Annals of William of Worcester to be issued in two volumes, 2 guineas large paper, 1 guinea small paper.

Feb. 22, 172⅞. Tho. Allen to H. (Rawl. 1. 18). Sends £3 4/- for two copies of Domerham and two of Elmham; also sends half a guinea for a token to H., Mr. Whiteside and others; H. to settle how it is to be spent.

manager. She read & understood History and Antiquity. I have often discoursed her in Points of that kind, & found her very ready & skillfull, & she was so much pleased with my conversation, that she hath often invited me to her House, but I never called there.

Feb. 23 (Fri.). Yesterday Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll. lent me Mr. Peck's Academia Tertia Anglicana, or Stanfordian Annals, wch I just run over (Mr. Loveday having desired me to do so) & found it to be one of the most strange, injudicious, conceited Rhapsodies that ever I saw in my Life. This Collector ends in Hen. VI's Reign, intending, I suppose, another volume. A judicious man would have brought the whole into a very little 8vo Book. I find now the Character true of him that I had formerly heard.

Feb. 24 (Sat.). About two months since Mr. Stephen Richardson, Bach. of Arts of Magd. Hall, was married to one Gadney, a Bedmaker of Exeter Coll., since wch she is brought a bed. He is the eldest son of Mr. Stephen Richardson the Printer, who hath had ill luck with his Children. This Stephen is a sad drunken illiterate idle spark, and 'tis a great Vexation to his Father, that he should marry a Bedmaker, that is worth nothing.

Yesterday Mr. Hawkins of Oxford, surgeon, gave me the following fair Brass Coin of Magnentius :—DN MAGNENTIVS P F AUG., Magnentii caput diad.; Rev. FELICITAS REIPVBLICE, fig. mil. stans d. victoriolam s. labbarum; infra RSLC [id est, ut explico, REstituta Londini Civitas].

Feb. 25 (Sun.). The two following Coins (wch I returned back on Tuesday last, Feb. 20) were lent me on Dec. 5th last by Dr. John Thorpe of Rochester, who told me they had been lately lent him by James Master, Esq., of Yotes in the Parish of Mereworth in Kent. They were found in Mr. Master's own Lands near Yotes. IMP CAES VESP AVG P M TR PPP COS VIII, Vespasiani caput laur.; Rev. FELICITAS PVBLICA, fig. mul. stolata stans dextra hastam puram sinistra cornucop.; hinc inde s c.; spurium esse judico.

DIVO AVG. T DIVI VESP. F. VESPASIAN.; fig. mul. stolata sedens, dex. florem; infra s. c.; Rev., amphitheatrum, hinc sceptrum, illinc anchora. Mem. the said coin is a very spurious one. 'Tis in Mediobarbus, p. 127, where 'tis thus described, DIVO AVG. T. DIVI VESP. F. VESPASIAN. S.C., figura spoliis insidens dextra ramum oleæ, amphitheatrum cum meta sudantium, &c. Mediobarbus placeth it under the year of Christ 81, after the Death & Consecration of Titus.

Feb. 26 (Mon.). On Thursday last (being the 22nd inst.) died in St. John Baptist's Parish, Oxon., where he had lived some time, Mr. Richard Hearne (not at all related to the Writer of these matters),

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Feb. 24, 172⅞. Sam. Mead to H. (Rawl. 8. 109). Has received H.'s letter of Feb. 20 and the books. Was in 'a Fitt of the gout' and could not write before; can now scarce write.

Feb. 24, 172⅞. Ric. Farney to H. (Rawl. 5. 155). Has received Elmham; wishes to subscribe for the Black Book of the Exchequer; has had a little disorder in his right hand but now is better.

Bookbinder, and was buried on Saturday at S^t^. Marie's by his Wife (who had been a nurse, and died of a dropsy a little while before), in w^ch^ Parish they formerly lived many years. He died very poor.

On Tuesday last, being Feb. 20^th^, died of the small Pox in London M^r^. Dormer of Ascot near Watlington[1], the same that some years ago should (had he had his right) have been hanged for a barbarous Murder he committed in Woodstock Park. He was about fourty years of age, was a sad swearing heathenish irreligious man, and hath (as I am assured) been guilty of other Murther besides that. He hath left a Lady, a pretty Woman, but had never any Child by her.

Feb. 27 (Tu.). Tho' the 30^th^ of January be by publick authority enjoyned to be kept most strictly and religiously, as it most certainly ought to be, as a solemn Fast, yet this last 30^th^ of Jan. M^r^. Meadowcourt, being subwarden of Merton College, of which he is Fellow, ordered a Dinner in the College publick Refectory, as if it had been a gaudy, at one Clock, and accordingly at that time was a great dinner as upon great Festivals, in w^ch^ many others of the same stamp with himself (for he is a most vile Wretch) joyned, a Thing that hath made a great noise, particularly at London, and three or more of the Bishops have sent to inquire into the Truth of it, the Whigs themselves being nettled at it, for even the generality of them would have the day observed, being afraid least an Usurper should undergo the same Fate as that blessed martyr K. Ch. I.

Feb. 28 (Wed.). D^r^. Arbuthnot, the Physician (who hath wrote about ancient Weights, Coins, &c.), is a true Scot, and so is his son of X^t^ Church.

The following MSS. Papers have been lent me to peruse by Thomas Ward, of Warwick, Esq., who borrowed them:—(1) A fol. sheet, indorsed, ult. Octob. 1614. The Precedencies of the M^r^ of the Rolles and of the Chauncellor of the Exchequer. (2) A short and true relation concerning the Netherlanders in England, 4^to^ a sheet. (3) A Breefe of the Ryall Offices exchange and rechange of the Lawes Proclamations, and letters

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Feb. 27, 172$\frac{7}{8}$. H. to Allen (*draft*; Rawl. 1. 18). Has received £3 4/-; 'we all thank you for the half guinea token [see letter, Feb. 22]; we have spent it and drank your health heartily.'

Feb. 27, 172$\frac{7}{8}$. R. Bridges at Mrs. Johnson's, Warwic Court in Holborne, to 'good M^r^. Hearne' (Rawl. 3. 107). Has not yet received Adam de Domerham; requires 7 copies; also 7 copies of Elmham and 7 copies of the 2^nd^ Ed. of 'your letter about the Picture Gallery'. 'I hope my sick and weak condition last year has not quite defac't all sense of former kindness' [see letters of Jan. 17 and Jan. 23].

Feb. 27, 172$\frac{7}{8}$. James Joye to H. (Rawl. 7. 106). Has received Elmham and has sent a guinea by Godfrey.

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[1] Ascot is not near Watlington, but is on the road from Oxford to Watlington. Mr. Dormer's house was about half a mile from Stadhampton but was in Ascot, a hamlet of the parish of Great Milton. It was subsequently destroyed by fire, but the gateway and the avenue which led to the house still remain.—Ed.

Patent. A single sheet in Folio. (4) Concerning the giving the Cupp to the Laity; a single folio sheet of Paper, from wch I wrote nothing. (5) A very honest bold speech of some one that was executed I think in Charles Ist's or Oliver's Time, in a single sheet of Paper, folio. I wrote nothing from it. (6) God's Judgements upon mariages with the Heathen in the Old Testament. A single Paper sheet. Good. I wrote nothing out of it. (7) About the Low Countries, a Paper fol. MS., 4 sheets & an half. I wrote nothing from it.

Feb. 29 (Thur.). Yesterday I saw Mr. Rolleston of Merton Coll.; I asked him about the scandalous Gaudy at their College on the 30th Jan. last. He extenuated the Matter, and laid it wholly upon Meadowcourt, saying, however, that it was an indiscreet Thing.

Young Mr. John Ives apothecarie's Wive's [*sic*] maiden name was Eldridge. Her Father, Mr. William Eldridge, is a Farmer of Great Milton in Oxfordshire, whose Brother, Mr. John Eldridge, a Grazier of that Place, died lately (without will, suddenly) and was looked upon as vastly rich, but upon his Death it appeared otherwise, all being made over to another Brother, an Atturney.

March 1 (Fri.). This being the Birthday of Queen Carolina, as they call the Wife of the present Usurper, there was jambling of Bells, but no good Ringing in Oxford. She was born on the first of March, 1682 (according to the reckoning of the Church of England, but after the forreign ways March 1, 1683), and is now complete fourty-five years of age. She is looked upon as a cunning Woman, yet her Intriegues are easily seen through, as she is a very proud Creature, so Persons of true honesty and wisdom disregard and despise her.

March 2 (Sat.). About a Quarter of a Year since, they destroyed in Brasennose College Quadrangle the fine Garden & shades of that Quadrangle, the only one of that kind then remaining in Oxford, and had been such from the very Foundation of the College, and was agreeable to the Custom in Monasteries, and instead thereof 'tis now to be open, & some sorry statue placed in it. This, among others, is an argument of the decay of Letters, wch love Retirement & sweet shady Places. Dr. Robert Shippen, the Principal of the College, was the chief occasion thereof.

Feb. 29, 172⅞. Samuel Gale to H. (Rawl. 6, 55). Desires copies of Elmham for himself and Sir John Evelyn, and two copies of the Black Book.

Feb. 29, 172⅞. Sir Hans Sloane to H. (Rawl. 27c 28. 203). On Thursday the 22nd he sent in a letter a guinea and a half subscription for the Black Book. Has it been received? [H. adds a note that it had not.]

Feb. 29, 172⅞. William Thomas to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 236). Has received the copies of Elmham; Dr. Stratford will pay when he returns to Oxford, which will be about a month hence; books and letters may for the future be put in the same parcel with Lord Oxford's.

Feb. 29, 172⅞. R. Bridges at Warwic Court in Holborne to H. (Rawl. 3. 108). Has received 4 copies of Adam de Domerham, but requires 7 copies; also 7 copies of Elmham, and 7 copies of the Letter about the picture gallery. The money shall be sent by Godfrey the carrier.

March 3 (Sun.). The Honourable John Mountague, S.T.P., Dean of Durham, being dead, Dr. Bland, Head Master of Eaton School, is made Dean in his Room. The said Dr. Mountague was admitted Master of Trin. Coll., Camb., May 3, 1683, and being made Dean of Durham in 1699 he was succeeded as Master of Trin. Coll., Feb. 1, 1699, by Dr. Richard Bently. This Dr. Mountague had the Character of a generous man, and he lived hospitably.

March 4 (Mon.). Dr. John Younger, Dean of Salisbury, being dead, Dr. Wishaw is made Dean in his room. The said Dr. John Younger was of a great age, about 90. He was of Magd. Coll., Oxon., as a member of wch he took the Degree of M.A. June 7, 1662, that of B.D. June 26, 1673, & that of D.D. Mar. 10, 1680. He was Fellow of Magd. Coll. & for some time second keeper of the Bodl. Library, and before he was Dean of Salisbury he was Prebendary of Canterbury (being enstalled in Dec. 1685), and resigning in 1691, was that year made Dean. He was a good-natured man and a good scholar, but I do not know of any publick Works of Learning of his. He had a son (Mr. Richard Younger), lately of Xt Ch., Oxon., as a member of wch he took the Degree of M.A. June 13, 1718.

March 5 (Shrove Tuesday). On Saturday night last died in his Chambers at Christ Church the Rev. Mr. Henry Gregory, M.A. and Student of that College, aged about fourty. He was an ingenious good-natured man, a very good Scholar and an excellent Preacher, and might have lived many years longer had he used Exercise, wch he did not, but kept almost constantly in his room. He was Son of the late Mr. Francis Gregory, Rector of Hambleton, near Great Marlow in Bucks. He took the Degree of M.A. Jan. 19, 1713. His mother is still living, and he hath left two sisters, one a Widow Woman, the other never yet married. He had an elder Brother named Francis Gregory, who took the Degree of M.A. as a Member of Xt Ch. April 1, 1704, & was afterwards Chaplain of Corpus Xti Coll. & hath been dead many years, being a whimsical man. This Francis Gregory having read Sir John Floyer, &c., about cold Bathing, one night about midnight at a cold season most indiscreetly threw himself into the River, wch proved so detrimental, that tho' he lived a good while after, yet he never from that time had the enjoyment of his senses, his speech being so taken from him, that he could afterwards neither preach nor read Prayers.

March 3, 172⅞. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 102; Diaries, 118. 145). Has received the books by Mr. Gordoun's conveyance. 'I desired Mrs. Bedford to pay you; if she is not punctual, I must think of some other way; not being of your sex and mine, she has not a taste of Antiquities.' Knows nothing of the Black Book. 'I am glad to hear of the honour done to honest Mr. Bagford; he had a great hand in making the collection of the Bp. of Ely's books. Dr. Tanner meets with no reward in this glut of preferments, which I am sorry for.'

March 5, 172⅞. Ric. Furney to H. (Rawl. 5. 156). Has sent one guinea by Mr. Morgan, the whole subscription for one copy of the Black Book in small paper.

March 6 (Ashwed.). Tho' Percy Enderby's History of Wales be a paultry Book, yet most of the Impression having been destroyed in the great Fire of London, 'tis now become so exceeding scarce, that Mr. Woodman, the Bookseller, sold one for 8 or 10 Guineas, and I know that Mr. John Murray, a man well versed in things of this kind, makes it his business to pick up what copies he can of it.

March 7 (Thur.). Yesterday morning the Corps of Mr. Henry Gregory was carried out of Oxford to Hambledon in Bucks., & there buried by the Bones of his Father.

Yesterday died, aged about an hundred, one Mrs. Pinker, of Oxford, who formerly kept a Toy shop, as her Daughter does now.

In some Chronicles it is said that William Conqueror besieged Exeter in the 2nd year of his Reign. I think it should be Oxford, *Exonia* for *Oxonia*, being put sometimes in old MSS. by mistake, and 'tis certain Oxford was at that time besieged [1].

March 8 (Fri.). On Monday last, being the fourth instant, died Mrs. Smith, of St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, & was buried in the said St. Peter's Church on Wednesday night, being Ashwednesday, following, her husband, a much younger man than herself (she being above 70, & he between fourty & fifty) being glad of it, they having been married but a little while, & he marrying her only for Pelf. Her first Husband's name was Stonehill, a Coachman of that Parish, who grew rich. When she was young she was a very comely Person, and she had a Bastard by Dr. Thomas Jeames [*sic*], Warden of All Souls Coll., who hath been dead something more than 41 years, wch bastard (a man) is now living in St. Gyles's Parish, Oxford. She hath left by her Husband Stonehill two Children, a Son and Daughter, the Son an effeminate fellow, is commonly called Miss Stonehill. The Daughter, Betty Stonehill, a pretty body, was much admired lately by Mr. Heat, the Organist of Magd. Coll., who tho' an elderly man, is much addicted to the Flesh, & there are odd Stories with reference to him & Betty Stonehill's Brother (Miss Stonehill) before mentioned.

March 9 (Sat.). A twelfth Part of Bibliotheca Rawlinsoniana is come out, to be sold by Auction on Monday, March 18th next, in page 65, num. 2555, of which is a 4to Book, thus intit. *Dr. Finche's Case of Mr. Jonas Preast, late Chaplain of All Souls College in Oxford.* I know not

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March 7, 172⅞. Sir A. Westcombe to H. (Rawl. 11. 103). Has received Elmham. Desires his books to be sent in future to his house in Hanover St. and not to the Coffee-house.

[*c.* **March 8, 172⅞.**] **Sir Philip Sydenham to H.** (Rawl. 27 C. 211). Has sent a bill for two books and one subscription for the intended work; also a shilling for postage; the money will be paid by Symon Mitchell, Esq. [see letters of March 12 and 16].

March 9, 172⅞. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 19). Has received copies of the Catalogue for himself and Mr. Whiteside. 'In your last packet I found

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[1] Hearne is in error. The reading *Exonia* is correct; the MSS. which read *Oxonia* are wrong.—Ed.

well what this is, but sure it cannot be the Case put out by Mr. Preast himself, wch was against Dr. Finch, & wch I could never yet see printed, as indeed I never yet saw this of Dr. Finch, nor had I before ever heard of any such printed Thing, tho' I had much heard of Mr. Preast's. [The said printed Thing of Finch's was sold in this Auction for twenty six shillings, tho' 'tis not worth above six pence. There is little in it. 'Tis reprinted in Tillotson's Life. Mr. Preast's own case by himself is well done, & is very scarce.]

March 12 (Tu.). Yesterday Dr. Tanner lent me a MS. in folio, unbound & unsowed, written by Anthony Wood's own hand, being Anthony's Life of himself, ending in 1672, tho' several Leaves after 1660 are wanting (being plainly torn from the respective sheets, though Dr. Tanner told me nothing is wanting), wch is also larger in several Places (tho' in others some things are omitted) than the 4to one lent me (& wch I still have) by the present Earl of Oxford, wch ends in 1659. There is also this difference between this & the 4to, that whereas Anthony in the 4to speaks of himself generally in the 1st person, in this folio (wch certainly he intended to have been printed) he speaks, excepting here and there (wch he thought also to have had altered), in the 3rd. There is no Title also to this folio one. I believe Anthony designed it as a part of the 3rd vol. of his Athenae, & I am apt to think (from what Dr. Charlett more than once told me) that he carried it lower, tho' Dr. Tanner (who with some demur gave me leave to transcribe it) said not.

March 13 (Wed.). Sir Philip Sydenham, in a Letter I received very lately from him (he being in London), observes that we have at Oxford a MS. of the Lives and Pictures of the Earls of Warwick. He wishes I would oblige the Publick with it. We have such a MS. among Sir W. Dugdale's in Mus. Ashm., Jo. Ross being author, but Sir William himself hath published what is material hereof, & the Pictures are of no great moment. Sir William was the Transcriber himself from the Original.

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the *Specimen and Proposals for a history of Printing*. I find by it poor, honest Mr. Bagford's papers will be made use of, and little or no justice done him. Alas, if I may guess from this specimen, 'twill be a poor, mean performance. The printer may keep to his mechanicks, but he should not pretend to learning.'

March 10, 172⅞. R. Levett at Walcot, Bishop's Castle, Shropshire, to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 29). Asks that the book be sent by the Ludlow carrier. Mr. Ives will pay for it.

March 10, 172⅞. Gilb. Lake to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 27). Asks H. to get the books bound as usual.

March 12, 172⅞. H. to Gordoun (*draft*; Rawl. 27 C. 210). Asks G. to collect Sir Philip Sydenham's subscription from Mr. Mitchell, and after deducting expenses to return the remainder by Godfrey; sends the bill which he has endorsed [see letter of March 8].

March 12, 172⅞. E. P. Gwyn to H. (Rawl. 6. 168). Has been lent a MS. copy of Gervase of Tilbury. Would H. like to see it?

March 14, 172⅞. R. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 158). Sends £15 12/-, payments for Domerham and Elmham, and subscription for the Black Book. Wishes to know where H. obtained his transcript of the Black Book.

March 15 (Fri.). Two or three days since I first saw Mr. Scot's History of Scotland, a Folio Book, dedicated to Duke Hamilton. 'Tis a most pitifull trivial Performance, taken from the common English Translation of Hector Boëthius and Buchanan, & from some other common English Books, without consulting Fordun, the Father of the Scottish History, or having any access to Original Papers. Indeed the Author is a young illiterate Pretender, but is very confident & seems to be prepared to despise what may be said against his Book. Yet he got a great number of Subscribers to this poor slight Work.

March 17 (Sun.). A week since died old Mrs. Willis, of South Hinxsey, near Abbington in Berks., a Woman near an hundred years old.

March 18 (Mon.). To palliate their Crime at Merton Coll. upon the 30th of January last, wch they kept there as a Festival, they pretend that 'twas to hinder their members from dining in the Town, & that 'tis a Custom so to do all over the University, wch is a downright Falsity, other Places, not only Colleges & Halls, but even private Houses observing the Fast very strictly.

March 19 (Tu.). On Sunday last in the afternoon (being the 17th of March) died Mr. George Vincent, of Oxford, cutler, a man of more than 60 years of age and of singular honesty & integrity. He was prenticed & lived when young at Reading. At the time of Preston Business, his House was searched for Arms. He was a man beloved by all, but his Circumstances were but low. He hath left a Widow, a proud Woman, and by her a Son and Daughter. The Son, Mr. Richard Vincent, is M.A. of Univ. Coll. & one of the Lecturers of Cairfax in Oxon. The Daughter, a proud creature, is married to one Mr. Tongue in the Cornmarket, Oxon., who deals in Fishing Tackle, as his Father does also. [Mr. Vincent was buried Tuesday night, March 19.]

March 16, 172⅞. H. to Sir Philip Sydenham (*draft*; Rawl. 27 C. 210). The copies of Elmham will be sent by Godfrey on Tuesday; H. points out that only sixpence, not a shilling, was sent for postage [see letter of March 8].

March 16, 172⅞. H. to Gilbert Lake (*draft*; Rawl. 27 C. 28). Is sending the books; the binding of the large paper copy of Elmham is 2/6, the small paper copy 1/8.

March 16, 172⅞. J. West to H. (Rawl. 17. 71). 'My friend Norroy informs me that an account of the Remembrancers is printed by Mr. Madox in his History of the Exchequer. The original of the book you are now printing must have long since been out of the custody of the King's Remembrancer, as Powel in his Repertoire of Records (1631) makes no mention of it. I question not it may be the same with our Red Book or Testa de Neville.... Mr. Casley is transcribing the life for you.'

March 18, 172⅞. J. Anstis to H. (Rawl. 1. 107). Finds that Chicheley's statutes for All Souls are often in the same words as Wykeham's statutes for New College. Wishes to know if any other College statutes make provision for founder's kin.

March 19, 172⅞. The Earl of Oxford to H. (Rawl. 8. 191; Diaries, 118. 153). Thanks for the present of the books. Has lately employed Vertue to grave a picture of John Bagford and he has made a good print.

March 20 (Wed.). On Mond., the 11th inst., being at Xt Ch. with Dr. Tanner, and talking with him about Ant. Wood's Hist. & Antiquities of Merton Coll., wch in his Hist. & Antiq. Univ., Oxon., he promised to print separately, he said that among his Papers after his Death appeared no such Thing, only a List of the Fellows of the College, & some such Thing wch he (Dr. Tanner) delivered to Mr. Heyman of that College for the use of the College, wch he believes to be there still. This Mr. Heyman hath been dead many years. I have formerly mentioned him. He was a good, honest, quiet sort of Man.

March 22 (Fri.). The Prince of Orange (he that was the Usurper, & was & is commonly called King William the IIIrd) used often to hunt in Windsor Forest, particularly by Billingbeare side & about Brick Bridge. He would sometimes stay by Brick Bridge (before he hunted) in his Coach an hour or two together, & eat a bit of something, and drink a Glass or two of Wine or something else. I have seen him several times, I being then a little boy, so I remember particularly I saw him once there (viz. at Brick Bridge) in the year 1690, when there were three other men in his coach. He talked with them in the Dutch language, and seemed mightily pleased that a great Concourse of country People were gathered together to see & stare upon him & to view his small white hand. He stepped at that time out of the Coach, and made Water against it, at wch time (viz. when he was making Water) an old woman (one Good Tyrrell) kneeld down & begged of him an Alms, but he gave her nothing.

March 23 (Sat.). My Lord Kinnoul hath ten children (I am told) living by his Lady, the present Earl of Oxford's sister, who is an excellent virtuous Woman, & very carefull of all of them, while my Lord, her Husband, the Earl of Kinoul, lives separately from her, minding other Women, and not at all deserving such a good Wife. My Lord Duplin (one of the sons), who is Nobleman of Xt Church, I think is in great measure maintained wholly by the Earl of Oxford.

March 24 (Sun.). Yesterday died Mr. William Prince, of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, at his House in King's Street in that Parish, aged about 76. He was by Trade a Barber, and was many years together Mancipal of Edm. Hall, where he acted very honestly. But he gave over his Trade many years ago, as he also resigned his Mancipal's Place about twelve years since, his Intellectuals then beginning to fail him, and indeed soon after he was, as it were, quite bereaved of his Understanding, so that he hath continued ever since in a very helpless condition, but his Wife (who is still living) hath been all along very tender and carefull of him, as was also his Daughter Mary, but his Daughter Eliz., who hath been a loose Girl and now lives in the Country, was otherwise. This Mr. Prince was originally a Roman Catholick, but was converted by Dr. Thomas Barlow, and afterwards he was very furious against the Roman Catholicks, charging them with Idolatry, the chief Plea made use of to

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March 21, 172⅞. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 46). Will see that Mr. Parne does not desist from being a subscriber to H.

him by Dr. Barlow, & he was as violent against the Rightfull Heir to the Crown, & was a very great Stickler for Usurpers. He had been a very genteel man, & had once good Sense, but was very proud and conceited. He had two sons, Stephen and William, both Barbers, the latter is still living, but the former died many years ago in the Plantations. Both these sons proved wild. This Mr. Prince died, but in mean Circumstances. [He was buried on Mond. at 10 Clock night, March 25, in St. Peter's Churchyard.]

March 26 (Tu.). Yesterday in the afternoon meeting Mr. Chesterman, of Caversham (who is M.A. of Ball. Coll.), he told me that Mr. Lewis Torkington, Rector of Shottesbrooke and Vicar of White Waltham, near Maidenhead in Berks., was buried (I suppose in Shottesbrooke Church) last Sunday, March 24th. He was an ingenious man, but killed himself by hard drinking, being little more than 50 years of Age. He said Mr. Welton, of St. John's Coll., who is Tutor in Sir John Stonehouse's Family, is like to have both these Places.

He said that Mr. John Nevile Lowther, an ingenious Joyner, whom I have formerly mentioned, died near a year ago. This Mr. Lowther married Mr. Chesterman's sister, a jolly comely young Woman. Mr. Lowther had no child by her. He died heartbroke, being about 50 years old, his Circumstances, it seems, being bad, what he had being in the South Sea, whereas 'twas thought he had been worth clear fifteen hundred Pounds.

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c. **March, 172⅞. R. Gordoun to R.** (Rawl. 6. 114). Sends names of 14 subscribers to Elmham and 13 to the Black Book.

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