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THE PARISH CHURCH OF FOTHERINGHAY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE COLLEGE OF FOTHERINGHAY.

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Simon Senlis, the second Earl of Northampton, founded a Cluniac nunnery at Fotheringhay, but in Stephen's reign it was removed to Delapré on the south side of Northampton. The church remained appropriated to the abbey of Delapré until the beginning of the fifteenth century; the last appointment of a vicar by the Delapré convent was in 1388.

Edmund of Langley, Duke of York, was the first to form the idea of a grand collegiate church at Fotheringhay, and, in the lifetime of his father, built a large and magnificent quire at the east end of the old parish church.¹ He did not, however, live to accomplish his intention; but, after his death in 1402, his eldest son (by Isabel of Castile), Edward of York, desired to carry out his father's wishes, and to rebuild the body of the church on a like plan with the quire. For this purpose he appointed trustees, the first two of which were the Cardinal Bishops of Winchester and Durham. The College was founded in 1411, six acres of land between the castle and the rectory house being allotted for the purpose. This was the site on which the Cluniac nunnery had formerly stood. Edward, however, fell in the vanguard of the fight of Agincourt in 1415. Neither college nor church was yet finished, but his body was brought to Fotheringhay, and interred in the church on December 1st.

This royal college consisted of a master, twelve chaplains or fellows, eight clerks and thirteen choristers, and was dedicated in honour of the Blessed Virgin and All Saints. The chief duty of the members of the college was to pray for the souls of the King and the Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, and all the royal family, as well as for all faithful souls. It was

¹ Leland's *Itinerary*, i. 5-7; Bonney's *Fotheringhay* (1821), 41.

indeed a great chantry, on dignified lines, with a specially ordered common life for the chantry priests. The endowment charter of Henry IV. granted the college a yearly charge of £67 6s. 8d. from the manors of Newent, Gloucester, and Kingston, Hertfords, belonging to the alien priory of Newent, which was a cell of the Abbey of Cornieles; as well as all the possessions spiritual and temporal, and all manorial rights that had pertained to that priory, and to the alien priory of Avebury, Wiltshire, a cell of St. George Bocherville.¹

A saving clause as to these two alien priories was inserted in the Act passed at Leicester in April, 1414.

In the same year, the convent of Delapré gave up to the college the church of Fotheringhay in return for a small pension.²

In the following year (August 5th, 1415), the Duke of York obtained letters patent for the further endowment of the college, assigning to it a large number of manors in Wiltshire, Northamptonshire, Gloucestershire, Yorkshire, etc.³

Before the Duke sailed for France, he entered into an explicit indenture with William Harwood, freemason of Fotheringhay, by which the Duke was to find stone, timber, scaffolding, lime, and everything necessary to the work, and to pay £300 at stated intervals. The whole of this interesting indenture has been several times printed.⁴ The Duke's death at Agincourt (Leland tells us that he was exceeding fat, and got smothered in the encounter) a few months later, put a check on the building and on the organising of the college; but his successor, Richard Duke of York, after some years, took the matter up, and obtained in 1432, a yearly pension of 100s. towards completing the college.⁵ In 1439, the college obtained license to enclose twenty acres within the forest of Rockingham.⁶

Duke Richard fell in battle at Wakefield, on the last

¹ *Pat. Rot.*, 13 Henry IV. Pt. I. m. 14. Cited in full in Nichol's *Bibl. Topog.*, Vol. IV, No. 40, pp. 82-87.

² *Fin. Rot.*, 2 Hen. V., m. 11.

³ *Pat. Rot.*, 3 Hen. V., Pt. II, m. 43.

See *Bibl. Topog. Brit.*, iv. 82-87.

⁴ Dugdale's *Monasticon* (both editions), and Nichol's *Bibl. Topog.*

⁵ *Claus. Rot.* 11 Hen. VI., m. 1.

⁶ *Pat. Rot.*, 18 Hen. VI., Pt. III., m. 9.

day of 1460, and was at first buried at Pontefract. Soon after the accession of Edward IV., his attention was directed to the still incomplete Yorkist foundation of Fotheringhay. He at once granted the college a new charter, and refounded it, bestowing on it 100 acres of land, with divers liberties and privileges.¹

In March, 1462, the King granted to Thomas Buxhall, the master, and the fellows of the King's College Fotheringhay, a tun of red wine of Gascony, yearly in the port of London at Christmastide, for the celebration of their daily masses, for ministering the Blessed Sacrament at any time, and for their sustenance; at the same time he added somewhat to their endowments.²

In August of the same year, the King again added materially to their endowments by grants of lands that had pertained to other alien priories.³

In March, 1465, Edward granted to Thomas Buxhall, the master, and the fellows the whole of the former possessions of the alien priory of Charleton, and a year later they received 85 acres in the forest of Rockingham.⁴

The episcopal registers at Lincoln supply the following list of masters:—John Buckland; John Maston, 1423; Thomas Pecham, 1434; Richard Vantort, 1437; Thom. Buxhall, 1461; William Feild, c. 1480; Robert Bernard, c. 1500; and John Russell, 1521.

Russell was the last master. In 1534, Russell, with Thomas Birde the precentor, and the rest of the fellows, put their signatures to the acknowledgment of the King's supremacy. His name is also mentioned in the *Valor* of the following year, when the considerable possessions of the college were declared to have an annual value of £419 11s. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.

Among the miscellaneous books of the Augmentation Office are three MS. volumes of considerable importance as explanatory of the life and administration of Fotheringhay College, which have hitherto escaped attention.

The first of these is a rubricated copy of the statutes on parchment. From the entries at the end of the

¹ *Chart. Rot.*, 1 Edw. IV., Pt. II, m. 7.

² *Pat. Rot.*, 2 Edw. IV., Pt. I, m. 8.

³ *Pat. Rot.*, 2 Edw. IV., Pt. II, m. 17.

⁴ *Ibid.*, 5 Edw. IV., Pt. I, m. 17; 6 Edw. IV., Pt. II, m. 14.

volume this was clearly the official copy drawn up in the time of Henry V.¹ The following is an abridgment or summary of their contents rendered in English:—

1. The first statute names Edward as the founder, and limits the number to a master, a precentor, eleven other chaplains, eight clerks and thirteen choristers.

2. Every chaplain on admission to take an oath in the presence of the master and precentor, of canonical obedience to the master, and to the lawful mandates of the precentor; to keep all the statutes and ordinances in their plain, literal and grammatical sense; to show all loyalty to the college and its founders; to abstain from every form of detraction, strife, or quarrel; and if expelled through neglect of duty or other cause, not to molest or disturb anyone, etc.

3. Chaplains, clerks and choristers to be chosen by the majority of the fellows when there is a vacancy. In the case of the boys, a candidate must not exceed nine, if he only knows plainsong, but if perfectly informed he must not exceed twelve. A suitable chaplain to be chosen from the fellows, by the precentor and three seniors, called the chantry chaplain, to instruct the choristers in grammar and to receive 12 marks as salary. Another fellow to be chosen in like manner to instruct in singing at a salary of 40s.

4. The master to have a salary of 20 marks, the precentor £10, each chaplain fellow 12 marks, each deacon clerk 10 marks, each subdeacon clerk 8 marks, and each chorister 4 marks.

5. The income to be spent, after payment of salaries, on the necessary maintenance, and repair and building of the college, and the balance to be kept in the common treasury, provided that a portion be distributed every year to Christ's poor according to the wish and decision of the founder.

6. The master to be a man of good and honest conversation, well educated, and of approved manners and condition of life, discreet in spiritual and temporal matters, prudent and circumspect. Within twenty days of a vacancy occurring, the fellows are to be summoned by the precentor to the chapter house, no license being sought from founders or patrons, and after certain formalities the mass of the Holy Spirit is to be solemnly sung. If a unanimous election cannot be secured, three scrutineers are to be appointed, who shall vote secretly in writing, and if all or two agree on the same name, that one is elected; if there is not this majority, then the decision from the three names to be left to the Bishop of Lincoln or his vicar-general. The master on his election is to swear implicit obedience to the statutes, and faithful rule and correction over the whole college.

7. The master to have full power of correcting, punishing, and castigating all the persons of the college. In difficult negotiations he is to consult the precentor and senior fellows. For each outsider invited to the table of the fellows threepence to be paid from the common stock, and if at the table of the choristers or servants twopence.

8. The precentor to have the rule over the fellows and choristers in

¹ Aug. Off. Misc. Bks., No. 147.

quire and in the church, and to have power (with the consent of the master, or in his absence of the senior fellow) to correct and punish for any fault during the divine offices, or for any error in singing or corrupt reading.

9. The master and precentor to sit at the chief table in hall, with the senior and more learned fellows, and not to exceed four dishes; the other fellows (and clerks) to sit at tables on each side of the hall; and the choristers and other boys and servants at a table in the centre. All to keep silence and to listen to the reading of the Holy Scriptures.

10. The father, brother, near relative, or friend of any of the fellows, clerks, or choristers may dine in hall, if they behave quietly and honestly, for two days and not more, save by special licence of the master, but at their own expense.

11. The master, fellows, clerks and choristers yearly at Christmastide to have clothes of one and the same cut and colour at the common expense. The master and precentor to have eleven yards divided between them; each fellow and clerk to have four yards; each chorister under twelve years two and a half yards, and boys over 12 three yards. The cloth for the fellows and clerks not to exceed 26*d*. a yard, and that for the choristers not to exceed 22*d*.

12. If any of the fellows, clerks, choristers, or servants quarrel, they shall be called before the master and two senior fellows, and if peace cannot then be obtained, five other discreet fellows shall help to adjudicate, and if any one does not at once accept their decision he shall be expelled.

13. If the master neglects his duties by absence or carelessness, or causes loss to the spiritualities or temporalities of the college, the precentor and majority of the fellows have power to call on him to resign, and if he refuses, to report him to the bishop, who has power to remove him.

14. Fellows, clerks and choristers, for legitimate cause, to have leave of absence for a month in the year. Such leave not to be taken at Christmas, Easter or Whitsuntide. Not more than two fellows, or two clerks or two choristers to be absent at the same time.

15. The occupation of all the chambers of the college to be arranged by the precentor.

16. The church, hall, and all the buildings of the college, erected with so much labour at the cost of the founder, are to be maintained in good repair.

17. Bailiffs, proctors, farmers, wardens and others are to present annual balance sheets at Michaelmas, to be examined by the master, precentor and five selected fellows.

18. In the more important business of the college, such as benefices, farms, and manors, the master is to consult the fellows in the chapter house, and to abide by the decision of the majority.

19. Advowsons of churches, lands, tenements, rents, etc., are not to be alienated or sold.

20. Neither master, fellows, nor clerk are to be upholders of quarrels, or other litigious business, and if they persist in such action to be expelled.

21. The college to remain indebted in 500 marks to John Bokeland,

whom Edward the founder made master, in which sum John was bound to the abbess and nuns of Delapre.¹

22. The master, within a month after Michaelmas, before the precentor and six senior fellows, to present a balance sheet of all receipts and payments, to be deposited in the treasury.

23. A summary of the financial statement to be indented, whereof one part to be kept by the precentor, and the other placed with the archives in the principal chest of the college.

24. The college to have four or five servants (not more) for serving in the pantry, butlery, kitchen, and other offices. One of them to be the barber, and also skilled in the repairs and mending of vestments, copies and other ornaments of the church.

25. The master to have three horses, with hay and litter, and (blank) quarters of oats or pease for their sustenance.

26. The master and college to have a common seal and three common chests in a certain house called the treasury in the form of a tower, constructed over the church porch. In the treasury are to be kept the seal, vestments, jewels, money, and muniments of the college in safe custody. In the larger chest all the most precious vestments, chalices and censers, parcel-gilt, and all other ornaments which are not required for actual and daily use. The precentor and sacrist are to have two different keys of the door of the treasury, and two of the chest. The contents of the chest to be examined four times a year by the master and three times by the fellows, and all cleansed and repaired. Other chests to be kept in the porch of the church, to contain vestments, chalices, etc., in daily use; the keys to be kept by the sacristan. The second chest in the treasury to contain all registers, charters, muniments, and evidences, with three keys, one for the master, one for the precentor and one for an appointed fellow. The common seal only to be used in the chapter house with the consent of the college. The third chest in the treasury to contain the common gold and silver of the college, together with the principal relics and jewels, and to have four keys in the respective custody of the master, precentor, and two appointed fellows. An indented inventory of the contents of the chest to be taken, one to be in the hands of a fellow who has not a key, and the other in the keeping of the precentor.

27. The statutes to be read in chapter of the whole college twice yearly, namely on the morrows of the feasts of the Purification and of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

28. One of the fellows to be chosen sacrist, and to have charge of all the valuables of the church with a salary of two marks.

29. The books, ornaments, vestments to be openly, visibly and distinctly shown to the master and all the college at Ascensiontide, to see if any are torn or missing.

30. No book, ornament, jewel, or vestment of the college to be sold, alienated, or pledged, or removed from the college, under any pretence whatsoever, save books requiring binding or anything repairing.

31. Any member of the college guilty of heresy, theft, homicide, adultery, incest, or like notorious crimes to be expelled. If any one

¹ This statute has faint cross lines through it, and *vacat* written in the margin.

is a hunter or common fisherman, or brings any scandal on the college, he is to be warned first by the master, then by the master and two fellows, and for the third offence by the chapter, and if then incorrigible to be expelled.

32. A warden to be appointed to look after the money of the choristers. If any chorister dies before the age of 14, his money to be divided into three parts, one part to the college, another for funeral expenses, and the third to his parents or relatives.

33. The master to have power of proving the wills of those dying in the college.

34. No one to depart from the college in debt.

35. No one of the college (including the master) to wander alone outside the college precincts into any house in the town or neighbourhood, nor to enter any tavern save in the presence of someone of sufficient dignity and honesty, under pain of correction by the master, and of expulsion if repeated.

36. The fellows, clerks and choristers, daily, when compline is finished, standing in quire before they depart, shall sing in unison the antiphons of St. John Baptist and of St. Edmund, K. and M.; and at the altar step, kneeling, the antiphon of the Blessed Virgin. Then to form round the tomb of Edward the founder to chant the *De Profundis*.¹

37. The fellows, clerks, and choristers to be humble, modest, and wary in entering and departing from the church, and to abstain at mattins and all the hours from talking, whispering, laughing, or making any noise or disturbance.

38. The master's place in quire is the first on the right, and the precentor's the first on the left, the rest as they are ordered by the master or precentor.

39. All members of the college, on rising and on lying down at night, and at all hours of the day and night, when meeting with any hindrance, shall say in honour of the Trinity the antiphon *Libera nos*, and a special prayer for blessing on the founder's work. Every day after masses and compline, and in Lent after vespers, shall be said in church special prayers for Kings Richard, Henry, etc., and for the founder.

40. From May 1st to September 1st the bell to ring at eight o'clock, and the rest of the year at seven, and on the bell ceasing the antiphon of the Blessed Virgin to be said by everyone of the college whether within the precincts, or cloister, or gates, or outside, pausing as they say it.²

41. The principal and smaller gates of the college to be closed after the bell at the west end of the church has rung the Angelus. The doors to be kept closed till daybreak and the keys handed to the master. Anyone remaining outside, without leave of the master, to forfeit for first offence commons and salary for fifteen days, for a second offence a month, for a third offence six months, and for a repetition, expulsion.

42. Evensong, mattins, mass, and all the day hours to be attended

¹ They were also to make stations before the two images of the Virgin against the pillars of the nave; but this part is erased, and *vacat per man-*

datum dni Regis H. VIII. is written on the margin.

² By the side, in a later hand, is written: *vacat antiphona salve regina.*

by all in the church. The bell for mattins on the night of the Nativity to ring at one o'clock, and mattins to begin at two; on the principal feasts and the greater doubles, the bell to ring at four, and mattins to begin at five; on other festivals and on ordinary days the bell to ring at five, and mattins to begin at six.

43. Solemn procession to be made round the cloister following in all things the use of Sarum; the same use to be followed in the mass, the canonical hours, and in all other observances. The feasts of St. Laurence, St. Edmund, K. and M., and St. Katherine to be celebrated as doubles. Also on the morrow of All Souls' day, solemn mass to be sung of St. Winifred, and on the vigil of the Nativity of St. John Baptist solemn mass to be sung of St. Etheldreda.

44. Three masses to be sung daily, together with the chapter mass (when it happens) after the Sarum use: the first, the mass of Our Lady, to be sung in the Lady chapel with the choristers; the second without note, a mass of requiem for Richard II., Henry IV., Edmund and Isabel, children of Edward the founder, Henry V., the patron (when departed), and Edward the founder, and all faithful souls; the third, a sung mass of the day according to the use of Sarum.

45. In addition to these three regular masses, a mass of the Holy Ghost for the good estate of Henry V., to be sung on Passion Sunday, with special collects; also a private mass for a like purpose every Sunday.

46. On Trinity Sunday, on the feast of St. John Baptist and St. Laurence, and on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, a special mass to be sung for Edward the founder.

47. The three ordinary masses, and the chapter mass (when it happens) are to be celebrated by those chaplains who can best be spared from the quire and singing, according to a table put forth by the precentor. All other masses to be taken in turn by the fellows; the master to celebrate at high mass on the principal feasts.

48. Each chaplain, celebrating a special mass for Henry V., or the founder, to receive 2*d.* from the common fund at the hands of the master.

49. The master, precentor, and all the fellows to say a mass of requiem on the last day of February for Richard II.; on St. Cuthbert's day for Henry IV.; on August 1st for Edmund, the father of Edward the founder; and on December 23rd for Isabel, the mother of the founder.

50. On the obit of the founder, the master and precentor to receive 12*d.*; each chaplain celebrating, 6*d.*; each clerk present, 4*d.*; and each chorister present, 2*d.*

51. All to be present at evensong, mattins, masses, and other hours. Every Saturday corrections or fines are to be imposed by the master and precentor for all absences, late comings, and other offences (especially in quire) committed during the week. For neglect of the offices, castigation or fines are to be imposed, and as a last resource expulsion.

A later insertion.

Anyone late at mattins to be find, 2*d.*; or late at prime, terce, sext,

hours, or compline, $\frac{1}{2}d.$; any chaplain, on the mass rota, neglecting to attend a groat. Such fines to be divided among those present.

52. Every member of the college taking part in any service by reading, singing, or saying anything in the canonical hours in divine services, shall, before leaving, read, sing, or say, at the steps of the quire, the Our Father and the Hail Mary in English for the soul of the founder.

53. Anathema pronounced on anyone who shall interpret these statutes after a sinister or evil fashion, twisting them from their natural and grammatical meaning.

54. A formal conclusion and final commendation of the statutes.

This is followed by a declaration or modification of statute 5, so far as it affected a distribution of a certain portion of the income to the poor.

¶ In accordance with the will of the founder, it was laid down that, as soon as the church and houses of the college were constructed, a house for the poor or almshouse should be built, without any delay, at the charge of the college, to contain at least ten beds, tables, clothes, and garments for Christ's poor of either sex. The master as precentor and two senior fellows to receive and extend hospitality to the inmates who are to be chosen from the infirm poor or those in special need, and particularly from those who have been servants or tenants of Edward the founder or his parents in the towns of Fotheringhay, Nassington, or Yarwell. No poor person to be twice received or entertained in one week. But if there are not in those towns or lordships sufficient poor requiring the assistance of the house, that then they may be received from other towns and places. That each poor guest shall receive once a day a good dish of bread, and beer, with flesh or fish and one penny. On the first day of the week the poor guests are to be received in honour of the Holy Trinity, on the second day in honour of St. Michael and the nine orders of Angels, on the third day of St. Thomas of Canterbury, on the fourth day of John Baptist, on the fifth day of St. Laurence, on the sixth day for the love and honour of the Five Wounds, and on Saturday in honour of the Five Joys of Mary. Neglect of this hospitality to be placed under malediction.

An additional statute (amending Nos. 7 and 10), agreed to in chapter of the whole college, provides that no member admit any outsider within the precincts without

the express sanction of the master, or in his absence of the precentor.

Then follows an entry relative to the gift by Henry VI. of 20 acres of wood in Rockingham Forest, and providing for a solemn mass for the good estate of the King and Queen Margaret and after their death for their souls.

Another volume at the Public Record Office contains the accounts of John Gilbert, fellow and sacrist of the college from Michaelmas 1536 to Michaelmas 1548.¹ These accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the sacrist are of considerable value as showing the nature and amount of the various offerings of the faithful, and from them might be constructed a fairly complete directory or parish register of Fotheringhay, at that period, as the names of the contributors are given in full.

The customary oblations, for the first year, were 8s. 4d. on Easter Day, 3s. 4d. on St. John Baptist's Day, 1s. 10½d. at Michaelmas, and 2s. 0d. at Christmas.

The oblations of adoration were 1s. 6d. on Maundy Thursday, 2s. 5½d. on creeping to the Cross, 3s. 4½d. on Easter Eve, and 1s. 6d. on Easter Day.

Seven tithes from six defaulters, whose names are given, amounted to 7s.

Oblations at eight weddings amounted to 8s. 11½d. being obviously freewill offerings, as they varied from 2s. 2½d. to 1½d.

Oblations at Purification after child-birth in fourteen cases realised 4s. 4½d. Offerings on the Day of the Purification, amounting to 8s. 7½d., are also placed under this head.

Oblations at seventeen burials amounted to 9s. 7d., varying in amount from 1d. to 1s. 10½d.

Ten shillings was paid as a mortuary for Thomas Gyles, and 6s. 8d. for forgotten tithes. Gyles also left 13s. 4d. for masses, and 6s. 8d. was paid for "breaking the ground" at his burial; he was doubtless buried in the church.

The anniversary oblations (that is the obits), thirty in number, brought in 7s. 0½d.

¹ Misc. Bks., Aug. Off., No. 145.

Another page of receipts is from the sale of waste wax after these anniversaries, which realised 7s. 9½*d.* The first of these entries reads—*Imprimis recepi pro vastatione cere in anniversario dni Willim. Cope ijd.*

This is followed by a page and a half of *Ceragium* or wax-shot, a customary payment in many parishes towards church lights. At Fotheringhay, the amount received, apparently from every householder, sixty-seven in number, was 1½*d.* in each case, save one of 3*d.*

The white tithe was so termed from its being levied on milk: for a cow with a calf, the tithe was 2½*d.*, and for a cow without a calf 1½*d.*; this realised 17s. 4½*d.*, from forty-one persons.

The next entries relate to a meadow tithe at 4*d.* an acre: this realised 27s. 2*d.*, levied from twenty-seven tenants.

The total receipts of the sacrist for the year were £8 6s. 11*d.*

The following are some of the items of his expenditure for the like period: mending the feet of the great candlesticks, 6*d.*; making vestments, 2½ days, 6*d.*; mending copes, 3 days, 12*d.*; mending lamps and feet of the lectern, 4*d.*; 4 lbs. of candles, 5*d.*; 12 lbs. of candles, 15*d.*; and a lb. of incense, 8*d.* These were three entries, each of 6*d.*, *pro panibus celebrant.* The church and cloister were cleansed at Christmas, the Annunciation, St. John Baptist, and Michaelmas, at a charge of 12*d.* each time.

In the following year (1537–8), the persons paying wax-shot had increased to seventy-one. Among the sacrist's expenditure may be noted: cleaning the candlesticks in the Lady chapel, and the two candlesticks and brass lectern in the quire, 4*d.*; staining the Lentenveil, 9s. 11*d.*; embroidering a corporal, 1*d.*; bringing the oil and cream, 4*d.*; cord for the organs, 2*d.*; a key for the library, 2*d.*; key for the quire door, 4*d.*; 4 torches of pure wax, containing 23½ lbs., 8s. 8*d.*; 10 gallons of oil, 9s. 2*d.*; 24 gallons of oil, 22s.

The accounts for 1538–9 show the collection of wax from 70 persons. Among the expenditure is: a cord for

¹ *Pictori de Stanford propter veli pinxionem.*

the font (cover), 6*d.* ; 15 dozen candles, 72*s.* 6*d.* ; and work at the holy water stoups (*situlas*), 2*d.*

The expenses of 1539–40 include the repairing of books, 7*s.* 6*d.* ; the goldsmith mending a chalice, 16*d.* ; mending the bellows (*folles*) of the organs, 4*s.* ; twelve pounds of incense, 4*s.* ; Thomas Atkyns for making a cross 16*d.*, and for painting the same, 2*s.* 8*d.*¹

Parochial details of this description have so rarely come down to our time, that it will be well to give *in extenso* the whole of the entries for the year 1540–1541 as an example.²

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Compotus Johannis Gilbert clerici sacristi Collegii ibidem a festo Annunciationis beate Marie Virginis Anno Regni Regis Henrici octavi xxvij. usque ad idem festum Annunciationis beate Marie Anno regni ejusdem domini Regis xxxij. scilicet pro unum annum integrum.

Oblationes consuete.

Die pasche	...	...	...	...	...	vjs.	j <i>d.</i>
Die nativitatis beati Johannis Baptiste	...	...	...	...	...	ijs.	ij <i>d.</i>
Die sancti Michaelis Archangeli	...	...	...	...	...	...	xx <i>d.</i>
Die nativitatis Domini	...	...	...	...	...	ijs.	vj <i>d.</i> ob.

Oblationes ex devotione.

In cena Domini	...	...	...	...	...	xii <i>d.</i>
In die Pasceus ad crucem	...	...	...	...	...	xxj <i>d.</i>
In vigillia pasche	...	...	...	...	...	xj <i>d.</i> ob.
In die pasche ad crucem	...	...	...	...	...	xvij <i>d.</i> ob.
Summa	...	...	...	xvijs.	xd.	ob.

Oblationes nuptiarum.

In nuptiis Willielmi More	...	...	...	...	...	ii <i>d.</i>
In nuptiis Willielmi Pychell	...	...	...	...	...	iii <i>d.</i>
In nuptiis Thome Wylykynson	...	...	...	...	...	vd.
Summa	...	...	...	xij <i>d.</i>	ob.	
Item [blank]	...	...	...	...	...	ijs.
Item de dono Agnetis Combryll senioris	...	...	...	...	...	vj <i>d.</i>
Summa	...	...	...	ijs.	vii <i>d.</i>	

¹ Probably the painted wooden cross for use in Lent.

² Aug. Off., Misc. Bks., No. 145, ff. 24b–28b.

Decime.

De Henrico Hyll	iiij <i>l.</i>
De Ricardo Hedd	...	...	...	...	...	vd.
De uxore ejusdem	...	...	...	...	...	iiij <i>l.</i>
De uxore Umfrei Wilson pro cera melle et ovis	...	...	...	...	...	vd.

Decime canabi.

De uxore Hedd pro canabo et lino	ij <i>s.</i>
Summa	...	...	...	iijs.	v <i>l.</i>
Summa pagine	...	...	...	xxvs.	j <i>l.</i>

Oblationes Purificationis.

In die purificationis uxoris Johannis Barkar et Thome Browne	...	...	...	...	...	v <i>l.</i> ob.
In die purificationis uxoris Johannis Tayler	...	...	...	...	...	iiij <i>l.</i> ob.
In die purificationis uxoris Willielmi Umfry	...	...	...	...	...	i <i>l.</i>
In die purificationis uxoris Simonis Watson	...	...	...	...	...	iiij <i>l.</i> ob.
In die purificationis uxoris [blank]	...	...	...	...	...	iiij <i>l.</i>
In die purificationis beate Marie	...	...	...	...	viijs.	iiij <i>l.</i> ob.
In die purificationis uxoris Johannis Whyght	...	...	...	...	...	iiij <i>l.</i>
In die purificationis uxoris [blank]	...	...	...	...	...	iiij <i>l.</i>
In die sancte Etheldrede virginis Regina ¹ Anglie obtulit super altare	...	...	...	...	vij <i>s.</i>	v <i>l.</i>

Oblationes mortuorum.

In die sepulture prolis Henrici teball	...	...	...	...	...	i <i>l.</i>
In die sepulture uxoris Adam Brown	...	...	...	...	...	iiij <i>l.</i>
In vij ^o die eiusdem	...	...	...	...	...	j <i>l.</i>
In die sepulture filie Agnetis Durrant	...	...	...	...	...	i <i>l.</i> ob.
In die sepulture prolis Willielmi Umfrey	...	...	...	...	...	i <i>l.</i>
In die sepulture Adam Broune	...	...	...	...	...	i <i>l.</i> ob.
In die sepulture Johanne Assheley	...	...	...	...	...	iiij <i>l.</i>
In die sepulture prolis Johannis Norton	...	...	...	...	...	i <i>l.</i>
In vij ^o die Johanne Asheley	...	...	...	...	...	j <i>l.</i> ob.
In die sepulture uxoris Johannis Norton	...	...	...	...	...	iiij <i>l.</i>
In vij ^o die eiusdem	...	...	...	...	...	i <i>l.</i>
In die sepulture uxoris Roberto Jonson	...	...	...	...	...	i <i>l.</i>
In die sepulture uxoris Johannis Pechyll	...	...	...	...	...	i <i>l.</i>
In vij ^o die eiusdem	...	...	...	...	...	j <i>l.</i> ob.
In die sepulture uxoris Willielmi More	...	...	...	...	...	i <i>l.</i>
In septimo die eiusdem	...	...	...	...	...	j <i>l.</i> ob.
In tringentali uxoris Johannis Norton	...	...	...	...	...	j <i>l.</i> ob.
In die sepulture matris Roberto Jonson	...	...	...	...	...	iiij <i>l.</i> ob.
In die sepulture prolis Ricardi Stevenson	...	...	...	...	...	iiij <i>l.</i>
In die sepulture Roberti Jonson	...	...	...	...	...	j <i>l.</i>
In vij ^o die eiusdem	...	...	...	...	...	iiij <i>l.</i>
In die sepulture prolis Thome Browne	...	...	...	...	...	i <i>l.</i>
In die sepulture Willielmi Walter	...	...	...	...	...	j <i>l.</i>

¹ Catharine Howard, executed, 1542.

In die sepulture filij Johannis Wytte ...	...	...	vd.
In die sepulture cujusdam advine ...	...	...	jd.
In vij die Willielmi Walter ...	...	...	jd.
In die sepulture famuli Willielmi Newman ...	...	...	jd. ob.
In die sepulture Agnetis Downes ...	...	...	ixd. ob.
In die sepulture Thome Peck ...	...	...	vd. ob.
In vij die Agnetis Downes ...	...	...	jd. ob.
In vij die Thome Pecke ...	...	...	ijd. ob.
In xxx die Thome Pecke ...	...	...	jd.

Oblationes anniversariorum.

In anniversario Thome Somerton ...	...	...	ijd.
In anniversario amicorum Ricardi Jonson ...	...	...	vijjd.
In anniversario Henrici Fyssher ...	...	...	jd.
In anniversario Johannis Leyton ...	...	...	jd.
In anniversario uxoris Willielmi Curteys ...	...	...	ijd.
In anniversario Thome Gyles ...	...	...	ijd.
In anniversario Magistri Willielmi Smyth ...	...	...	jd.
In anniversario Roberti Boner ...	...	...	ijd.
In anniversario uxoris Ricardi Warde ...	...	...	jd.
In anniversario ...	...	...	jd.
In anniversario domini Johannis Lincolniensis episcopi ...	...	...	jd.
In anniversario Johannis Whyght ...	...	...	jd.
In anniversario amicorum magistri ...	...	...	ijd.
In anniversario Magistri breton ...	...	...	jd.
In anniversario Roberti Lambley ...	...	...	ijd. ob.
In anniversario Henrici Bracey ...	...	...	jd.
In anniversario Georgii at Woode ...	...	...	vd.
In anniversario Thome Durrant ...	...	...	iijd.
In anniversario Roberti Jonson ...	...	...	jd. ob.
In anniversario Ricardi Sapcote ...	...	...	jd.
In die comemorationis animarum ...	...	...	vd. ob.
In anniversario Magistri Thome Goodlocke ...	...	...	jd.
In anniversario Magistri Roberti Barnard ...	...	...	jd. ob.
In anniversario Thome Robynson ...	...	...	jd.
In anniversario amicorum Magistri Precentoris ...	...	...	ijd. ob.
In anniversario Johannis Holond ...	...	...	vijjd.
In anniversario Willielmi Watson ...	...	...	jd.
In anniversario Magistri ffeylde ...	...	...	jd.
In anniversario ...	...	...	jd.
In anniversario amicorum Magistri Collegii ...	...	...	ijd.
In anniversario amicorum domini Thome Wood ...	...	...	ijd.
In anniversario domini Willielmi Grey ...	...	...	jd.

Venditio cere.

In anniversario Thome Somerton ...	...	...	iiijd.
In anniversario Henrici Fyssher ...	...	...	ijd.
In anniversario Johannis Leyton ...	...	...	ijd.
In anniversario Magistri Willielmi Smyth ...	...	...	ijd.
In anniversario domini Johannis Lincolniensis episcopi ...	...	...	iijd.
In anniversario amicorum magistri ...	...	...	iiijd.

In anniversario magistri Breton	...	...	...	ijd.
In anniversario Henrici Bracye	...	...	...	ijd.
In anniversario Roberti Jonson	...	...	...	iiijd.
In anniversario Ricardi Sapcote	...	...	...	ijd.
In anniversario Magistri Thome Goodlake	...	...	...	ijd.
Item uxoris Hugonis Chesshyre	...	...	...	viijd.
In anniversario Magistri Roberti Barnard	...	...	...	ijd.
In anniversario Thome Robynson	...	...	...	ijd.
In anniversario Johannis Holond	...	...	...	ijd.
In anniversario Magistri feylde	...	...	...	ijd.
In anniversario ...	...	...	...	ijd.
In anniversario amicorum Magistri Collegii	...	...	...	iiijd.

Ceragium.

Imprimis de Henrico Hyll	...	...	...	ijd. ob.
De Roberto Sheperde ...	ijd. ob.	De Willielmo More	...	ijd. ob.
De Ricardo Combryll ...	ijd. ob.	De Thoma Broun	...	ijd. ob.
De Thoma Curteys ...	ijd. ob.	De Willielmo Skyllyng-		
De Agnete Lambley ...	ijd. ob.	ton	...	ijd. ob.
De Willielmo Goodlad	ijd. ob.	De Thoma Barnes	...	ijd. ob.
De Johanne Osburn ...	ijd. ob.	De Johanne Testarde	...	ijd. ob.
De Elizabetha Gyles ...	ijd. ob.	De Johanne Marten	...	ijd. ob.
De Thoma Aley ...	ijd. ob.	De Johanne Witton	...	ijd. ob.
De Johanne Falkner ...	ijd. ob.	De Thoma Gybbon	...	ijd. ob.
De Willielmo Newman	ijd. ob.	De Simone Coper	...	ijd. ob.
De Willielmo Curteys	ijd. ob.	De Thoma Wyllyams	...	ijd. ob.
De Guidone Atkynson	ijd. ob.	De Georgio Pereson	...	ijd. ob.
De Willielmo Norfocke	ijd. ob.	De Ricardo Stevenson	...	ijd. ob.
De Ricardo Jonson ...	ijd. ob.	De Ricardo Warde	...	ijd. ob.
De Johanne Barkar ...	ijd. ob.	De Elizabetha Averye	...	ijd. ob.
De Willielmo Walter ...	ijd. ob.	De Johanne a More	...	ijd. ob.
De Thoma Cooper ...	ijd. ob.	De Thoma Smythe	...	ijd. ob.
De Johanne Tugman ...	ijd. ob.	De Roberto Jonson	...	ijd. ob.
De Thoma Hedley ...	iijd.	De Willielmo Byll	...	ijd. ob.
De Hugone Gartwyte ...	ijd. ob.	De Adamo Brown	...	ijd. ob.
De Thoma Gydyns ...	ijd. ob.	De Thoma Pakke	...	ijd. ob.
De Johanne Holcot ...	ijd. ob.	De Thoma Durrant	...	ijd. ob.
De Alicia Watson ...	ijd. ob.	De Willielmo Umfrey	...	ijd. ob.
De Willielmo Smyth ...	ijd. ob.	De Thoma Lucas	...	ijd. ob.
De Willielmo Combryll	ijd. ob.	De Willielmo Androwe	...	ijd. ob.
De Johanne Jordane ...	ijd. ob.	De Henrico teball	...	ijd. ob.
De Thoma Tweltrykk ...	ijd. ob.	De Johanna Asssheley	...	ijd. ob.
De Willielmo Masson ...	ijd. ob.	De Johanne Pechyll	...	ijd. ob.
De Johanne Prysshe ...	ijd. ob.	De Alicia Roo	...	ijd. ob.
De Ricardo Hedde ...	ijd. ob.	De Elyng Jeffreye	...	ijd. ob.
De Johanne Norton ...	ijd. ob.	De Umfrido Wilson	...	ij. ob.
De Willielmo Semersbye	ijd. ob.	De Johanne Whyght	...	ijd. ob.
De Johanne Jackafeylde	ijd. ob.	De Roberto Nottynгам	...	ijd. ob.
De Roberto Wryght ...	ijd. ob.	De Almo Cope	...	ijd. ob.

Decima albe.

De Thoma Curtys pro una vacca vitulo <i>ijd.</i> ob. et <i>vj.</i> agnis <i>iijd.</i>	<i>vd.</i> ob.
De Agnete Lambley p <i>iiij</i> vaccis et v vitulis <i>xjd.</i> uno pullo <i>jd.</i> <i>iiij</i> agnis <i>jd.</i> ob. v vellibus <i>ijd.</i> ob. ..	<i>xvjd.</i>
De Willielmo Goodlad pro vacca et vitulo <i>xviij.</i> ob. <i>ij</i> pullis <i>ijd.</i> una stero (<i>sic</i>) <i>jd.</i> ob.... ..	<i>xxjd.</i>
De Ricardo Jonson p <i>iiij</i> vaccis cum vitulis <i>vijd.</i> ob. <i>j</i> pullo <i>jd.</i> <i>vij</i> vellibus <i>iijd.</i> ob.	<i>xijd.</i>
De Johanne Osburne pro v vaccis cum vitulis ...	<i>xijd.</i>
De Elizabetha Gyles pro <i>j</i> vacca cum vitulo <i>ijd.</i> ob. <i>j</i> stero <i>jd.</i> ob. <i>ij.</i> vellibus <i>jd.</i>	<i>vd.</i>
De Thoma Aley p <i>iiij</i> ovibus cum <i>iiij</i> agnis <i>iiijd.</i> <i>ij</i> vellibus <i>jd.</i>	<i>vd.</i>
De Johanne Falkner pro una vacca cum vitulo ...	<i>xviij.</i> ob.
De Willielmo Newman pro v vaccis et vitulis <i>xijd.</i> ob. <i>iiij</i> pullis <i>iijd.</i> <i>j</i> agno ob. <i>ij</i> vellibus <i>jd.</i>	<i>xviij.</i>
De W. Curteys pro <i>ij</i> steris <i>iijd.</i> <i>j</i> vitulo <i>jd.</i> v agnis <i>ijd.</i> ob. v vellibus <i>ijd.</i> ob.	<i>ixd.</i>
De Guidone Atkyns pro <i>ij</i> vaccis cum vitulis... ..	<i>vd.</i>
De Willielmo Norfocke pro <i>iiij</i> vaccis cum vitulis <i>vijd.</i> ob. <i>j</i> vitulo <i>jd.</i> <i>iiij</i> vellibus <i>jd.</i> ob. <i>iiij</i> agnis <i>jd.</i> ob. <i>ij</i> pullis <i>ijd.</i>	<i>xiijd.</i>
De Johanne Barkar pro v vaccis cum vitulis ...	<i>xijd.</i> ob.
De Willielmo Walter pro una vacca cum vitulo ...	<i>ijd.</i> ob.
De Johanne Tugman pro una vacca cum vitulo ...	<i>ijd.</i> ob.
De Roberto Stevenson pro <i>vj</i> agnis	<i>iijd.</i>
De Hugone Harbwyte pro <i>iiij</i> vaccis cum vitulis <i>vijd.</i> ob. et v agnis <i>ijd.</i> ob.	<i>xd.</i>
De Thoma Gydens pro una vacca cum vitulo... ..	<i>ijd.</i> ob.
De Johanne Holcot pro una vacca cum vitulo <i>xxd.</i> et una steera <i>jd.</i> ob.	<i>xxjd.</i> ob.
De Alicia Watson pro <i>ij</i> vaccis cum vitulis <i>vd.</i> <i>iiij</i> vellibus <i>iiij</i> agnis <i>iiijd.</i> <i>ij</i> vellibus <i>jd.</i>	<i>xd.</i>
De Willielmo Smyth pro <i>ij</i> vaccis cum vitulis <i>vd.</i> et una stera <i>jd.</i> ob.	<i>vjd.</i> ob.
De Willielmo Combryll pro <i>vj</i> agnis <i>iijd.</i> <i>j</i> vacca cum vitulo <i>ijd.</i> ob.	<i>vd.</i> ob.
De Johanne Jordane pro una [vacca] cum <i>ij</i> vitulis ...	<i>vd.</i>
De Thoma Tweltryck pro una vacca cum vitulo ...	<i>ijd.</i> ob.
De Johanne Prysche <i>iiij</i> vaccis cum vitulis <i>vijd.</i> ob. uno pullo <i>jd.</i>	<i>viijd.</i> ob.
De Ricardo Hedd pro v vaccis cum vitulis <i>xijd.</i> ob. et uno pullo <i>jd.</i>	<i>xiijd.</i> ob.
De Lucia Whyght pro <i>ij</i> vaccis cum vitulis	<i>vd.</i>
De Johanne Norton pro una vacca cum vitulo <i>ijd.</i> ob. <i>j</i> steera <i>jd.</i> ob. <i>vj</i> agnis <i>iijd.</i> agno ob.	<i>vijd.</i> ob.
De Johanne Jackafeyld pro una vacca cum vitulo ...	<i>ijd.</i> ob.
De Thoma Broun pro una steera	<i>jd.</i> ob.
De Thoma Barnes pro una vacca cum vitulo	<i>ijd.</i> ob.
De Stephano Nasson pro una steera <i>jd.</i> ob. et <i>ij</i> vellibus <i>jd.</i>	<i>ijd.</i> ob.

De Willielmo Jordane pro una vacca cum vitulo ...	ij <i>d.</i> ob.
De Johanne Testard pro una vacca cum vitulo ...	ij <i>d.</i> ob.
De Johanne Marten pro una steera	ia. ob.
De Thoma Durraunt pro una vacca cum vitulo v vellibus et ij agnis	vj <i>d.</i>
De Willielmo Newman pro iij vellibus	jd. ob.
De Willielmo Skyllnorton pro iij steeris et v vitulis et iij vellibus	ix <i>d.</i>
De Johanne Whyght pro una steera et una vacca cum vitulo et una vellis et agnus	vd.
De Umfrido Wilson pro ij vellibus ij agnis et uno pullo	ii <i>j d.</i>
De Henrico thebull pro una steera	jd. ob.
De Willielmo Androo pro una vacca cum vitulo et una steera	iiij <i>d.</i>
De Ricardo Stevenson pro v vaccis cum vitulis et uno pullo et xv pondis lanarum	xx <i>d.</i>
De Johanne a More pro ij vaccis cum vitulis	vd.
De Thoma Pecke pro iij vaccis cum vitulis j velle j agno j ove cum iiij agnis	xd. ob.
De Alicia Roo pro ij vaccis cum vitulis et sex agnis ...	vii <i>j d.</i>

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De Elizabetha Gyles pro una acra et dimidia	vj <i>d.</i>
De Thoma Aley pro una virgata et dimidia	xvii <i>j d.</i>
De Willielmo Numan pro ij virgates	ijs.
De Agnete Lambeley pro ij acris et iij rodīs	xj <i>d.</i>
De Willielmo Goodlad pro una virgata et dimidia	xvii <i>j d.</i>
De Willillemo Curteys pro una virgata et dimidia	xvii <i>j d.</i>
De [Johanne Fawkner ¹] pro una virgata	xij <i>d.</i>
De Ricardo Jonson pro una virgata dimidia et iij rodīs	xxj <i>d.</i>
De Johanne Fawkner pro una virgata... ..	xij <i>d.</i>
De Thoma Hedley pro vij acris	ijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
De eodem pro una virgata	xij <i>d.</i>
De Hugone Garbwyte pro v rodīs	vd.
De Umfrido Wylson pro una acra et dimidia... ..	vj <i>d.</i>
De Willielmo More pro una virgata et dimidia	xvii <i>j d.</i>
De Willielmo Smyth pro una virgata et quarteria	xvd.
De Willielmo Combyll pro dimidia acra	ij <i>d.</i>
De Willielmo Massa pro una acra et dimidia	vj <i>d.</i>
De Stephano Masson pro una virgata	xij <i>d.</i>
De Johanne Prysshe pro una virgata et quarteria	xvd.
De Ricardo Hedd pro v acris	xx <i>d.</i>
De Johanne Norton pro una virgata et quarteria	xvd.
De Johanne Whyght pro ij acris	vii <i>j d.</i>
De Ricardo Stevenson pro una virgata et dimidia	xvii <i>j d.</i>
De Willielmo Byll pro dimidia acre	ij <i>d.</i>
De Thoma Beson pro ij acris	vii <i>j d.</i>
De Johanne Holcott pro ij virgatis et quarteria	ijs. iij <i>d.</i>
De Jeromino Alday pro iiij acris	xvj <i>d.</i>

¹ [In margin] W. Norfock.

Summa totales receptorum vj*li*. viijs. ob.
 Idem Compotus oneratur arrerariis ultimi sui Compoti
 ut patet in pede lixs. ejusdem.

Summa omnis ... x*li*. vijs. ob.

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Inprimis deferenti oleum et crisma	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item lotrici ornamentorum ecclesie	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
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Item mulieri mundanti candelabra erga Pascha	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item Johanne Jordayn pro amendante Paschalis	ij <i>d</i> .
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Johanni Hedde custodienti sepulchrum	iiij <i>d</i> .
Ffabro erario pro emendante unius pixe eree	ij <i>d</i> .
Johanni Lucas mundante cimiterium	vj <i>d</i> .
Johanni Hedd pro scopatione claustri erga festum nativitates Baptiste	xij <i>d</i> .
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Item pro vino empto ad Oundell	iiij <i>d</i> .
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Agneti Broune fimbrianti ij linthiammina super summum altare sternenda	iiij <i>d</i> .
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Thome Browne mundante ecclesiam erga festum Michaelis	iiij <i>d</i> .
Willielmo Umfrey scopanti ecclesiam erga festum Michaelis	ij <i>d</i> .
Alino Cope mundante cimatorium erga adventum regine	vj <i>d</i> .
Uxori Thome Browne mundante cimatorium	ij <i>d</i> .
Capon mundante ortum claustri	j <i>d</i> .

¹ The great fair at Stourbridge, Cambridgeshire.

Emptiones.

Pro panibus celebrandum divina	iiij <i>d.</i>
Elizabethhe Gyles pro pinnis	j <i>d.</i>
Willielmo Dobtys de Warmyngton pro ij funibus				
propter fontem et parva campana	xij <i>d.</i>
Roberto Wryght pro una bawdryck	ij <i>d.</i>
iiij die mensis Maij pro panibus celebrandum	iiij <i>d.</i>
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Item emi xxvj ulnas panni linii pretium	xvijs.	iiij <i>d.</i>
Johanni Jackafield operante circa tabernaculum ubi imago magistri stat	ij <i>d.</i>
Johanni Wyght pro una pelle vituli	xij <i>d.</i>
Item pro ij virgis panni linei	vij <i>d.</i>
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Item pro filo nigro tenuissimo quarteria vocato twyne	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item pro acubus emptis Strubridge	ij <i>d.</i>
Item pro una unca fili bissi nigri	ix <i>d.</i>
Item pro v virgis albi bissi vocate satten	viijs.	vij <i>d.</i>
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Item pro pinnis	j <i>d.</i>
Item cera empti ad nundinas sturbrigie iiij ^o pondo viij <i>l.</i>	xiijs.	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item Thome Par operante in scaccario pro septimana	vjd.
Item pro mattas xxiiij ^{or}	iijs.
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Item pro panibus celebrandum erga festum pasche	iiij <i>l.</i>
Summa omnum allicationum ab solutionum de anno xxxiiij ^o , xij <i>l.</i> xijs. ix <i>d.</i> et het in surplusagio	lxvs. viij <i>d.</i>

In 1541-2, 400 lbs. of wax was again bought at Stourbridge; also further material for new vestments, including 4 yds. of velvet, 38s.; 11 yds. of buckram, 4s.; half-a-yard of satin of Bruges, 12*d.*; and a yard of red velvet, 12s.

In 1542-3, Henry Bibliopole was paid 30s. for mending the books of the college from Trinity to the Nativity of the Virgin, at 4*d.* a day; and for his lodging, 2s. 6*d.* White leather and some glue for binding three books, cost 12*d.* and three skins of parchment, 20*d.*

The accounts for the next year include 4*d.* for mending the lanterns which hung in the cloister. In the

last year of the entries 1547–8, at the opening of Edward VI.'s reign, the shadow of the coming suppression can be discovered, for the observance of anniversaries had dropped to ten; the annual entry of 4*d.* to the parish clerk for watching the sepulchre was still paid.

In 1541, complaint was made by the clerks of the college against the master that he withheld their wages; that they were not chosen fellows; and that they were not suffered to marry and tarry in the college. A decree was issued on June 30th, entered in full at the end of the volume of the statutes, by the "Queen's graces honourable councell," and signed by Thomas Denys, chancellor to the Queen, as well as by the Queen's attorney, vice-chancellor, and clerk of the council, entirely in the master's favour and exhorting the clerks to implicit obedience according to the statutes. Queen Katharine was lodging at Fotheringhay Castle during June, and advantage seems to have been taken of the presence of the Queen's court to secure a judgment after a somewhat irregular fashion. Meetings of the Privy Council were held at Fotheringhay in October of the same year during the King's progress.¹

With the volume of sacrists' accounts are bound up various inventories which show the great wealth, particularly in vestments, of the King's College of Fotheringhay. The fullest of these, of the year 1546, is given *in extenso*.²

FODRINGHEY.

An Inventory indented and made the last day of March in the xxxvijth yere of the reign of our soveraigne Lord Henry theight by the grace of God, King of England Fraunce and Ireland, Defender of the Faith and in erth of the Church of England and also of Ireland supreme hedd.

Between Edward Gryffyn Esquyer, the King's Majesties soliciter generall John Marshe and Frauncis Southwell, gent., on the one party. And John Russell, Master of the College of Fodrynghey on thother partie. Witnesseth that the said Commissioners hath left and committed to the charge and salue Repinge of the said Master, all and singler suche Juells, Plate, ornaments, goodes, and Catalls belonging and apperteneinge to the said College of Foderinghey as ben here after particulerly and seuerally mencyoned there to Remane and sauefly to be kept tyll the Kinges highnes pleser be further knowen.

¹ *Letters and Papers*, Hen. VIII., xvi, 1269, 1272.

² Aug. Off. Misc. Bks., 145, ff. 83a, 90b.

Jewells belonging to the Church.

that is to say,

First, iiij Mounsters, whereof thone is facyoned like unto a mynster with iij steples sett perles and counterfetestones. The second Mounster with a roundell of byrrall set in the myddest of it. The iiijth Mounster having iiij wyndowes of byrrall and a round byrrall in the upper part of the same. The iiijth being the leste of the said Mounsters having a round byrrall in the myddeste and a lytill image of our Ladye sett over the same byrrall weighing all together ^{xx}cciiij iiij onz di

Gylte.

Item iij Seynsers weighing together ^{xx}ciiij xj onz. 19s.
 Item ij candilstikes for to stand upon thaulters weighing lxiiij onz.
 Item ij Images of aungelles holding in their handes ij candilstikes weighing lxxv onz. qrt. di.
 Item a sacring bell weighing x onz.
 Item ij basinges weighing together xlvj onz. 1 qr.
 Item v Chaleces with their patentees weighing cxix onz.
 Item ij smalle cruettes weighing xx onz.
 Item j pax without a handill weighing iiij oz. 1 qrt.
 Item j lytyll crose enamyld and sett with perles and certin counterfyte stones and the fote thereof borne upp by ij angells weighing... .. x oz.
 Item one great crosse with a byrrall set over the Image of criste weighing cxij onz.

Parcell gylte.

Item iiij Sensers parcel gylte weighing cxxij onz.
 Item viij candilstickes weighing together clxxj oz. de qr.
 Item ij shyppes weighing xxxvj oz. di.
 Item ij sconces or lanternes weighing... .. xxij oz.
 Item one Lectern parcell gylte weighing xlix oz.
 Item ij basones weighing xl oz. iij qrt
 Item iiij Chaleces with their patens weighing... .. lvj oz. di.
 Item j crewet parcell gilt weighing x onz.

White.

Item one holy water stop with a sprynkle weighing xlj onz.
 Item ij lytyll crewettes weighing x oz.
 Item ij pyxes one with a cover vj oz. qrt. di.

Parcell of plate belonging to the College. To be used in the house.

Gylte.

ffirste one standyng cuppe with a cover and the fote borne upp by iij angells weighing xxx oz. qrt.

Item one other standing playne cuppe with a cover		
weighing ... ..	... xxvij oz.	
Item ij saltes with one cover weighing	... ..	xl oz.
Item one pote with a cover weighing	... ..	xl oz. di. qrt.
Item one salte with a cover	... ..	xxx oz.

Parcell Gilt.

Item one pece with a cover pounced weighing	... xxxij oz.
Item ij goblatts parcell gylte with one cover	... xv onz.
Item ij basones with ij Ewers weighing	... xxvj onz.

White.

Item one lyverye pote of a galland weighing	... xxxiiij oz.
Item one other lyerye potte of a qrt. weighing	... xxiij oz. iiij qrt.
Item iiij peces whyte weighing	... xxx oz. j qrt.
Item one salte whyte weighing	... iiij oz. j qrt.
Item xxx spones weighing	... xxx oz.
Item vj other spones weighing	... vij oz. di.
Item xxiiij spones broken and hole weighing	... xxvij oz.
Item one maser with a baunde of siluer weighing [blank]	
Sum of the ounces } Gylte	... clxv oz. cclxx oz.
of all plate and } Parcel gilt	... iii qrs. di.
parcels aforesaid } Whyte	... cexiiij oz. di. qt.

The Vestre.

- vj Coppes of olde grene sylke with wolfes of grene and theddes of basse golde thred.
- ij grene coppes of sylke with letters of H imbrothered round a beute with lytill roses of basse golde.
- j other of the same sylke with letters of G and imbrothered with Lytill roses.
- Item ij coppes of clothe of tissewe the ground of blewe velvet.
- Item ij coppes of blewe velvet imbrowdered with watre flowers of golde And a vestment for the prest with ij tuncyles of the same sute
- Item iiij old coppes of grene sylke paned with dawter velvet and imbrowdered uppon the same velvet with a white crabbed staf and spurres of base golde hanging on the same.
- Item one olde coppe of cloth of Bawdekyne the ground thereof is blew and imbrowded with floure de luce and Okyn levys.
- Item ij other olde coppes of bawdekyn the gronde beyng blew and imbrowdered with busshes of brasse golde threde.
- Item v olde coppes the ground blewe and wrought with lyons of base golde threde.
- Item ij olde coppes the ground of blewe and wrought with busshes and hartes with red crownes about their neckes.
- Item a vestymnt and ij tuncyles of cloth of Tyssewe the gronde being of blewe velvet.
- Item v copes of yelow satin imbroidred or wrought with grene leaves and red floures.
- Item one vestymnt and ij tuncyles of the same sute.

- Item x olde copes of whyte course damaske and wrought with long floures of gold.
- Item one vestymnt and ij tunicles of the same sute.
- Item iij olde and torne copes of whyte sarcynet and imbrowdered with garters of blewe sylke.
- Item iij copes of old and worne white damaske wrought with rounde flowers of gold threde.
- Item one vestymnt and ij tunycles.
- Item j cope of white damaske imbrothered with byrdes of golde.
- Item ij olde whyte copes wrought full of flowers.
- Item vj olde copes of white damaske imbrothered with golde.
- Item one vestymnt and ij tunycles of the same sute.
- Item one cope of white damaske wrought with watre flowers and angells.
- Item ij copes of white damask braunched with garlands of gold and grene and other flowers.
- Item iij copes paned thone pane of grene gold with bokes of white velvet and thother pane of white velvet wrought with golde and flowers of red velvet.
- Item j vestymnt and ij tunycles of the same sute.
- Item vj olde copes of rede sylke wrought with oken leues thone half of grene and thother half yelow.
- Item one vestymnt and ij tunycles of the same sute.
- Item xij course copes of blake and red with Lewers (?) of gold.
- Item j vestymnt and ij tunycles for deacon and subdeacon of the same sute.
- Item one cope of rede sylke with a white swane wrought in the same.
- Item iij olde vestymntes of blake velvet, viz. one for a prest and the other ij for deacon and subdeacon.
- Item one vestymnt of blake velvet wrought with letters of W and ij tunacles of the same sute.
- Item vij vestymnts olde of white bustyon for Lente.
- Item one old turkye carpet to laye before the high alter.
- Item one old carpet with ffeter lokes and fawcons for the high alter.
- Item ij other carpettes of worke to lay also before thaulter.
- Item ij carpettes of thurme (?) for to laye upon stoles in the quere.
- Item one olde vestymnt of course red sylke the crosse of grene sylke imbrothered with lyons of basse gold.
- Item ij olde vestymnts of blewe worsted whereof one delivered to the church.
- Item iij olde vestymntes of whyte fustyan with garters of blewe bokeram.
- Item one vestymnt of olde Dornex.
- Item one vestymnt of olde blewe velvet.
- Item j olde torn vestymnt of red damask.
- Item one old white vestymnt of damask with the crosse on the back of grene wrought with floures some golde and some other colers.
- Item one vestymnt of saten of Bridges the crosse of red saten of bridges.
- Item one other vestymnt of white saten of Bridges the crosse of grene damaske.

- Item one olde vestymēt of red sylke with oken leaves half red and half yelowē.
- Item one old vestymēt of red velvet.
- Item ij redd copes of sylke wrought with floures and the orphres of poppingaye grene velvet.
- Item ij other rede copes wrought with Collumbinez. And the orphres of the same poppingaye velvet.
- Item ij redd copes of sylke wrought with a wrey of gold and grene leues.
- Item iij other coppes rede wrought with beres and libertes (leopards) having collers of blewe.
- Item ij olde and copes of rede velvet.
- Item ij copes of course rede satten wrought with busshes and Lytyll byrdes.
- Item a cope of rede velvet with hydes of gold.
- Item ij copes course redde saten with Maydens heddes and Lyons chayned to their nekes.
- Item ij copes wrought with gold and braunched with grene velvet and flowers of rede velvet.
- Item iij copes (vestments) of rede tyssewe one for a prest and thothers for deacon and subdeacon.
- Item one cope the ground of gold and wrought with leues of grene velvet and Redd flowers.
- Item iij olde copes the grounde blake wrought with small flowers the leues part white and grene part.
- Item j vestymēt with ij tunacles of the same sute.
- Item vj olde and torne rede copes with Lyons inbrowdered.
- Item one vestymēt with ij tunacles of the same sute.
- Item vij olde copes of whyte for childern.
- Item vij other old grene for childern.
- Item xij olde mantells of dyuerse sortes for chylderne.
- Item one old vestymēt with ij tunacles wrought with purcalles of grene sylke.
- Item vj vestymēts of olde rede satten wherof ij for prestes and ij for subdeacons and ij for deacons all of one sute.
- Item ij Auter clothes paned with rede and blake the blake being wrought with whyte byrdes and rede to hang before thalters.
- Item ij alter clothes the grounde black wrought with flowers the Leues of white and grene.
- Item one of rede tissewe for the high alter.
- Item one of olde sylke with the salutacon of our Ladye.
- Item ij other alter clothes with flores of golde and a rede pane of thyne damaske in the mydest.
- Item one autler clothe of white sylke wrought with birdes sitting on red cages.
- Item ij olde autler clothes of blewe bawdekin wrought with oken lewes and floure de Lucēs.
- Item ij autler clothes of yelowē saten wrought with grene leues and rede floweres.
- Item ij alter clothes of course rede saten of bridges wrought with oken leues half grene and half yelowē.
- Item one olde alter clothe of olde rede sarcenet with feter lokes and faucons paynted on the same

Item ij old clothes torne and the colers faded wrought with water floures.

Item j skonce or Lanterne of laten.

Item xxvij albes iiij dyaper clothes ij candil stikes of laten.

The Chauncell.

Item j great dext of laten.

Item xj antiphoners whereof ix hath the psalter and ij without the psalter.

Item iiij legendes whereof thone is divided in ij volumes.

Item j mase boke for the highe alter.

Item ij great stonders of Laten.

Item ij smale candelstickes.

Item ij olde Quyssyons thone of blewe velvet thother of crymsyn velvet.

Item j table of ij yerdes length and one ell of depth annexed to the high alter the grounde thereof of blewe velvet wherein is imbroidered the ascension of our lady with iiij angells of ether syde of the said Image. And in the same table ben vj Images so all the seid Assension angells and images ben sete with raged perels.

Item in our Ladyes chappell one standerd with v braunches of laten.

Item ij payre of croches typped with siluer.¹

The Haule.

Item j payre of andirons and a fyereforke with a lauer of Laten.

Item iiij olde panted clothes.

Item v olde tables and six formes.

The Parlor.

Item one table with a carpet and one joned stole.

Item ij Andirons and vij old Quyssyons.

Buttree.

Item xvj table clothes whereof iiij be of dyaper ix towelles one dozen and a half of napkyns iiij copbord clothes iiij whasshing towells v towells for the Lavor in the

Item v pewter pottes iiij bassons with iiij Ewers and vj saltes of pewter.

Item one old basson of Laten with iiij Ewers of the same

Item vj olde and broken chafyndisshes and xvj olde and lytell candel stykes.

The Spycerye.

Item one olde ambrey and iiij coffers.

The Kechyn.

Fyrste ij chargers xxij olde platters.

Item v other platters of a lessor sort.

¹ Probably staves for rulers of the quire.

Item xviiij other olde platters vij counter dishes xx porringers and xiiij sawcers.

Item vij olde brasse pottes ij kettells and vj other ketills of a lesser sorte ij olde panes j chaffer j posenet of Boloign makinge j brason mortar with a pestell ij frying pannes.

Item one collander ij skummers iiij girdirons j trevet j steyle with a hammer ix spetes with iiij payre of cobbe irons.

Item ij Andirons j rounde spite over the fyer iiij hanging hookes and j fyer payne i fyer forke ij axes iiij payer of pote hokes.

The Brewhuse.

Item one fyer forke.

Item one coper fate.

Item one Leade.

Item one yelde fate and one fate called the sivet towne and one other called the flote.

Item one cowler.

Cattall.

Item xij horses olde and leene.

Item iiij ploughes ij cartes and a weyne with all carte and plough gere belonginge to the same.

Item xiiij drawght oxen.

Item xiiij kye and a bull.

Item ij steres and iiij heifords.

Item one bulchyn ij yeres olde.

Item iiij yerelinges.

Item xxvj hogges.

Item xvj coples of Ewes and Lambes.

Item xxiiij olde shepe.

per nos { Edwardum Gryffyn,
Johannem Mershe.
Francescum Southwell.

FODRINGHAIE.

The remayne of graine and cattell left in the kepinge of William Bagott baylie of husbandrye viij Martii Anno Regni Regis Edwardi sexti secundo.

GRANNE OR CORNE.

Barley.

In the garner of clene barlie for sede fyftie quarters.

In the garner of clene barley to be malted twenty-nine quarters.

In the barlie barne and a reke lyeinge in the yarde undressed by estimacion xxj quarters.

} C quarters.

Malte.

In a hows called the May-hall of good clene malte three-score j quarters.

Upon the Kylene in the fate and opou the stove ready to be mad clene malte and so then to be put in the said Mayhall twentie quarters.

} ^{xx} _{iiiiij} qrs.

Whete.

In the garner of faire whete redy be spent six quarters	} xliij qrs. di.
iiij bushels.	
In the rie barne unthressed by estimation xvj quarters.	
In the whete barne unthressed by estimation xx quarters.	
Sum cexxiij quarters di.	

Oxen.

Drawght oxen xxij Stall oxen and iiij-xxvj.
 Item there remayneth at Colleforth in Com Lincoln at the hows of John Hed being taken for suspection of felonie four Oxen whiche must be restored yf the parties be not convict of the felonie.
 Item there remayneth at fiodringhaie of the goods of the said John Hed three heyfers one mylch cow and one horse colt sorrell red of two yeres of age whiche must be restored if the parties be not convict of the felonie.

Kyne.

Being mylch xvj and one old cowe	...	...	...	...	xviij.
Bulls	...	...	...	...	j.
Heyfers	...	...	...	...	j.
Steres	...	...	...	...	j.

Yerelings.

Wayning besydes vj ded sins the last Inventory	...	...	xiiij.
Lambes	...	...	xliiiij.
Sokinge Calves	...	...	viiij.
Swine	...	...	xliij.
Wayning pygges	iiij.

Shape.

Wethers Ewes and hoges called wol shepe	cxxxv.
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Horses and Geldings.

for the carte	x.
for the Saddell iiij one grey Amble the second a baye Amble
the third a white Amble and the fourthe a bay amble	...	...	...	...	iiij.
for the Myll	...	...	...	...	j.
for the carter ambling baie	...	...	...	...	j.
					xvj.

Just two years later another inventory was drawn up, giving fuller and more interesting particulars of everything found in the hall, parlour, and other chambers and offices of the college.¹

¹ Aug. Off. Misc. Bks., 145, 112, etc.

Remembraunce of the remaynder left at Fdrdringhay the last day of March Anno 1548.

In the Hall.

Fyrste fyve tables two of them borne up with fyve tressells.
 Item thre of the tables borne up with strodes and three benches yroned to them.
 Item one other benche with the foote payse of wood under the hye table.
 Item sixe formes and a skerne.
 Item certayn racks with one stayned cloth hanging on the Rake.
 Item one chere of wenskote.
 Item a certayn borde to stand uppon before the fyer.
 Item a yarne before the harthe.

In the Parloure.

Fyrst the parlor hanged with olde stayned clothes.
 Item one folden table.
 Item a skrene of wenskotte.
 Item one benche.
 Item one forme of weneskotte.
 Item a chere of thold fussyon.
 Item one payer of tressells.
 Item one boorde to saue the hete from mens backes.

In the Spycere.

Fyrst one cubbord with syxe mouldes for ginger bred.
 Item one syfter.
 Item three sory shelves.
 Item fower coffers contayning in the one as followeth.
 Item ten ounces of peper good wayhte.
 Item two ounces and a half of cloves.
 Item one pound fourtyne ounces of currantes.
 Item thre ounces of gynger.
 Item fyve ounces of saunders.¹
 Item foure ounces powder of gynger bladder and all.
 Item one ounce and a helf safforne.
 Item xiiij ounces of lycoris.
 Item one payer of two pound ballances.
 Item one barrell owtmell.
 Item a small barrell of grottes.
 Item one olde closse basket.
 Item one conteyning one gallon of oyle.
 Item one smale fyrkyn conteyning in hit one quart of honey.

In the Salt House.

Fyrst three tubbes with salte conteyning xxiiij strike.
 Item one emptye tubbe.

¹ Red sandal wood, used for colouring in cooking.

In the Chese House.

Fyrst one Racke to set chese in.
 Item three bemes to hang things on.
 Item one olde coffer.
 Item three dry hogesheds to put fethers in.
 Item one Cowle and a Cuttynge.
 Item foure buckettes and a wyker basket.
 Item fortye houpys great and small.
 Item three skooopes.
 Item one lede to make chese in.
 Item one table and a chelle (? Shelf).
 Item two payer of Cobyorns with other olde yorne conteynynge three
 quarters of the hundreth and xvj pounde whayt.
 Item two more howpes with sertayne old yorne conteynynge xxxvij
 pounds whayt.
 Item one soke of hoppes by astimacion one hundreth and a half.
 Item one olde bras pune containing xiiij pounes.

In the Sawsery.

Fyrste one trof to stamp crabbes (crab apples) in.
 Item one prese for the same.
 Item one other trough.
 Item one hoggeshed and a barrell with virgis.
 Item one empty hoggeshed.
 Item one olde kennell.
 Item one stond and one forme to set the sause uppon.
 Item in the chese house one yorne beme two half hundreth waytes
 one quarter two vij pounes one xiiij pounds and a two pound
 wayt.

In the Chaumbre over the Chese Howse.

Fyrst two payer of tresselles.
 Item one hanging shelf and a shelf for appulles.
 Item dyvers more shelles and bordes.

In the Kechen.

Item twoo great platters.
 Item seven tyne counterfet platters.
 Item foure of the secounde sorte.
 Item three counterfett dysshes.
 Item seven counterfett potingers.
 Item ten potingers.
 Item eight sawsers.
 Item ten poottes and panes.
 Item twoe frying panes.
 Item one stemmer.
 Item one basone.
 Item one Colender.
 Item one grab and a fleshooke.
 Item twoe payer of pothookes.
 Item nyne spyttes great and smale.

Item two awndyorns.
 Item a brasone mortar and a pestell.
 Item one chaffer.
 Item three hangings to ley a spyt in.
 Item one yorne payle and a fyer forke.
 Item one drage of yorne.
 Item one dripping pane.
 Item two payer of mustarde covernes.
 Item thre wooden trofes thre tables and thre formes.

In the Brew Howse.

Fyrste one great leade.
 Item one great coper vessell.
 Item one masshinge fatt.
 Item one Cooler ledyd over with three slabbes of lede.
 Item twoe other fattes under the cowler.
 Item one great kynnell.
 Item foure hogges hedes.
 Item one fonell with a holl in it.
 Item one frame for the koler.
 Item foure stondes to cowche the bere on.
 Item twoo trofes.

In the Buttery.

Item one Carpet.
 Item foure basons and ewers.
 Item syx pewter saltes.
 Item one latten bassen with three ewers.
 Item seven Chafyng dysshes brokyn.
 Item aleven candellstykes.
 Item one hanging luer.
 Item thre awndyornes.
 Item a payer of tonges and a fyer forke.
 Item twoe joyned stoolles.
 Item three small tables.
 Item twoe Chestes one gret and a small.
 Item one byne (bin) one pipe foure tubbes and a barlep (basket).
 Item one hoggesheded for beregere.
 Item eight hoggesheded.
 Item twoe Costerdes of wood to kary drinke in.
 Item one old Coberd with certeyn olde shellfes.
 Item one ladder and twoo olde formes.
 Item one olde broken brase pane to make fyer in.
 Item all the gutter in the buttery covered with lede.
 Item in a lytle rome by the buttery twoo small pesys of lede.
 Item seven emptye Caskes and a kymnell.
 Item thre bordclothes and foure wassyng towelles of dyeper.
 Item ten dyeper napkyns.
 Item one dosen and eight napkyns playn.
 Item for the hye table two bordclothes and eight towelles.
 Item two flexen table clothes for the parlor.
 Item fyve towelles.

Item thre Cobberd clothes.
 Item foure bordclothes for the sayd bordes.
 Item two porter clothes.
 Item two Rounde towelles.

In the Taverne.

Fyrst syx pesys old lede about fyve stone.
 Item one old coobberd.
 Item fyve wyne pottes.
 Item one great Chest with yorne bandes.
 Item one small chest with olde lockes and olde yorne and also olde yorne in the same house.
 Item two olde bras polles and a pyce of a nother.
 Item foure bylles and holberds.
 Item two hoggeshededes for wyne.
 Item one ponceon and a terse (firkin).
 Item the stondes to set the wyne on and two olde shelves.

In the Lyme howse.

Fyrst half a loode of lyme.
 Item syx Coleres of lede.

In the Worke howse.

Fyrst four sowes of lede.
 Item thre chelles.
 Item sevntyn brasses.
 Item a gable rope.
 Item thre bedstedes with serteyn chelles and plough tymber.
 Item one wyndow redy to set up.
 Item in the yarde a gryndstone.

In the Cloyster Garden.

Fyrst the well ledyd ouer the sestern ledyd with a pype of lede to the butterye.
 Item one roppe and two buckettes.
 Item in the pond yarde the sesterne ledyd with a pype of lede to the brewhowse.

In the Storehouse for the husbandry.

Fyrst one olde boxe with a few naylles.
 Item one arke containing foure lond staves with gere belonging to them.
 Item thre newe rigewyths (cart-shafts).
 Item fyve old sythes.
 Item the harnes for x cart horse.
 Item fyve rakes.
 Item two cart sadell booses.
 Item one barrell of tarre and one almost empty.
 Item the fourth parte of a barrell of piche.
 Item a nold barrell empty and broken.

In the Stable.

Fyrst thre sadells very olde.
 Item one arke for proueder.
 Item one lader and one forme.
 Item foure olde brydelles.
 Item in the lofte serteyn olde chelles.

In the Forge.

Fyrst one payer of smythes bellows.
 Item one scythe.
 Item one hook scythe.
 Item one vys and two payer of tonges.
 Item one trofe a nold coffer.

In the Chaumbre over the butterye.

Fyrste the Chaumbre hangd with olde frened cloth and grene sey.
 Item one olde payer bellows.
 Item one bedsted and thre formes.
 Item one olde chere.
 Item one stone saw.
 Item one cheping axe.
 Item foure hoors.
 Item one wymbly.
 Item one payer great hynges.
 Item syx casements of yorne.
 Item twoo casements of wood with yorne barres with sertayne olde glase.
 Item one great yorne pyne.
 Item one lock with a cay.
 Item two plometes of lede.
 Item twoo chetes of a trussyng bed.

In the Upper Chaumbre ouer the Butterye.

Item twoo tables one payer of tresselles.
 Item thre formes.
 Item one bedsted and one trondle bed.
 Item twoo matres.
 Item one fether bed with a bolster.
 Item one blankett and twoo old couerlettes.
 Item twoo old Chestes one of them bounde with yorne.
 Item the Chaumbre hangyd with olde torne hangynges.

All which parcells of stuff mencyoned with every page signed with my hand I Thomas Gyles do receaue to kepe to the use of my Lord Admyrall and I have a counterpane of this Boke remayning in my keping.

THOMAS GYLES.

Among the rough notes of other inventories, it is stated that there were ninety-three books in the library, all chained to the desks; and that all the books of the

church, with those in the master's chamber, had been piled up in the lower vestry ; that there were five chests and one double box filled with the evidences of the house in the master's chamber ; and that in the cloister garth there was a fair well, covered with lead, with a small lead cistern attached, and a lead pipe to convey the water to the buttery.

In the master's chapel there were three chests with locks, one of which had painted on the side, "a man and woman pulling apples of a tree"; the taker of an inventory for confiscation purposes apparently shrank from referring to the first sin of Adam and Eve! In another of the chests were some organ pipes. Two clocks are also named, one with "a lytelchyme." Mention is also made of a large number of embroidered silk hangings for the quire, of different colours, with rings attached for speedy use ; of two pieces of white silk with the founder's arms ; of 63 albs and the like number of amices ; of "the vele of lynyn stayned which hunge before the quire in lent" ; of "two red clokes of red sarcenet for lent" ; of two pairs of organs and their cases, with two chairs belonging to them ; of the "latten lecterne with the egle" ; and of "the brase that covereth the founder's grave."

Almost immediately after the completion of this second edition of the Fotheringhay inventories, the college was officially pillaged by the council of the boy king ; and the church, which had sustained one of the most stately rounds of continuous services of a melodious and magnificent character throughout the whole of England, was stripped of all the beautiful accessories of worship. There is something pitiable mean in the ill-advised young king actually suffering the very brass of his royal ancestor to be wrenched from the tomb to add the value of another shilling or two to the heap of sacrilegious spoil !

At the dissolution, all the fellows and servants of the college received their full salary for one quarter. Of the fellows, Richard Ward, chaunter, received 36s. 8d. ; Thomas Topclyf, overseer of the choristers, 22s. 6d. ; John Gylbert, sacrist, 26s. 8d. ; John Stanyborne, steward, 23s. 4d. Seven others each received 20s., whilst John Rysham received 1s. 3d. more because he kept the clock

key. Of the seven clerks, one, Richard Ball, received 25s., and the rest, including John Robynnnson "organ player," 15s. Twelve of the thirteen choristers received 3s. 4d., but Richard Wattell only 20d. The thirteen house servants received various sums varying from 8s. 11d., to the cook, down to 3s. to the under brewer. The seventeen husbandry servants varied from 10s. to 5d.

The pension list was drawn out on March 6th, 1548. Richard Ward, the precentor, had a pension of £8, and the other fellows from £4 6s. 8d. to £4. Master Russell must have died before this date. No pensions were assigned to the clerks or choristers, though on the foundation.

The certificate as to the value of the college, in 1547, gave £536 19s. 7½d. as its income, and £471 11s. 6¾d. as the expenditure.

The actual surrender of the college and its liberties to the crown took place in 1539; but it was allowed to continue until the second year of Henry VIII.'s successor.

The college was granted by Edward VI. to Dudley, Duke of Northumberland, who immediately pulled down the fine quire of the great church (the nave was parochial), and unroofed the college buildings for the value of the lead. On the Duke's execution the site of the college reverted to the crown and was sold, shortly before Queen Mary's death, in July, 1550, to James Cruys. From an estimate made previous to the sale, it appears that the site of the college, with its two courts, orchards, and garden occupied nearly three acres. At that time there were in the eighty-eight windows or lights of the cloister a good deal of painted glass, but much broken. The library must have been a fine room, it had seven windows, In the rooms and chambers of the cloister were eighteen doorways of freestone, valued at 3s. 4d. a door.¹ The cloister windows had been glazed, *temp.* Edward IV., when William Fielde was master, with pictures of the miracles of the Old Testament, with verses below them from the Eclogues of Theodulus.²

When Queen Elizabeth first visited Fotheringhay, she

¹ Harl. MSS. 608, ff. 61b, 67.

² Leland's *Itinerary*, i. 5-7.

exclaimed in dismay at the desecrated and despoiled tombs of the royal Dukes of York, Edward and Richard, and of Cicely Nevil, Richard's wife. The Queen ordered the disinterment of the bodies from amid the ruins of the quire, and their reburial at the east end of the parish church, with monuments over them. These monuments, Camden rightly described as "very mean for such great princes, descended from kings, and from whom the kings of England are descended."¹

Mr. R. P. Brereton, in a paper² on the present condition of Fotheringhay Church, states that on the floor are "the matrices of four most magnificent brasses, which must have been some of the finest in the kingdom." The original pulpit of the parish portion of the church, bearing the arms of Edward IV. and probably his gift, yet remains. Mr. Brereton has traced some of the beautiful stall work of the destroyed collegiate chancel to the Northamptonshire churches of Tansor, Benefield, and Hemington.

¹ Camden's *Britannia* (Gibson), i. 407.

² Proceedings of the Architectural and Archaeological Society of the Archdeacons of Northampton and Oakham for the year 1903. Reprinted separately March, 1904. The photo-

graph which accompanies this paper is reproduced by kind permission of Mr. Brereton. It represents Fotheringhay church at the present day, namely the nave of the mediaeval building. The choir, which was the collegiate church, was destroyed c. 1550 as explained above.