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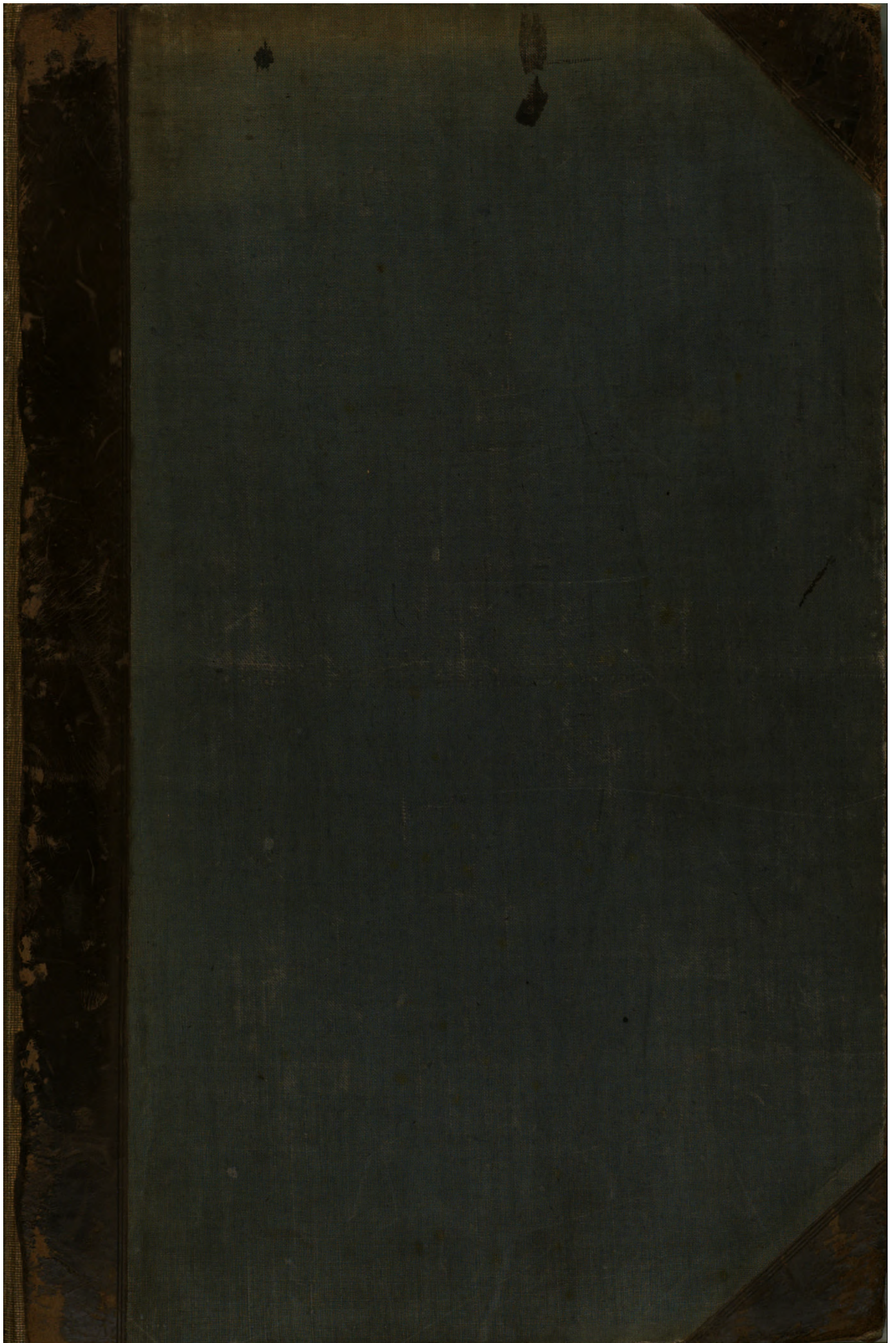
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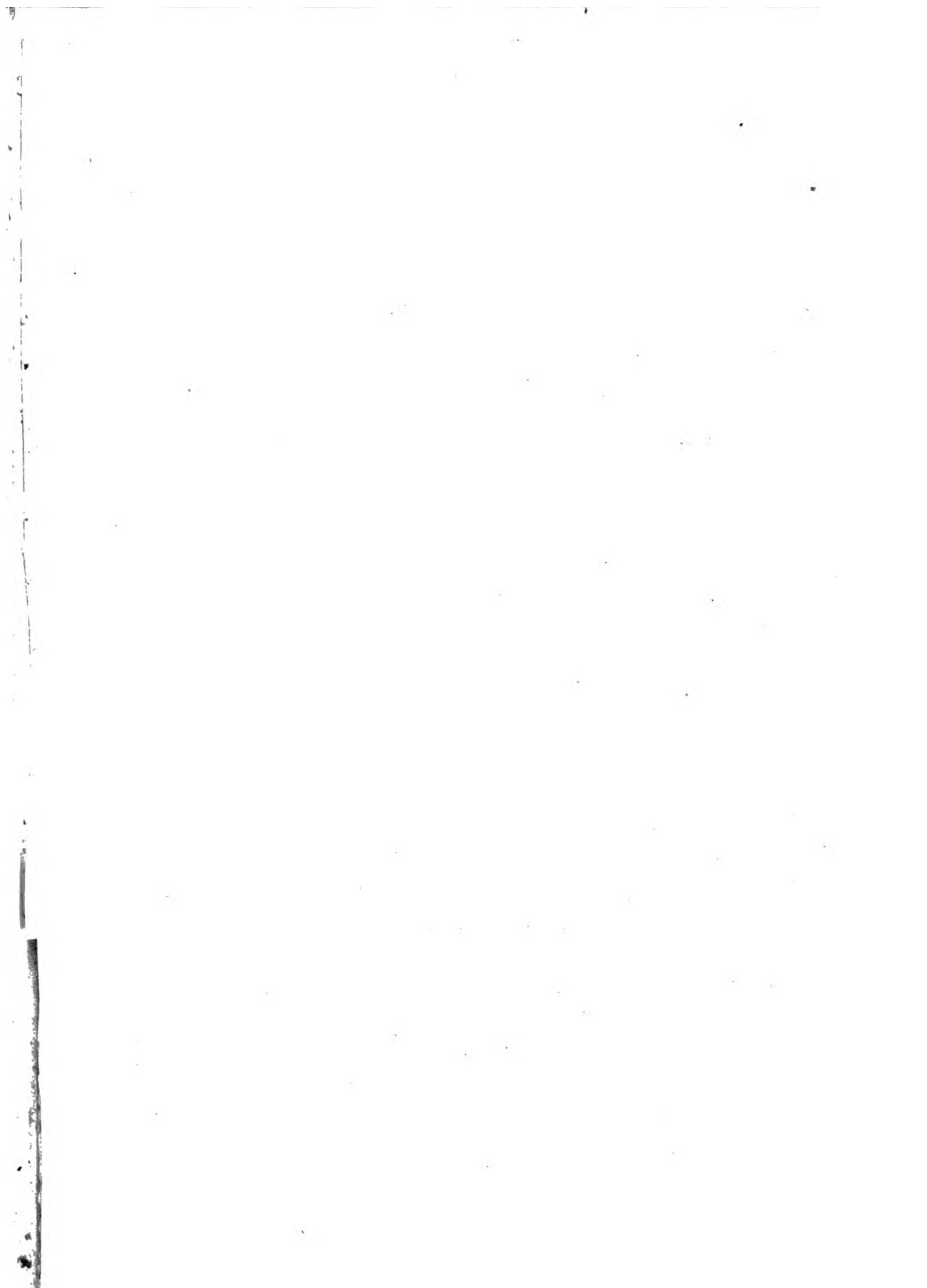


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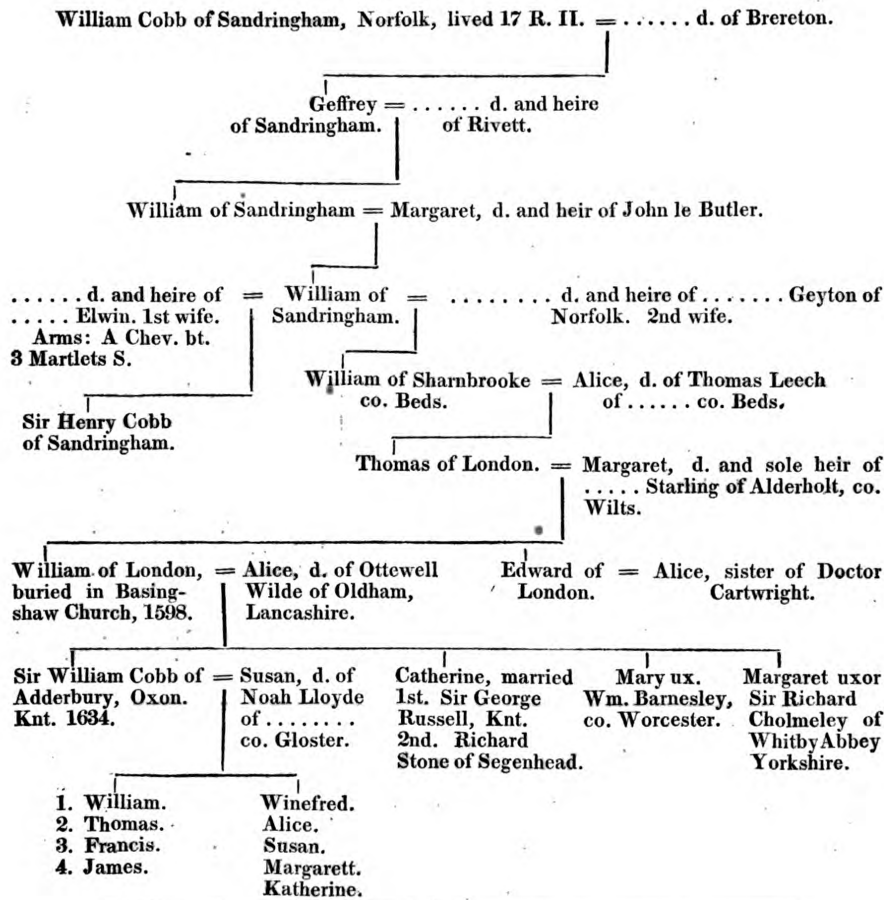
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COBB of Adderbury.

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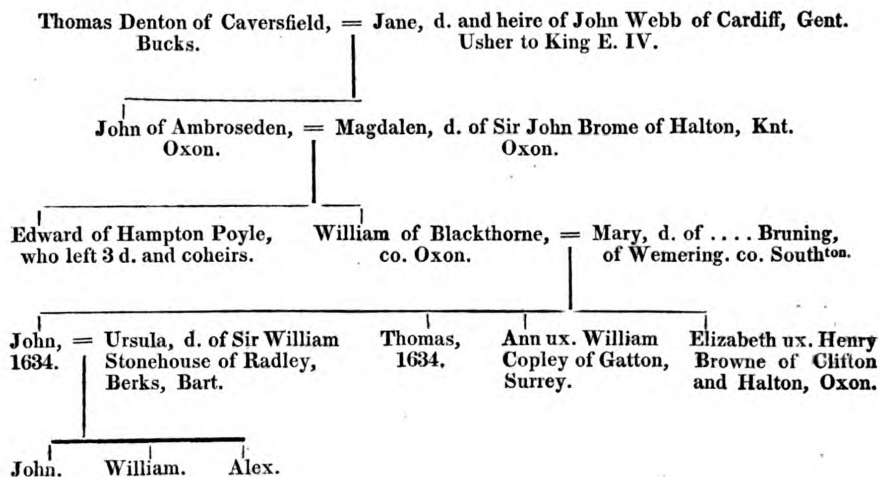
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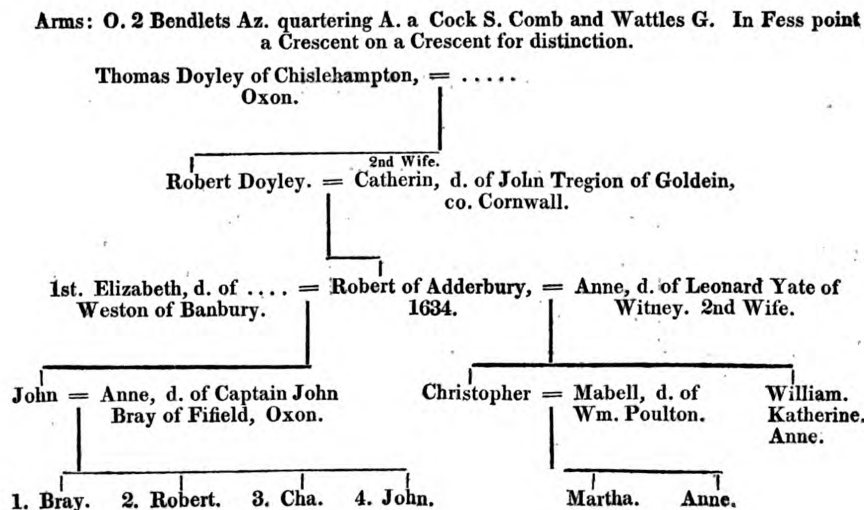
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Cobb of Adderbury

DENTON of Ambroseden.



DOYLEY of Adderbury.



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PAROCHIAL COLLECTIONS

FOR THE

COUNTY OF OXFORD.

Adderbury.

Adderbury East, is in the hundred of Bloxham, and deanery of Deddington, in the Parish of Adderbury: a Vicarage with the chapels of Little Barford, or Barford St. John, and Bodicott annexed, valued in the King's books at £21. 4s. 9½d. Patron, New College, Oxford. Church is dedicated to St. Mary. The resident population of this township in 1801, was 818. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £689. 16s. 4½d., at 4s. 11½d. in the pound. It is 2½ miles N. by E. from Deddington.

Adderbury West, is a hamlet in the parish of Adderbury. The resident population of this township in 1801, was 326. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £370. 11s. 8½d. at 6d. in the Pound; It is 2 miles N. from Deddington. Yearly tenths of the vicarage, are £2. 2s. 5½d.

Monumental Inscriptions, &c.

In the Chancel of the Church, is the following Inscription:

“Hic jacet Corpus Edmundi Birch Lancastrensis Artium Magistri qui Obiit 18 die Aprilis et anno Ætatis 62 anno Dni. 1620. Qui Edmundus Birch, fuit informator publicæ scholæ de Adderbury.”*

On the South Wall of the Chancel is a Marble Monument, thereon several Portraits, almost broken off, on it this Inscription:

“Here lyeth buried y^e body of Alice Cobb, widdow, sometime wife of William Cobb, Esq. descended from ye antient family of the Cobbs of Sandringham, in the county of Norfolk, by whome she was the mother of 16 children, 7 sons and 9 daughters, all which she lived to see buried but 3 only, the Right Worshipful Sir William Cobb, Knight, her only son, and dame Catherine who married to Sir T. Russell of Bedfordshire, knt. and dame Margaret who married to Sir Richard Cholmley of Yorkshire, knt. she lived a maid 19 years, a wife 26 years, and after her husband's death, who deceased in Oct. anno 1598, she lived a widdow 30 years, having performed the part both of a

* MSS. Bowles.

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George Ad. Owen

constant loving wife and a kind and careful mother, resting now with the Almighty, whom her greatest care was ever to serve and fear: she died 24 of October, A. Dni. 1627.*

Over it, at the top of the Monument, are these Arms :

S. a Chev. bet. 3 pickerings naiant Embowed A. a Cheif O. Quartering 1st pt. A. Fesse G. between 3 ravens segreant Sa. 2nd S. 3 Cups A. 3rd A. a Fesse between 6 Fleur de Lis G. 4th Az. a Cross Pateè Flory bet. 4 Estoiles G. 5th Cobb with Mantling and Crest an Elephant passant O.

About the Monument are these Arms :

Cobb impaling Az. a Fesse Wavy engrail O. in Chief 3 Crescents Ermine.
Cobb.

Cobb imp. Ryvet A. a Fesse G. bet. 3 Ravens Segreant Proper.

Cobb imp. Brierton A. 2 Bars Sab.

Cobb imp. Butler, the Cups as before.

Cobb imp. Gayton a Fesse bet. 3 Fleur de Lis.

Cobb imp. Leach Ermine on a Chief indented, G. 3 Crowns O.

Cobb imp. Sterling Az. a Cross Pateè Flory bet. 6 Estoiles O.

Cobb imp. Wylde Az. a Fesse Wavy O. 8 Crescents in Chief Ermine.

Sir William Cobb, knt. imp. Floyd quarterly Az. & O. 4 Bucks Trippant Counter-changed.

William Cobb, Esq. Cobb with a Label Gules.

Stone imp. Cobb A. 3 Estoiles S. a Chiefe Az.

Russel A. a Lion Rampant G. on a Cheif S. 3 Escallops A. a Crescent S. imp. Cobb.

Barnesley S. a Cross bet. 4 roses A. imp. Cobb.

Mrs. Winfride a blank imp. Cobb.

A Blank imp. Mrs. Alice Cobb.

At the sides of the Coat, above all, with Mantling and Crest, Cobb. Wylde.

In the great East Window are the New College Arms.

On a grave stone, in the body of the Church, on a brass, is this Inscription :

"Orate pro Animabus Wmi Wpth et Aliciae uxoris suae hujus Ecclesiae benefactor quorum Animabus propitiatur Deus. Amen."

On another near to this, the proportion of a woman ; under, this Inscription :

"Here Wpeth Jane Smyth some time the wife of George Smyth of Adderbury the which dyed ye XXX day of Feb. in the year of our Lord God MCVIII whose soule, &c."

On another near, this Inscription :

"Hic jacet Rogerius Welles quondam Mercator hujus villae et benefactor specialis istius Ecclesiae ac etiam Johanna et Agnes uxores ejus quorum Animabus propitiatur Deus. Amen."

In a Chapel on the South side of the Church, a great Stone Monument; thereon, this Inscription :

"Nigh to this Tomb lyes buried the bodies of John Bustard Esquier, and Elizabeth his wife, and Jane Bustard wife to Anthony Bustard, son and heir of the said John, which

* MSS. Bowles, Copied from Le Neve.

John had by the said Elizabeth XVII Children, and y^e said Anthony by the said Jane XI Children, and the said John dyed A. Dni. 1534, the said Elizabeth Anno 1517, and the said Jane A^o 1568. Blessed are the dead which dye in the Lord for they do rest from their labours. Ap^o Cap XVII.

Above it these Arms :

1. On a Fesse bet. 3 roundels 3 Bustards.
2. The same imp. a Chev. engrail bet. 3 Unicorns' Heads erased.
3. This impaling alone.

On a Table against the Western Wall of this Chapel, at the bottom under all, this Inscription :

"This is the representation of Thos. More, Gent. who deceased 2nd of January, 1586; and of Mary his Wife, daughter to Anthony Bustard, Esq. who caused this Monument to be made in Testimony and certain Belief of the resurrection of their Bodies which are laid hard by." Upon the draught is a table, and a man and woman kneeling at each end of it; upon it, death lying along; over it, "data sunt ipsis quoq. fata sepulchris."

Under it ;

"So far is ought from lasting aye,
That tombs shall have their dying day."

Above the said table are these verses :

"We have been flesh and blood, we are but bones,
And lie for other flesh to take their view:
Our sides were never brasse, our strength not stones,
We could not choose but bid the world adieu ;
Farewell then sister flesh and think on us,
Nor odds but time : we are, thou must be, thus."

Over these verses are two angels tending and pointing to each other; by one of them, "Vive pius morieris pius;" by the other, "Omnis Scribitur hora tibi." At one side of the draught is this coat of arms: A. on a Fesse G. betw. 3 Pellets, 3 Pidgeons O. within a Bordure engrailed. Over it, "that I was, is gone and Pass'd." Over this, in the corner of the right side, is a death's head; over it, "quasi Moriturus vive;" at the other side of the draught is this coat: A. 9 Martlets 3. 3. 3. G. and 2 Barrs, Vert. over it, "the flecting stream not half so fast;" Over this, in the corner on the left side, is an hour glass, and over it, "more fluentis Aquæ:" Over all, A. 9 Martlets 3. 3. 3. G. and 2 Barrs Vert. imp. A. on a Fesse G. bet. 3 Pellets 3 Pidgeons O. The Crest, a Mermaid holding in her right hand a mirroure, in her left a comb.

In the East Window of this Chapel are these Arms :

- Az. 6 Fleur de Lis O.
- G. a Chief Az.
- O. A. Cross engrail S.
- Checky O. & S. a Fess G.
- Az. Seme of Fleur de Lis O. a Canton engrailed.
- S. Seme de Lis.
- O. Fretty and a Chief Az. charged with 3 Bezants.
- S. a Cross Flory bet. 4 Lions rampant A.
- S. and a Lion rampant A.

In the East Window of a Chapel in the North Aisle :

France and England quarterly twice.

O. Fretty and a Chief S. thereon 3 Bezants.

On a Pillar, at the lower end of the Church, this Inscription, engraved on the Stone :

"Near this Font lyeth Elizabeth, wife to Richard Blount and John Horne, Esqrs. heir to Delaford, and mother to James Bustard; which Elizabeth died A. Dni. 1554."

Over it these Arms.

A Chev. bet. 3 Pheons imp. a Pale.*

† Adderbury has a handsome steeple 160 feet high, and contains a ring of 8 fine Bells; they were formerly 6, but 2 of them being broken, they were recast in the year 1789, by John Briant of Hertford; the tenor is 26 cwt. The vicarage belonged to William of Wykham, who gave the presentation to his own college, Winchester, or as it is usually called New College. It is evident the chancel is of his building, a beautiful and elegant design in Gothic Architecture; it had originally 6 lofty windows, but some years ago through an unhappy dispute between the vicar at that time, Dr. Blackstone, and the Steward for the estates of the late Sir Geo. Cobb, who held the appropriation of the great tithes, relative to the repairs of those windows, the Steward, in opposition to the vicar, walled up 3 of them with stones pulled down from an old dog kennel, very much to the dissatisfaction of the parish in general.

Here was a chantry and 6 stalls, though there are only 3 remaining entire: there are also the remains of a spacious rood loft, with a staircase leading up to it, in the south aisle within the abutment of the great arch which joins the chancel to the church. There is an elegant Monument in the Chancel to the memory of Dr. Oldys, who was way-laid by some soldiers of the parliament army, and shot at the top of the village in the road leading to Banbury, to the Castle of which place he was obliged to betake himself for security, being a royalist:—See more in Walker's Sufferings of the Clergy. In the Church-yard, in the Chancel end, is a Monument to the memory of Dr. William Bew, Bishop of Landaff, who died in the year 1705; he had formerly been vicar of Adderbury, and was expelled from his fellowship at New Coll. by the visitors.

From this place arose the title of Baron to Henry Wilmot, created Baron of Adderbury by Charles the First. He was the father of the celebrated Wilmot Earl of Rochester, so well known for his flagitious life.

Adwell.

Adwell is situated in the hundred of Lewknor; it is a discharged Rectory, valued in the King's Books at £4. 13s. 9d. Patron. Mrs. Newell. Church dedicated to Saint Mary. The resident population in this parish in 1801, was 40. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £47. 9s. at 1s. 10d. in the pound. It is 1½ mile S. by E. from Tetsworth.

* Hutton's MSS.

† There is a view of the Church in the Gents. Mag. 1800.

Albury, alias Albere.

Albury is situated in the hundred of Tame, and deanery of Cuddesdon ; is a Rectory, valued in the King's Books at £9. 2s. 8½d. Patron, the Earl of Abingdon. The Church dedicated to Saint Helen. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 54. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £28. 10s. 4d. at 1s. in the pound. It is 3 miles N. W. by W. from Tetsworth. Yearly tenths, 18s. 3½d.

Monumental Inscriptions.

Painted on the wall in the Chancel :

“ In memory of Mrs. Ann Ball, the only daughter of Mr. John Ball, citizen and Skinner of London ; and also in memory of Mrs. Jemima Pelham, the eldest daughter of Herbert Pelham, Esq. of Lincolnshire, and of Ferrier's Court, in Essex ; and also in memory of Mrs. Mary Bridges, second daughter to Samuel Bridges, Esq. of Dursley, in the county of Gloucester, who lies interred with her two children in the coffin with her, dying in child-bed of them ; as also in memory of Basil Kem and one other child, by the said Mary.”

“ Mr. Samuel Kem, Batchelor of Divinity, and Rector of this Church of Albury, their Husband, as a poor pledge of his love erected this Monument.”

Arms over it :

A Fesse bet. 3 fireballs. 2nd. Vert. a Fesse between 3 Pelicans vulned A. 3rd. A. a Chev. Ingrail S. bet. 3 Sea Crabs Gules. The said Samuel Kem was buried by these his wives 24 Oct. 1670, leaving behind him a gay Widow, with whom he had a good Fortune, but left her nothing.*

In the Chancel, on a Flat Stone :

“ Here lieth buried Mrs. Sarah Tilly, the beloved wife of Dr. William Tilly, Rector of this parish ; she died April 5th, 1738, aged 56 years.” “ Here lieth buried Mrs. Elizabeth, the good mother of Dr. William Tilly, Rector of this parish ; she died Nov. 29, 1731, Aged 86 years.”

Dr. C. Robinson.

Mrs. E. Robinson.

To the memory of his dear wife Elizabeth, who died 8 of June, 1777, Ag. 36. This Monument is erected by her very affectionate husband, Charles Robinson, who departed this life Jan. 24, 1802, Ag. 83.

On a Flat Stone in the Church :

Here lieth the Body of Geo. Nares, Gent. obiit 14 July, 1755, Ætat 76 years. Here lieth the Body of Mrs. Jane Nares, wife of Mr. Geo. Nares, Gent. who died 28 Jan. 1738, Aged 65 years, whose general good Character throughout all her neighbourhood is better known than can be deservedly described.

* A Wood's MSS. Ashmol. Mus.

The Church consists of a Nave, Chancel, a small Tower in which are two Bells. The Font is large and carved: a Piscina in the south wall of the Chancel: the roof has a beam ceiling. The village or hamlet consists of about 6 houses. No feast kept. Present rector, Rev. Mr. Gee, (1809.)

Alchester.

Alchester, called Eald-ceaster by the Saxons, is in the hundred of Ploughley, in the parish of Wendlebury; is 3 miles S. W. from Bicester; in the N. E. part of the county. Notwithstanding it is not mentioned by Antoninus, as several other considerable places are not, it was a large and famous City, well fortified, and liable to be seized on by the enemy; great caution therefore was to be used to secure it to the Roman interest: it was but 7 miles distant from Stonesfield, and so we may well imagine that at the same time that Theodosius garrisoned it with a considerable number of well disciplined men, he also set guards on the frontiers, and ordered divers watches to be placed on the highways. It is possible there were small garrisons and camps in divers places all round and particularly at Stonesfield on the hill where the pavement was dug up; and on a place on the west side of Begbroke Church, just at the entrance to the parish of Bladon, (this is commonly called Round Castle, and hath a double vallum; it is a large and very remarkable fortification, and I look upon it to have been formed much about the same time with that of Stonesfield,) and also at Combe, about a mile southward from Stonesfield, the name of Comb having been given to divers places in commemoration that there had been camps at them.

Alkerton.

Alkerton is in the hundred of Bloxham: a Rectory valued in the King's books at £6. 3s. 9d. Patron, the Rev. J. C. Townshend. Church dedicated to St. Michael. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 135. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £54. 10s. 0d. at 2s. in the pound. It is 6 miles W. N. W. from Banbury.

Alvescott.

Alvescott is in the hundred of Bampton; is a Rectory, valued in the King's books at £8. 16s. 8d. Patron, R. Fettiplace, Esq. The resident population of this parish in

1801, was 339. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £357. 18s. 1d. at 3s. 11d. in the pound. It is 5 miles S. by E. from Burford.

Ambrosden.

Ambrosden is in the hundred of Bullington, and deanery of Burcester; it contained in 1801, 27 houses and 111 persons. The living is a discharged Vicarage; the clear yearly value is £42. 5s. 3d.; in the King's books it was £11. 17s. 6d. Patron, Sir Gregory Page Turner, Bart. The church is dedicated to St. Mary. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £67. 8s. 0d., at 2s. 10½d. in the pound. It is 2½ miles S. E. by S. from Bicester. Forty marks was the standing valuation of the benefice of Ambrosden, as taxed before the impropriation of it, anno 1291, 19th of Edward the 1st. It was in the deanery of Cuddesdon; but at the erection of a new see of Oxford, or near that time, it was transferred, where now fixed, viz. the deanery of Burcester; the Dean of which place had a seal of his office, which was a Pelican, vulning herself.

Arnecott, in the hundred of Bullington, though locally situate in the hundred of Ploughley, is a hamlet in the parish of Ambrosden. The resident population of this Hamlet in 1801, was 209. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £210. 6s. 1¼d., at 4s. 5d. in the pound. It is 2½ miles S. E. by S. from Bicester.

Ardley.

Ardley is in the hundred of Ploughley, and deanery of Burcester. The living is a Rectory, valued in the King's books at £5. 12s. 8¼d. Tenths, 11s. 3¼d. Patron, the Duke of Marlborough. Church is dedicated to St. Mary. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £63. 15s. 4d., at 1s. 9d. in the pound. This parish contains 27 houses; and in 1801 the population was 109. It is 4½ miles N. W. by N. from Bicester.

Ascott under Whichwood.

Ascott under Whichwood is in the hundred of Chadlington; it is a Curacy not in charge, of the certified value of £18. 6s. 8d. The Patron, is Mr. Craven. The chapel

is dedicated to the Holy Trinity. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 410. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £381. 13s. 6d., at 8s. in the pound. It is $5\frac{1}{4}$ miles N. E. by N. from Burford.

Asthall.

Asthall is in the hundred of Bampton ; it is a discharged Vicarage, valued in the King's books at £7. 4s. 9½d. Patron, Eton College. The Church is dedicated to St. Nicholas. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 304. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, (including the township of Asthall Leigh,) was £208. 4s. 10½d., at 3s. 7d. in the pound. It is 3 miles E. by S. from Burford.

Asthall Leigh is a hamlet in this parish, and in the hundred of Chadlington. The money raised for the parish rates for this township in 1803, is included in the return made from Asthall. It is $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles N. W. by W. from Witney.

Aston North.

Aston North is in the hundred of Wotton. It is a discharged Vicarage, valued in the King's books at £6. 10s. 0d. Patron, C. Bowles, Esq. Church dedicated to St. Mary. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 220. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £262. 11s. 3d., at 4s. in the pound. It is $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles S. E. by S. from Deddington.

Aston Rowant.

Aston Rowant is in the hundred of Lewknor, and in the parish of Aston Rowant ; it is a discharged Rectory, with the chapel of Stoken Church ; valued in the King's books at £16. 18s. 11d. Patron, the King. Church dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul. The resident population of this township in 1801, was 266. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £84. 3s. 6d. at 3s. 3d. in the pound. It is $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles S. E. from Tetsworth.

Monumental Inscriptions, &c.

On a large Marble Gravestone, in the Body of the Church, has been the figure of a man on a brass plate, near 6 feet long, and two Coats of Arms, now all lost. Round the verge is cut in the Stone, in ancient characters, nearly obliterated, an Inscription in French :

Vous: Qi: per: ici: pessets: pur: lalmé: Sire: Hughe: le: Blount: prietz: le: corps: de: qi: ici: gist: lalmé: receive: lhu: Christo.

In English thus :

“You who pass by, pray for the soul of Sir Hugh Le Blount, the body of whom lies here ; may Jesus receive his soul.”*

The tradition in the village is, that Sir Hugh founded the church of Aston Rowant.

In the Body of the Church, on a Gravestone, are the figures of a man in a Gown, and a woman in the habit of her times ; from their mouth a Label : on the man's, “ exaudi Dni. mea. . . ” on that from the woman, “ Misere mei. & exaudi me.”

Under their feet this Inscription :

“ Hic jacent Radus Compoite & Isabella ux. ej: qui obiit predictus Radus VII die Januar Anno Dni. M° CCCC XXXVII & dicta Isabella X° VIII die Decemb. Anno Dni. M° CCCC XLI Quorum animabus ppicietur Deus, Amen.”

On a Gravestone, in the South Transept, are these Arms :

Cole, a Bull passant within a border, impaling a Griffin segreant bt. 3 crescents. Bligh,

Under, the following Inscription :

“ Here lieth the body of Jane Cole, late wife of Gregory Cole of this parish, Esq. and daughter of William Bligh of Botathan, in the county of Cornwall, Esq. and mother of Frances Thornehill, hereby also interred ; which Jane died on Friday the 17th of Nov. Anno Dom. 1643.”

On another near the former :

“ Here lieth the body of Frances Thornehill, wife of Richard Thornehill, Esq. who died the 10th of September, 1640.”

Arms : Thornehill 2 bars gemelles, on a chief a tower, over all, a bendlet, impaling Cole, a Bull passant within a border entoyre of roundels.

In the Body of the Church on a Gravestone, on a Brass Plate, the figure of a person in a Winding Sheet ; and under it has been an Inscription, now lost ; and this Coat of Arms : viz. a Fesse between 3 Boars' heads.

On another Stone, broken, remains part of a woman in brass, and under her are 5 girls in veiled head dresses, and under them a Coat of Arms, a fesse bet. 3 Boars' heads imp. 2 Chevrons, all without colours. The Inscription and figure of the man is lost. Under him were 5 boys, and the same Arms as the last.

Inscriptions on the Bells :

- 1st. This Bell was made 1625.
- 2nd. Our hope is in the Lord, 1625.
- 3rd. Sancte Johannes ora pro nobis.
- 4th. Benedicta sit Sancta Trinitas — Brooks. Rd. Stevens C. W. Edwd. Hemmings Fecit, 1730.
- 5th. Sancte Bell. Simon Gupper C. W. 1730.

* On a brass plate in Norton Disney Church, in Lincolnshire, are these arms : Parte per pale G. and Az. 3 chevronels voided of the field Arg.

Aston Steeple.

Aston Steeple is in the hundred Wootton, and in the parish of Aston Steeple; it is a Rectory, valued in the King's books at £16. 2s. 8½d. Patron, Brazen Nose College, Oxford. The church is dedicated to St. Peter. The resident population of this township in 1801, was 333. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £194. 6s. 4d. at 4s. 10½d. in the pound. It is 4 miles S. by E. from Deddington.

Attington.

Attington is in the hundred of Thame, and is extra parochial. The resident population of this liberty in 1801, was 7. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £25. 17s. 10d. at 1s. 4d. in the pound. It is one mile E. by N. from Tetsworth.

Baldon-March.

Baldon-March is in the hundred of Bullington, and deanery of Cuddesdon; it is a Rectory, valued in the King's books at £6. 13s. 4d. Patron, Sir C. Willoughby, Bart. Lord of the Manor, who lives here. The church is dedicated to St. Peter. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 208. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £156. 10s. 7d. at 5s. 3d. in the pound. It is 5½ miles S. E. by S. from Oxford. The church is a low ancient building of more than 800 years standing, which Sir C. Willoughby told me they had good account of. It consists of a Nave, Chancel, N. Aisle, and a Tower at the west end, which finishes with an octagon, as if designed for a Steeple; in which are 4 Bells. It is nearly all encircled with Ivy to the top. Over the Communion Table is a picture of the salutation, which was given by Sir C. Willoughby, to Corpus Christi College, for the Altar Piece; but they having since obtained one more suitable, the above was returned and placed where it now remains in the year 1806. The painted glass of the east window is removed to a large one in the north aisle; the principal figures are the Virgin and child, and 2 Saints, the arms of England twice, and several coats of the Pollard family, &c. In the south window of the Chancel are several fragments and arms, under which is a Piscina with a carved arch, supported by heads: the font, or rather pedestal to set the bason on, is round and modern. The church is fitted up with pews and paved with brick. The register now in use contains about 60 years. The yearly tenths are 13s. 4d.

Monumental Inscriptions.

On the North side of the Communion Table are two projecting Tablets, under Gothic Arches, containing the following Memorials, in Gold Letters, on a White Ground :

<p style="text-align: center;">In the Memory of Friends, by Sir Christopher Willoughby, Baronet. Of John Lane, LL. D. Who died 22d of March, 1740, Aged 77. Of Elizabeth Lane, his widdow, Who died 8th of May, 1771, Aged 83. Of Phanuel Bacon, D. D. Who died 10th of January, 1783, Aged 83. Of Margaret Bacon, his wife, Who died 11th of Sept. 1767, Aged 71. Of Ann Barlow, who died 30th of July, 1805, Aged 85,</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">To the Memory of Relations, by Sir Christopher Willoughby, Baronet. Of Juliana, the wife, Who died 30th April, 1777, Aged 22. Of Maria Juliana, the daughter, Who died the 18th of April, 1791, Aged one Month. Of Rebekah, the mother, Who died the 5th of August, 1799, Aged 91. Of George Pollard, the son, Who died 22d Oct. 1802, Aged 4 Months.</p>
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On a Black Marble, on the Ground :

<p style="text-align: center;">In Memory of Juliana, the wife of Christopher Willoughby, Esq. and daughter of the Rev. Mr. Burvill, of Boxley, In the County of Kent, Who died 30th of April, 1777, Aged 22 years.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Another worn plain : In Memory of Margaret Bacon, Wife of Phanuel Bacon, Rector of March-Baldon, Who died 11th day of Sept. 1767, Aged 71.</p>
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Also,

<p style="text-align: center;">Here lie the remains of Phanuel Bacon, D. D. Rector of March-Balden, Who died the 10th day of Jan, 1783, Aged 83.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">"Elizabeth, the last wife of the above P. Bacon, was buried with her own rela- tions in the Chancel of the Church of St. Peter Le Bailey, Oxford, she died Sept. 7, 1797."</p>
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On a large White Marble, within the Altar Rail, is the following Inscription, being the same which is on an elegant Marble Monument against the South Wall in the Chancel, in Latin :

Illustrious Women deserve the
Praises of this Marble ;
Bright in her extraction,
Allied to many of the Nobility,
And to William of Wickham ;
The glory of her family,
And the ornament of her age ;

Beautiful, even to envy ;
 Hearts were her victims ;
 Her mind wholly divine,
 Her face its lively Portraiture ;
 Heaven her ambition was,
 The world her scorn ;
 Encircled with a crown of virtues,
 And prudence equal to her piety ;
 Anne,
 Of John Pollard, and Susanna
 D'Anvers, of Balden,
 The eldest Daughter,
 Great Grandchild to Lewis Pollard, of Newnham, Esq.
 Of John Cawley,
 Archdeacon of Lincoln 41 years and 4 months,
 The most faithful and most affectionate Wife.
 Mother of 14 Children, of whom 8 survive.
 Half of his soul,
 Who he hoped would have been
 The prop and comfort of his old age,
 Died of the small-pox, at London,
 The third of April, in the year
 Of our Lord, } 1701,
 Of her age } 64.
 A Woman now taken up to Heaven,
 But the loss of her is deplored
 By many Orphans on earth,
 The want of her, alas, by many more.
 Anne,
 Their Daughter,
 A Virgin of eminent Virtues,
 An illustrious Pattern of life and demeanor ;
 Her beauty and resplendent Charms
 Were rarely found in any of her sex,
 And none surpassed but her Mother :
 The Fire of Fever carried her to the
 Ætherial Regions of light and Bliss,
 In the 20th year of her age,
 Of the Christian Æra, 1680.

A large Stone in the Chancel, on the Ground, thereon a Brass Plate, with this Inscription:
 "Here lieth interred the body of John Danvers, late of March-Balden, in the county
 of Oxon. Esq. who deceased the 26th of April, A. 1616, Æt. Suae 30."
 Arms above: Quarterly a Chev. bet. 3 Estoiles. 2nd. on a bend 3 Martlets. 3rd.
 Checky a Chief Guty. 4th. Fretty of 6.

On another this :

"Here under lieth buried the body of the Rev. Father, John Bridges, late Bishop of
 Oxon. who departed this life the 26th day of March, An. Dom. 1618."
 The Arms: The See of Oxford impaling 3 Owls with a border counter flory.

In the East Window of the Chancel were these Arms :

G. 3 Lions passant A.

G. 2 Lions passant Gard A.

On a Tomb in the Church-yard is the following :

“ In memory of Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Mary Barnes, who died April 21, 1747, aged 21 years.”

“ In memory of Mr. Thos. Barnes, who died April 21, 1797, in the 77th year of his age.”

On another :

“ In Memory of Mary, the wife of Thos. Barnes, and daughter of William Long, who departed this life Feb. 7, 1787, aged 64.”

Balden Toot.

Balden Toot is in the hundred of Bullington, a Vicarage. The patron is Mr. Yateman, and the church dedicated to St. Laurence. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 223. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, amounted to £219. 9s. at 2s. 2d. in the pound. It is $5\frac{1}{4}$ miles S. E. from Oxford.

Bampton, or Bampton in the Bush.

Bampton is in the hundred and parish of the same name, and deanery of Witney. The living is a Vicarage divided into 3 portions, each of which, in the King's books, is valued at £10. 0s. 10d, and the tenths at £1. 0s. 1d. The patrons are the Dean and Chapter of Exeter; and the church is dedicated to St. Mary. It contains 215 houses, and in 1801 the resident population, including the hamlet of Weald, was 1003. The money raised by the poor's rates in 1803, amounted to £995. 7s. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. at 6s. in the pound. It is situated near the river Isis, which is here navigable, and on the borders of Berkshire, $6\frac{1}{4}$ miles S. E. by S. from Burford, $69\frac{1}{2}$ W. N. W. from London, and 10 from Oxon. This place is reported to have been of considerable importance, even before the conquest. The remains of a castle were standing in 1664, and a drawing of it taken by A. Wood, is preserved in Ashmole's Museum, under which is the following account :

BAMPTON CASTLE.

At the west end of Bampton church, scarcely a stone's cast distant, are the ruins of a Castle, formerly moated round, and reported to have been built by King John : it is of a

quadrangular shape, and had a round tower at each corner, which was ascended by stone steps; and for speedier conveyance up to the said wall, there was, besides these 4 towers, a large and high gate house (tower like) on the east and west side, (some say on every side.) The tower, in the representation here given, is the west. Robert Voysey, of Chimney, near Bampton, has a parchment roll, containing an inquisition concerning the manor (if I mistake not) of Bampton, wherein the building of this castle is mentioned. Dr. Langbanc, provost of Queen's College, Oxon. had a copy of this some time, and after his death it passed into the hands of Dr. Thomas Lamplugh, now Bishop of Exeter: it is probable the original is in the Tower of London.*

BAMPTON CHURCH.

Bampton Church is built in the form of a cross, containing a nave, chancel, N. and S. aisle, and N. and S. transept; the tower, which stands in the centre on four painted arches, finely ornamented; the eastward one has under it a smaller, highly finished; it is surmounted by a handsome spire, each corner ornamented with the figure of a saint. Against the S. wall of the chancel is a piscina adjoining to a stone stall; on the opposite side another; two piscinas in the N. transept, and one on the west side of the buttress under the tower; on the east wall of the north transept are the images of Christ and the 12 Apostles carved in stone, in separate niches, well executed. The font, which stood at the west end of the nave, is removed into the south transept, it is large, square, and ornamented. There are 6 doors of entrance into this church, the chief is at the south transept, which is ornamented with a Saxon arch, zig-zag and beaked heads. The church has a beam ceiling resting on corbels. The tower contains 6 large bells.

Monumental Inscriptions.

“To the virtuous memory of Barbara, third daughter of Charles Trinder, Gent. and Jane, his wife; she was first married to William Rainton, Esq. by whom she had one daughter, Jane, the wife of Reginald Bray of Barrington, in the county of Gloucester, Esq. and afterwards to Thomas, the eldest son of Sir Thomas Hord of Coate, in the county of Oxon. Kt. by whom she had 5 sons and 7 daughters, of which survived at her death 4 sons and 6 daughters; she deceased August y^e 12th, in the year of our Lord 1671, and of her age 44.” This Monument was erected by her disconsolate husband, Thomas Hord, Esq. who died

Underneath, on a Stone of a Diamond Square:

Here rests, in hope of a glorious resurrection,
The dear remains of Barbara, the most
Intirely beloved wife of Thomas Hord, Esq.
Who deceased August 12th, in y^e year of
Our Lord, 1671.

“Charles Hord, eldest son of Thomas Hord of Coate, in the parish of Bampton, Esq. who died 29th of July, 1693, aged 37.”

* The above account from A. Wood's MSS. in the Ashmole Museum, which MSS. is now lost, 1809.”

“**Susanna Hord**, daughter of **Erasmus Delafontaine**, Kt. and his honourable Lady, **Mary**, daughter of the Right Hon. **Edward Noel**, Lord Viscount Cambden, second wife of **Thomas Hord**, Esq. but second only in time and order, her high birth rendering her no less observant of him, that, and as high virtue not less beloved, but more honored by him, as a good huswife, as a wife: the mother of two daughters, **Juliana** still living, and **Susanna** dying in as few weeks after her birth as her birth prevented its due time, nor did any of her children by the first venter to know more than the name of mother-in-law; in her so kind a neighbour, also y^t by all she lived desired, and died lamented y^e 12th of August, in the year of our Lord 1680, and the 37 of her age.”

Near the end of the Chancel, in the Church-yard is an effigy of a female figure cut in stone, mutilated.

Within the entrance of the south door, on the right hand, under an arch, are the effigies of a man lying on his back, cut in Freestone, (much defaced,) over him this Inscription:

HEAVEN HATH MY SOULE IN HAPPIEST JOY AND BLISSE,
 EARTHE HATH MY EARTHE WHERE BODY TOMED IS,
 POORE HAVE MY STORE FOR EVER TO THEIR VSE,
 FRIENDS HAVE MY NAME TO KEEP WITHOVT ABVSE;
 HEAVEN, EARTHE, POORE, FRIENDS, OF ME HAVE ALLE THEIR PART,
 AND THIS IN LIFE WAS CHIEFFEST LOVE OF HARTE.

REMEMBER THEN WHOM HEIR ME SEE, } NON HOIDE
 AND AS I AM SO THINCKE TO BE. } QVOD HER.

GEORGE THOMPSON
 QVI OBIT 28 NOVEM. 1603.

On a Gravestone in the Chancel, is the effigy of a priest to the middle, with hands erect, and under him is the following Inscription:

“**Hic jacet morust Chos. Pymplwode quondam Vicarius de Hampton**
cujus aie. ppicietur deus. Amen.”

A Free-school was erected in 1812, educates 60 boys and 50 girls.

On another, a man in a gown, with hands erect, and under him is the following Inscription:

“**Orate p. aia. venerabilis ac scientifici virgi magri Roberti Holcot sacerdotis**
ac artium magr. nec non hujus insignis Eccle vicarii vita du. agitarit in humanis
qui in Dno. obdormivit mensis Octobris die vicesima V^o A^o CCCC huic ppicietur
ille cui omnium rerum prima potestas.”

On another, the picture of a woman in a veil, with hands erect, and under it the following Inscription:

“Here lieth the body of **Frances Hord**, late wife of **Sir Thomas Hord** of **Coate**, in this parish, Kt. and daughter to **Sir Thomas Gardner** of **Peckham**, in com. **Surry**, Kt. and **Frances**, his wife, being of the age of 36 years, died 2nd day of July, A^o Dni. 1633. What is said of the righteous may truly be engraved on this her tomb. **Dispersit dedit pauperibus.** She hath dispersed abroad; she hath given to the poor; her righteousness remaineth for ever.” **Psalm 112. v. 9th.**

On a Lozenge Marble, a Coat of Arms: viz. 3 Boars' heads imp. 3 Greyhounds current, and under is the following: "Elizabeth, the wife of Dr. Wyatt, died A^o 1668."

On another these Arms: Qr. 3 Eagles displayed, 3 Martlets in chief, 4 cross Crosslets with a Crescent for difference: under, is

"Mr. Thomas Cook, vicar of this church, died 1669."

In Pope Nicholas Taxatio is the following:

		£	s.	d.
Prebenda	} Ecclia de Bampton deduc. porc	46	13	4
Oxon.		2	2	0
Item.		0	13	4
	Vicar Ejusdem qd. habet tres pconar. cu. porcone in			
	Clanfield	40	0	0

In the fly leaf of Aubery's copy of Plott's Oxfordshire, is this Memorandum: "My honoured friend and neighbour, Mr. Stafford Tindale, told me that in the ruins of the walls of Bampton Castle were found Scorpions, but rarely."

The vicars of Bampton in 1812, were — Owen, — Richards, and — Burrows.

All the Inhabitants paying tithes, have an ancient custom of breakfasting on Saint Stephen's day with one of the Vicars, on beef, bread, and ale.

One hundred 3d. loaves are given to the poor every Sunday after evening service, paid out of an Estate at Appleton, Berks. for ever. The founder of the above charity said, that all the villages he could see the church of from Appleton Hill, in Oxfordshire, should enjoy a portion of this said charity, according to the number of their Inhabitants; Ensham is one.

"In the year 1140, 5 Stephen, the Empress Maud came to Oxford, and was received by Robert Doilly the 2nd, and the Inhabitants; she appointed divers wings of horsemen to go into the country to procure men and victuals; castles and fortresses also she took in, the names of them were, Woodstock, a little village called Radrot, (Radcot) strongly fortified with rivers and trenches; the 3rd was Cirencester, near to the church of the Monastics there; and the 4th at Bampton, or Benton, which was the tower of the church there of old, built of great strength and stupendious workmanship."*

"At North Moor, with Mr. Peter Nichols, where we were entertained by Mr. Twyfod, thence we went to Bampton, where we lodged that night at the house of Mr. Thomas Cook, one of the vicars; the next morning, very early, I went to the Castle, near to the Church there, and took the ruins thereof, and so returned to Oxford."†

Dr. Trensham, Canon of Christ's Church, Oxford, was so delighted with the sound of Great Tom, that, on hearing him ring, he told the students that if they would come to mass, (which was then restored) he would get the Lady Bell at Bampton (of which place he was vicar) and others, and make one of the finest ring of bells in England.‡

The King holds Bentone, (Bampton:) there are 27 hides and a half, there are 6 in the demesne, and 6 bond men, and 40 villanes, and 17 boors, (buri) and 13 bordars; have

* Wood's Annals of Ox. vol. i. p. 145. † Wood's Diary, Sep. 6, 1664.

‡ App. Ch. Ch. p. 287.

16 ploughs; they had in King Edward's time 26 ploughs: there are 4 mills of 25 shillings; for a market 50 shillings; for pannage and the salterns of wic and other customary payments of the vassals 9 pounds 13s.; for the produce of a year's harvest £15. The Soke of two hundreds belong to this manor. In the whole it pays yearly fourscore pounds and 40 shillings by tale. Ilbert de Lacy holds half a hide of the gift of the Bishop of Baieux; and Walter, son of Ponz, holds certain dispersed lands; (quandam particula terræ; and Henry de Fercires holds a certain wood, which Buni the Forester held. The county affirm all this to belong to the King's demesnes.

An Act of Parliament passed in the 52d year of his Majesty, Geo. III. entitled An Act for Enclosing Lands in the Parish of Bampton, but not finished in 1819.

Banbury.

Banbury is a town having a separate jurisdiction, locally situate in the hundred of Banbury, and the deanery of Deddington; it is a discharged Vicarage, valued in the King's books at £22. 0s. 2d. Patron, the Bishop of Oxford. This church was become so ruinous as to be wholly taken down and rebuilt. It was finished and opened for Divine Service Sept. 5, 1797. During the building, the parishioners were accommodated with the Presbyterian Meeting House, for public worship. This town contained Anno 1801, 525 houses, and 2755 persons. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £2019. 2s. 6d. It is 23 miles N. by W. from Oxford, and 75½ N. W. from London. The market is on Thursday, and it has 9 fairs in the year, viz. on the Thursday after the 17th of January, the 1st Thursday in Lent, 2nd Thursday before Easter, Ascension Day, Thursday in Trinity Week, Old Lammas Day, Thursday after the 1st of October, Old St. Luke's Day, and the 2nd Thursday before Christmas.

Banbury returned a Member Anno 11 Edward III. having been made a market town by Charter, temp. H. II. by the interest of its Lords, the Bishops of Lincoln, who probably made it a borough, though it was never represented until it was incorporated by Queen Mary, in the 1st year of her reign, and then impriviledged to return one Burgess to Parliament. The right of Election of the Member of Parliament, belongs only to the Mayor, Recorder, 12 Aldermen, and 6 Burgesses; and the Mayor is the Returning Officer. The Town Arms are, Azure, the Sun in Glory, Or. Another Coat is, On a Mount V. a Lily Argent, in Base the Letters B. A.

Members of Parliament.

1554, Thomas Denton, Esq.	1571, Anthony Cope, Esq.
1557, John Denton, Gent.	1572, Ditto.
1558, Francis Walsingham, Esq.	1585, Richard Ferris, Esq.
1563, Francis Walsingham, Esq. in whose place chosen for Lyme in Dorset, Owen Brereton, Esq.	1586, Sir Anthony Cope, Kt. 1588, Anthony Cope, Esq. 1592, Ditto.

1661 to 1685, Sir John Holman.
 1685 to 1688, Sir Dudley North.
 1688 to 1698, Sir Robert Dashwood.
 1597, Sir Anthony Cope, Kt.
 1601, Ditto.
 1603, William Cope.
 1614, Sir William Cope, Kt.
 1620, Ditto.
 1623, Sir Erasmus Dryden, Bart.
 1625, James Fiennes, Esq.
 1625, Calcot Chambre, Esq.
 1628, John Crew, Esq.
 1640, Nathaniel Fiennes, Esq.
 1645-6 & 8. Car. II. no Return.
 1658, Nathaniel Fiennes, Esq.
 1660, Sir Anthony Cope, Bart.

1698 to 1701, James Isaacson, Esq.
 1701 to 1713, Charles North.
 1713 to 1722, Jonathan Cope.
 1722 to-1727, Monoux Cope.
 1727, Francis North.
 1734, Francis Lord Wallington.
 1741, William Moore.
 1747, John Willis.
 1754, Lord North.
 1761, Lord North.
 1767, Lord North.
 1784, Lord North.
 1797, Hon. Frederick North.
 1818, Hon. Frederick Sylvester North.
 1819, Hon. Heneage Legge.

To the Corporation belong 30 Assistants, a Town Clerk, and 2 Serjeants at mace. Here is a Free-school. The Petty Sessions are holden here. According to Speed, here was in this town a college, dedicated to St. Mary, and endowed with £48. 6s. per annum. Dugdale mentions a gild of that valuation, and perhaps there were no other than the Chantry Priests belonging to that gild. In or near this town was an Hospital in the reign of King John, dedicated to St. John, consisting of a Prior or Master, and several leprous brethren and sisters. It had revenues 26 Henry VIII. valued at £15. 1s. 10d. per annum.—*Dug. Speed.* The mastership was in the gift of the Bishop of Lincoln.—*Tanner's Not Mon.*

In Banbury Old Church these Arms, taken by Mr. Dugdale, 1644 :

S. 3 Lions passant in pale, O.—A. an Eagle displayed S.
 A. a Tower, quartering a Lion rampant, 3rd as second, 4th as first.
 O. a Lion rampant S.—O. a Saltire ingrailed S.
 A. a Chev. S.—O. two Barrs G. in Chief 3 Torteaux.

Barford Great.

Great Barford is in the hundred of Wootton ; it is a discharged Vicarage, valued in the King's books at £6. 5s. Patron, J. Pollard, Esq. The church is dedicated to Saint Michael. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 266. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £327. 10s. at 6s. in the pound. It is 2¼ miles W. N. W. from Deddington.

Monumental Inscriptions.

In the N. Aisle of Barford Church, on a Brass Plate, fixed to a Gravestone, are the Figures of a man in a Gown, his Mantle on his shoulder and Pouch ; by him his wife, with the following Inscription :

"*Hic Jacet Willmus Fore qui obiit . . . die mensis . . . Anno Dni. Mille CCCC . . . Et Johane uxor ejus qui obiit XXVI die mes Maii A. D. Mille CCCCLXXXV quor aiabus ppicietur deus. Amen.*"

Barford.

Barford Little is in the hundred of Bloxham, a chapel to the Vicarage of East Adderbury. It is dedicated to St. John. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 100. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £104. 15s. 0½d., at 2s. 5d. in the pound.

Barton Westcote.

Barton Westcote is in the hundred of Wootton, a Rectory valued in the King's books at £7. Patrons, J. Welchman and S. Seagrave, Esqrs. The church is dedicated to St. Edward. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 184. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £147. 8s. 4d., at 4s. 1d. in the pound. It is 4¼ miles E. by N. from Neat Enstone.

Beckley.

Beckley is in the hundred of Bullington; it is a Vicarage, in the deanery of Cuddesdon, valued in the King's books, together with the chapel of Studley, at £8.; tenths, 16s. Patron, T. Hooper, Esq. The church is dedicated to All Saints, and consists of a nave, chancel, a N. & S. aisle, a handsome embattled tower, in which are 5 bells. Two achievements hang in the chancel. In the chancel east wall is a piscina; in the S. aisle east wall, are 2 corbels about 10 feet from the ground; several fragments of stained glass, very ancient, particularly one in the west window, Christ with the reed in his hand. By the pulpit is an iron frame to hold an hour glass. The font is large and plain: over it, against a pillar, is a recess for an image. In the porch remains part of the receptacle for holy water. A gallery at the west end, on the front of which is, "This Gallery was erected by Subscription of Horton and Whitecrosse Green, for the use of the Singers, 1788."

The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 318. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £283. 13s. at 6s. in the pound. It is about 5 miles N. of Oxford, and commands an extensive view to the west and north over the Ottmoor* and its 7 towns, as they are called, of which Beckley is the mother church. The parish contains 59 houses and 318 persons.

Monumental Inscriptions.

On a Monument in the Chancel.

“Here lies Interred
John Thompson, B. D.
Formerly Fellow of C. C. C. Oxon.
And Rector of Mesey Hampton,
In the County of Gloucester;
He died Feb. 12, 1773,
In the 72 year of his age.
Near this place lyeth also the Body
Of his only son John,
By his wife Sarah,
Daughter of Francis Huysh,
Rector of Ellst-Hydon,
In the County of Devon.”

On another near the above.

“Here lie the remains
Of Lætitia, the widdow of
The Rev. Willm. Thompson,
Vicar of Kelloe,
In the County of Durham,
Who departed this life
Sept. 8th, 1746,
Aged 71 years.”

On another on the same Wall,

“In Memory of Robt. Sutton,
Formerly Barber in the University of Oxford
Who died Sept. 20, 1742, aged 76.”
“Near this place also lieth Isabella, the
wife of Robt. Sutton, who died Sept. 20,
1754, aged 80 years.”

Near the last, on a large black Marble, on
the Ground, is the following :

“.....
Joyfull Resurrection,
Josias Izard, Gent. and
Elizabeth his wife, by whom he had
5 sons and foure daughters.
He died December 22, 1631,
Aged 50; she died May 16, 1667,
Aged 84.”

“The Rev. Nicholas Levett
Of Petworth, in the County
Of Sussex, Gent. and Mary his wife, by
Whome he had two sons & two daughters.

* Ottmoor is said to contain four thousand Acres and upwards of Pasture Land. The tradition is, that it was the gift of some Lady, who gave as much ground as she could ride round while an oat sheaf was burning, and thence called *Oat Moor*; it is nearly all flooded in winter, and a great resort of wild fowl. The seven Villages, called the Ottmoor Towns, have power to stock it with an unlimited number of cattle. A man from each parish is appointed Moor-man, who have power to drive the Moor for strange cattle as often as necessary; when all the cattle are driven to Beckley, that being the head and mother church. Names of the Villages are Beckley, Noke, Oddington, Charlton, Murcott, Fencutt, and Horton. In the year was a contest about draining and inclosing it, which was set aside by the Earl of Abingdon; so great was the aversion of the Villagers against inclosing and losing what they deemed their birth-right, that when the Surveyor began the measurement, they assembled in a body, and had he and his assistants not made a precipitate retreat, would probably have received injury. About the middle of Ottmoor is a stone set up, on one side is this: “This stone is set to help you up when you are down.” On the other side is, “I John Wilder from this stone killed sixty Widgeons and a Winder.”

I saw a part of a pitched way about the middle of the Moor, about the year 1805, how far it continued visible I had not time to inspect.—See Plott's Ox. and Warton's Kiddington.

She was the third daughter of Mr. Josias Izard and Elizabeth his wife. He died July 21, 1694, aged 76."

Mary, the wife of
Henry Pierpont of Old-Coats,
in the County of Derby, Esq.
The younger daughter of Mr. Nicholas
Levett,
And Mary his wife,
Who died March 3, 1697, aged 49.*

On a Marble Monument, S. Aisle.
"Under this Monument resteth the body of
Ann, the daughter of John and Mary
Faulkner of Studley.
She departed this life Nov. 6, 1759,
In the 28th year of her age."

"Weep not my friends because my days
were few,
Because I left this world so soon and you;
My death requires no tears, but more your
mirth;
I gain the time in heaven which I have lost
on earth."

In the middle Aisle, a Marble Monument.
"In memory of Wm. Ledwell, Esq.
Of Woodperry, in this County, who departed
this life May 8, 1779, in the 53rd year of
his age."

On the West Wall, South Aisle.
"In memory of Joan, the wife of John
Huggens, who died August 26, 1742,
Aged 53 years."

On the South Wall of the Chancel is a large Brass Plate, gilt, with the figure of a woman kneeling before a table, on it a Book; under which is the following Inscription:

"This Monument was erected in Memory of Anne Croke, wife of Chas. Croke, and daughter of Sir Willm. Grene, Knight, by Chas. Croke, her surviving husband. not on any opinion y^e Brass or Marble canne express her worth, or his own affection, but to tell the reader that in this Chancel lyes her body, that is not in surer possession of Dust, than her soule of Heaven, expecting Consurrection with the Just, for the merits of Christ."

On the top are these Arms: Az. a Fess between 6 Martlets A. a Mullet S. for difference.

Under the above Monument, on the Ground, is a large Grey Marble, on which is a Brass Plate, with the following Inscription:

"Here lies buried the body of Anne Croke, y^e wife of Chas. Croke, third son of Sir John Croke Knight, one of the justices of the King's Bench, w^{ch}. Anne was y^e daughter of Sir William Grene, Kt. of Great Milton, in the county of Oxford; she departed this life July 24, 1619."

"Te sequimur conjux passu quo possumus æquo
Atque jacere tuo tendimus usque sinu."

"Posuit conjux moestissimus Carolus Croke."

On the same Stone was another Plate, which is now lost.

Near Beckley was the Nunnery of Stodley, or Studley, which was founded by Thomas de Sancto Walrico, but his Estate, and consequently the patronage of this house, coming to the Crown, King Richard the 2nd, in the first year of his reign, on the death of Margery, the late Prioress, confirmed the election of Elizabeth Freemantell, then sub-prioress, into the office of prioress, and signified the same to the Bishop of Lincoln.—*Dugdale, vol. 3.*

* First lines are under the Rail.

According to Speed, this Nunnery was founded by Peter Corbucion and William de Cantelupe and dedicated to St. Mary, valued at £102. 6s. 7d. per annum.

Sir George Croke built an Hospital for poor people in his manor of Studley, near Beckley, and a chapel also there, near his Manor House, both which he liberally endowed. He was buried at Water Stoke, near Thame, in Oxfordshire.

Begbroke.

Begbroke is a small village in the hundred of Wootton and Deanery of Woodstock ; it is a Rectory not in charge. The patron is Sir Henry W. Dashwood, Bart. The present Rector, Rev. Dr. Cook, President of C. C. C. Oxon. In this parish lived the Fitzherberts, who are buried in the Chancel of this Church ; the last of the family was a Mrs. Taylor, who died 1804. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 80. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £57. 18s. 2½d. at 3s. 3d. in the pound. It is 5 miles N. of Oxford, and 2¼ S. E. by S. from Woodstock. The parish contains 15 houses. The Church is ancient, and dedicated to St. Michael, whose image was over the entrance in bas relievo, but has long since been lost. It consists of a Nave and Chancel, a small Tower at the west end containing one bell. There were two, but a few years since they were recast into one.

Monumental Inscriptions.

On a Monument, N. side of the Chancel.

"Hereunder lieth the body of Robert Fitzherbert, Esq. eldest son of Humfry Fitzherbert, Esq. of this parish, he died without issue, but having seven brothers, John, Herbert, Humfry, Thomas, Henry, Walter, and Edward, and three sisters, Dionisa, Sibilla, and Ursula, he made his nephew, John Fitzherbert, second son to his third brother Humfry, his sole executor, who piously erected this to his memory. After 62 years past in the true profession of the faith of Christ, here resteth expecting a glorious Resurrection."

"Obiit Die Octo. Vices. primo. 1636."

Gravestones in the Chancel.

"Here lieth the body of Thos. Fitzherbert, Esq. who died Oct. 4th,—aged 48."

"Here lieth the body of John Fitzherbert, 2nd son of Thomas Fitzherbert, Esq. Who died 21 May, 1721, aged 50."

"Here lieth the body of Robert Fitzherbert, 3rd son of Thomas Fitzherbert, who died Aug. 3, Aged"

"In memory of Francis Fitzherbert, 4th son of Thomas Fitzherbert, who died Oct. 1st, 1738, Aged"

"In memory of Edmund Fitzherbert, Esq. who died Dec. 18th, 1737, Aged 20 years."

"Here lieth the body of Elizabeth, Relict of Thos. Fitzherbert, Esq. Who died Aug. 26, 1735, Aged 85."

"Here lieth the body of
John Fitzherbert, Esq. who died Dec. 21,
1733, Aged 22 years."

"Here lieth the body of
Dorothy, daughter of John Fitzherbert,
Esq. and Dorothy his wife, who died
In her Infancy, April 8th, 1732."

"In memory of Robert, son of
Robert Fitzherbert, Esq. and of Keziah
his wife,
Who died 4th of May, 1754, aged 18 years."

"In memory of
Keziah Hirons, Relict of Robert
Fitzherbert, Esq. who departed this life
Feb. 22, 1788."

A Monument on the South side.

"To the memory of
Jane, the wife of William Cockin,
Daughter of John Fitzherbert, Esq.
Died August 7th, 1752, Aged 30."

"William Fitzherbert,
Son of William and Jane Cockin,
Died Oct. 11, 1752, Aged ten weeks,"

"William Cockin, Esq.
Died June 29, 1781,
Aged 74."

"Also of
Elizabeth Taylor, widow,
Daughter of
William Cockin, and Jane his wife,
March 6th, 1804, Aged 53 years."

In Wood's MSS. Ashmole's Museum, No. F. 21, are the Pedigrees of the Fitzherbert family, of Begbroke.

Bensington, *bulgo* Benson.

Bensington is in the hundred of Ewelme, and deanery of . . . It is a Curacy. Patrons, the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Oxford. The Church is dedicated to St. Helen. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 811. The money raised by the poor's rates in 1803, (including the hamlet of Crowmarsh Battle,) was £733. 18s. 11d. at 5s. in the pound. It is $12\frac{1}{4}$ miles N. W. from Henley upon Thames, and 2 miles N. E. by N. from Wallingford, in the county of Berks. Camden gives the following account of Bensington, after describing the joining of Thame and Isis. "Hence the Thames passes on to Benson, formerly Bensington, which Marian calls a Royal Vill, and reports it was taken from the Brittons by Ceaulin, in the year 572, and possessed* by the west Saxons for 200 years following. But then Offa, King of Mercia, thinking both his interest and reputation concerned, that they should hold nothing on this side the river, (Anno. 778, 779,) won this town by force, and joined it to his own Kingdom.—At present it is a small village.

In the Norman Survey is the following account: page 154, a 2.

Land of the King.

The King holds Besintone, (Bensington.) There are 12 hides, wanting one virgate of Land. There were in King Edward's time 50 ploughs, now in the demesne 8 ploughs,

* In the contest between the West Saxon and Mercian Kings, this place often changed its masters by being near the frontiers.

and 5 bondmen, and 32 villanes, with 19 bordars have 24 ploughs. There are two mills of 40 shillings. Including meadow and pasture, and fisheries and woods, the produce is £18. 15s. 5d. yearly. For Circet eleven shillings; for the produce of 1 year's harvest £30. The soke of 4 hundreds and a half belong to this manor. In the whole it pays yearly fourscore pounds and 100 shillings.

William holds of the King one hide in Besintone, and it is soke of the King. Land to one plough; there are 4 acres of meadow. It was worth 20 shillings, now 12s. 6d.

Teodric, the Goldsmith, holds two hides in Besintone. Land to two ploughs. There are three bordars and 4 acres of meadow. It was and is worth 20 shillings.—Sauuold held it freely in King Edward's time.

*Monumental Inscriptions.**

On a Brass, on the Ground in the Chancel, is the following :

“Here lieth buried the body of Stephen Smith, of Turner's Court; † he deceased the 28 of Oct. An. Dni. 1606.”

On 3 slabs in the body were 3 Brasses; the 1st is lost; of the 3rd only 6 children are left; on the 2nd is the figure of a man in a furred gown, (the head lost;) on his right hand a son, (lost,) and over is **Thomas**; at his left hand was a group of 3 daughters, and Inscription; (plate all lost;) under him is,

**“Vivimus incerti neque spes est carcere clausis
An Vitam aut Mortem labilis hora dabit
Dum parvum juvenis gressus colit inde severa
Mors sequitur juvenem nec sinit esse Senem.”**

Round the verge is “..... **freeman filius atque haeres Gulielmi freeman nuper de Preston Cromarsh qui quidem Gulielmus nupsit unam filiarum Johannis Bigge generosi et obiit sexto die mensis Junii Anno**”

On another Brass, on a Gravestone :

“Here lyeth buried the Body of Elizabeth Stampe, late wife of William Stampe of Cromarsh Battel, in the county of Oxon, Gentleman, who deceased the 6th day of May, Anno Dom. 1590; she had by Her said husband, eight sons and four Daughters, and by her former husband, One son and three daughters.”

* Wood's MSS. E. 1 folio.

† This place is 3 miles from Benson. Mr. Baker now living there, (1820.)

MURAL MONUMENTS.

At the bottom of the Church, against the Wall.

“To the pious memory of Ralph Quelch, and Jane his wife,

Who Slept	} together in	} bed for the space of 40 years.
Who Sleep		
		} grave till Christ shall awaken them.

He	} fell asleep An ^o Dom.	} 1629, being aged 63 years.
She		

For the fruit of their	} Labours	} they left	} the New Inn twice built at their own charge.

Their son being liberally bred at the University of Oxford, thought himself bound to erect this small Monument

of	} their	} piety towards	} God.

In the middle Aisle, on the Ground, were the brass figures of a man and woman, and their sons, two shields of Arms, (all lost;) but 6 daughters in veiled head dresses remain.

Against the South Wall of the Chancel is a Monument for John Wise, Linen Draper, and citizen of London, 1711, aged 27. William Wise of Wallingford, Gent, 1739, aged 50. Richard Wise, Gent. 1740, aged 56.

Arms: Gules 3 Chev. Erm.

Crest: a Leopard's head spotted in a Coronet.

“James Petty, died 1747-8, Aged 33.”

“Whoe'er thou art, that to this stone draws near, Yet pause awhile and drop the pitying tear; He whose pale Corse in silence sleeps below, Late knew with generous friendship's flame to glow; Gay as he was, in Manhood's freshest bloom,		Well might he hope for numerous years to come; Yet death has snatched him to an early tomb: Hence timely if youth thus sinks to dust, How vain in human life is all our trust.”
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He rented the toll of London Bridge.

In the Church are two heavy Tombs in memory of Thomas Grantham, builder, of Wardour Street, Soho, an industrious careful father, who died in 1781, aged 72.

“I am tired of Life; and would the fates recall My former years, and spread the bloom of youth Gay o'er these Checks were age has plough'd its furrows,		I'd throw them back their favours, and refuse Again to trudge beneath the load of life And beat the circle of perpetual woe.”
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“William Grantham, born in this Parish, died 1772, Aged 54. Elizabeth, his wife, died 1784, Aged 69.”

BENEFACTIONS.

1632. John Merryweather gave £200. for cloathing poor people.—Lands in Wokingham Parish, Berks, were bought with the money.
1639. Mr. Blacknall left 20s. per Annum to the poor.—This is charged on an Estate at Wasing, Berks, in the possession of Mr. St. Andre.
1619. 5th June, 16 Jac. I. 2 Messuages and 57 Acres of Arable, 1A. of Meadow, 2½ lots of Meadow, and ½ an Hog-lot, once in two years, in Bensington Parish, were then long since given for the repairs of the Church.

Extracts from the Register.

MARRIAGES.

1598. Mr. Thomas Stampe married Avice Porney.
1599. Mr. Thos. Freeman ——— Mrs. Frances Bennet.
1605. Mr. Richard Water ——— Mrs. Unica Bowden.
1633. Mr. Daniel Letshame ——— Mrs. Frances Payne.
1639. Mr. Edward Snelling ——— Elizabeth Lane.
1647. Mr. Edward Stampe ——— Elizabeth Tutty.

BIRTHS.

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| Mrs. Marie, d. of Mr. Wm. Freeman, 1570. | Rose, d. of Mr. Gryfphyn..... 1599. |
| Rafe, s. of Mr. Townsend 1572. | Alice, d. of Mr. Edward Montagne, 1602. |
| Mary, d. of Mr. Thos. Pembridge, 1573. | Mary, d. of Mr. Richard Waters . . 1606. |
| Ann, d. of J. Foster 1575. | William, s. of Mr. Josias Shillingford 1608. |
| William, s. of William Stampe. . . 1576. | Henry, s. of Mr. John Coale. 1607. |
| William, s. of Mr. John Barratt. . . 1588. | Thomas, s. of Thomas Waynman. . 1606. |
| Henry, s. of Henry Foster 1588. | Richard Steers, s. of Mr. S. Vicar of Iver, |
| Martha, d. of Mr. Philip Evans. . . 1596. | near Colbrook..... 1618. |

MINISTERS.

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| 1569. William Coxe, Minister to 1616. | John Bruck. |
| Thomas Terrent, | 1698. Ant. Reade. |
| 1639. Richard Jones. | Henry Cremer. |

Bicester, or Burcester.

Burcester, or Bicester, is in the hundred of Ploughley, and deanery of Bicester. The living is a discharged Vicarage, valued in the King's books at £16. Patron, Sir Gregory Page Turner, Bart. The church consists of a nave, a N. and S. aisle; at the west end is a handsome tower with pinnacles; the roof of the church has a beam ceiling, resting on corbels of carved heads of various forms; above the arches, on the south side of the nave, are two recesses, in which stand 3 men in armour, with swords and shields on their arms; and under one of the groupes is a mutilated image, which stood on a carved pedestal, under a fine gothic canopy, ending with a finial, which most probably was St. Edburge, to whom the church was dedicated; it must have been wantonly broken down when images were removed out of churches. In the south wall of the south aisle is a piscina, with the front broken off. The east end of the chancel is paved with black and white marble, lozengy, wainscotted; and over the communion table is painted I. H. S. within, a splendid glory of red and yellow. The windows have all suffered severely, having the pointed arches and tracery cut away, and circular heads of one light, with modern glazing: the tower has escaped the modernizing hand, and has a venerable appearance; it contains 6 bells. A N. view of this church was engraved by M. Burghers, for Kennett's Parochial Antiquities, 1695, who has given a list of vicars from 1104 to 1694, with other information. The resident population of this parish in 1801, including King's End and Market End, was 1946. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was,

	£	s.	d.	s.	d.
For the King's End	112	17	5	}	at 1 6
For the Market End.....	1281	13	10½		
	£ 1394				11 3½

The yearly value of the living is £40.

Monumental Inscriptions.

In the Chancel, against the N. Wall, a raised Monument of Grey Marble, on a Brass thereto fixed, this:

“Orate pro Animabus Willmi Stanlepy armigeri quondam Domini de Bygnot et Miciae uxoris ejus filie et unius heredum Domini Johannis Fraunces Militis et Domine Isabelle uxoris ejus filie et heredis Domini Henrici Plespington Militis qui quidem Willielmus obiit decimo die Octobris Anno Dni. MCCCCLXXXVIII predicta vero Micia obiit XX die Octobris Anno Domini MCCCC quorum animabus propicietur deus Amen.”

Against the South Wall, a Plate, 3 Coats of Arms, and the following Inscription.

“Here lyeth buried the XX daye of Sept. Anno Domini 1555, Roger More, Esquyer, a second sonne of More de la More, in the Countye of Oxford, and Agnes his wife, daughter and heire of John Husye, Esquyer, the 2nd sonne of Thos. Husye of Shepricke, in the Countye of Dorset, who had Isshewe by the said Roger More, Thos. Mary, and Elizabeth; the whiche Thos. was one of the gentlemen pensioners unto Queen Elizabeth, and in her

Majesties service in Ireland, was slayne the 10 day of March, 1574, leaving no Isshewe of his Bodye, and Mary, his eldest sister, married Michael Blount of Maple Durram, in the Countye of Oxford, Esquyer, and had Isshewe Richard, Thomas, Charles, and Katherine, and Mary. And Elizabeth, his second Sister, married Gabryel Fowler of Tylesworth, in the Countye of Bedford, and has Isshewe, Richard, Mary, Agnes, Elizabeth, and James."

The 3 Coats of Arms :

1st. A. Fesse dauncette Paly of 6 S. and G. bet. 3 Mulletts S. peirced quartering a Fesse bet. 3 Annulets G. a Crescent for difference, impaling Barry of 6 Erm. and G. in Chief a Crescent. Surmounted with Mantling, Helmet of the dignity and 2 Crests, 1st. a demi Lion rampant, charged on the shoulder with a Fesse dauncette paly of 6. 2nd. a Talbot passant collared and lined, charged on the shoulder with a Crescent. The above are the Arms of Roger More and Agnes Husye, his wife.

2nd. Quarterly of 8, 1st. Barry Nebuly A. & S.—2nd. a Tower—3rd. 2 Wolves passant within a bordure—4th. Vaire—5th. a Pale—6th. a Greyhound saliant—7th. a Chev. bet. 3 Pheons—8th. as first, imp. More Quarterly as above. These are the Arms of Michael Blount, Esq. of Maple Durham, county of Oxon, and Mary his wife, daughter of the above Roger More. Crest: a Wolf passant on a Crown.

3rd. Quarterly 1st. Vert on a Chev. bet. 3 Lions passant 3 Cross-Crosslets—2nd. 3 Bars Gules. in Chief, a Lion passant gardant—3rd. A. 3 Wolve's heads erased G. within a bordure Vert semè of Castles Or.—4th. on a Canton an Owl imp. More as before. The Arms of Gabriel Fowler, Esq. of Tylesworth, county of Bedford, and Elizabeth his wife, second daughter to the above Roger More. The Crest is an Owl gorged with a Crown.

In the N. Aisle, against the Wainscot, these Arms are Painted:

A. on a Chev. bet. 3 Lozenges 3 Bull's heads paly quartering a bend—G. 2 Bars O. impaling S. 3 Falcons levant A.—G. 2 Bars O. impaling A. a Lion rampant S. quartering Barry of 6. G. & O.—A. on a bend Az. 3 Buck's faces quartering 3 as 2, 4th as first.

In the middle Aisle, at the entrance into the Chancel, a Brass Plate fixed to the Wall, thereon this:

"Here lieth the body of John Coker, who departed this life the 14 of Feb. 1606. Here also lieth the body of Joane Coker, wife of the said John Coker, who departed this life the 16 of May, 1618. Here also lieth the body of Anne Coker, wife of Cadwalader Coker, eldest son to the said John Coker and Joane his wife, who departed this life y^e 20th of August, 1620."

On another, by the former, this:

"Here lieth the body of John Lewis, borne in Lyn, in the County of Carnarvon, Gent. who for the love hee bore to the said J. Coker, desired by his will to be buried near him. Hee dyed in Oxford, on the 21 day of Sept. 1612."

On a Stone on the Ground, near the last, this:

"Here lyeth the body of John Coker, who departed this life the 14 Feb. and was buried the 16th of the same, A^{no}. 1606."

On the same Stone, this:

"Here lieth the body of Cadwallader Coker, who living succeeded his father, above-mentioned, in his manor of Nuns place, and after death in this grave. Obiit 15 Oct. Anno Domini 1653, Æta. 82."

On a Brass fixed to the N. Wall near, this :

"Here lyeth buried the Bodye of Will^m. Hortt, at Yartt, Gent. who deceased y^e 5 of July, 1584; and also with him lyeth buried the Bodye of Grace his wife, who was daughter to Mr. Ashton, of Crostone, in the Countye of Lancaster, Esq. and deceased the 6 of August following, 1584, and had Issue 2 sons and 4 daughters."

Against a Pillar, not far hence, a Table of Black Marble; thereon this, in Gold Letters:

"Anne Clements, the wife of Rich^d. Clements, by whom he had 4 sons, George, Rich^d. Tho^s. Benjamin, and 6 daughters, Elizabeth, Anne, Grace, Anne, Judith, Grace; she departed this life the 20th of May, A. D. 1652, of her age 39."

In the South Aisle, on a Brass on the Ground:

"Here lyeth buried the Body of Rafe Hunt, who was borne in Lankayshire, in the parish of Chilve; hee was a long dweller in this town of Bisster, and a good benefactor to the poor; he had two wives, Ellen and Katherine, and had Issue by Katherine one only daughter, named Anne; he deceased the last day of Nov. 1602."

Towards the bottom of this South Aisle, against the Wall, a Brass:

"Here lyeth buried the Bodye of Humfrye Hunt, and Elizabeth his wife, the which had Issue fyve sons and three daughters, and was born in Cliffhowse, Lankeyshire, and deceased the 24th day of Maye, in y^e yeare of our Lord God, 1601."

In the South Window are these Arms:

1. Barry of 6 Erm. and G. impaling A. . . . a . . . S.—2. The same with a Crescent in Chief, impaling 3 Wolves couchant Az. a Border S. bezanty—3. Barry of 6 Erm. and G. in Chief a Crescent impaling A. 3 F. de Lys. B.

In another South Window is this written:

"Ora te pro aia. Johis Wylkyns et pro bono Statu. . . . Micia. matris eius. . . . Patris hanc fenestram fieri. . . . quorum Animabus propicietur Deus. Amen."

* In a North Window: Erm. a Fess Compony, A and B. †

(End of Hutton's MSS.)

In the North Aisle, against the Wainscot, are painted these Arms:

1. A. on Chev. bt. 3 Lozenges, 3 Bull's hds. quartering a bend.—2. G. 2 Bars O. impaling A. a Li. r. quartering Barry of 6 G. and O.—3. A. on a bend Az. 3 Buck's hds. caboss, quartering. . . .

In Leland's Itin. vol. 7, fol. 7, is the following:

"Good Woddes about some Parts at Burcester; there be goodly meddowes and pastures about Burcester; there is a Commune Market at Burcester every weke, on . . . day. There risythe hard by Burcester a little Brokett, passyng thrwge a pece of the towne. It goithe a 4 miles of Otmore into Carwell River. Sum say that Bassets had his mansion where the common is, now in the middle of the towne. Sum say that Bassets house was where the late Priory of Burcester stood. Gilbert Basset, and Æglean Courteney his wyfe, were original Foundars of the Priory of Chanons, in Burcester. Gilbert Basset, as some think, was buried beyond the sea. This Gilbert was but a Knight, and he was a great companion in warres, to one Giffard, a noble Knight. Æglean Courteney was buried in the Priory of Burcester. There were divers of the Damaries, Auncient Gentlemen, buried in the Priory of Burcester; there was also one of the last of the Lords Lestrangs

* Harl. MSS. 4170, p. 18. 20. † Hutton says O. and B.

buried. The Priorie Church is dedicated to St. Edburge, the Virgine. The Paroche Church is also dedicated to St. Edburge. There is buried in the quire of the Paroche Church of Burcester, one William Stanley, Esq. Lorde of Bygnell, a mile from Burcester, and part of Burcester paroche. This Stanley married Alice, doughtar and heire to John Frauncys, Knight, and died A. D. 1498."

"There is a Woody Hill, 3 Miles South out of Burcester, caulyd the Earl's Hill, where some think hath been a Maner Place."

From Burchester to	{	Oxford X Miles.
		Tame IX Miles.
		Bukingham X Miles.
		Banbyri X Miles.
		Brackley VII Miles.

Studlege Priorie is 3 Miles from Burcester, in the way towards Oxford.

BURCESTER HOSPITAL.

King Edward III. in the 29th year of his reign, granted licence to Nicholas Jurdan, of Burcester, Hermit, Keeper of the Chapel of St. John the Baptist, of Burcester, to build an Hospital there of the same Invocation, and to acquire for the same a revenue of 100 Shillings, for the maintenance of thereof.*

BERENCESTER, vulgo BISSTER PRIORY;

Called in the English Saxon tongue, Burencester and Bernacester. It was a Priory of the order of St. Augustin; dedicated to St. Edburga, and built by Gilbert Basset, and Egelina Courtney his wife, temp. H. II. So much out of Leland; but Mr. Vincent, in his corrections of Broke's Nobility, saith Thomas Lord Basset, of Headington, Oxon, was Founder of the Priory of Bicester; and on that account Philippa, his daughter, second wife to Henry, Earl of Warwick, was a benefactress, and, by her will, caused her bones to be laid in the said Priory.†

But hear more what another Author says:—"But Philippa, daughter of the aforesaid Thomas Basset, and second wife to Henry, Earl of Warwick, was a benefactress to this Priory, (viz.) that in her full Widdowhood, she gave them VII Shillings yearly rent, issuing out of certain lands in Studly, Com. Warwick, to find one lamp continually burning before the Altar of St John Baptist, in the Conventual Church of Berencester, for the health of her soul, and all her Ancestors' and Childrens' souls." When she died I do not find, but at Berencester she lieth buried in the Monastery there, of her father's foundation.‡

But let us hear what Mr. Cambden saith, which is to the contrary what I have above exprest; for he says that Gilbert Basset, and Egelina Courtney his wife, built a religious house here in honor of St. Edburga, in the time of King H. II. who seems to be of the same opinion with Mr. John Leland.

Bix Brand.

Bix Brand is in the hundred of Binfield; it is a Rectory with Bix Gibwen, valued in the King's books at £9. 15s. Patron, the Earl of Macclesfield. The church is dedicated

* Additions to vol. 2 of Dugdale's Monast. † A. Wood's MSS. No. 8474.

‡ Dugdale's Warwick. MSS. J. Rous.

to St. James. The resident population of this parish in 1801, including the parish of Bix Gibwen, was 303. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £420. 15s. 5d. at 5s. 8d. in the pound. It is 4 miles N. W. by N. from Henley on Thames.

Bix Gibwen.

Bix Gibwen is in the hundred of Binfield; it is a Rectory with Bix Brand. The church which is now in ruins, was dedicated to St. Michael. The resident population of this parish is included in the return made from Bix Brand. It is 2 miles N. W. by N. from Henley on Thames.

Bladon.

Bladon is in the hundred of Wootton, in the parish of Bladon; it is a Rectory with the chapel of Woodstock, valued in the King's books at £16. 0s. 5d. Patron, the Duke of Marlborough. The church is dedicated to St. Martin. The resident population of this hamlet in 1801, was 287. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £391. 18s. 3d. at 9s. 6d. in the pound. It is 2 miles south from Woodstock.

Blechington, *alias* Bletchington, *alias* Blicestone.

Blechington is in the hundred of Ploughley, and deanery of Burcester; it is a Rectory, valued in the King's books at £12. 9s. 4½d. Yearly tenths, £1. 4s. 11½. Patron, Queen's College, Oxon. At the survey taken in 1801, this parish contained 110 houses, and 503 inhabitants. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £496. 10s. 5d. at 6s. in the pound. It is 4¼ miles E. by N. from Woodstock. In the year 1228, XII, XIII of H. III. Sir Richard de Prestcote presented to the church of Bletchington. In 1234, which was the XVIII and XIX of Henry III. the same Sir Richard de Prestcote presented to the church of Bletchington. In 1261, XXVI of Edward I. Thomas de Capelle was parson of Bletchington, and being a Clerk in Chancery, was excused his attendance by a letter from the King, and this same year he resigned it, whereupon Hugh Musgrave, and Maud his wife, presented Richard Musgrave to it; and Nicholas Trimnel, and Mabel his wife, also presented another person to the living, but on a trial de Jure patronatus, the latter persons withdrew their pretension. In the year 1311, the 4th and 5th of Edward II. there was a trial at law for the patronage of the church of Bletchington, between the King, as plaintiff, and Henry de la Wade, John, son of John de Croxford, Maud de Musgrave, and John de Lott, defendants, on the calends of May, and the King recovered his right of presentation; yet on the 13th of the calends of April, 1317, Thomas de Musgrave presented a clerk to the church of Bletchington, which was then vacant. The family of Prestcote had the advowson from the 12th of Henry III. and continued till 5th of Edward II, when it came by lapse to the King, who presented for that turn, and on the decease of the Minister fell again into the hands of Musgrave, or

family, who presented to the living.* The mansion house of Arthur Annesley, Esq. was rebuilt about the year and in the year 1784, Mr Annesley served the office of High Sheriff, for the county of Oxford; in 17. . he was chosen one of the Representatives in Parliament for the City of Oxford, and continued till May, 1796, succeeded by H. Peters, Esq. The church is dedicated to St. Giles.

The following from Domesday :

“Gislebert holds Blicestone, (Bletchington,) of Robert: there are 8 hides there, land to 6 ploughs; now in the demesne 2 ploughs, and 5 bondmen, and 9 villanes, with 7 bordars. have 4 ploughs. There are 11 acres of meadow, pasture, 6 quarantens long and 3 broad. It was in King Edward's time and after worth £4. now 100 Shillings. Robert redeemed this from the King.”

“Alwi, the Sheriff, holds of the King 2 hides and $\frac{1}{2}$ in Blicestone, (Belchington.) Land to one plough and a half, and he has so many in the demesne, and there are 2 bondmen. There is a mill of 7s. 6d. and 3 acres of meadow; it was and is worth 40 Shillings. Manasses bought this land of him without the King's leave. The son of Manasses has one mansion in Oxenforde. It pays 4d. to Blicestone.”

THE CHURCH

Consists of a nave, chancel, and at the west end a low tower, with a plain parapet, in which are 5 bells and a sancte bell, on which are the following Inscriptions:

1. Thomas Annsion, Joseph Denmet, Church Wardens.—Edward Hemmings, Fecit, 1738.
 2. M. B. (Mathew Bagley) made mee 17. R. B., T. B. Ch. Warden.
 3. T. Leicester, T. Pack, Fecit.—Altho' I am both light and small,
I will be heard above you all.
 4. M. Bagley made mee, 1744.—Ralph Butler and Thos. Bayley, Church Wardens.
 5. John Coggin, Esquire, Lord of this Manor, and the Hon^{ble}. Sir Ralph Dutton were good benefactors, who promoted Casting us. R. & W. Chr. 1710.
- Sancte bell no date.

The font is small and modern.—No piscinas visible.

“Christopher Wren, D. D. Dean of Windsor, died 29 May, 1658, at the house of his son-in-law, Dr. Wm. Holder, at Blechington, in Oxfordshire, and was buried there in the chancel of that church.†

Monumental Inscriptions.

On the N. Wall of the Chancel, a plain Marble Monument, on which is the following Inscription:

“To the Memory of
Susanna Stanyan Hardy,
Eldest daughter of Admiral Sir Charles Hardy,
She died 10th February, 1806.”
(Then follows a list of her numerous virtues.)

‡ On an Alabaster Monument against the N. Wall of the Chancel, 1st, in a little oval Figure; “This Monument is erected to the memory of 3 infants, Videlicet.” “Thos. y^e sonne and heire of Henry Coghill, of Aldnham, in y^e Countie of Hartford, Esq. of the age of 3 yeares; hee dyed on the 18th of August, 1628.”

* Dodsworth's MSS. † Granger Biograph. Hist. vol. 2.

‡ The following from Hutton's MSS. Jan. 1658.

"Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the said Henry Coghill, of the age of 5 years; Shee dyed on the 20th of August, in the aforesaid year of our Lord, 1628."

"John, the eldest sonne of Thomas Coghill, of Blechington, Esq. of the age of 4 years; hee dyed on the 19th of Sept. 1628."

At the bottom of the Monument:

"Here also lieth Interred Faith, 2nd daughter of y^e above said H. Coghill, who deceased y^e 8 of May, 1630, Æt. 4."

Above all, the Arms, viz.

G. on a Chev. A. 3 Pellets a Chief S. The Crest, a Falcon Segreant Or. The same Arms on each side of the Monument."

On the same Wall is the following Inscription, cut in Stone:

"To the Memory of the pious and laborious Minister, George Birkhead, Batchelor of Divinity, and late Rector of this Church, who deceased Dec. 26, 1631."

"Hee was a preacher who for all his paynes
Treasured not any but celestiall gairies;
Dyed only rich in virtue as in years,
Those were his wishes which are others fears,
To live retiredly, not to be knowne,
Save in the pulpit and among his own:

Hee was a man of peace, only some strife
There was betwixt his doctrine and his life
Which should be more instructive, for indeed
His actions were all sermons, could you read
Those works ye sure would think, as well as I,
All this and more due to his memorie."

On another Table on the Chancel Wall, at the East end:

"Elizabethæ Browhe hic ossa requiescunt

31 July migravit 1631

Religio Socius vitæ fuit

Pietas morbida Comes

Flebile amicis Obsequium."

On a Gravestone on the Ground, in the Chancel, whereof all the brass is pulled off, save only the picture of a man sitting in a chair, holding a child betwixt his legs, and underneath this Inscription:

"Orate pro Animabus Johannis Power Armigeri ac Dorotheæ ac Mariæ Uxorum ejus qui Obiit decimo die Martii Anno Domini MCCCCC vicesimo quinto quorum animabus propicietur deus. Amen."

Near, this, on a Brass fixed to a Gravestone:

"Obitus M. Godwin Hilton in sacra theologia baccalarum quondam socii Nulæ Regine in Oxon et Rectoris istius ecclesie nec non Ecclesie de Charlton super Otmoor qui Obiit quinto decimo die Julii Anno Dni. 1530 cujus aie propicietur deus

In the South Window of the Chancel, this Coat: S. 2 Saltires in Chief and 3 Annulets in Base A.*

On the east side of the Wall, between the Nave and Chancel, a Marble Monument:

"Jacobus Coward S. T. B.

Collegii Regine apud Oxoniensis

Olim Socius

Ubi literarum humaniorum preceptor

de Alumnis optime meruit

Hujus deinde Ecclesie Rector

Per Annos eheu! Rector

Quatuor scilicet et Sex Menses

Sedulus pius

Omnibus ob benevolentiam

* End of Hutton's MSS.

Et suis insuper
Ob ingenii dotes eximias
et
Indeflexam vitæ integritatem
Aprime deflendus
Obiit die Septembris 22
MDCCCVII
Annos natus 50."

On another Monument:
M. S.
Lectissimæ desideratissimæque
Priscillæ Mill Filia Dom. Gul

Palmer de Warden in agro
Bedford Equitis Anrati
Fæminæ sanctitate vitæ suavitate
Morum pietate conjugali
Omnibus demum quæ uxorem
Christianam decent Virtutibus
Summe spectabilis
Mariti longe mæstissimi sinu
Apoplexia abreptæ
April 1^{mo}. A. 1685
Monumentum Hoc posuit
Joannes Mill Rector istius Ecclesiæ."

On the East Wall of the Chancel, on a Monument, are these Arms :

A. a Chev. S. bet. 3 Cross Patees of the 2nd impaling A. 2 Bars S. charged with 3
Trefoils, slipped of the first, in chief a Hound S. The Crest is an Eagle's Head erased;
and under is,

M. S.
"Johannis Millii S. T. P.
Collegii Reginae pridem socii
Istius Ecclesiæ Rectoris
Ædibus Edmundinis Prefecti
Prebendarii Exon

Canonici Cantuariensis
qui
In Codicem fœderis
Scripsit Prologomena
Marmore perenniora
Junii 23 CXCXCVII."

On the left side of the East Window of the Chancel.

H. S. I.

"Gulielmus Scott A. M. olim e Coll. Reg. Oxon. Socius

Et deinde hujus ecclesiæ per annos 35 rector

Vir qui inanis gloriæ parum Studiosus

Ævum tacite nec minus ideo feliciter exegit

Uxorem et Liberos unice dilexit

Ac se in illis mire oblectavit

Ita tamen ut nullum esset officium

Quod pastorem docet

Vigilantiæ

Aut quod vicinum humanitatis

Quin id simul sanctissime expleverit

Multum igitur desideratus obiit 15 Nov.

Anno { Salutis Humanæ 1742,
Ætatis suæ 75

Hic etiam jacet Gulielmus Scott

Filius ejus natus major

Qui Obiit Die 10^{mo}. Aprilis An. Dni. 1716

Jane Uxor Gulielmi Scott

Obiit 27 Decemb

Tam Uxoribus quam matribus

Dignum Exemplar

Anno { Domini 1771
Ætatis 82."

On the S. Wall of the Nave is a Monument:

"Sacred to the Memory of
Francis Annesly,
Lieutenant in
the 24 Reg^t. of Light Dragoons,
Third son of
Arthur and Catharine Annesley,
born Feb. 28, 1789,
died at Bangalore, in the East Indies,

deeply lamented by his parents,
May 22nd, 1811."

"Also of Catharine Anne,
Second daughter of
Arthur and Catharine Annesley,
born May 13th, 1793,
died Feb. 3rd, 1806."

On a small Turret on the West side of the Tower is a Shield bearing a Fess in Chief 3 Billets.*

ARMS IN THE CHURCH, TAKEN BY WOOD.

Arms of Queen's College.....

S. 2 Saltires in Chief and 3 Annulets in Base A.

In the Window, Barry of..... A. G. within a bordure engrailed.

Sir Roger Cotesford, Knt. Party per Chev. .. in a Chief 2 Sprigs. . . and a Rose in base.

S. a Fess Wavy O. over all a bend O.

Hilton as before; these 6 Coats are in Stone on a pillar..... Saltier..... quarterly 1 and 4..... 2 and 3 a frett..... 3 bendlets..... within a bordure..... engrailed..... quarterly.....

Bloxham.

Bloxham is in the hundred of Bloxham, in the parish of Bloxham; a discharged Vicarage, with the chapel of Milcombe, valued in the King's books at £17. 9s. 4d. Patron, Eaton College. The church is dedicated to St. Mary. The resident population of this township in 1801, was 1157. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £1109. 7s. 8½d. at 5s in the pound. It is 2½ miles S. W. by S. from Banbury.

Bourton Black.

Black Bourton is in the hundred of Bampton, and deanery of Witney; a discharged Vicarage, of the clear yearly value of £45. Patrons, the Dean and Canons of Christ Church, Oxon. The church is dedicated to St. Mary. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 273. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £398. 13s. 7d. at 5s. 2d. in the pound. It is 5½ miles S. S. E. from Burford.

Monumental Inscriptions.†

In the Chancel, on a Stone lying on the Ground:

"Here lieth the Hon^{ble}. Sir Arthur Hopton, Knight, lately Ambassador in the Court

* Wood says a Fess embattled. † Wodd's MSS. E. 1. fol. 2.

of Spain, for Char the 1st. King of Great Brittan, who died in the 62 year of his age, on the 6 day of March, An. Dom. 1649."

Over it Arms: Erm on two Bars 6 Mulletts crescent a Griffin pass. all without colours.
Motto: Seyate sans fin.

On a Brass on the Ground, nigh the former:

"Here lieth interred the body of James Godman, who departed this life, y^e 6 of Oct. in the year of our Lord God, 1638."

On another this:

"Here lieth the body of Anne Smith, the wife of Humphry Smith, Clerc, who departed this life y^e 25 day of Aug. in the year of our Lord, 1617, being of the age of 29 years."

In a Chapel, on the N. side, on a Black Marble lying on the Ground:

"Here lieth the body of Anthony Hungerford, of Black Bourton, in the county of Oxon, and Rachel his wife, by whom he had 12 Children, 3 Sons and 9 Daughters; he departed this life the 17 Day of August, and was here interred y^e 15th of Sept. following, Anno Dom. 1657."

"He lived in love, he loved to dye,

He died to live eternally.

She humbly doth submit unto this rodd,

And daylie waits the call of God."

Over it these Arms: S. 2 Bars Ar. in Chief 3 plates.—Crest: a Garb without colours.—
Under it, Hungerford as before, impaling a Stag trippant.

Sir Anthony Hungerford in his younger days was a Papist. Returned to the Church of England, and wrote a book against Papists.*

Against the Wall a Woman lying:

"Hic Sepultum jacet pie lector Corpus Dnæ. Elinoræ Hungerford nuper uxoris Johannis Hungerford de Downe Ampney in Com. Glouc. Mil. Primum nupta fuit cuidam Masters in Com Bucks, Arm; filia fuit honoratissimi viri Domini Hungerford et soror Gaulteri Hungerford militis, ex hac vitâ fragili ad deum decessit 25 Aprilis Anno a. natu Christi 1591.

Generis splendore illustris erat adeoque in omni virtutis Laude percelluit ut multi illius vitam infinitis laudibus funus vero lachrymis decorarent hoc Monumentum expositum atque perfectum fuit An. Dom. 1592.

Bis bene nupta fui generis de stirpe maritis

Alter enim Miles, armiger alter erat

Sæva sed eripuit mihi mors par dulce virorum

Et viduæ nomen bis mihi triste dedit

At sibi nunc sponsam sponsas me cepit Jesus

Ex Viduâ sponsâ fecit et esse suâ

Ille meum decus est, mea pax meâ vita perennis

Nec mihi post viduæ flebile nomen erit."

Over it in a Lozenge: Hungerford quarterly per pale indented, a Chev.

On the right hand: The same again, without colours as that before.

On the left hand: On a Fess bet. 3 July Flowers, 2 Lions passant, without colours.

This Church of Black Bourton was given to Osney Abbey, by the name of Capella de Bourton, by Hugh de Burton, who gave one half thereof, and Ralph Murdoc, who

* See Canterbury's Down Fall.

gave the other, about 26 Hen. II. An. 1178. In the principal foundation Charter of Osney Abbey, by Robert D'Oilly, he gave to that abbey, "terra de Buerthona et terra de utroque Stone hall." This follows next after Foresthull, in the charter aforesaid. Also he gives two parts of the tenths of every thing that used to be tythed in all Lordships of both honors, "qui adjacent castello Oxenforde," among which are reckoned the tythes of Haselie, Burthon, Kenycote, &c.

Qu. whether these matters are to be understood of Black Bourton, or either of the two Bourtons in Banbury hundred; the last mention of Bourton I suppose to be Black Bourton, because Kencote immediately follows. "Terra de Burthona et de utroque Stone hall cum Capellis in Ein:" this as I find elsewhere, is meant of another Bourton.

Boycot.

Boycot is in the hundred of Ploughley, though locally situate in the first division of the three hundreds of Buckingham; it is extra parochial. It is 3 miles N. W. by W. from Buckingham. "Here is in this parish (Stow) a decayed hamlet, called Boicot, reputed to be in Oxfordshire, though dissevered from it; part of it is included in the spacious gardens of the Lord Cobham." This, as seems to me, having been parcel of the possessions of Luffield priory, is reckoned together with Luffield extra parochial. Here was, as I have been informed, a chapel of St. John Baptist, at Boicote, which I find mentioned in the register of Luffield, and in their rental, temp. Edw. I. I find Boicote included.*

Brightwell Baldwin.

Brightwell Baldwin is in the hundred of Fwelme; it is a rectory, valued in the King's books at £18. 16s. 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. Patron, F. Lowe, Esq. The church is dedicated to Saint Bartholomew. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 237. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £491. 8s. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. It is 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles S. W. by S. from Tetsworth.

At the Survey taken in 1814, this parish contained 38 houses and 237 inhabitants. Lord of the Manor is William Lowndes Stone, Esq. Present Rector, Rev. Dr. White.

THE CHURCH.

The Church is a neat compact building, standing on an eminence on the north side of the road from Wallingford to Watlington; it consists of a nave, chancel, N. and S. aisles, with an embattled tower at the west end, pinnacled. The font is large and octangular, standing on a pedestal. In the tower are three bells and a sancte bell: on the first is,

1. Fear God, 1637.
2. Sancta Maria ✠ n. S ✠
3. Sancta Maria ora pro nobis.

* Willis's Hist. of Buckingham, p. 280.

Monumental Inscriptions.

On a Gravestone in the Chancel are the figures of a Judge in his robes, and his wife in her usual habit, standing under arches, all cut in brass plate; under the man are five sons, and under the woman thirteen daughters, and four Coats of Arms on the top, without any inscription.

Against the North Wall of the Chancel are figures of the same persons kneeling; before them, on a pillar, has been a Crucifixion, or the Trinity, now lost; on a label from the man's mouth is, "Scta trinitas unus deus." and from the woman's, "Miserere nobis:" under them the following, "Sta lege disce, &c." Behind the man a Coat of Arms, now lost, which was an Eagle displayed, with a Lion's face on its breast. Behind the woman: Erm. on a bend 3 Chev.

On a Gravestone near the above, on a slip of Brass, is,

"Orate pro aia. Magistr. Roberti More quda. rector isti. ecclie ac p. aia. Alicie More Matr. ej."

In the North Aisle on a Gravestone, is a Brass Plate, on which is the following curious Inscription:

"Man com and se
how schal alle dede be
wen pou comes bad and bare
noth hadven be always fare:
All ys werines pt. be for care
Bot pt. be do for Godys luf be have nothing pare:
hundyr pis grave lys Johnye Smythe
God pif his Soul heven grit."

On a raised Tomb, against a N. Window, N. Aisle, is the following Inscription, on a Brass Plate:*

"Here resteth the body of John Carlton, Esquire, and Joyce his wife, w^{ch} John was the first of the name Ouner and Lorde of this Towne, and came from Walton Apon thames. in the Countie of Surrie, they had Issue v Sons as Anthony, George, Willm, John, John dyed on-married at Bolonia de gracia in Italy, and Edwarde. Daughters iij as Anne married to Rowland Lytton; Katherin to Frances Blunte, Esq. brother to the Lord Montjoy; Mabell; and Jane married to Erasmus Gaynsford, Esquire."

On a raised Tomb in front of the N. Window, in the N. Aisle, Eastward of the last, on a Brass Plate, is the following Inscription:

"Under this tomb lyeth the Bodies of Anthony Carleton and Anne his wife, which Anthony departed y^e daye of Ano and Anne departed this mortall Lyfe the thyrde of Aprill, in the yere of our Lorde God A Thousand fyve hundred threescore and two, and had Issue then living by hyr aforenamed Husband one sone and one daughter, whose names are John Carleton and Joyse Carleton, She being one of the daughters and heyers of Thomas Perien of Dygonswel, in the Countie of Herford, Esq."

When Mr. A. Wood visited this Church April 5th, 1658, he says, "on the north side of the aforesaid Aisle is another Monument, defaced, the Inscription broken off, and part of the Tomb down, but these Arms are still remaining:" Quarterly 1. On a bend

* The Coats of Arms in front were gone in A. Wood's time.

3 Mascles.—2. On a bend 3 Martlets.—3. A Pale Wavy between 10 Roses, a Canton Ermine.—Impaling Quarterly, 1. 3 Crescents.—2. Quarterly.—3. A Lion rampant.—4. A Chevron between 3 Eagles displayed.—5. On a chief 3 Tau's.—6. 2 Bends engrailed.—7. A Chevron between 3 Pears pendant.

On the North side of the North Aisle is another Monument, defaced.

In a Window over the foregoing Monument are these Arms :

Az. 3 Bucks' faces O. (This is in many places of the church.) 3 spread Eagles. A. legg'd O. A. on a Saltire engr. S. a Leopard's face O. Crusuly botony fitchye 3 fleur de lis S.

In the West Window, at the West end of the Church, is this Coat :

Barry Nebule A. & G. In the South side of the Window, Beresfords Coates twice ; and St. George with his Cross on his Buckler ; and 6 Buck's heads (faces) O.

On a Monument in the Church:

“Posteris et æternitati sacrum
Hic Subtus Conduntur

Sacræ (heu quantillæ) viri magni reliquæ Gulielmi Paul. Infans ad magna natus Londini, An. CIO IO XCX. Clarius olim ex virtute suâ, quam ex urbe, Nomen habiturus. Illustria futuræ messis indicia prima dedit et innocens ætas puerile enim nihil habuit præter ætatem Virtutemque quam postremis annis exhibuit Primis promisit. Oxoniam delatus perdius primis promisit et pernox musæo se condidit. Nec diu latuit studiose cœlata virtus Collegii unius cancellis non coercenda Coll. Omnium Animarum Socius Comunis.

Calculo quæsitus, eligitur nullius honoris avidus Omnium Capax.

Dein per varios dignitatum gradus, altero ablatu ascendens

Doctoratus purpuram tandem induit

Exercitia in comitiis publice præstitit

Ingenui Laudante et stupente Academia.

Brittannia dein civili bello cruentata fidem deo et regi datam

Ingenti animo et æquali periculo

(Prudentius nescio an fortius)

Inviolatam præstitit

Carolo demum paceq. cælitus restitutus, Decanatum Litchfieldæ

Et Episcopatum Oxoniæ virtus et princeps dedit

Quos modeste tulit prudenter gessit

Supra alios et infra se positus

Antistes jam infulatus populo, quam præesse, prodesse maluit

Ordinem rectum reduxit et vaganti fræna licentiæ imposuit.

Terræ inquilinus, sed cæli incola, tandem annis ac meritis gravis, occid—(vocem infaustam invitus effero) Occidit IX Kaleid. Junin CIO, IOC LXV. Vitam tamen non amisit sed mutavit gloriosus olim oriturus, Patriæ superstes ingens ornamentum nunc triste desiderium. Abi Viator, cetera memorabunt posteri chariss: conjugii et bene merenti Coniux mæsta posuit.”

On a Marble, lying on the Ground, under the above Monument:

“Subter hoc marmore jacet sepultus
Gulielmus Paul

Episcopus Oxoniensis nec non hujus Ecclie Rector.”

William Paul was born at East Cheap, London; was Clerk of All Soul's Coll. in 1614; Fellow of ditto 1618; Rector of Barden Brightwell, near Watlington, Oxon; Succeeded Dr. Griffin Higgs, as Dean of Litchfield, in 1660; Bishop of Oxford on the translation of Skinner to Worcester, and held Brightwell and Chinnar in *commendam*. He was allowed to hold these on condition of rebuilding the Palace of Cuddesdon. He laid in timber for that purpose, but died before he could perform it, 1665, and was buried at Brightwell.

In the Chancel, upon a flat Marble, are the Portraits of a Man in his Gown, and a Woman with 5 Sons and 13 Daughters, all cut in brass Plates thereon. And on the North Wall are the Portraits of the Man and his Wife again, with their Arms, and these Verses written under them, all cut in Brass :

“ Sta, lege, disce virum florenti carmine dignum
 Laudis in hunc tumulum depressit lugubre fatum
 Justiciam coluit rebus fuit omnibus æquus
 Juribus ecclesiæ favit super omnia sanctæ
 Adde preces procerum Nichil ille volebat iniquum
 Qua propter superum Regnum retinebit apicum
 Nunc rex nunc Domini nunc vulgus tristia fata
 Execrat erepto tam justo judice mundo
 Octo cum liberis deplorat amicia conjux
 Quam mors absumpsit tandem comitatur et illa
 Quis dubitat soboles de quo pulcherrima fluxit
 Octodecim liberos quos progenere decoros,
 Solvitur in cineres Cottesmore namque Johannes
 Communis seclis judex quondam capitalis
 Discutiens causas mirâ gravitate forenses
 Que nec amor nec opes timor aut odium superavit
 O quantis lacrimis quanti sua funere fletu
 Anglia concelebrat planctu strepit arduus æther
 Nunc simul ecclesiam cecidisse gemiscit amicum
 Sed magis hunc plagam plenam me more relicto
 In tumba carum presente sepulta maritum
 Quorum conjugium divina sorte beatum
 Anno milleno quater ter et x. quoque nono
 Tertia Septembris lux hunc rapit ante Kalendas.
 Ergo prefatum complectere paule Johannem
 Teque presente deum super astra triumphet in ævum.”

In the Chancel Window are these Arms: A. Botony fitch, 3 fleur de lis S. by the name of Beresford, sometime Lord of this place.

3 Bucks' heads O. Underneath writ, but imperfect, “ John Pirb. Patron Istius. ”

In Little Milton is a Manor, called by the name of Cosmore, which was possessed by the aforesaid Judge Cosmore; from him it came to the Whistlers; from them it came to Sir — Greene, Kt.; from Greene to Astry, who is now the owner of it.

In a South Window of the Chancel are these Arms:

Impaled	{	Oxford See and Quarterly A. and S. 4 Roundels counterchanged of the Field	}	Howson.
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Impaled { Duresm See
and
Howson.
Impaled { Oxford See
and
O. a Raven proper, by the name of Corbet, 1632.

These two men, viz. Howson and Corbet, were Rectors of this Church.

The Lordship of Brightwell was sometime in the possession of the Cottesmores aforesaid; from them it came to the Carletons, but whether by purchase or match I cannot rightly tell, but sure I am, (according to relation) it came from the Carletons by an heire, general to — Stones, the present owners thereof.

Brightwell Prior's.

Brightwell Prior's is in the hundred of Ewelme; it is a chapel to the rectory of Newington. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 52. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £121. 14s. 0d. at 7s. in the pound. It is 6¼ miles S. S. W. from Tetsworth.

Monumental Inscription, on a Brass.

*Richardus Crook Senior quondam hujus villae Dominus
Jacet hic Sepultus et etiam obiit
Die mensis Februarii decimo sexto
Ab Incarnatione Jesu Christi Anno
Millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo nono
Et si vis scire quis hoc opus fecit
Robertus Hallet de Brightwell ipse procurabit.*

*"In all thy life remember to die,
And call to God for grace,
That thou mapest here live verteouslie,
While thou hast tyme and space."*

Brightwell Salome.

Brightwell Salome is in the hundred of Lewknor, though locally situated in the hundred of Ewelme; it is a Rectory, valued in the King's books at £6. 19s. 2d. Patron, Mrs. Stokes. The church is dedicated to St. Nicholas. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 155. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £195. 7s. 11½d. at 6s. in the pound. It is 5½ miles S. by W. from Tetsworth.

Monumental Inscription.

"Hic Jacet Magist. Hores John. quondam Rector istius eccle q. obiit XV die Mensis Aprilis Anno Domini Millesimo CCCCLXXXII cujus aie propicietur Deus. Amen."

This Inscription is on the ground in the Chancel.

Broadwell.

Broadwell is in the hundred of Bampton, and in the parish of Broadwell; it is a discharged Vicarage, with the chapels of Holwell and Kelmscott, valued in the King's books at £8. 14s. 4½d. Patron, A. Colston, Esq. The church is dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul. The resident population of this hamlet in 1801, was 210. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £208. 11s. 9¼d. at 3s. in the pound. It is 5¼ miles S. from Burford.

Inscription on a Brass, on the Ground.

"Here lyeth the bodies of Henry Hampson and Ann his Wife, who were buried the 7th of May, 1660.—"Virtus post funera Vivit."

Broughton.

Broughton is in the hundred of Bloxham, and in the parish of Broughton; it is a Rectory, valued in the King's books at £18. 16s. 0½d. Patrons, T. Twistleton, Esq. and others. The church is dedicated to St. Mary. The resident population of this hamlet in 1801, was 157. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £254. 18s. 3d. at 3s. 4½d. in the pound. It is 3 miles W. S. W. from Banbury.

Monumental Inscriptions.

"Hic jacet Dominus Thomas de Broughton Miles Quondam Dominus de Broughton qui multimodis ornamentis hanc ecclesiam decoravit Cujus Animae propicietur deus. Amen."

Arms: Az. a Cross engrailed A.

Another Inscription, in Black Letter.

"Orate pro anima Dominae Philippae Bischoppesdone quae obiit in die Sancti Andrei Apostoli, Anno Dni. MCCCCXIII, Cujus animae propicietur Deus. Amen."

Arms: 3 Bendlets and a Canton, quartering a Chevron engrailed, between 3 Escallops.

In the south window is the figure of a man in armour, kneeling.

BROUGHTON CASTLE.

This Castle, near Banbury, was the Manor House and Estate of Sir Wm. Wickham, Kt. who gave it in dower with his daughter Margaret, in marriage to Sir Wm. Fiennes, or Fines, Lord Say and Sele, who had summons to Parliament from the 20th Hen. VI. to the 9th of Edw. IV. He was heir to Sir James Fines, Baron Say and Sele, and Lord High Treasurer of England; who was beheaded by a rabble, in the reign of King Henry VI. It continued the seat of this family for 300 years, and afterwards in the 1st of King James I. the stile and title of Baron Say and Sele, was confirmed and recognized to Sir Richard Fines and his heirs, who was lineally descended from the above said Sir James. This Estate is now in the possession of Col. Twistleton.

Broughton Pogges.

Broughton Pogges is in the hundred of Bampton; it is a discharged Rectory, valued in the King's books at £7. 7s. 11d. Patron, W. Goodenough, B. P. The church is dedicated to St. Peter. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 103. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £259. 18s. 4½d. at 7s. 3½d. in the pound. It is 5½ miles S. by W. from Burford.

Bruerne.

Bruerne is in the hundred of Chadlington, it is extra parochial. The resident population of this liberty in 1801, was 30. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £24. 4s. 6d. It is 5½ miles N. by E. from Burford. "An abbey for Cistercian monks was here founded by Nicholas Basset, A. D. 1147, to the honour of the blessed Virgin Mary. Its yearly revenues at the dissolution, amounted to £124. 10s. 10d.* and the site was granted to Anthony Cope, 8th James I. King Henry III., Roger Earl of Warwick, and others, were benefactors to this abbey; all whose gifts were confirmed to the Cistercian monks here, by King John, in the 6th year of his reign. Valued at £134. 10s. 10d. per annum." †

Bucknell.

Bucknell is in the hundred of Ploughley, and deanery of Bicester; it is a Rectory, valued at £13. 16s. 0½d. Yearly tenths, £1. 7s. 7½d. Patron, New College, Oxon. The church is dedicated to St. Peter. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 218. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £171. 17s. 0d. at 3s. in the pound. It is 2¼ miles N. W. by N. from Bicester.

* Speed. † Tanner's Not. Mon. ‡ Dugdale,

Monumental Inscriptions.

May 25, 1660.

In the Chancel, on a Brass fixed to a Marble Gravestone.

“Depositum Edwardi Ewre, Erm. qui obiit xi die Junii 1638 qui ex Margaretâ filiâ Francisci Powre de Bletchenton, Arm. lectissimâ sponsâ suâ, duos reliquit filios filiasque quatuor, viz. Franciscum et Richardum, Prudenciam, Janam, Annam et Helenam.”

On another Brass on the same Stone is this:

“Franciscus Ewre primogenitus, qui Janam filiam Arthuri Savage Equitis Aurati duxit in uxorem, patri suo charissimo pietatis et memoriæ ergo hoc monumentum posuit.”

Over all are these Arms: a Tyger passant on a chief, impaling Barry nebule à bend.

On another Stone, not far hence, is this Engraven:

“Sacrum Memoriæ

Domini Gulielmi Raulinson apud Cartmell Lancastriensis haud obscurâ familiâ oriundi, qui postquam annos 27 pietate in Deum, amore erga homines comprobisset, manu nefasto die formatâ Maii 3, 1643, infelicissime obreptus est. Si annum octogesimum attigisset letho heu nimis immaturo festinasse diceretur.

Jam vanum esse scio pejora relinquere lethum

Sæpius atque bonos eripuisse viros

Scilicet in cælo pretiosa est sacra Cupido

Non morte ergo uti sed nece fata docent

Elizabetha uxor, ut perpetuum sui amoris testimonium, posuit.”

In the Windows of the Chancel are these Arms: Az. 3 Cinquoils A. between 9 cross crosslets O. quartering Az. 3 Barrs O.—Barry Wavy of 8 A. & G.—Vaire O. & G.—Quarterly O. & G.

In the Windows of the Church are these Inscriptions, in Black Letter:

“Orate pro animabus Johis. fermor et Margeriac ejus uxoris et Johis. fermor et Alice . . ua . . ejus et filiorum eorum.” Under it are 2 men and 2 women praying.

“Orate pro aiabus Robti ux. ej. et Theo. Clement” Under it 2 men and 2 women kneeling.

“Orate pro aiabus Larwolde et Scolasticæ uxoris ejus. et pro aiabus Hawisce et Agnes uxoris ej. et pro aiabus filiorum eorum.” Under it 2 men and 2 women praying.

In another Window a man praying; under him, “W. W. filior. Miciae.”

In a South Window: Barry wavy of 6 A. & G. a bend Az. & a chief verrey O. & S.

In a North Window opposite to the last: Barry wavy 6 A. & G.

Burcott.

Burcott is in the hundred of Dorchester. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 136. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £76. 15s. 9d. at 2s. 8d. in the pound. It is 8 miles S. E. by S. from Oxford, and 5 miles E. by S. from Abingdon, in the county of Berks.

Burford.

Burford is in the hundred of Bampton, and parish of the same name. The living is a discharged Vicarage, with the chapel of Fulbrook, valued in the King's books at £31. 13s. 0d. Patron, the Bishop of Oxford. The church is dedicated to Saint John Baptist. The resident population of this town in 1801, was 1516. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £1300. 7s. 3½d. at 15s. in the pound. It is 18½ miles W. N. W. from Oxford, and 73 miles W. N. W. from London. The market is on Saturday. The fairs are on the last Saturday in April, 5th of July, and 25th of Sept. It was incorporated by King Henry II. and is governed by two Bailiffs and other Officers. The petty sessions are holden here. "A small priory or hospital here, was dedicated to St. John the Evangelist. It was valued at £13. 6s. 6d. per annum;* and granted 35 Hen. VIII. to Edmund † Herman."‡

Burford gave birth to Dr. Peter Heylin, and was the residence of Speaker Lenthal, who bought an Estate and good House of Lord Falkland, and died here 1662. The seat and manor still belong to the family of Lenthal, and in the house are to be seen many of the pictures of Charles the 1st collection, brought by the Speaker from Hampton Court.

The church is a large handsome building. The two west doors are adorned with Saxon zigzag and heads, as at Iffley and other places in this county. The porch is of florid gothic. At the entrance of the church-yard are some antient alms-houses. The vicarage house opposite to them was rebuilt by Symon Wisdom, Alderman here in 1579.

*The following Notes are taken from an Harleian MSS.
No. 4170, p. 36.*

Burford, June 9, 1660.

In a Chapel on the North side of the Chancel, against the head of a raised Monument, is a man in a gown, praying; under him this Inscription, on Brass:

"Here lieth the body of George Symons, Gent.
Sometime dwelling in the House at the Bridge Foot,
Being a good benefactor to the poor of this towne, and
Departed this life the 27th day of January, 1590.
God be praised for him."

Another raised Monument near, without Arms or Inscription.

Nigh hence, on a Brass on the Ground:

**"Hic Jacet Johannes Pinnock primo genitus Thomae Pinnock gentleman
quondam societatis de Graies June qui quidem Johannes obiit V die Augusti
MCCCCLXXXIX cujus animae ppicietur Deus."**

On the North side of the Chancel is a Chapel, therein a most stately Monument, raised in this manner:

On the ground death lying along; over it a table of black marble, supported by small pillars of the same; upon it a man on his back, in a Judge's formalities, with a collar of

* Dugdale—Speed. † It is Harmer on his Monument; vide infra. ‡ Tanner's Not. Mon.

S. S. and his wife, all arched over; the arch being supported by 6 pillars of black marble, and 4 square ones at the corners; at the head a young man in a gown, kneeling, with hands erect; behind, or under him, a table of black marble, with this Inscription:

“Not this small* of stones and straiten'd roome,
The Bench, the Court, tribunal or his tombe;
This but his dust, but these his name interre,
And these indeed, but now a Sepulcre,
Whose merits only raised and made him good:
His standing there, where few so long have stood,
Pity his memory engaged should stand
Unto a Private Church, not to the Land.”

On the South side, this:

“Here lieth interred Sir Laurence† Tanfield, Kt. one of the Justices of his Majesties Bench, and late Lord Cheife Baron of the Exchequer, who continued in those places of judicature 20 years, wherein he survived all the judges in every Bench at Westminster. He left behind him only one daughter and heir, who married with Henry, Lord Viscount Falkland, Lord Deputy General of Ireland. He deceased 30 of April, 1635.

His noble and verteous Lady to her most honoured husband, hath erected this monument of his vertues and her sorrows.”

At the feet of the two Effigies, their Crests on Scrolls:

1st. a Mermaid to the middle A. crined O. Bracelets S. a wreath of Roses about her head G.—2nd. on a Wreath O. S. a Swan proper.

At the feet a man kneeling, under him this:

“Paucam des operam tibi viator
Non ignobile te rogat Sepulcrum
Olim inter monumentum sanctoria, et
Nepotui Critico labor futurus
His nempe in spatiis situs quiescit
Angii præcipua, fori togeque
Juris Gloria Judicumque fama
Prudens causidicus, pius Senator
Quo nemo fuit innocens patrono
Quo nemo scelus improbe redemit
Leni iudice, factus haud minori
Insons crimine quam fuit scelestus

Qui nullo pretio malus nec unquam
Vectigal sibi fecerat Tribunal
Puris divitiis honore casto
Atque amplissimus unus innocente
Nec vitæ minor artibus, domusque
Attentissimus et probe severus
Et rerum bene diligens suarum
Parens providus optimus maritus
Cunctis officiis nimis probatus
Dicam nomen et hæc minora dixi
Tanfieldus Baro: jam tibi scienti
Narro Cuncta superfluous tibi ipse.
Absolves Epitaphium Viator.”

On the North side of the Monument, this:

“Her shadow lyes while life is sad,
Sole hopes to dye to him she had;
In blisse is he whome I love best,
Thrice happy she with him to rest;

So shall I be with him I loved,
And he with me, and both be blessed.
Love made me poet, and this I writ,
My heart *did do it*, and not my wit.”

Over all, at the corners:

Tanfield (viz) A. 2 Chev. bet. 3 Martlets S. quartering A. 2 Chev. S. bet. 3 Griffin's heads erased G. The Crest as the first of the former. Tanfield, impaling B. 3 Trefoils slipped O.—About the Monument are several pieces of Scripture.

* Here is a word omitted in the MSS.

† Sir Francis in the MSS.

On an old raised Monument of Stone, in this Chapel, at the feet is this:

“Obitus Thomæ Frieri, Burfordiæ, Epitaphium
 Me vita excessit 5 Novembris Anno Dni. 1572
 Marmoris hæc Thomas latitat sub mole Frierus
 Mente sagax felix vixit populoque deoque fidelis
 Hunc coluit dives, semper amavit inops.”

On the North side:

“Quatuor hic genuit divino munere natos
 Ex quibus in tenebris jam puer unus obit
 Omnia quæ sternit tandem mors abstulit illum
 Corpus in hoc tumulo est, mens sed in arce poli est
 Illius ad Christum penetravit spiritus almum
 In quo sola quies vitæque sola manet.”

In the N. side of the Church are two proportions.*

Against the North Wall of the Church, on a Table of Stone:

“Edmundus Harmarius Armiger quem Dominus Deus innumeris beneficiis ab ineunte ætate prosequutus est hoc Christianæ memoriæ monumentum sibi et Agnetæ unicæ et castissimæ conjugii et sex decem liberis Deo benedicente ex illa susceptis posuit A. D. 1569.

Nullus eram, et faciente Deo sum natus ut essem
 Jam nunc de proprio semine rursus ero
 Nostra die magno quæ nunc absumpta putamus
 Corpora cernemus surgere tota Deo.

Pellite corde metum mea membra et credite vosmet
 Cum Christo reditura Deo, nam vos gerit ille
 Et secum revocat, morbos ridete minaces

Inflictos casus contemnite & atra sepulchra
 Despiciat Exurgens Christus provocat ite
 Christus erit cunctis regnum, lux, vita, corona.”

The Arms above are 3 Curry Combs quartering, 1st. On a bend bet, 2 fleur de Lis, 3 Martlets.—2nd. A Chevron engrailed bet. 3 Owls.—3rd. A Fess dauncette bet. 6 cross Crosslets.—The Crest, a Lion's paw holding a pole Axe.

By the N. Wall of the Church, these narrow raised Monuments of Stone, in order.

1st. “Here lieth the body of John Templar, who married with Mary Sylvester, the daughter of Edmund Sylvester the elder; who deceased the 5th of May, 1626.”

The Arms: 3 Hautboys and 3 Quaterfoils.

2nd. “Edmund Sylvester deceased 21 Jan. 1568.”

3rd. “Here lieth Wm. Sylvester, which deceased 12 April, An. Dni. 1577.”

4th. “Here lieth Robert Sylvester, vintner, Freeman of London, son of Wm. Sylvester; deceased 29 June, 1601.”—Within a Scroll, the Vintner's Arms.

5th. “Here lieth Thomas Sylvester, who deceased the 20 of March, 1568, like the former.”

6th. “Here lieth Thos. Sylvester, which deceased the 19 of October, 1624.”

On another, the Barber Surgeons Arms.

Nigh hence, on a Brass fixed to the Wall, a man, behind him 10 boys; and a woman, behind her 2 girls, with this Inscription:

* The word “Proportions” is frequently used in the MSS. to signify the statues in the Churches.

"Here lyeth the body of John Osbaldeston, of the Upper Court in Chadlington, Gent. and Grace his wife, the daughter of Humfrey Ashfield, of Hethrop, Esq. who had Issue 10 sons and 2 daughters, whereof survive 4 sons and 1 daughter; he departed this life the last of October, A. D. 1624, and she the 6th of March, A. D. 1611."

In the Chapel, on the South side, are these Arms in the Windows :

France and England Quartered.

O. a Chev G.—O. a Cross G.

In another Chapel on the same side, a Grey Marble Monument, the Arms on it not discernible.

In the Churchyard, on a Brass fixed to the head of a raised Monument is this:

"I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand, &c."

"Here lieth the body of Mr. John Hunt, of Burford, Mercer, who deceased 15 of March, in the year of our Lord, 1603. William Hunt and Richard Hunt, sons of the said John Hunt, made this 1609."

With several of the like.*

On a Flat Stone in the Chancel:

"John Prior

Murdered and found hid

in the Priory Garden."

This John Prior was steward to some Gentleman, and having advanced money to his employer, had the tythes secured to himself, which was supposed to have been the cause of his death.

Cassington, alias Carsington.

Cassington is in the hundred of Wootton, and Deanery of Woodstock. The living is a discharged Vicarage, valued in the King's books at £12. Clear yearly value £50. Patrons, the Dean and Canons of Christ Church, Oxford. The church is dedicated to St. Peter. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 374. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £309. 3s. 0d. at 2s. 5½d. in the pound. It is 5 miles N. W. from Oxford.

"In King Edward y^e 1st his time, one Thomas de Madenhach was Lord of this Manor, and departed this life without Issue male; for by an Inquisition taken after the Death of Isabel his Wife, in the 12 Ed. II. Joane, Sibill, and Mary, were found to be his daughters and Heirs, then being about xx1 years of Age, and † shortly after dyed Issueless. So that by partition in the 12 Ed. II. the possessions of the said Thomas were divided betwixt the other three, (viz.) the Manor of Aston, Com. Warw. this Manor of Cassington, Wykes and Sondes in Sussex, and Bergholtes Suffolk, besides other Lands and Rents being in the County of Southampton, whereof Sibill, then wife of Adam de Grymesarwe, had the Lordship of the aforesaid for her Share, but to whom this fell or who the other two Daughters married is in doubt."—*A. Wood's MSS. Ashmole's Museum, F. 12.*

Arms in the Windows: England & A. 3 Fusils in fess G.—*Feb. 15, 1659, Hutton's MSS.*

* Here ends the MSS. Bibl. Harl. 4170, p. 36.

† Qu. If the name of a daughter is not omitted.

On the South Wall of the Church is this: "The steeple repaired Anno Dom. 1757, Frances Green, John Ovenell, Church Wardens."

Monumental Inscriptions.

On a Black Marble on the Ground:

"In Memory of
Roger Boucher,
Master of Arts,
Late Fellow of Wadham Coll.
In Oxford,
Who died December 31, 1750,
Aged 69.
Also of
Humphrey Brickland, who died
June 5th, 1751, Aged 77.

Also of
Catherine, the Wife of
The said Humphrey Brickland,
And Sister of the said Roger Boucher,
Died 1st of August, 1762, Aged 84.

Also of
Philip, John son of John
And Isabella
.
."

Against the East Wall of the Church, on a Brass Plate, the figure of a Man in a Winding Sheet; under him an Inscription:

"Epitaphium Thomæ Neli professoris
Olim Hebraici publici in Acade-
mia Oxoniensi

Hic iacet elinguis qui linguis pluribus olim
Vsus Hebraismi publica lingua fuit
Græca quid, hic q^d. Hebræa iuvat, q^{id} lingua latina
Siqua alios iuvit nunc ea sola iuvat
Vos ergo Thomæ Neli quos lingua iuvabat
Elinguum lingua (quæso) iuvate pia."

Subscriptio ipsius Authoris

"Hos egomet versus posui mihi sanus ut esset
Hinc prævisa mihi mortis imago meæ

Etiamsi occiderit me

In ipsum tamen sperabo. Job. ca. 13,
Anno Dni. 1590, ætatis vero meæ 71."

This Thomas Neale was born at Yeate in Gloucestershire, educated at Winchester Coll. entered at New Coll. Oxon, 1538, and afterwards Fellow of the same Coll. where he took the Degree of A. M. and in 1546 Holy Orders; was well skilled in Greek and Hebrew, which last he read to several young Scholars in the University, particularly to Bernard Gilpin of Queen's Coll. Sir T. White, afterward Founder of St. John's Coll. allowed him an yearly pension of £10. In the beginning of Queen Mary's reign he became Chaplain to Bishop Bonner; and in 1556 was admitted to the reading of the sentences, being then Rector of Thenforth in Northamptonshire; but when Elizabeth came to the Crown, and he thereupon bereft of his Lord and Patron, Bonner, he betook himself to Oxon. and in 1559 was made the Queen's Professor of Hebrew Lecture; entered himself a Commoner of Hart Hall, and built little lodgings opposite thereto, joining to the west end of New Coll. Cloister, wherein he lived several years, but his religion being more Catholic than Protestant, he left Oxford as he had done his Lecture before; and being of a timorous nature, and always dreading being called into question for his seldom frequenting the Church and receiving the Sacrament, he retired to an obscure village,

called Cassington, about 4 miles from Oxon, where purchasing a house at the end thereof next to Ensham, spent the remainder of his days in study and devotion: and in the year 1590, being 71 years old, did put up a Monument for himself with an Inscription on a brass plate, at the upper end of Cassington Church, over the seat which belonged to the house where he lived, (for he sometimes went to Church,) with intention to be buried there. He hath written 1566 Dialogues in Adventus, &c. in long and short verses; in this book are the Pictures of all the Colleges and Schools then in being, with verses under them, shewing by whom they were founded and when.* Also a Table or Map describing the Colleges and Halls in Oxon, with verses underneath each: this Map was hung up for two or three days on St. Mary's Church door when Queen Elizabeth was entertained at Oxford, 1566, which she several times viewed. He also made a translation of all the Prophets out of the Hebrew, which he presented to Queen Elizabeth when in Oxon; and translated from that tongue several of the Rabbins into Latin, which he dedicated to Cardinal Pole. See more in Wood's Athenæ, article Thomas Neli (Neale.)

On a large Stone on the Ground, under a Cross, in Brass, in the body of the Church.

"*Hic jacet Rogerius Chepne quondam Armig. Dni Regis cujus anime ppiciet. Deus, amen.*"

On each side of the Cross a shield of Arms, nearly worn out, Mr. Hutton says they are Cheekey on a Fesse a Fusil.

On the South Wall, a Marble Monument:

"In Memory of
Frances Seale. Gent. of St. Clement's Danes, Middx. Steward to the most noble John and Thomas, successively Dukes of Newcastle, and to the Right hon^{ble} Rd^{wd}. Lord Hartley. He demised his estate (after several Legacies) to John Rogers and Robert Rogers, clerks, sons of Anne his only Sister, by Mr. John Rogers, Vicar of Eynsham, and to Charles Perrott and Thos. Bedwell, Gents. Husbands of Anne and Christian, Daughters of his said Sister. To the poor of this Parish, y^e place of his Nativity, He gave fifty pounds for ever, and directed his body to be here interred near Elizabeth his Wife.

He died Nov. 20, an. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Æt. 65.} \\ \text{Dni. 1720.} \end{array} \right.$ "

On the North Wall of the Church, a Freestone Monument, with the following:

"In hopes of a joyful Resurrection,
Near, lieth the Body of Elizabeth,
Wife of William Cosier of Oxon,
Who died July 22, 1745, Aged 60.

Also Elizabeth, Daughter of the said William & Elizabeth Cosier,
Who died January 21, 1750, aged 40,
And lieth interred near this place.
Also two Children died in their infancy."

On the South Wall of the Chancel, a Marble:

"In Memory of Gilbert Mabbott,
He died Dec. 1st. 1771, aged 56 years.
Also Rachel his Wife,
She died Sept. 4, 1774,
Aged 52 years."

In the Chancel, on a large Black Marble, on the Ground.

"Here lieth the Body of Catherine, Wife of Edmund Gregory of this Parish, Gent. and daughter of Dorrell Dearing of Buscott, in the County of Berks, Esq. who having discharged the part of a dutiful and obedient Child, tender and deserving Wife,
.....
.....
Departed this life July 22, 1718, aged 58."

On another, near the above:

"Here lieth the Body of
Edmund Gregory of this Parish,
Gent. who departed this life
the 17th of Oct. A. D. 1719,
Aged"

Part of both these are under the Com. Rail.

* Qu. Where is this Book?

On a large Black Marble, on the Ground, broken; on the top these Arms: A Chevron between 3 cross Pattees.

“H. S. E.

Henricus Newby

Car: Newby de Hooton Roberts in Agro Ebor.

Armigeri,

Filius Natu minoris

Et Gaudij et Doctoris

Suis magnum Argumentum

Qui literarum Tyrocinia

Dum apud Lincoln excoluit

Et omnes eum talem Prædicabant

Qualem Sperabant Amici

Prope hunc locum sclopeto incaute Innixus

Dum socium expectat,

Plumbo Trajectus pro nitur

Cujus Pientissimi Filij

Memoriæ

Hoc Marmor sacrum posuit

Elis Mater Mæstissima

In tanto malo Hoc solum est solatium

Quod Virtutes quas ereptas plorat

Cælo eum maturum Præstiterant.

Ob. May 1, A. D. MDCCXVI,

Æt. XVI.”

The Vicar is Edrd. Stanton, A. M. Chantor of Ch. Ch. Coll. Ox. This Church consists of a Nave and Chancel, between which is a Steeple Tower containing six Bells, not large nor musical; on the 2nd Bell is 1652, 3rd 1604. The fine Arches on which the Tower stands are partly hid by the ringing loft. The Chancel is arched with stone in groins. In the east Wall is a Piscina, and on the north side of the Table a neat corbel of stone, about 3 feet high. The Roof of the Church was covered with Lead, but the Timber (which was of Chesnut) being decayed, was taken down in 1805. In many parts of the Church where white-wash is off, appear different colours of Paint and Figures; on a Door is the figure of Death.

In Mr. Warton's History of Kiddington is the following account of the Church: “Geoffrey de Clinton, Chamberlain to King Henry II. (son of Geoffrey de Clinton, Chamberlain and Treasurer to Henry I. founder of the Monastery and Castle of Kenilworth, and Lord of Cassington,) built the Church of Cassington on his own Fee, at the request of Robert de Chesney Bishop of Lincoln, and of the Abbot of Ensham, about the year 1155: it was consecrated by the Bishop, and dedicated to St. Peter. The Abbey of Eynsham was to find a Chaplain or Minister, with the advice and consent of Geoffrey the Archdeacon. Cassington was before in the parish of St. Mary at Eynsham, and the new Church was given to Eynsham Abbey, at the same time it was ordained, that as often as Geoffrey de Clinton resided at Cassington with his family, the Chaplain of this Church should receive half the Oblations coming from his family, “contra capellanos ipsius Galfridi.” The said Geoffrey also endowed his new Church with one Yard Land at Cassington, and all the Tythes of the Village in Corn and Cattle.”—*Registr. Abb. de Eynsham.*

Of this Church much of Geoffrey's original building still remains, particularly a noble

Norman Arch, on which the Tower stands, and the roof of the choir yet retains four intersecting Norman Ribs, there appears also to have been a Norman Transept; the body of the Church, as well as the choir, is evidently genuine, being of rag-stone, with few windows.

In the Register of Eynsham Abbey is another particular relating to this Church. "Galfridus de Clinton Concessit ecclesie S. Petri de Chersington quam Gulielmus de Clinton eidem ecclesie dedit pro restauratione Turris ipsius Ecclesie, quam propter imminetia et suspecta sibi pericula dejecit, &c." For Gulielmus I suspect we should read Galfridus, that is the father; against whom a false accusation of Treason was brought before King Henry I. keeping his Christmas at Woodstock. Agnes, the witness here mentioned, and wife of the second Geoffrey, was daughter of Roger Earl of Warwick.

The Mansion House of the Montacutes at Cassington perhaps stood, where is now a large Farm House, with a Moat and other marks of antient manerial edifice; here lived the noble family of the Clintons.

Sir William Montacute had two Acres of Land in Cassington by the gift, (I suppose an exchange,) of Maud de Upton, Abbess of Godstowe in 1318.—*Registr. Abbat. Eynsham M. S. Cap.* 136. Cassington appears to have been granted to his father Simon by Edward I. in the year 1290.—*Chart.* 18 *Edward I.* The Arms of Montacute are, or lately were, in the Western Window of the Church of Cassington; they were also in the neighbouring Church of Bladen.

In the year 1318 Sir Wm. de Montacute, Son and heir of Simon de Montacute, ancestor of the Montacutes Earls of Salisbury, high in favour with Edward II. obtained licence of that Monarch, to make a Castle* of his Mansion House, at Kersyngton, or Cassington, in Oxfordshire, and the Manor of Cassington was part of the dowry of his wife, Lady Elizabeth Montacute.

In the Bibliotheca, article Comnor, Berks, (wrote by Dr. Buckler, All-souls Coll. Oxon,) is the following: "There is a tradition that Cassington (on the other side of the Thames in Oxfordshire,) was in old times a Chapel of Ease to Comnor, and a part of the parish; it is said that within these hundred years the people of Cassington used to claim a right of burying here, that they crossed the river with their dead at Somerford mead, (where it is said the plank stones are still to be seen by which they passed,) and from thence came up through the riding in Comnor Wood, which they claimed as their Church way, and at a lane near a house called Blind Pinnocks, began their Psalm-singing; which lane is from hence called Songers Lane to this day. It is certain that there is a part of Comnor Church-yard, lying behind the Church, known by the name of Cassington Burying Ground, and that a demand of an acknowledgment of sixpence per annum is frequently made, and always complied with by the parish, to Comnor."

Caversham.

Caversham is in the hundred of Binfield. The living is a Curacy not in charge; and the church is dedicated to St. Peter. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 1069 inhabitants, and 224 houses. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was

* The expression in antient deeds is "kernellare mansum suum," which signifies, not to make his mansion a fortified Castle, but to give it a castellated appearance by adding crenellated battlements to his house, some instances of which are still remaining in the Kingdom.—*Editor.*

£746. 16s. 11d. at 4s. in the pound. It is $7\frac{1}{4}$ miles S. W. by S. from Henley on Thames, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ N. from Reading, in the county of Berks. "The church here was part of the first endowment of the Abbey of Nottesley, in Bucks, A. D. 1162, and afterwards the manor and a good estate coming to them here seems to have been a cell to that monastery, which was enriched by the offerings made in the chapel of our Lady here, wherein (saith Dr. London, one of the visitors, temp. H. VIII.) was a famous relic shewn by one of the Canons, viz. the angel with one wing, which brought to Caversham the spear head that pierced our Saviour on the cross."—*Tanner's Not. Mon.*

This Manor did belong to the Beauchamps, Earls of Warwick, for I have read that Richard de Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, who died 17th of Henry VI. made his last will and testament at this manor, bearing date 8 August, 1435, 15 H. VI. leaving Anne his daughter married to Richard Nevile, who succeeded him in that Earldom, and because that the said Richard Nevile fought against the then King and was killed in Barnet field, as I have shewed in Spellesbury, most of his means went to the King, except some Lordships in this county and divers others in other counties, whereof this was one reserved by Anne his wife and her heirs. The said Anne was born at this place 3rd Id. Julii, Anno 1429, 7 Hen. 6th.—*Wood's MSS. 8474, F. 21.*

Extracts from Domesday.

Walter Gifford holds of the King twenty hides in Cavesham, (Caversham:) land to twenty-one ploughs; now in the demesne four ploughs, and two bondmen, and 28 villanes, with 13 bordars, have thirteen ploughs. There is a mill of 20 shillings, and 13 acres of meadow, wood 1 mile and $\frac{3}{4}$ long and one mile broad. It was in King Edward's time, and afterwards, and is now, worth £20. Suain held it freely in King Edward's time.

Monumental Inscriptions.

On a Monument near the Font :

" In Memoriam

Johannes Merrick, M. D.

de Reading

Cujus eximias ingenii dotes

Multâ Industriâ multâque eruditione excultas

Commendavit humanitas singularis

Et amabilis quædam morum simplicitas

Vitâ laboriosissimâ et utilissimâ

Pie et placide defunctus est

Die 5 Aprilis, 1757, Æt. 87

Uxorem duxit Elizabetham

Filiam Richardi Lybbe

De Hardwick in agro Oxon. Arm^{ti}.

Et Sophiæ fæminæ dilectissimæ

Thomæ Tipping Equitis Aur. filiæ

Insigni prudentiâ mulierem

Moribus sanctissimis

Ex quâ octo suscepit liberos

Franciscus filius natu tertius ob Maij 24, 1738, Æt. 28

Gulielmus natu quartus Coll. Di. Joh. Bapt. Oxon. Socius

Ob. 8 Jan. 1747, Æt. 24

Anna filia natu secunda Ob. 5 Nov. 1760, Æt. 47

Qui omnes cum Anna Johannis Merrick, M. B.

Uxore Charissima

Quæ obiit Oct. 1760, Æt. 48

Et infante Francisci filio

Intus ad hunc parietem jacent.

Hic etiam prope dilectos cineres conditus est

Johannes Merrick, M. B.

Filius Johannis et Elizabethæ natu primus

Defunctus 10 Nov. 1764, Æt. 60

Qui hoc animi erga parentes optime meritis

Cæterosque suos memoris monumentum

Extare Voluit

Matri suæ quæ Annos 84 prope compleverat

Exiguo intervallo

Quippe (eodem Anno Die tertio Aprilis defuncto)

Superstes."

July, 1812, the Indictment against the Inhabitants of the county of Oxford, for not repairing Caversham Bridge, came on to be heard at the Berks Assizes, before Mr. Justice le Blanc and a special Jury, summoned at the instance of the defendants, who pleaded that Charles Marsack, Esq., in respect of the manor of Caversham and the lands there purchased by him of the late Earl of Cadogan, ought to repair. Several old Inhabitants of Caversham and the neighbourhood were examined for the defendants, none of whom being able to prove that the estate so purchased by Mr. Marsack was liable, the Jury, under the direction of his Lordship, found the defendants guilty; in consequence of which the county of Oxford must in future do all necessary repairs.—*Oxon Journal*, July 18, 1812.

In Campbell's *Vitruvius Britannicus* there is a plan of the Park and Gardens and Plantations of Caversham, in Oxfordshire; the seat of the Right Honourable the Earl of Cadogan, &c.

Chalgrove.

Chalgrove is in the hundred of Ewelme; it is a Vicarage with the chapel of Berwick Salham, valued in the King's books at £10. 5s. 5d. Patrons, the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Oxford. The church is dedicated to Saint Mary. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 509. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, including the township of Rofford, was £404. at 3s. 8d. in the pound. It is 5 miles S. W. from Tetsworth.

In the middle of the village, near some large elms, is the shaft of a Cross on three steps; within the memory of man it was surrounded with iron palisadoes, and repaired at the parish expence. The manor has 3 divisions, the lordships belonging to Magdalen College, Oxford; Lincoln College, ditto; and Mrs. Blount. The Rev. C. Ballard is the present vicar, who succeeded the Rev. Paul Tookie, who died, as appears by a gravestone in the nave, June 23, 1783.

At the West end of the Church is a Gallery, on the front of which are painted the following Benefactions:

"William Hart, by Will dated 12 of May, 1664, did yearly give 3 pounds for apprenticing one poor boy."

"Dr. Wall, Oct. 1st. 1665, gave 3 fifths of the rent of some Land in the parish of Benson, to the poor of Chalgrove yearly."

"Mr. Wigger, by Deed Poll, dated 1676, gave one Cow Common, 22 and half Acres of Land, and tenements, in the parish of Chalgrove, the profits of which are to be employed in the repairs of the Church."

"Mr. A. Deane, Jan. 1, 1710, charged his estate at Chilworth with £5. yearly, to apprentice poor Children."

"Mrs. Smith, by will, dated Jan. 13th, 1718, gave yearly 20 6d. Loaves to twenty poor people on May day: on the same day two Acres of Land at Berwick Salome are charged with 10 shillings yearly for Bread and wine; and other 10 shillings to be given to twenty poor persons."

"Mrs. Chibnell, by will, dated Jan. 22, 1746, did give 4 Gowns and 4 Ells of Linen Cloth yearly, to 4 poor widdows or antient maids; likewise £3. to be given to the poor on Sunday next before the feast of St. Matthew."

JOHN HAMDEN.

John Hamden received the honourable appellation of Patriot Hamden, for his spirited and judicious defence of the Laws and Liberties of his Country, in opposition to the illegal and oppressive tax of ship-money. He argued the case with the Judges for 12 days together in the Exchequer Chamber, and had more reason to triumph from his superiority in the argument, than the Crown had for its victory in the cause. He had the command of a regiment of foot in the civil war, and received his death wound bravely fighting in Chalgrove field, Oxon. He was regarded by his friends as a martyr to liberty. Lord Cobham has placed his bust among the worthies in his Elysium, at Stowe.

Under the Bust, is the following:

"John Hamden, who with great spirit and consummate abilities, began a noble Opposition to an arbitrary Court, in defence of the liberties of this Country, supported them in Parliament, and died for them in the field."

Extract from Pirton Register, Oxon.

"1619. John Hampden, of Hampden, Esq. and Mrs. Elizabeth Symeon, daughter of Mr. Edmond Symeon, of Pyrton, was married the 24th of June, in the 17th year of King James."

Monumental Inscriptions, from A. Wood's MSS.

In the Chancel, on the Wall:

"H. S. I.

Franciscus Markham-qui ex antiqua familia in agro Lincoln ortum Generosum ducens Amplissimis in Illustrissima Academia Collegii Alumnus Educatione natalibus pari impensus decoravit ubi ad superiorem in Artibus gradum erectus ex ejusdem *ille patrimo* curam animum in hac et vicina Berwiciam ipsi in merite honorem *concreditam* sedulus officii adeo ardui laboris anno Ætat. 45 Salutis 1668 prid. Cal. Jul. Cœlum petiit. Alicia Markham Johan. Whorwood de Mansfield Agro Nottingham Generosi filia defunctiq. infelix vidua, in memoriam devotissimi conjugis et proprii affectus testimonium (tum chari pulveris consortio tandem fruitura) monumentum hoc erexit annoq. 1679 Oct. 21 Æt. 55 conjugem semen vitam bonis operibus Marmorq. hoc maturo funere feliciter adimplevit."

On a Marble, on the Ground:

"Who dying left £30. for the purchasing of Land, the profits of 2 thirds of which to be for the use of the poor of this parish, and the other third part to the poor of Berwick, to be distributed every year on Good Friday, for ever, 1679."

Arms: A. on a Chief O a demi Lion rampant. G. impaling A. a Chev. bet. 3 Bucks' Heads Cabosed S.

In the Chancel, on a Brass:

"**Thomas fitz Thomas Barantyn gist icy dieux de sa**" Under it was a Coat of Arms, now gone.

On another Gravestone, in the Chancel, is the figure of a man in armour with a greyhound at his feet, and under is the following:

"**Hic Jacet Reginaldus Barantyn Armiger qui obiit IIII die mensis Septembris Anno Dni. M^o. CCCCXLI cujus aie ppicietur deus, Amen.**"

Under are these Arms: Quarterly 1. 4. 3 Eagles displayed. 2 & 3 on a fess two Billets impaling within a bordure ingrailed a Cinquefoil.—The figure is 36 inches long.

On the N. Wall, N. Aisle, cut on Black Marble, are the figures of a man and woman kneeling at a desk; behind the man are two sons, and behind the woman one daughter. The sons are Anthony, Benedict; the daughter, Mary. Under is the following Inscription, cut also on Black Marble:

"Benedict Winchcombe, Esq. who died at Noake, in y^e Covntie of Oxon, y^e 20 of May, 1623, Caused this Monvment to be made, he being sonne and heire of Thos. Winchcombe, Esq. whose wife was here bried, being the Christian mother of the said Benedict, and one of y^e daughters and heires of Henrie Bradshaw, Esq. Late Lord Chefe Barron of the Exchequer, who had Issve between them 2 sonnes and one davghter, which davghter married with Will^m. Hall, of High Meadow, in the Covntie of Glovcester."

Under are his Arms: A Chevron between 3 Birds on a Chief a Fleur de Lis, Winchcombe, impaling 2 Bendlets.

On another Gravestone is the figure of a man in armour, between his two wives, with two dogs at each of their feet, and a greyhound at his feet, and under them the following Inscription:

"**Hic Jacet Drugo Barantyn Armig. Johna. & Dna. Beatrix uxores ejus qui quidem Drugo Obiit . . . die mensis . . . Anno Dni. M^o. CCCC . . . & Johna. obiit decima die Mensis Aprilis Anno Dni. M^o. CCCCXXXVII et Dna. Beatrix Obiit quarto die mensis Decembris Anno Dni. M^o. CCCC XLVII quorum aiabs. ppicietur deus, Amen.**"

Under the Inscription were 3 Coats of Arms: 1st. 3 spread Eagles impaling a Fess quartering a bend between 6 C. Crosslets fitche.—2nd. *torn off*.—3rd. 3 spread Eagles impaling a Cross.—The 3 Effigies are 34 inches long.

On a Marble Monument, on the South Wall of the Chancel, is the following Inscription:

"Underneath, near her worthy father, the Rev. George Villars, lineally descended from the Lord viscount Purbeck, elder brother to George Villars, Duke of Buckingham, Lie the remains of Mrs. Catharine Lewis, who died April 13th, 1756, in the 33rd year of her age."

This Monument was erected by the Rev. John Lewis, Dean of Ossory, in the Kingdom of Ireland, to her his late beloved wife, &c. &c. &c.

THE CHURCH

Consists of a Nave, Chancel, N. and S. Aisle, the former much larger than the latter, and is covered with lead; the other roofs are tiled; the side aisles are open to the nave by 4 circular arches. The tower, which is at the west end, contained 6 bells, on which are the following Inscriptions:

1. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, 1664.—2. Prayse the Lorde, 1664.—3. Hope in God, 1664.—4. Fear the Lord, 1664.—5. Robt. Hall and Willm. Grey, C. W. 1729.—6. I to the Church the living call, And to the grave do summons all.—Sancte Bell, 1659.—Clock and Dial, 1802.

The font is large and octagonal, standing on a twisted pillar. An oblique lancet window in the north aisle, to view the elevation of the host. Over the arch, between the nave and chancel, are the 10 Commandments, Creed and Lord's Prayer, painted in black letter, date 1692, supported by Moses and Aaron.

From the arch hangs 3 funeral garlands, a custom still in use there.

Charlbury.

Charlbury is in the hundred of Banbury, though locally situate in the hundred of Chadlington, in the parish of Charlbury. The living is a Vicarage, with the curacies of Chadlington and Short Hampton, valued in the King's books at £25. 5s. 10d. Patron, St. John's College, Oxon. The church is dedicated to St. Mary. The resident population of this township in 1801, was 965. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, including the hamlet of Walcott, was £553. 4s. 8½d. at 11s. 6d. in the pound. It is 6½ miles W. N. W. from Woodstock, and 68 miles N. W. by W. from London. The market is on Friday. The fairs are on the 1st of January, second Friday in Lent, second Friday after 12th of May, and 10th of October.

East Chadlington is a Tything in this parish, as is also West Chadlington. East Chadlington is a Curacy to the Vicarage of Charlbury; and the chapel is dedicated to St. Mary. The population in both tythings in 1801, was 593. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £364. 3s. 5d. It is 4 miles S. S. E. from Chipping-Norton.

Chilson is a Tything in this parish, and is 5½ miles S. by W. from Chipping-Norton. The population and parish rate returns are included in Shorthampton.

Shorthampton is another Tything, and is a Curacy to the Vicarage of Charlbury. The chapel is dedicated to All Saints. The population of this Tything, including Chilson, in 1801, was 242. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, including the Tything of Pudlicott, was £194. 18s. 10½d. at 3s. in the pound. It is 4¼ miles S. by E. from Chipping-Norton.

Pudlicott is another Tything in this parish, and is 4½ miles S. by W. from Chipping-Norton

Charleton upon Otmoor.

Charleton upon Otmoor is in the hundred of Ploughley, and Deanery of Bicester; it is a Rectory, valued in the King's books at £21. 9s. 4½d. Patron, Queen's College, Oxon.

The church is dedicated to St. Mary. The resident population of this township in 1801, was 215. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £144. 11s. 7d. at 4s. in the pound. It is 5 miles S. W. by S. from Bicester. The yearly tenths are £2. 2s. 11½d.

Hugh de Grentemaisnil, before the year 1081, gave to the Abbey of St. Ebrulf at Utica, in Normandy, (which he was the restorer of,) the church here and 5 yard lands: and his daughter Adeline de Ibrico, temp. Henry I. gave to that Monastery the manor of Ceorlotona; so that if there was in England an alien Priory of Charlton, cell to St. Ebrulf, it was here; but it does not yet appear to me that any of their monks were placed at this Charlton, for their estate here seems to have been under the management of their Prior at Ware. King Richard II. and King Henry IV. gave the advowson of the church here to the Prioress and Nuns of Henwood, in Warwickshire; but the manor, as belonging to the priory of Ware, went toward the endowment of Shene, and as parcel of the possessions of this last mentioned Monastery was granted to Sir Thomas White and others, 5 & 6 of Philip and Mary.—*Tanner's Not. Mon.*

Monumental Inscriptions.

In the Chancel, on a Gravestone of Marble, the proportion of a man in brass, in priest's habit; round about the side of the stone this Impression:

"Orate pro anima Dom. Thomae Rex nuper Capellani reverendi in Xpo patris et dni. Johannis Chedworth Lincoln Epi. canonis Ecclesiae Cathedralis Lincoln et hujus Ecclesiae Rectoris qui obiit die paschae A° XV° Regis Edwardi quarti cujus anima requiescat in pace, Amen."

N. B. This Effigy is now covered by a pew: part of the inscription and part of the border of the robe is visible. 1806.

On another Gravestone, at the upper end of the Chancel, was an Inscription in Saxon characters, all worn out except "Rector."—*Hutton's MSS. 8 April, 1659.*

"Posteris & aeternitati sacrum Dr. Adamus Airp natus in Parochia de Barton in agro Westmorlandiae Mart. XV. CLO IO. . Coll. Reg. Oxon Socius electus Mart. 26, 1613, Aulæ Edmundi Principalis Mart. 9, 1631. S. S. Theol. Dr. Julii 10, 1637. Rector hujus Ecclesiae. 1643, Tandem animo maturus et aetate fatigatus cessit Dec. 15, 1653, et in Dno. hic infra placide obdormiscit. Patruo optimo posuit maestus nepos Christopher Airap."—*MSS. Wood, 56, Page 290.*

"In this place lyeth the Body of Mary Brett, wife of Henry Brett, Esq. formerly wife of Richard Pudsey, Esq. born May, 1602, buried 23 January, in the year of our Lord, 1671.—*MSS. Wood, Page 240.*"

Chastleton.

Chastleton is in the hundred of Chadlington, and deanery of Chipping Norton; it is a Rectory, valued in the King's books at £9. 0s. 2½d. Patron, Mrs. Greenwood. The church is dedicated to St. Mary. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 218. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £243. 3s. 0d. at 3s. in the pound. It is 5 miles W. N. W. from Chipping Norton.

Monumental Inscriptions.

In the body of the Church, on a flat Marble lying before the Chancel door, thereon the proportion of a woman, cut on a Brass Plate, under which is this Inscription :

“Here lyeth Katherine Throckmorton, daughter to William Winnington of Boxton, in the County of Warwick, Esq. married to Anthony Throckmorton, one of the sons of Sir Geo. Throckmorton, and had Issue by the said Katherine 5 Sons and 4 Daughters. Katherine Throckmorton deceased the 6th of January, 1592.”

Over her head are the Arms of Throckmorton, with Arms in Canton, and the Arms of Winnington; under are the proportions of 5 sons and 4 daughters, on a Brass Plate.

Adjoining, on the right hand, are the proportions of a man and woman, cut in Brass and fixed to a flat Marble; under which is this Inscription :

“Here lyeth interred Edmund Anstye, Gent. who deceased the 30th day of December, An. Dni. 1613; he had issue seven sons and three daughters.” Out of her mouth issue these Verses :

“What is our life but grief, death only rest doth give,
Joy thou for him which dies in Christ, and pity these that live.”

Under both are proportions of 7 sons and 3 daughters, in Brass Plates.

In the Chancel, at the upper end, under the North Wall, on a flat Stone, is this :
“Here lieth the body of Walter Jones, Esq. who died in Aug. 1632.”

On the same Stone :

“Here lyeth also the body of Henry Jones, Esq. eldest son of the said Walter, who died the 10th day of September, Anno Dom. 1636. Walter Jones, before mentioned, married Eleonor Pope, daughter of — Pope, the Jeweller, or belonging to the Jewel House. Henry Jones married Anne Fettyplace, daughter of Sir Edmund Fettyplace, of Childery, Berks.”

Under a Marble adjoining, on the right hand, lies buried Eleanor Holt, widow of Ralph Holt, daughter of Walter Jones before mentioned.

Walter Holt, son of the said Ralph Holt, and Elinor his wife, lieth buried at the west end of the church; he died 1651.

Checkindon, or Chackendon.

Checkindon is in the hundred of Langtree. The living is a Rectory, valued in the King's books at £19. 9s. 4½d. Patron, University College, Oxford. The church is dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 278. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £481. 14s. 5d. at 6s. in the pound. It is 7½ miles W. from Henly upon Thames, and 6¼ miles S. E. from Wallingford, in the county of Berks.

In Domèsdai.

Richard de Curci holds 20 hides in Cecendone, (Chakendon.) Land to 28 ploughs; now in the demesne 9 ploughs, and 34 bondmen, and 37 villanes, with 26 bordars, have 19 ploughs; here are three mills of 12s. and 150 acres of meadow, pasture 4 quaranteens

long and as many broad; wood one mile long and 7 quaranteens broad. It was in King Edward's time worth £18. and afterwards, and now £26. Alured, the grandson of Wigot, holds Cecadone, (Chackendon.) There are 5 hides; land to 7 ploughs; now in the demesne 1 plough, and 4 bondmen, and 8 villanes, with 3 bordars, have 2 ploughs; there are 6 acres of meadow; wood one quarenten long and one broad. It was worth £4. now £3. Wlured held it freely.

Anno 1423, 2 H. VI. In a Court held at Chakendon, by Robert James, Esq. of Borstall, Lord of that Manor, it was registered among the customs of that place, that the servile tenants for the wonted service of reaping in the time of harvest, should receive from the Lord one ram, price at least 8d.; and every reaper should have one loaf of bread, price a half-penny; and they should all together have one load of wood and one cheese, price 4d.; and every virgate of land should have 6 tods of grass, and every half-virgate 3 tods.—*Kennet's Parochial Antiquities.*

THE CHURCH

Consists of a nave and chancel, to which has been added a circular end and separated by a Saxon arch, as is the chancel also from the nave; at the west end an embattled tower, containing 6 bells. The nave has a beam ceiling resting on stone corbells, ornamented. The font is octangular; the chancel ceiled and partly wainscotted. Over the south door; "This Chancel was wainscotted at the charge of Mr. Newman, 1716."

INSCRIPTIONS ON THE BELLS.

1. Lester and Pack of London, Fecit, 1765.—2. The same.—3. Ditto. Music's medicine to the minde.—4. Ditto. Our Voices shall with Joyful sound, Make Hills and Vallies' echo round.—5. Ditto. In wedlocks bands all ye that Join with hands, your hearts unite; So shall our tunefull tongues Combine to Laud the nuptial rite.—6. Ditto. Richard Sherwood and Griffith Ward, Ch. Wardens.

Monumental Inscriptions, from A. Wood's MSS.

In the Chancel :

"*Hic jacet Magister Johannes Emphy artium baccalaureus sacrae theologiae quondam Rector istius ecclesiae qui obiit Martii MCCCCLVIII cujus anime propicietur Deus, Amen.*"

On a Brass is the statue of a man, with this Inscription round the same:

"*Hic jacet Johannes Fede quondam Serbiens, Domini Regis qui obiit vicesimo die mensis Martii . . . domini MCCCIII cujus anime propicietur omnipotens deus, amen.*"

Arms: On the right side, 3 birds; on the left side, Vaire.

At the foot of another Brass Picture of a woman, is this:

"*Hic Jacet Cecilia quondam uxor Johannis Fede quae obiit vicesimo die mensis Martii Anno Dni. MCCCXXVIII cujus aie ppicietur oipotens & misericors Deus. Amen.*"

On one side of her head an Escotcheon, bearing 3 birds, impaling Vaire; on the other side Vaire.

On another Gravestone is the picture of a man between two angels, who are supporting him in a winding sheet; under is the following Inscription:

"Hic jacet Walterus Beauchamp, filius Willielmi Beauchamp Militis cujus anima propicietur deus. Amen."

Under are these Arms: 1st. Beauchamp of Holt, on a Fess between 6 Martlets a Mullet for difference.—2nd. Fretty & 3 Bezants on a chief.—3rd. 7 Mascles 3. 3. 1.—4th. as first.

At the foot of another Brass Picture of a woman:

"Hic jacet Anna Bowett nup. uxor Ricardi Bowett Arm. una filiarum Joannis Gannesford Arm. et Katherinae uxoris ejus de Crowhurst in Com. Surre que quidem Anna obiit VI die Januarii No. Dni. MCCCCLXXXIX cujus anime propicietur omnipotens deus, amen." Under her are 4 children.

In a Window in the Church: A. a Fesse bet. 2 Crescents in chief G. and a horn pendant V. a Lion V. in base by the name of Nayle.

A modern Mural Monument, in the Chancel, of one Christian, wife of Richard Braybroke, daughter and co-heir of Barton Palmer, of South Stoke, in Com. Oxon. Braybroke bears 7 Mascles 3. 3. 1. Palmer bears S. a Chev. bet. 3 Crescents A.

Another modern Mural Monument, in the Chancel:

"In memory of Henry Knapp, of Woodcote, in the Parish of South Stoke, and for Hester his wife, the daughter of Clarke."

Arms: Knapp, impaling per Fess S. and O. a Pale bet. 3 Trefoils counterchanged; in the centre, Knapp impaling Clarke; on the right hand, Clarke impaling Temple. Knapp bears S. a Lion passant A. 3 Helmets in chief O. Clarke bears A. on a Fess between 3 Crosses formè S. as many plates.

In the South Window: Az. a Frett O. 3 Bezants in chief.

In another Window: Az. 3 Lapwings O. Rede.—A. a Lion rampant Az. guty O. by the name of Burnell, of Holt, or Houlden, in the county of Oxford.

On another Mural Monument, in the body of the Church:

"Here lie entombed the Bodies of Thos. and John Goswell, the only Children of Thos. and Anne Goswell, of Meales, who died, John the younger June 18, 1671, aged 18 years; Thos. the elder died April 12, 1672, aged 21 years."

"Parents bereft may be of Children Choise,
And of their only seed, and yet rejoyce
In this; that God of them takes special care,
To fill their souls with Joy where now they are,
Of endless glory they could never miss;
Goswell goes well that goes to heaven's Blisse."

Chesterton.

Chesterton is in the hundred of Ploughley, and Deanery of Burcester; a discharged Vicarage, valued in the King's books at £7. 8s. 9d. Patron, New College, Oxon. The church is dedicated to St. Mary. Clear yearly value, £45. 6s. 8d. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 330. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £202. 3s. 8d. at 2s. in the pound. It is 2 miles W. by S. from Bicester.

Monumental Inscriptions.

In the Chancel, by the North Wall, on a Brass fixed to a Marble Gravestone, this Inscription :

“Under the hope of the resurrection lyeth buried here the body of Will^m Mawnde, Gent. and Anne his wife; the said Will^m lived the age of 67 years, and dyed the XXIX day of May, An. Dni. 1612; and the said Anne died An. Dni. both of them living and dying in Credit and good reputation in their Country.” Over it a man and a woman: over them on a bend, between 2 Eagles displayed, 3 Mascles voided.

In the Body of the Church, in the middle Aisle, on a Brass on the Ground, this :

“Of your Charity pray for the souls of John Mawnde and Epean his wife, which John deceased the VII day of Feb. in the year of our Lord God MVXXX on whos esouls and all Christi Jesu have mercy, Amen.” Under it are 7 boys. Divers plates have been plucked up here.

On another Brass, not far from the former :

“Here lieth the Body of George Mawnde, who departed this life the 24th of July, 1628.”

On a Stone, on the Ground, in the North Aisle, this :

“Here lieth the body of Richard Mawnde, the son of George Mawnde, who deceased the 26th of July, at the age of 17 years, 1615.”

Chinnor.

Chinnor is in the hundred of Lewknor, the Deanery of Aston, and parish of Chinnor. The living is a Rectory, valued in the King's books at £26. 0s. 5d. tenths £2. 12s. 0d. Patron, Mrs. Musgrave. The church is dedicated to Saint Andrew. In 1801 it contained 147 houses, and 667 persons. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £624. 18s. 10½d. at 9s. 2d. in the pound. It is situate on the N. E. confines of the county, 5 miles E. by S. from Tetsworth, and miles from Oxford. Sir Charles Musgrave of Barnsley Park, Com. Gloucester, is Lord of the Manor. The Rev. Mr. Kirby of Wheatfield, is the present Rector.

The following account of Chinnor in Domesday Book, published by the Rev. William Bawdwin, vicar of Hooton Pagnel, Com. York, 1812.

“Lewin holds of the King 13 hides in Chennore, (Chinnar:) land to 11 ploughs. There are two ploughs in the demesne, and 4 bondmen: and 26 villanes, with 2 bordars, have 8 ploughs: there are 20 acres of meadow; wood 5 quarantens long and 3 quarantens broad. It was worth 6 pounds, now 10.”

THE CHURCH

Is a large handsome building, and appears to have been erected at one period; it contains a nave, chancel, and N. and S. aisle; at the west end a square tower containing 5 bells, on which are the following dates, &c. 1st. Honor God, 1635.—2nd. Henry Knight made me, 1620.—3rd. Thos. Eustace and Christopher Brooks, C. W. H. K. 1633.—4th. **Our Father which art in Heven.** (This is in the old Gothic character.)—5th. Christopher Ford, Thos. Munday, C. W. 1651.

The font is octangular, without ornaments. The south* is very large and arched in groins. The chancel is ornamented with 16 paintings, representing the apostles, &c. executed by Sir James Thornhill. On the beam in the chancel is this date: "1633. Nathan Guy, Pastor et Patronus."

The east window of the church is fitted up with stained glass. At the west end of the south aisle, on the ground, lies the effigy of a man in armour, cut in stone, of large dimensions, and at his feet a dog. In the same aisle, under a trefoil arch, lies a stone coffin, on the lid is a cross of iron. On a pew at the west end of the nave are inlaid these letters, I. F.

There are very few Mural Monuments or other Memorials, except the following on the Brasses, as follow: (There are many Gravestones on which have been Brasses, but time alone seems to have worn them out.)

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Inscriptions on Brass Plates.

In the body of the Church, on a Grey Marble is the effigy of a man in armour, with a pointed helmet, gorget of mail, gauntlets, sword, dagger, and spurs, in Brass Plate: the Inscription which was round the verge is nearly lost; in Wood's MSS. thus much remained: "John Cray Arm. Dni. Ricardi 2nd. qui obiit 2nd."

In the Chancel, on a Marble on the Ground, a Brass Plate, bearing the figure of a priest in a cap, with hands in a devotional posture; and under, the following Inscription:

"Hic jacet Magister Johannes Hotham Magis. in theologia Quondam Rector Ecclesiae de Chymore qui obiit in festo Sancti Laurentii Anno Dni. MCCCLX primo cui. aie ppicietur Deus."

On another is the effigy of a priest to the middle, holding a chalice, and under him the following Inscription:

"Hic Jacet Dominus Alexander Chelsepe quondam Rector Ecclae de Chymore qui obiit in festo Sancti Ciriaci socior. q. ei. anno Domini MCCC octogesimo octavo cuius anime propicietur Deus."

On a large Marble a cross erect flory, on which is the head of an Ecclesiastic, the Inscription which was round the verge is lost.

On another Stone was a half length figure of a priest, and under it an Inscription, all lost. The figure was 12 inches high.

In the body of the Church, on a large Marble, is the effigy of a man in armour, pointed helmet and gorget of mail with gauntlets, and by him his wife in round head dress and loose gown with cordons. Both are half lengths with hands in a devotional posture; between them a Coat of Arms; Ermine on a fess 3 Billets, within a border engrailed, and under is this Inscription:

"Hounsr. Esmoun de Malpns fitz Houns. Renald de Malpns Chr. & Isabele sa femme gisount icy dieu de los almes eit mercy."

On a Stone adjoining the above, on a slip of Brass:

"Adam Ramesepe gist pcy Dieu de sa alme eit mercy."

Another like the above:

"John Christemas fitz John Chris. gist ici. Deur de sa alme eit Mercy, amen."

* Here a word is omitted

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On a Brass Plate, a woman to the middle in a veil, with hands in a devotional posture, no Inscription remaining.

On a Marble a man in a furred gown between his two wives, and under them a boy; the Inscription which was under them is lost, which was:

“Here lieth the bodies of Folke Poffe and his two wives, which Folke deceased in the year 1514, on whose souls Jesu have mercy, Amen.”

Another, a man and woman; the man is lost, and the woman's head; under is,

“*Hic Jacent Robertus Atcheelde et Katina. ux. eius.*”

Another, a man in a gown, by him has been a woman, now lost; under is,

“*Hic Jacent Richus. Atte Heeld fitz dicti Robti. & Margeria. ux. dci. Richi. quor. aiab. ppicietur deus, Amen.*”

Between the Nave and Chancel, on a Marble, a Brass Plate, bearing the figure of a man in armour, (the head lost,) half length, with hands erect, gauntlets, sword, and dagger, and under him the following Inscription:

“*Hic Jacet Reginaldus Malyns Armiger qui obiit die lune in festo St. Agathe Virginis Anno Dom. MCCCCXXX cujus anima propicietur deus, Amen.*”

At the East end of the South Aisle, on a Gravestone, in Brass Plate, a man in a gown with a purse and sword hanging before him, with his mantle on his left shoulder; no Inscription.

In the North Aisle a man in armour, gorget of mail, gauntlets, sword, & dagger; by him a woman in her usual habit; the feet and Inscription, if any, covered by a pew; on the right side of the man a shield of arms, now lost. The lady's dress is in the style of the early part of the 14th century.

Coats of Arms in Churches and Gentlemen's Seats in Oxfordshire, taken by . . . Lee, afterward Clarencieux King at Arms, A. D. 1574.

See Catal. of Wood's MSS. p. 66. 8548. 86.

In Chinnor Church. 1st. A man in armour cross legged with a Talbot at his feet, O. on a bend, Az. cotiz. G. 3 Eagles displayed O.—2nd. Ermine on a fess 3 Billets, a bordure engrail. Esmoun Malyns.—3rd. O. on bend G. an Angel holding a branch V. in chief a Martlet.—4th. Chev. bt. 10 Lozenges.—5th. Reginald Malyns as before, impaling Fretty.—6th. (On a Stone) Reginald Malyns (obt. 1430) as before, impaling per Cross . . and . . a bend Vaire.—7th. Ric. Bedforde and Margery his wyfe, 3 Helmets close—8th. (On a Stone) John Burg, 2 Pallets, over all 3 Annulets parti per pale and counterchanged.—9th. Jno. Cray, Esq. for the body to Richard 2nd, which dyed xii of Sept. Ao. Dom. nonagesimo secundo. Checky on a chief a demi Lion rampant.

Chipping-Norton.

Chipping-Norton is a Town having separate jurisdiction, and is locally situate in the hundred of Chadlington, and deanery of Chipping-Norton. It is a discharged Vicarage,

valued in the King's books at £10. 6s. 8d. Patrons, the Dean and Chapter of Gloucester. The church is dedicated to St. Mary. The resident population of this town in 1801, was 1812. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, £1201. 5s. 5d. at 6s. 3d. in the pound on the rack rental. It is 20 miles N. W. by N. from Oxford, and $74\frac{1}{2}$ miles N. W. by W. from London. The market is on Wednesday. The fairs are on the 7th of March, 6th of May, 18th of July, 4th of September, 3rd of October, and 8th of November. It formerly sent Members to Parliament in the time of Edward I. but none since, viz.

28th Parliament at Westminster,	{	John Mayheu, Robert le Hurre.
30th Parliament at London,	{	John Mayheu, Robert de la Hurre.
33rd Parliament at Westminster,	{	Richard Alleyne, Wm. Alleyne.

A Free-Grammar School was founded here by The Petty Sessions are holden here. The corporation consists of two bailiffs and 12 burgesses who are empowered to hold a court, and to judge and determine in all actions under the value of 4 pounds.

THE CHURCH.

BENEFACTIONS.—CHANCEL.

ALTAR PIECE. "The gift of Mrs. Margaret Bradley, Daughter of Mr. Thomas Bradley, (deceased,) a Capital Burgess of this Borough, and Joan his Wife."

"Near this place lieth the body of Martha Nedham, (Spinster,) who departed this life the 26th Day of June, O. S. 7th Day of July N. S. 1740, who by her last Will and Testament gave unto such Persons as should be Vicar and Church Wardens of the Parish of Chipping-Norton, for the time being, the Sum of £50. in trust that they and their successors do from time to time place the same out at Interest, and pay the same unto the Vicar of Chipping-Norton aforesaid, for the time being, on condition that he preach a Sermon in the Parish Church of C. Norton yearly, on the Day of her Death for Ever."

"Sukey West, Spinster, in 1812, gave to the Corporation £60. in trust to buy 4 Stuff Gowns for 4 poor Women of the Age of 40 Years, who were never Married, petitioning for the same, otherwise to 4 poor Widdows of the Protestant Religion. Also £50. in trust to pay the Clerk and Sexton 5s. each, and the Vicar the residue, for a Sermon on the 20th of January for ever. Also £60. in trust to pay two thirds of the Interest in Money to the Widdows in the Almshouse, and the other third to the poor of the Protestant Religion, in three-penny Loaves on the 20th January for ever. Also £36. in trust to pay the Interest to the 3 poor Widdows receiving her Father's Charity, yearly for ever. To the Vicar and Church Wardens £65. in trust to pay the Interest to 3 poor Tradesmen receiving Mr. Leach's Charity, yearly for ever, on New Year's Day."

N. B. The Legacy Duty of £10. per Cent. affected these Donations, and reduced the funds accordingly.

"Thos. West, Gent. a Capital Burgess, gave in 1795 to the Corporation £125. 3 per Cents. in trust to pay from the Interest thereof annually to three poor Widdows of the Establishment, not Inhabitants of the Almshouses nor being parish poor, 12s. each. Also 29s. in Bread to the poor of the Establishment: viz. 9s. on the 1st Sunday in March, 10s. on Easter Sunday, and 10s. on St. Thomas's Day, all in two-penny Loaves."

SOUTH AISLE.

Arms of R. Groves,

A. on Chev. G. 3 Groves impaling, Az. 3 Birds, A. a border engrail A.

“To the Memory of Mr. Richard Groves, late Citizen of London, who bequeathed £60. to the Town of Chipping-Norton, in trust to be applied as hereafter mentioned. Whereas Mr. John Stone, Grandfather of the said Mr. Richard Groves, did by his will, Dated August, 1684, Give to the said Town £50. the interest thereof to be given annually for ever, to one poor Tradesman of C. Norton, as the Bailiffs and Burgesses shall think a proper object. The above Mr. Richard Groves hath directed that the Interest of £50. part of the said £60. by him bequeathed, shall be yearly given to the same person to whom the said Corporation shall give the above bequest of his Grandfather, Mr. John Stone. And also that the Interest arising from the remainder £10. be annually expended at the Meeting of the Corporation, in order to give the interest arising out of the above joint bequest, provided always that this charity shall not be given twice to the same person. He died Sept. 8th, 1751.”

1812.

“Martha Wallington of this Town, gave to the Vicar and Church Wardens Fifty Pounds to be placed in the public Funds, in trust that the interest arising therefrom be divided equally among the eight Widdows in the Almshouses in the Church Street, annually for ever.”

MIDDLE AISLE.

A. D. 1550.

“King Edward 6th gave £6. per Annum to the Free Grammar School of this Town, payable yearly in the Month of Nov. at the Salt Office.”

1649.

“Mr. Henry Cornish left eight Dwelling Houses in this Town (to be used as Almshouses) for eight poor widdows. Also 20s. yearly to repair the same, and 2s. weekly for Bread to be given equally to the said poor Widows, who were to be appointed by the Corporation. He also left 13s. 4d. to be distributed yearly among 40 poor Widows on the Feast of St. Thomas. He also left unto Thos. Diston and his Heirs twelve Cottages in this Town (and all the rest of his Cottages not before disposed of, which he purchased of Sir Wm. Cope) upon trust that he and his Heirs should let them unto poor Women of this Town at the same rents they then were, the Tenants to keep them in repair and be appointed by the Corporation.”

1657.

“Mr. Richard Miller left the following Sums to be laid out Yearly upon Ascension Day, viz. 6s. 8d. to the Minister for a Sermon on that Day, and 6d. to the Clerk: 20s. to the poor in Bread, and 3s. to the Church Wardens and Overseers for their pains, who were also left in trust for the same. His Land at Sibford Gower, charged with the payment of the above requests, and the Overplus of the Rent thereof, to be given to the poor Widows in the Almshouses.”

In 1670.

“Mr. Thos. Fowler left to the poor Widows in the Almshouses 40s. Yearly, and also 40s. Yearly to be employed in apprenticing poor Boys of this Town, in London; the Bricklayers' Company in trust for the same.”

"By Virtue of a Decree, several Benefactions given to the poor of this Parish, amounting to the sum of £331. 13s. 4d. having been misapplied, were appropriated to the purchase of the Manor of this Town, &c. And it was ordered that the Yearly Interest of the said sum of £331. 13s. 4d. should be raised out of the profits of Cattle, Sheep, Ground, and Stallage, belonging to the Corporation, and paid yearly in manner following, viz. £13. 4s. 0d. being the Interest of £200. for the use of the poor, £1. 16s. 0d. being the Interest of £30. to the Schoolmaster, £3. 19s. 10d. being the Interest of £66. 13s. 4d. for Apprenticing a poor Boy of this Town, 12s. being the Interest of £10. for the poor on Whit Sunday, 6s. being the Interest of £5. for twelve poor Widows of this Town on the Sunday after St. Bartholomew. It was also decreed that the yearly rents of certain Messuages in this Town, should for the future be received by the Overseers, for the use of the poor of this Parish."

In 1693.

"Mr. Thos. Leach left to the Minister and Church Wardens of this Town the sum of £30. the Interest thereof to be equally divided yearly among three poor Tradesmen of this Town, during their natural lives, on the feast of St. Thomas."

In 1706.

"Mr. Arthur Grant of Bristol left to the Church Wardens, for the time being, the sum of £10. the Interest thereof to be laid out in Bread on Christmas Day for the use of the poor of this Town."

In 1719.

"Mr. John Paty left to Mr. John Norgrove and his Heirs the sum of £10. the Interest thereof to be yearly distributed among such poor persons as they should think proper, on the Feast of St. Thomas."

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"The Rev. Edw. Redrobe left to the Minister, Church Wardens, and Overseers of this Town, the sum of £100. the yearly Interest thereof was to buy eight warm Coats and eight strong pair of Shoes for eight poor Men and Women, on the Feast of Saint Michael."

In 1762.

"Mrs. Frances Barnes left the sum of £300. the Interest thereof to be for the use of the Master of the Free Grammar School of this Town, which said sum of £300. is vested in the public Funds."

In 1767.

"William Busby, Esq. gave the sum of £100. to this Corporation, the Interest thereof to be yearly laid out in Coals or Wood and equally distributed among the eight poor Widows in the Almshouses in this Town in the Month of Nov. the said sum of £100. is vested in the public Funds."

In 1784.

"Groves Wheeler, Esq. left in trust to the Corporation of this Town the sum of £20. the Interest thereof to be given to eight poor Widows of the Almshouses, on the Feast of St. Michael."

"Mr. John Wakefield, late of this Town, in the Year 1780 left by will to the Minister and Church Wardens, the sum of £20. for the purpose of fixing up the above Gifts and Bequests in this place."

Monumental Inscriptions.

CHANCEL.

"Near this place lieth the Body of Mr. Wm. Heynes, an ancient Member of this Corporation, who died April 20th, 1739, aged 76 Years. And also Margaret, Daughter of Wm. and Margaret Heynes, who dyed in her Infancy."

"Sacred to the Memory of Mr. Charles Heynes, Surgeon of this Town, and near fifty Years a Member of this Corporation, he departed this Life the 1st of August, 1799, in the 80 Year of his Age."

"Also of Mrs. Betty Heynes, wife of Mr. Chas. Heynes, she died the 14 of July, 1789, in the 64 Year of her Age."

Heynes's Arms :

A. 3 Crescents Haynes impaling, A. on a fess G. bt. 3 Lions passant S. 3 Lozenges A.

"Sacred to the Memory of Mr. Thos. Heynes of this Town, Mercer, son of the late Mr. Chas. Heynes, he died the 22nd of Sept. 1803, Aged 44."

Groves Wheeler's Arms :

O. chev. bt. 3 Leopards' heads cabossed impaling Az. 3 Bars wavy Argent.

"In a Vault at the foot of this Tablet are deposited the remains of Mr. John Herbert, (formerly of Stratford on Avon) who departed this life 19 of Feb. 1810, Aged 53. Also of Elizabeth his wife, who died 14th of Sept. 1815, Aged 56 Years."

"The Monument of Richard Croft, Esq. who died Oct. 3, 1502, and Agnes his wife, who died 1509, whose Memory is thus revived by Wm. Croft of Sutton under Brailes com. Glouc. Gent. Aug. 28, 1683, where y^e Family yet remains."

"The Monument was repaired, and the Rails put up in 1783, by Richard Croft of Warwick, a Lineal Descendant of Richard Croft, Esq. for whom it was erected."

"Sacred to the Memory of Broome Witts, Esq. who died Feb. 25th, 1768, Aged 56 Years."

"To the Memory of Apphia, wife of Broome Witts, Esq. of this Town, Daughter of Edw. Anthony of Hackney, Esq. Obt. Feb. 11th, Æt. 41 Years. Also of Anthony and George, two sons of the above mentioned Broome and Appiah Witts, who died in their Infancy."

Witts's Arms :

Az. 3 Hares O. bearing an escut. of pret. S. on a pale A. a Leopard's head cabossed.

"Judith Gulielmi Crispe, Armig. Uxor : Venusta, frugi, morigera, Quam Unicum in lucem dederat partum, postridie decessit; Die Mensis Octobris V^o.

Anno { Salutis MDCLXXXII^o.
Ætatis XXVI^o.

Parentes, maritum, affines, vicinos, Officiis plenissimis Æquabili adeo pictatis tenore, Ut. vel asperius unquam Illius dictum, Horum causetur nemo, perinde atq. Hi censuerint Singuli (Modestiam Marmoris ne desideres Viator) Lapidis hujusce fatum esto; Ea. certe lege, Extremos usq. mundi rogos, Integre permansuri. Judith fillia pred. Gulielmi & Judith Obiit 17th Junii, 1683."

"Near this place lieth the body of Philip Wisdome, Gent. one of the capital Burgesses of this Corporation, who died May y^e 8th, 1709, Aged 73 Years; and also of Catherine his wife, who died Oct. 5, 1713, Aged 80 Years; and of Philip their son, who died Jan. 12th. 1730, Aged 56 Years. In Memory likewise of Mr. Thos. Wisdome, late of this Town, who died Jan. 16th, 1746, Aged 71 Years; and of Elizabeth his wife, who died Oct. 13th, 1743, Aged 53 Years; and also of four of their Children, Philip died Feb. 11th, 1720, Aged 1 Year and 9 Months; Thos. died June 18th, 1725, Aged 1 Year and 5 Weeks; Ann died Sept. 6th, 1744, Aged 27 Years; Elizabeth died Sept. 7th, 1746, Aged 25 Years. Also of Thos. Rose Wisdome, of this Town, who died Sept. 14th, 1759, Aged 32 Years; and of Ann his daughter, an Infant, who died Oct. 30th, 1751."

SOUTH AISLE.

"Sacred to the Memory of John Ford, many Years a Member of this Corporation, who died June 26th, 1810, Aged 75 Years. Also William, son of John and Mary Ford, died Feb. 26th, 1800, Aged 21 Years. Mary, wife of John Ford, died Sept. 18th, 1811, Aged 69 Years."

NAVE.

"Here lyeth buried the body of Henry Cornish, the sonne of Henry Cornish of this Towne, a Childe of rare gifts, of vnderstanding and Learning, departed this life the VI Day of Octob. Ao. Dni. MDCXVIII beinge not fvll ten Yeares of Age."

Epitaph.

"Svrpris'd by Death & sicknesse here I lye,
 Stopt in my blooming covrse, & soone made dead.
 Yovth grvdge not at God, though soone y^e dye,
 Bvt know he treables fauovr on thy Head,
 Who for thy Evening's worke, eqvalls thy pay,
 With those that haue endvr'd the heate of Day.
 Short was thy life, yet liuest thov euer,
 Death hath his dve, yet dyest thov neuer."

"To the Memory of Edward Matthews, eldest son of Edward Matthews, Town Clerk of this Borough; he was a Scholar at Rugby School at the time of his Death, was pursuing his studies, with success to himself, & credit to his Tutors; was a great Proficient in the English, Latin, & Greek Languages, and was running the race of Glory. This Affectionate and beloved Youth died in the Fifteenth year of his Age, to the inexpressible grief of his Parents & Relatives, on the XVII Day of June, Anno Domini MDCCCXV."

"Sacred to the Memory of Thos. Druce of London, Stationer, and Martha his Wife, Daughter of John and Martha Pagett, of this Town, who lived together in faithful and affectionate union near 54 Years, and died lamented and regretted by their Family and Friends, he on the 27th of Sept. 1813, Aged 78 Years; she on the 26th of March, 1816, Aged 81 Years, and lie buried in a Vault adjoining this Pillar."

"To the Memory of the Rev. William Pagett, M. A. late Rector of North Wingfield, in the County of Derby, son of Mr. John Pagett, late of this Town. He was Secretary to the Rt. Hon. Admiral George Lord Rodney, in all his Naval Campaigns, and died Dec. 13th, 1798, Aged 72."

"In a Vault at the foot of this pillar, are deposited the remains of Thos. Druce of London, Merchant, who died 25th of May, 1795, Aged 35. He was son of Thos. Druce of London, by Martha his wife, Daughter of Mr. John Pagett, formerly of this Town. Also of Louisa Druce, his Sister, who died 19 of Sept. 1785, Aged 11 Years. William Druce, another son, formerly of his Majesty's Ship Daphne, perish'd at Sea in Dec. 1788, Aged 16 Years."

"Sacred to the Memory of John Kingdon, who died Dec. 25th, 1818, Aged 73."

"Sacred to the Memory of John Kingdon, (late of Tewkesbury,) who died May 10th, 1795, Aged 86 Years."

OVER NORTON AISLE.

"This Tablet is inscribed to the Memory of Mr. Samuel Betts, who, during the un-interrupted space of 50 Years, began, continued, and ended a useful and active life, in the service of the late Broome Witts, Esq. and his Family, with uncorrupted fidelity, unre-mitted diligence, and fervent regard. His heart was ever open to the distresses of human nature, and his prudence enabled him to follow its dictates, by repeated acts of liberality. He died the 26th Day of Dec. 1781, Aged 66 Years. Also Mary his wife, died Dec. 26th, 1799, Aged 83 Years."

"H. S. E. Henricus Fawler, Henrici Fawler ex hoc oppido Gen. filius; Gulielmi de Wickham, Duorum Collegiorum Fundatoris consanguineus; Qui Georgii fratris (in Collegio Novo sepulti) in omnib. insequutus est vestigia; Eximia indolis doctrinae, & pietatis Adolescens, Apud Wickhameos Wintonienses eruditus, Apud Oxonienses in socium admisus in Caelos transmigravit, 26 Die Octobris, Anno Domini 1681, Ætatis Suae 21."

"To the Memory of James Dawkins, Esq. of Upper Norton, who died May XI, MDCCLXVI, Aged LXX."

"Lieut. Col. Dawkins, of the First Regiment of Foot Guards, seventh son of Henry Dawkins, Esq. and the Rt. Honourable Lady Juliana Dawkins, died Oct. 20, 1799, of the wounds he received in the attack on the position of the French and Batavian Army, in front of Alkmaar in North Holland, Aged 27 Years."

"Henry Dawkins, Esq. of Over Norton, and of Standlinch, in the County of Wilts, died June 19th, 1814, Aged 86 Years."

Arms of Henry Dawkins, Esq.

G. a Li. p. g. bt. 2 Roses O. in pale, between 2 Flanches O. each charged with a Li. rampt. S. impaling G, on chev. bt. 3 Boars' heads coup A. 3 Trees vert.

"Hannah, wife of James Dawkins, Esq. of Over Norton, Widow of Charles Long, Esq. of Grittleton House in Wiltshire, and Daughter of Thos. Phipps, Esq. of Heywood House in Wiltshire, and of Little Green in Sussex, died July 3rd, 1815, Aged 68 Years."

"The Rev. Edward Dawkins, A. M. Fifth son of Henry Dawkins, Esq. and the Rt. Hon. Lady Juliana Dawkins, died Aug. 1st. 1816, Aged 46 Years."

Rev. E. Dawkins's Arms:

Dawkins as before impaling S. a cross crosslet fitch within an orle of mullets A.

“The Right Honourable Lady Juliana Dawkins, youngest daughter of Charles, second Earl of Portmore, K. T. and Juliana, Duchess Dowager of Leeds, Widow of Henry Dawkins, Esq. of Over Norton, born 17th of May, 1735, died 29th of April, 1821.”

“H. S. E.

Gulielmus Morant, ex Insula Jamaica oriundus; Qui post quam, in Coll. S. Joan. Bapt. Oxon, Studiis Liberalibus, Triennium non infructuosum impenderat, in hujus Oppidi Viciniâ Variolis correptus occubuit Nov. 9th, A. D. 1744, Dum Musis Oxoniensibus se dicavit, Virtutibus plurimis Vitam ornavit Academicam, quas quidem tam amabili temperavit Morum Elegantiâ ut sine Æqualium Invidia Laudem Invenerit, et Omnium Benevolentiam sibi adjunxerit. Vale Dilectissime Juvenis! Et quas laudes suspectas reddat Marmor adulatorum, satius loquantur Amicorum Lachrymæ et inexplebile tam chari capitis Desiderium.”

“At the foot of this Tablet lies William Holtom, Jun. who died Feb. 8th, 1807, Aged 16 Years. Also, in the same Grave, William Holtom, Sen. who died March 27th, 1808, Aged 63 Years.”

TOMBS.

“M. S. Reverendi viri Edvardi Redrobe, Parochiæ hujus nuperrime Vicarii; qui anno Ætatis suæ sexagesimo septimo vitâ exijt & in Diem Februarii sextum salutis nostræ 1720.”

“M. S. Joannæ Reverendi Edwardi Redrobe Relictæ. Uxor amantissima, Matertera pijssima quæ fuit, Ex hac vita discessit, Die mensis tricesimo Maij, Anno Dni. 1724, Ætatis suæ 69.”

“Here resteth in hopes of a joyful resurrection, the body of Thos. Letch, Cytizen and Pewterer of London, son of John Letch of this Town, Tanner, who departed this life 27th of April, 1693, Aged 40 Years.”

On another Tomb lie the statues of a man and woman in alabaster; with the following Inscription:

“Here lyeth the Bodys of Thos. Rickardes, Gent. and Elizabethhe his wyfe, Daughter of Edward Fynes, of Broughton, Esq. somtyme wyfe to Francis Barantyne, son and heyr of Sir William Barantyne, Knyght, which Thos. departed the 21st of Dec. Anno 1579, and Elizabethhe the of Anno 1604 whose bodys resteth here in hope of a joyful resvrrrection, the whiche God grant us all, Amen.”

Arms quartered on the above Tomb:

1. S. 3 Eagles displayed.
2. Az. a bend between 6 cross crosslets fitchè.
3. Az. 3 Lions rampt.
4. Per Cross & Gules.
5. on a chief G. 2 Stags' heads cabossed.
6. Ermine on a fess G. 3 pallets O.
7. S. 3 Estoiles between 2
8. S. 2 Chevronels between 3 Roses.

Inscriptions on Pavement.

CHANCEL.

"In Memory of Mrs. Margaret Heynes, Relict of Mr. William Heynes, (whose remains lie near this place.) She died the 8th of June, 1780, Aged 95."

"In Memory of Mr. Stokes Heynes of this Town, who died June 18th, 1749, Aged 26 Years."

"In Memory of Mr. William Heynes, a worthy Member of this Corporation, who departed this life Oct. 3rd, 1756, Aged 39 Years."

"In Memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Heynes, who died Dec. 10th, 1780, Aged 67 Years. Also of Mr. Philip Heynes, who died March 9th, 1789, Aged 71 Years."

"Philip, the son of Simon Harcourt, Esq. and Rebecca his wife, deceased June 14th, 1683."

"Mr. Wm. Archdekin of the Kingdom of Ireland, died July 22, 1721, Aged 61."

"To the Memory of Mr. William Heynes, who departed this life Oct. 26th, 1796, Aged 44 Years."

"In Memory of Mrs. Hester Lyster, formerly wife of Mr. Wm. Heynes of this Town, and late of Mr. Edward Lyster of Charlbury, (Apothecary.) She departed this life Feb. 21st, 1766, Aged 37 Years."

"In Memory of Mr. John Hichcox of this Town; he departed this life Dec. 7th, 1753, Aged 49 Years. Also Mrs. Elizabeth his wife, who departed this life Feb. 6th, 1782, Aged 82 Years."

"*Of your charite pray for the soules of Archard Tante and Elizabeth his wyfe, which sic. departed the VII Day of february, the yere of our Lord God, MCCCCXXX.*"

The man and 7 daughters gone; the woman and 3 sons remain; in brass.

"Sacred to the Memory of Mr. Thos. Heynes, (Stationer,) who died Sept. 24th, 1816, Aged 56 Years."

"In Memory of Mr. Nathaniel Heynes, a Member of this Corporation, who died July 24th, 1767, Aged 46 Years. Also of Nathaniel, son of Mr. Nathaniel and Elizabeth Heynes; he died Aug. 7th, 1800, Aged 47 Years. And of Elizabeth his wife, who died Oct. 20, 1802, Aged 45 Years. Likewise Margaret their daughter, Aged 4 Years."

"In Memory of Henry Fairfax, Gent. one of the Members, and at the time of his decease Senior Burgess of this Corporation, who died May 19th, 1757, in his 80th Year. Likewise of James, who died an Infant, and Mary in her 7th Year, A. D. 1743, his son & daughter; and also of Margaret his wife, who died May 3rd, 1765, Aged 70 Years."

"The Vault underneath this Pavement was built at the expence of the Family of the late Broome Witts, Esq. of this Parish, and appropriated to their sole use by a Vestry held in this Church the 3rd of March, 1768."

 SOUTH AISLE.

"In Memory of William Higgins, who died May 15th, 1710, Aged 44 Years."

"In Memory of Eleanor, late wife of Samuel Motte of this Town, (Brasier,) she departed this life the . . . Day of May, 1724, Aged 75 Years. Samuel Motte, Brazier, died Aug. 24th, 1736, his Age 83. Also Martha their daughter departed this life Jan. 15th, 1762, Aged 69 Years. And also Mary their daughter departed this life Sept. 1st, 1766, Aged 72 Years."

NAVE.

"William Gilkes died August 28th, 1766, Aged 42 Years."

"In Memory of Ann, daughter of William and Mary Osbaldeston, (late of Charlbury) who died Aug. 19th, 1755, Aged 25 Years"

Arms: A mascle between 3 roundels.

"In Memory of Mr. Francis Bull, one of the capital Members of this Corporation, who died Jan. 24th, 1761, Aged 54."

"In Memory of Mary, daughter of Mr. Thos. and Ann Guy, who died July 1st, 1765, Aged 3 Years and 9 Months."

"In Memory of Mr. Thos. Ridge, late of this Town, who died May 22nd, Aged 64 Years."

"John Hodge, sometime Wolman of this Towne, wich dyed the XI Day of MCCCCV, and Isabel his wif, and their childeren, on whos soules God have mercy"

"Of your charite pray for the soules of Jno. Canner, and Thos. . . . and Anne the wife of them, which Thos. deceased the XX Day of Feb. in the Yere of our Lord God, MCCCCXXXI, on whos soules Jhu have mercy, Amen."

OVER NORTON AISLE.

"Here lie interr'd the Body of Henry Fawler, late of this Town, who died June 27th, 1704, Aged 85 Years. Also Mrs. Hannah Tilsley their daughter, who died 19 of Oct. 1702, Aged 50 Years. Also of Mr. Thos Fawler, son of the said Henry and Hannah Fawler, who died 19 of Oct, 1711, Aged 70."

"Here lieth the body of the Rev. George Fawler Tilsley, M. A. Rector of Chatham, in Kent, who died May 25th, 1759, Aged 70 Years. And also the body of Ann Collet, (his late wife,) who died Nov. 5th, 1776, Aged 80 Years."

* N. Busby's Arms: A fess dancette in chief 3 garbs.

"In Memory of Hannah, Relict and Widow of Nicholas Busby, Gent. and daughter of William Wheate of Glympton, Esq. Objit 1^{mo}. Aprilis, 1704."

In omnia æva nos mors expectat.

"Also here lyeth the body of Wheate Busby, who died March 27th, 1730, Aged 57 Years."

"Stewart, daughter of Stephen Marchale and Alicia his wife, who died Dec. 10th, 1717, Aged 3 Years."

"Hannah, daughter of Richard Weston, Ironmonger of this Towne, and of Hannah his wife, she died July 7th, 1724, Aged 7 Years and 2 Months."

"Here resteth in hopes of a glorious Resurrection, the Body of Frances Weston, of this Town; she died Aug. 16th, 1733, Aged 95, lying betwixt her two Grand children, Hannah, the daughter of Richard Weston of this Town, Ironmonger; and Steward, daughter of Alicia Marchale, her daughter."

"To the Memory of Thomas, infant son of the Rev. James Hastings and Elizabeth his wife; he died April 17th, 1786."

"In Memory of Mr. Samuel Bradley of this Town, who departed this life Dec. 30th, 1767, Aged 62 Years."

"In Memory of Mrs. Margret Bradley of this Town, who departed this life Aug. 25th, 1775, Aged 66."

"In Memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Bradley of this Town, who departed this life Dec. 10th, 1776, Aged 57."

"In Memory of Margaret, the daughter of John and Joanna Pagett of this Town, who departed this life March 27th, 1761, Aged 5 Years and 6 Months."

* Qu. if they are not the Arms of Wheate.

"In Memory of Mr. John Pagett of this Town, who departed this life June 9th, 1774, Aged 44 Years. And Mrs. Joanna Pagett his wife, who departed this life Feb. 18th, 1784, Aged 68 Years."

"In Memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Foot of this Town, who departed this life Aug. 30th, 1775, Aged 60 Years."

"Here lieth the Body of Charles Lange, late of this Town, who departed this life the 21st Day of June, 1612."

"To the Memory of Mr. Joseph Churchley, who died upon the 18 Day of June, 1729, in the 33 Year of his Age."

"Beneath this Stone are deposited the remains of the Rev. Joseph Handley, late Master of the Grammar School of this Town, and a Member of this Corporation, who departed this life April 27th, 1807, Aged 41 Years. Also Edward, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Handley, who died May 12th, 1802, Aged 5 Years."

"To the Memory of Sarah, wife of Mr. John Bulley, Apothecary, of this Town, who died Aug. 31st, 1775, Aged 36 Years. Charles Bulley, son of John and Sarah Bulley, died March 3, 1781, Aged 19 Years. Mr. John Bulley, Apothecary, died June 26, 1788, Aged 50 Years."

"In Memory of Sophia, daughter of Mr. John Bulley of this Town and Sarah his wife, who died July 8th, 1771, Aged 3 Years."

"In Memory of Mrs. Ann Metcalf, daughter of Mr. John Crutch of this Town, who departed this life, March 22nd, 1729, Aged 26 Years."

"Sacred to the Memory of Sarah Nixon, who died March 1st, 1810, Aged 48 Years."

"In Memory of Mr. John Crutch of this Town, who departed this life Oct. 6th, 1725, Aged 59. And near this place William and Eleanor, son and daughter of the said John Crutch and Elizabeth his wife, both died in their infancy."

"In Memory of Elizabeth, wife of Mr. John Crutch, who departed this life Jan. 13th, 1731, Aged 66 Years. And in Memory of Mr. Thos. Crutch, their son, one of the Capital Burgesses of this Corporation, who departed this life June 2nd, . . . Aged. . . ."

"Rev. Wm. Pagett."

"Beneath this Stone lies Martha, the daughter of Thos. and Hannah Mackarness, and wife of William Holtom; she died April 23rd, 1802, Aged 49 Years."

"Here lieth interr'd John, the son of John Mackarness of this Town, Apothecary, and of Elizabeth his wife, *Obijt primo die Octobris*, 1701. Matthew, another son, died April 9th, 1708. And the above-named Elizabeth, Oct. 23rd, 1708."

"Margt. Carroll, *Obijt Aug. 1st*, 1740, *Æt.* 48."

"Here lieth the Body of Marrian Martin, daughter of Edmund Martin of Steeple Aston, in the County of Oxon, Gent. who departed this life Jan. 26, 1736, Aged 93."

"And near this place lieth the body of Elizabeth, daughter of Wm. Saddler, Citizen of Oxford."

BRASSES.

Under the Gallery. "Here lythe John Honge, sometyne Wolman of this Towne, which dyed XI day oure Lord MCCCCLI & Isabel his wyf & their childer, on whos soules God have mcy." The daughters and the arms are lost, the sons remain.

A Brass of a man and woman, the Inscription partly hid by pew ". Thomas Grene M^{ch}ant, qui obiit VII die"

In the Nave, on a Brass. "Orate pro aiabus Johis. Pagett quondam Iremon-ger istius villae & Agnet. uxor ejus qui quidem Johes obiit IIII die Julii A. Dni.

MCCCCLXXXIII quor. aiabus. ppicietur Deus." Under him are 5 sons and 7 daughters. At the 4 corners four shields with Merchants' marks, and these cyphers,

J A

P

On another Brass. "Hic jacet Johes Stokes quondam mercerus istius villae & Alicia uxor ejus. quor. aiabus. ppiciet. Deus. Amen." On a shield the Merchants' mark & **J S**

"Of your Charite pray for the soules of Wylm. Lyniche, John Canner, & Thomas Benet, & Ann the wyfe of them, which Thomas deceased the XX day of february, the pere of our Lord God MCCCCXXXI, on whos soules Ihu have mercy. Amen." Under are 5 sons and 7 daughters.

On an Altar Tomb a handsome Brass of a man and his wife. ". John Asshesfeld, Esquire, and Margaret his wyf, which John of March, the pere of oure Lord thousand CCCCC Ihu have mercy. Amen." One daughter and the arms are lost, and the scroll from the Lady's mouth. The man and the scroll remain, but are hid by the pew. On the side of the Tomb, on a shield, "a bend sinister." On another, "a trefoil between 3 mullets," which is repeated twice. The remainder of these Brasses are hid by the seat below."

On a large slab, an Inscription round the verge in old Letter. ". qui obiit XXI" (Probably for Wm. Acylton. See Wood's Collections.)

In A. Wood's MSS. are the following :

"Pray for the Soules of Robert Uelham of Little Hollright & Joane his wife, which Robert departed the XXIV feb. MCCCCXLII, on whose soules Jesu have mercy."

A fair Marble Tombe of one of the Earl's of Arundel, (as I am told,) without any Inscription.

"Hic jacet Isabella quondam uxor Roberti Stokys quae obiit MCCCCLVIII cujus animae ppicietur Deus. Amen."

"Hic jacet Robertus Selliard. Woolman, qui obiit MCCCC & Cecilia uxor ejus, quorum animabus ppicietur Deus. Amen."

In the body of the Church, on a flat Marble, whereon are the proportions of a man and woman "Hic jacet Willems. Apilton, Gentleman, qui obiit XXIX die mensis Maii Anno Dom. MIII. CCCCLVII & Alicia uxor ejus quor. aibz. ppicietur Deus."

On another 3 men and one woman, with 7 sons and 5 daughters. "Pray for the souls of Thos. Kilby, Grocer, Thos. Canner, Mercer, Gryffythz Wytton, Gentilman, & Johanna, late the wyffe of them three, the which Gryffyth deceased the XX day of february, in the Year of our Lord God a thousand CCCCC & XVIII, for whose soules of your charity a Pater Noster and an Ave Maria." Under all hath been 2 Coats, the first is torn off, the other hath been a cross stemy (*qu*) and on a canton a Lion's head erased cabossed.

Wood supplies the following deficiencies.

On Grene's Brass: "Hic jacet, &c. die Aprilis, MCCCCLXV, et Margareta uxor ejus quorum animabus propicietur Deus. Amen."

On Pagett's Brass he calls him "Pargpter."

On Yong's Brass: "day of July."

He says Ashfield's Monument is in "our Ladies Chapel," and begins, "Pray for the soules of, &c. deceased XXVIII March, MCCCCVII." Wood gives no Arms on the Tomb.

He says also, "In our Ladies Chapel here is a fair Tombe, whereon lies a man and his wife at length; all Inscription and Coat of Arms defaced, but it is conceived by most men to be of the name of Croft, who had great possessions formerly in this Town."—*(See page 70 in this vol.)*

In the Windows of the Chancel are these Arms:

Beauchamp. G. a fesse between 6 Crosslets O.
 Charlton Lord Powis. O. a Lion rampt. G.
 Warren Earl of Surrey. Checky O. & Az.
 Harcourt. G. 2 bars O.
 O. a fret S.

"Lands and Tenements given by divers persons unknown to the Guild of the Holy Trinity in Cheping Norton, to find a School-Master there."

"Sir Hamlet Malbon, Priest and Master there, a man well versed in Grammar, hath for his Stipend £6. per Ann."—*(In Augment. Office.)*

"It is said that there is £6. 13s. 0d. per Ann. due to this School, out of Mr. Martin's Estate at Steeple Aston in Com. Oxon. The Masters in Man's Memory have been Mr. Wade, — Bordall, — Friar, — Smith, — Clark, — Griffin, — Pladwell, — Hore, — Ch. Dance, 1675."—*A. Wood's MSS.*

N. B. The Arms on the Tomb of Croft are, Per cross indented per fess S. & A. in 1st quarter a Li. passant gardt. O.

On a Stone in Memory of Henry Fawler, who died 1704, are these Arms: On a Chevron between 3 Lions passant gardt. 3 crosses pattees.

Chislehampton.

Chislehampton is in the hundred of Dorchester. The living is a Curacy. Patron, C. Peers, Esq. The chapel is dedicated to St. Mary. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 128. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £139. 19s. 7½d. at 1s. 10d. in the pound. It is 7½ miles S. E. by S. from Oxford.

Sir Robert Chevacheshull of Hampton, near to Dorchester, temp. H. 3rd. from whom and his ancestors that probably there lived, the said town of Hampton was called Chevachessull Hampton, and for brevity sake called Chesilhampton and Chislington.

In this parish lived the ancient family of Doyley.

Churchill.

Churchill is in the hundred of Chadlington; a discharged Vicarage, valued in the King's books at £7. 16s. 0½d. Patron, the King. The church is dedicated to All Saints. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 491. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £451. 5s. 0d. at 3s. 5½d. in the pound. It is 3 miles S. W. by W. from Chipping-Norton.

Monumental Inscriptions, from Wood's MSS.

In the Chancel, at the upper end, on the East Wall, is a Black Table fixed, for Mr. Giles Harris, who died 6 Aug. 1647, put up by Judith his wife. The Epitaph is in verse; no arms.

On a Brass Plate, fixed to a plain White Stone under the Communion Table, is an Epitaph for John Gostwich, Generosus, Juvenis Academicus Vir antiens senis optimus, who died 10 Feb. 1618, Aged 75, bred in the University and Inns of Court. The Epitaph is in Latin and English verse; no arms thereon.

On a Brass on the Ground, near the entrance into the Chancel, or rather near the upper end of the South Aisle, is an Epitaph for George Dontford, Yeoman, who died 20 of Jan. 1639.

In the South Aisle, against the South Wall, is this Inscription:

“Here lieth Elizabeth Bourne, wife of Anthony Bourne, Esq. and only daughter and heir of Edmund Horne, Esq. of the body of Amy Clarke, his last wife, who departed this life the XXV day of Aug. in the year of our Lord 1599.”

A. a Chevron G. bet. 3 Lions rampant, S. a Chief Ermine, Bourne. (This is sometimes without the Chief;) Impaling Az. a Chev. G. bet. 3 Unicorns' heads erased.

Arms in the Windows of the South Aisle:

Az. 3 Garbs O. a file of 3 Labels A.—Az. a Fess A. bet. 3 Leopards' faces O.

The Arms of Cornwall:

O. a bend Cotticed S. Harley.—A. a Lion rampant S. Stapleton.—Az. a Chev. A. bet. 3 O.

At the upper end of this Aisle is Sir William Bart. buried with his Lady, under their Pew.

Over the Belfry Door, on the North side of the Church, are these Coats:

1. S. 3 Eagles displayed O.—2. . . . a bend bet. 6 cross Crosslets fitche O.—3. Ar. on a chief G. 2 Bucks' heads cabossed O. (Popham.)—4. Erm. on fess G. bet. 3 Billets A. Malyns. The Shield is supported by 2 Angels, and on each side of the Shield is, “Sir William Barentine, sometime of Churchill.” Crest: an Eagle displayed G.

In the Churchyard is a raised Monument for Joane, wife of Thomas Good, who died 7 Oct. 1593.—The Epitaph is in English verse.

Clanfield.

Clanfield is in the hundred of Bampton; it is a discharged Vicarage, valued in the King's books at £7. 6s. 5½d. Patron, T. Bennet, Esq. The church is dedicated to St. Stephen. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 455. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £289. 11s. 0d. at 4s. in the pound. It is 7 miles S. by E. from Burford, and 5 miles E. N. E. from Lechlade, in the county of Gloucester.

Monumental Inscriptions, from Wood's MSS. E. 1. 1668.

In a Chapel on the north side of the Church, is this Inscription on a Brass Plate, fixed to a raised Monument:

“Here lieth buried the body of Leonard Willmot, Gentleman, who died at his own house in Clanfield, in the County of Oxford, on Saturday y^e 25 of June, 1608, and in the 59 year of his age.”

On another on the Ground:

“Here lieth buried y^e body of James Hyde, Gentleman, who deceased y^e 24 day of March, 1612.”

In the Chancel, on the Ground, this:

“Here lieth buried the body of John Rogers of Clanfield, Gentleman, who deceased 19th of May, 1615. Christ is to me life, and death is to me Advantage.”

Clattercote.

Clattercote is in the hundred of Banbury, and extra parochial. The resident population of this liberty in 1801, was 7. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £28. 8s. 11½d. at 1s. 5d. in the pound on the rack rental. It is 6 miles north from Banbury. "Here was in the time of King John a small religious house of the Sempringham order, dedicated to St. Leonard, which was sometime an hospital for leprous persons, but about the time of the suppression it consisted of a Prior and 4 Canons, who were endowed with £34. 19s. 11d. per annum."—*Dudg. Speed.* "It was granted 30 and 36 Hen. VIII. to Sir William Peter; 38 Hen. VIII. to the King's College in Oxford, and 2 Elizabeth to Thomas Lec and Mary his wife."—*Tanner's Not. Mon.*

Clements, St.

St. Clements is in the hundred of Bullington; it is a Rectory not in charge. Patron, the King. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 413. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £212. 6s. 2d. at 5s. 5½d. in the pound. It is ¼ mile E. from Oxford.

Cleydon.

Cleydon, in the hundred of Banbury, is a chapel to the Vicarage of Cropredy; dedicated to St. James. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 235. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £269. 6s. 6½d. at 2s. 10½d. in the pound. It is 6½ miles N. by E. from Banbury.

Clifton.

Clifton, in the hundred of Wootton, is in the parish of Deddington. The resident population of this township in 1801, was 226. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £423. 18s. 0d. at 10s. in the pound. It is 1¼ mile E. from Deddington.

Cockthorpe.

Cockthorpe, in the hundred of Bampton, is a chapel (not in charge) to the Rectory of Ducklington, and dedicated to St. Mary. It is 2½ miles S. by E. from Witney.

Cogges.

Cogges, in the hundred of Wootton, is a Vicarage not in charge. Patron, Eaton College. The church is dedicated to St. Mary. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 343. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £366. 13s. 7½d. It is 1¼ mile S. E. by E. from Witney. "An Alien Priory of Black Monks to the Abbey of the Holy Trinity at Fiscamp, in Normandy, who seem to have been placed here by the ancestors of Manasser Arsic, Lord of the Barony of this place, who confirmed the old and added some new donations in the years 1103 and 1107. After the dissolution of these foreign cells, this was given by King Henry VI. toward the endowment of his College at Eaton, to which also it was granted 1 Edw. IV."

Combe Longa.

Combe Longa is in the hundred of Wootton. The living is a Curacy not in charge. Patron, Lincoln College, Oxon. The church is dedicated to Saint Laurence. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 424. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £230. 9s. 4d. at 3s. 0d. in the pound. It is 3 miles W. by S. from Woodstock.

Cornwell.

Cornwell is in the hundred of Chadlington; a discharged Rectory, valued in the King's books at £7. 4s. 2d. Patron, the King. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 87. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £122. 4s. 3d. at 2s. 7d. in the pound. It is 4 miles West from Chipping-Norton.

Cotesford.

Cotesford is in the hundred of Ploughley. The living is a discharged Rectory, valued in the King's books at £6. 13s. 4d. Patron, Eaton College. The church is dedicated to St. Mary. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 106. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £77. 17s. 7d. at 4s. 0d. in the pound. It is 6 miles north from Bicester, and 7 miles W. by S. from Buckingham.

Coton.

Coton is in the hundred of Banbury, in the parish of Cropredy. The money raised by the parish rates for this hamlet in 1803, is included in the return made from Waddington. It is 4 miles N. E. from Banbury.

Cowley Temple.

Cowley Temple is in the hundred of Bullington; it is a Curacy not in charge. Patrons, the Dean and Canons of Christ Church, Oxford. The chapel is dedicated to St. James. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 345. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £135. 17s. 4d. at 11d. in the pound. It is $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles S. E. by E. from Oxford.

Monumental Inscriptions.

On the north side of the Chancel, a Marble Monument:

“In Memory of Robert Whalley, M. D. who died the 2 day of April, 1769, aged 56 years; also 4 of his Children; also Grace his wife, who died Jan. 6th, 1777, aged 61.”

On another:

“Mary Wastie, wife of Francis Wastie, Esq. daughter and heiress of Richard Gilks of Charlton, in the County of Northampton, Gent. and Elizabeth his wife; died Dec. 18, 1781, aged 22 years. Caroline Matilda Wastie, daughter of Francis and Mary Wastie, died April 4th, 1782, aged 17 weeks.”

On another:

“Francis Wastie, Esq. High Sheriff of the County of Oxon for the year 1770, died May 16, 1775, aged 59 years. Sarah Haden, wife of the Rev. Alex. Bun Haden, Vicar of Wednesbury, in the County of Stafford, and daughter of Francis Wastie, Esq. and Hannah his wife, died Feb. 17th, 1776, aged 23 years.”

At the East end of the Chancel, a Marble Monument:

“In Memory of Sarah Wastie of Church Cowley, the wife of Francis Wastie, of Eynsham, Gent. who died Aug. 14th, 1739, aged 82. Also in memory of Francis and Thomas Wastie, Gents. sons of Francis and Sarah Wastie;

Francis } died } November 16th, 1719, aged 37,
Thomas } } September 15th, 1749, aged 64.”

On the South Wall of the Church, a Marble:

“In memory of Mary, daughter of John and Elizabeth Hurst, who died June 11th, 1780, aged 9 years. Also of Elizabeth, daughter of the above John and Elizabeth Hurst, who died July 9th, 1791, aged 16 years.”

“Happy Children, blessed from above,
Blessed with the grace and ravished with the love
Of their eternal Lord; in whose sweet breast
They now do lie, and evermore shall rest.”

On a Black Stone, against the same Wall:

“In Memory of Elizabeth Benwell, who died Aug. 28, 1798, aged 71; a loving wife, a tender mother, and a sincere Christian.”

Nov. 19, 1812, was buried in the body of the Church, south side, Mrs. Wetherel, widow of the late Dr. W. Master of Univ. College, Oxford; she was carried from her house in Cowley by 8 poor men who received a whole suit of brown clothes, &c. and silk hat bands; the 13th Psalm, by her desire, was sung, and she was followed to Church by her 4 sons and 3 men servants.

Cropredy.

Cropredy is in the hundred of Banbury, in the parish of Cropredy. The living is a Vicarage, valued in the King's books at £26. 10s. 10d. Patron, the Bishop of Oxford.

The church is dedicated to Saint Mary. The resident population of this township in 1801, was 470. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £544. 4s. 9d. at 5s. 3d. in the pound. It is 4 miles N. by E. from Banbury.

Crowell.

Crowell is in the hundred of Lewknor. The living is a Rectory, valued in the King's books at £7. 9s. 9½d. Patron, Lord Wenman. The church is dedicated to St. Mary. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 149. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £187. 5s. 1d. at 6s. 3d. in the pound. It is 4¼ miles E. S. E. from Tetsworth.

THE CHURCH

Consists of a nave and chancel, and a dove cote tower at the west end, in which are two small bells. The font is large & low, standing on one step. There are two stone stalls and a large arched recess in the south wall of the chancel. In the north wall is also a small recess. Under the south wall is a brick tomb which records the memory of Mrs. Ann Mitchel, daughter of John Mitchel, Esq. late of Milton, Wilts, died 1724, aged 27. Rev. Mr. Bertie, Rector; Dr. Payne, St. John's College, Curate; Lord Wenman and Lord Abingdon, Lords of the Manor.

On a Gravestone in the Chancel, on a Brass Plate, is the figure of a Priest, and under him this Inscription :

**“ Under this stonne of marble deare
Which from ys. worlde dyted. away
the peare of our lorde Almighty
for whose soule seth of your charity**

**lyth Sir John Payne, late y'son her.
of the month of June the fourth day,
Mthousand cccc and lxix
Pater noster and an ave.”**

Cuddesden.

Cuddesden is in the hundred of Bullington, parish of Cuddesdon, and Deanery of the same name. The living is a Vicarage with the chapel of Wheatley annexed, valued in the King's books at £17. 0s. 5d. Yearly tenths, £1. 14s. 0d. Patron, the Bishop of Oxford. The church is dedicated to All Saints. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 244. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £195. 10s. 3d. at 2s. 6d. in the pound. It is 6 miles W. by N. from Tetsworth.

The Bishop of Oxford having no palace, Bishop Bancroft built one here in the reign of Charles I. who gave him timber for it out of Shotover Forest: it was finished in 1635, and cost £3500. but Col. Legg, in 1641, burnt it down, least the Parliament should garrison it; but it was again rebuilt on the old foundation.

Here is a Charity School for girls in this village.

An account of the building of the Bishop's Palace, and of Dr. John Bancroft who built it.

Before his time the Bishops of Oxford had no house left belonging to their Episcopal See, either in the city or country, but dwelt in their parsonage houses which they held in Commendam. Dr. John Bridges, who had no Commendam in his diocese, lived for the most part in hired houses in the city, for though at the foundation of the Bishoprick of Oxford

in the Abbey of Osney, the King appointed Gloucester College for the Bishop's Palace, yet when that foundation was inspected by King Edward VI. and a recital thereupon made, that place was left out of the Charter as being designed then for another use, so that from that time till Dr. Bancroft became Bishop, there being no settled house or palace for him or his successors, he resolved by the persuasion of Dr. Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, to build one. The impropriate Parsonage of Cuddesdon before mentioned, five miles distant from Oxford, which belonged to the Bishop in right of his See, he let the lease run out without any more renewing, that in the end it might be made an improvement to the slender Bishoprick. The vicarage also of his own donation falling void, in the mean time he procured himself to be legally instituted and inducted thereinto; all which being done, he through the power and favour of Dr. Laud before mentioned, obtained an annexation of it to the Episcopal See. He soon after began to build a fair palace, with the help of a great deal of timber from the Forest of Shotover, given to him by his Majesty, to build a fair palace, which, with a chapel in it, being completely finished Anno 1635, was then out of curiosity visited by the said Dr. Laud, which he remits into his diary thus: "Sept. 2nd, 1635, I was in attendance with the King at Woodstock, and went thence to Cuddesdon to see a house which Dr. John Bancroft, then Bishop of Oxford, had there built, to be a house for that See for ever, he having built that house at my persuasion." But this house or palace, which cost £35000. proved almost as short lived as the founder, being burnt down by Col. William Legg during the short time that he was Governor of the garrison of Oxford, in the latter end of the year 1644, for fear it might have been made a garrison by the Parliament forces, though it was observed he might have garrisoned it for the King, and have preserved the house; which being thus ruined, lay so till Dr. John Fell became Bishop of Oxford, and then with monies out of his own purse, and the help of timber which one of his predecessors, named Dr. William Paul, had laid in in his life time, for that purpose, did rebuild it on the old foundation, with a chapel in it as before; the outside of which being finished in 1679, the inside followed soon after.

In 1632 Dr. Bancroft was nominated Bishop of Oxford, whereupon being elected by the Dean and Chapter in April the same year, had the temporalities of that See given him on the 6th of June following. In 1640 the long Parliament proceeded with great vigour against the Bishops. He was possessed so much with fear, having always been an enemy to the Puritans, that with little or no sickness he died at his lodgings in Westminster; afterwards his body was carried to Cuddesdon, in the diocess of Oxon, and was buried near to and under the south wall of the chancel of the church there, on the 12th of Feb. 1640.†

This church is built in form of a cross; the tower is in the middle, in which are 6 large and musical bells, and on them the following dates: 1st. 1795, John Briant of Hertford, (he cast the Bells at Wheatly at the same time.)—2nd, 3rd, 4th. Henri Knight made me 1617.—5th. 1677.—6th. Round the bottom is 1709, Robert Wildgoose, Paul Chitts, C. W. William Cor, Aubourn, Bell founder.—Sancte Bell, 1748.

An achievement hangs in the church, with the Arms of the Bishop of Oxford: Impaling S. on a bend A. 3 Roses Gules.

The font is large, circular, and plain. The roof of the nave is timber and rafter work, resting on corbels of stone, trusses and drops ornamented. No piscina visible. The chancel is wainscotted and paved with fine stone. The church is mostly paved with brick. No brass plates nor remains of any. The north and south transepts have stone seats all round in two rows, one above the other. The ringing loft, which is between the nave and chancel, is arched in groins, and a pointed zig-zag arch parts the nave and chancel. The pew stalls are regular and ornamented.

* Sic in MSS. † See Athenæ Oxon. vol. 1, p. 623.

Monumental Inscriptions.

On a Black Marble, on the North Wall, in the Chancel :

"Here lyeth the body of James King, the 4th son of John King, Gent. Citizen and Cloth Worker, and sometime Mr. of the Wool* Company of Cloth Workers of London, of former tyme a well deserving student of Brazen Nose College and Hartes Hall in Oxford, who departed this life the 27 of July, in the year of our Lord MDCXX of his age the 20th." Over all, his Arms : Az. a Chev. bet. 3 Horseshoes Or.

On the South Wall of the Chancel, an elegant Marble Monument, on which is :

"Sacred to the memory of Barbara Smythe, daughter of Sebastian Smythe, Esq. who, after a life spent in the most unremitting attention to every religious, moral, and social duty, died on the 27 of January, 1787, of a Paralytic Complaint, at her house in this place, long the Residence of her numerous and respectable Ancestry, in the 76 year of her age." At the bottom the Arms of Smythe.

On a Black Marble, against the East Wall, South transept :

"Insignia Georgii Barston Armigeri de Chibbenhurst qui Matrimonium contraxit cum Margeria filia Johannis Doyley de Chiselhampton Armigeri ex qua genuit filios Johannem Georgium Franciscum Benjamin et filiam Annam : qui obiit Anno Salutis MDCVII:"

A Marble Tablet opposite the last :

"M. S. Eliz. Parsons, Dan. Parsons Burgensis de Wallingford vidua Cujus Reliquiæ subtus jacent depositæ obiit die mensis Sept. XII, A. D. MDCCXXI, Ætat LXX. Fil. Nat. min. Jo. Parsons A. M. Coll. D. Jo. Bapt. Oxon Capellanus et hujus Ecclesiæ temp. Jo. Potter Episc. Oxon. Curatus dignæ et piæ Parenti monumentum et pignus amoris heu tenue mærens posuit."

Nave, N. Wall, a Marble Monument :

"In Memory of Jane Wells, Spinster, died July 14, 1799, Aged 35."

In the N. Aisle, N. Wall, a Marble : "Beneath lie the remains of Elizabeth, wife of William Wells, who died June 19th, 1795, Aged 42."

Two achievements hang up in this aisle.

Near the last, on a small Monument :

"Dies Moritur. In Memory of Elizabeth, the wife of Paul Wells, who died Dec. 10th, 1764, Aged 74 years. Also in Memory of Paul, son of Paul and Elizabeth Wells, who departed this life Sept. 2nd, 1749, Aged 35 years."

Middle Aisle, a Marble Monument :

"In Memory of Mr. Jeffrey Cripps, who departed this life Sept. 12th, 1786, Aged 56 years."

On a large Grey Marble, under the Belfry, on the Ground :

"With many of his ancestors lieth Robert Wildgoose of Denton, Gent. who died Feb. 6th, 1779, Aged 76 years."

"In Memory of Izard Wildgoose the elder, late of Denton, died May 26th, 1778, Aged 84 years."

On another, near the above :

"In Memory of Elizabeth, the wife of Izard Wildgoose of Denton, died Jan. 24th, 1736, aged 36."

"Also in Memory of Mary, the wife of John Preston, who died Sept. 18th, 1755, aged 26 years."

On another: "In Memory of Jane, the wife of John Armborough of Cuddesdon, and daughter of Izard and Elizabeth Wildgoose of Denton, who departed this life August 18th, 1768, aged 38 years."

"Also Anne, daughter of John and Anne Armborough, died July 29, 1794, aged 31 years."

* Sic in MSS. Qu. Should it not be "Wol." a contraction for "Worshipful,"

Against the Wall, N. transept :

"Near this place lieth the Body of John Hart, who died Dec. 31, 1745, Aged 63."
In the Churchyard, on a Sarcophagus of White Marble, encompassed with Iron Palisadoes, on one side is this :

"Maria

Roberti Lowth Episcopi Oxon et Mariæ uxoris ejus filia, nata XI die Junii A. D. MDCCLV obiit V die Julii A. D. MDCCLXVIII."

On the other side :

"Cara Vale, ingenio præstans, pietate, pudore
Et plusquam natæ nomine cara, vale
Cara Maria, at veniet felicius ævum
Quando iterum tecum, sim modo dignus, ero.
Cara redi lætatum dicam voce paternos
Eja age, in amplexus, cara Maria, redi."

Translation.

Dear as thou didst in modest worth excel,
More dear than in a daughter's name farewell ;
Farewell dear Mary—but the hour is nigh
When, if I'm worthy, we shall meet on high ;
Then shall I say triumphant from the tomb,
Come to thy Father's arms dear Mary come.

Several other translations of these beautiful verses appeared in the Gentleman's Magazine.

This tomb was repaired in the year 1806 by order of a late servant of the Bishops, from gratitude to the family.

On a broken Gravestone, in the Churchyard :

<p>"Reader expect no flattery here, The grave's a place to be sincere ; This lesson therefore learn from me, With what God gives contented be, With patience his corrections bear, Keep from Offence thy Conscience clear, And let your Charity confess What Lord and Master you profess ;</p>	<p>To do whose will, thyself being weak, His grace to help thee daily seek, And through his help thy work being done, Trust in his merits, not thy own, Then rest in hope, for thou wilt be Duly prepared to follow me, Nor fear to take the gloomy way Which leads to everlasting day."</p>
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On Tombs in the Churchyard :

"Beneath lie the remains of Mary, the wife of William Curtis of Abingdon, daughter of Robert and Anne Juggins, who died June 15th, 1800, aged 35 years."

On another: "In Memory of James Juggins, who died June 29th, 1799, aged 38 years."

On another: "To the Memory of Robert Juggins, who died Dec. 12, 1770, aged 45 years. In Memory of Ann, wife of Robert Juggins, who died 21 July, 1804, aged 82 years."

On another, encompassed with Iron Palisadoes :

"In Memory of Mr. John Sims, who died January 5th, 1775, in the 85 year of his age."

On another: "In Memory of William, son of William and Elizabeth Gardiner, died May 19, 1772, aged 37. In Memory of Mary, the wife of William Gardiner, who died Sept. 23, 1773, aged 41 years."

On the other side, in two Compartments :

"An elm my husband was, myself a vine,
My Tendrils for support did round him twine;
These grew and flourished *"

* Several lines not legible.

On the other Compartment :

“ And should have instant shared his mortal fate,
 In one cold grave been laid with my loved mate ;
 But chear'd with hope our offspring I might rear,
 I languish'd out one solitary year.
 In vain his dust I daily did beweepe,
 My dust, attracted, here doth silent sleep
 With his, who living was its sole delight ;
 My soul with his enjoys eternal light.”

On 4 other Tombs, well built, and of Stone:

- “ Jane Green, Daughter of Henry Green, aged 11, 1730.”
 “ Thos. Williams, Fellmonger, of Acton March, 1767, aged 58.”
 “ Elizabeth Gardiner, Feb. 17, 1786, aged 29 years.”
 “ John Gardiner, June 28, 1794, aged 36 years.”

Culham.

Culham is in the hundred of Dorchester, and deanery of Cuddesdon. The living is a Vicarage not in charge. Patron, the Bishop of Oxford. The church is dedicated to St. Paul. In 1801 this parish contained 78 houses and 364 inhabitants. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £411. 17s. 8½d. at 1s. 1d. in the pound. It is 8 miles south from Oxford, and 1 mile S. S. E. from Abingdon, in the county of Berks.

The church and chancel are both ceiled. There is a north and south aisle ; a gallery at the west end, on the front of which is Psalm 149, ver. 1st. “ O sing unto the Lord, &c.” William Dechair, Vicar; Will. Frome, Will. Pead, C. W. 1721.

An embattled tower, in which are 3 bells. The church is paved with brick and fitted up with* pews. There are no piscinas visible. The Monumental Inscriptions taken by Wood are all there.

Monumental Inscriptions. A. Wood, MSS. E. 1, fol. 183.

In the Chancel, on an oval piece of White Marble, on the Ground :

“ Here resteth the Body of Mr. Willm. Bury, second son of Willm. Bury, Esq. who departed this life 12 Feb. 1657, in the year of his age 34.” Arms: O. a cross Croslet, a Crescent for difference.

On another next to this:

“ Here lyeth the body of William Bury, Esq. 2nd son and heir of Thos. Bury of Culneham, Esq. by Judith, daughter of Laurance Humfrey, Dr. of Divinity, which William deceased the 24 day of Dec. 1632: to his memory Anne his sorrowful wife, daughter of Robert Sprignell of Highgate, in the County of Middlesex, Esq. by whom he had Issue 3 sons and one daughter, George, William, Thomas, and Susan, dedicated this remembrance.” At the top Bury impaling O. on a Chev. between 3 fleur de lis, as many O. Bury impaling 2 Barrs Gemelles, on a Chief a Lion rampant gardant.

Against the North, on a Table of Black Marble, this, in Gold Letters:

“ Here resteth in the assurance of a blessed resurrection the Body of Thos. Bury of an antient family of that Sir name, of Bury Hall, in the County of Lancaster, only child of

* Qu. “New pews.”

John Bury of Culham, Esq. by Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Thos. Stafford, of Bradfield, in the County of Berks, which said Thomas married Judith, daughter of Lawrance Humfrey, D. D. and Dean of Winchester, by whom he had Issue Jane Bury and Thos. Bury, both dead without Issue, and William Bury now living. He died the last of November, An. Dom. 1624."

Against the same Wall hang two Tables, whereon are the Arms of Bury, quartering, 1st. A. a Bugle bet. 3 Trefoils slipped S. the Bugle is tipt.—2nd. A. on a cross S. 5 Lions ramp. gard. O.—3rd. A. a Chev. bet. 6 Escallops S.—4th. O. an anulet in fess Gules between 3 Bulls' faces S. armed O.—5th. O. chev. Erm. bet. 3 leaves Vert.—6th. Quarterly A. & O. over all a Cross ingrailed Gules.—7th. as 1st.viz. Bury.—Crest: a Boar's head coupé at the shoulders S. pierced through the neck with a lance O. headed A.

In a little Chapel on the North side of the Church, on a Table of Black Marble, against the North Wall:

"Here resteth the body of Sir Edmund Cary, Knight, 4th son of the Right Hon. Sir Henry Cary, Baron of Hunsdon, Lord Chamberlain to Queen Elizabeth of famous memory, Knight of the most noble order of the Garter; which said Sir Edmund was sometime Esqr. for the body to the aforesaid Queen, and then Gentleman of the Privy Chamber to King James and King Charles's Majesty that now is. He first married Mary, daughter and heir of Christopher Coker, Esq. by whom he had Issue 3 sons and 3 daughters; 2nd he married Elizabeth, daughter & heir to the Lord Latimer, and the relict of Sir John Danvers, Kt.; lastly he married Judith, the daughter of Laur. Humfrey, Dean of Winchester, and the relict of Sir George Rivers, Kt. he died 12th of Sept. 1637, in the 80th year of his age, in whose memorial the said Judith his sorrowfull widdow erected this monument."

Arms: A. on a bend S. 3 Roses of the first; a Crescent, and thereon a Martlet for difference, Cary. Crest, a Swan Segreant A.

Near to the former, is another just like it, with this written thereon:

"Posteris Dicatum

The Lady Judith Cary, daughter of Laurance Humfrey, D. D. Dean of Winchester, President of Mag. Coll. and the King's Professor in the University of Oxford, who was first married to Thos. Bury of Culham, in the County of Oxford, Esq. by whom she had Issue two sons and one daughter, Thomas, William, and Jane; 2nd to Sir George Rivers of Chafford, in the County of Kent, Kt.; and lastly to Sir Edmund Cary, &c. as the daily Herald of her mortality in her lifetime caused this memorial to be set up in the year of our Lord God, 1638, at which time she was aged 69 years." Over it in Lozenge are the Arms of Humfrey. The Crest to which, is a demi pegasus S. winged O. Over both, Cary impaling Humfrey.

On a little Marble Stone, under the aforesaid Monument:

"Here resteth the body of the Lady Judith Cary, who died the 6th of May, An. 1656, and in the 88th year of her age." Over it, Cary with different impaling, with many impalements near it.

In the same Chapel, on Little Marble Stones, on the Ground:

"Memoriæ Sacrum

Here rests the Body of Sarah Bury, eldest daughter of Thos. Duncombe of Broughton, in the County of Bucks, Esq. who in the space of 42 weeks was Maid, Wife, Mother, Dust; she was married to Geo. Bury of Culham, in the County of Oxon, Esq. by whome she had Issue one daughter, (to wit,) Sarah Bury; she died in Childbed on the 22 of Sept. in the year of our Lord 1650, aged then 23."

Intima dum vixi gustavi gaudia Mundi

Dilexi, et prohibent invida fata frui.

Resurgam.

Arms: Bury impaling Party per Chev. flory on both sides A. & G. 3 Talbots' heads erased counter changed.

On another Marble Stone:

"Here lyeth the Body of John Bury, son of William Bury, Esq. died the 4th of Feb. 1571."

On another:

"Here resteth the body of Elizabeth, daughter of Thos. Stafford, Esq. who was first married to John Bury, Esq. and lastly to Edward Wilmot, Esq. and died 16 July, 1607."

In the high Window, on the North side of the Church, this Coat; Party per fesse Az. and A. a Pall counterchanged, 3 Swans A.* over it a mitre.—Abbot of Abendon.

In a Chamber Window in the Manor House, called the Abbots Chamber: A. a cross Flory bet. 4 Martlets S. over each of them, a mitre; the Abbey of Abendon. A Crosier staff. About it, "vince Redemptore." In several places, a Falcon with a Bunch of Grapes & C. O. they say put up by or for one Co, vintre, (Coventry) who was either Abbot or Prior of Abendon.

On a flat Stone in the Chancel:

"Here lyeth the body of Thos. Bury, Esq. who departed this life the last of Nov. Anno Dom. 1614, in the 47 year of his age."

On a large Black Marble:

"Here lyeth the Body of Martha, the wife of Mr. Reston, who was buried the 12 of July, 1717, in the 31 year of her age."

On another like the above:

"In memory of Mrs. Mary Reston, who died January the 1st, 173., aged 19 years."

Another: "Here resteth the Body of Mr. John Reston, who was buried the 18th of Sept. in the 64 year of his age, A. D. 1698."

In the Chancel, on the Ground:

"Here resteth the body of Elizabeth, the wife of Mr. John Reston, who was buried the 24 of April, in the 43 year of her age, 1695."

In the North Aisle, on the Ground:

"Here lyeth interred the Body of Sir Edmund Cary, Knt. who departed this life y^e 12th of Sept. 1637, in the 80 year of his age."

"Thos. Bury, younger sonne of Willim. Bury, Esq. who deceased July 24, 1671."

Middle Aisle, on the Ground:

"Here lyeth the Body of Mary Bunce, wife of Thos. Bunce died July 5"

South Aisle, on the Ground:

"Johannes Rawlins A : qui vicariam Culhamensis Curat Annos XVIII sustin ie Ob. Nov. die 18, A. D. MDC Ætatis suæ L Siste Lector et Brevis Conceme* Eternas Sp"

"Mr. Thos. Thomas, 1764, aged 77 years."

"Anne, wife of John Welch, 1804, aged 77 years."

On a flat Stone in the Chancel:

"Here resteth the body of Mr. John Reston the elder, who departed this life the 30 of April, 1675, in the 70th year of his age."

The feast is on Holy Thursday. In the year 1810, an act passed for enclosing Lands in the Manor and Parish of Culham. Till the enclosing act, Abingdon Races were held on Culham Heath.

In the year 1770 an Elephant's tooth, (one of the grinders,) was dug up in a gravel pit and sent to one of the repositories in Oxford.

In the appendix to Hearn's *Liber Niger Scaccarii*, p. 583, is the following: "At the dissolution of Abbies, the King gave to the Abbot of Abingdon (by name Wm. Coventry) the Lordship of Culham during his life, and after to come to the Buries, (the now owners thereof,) who bought the reversion."—N. B. Rowland was the last Abbot.

* Query.

In the house of — Phillips, Esq. is a collection of ancient stained glass and other curiosities.

Dr. Kennicot, Canon of Ch. Ch. Oxon, and compiler of the Hebrew Bible, was vicar of this place many years. The following anecdote may be relied on: When the late Primate of Ireland, Dr. Newcome, was of Pembroke College, being a good Hebrew Scholar, often visited Dr. K. at Culham, who wished Mr. Newcome to preach for him, which he did: on their return from church Dr. K. observed that the sermon was above the capacities of a country congregation. As the preacher had often used the word *felicity*, they agreed to ask the first man that passed if he understood what it meant. The Dr. then asked a man how he liked the sermon? Oh a very good sermon sir. But do you understand what the word *felicity* means? Why Sir I think it means *love and good friendship*.

In the year a new bridge of arches was erected over the river Isis, (or a branch of it,) on the side of Culham, for the use of the neighbouring villages.*

Cuxham.

Cuxham is in the hundred of Ewelme; and is a Rectory, valued in the King's books at £9. 10s. 5d. Patron, Merton College, Oxford. The church is dedicated to Holy Rood. This parish contains 28 houses and 144 inhabitants. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £160. 7s. 10½d. at 5s. 6d. in the pound. It is 5 miles S. S. W. from Tettsworth.

Monumental Inscription.

“*Orate p. aiabz Johis Gregorj de Cuxham, petronelle & Agnetis ux. ei. q. guidem iohes obiit nono die ianuarii Mo. dni. MCCCCCVI quor aiabz miseretur Ihus.*” Over, these Arms: Barry of four on a Chief a Lion passant. Crest: a Boar's head on an Esquire's Helmet and Mantle.

Two brasses below contain five sons and one daughter.

Cold Norton.

King Henry III. A^o Regni 13, confirmed to the Prior & Canons of this house, dedicated to Saint John the Evangelist, their several lands and possessions given by Reginald Earl of Bolon and Ida his wife and divers other benefactors.

William Fitzalan founded this priory for canons in his Manor House of Cold Norton, to God and St. Mary, St. John and St. Giles, and endowed it with divers lands. Reginald Earl of Bolon and Ida his wife confirmed the donations of their ancestors, 1201. Ralf Earl of Stafford gave to this Priory his manor of Rowlandright in Oxfordshire, for the maintenance of two canons, to celebrate for his soul &c. for ever, whose charter indented bears date at his manor at Tysho in Warwickshire, 44 Ed. III.

* Qu. Is it built?

Hugh Croft, Esquire, released and conveyed over to King Hen. VII. all his right, title, and claim to the said Priory and Patronage of the same, and the lands and revenues thereunto belonging, formerly belonging to John Wotton, late Prior of the said Priory, whose Deed bears date 21 Feb. 22 Hen. VII.

It was found by inquisition, taken at Dorchester in Oxfordshire, 24 April, 22 Hen. VII. before William Young, Escheater of that county, that John Wotton, late Prior of this Priory, was seized of the said Priory, the Manor of Cold Norton, and divers Lands, &c. in the said inquisition in right of the said Priory; and being so seized dyed on the Eve of Palm-Sunday, in the 11 year of that King, without having any Convent of Canons, or any professed Canon in the said Priory at that time, and that the succession of the said Priory did wholly finish, dissolve, extinguish, and determine, by which means the said Priory and all the Estate thereunto belonging did escheat to the King, whose ancestors were founders and patrons of the same, and that the revenue of the said Priory is of the value of £50. per An. over and above all reprises.—*Dugdale*.

The Earl of Bolonie above mentioned, procured a Charter from King John, for a Fair once a year in his village of Cold Norton, which lasted three days, on the feast of Saint Simon and Jude and two days following. Whether the decay of this village were owing to the extinction of the Priory or other causes is not known, but the name and memory of it seems totally lost; the name of the Priory alone subsists by a modern Farm House, built on the spot, a quarter of a mile from Chapel House, parcel of the antient possessions of the Priory. There was a Chapel here, whence the present Inn has its name, for the neighbouring laity, and a Church at the Monastery for the use of the religious. When Brazen-nose College became possessed of the Priory, they provided a Priest, who officiated in one or both of these sacred Edifices, and received the variable sum from 12s. to 20s. yearly till the latter part of Henry VIII. reign, when it dwindled rapidly. The bells were sold 32 Henry VIII. 1542, for ten pounds and twenty pence halfpenny. Not a wall, not a stone of the antient structure is now to be seen. Bones are sometimes dug up. A solitary Yew and half leveled mounds shew the extent of the premises.—*Curton's Lives of Smith and Sutton*, p. 307.

Deddington.

Deddington is in the hundred of Wootton, in the parish of Deddington, a discharged Vicarage, valued in the King's books at £15. 9s. 4d. Patron, W. Hunt, Esq. The church is dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul. The resident population of this township in 1801, was 1172. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £1040. 2s. 10¼d. at 10s. in the pound. It is 17 miles N. by W. from Oxford, and 68½ N. W. from London. The market is on Tuesday. The fairs are on the 21st of August, Saturday after the 10th of October, and 22nd of November. This was anciently a Corporate Town and sent Members to Parliament; it is governed by a bailiff.

THE CASTLE,

Situated on the east of the town; the vallum and foss are bold beyond what I have generally observed in ancient encampments. The only accessable places are evidently the original entrances, and every precaution seems to have been employed for security that a judicious choice of ground and the ancient art of fortification could suggest. At the east end of the great camp, which may probably include an area of 4 acres, is a lesser camp or fort connected with the former, and once apparently the strong hold in case of imminent

danger. This camp or fort is somewhat of a circular form; the large one is square. To the south of Deddington camp or castle, is a hill which still retains the name of Dane Hill. Dr. Plott is of opinion Deddington Castle was the very place to which the Earl of Pembroke conducted Piers de Gaveston, and there abandoned him to the fury of his enemies.

Monumental Inscription, &c.

A Brass Plate in the Nave of Deddington Church: the inscription plate lost, nor is it known whom it represented: the effigy is as large as life, and the habit and features shew it to have been of early date. See a similar one at Stanford, Berks, dated 1398. In the *Gent's Magazine* for May, 1795, page 737, is a copy of this brass, with this note: "It is on the ground, and appears to have had an Inscription under it, lying on the Nave and loose from the stone."

On another Brass Plate is the following Inscription :

"Pray for the soule of William Wylling Mchunt. of the Staple, at Calays which deceased No. Dni. MCCCCXXXIIII and for the soule of Elizabeth hys wyfe which ber No. Dni. MCCCCIIII on whose soules Jhu have mercy. Amen."

Dodford.

Dodford is partly in the first division of the three hundreds of Buckingham, county of Buckingham, and partly in the hundred of Ploughley, county of Oxford, in the parish of Stow. It is a hamlet.

Dorchester.

Dorchester is in the hundred of Dorchester. The living is a Curacy. Patron, R. Fetplace, Esq. The church is dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 777. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £675. 18s. at 7s. 2d. in the pound. It is 9 miles S. E. by S. from Oxford, and 4 miles N. by W. from Wallingford, in the county of Berks.

"Upon the first conversion of the Saxons to the Christian faith, Oswald, King of the Northumbers, and Kynegils, King of the West Saxons, gave this city to Saint Birine, the Apostle of these parts, who about A. D. 635 built a church, wherein, as some say, he placed secular Canons, and fixed here the seat of his Bishoprick, which then comprised the two large Kingdoms of the West Saxons and Mercians. But though in after times it was greatly abridged in its extent, the Bishopricks of Winchester, Salisbury, Exeter, Bath, Wells, Litchfield, Worcester, and Hereford being taken out of it, yet the diocese still remained the largest in England, and the Bishop's Cathedral was in this small village, situate at the extremity of his jurisdiction, till Bishop Remigius translated the episcopal seat to the City of Lincoln, about A. D. 1140, to the honor of St. Peter, St. Paul, and St. Birine, and was found 26 Hen. VIII. to be endowed with £210. 12s. 0d. ob. q. per ann. The site was granted 36 Hen. VIII. to Edmund Ayshfield."—*Tanner's Not. Mon.*

Monumental Inscriptions.

On the North side of the Chancel a raised Monument of Stone, thereon a man in armour, lying on his back, at his feet a Lion, without Inscription.

On a Brass on the Ground the picture of a man, at his mouth a scroll, thereon, "Dulcis mater virgo virginum ora pro nobis tuis filiis," Under him this: "Here lieth Sir Richd. Bewfforeste, Pray Jesu give his soule good reste."

On another Stone the picture of a man engraven, with his crosier in his hand; round the verge this:

"Hic jacet Dns. Rogerus quondam Prior prioratus de Routon in Comitatu Staffordi postea abbas monde Dorchester Lincoln. Dioceses nec non Epus Lidensis, cujus, &c."

On another, round the verge, in Saxon Characters:

"Johan. de Suttonæ dictus quem Christi corona Abbatiae cessit vires his qui requiescit."

Against the South Wall of the Chancel an ancient raised Monument of Stone, thereon a man lying along; at his feet a Lion; at the sides of the monument this coat often, 2 Barrs dauncette and a chief, without Inscription.*

Nigh this a Knt. Templar, without Inscription.

At the upper end of the Chancel a Stone, thus inscribed:

"Mathew Poole, the son of John Poole of Paynswick, in Gloucestershire, was here buried the 8th of April, 1651." Over all, a Lion rampt. bet. . . . f. de lis.

On a Black Stone, on the Ground:

"Here lieth the body of William Winchester, who having continued Pastor of this town of Dorchester for the space of 40 years, deceased 9th of Sept. 1655."

"I who from Scripture points of Death inferr'd,
Attack'd by death, lo! here now lie interred;
Interred till Zion's King shall forth me call,
For this the way to rise is first to fall.
Hence, reader, learn from sin to stand aloffe,
To pray, repent, mind heaven's assured roof,
So nature's slaughter man shall not thee fright,
When bowed knees do make thee walk upright."

On a Table of Black Marble against the North Wall, with Black Marble Pillars, this Inscription:

"Habes hic quos quæris (cliens) patronos
Non aliter post fata quam olim in vivis
Facile adeundos
Geminos etiam caudicos unus nec multum loquax
Tumulus componit geminos manes unum sustinet
Sepulchrum utræq, Justitiæ Lares
Quod sacrum sit memoriæ
(Fato legibus eximi prorsus dignissimi)

Clarissimi viri Edvardi Clarke juris Consulti Temidis e Templo Lincolnensi jam septuagenarii et ultra proh quantæ Sanctitatis argumento luxus et lites sæculi tandiu vicisse Astræa in cælum abhinc recepti A. D. 1623."

A North Window here, of curious workmanship, with the figures of Saints engraved on the stone mullions.

In a Chapel on the South side of the Chancel, on a Brass fixt to the Ground: the picture of a man in armour bet. 2 women; under them was an Inscription of 2 verscs in a line, but half of it being broken off per pale, the sense is imperfect, thus:—

"But yet behold and see this deadly grave
To the Lord of mercy our souls to save"

* Qu. The Coat of Stonor.

De the from whome nothing escape, may
Bi his dreadful office seized the libin"

Under it 5 boys and 5 girls. At the corners of the stone these Arms: a Fess per Fess indented, a bend bet. 6 cross Crosslets fitched quarterly, 2 Barrs a Chief verrey Er. a Fess per Fess indented quartering 6 cross Crosslets fitched 2 Barrs in Chief verrey. Er. a Fess per Fess indented impaling

On another Marble Stone, on the Ground, the picture of a man in Brass, in armour; the Inscription torn off, but at the corners of the stone this Coat: a bend bet. 6 cross Crosslets fitched quartering 2 Barrs a Chief verrey impaling on a Chief 3 roundalls.

On another like the former, only Arms at the corners, viz. a Bend bet. 6 cross Crosslets quartering 2 Barrs a Chief verrey.

On a Brass on the Ground, half covered by a Seat:

"Pray for the souls of Willm. Sai.

Margaret his wife, which Margaret

the year of our Lord MCCCCXXIIII on . . ."

Under it two girls, the boys torn off.

Two others, circumscribed in Norman French, almost worn out.

In the Windows of this Chapel, these Arms:

A Lion rampt. G. a border S. bezanty E. of Cornwall.—G. a Fess bet. . . . crosslets O.—E. of Cornwall.—B. a Bend A. bet. 6 Lions rampant O.—England.—Gules a Lion rampant O.—Per Pale O. and G.—E. of Cornwall twice.—England with a Label Az. thereon 3 plates.—E. of Cornwall—England with a Label Az. thereon 3 plates twice.—Barry of 6 A. B. a bendlet Gules.

In the great East Window of the Chancel, these Arms:

Er. 2 Barrs wavy G.

Vaire a Chief Verrey A. S.

A. on a Cross G. 5 Escallops A.

A. a Fess G. in Chief 3 Torteaulx.

Barry of 6 A. B. a Bendlet G.

O. a Fess bet. 2 Chev. G.

G. a Cross Flory O.

S. a Lion rampant A. a Bendlet G.

O. 2 Barrs G. in Chief 3 Torteaulx.

O. 6 Torteaulx a file of 3 points B.

G. 3 Martlets O. a Chief O.

Despencer.

E. of Oxford.

Clifford, Earl of Cumberland.

B. a Cross Flory bet. 4 Martlets O.

A. a maunch Gules.

A. a Maunch G.

A. a Chev. G.

A. a Cross Az. fretted O.

A. a Chief Gules.

Verry O. G.

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Az. 3 Barnacles O.

Az. 3 Cinquefoils O.

England.

Valence.

France semie.

Hutton's MSS.

Draycot.

Draycot, in the hundred of Bloxham, is a Rectory, valued in the King's books at £12. 16s. 0½d. Patron, J. Cleaver, Esq. The church is dedicated to St. Peter. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 183. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £211. 18s. 6d. at 2s. 6d. in the pound. It is 2 miles N. W. by W. from Banbury.

Drayton.

Drayton, in the hundred of Dorchester, is a Curacy. Patrons, the Dean and Canons of Christ Church, Oxford. The church is dedicated to St. Leonard. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 260. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £219. 18s. 4½d. at 3s. 9½d. in the pound. It is 9 miles S. E. from Oxford, and 5 miles N. from Wallingford, in the county of Berks.

Ducklington.

Ducklington, in the hundred of Bampton, is a Rectory, valued in the King's books at £24. 10s. 5d. Patron, Magdalen College, Oxford. The church is dedicated to Saint Bartholomew. The resident population of this parish in 1803, was 321. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £357. 9s. 2d. at 10s. 6d. in the pound. It is 1¼ mile S. from Witney.

Duns Tew.

Duns Tew is in the hundred of Wotton, a Vicarage, valued in the King's books at £8. 2s. 8½d. Patron, Sir H. Dashwood, Bart. The church is dedicated to Saint Mary. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 318. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £137. 4s. 10d. at 4s. 6d. in the pound. It is 2½ miles S. S. W. from Deddington. In this parish the Chamberlain family once had a seat.

Easington.

Easington is in the hundred of Banbury, in the parish of Banbury. It is ¼ mile S. from Banbury.

Elsfield.

Elsfield is in the hundred of Bullington, a Vicarage, valued in the King's books at £6. 8s. 1½d. Patron, the Earl of Guilford. The church is dedicated to St. Thomas Becket. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 349. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £92. 2s. 6d. at 2s. 6d. in the pound. It is 3½ miles N. E. by N. from Oxford.

THE CHURCH

Consists of a nave, divided from the chancel by a neat modern screen beneath a pointed arch. The chancel is ceiled with rafter work: over the west end is a kind of dove-cote

shingled, containing two small bells. The N. side of the church appears to have been larger, as the arches appear on the outside. Bishop Kennett says the present church was dedicated by R. Bishop of Cloney, in Ireland, on the 7th of the ides July, 1273, and for its dedication the Bishop received two marks. Against the N. wall of the chancel is a neat corbell, and in the S. wall is a piscina beneath a small pointed arch. The font at the west end is capacious. Several of the old pew stalls remain.

Monumental Inscriptions.

On the Chancel Floor, within the Communion Rail, is a long flat Stone, with this Inscription :

"Hic Jacet Frater Johannes de . . h . . l . . e quondam A S hujus loci cujus anima propicietur Deus."

Dr. Hutton reads the above, Rolandus de Chiltenham. Brown Willis reads it, Johannes de Chiltenham; and the Inscription now proves him right. John de Chiltenham was elected Abbot of Eynsham the 7 of the ides of Jan. 1316, and resigned the 16 of April, 1630, to John Broughton. From the words Abbas hujus loci, it is conjectured the inscription was brought here at or soon after the destruction of Ensham Abbey. In the centre of the above Stone is a Brass Plate, with these Arms: Quarterly, 1st. a Chev. bet. 3 Mulletts.—2nd. 3 Cinquefoils.—3rd. Barry Nebuly of 6.—4th. a Frett within a bordure.—Crest: a Cat passant gardant, with this Inscription :

"In hope of a Joyfull resurrection
Resteth here the Body of Michael
Pudsey of Ellesfield, in the County
Of Oxon, Esq. who deceased
October the 12th, Anno Domini 1645,
Aged 84 years."

Near the above, on a Black Marble, is this:

"In this place lieth the body of Mary Brett, the wife of Henry Brett, Esq. formerly the Widdow of Richard Pudsey, Esq. borne May, 1602; buried 23 day of January, in the year of our Lord 1671."

On a flat Stone were Brass Plates, now gone, on which were:

"P. M. S.

Richardi Pudsei Armigeri Et Antiquissima Pudseorum familia in Comitatu Eborum oriundi hujus Ecclesiae patroni et domini de Ellesfield, cui nec Justior annorum quam virtutum numerus qui post Annos MCCC in hac militia strenue actus Victor obdormivit Anno salutis MDCXXXIII Haerens et maesta uxor ejus Maria Monumentum hoc dicabit." Arms: a Chev. bet. 3 Mulletts, Crest: a Cat passant gardant.

On another against the N. Wall, now lost also:

"Near unto this place resteth the body of Michael Pudsey of Ellesfield, in the County of Oxford, Esq. who ended this transitorie life in y^e 11 of Oct. 1645, Aetat 84, wth Jane his second wife, the daughter of Nicholas Stoakes of Atleborough, in the Com. of Northampton, Gent. they lived together married 36 years, and were blessed with 7 children, 2 sons and 5 daughters; she departed this life the 22 of March, 1654, Aetat suæ 75." Over all, his Arms: Vert a Chev. bet. 3 Mulletts O. quartering 1st. S. 3 Cinquefoils A. pierced gules.—2nd. Ar. two Barrs Nebule S.—3rd. Gules a Frett O. a border O. semie de lis B. impaling G. a Lion ramp. doubl. quevd. Or. The Crest: a Leopard gardant proper.

On an upright Stone in the Garden of the late Mr. Wise of Ellesfield are these Letters:

J. O. M.	Jovi Optimo Maximo	To Jove the best and greatest
ET DIS PATRIIS	et diis patris	and to the Gods of the Country
L. SEP. NVCERIN.	Lucius Septimus Nucerinus	Lucius Septimus of Nuceria
VSAEL. NVCERI. F.	Usael Nucerinus filius,	Son of Usael Nucerinus
B. COS.	Bis Consul.	fulfills his vow gladly and
V. S. L. M.	Votum soluit libens merito.	worthily.

On a Marble Stone, in Saxon Characters, this:

"**Hic Jacet frater Rolandus de Chilterham quondam Abbas hujus loci cujus animae propicietur deus.**"

Emington.

Emington is in the hundred of Lewknor, a Rectory, valued in the King's books at £11. 0s. 2½d. Patron, Sir W. Ashurst, Bart. The church is dedicated to St. Nicholas. The resident population of this parish in 1801, was 76. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £80. 16s. 3½d. at 2s. 4d. in the pound. It is 3¼ miles S. E. from Thame.

Ensham, or Eynesham.

Ensham, or Eynesham, in the hundred of Wotton. The living is a discharged Vicarage, valued in the King's books at £15. 14s. 0d. Patron, J. Martin, Esq. The church is dedicated to Saint Leonard. The resident population of this parish, 1166. The money raised by the parish rates in 1803, was £1214. 11s. 8d. at 5s. 6d. in the pound. It is 4½ miles E. by S. from Witney. A Benedictine Abbey built and endowed by Æthelmar, or Ailmer, Earl of Cornwall and Devonshire, before A. D. 1005, to the honor of the blessed Virgin Mary, St. Benedict, and All Saints. About the time of the Conquest it was almost left desolate, and given by Remigius, Bishop of Lincoln, to the Monastery of Stow, in Lincolnshire; but restored and much augmented upon the removal of the Abbot and Monks of Stow hither, and by the lands which Robert Bloet, Bishop of Lincoln, in the beginning of the reign of King Henry I. gave to this place in exchange for Newerk and Stow. This Monastery was valued, 26 Hen. VIII. at £421. 16s. 1d. ob. q. per ann.—*MSS. Valor and Speed, 2nd edit.* £141. 12s. 2d. ob. q.—*Dugd.* £141. 16s. 1d.—*Speed, 1 edit.* and was granted 35 Hen. VIII. to Sir Edward North and William Darcy.—*Tanner's Not. Mon.*

Ensham, alias Eynsham, alias Evensham, alias Eynesham, was given to the Abbey by Æthelmar the founder, in the reign of Ethelbert, on the dissolution given first to Sir Edward North, and by him reconveyed to the Crown by Deed of Gift, 37 Hen. VIII. given then, 37 Hen. VIII. to Edward Lord Derby in exchange for the Manors of Enworth, Harey, O. Weston, Belton, Awthorp, and Wroyt, Com. Lincoln; the Manors of Frymingly, Hovering, and Hintham, Com. Nottingham; the Manor of Kelhole, Com. Ebor; the Manor of Barburgh Kelymere, in Derbyshire. Fernando, Earl of Derby, died without male issue, was succeeded by his brother William in honor: he left three daughters; Elizabeth, married to Henry Lord Huntingdon; Anne, married to G. Bridges Lord Chandois; Frances, married to Sir John Egerton.

1606. The title of this Manor came into dispute and was settled by Act of Parliament on Sir Edward Stanley for 89 years, or life; after him to return to William Earl of Derby and his heirs, who accordingly became possessed of it by Sir Edward's death, about 1620.

1626. James Lord Strange, son to William Earl of Derby, married Charlotte, daughter to Claude Tremouille Duke of Tours, and had with her £24,000. in portion, in consideration of £6000. of which sum his father settled the Mon. of Ensham on Phil. Earl of Pembroke, Sir Ranulph Crewe, and Sir Thomas Posthumus Hobby, in trust for the said Charlotte.

Aug. 15, 1649. The said Manor was forfeited by the said James, then Earl of Derby, for delinquency, and given by Oliver Cromwell to Henry Martin of Becket.

March 4, 1651. Henry Martin sold it to Lady Elizabeth Finch, Orlando Bridgeman, and Ralph Bridgeman, Clark.

Aug. 1652. Phil. Earl of Pembroke, the last surviving trustee for Charlotte, then Countess dowager of Derby, sold it in her behalf to Henry Savage and Wm. Colgrane.

Jan. 1652. Sold by Lady Elizabeth Finch, Orlando Bridgeman, Ralph Bridgeman, Henry Savage, William Colgrane, to Henry Earl of Kingston, confirmed by Charlotte, Countess dowager of Derby.

June, 1653. Sold by Henry Earl of Kingston and Charlotte, Countess dowager of Derby, to Thomas Jordan, Stephen Brice, James Quarterman, William Wise, Launcelot Granger, Richard Castles, &c.

This Monastery of Ensham was situated near the river Thames, (Isis) founded and endowed by one Ethelmarus, a man of quality under King Ethelred, who confirmed the lands given to it, and granted divers liberties and privileges to the same in the year of our Lord 1005. To this house a Monastery at Stow, near Lincoln, built and endowed by Godiva, wife of Leofrick Earl of Chester, was formerly annexed as a cell. In the year 1109, King Henry I. repaired this Monastery, at that time decayed, and confirmed to it all its lands and liberties, valued at £44. 12s. 2d. per Ann.—*Dugdale*.

Luckombe's Gazetteer says, "One of the Saxon Kings held a general Council here."

In this parish was an old custom whereby the town's people were allowed on Whitsunday to cut down and carry away, wherever the Churchwardens gave the first chop, as much timber as could be drawn away by men's hands into the Abbey yard, and if they drew it out again in spite of the opposition of the servants of the Abbey to prevent it, they were to keep it for the necessary repairs of the Church, by which custom it is said the people hold their right of commonage at Lammas and Michaelmas.

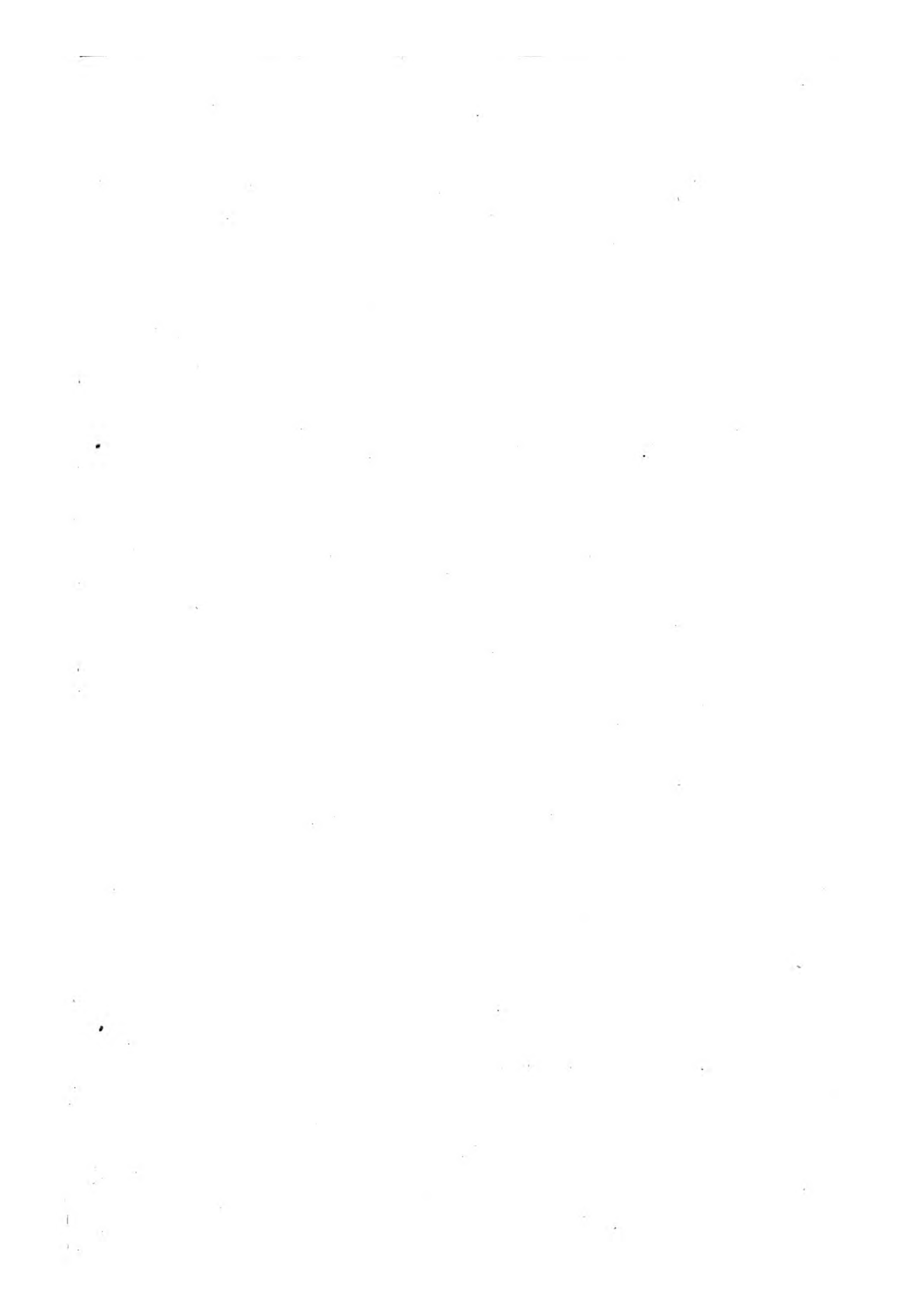
Here is a handsome stone bridge over the Isis. It was in the time of the Saxons a royal village. No remains of the abbey are now to be seen except a few moulding stones worked into walls and other buildings, if we except the cross, which Mr. Warton says was undoubtedly built by the abbey: the remains of a Bishop or Abbot in his pontifical habit are still discernable. An east view of the remains of the abbey church was taken by A. Wood, from which Buck has engraved a plate.

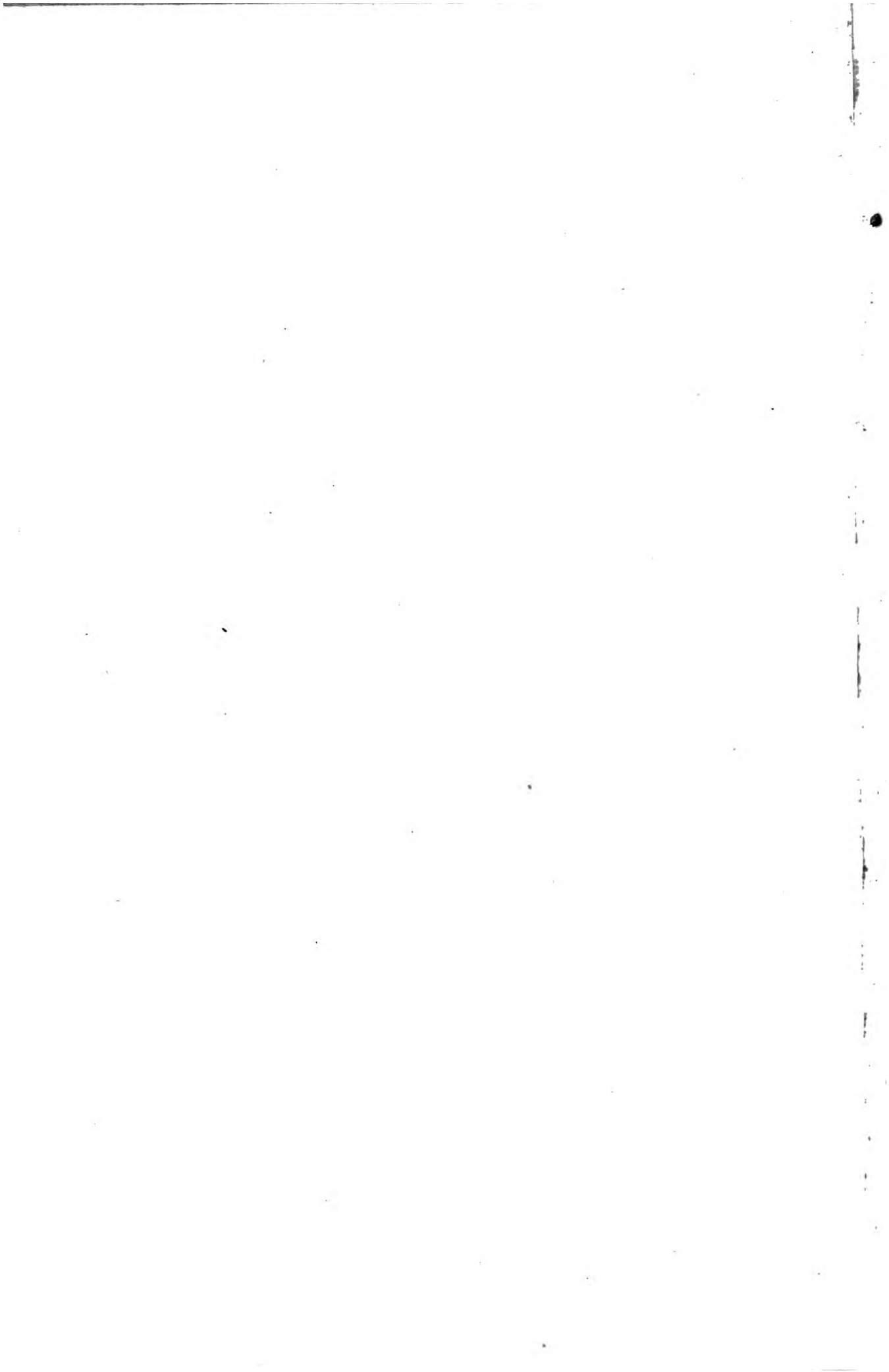
Monumental Inscriptions.

In the body of the Church :

"Hic juxta Parentum Cineres
Corpus suum sepeliri voluit
Johannes Rogers S. T. P.

Magni vir animi
Ad fortunam omnem
Ad munus omne





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