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CARDINAL POLE'S VISITATION, 1556.

AN ABSTRACT OF THAT PART RELATING TO THE
ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON, TRANSLATED
(FROM STRYPE'S MEMORIALS OF THE REFORMATION)
BY THE REV. H. P. POLLARD.

Cardinal Pole, Archbishop of Canterbury, his metro-
political visitation of the diocese of Lincoln, with the
articles of visitation.

Things ascertained and found in the visitation of the
most reverend Lord Cardinal by the reverend father
John Bishop of Lincoln in his diocese of Lincoln in the
Feast of Easter in the year of the Lord one thousand
five hundred and fifty six, and accordingly done; as
follows :—

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- Simony.** Robert Wakeley rector of Stoughton
parva¹ in the county of Huntingdon com-
pelled to vacate his benefice on account of simony.
- Penance
enjoined on
Curate.** Thomas Hulcocke,² curate of the church
of All Saints in Huntingdon, because he
administered the Eucharist to Simon
White, George Hasseley and others with-
out auricular confession, but with the
general confession in the English tongue as it was

1. Little Staughton is in the County and Archdeaconry of Bedford.
Robert Wakerley was Rector of Covington, Hunts., 1556-1557. (Ed.)

2. Thomas Hulcocke was Master of Huntingdon Hospital, 1557, and
Vicar of Hartford, Hunts., 1560-1563. He was buried at St. John's, Hunting-
don, 23. Sep. 1563. (Ed.)

accustomed to be done in the time of the schism, was first placed in gaol by us; afterwards also public penance was enjoined upon him, which he performed. And it was enjoined upon him that he should no longer minister in the Diocese of Lincoln. And thereupon he withdrew.

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Priests Married. Anthony Redshawe¹ of Leiton and Thomas Bell² of Mollesworthe in the county of Huntingdon duly and properly cited, have not appeared, so they stand excommunicated. Therefore we have decided to apply for a Writ *De excommunicato capiendo*.

They have eaten flesh in Lent. Henry Burnebie, John Marcie, Thomas Selbie, Christopher Kendal, William Maxey, Alice Selbie and Thomas Felde of Aconberce Weston, having been convicted and confessed that without a dispensation they ate flesh in Lent, were placed in prison. And afterwards they performed the penance enjoined on them, viz. by carrying faggots in the town of Huntingdon on the Saturday after Whit Sunday and on the morrow of that Saturday in the church of the parish of Aconbery Westonne.

Palme Sunday Ceremony Mocked. On the 27 day of the month of April in the year aforesaid Laurence Burnebie of Brampton was accused and convicted that during Mass on Palm Sunday when the vicar³ was opening the doors (valvas) of the church with the shaft of the cross—the said Laurence in a jesting manner said “What a sport have we towards. Will our vicar ronne at the

1. Anthony Redshaw was presumably Curate of Leighton; he was presented to the Rectory of Great Catworth in 1558 or 1559, but is mentioned in the First Fruits Composition Book as refusing to pay his First Fruits. (Ed.)

2. I have found no other reference to Thomas Bell, of Molesworth, but a Thomas Bell, Curate of Bythorn, died in 1557. (Ed.)

3. The Vicar of Brampton, in 1556, was John Dickinson, (1555-1582). (Ed.)

quintine with God Almightye?" Upon which he submitted himself, and public penance was enjoined upon him, which he performed as in the Acts.

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Child of the Vicar of Spaldwike. The 18th of April in the year of the Lord aforesaid it was enjoined upon the vicar of Spaldwike¹ that he should no longer carry about in his arms a child born of an illegal marriage in the time of the schism—to the scandal of others. And further a certain recantation was given him, which he read publicly in his church of Spaldwike.

Dilapidation of the Chancel. The fruits of the church of Spaldwike parcel of the prebend of Stowe were sequestered on account of the dilapidation and notable ruin of the chancel there, and sufficient restoration having been made the same sequestration was removed the last [day] of July.

Flight on account of religion. Richard Simpson, Richard Whittel and Henry Barrey of the town of S Ives were reported because they had fled on account of religion. They have humbly submitted themselves and have recanted the heresies which formerly they defended. Therefore [being about] to be absolved from the sentence of excommunication they were first placed in gaol, and have performed public penance carrying faggots.

Eucharist given to unconfessed. The vicar of Stewkeley magna² was accused that he had administered the Sacrament of the Eucharist to unconfessed in the feast of Easter last and had denied auricular confession to those who asked for it;—this having been proved he was placed

1. The Vicar of Spaldwick was probably Stephen Merfyn, who held the Living in 1534-5, and became Rector of Covington in 1557. (Ed.).

2. Robert Harrison was Vicar of Great Stukeley, 1561-1581. (Ed.).

in gaol and read a public recantation in the presence of his parishoners, as more fully appears in the Acts.

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Priest Faucet,¹ priest and schoolmaster at Saint Neots, is reported because he keeps a **has a wife;** certain Elizabeth Williams whom he had **he flees.** married in the time of the schism. Before, when cited, he fled. Nevertheless, Elizabeth, when cited, appeared and she was enjoined by the lord not to admit henceforth the said Faucet into her company, because a divorce had been made between them by the authority of the church.

Re-building altars. It was enjoined on the parishoners of Saint Neots that before the last day of this month they should rebuild all the altars which were in the same church before the schism; levying an imposition or tax on the parishoners. It was also enjoined on them that before next Easter was passed they should rebuild the rood (crucifixorium) with the figures necessary to it, making it in the future as it was before.

To rebuild crucifix. It was enjoined on the parishoners of Brampton that they should rebuild the rood (crucifixorium) and four stone crosses within the same parish before the next Feast of Christmas, at the common charges.

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Yaxley. Thomas Aschelin was reported because **Absence.** he was absent from his parish Church on Good Friday. He appeared on the sixth of May and submitted himself, and penance was enjoined upon him.

1. Faucet is probably a mistake for Facon. John Facon was appointed Vicar of St. Neots in 1542; and he was still there in 1556 (see Will of John Hatley, of Huntingdon). (Ed.).

Glatton. Henry Clerke was reported because he held the Sacrament of the Mass up to
Mockery. ridicule amongst his drinking companions. He appeared and confessed that he had sung those parts "And with thy spirit. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up unto the Lord. It is meet and right" etc., not however in derision of the Mass. Nevertheless he submitted himself to the correction of the lord. A form of recantation was given to him which he read the next Sunday in the time of Mass in his parish church.

Stangronde with its Chapel.
 Chancel ruinous—fruits sequestrated.

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William Smithe' took down a crucifix
Kimballtowne. without the consent of the parishioners.
Crucifix. And they have only the parish priest although there are more than one thousand parishioners. Mrs. Wilkinson has the impropriated church. It was ordered that Smithe be called.

George Kidd committed fornication with
Alcumbery. a certain woman there. On the sixth of
He committed of May the said Kidd appeared and confessed that he had known a certain
fornication. Elizabeth Powche and that he had engaged himself to her, but was unwilling to marry her because a certain Everard Burnebie had also known her; whom the lord ordered to appear in the next court and also the woman. And the said Kidd was warned to appear in the next [court] to receive penance.

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1. William Smithe may have been Vicar of Kimbolton; but the lists of Vicars at this period are defective, and I have not met with his name elsewhere. (Ed).

Abbotsley. Anthony Bonninge since the time of the
Candle schism has kept back his candle and did
withheld. not carry it in the accustomed manner
 in the day of the Purification of the
 Blessed Mary. He performed penance.

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Abbotsley. A certain Alexander Allisonne withheld
Candles from the vicar two candles due to the
withheld. vicar, saying these words in English
 "That a wiser vicar than yee wil not
 require them"

Paxton. A certain Robert Newman received the
Auricular Sacarment without auricular confess-
Confession. ion. He did penance.

Fenny Staunton. Chancel ruinous. The lord Bishop
 has sequestered.

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Abbotsley. A certain Agnes Seale had a child and
Had knew not by whom. On the 6th of May
an illegitimate the woman appeared and confessed that
child. it was by a certain Robert Mydleton of
 Gransden parva, while she was in his
 service, etc., and has done penance in
 the accustomed manner.

Guncester John Slowe was reported because during
[Godmanchester.] two nights and one day he was in the
Suspicion. house of Thomas Vintener with a certain
 Ursula wife of the said Thomas, sus-
 piciously. He did penance.

Somersham. A certain Robert Aleyne absents himself
Absents himself. from his parish church, and when he
 comes does not behave himself well. He
 did penance.

Nicholas Philipp was reported because
Ramsey. he worked at his trade on Easter Day
He works on last. He did penance. And [the said
Easter Day. town] is a populous parish, and it has
 neither Rector nor Vicar. Mr. Richard
 Crumwell has the appropriated Church.

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Elizabeth Cuthbert has two children and
Aylton [Elton]. remains with Thomas Welforde. When
Has two she was called to reply to certain articles
children. on the 18th of June at Huntingdon it was
 enjoined that she should offer a wax taper
 by the hands of the Priest. She has done penance.

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(The parts omitted relate to other Archdeaconries.)

ARTICLES OF ENQUIRY IN THE AFORESAID VISITATION.

1. First as to the faith and unity of the faithful: are there any heretics or schismatics in the parishes, who maintain erroneous and heretical opinions, contrary to the Catholic Faith or the Sacraments of Christ in the Church, against the authority of our most holy Lord the Pope and his obedience?

2. Also are there those who, without the licence of our Lord the Pope or his Legate or the Bishop of the place, presume to preach publicly in the churches; or who by covert hints (adinuatis) instil erroneous doctrines into men's minds, or read, have, sell, carry about, write or in any way utter (propalant) heretical books?

3. Also are there in the parishes married priests not yet separated from their base consorts, or who though separated admit them or have access to them?

4. Also are there in the parishes any persons professing religion who contrary to their vows have contracted illegal marriage?

5. Also are all the altars in the churches rebuilt; the cups, books and other ornaments [restored]? Is the rood (crucifixorium) with images of the Crucified One and of Mary and John rebuilt; and is the image of the patron [saint] restored to its place?

6. Also are there faithful sidesmen (iconomi) in every parish, who every year render a faithful account of their office to the parishioners? Were any church goods taken away in the time of the schism by others than the Royal Commissioners?

7. Also are there in the parishes adulterers, fornicators, usurers, simonical persons, soothsayers, enchanters, drunkards, or those who impeach, despise or find fault with the ecclesiastical ceremonies?

8. Also are there in the parishes those who refuse to confess to their curates in Lent, or to receive the Holy Eucharist at Easter?

9. Also are there those who break the fasts ordered by the Church, who eat flesh in Lent or on the vigils of the Saints?

10. Also are the churches or chancels or rectory houses repaired [and] roofed?

11. Also are the Rectors resident, given to hospitality, and vigilant over their flocks?

12. Also are there churches vacant, and without priests? Are they sufficiently endowed to maintain the priests?

THE CARTULARY OF THE PRIORY OF ST. MARY, HUNTINGDON.

A priory of Augustinian Canons, dedicated to the Virgin Mary, was founded at Huntingdon at an early date. It is mentioned in a charter granted by King Edgar to Thorney Abbey in the year 973, as "the little monastery of St. Mary outside the same town" (*i.e.* *Huntingdon*). This early monastery is said to have stood where St. Mary's Church now is, but about the reign of King Stephen it was removed to the site which it occupied until the Dissolution, and which is now the Cemetery, and where ancient wrought stones and stone coffins are frequently found when digging the graves.

In common with other Religious Houses a Cartulary or Register of deeds was kept. These Registers were of value as proving the claims of the House to disputed property. They usually gave the name of the donor or vendor, often the date of acquisition of the property, and the conditions on which it was held, and in cases where the Priory sold or leased their property the name of the purchaser or lessee is usually given.

The cartulary of Huntingdon Priory, of which it is proposed to give a translation, is written in Latin and is preserved in the British Museum (Cotton MSS. Faust. C. 1).

It is bound up with two other documents of about the same size, one being, Macrobius in *Somnium Scipionis*, the other, The Admonition of Abbot Benedict to Monks. The endorsement describes the latter document as "Regula Benedicti."

The Cartulary consists of 63 sheets or leaves; each leaf is 12 inches long by $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide; there are 38 lines on a page and each full line is 6 inches in length.

¹ See The 29th. Annual Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records (1868), Appendix, page 17.

The first 17 folios are in the same hand writing, apparently a late 14th century hand, with the exception of a few lines on the last folio in a later hand; this part of the manuscript deals with the property in or adjacent to Huntingdon: folios 18 to 24 deal with property at Southoe, 25 and 26 with Grafham, 27—29, with Dillington, 30—41 with Gidding, 42—44 with Swineshead, 47—50 with Tilbrook, 51—56 with various properties, and 57—63 with Pensions, Fines, &c. The hand writing of the chronicler of the Gidding Records is apparently the same as that of the first part of the MS., but the rest of the manuscript is in different hands, of probably a little later date.

For convenience of reference I have numbered the various charters and deeds [1], [2], [3], &c.; and have stated in the margin the numbers of the folios in the Manuscript.

The first folio contains nothing but a recital of the manuscripts bound up in the Volume; the Cartulary itself begins on folio 2.

Cotton MSS. Faust. C. 1.

Folio 1. 1. Register of the Charters and Gifts, &c., pertaining to the Canons of the Church of St. Mary of Huntingdon.

2. Macrobius on Scipio's Dream.

3. Admonition of Abbot Benedict to Monks.

Folio 2. [1.] The King of England to the Bishop of Lincoln, to Sheriffs Justices and Vicars and to all their freemen French and English in the faith of Christ, in the County of Huntingdon, greeting. Know ye that I have given and granted as alms for ever to God and St. Mary of Huntingdon and to the Canons Regular of the said Church for the soul of King Henry my uncle and for the health of the souls of myself and my wife and my children that third part of my mills in Huntingdon which used to pay xl^s wherefore I wish and strictly enjoin that

they may hold them peaceably, freely, honourably and quietly. Besides I grant and confirm to them those alms which David King of the Scots and Henry his son gave and granted them as alms in all things. Witnesses, Evrcerd, Bishop of Norwich, Ph. cantarius to Earl Simon, Alberic de Vere, Pap. vicar and William of the same. At Cambridge.²

CONCERNING TEN-PENCE RENT.

[2.] William King of Scotland to his steward and all barons and upright men of the whole County of Huntingdon, greeting. Know ye that I have granted and by this my charter have confirmed as perpetual alms to God and the Canons of St. Mary of Huntingdon the gift which Earl Henry my father made them of ten pence of my rent in Huntingdon in exchange for lands and meadows of theirs taken from them—wherefore I wish and strictly enjoin my stewards and officers to pay the said ten pence rent every year to the said Canons at the times my rents are taken without dispute, as the charter of Henry my father proves and confirms. Witnesses, David brother of the King; Nicholas the Chancellor, Ric. de Morent, Constable, DD Olifard, Hugo ridol. At Huntingdon.³

CARTA HUNTENDON.

[3.] Be it known to all to whom the present writing comes that I, William the Prior, and the Convent of the Church of St. Mary of Huntingdon have granted to John son of Stephen the carpenter of Huntingdon and his heirs all the tenements which his father held of us in Huntingdon, that is the land which Alan Parminter held of us, and land which he held of Reg. the smith and Geoffery his son, and land which Burred the smith held of us, and land which William Fitam' held of us, by paying to us for the said lands annually xvi^s iiiij^d at

² Everard (de Montgomery) was bishop of Norwich 1121—1146, and Stephen the nephew of Henry I was King of England 1135—1154. Therefore the date of this charter must have been between 1135 and 1146.

³ William was King of Scotland 1165—1214. He was great grandson of Judith, Countess of Huntingdon,

two terms namely at the feast of St. Michael viij^s ij^d, and at Hocciday viij^s ij^d. He the said John has sworn to us to act honestly as to the tenement and to pay the annual rent at the aforesaid terms.

This grant was made to John in the presence of Thomas de Hardene, then sent by our Lord the King into Huntingdonshire to receive the oaths of fidelity in the presence of Henry de Cotta, Sheriff, Walter de Stukeley, Rob. de Insula, and Robert de Saham.

Before this concession the aforesaid John contracted matrimony with the daughter of Martin Clerk. These being witnesses, Simon de Senliz, Jocelin son of Walter de Stukeley, Master William his brother, Geoffery de Caistor, Rob. Russel, Geoffery de Bernevil, Stephen de Hotton, Geoffery, parson of Arrington, Martin Clerk of

Folio 2b. Huntingdon, Jeremia Robmincore, Symon Corn', Will. Spinc, Will. son of Martin, Rob. son of Baldewyn.

[4.] This is the agreement made between the Prior and Convent of Huntingdon on the one part and John de infirmaria on the other, viz. that they the Prior and Convent grant to the said John for ever one messuage in the town of Huntingdon with its appurtenances, which lies between the messuage of Ri. de Brokesford on one side and that of Matthew son of Christofer on the other to have and to hold of the aforesaid Prior and Convent and their successors to John and his heirs and assigns freely, quietly, entirely, well and peacefully, he paying annually to the said Prior and Convent and their successors iiij^s of silver at two Terms, that is at Hokeday ij^s and at the feast of St. Michael ij^s. And if it happen that the aforesaid John or his heirs or assigns do not pay the said iiij^s at the said Terms or within a month after then the said messuage with its appurtenances shall revert to the Prior and Convent and their successors. In testimony of which each party has signed in hand writing and affixed a seal. These being witnesses, Rob. Hardy, John de fonte, Simon Dande, Andr. Buckston, Laur. Faukes, John de Leyke, John de Riston, and others.

[5.] Let all present and future (persons) know that I, Roger the Prior, and the Convent of the Canons of Huntingdon have given and granted and by this present charter confirmed to Robert son of William son of Martin of Huntingdon and his heirs one messuage with its buildings and all appurtenances in the town of Huntingdon, that one which belonged to Robert son of Baldwin near the church of St. Mary and lies between land which belonged to James the smith and land which belonged to Alberic Parin as entirely as Robert son of Baldwin ever held it to have and to hold to him and his heirs of us and our successors freely and quietly and in inheritance by the service of x^s annually to be paid to us and our successors at two terms viz. at the feast of St. Michael v^s and at Hokesday v^s, for all services and all exactions pertaining to us.

And I, Roger the Prior, and the Convent will warrant to the said Robert and his heirs the messuage against all men and women for ever. For this said grant and concession the aforesaid Robert has given us vij marks of silver. And he has sworn before us in our Chapter, and his heirs will swear, that he will pay us the aforesaid x^s at the statutory terms, and that he will serve us and our House faithfully, nor will he forward any counsel or give help to the injury of our House. These being witnesses, Willam son of Martin his father, William Spinc, Rob. Vinctor, John son of Pellag', Roger his brother, Symon Fyn, Roger son of Hubert, Andrew son of Matilda, Symon son of Baldewinn, Robert Fyn,

Folio 3. Elias son of Andrew, William son of William son of Martin, Albinus Vinctor, William de Hamerton, John de Harconton, and many others.

[6.] Be it known to all the faithful in Christ that I Thomas son of Richard Wimbeleye have given and granted and by this present charter confirmed to God and the church of the Canons of the blessed Mary of Huntingdon one messuage with its appurtenances, viz. that one which lies between the messuage of Thomas Clerk and that of John de Melton in the parish of the

blessed Mary of Huntingdon to have and to hold to the aforesaid Canons and their church in free pure and perpetual alms so that whoever shall hold the said messuage from them shall be quit of all services pertaining to that messuage and shall pay to the said Canons and their successors xij^d annually viz. at Hokeday vj^d and at the feast of St. Michael vj^d. But I Thomas and my heirs and assigns will warrant quitclaim and defend the said messuage with its appurtenances as pure alms to the aforesaid Canons and their successors against all people for ever. In testimony of which I have affixed my seal to the present writing on the day of St. John before the Latin Gate in the 13th year of the reign of King Edward³. These being witnesses, Nicholas Caperoun of Huntingdon, William Tinator, Henry de Gidding, Geoffery de Colne, Richard de Paxton, Benedict son of Michael, Thomas Clerk, Ranulf Feetst and others.

[7.] To all the faithful in Christ who shall see or hear this present writing. Muriel daughter of Walter son of Aylbryth of Huntingdon greeting in the Lord. Know ye that I am bound by my promise and by this present writing have bound myself and my heirs and assigns as far as I can to God and the Church of the blessed Mary of Huntingdon and the Canons Regular serving God there in x^s a year at two terms for two messuages with all buildings on them, which the aforesaid Canons hold as a legacy and gift from John le Ferun, both for myself and my heirs. They have granted them to me to give, sell, leave or assign as I wish. They are those messuages which are situated between the messuage where I dwell and the messuage which John Cowel has held of me for some time in the parish of St. Benedict of Huntingdon: viz. at the feast of St. Michael v^s, and at Hokeday v^s, to be faithfully paid to the aforesaid Canons and their church. And besides I will that my heirs or assigns whoever they may be shall hold the aforesaid messuages together or separately as I have assigned them by the payment of the aforesaid x^s at

the said terms to the aforesaid Canons and their church. They are bound for ever and by this present writing the holders in the future are firmly bound. And that this my bond may have the greater security I have affixed my seal to the present writing. This was acknowledged in a full court of the burgesses of Huntingdon. These

Folio 3b. being witnesses, Robert Fyn, Robert Hardy, Alfured son of Alured then coroner, Roger son of Thomas Clerk, Helias son of Andrew, Michael son of Baldwin, Martin Salvar', Symon [the] Clerk his brother, Richard Baudrick, William Page, Stephen de cemeterio, Martin Tinctor and others.

[8.] Let all present and future persons know that I John le Ferun son and heir of Roger le Ferun of Huntingdon have given and granted and by this present Charter confirmed to God and the Church of the blessed Mary of Huntingdon and the Canons Regular serving God there with my body and for my soul and the souls of my ancestors and successors one messuage with all its appurtenances within the town of Huntingdon, viz. that messuage which Roger le Ferun my father formerly held with all the land which the same Roger bought of Philip Cappard with ingress for swine and with all the land which I the aforesaid John le Ferun bought of Adam Salvario and of Roger Cook after the decease of Roger le Ferun my father to increase the court of the said messuage, which messuage is situated between the messuage of Gilbert le mercer and that of John Cowel in the parish of St. Benedict of Huntingdon with all houses and granaries appertaining thereto as far as to the end of my court to have and to hold to the said Canons and their church in free and perpetual alms quietly fully and entirely by paying annually to our Lord the King two pence half-penny at Hokeday for all secular service exaction or demand. And that this my gift concession and confirmation of my present charter may remain secure, I have confirmed the present writing with the impression of my seal. These being witnesses, Robert Hardy, Roger son of Thomas,

Alfred le Teynturer, Symon [the] Clerk, Martin his brother, William Page, Stephen de cemeterio, Helias son of Andrew, Gilbert le Mercer, John Cowel and others.

[9.] To all sons of Holy Mother Church who shall inspect or hear this writing, Roger son of Hubert, greeting everlasting in the Lord. Be it known that I for the health of my soul and of the souls of all my ancestors and successors have given and granted and by this my present charter have confirmed to God and the church of St. Mary of Huntingdon, and the Canons Regular serving God there xiiij acres of arable land with all its appurtenances in the fields of Huntingdon, viz. 9 sellions in Dunnesmerches which I bought as two acres and one rood of Symon son of Baldewin and Simon de Cornur, and lie between the cultivated land of Dunnesmerches and land of the Nuns; and nine selions in the arable land called Schortforlong which are computed at an acre and a half which I bought of William son of Margaret and lie next land of William Spinc. In the same field, next the aforesaid acre and a half, 12 selions which are computed at three acres which I bought of Martin Gregory son of Sibrand; also in Dunnesmerches seven selions computed at one acre and three roods which I

Folio 4. bought of William le Paumer and Stephen Fyn, and lie between land of the Nuns and land of Anne who was the wife of Alfred son of Everard. Also in the same field eight selions computed at two acres which I bought of Baldewin and John sons of Martin Clerk and lie between land of the said Canons and le portinare; one acre which I bought of Seman le Mastetren. Also three selions which are computed as one acre that abut on the portinare and lie next land which belongs to John de Lietton. These thirteen acres of land I have given and granted to the aforesaid Canons and their successors in free pure and perpetual alms. And I will that they hold them freely quietly and honorably for ever by paying as King's rent to the bailiffs of Huntingdon for all service exaction

and demand xxvij^d. And in testimony of this, I Roger son of Hubert have confirmed this charter by affixing my seal. These being witnesses, Andrew son of Richard, Richard Caperoun, Geoffery le Diuere, then prepositus, Robert Vinctor, William Spinc, William son of Martin, Symon Fyn, Robert Fyn, Symon son of Baldewin, Elias son of Andrew, Roger son of Pellag, John de Hampton, Jocelin de St. Ives, and many others.

[10.] Be it know to all the faithful in Christ that I Robert the chaplain son of Jordan Theynvald of Huntingdon have granted remitted quitclaimed and by this my present charter confirmed to God and the church of the blessed Mary of Huntingdon and the Canons Regular serving God there for the soul of my father and for the souls of all my ancestors and successors ten pence of annual rent which I was wont to receive for one messuage which William de Bylu holds of the same canons in the parish of St. Martin of Huntingdon; so that neither I Robert nor my heirs nor assigns shall be able to sell exact or claim anything for it for ever, but the Canons and their successors shall acquit the said messuage of the service of our Lord the King called Hagabl; and the messuage which John de Huntingdon holds of them as I Robert am accustomed to do. In testimony of which I have affixed my seal to this writing. These being witnesses, Geoffery Fyn of Huntingdon, John de St. Benedict, Thomas Clerk, John Anner', Will. de Bylu', Robert de Croxton and others.

[11.] Let all present and future know that I Gregory son of Sibrand have given and granted and by this my present charter confirmed to God and the church of St. Mary of Huntingdon and the Canons Regular serving God there for the health of the souls of myself and Symon my brother and of my father and mother and of all my ancestors and successors in free and perpetual alms quit of all secular service except Hadgabl, one acre of land on Smerehil, which lies between land of the

1. This name occurs on folio 8b [Charter 26] as "Byluere," and on folio 9 [Charter 27] as "Billeney".

Canons and land of the Monks of Ramsey, which I bought from Gregory son of Acharius Felleden which pays for Hadgabl two pence; also on Smerehill eleven selions which I bought of Thomas son of Elias de la le Broc and pays as Hadgabl four pence; also seven selions

Folio 4b. which lie on the east of the church of St. Michael next the arable land of the Canons, which I bought of Symon son of Elias de la le Broc and Daniel son of Acharius pernius and pays as Hadgabl two pence halfpenny; also seven selions which lie next land of the Canons towards Warmanes Grene which I bought of Hugh son of Roger Deacon and his wife the daughter of William Rufus and pays as Hadgabl seven pence. These aforementioned lands the Canons shall hold free and fully quit, entirely well and peaceably as well as ever I have held them. And that this my gift may remain sure I have strengthened it by affixing my seal. These being witnesses, Elias [the] Deacon of Huntingdon, Simon, parson of St. Edmund¹, Roger son of Hubert, William Spinc, Will. son of Martin, Symon son of Baldewinni, Thomas son of Kamien, John son of Thomas Clerk, Symon Fyn, Elias son of Andr., Will. son of Baldwin, Michael his brother, and very many others.

[12.] This is the agreement made between the Prior and Convent of the Canons of the Blessed Mary of Huntingdon on the one part and Symon Sware son of Will. Sware of Huntingdon on the other part, on St. Michael's day in the 34th year of the reign of our King Henry² viz. that the aforesaid Symon has remitted and quitclaimed to the said Canons and their Church for himself and his heirs all right or claim which he had or could have had in the messuage which was William Spink's his uncle's in the parish of St. John the Baptist in Huntingdon and in six acres and a half of arable land in the fields of Huntingdon and in half a mark of rent in the parish of St. Laurence in Huntingdon, (which

1. Simon de Huntingdon was instituted Rector of the Church of St. Edmund, Huntingdon, in 1300, and Simon de Warmede (probably the same man) died Rector in 1312.

2. Apparently 34, Henry III., i.e. 1250.

messuage land and rent the aforesaid William left to the aforesaid Canons with his body in his last will,) as they lie in the town and fields, as is more fully described in the charter of the said Symon, so that neither he the said Symon nor his heirs can claim any right or possession in the said messuage land or rent on any pretext. For the above remission and quitclaim the aforesaid Canons have granted to the aforesaid Symon all that messuage which belonged to William his uncle for his whole life, by the service of xij^d yearly at two terms at the feast of St. Michael vj^d and at Hokeday vj^d freely and quietly well and in peace for all services which are due from them. On condition that after the death of the said Symon the whole messuage shall return into the possession of the Canons for their own proper uses without any dispute or molestation of the said Symon for ever. And for greater security the Prior and Convent for themselves have affixed the seal of their Chapter and Symon for himself his seal alternately to the present writing. These being witnesses, Robert Fyn, Robert Hardy, Alured son of Alured the coroner, Helias son of Andrew, Michael son of Baldewin, Martin tinctor, William Page, Martin Saluar', Symon his brother, Stephen of the Cemetery, William Sebern, **Folio 5.** Nicholas the goldsmith (*aurifaber*), Symon Wodoroue, John Cowel and others.

[13.] To all the faithful in Christ who shall see or hear the present writing Augustin Heym of Huntingdon and Pelag' his wife eternal greeting in the Lord. Be it known to all that we have granted and by this our present charter have confirmed for us and our heirs to God and the Church of the Blessed Mary of Huntingdon and to the Canons Regular serving God there as a perpetual alms all that messuage with appurtenances in the parish of St. John Huntingdon which William Spink held of the aforesaid Canons and six and a half acres of land in the fields of Huntingdon of which three half acres lie between land of the Canons of Kogkesford and land of Jordan the dyer and abut on the King's highway

and two acres lie at le Bare between the ditch of the town and land of William son of Gregory in the same furlong (*quarentena*) and three acres lie at Warmannesgrene between lands of Helias son of Andrew, which six and a half acres of land and messuage the aforesaid William Spink left to the said Canons and their Church with his body by his last Will. We have granted and by this our present charter have confirmed for ourselves and our heirs to the aforesaid Canons and their Church with half a mark of rent in the parish of St. Laurence in Huntingdon which the aforesaid William Spink left to the said Canons with his body, and for his anniversary in the aforesaid Church of the said Canons to be kept annually he assigned five and a half marks which he was accustomed to receive annually from Robert Reuis to have and to hold to the aforesaid Canons and their Church the aforesaid messuage lands and rent as a perpetual alms without any question claim or condition on the part of us or our heirs for ever, by paying for it the Royal service which is due from the messuage and lands to our lord the King or his bailiffs of Huntingdon. And that this our concession and confirmation of our present charter may remain secure for ever we have confirmed it by affixing our seals to the present writing. These being witnesses, Robert Hardy, Martin Saluar^r, Symon his brother, Ric. Baudric, William Sebern, William de Bokesworth, Stephen of the Cemetery, William Page, Michael de Stukely then porter of the Canons, John de Hargrave, John de Fonte and others.

[14.] Know all men present and future that I Symon Sware son of William Sware of Huntingdon with full knowledge and understanding (*in plena perspicate mea*) have granted and by this my present charter confirmed for myself and my heirs to God and the Church of the Blessed Mary of Huntingdon and the Canons Regular serving God there as a perpetual alms all that messuage in the parish of St. John Huntingdon which William Spink my uncle held of the aforesaid Canons and left to them and their Church with his body and six and a

half acres of arable land in the fields of Huntingdon of which three half acres lie between land of the Canons of Kokesford and land of Jordan the dyer in five selions and abut on the King's highway and two acres lie at la Bare between the ditch and land of William son of Gregory in the same furlong (*quarentena*) and three acres lie at Waremannesgrene between lands of Helias son of Andrew, which six and a half acres the aforesaid William Spinc my uncle aforesaid gave and left to the Canons and their Church in his last Will with his body. I the aforesaid Symon have granted and by this my present charter confirmed for myself and my heirs to the aforesaid Canons and their Church half a mark of rent in the parish of St. Laurence Huntingdon which the aforesaid William Spinc left to the Canons and their Church with his body, and for his anniversary to be kept annually in the aforesaid Church he assigned five and a half marks which he was accustomed to receive from Robert Reuis for land which he sold to the same Robert and by his charter confirmed to him to have and to hold to the aforesaid Canons and their Church the aforesaid messuage and rent for perpetual alms without question claim or condition on the part of myself or my heirs for ever, and that this my concession and confirmation of my present charter may remain secure for ever I have confirmed this present writing by affixing my seal. These being witnesses, Robert Fyn, Robert Hardy, Alured son of Alured then Coroner, Helias son of Andrew, Michael son of Baldwin, Martyn the dyer, William Page, Martin Saluar', Symon his brother, Stephen of the Cemetery, William Sebern, Nicholas the goldsmith (*aurifaber*), Symon Woderoue and others.

[15.] Let all present and future persons know that I, Symon Sware son of William Sware of Huntingdon, have given and granted and by this my present charter have confirmed to God and the Church of the Blessed Mary of Huntingdon and the Canons Regular serving God there two acres of arable land in the fields of Huntingdon, viz: in Middlcroft which William Spinc

my uncle formerly held and left to them by his last Will of which one acre and a half lies between the great ditch of the town and land of Robert Fyn, a rood lies between land of the said Canons and land of Hugh son of Mar', and another rood between land of the said Hugh and land of the Canons of Kokesford; to have and to hold to the said Canons and their Church in perpetual alms without any question claim or condition on the part of myself or my heirs by paying the King's due pertaining to the said land to the King or his bailiffs, and that this my gift concession and confirmation may be sure and enduring for ever I have confirmed these present writings by placing thereon my seal. These being witnesses, Robert Fyn, Robert Hardy, Alured son of Alured then coroner, Helias son of Andrew, Michael son of Baldewinn, Martin Tinctor, Will. Page and others.

[16.] To all the faithful in Christ to whom the present writing comes, Robert, Prior of the Canons of the Blessed Mary of Huntingdon, and the Convent of the same eternal greeting in the Lord. Be it known to

Folio 6. all that we with the unanimous good will and assent of our Chapter have granted and handed over to fee farm to John son of John de Croxton, tannator, two messuages with appurtenances which messuages John de Croxton formerly held of us in the parish of St. Benedict of Huntingdon lying between the messuage of Elias tannator at the foot of the Bank on one side and the messuage of John Gardener on the other to have and to hold the aforesaid messuage with appurtenances to the said John his heirs and assigns of us and our successors for four shillings annual rent to be paid to the almoner of our House for the time being, viz at Easter two shillings and at the feast of St. Michael two shillings without postponement. And if it happen that the said John his heirs or assigns take down buildings on the said tenement or fail in the payment of the rent at the statutory Terms for a year, it shall be lawful for us to enter upon the said tenement and from the same

to carry away the produce as from a tenement of our own without hindrance from the aforesaid John his heirs or assigns. And we the aforesaid Prior and Convent will warrant quitclaim and defend against all men the messuage with appurtenances to John his heirs and assigns. In testimony of which our seal and the common seal of our Chapter together with the seal of the aforesaid John have been affixed to this present writing. Given in our chapter at Huntingdon on Tuesday next after the feast of St. Gregory the Pope in the 4th year of King Edward.¹

[17.] Let all present and future know that I William Canch son and heir of Adam Canch of Huntingdon have given granted and by this my present charter confirmed to God and the church of the Blessed Mary of Huntingdon and the Canons Regular serving God there for the health of my soul and of the souls of all my ancestors and successors one messuage with buildings and all other its appurtenances viz. that one which lies between the messuage of Will. Seht on one side and of John le seler on the other in the parish of St. Mary of Huntingdon and ten shillings annual rent from the messuage with appurtenances which John Page held of me in the parish of All Hallows of Huntingdon and four crofts of land with all appurtenances viz. one croft which abuts on the lane towards the nuns, and one croft in the parish of St. Martin, and one croft which I held of the said Canons in the same parish, and one croft which formerly belonged to Ni. de Merton in the parish of St. Eadmund of Huntingdon to have and to hold all the aforesaid tenements with all their appurtenances between the burgage of the said Canons and their Church freely and quit of all exaction and demand, save the service of our Lord the King viz. Haggable if it pertains to the said tenements. I Will. and my heirs will warrant quitclaim and defend all the aforesaid tenements with all their appurtenances to the said Canons and their Church against all people for ever. In testimony of which I have affixed my seal to the

¹ 12th March 1276; the Tuesday following was the 17th March

present writing. These being witnesses, Geoffery Fyn of Huntingdon, John de St. Benedict, Symon Clerk, Thomas his brother, John Annre, Philip Daul, Andr'. Diuer', Ric', Neuman, Will. Fech, Will. Marescall,
Folio 6b. Ric Baud, John Gentyll, John de Brampton and others.

[18.] Let all present and future know that I Sibilla, who was formerly wife of Will. Canch of Huntingdon in legal widowhood have granted remitted and quitclaimed and by this my present charter confirmed to God and the Church of the Blessed Mary of Huntingdon and the Canons Regular serving God there for the health of my soul and of all my ancestors' and successors' souls all right and claim that I had or in any way could have had in lands, Tenements, Rents, possessions, messuages and buildings with all their appurtenances which I had of the gift of the said Will. Canch formerly my husband within the town (*Burg.*) of Huntingdon and without, so that neither I Sybilla nor my heirs nor assigns have any right or claim in the said lands and tenements with appurtenances in the future, nor can we sell them nor exact anything therefrom for ever. In testimony of which I have affixed my seal to the present writing. These being witnesses, Geoffery Fyn of Huntingdon, John de St. Benedict, Symon Clerk, Thomas his brother, John son of Alured, Ric. Baud, Andr. Diuer', Ric Neuman, Will. Fech, John Gentil, John le Seler, John de Brampton, Will Marescall and others.

[19.] Let present and future know that I Robert Hardy of Huntingdon have given granted and by this my present charter confirmed to God and the Church of the Blessed Mary of Huntingdon and the Canons Regular serving God there for the health of my soul and that of Helen my wife and the souls of all my ancestors and successors in free pure and perpetual alms six acres of land with all appurtenances in the fields of Huntingdon and eight shillings annual rent in the same town, viz., six shillings from the house of Agnes the dyer (*Tinctrix*) and two shillings from the land which John Fullo de

Hemingford held of me in the parish of the Holy Trinity of Huntingdon aforesaid. I have granted remitted quit-claimed and by this my present charter confirmed to the aforesaid Canons and their Church four messuages which I held of the same Canons with all buildings and appurtenances without any reserve viz, a messuage which was formerly Robert Baldewin's, and a messuage which was formerly Will. de Tichem's the chaplain. And a messuage which Ric. Neuman held of me and a messuage which Ralph Cultellar' held of me in the parish of St. Mary of Huntingdon to have and to hold all the aforesaid tenements with their appurtenances to the aforesaid Canons and their Church entirely, purely, freely and quit of all secular exaction and demand as free pure and perpetual alms for ever. In testimony of which to the present writing I have affixed my seal. These being witnesses, Sir (*Dominus*) Ric. de Hemyngton, Geoffery Fyn of Huntingdon, John de St. Benedict, Symon Clerk, Thomas his brother, John son of Alured, Andr. le Diuer', Nich. Caperoun, Ric. Neumann, Will. Kanch, Will. de Gydding, maresch', Laurenc' the baker (*pistor*), Walter de Bekham and others.

Folio 7. [20.] Let all present and future know that I Robert Hardy of Huntingdon have given granted and by this my present charter confirmed to God and the Church of the Blessed Mary of Huntingdon and the Canons Regular serving God there for the health of my soul and that of Elen my wife and of the souls of all my ancestors and successors in free pure and perpetual alms six acres of land with all their appurtenances in the fields of Huntingdon and eight shillings annual rent in the same town, that is six shillings from the house of Agnes Tinctrix and two shillings from land which John Fullo of Hemingford held of me in the parish of the Holy Trinity of Huntingdon. Besides I have granted remitted and quitclaimed and by this my present charter confirmed to the said Canons and their Church four messuages which I held of the same Canons with all their buildings and appurtenances without any reserve,

viz. a messuage which formerly belouged to Robert son of Baldewin and a messuage which formerly belouged to Will. de Tichemers the chaplain. And a messuage which Ric. Neuman held of me. And a messuage which Ralph le Cotelar held of me in the parish of St. Mary of Huntingdon to have and to hold all the aforesaid tenements with all their appurtenances to the aforesaid Canons and their Church entirely, purely, freely and quit of all secular exaction or demand as free pure and perpetual alms for ever. In testimony of which to this present writing I have affixed my seal. These being witnesses, Sir Ric. de Hemmyngton, Geoffery Fyn of Huntingdon, John de St. Benedict, Symon Clerk, Thomas his brother, John son of Alured, Andr' le Diuer, Nich.

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The Membership now numbers sixty-seven, three members having resigned, one new member been elected, and one old member rejoined.

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Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Archaeological Society.

HON. TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MICHAELMAS, 1917.

Presented at the Annual Meeting, 26th November, 1917.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance in Bank, 30th Sept., 1916	57	8	8
Subscriptions.....	28	17	6
Interest on War Loan.....	1	8	3
	£87 14 5		

THOMAS HODGSON, *Chairman.*

26th November, 1917.

Payments.	£	s.	d.
Invested in War Loan	17	11	3
Printing	14	16	6
Armorial bearings licence	1	1	0
Use of rooms for meetings	10	0	0
Insurance	7	0	0
Cheque book	2	6	0
Postage	1	11	2
Balance in Bank, 30th Sept., 1917	50	5	6
Balance in hands of Treasurer	1	9	6
	£87 14 5		

JOHN GRIFFIN, *Hon. Treasurer*

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Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance in Bank, 30th Sept., 1917	50	5	6
Balance in hands of Treasurer	1	9	6
Subscriptions	4	4	0
Interest on War Loan	2	16	4
Unused cheques on St. Neots	1	10	

£58 17 2

Payments.	£	s.	d.
Invested in War Loan	25	0	0
Congress of Archæological Societies	2	3	9
Armorial bearings licence	1	1	0
Use of rooms for meetings	10	0	
Subscription returned (paid in error)	10	6	
Insurance	7	0	
East Herts. Archæological Society	1	3	2
Stamps	10	6	
Balance in Bank, 30th Sept., 1918	27	6	2
Balance in hands of Treasurer	5	1	

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November 30th, 1917.

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REPORT

OF THE

EARTHWORKS COMMITTEE.



THE Earthworks Committee have little to report this year. The fears which are generally felt as to damage that may have been done to earthworks throughout the country during the past three years by trenching and munitions work may possibly prove to be exaggerated. Reports of damage so far are few; but the common absorption in war work has prevented archaeologists from giving much time to their districts, and no general survey is yet possible. Only two fresh cases of damage figure in this year's Report: the destruction of the Roman camp at Templeborough, near Rotherham, owing to the extension of munitions works, and some further slight damage at Stonehenge.

Templeborough has long been in danger of being built over; efforts made by the Hunter Society to purchase and preserve the site were referred to in our Report for 1913. Archaeology may, however, not be altogether a loser, as the Rotherham Corporation, though unable to save the camp, has carried out an exploration, as far as possible under the conditions, under the supervision of Mr. Thomas May, F.S.A.

The damage at Stonehenge consists mainly of two trackways across the Cursus and of various en-

croachments upon it. But as soon as this was brought to the notice of the military authorities, arrangements were made for an inspection, and steps were taken to confine the damage (some of which was unavoidable) within the narrowest limits possible. In addition, arrangements have been made to safeguard all the more important objects of antiquity in the military area on Salisbury Plain by a system of permanent marks. The Committee suggest that the thanks of the Congress should be conveyed to Lieutenant-General Sir H. C. Sclater, G.C.B., the Commander-in-Chief of the Southern Command, on behalf of archaeologists in general, for the interest he has shown in the protection of the ancient monuments on Salisbury Plain, and for the courteous way in which he received the representations of local archaeologists on the subject.

The Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland has drawn attention to the danger to earthworks and other ancient monuments that arises from the great extension of agriculture now in progress. The Committee consider that in all cases where the State assists extended cultivation or promotes schemes of land settlement, it should reserve the ownership of any ancient monuments situated or found on the lands dealt with, and that these should be placed under the care of the Ancient Monuments Board. The Committee consider that the Congress should make representations on the subject to the authorities concerned.

As regards measures of preservation, the activities of the Ancient Monuments Board have been practically suspended during the war, but the public-spirited action of Sir C. Thomas Dyke Acland, Bart., in leasing 8,000 acres of land on Exmoor to the National Trust will incidentally have the effect of preserving, at any rate for the next 500 years, many antiquities in the area leased. A further gift of land on Kinver Edge, in Staffordshire, to the National Trust includes a so-

called "Roman" camp; while in the grounds of Chequers Court, in Buckinghamshire, recently given to the nation for the use of the Prime Ministers, stands Cymbeline's Mount, an earthwork probably of later date than is suggested by its romantic name.

The Proceedings of the Royal Irish Academy for last April recorded some further important observations made by Mr. de Vismes Kane, who has been engaged for some years in tracing the lines of ancient boundary dykes on the southern and western borders of Ulster. The existence of these earthworks is little known, on this side at any rate of St. George's Channel, and has not been taken into account when similar dykes in Great Britain have been under consideration. Even if the early date (pre-Christian) which Mr. Kane confidently assigns to them be disputed, the importance of his observations is unquestionable.

Except for the work at Templeborough, exploration has been almost at a standstill. The damage done to the Cursus at Stonehenge enabled Mr. P. Farrer to get a section, and in continuation of his valuable work on Salisbury Plain he has sent plans of Chisenbury and Lidbury camps to the Committee. Mr. Heywood Sumner, F.S.A., has also done some exploration in the New Forest, recorded in his monograph on "The Ancient Earthworks of the New Forest," which has just appeared. The volume is in every way a worthy companion to his record of the earthworks of Cranborne Chase, and includes notices and plans of at least fourteen earthworks not marked in the maps of the Ordnance Survey. The Committee have also just heard that Mr. Beauchamp Wadmore has completed a record, with plans and illustrations, of the earthworks of Bedfordshire, on which he has been at work for some years.

The Committee regret to report that Dr. H.

Laver, F.S.A., who had been a member since 1905, died on the 31st August, 1917. They consider that the President of the Society of Antiquaries for the time being should be *ex officio* a member of the Committee.

Mr. T. J. Westropp, President of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, has been appointed a member *vice* the late Dr. R. Cochrane, I.S.O., to represent Ireland on the Committee.

Previous Reports have mentioned the names of members of the Committee employed on war service. To these must be added Lieutenant J. G. N. Clift, R.E., who, after being badly wounded last year on the Somme, is now attached for duty at the War Office.

Thanks are once more due to Mr. George Clinch, F.G.S., Librarian of the Society of Antiquaries and Assistant Treasurer of the Congress of Archaeological Societies, for assisting in the preparation of the Bibliography; to Lieut. A. G. Chater, R.N.V.R., for help given to the Honorary Secretary in the compilation of this Report; and to the representatives of affiliated Societies and other correspondents for the information they have furnished.

The various items received follow in the usual order.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

PRESERVATION AND RECORD.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.—Sir Arthur Lee's gift of Chequers Court, in the Chiltern Hills, to the nation, as a country house for the Prime Ministers, includes the earthwork known as Cymbeline's Mount, which stands in the grounds. Whether there was an earlier work on the site, or not, the present work is classed by Mr. A. H. Allcroft as a Norman work of the mount and bailey type. It is to be hoped that it may be possible to arrange for the public to have access to it.

CARMARTHENSHIRE.—Carmarthen. Further efforts have been made by the Carmarthenshire Antiquarian Society to protect the Civil War earthworks known as "The Bulwarks," in the county borough of Carmarthen.

LINCOLNSHIRE.—Dr. J. H. Gibson, in *The Louth Record* for July and August, 1917, describes some earthworks at Withcall, near Louth, which are indicated in the 25-inch map of the Ordnance Survey, but not accurately, and which he believes have not hitherto been recorded. Besides a fragment of a bank and ditch, apparently very ancient, these consist of two earthworks of the mount and bailey type, a homestead moat, and about a dozen rectangular enclosures, probably sheep and cattle folds.

SOMERSET.—Exmoor. Sir C. Thomas Dyke Acland has leased for 500 years to the National Trust some 8,000 acres of Exmoor, in order that they may be permanently preserved in their natural beauty (a map of the area leased appeared in *The Graphic*, Mar. 3, 1917, and a description of it by H. St. George Gray in *Country Life*, Mar. 10, 1917). Thus the "Caractacus Stone" and the Wam Barrows on Winsford Hill will be permanently preserved; also Bury Castle at Selworthy, and other earthworks.

STAFFORDSHIRE.—A further gift to the National Trust of 155 acres of land at Kinver Edge, near Stourbridge, presented by the relatives of the late Mr. Grosvenor Lee, of Birmingham, in his memory, includes a so-called "Roman" camp, defended on two sides by a steep scarp of rock and on the other sides by a rampart with rounded corners.

WILTSHIRE.—Wansdyke. Messrs. H. C. Brentnall and A. R. Gidney report that they have traced further remains of banks in Savernake Forest on the line of Wansdyke.

YORKSHIRE.—Teesdale. Mr. Edward Wooler, of Darlington, has examined some remarkable terraces at Romalldkirk and Cotherstone, which he has described to the Darlington Naturalists' Field Club. He suggests that they may be mediæval military works, dating from the days of warfare between England and Scotland.

DESTRUCTION.

CARNARVONSHIRE.—Penmaenmawr. The site of the great hill fort is still being destroyed by quarrying.

SHROPSHIRE.—Abdon Burf. Quarrying continues.

WILTSHIRE.—Salisbury Plain. The Rev. G. H. Engleheart, local secretary of the Society of Antiquaries of London, communicates the following information :—

In April of this year it was reported that a local firm of Government contractors had ploughed up a portion of the Stonehenge Cursus. The Society of Antiquaries at once took action and had the injury inspected. It is reported that the damage will probably not be extended, and there is a likelihood that the surface may be restored by military labour.

In May, a local deputation interviewed the Chief Engineer, Headquarters, Southern Command, on the general subject of the preservation of the earthworks on Salisbury Plain. It was agreed that the more important objects should be permanently marked by concrete pillars with painted notices, and that corresponding signs and explanatory notes should be marked on a set of 6-inch Ordnance maps for the use of the Southern Command.

By desire of the General Officer Commanding in Chief, Southern Command, on May 31st Capt. Slessor, of the General Staff, in company with the Rev. G. H. Engleheart, visited the Cursus and made a careful survey of the damage done, more especially by military operations. This is not great and is remediable, consisting of—
(a) two trackways through the Cursus; these are unavoidable, as the Cursus, over $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile in length, lies right across the central military area; they are, however, to be securely fenced in, so as to restrict them to the narrowest feasible width. (b) A now disused bombing station, built on and into the N.E. bank. (c) A considerable drainage effluent which has been allowed to discharge and collect over the easternmost area.

Capt. Slessor has recommended in his report that the bank and area of the Cursus be protected by a line of barbed wire on 4ft. posts.

— It is further reported by Mr. P. Farrer that a group of ring barrows at Rolleston has been defaced by the construction of a road, and that several barrows have been levelled and built over in the Lark Hill and Fargo Plantation district.

YORKSHIRE.—The Roman camp at Templeborough, near Rotherham, is being destroyed, owing to the extension of munitions works. (*See also under* Exploration.)

EXPLORATION.

HAMPSHIRE.—Mr. Heywood Sumner, F.S.A., reports a partial excavation within the area of a small embanked enclosure on Gorley Hill, in which four pits and two sunken fireplaces were excavated, yielding pottery evidence of occupation from the end of the first century B.C. to the later centuries of the Roman occupation. The relics found have been placed in the Salisbury Museum, and a record appears in *Ancient Earthworks of the New Forest*.

— In the construction of an aerodrome near Andover, a low, round barrow had to be levelled. Its removal brought to light some fragments of three different vessels of bronze age pottery, some burnt bones in a rough cist, and a bronze knife-dagger in fair preservation. These are being carefully preserved by the Lord of the Manor.

SUSSEX.—A section has been cut across Stane Street and the accompanying bank on Halnaker Hill. (*See Bibliography: Curwen.*)

WILTSHIRE.—Salisbury Plain. A section of the Cursus has been examined as the result of a cutting made for a drain (*see* Destruction). A report is being made by Mr. P. Farrer to the Wilts. Archaeological Society.

YORKSHIRE.—Rotherham. The Rotherham Corporation, after satisfying itself of the impossibility in present circumstances of its preservation, has undertaken the exploration of the Roman camp at Templeborough, so far as was possible during the course of its destruction, and the work has been carried out under the superintendence of Mr. Thomas May, F.S.A.

IRELAND.

PRESERVATION AND RECORD.

The Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland has represented the danger to ancient works likely to arise from the extension of cultivation owing to war conditions. No damage due to this cause has, however, been reported.

ULSTER.—Boundary Dykes. Mr. W. F. De Vismes Kane, following up researches on the line of an earthwork known as the "Black Pig's Dyke," which he began in 1907, has traced three lines of earthworks which he considers marked the former frontiers of the province of Uladh (Ulster) at different periods. The northernmost of these ran south-east from Donegal Bay to the lower end of Lough Allen, thence westward to another earthwork known as the "Danes' Cast" on the borders of County Down. The most southerly line diverged from this at a point east of Lough Allen and ran south along the course of the Shannon as far as Athlone, thence eastward through West Meath to the head of the estuary of the Boyne. The earthworks, which of course are now by no means continuous, resemble in some respects the great English dykes, such as Wansdyke; but Mr. Kane considers that they and the changes of frontier they suggest correspond with boundaries indicated in Irish sagas, and probably date back to the pre-Christian age in Ireland.

EXPLORATION.

CO. GALWAY.—The exploration of Lochpairc Crannog, near Tuam, has been carried out by Professor Macalister and others (see *Proc. Royal Irish Academy*, Vol. xxxii., No. 8).

He has also examined the Masonbrook Ring and a large artificially scarped mound at Masonbrook, near Loughrea, with negative results. The ring may have been made for religious purposes. The mound, a natural eskar, may possibly have been scarped and terraced to serve as an inauguration mound.

At Grannagh, in the same neighbourhood, he excavated a small mound surrounded by an earthen ring. Cremated burials were found, with animal bones and glass beads, and a bone pin attributed to the La Tène period. (See Bibliography: Macalister.)

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The classification of defensive works recommended by the Committee in the above Scheme stands as follows:—

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- B. Fortresses on hill-tops with artificial defences, following the natural line of the hill.
Or, though usually on high ground, less dependent on natural slopes for protection.
- C. Rectangular or other enclosures of simple plan (including forts and towns of the Romano-British period).
- D. Forts consisting only of a mount with encircling moat or fosse.
- E. Fortified mounts, wholly or partly artificial, with remains of an attached court or bailey, or showing two or more such courts.
- F. Homestead moats, consisting of simple or compound enclosures formed into artificial islands by water moats.
- G. Enclosures, mostly rectangular, partaking of the form of F, but protected by stronger defensive works, ramparted and fossed, and in some instances provided with outworks.
- H. Ancient village sites protected by walls, ramparts, or fosses.
- X. Defensive or other works which fall under none of the above headings.

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