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ON TWO RECTORS OF WHITCHURCH.

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THESE are Thomas and Matthew Fowler, sons of Walter Fowler of Pendeford, or Penford. The Fowlers have long been settled at Penford, which is in the parish of Tettenhall, near Wolverhampton. But they are connected with Shropshire, too, and William Fowler, brother of Roger of Penford, was Steward of Shrewsbury in 1594.¹ And the mother of the two rectors of Whitchurch was a Shropshire woman. For Walter Fowler married Margaret, daughter of Thomas Burton of Longner, and became the father of seven sons and four daughters.

Of this numerous family Thomas was the second son. The Tettenhall Register shows that he was baptized there on October 3, 1602, and he next appears on the register of Trinity College, Oxford, matriculating in that University 13 Dec., 1616. He took his B.A. degree from Christ Church, 27 June, 1622, and his M.A. three years later. It is, perhaps, he who was admitted to Gray's Inn in 1633.² If so, he had already been rector of Whitchurch two years, for the Episcopal Act Books at Lichfield show that he was instituted to that cure on April 4, 1631, "in the usual abode of Thomas Mottershead and after the natural death of John Rawlinson, S.T.P.", the presentation being made by Alice, Countess of Derby. At some time previous to this he married Margaret Sanders of Flamsted, Kent, for the Whitchurch registers show that he had a son Walter baptized there on the 14th October, 1631. The baptisms of his sons John, Thomas, and Arthur follow in 1635, 1636, and 1637, and "Alexander Needam and Precilla Hetle were married at Tilstock

¹ Owen and Blakeway, vol. i., p. 539.² *Alumni Oxonienses.*

by Mr. parson Fowler" on March 29, 1641. The entry "the 30 day of May 1643 Whitchurch was surprised and taken by Sir Will: Brereton's forces" marks the end of Thomas Fowler's connection with Whitchurch, followed as it is by burial records of "a soldier," "a soldier that was stabbed," "a soldier killed at towne's end," &c.

Thomas Fowler lost his living, as did many another loyal son of the Church, because he refused to take the Solemn League and Covenant, and the friendship of the Earl of Bridgewater, whose chaplain he was, and one of whose sons he had instructed, availed him nothing. Now come his sufferings and his interest. On 16 Jan., 1642-3, his Alma Mater had bestowed on him the degree of D.D., but on 28 April, 1649, his temporal estate was sequestered, and he compounded for it by the payment of £130, for "delinquency in going into Shrewsbury when a garrison for the King."¹ "Tossed to and fro in the Confusions," as Walker quaintly phrases it,² he went forth, whether to fight for his King and Church (as his brother did), we know not, but at any rate, to make room for one Thomas Porter, M.A., thrust into the cure of Whitchurch by Oliver Cromwell, and himself to settle after a time at Little Gaddesden, in Hertfordshire. The manor and advowson of Little Gaddesden were long the property of the Egerton family, who were Barons of Ellesmere and afterwards Earls and Dukes of Bridgewater, and the Countess of Derby, who had appointed Thomas Fowler to Whitchurch, married for her second husband Thomas Egerton, first Viscount Brackley.³

It is, however, amongst the mortal remains of Stanleys, who died between 1648 and 1668, and under

¹ Calendar of Committee for Compounding, part iii., p. 1951.

² *Sufferings of the Clergy.*

³ She was a daughter of Sir John Spencer of Althorp, and her first husband, Ferdinando Stanley, became the fifth Earl of Derby in 1592, and was patron from 1588 of Shakespeare's licensed company of players. He died April 16, 1594.

a great chest in the vestry at Little Gaddesden that an inscription has recently been discovered, showing that

Thomas Fowler / SS Theologiae Professor / Albi Monasterii
in Comitatu / Salopiensi Rector / Hic situs est.

On the west side of the pillar, between the chancel and the chapel north of the same, is also inscribed¹ :—

Spe resurgendi / Exuvias hic depositit mortales vir vere
reverendus / ac omnibus (quibus notus erat) amore dignissimus /
Thomas Fowler, Saeræ Theologiae Professor ; / Ortus generosæ
familiæ in Comitatu Stafford ; / Prænobili Comiti de Bridgewater
Tē μακαρίτη a Sacris domesticis, et filii ejus (honora-
tissimo illo titulo / nunc gaudentis) non sine magno fructu
fidelis tutor : Albi Monasterii in agro Salopiensi Rector : / Vir
de republicâ literarum optime meritus, / pietatis, probitatis,
comitatis, et candoris vivum exemplar : / subditus fidelis : /
Ecclesiae Anglicanæ obsequentissimus filius : / Theologus in-
signis : / Concionator eloquens et assiduus : / omni denique
virtutum genere clarus : / Qui variis motuum superorum casi-
bus, hue illuc agitatus, / cum tandem patriam suam a prædoni-
bus spoliatam, regem / optimum a perduellibus sceleratissimis
securi traditum, et / Ecclesiam Anglicanam tantum non
extinctam / vidisset: vitam pertesæs, ad superos migravit /
27 die Febr: An. Dom. millesimo sexcentesimo quinquagesimo /
secundo, ætatis suæ 52 / et sui desiderium amicis omnibus
reliquit. / Optimo patri / Johannes et Thomas Fowler, filii
amantissimi / (benigno concessu et candore prænobilis dom.
Johannis / Comitis de Bridgewater) hoc monumentum / MS /
pie posuerunt.

Marmore non opus est tibi, sed nati hoc posuere,

Ne si aliter jaceas vilior umbra fores :

Nam tibi qui similis vivit moriturque, sepulchrum

Ipse sibi vivax et sibi marmor erit.

So much for Thomas Fowler. His father had lived on till the troubles began, and died six years before Thomas, leaving the latter only twenty shillings to buy a ring, and Matthæw a fourth share of his goods, after the eldest son had taken the “ corslett or armor for the pike together with the same pike,” and the widow £40

¹ Clutterbuck's *Hertfordshire*.

worth of goods, and a grandchild "my long table and forms in the hall."¹

We now turn to Matthew, the seventh son, and the most famous, destined indeed to prove himself "a mighty stiff man for the King and Church."

Matthew Fowler was baptised in the parish of Tettenhall, on the 19th of October, 1617, and next appears as a member of Christ Church, Oxford, matriculating there 1st September, 1634, before he had completed his seventeenth year.

Where the foundations of his great learning had been well and truly laid we cannot tell, but certainly it was neither at Shrewsbury School nor at Westminster. Archbishop Laud was Chancellor of the University while young Matthew was resident there, and amongst the ruling spirits at Christ Church were Samuel Fell, who had given up the Deanery of Lichfield for that of Christ Church, Henry Hammond, as devout as he was learned, Robert Sanderson, of whom Charles I. said, "I take my ears to other preachers: but I take my conscience to Mr. Sanderson," and Richard Allestree, who was afterwards chaplain to Lord Newport of High Ercall, and whose ugliness, according to an Eton tradition, no less than his loyalty, procured him the provostship of that college.

All these, and many others at Christ Church, were good men, and true to their King and Church. Doubtless, they inculcated loyalty at a time when loyalty would have to be proved on the battlefield, and was about to be proclaimed a crime. And from the loyal foundation of Henry VIII. and Thomas Wolsey, Matthew Fowler migrated presently to the equally loyal foundation of Andrew Dokett and the two Queens Margaret of Anjou and Elizabeth Woodville. For after taking his B.A. at Oxford, on 3 Feb., 1638, he took his M.A. from Queens' College, Cambridge. His name first appears in the "Registrum" of the latter college as "Matthæus

¹ Will dated 2 April, 1642, proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 22 March, 1646-7, by Margaret Fowler, widow.

Fowler A.B. tran ab Oxon. June 1, 1639. Tutor, Bryan ; and later, under "Mrs of Artes," April 8, 1641. Anthony Sparrow, author of "The Rationale of the Book of Common Prayer," and afterwards President of Queens', and Bishop of Exeter and Ely, took his M.A. at the same time. Dr. Edward Martin, President of Queens' from 1631 to 1662, except from 1644 till the Restoration, was as loyal to King and Church, as the Dean of Christ Church, Oxford ; ruled a college as loyal ; gave as generously ; and suffered as cruelly when the Universities were "loaded with an Iliad of Miseries," and "the Knipperdollings of the Age broke the Heartstrings of Learning and Learned Men," and thereby "luxated all the Joynts of Christianity in the Kingdom," making "Eloquence dumb and Philosophy sottish, tearing the Garland from off the head of Learning, to place it on the dull brows of disloyal ignorance."¹ Thus it is that few colleges at either University possess plate older than the time of Charles I., and Queens' Coll., Camb., cherishes a long inventory of the items it sent to the King in the year when Fowler took his M.A. The King's promise to repay in kind or in value is also preserved.

And now we lose sight of Matthew Fowler. It is likely enough that in the Diocese of Lichfield, in which his old home was situated, and which was to be the scene of nearly all his later labours, he was ordained. But the Episcopal Act Books of Lichfield from 1632 to 1662 are as hopelessly lost as the second decade of Livy, if indeed they were ever written at all.

Now after the royal standard had been raised at Nottingham, Shrewsbury, which had repaired its walls and strengthened its gates, welcomed the King and his cavaliers ; and when the army moved on from Shrewsbury and fought at Edgehill, Richard Allestree there, and during the siege of Oxford, frequently held his musket in one hand and his book in

¹ Walker's *Sufferings of the Clergy*.

the other. It is likely enough that his friend Matthew Fowler did the same, for surely these two were friends, both at Oxford and in Shropshire, especially when Alles-tree's father was steward to Sir Richard Newport, whom the King had now made Lord Newport of High Ercall, and who himself now made Fowler his chaplain and vicar. For "the glory of both universities" appears next as vicar of High Ercall, "deeply engaged in his Majesty's service," and "behaving himself as a man of courage and resolution" in the siege of High Ercall Hall.

Thirty and six years before had the Hall been built, or at least begun, by Francis Newport, Knight, "Deo incepta secundante," as he piously had it inscribed on the centre gable of the north front, which inscription stands there to this day. The church stands also hard by; but both church and hall bear the marks of those Puritans from Wem who did

Build their faith upon
The holy text of pike and gun,
Decide all controversies by
Infallible artillery,
And prove their doctrine orthodox
By apostolic blows and knocks.¹

The accounts of the siege, or rather sieges, are somewhat confused, and are perhaps coloured by the prejudices of the writers of the two parties. A Puritan chronicler says that the besiegers raised "a very strong work within muskett shott" of the walls, "by means of which the enemy could not stir in or out." Tradition next relates that a drummer of the Parliamentary force daily beat a challenge to the garrison to surrender, until a king's man by a lucky shot brought him down from his perch in the field near Cotwall, called Birch Tree Bank; and a family named Hurlstone, who lived till quite lately, at Walton, near Ercall, claimed to be descended from this accurate marksman. The "Weekly Account" of April 8, 1645, avers that Lieutenant-Colonel Rinkeling and his men had "stormed the

¹ *Hudibras*, i. 1.

garrison of High Ercall, and followed the business with very great valour." While *Mercurius Bellicus*, a Royalist gazette issued at Oxford during the war, avers that the siege of High Ercall after lasting seventeen days, was raised by the rebels themselves on April 14, the defendants under Sir Vincent Corbet and Captain Armorer having killed or captured "at least 500 Rebels."

However, it seems certain that about the 30th of May, 1646, after another short siege, the strong place and well fortified with earth and water, the principal residence of those "knights of great worship," as Camden calls the Newports, capitulated, and terms were made as the result of a bombardment "by granadoes and other great shott for the space of nine hours together without intermission." Then "there marched 212 souldiers and officers (all good plucked, brave fighting men) out of this strong garrison, and thus Shropshire, the bravest souldiers in the world, by God's great mercie, and indefatigable industry, care and valour of their committee, is now well cleared of all their enemies. The Shrewsbury troops returned to their quarters in glorie, with heart and voice saying with Holy David, 'It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.'"¹

Thus a Puritan writer, in whose hands Cromwell's Soldier's Bible and Soldier's Catechism,² no doubt, took their turn with the pen and the sword. Matthew Fowler's hand seems to have been more closely attached to the sword at this period than to the pen; at least, his name never appears in the Parish Register of High Ercall, though his successor, Humphrey Browne, signed one page there before he in his turn had to make way for Richard Hopkins, a skinner or glover, of whom the

¹ See *Transactions*, 2nd series, vol. viii., pt. ii. p. 232; pt. iii., pp. 291, 292, 295, 301, &c., &c.

² This Bible was published in 1648, and the Catechism in the year following. Both have been recently reprinted, as has also the *Cavalier Soldier's Vade Mecum* of 1648.

author of the *Sufferings of the Clergy* speaks with bitter sarcasm.

Matthew Fowler now disappears for a time from our sight. His epitaph speaks so strongly of his bravery and resolution that it is likely that his hand still clave to the sword, at least until the bitter day when the King followed the Archbishop to the block, and with a groan that echoed throughout all England the crowd at Whitehall saw the axe of the headsman put an end to the follies and vacillations of the unfortunate Charles. Very possibly Fowler joined other loyal men to "freight a ship for France, and mourn in merry Paris for this poor realm's mischance," though I have not succeeded in finding his name amongst those of the English divines who helped to continue there in exile the apostolic line of the clergy of the Church of England.

The probability of Fowler's taking refuge in Paris during the period of religious anarchy in England is increased by the fact of his only son dying there in 1678. Some time before 1653 Matthew Fowler was married to Leticia, daughter of Richard Wald of Pisland, co. Devon. She brought him much love, and a goodly portion, but only one son. The youth was a paragon of virtues and a Bachelor of Medicine, and goodly to look to, until the universal scourge of small-pox fell upon him in the 24th year of his age and slew him. He is commemorated by a handsome brass in the church at Whitchurch. There are displayed the Fowler shield of arms and crest, with helmet and mantling, and a candlestick, besides the more usual emblems of mortality. The inscription, which is pathetic and beautiful, has already been given in the *Transactions* of this Society (2nd Series, vol. viii., part iii., p. 437).

Now the author of *The Sufferings of the Clergy* states that at the Restoration Fowler again possessed himself of his benefice of High Ercall, but soon resigned it to John Hotchkiss, while the compiler of *Alumni Oxonienses* says he was rector of Willey, co. Warwick,

in 1648 and 1660. The latter is a mistake; for though "No. 85, Matthew Fowler ad Rectoriam de Willey," and "No. 176, Matthew Fowler ad Vicariam de Wolvey" are among the institutions in 1660 recorded in the Public Record Office, those two small livings were held by another Matthew Fowler, who was "a godly and orthodox divine" in the eyes of the Committee for Plundered Ministers, whose wife was named Sarah, and who lived on at Willey till 1701, whereas our Matthew Fowler died at Whitchurch in 1683.

"One Matthew Fowler was preacher at Hammersmith 1661," says Wood in his *Fasti Oxonienses*. This was our Matthew, who, if he returned to the desecrated church and ruined hall at Ercall, soon left them, and became the third incumbent of S. Paul's, Hammersmith. This was a chapel of ease to Fulham, which Laud as Bishop of London had consecrated on June 7, 1631.¹ Here again his stay was short. "Matthew Fowler S.T.P. admiss. ad rect. S. Alphagi Lond. 1 Oct. 1662 per inconform. Doolittle, quam resign. ante 7 Maii 1663." This was yet another brief tenure, and after it Fowler went back to the Wrekin.

But his periods of residence near, and then in London, must have been very interesting. He had the prestige of a D.D. when Henchman Bishop of London, whom Pepys calls "a comely old man," moved him from the suburb of Hammersmith and the neighbourhood of Fulham Palace, into the heart of the heaving, throbbing city; for the State Papers Domestic show that early in 1661 Matthew Fowler, M.A. of Queen's College, Cambridge, petitioned with others for a mandate to the University of Oxford for this degree, as having been prevented from obtaining it by the late troubles. Dr. John Gauden, afterwards Bishop of Exeter and then of Worcester, was one of four prominent men who backed the petition; and as Charles was very lavish of rewards which cost him nothing, Matthew Fowler became D.D. "per Literas Regias."

¹ *Novum Repertorium, or London Diocesan Clergy Succession.*

The city still seethed, as it were, at that time after the ferment of the return of the King and Court, and was a city of stirs, a joyous and a tumultuous city, and happily for Fowler, it was not smitten with the great plague nor consumed with the great fire till after he had left it, or he might have been truly and mortally set in the plague, as his successor at St. Alphage, Timothy Long, actually was, or consumed in the fire, as all the churches were, except thirteen.¹

London was strongly Puritan always; but if his Puritan parishioners paid their tithes honestly, Fowler would receive his reward at St. Alphage's at the rate of £75 4s. per annum, with £32 also for "casualties," which I take to mean fees, and a house wherein to dwell, as Puritan Mr. Doolittle had done before him.² But "the clergy will never content the City, which is not to be reconciled to Bishops."³

This was perhaps why Fowler left after an incumbency of only seven months; but doubtless, besides seeing the Royal Arms newly fixed up in his church, Fowler wore that cloth of contention, "a decent and comely surplice with sleeves," and read that beloved and recently prescribed composition, the Book of Common Prayer. The 17th of August before his institution was the Sunday when that book, as amended and as used to this day, was appointed to be read, and the Solemn League and Covenant was to be abjured by all incumbents under pain of losing their livings.

However, before the great anniversary of the King's entrance into London, on his birthday, the 29th of May, came on, Fowler had left the City. At least, his successor was instituted by Bishop Humfrey Henchman on May 7th, and on 28th Jan., 1664, Fowler was instituted by good Bishop Hackett, the Zerubbabel of Lichfield Cathedral, to the Rectory of Hinstock, near Market Drayton, the patrons being Richard Onslow of West

¹ Pepys' *Diary*, 31 Jan., 1668.

² *Records of St. Alphage*.

³ Pepys, 80 Nov., 1662.

Clandon, in Surrey, and his heir apparent Richard, together with John Tasbrough of Bodney, Norfolk, gentleman.

Fowler did not stay at Hinstock very long. He was not a George Herbert, and perhaps the place was dull. Quiet it must have been after the din of battle and the tumults and stirs of London. In Henry VIII.'s time the living was of the clear yearly value of £49, minus yearly tenths and synodals, &c., and the living of Whitchurch was worth about as much. In the King's books the latter rectory stood at £44 11s. 8d., minus yearly tenths £4 9s. 2d., and synodals and proxies, and the salary of the chaplain of Marbury, which was £4 13s. 4d.

For three years and a half Fowler held both, at least he was instituted by Bishop Hackett to the Rectory of St. Alkmund, Whitchurch, on Feb. 13, 1667, and his successor, Amias Vaughan, was not instituted to Hinstock till Nov. 7, 1670. The two parishes are hardly more than a dozen miles apart, and no doubt it was difficult then to find priests enough to fill all livings.

The patron of Whitchurch at this time was John, Earl of Bridgewater, who had married one of the three daughters, coheiresses, of that Alice, Countess of Derby, who had presented Thomas Fowler to Whitchurch thirty-four years before, the Lady Derby having no son by her first husband. And at Whitchurch, or at least seized of the benefice of Whitchurch, and contending there with plague, smallpox, conflagrations, and Nonconformists, Fowler lived till the end of his life.

He had, however, not been more than seven months rector of Whitchurch when he was collated by Bishop Hackett to the Prebend of Ufton (or Ulveton, or Oloughton) "ex parte cantoris sive præceptoris" in Lichfield Cathedral. This prebend was vacant by the death of William Cox, who had been admitted to it 8 Jan., 1661. Fowler held it till his death, and in his will directed that the concurrent lease of the prebend, which had been granted to him by the Dean and

Chapter of Lichfield, should be "entirely in the possession of (his) wife Lettice Fowler during her life, and after her death to the use and behoofe of (his) nephew John Fowler his executors or assignes, he or they paying (his) niece Mrs. Elizabeth Forster £30 upon the renewing or assigning of the said Lease within one year after such renewal or assignment." Perhaps, like Prebendary Harrison in 1663, Fowler "made a lease of his prebend and contracted for a fine for twenty one years," and further "promised whensoever he (should) renew, to pay a fourth part of the fine he (should) receive towards the repair of the Cathedral,"¹ which repair must have been a very costly work after the stripping of the lead from the roofs, and the discharge of more than 2,000 shot and 1,500 grenades against it, and the fall of the central tower, and all the havoc wrought in three sieges by Lord Brooke and others.

When Fowler came to Whitchurch he might still find some traces of the capture of the town by Sir William Brereton's forces in 1643, and would certainly find many sad memorials of the plague which devastated Whitchurch (as it did Shrewsbury and other places in 1650), and is commemorated in the Parish Register by a fatal mark prefixed to no less than 115 names. Thinned though the population was by this deadly scourge, we are able to state its exact number at one moment during Fowler's incumbency, for the religious census taken in 1676 shows that of persons above sixteen years of age, there were then in Whitchurch exactly 2,000 loyal members of the Church of England, 12 Papists, and 30 Protestant Nonconformists. At Hinstock there were 160 Conformists, no Papists, 8 Nonconformists.

Fowler therefore needed an assistant curate. One Mr. Booth helped him in 1663, and Benjamin Taylor in 1670. In 1671 Thomas Aston, whose father was vicar of Atcham, had succeeded Mr. Taylor. Booth is said by Philip Henry to have assisted in administering the

¹ Episcopal Act Books, Lichfield.

Holy Communion before he was ordained, an irregularity due to that paucity of clergy and ordinations which allowed Fowler to hold two livings at once. Fowler's last curate was Mr. Richard Ward, perhaps a relation of Mrs. Fowler. These gentlemen would receive remuneration at the rate of £25 to £30¹ per annum. Richard Ward, who was among the witnesses to Fowler's will, is shown by the same document to have had a chamber in the Rectory house, and was to receive half of the Doctor's books. This, after the Polyglott Bible, *Gregory Nazianzen, Wallæus in Evangelia*, and other books to the value of £20, had been sold for the benefit of the testator's widow.

With his thirty Nonconformist brethren Fowler's relations were not happy. The Whitchurch Register shows that on Oct. 9th, 1670,

Joh'es Beard, Radulphus Eddowes, Robt Bennion, Sara uxor sp'dcti Ralphi Eddowes, Elizabetha Yardley, Joh'es Robinson, et Anna uxor Thomæ Chetwood, p'ochi de Whitchurch, palam et publice in Ecc'l'a p'cali de Whitchurch sp'dct' denunciat' et declarat' fuere, esse et fuisse excommunicati, propter eorum manifest' contumacia' et contemptu', pr imprimis autem quia p'ticipes sacræ co'munionis non fuere. Ita testor, Ben: Taylor Curat.

The diaries of the famous Nonconforming divine, Philip Henry, who resided a long time at Broad Oak, in Flintshire, and a short time in Whitchurch itself,² often speak of Dr. Fowler. Thus in 1663, May 17, Fowler "preached concerning the nature and abuse of Christian liberty, asserting ye power of ye magistrate in indifferent things, which is partly to be deny'd in sacriss." June 7, "Dr. Fowler preacht with more plainness and ædification," that is, than a certain chapel minister, whose "matter was scarce visible for words." And so forth. Henry's comments, and he was no mean critic, were for the most part favourable; but his tone changes when he comes to this excommunication, though Fowler

¹ See Lichfield Episcopal Act Books, and De la Pryme's *Diary*, Surtees Society, p. 59.

² Sc. 8 Jan., 1667, to 17 July.

protested he did it unwillingly. The law was made very harsh and severe just then against Nonconformity, not unnaturally perhaps after the bitter persecution which the Church had suffered under Cromwell. Bishop Hackett, who preached at Whitchurch in June, 1665, is said to have disallowed Fowler's action in this matter, and his chancellor absolved the offenders, who ceased not to attend church.

Fowler also offended Henry by refusing to baptize, or to allow baptism to be administered to a child, without the sign of the cross and godparents,¹ and from the date of that refusal until his death, that is, for ten years, Fowler's name is not mentioned again in Henry's diaries.

Besides the evidence afforded by Henry's diaries, and the less critical testimony of his own epitaph, we have at least two of Fowler's sermons extant, to show what manner of pastor he was. Of these sermons one is called "Totum Hominis," and is based on Proverbs xxiv. 21 : "Fear thou the Lord, and the King: and meddle not with them that are given to change." This was a grand text for so loyal a King's man; and the title, though Cicero might question it, shows an acquaintance with the Hebrew of Ecclesiastes xii. 13, where no word for "duty" exists. Another sermon of Fowler's is called "The Properties of Heavenly Wisdom," and was preached at the Assizes in Shrewsbury, and published in London in the beginning of 1682.

This was not very long before death came upon him. On the Feast of Stephen, in 1683, Fowler died, being then 66 years of age, and having been rector of Whitchurch 17 years, and not 22, as falsely stated on his monument.² 1683, Dec. 29, "The Rev. Dr. Matthew Fowler Rector" is the brief entry among the burials in the Whitchurch Register, but his epitaph, which is on the west wall of the church close to his son's, is in a very different style. As it gives some information

¹ Cf. Fitz Parish Register, July 7, 1646 : "The first that ever was baptiz'd in Fitz Church without the signe of the Crosse.

not otherwise embodied in this paper, we transcribe it in full :—

Depositum Matthæi Fowler S.T.P. hujus ecclesiæ / Prope XXII¹ (sic) annos Rectoris vigilantissimi, / Qui antiquâ stirpe in agro Staffordensi oriundus / Familiam suam propriis virtutibus illustriorem fecit. / Academiæ Oxoniensis primum, dein Cantabrigiensis alumnus, / Utriusque decus et ornamentum, / Juvenis adhuc flagrante civili incendio / e collegio Reginensi / una cum toto ad unum literatorum grege commotus / A regiis partibus strenue et fideliter stetit, / Tam animo quam manu fortis, / Ecclesiâ pessumdatâ, Republicâ eversâ, / Rerum tamen summâ a perduellibus occupatâ, / Inviolatæ semper fidei erga Principem, / Intemeratæ in Ecclesiam pietatis, / Utriusque fortunæ illustre exemplum exetit. / In agendo usque impavidus, in patiendo invictus, / Post auspiciatissimum Regis Caroli II^{di} redditum, hanc provinciam / Honoratissimo Domino Johanne Comite de Bridgewater sibi / demandatam / egregie administravit, / Consummatissimus theologus, acerrimi judicii, / Felicissimæ memorie, / oris admodum facundi, / Ita ad omne pastoralis muneric sui officium accinctus, / Ut difficile sit dictu an vivus magis amorem et reverentiam / Suorum conciliaverit, / Vel moriens triste sui desiderium / Post se reliquerit. / Hoc agens, curis, studiis, vigiliis debilitatus, / Demum succubuit / Die Festi St. Stephani Anno Domini 1683, Ætat: suæ 66^{to}, / Letitiae superstes, uxor mærens et memor conjugii, / Merentissimo viro posuit.

His will is at Lichfield, and shows that he left behind him goods and chattels appraised at £831 15s. Of this sum no less than £700 stand under the one heading of " Bills, bonds, and debts." Ten rooms are specified, and their furniture, including pewter, was considered worth £42 10s. Fowler left also linen valued at £8, a " pair of harpsicalls" £2 10s., plate £30, four horses with coach and harness £35, corn and hay £33, cow and bullock £7, books £20, brewing vessels and barrels £3, utensils for husbandry £4, and carpets fifteen shillings. The will is dated 19 Dec., 1683, and was proved by his widow, as sole executrix, 3 March, 1684.

Except some small legacies, Fowler left all his worldly goods to his wife, " acknowledging all too little to

¹ The mistake of XXII. for XVII. would be very easily made.

recompense the portion she brought me in marriage, and the love and care she hath expressed towards me ever since: and not doubting of her frugality in the administration thereof."

In his will he forbad "all encomiums or letters of recommendation from the pulpit;" a good example, yet one wherein he did but follow the Nonconformist Mr. Walter Adams, Philip Henry's "good friend." Mr. Adams had burnt all his sermon notes before his death, and in his will appointed that "nothing should be said of him at his grave." Matthew Fowler was Adams' executor, and "preacht at his Buryal."

Fowler left also £20 "for the putting out of poor boys to prentise," and £5 to the poor of Whitchurch. He was buried in the chancel of his church, and that not in woollen, as the law was, but in linen, as the custom was.¹ Hence the £5 for the poor; for that, or rather £2 10s. to the poor and £2 10s. to the informer, was the penalty. "Either hee thought undergoing the penalty satisfies the law, or hee dy'd in disobedience," wrote Philip Henry, smarting yet under the recollection of the excommunication published by Fowler thirteen years before.

His widow lived in "widowhood of life" till 1701, her will being dated 14 Feb. in that year, and proved 30 April. She prayed Dr. Sankey, then rector of Whitchurch, that she might be buried beside her husband in the chancel, and she left Dr. Sankey two guineas to preach her funeral sermon, besides another £20 for the poor, and divers legacies.

So ended Matthew Fowler and his line, and though descendants of others of his father's numerous family still live, only one branch of the four families of the nephews whom Bishop Roland Lee of Lichfield enriched with plunder from the dissolution of the Abbeys by Henry VIII., yet survives.

¹ Cf. Dela Pryme's *Diary*, Surtees Society, p. 54, note; Burn *On Parish Registers*, p. 117; Waters on *do.*, p. 19; and Dyer's *Old English Social Life*, p. 158.

INVENTORIES OF THE CHURCH GOODS OF
SHROPSHIRE TEMP. EDWARD VI.

(Continued from page 112).

THE following list of the Church Goods of Shropshire is in continuation of those printed in the present volume of the *Transactions*, pages 84 to 112 *ante*. The Inventories for Selattyn, Newport, Diddlebury, Abdon, Stoke Milborough, Moreton Corbet, and Chetton were extracted from the original returns by Miss Auden. The rest were extracted by Mr. W. K. Boyd for the Society.

SELATTYN.

(*Exchequer Q.R., Salop, Church Goods, temp. Edward VI., 8—7, m. 3*).

This Inventory is placed by mistake amongst those of Condover Hundred. The Indenture as to Chalice and bells is printed in the *Transactions*, Second Series, vi., 83.

SELATTYN. An inventory made the xiiij Day of August, by the p'son of Selattyn & ye church-wardens of the same p'ishe, in an^o RR. E. vj^o sexto.

Imprimis a Challice wth a patten p'cell gylt.

Item a blue velvet cope, & a vestment p'teyning to ye same,

wth thapp^r tenauncs p'tenyng to y^o same.

Item A prosyon^l crosse of brasse.

Item A senser of brasse.

Item ij smale bells in the steple.

Item a table cloth upo' the communion bord.

Item A comunyon boke, A byble.

Item ane olde sylke cope.

& ther is det upon the chalice by the old church Wardens whose names be Rogr ap m'edeth & Hughe ap m'edeth nowe being church wardens of the said perish church Thomas ap Rise & Rogr ap John is unc'tayne.

Robert Staney Thos ap Rys Rogr ap Joh' ye stufe ys in y^e Charge of y^e presentars.

HUNDRED OF BRADFORD.
S—2. NEWPORT.

NEWPORT. 27 July 6 Edward VI. The Ynventorye of all y^e goode joelles bells plate and other ornaments of the sayd church by Hugh Ley curat there Robert Barnfeld and Raffe Ecles Churchwardens the xxvij of July an^o R. Regis Edwardi sexti y^o.

Ymprimis one crosse of wood covered wth sylv^r plate persel gylt.

Ytt one challes of sylur p'sell gilt.

Ytt other ij chales the wyche the Kyng's maiestye had at the dyssolutyon of the colege wereof the one belonged to our ladye and the other to mare magdelene.

Ytt one suit of vestements of Rede velvet wth one coope.

Ytt one vestement of blacke velvet w^t a crosse on it of gold wurk.

Ytt on' suite of vestements grene sarsenet w^t one coope wyche belongethe to the same suite in the hands of Richd Carde.

Ytt one course coope of sylke darnde.

Ytt ij course coopes of grene sylk.

Ytt ij blak coopes w^t ymages upon them.

Ytt on' Red vesteme't of ulsted.

Ytt on' grene vesteme't wth flores & Rhydds.

Ytt on' vesteme't of dou'e sylke.

Ytt on' Red vesteme't w^t a coope to the same.

Ytt on' coope of seynt nycholas of blue velvet.

Ytt ij corpores cases.

Ytt on' care clothe.

Ytt iiij grette belles and ij smale belles.

Ytt on' peyre of smale organs.

Ytt iiij towels:

by me Hugh Ley curat

Robert Barnfeld Raffe Ecles churchwardens.

All the said goodes is comytted to the keping of the said churchwardens.

[The Inventory as to Chalice and Bells is printed hereafter in the Series 8--17, m 2.]

HUNDRED DE MUNSLAW.

8—3. DIDDLEBURY.

DYDYLBERE. May 15, 7 Edward VI. Andrew Corbett knight, Rycharde Corewell knyght and Richard Newport esquier, Rycharde Normecot curat, Wyllyam Myntton Ed. Englyshe churche wardens.

Agreement to keep "unsoulde, unstollen and unbelusyd ij bellys, on' chalys of seluer w^t the paten thereto belonging, now yn the p'yche and stepull.

per me Ricardum Normecote.

8—4. ABDON.

[The same commissioners.]

ABDON. May 15, 7 Edward VI. Rycharde Rushetun p'son, Thomas Barber Houmfre. Weye church wardens.

to bellys a chalys of seluer w^t the paten thereto belonging now in the p'yche and stepull.

Rycharde Rushetu'.

HUNDRED DE WENLOCK.

8—5. STOKE ST. MILBOROUGH.

MYLBORNE STOKE. Ap. 2, 1549, 6 Edward VI.

In primes one chalice with the paten of sylver.

Item ij candylstekes of maslene.

Item one crosse of maslen.

Item one censer of maslene.

Item one paxe of maslene.

Item ij tabell clothes one of dyaper the owther of flaxen clothe.

Item iij towelles ij of theme of flaxen & one of them of dyaper.

Item iij vestementes ij of theme whyte ffustyan & the thred blew chamlet.

Item one cantelope of grene Saten sypers.

Item iij belles hanging in the steple.

Presented by Thomas Harrynton vicar of Stoke Aforseide Phelype Meredythe, Phelepe Browne churche wardens John Byshope John Myredythe Edward Besshope per reshenars.

[In custody of the presentors.]

HUNDRED DE BRADFORD NORTH.

8—6. MORETON CORBET.

MORETON CORBET. May 3, 7 Edward 6. And, Corbett, Richard Maynwaryng knights Ryc. Newport esquier.

William Asheley, vicar, Roger Sokett of preston brockhurst, Richard Massy of Moreton Corbett [bound to keep &c.] ij belles one sacarynge bell anl one chales of sylu^r w^t the paten to the same beying at the p'sent remayning w'in the p'yshe churche & steapull of Moreton Corbet.

[Signed by the three.]

HUNDRED DE STOTTESDEN.

8—15. CHETTON.

CHETTON. 10 Aug. 6 Edward VI. William Cowburne [signs himself "Colburne"], p'son, Thomas Fewtrell & Thomas Levington, wardens, Thomas Ferm^r theld^r & Willm Tedstill p'ishn^r.

First one Chales of silu^r.

Itm one coope of tawny seye,

Itm one vestment of bleu silke,

Itm an other vestm^t of white fusten.

Itm fyve belles in the steple.

Itm one other litle bell.

Itm ix litle belles.

[Latin committal.]

HUNDRED DE BRIMSTRE.

8—16. DONINGTON.

DONYNTON. 17 May, 7 Edward VI. Ryc. Hill, p'son, & wardens bond to keep chalice & bells safe &c.

[This is printed in Griffiths's *History of Tong*, p. 244.]

INDENTURES OF CHALICES AND BELLS IN THE HUNDREDS OF BRIMSTREE, BRADFORD, CONDOVER, STOTTESDON, PURSLOW AND MUNSLAW, 7 EDWARD VI.

(*Exchequer Q.R., Salop, Church Goods temp. Edward VI,*
8—17).

The first of the 44 following Indentures, relating to Tong, is printed in full; the others are abbreviated.

m. 1. TONG.

TONGGE. 25 May, 7 Edward VI. This byll Indentyd made the xxvth of May in the vijth yere of the reygne of oure moste dreade soveraygne lorde Kyng Edward the syxte betwyxt Andrewe Corbett Rychard Cornewaylle and Rychard Newport on thone partyee And Robert Foster Roger Wylstone and Henrye Harryson on thother partyee Wyttnessythe that wee the seyde Robert Roger and Henrye do by theese presentes confesse and bynd oure selvys to save and keepe unstollen unsolde and unembesellyd three bellys at these presens remaynyng wþthin the steeple of Tongge and in wytnes hereoff wee have putto oure handes the yeere and day above seyd.

[Signed] Robert Forster.

m. 2. NEWPORT.

NEWPORTE. 24 May, 7 Edward VI. Hugh Ley curet Roberde Barnefylde and Raffe Eckylls cherche wardense.
iij grete & two smalle bellys one chalys of sellver w^t the paten ther te belongyng.

by me Hugh Ley curat.

m. 3. ACTON PIGOTT.

ACTON PIGGOTT. 26 May, 7 Edward VI. [Henry Baxter] Curett John Mathowes Roger Abolde Tho . . . & Richard Mathowes.
Remayninge one Chalice of sylver w^t the patent therunto too belles.

Harry Baxter curat.
John Mathowes.

m. 4. ACTON BURNELL.

ACTON BURNELL. 24 May, 7 Edward VI. Henry Baxter Curatt Thomas Bucknal Raffe Hancockes wardens. Remayninge one Chalice of sylver and gylte over w^t the patent there unto three belles.

Harry Baxter curat.

m. 5. BISHOPS CASTLE.

BYSHOPE CASTELL. 24 May, 7 Edward VI. Hughe Aldewell vycar Wyllm Knott and Watter Renaldes cherche wardense [Remaining] iij bellys one sante bell too chalys of sellver w^t ther patentees ther to belongyng.

Hugh Aldewell.

m. 6. KINNERLEY.

KYNERLEY. 24 May, 7 Edward VI. Wylyam Jonys vycar John ap Gryffth and Wylyam Wylyamys cherche wardense. [Remaining] a belle one chalys of sellver w^t the paten thereto belongynge.

[marks only.]

m. 7. EASTHOPE.

ESTOPE. 24 May, 7 Edward VI. Edwarde Fewtrell and Edwarde Dyke cherche wardense. [Remaining] too bellys one chalys of sellver w^t the paten ther unto belongynge.

[marks only.]

m. 8. DOWLES.

DOWLYS. 24 May, 7 Edward VI. Thomas Oslond parson Thomas Wenyar and George Combar cherche wardense. [Remaining] too bellys one chalys of sellver w^t the paten thereto belongynge.

by me Thomas Oseland parson.

m. 9. STOW.

STOW. 17 May, 7 Edward VI. Watkyn Gittoe Roger Castre. Remayninge thre Belles and also one Chalis of Silver wth a patent.

[marks only.]

m. 10. CLUN.

CLONNE. 15 May, 7 Edward VI. David Mathew vycar Owen ap John Robert ap Edwarde cherche wardense. [Remaining] v bellys one chalys of sylver w^t the paten thereto belongynge.

Owen Jhons.

m. 11. ACTON SCOTT.

ACTON ON THE HYLL. 16 May, 7. Edward VI. John Tewe and Thomas James and Rychard Lewys and John Ja . . . parisheners.

[Remaining] iij bellis one chales of sellver w^t the paten thereto belongynge.

Rychard Lewys.

m. 12. LUDLOW.

LUDLOW. 16 May, 7 Edward VI. Thomas Hopkyns parson Water Semcockes and Wylyam Leddow cherche wardense. [Remaining] vj bellys to chalys of sellver w^t the patents.

by me The^os

Hopkins

Wlt. Barker alias Simeokes.

m. 13. BEDSTONE.

BEDSTONE. 15 May, 7 Edward VI. William ap Tudor parson Griffith D'd Griffyth and Rice Griffith and John Hopton cherche wardense.

[Remaining] to belys one chalice of Seler w^t the paten ther to belongyne.

Willz ap tudr parson Jhon' Hopton.

m. 14. CAYNHAM.

CAYNH'M. 16 May, 7 Edward VI. John Acheley vycher Phelype Weston and John Clement cherche wardense.

[Remaining] iij bellys one chalys of sellver w^t the paten ther to belongyne.

by me John' Acheley.

m. 15. HOPESAY.

HOPSAW. 15 May, 7 Edward VI. John Perkes parson Thomas Brome and Willyam Watars cherche wardense.

[Remaining] iij bellys one chalys of seler w^t the paten ther to belongyne.

John Parkes person.

m. 16. COLD WESTON.

COLLD WISTON. 16 May, 7 Edward VI. Thomas Haryngton parson Ryce Henys John Bent and Wylyam Mawde parysynyrs.

[Remaining] [blank] bellys one chalys of seler w^t the paten ther to belongyne.

Thomas Haryngton.

m. 17. CORELEY.

CORLEY. 16 May, 7 Edward VI. Howmfre Wyllat parson John Hopkyns and Rycher Arsselow parycyonyrs.

[Remaining] iij bellys one sancte bell one chalys of seler w^t the paten ther to belongyne.

by me Humfrey Willat clerke.

m. 18. BROMFIELD.

BROMFYLD. 16 May, 7 Edward VI. John Tayler vycar Thomas Keysell and John Acowde cherche wardense.

[Remaining] iiiij bellys one chalys of Seler w^t the paten ther to belongyne.

By me John Tayler.

m. 19. HOPE BAGGOT.

HOPE BAGGORE. 16 May, 7 Edward VI. John Porter parson
 Walter Fre and Wylyam Wybbe cherche wardense.
 [Remaining] to bellys one chalys of siver w^t the paten
 ther to belongynge.

John Porter.

m. 20. CLUNBURY.

CLUNBURY. 15 May, 7 Edward VI. David Jonys vycare
 Hugh H . . John Wylyam cherche wardense.
 [Remaining] iij bellys one chalys of Sylver w^t the paten
 thereto belongynge.

Dd Jones.

m. 21. HOPTON CASTLE.

HOPTON. 16 May, 7 Edward VI. Thomas Shery parson John
 Kent and Wylyam Waltam churche wardens.
 [Remaining] ij bellys and one chales of sylver w^t the paten
 thereto belongynge.

Thom^{as} Shery parson
 John Kent
 Wyll^{am} Waltam.

m. 22. CHURCH STRETTON.

STRETSTONE. 16 May 7 Edward VI. John Marett parson
 Thomas Walker and Thomas Rauelyngs cherche wardense
 Rychard Beddow and John Heyle parcyonerys.
 [Remaining] fyve bellis one sancte bell one chalys of silver,
 per me Joh em Maret cleric'.
 Thomas Walker.

m. 23. STOKE ST. MILBOROUGH.

MYLBOURNE STOKE. 15 May, 7 Edward VI. Thomas Harryton
 vycar Wyll^{am} Addams and John Meredithe churche
 wardens.
 [Remaining] iij bellys one chales of sylver w^t the paten
 thereto belongynge.

Thom^{as} Harry'to
 John' Meredithe
 Wyll^{am} Adda's.

m. 24. BURFORD, WITH WHITTON AND BORASTON.

BURFORDE w^t the chaplles annexed. 15 May, 7 Edward VI.
 John Taylar parson of the frust portion there John Pe'son
 and William Hall churche wardens.
 In Burforde iij belys A chalys of siver.

Nashe And In the same parashe for y^e chapell of the nashe
ij bellys and for them standyth bownde gorge poton by
thys presens.

WYTTON And In the same parashe for the chapell of Wyttton
ij bellys and for them standythe band Edward Keyri by
thys presens.

BROSON And In thys same parashe for the chapell of broson ij
bellys A chalys of seler and for that standth band
William Wat[y]s by thys presens.

m. 25. MILSON.

MYLSTONE CHAPELL. 15 May, 7 Edward VI. Rychard Luce
parson Howmfre Sym . . and Harrey Wyggemore cherche
wardens.

[Remaining] iij bellys one chalys of Seler w^t the paten
ther to belongyng.

per me Ricu' luce.

m. 26. CLUNGUNFORD.

CLONGONFFORT. 15 May, 7 Edward VI. Thomas Heyward
parson George Makelen and Roger Boore churche wardens.
[Remaining] iij bellys one chales of sylver w^t the paten
ther to belongyng.

By me thomas haywarde
George Macleyn [mark]
Rog' Boore [mark]
churche Wardeyns.

m. 27. ASHFORD CARBONELL.

ASFORDE CARDYNALL. 15 May, 7 Edward VI. Thomas Browne
John Eyton and John Aley cherche wardense.
[Remaining] iij bellys one chalys of Sylver w^t the paten
ther to belongyng.

S. thom^as browne curet.

m. 28. ONIBURY.

ONEBERE. 15 May, 7 Edward VI. Wyllyam Wodde curet
Wyllyam Acheley and Larense Persse cherche wardense.
[Remaining] iiiij bellys one chalys of Seler w^t the paten
ther to belongyng.

William' Wood.

m. 29. HOPE BOWDLER.

HOPE BOWDELER. 15 May, 7 Edward VI. John Massy parson
 John Phelyppes and John Lewys cherche wardense.
 [Remaining] iij bellys one chalys w^t the paten ther to
 belongynge.

John' Massy Clerc'.

m. 30. ASHFORD BOWDLER.

ASFORDE BOWDELOR. 15 May, 7 Edward VI. Thomas Browne
 curet and Wyllyam Colynz cherche warden.
 [Remaining] to belys one chalys of selver w^t the paten
 ther to belongynge.

S. thom^as browne curet.

m. 31. CARDINGTON.

CARDYNGTON. 15 May, 7 Edward VI. Wyllyam Halle vycar
 Thomas Roberdes and Elys Bowdelor cherche wardense.
 [Remaining] iij bellys one chalys of selver w^t the paten
 ther to belongynge.

Will'm Hall.

m. 32. WISTANSTOW.

WYSTONSTOW. 15 May, 7 Edward VI. Francis Bowden parson
 Wyllyam Blocke Thom^as Simeokes cherche wardense.
 [Remaining] iij bellys one chalys of selver w^t the paten
 ther to belongynge.

by me Frau'cis bawdwyn clercke.

m. 33. LLANFAIR WATERDINE.

WATERDENE. 15 May, 7 Edward VI. Gryffyth ap Morgen
 Wyllyam ap Cadwalat' Herry Meredyt cherche wardense.
 [Remaining] one belle and a lytyl bell one chalis of Selver
 w^t the paten ther to belongynge.

gryffyt ap morgen.

m. 34. [?] BETTWS.

BETTUS. 15 May, 7 Edward VI. Mores ap John David ap
 Thomas Folel ap Edward cherche wardense.
 [Remaining] one belle one chalys of selver w^t the paten
 ther to belongynge.

By Morys ap John' curat ibid'm.

m. 35. MAINSTONE.

MAYNSTONE CHAPELL. 15 May, 7 Edward VI. Mores ap Pew
 David ap John' Wyllyam Felyppys cherche wardense.

[Remaining] to belys one chalys of seler w^t the paten
ther to belongynge.

by me mores ap Pew.

m. 36. RUSHBURY.

RUSBURY. 15 May, 7 Edward VI. Owen parson
Rycherd Wykys Thomas Rugdon cherche wardense.

[Remaining] iij bellys one chalys of Seler w^t the paten
thereto belongynge.

by me owen heshe . . .
p'son of Rushebury.

m. 37. STANTON LACY.

STANTUN LACYE. 7 Edward VI. John Brome vyker John
Morston & Thomas Sheport cherche wardense.

[Remaining] iiiij bellys one chalys of Seler w^t the paten
thereto belongynge.

per me Joh'ez brome clerke.

m. 38. BITTERLEY.

BYTTERLEY. 15 May, 7 Edward VI. Rycharde Hochk[ys]
curet John Wederbury Ryce Sheperd cherche wardense.

[Remaining] iij bellys one chalys of Sylver w^t the paten
thereto belongynge. Rychard hochk's clerke.

m. 39. SILVINGTON.

SILINGTONE. 15 May, 7 Edward VI. Howmfre Talyer parson
Thomas Addamse Roger Brichynch . . cherche wardens.

[Remaining] to bellys one chalys of Seler w^t the paten.
Syr hw'fry talor,

m. 40. CULMINGTON.

CULMYNTON. 15 May, 7 Edward VI. Mr John Hossyer parson
Thomas Loffelde John Englyshe Church wardens.

[Remaining] iij bellys on chalys of Sylver w^t the paten
thereto belongynge.

per me Johane hossyer Rector ib'.

m. 41. NEEN SOLARS.

NENESELLER', 15 May, 7 Edward VI. Rychard Luce Rychard
Foxe and Gylberde Awyre cherche wardense.

[Remaining] iij bellys on chalys of Sylver w^t the paten
thereto belongynge

per me Ricu' luce.

m. 42. [?] HOLGATE.

HAGAT. 15 May, 7 Edward VI. Mores Monyngton parson
 Thomas Legge and Elysse Fewterar cherche wardense.
 [Remaining] to bellys on chalys of Sylver w^t the paten
 ther to belongyng.

P' morys monyngton' p'son.

m. 43. CLEE ST. MARGARET'S.

SENTE MARGRETT'S CLE. 15 May, 7 Edward VI. Thomas
 Standyche parson Roger Baly Rychard Smythe cherche
 wardense.

[Remaining] to bellys on chalys of Selver w^t the paten
 thereto belongyng. *

thomas standys the parson,

m. 44. GREET.

GRET. 15 May, 7 Edward VI. Thomas Estop Thomas Dyxson
 and Thomas Jukys cherche wardense.

[Remaining] to bellys on chalys of Selver w^t the paten
 ther to belongyng.

per me thomā Estop'.

8—18. HUNDRED OF MUNSLAW.

KINLET.

KYNLETT. 17 May, 7 Edward VI. Alen Olyve vycar Howmfre
 Draper and Edwarde Nycolas Churche wardens.

[Remaining] iiiij bellys on sante bell one chalys of sylver
 wythe the paten' there unto belonging.

per me Alanū Oliff.

8—19. LIBERTIES OF SHREWSBURY.

HANWOOD.

[HANWOOD]. The Invvtorye of the parishe of Hanwood pre-
 sentyd by dd' coyd' clarke Roger Onslow Rychard madox.
 Item Inp'm^s one chalys of Sylver weyng viij ownces one crosse
 of coper a . . ysse mater of tynne a shepp of coper w^t a
 sencer of coper [a] pyxt of coper ij cruyttys ij candyll
 styckys of coper ij awter clothys one corppresse cace w^t a
 corppresse iiij vestmenses ij of grene Sylke ij of cruylle w^t

one cowpe of silke ij bannerys of clothe one s^rples of the
 wyche vestmentys ther belongyth ij albes ij bellys,
 by me dd' coyd' clarke
 Roger onslow
 Rychard madox.

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 8—20).

m. 1. EATON-UNDER-HAYWOOD.

YETTUN' . . . 7 Edward VI. Thomas Habur and
 Rychard Lutley pareshienars.
 [Remaining] ij bellys one chalece w^t the paten of selvyr
 therunto belongynge.
 Thomas haburley clerke Rychard lutley
 Thomas Jenkes.

m. 2. BERRINGTON.

BYRYTUN. 18 May, 7 Edward VI. Wyllyam Thomas
 Churche churche wardens.
 [Remaining] iiiij therunto.
 Wyllya' proude p'son.

m. 3. CHURCH PREEN.

BRYDDNORTHE [struck through] PRENE. 18 [May 7] Edward
 VI. and Edward Wyke Churche warde[n]s.
 Remayng to
 Rycharde [Ley]

m. 4. HUGHLEY.

HEULY. [18 May, 7 Edward VI.] . . . [John] broke and
 Wyllyam amys cherche wardense.
 [Remaining] ij bellys on chalys of selver w^t the paten ther to
 belongynge.
 Roger stry'gar p'so'.

m. 5. MUCH WENLOCK.

WENLOKE MANGNA. 18 May, 7 Edward VI. Sir Thomas
 Butlar' vyker' R Waltar' Habburley Churche
 Wardens.

Remaynyng one Chalys of sylver iij bellys and a Cloke bell.
 be me Ryc' Wossold' Whalter haburley
 By me thomas botelar' vicar.

m. 6. STANTON LONG.

LONGE STAUNTON. 18 May, 7 Edward VI. Thomas Gower
 vycar Hugh a Wyar church Wardens.

Remaynyng one chalys of silver with the paten therunto
 iij smalli bellys.
 per me Thoma' gower.

m. 7. BURWARTON.

BURWARTON. 18 May, 7 Edward VI. [Thomas] Persones
 curat William Holland and Robert Dunne chur
 [Remaining] two belles and a sant[us] belle on[e chalys of]
 Sylver w^t a paten therunto belonging.
 by me Thomas persones
 by me Wylyam hollond.

m. 8. LITTLE WENLOCK.

LYTYL WENLOKE. 18 [May 7] Edward VI. [Rychard] Fenym'
 curet Nycolas Fayrley and
 [Remaining] on chalys of sylver w^t the paten ther to
 belongyng.
 Rychard Fenym'.

m. 9. BROSELEY.

BROSLEY. 18 May, 7 Edward VI. Wylyam Mychell parson
 Folke Wylkockes Wyll' Adams Church[e wardens]
 [Remaining] too bellys and a sant[us] bell on chalys off
 sylver w^t a paten ther unto belongyng.
 Wylyam mychell p'son.

m. 10. EDGTON.

EGYTUN. 18 May, 7 Edward VI. John Bowdeler curet
 Hughe Brye and Thomas L
 [Remaining] ij lyttyll bellys on lyttyll chalys of sylver w^t the
 paten ther to belongyng.
 [Marks only.]

m. 11. BENTHALL.

BENTALL. 18 May, 7 Edward VI. and
 Wylyam Heynys churche warden.
 [Remaining] won bell one
 by thos botelar' Clerc.

m. 12. BARROW.

BAROW. 18 May, 7 Edward VI. [John Bradley] curatt Ryc' Heley Ryc' Adams wardens Bowdlar parischionars Remaynyng on chal[ys] . . . patent ther unto too bellys. By me John' bradley curat Ryc' heley Ryc' adam John' Mūslow Wylliam' bowdlar.

m. 13. KENLEY.

Chapell of KYNLEY. 18 May, 7 Edward VI. Hugh Bate curet Rolande Madoxe and Wylym Blakeway Churche war[dens] [Remaining] . . . one chalys of sylver wth A patten there to belonginge.

s^r hugh' bate.

m. 14. DITTON PRIORS.

DYTUN'. 18 May [7 Edward VI]. Wylyls Alcoke W cherche wardens. Remayninge one chelysse of Sylver w^t a paten iij bellys Item . . . w^t a Santus bell.

Wyllya alcoke.

m. 15. WILLEY.

WYLLEY. 18 May, 7 Edward VI. [John] Podmore parson Wylyam Henys cherche wardense John corb [Remaining] . . . one chalys of sylver wth the patent therunto . . . John podmore p'son.

m. 16. MONK HOPTON.

LAWLES OPTON. 18 May, 7 Edward VI. . . . parson and John Smalman Thomas Gore churche wardens. [Remaining] ij bellys one chalys of sylver w^t the patent th [Marks only.]

m. 17. MUNSLAW.

MOUNSLAW. 18 May, 7 Edward VI. John [Lyttelton] John Stedeman and John Trowe cherche [wardens]. Remaynyng one chalys of sylver with the pattent ther [to belonging] iij bellys. John' lyttelton . . .

m. 18. RATLINGHOPE.

ROTHYNGEHOPE. 18 May, 7 Edward VI. John Ho Robere Bryght churche wardens the sayd John and Robere etc. [Remaining] to bellys w^t the patent there unto. Marks only.

m. 19. MADELEY.

MADELEY. 18 May, 7 Edward VI. Wyllyam Boenall vycar Harry . . . and Rycharde Strynger churche wardens. [Remaining] iij bellys one chalys of seler w^t [the paten] ther to belongynge.

By me Will'm Bucnall,

m. 20. SHIPTON.

SHEPPTON. 18 May, 7 Edward VI. Jhon' Thomas Haselwood churche wardens the said John and Thomas etc. [Remaining] iij [belly] with the pattent there unto. by me ser Jhon' wood thomas hasulwood,

m. 21. BADGER.

BAGESOR. 18 May, 7 Edward VI. George Baret parson Rycharde Blakemo' and Fransys . . cherche . . . [Remaining] iij bellys on sant bell on chalys of seler w^t the paten ther to belong . . . by me george barrett p'son.

m. 22. BECKBURY.

BECBERE. 18 May, 7 Edward VI. Robert Andros parson John Ho cherche w[ardens]. [Remaining] . . bellys on Sante bell on chalys of seler w^t the paten ther to belongynge. by me Robere An . . .

m. 23. MINTOWN.

MYNTOWN. 18 May, 7 Edward VI. John Home parson Edw . . . and Ry churche wardens. [Remaining] to bellys on lytyll bell one chalys of sylver w John Home p'son.

m. 24. WELLINGTON.

WELEYNTON. 4 May, 7 Edward VI. Humfray Lyghtfoote clerk Wyll^m Dodde churche wardens Hugh ge Chesshyre. Remaynynge iij belles ij chalesses to the same belongynge. howmfre lyghtfot wyll^m steueton george chesshire Wyll^m Dodde hugh Phyllypes.

m. 25. WENTNOR.

George Baker parson
 Wyllyam
 [Remaining] iij bellys on chalys of paten ther to
 belongyng.
 per me georgium bak

[m. 26, 27, and 28 are so mutilated that the places and names
 are gone.]

INDENTURES OF CHALICES AND BELLS, 7 EDWARD VI., VARIOUS PARISHES. 63 SHEETS.

(*Exchequer Q.R., Church Goods temp. Edward VI., Salop.*
 8—21.)

m. 1. WEST FELTON.

WEST FELTON. 9 May, 7 Edward VI. Lewys Wyllyams, parson; Greff ap Edwardes and Harry Fotman, churchwardens.

Three bells; one chalice of silver with the paten thereto belonging.

m. 2. RUYTON-XI-TOWNS.

RUYTON. 9 May, 7 Edward VI. Thomas ap John and Robert Arnwey, churchwardens. Edward Deyes, Thomas Phelyps, Humfrey Ward, John Bedall and John Shelvoke, parishioners. One chalice of silver with the paten thereunto, and three bells.

m. 3. WEM.

WEM. 9 May, 7 Edward VI. John Wyn', curate; John Alyson,¹ and Wyllyam Menlove, churchwardens.

Two great bells; a sanctus bell; a chalice of silver with the paten thereto belonging.

m. 4. [?] LLANYMYNECH.

FLANA . . . ANA. 9 May, 4 Edward VI. Hught Goyght, curate; David ap powel and Meredyt ap gytty, churchwardens.

Two small bells; a chalice of silver with the paten thereto belonging.

¹ He signs his name *Alanson*.

m. 5. OSWESTRY.

OSWESTR'. 9 May [7] Edward VI. John Pryse, vicar, Richard ap R's ap D'd, Nycolas ap Edwards, Arn'es ap John ap Ric', John ap John and Richard Hoskes.¹

One chalice of silver with the paten thereunto; five great bells and sanctus bells.

m. 6. MONTFORD.

MONFORD. 9 May, 7 Edward VI. Harry Tecka, vicar; Roger Ward and John Edwardes church wardens.

Three bells; a chalice of silver with the paten thereto belonging.

m. 7. WORTHEN.

WORTHEN. 9 May, 7 Edward VI. John Bady, curate; John Draper and Roger Bady, churchwardens; Thomas Draper and John Goodall, parishioners.

One chalice with the paten thereunto; three bells and a sanctus bell.

m. 8. SELATTYN.

SELATIN. — May, 7 Edward VI. Robert Staney, parson; Robert apgryff and John apdauyt, churchwardens.

Two bells; one chalice of silver with the paten thereto belonging.

m. 9. PETTON.

PETTON. 9 May, 7 Edward VI. Robert Helyn, parson; Ryce Bromley and William Hodgekes, churchwardens; Randell Okyll, parishioner.

One chalice of silver with the paten thereto belonging; one bell.

m. 10. FITZ.

FITTES. 9 May, 7 Edward VI. Rychard Wilde, parson; Thomas Carter and Thomas Shakeshaft, churchwardens.

Two bells, and one chalice of silver with the paten thereto belonging.

m. 11. LITTLE NESS.

LYTYLL NESSE. 9 May, 7 Edward VI. Thomas Juxson, curate; John Abrame and Rychard Tayler, churchwardens.

Two bells with a cord, and a sanctus bell; one silver chalice with the paten thereto belonging.

¹ He signs his name *Hodgekys*.

m. 12. MELVERLEY.

MELVERLEY. — May, 7 Edward VI. Trystom,¹ curate; John apthomas and Edward apomfr', churchwardens.
One bell; a chalice of silver with the paten thereto belonging.

m. 13. CHIRBURY.

CHERBURY, 9 May, 7 Edward VI. Water Hockelton, John Harys and John Bady, parishioners.
Three bells; one chalice with the paten thereto belonging.

m. 14. NESS STRANGE.

NESSE STRANGE. — May, 7 Edward VI. Thomas Botfelde, vicar; Rychard Rogers and Gryff' Helyn, churchwardens.
Three bells; one chalice of silver with the paten thereto belonging.

m. 15. SHRAWARDINE.

SHRADON. 9 May, 7 Edward VI. Rychard Alett, curate; Thomas Dyosse and Harry Cheley, churchwardens.
Two small bells; one chalice of silver with the paten thereto belonging.

m. 16. LOPPINGTON.

LOPINGTON. 9 May, 7 Edward VI. Jamys Alen, vicar; Rychard Halys and Rycher Fox, churchwardens.
Three bells of a cord, with a sanctus bell; one chalice of silver with the paten thereto belonging.

m. 17. MIDDLE.

MYDELL. 9 May, 7 Edward VI. Wylyam Banester, curate; Humfrey Sergeant and John Ordley, churchwardens; Rycc Gettens and Thomas Downton, parishioners.
One chalice of silver, with the paten thereunto; three bells and a sanctus bell.

m. 18. ST. MARTIN'S.

SENTE MARTENSE. 9 May, 7 Edward VI. Roberd Meredyt,² Rychard apbevan and David apedward, churchwardens. (*sic*).
Two bells; one sanctus bell; one chalice of silver with the paten thereto belonging.

¹ He signs thus:—p' me trystom.

² ? parson. He is the only signatory; but adds no description of himself.

m. 19. LLANYBLODWELL.

BLADWALL. 9 May, 7 Edward VI. Robert apthomas, curate; Robert a[p] David and Thomas Meredyth, churchwardens; and Gryffyth ap yevans.

Two small bells. [One chalice of silver is entered on the indenture, but scored through.]

m. 20. STAPLETON.

STEPULTON. 6 May, 7 Edward VI. Thomas Harreys, parson; Rycher Baker and Dauyt Brasier, churchwardens.

Two small bells; and the silver chalice with the paten parcel gilt.

m. 21. FORD.

FORDE. 6 May, 7 Edward VI. Harry Wyne, curate; John Wyn'e, and Thomas Mere,¹ churchwardens; Gryffith Waryng and John Dax, parishioners.

One chalice of silver with the paten thereunto; and two small bells.

m. 22. SMETHCOTE.

SMETHCOTE. 6 May, 7 Edward VI. Wylyam Yapp, parson; John Parkes and Thomas Boler, churchwardens; Thomas Phelypys, and Yrye[n] Bromley, parishioners.

Two bells and a sanctus bell; one chalice of silver with the paten thereto belonging.

m. 23. ATCHAM.

ATTINGHAM. 6 May, 7 Edward VI. William Cuerton, clerk; Thomas Maddoxe and Robert Cotewall, churchwardens.

Four bells of one accord, with one sanctus bell; one chalice of silver with the paten thereto belonging.

m. 24. HABBERLEY.

HABBERLEY. 6 May, 7 Edward VI. Roger Hynckes, parson; Wylyam Gardener, Rycc' Ryder and Rowland Danes, parishioners.

One chalice of silver with the paten thereunto; two small bells.

m. 25. ACTON BURNELL.

ACTON BURNELL. 6 May, 7 Edward VI. Harry Baxter, curate; Hugh Osburne, & Rauffe Haneoks, wardens; and Wylyam Bockenell.

One chalice of silver with the paten thereunto; two bells.

¹ He signs *Merry*.

m. 26. LEBOTWOOD.

LEYBOTWODE. 6 May, 7 Edward VI. Roger Lewter, clerk; Edward Corbett, gent., and Hught Bergeys, churchwardens. Three bells; one chalice of silver (*the paten* is entered, but scored through).

m. 27. WOLSTASTON.

WOLSTASTON. 6 May, 7 Edward VI. Wylyam Pees, parson; John Bowdler and John Sherry, churchwardens. Two small bells; a chalice of silver with the paten thereto belonging.

m. 28. COUND.

COWND. 6 May, 7 Edward VI. Ryce' Boyden, curate; Harre Crompton and John Benett, churchwardens; Fulke Crompton and John Juk', parishioners. One chalice of silver with the paten thereunto; three bells, one of which is broken.

m. 29. CRESSAGE.

CRESSETT'. 6 May, 7 Edward VI. Robert Tyrvyn, curate; James apthomas and Hugh Basnet, churchwardens; Thomas Mampas and Edward Lodge, parishioners. One chalice of silver with the paten thereunto; (*blank*) bells.

m. 30. PITCHFORD.

PYCHEFORD. 6 May, 7 Edward VI. Roger Otley, parson; Thomas Talyer and Rycherd Br[own]e, churchwardens. Two bells; one sanctus bell. (One chalice of silver, with the paten is entered, but scored through).

m. 31. PONTESBURY.

PONSBUREY. 6 May, 7 Edward VI. Rychard Sutton, curate; Thomas Geandrell and Thomas Jeffts, churchwardens; Roger Edge and Thomas Wylecocks, parishioners. One chalice of silver with the paten thereunto; three great bells and a sanctus bell.

m. 32. CHETWYND.

CHETWEN'. 4 May, 7 Edward VI. Rychard Tarte, curate; Rychard Wyld' and John Bromley, churchwardens; and John Iryshe, parishioner. Ony chalice of silver with the paten thereunto; two small bells and a sanctus bell.

m. 33. WITHTINGTON.

WHEATHENTON. 4 May, 7 Edward VI. Robert Mylwart,¹ parson; Rycherd Smyth, John Poyner, Harre Crane and John Hall.

Two small bells and a little visiting bell; one chalice of silver with the paten thereto belonging.

m. 34. DAWLEY.

DAWLEY. 4 May, 7 Edward VI. Thomas Lee, curate; Thomas Pokle and John Banes, churchwardens.

Three bells; one chalice of silver with the paten thereto belonging.

m. 35. LONGDON-ON-TERN.

LONGDON. 4 May, 7 Edward VI. John Frere, clerk; John Taler and Thomas Taler, churchwardens.

Two small bells; one silver chalice with the paten.

m. 36. STIRCHLEY.

STERCHELEY. 4 May, 7 Edward VI. John Poyner, parson; Roger Poyner and William Dossott, wardens; Michael Foster, parishioner.

One chalice with the paten thereunto, and three bells.

m. 37. PRESTON-ON-THE-WEALD MOORS.

PRESTON ON WYLDMORE. 4 May, 7 Edward VI. Thomas Fox, parson; Thomas Spycer and George Cleyton, churchwardens.

One chalice of silver with the paten thereunto; two small bells.

m. 38. LILLESHALL.

LYLLESOLL. 4 May, 7 Edward VI. Wyllyam Jacson, vicar; John Hawklem' and Thomas Flatcher, wardens; Robert Newale and Thomas Owen, parishioners.

One chalice of silver with the patent thereunto; three great bells and one sanctus bell.

m. 39. NORTON. [? LEIGHTON.]

NORTON. 4 May, 7 Edward VI. Jhon Barnes, vicar; Hewe Leyghton, Harry Tarte, and William Aldryche, churchwardens.

¹ The signatories to the bill are S^r John Worall and Jhon Poynar.

One chalice of silver with a paten thereunto; three bells within the steeple of Leyghton (sic).

m. 40. EATON CONSTANTINE.

YETON CONSTANTYD. 4 May, 7 Edward VI. Thomas Wryght and Thomas Roche, churchwardens.

Two small bells; a chalice of silver with the paten.

m. 41. LONGFORD.

LONGFORD. 4 May, 7 Edward VI. Petur Rychard', clerk; Thomas Pene and Edward Bothe, churchwardens, and Richard Talbot, parishioner.

Two bells; one chalice parcel gilt, with one paten.

m. 42. UFFINGTON.

UFFINGTON. 4 May, 7 Edward VI. Wylyam Bryan, curate; Thomas Powne and Wylyam Roo, churchwardens. Two small bells; one chalice of silver.

m. 43. RODINGTON.

RODINGTON. 4 May, 7 Edward VI. Roger Grene, parson; Thomas Woodwall senior and Thomas Howle, churchwardens; Richard Rowle and Rich Gogh, parishioners.

One chalice of silver with the paten thereunto; and two bells.

m. 44. HIGH ERCALL.

ERCALL MAGNA. 4 May, 7 Edward VI. Thomas Browne and John Geere, churchwardens; John Pullere and Wylyam Cherm', parishioners.

One chalice of silver with the patent thereunto; four great bells and one sanctus bell.

m. 45. KINNERSLEY.

KENERASSLEY. 4 May, 7 Edward VI. Antony Downe, parson; Roberd Chayswaler and John Hereford. Two bells; a small bell; a chalice of silver with the paten.

m. 46. GREAT BOLAS.

BOOLAS. 4 May, 7 Edward VI. John Penson, curate; Holyfer Becher, Fowke Anderson, Roger Broke, Wylyam Scoton [?] and John Lyle.

Two small bells; a small chalice of silver.

m. 47. WATERS UPTON.

UPTON P'VA. 4 May, 7 Edward VI. Roger Henson, parson ;
Roberd Hylton and William Garson¹ the elder.
Two small bells ; a small chalice of silver with the paten.

m. 48. WROXETER.

ROCKSETER. 4 May, 7 Edward VI. Thomas Butler, curate ;
Nicholas Foxsse and Richard Handley.
Four bells ; one sanctus bell ; one chalice of silver with the
paten.

m. 49. TIBBERTON.

TYBERTON. 4 May, 7 Edward VI. Richard Hollynshed, curate ;
John Ockeley and Richard Barker, wardens ; John Podmore
and John Howle, parishioners.
One chalice of silver with the paten ; two bells.

m. 50. EYTON-ON-THE-WEALD MOORS.

EYTON ON THE WYLDMORE. 4 May, 7 Edward VI. John
Gryse, parson ; John Howper and Richard Thorne, parish-
ioners.
Two bells now remaining in the chapel.

m. 51. NORTON IN HALES.

NORTON IN HALIS. 3 May, 7 Edward VI. Richard Wordley,
parson ; William Grosvenor and Roger Cotton.
Three great bells and one sanctus bell ; one chalice of silver
with the paten.

m. 52. HODNET.

HODNET. 3 May, 7 Edward VI. William Marshall, parson ;
John Gratwoode, Edward Barker and John Pole, gentlemen.
Four bells and a sanctus bell ; one chalice with the paten.

m. 53. HINSTOCK.

HYNSTOCKE. 3 May, 7 Edward VI. John Holowaye, parson ;
William Nagynton, Ralph Gerves and Roger Goodale,
churchwardens and parishioners.
Two great bells ; one sanctus bell ; a chalice of silver.

m. 54. CHILD'S ERCALL.

ERCALL P'VA. 3 May, 7 Edward VI. James Dycher, clerk ;
George Bostocke, Thomas Palmer and John Horne.
One chalice of silver ; three great bells ; one sanctus bell.

¹ He signs *Garston*.

m. 55. CHESWARDINE.

CHESWARDYNE. 3 May, 7 Edward VI. Christopher Hunt, vicar; Humphrey Ellartun and Thomas Alpart, churchwardens; and Robert Tatnall. One chalice of silver parcel gilt; four great bells and one little bell.

m. 56. DRAYTON IN HALES.

DRAYTON IN HALES. 3 May, 7 Edward VI. Thomas Ryder, curate; Thomas Colly, John Eccles, Richard Yeton and Richard Webbe, churchwardens. Two chalices of silver; five great bells and two sanctus bell.

m. 57. [?] WESTON-UNDER-RED CASTLE.

WESTO'. 3 May, 7 Edward VI. John Manering, curate; Roberd Felypes and Thomas Downe, churchwardens. Two small bells; one silver chalice, now remaining in the chapei.

m. 58. STOKE UPON TERN.

STOKE UPON TEYRNE. 3 May, 7 Edward VI. William Hill, parson; John Yeaton and Richard Benbowe. Three great bells and one small sanctus bell without a clapper; one chalice and paten to the same.

m. 59. STANTON HINEHEATH.

STAUNTON. 3 May, 7 Edward VI. Thomas Wooda', curate; William Lawrans and James Sotherne, churchwardens. Three great bells and one small bell; one chalice of silver.

m. 60. LEE BROCKHURST.

LEE UNDER BROCHURST. 3 May, 7 Edward VI. William Rolffe, parson; William Grome and John Downe, churchwardens. Two bells; one chalice of silver.

m. 61. ADDERLEY.

ADDERLEY. 3 May, 7 Edward VI. John Nedāhām, curate; John Autte, William Howppe, John Amson and William Ryderre, parishioners. Three great bells and one small bell; a chalice of silver.

m. 62. MORETON SAY.

MORETONSAY. 3 May, 7 Edward VI. Roger Mosse, curate of Moretonsay; John Yeaton and Thomas Eyre, wardens.

Two bells in the steeple; one small bell; one chalice of silver with the paten.

m. 63. WHITCHURCH.

WYCHCHORCHE, 3 May, 7 Edward VI. Ralph Cotton, William Chydlow and John Bradeley, churchwardens.
Two chalices; four great bells and a small bell.

INVENTORY OF PLATE, JEWEL, ORNAMENTS, &c.,
AT BETTWS-Y-CRWN, 6 EDWARD VI.

(*Exchequer Q.R., Salop, Church Goods, temp. Edward VI., 8-21a.*)

m. 1. BETTWS-Y-CRWN.

BETTHOWSE. Inventory of ornaments made 11 August, 6 Edward VI., by John Lloyd,¹ gent., farmer there, Meyryk Kadogan and David ap Themas, wardens there.
One bell; a sacryng bell; a chalice and paten of silver; a cope of white silk; a white alb; two surplices, one for the curate and one for the deacon; two table cloths of linen a towel; a "pyxt of masklyn;" a cruet of pewter.

CERTIFICATE FROM THE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE OF CO. SALOP, TO EDWARD DUKE OF SOMERSET, PROTECTOR, AND THE PRIVY COUNSEL, OF THE PLATE AND BELLS WITHIN EVERY CHURCH AND CHAPEL IN CO. SALOP, 2 June, 3 [? 7] Edward VI.

(*Exchequer Q.R., Salop, Church Goods temp. Edward VI., 8-22.*)

This Certificate, which contains 15 sheets or membranes, relates to the plate and bells in the Hundreds of Munslow, Stottesden, Brimstree, Bradford (part), Purslow, Clun, and Chirbury, Condover, Ford, and Oswestry. It is probably an abstract made from the returns given in by the parsons and churchwardens. The date is clearly given as 2 June iij Edward VI., but I conjecture that the year really was vij Edward VI., as the returns were mostly made in May, 1553.

¹ He signs *John D'd Lloyd.*

m. 1. A sertyfycath maid the seconde of June a^o Ed'd sexti iij^o from the Justices of the Peas of the com' of Salop to the right hon'able and mighty prince Edward duke of Sumersed Governo^r of the King^g Maiesties p'son protector^r and defendor^r of the whoole estate of england and the domynyons of the same, and to all others the right hon'able lord^r and masters of the king^g maiesties preueye Counsaill^r an abstrack or abredgement of all such plate and belles wthih eu'y church and chappell wthin the com' of Salop forsayd, taken and veued by the sayd Justices according to the king^g maiesties most hon'able l'res of comyssion to the sayd Justices adressed for thaccompleshm^t hereof and alsoe in all other p'seding according to the sayd comyssion according to their [bo]wden duties.

m. 2. HUNDRED OF MUNSLAW.

HUNDRED OF [MUNS]LOW IN SALOP. The extract or abredgement of all bells and plate wthin all the churches and chapels of the hundred aforsayd being allotted lymettet and appoynted unto Richard Cornewayll^r Richard Wallwyn and Thomas Vernon^r esquiers Comyssion's for that partie auctorysed made and taken by the sayd comyssion's of all thenventoryes made and p'sented by all the p'sons vycars or curat^r churche wardens and other honest men of eu'y of the sayd p'ishes herafter p'tyculary ensuyng.

STOKESAY.

STOKESAY. oon chalys of sylver wth a patent and too grett bell of oon' accord.

RUSHBURY.

RUSSHBERY. oon chalyes of sylver wth a patent and iij bells of oon accord.

LUDLOW.

ST. LAWRENCE IN LUDLOWE. fyve bells of oon' accord oon bell calied the comō bell too chaly^r gilt wth patent^r oon pyx of sylver a cross of wood plated wth sylver and a crismatorye of sylver.

ABDON.

ABTON. too bell of accord and ix bells upon oon whele and oon chalyce of sylver wth a patent.

[?]

[Name torn away.] Three bell^r of oon accord^r a chalyce wth

[Name torn away.] ^[?] iiiij bells of oon accord' and a chalyce of sylver wth a patent.

[Three parishes follow, of which both names and goods are illegible or torn away.]

LONG STANTON.

STANTON. [Return of goods torn away.]

[Two parishes torn and illegible.

m. 3. CLEE ST. MARGARET.

ST. MARGARET'S CLEE. ij bells of accord' and a chalyce of sylver wth a patent.

ASHFORD BOWDLER.

ASHEFORD Bo...LES. ij bells of accord and a chalyce of sylver p'cell gylt wth a patent.

MILSON.

MYLSTON'. iiij bells of oon accord' and a chalyce of sylver wth a patent p'cell gylt.

HOPE BOWDLER.

HOPE BOWDELER. iiij bells of oon accord and a chalyce p'cell gylt wth a patent.

TUGFORD.

TUGGFORD. iiij grett bells of a chalyce sylver.

CARDINGTON, HALFORD, GREET, DIDDLEBURY, NEEN SOLARS, STANTON LACY, CHURCH STRETTON, AND EATON.

[The record of the goods of the following parishes is torn away viz.:—CARDINGTON, HAWFORD, GREATTE, DYDDULBURY, NYNE SOLLERS, STANTON LACY, STRETTON, and ETON.]

m. 4. MADELEY.

MADELY. patent p'cell gylt, of sylver p'cell gylt.

HUGHLEY.

HUGH[LEIGHE]. ij bells of accord' and a chalyce w^t a paten,
of sylver.

BROSELEY.

BROSELEY. ij bells of accord and a chalyce w^t a patent of
sylver.

BARROW.

BARROWE CHAPEL. ij bells of accord' and a chalyce w^t a patent
of sylver.

HUNDRED OF STOTTESDEN.

HUNDRED OF STOTESDON. The extract or brydgement of all
the bells and plate w^t in all the churches and chapells of the
hund aforsayd being allotted lymytted and
appoyneted to Wyllyam Gatacree John Corbett and Humfrey
Lea esquyers Comyssiohers for that p'tye auctorised made
and taiken by the sayd Comyssioners of all thenventoryes
made and p'sented by all the p'sons vycars or Curat' churche
wardens and other honest men of eu'y of the sayd p'ishes
heraftre p'ticulary ensuyng.

ST. LEONARD, BRIDGNORTH.

ST. LEONARD IN BRYDGENORTH. Fyve bells of oon' accord too
chalyce' of sylver p'cell.

QUATFORD [OR ? QUATT.]

QUATFORD. iij bells of accord' and a chalyce w^t a patent of
sylver.

[?] GLAZELEY.

GLA . . LEY. Too bells of accord and a chalyce w^t a patent of
sylver bytwen' them and Deuxyll.

ASTLEY ABBOTTS.

ASTELEY. iij bells of accord' and a chalyce w^t a patent
p'cell gylt.

m. 5. WHEATHILL.

WHETEHYLL. Two bells of accord' and a chalyce w^t a patent
of sylu'.

MORVILLE.

MORFELD. Foure bells of accord' and a chalyce w^t a patent
of sylu'.

BILLINGSLEY.

BYLLYNGSLEY. too bells of accord' and a chalyce wth a patent of sylver.

CORELY.

CORELEY. iij bells of accord', and a chalyce w^t a patent and a ppxe of silu'.

MIDDLETON SCRIVEN.

MYDDELT... too bells of accord' and a chalice wth a patent of sylver.

OLDBURY.

OLDBERY. three bells of accord' a chalis of sylver w^t a patent p'cell gilt.

CHETTON.

CHE[TT]ON. fyve bells of accord' and ix lytle bells a chalyce w^t a patent of sylver.

BURWARTON.

BURWARTON. too bells of accord' a chalice wth a patent of sylver.

CAYNHAM.

CAYNHAM. three bells of accord and a chalyce wth a patent of sylver.

HIGHLEY.

HYGLEY. foure bells of accord a chalyce wth a patent of sylver.

SIDBURY.

SUDBURY. too bells of Accord & a chalyce of sylver wthout a patent.

NEEN SAVAGE.

NYEN SAVAGE. three bells a chalyce of sylver w^t a patent.

STOTTESDEN.

STOTESDON. foure bells of accord' and a lytle bell and a chalyce wth a patent of sylu'.

QUATFORD.

QUATFORD. foure bells of accord vj lyttell bells [a] chalyce wth a of sylver.

TASLEY.

TASLEY. of accord and a chalyce wth a patent of sylver.

m. 6. ALVELEY.

ALVELEY. [Record entirely torn away.]

HOPTON WAFERS.

WATERS HOPTON. accord and a patent of sylv'.

HOPE BAGGOT.

HOPE BAGARD. too bells of accord and a chalyce wth a patent of sylv'.

ASTON BOTTERELL.

BOTTRELL ASTON. three bells of accord' and ix lyttell bells a chalyce w^t a patent of sylver.

KINLET.

KYNLETT. foure bells of accord' a chalice wth a patent of sylver

SHEINTON.

SHEYTON. three bells of oon' a chalyce w^t a patent sylver and gilt.

CLEOBURY NORTH.

NORTHE CLEOBURY. too bells of accord' and a chalyce wth a patent of silver.

NEENTON.

NYNETON. too bells of accord' and a chalice of sylver w^t a patent.

CLEOBURY MORTIMER.

MORTYMER CLEOBURY. of accord' and too w^t too patent' of sylver.

UPTON CRESSETT.

UPTON CRESSETT. [Record entirely torn away.]

CHELMARSH.

CHELMERSHE. foure bells of accord' and a chalyce of sylv' wth a patent.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE, BRIDGNORTH.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE, BRIDGENORTH. foure bells of accord'
and a chalice w^t a patent of sylver and gilt.

m. 7. WORFIELD.

WORFIELD. [Record entirely torn away.]

HUNDRED OF BRIMSTREE.

HUNDRED OF BRYMSTREY. The extract brydgement
. hundred aforsayd being allotted
esquy Comyss' of all thenve
wardens and other honest

HALESOWEN, &c.

[The record for the parish of HALE OWEN, and for presumably
three other parishes, the names of which are gone, is torn
away.]

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PERSALL. foure of sylver.

TONG.

TONGE. three bells of accord' and a chalice of copper and
p'cell gilt.

ALBRIGHTON.

ALBRIGHTON. foure bells of accord' and a chalyce w^t a patent
of sylu' p'cell gilt.

CLAVERLEY.

CLAVERLEY. foure bells of accord' . . . chalyce w^t a

KEMBERTON.

KEMBERTON. [Record torn away.]

m. 8. DONINGTON.

DONYNGTON. [Record torn away.]

m. 9. PART OF THE HUNDRED OF BRADFORD.

Parcell of the HUNDRED OF BRADFORD wythe yn the count' of
Salop. The Extract or briggement of all bellis & plate
wytheyn all the Churcheys & Chappell' wytheyn
of Bradford afforseid as was alloteyd lymytted & appoynted
unto Will'm Chorleton Esquier' comys-

syon' for that p'tye auctorized made & taken owt' by the same com'ission' of all the p'senteyd by all the p'sons viccar' or Curat' Churche Wardens & other honest men of eu'y of as here aft' p'ticulary foloweth.

UPTON MAGNA.

UPTON MAGNA SUBT' HAGMOND'. a chaleys of sylver wth a patten gyld wythein and iij bellis of oone accord to be rogon together.

WITHINGTON.

CHAPEL OF WETHYNGTON. oone chaleys of sylver with the patten gilte withein and small bell' of accord.

WELLINGTON.

WELLYNGTON. iij bellys of oone accord; ij chaleseys of sylu' wth pattens.

WROXETER.

WROXETOR. iij bell' of oone accord & oone oth' bell' called a savnse bell' oone chaleys of sylver with a patten; oone Crosse covered wth the silver.

EATON CONSTANTINE.

CHAPEL OF YETON CONSTANTYNE. ij smale bell' of a coorde & oone Chaleys wth the patten of sylver.

HIGH ERCALL.

ERCALL MAGNA. oone chaleys of sylver wth the patten gilt wtheyn ij bellys and oone broken bell'.

LEIGHTON.

LEYGHTON. iij bellys of accord & a sackryng bell' oone chaleys of sylu' wth a patten.

BOLAS MAGNA.

BOLLAS. ij bellis of oone accord & a sackryng bell' oone chaleys of sylver wythe a patten over gyld.

BUILDWAS.

BYLDWAS. oone chaleys of sylver wythe a patten gilt wythein oone smale bell'.

ATCHAM.

ATCHAM, a chaleys wthe a pattent of sylver p'cell gilt iij
bellys of oone accorde to be rongon to geth'.

WATERS UPTON.

UPTON PARVA. ij smalle bellis of accorde oone chaleys wythe
a pattent of sylver.

m. 10. CHETWYND.

CHETWYN, a challis of silver wythe a paten gylt wythein and
ij bellis of oone accorde to be rogon togethur.

UFFINGTON.

UFFETON, a challis of silver withe a pattent gilt within to small
bell' of oone accorde to be rogon togethur.

UPPINGTON.

CHAPEL OF UPPINTON, a challis but the say the borowed the
same and ij smalle belles of one accord' to be rogon togethur.

RODINGTON.

RODYNGLTON, a challis of silver withe a pattent gylt within ij
smale bellis of one accorde to be Rogon togethur.

PRESTON-ON-THE-WEALD MOORS.

PRESTON UNDER WYLDEMORE, a challis of silver wythe a
patten gylt wythin ij smale bellis of oone accorde to be
Rogon togethur.

LONGDON-UPON-TERN.

LONGDON, a challis of silver wythe a patten gylt wythin ij
smale bellis of oone accorde to be Rogon togethur.

CHURCH ASTON.

ASTON PARVA, a challis of silver withe a patten gylt wythin
ij smalle bellis of oone accorde to be Rogon togethur.

EDGMOND.

EGEMONDON, oone chaleys wythe the patten of sylver p'cell
Gilt' ij Bell' of oone accorde.

TIBBERTON.

TYBBERTON CHAPEL. ij bell' of a Corde and a sackerynge bell' oone chaleys w^t the patten of sylver.

DAWLEY MAGNA.

DAVLEY. oone chaleys withe the patten of silver ij Belles of oone accorde.

LONGFORD.

LONGFORDE. ij bell' of accorde oone chaleys with the patten p'cell gylt.

KINNERSLEY.

KYNNERSLEY. ij bell' of accorde a chaleys w^the the patten of sylver.

WROCKWARDINE.

WROCKEWARDEN. iiiij bell' of oone accorde a chaleys of sylver w^the the patten.

LILLESHALL.

LYLLSHYLL. iij bell' of oone accorde a challis of silu' withe the patten p'cell gylt.

m. 11. STIRCHLEY.

STYRSCHELEY. ij bells of oone accorde and oone challis of silu' wyth a patten.

EYTON-ON-THE-WEALD MOORS.

EYTTON UNDER WYLDMORE. a challis of siluer with a patten wiche the saye the b'rrowed of Mast' Eytton, and oone bell'.

NEWPORT.

NEWPORTE. oone chaleys wythe the patten of Sylver p'cell gilt It'm a Crosse of Woode platyd ov' w^the sylver p'cell Gilt' It'm iij grett belleis and to smalle belleys.
(signed) Wylly'm Charton. Thomas Eytton.

m. 12. HODNET.

HODNET. iiiij belles a S'cus bell too chales of silu'.

MORETON SAY.

MORTON SAY. ij little belles a S'cus bell a chales of sylu'.

HUNDRED OF PURSLOW

HUNDRED OF PURSLOWE. The extract of the hundred' of Purselowe Clun and Chyrbury made and taken of all plate and bells w'in the sayd hundred' by Rychard ap howell and Lewes Jones esquyers comyssyoners thereunto appoyned.

BISHOP'S CASTLE.

BISHOP'S CASTLE. a chales iij belles.

LYDBURY NORTH.

LYDBURY. a chales of silu' gylt w'in iiiij belles of on accord a S'c'us bell.

LYDHAM.

LEDOM. a chales of sylu' ij belles.

NORBURY.

NOREBUREY. a chales of sylu' iij belles of on accord a S'c'us bell ij belles in the chapell of aston.

RATLINGHOPE

ROTHYNCHOPP. a chales of sylu' ij belles.

CLUNBURY.

CLUNBUREY. iij belles of one accord' a chales of sylver.

BEDSTONE.

BEDSTONE. a chales of sylu' ij belles.

EDGTON.

EDGDON. a chales ij belles.

STOWE.

STOWE. a chales of sylu' iij belles of on accord.

HOPESAY.

HOPESAY. a chales of sylu' iij belles of on accord'.

HOPTON CASTLE.

HOPTON. a chales of sylu' ij belles of on accord'.

SHIPTON.

SHEPTON. a bell one chales of sylu'.

CLUNTON.

CLUNTON. ij belles of one accord.

WENTNOR.

WENTNOR. a chales of sylu' iiiij belles of on accord'.

MORE.

MORE. a chales of sylu' ij belles of on accord'.

MINDTOWN.

MYNTOWNE. a chales of sylver ij belles.

CLUNGUNFORD.

CLUNGUNFORD. iiij belles of on accorde a chales w^t a paten of silu'.

m. 13. SHRAWARDINE.

SHRADEN. a challice of sylu' a box of sylu' ij belles

ELLESMORE.

ELSMER. a challice of silu' gylte ij small belles and a gret bell

HORDLEY.

HORDLEY. a chalic' of sylu' ij belles.

BASCHURCH.

BASCHURCH. iiij Challices of sylu' gylt iiiij belles of one accord'
ijij lytle belles in the churche.

LOPPINGTON.

LOPINTON. a challice of sylu' p'cell gylte iiij belles of one
accorde.

FITZ.

FYTTE. a challic' of sylu' w^t a patten iiij belles.

HUNDRED OF CONDOVER.

HUNDRED OF CUNDOVER. The extract of the plate & bells
w^tin the hundred' aforsayd taken and made by
. Adam Otteley and Reynold Wyly^{ams}
esquyvers, comyssyoners therunto apoynted.

RUCKLEY, LONGNOR, FRODESLEY, ACTON BURNELL,
CONDOWER, CRESSAGE, AND KENLEY.

[RUCKLEY, LONGNOR, FRODYSLEY, ACTON BURNELL, CUNDOVER,
CRESSAGE CHAPEL, KENDLEY follow; the record of their
goods is torn away.]

m. 14. [?]

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churches.]

CHURCH PREEN.

PRENE. belles one sacring bell.

ACTON PIGOT.

ACTON PIGOT. a challice of silu' two belles.

PITCHFORD.

PICHFORD. ij belles one challic' borowing.

COUND.

CUNDE. a challic' of sylu' iij belles of one accord'e.

LEEROTWOOD.

LYBOTTWOD. a challic' of sylu' iij bells.

CHURCH PULVERBATCH.

POUDERBACH. a challic' of sylu' a pyx of sylu' ij belles of one
accord'.

BERRINGTON.

BURINTON. a challice of sylu' iiiij belles of one accord'e one
sanct' bell.

STAPLETON.

STEPLETON. a challice of sylu' ij belles.

HUNDRED OF FORD.

HUNDRED OF FORDE. The extract of the plate & bells w'tin
the hundred' aforsayd made and taken by
Adam Otteley and Reynold Wylly^{ms} esquyers comyss^{ns}
therunto apoynted.

PONTESBURY.

PONSBURY. ij challices of sylu' iij belles and a sanet' bell of
one accord'e.

m. 15. GREAT WOLLASTON.

WOLLMASTON CHAPEL. one challice of sylver ij belles of one accord.

ALBERBURY.

ABBERBURY. a challice of sylu' iij belles of one accord' a saunce belle.

WESTBURY.

WESBURYE. ij challices of sylu' a pixe of sylu' a crose of tree w^t litle syluer iij belles of one accord.

HABBERLEY.

HABERLEY. one challice of sylu' ij belles of one accord.

FORD.

FOORDE. a challice of sylu' ij belles of one accorde.

CARDESTON.

CARYSTON. one bell wth a lytle saunce bell.

HUNDRED OF CLUN.

HUNDRED OF CLUNE.

CLUN.

CLUNE. a chales of sylu' p'cell gylte iiiij belles of one accord.

LLANVAIR WATERDINE.

WATTERDYN. a chales a belle

MAINSTONE.

MAYNSTON. a chales ij belles.

BETTWS-Y-CRWYN.

BETTUS. a chales a belle.

HUNDRED OF CHIRBURY.

HUNDRED OF CHYRBURYE.

CHIRBURY.

CHIRBUREY. ij chales of sylver iij belles a chales p'tayng to chapell in the sayd p'ishe.

SHELVE.

SHELF. a chales of sylu' one bell a S'c'us bell,

WORTHEN.

WORTHYN. a chales of sylu' iij belles one S'c'us bell.

HUNDRED OF OSWESTRY.

HUNDRED OF OSWESTER'.

OSWESTRY.

OSWESTER. a chalice w^t a patten of silu' p'sell gylte iij belles of one accord.

LLANYBLODWEL.

BLODWALL. a challice of sylu' w^t a paten; ij belles of one accord.

MELVERLEY.

MEUERLEY. a chalice of sylu' w^t a patten parsell gilte.

KINNERLEY.

KYNNERLEY. a chalice wth a patten of sylu' one small belle.

WHITTINGTON.

WHYTTINGTON. a chalice of sylu' w^t a patten p'sell gilt iij belles of on' accord.

RUYTON-XI-TOWNS.

RYTON. a chalice w^t a patten p'sell gylte iij belles of one accord.

KNOCKIN.

KNOKYN. a chalice w^t a patten p'sell gilt one small belle.

SELATTYN.

SELATYN. a chalice w^t a patten p'sell gylt ij small belles.

LLANYMYNECH.

LLANNAMONOGHE. a chalice with a patte' p'sell gylt ij belles of one accord.

ST. MARTIN'S.

ST. MARTIN. ij chalice w a patten of sylu' iij belles of one accord.

WEST FELTON.

FELTON. ij challices of sylu' iij belles of one accord'.

CERTIFICATE OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE SURVEY OF CHURCH GOODS,
CO. SALOP, DATED 29 MAY, 7 EDW. VI.

(*Exchequer Q.R., Church Goods, temp. Edward VI., Salop, 8-23.*)

[*This document is in bad condition*]

Humbly Certyfyeth unto your Ryght Worshypfull master-shypps Andrewe Corbett George Blownte and Rychard Meynwaryng knyghtes Rychard Cornwayle and Rychard Newport Esquyers Comyssion's to owre sou'ayen lord the kynge the Countie of Salop amonge other assignid' Wheare we have receyved the kinges ma'ties l'res of Com'yssion (*decayed*) Ryght hon'able Wylly'm Erie of Pembrok' lorde Presydent of the King' mat' Counsayll wythin the Pryncypalyte of Wales adressed [au]lectoris . . . us v iiiij^{or} or iij of us by the same for the accomplishment of hys highnes pleasure concernyng the furniture of all Churches Chappelles Guyldes Brotherhead' Faternytes & Cumpanyes w'in the sayd Countie (*decayed*) mete for thadmynistrac'on of the holye Comunyen in eu'y of the same and auctorisyng us also to leave or cause to be lefte in eu'y Cathedrall or Colle (*decayed*) ben remeyning Too Chaleces of Syluer by or dyscrec'ons and in other greate p'ysh Churches & smalle p'ysh churches lesser numbers of (*decayed*) the quantyte of the by owre expectac'on shuld' be thowght convenyent We delyu'ying all such Chaleces or Chalece unto the [D]jeane p'voust Churche-w[arden]s or oth' Mynisters of the sayd Churches & Chappell' by Indenture in Wrytyng betwyxt us & theym under or hand' & seales Wherbye to charge theym & theyr successors with the custodye of the same herafter and further auctorysng us after the honest furniture for the Com'unyon Table & surples or surpleses for the mynister or mynisters in the sayd Churches or Chapell' as by owre dyscrecyon shuld' seme most expedyent to distrybute and geyve frely to the pore people in

eu'y p'yshe whear the said Churches & Chappelles stand & be
 The Resydue of the Ornament' & Implement' beyng lynnyn of
 the sayd Churches & Chappell' in such Order & forme as maye
 be most to the glorie of god and the kyng' ma^{tes} honor And
 after that don' gevyn further Auctoryte unto us v iiiij or iiij of
 us to Collect & gether or cawse to be collectyd & browght
 together all and singuler redy mony plate & jewelles mensyonyd
 & exp'ssyd in the pryur [?] Certifycathes Remayning
 in the custody of the Deane p'voust Churcewardens & other
 mynisters of any of the Churches Chapell' Guyld' Bretherhead'
 Fraternities or Cumpaines w'in the seyd Countie of Salop
 Except such necessary plate as shuld be convenient for
 thadmynistrac'on of the holly com'unyon in any of the said
 Churches & Chappelles and we shuld' cause the sayd som'es of
 redy money w^t conuenyent expedicion upon recepte therof to
 be delyu'ed to the Right Worshipfull Sr Edmund [Pe]ckham
 knyght And that we shuld' cause the said plate & Jewell' in
 like man' to be delyu'ed by Indenture unto the kyng' ma^{tes} use
 to the hand' of the master of his highnes Jewell' howse for the
 tyme beyng And gevyn also further auctoryte unto us fyve
 iiiij or iiij of us to sell to hys highnes sayd use all & syng'ler
 Copes vestment' Alter-clothes & other ornament' what so ever
 they wer Except all Copes vestment' Alterclothes & ornament'
 of cloth of gold cloth of Tissue [?] and cloth of Sylver remeyning
 & beyng w^t in any of the s[ayd] Churches and Chappelles (1½
 lines decayed). [Here a piece is torn away from the right
 hand side of the document, affecting the ends of ten lines.]
 of or hoole p'cedynges unto yo' worshipps in the p'misses before
 the last dey of May in (3 of a line decayed) sou'ayen lord'
 kyng Edward the vjth more at large ap[pereth]
 Accordyng to the purporte tenor & effecte of the sayd Comys-
 syon and taken (decayed) in that byhalfe And for thaccomp
 (torn away) (decayed) Andrew Corbett George Blount and
 Rychard Maynwaring knyghts Rychard Cornewayle and
 Rychard Neweport Esquyers have repayred and travayled
 (torn away) aforesayd Countie of Salop (decayed) places . . .
 convenient & expedyent for the execuc'on of the premisses We
 caused to be browght (torn away) Som'es aswell of redye
 muney plate Jewells (decayed) of Copes vestments alterclothes
 and other Ornamentes that were remayning in any Churche
 (torn away) (decayed) and upon the due Survey therof have
 appoyntyd suffycient Chales or Chaleses to eu'y of the sayd
 Churches or Chappell' for the p'pose byfore mene (torn away)
 quantyte of the same (decayed) of the said Comysson' and the
 same have delyu'd in suche forme byyll Indentyd unto such

able p'sons as be most suffycyent in eu'y of the sayd p'ysshes (*decayed*) And the Counterpartes of the sayd bylles Indentyd have send' unto yowre mastershipps herinclosed accordyngly in the whych ys also mencyoned all such greate [belles &] San'ctus belles as do p'tyculerly remayne in eu'y of the sayd Churches & Chappelles & com'ytted to the charge of the said able p'sons as by the sayd seu'all by[les indented] (*decayed*) appere Further certfyng therupu' that we have dystributed among' the pore people of eu'y of the said p'yshes all such lynnens after the Furniture of the Com'unyen Tables as by the sayd Com'yssyon we wer appoynted to do And that there wer not or be any Copes vestment' alterclothes of any cloth of gold cloth of Tissue or cloth of Silver w'in any Churche or chappell wythin the p'cinct' of owre auctoryte And also we the sayd Andrew Corbett [George Blunt and Rychard Maynwaring knights] Rychard Cornewayll' and Rychard Newport do further Certyfye unto your mastershipps by thies present' that we have caused to be collected and browght before us aswell all som'es of readye money plate and Jewells as also all and eu'y the coopes vestmentes alterclothes & other Ornament' (*decayed*) Churches Chappell' Brotherheads Guyldes or Cunpanies w'in the sayd Countie And the said Coopes vestment' & Ornament' by vertue of the sayd Comyssyon have putt in sale to the Kyng' Mat' use and eu'y p'tycular som'e of money receyved for the same Together w'ih all other Sum'es of (*decayed*) kyng' Ma' was or ys intytled unto by vertue of the sayd Com'yssyon We have caused to be delyu'yd & payed to thuse of or said Sou'aygn' lorde the king' unto the hand' of the Right Worshipfull S^r Edmund Peckh^am knyght by byll Indentyd had and made betwyxt the said S^r Edmu'd on thone p'tie and we the said Andrewe Corbett George Blount Rychard Maynwaryng knyghtes Rychard Cornewayll' & Rychard Newport on' thother p'te The Totall' Sume' wherof amounteth ingrosse unto ij^xvj li' xiiij s' ob' and in lykewise we have delyu'ed and caused to be delyu'ed unto the handes of the master of the kyng' mat' Jewellhowse certen p'cell of plate as Chaleses Crosses pyxes paxes Cruett' & other peces of syluer as by a byll Indentyd had and made betwyxt the sayd master of the Jewellhowse on thone p'tie and we the sayd Com'ysyoners on thother p'tie more at large dothe appere The Certen number of the ownces of all wyche plate wee cannot ascerteyn youre mastershipps For asmoch as dyu's & sundry p'cells therof ys & be nayled Fastenyd & Sowtheryd upon wood & Ierue as doth appere In wytnesse wherof unto thies p'sentes we the sayd Andrewe Corbett George Blount Rychard

Maynwaryng knyghtes Rychard Cornewaylle & Rychard Newport Esquyers have putte owre Seales & Subscrybyd owre names the xxixth day of May in the vijth yeare of the Rayn' of owre sayd Sou'aygn lord Edward' by the grace of god Kyng' of England' Fraunce & Irland' deffender of the Fayth and in erthe of the Churche of England' & also of Irland' the sup'me head.

(Signed) ANDREW CORBETT. GEORGE BLOUNTT. RYCHARD MAYNWARING. RICH'US NEUPORT. RICHRD. CORNEWAYLL.

(The Seals are gone).

The foregoing Certificate shows what was done by the Salop Commissioners with the Church goods and furniture with which they were empowered to deal. It is unfortunate that the document is decayed and torn throughout. In the first place they were to leave two silver chalices in the larger Churches, and one in the smaller parish Churches, besides "honest furniture" for the Communion Table and surplices for the ministers. The rest of the linen was to be given freely to the poor people in each parish. All copes, vestments, and ornaments were to be sold by the Commissioners, and realized the sum of £68 14s. 0½d., surely an insignificant sum from so large a county! The great bells and sanctus bells were delivered to the care of the chief men in each parish. The Church plate, including chalices, crosses, pyxes, paxes, cruets, and other pieces of silver, were delivered by the Commissioners into the hands of the Master of the King's Jewelhouse. The Commissioners appointed by the King to do this work were five of the most prominent men then living in the county of Salop. Andrew Corbet was of Moreton Corbet. He was Sheriff of Shropshire in 1551, and Marshal of the Marches of Wales. He married a daughter of Sir Robert Needham of Shavington. George Blount was of Kinlet. He was Sheriff in 1564, and in his youth served in the French campaigns of Henry VIII. Richard Mainwaring was of Ightfield. He was Sheriff in 1445 and in 1553.

These three Commissioners were all knights. The other two were esquires. Richard Newport was Sheriff in 1552 and in 1558, and a member of the Council of the Marches of Wales. He was of High Ercall, and of Eyton-on-Severn, through his marriage with Margaret, the only child of Chief Justice Bromley. He became a knight later in life. Richard Cornwall was of Burford. He was Sheriff in 1549. He was the father of Edmund Cornwall, the "strong Baron" of Burford.

The Salop Inventories frequently give the colours of the vestments, but throw little light on the seasons when the colours were worn. The *Lichfield Sequence* has been printed in Dugdale's *Monasticon*, and in Mr. St. John Hope's paper *On the English Liturgical Colours*.¹ It occurs in the Statutes of Bishop Pateshull (1239—1241), and is therefore an early one. The following is a translation of this Sequence:—

"On Christmas Day they must use the more precious vestments. In Easter-tide and in the week of Pentecost the ministers use white dalmatics; but the rulers of the choir likewise use white copes on the Annunciation, and on the Circumcision of our Lord, and on all feasts of Blessed Mary, and in the octaves and commemorations of the same, and on both feasts of St. Michael, and on the feast of any Virgin. They use red vestments on both feasts of Holy Cross, and on any feast of Apostles and Martyrs, except St. John in Christmas week; but on the feast of the Epiphany, and on Passion Sunday, and on Palm Sunday, the rulers of the choir use red copes. The rulers of the choir and the ministers of the altar can also use copes of varied colours (*varii coloris*) on the feasts of All Saints and of Confessors, and of St. Peter's Chair, and on the Nativity of St. John Baptist (on his Beheading they use red); but on the day of St. Mary Magdalene, and on Sundays from

¹ See *Transactions of St. Paul's Ecclesiastical Society*, vol. ii., pp. 223—272.

the Octave of the Epiphany until Lent, and from the Octave of Easter (*Pascha*, query a mistake for *Pentecostes*) until our Lord's Advent, according to the will of the sacrist when the office is of the Sunday. But in Advent and Lent and offices of the dead they must use black silk copes. All these things must be modified according to the means of the church."

St. Chad's and St. Mary's Churches, Shrewsbury, in 1552 had white vestments for Lent. For ordinary Sundays, St. Chad's had green. Though white was the common Lenten colour, it is difficult to see why St. Chad's and St. Mary's used white, when the Lichfield use was clearly black in Lent. Inventories of other parts of Lichfield Diocese outside Salop show that the chief colours used were red, white, blue, green, and black, and sometimes tawny and yellow. But there is little to show at what seasons they were used.

Of the *Hereford Sequence* little is known. There were black copes on Palm Sunday, and red for Good Friday, whilst white was used for Lent. Black occurs for requiem in 1539 at the White Friars in Ludlow.¹

It is unfortunate that the Salop Inventories throw so little new light on the sequence of colours in the Dioceses to which Shropshire belongs. The whole of the Edwardian Inventories for Salop have now been printed, and will be of use in adding to our knowledge of Church matters in a most interesting period.

The returns of Church Goods are interesting from the variety of the possessions of the different parishes, and it is a matter of great regret that the lists of so many parishes are not still extant. Every Church possessed a chalice, and generally a paten, of silver, frequently parcel gilt (that at Tong was of copper), and a greater or less number of bells. St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, had a ring of five bells, and two sanctus bells.

¹ For these particulars I am much indebted to Mr. St. John Hope's paper, *ubi supra*.

Holy Cross also had four bells and the clock bell, and Much Wenlock had the same. Chetton and Aston Botterell had nine little bells in addition to those in the steeple, and Quatford had six. At Abdon the nine bells were on a wheel, as is sometimes the case in Continental churches. Each Church also possessed one or more altar cloths. At Broseley there were two of flaxen cloth, at Stottesdon one of diaper, and at Leebotwood the tablecloth was of housewife's making. St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, had five flaxen altar cloths, and two frontals for the high altar, one of green velvet, and the other "party red velvett and black." Selattyn had a "table cloth upon the communion bord," and at St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, four copes had been "broken to make a carpett to the Lorde's table." Towels were also part of each church's equipment. At Clunbury they were of housewife cloth, and at Clungunford of diaper work, while at Stoke St. Milborough two were of flaxen cloth and one of diaper; and at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, there were three of silk, for use on Corpus Christi Day, besides ten of diaper. More than 40 churches possessed copes of various colours and materials, from cloth of gold in the four Shrewsbury parish churches, to green tick in the chapel of Cressage. The Church of Much Wenlock possessed one of red and blue taffetas embroidered in gold and silver, given by the last Prior to the parish, on condition that his body should be met at Buildwas bridge and brought by the parishioners to Wenlock for burial. Possibly the compulsory sale of the cope was held to have absolved them from this promise, for Sir John Baily was buried at Madeley, where he died on Christmas Day, 1553. The greater number of the lists mention the possession of vestments, the usual term in the 16th century for the chasuble. Sir Thomas Butler in the list for Much Wenlock speaks of a "chesabell or vestemente, overworne." They were of various materials, often of "satin of Bruges," or of silk, and sometimes of camlet or worsted. The parish-

ioners of Clunbury had been lent one of black velvet and an alb, by Sir Thomas Ball, clerk, which he claimed in the face of the commissioners. St. Alkmond's, Shrewsbury, possessed four of velvet and silk, each with two tunicles, and there is only one other list mentioning tunicles, that of Lydbury North, where they possessed a vestment of crimson satin with a cope, and one of woven green silk with two tunicles. Many lists mention albs. Hopesay had two vestments with albs, and at Clunbury the albs belonging to the vestment of green satin, and that of red and green mingled, were of housewife cloth. The amice is mentioned in a few cases with the alb, and at Beckbury and Badger the alb and "other things thereto belonging" sums up the amice and apparels. The latter are only mentioned by name at Norbury. At Shipton, Broseley, Stottesdon, and Stoke St. Milborough there were "cantill copes." At Shipton and at Stoke they were of satin, at Broseley of fustian, and at Stottesdon of "cassay." St. Julian's, Shrewsbury, had two "chaunter copes" of tawny silk, and St. Chad's four "chauntry copes," two of which were violet. A large number of churches possessed a cross, sometimes of copper or tin, but most often of brass. The one at Pitchford was of wood covered with plate, or as it is called at Clun, "of tree overheled with silver," and at Newport this silver plating of the wooden cross was parcel gilt, while at Badger and at Grinshill the cross was of lead, at Clungunford of latten, and at Stoke St. Milborough of maslin. At Selattyn it was called a processional cross, but the other inventories leave it doubtful whether it was an altar cross or not. More than 20 churches had censers, generally of brass or copper, but at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, of latten, and at Holy Cross and at Stoke St. Milborough of maslin. Nearly 20 possessed candlesticks, generally also of brass. Those at Chirbury had been carried away by a certain Oliver Lloyd by "virtue of a commission." Battlefield possessed a small pair of candlesticks of latten, and Clunbury had a pair of brass and a pair of

lead, while St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, had two pairs of brass, and those at Stoke St. Milborough were of maslin. Twenty churches gave altar cruets among their possessions. At Edgton, and at Holy Cross, Shrewsbury, and several other churches, these were of pewter, at Eaton-under Haywood of tin, at Pitchford of pounce, and in many places of lead. The smaller churches often possessed only one, and not a pair. A pix was to be found in more than 20 churches. At Hopesay it was of silver, at Clunbury one of copper and another of silver, and at Lydbury North of brass. At Much Wenlock the description of the pix is not intelligible, but it seems to have had a gilt cross upon the top. Lydbury North church seems to have also possessed a tabernacle of brass, the only one occurring in the lists. Several pixes were of maslin, and that at Madeley was of ivory bound with silver. Bishop's Castle had a pix of brass and another of silver, while Clun had one of glass with four feet of silver, and two other silver pixes in pawn with two chalices and a bell, to pay for a law-suit between the parish and their vicar. At Shrawardine there was a box of silver, which may have fulfilled a similar purpose as a pix, and St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, mentions a silver box with a chain to it. St. Mary's also possessed a box, but that was covered with red velvet, and had a small cup in it. Chirbury had a coffer, but that, probably, was a large chest in which to keep the vestments. A large number of churches mention a corporal (corporas) and its case. Several churches possessed two or more. At Barrow one "corporas" was of green velvet, the other of "twilly;" at Beckbury the case was of black satin; at Badger there was one case and two corporals, and at Little Wenlock one cloth and two cases. St. Alkmund's and Holy Cross, Shrewsbury, had each three cases, and St. Mary's six of divers colours. Eighteen churches had sacring bells, and many more sanctus bells. Badger and Beckbury are mentioned as possessing both, but in the indentures of chalice and bells alone the names seemed

to be used interchangeably. Pitchford, for instance, gives a sacring bell on its list, but a sanctus bell is committed to the churchwardens, and in the case of Church Preen the sanctus bell of the list is called a sacring bell on the indenture. Over 30 churches retained their sanctus bells, including two at Market Drayton, and one without a clapper at Stoke on Tern, and Withington had a "visiting bell." A few churches had lamps of brass, and Lydbury North and Hanwood had each a ship for incense, one of brass and one of copper. Six churches mention vessels for holy water; at Edton, Bishop's Castle, and Worthen it was of brass, at Broughton of lead, while at Harley it is described as covered with lead, and at Berrington the lead "off the holy water stock" is mentioned. About six churches also possessed paxes. St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, had two of latten of "antique work," Bishop's Castle had two of glass, and Broughton and Holy Cross, Shrewsbury, had each one of the same. That at Stoke St. Milborough was of maslin, and that of Pitchford of wood, with the "far side of glass." The only books mentioned are a Bible and a "communion book" at Selattyn. Newport, St. Julian's and St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, were each the only possessors apparently of "a pair of organs." Several churches had surplices; Norbury had three, and Pitchford two old ones, but that at Bishop's Castle had been stolen. The one at Monk Hopton was of "linen cloth," but the material of the others is not mentioned. Newport and Worthen had each a "care cloth" for weddings, and the latter church had three "fringes," which possibly were part of the ornamentation of an altar frontal. St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, had an altar cloth fringed with silk and "crule," i.e., crewel. Four churches had each a corse bell. At Stowe it is called a lich bell, and St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, possessed a pall quilted with silk, probably for use at funerals. Holy Cross, Shrewsbury, has on its list of possessions "a lytle chappelle which they use to bury at, beeynge at the townes ende, called

Saynt Gyles chappell," and Harley had a "little aisle covered with lead." Harley was one of the few churches which possessed banners. There were two painted ones there, and four at Madeley, while Worthen had four of linen cloth, and Hanwood two of cloth, with no painting mentioned. St. Julian's, Shrewsbury, had four painted altar cloths, and St. Mary's a "stained cloth for the sepulchre." St. Chad's had two cushions of red velvet and green, and red damask, two pillows of cloth of gold, and three "pillows of the passion," and one old pillow. Ten churches possessed chrismatories; those at Lydbury North and at Hanwood were of tin, and those at Clungunford and at Bishop's Castle of pewter, while the one at Monk Hopton was of lead.

The small sum of £68 14s. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. given as realised by the sale of the Church Goods deemed unnecessary by the Commissioners, possibly is explained by the note found on page 107, of £9 5s. 8d. in ready money having been given to Sir Edmund Peckham, June 13th, 1553, beside a quantity of "cloth of gold copes" delivered to Mr. Sturton by Thomas Pope. A further notice of the Shrewsbury Church Goods is contained in some notes (printed in Volume X., Series I. of the Shropshire Archaeological Society's *Transactions*), written Dec. 20, 1571, by a certain Henry Middlemore. They purport to be information of Church goods detained by private persons. The list begins with the mention of a leaden cistern and pipes on the site of the Abbey, taken up by William Langley, and then states that—

"Thomas Burnell, Bailiff of Shrewsbury, hath forty eight pieces of copes and vestments pertaining to St. Chad's.

"In the hands of William Clerke, of Little Berwick, a chalice, one cope, a little bell.

"Thomas Sturry standeth chargeable with a Chalice belonging to the country parish in St. Chad's in Shrewsbury (i.e. Bicton).

"Richard Lee, Esq., received twenty one pieces of Copes and vestments of Richard Thornes, by virtue of a Commission.

"Richard Thornes hath one Chalice with a cover of silver parcel gilt, weighing 13 oz., also seven pieces of copes and vestments belonging to St. Mary's. Also he concealeth obligacions of £100 made of the Jewels of St. Mary's Church, and delivered by obligacion to divers men of the Parish in several sums.

"William Alowe and Richard Powell detain obligacions of £140 made of the ornaments and Jewels of the Church of St. Chad's, and delivered by several oblications to divers men of the parish."

We know no more of these accusations, but there is no doubt that much of the profits from the spoliation of the churches passed into private hands. In the first instance things were often bought and kept by reverent men, who wished to save them from sacrilegious uses, but much of the spoliation of the 16th century came from the sheer greed of gain always present in lower natures,

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GLOSSARY.

ALB (Aube).—A vestment, generally of white linen, not unlike a surplice, but longer and with tight sleeves. In wealthy churches they were sometimes of velvet or silk, occasionally embroidered.

AMIC.—An oblong piece of fine linen or richer material spread over the shoulders, with strings at the top corners. It was generally enriched with embroidery, and formed a collar. It is mentioned in Anglo-Saxon times as one of the vestments worn at the altar.

APPARELS.—The pieces of embroidery enriching the amice or alb.

BELLS.—See Corse-bell, Lych-bell, Little bells, Sacring-bell, Sanctus-bell, Visiting-bell.

BRANCH DAMASK.—Probably what we should now call brocade. Silk with a woven pattern upon it.

BUSTION.—Mr. Peacock in his book on Church Goods says that this is another form of "fustian," but both words appear in the same Inventory.

CAMLET.—A woollen material of fine homespun worsted.

CASSAY.—It has been suggested that this is a word derived from "écosais," and denotes some form of Scotch material. In the present day a kind of apron linen is known in some parts of England as "brown Scotch."

CANTILLCOPE (Chaunter cope).—Probably that worn by the leader of the choir. The cantor's copes were not generally of especially rich material.

CARE CLOTH.—The cloth, sometimes of silk, held over the heads of the bride and bridegroom at a wedding, or in the Inventories it may stand for "cere cloth," the waxed altar-cloth.

CENSER.—A covered vessel swung by a chain, with the lid perforated, to allow the smoke of the burning incense to escape. In modern days often called a thurible.

CHANGEABLE COLOUR.—Possibly material composed of narrow stripes of various colours, or some have thought it to refer to vestments of one colour lined with another, that could be worn either side. It corresponds to the *vari coloris* of the Lichfield use, and in some of the Inventories of Lichfield diocese outside Shropshire is called "parti-coloured." These striped vestments, which can be used differently for various feasts, are occasionally used in village churches in Italy for economy's sake. The lists speak in one place of a vestment of "divers colours," and describes another as "pied."

CHASUBLE.—Called in the greater number of the lists a vestment. The outer vestment of a bishop or priest during the saying of mass. It was generally of rich material embroidered. One at St. Julian's, Shrewsbury, was of red silk embroidered with gold lions, and one at St. Mary's of blue velvet worked with grapes in gold. It was originally a sort of circular cloak, with a hole in the middle, put on over the head; but in later times was cut away at the sides to give freer play to the arms.

CHEQUERWORK.—Probably referring to the embroidery, or to material woven in a check pattern.

CHRISMATORIY.—The vessel to contain the holy oil used at baptism, confirmation, and extreme unction. A chrismatory of silver was at Ludlow left among the goods committed to the Churchwardens.

COFFER.—Probably in this case the chest in which the vestments were kept.

COPE.—A vestment resembling a large cloak, worn at most of the services of the mediæval Church, except at Mass, when the celebrant wore a chasuble. It was of the richest material the parish could afford, with strips of embroidery (orphreys), and clasped on the chest by a brooch or clasp, called a morse.

CORPORALE (Corporas). The square of fine linen or richer material laid upon the altar previous to the consecration of the Host. At Holy Cross, Shrewsbury, it seems to be called a "hallowed cloth."

CORPORAS CASE.—The case, often of rich material, in which these cloths were kept. Now usually called a burse.

CORSE-BELL.—The small hand-bell rung at funerals before the corpse. It is called also the "Lych-bell."

CROSS.—In the lists probably the cross upon the altar is generally meant, but at Selattyn it was a processional cross. The commissioners left crosses of wood plated with silver at Ludlow, Westbury, and at Newport. In small churches the altar cross was often used for carrying in processions.

CRUETS.—Small vessels or phials for holding the wine and the water used in the Celebration.

CRU-DYSTWERKE.—Probably a mis-reading.

CRUULE (Cruw).—What we now call crewel—fine, tightly twisted worsted. Cruw is possibly the same, though the two words appear in the same inventory.

DIAPER.—Linen woven in a pattern, said to have been made originally at Ypres, but some authorities derive it from "diaspron," the Greek name for diapered silk.

DOMASELL.—A material probably akin to damask.

DORNIX.—Damask originally manufactured at Tournay (Doornick) in Flanders. It was an inferior kind of damask, made of silk, wool, linen thread and gold.

FOREPESCHED.—Probably a mis-reading.

FRINGES.—Possibly ornamentation for the altar frontal or for a canopy.

FUSTIAN.—Woollen material, probably a cloth with a pile, resembling velvet, but not made of silk. Modern fustian is a mixture of cotton and linen thread, and ancient fustian, first woven at Fustat

on the Nile, had a warp of linen thread, and a woof of thick cotton, cut to form a low pile.

HOLY WATER POT, or SINK, or STOCKE.—The receptacle for holy water. The brass holy water pot could be carried, but probably the "stock" could not, and the word may refer to the stoup at the Church door. Whether the "sink" at Clunbury was moveable or not, is hard to say. Being of brass, it probably was.

HOUSEWIFE CLOTH.—Homespun linen material.

LAMP.—Possibly that which burnt before the reserved Sacrament upon the altar, or before a shrine.

LATTEN.—A mixed metal used for monumental brasses and many other purposes. It resembles bronze.

LIGH-BELL.—The same as Corse-bell, which see.

LITTLE BELLS.—The ring of six or nine little bells were probably used in the service in the place of the sacring bell. At Abdon they are mentioned as mounted on a wheel.

MASLIN.—A mixed metal akin to brass. The name is still used in Shropshire for brass preserving pans in a kitchen. The name is also applied to mixed corn, and seems to simply mean anything mixed.

PAIR OF ORGANS.—Organs were anciently spoken of in the plural.

PALL.—Probably for use at funeral services. A pall was generally to be found among the property of a Guild or Company, to be used at the funerals of its members. The "palla," a linen card used to cover the chalice, is of quite modern introduction.

PARCEL-GILT.—Partially gilt.

PAX.—A flat piece of metal, or some other substance, generally engraved with some Scripture subject, which took the place of the primitive kiss of peace. The pax was first kissed by the priest, and then by the laity. It seems to have been first used in England in the 12th or 13th century.

PEWTER.—A mixed metal of tin and lead, formerly very much used, especially as a substitute for silver in Church and domestic use.

PILLOWS OF THE PASSION.—These were possibly used on Good Friday for the ceremony of the "Creeping to the Cross." The *Rites of Durham* mention a "goodly Crucifix of gold, lying upon a velvet cushion, having St. Cuthbert's arms upon it."

POUNCE.—Apparently referring to the pattern. Pounced is ornamented with a dotted pattern.

PYX.—A box or vessel in which the consecrated wafer was kept. In England it was generally in the shape of a cup with a cover, and was not unfrequently suspended before the altar. The priest carried it with him at the Visitation of the Sick, or sometimes a box of silver then took its place. The silver pyx at Ludlow, at Church Pulverbatch, and at Westbury was committed to the care of the churchwardens with the chalices and bells, and a silver box was left at Shrawardine.

SACRING-BELL.—The small handbell rung inside the church at different parts of the service, e.g., to warn people that the Elevation was about to take place. It was distinct from the Sanctus-bell, but the names seem to be used indifferently in the lists. See also LITTLE BELLS.

SANCTUS-BELL (Saunce bell).—The small bell often hanging in a bell-cote at the end of the nave, which was rung at the saying of the "Sanctus" in the service. The sanctus-bell was in many cases left with the chalice and the other bells in the custody of the Churchwardens.

SARCENET.—A thin silk material, originally brought from the East.

SATIN OF BRUGES.—Satin originally made at Bruges. Satin seems to have introduced into England in the 14th century, when it took the place of the earlier "Samite" (a thick silk), for Church vestments.

SAY.—A fine woollen material resembling fine serge; or, as some authorities say, a kind of silk (*soie*). Probably serge is the material meant in the Inventories.

SHIP.—A vessel for holding the frankincense required for the censers, made in the form of a ship, and sometimes mounted on four wheels.

SURPLICE.—The white linen vestment still in use is mentioned as early as the laws of Edward the Confessor. The ancient surplices were very similar to those of modern days, and were put on over the head. It has been suggested that surplices opening in front were introduced when the clergy wore wigs, which did not allow of a surplice being put on in the original way. At Bettws-y-Crwyn mention is made of two surplices, one for the curate (i.e., the parish priest) and one for the deacon.

TABERNACLE.—A receptacle for the pyx, generally in the form of a shrine. Tabernacles were occasionally of stone, and were built in the wall of a church. They occur in Scotland frequently, but rarely in England.

TAFFETAS.—Silken material, probably unpatterned. Taffeta was anciently used for linings, and the word is still used for plain uncorded silk.

TICK.—Generally stout linen material. The modern meaning is the stout striped linen used for covering mattresses and pillows.

TUNICUL.—A garment worn by the sub-deacon over the alb in the office of the Mass. It was often made of rich material. It had wide sleeves, and reached below the knees. The *dalmatic* was a very similar garment, worn by the deacon.

TWILLY.—Probably linen material, woven in the way we call twill, i.e., a web of double thread.

VISITING-BELL.—The bell rung when the priest carried the Host to the sick, by the boy or man who accompanied him. It was sometimes called the "Houselling-bell."

WESTOM.—Probably a mis-reading.

WORSTED.—Woollen material, probably less fine than "cruel." At Clun the "suit for deacons" was of red worsted. Worsted was a cloth of long wool combed straight, as distinct from "woollens," which were woven of short wool and combed rough.

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new,
And God fulfils Himself in many ways
Lest one good order should corrupt the world."

THE CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS OF
UFFINGTON, 1627 TO 1693.

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THE earliest volume of the Churchwardens' Accounts of Uffington is a small quarto book, and is in good condition, except that two or three leaves at the beginning are partly torn away. On the title-page is written "The Churchwardines Booke."

The Accounts for the first year are as follows:—

1627.

The Accounts of Thomas [*faded by damp*] Ashton Churchwardines for the [yere 1627.]

Imp. Layd out at Ester Visitation [for oathes and]					
Articles and our dyners ...	... ...	... ...	iiijs	vjd	
Item for bread and wine at Michilmas Comunions	... ...	... ...	ijjs	x ^d	
Item layd out at michilmas visitation	... ...	... ...	ijjs	x ^d	
Item for Jele money and maymed soldiers at					
Michilmas	... ...	... ...	v ^s	vjd	
Item for tow Communions at Christmas	... ...	... ...	ijjs	x ^d	
Item for Jele money and maymed soldiers after					
Christmas	... ...	... ...	ijjs	ix ^d	
Item for bread and wine on palme sunday	... ...	... ...	ijjs	vijjd	
Item for halfe a pownd of Sope	... ...	... ...	o.	ij ^d	
Item for bread and wine for ester day	... ...	... ...	ijjs	vijjd	
Item for a new paper booke for the to keepe account					
for the poore	... ...	... ...	o.	v ^d	
Item for Cach and lach for the Church gate and a					
kay for the poore mans boxe	... ...	... ...	o.	vjd	
Item this booke Cost	... ...	... ...	o.	ij ^d	
Item for Jeole money and maymed soldiers after					
ester	... ...	... ...	ijjs	x ^d	
Item for 2 booke	... ...	... ...	js	vijjd	
Totu' Sumalis est	xxxv ^s	ij ^a .			

From the accounts for the subsequent years, I only extract those items which are of some special interest.

1628.	Item for tow belrops ...	...	...	...	...	j ^s iiij ^d
	Item for my Charges at Salop about Recu- sants ...	...	...	...	...	[torn off]
	Item for a prayer for the navy ...	...	...	...	o.	j ^d
	Item for oaths & articles at ye Archdeacon Visitation ...	...	...	...	...	ij ^s vj ^d
	Item for delivering up a Copy of ye Register	...	...	...	o.	vj ^d
1633.	Money gathered for the Churche of St Paulles in London owte of the pash of Uffinton ...	...	...	...	...	iijs vij ^d
	Item for goinge toe Shreusberie 2 daies with the money gathered for St Poolis Churche	...	...	...	...	j ^s
	Item for the Our glass and washing the serplis	...	...	...	...	j ^s
	Item for the p'sones pue in Churche and the font lid ...	...	...	...	...	ix ^s
	Item for a booke of the kinges pleasure and pastime ...	...	...	...	...	vj ^d
1634.	Money Collected for the paynting of the Church and making a Rayle and for a new Cover for the pulpit at xx ^d the pownd by the wardnes 1634 as followeth	...	...	...	...
	Imp: Mr Walter Berker esqr. gave ...	...	...	...	...	x ^s
	Item Mr John Young ...	...	...	...	...	x ^s viij ^d
	Item Mr francis Carbet	...	...	...	...	iiij ^s ix ^d
	Item William Twise ...	...	...	...	...	iijs j ^d
	Item John Clark ...	...	...	...	...	iijs j ^d
	Item Thomas Brook ...	...	...	...	...	ij ^s ij ^d
	Item Widdow Symons	...	...	...	...	ij ^s ij ^d
	Item James Heath ...	...	...	...	...	ij ^s ij ^d
	Item John Munslow ...	...	...	...	...	ij ^s ij ^d
	Item Widdow Harries	...	...	...	...	j ^s viij ^d
	Item John Smyth ...	...	...	...	...	j ^s viij ^d
	Item Thomas Wither ...	...	...	...	...	j ^s viij ^d
	Item Thomas Poyner ...	...	...	...	...	j ^s viij ^d
	Item Richard Teese ...	...	...	...	...	j ^s j ^d
	Item John Worthin ...	...	...	...	...	j ^s j ^d
	Item Roland Clark ...	...	...	...	...	o x ^d
	Item William Weston ...	...	...	...	...	o x ^d
	Item William Hickin ...	...	...	...	...	j ^s vj ^d
	Item Richard Morris ...	...	...	...	...	o vij ^d
	Item Owen Evans ...	...	...	...	...	o vij ^d
	Item Houmfrey Bucknall	...	...	...	...	o vij ^d

Item Thomas Dyer	...	...	...	o	vij ^d
So that the whole gathered is	55 ^s	7 ^d			
The Money Collected disburst as followeth.					
Imp' for 4 striks of lime and the carriage	...	...	...	j ^s	vij ^d
Item to John Dixon for paynting	...	...	...	30 ^s	o
Item to Thomas Dyer for the Rayle, and Cover for the pulpit...	...	...	...	20 ^s	o
Item for the Carrage of it downe	...	...	...	o	j ^d
Item for a payre of hinges for the Rayle	...	...	...	o	iii ^j ^d
Item for hanging the beere	...	...	...	o	j ^d
Item for writing	...	...	...	o	vij ^d
Item for a hast for the Rayle	...	...	...	o	j ^d

The sume disburst is 52^s 8^d

So that there remayneth undisburst in oure handes ij^s xj^d

In 1635 the Churchwardens collected money "for
the Covering of the Church."

Mr John Young gave 22^s 4^d; John Roufe, being the gift of
Roland Nevet to the Church, 20^s; William Twise and John
Clark 4^s 4^d each; James Heath, John Munslow, Thomas Brook
and Hugh Symons, 3^s 1^d each; John Roufe, 1^s 6^d; Roland
Clark 1^s 2^d.

And eleven other parishioners also subscribed. There
does not seem to be any account of the disbursements.

1636. Item for 2 books concerning the sicknes ... ij^s o

At the foot of this year's accounts is this entry:—

"Paid by me John Yonge upon this note 7^s 10^d the residue
beinge 2^s 8^d abated because I pay noe Jaole money.
JOHN YONGE."

1637. Item layd out for a booke of homiles ... vij^s
Item Receaved for the ould booke of homiles j^s iiiij^a

A Note of what briffes have bine gathered within the parish of
Uffington this yere 1638.

Imp. one brife yt came out of Oxfordshire for one Jonn Dauby
the sume gathered is 3^s. Aprell 29.

Item one brife gathered the xvijth day of November 1638 for
one mundiford parsspoole for fire in the Countie of Norfoek
the sume Collected is five shilligs.

Item one brife Collected the 12 of Aprell 1639 for one in
lesteshire the sum collected is vj^s.

1638.	Item layd out to John Goodale for killing 12 urchins wthin one p'rish May 20	... ...	ij ^s	o
	Item for mending the Cover of the flagon	... ...	j ^s	o
	Item for the king's proclamation	... ...	o.	vj ^d
	Item for a prayer for the kings maiestye	... ...	o.	vj ^d
1639.	Item for a new doore for the porch the making	... ...	j ^s	o
	Item for lock hinges and nayles	... ...	ij ^s	o
	Item for 8 lagis for the puorch door	... ...	ix ^s	o
	Item for 8 pillars for the puorch	... ...	ij ^s	vj ^d
	Item for a bord	... ...	o.	x ^d .
1640.	Item for two bookees of common prayer	... ...	ij ^s	o
	Item for gayle money and maymed soouldiers at the quarter sessions after Easter	... ...	ij ^s	ix ^d
	This Lewne was after xvij ^d the pownd, soe that my p'te came to x ^s vj ^d , whereof there was abated 3 ^s by reason I doe not pay for Jayle money & maymed soldiers wth them, but in Shrewsbury, soe paid the somme of vij ^s vj ^d by mee			
1641.	Item leyd out to Thomas diar for formes in the Church	... ...	ij ^s	JOHN YONGE.
	Item for sope to wash the Sarpplis	... ...	ij ^s	
1646.	Imp: for our Journey to Maries p'ish beinge there called	... ...	ij ^d	
	For two Covenant bookees	... ...	j ^s	o
1648.	We receaued into or custody from the ould Churchwardens one pewter flagon, one silver cup & cover, a Register booke, a Record of those yt tooke the Covenant, a Bigge Bible, a Cushion for the pulpit, large bookees besides a directorye & a Covent booke.	... ...	j ^s	o
1649.	Itt. paid for killing a ffoxxe	... ...	j ^s	o
1652.	To John Dickson for drawing ye Armes of ye Comonwelth...	... ...	ij ^s	o
	To M ^r Baxter high constable y ^e quart ^r money	... ...	x ^s	o
	Expances at Atcham	... ...	ijij ^s	o
1654.	Itt. for an hourre glasse	... ...	vj ^d	
1656.	Imp's pd. for an hourre glasse	... ...	10 ^d	
	Itt. for a Belrope pd....	... ...	10 ^d	
		... ...	8 ^d	
	In 1656 a new Clock house and Steeple were built:—			
1656.	Imp's for sawing of Timber to build a Clocke house & Steeple	... ...	0 17	0
	Itt. paid to the Carpenter for his worke	... ...	1 0	0
	Itt. pd. to the Slater ...	... ...	0 8	0

				R	s	d
Itt. paid for Lime	...	...	...	0	3	0
Itt. for lathes & casepoles	...	...	...	0	2	0
Itt. for 3 Crest Tyles	...	...	...	0	0	6
Itt. for nailes	...	...	...	0	2	1
Itt. for iron worke	...	...	...	0	1	9

which Jonⁿ Morris pays, 8^d whereof is his lewne besides.

To pay what was disbursed . . . we the Sixemen, whose names are under written did laye a lewne at 2^s the pound, which ariseth to 2^l 11^s 4^d, and a noble for the Crosse w^{ch} is 2^l 18^s 0^d, viz. by

Nathaniell Baxter, George Wall, Hugh Simonds, John Edwards, Tho : Brooke, Edw : Cartwright.

1656.	Itt. for killing of 3 ffoxes in the p'ish	...		3 ^s		
	M ^r Young pd. her p'te for the ffoxxe heads, but the rest of her Lewne to this is unpaid.					
1657.	Itt. layd out for to buye a Cloth to lay upon the Communion Table	...		3 ^s	2 ^d	
	Rec ^d of Mr Hatton for Burying his wief in in the Church	...		6 ^s	6 ^d	
1659.	Itt. layed more out for blotting out y ^e states armes	...		1 ^s	0	
1660.	Imp's layed out for setting up the King's Armes	...		1	1	2
1662.	For the booke of Comin prae, & a booke of Articles	...		0	9	0
	For one surplis	...		1	14	4
1663.	Itt. for Two Actes for observacon of the Sabbeth	...		0	1	6
	Itt. for a Bos for the Pulpit	...		0	0	10
	Itt. for sothering the Couer of the flaggon	...		0	0	6
1664.	For the psalme booke	...		0	3	0
	Item for a booke to the Church for the pros- perity of his Majesties navie	...		0	2	6

In 1665 the church seems to have been new roofed:—

1665.	Imprimis for Two Load of slates and for carriadge of the same	...		1	0	0
	Itt. payd to the workemen for couering the church	...		1	16	0
	Itt. for eight horse Load of lime	...		0	9	4
	Itt. for Nayles	...		0	3	4
	Itt. for sixe Crests	...		0	1	0
	Itt. for ffalling a tree for Lathes	...		0	0	4
	Itt. for the booke for the fast	...		0	1	6

Towardes the paymt^t of the above named summe a Lewne was Layd at 2^s per pound which came in all to 02^l 13^s 00^d.

Itt was agreed by the sixe men that Sammuell Sauadge because he did not hould so much to his house as his predecessors had formerly done should to this Lewne and for the future pay but halfe so much as Zach: Morris and the other 2 liuenige.

		l	s	d
1666.	Itt. layd out for a booke for the observing a fast...	0	1	6
	Itt, pd. to William Smith for the sending up of seaven shillings four pence to London which was collected upon the fast day ...	0	0	6
1670.	For 2 boxes for the Church	0	1	0
	For 1 yeutree	0	1	0
	Received from Mr Kynaston for receiveing...	0	4	0
	Received also from strangers	0	2	4
1671.	Itt. paid to Thomas Bucknall for stocking up the Elder trees in y ^e Church yard ...	0	1	6
	Itt. for a prayer booke sent for the observa- tion of a fast	0	1	6
1672.	For a diall post and setting in y ^e ground ...	0	3	0
	Paide to Samuel Savage for Clerkeship ...	0	5	0
1673.	It. for a booke for y ^e observation of the fast and for y ^e Kings proclamation	0	2	6
	It. for mending y ^e cover for the Cup ...	0	2	6
1675.	Itt. paid to William Smith for a fast booke for observing the 30 th day of Januarye ...	0	0	9
1678.	Itt. payd for the Act for buriall in woollen Itt. payd to William Smith for bringing in the monyes Collected for the repaire of Paul's church	0	0	6
1680.	For selke and making y ^e black Cloth ...	0	1	0
	Itt. for a hearse Cloth	0	0	7
1681.	Itt, given to James Burchall for taking the Clocke in peeces & setting it in order after yt. it had stood a long time	1	5	0
	Itt. given upon the 5 th of November to them yt. did ring	0	2	6
	Itt. given to the Appearator Wm. Smith for a Booke of Articles & a Breife for releife of the Protestants beyondnd Seas	0	1	0
1682.	It. Paid for Ale and Candles for the Ringers upon ye 5 of November	0	1	7

	It. laid out for a booke of directions for y ^e minister	li	s	d
	... ... ...	0	1	0
1685.	It. for railing ye Communion table ...	0	1	10
1686.	It. ffor raileing ye Communion Table ...	0	13	4
	It. ffor a booke for the restraint of Marriage	0	1	6
1687.	Itt. paid to William Smith for a booke to pray for y ^e qeene ...	—		
	Itt. paid to Will. Smith for 2 bookes was red to pray for the prince ...	0	1	0
	Itt. paid to William Smith for a booke was red to pray for y ^e prince of Wales ...	0	0	6
	Collected within the parish of Uffington towards the Relief of the inhabitance of bungay The sume of five shillings.			
	Richard Hoggines, Church Warden.			
1689.	Itt. given to some passengers that came with a passe	0	1	0
	It is agreed on by us six men that noe such thing be done any more in this parish.			

1693.	Item layd oute for a new fute for the flagon	0	1	0
1698.	June the 20. Then was the walls measured, and every ones part agreed of by severall of the parishioners.			
	M ^r Phillips the pales and stile being 10 foot.			
	M ^r Coling next 8 foot. Widd. Hickin 8 foot.			

Eighteen others have their part of the Churchyard fence allotted, to keep in repair, some 6 and others 8 feet. The Churchwardens and several parishioners sign this allotment.

At the end of the book is an interesting list of Briefs on which money was collected at Uffington between 1663 and 1685. The actual years, in which most of the collections were made, are, however, not generally recorded in the Accounts.

1663.	Collected within the parish of Uffinton for the rebuilding of Litchfield Church May 27 th , '63	00	05 ^s	00
	Burman received ye money.			
	Collected within ye parish of Uffinton towards ye rebuilding of ye parish Church of S ^t Maries in the City of Chester ...	00	05 ^s	00

The money was paid into ye Hands of Henry Graycott.
Edw. Cartwright hath ye acquittance.

[After this, the formal parts are omitted.]

		s. d.
	For rebuilding parish church of Witheham, co. Sussex	4 4
1664.	For rebuilding of ye parish of Lydney, co. Gloucester	4 9
	For ye releife of Henry Lisle of Gisbrough in ye North ridding of co. Yorke, Wollen draper	3 1
	For rebuilding parish Church of Basin co. Southampton	4 4
	For rebuilding parish Church of Tinmoth	3 8
	For releife of the inhabitants of Grantham, co. Lincoln	8 0
	For releife of the inhabitants of the towne of Cockshut, co. Salop	9 3
	For releife of David Long of Norrington, co. Wilts	6 6
	For releife of the inhabitants of Bidford, co. Warwick	2 4
	For releife of the inhabitants of Stillingfleet, co. York	6 2
	For releife of ye inhabitants of Sherifhailes, co. Stafford	4 0
	For releife of ye inhabitants of Flookburgh, co. Lancaster	6 5
1666.	For rebuilding of the parish Church of Clun	7 0
	For the repaires of Hartlepoole, co. Durham	5 3
	For releife of ye inhabitants of Warwicke	4 0
	For releife of the inhabitants of Grindle in ye parish of Ryton, co. Salop	3 6
	For releife of the Inhabitants of London who sustained loss by fire	7 6
	For releife of Robert Swindell of Bulchey, co. Salop	5 0
	For releife of the inhabitants of Hexam	6 6
	For the inhabitants of Gisbrough	3 11
	For Great Grimsby	5 0
	For repaireing the towne of Newport	3 7
	For ye releife of John Wareing of Foord	8 9
	For ye ransoming of certaine subjects captives in Algiers	7 1
	For relief of the inhabitants of Fordinbridge, co. Southampton	4 4

		s. d.
	For relief of inhabitants of Bulkington, co.	
	Warwick	2 0
	For relief of inhabitants of Knarsborough, co.	
	Yorke	2 0
	For ye relief of the refiners of Sugar in the	
	parish of Greate all hallows	3 0
	For relief of inhabitants of ye parish of St	
	Martin's in ye Fields, in co. Middlesex	4 4
1671.	For the Redemtion of the Captives taken by the	13 4
	turke	
	For the losses that the poore inhabitants of	
	Oxford receved by fire	3 4
	For the losse of James Perry, of Hinstock, Salop	4 0
	For the rebuilding of ye parish Church of	
	Newent, co. Gloucester	2 0
	For the releife of ye inhabitants of Watton, co.	
	Norfolk	3 6
	For the releife of the English prisoners taken by	
	ye Turke at angiers	5 2
1684.	For the releife of the inhabitants of the Tewne	
	of Runswicke, co. York	3 5
	For the building of the Church in Portsmouth	
	Sep. 21 For ye losses sustained by fire in Charmell Roe,	
	in ye Citye of Westminster	2 0
	Mar. 9 For a losse sustained by fire in Basing Horne,	
	co. Cambridge	1 4
	Oct. 26 For the reparie of the parish Church of St	
	Bridget's, in the City of Chester	3 3 $\frac{1}{4}$
	For the losse sustained by fire in ye City of Ely	
	in the Ile of Ely	3 4
	Mar. 8 For the releife of the inhabitants of the town of	
	Cawston, co. Norfolk	3 0
	April 5 For the releife of the inhabitants of the towne of	
	Staverton, co. Northampton	3 1

It seems to have been the custom at Uffington for the outgoing Churchwardens to nominate their successors, and the choice was, no doubt, confirmed by the parishioners at the Easter Vestry. During the Commonwealth there is a yearly charge of 6d. paid for a Warrant requiring the new Churchwardens to serve their office. This Warrant seems to have been brought from Wellington. There are frequent charges for their

appearances at Atcham and Wellington. Some of them served by deputy.

From 1627 to 1660 there are regular payments for "gaol money and maimed soldiers." In Charles I's reign the assessment was about 2s. 9d. each half-year. During the Commonwealth it rose to 4s. each quarter. The money seems to have been paid at the Quarter Sessions. In 1660 these payments cease.

The Holy Communion appears to have been celebrated at four periods in each year, and there were two Communions at each period. The cost of bread and wine was about 2s. 6d. each Communion. There is special mention of money being received from the owners of Haughmond, and from strangers that communicated. The ordinary periods for Communion were Christmas, Easter, Whitsuntide, and Michaelmas. During the Commonwealth at Easter and Michaelmas, or (as in 1656) "about May" and "about Allhallow-tide." In 1644, 1647, and 1650 there is no payment for bread and wine entered.

The Accounts give us incidental notices of the changes that took place in the church during the Commonwealth. In 1646 the Churchwardens paid 1s. "for two Covenant bookes." In 1648 mention is made of a Directory and a Covenant book, and a record of those that took the Covenant. In 1652 the Arms of the Commonwealth were set up in the church, at a cost of 10s. These were "blotted out" in 1659, and next year £1 1s. 2d. was paid for setting up the Royal Arms. In 1662 a surplice was bought, at the cost of £1 14s. 4d., and a Book of Common Prayer and Articles were also purchased. In 1654, and again in 1656, an hour-glass was bought, at the cost of 10d. An entry occurs as early as 1633 for for the purchase of one.

There are frequent items throughout these accounts of payments for books for observing fasts, for the 30th day of January, thanksgiving books, prayers for the navy, for the Queen and for the Prince of Wales (in 1687). In Charles II's reign these books were purchased

from William Smith, the apparitor. In 1633 the King's Book of Sports was bought.

The annual expenditure of the Churchwardens was usually between 30s. and 50s. each year. The Clerk was paid 5s. for his duties. The money was raised by a Lewn or levy of from 1s. to 2s. in the pound, and partly from sums received from non-resident communicants. In 1650, after the nomination of Churchwardens, is this entry:—"Seene and allowed the 9th of May 1650 by us H. MACKWORTH, TH. NICCOLLS, CRESWELL TAYLEUR." These Parliamentary J.P.'s do not sign the Accounts on any other occasion.

Frequent mention is made of the Six Men, who seem to have had a great deal to do with the government of the parish. They laid the lewns, and collected the money, and decided what exemptions, if any, from payment there should be.

The Barkers and Kynastons, of Haughmond Abbey, and the Yonges of Pimley, are the most important families that occur in these Accounts. The families of Rolfe (Ralph), Munslow and Cartwright, who were frequently Churchwardens in the 17th century, are yet represented in the parish. The Clarks, who were also Churchwardens, were ancestors of several very distinguished Cambridge scholars and writers.

In these Accounts occur no less than 52 entries relating to money collected upon Briefs. The sum usually given is large for so small a population. There are also detailed records of substantial alterations done to the church, such as the new clock-house and steeple erected in 1656, and the new roof in 1635 and again in 1665. The only time when the ringers were paid for ringing the bells appears to have been on the 5th of November.

The following is a list of the Churchwardens of Uffington, extracted from this Account Book:—

1627. Thomas and Ashton.
1628. Andrew Hickin and Thomas Poyner.

1629. John Smithe and Rowlande Clarke.
1630. William Twisse and Richard Morris.
1631. M^r John Yonge and Richard Morris "debbytic," and Owen Evans.
1632. Thomas Brook and John Clarke.
1633. John Munslowe and Thomas Dier.
1634. John Worthin and John Roulfe.
1635. Roland Clark and Hugh Symons.
1636. James Heath and William Weston.
1637. Thomas Wither and Houmfrey Bucknall.
1638. Richard Rennoldes and Thomas Poyner.
1639. Richard Morris and William Berkswood.
1640. Thomas Brooke and John Smith.
1641. "dabitie" Richard Morris for mastar young and owing avans. (Owen Evans).
1642. M^r John Young and Owen Evans.
1643. John Clark and Thomas Brook.
1644. John Worthen and Edward Munslowe.
1645. Hugh Simonds and John Rolfe.
1646. Edward Cartwright and William Weston.
1647. Thomas Withers and John Heath.
1648. Nathaniell Baxter and Thomas Poyner.
1649. John Clarke and John Morris.
1650. George Wall and John Smith.
1651. M^r John Yong and Thomas Brooke.
1652. John Clerk and John Worthines.
1653. Hugh Simonds and John Rolfe.
1654. John Munslow and Samuell Savadge.
1655. Edward Cartwright and William Weston.
1656. John Edwards and Thomas Withers.
1657. Nathaniell Baxter and John Morris.
1658. George Wall and William Tompson "serving for John Clarke his house in this Towne."
1659. Alexander Younge and Thomas Brooke.
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THE editor of the above paper regrets that he has fallen into a mistake in his endeavour to identify Francis Gibbons mentioned in No. 9 abstract (p. 201). He is not the person he is said to be in the foot-note, but a nephew of his. He was the son of Richard Gibbons of Shrewsbury, by his wife Anne, daughter of Humphrey Sandford of the Isle, gent. Nicholas Gibbons mentioned in the same abstract, was a younger brother of Francis. Their mother was certified to the House of Commons as a Popish Recusant. Nicholas Gibbons mentioned in abstract No. 15 (p. 204), is the same person as the one above. The editor is indebted to Humphrey Sandford, Esq., of the Isle, for these corrections.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Annual Meeting of the Shropshire Archaeological and Natural History Society was held in the front room of the Music Hall, Shrewsbury, on Thursday, May 17th, 1900. The Rev. Prebendary Moss (Headmaster of Shrewsbury School), Vice-President of the Society, presided, and the attendance included the Rev. T. Auden, F.S.A. (Chairman of the Council), the Hon. and Rev. G. H. F. Vane, the Rev. W. G. D. Fletcher, F.S.A., the Rev. H. Stokes, the Rev. J. G. Swainson, the Rev. F. A. Allen, the Rev. D. H. S. Cranage, F.S.A., the Rev. O. M. Feilden, Dr. Edward Burd, Captain G. Williams-Freeman, Mr. William Phillips, F.L.S., Mr. J. Bowen-Jones, Mr. H. R. H. Southam, F.S.A., Mr. J. B. Lloyd, Mr. F. T. Blower, Mr. T. Thornes, Mr. J. Nurse, Mr. F. Goyne (Secretary), etc. A large number of ladies graced the proceedings by their presence.

ANNUAL REPORT.

EXCAVATIONS AT URICONIUM TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

The Annual Report of the Council, presented by the Rev. T. Auden, stated that since the last Annual Meeting the Society had lost the following members through death:—Colonel Barnes, Mr. J. Dovaston, Mr. S. Ebrall, Mr. W. H. Hughes, Mrs. Jason, Mr. Folliot Sandford, and Mr. Slaney Eyton. Several of these took a keen interest in various branches of archaeological work, and the last mentioned had for many years filled the office of treasurer of the Society. During the year the Council had had pleasure in assisting several movements of considerable importance to general or local archaeology. At the invitation of Her Majesty's Treasury, a committee of their number had drawn up a report on the custody of local records, especially as it affected the county. They had also been glad to take part in the efforts, under the auspices of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, to save from ruin Langley Chapel, an effort which, through the courtesy of Sir Walter Smythe, was now within view of accomplishment. The Council had also assisted the Shropshire Camera Club by supplying its members with lists of objects in different localities of historical or architectural interest, with a view to the work which the club had begun of making a photographic survey of the county. The subject, however, which beyond others had occupied the attention of the Council had been the movement for further

excavations on the site of Uriconium, which was inaugurated at the Annual Meeting last year. When that inauguration took place, however, it was impossible to foresee the course which events were about to take, especially that a few months would see the country engaged in a war which would absorb the interest and claim the pecuniary help of everyone to an extent unprecedented in the present generation. Those unforeseen circumstances had caused great anxiety to the Council as to the best course to pursue. After careful consultation with the Council of the Society of Antiquaries, and also with Lord Barnard, it had been decided not to press the matter forward till the present difficulties had to some extent passed by. Another year would probably show a different aspect of things, and as soon as the Society of Antiquaries and the Shropshire Council were agreed that the fitting time had arrived, the work would be resumed and, it was hoped, proceed without interruption until complete. (Hear hear.) Meanwhile the Council could only express their gratitude to the many subscribers to the Excavation Fund, the balance of which had been placed in the bank on deposit till required for its purpose; and they ventured to hope that when operations were resumed it would be found that the work had in no way suffered from a suspension which was unavoidable. (Applause.)—The financial statement, presented by Mr. Goyne, showed a balance in hand of £19 18s.

The CHAIRMAN moved the adoption of the report and statement of accounts. They had, he said, listened to the report with great interest, with painful interest in some respects in the loss of so many subscribers, names highly esteemed. They could only hope others would be found to take their places, to show an equal interest in the objects of the Association, and subscribe as liberally to its operations as they had done. Mr. Auden was so good when he asked him to take the chair as to request him to write a paper on some archaeological subject. He had, however, not composed any paper, and must content himself with making a few brief remarks. He always thought they in Shrewsbury ought to take a keen interest in archaeological study and historical subjects. He supposed there was hardly any town in England which abounded with buildings of greater architectural interest and had more interesting historical associations. He had just passed under the archway of the Castle, which took them back to times not very far removed from the Norman Conquest. There was, too, the Abbey with the stone pulpit, which brought back to their minds the time of the Reformation, which must make them all feel deeply sorry that that event in our history was associated with so much demolition and desecration. (Cheers.) What a pity it was that those who had no doubt great objects at heart had not had a little of the same antiquarian feeling which was rife in that room! He always felt a little thrill of emotion when he passed under the little arch leading from St. Mary's to the river, and re-called that scene which must have been presented at four o'clock in the morning some three hundred years ago, when the Parliamentary forces crossed the river and surprised the Royalists in Shrewsbury. It was, however, not Shrewsbury only that had so many objects of archaeological interest. The county itself was not less

rich. There were their charming abbeys of Buildwas and Wenlock, the old castles and churches and the ancient towns of Ludlow and Bridgnorth. He did not know in any part of England two towns of the same size of equal interest. It would, therefore, be a disgrace to Shropshire if its archaeological interest were not keen. (Hear, hear.) But he would go back to more distant times still. How very few places there were within the limits of the British Isles which had any place of such great interest as Uriconium! Spending so much of his time as he did on the conditions and circumstances of the life which spread itself from Rome into the remotest parts of the Roman Empire, he could but feel deeply interested in the progress of those excavations, and he sincerely trusted that the interruption which had unfortunately taken place—he was afraid there was no help for it—might be only temporary—(cheers)—and that before long, under happier auspices than in this year of war and pecuniary distress, the excavations might be resumed and carried to a satisfactory completion. (Cheers.) None could conceive what treasures to the antiquary lay hidden in the soil which was not yet disturbed by the spade. (Cheers.)

The Rev. T. AUDEN seconded the motion. Referring to their losses in membership during the year, he said that while the members of the Society necessarily changed as the years went by the Society itself continued, but it could only continue to flourish by gaps caused by the death of some being filled by others. He hoped, then, that all members and others interested in the work of the Society would do their best to increase its membership. Speaking of the proposed survey by the Camera Club of architectural and historical objects of interest in the county, he said such a survey was exceedingly important, and every record or picture they could have of their antiquities would be of the utmost value as time went on. If members from the different parts of the county would assist in giving in the names of places and objects of interest it would enormously facilitate the work of the Camera Club. Speaking of the proposed excavations at Uriconium, Mr. Auden said it had been a matter of very great anxiety to the Council to know what was best to do. In the end, after consultation with Lord Barnard and the Society of Antiquaries, they came to the conclusion that it would be better at any rate for this year, to suspend the work. He had that morning had a letter from Lord Barnard, in which he said his engagements in London would not allow of his coming to Shrewsbury. Alluding to Uriconium and the suspension of the work there, he agreed that it should be made absolutely clear that, though on account of unforeseen difficulties very little progress had yet been made, the movement was only temporarily suspended, and would be recommenced at the earliest possible date. (Cheers.)

The motion was carried.

THE COUNCIL.

On the motion of the Rev. J. G. SWAINSON, seconded by Mr. J. B. LLOYD of Condover, the following were elected on the Council:—Bishop Allen, the Rev. T. Auden, Mr. W. Beacall, Dr. Calvert, the Rev. D. H. S. Cranage, the Rev. C. H. Drinkwater, the Rev. W. G. D. Fletcher, Captain Williams-Freeman, Mr. S. Meeson Morris, Mr. E. C. Peele, the Rev. A. Thursby-Pelham, Mr. W. Phillips, Mr. Herbert R. H. Southam, Mr. S. Clement Southam, and the Rev. the Hon. G. H. F. Vane.

ELECTION OF AUDITOR, ETC.

Mr. HERBERT SOUTHAM moved, the Rev. the Hon. G. H. F. VANE seconded, and the motion was carried, that Dr. Calvert be re-elected auditor.

On the motion of Mr. PHILLIPS, seconded by the Rev. F. A. ALLEN, Messrs. Eyton, Burton and Co. were elected Treasurers.

The Rev. W. G. D. FLETCHER proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Prebendary Moss for taking the chair. They had in Mr. Moss one who took a great interest in archaeology. Referring to the forthcoming "Transactions," he said they would contain much valuable reading. Two of the papers especially would throw a great deal of light on the history of the county. One paper would be a list of all the things used in churches in Shropshire at the time of the Reformation, which would throw a great light on the interior of the churches at that time. Miss Auden, who had kindly done the first part in London, was going to give a glossary which would contain the meaning of many of the sixteenth century terms for Church goods. (Hear, hear.) The other paper would be some Royalist Sequestration papers in connection with the civil wars. Mr. Phillips had edited some of those, and he hoped Mr. Bridgeman was going to edit the papers relating to his great ancestor, Sir Orlando Bridgeman.

Captain WILLIAMS-FREEMAN seconded the motion, and said as the five hundredth anniversary of the Battle of Shrewsbury was approaching, he hoped a special effort would be made to celebrate that important event.

The motion was carried, and the CHAIRMAN, in reply, said he ought to take some interest in archaeology, being, as he was, the Headmaster of an ancient public school, one associated with some of the most interesting events in English history. A school that could boast Sir Philip Sidney amongst its alumni, and which still had the actual book in which his name was entered, was something of which to be proud. In the time of the Civil War, he was very proud that one of his predecessors suffered for his faith in the cause of Royalty. He was driven out of his position by the triumphant Parliamentarians, and spent many of the best of his years in exile, returning to die worn out by the hardships he had undergone while away. They

had a note-book at the School in which that headmaster had recorded his impressions of the Parliamentarians in general and of the Scotsmen in particular. (Laughter.) He trusted the great occasion to which Captain Williams-Freeman had referred would be duly celebrated in that neighbourhood.

Tea and coffee were served later.

ANNUAL EXCURSION.

THE Annual Excursion of the Shropshire Archaeological and Natural History Society took place on Wednesday, August 1st, 1900. The route chosen was in South Shropshire, on the extreme borders of the county. The party of members left Shrewsbury by the 10.5 train for Ludlow, adding to the number at various stations en route. The way is not devoid of archaeological interest, passing as it does first almost through what were once the precincts of the great Benedictine Abbey of Roger de Montgomery; then under the shadow of the camp on Bayston Hill, where probably Briton and Roman in turn dominated the little valley through which now the railway passes. Further on, through the trees, a glimpse might be had of the Elizabethan Hall at Condoover and its church tower, which tells that even in 1664, men could still build on Gothic lines if they wished. Then past Leebotwood, beyond which, on the slopes of the Longmynd, more than one mound remains to mark the site of fortified dwelling houses of early days, while the camp on Caradoc looks across to its more humble neighbour on Bodbury. Church Stretton, with its old church and modern houses, led on to where Brocard's Castle once stood to defend the dale, on its mound above the green meadows, where in olden days lay the fishponds, which in the 13th century the men of Stretton drained and sold the King's fish. It is easy running down the valley from Stretton, and soon came a passing glimpse of Stokesay, with its memories of Lawrence de Ludlow, and its later lord, the chivalrous Lord Craven. Norton Camp has associations with earlier times, when perhaps the tumuli at Bromfield were newly made. The ruins of Bromfield Priory lie at some distance from the line, and the memory of this cell of Gloucester Abbey is now almost lost in its later history as one of the dwelling places of the Fox family, whose homes at Whittington and at Ludford the party passed later in the day. At Ludlow carriages were waiting, and the party drove through the old town, with its present beauty and memories of past glory, towards Caynham Camp. At the foot of the hill the carriages were left and a start made on foot across the fields, under the guidance of Mr. Fortey. The way led past

the pipe-track of the Birmingham waterworks, which, though at present not an object of archaeological interest, may become so perhaps in time, just as the Roman aqueducts have done. Caynham Camp is of an elliptical shape with a curious square annex on the western end, which Mr. Fortey suggested was probably an adaptation by the Romans of the original British fortress. The steep natural hillside on the north was sufficient defence, but on the south a strong mound and ditch guarded the camp. The party proceeded along the crest of the mound as far as the southern gateway, where a halt was made, and Mr. Fortey read a short paper on the little that is known of the history of the camp. Tradition, mentioned by Leland c. 1530, speaks of a castle having once stood at Caynham, but there is not the slightest trace of buildings anywhere within the nine acres of the enclosure. From the camp the members walked to the church, which is remarkable for its Early English chancel arch. Unfortunately, no one from the neighbourhood was present to meet the party and tell them the history of the restoration, or how far old features other than the triple arch had been preserved in the partial re-building that took place some years ago. The font is apparently old, but has been re-cut, and the tower has well-proportioned Early English lancet windows. The register is said to date from 1558, but neither that nor the church plate was shown.

From Caynham the drive was continued to Whitton Court, where the Misses Mills gave the party a most kind welcome to their beautiful old house. Whitton was for generations the home of the Charlton family, and the present house has been ascribed to Sir Robert Charlton in the early days of Charles I., but part is undoubtedly older. The hall has oak panelling of that date, with a painting of a stag hunt above the fireplace, and some coats of arms, dated 1682. Several objects of interest were kindly shown by Miss Mills, including some panes of glass from the drawing room window with names scratched upon them, and the date 1653. After going upstairs to see the fine specimens of tapestry on the walls of the room over the hall, and admiring the beautiful old furniture in several other pleasant rooms, the party again assembled in the hall, where refreshments had been most kindly provided. A hearty vote of thanks to Miss Mills and her sister for their kindness was proposed by the Rev. A. T. Pelham, and the party bade farewell to Whitton Court, and drove on to Whitton Church, a chapelry of the wide parish of Burford. Here again the party would have been glad of local information from some one living on the spot. The church is of 12th century date, when the Norman style was passing into Early English. The font is a graceful specimen of the latter style. The chancel was built in 1893, when the whole church was restored. The most eastern window of the present

nave shows traces of the same ingenious arrangement of sedilia as was seen later in Greet, which church was the next halting-place. Greet Church is very similar in date to Whitton Chapel, and like it has been carefully restored. The party were there met by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Badger). After various objects of interest, such as the oak mullions of two windows, and the arrangement of the piscina and sedilia had been pointed out, the Vicar took the members across to the old manor house, where they were most kindly welcomed by the mistress of the house, and shown several fine old rooms, and a curious shaft in the cellar which is traditionally said to have aided King Charles II. in escaping from his enemies. An interesting object in the hall was a fine pillion, covered with blue cloth, and an old saddle bag dating from the times when wheeled vehicles rarely passed along the narrow, and sometimes miry, English lanes. The members would have enjoyed more time at Greet, but arrangements would not allow of it, and with a passing glimpse of a quaint 18th century house, with a chimney at each corner and none in the middle, they said good-bye, and drove on to Burford. There, while the horses were rested and refreshed at Tenbury, the archeologists studied the wonderful monuments in the beautiful but much restored church. The curious wooden triptych, with its painting of the "strong Baron of Burford" and his parents, excited much interest; but in this church again the absence of local information was felt. From Burford, the return drive was begun to Ludlow, stopping at the interesting church of Little Hereford on the way, though it is outside the borders of Shropshire. A glimpse was had in the distance of the churches of Ashford Bowdler and Ashford Carbonel, but time did not allow of a visit to either, nor to Ludford by which the road passed into Ludlow. Dinner at the Feathers Hotel ended the day, and the Shrewsbury contingent of the party (the others had not been able, on account of trains, to stay for dinner) arrived at home at 9.47, after a very enjoyable day. Much regret was felt at the unavoidable absence of Mr. Weyman of Ludlow, who was to have conducted the party from Caynham to Burford, but his place was ably filled by Mr. Fortey and Captain Williams-Freeman.

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

December 13, 1899—Rev. T. Auden, F.S.A., in the Chair.

The Secretary laid on the Table a circular letter and two schedules of queries from the Local Records Committee, Treasury Chambers, London, which were read and considered.

It was resolved, that a sub-committee be appointed to further consider the questions asked in the schedules; and the following members of the Council were appointed members of the Sub-Committee: The Chairman, the Hon. and Rev. G. H. F. Vane, Rev. C. H. Drinkwater, Rev. W. G. D. Fletcher, Rev. D. H. S. Cranage, Dr. Calvert, Mr. Clement Southam, Mr. Herbert Southam, Mr. W. Phillips.

January 10, 1900—Rev. T. Auden, F.S.A., in the Chair.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty.—The subject was postponed for further consideration.

It was resolved, that an Index of the Titles of the Papers published in the whole of the Volumes of the two series of the Transactions be prepared, the details being left in the hands of the Editorial Committee.

January 24, 1900—Rev. T. Auden, F.S.A., in the Chair.

A letter was read from Mr. W. H. St. John Hope stating that the parties to the Agreement in the matter of the Uriconium Excavations should be Lord Barnard of the one part and the Shropshire Archaeological Society of the other.

It was unanimously resolved, that in view of the important issues involved, and the necessity that the work should be under the direct control of a Body wider in extent of influence and more powerful in its appeals for aid than a merely local Society, the Council of the Shropshire Archaeological and Natural History Society respectfully, but firmly, decline to enter into any agreements for the excavation of the site of Uriconium, they being of opinion that such agreements should be made on the one part by the Society of Antiquaries of London. The Council of the Shropshire Society has no corporate existence, and the individual members decline to undertake the responsibility involved, though they are willing and anxious to assist the Society of Antiquaries to the utmost of their power.

February 14, 1900—Rev. T. Auden, F.S.A., in the Chair.

It was resolved that a donation of £5 be given to the fund for repairing Langley Chapel.

March 14, 1900—The Rev. T. Auden, F.S.A., in the Chair.

The Council unanimously resolved that the fund already subscribed for the exploration of Wroxeter be placed on deposit, until required for the purposes for which it was subscribed.

Mr. Cranage reported that he had been in communication with Mr. Case, the Vicar of Kinlet, relative to the reredos in the Church. Mr. Case said that the work was in the hands of Mr. Oldrid Scott, and that he was satisfied the greatest care would be taken that nothing would be done to injure the present structure.

May 9, 1900—Rev. T. Auden, F.S.A., in the Chair.

The following is the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed by the Shropshire Archaeological Society to consider the schedules sent down by the Local Records Committee—

1. EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS.

As regards existing arrangements for the Custody of Local Records in the County of Salop, they are very various, and some of them are imperfectly known to the Committee. The Records belonging to the Corporation of Shrewsbury, which are in the custody of the Town Clerk, have been carefully arranged and calendared, and are kept in a fire-proof room at the Shirehall. Those of the County, which are deposited in the same building in the custody of the Clerk of the Peace, are in process of being arranged and calendared at the present time. There are also a number of historical documents deposited in the Museum connected with the Shrewsbury Free Library, in the custody of the Librarian.

The Records belonging to other Boroughs in the County are in the custody of the respective Corporations, but the Committee are unable to speak as to details.

The rates are in each case available for any expense involved.

The earliest record is a Charter to Shrewsbury conferred by Richard I.

About twenty years ago there was a fire in the Shirehall in which some documents were injured.

No definite rules exist as to inspection and use by the Public, but no difficulties are put in the way of students who desire to consult them.

2. SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FUTURE.

The Committee are of opinion that Corporation documents should remain in the custody of the Corporation to which they belong, but that a proper damp-proof and fire-proof room

to contain them in each case should be insisted on by law.

That a Local Record Office should be provided in every County town, in which private owners of documents of historical interest should be invited to deposit them for safe custody, without their private rights over them being affected.

That Parochial documents, such as Registers and other Church Records, should be kept in the Parish to which they belong, the existing law requiring a fire-proof safe being in all cases strictly enforced. Till such provision for safe custody exists, that such documents be deposited at the Local Record Office, and that permission be also given to any Incumbent of a Benefice to deposit there the documents of which he has the charge, if he prefers it, such arrangement, however, only to have force during his Incumbency.

That it is very desirable to have a list of such Parochial documents, which shall be handed on from an Incumbent to his successor, and periodically checked by the Archdeacon at his visitations.

That Diocesan documents, such as Transcripts of Registers and others not immediately Episcopal, might with advantage be deposited in the Probate Court of each Cathedral City, and made more easily accessible.

That the whole question should be dealt with on the principle that Local documents should be kept in the locality to which they belong, but with proper safeguards for security, and that the arrangements should afford access to students without difficulty and also at moderate expense.

From their personal experience in relation to the matter, and in view of its importance, the Committee would urge that there should be no unnecessary delay in dealing with it.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee,

THOMAS AUDEN, F.S.A.,

April, 1900.

Chairman.

June 13, 1900—Mr. W. Phillips, F.L.S., in the Chair.

It was decided that Lord Barnard be informed that the Society will undertake to supervise the calendaring and examining of the Court Rolls of the Manor of Wem, and that they suggest the employment of Mr. W. K. Boyd, of 9, Archway Road, Highgate, London, to make a preliminary examination.

September 12, 1900—Rev. T. Auden, F.S.A., in the Chair.

Mr. Cranage called the attention of the Council to the desirability of printing in the Society's "Transactions" the Rule of the Cluniac Order, which had not been printed since 1723, and had never been translated.

Letter was read from the Vicar of Holy Cross, Shrewsbury, stating that the north porch of the Abbey Church was in a

dangerous condition, and immediate steps were being taken for its repair.

The Council were glad to hear that the Vicar and Churchwardens and the Architect were anxious to preserve, as far as possible, the old stones, and not to injure the beautiful character of the old building.

October 10, 1900—Rev. T. Auden, F.S.A., in the Chair.

The Chairman reported that a visit had been made to Langley Chapel, and that the fittings were found in a worse condition than they were at the last meeting.

He had written to the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, saying that the Council of the Shropshire Archaeological Society regretted that they had not been asked to give local supervision to the repair of the Chapel.

The Secretary had replied that if his Committee had any idea that the Council could have given them help they would most certainly have applied to the Council of the Shropshire Archaeological Society for it.

This reply appeared to the Council very extraordinary, in view of the fact that the Shropshire Archaeological Society had shewn their interest in the work by a special donation to the fund in question.

November 14, 1900—Rev. T. Auden, F.S.A., in the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the sheep were running over the excavations at Wroxeter, and doing much damage, the hurdles being in great need of repair. It was decided that the necessary repairs be left in the hands of Mr. Herbert Southam and Captain Williams-Freeman to carry out.

Mr. Cranage again brought the question of printing in the "Transactions" the Rule of the Cluniac Order. The Council were of opinion that it was most desirable that this should be done, and the matter was postponed for further information as to the details for the necessary preparation of the work, and especially as to when the Rev. W. G. Clark-Maxwell, who had undertaken to edit the Rule, would be able to commence his part of the undertaking.

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o Balance in hands of Bankers, January 1st, 1900	0	15	6
Members' Subscriptions	161	13	0
," Sale of <i>Transactions</i>	10	10	0
," Sale of <i>Guide to Urienianum</i>	15	7	1
," Sale of Special Illustrated Catalogue of Exhibition of Shropshire Antiquities	1	9	6
,, Rev. T. Audea, Proceeds of a Lecture given at Shrewsbury School	10	7	0
,, Surplus from Annual Excursion	0	15	5
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	£	s.	d.
By Messrs. Woodall, Minshall and Co., part payment for printing <i>Transactions</i>	110	0	0
," Messrs. Adnitt and Naunton	32	2	6
," Secretary's Salary	5	0	0
," Rent, Rates, and Tithe, Wroxeter	4	7	2
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," Postage Transactions to Members and Carriage of Parcels	6	8	1
," Commission	8	1	9
," Bent of Office	5	0	0
," Expenses connected with Annual General Meeting	6	9	9
," Grant towards Repairs at Langley Chapel	5	0	0
," New Wire Fence around Malinslee Chapel	4	0	0
," Subscriptions to Congress of Archaeological Societies (Two years),	2	0	0
," Index to Archaeological Papers for 1827	1	5	0
," Balance in hands of Bankers, December 31st, 1899	6	4	0
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May 16th, 1900

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REPORT.

ON the other side will be found a Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year 1899, of the Uriconium Excavation Fund. A beginning of the new work was made in September by exploring to the floor line a large room connected with the Baths and adjoining the Basilica. Soon after the work was suspended for the winter, however, the War broke out in South Africa; and this, combined with other circumstances, equally unforeseen, caused great anxiety to the Committee as to the best course to pursue. Eventually, after consultation with the Society of Antiquaries in London, and with Lord Barnard, it has been decided not to ask for the payment of Subscriptions promised for the current year, but to suspend the proposed work for a short time, until there are fewer claims on the public purse and a prospect of raising without difficulty a sufficient sum annually to carry the work to a successful conclusion. The Balance in hand has, therefore, been placed on Deposit at the Bank, until the Society of Antiquaries and the Local Committee are satisfied that a fitting time has arrived to re-commence the excavation. It is believed that this temporary, but unavoidable, suspension will in no way interfere with the interest which has thus far been taken in the work, and that, when operations are resumed, the appeal will again meet with a kind response, both from those who have already contributed, and from those whose interest in the matter has yet to be awakened.

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Received and paid to the credit of the Account at the Old Bank, Shrewsbury, as per list on other side	176 6	H. Franklin, Conveyance of Workmen T. Pace, Labour Account... Incidental Expenses connected with supervision Cole & Sons, Notice Board, etc.	4 13 0 26 6 0 5 15 0 1 2 6 6 16 0
... 6	Admitt & Naunton, Printing Postage Stamps 16/2, Receipt ditto 2/- Telegram 1/3, Cheque Book 2/-, Conveyance 7/6 Balance carried forward (In Bank) 0 18 2 0 10 6 130 5 4
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