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THE RECORDS OF THE ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON.

INTRODUCTION.

An Archdeaconry comprising the Counties of Cambridge, Huntingdon and part of Hertford was founded by Remigius, Bishop of Lincoln (1067-1092), and was held by Nicholas, father of Henry of Huntingdon, until the formation of the See of Ely (1109-1110) necessitated a change, when Cambridgeshire passed to Ely and Huntingdonshire with part of Hertfordshire, was constituted a separate Archdeaconry, and Henry of Huntingdon became its Archdeacon.[1]

In 1441 a composition was made between the Bishop of Lincoln and the various Archdeacons, whereby certain episcopal prerogatives within the several Archdeaconries were transferred to the Archdeacons.

Under this arrangement the Archdeacon of Huntingdon paid to the Bishop of Lincoln £21 a year by the name of a 'presentation,' and in return for this he had the power of holding Courts, granting Probate of Wills and Letters of Administration, issuing Marriage Licenses, &c.

The Judge of the Ecclesiastical Court was known as the Archdeacon's Official and was appointed by Patent, which Patent was confirmed by the Bishop who usually, at the same time, appointed the Official as his own Commissary. This was done in order to avoid appeals from the Archdeacon's Court to the Bishop's Court; the Commissary being the Bishop's own representative as well as the Archdeacon's there could be no appeal to the Bishop, and the only appeal therefore was direct to the Court of Arches.

The Registrar was likewise appointed by the Archdeacon and confirmed by the Bishop who appointed him, at the same time, Registrar to the Commissary.

1. Henry of Huntingdon, '*Letter to Walter.*'

So that there was only one Court, one Judge and one Office of Registrar at the same time in the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon. Sometimes the Office of Registrar was granted jointly to three people at the same time, but in that case one acted in Huntingdonshire, one in Hertfordshire, and the third waited in expectancy for the decease of one of his fellows; but the two offices, viz. in Huntingdonshire and Hertfordshire, were simply branches of one Registry, and the Court for which they acted was the same court and presided over by the same Judge.

Once in three years the Bishop made a Visitation of the Archdeaconry, and upon such occasions he inhibited the Archdeacon from exercising any authority for a period of three months. During these periods of inhibition the Bishop's Chancellor acted in place of the Commissary and Official, but the Archdeacon's Registrar was usually appointed Deputy Registrar for the time being, and the Records generally remained with the other Records of the Archdeaconry.

Robert Sanderson was consecrated Bishop of Lincoln, 28 October, 1660, and died 1 February, 166⅔, and it is a somewhat significant fact that the series of documents now in possession of the Archdeacon begins in this latter year.

Peter Mewes (1649-1665) was at this time Archdeacon, David Budd (1660-1673) was Official, and John Buck (1660-1679) Registrar. It would therefore appear that with the new Bishop (Benjamin Laney, 1663-1667) some change in the custody of the Records took place. It may simply be that the Bishop enforced a more rigid care of the Records;—but, whatever the cause, the great bulk of the Records begin in the year 166⅔, the only exception being the Registers of Wills proved in the Archdeaconry Court (now transferred to Peterborough) which commence in 1484.

John Buck lived to a great age, and three years before his death he was threatened with suspension unless he appointed an efficient deputy to perform the office of

Registrar, and he accordingly appointed one Duling Salmon.

Upon Buck's death the Registrarship remained vacant for about two years, during which time Duling Salmon acted as Registrar, but on 2 November, 1681 the then Archdeacon, John Hammond (1673-1701), gave a patent of the Office to Thomas Juice and Simon Michael.

Thomas Juice acted in Hertfordshire, but when Simon Michael essayed to act in Huntingdonshire Duling Salmon refused to hand over the Seal and Registers, and he appears to have been supported in this refusal by the then Commissary and Official, William Foster (1674-1684) and his successor George Barnardiston (1684-1712). The result was long and bitter litigation, concerning which voluminous notes are preserved amongst the Records. The end we are not definitely told, but it appears that the parties came to an agreement in consideration of a money payment;—this was illegal, under the Statute 5 and 6, Edward VI., and they were thereby both disqualified from holding the office,—whereupon the Crown on 22 October, I. William and Mary (1689), granted it to Thomas Woodward, William Gilbert and Richard Master, the first of whom exercised the office in Huntingdonshire.

The office of Commissary and Official was held from 1712 to 1715 by Robert Mapletoft, a member of a family very intimately connected with the Ferrars of Little Gidding. It is not unreasonable to suppose that the interesting seal of the Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem (badly broken, and mended by a brass plate fixed to the back,) found its way into the possession of the Archdeacons owing to this appointment. Little Gidding belonged to the Hospitallers, and the seal may have been found upon the property.

The accompanying table gives the names of the Archdeacons, Commissaries, Officials, Registrars and Deputy Registrars during the period covered by this series of Records.

By an Order in Council, 19 April, 1837, the County

of Huntingdon was transferred from the Diocese of Lincoln to that of Ely, but it does not appear that any change was made in the personnel of the Officers of the Archdeaconry, nor does it seem that their powers were in any way curtailed.

In April 1852 the Peculiar Jurisdictions within the Diocese of Ely were abolished by an Order in Council and the parishes of Brampton, Buckden, Leighton, Stow Longa, Spaldwick, Easton, Barham and the hamlet of Little Catworth became subject to the Archdeacon in the same manner as the rest of the County.

The Ecclesiastical Courts, however, had for a long time been gradually losing their authority which was slowly but surely passing to the secular Courts.

In 1857 the Testamentary Jurisdiction Act took away from the Archdeacon the power of granting Probate of Wills and Letters of Administration and such like business, and early in 1858 all the Registers and other documents relating to Probate matter were removed to the District Registry of the Court of Probate at Peterborough.

Since that time the jurisdiction of the Archdeacon has been confined to matters strictly concerning the Church and Clergy.

In 1915 the Venerable F. G. Vesey who had been Archdeacon for forty years (1874-1915) resigned, and the Venerable Thomas Hodgson became Archdeacon in his place.

A few months later Mr. C. B. Margetts who had held the office of Registrar for many years also resigned, and shortly afterwards Mr. Surtees George Wilkinson was appointed Registrar in his place.

Upon the resignation of Mr. Margetts, Archdeacon Hodgson requested the present writers to examine, arrange and report upon the Documents forming the Records of the Archdeaconry, and the following Report with its Appendices is the result.

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Archdeacons.	Commissaries.	Officials.	Registrars.	Deputy Registrars.
Peter Mews. 9 Nov. 1647. Installed 12 Sep. 1660. Resigned 1665.	David Budd. Patent 1662 to Sep. 1674.†	David Budd Patent 1660. to Sep. 1674.†	John Buck, Millicent Coliquite and . . . Salisby. Patent 2 November 1660 Oliver Coker, John Buck and Millicent Coliquite, for their lives. Patent 20 Dec. 1660. Resigned 1676.	
Wm. Johnson. 18 March 1666 d. 4 March 1667				Thomas Juice (for Herts) Appointed 8 July 1668 Duling Salmon (for Hunts.) Appointed 17 May 1676
Henry Downhall. 27 April 1667. d. Dec. 1669				
Ric. Perrinchief. 29 March 1670. d. 31 Aug. 1673.				
John Hammond. 5 Sep. 1673. Resigned 15 May 1701	William Foster. 16 June 1674.† to 17 May 1684.† George Barnardiston.[3] 28 May 1684.† to 29 May 1712.†	William Foster. Patent 5 April 1674. Made Vicar General, 16 April 1683.[3] George Barnardiston. Patent 7 Sep. 1683. to 29 May 1712.†	John Buck, Millicent Coliquite and Robert Sanderson,[1] for their lives. Patent 4 Aug. 1676. John Buck, the survivor, died . . . May 1679. Vacant two years, when Duling Salmon acted as Registrar, 1679-1681.[2] Thomas Juice and Simon Michael for their lives. Patent 2 Nov. 1681. Thomas Juice died 30 Sep. 1686. Simon Michael apparently deprived.	Duling Salmon (for Hunts.) Appointed June 1686. Samuel Fox (for Herts.) Appointed 19 Oct. 1686.
White Kennett 15 May 1701. Resigned 1720.	Robert Mapletoft. 30 Sep 1712.† to 11 Nov. 1715.† John Bettesworth. 21 May 1716.† 28 July 1722.†	Robert Mapletoft. Patent 30 Aug. 1712. to 11 Nov. 1715.† John Andrew, 21 May 1716.† 26 Sep. 1747.†	Thomas Woodward, William Gilbert and Ric. Master, for their lives. Patent 22 Oct. 1689, (by the Crown). Thomas Woodward survived to (July) 1721.	
John Sturges. 17 Nov. 1720 d. 13 Dec. 1725.	John Andrew. 13 Sep. 1722.† to 26 Sep. 1747.†		Benjamin Woodward and Thomas Sturges, for their lives. Patent 21 Dec. 1721. Benjamin Woodward's Will was dated 15 Dec. 1756, and he was dead by 12 March 1757.	
William Lunn. 12 Aug. 1725. d. 20 March 1747				
Timothy Neve. 28 March 1747. d. 3 February 1757.	Arthur Collier. Patent 14 Dec. 1747. d. April 1777.	Probably vacant 1747-1760.[4]		
Charles Jenner. 22 April 1757. d. —— 1770.		Rev. Charles Jenner, for life. Patent 28 March 1760. to 4 November 1773.†	Thomas Kerrich, Robert Jenner and Edward Taylor, for their lives. Patent 30 June 1757. Edward Taylor was still alive, 1786.	Henry Watson.[6] 7 July 1757.† d. 17 April 1789.
Nicholas Cholwell. 31 March 1770. d. —— 1773.				
Michael Tyson. 26 February 1774. d. 22 February 1794.	Thomas Bever. 20 April 1777.† Resigned 15 Dec. 1781.	Michael Tyson,[5] for life. Patent 18 Oct. 1774. to 5 March 1779.†		James Watson. 22 June 1789.† d. 19 June 1809.

Archdeacons.	Commissaries.	Officials.	Registrars.	Deputy Registrars.
Thomas Parkinson. 16 April 1794. Resigned ——— 1812.	John Hodgson, for life. Patent 1 January 1782. d. 7 April 1822.	John Hodgson, for life. Patent 16 April 1794. d. 7 April 1822.	Robert Jenner, Christopher Hodgson and John Hodgson, for their lives. Patent 1 February 1798. Christopher Hodgson was still alive 1828.	William Margetts. 1809† 1841† d. 27 March 1843.
Thomas Fanshaw Middleton. 4 April 1812. Resigned ——— 1814.		Probably vacant 1822-1824.		
James Hooke. 9 July 1814. ——— 1828.	Richard Smith. Patent ——— 1822. Still alive 8 May 1867.†	Rev. Walter Farquhar Hooke, for life. Patent 9 Aug. 1824. Resigned 18 May 1853.		
James Banks Hollingworth. 25 February 1828. d. ——— 1855.		Rev. Henry Margetts, for term of the Archdeacon's tenure of the Archdeaconry. Patent 19 May 1853. to 14 Feb. 1856.† Probably vacant 1856-1865.[7]		
Henry Reginald Yorke. 14 February 1856. Resigned ——— 1869.				
			Charles Margetts. (1858). d. 15 October 1881.	Charles Margetts. 1847. 1871.†
Francis Thos. McDougall. —— February 1870. Resigned ——— 1874.	Rev. James Collet Ebden.[8] 22 July 1868.† d. 15 February 1884.	Rev. James Collet Ebden. 5 May 1865.† d. 15 February 1884.		
Francis Gerald Vesey. 26 June 1874. Resigned 30 January 1915.			Charles Berkeley Margetts. 26 May 1875.† Resigned 1915.	
		Rev. William Maule. 18 July 1884.† 7 Feb. 1889.†		
		Rev. John Pycock. —— to 16 March 1893.†		
		Rev. Henry Hart Chamberlain. 7 Dec. 1893.† d. 26 May 1899.		
		Rev. William Mackreth Noble. 20 Sep. 1899.† 30 January 1915.		
Thomas Hodgson. 13 February 1915.			Surtees George Wilkinson. 1915.	

1. Robert Sanderson and his two sons had a Patent of the office of Registrar to the Commissary, from Bishop Sanderson, circa 1662/3.
2. Duling Salmon was appointed Deputy Registrar by John Buck, 17 May 1676, and sometimes signs as Registrar,' sometimes as 'Deputy Registrar'; after Buck's death he continued to act as Registrar until the Archdeacon gave the office to Thomas Juice and Simon Michael. Salmon then refused to surrender the Seal and Registers, and on 21 December, 1681 he obtained from the Bishop the office of Registrar to the Commissary, and performed the duties until 1689 or 1690.
3. William Foster was made Vicar General, 16 April 1683, and resigned the Officialty shortly afterwards; but he retained the Commissaryship until the next year when he resigned that also.
4. Arthur Collier is called Official in 1759 and 1761, but this is probably an error, as it is almost certain that Timothy Neve appointed no Official and that Charles Jenner left the office vacant until he appointed his son, in 1760.
5. It is not clear how long Michael Tyson held the office; he occurs on 5 March 1779, but from 1780 to 1793 the Archdeacon himself acted.
6. It is somewhat difficult to know what he term 'Deputy Registrar' stands for. It seems to have had three distinct meanings:—(1) The acting Registrar, the official Registrar being an absentee; (2) A man acting as the Registrar's assistant or deputy for the occasion only; (3) The acting Registrar appointed as Deputy Registrar to the Chancellor during an Inhibition. We have concerned ourselves only with the first of these three, but there may be some confusion in places.

Henry Watson apparently acted occasionaly as deputy for Benjamin Woodward as early as 1743, but from 1757 until his death he appears to have been acting Registrar, the actual holders of the office being absentees.

7. Archdeacon Yorke apparently left the office vacant and acted for himself until 1865.
8. James Collett Ebden is sometimes called Commissary and Official, but whether he really held a Patent of the former office is not clear.

† The dates marked thus are the first and last dates (as the case may be) which have been found recorded.

REPORT, TO THE ARCHDEACON OF HUNTINGDON, UPON THE RECORDS OF THE ARCHDEACONRY.

HUNTINGDON.

20 May, 1920.

DEAR MR. ARCHDEACON,

HUNTINGDON ARCHDEACONRY RECORDS.

We now beg to report that we have completed our examination of the documents constituting the Records of the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon. We regret that the examination has taken so much longer than we had anticipated, but the years of war, placing upon us all duties which we were not accustomed to bear and impeding the course of our ordinary life, have delayed us in more ways than one, for which we crave your indulgence.

We found the Documents tied up in innumerable bundles and roughly labelled, but upon examining the contents of these bundles we discovered that the labels were in many cases inaccurate; often the top paper was the only one which answered to the description, the others being of quite a different character, and generally, in the middle, there were one or more papers relating to entirely different matters. Moreover we found that papers relating to one cause were distributed, in some cases, over about twenty different bundles; these we have now brought together.

Some of the documents have suffered from damp, and in a few cases they have been damaged by mice, but upon the whole they are very fairly well preserved.

We have, dusted, sorted and arranged them, and bound them in covers in book form so that they can in future be kept on shelves and be easily accessible.

There are sundry old bound books which we have

numbered and catalogued with the rest of the Documents. The period covered by these documents commences generally in 1663, but there are a few, of small value, dating back to 1598. They distinctly possess local interest, but have practically no national value; the name of Oliver Cromwell does not appear in them, nor does that of any Huntingdonshire man who has attained national celebrity.

There was evidence that they had been ransacked by irresponsible persons who had torn off many of the seals; the fine seal of George Barnardiston, Commissary and Official 1684-1712, having proved so attractive to the depredators that no good copy of it has been left. (There is a fine copy of it in the British Museum). While on the subject of seals we may say that, with the exception of a small fragment of the Seal of John Williams, Bishop of Lincoln (1621-1641), there is no specimen of the old cast wax seals attached to any of the documents; in the few cases in which such seals may have existed they have been removed.

There are, however, many interesting specimens of wafer seals; a fine series of those of the Bishops of Lincoln from Benjamin Laney (1663-1667) to John Kaye (1827-1853), and of the Bishops of Ely from Joseph Allen (1836-1845) to the present Bishop, Dr. Chase, are attached to the Mandates for Induction and to the Inhibitions and Relaxations.

The seals of the Commissaries and Officials commence with an early seal of which only one copy remains; this is followed by another rather early seal which was apparently used until William Foster (1674-1684) introduced his own personal seal. George Barnardiston (1684-1712) used a personal seal, and so did Arthur Collier (1747-1777), John Hodgson (1782-1822), and Richard Smith (1822-1867).

It does not appear to have been customary for the Archdeacon to use a personal official seal; his official documents were all issued in the name of the Commissary and Official, whose seal was attached to them.

Upon the death of George Barnardiston, in 1712, his successor, Robert Mapletoft (1712-1715), instead of adopting a personal seal had an official Archidiaconal seal made. The earliest date upon which we have found this seal used is 15 September, 1714, but it had probably been in existence a year or so earlier, and from this date onward it was used, sometimes as the sole official seal and sometimes concurrently with the personal seal of the Commissary and Official, until Archdeacon Vesey (1874-1915) adopted a personal seal, and again, upon his resignation, it has once more come into use.

It should be observed that there was a considerable laxity in the use of these seals. Frequently an old and discarded seal or one which had no official connection with the Archdeaconry would be used; a fine old seal of the Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem being frequently so used.

No doubt, in the course of time, documents which should have been in this collection have been lost or have found their way into other hands; the only definite cases of this which have come to our knowledge are the following:—

An Act Book of Sixteenth Century date now in Lambeth Palace Library.

Two Act Books of Eighteenth Century date now in the Library of the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, London.

Two bundles of Marriage Allegations, of names beginning with the letter B, for the years 1720-31 and 1741-50 inclusive, now in the District Registry of the Court of Probate, at Peterborough.

We are not able to say definitely what has become of the Records of the Archdeaconry prior to 1663, but it is known that some of the Commissaries and even some of the Registrars resided at Buckden, and they may have found it convenient to keep the Records in the Episcopal Palace there, in which case it is quite possible that they may have been removed, with the Episcopal Records, to Lincoln in 1837. We have not made any enquiries on

this point at Lincoln, so can do no more than make the suggestion, but certainly some of the early Transcripts of the parish registers of Huntingdonshire are there. However this may be, we found that the stray documents relating to the Hertfordshire part of the Archdeaconry were generally of earlier date than those relating to Huntingdonshire.

Amongst the papers found in the middle of the bundles, as above described, were documents of all descriptions:—

There were a considerable number of papers relating to Probate matters; several bundles consisting largely of Guardianship papers, Compoti, Citations re Wills and Administrations, &c., although not so labelled. These should be sent to their respective Probate Registries.

A large number of papers relating to Hertfordshire. Part of this County (some 79 parishes) was included in the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon, but it had an Office and a Deputy Registrar of its own, its Courts being held principally at Hitchin and Baldock, and its papers therefore do not form part of the series kept at Huntingdon.

We have thought it advisable to do these papers up in a parcel by themselves, as it seems to us that they ought eventually to be sent to the Registry of the Archdeacon of St. Albans.

A few papers relating to other Counties, viz.:— Bedfordshire 21, Buckinghamshire 15, Cambridgeshire 11 with a bundle of papers relating to St. Peter's College, Essex 2, Hampshire 1, Lancashire 1, Leicestershire 10, Lincolnshire 87 and a small bundle, Northamptonshire 8, Oxfordshire 5, and Rutlandshire 2. These we have done up in parcels by themselves, and we would suggest that they be offered to the Registries concerned in exchange for any documents which such Registries respectively may contain belonging to the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.

In addition to the Documents properly belonging to the Archdeaconry there are series of Documents relating to the Peculiars of Brampton, Buckden, Leighton, Stow Longa, Biggleswade, Empingham, Nassington and Isleham with Freckenham.

The Peculiars of Brampton, Buckden, Leighton and Stow Longa are all in the County of Huntingdon, and the Documents relating to them seem rightly to belong to the Records of this Archdeaconry, because the whole of these parishes have ceased to be Peculiars and are now subject to the Bishop and Archdeacon in the same way as the rest of the County and the more modern Records relating to them are merged in the rest of the series; we have therefore bound them up in a similar manner to the rest.

It may be advisable to point out that there is an idea in certain quarters that there was a Peculiar Jurisdiction of Spaldwick, Easton and Barham; this is incorrect, the Peculiar of Stow Longa comprised the parishes of Stow Longa, Spaldwick, Easton, Barham and the hamlet of Little Catworth, but the Church of Spaldwick being on a main road and easier to reach than the rest, the Courts, at least in later years, were held there.

The Prebendary of Sancte Crucis *alias* Spaldwick in the Cathedral Church of Lincoln possessed a small estate at Spaldwick in Huntingdonshire, but he had no Peculiar Jurisdiction there.

The documents belonging to the Peculiars of Biggleswade, Empingham, Nassington and Isleham with Freckingham have really nothing to do with this Archdeaconry, and appear to be amongst the Archdeaconry Records by accident—probably due to their having had, at some time, a common Registrar. We have carefully examined these documents and have done them up in bundles ready to be sent to their proper custodians.

The Records of the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon have now been arranged upon shelves in closed lockers

in the Archdeaconry Library at Huntingdon; they consist of the following volumes: —

Nos. 1 to 126—THE EARLY TRANSCRIPTS OF THE PARISH REGISTERS. These were in rolls, an arrangement which appears to us to be peculiarly inconvenient; in this form the documents are awkward to arrange upon a shelf, they accumulate a maximum quantity of dust, and are difficult to get at and to consult. We have unrolled and dusted them, and put them into large envelopes (marked on the outside with the names of the parishes) so that they will now stand upon a shelf, can be kept clean, and are easy of access. They commence generally in 1663, although there are a few earlier sheets, and they end in 1812. We have prepared a Calendar of them.

Nos. 127 to 227—THE LATER TRANSCRIPTS OF THE PARISH REGISTERS. These were tied up in loose bundles; they have now been bound in covers, marked on the back with the names of the parishes. They commence in 1825 (those for 1813 to 1824, with a very few exceptions, being missing), and they end generally in 1858, although there are a few of later date. We have prepared a Calendar of them.

Nos. 228 to 233—Five volumes of TERRIERS arranged in Parishes, alphabetically, and a volume of Transcripts of Terriers. The originals date from 1564 to 1763, with a very few later, but are chiefly of the years 1607, 1709 and 1724; the Transcripts are of the years 1707-1712.

Nos. 234 to 242—BISHOPS' MANDATES FOR INDUCTION, arranged chronologically. The Mandates date from 5 January, 166⅔ to 20 January, 1915 (i.e. to the end of the Archidiaconate of the Venerable F. G. Vesey who resigned on 30 January, 1915). The CERTIFICATES OF INDUCTION which commence 16 April, 1747, and are fairly complete from that date, have been bound up with their respective Mandates. Previous to 1747, the date of Induction is in some cases endorsed upon the Mandate.

This series is remarkably complete; in the few cases where a Mandate is missing it is probably due to the Induction having taken place during an Inhibition, and the document having therefore been taken to Lincoln, although it should be noted that as a rule in such cases the documents were left at Huntingdon.

Nos. 243 to 245—VISITATION PROCESSES together with some MONITIONS TO EPISCOPAL VISITATIONS, all arranged chronologically. No. 243 covers the years 1669-1725, with one of the year 1637; No. 244, 1725-1763; No. 245, 1764-1911.

Nos. 246 and 247—GENERAL CITATIONS, arranged chronologically. No. 246, 1674-1725; No. 247, 1726-1771, 1774, 1776, 1780-1810.

No. 248—INHIBITIONS AND RELAXATIONS, 1613-1910; and CONVOCATION PAPERS, 1685-1886. All arranged chronologically. These contain the record of a Poll taken in 1768 for the election of a Proctor in Convocation.

Nos. 249-50—ACTS OF COURT, arranged chronologically. These papers, although really of the nature of Act Books, are simply sheets of paper, sometimes pinned together, sometimes quite loose. They were found dispersed in various bundles but have been brought together and bound chronologically. No. 249, 1692-1700; No. 250, 1730-1817. *(See also No. 278.)*

Nos. 251-262—These twelve volumes contain various papers chiefly relating to causes in the Ecclesiastical Courts, arranged in Parishes alphabetically. The subjects include disputes about rates, tythes, and seats in churches, corrections of faults and charges of defamation.

They range generally from 1670 to 1800, but there are a few papers, of no great value, going back to 1598, and some of later date than 1800.

Nos. 263-265—Documents relating to the PECULIARS OF BRAMPTON, BUCKDEN, LEIGHTON AND STOW LONGA. These papers are of a similar kind to those re-

lating to the other parishes, but they have in addition Visitation Processes and Minutes.

No. 266—PENANCES from 1692 to 1775, with one of 1677 and one of 1792. Arranged chronologically.

No. 267—LETTERS DENUNCIATORY OF EXCOMMUNICATION from 1670 to 1780, arranged chronologically.

No. 268—SCHEDULES OF EXCOMMUNICATION from 1666 to 1762; and ABSOLUTIONS OF EXCOMMUNICATION from 1734 to 1776, all arranged chronologically.

No. 269—INTIMATIONS FOR FACULTIES from 1677 to 1845, arranged chronologically. *(See also Nos. 279-281).*

Nos. 270 and 271—SEQUESTRATION BONDS, 1691-1826, and 1827-1870. No. 271 also contains LICENSES FOR NON-RESIDENCE 1803-1859 (one 1690); CLERGYMAN'S CERTIFICATES, 1667-1676, 1705, 1711; APPOINTMENTS OF PARISH CLERKS, 1752, 1759, 1771, 1819, 1825, 1826; SCHOOLMASTERS' CERTIFICATES, 1671, 1682, 1693, 1704, 1710, 1712, 1714, 1722, and one LICENSE, 1716; SURGEONS' CERTIFICATES, 1696, 1701, 1709, 1717, 1718; MIDWIVES' CERTIFICATES, 1704, 1717, 1724, 1729, 1745; LISTS OF CURATES, &c., 1844-1872. All arranged chronologically.

No. 272—ARCHDEACONRY CASH ACCOUNTS, 1816-1879; and PROCURATION ROLLS, 1817-1892.

No. 273—PAPERS relating to Returns to Parliament as to the Ecclesiastical Courts, 1828-1829, and the Ecclesiastical Courts Bill, 1832-1845, the Testamentary Jurisdiction Bill, 1853-1856, and papers relating to the Transmission of Wills formerly in the Archdeaconry Court to the Prerogative Court of Canterbury and the District Courts.

No. 274—Papers relating to the ARCHDEACONS, COMMISSARIES, OFFICIALS AND REGISTRARS, and a few miscellaneous papers of a similar nature.

In this volume are several of the original Patents of the Registrars, &c., and a large mass of documents relating to a dispute as to the Registrarship, which contain, in a somewhat confused form, a great deal of

interesting historical matter relating to the Office of Archdeacon, Registrar, &c.

No. 275—MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS chiefly of very small value, and ranging from a copy of the Act of Parliament, 37, Hen. VIII., cap. 21, to a copy of the London Gazette, 23 Aug., 1878. To which have been added sundry notices, &c., relating to Visitations, 1834-1914.

No. 276—SURROGATES' BONDS, 1713-1876, together with some miscellaneous papers relating to Marriage Licenses.

No. 277—MEETING HOUSE PETITIONS, 1691-1704, 1780-1851. Arranged chronologically.

No. 278—ACTS OF COURT, 18 May, 1614, to 23 May 1615. An old bound book, most of the pages of which are blank. These Courts appear to have been held at Godmanchester.

Nos 279-281—FACULTY BOOKS, No. 279, 1700-1730; No. 280, 1732-1802; No. 281, 1802-1845.

No. 282—A little book apparently used for subscribing oaths of Surgeons, Midwives, Curates, and Schoolmasters, 1686-1750.

It contains the oath of Samuel Fox on admission, before George Barnardiston, as Registrar of the whole Archdeaconry, 27 May, 1688; and the oath of Robert Mapletoft on admission as Commissary and Official, 9 September, 1712.

Nos. 283-289—PROCURATIONS AND SYNODALS, 1727-1819. These volumes include Hertfordshire as well as Huntingdonshire; they are of somewhat varied sizes.

No. 283, 1727-1742; No. 284, 1734-1737; No. 285, 1738-1743; No. 286, 1744-1753; No. 287, 1754-1764; No. 288, 1791-1811; No. 289, 1810-1819.

No. 290—VISITATION MINUTE BOOK, 1808-1866, containing lists of Incumbents, Churchwardens, &c., present at Visitations.

No. 291—VISITATION MINUTE BOOK, 1867-1876.

Nos. 292-295—REGISTER OFFICE ANNUAL ACCOUNT BOOKS. No. 292, 1727-1745; No. 293, 1750-1779; No. 294, 1784-1819; No. 295, 1820-1847.

The first two volumes contain Hertfordshire as well as Huntingdonshire.

Nos. 296-298—REGISTER OFFICE DAY BOOKS. No. 296, 1830-1838; No. 297, 1838-1841; No. 298, 1841-1851.

Nos. 299-304—Old books of LEGAL FORMULÆ. These books are of various shapes and sizes, and apparently of little interest or value.

No. 305—ARCHDEACON'S NOTE BOOK, 1701-1751. This book was apparently first written about the year 1705 for White Kennett, Archdeacon 1701-1720, by his Registrar or Deputy-Registrar, and contains a few notes by the Archdeacon himself; William Sturges, 1720-1725, and William Lunn, 1725-1747, added a few brief notes; but the greater part of the manuscript is by Timothy Neve, 1747-1757; it contains brief but interesting notes of the parish churches visited.

No. 306—ARCHDEACON'S NOTE BOOK, 1825-1855. This book was written by James Banks Hollingworth, Archdeacon, 1825-1855. Some pages appear to have been cut out, apparently by the Archdeacon himself, and their contents copied in his own handwriting upon other pages of the book; there is some indiction that this was done in 1838, but its object is not apparent.

There is also a large collection of Allegations and Bonds for Marriage Licenses, commencing in 1662 and continuing down to 1883. We regret that the cost of binding these has, for the time being, been found prohibitive; but they have been done up in bundles and arranged alphabetically, so that they are not really difficult of access.

In addition to the documents enumerated above, the following documents are in your own keeping:—

Deed by the Bishop of Lincoln for the Union of the Churches of Huntingdon, 20 July, 1668, with

consent of the Mayor, &c., of Huntingdon and of King Charles II. as Patron.

Indenture of Exchange between the Revd. Robert Hodgson and Stephen Arundel, as to certain property belonging to the Rectory of St. Benedict, Huntingdon, 1773.

Papers relating to Ellington Vicarage, 1840, &c.

Some old papers relating to Orem's Charity.

Roll of Rents and ferme of the Manors of the Convent of Ramsey which appertain to the Chamberlain, Anno . . . . (date destroyed).

There are also in the possession of your Registrar, Surtees George Wilkinson, Esq., of St. Neots, the following:—

BOOKS.

Register Office Clerk's Instructor.
Register Office Day Book, 1852 to 1906.
Register Office Day Book, 1907-1915.
Register Office Annual Account Book, 1848-1915.
Archdeacon's Visitation Minute Book, 1878-1892.
" " " " 1894-1915.

BUNDLES OF PAPERS.

Visitation Processes, 1912 and 1913.
Archdeacons' Visitations, List of Clergy, &c., 1902, 1905 and 1907.
Papers relating to Clergy Discipline Act and Pluralities Act, 1892-1910.
Papers re Convocation, 1890-1914.
Draft Registrar's and Archdeacon's Accounts, &c., 1856-1871.
Draft Registrar's Accounts, 1876-1915.
Draft Archdeacon's Accounts, 1885-1895.
Sequestration Bonds, 1871-1882.

We desire to take this opportunity of thanking you for having placed the work of examining and arranging these documents in our hands; being keenly interested, as you know, in the Archæology and History of Huntingdonshire, we have found the task a most interesting one, and we trust that our labours will be of

some value to those who may desire to consult these documents. We would thank you, also, on behalf of our brother Archæologists, for having placed the documents where they will be within the reach of those who are interested in them.

We beg to remain,

Your obedient Servants,

WM. M. NOBLE,
S. INSKIP LADDS.

To
THE VENERABLE THOMAS HODGSON,
Archdeacon of Huntingdon.

APPENDIX I.

CALENDAR OF THE TRANSCRIPTS OF PARISH REGISTERS.

The figures are in all cases quoted as both years inclusive.

ABBOTSLEY.

No. 1. 1662 to 1811, except 1677, 79, 80, 81, 89, 92, 1703, 17, 19, 21, 87.

No. 127. 1825 to 1858.

ALCONBURY-CUM-WESTON.

No. 2. 1674 to 1750, except 1677, 78, 88, 89, 92, 1703, 08, 20.

No. 3. 1751 to 1812, except 1752, 54, 56, 57, 60, 61, 63 to 71, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82.

No. 128. 1824 to 1842.

No. 129. 1843 to 1858.

ALWALTON.

No. 4. 1675 to 1812, except 1678, 79, 81, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 94, 96, 97, 98, 1701, 03, 05, 07, 16, 17.

No. 130. 1825 to 1858, except 1832, 34, 36.

BARHAM.

No. 103. 1762.

No. 208. 1825 to 1858, except 1836, 38 to 49, 51, 52, 53, 56,

BLUNTISHAM-CUM-EARITH.

No. 5. 1680 to 1757, except 1681 to 91, 97 to 1703, 11, 12, 13, 17, 19, 21.

No. 6. 1758 to 1812, except 1765, 66, 67.

No. 131. 1825 to 1834, except 1830, 31, 32.

BRAMPTON.

No. 132. 1824 to 1854, except 1838 to 1853.

BRINGTON.

No. 7. 1680 to 1812, except 1681, 82, 83, 84, 88, 89, 92, 93, 94, 97, 1703, 05, 08, 12, 13, 14, 17, 21, 37, 40, 43 to 54, 56 to 76, 79, 81.

No. 133. 1825 to 1858, except 1856 and 1857.

BROUGHTON.

No. 8. 1682 to 1812, except 1683, 84, 86, 89, 97, 98, 99, 1700, 01, 03, 04, 05, 07, 10 to 19, 28, 32, 35, 42, 47, 49, 54, 58, 59, 60, 61, 65, 74 to 83, 86, 88, 89, 94, 1804.

No. 134. 1825 to 1837.

BUCKDEN.

No. 9. 1720 to 1812, except 1723, 26 to 30, 33, 35, 37 to 72, 75 to 1806.

No. 135. 1825 to 1843, except 1834.

No. 136. 1844 to 1861.

BUCKWORTH.

No. 10. 1662 to 1812, except 1678 to 85, 89, 90, 1700, 01, 03, 04, 05, 09, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 33, 34, 35, 38, 40, 41, 43, 49, 58, 61, 62, 68, 69, 73, 83, 87, 88.

No. 137. 1825 to 1858; except 1845, 46, 47, 48, 51, 52.

BURY.

No. 11. 1680 to 1812, except 1681, 82, 83, 89, 90, 97, 98, 1702, 03, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, 25, 33, 38, 39, 46, 88.

No. 138. 1825 to 1858.

BYTHORN.

No. 12. 1682 to 1812, except 1689, 90, 92, 93, 94, 96, 98, 1703, 05, 08, 11, 13, 19, 20, 21, 33, 36, 37, 42, 52, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 75, 76.

No. 139. 1825 to 1858.

CALDECOTE.

No. 13. 1664 to 1812, except 1665 to 73, 75, 76, 77, 81, 89, 1703, 07, 45 (or 46), 76, 82, 83, 86.

No. 140. 1825 to 1858, except 1830, 34, 35, 36, 37, 43.

GREAT CATWORTH.

No. 14. 1683 to 1755, except 1684, 86, 87, 89, 90, 93, 98, 1700, 01, 04, 05, 12, 13, 16, 29, 47.

No. 15. 1756 to 1812.

No. 141. 1825 to 1859.

CHESTERTON.

No. 16. 1674 to 1812, except 1677, 79, 84, 85, 89, 90, 93, 94, 96, 98, 99, 1700, 01, 02, 03, 05, 06, 07, 55, 67, 78, 88.

No. 142. 1825 to 1858, except 1836.

COLNE.

No. 17. 1684 to 1812, except 1685, 86, 89, 91 to 99, 1701, 03, 04, 05, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 21, 49, 54, 56 to 67, 74 to 78, 80, 81, 83, 84, 86, 87, 88.

No. 143. 1821 to 1858, except 1838, 40, 42 to 49, 51.

CONINGTON.

No. 18. 1683 to 1812, except 1684, 89, 94, 95 (98, 99, 1700), (02, 03, 04), 07, 08, 53, 85, 88.

No 144. 1825 to 1859, except 1839, 41, 46, 48, 52, 54, 55, 56.

COVINGTON.

No. 19. 1660 to 1812, except 1670, 71, 78, 79, 81, 82, 84, 89, 96, 97, 98, 99, 1701, 03, 08, 12, 29.

No. 145. 1826 to 1858, except 1829, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 56.

DENTON.

No. 20. 1679 to 1812, except 1686, 89, 96, 97, 98, 1703, 05, 12, 37, 42, 60, 76, 80.

No. 146. 1825 to 1858, except 1846, 49.

DIDDINGTON.

No. 21. 1674 to 1812, except 1678, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 94, 95, 97, 98, 99, 1700, 03, 05, 12, 17, 19, 21, 22, 35, 53, 85, 86, 87, 88.

No. 147. 1825 to 1857, except 1836, 40.

EASTON.

No. 103. 1760, 1762, 1765, 1812.

No. 208. 1825 to 1857, except 1839 to 1853, 56.

ELLINGTON.

No. 22. 1686 to 1812, except 1689, 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, 98, 1703, 08, 10, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 28, 34 to 47, 50, 56 to 61, 63 to 84.

No. 148. 1825 to 1858, except 1830, 35, 36, 37, 38, 42, 50, 57.

ELTON.

No. 23. 1675 to 1740, except 1677, 81, 88, 89, 94 to 99, 1703, 05, 07, 08, 35.

No. 24. 1741 to 1775.

No. 25. 1776 to 1812, except 1787.

No. 149. 1825 to 1858, except 1826, 27, 35, 44.

EVERTON-CUM-TETWORTH.

No. 26. 1672 to 1765, except 1683, 88, 90, 1703, 04, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 19, 21, 22.

No. 27. 1766 to 1812.

No. 150. 1825 to 1859.

EYNESBURY.

No. 28. 1675-1755, except 1680, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 97, 98, 1703, 04, 05, 16, 17, 19, 21.

No. 29. 1756 to 1812.

No. 151. 1825 to 1855, except 1827, 42.

FARCET.

No. 30. 1660 to 1747, except 1677, 78, 79, 81, 89, 90, 94, 97, 1701, 03, 04, 07.

No. 30A. 1748 to 1812, except 1784, 85, 86, 87, 88.

No. 152. 1825 to 1857, except 1843, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50.

FENSTANTON.

No. 31. 1669 to 1762, except 1678, 79, 80, 81, 82, 86 to 92, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 1700, 03, 04, 05, 06, 17, 19, 21, 40, 44, 54,

No. 32. 1763 to 1812, except 1797.

No. 153. 1825 to 1854, except 1836, 38, 39, 44.

FLETTON.

No. 33. 1680 to 1812, except 1681, 84, 88, 89, 93, 96, 97, 98, 1714, 17, 27, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 68, 70, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 81, 84, 85, 88, 96.

No. 154. 1825 to 1857, except 1836, 38, 44, 46, 48, 50.

FOLKSWORTH.

No. 34. 1680 to 1812, except 1681, 82, 83, 1703, 05, 07, 12, 13, 28, 29, 48, 49, 51, 63, 64, 88.

No. 155. 1825 to 1863, except 1836.

GREAT GIDDING.

No. 35. 1675 to 1750, except 1677 to 85, 89, 90, 92, 93, 94, 97, 1703, 08, 37.

No. 36. 1751 to 1812, except 1787, 88, 1809.

No. 156. 1825 to 1859, except 1826, 1838 to 50, 52, 56,

LITTLE GIDDING.

No. 37. 1696 to 1812, except 1697, 98, 1700, 02, 03, 04, 05, 08, 13, 16, 32, 38, 40, 42, 43, 44, 47, 49, 50, 52, 64, 65, 70, 72, 75, 85, 86, 88, 1803.

No. 156. 1825 to 1835, except 1833 and 1834.

STEEPLE GIDDING

No. 38. 1680 to 1812, except 1681, 82, 83, 89, 91, 93, 94, 96, 97, 1700, 03, 04, 08, 10, 36, 43, 59, 60, 64, 70, 77, 78, 79, 85, 86, 87.

No. 157. 1824 to 1859, except 1850.

GLATTON.

No. 39. 1679 to 1755, except 1680, 81, 82, 87, 88, 89, 94, 96, 1700, 03, 07, 31, 42

No. 40. 1756 to 1812, except 1757.

No. 158. 1825 to 1858.

GODMANCHESTER.

No. 41. 1674 to 1727, except 1684, 85, 87, 88, 89, 94 to 1705, 10, 11, 15, 17, 19, 21.

No. 42. 1729 to 1740. (1728 is missing).

No. 43. 1741 to 1755, except 1747 and 1752.

No. 44. 1756 to 1812, except 1785, 86, 87, 88, 91 to 1805, 07, 08.

No. 159. 1823 to 1839, except 1824.

No. 160. 1840 to 1852.

No. 161. 1853 to 1866.

GRAFHAM.

No. 45. 1680 to 1812, except 1681, 82, 83, 84, 86, 88, 89, 1703, 1714, 16, 18, 62.

No. 162. 1825 to 1855, except 1836, 41, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50.

GREAT GRANSDEN.

No. 46. 1674 to 1742, except 1689, 97, 1703, 13, 17, 19, 21.

No. 47. 1743 to 1812.

No. 163. 1825 to 1858, except 1826, 27, 28, 29, 30, 38.

HADDON.

No. 48. 1680 to 1812, except 1681, 84, 89, 93, 94, 95, 99, 1701, 03, 05, 07, 26, 29, 32, 45, 56, 70, 75, 77, 78, 88, 98.

No. 164. 1825 to 1856, except 1835.

HAMERTON.

No. 49. 1674 to 1812, except 1678, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 89, 90, 96, 97, 1703, 07, 08, 12, 16, 17, 18, 21, 32, 37, 39, 40, 41, 44 to 49, 52, 55, 56, 57, 58, 64, 65, 68, 69, 70, 72, 74, 75, 76, 77, 80, 81, 82, 83, 85, 87, 88, 89, 91, 92.

No. 165. 1826 to 1857, except 1830, 33, 41, 45, 56.

HARTFORD.

No. 50. 1672 to 1812, except 1678, 79, 81, 89, 1701, 03, 09 to 19, 21, 29, 33, 35, 40, 52, 57, 65, 72, 1801.

No. 166. 1825 to 1858, except 1837, 38, 40, 42, 56.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS.

No. 51. 1690 to 1812, except 1691, 92, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 1703, 04, 05, 15, 17, 19, 21, 42, 48, 62, 63, 66 to 95.

No. 167. 1825 to 1835, except 1834.

HEMINGFORD GREY.

No. 52. 1627, 1673 to 1812, except 1678, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 87, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 96 to 1701, 03, 17, 19, 21, 54, 59, 63, 66 to 88, 90, 91, 92.

No 168. 1825 to 1847, except 1833, 38, 39, 44, 46.

HILTON.

No. 53. 1678 to 1812, except 1679 to 84, 86, 87, 89, 90, 91, 97, 99, 1701, 03, 04, 06, 17, 19, 21, 49, 54, 83, 84.

No. 169. 1825 to 1858, except 1844.

HOLME.

No. 54. 1680 to 1756, except 1681, 84, 89, 1703, 04, 19.

No. 55. 1757 to 1812, except 1794.

No. 170. 1825 to 1859.

HOLYWELL-CUM-NEEDINGWORTH.

No. 56. 1674 to 1751, except 1679, 80, 81, 82, 83, 88, 89, 92, 1703, 17, 19, 21.

No. 57. 1752 to 1812, except 1788.

No. 171. 1822 to 1856, except 1836, 44, 46.

HOUGHTON-CUM-WYTON.

No. 58. 1678 to 1812, except Houghton 1678, 79, 80, 84, 88, 89, 93, 96, 1703, 09, 17, 19, 21, 76, 1810, and Wyton, 1679 to 86, 89, 93, 03, 06, 09, 17, 19, 21, 24, 44, 47, 48, 76, 1810.

No. 172. Houghton, 1852, 53, 54, 55, Wyton 1846 to 1855, except 1848.

HUNTINGDON.

No. 59. *All SS. and St. John*, 1676 to 1812, except 1677 to 86, 91, 94, 96 to 1705, 1707 to 1728, 1734 to 1802, 05. *St, Mary and St. Benedict*, 1691 to 1812, except 1694, 96 to 1715, 17, 19, 21, 23, 27 to 1802.

No. 173. *All SS. and St. John*, 1823 to 1849, except 1824.

No. 174. *St. Mary and St. Benedict.* 1825 to 1839.

No. 175. ,, ,, ,, 1840 to 1857, except 1845, 49, 53, 54.

OLD HURST.

No. 60. 1684 to 1812, except 1685, 86, 87, 88, 89, 1703, 13, 17, 19, 21, 46, 57, 66, 75, 83, 84, 86, 87, 88, 91, 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, 98, 99. The returns for 1746, 57, 66 and 75 are included with those for Wood Hurst.

No. 176. 1825 to 1857, except 1843.

WOOD HURST.

No. 61. 1683 to 1812, except 1685, 86, 88, 89, 90, 1703, 17, 19, 21, 29, 45, 52, 60, 65, 70, 83, 84, 86, 87, 88, 91, 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, 98, 99, 1801.

No. 177. 1825 to 1857.

KEYSTON.

No. 62. 1672 to 1812, except 1677 to 83, 89, 1703, 08 to 13, 15, 17, 22.

No. 178. 1825 to 1858.

KIMBOLTON.

No. 63. 1677 to 1751, except 1681, 82, 86, 87, 88, 89, 94, 96, 1702, 03, 28.

No. 64. 1752 to 1812, except 1755.

No. 179. 1825 to 1855, except 1837 to 1850, 52.

LEIGHTON BROMSWOLD.

No. 180. 1820 to 1859, except 1821, 23, 24, 25, 26, 43 to 53, 56, 57, 58.

MOLESWORTH.

No. 65. 1661 to 1812, except 1679, 81, 82, 89, 90, 92, 93, 94, 1701, 1703, 12, 13, 43, 47.

No. 181. 1825 to 1858.

MORBORNE.

No. 66. 1678 to 1812, except 1679, 80, 81, 82, 86 87 89, 94, 96, 1702, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 11, 13, 14, 17, 41, 45, 52, 59, 67, 68, 70, 75 to 80, 83, 87.

No. 182. 1825 to 1855, except 1830, 38, 54.

OFFORD CLUNY.

No. 67. 1676 to 1812, except 1678, 79, 80, 81, 82, 89, 95, 1700, 01, 03, 05, 17, 19, 21, 67, 70, 84, 85, 87, 88.

No. 183. 1825 to 1856, except 1847, 50.

OFFORD D'ARCY.

No. 68. 1674 to 1812, except 1679, 80, 81, 82, 84, 86 to 93, 97, 1703, 17, 19, 21, 25, 67, 76, 78, 79, 80, 82, 83, 84, 85.

No. 184. 1825 to 1858, except 1827.

OVERTON LONGUEVILLE AND BOTOLPHBRIDGE.

No. 69. 1680 to 1812, except 1681, 82, 84, 86 to 94, 96, 97, 98, 1700, 01, 03, 09, 17, 59, 91, 92.

No. 185. 1825 to 1855, except 1838, 39, 40, 41, 51.

OVERTON WATERVILLE.

No. 70. 1680 to 1812, except 1681, 83, 89, 1703, 06, 27 to 34, 36, 37, 38, 44, 49, 81, 84, 97.

No. 186. 1825 to 1859, except 1836.

GREAT PAXTON.

No. 71. 1675 to 1812, except 1676, 88, 89, 97, 1703, 17, 19, 21, 52, 56, 67, 95.

No. 187. 1825 to 1857, except 1843.

LITTLE PAXTON.

No. 72. 1675 to 1812, except 1677, 81, 84, 89, 92, 1703, 04, 09, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 88.

No. 188. 1825 to 1859, except 1841, 42, 43, 56, 58.

PIDLEY-CUM-FENTON.

No. 73. 1682 to 1756, except 1683, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 1701, 03, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 45.

No. 74. 1757 to 1812, except 1776, 77, 79, 1806.

No. 189. 1821 to 1862, except 1838, 39, 40, 44, 45.

RAMSEY.

No 75. 1673 to 1755, except 1678 to 86, 89, 91, 93 to 1701, 03 04, 07, 09, 17, 19, 21, 25, 28, 37 to 41, 44, 45.

No. 76. 1756 to 1812, except 1759, 60, 62, 66, 67, 75 to 88.

No. 190. 1827 to 1836.

No. 191. 1837 to 1845.

No. 192. 1846 to 1858.

LITTLE RAVELEY.

No. 77. 1672 to 1812, except 1676, 77, 78, 79, 82, 84, 85, 89, 91, 93, 95, 98, 1703, 04, 05, 06, 08, 09, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 39, 52, 53, 59, 61, 66, 70, 72, 74, 76, 77, 78, 81, 84, 94, 1805.

No. 193. 1825 to 1853, except 1832, 33, 35, 36, 38, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 50, 51, 52.

ABBOT'S RIPTON.

No. 78. 1679 to 1753, except 1681, 83, 89, 1703, 17, 19, 21, 29.

No. 79. 1754 to 1812.

No. 194. 1825 to 1853, except 1827, 43 to 50, 52.

KING'S RIPTON.

No. 80. 1690 to 1812, except 1703, 17, 19, 21, 24, 28, 41, 44, 46, 47, 48, 50, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 60 to 78, 81, 85, 86, 1811.

No. 195. 1825 to 1857, except 1831, 36, 38, 39, 42, 46, 47.

ST. IVES.

No. 81. 1686 to 1720, except 1687, 89, 93, 1702, 03, 05, 17.

No. 82. 1721 to 1742, except 1727 to 1732.

No. 83. 1743 to 1760, except 1744.

No. 84. 1761 to 1775.

No. 85. 1776 to 1812, except 1783 to 1801.

No. 196. 1825 to 1839.

No. 197. 1840 to 1855, except 1843.

ST. NEOTS.

No. 86. 1671 to 1710, except 1680, 85, 87, 89, 94, 96, 1703, 04, 06.

No. 87. 1711 to 1755, except 1717, 19, 21, 28, 45.

No. 88. 1756 to 1782, except 1771, 73.

No. 89. 1783 to 1812.

No. 198. 1824 to 1839, except 1825.

No. 199. 1840 to 1853.

SAWTRY, ALL SAINTS.

No. 90. 1682 to 1755, except 1684, 87, 89, 90, 91, 98, 99, 1700, 03, 10, 12, 13, 23.

No. 91. 1756 to 1812, except 1779.

No. 200. 1825 to 1858.

SAWTRY, ST. ANDREW.

No. 92. 1674 to 1812, except 1677, 78, 81, 82, 84, 87, 89, 92, 1703, 23, 29, 41, 79, 82, 86.

No. 201. 1825 to 1858.

SOMERSHAM.

No. 93. 1660 to 1759, except 1679, 80, 81, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 98, 1703, 04, 16, 17, 19, 21, 27, 29, 33, 37,

No. 94. 1760 to 1812, except 1774, 75, 77, 78, 80, 81, 83, 84, 86, 87, 88, 1806, 07.

No. 202. 1825 to 1848, except 1833, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40.

SOUTHOE.

No. 95. 1670 to 1812, except 1677, 78, 79, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 89 to 94, 96, 97, 1702, 03, 04, 05, 16, 17, 19, 23, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 1803.

No. 203. 1825 to 1857, except 1833, 46, 54.

SPALDWICK.

No. 103. 1758, 1761, 1765, 1812.

No. 208. 1825 to 1858, except 1847 to 1853.

STANGROUND.

No. 96. 1659 to 1759, except 1678, 81, 84, 87, 91, 99, 1701, 05, 07, 15, 16.

No. 97. 1760 to 1812.

No. 204. 1825 to 1858, except 1843, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 52.

GREAT STAUGHTON.

No. 98. 1680 to 1756, except 1681, 82, 89, 90, 1702, 03, 06, 10, 17, 19, 21, 32, 33.

No. 99. 1757 to 1812, except 1785.

No. 205. 1825 to 1835.

STIBBINGTON.

No. 100. 1679 to 1812, except 1681, 86, 88, 89, 92, 96, 97, 1703, 07, 20, 86, 1804.

No. 206. 1825 to 1866, except 1826, 27, 28, 48.

STILTON.

No. 101. 1679 to 1760, except 1681, 84, 89, 98, 1703, 04. 06, 07, 33.

No. 102. 1761 to 1812, except 1783.

No. 207. 1825 to 1859, except 1826, 27, 28, 30, 40 to 50.

STOW LONGA.

No. 103. 1749, 1761, 1762, 1812.

No. 208. 1825 to 1857, except 1839 to 1853.

GREAT STUKELEY.

No. 104. 1686 to 1812, except 1689, 97, 98, 1701, 02, 03, 08, 14, 17, 19, 21, 31, 33, 35, 40, 52, 54, 55, 56, 58, 65, 74, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88

No. 209. 1825 to 1858, except 1845, 46.

LITTLE STUKELEY.

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No. 260. Somersham with Pidley and Colne, (Tithes), (215.) 1606-1691.

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No. 263. Peculiar of Brampton, 1722-1851. Peculiar of Buckden, 1666-1851.

No. 264. Peculiar of Leighton, 1601-1851. Peculiar of Stow Longa, Visitation Processes, 1745-1794.

No. 265. Peculiar of Stow Longa (except Visitation Processes), 1668-1851.

APPENDIX V.

CALENDAR OF THE MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS IN VOLUME 275.

Royal Instructions to collect a Benevolence, 1514; concerning a visitation of Dio. Lincoln, and with some account of the Commissary of the Bishop.

Copy of an Act, 37. Henry VIII., cap. 21, for uniting two parishes.

Tables of Fees due to Bishops, Archdeacons and others in the Ecclesiastical Courts in the Dio: Lincoln,—within the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon. Copied from the Register of the Archbishop of Canterbury, 20 April 1683.

The King's dues out of the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon, from 5. Dec. 1691 to 1 May 1692.

Letter dated 11 May 1698, from William (Lloyd), Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, to (James Gardiner,) Bishop of Lincoln, as to preaching in churches :—

98, May 11.

MY VERY GOOD LORD,

I have yr Lo'ps L'r of Apr. 28 now before me; & first crave yo'r pardon for my having kept it so long without any answer, though I see I shall presently need another pardon for sending yo'r Lo'p so defective an answer as y^t wch I am about to make at this time. For, to begin wth y^t wch you require towards the end of yo'r L'r, yt is an account of my owne practise in matters of this kinde, I must confesse I have not strictly required all those whom I have Instituted to Livings or Licensed to serve cures, to take Licenses to Preach. And yet I am not ignorant y^t by ye 36^t Canon of ye Synod in 1603 none should be suffered to Preach except he be Licensed by ye Archbp or Bp. of ye Diocese. But y^t there may be no want of preaching in Churches where there is no Licensed Minister, it is ordered in ye 46^t Canon y^t he that is not allowed to Preach shall procure a Sermon to be preached in his church once in every moneth by a Licensed Preacher; and on every Sunday w'n there is not a Sermon he or his Curate shall read a Homily.

This was very well ordered and would have had very good effect, but y^t, by ye artifices of ye Devill, Homilies are brought in such disgrace among ye people, y^t where they know a Homily is to be read, scarce half of them will come to Church.

To remedy this great evill, ye Clergy have generally left off ye reading of Homilies, and taken to preaching after their owne maner, being generally satisfied if they can but bring their people to Church, though God knows not half of them are able to make a tolerable Sermon. What should a Bp. do in this case? If he requires all to take Licenses according to the Canon, or else not to preach, but read Homilies; it is likely y^t most of ye Clergy will come for Licenses. What then? If he grants Licenses to ye greater part of ye Clergy, especially according to ye rate of Bp. Barlow's Ordinations, he shall grant to some of them whom he can'ot in conscience approve. If he refuses any, it is a brand on ye Clergyman: & if he will preach nevertheless, either ye Bp. must let his authority be trampled, and ye Canons together; or if he censures ye Clergyman for preaching without license, he draws upon himself all those hard Censures in Mr Metford's book, and a great many more wch ye Dissenters have ready to throw upon him. I do but touch at a few of ye many mischiefs y^t would follow.

This I thought w'n I came to be Bp., & therefore I forebore requiring any of ye Clergy to take Licenses, but those whom

I very well approved, & they took y'm not unwillingly, but as marks of ye esteem I had of y'm.

For those others to whom I did not think fit to give Licenses, I thought it would not be for ye Churches service in ye present state of affaires to require them to read Homilies according to ye L,'r of ye Canons, & much less to silence them, wch to be sure ye times would not bear.

That wch I would have obliged them to, was to read licensed Sermons to their people, or rather, if they could, to say them by heart in their pulpits. And for y^t purpose, I have oftentimes had it in my thoughts, and have moved ye Archbps, w'n I hoped there might be a season for it, to make collections of printed Sermons to ye number of 500 or more such as they should think fit to be Licensed, some upon every usefull subject; & in ye blessed Queen's time, I caused many good Sermons y^t were preacht at Whitehall, to be printed to ye end they might be taken into ye Collection. But God has not yet given us a time for it And when ye time comes, I trust God will direct them y^t are in Authority to take either this way or some other, better y'n I can think of, to bring Homilies into credit, though under ye name of Sermons. Till then, I think this way of requiring ye Clergy to take Licenses might better be spared. And yet I cannot but heartily approve of w't yo'r Lo'p did in this matter knowing it to be according to ye Canons If according to ye present state of ye Church, it had better be spared, he y^t was of y^t opinion ought to have declared it to yo'r Lo'p in private and left you to Judge to whom it properly belonged in yo'r Diocese. But no man y^t had any sens of his duty to Authority or Laws, any love to ye Church, or even any Compassion for it in its present bleeding condition, would have throwne such a fire-ball as this book of Metford's is, to make a noise and combustion & confusion. That it ought to be answered I am fully of yo'r Lo'p's opinion. But how it should be done I am not able to advise. Nor can I contribute anything towards it in my present circumstances. For my books are all at Lichfield, except onely those wch relate to ye study of ye Scriptures. And if I had them here, I am so full of business at present, y^t I could not make use of them to my owne satisfaction. But I will think again, & say w't I think fit to be said on this subject.

I am
Yo'r Lo'p's affectionate brother & servant
W. Cov. & Lich'.

For ye right Reverend
Father in God
ye Lord Bp. of Lincolne
at his house in
Dean's Yard
Westminster.

Rules to be observed in granting Sequestrations. (No date).

Expenses of proving the Will of James (Gardiner), Bishop of Lincoln. Receipted bill, 29 March 1704.

Printed Directions for the better execution of the Commission to enquire into the value of small Livings. (No date).

Printed Rules and Orders for the augmentation of the maintenance of the Poor Clergy. (Q.A.B.) 5 March 171¾.

Draft of a letter from Thomas Woodward to the Bishop of Lincoln, re Bishop's Pensions. 5 June 1714.

Letter from S.P. to Mr. Thomas Woodward, about Queen Anne's health, and the appointment of the Duke of Shrewsbury as Lord Treasurer. 31 July 1714.

LONDON,

July ultmo 1714.

Sr.

Yor son has been with me this 2 days and is very well, and begins to look much better for his illnesse made him fall away and look very pale, in a weeks time he will be in a very good Condition and fitt to come down in one day to you which I take to be much better than ye Hazard of lying on ye Road in a Bed that may not be proper for him.

On Thursday in ye afternoon last ye Queen was taken with a violent pain in her head and a pain in her Hand, which they judg'd to be the Gout, all night she seemd to rest well and to sleep much in the morning, but it prov'd Lethargick for when they thought her in a sleep she was in a Fitt, and speechlesse, and remain'd so for near an Hour and a half which was about 9 yesterday morning, they immediatly gave her a Vomit which remain'd with her for some time without any operation, and some about her proposing a Feather to be put in her Throat, she herself tho' not able to speak put her own finger into her Throat which made it operate, it wrought well and brought her to her speach again, they gave her also a Glyster applyd Blysters one to her head, and ordered her to be kept waking as much as possible, about 2 some of ye Councill came to her and acquainted her that considering ye unhappy state of her Health and ye present Circumstance of Affairs it would be of ye utmost Importance that her Maj'ty would be pleas'd to fill up the Treasury, and beg'd of her that she would be pleas'd to nominate who she would appoint for Treasurer, upon which she named the Duke of Shrewsbury, ye Ld Bollingbook and ye Ld Chancell'r were weeping at ye same time on one side of ye Room, and its sd. were surpriz'd at ye nomination and went to her Maj'ty and desir'd to know what her Maj'ty had done upon which she reply'd she had given the Staff to ye D. of Shrewsbury, there was orders presently for ye Patents passing ye Seale and by

5 he was sworn in ye Councill, he afterwards sent Mr. Lowndes Secretary to ye Treasury to ye Bank of England to desire ye Govern^r and some of ye Direct'rs to come up to him accordingly ye Govern^r and three or 4 ye Direct'rs went, ye Treasurer acquainted them that it had been her Maj'ty's pleasure to give him ye Staff in this Difficult Juncture which he would to his utmost endeavours to employ for her Maj'ty's servise and ye Benefitt of the Kingdom and assur'd them at ye same time of ye good Affection he had for ye Bank of England as well as ye Citty of London, and that ye Gentlemen of ye Bank might at all times depend upon his Favour and Protection and doubted not but they would on their parts make suitable returns for it, and farther told them that he believ'd he might on that occasion tell them a Secrett of ye Councill (turning as he did so, to Sr. Wm. Wyndham who stood by him) that the Councill were all unanimously resolv'd in case of her Maj'ty's demise to use their utmost Efforts and Endeavours to secure the succession of ye Crown as establish'd by Law in ye House of Hannover, and that they might acquaint all persons with it. I think there was something very Providentiall in disposing of ye Treasurer's Staff, for I dare say this that no one person in the Kingdome would have had a greater Approbation from both sides than the worthy person that has it, and had the Queen been taken ill but 2 days sooner or one day later it had not been done, my L^d of Oxford would have held it in ye first, and in ye last it had been settled in a Commission wherein ye 5 persons following were on all hands agreed to be ye men viz. ye Ld Lexinton, Sr Will. Windham, Sr John Stonehouse, Mr Campion and Coll. Strangways, these were ye persons as its sd. were of my Ld Boll—s recommendation, many believe that ye Q—s illness was occasion'd by ye great Shocks ye two contending Partys gave her who were allways with her alternately about ye late turn of ye Treasurer, its sd. my Ld Bishop of London and ye Duke of Shrewsbury and by him ye Ld Cooper who has lately been admitted and the Dutchesse of Sommersett were 2 or 3 days before ye Queen's ilnesse ye occasion of ye present disposall.

The Queen continues dangerously ill still dozing insomuch that her her life is despaired of Dr Ratliffe was sent for yesterday but he sent word like a Dog that he had taken Physick and could not come, every Hour we have confident reports that she is dead but God be thanked it is not yet so. the Councell have order'd 40 sail of men of war to be forthwith equip'd and a Generull embargo in the mean time to be layd on all shipping. they have sent for 5000 men from Flanders, and a Yatch for ye D. of Marlborow and its sd. my Ld Dursely is made Adm'll. they have sent for ye Forces from ye North of England and have order'd a Proclamation to take away ye Arms & Horses from ye Papists and non Jurors, and

ye D. of Sommersett moved in ye Councill that Barron Bothmar should every 2 Hours have an Acct. sign' by a Phisitian of ye state of her Maj'sty's Health which is done. before ye Queen was taken ill South Sea Stock was at 84-3 quarters yesterday it fell to 81 and is this afternoon at 86½ thus you see what life a little satisfaction for ye security of ye Protestant succession gives us, but there is a Run this 2 days on ye Bank but they are nobly prepar'd for it, for since ye foundation of ye Bank they never had neer so much Cash by them as now. the Guns of Tower are certainly loaded in expectation to be fired on ye Proclaiming ye King. I hear also that ye Electr. of Brunswick is sent for by ye Councill—I have only time to add that I am

Sr.

Yor very Humble Servt

S. P.

P: S: past 11 at night ye Q. is still alive[1] but no manner of Hope of her life, its certain the Electr is sent for by 2 Different expresses 2 different ways, young Craggs is one and Murray carries ye other, a squadron is also appointed to bring him over.

To Mr Tho. Woodward,
Register,
att Huntington.

Six letters from Thomas Woodward, Registrar, to his son Thomas 1714 and 1715.

Several old recipes.

Letter from George Newell to Thomas Woodward, re fees during Inhibition. 30 Nov. 1724.

Form of an Act of Court re. Substraction of a Rate for the repairs of a Church. (No date).

Citation to the Vicar of Alconbury, the Rector of Keyston and the Improprietor of Everton, as to Procurations and Synodals due to the Archdeacon. 12 July 1732.

Five letters from John Andrew to Mr. Woodward. 1733 to 1738.

Printed copy of Dr. Newell's letter and directions to Surrogates; and remarks thereon by Wm. Powlett. 22 May 1740.

Letter from John Andrew to Mr. Woodward, dealing with much the same matter. 11 Nov. 1740.

Petition to William Mitchell, Esq., and Coulson Fellowes, Esq., M.Ps. for the County of Huntingdon, and Edward Mountague, Esq., and Albert Nesbit, Esq., M Ps. for the Borough of Huntingdon, to expedite a Bill relating to the Road from Huntingdon to Cambridge. (No date, but *circa* 1741-1747).

1. Queen Anne died on the 1 August 1714.

Collection in County Huntingdon. 5 Oct 1745. (The object is not stated, but it is clearly the collection made to defray the cost of raising men to suppress the insurrection of the Young Pretender).

Two letters from John Andrew to Mr. Woodward. 1746 and 1747.

Letter from John (Thomas), Bishop of Lincoln to . . . . . 11 May 1752.

Copy of letter from Benj. Woodward, Registrar, to . . . . . 7 April 1753.

Letter from Archdeacon Neve to Mr. Watson, enquiring as to the health of Mr. Benj. Woodward, who was ill. 29 Dec. 1756.

A letter from Mr. St. Eloy as to the Will of Mr. Benj. Woodward which had been signed without witnesses, and other papers relating thereto. 12 March 1757. (Mr. Woodward had evidently died about a week before).

Paper re. the rent of a house in Old Bull Yard, and the old School Chamber, Huntingdon due to Mr Thomas Woodward. June 1776.

Receipt for rent of Register Office. 10 April 1780.

Four Letters, &c., re. Registrar's fees. 1780-1782.

Account of profits of Registry at Hitchin. 1781-1782.

Letter re Registrar's fees. 14 July 1783.

Bill. Henry Watson to Henry Danell, Tailor. 18 Dec. 1784.

Bill. Henry Watson to Ann Jenkinson, Printer. 1783-1784.

Receipt for Procurations due to the Archdeacon, Easter, 1785.

Two letters re fees of the Officialty. July 1785.

Receipt for Fire insurance (Sun Fire Office). 10 Oct. 1785.

Letter re. Bishop's Presentation and Commissary's Fees. 28 Oct. 1785.

Two letters and a receipt from John Hodgson (Commissary) to Henry Watson, re Commissary's fees. May 1786.

Draft letter from H. Watson to Archdeacon Tyson, re. fees. 14 June 1786.

Letter from Edward Taylor to H. Watson, re. fees. 10 July 1786.

Draft reply to last letter.

Paper re fees. (No date).

Five papers relating to Henry Watson's claim to a house in Huntingdon, occupied by Mr. Jenkinson, and formerly occupied by Hugh Ferrar. 1784-1786.

Copy of a letter from Mr. Fardell to John Hodgson (Commissary) as to the Commissary and Official. 10 Oct. 1790.

Briefs: Fire, &c., at Kingston, Surrey. 1 March, 1796.
Fire at Chadderton, Lancs. 20 Aug. 1798.
Fire at Southall Green, Middx. 1 March 1799.
Fire at Bampton, Westmoreland, and Muccleston, Salop. 1 March 1799.

Notice of Muster of Hunts. Volunteer Cavalry. 4 Oct. 1800.

Letter from John Hodgson to William Margetts re. the Registrarship to various Peculiars (formerly held by James Watson). 21 July 1809.

Table of profits of Commissary, Official and Registrar. 1796-1809

Registrar's Annual Accounts. 1809-1810.

Nineteen papers relating to the Marriage Act. 1822.

Six letters from Archdeacon Hooke, re. the fees, and as to the appointment of his son, Walter Farquhar Hooke, as Official; and a letter from Richard Smith (Commissary) re. same. 1823.

Letter re Marriage License fees. 13 March 1824.

Letter as to Mr. Richard Smith's jurisdiction as Commissary for Bedford. 21 January 1825.

London Gazette: Order in Council transferring the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon from Dio: Lincoln to Dio: Ely. 30 May 1837.

Counsel's Opinion as to Bishop's Inhibition. 1841.

Letter from Archdeacon Hollingworth as to the re-arrangement of the Rural Deaneries. 2 March 1841.

Letter as to Mr. William Margetts' annual Certificate as Attorney and Notary Public. 6 March 1841.

Letter from Archdeacon Hollingworth as to a Visitation. 8 March 1842.

Copy of Order in Council abolishing the Peculiar Jurisdictions. 20 April 1852.

Printed copy of Act of Parliament, 15-16 Victoria, Cap. 36, re. Registration of Dissenting Chapels; and a printed paper re. same. 29 June 1852.

Printed paper re. the Gally Knight fund. 10 Feb. 1853.

Paper re. Rural Deaneries. 1862.

Papers re. Returns to House of Commons as to the Officers of Ecclesiastical Courts. 1844.

Ditto ditto 1851.

Names of Incumbents. 1787-1853.

Ditto ditto 1802-1869.

London Gazette: Ratification of a Scheme for re-arranging the Rural Deaneries. 23 Aug. 1878.

Sundry notices, &c., relating to Visitations. 1834-1914.

APPENDIX VI.

SPECIMENS OF THE OATHS RECORDED IN VOLUME 282.

THE OATH OF SAMUEL FOX.

27. Martii 1688.

Ego Saml Fox, Not[us] Pub[us] Admittendus in Officio Reg[rii] in ac per totum Archidiaconatum Huntingdon, his tribus Articulis nec non trigenta et novem Articulis fidei Religionis Anglicanæ ac omnibus et singulis in eisdam Contentis Libenter et ex Animo subscribo.

SAM[L] FOX, junior.

Dictus Saml Fox Jurament.
predictum p'stit' et subscripsit,
Coram me
GEO. BARNARDISTON.

THE OATH OF ROBERT MAPLETOFT.

Ego Robertus Mapletoft, LL.D., admittendus ad excercitium Officii Commissarii et Officialis Archidiaconatus Huntingdon: His tribus Articulis nec non triginta et novem Articulis fidei Religionis Anglicanæ et omnibus et singulis in eisdam Contentis lubens et ex Animo Subscribo die Nono 7 bris 1712.

ROBERT MAPLETOFT.

THE OATH OF JOHN TROTT, Surgeon.

Ego Johannes Trott de St Neots in Com. Huntingdon et Diocess: Lincoln in artem Chirurgiæ et Medicinæ peritus jam admittendus ad practicand' dictam artem his primo et tertio articulis simpliciter nec non duobus prioribus Clausulis Secundi Articuli libenter et ex animo subscribo decimo Quinto die Novembris Anno Dni 1709.

JNO. TROTT.

I John Trott doe promise that I will Conforme to the Liturgy of the Church of England as by law Established.

JNO. TROTT.

Subscript' Jurat. et admiss.
die et anno predict
Coram me
JACOB: DAYSON, Surrog. Vic: General.

THE OATH OF ROBERT FINCH, Surgeon.

I Robert Finch being to be admitted to practice the art of Physick and Surgery do willingly and heartily subscribe to the first and third articles and likewise to the two first Clauses of the second article contained in the 36th Canon of the Canons and Constitutions of the Church of England. Witness my hand the second day of October in the year of our Lord 1733.

ROBT FINCH.

I Robert Finch do promise that I will conform to the Liturgy of the Church of England as it is now by law established.

ROBT FINCH.

The said Robert Finch subscribed as above and took the usual oaths the day and year above said.

before me
SAMUEL DICKENS.

THE OATH OF JANE GIDDING, Midwife.

Stilton, 5. Oct. 1724.

Quo die compt. personaliter Jana ux. Tho. Gidding de Folksworth in Com. Hunt'on et Dioc. Lincoln et humlr. petiit se admitti ad exercend' officium obstetricis, unde D'nus eam admissit prestito prius per eam Jurt' in ea parte requisit.

Admiss. et Jurat. 5 die
Octobris 1724.

Coram me
THO. DOD, Sur.

THE OATH OF MORLEY UNWIN, School-master.

I Morley Unwin being to be admitted to teach children in the Publick School in the Town of Huntingdon, do willingly and from my heart subscribe to the three Articles contained in the 36th Canon, and to everything therein expressed, the thirty-first day of October 1746.

MORLEY UNWIN.

I Morley Unwin do declare that I will conform to the Liturgy of the Church of England as it is now by law established.

MORLEY UNWIN.

The aforesaid Morley Unwin did subscribe to the Articles aforesaid and also made and subscribed the Declaration against transubstantiation and took the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy the 31st. day of Oct. 1746.

before me
JOHN PENNINGTON, Surrogate.

APPENDIX VII.

CALENDAR OF THE BUNDLES OF ALLEGATIONS AND BONDS FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The Allegations and Bonds are arranged in bundles under the first letter of the man's name, and the contents of each bundle are in chronological order.

A. 1663-1750, 1751-1881.

B. 1663-1720 (one 1743 and one 1747), 1750-1790, 1791-1820, 1821-1883.

C. 1663-1730, 1731-1770, 1771-1800, 1801-1882.

D. 1663-1883.

E. 1664-1880.

F. 1662-1770, 1771-1880.

G. 1663-1740, 1741-1790, 1791-1882.

H. 1662-1730, 1731-1765, 1766-1800, 1801-1883.

I. 1663-1865.

J. 1663-1883.

K. 1663-1883.

L. 1663-1773, 1774-1881.

M. 1663-1750, 1751-1800, 1801-1882

N. 1663-1878.

O. 1763-1865.

P. 1662-1729, 1730-1779, 1780-1881.

Q. 1670-1804.

R. 1663-1755, 1756-1882.

S. 1663-1729, 1730-1749, 1750-1775, 1776-1805, 1806-1882.

T. 1662-1780, 1781-1883.

U. 1763-1883 (one 1729).

V. 1762-1881 (one 1736)

W. 1663-1740, 1741-1780, 1781-1883.

Y. 1663-1879.

Peculiar of Brampton. 1672-1850.

,, **Buckden.** 1675-1852.

,, **Leighton.** 1739-1852.

,, **Stow Longa.** 1683-1849.

PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Archæological Society.

On the 20th May, 1920, the Members and their friends visited Audley End and Saffron Walden, when the Rev. G. Montagu Benton, of Saffron Walden, local Secretary of the Essex Archæological Society, acted as guide, and to him we are indebted for the following account of the visit.

The first stop was at Audley End House, which is situated about a mile west of the town, in the midst of delightful scenery. This is the noblest residence in Essex, and although considerably reduced in size is amongst the finest Jacobean mansions in the Country. It is said to have been erected between the years 1603-1616, and stands near the site of the Benedictine Abbey of Walden, which was granted to Lord Chancellor Audley on its suppression in 1538. James I. when on a visit to Audley End is reported to have said that the house was then too large for a King though it might do for a Lord Treasurer, which was the Office then held by Thomas Howard, Earl of Suffolk, the builder of the mansion.

The Audley End Estate was conveyed to Charles II in 1669, and the Court was established there in the following year; it was re-conveyed to Henry, the fifth Earl of Suffolk, in 1701.

By the kind permission of Lord Braybrooke the house was inspected, and among its many noteworthy features may be mentioned the Great Hall, 65½ feet in length, with its handsome seventeenth century screen; the richly carved mantelpieces of the same date in the various rooms; and the Saloon with its original plaster ceiling, and fine series of portraits of persons connected with the history of Audley End let into the panelled walls.

Before leaving the Grounds the attention of the visitors was drawn to the picturesque stables of red brick, with gabled wings, dating from the latter part of the sixteenth century.

At this point the Rev. G. Montagu Benton joined the party and acted as guide for the rest of the day. On the way to the town a short visit was paid to the Abbey Farm and Almhouses in Audley End hamlet. These gabled red-brick buildings, which are more or less contemporary with the Mansion, surround two court yards, and form a charming old-world picture. Fragments of ancient

stained glass, probably from Walden Abbey, are preserved in some of the windows; and the Kitchen still retains its original fireplace fitted with an old wrought-iron pot-crane.

Proceeding to the Market Place the Members made their way to the Rose and Crown Hotel for luncheon. After this interval the time allotted was found barely sufficient to do justice to the many antiquarian features of this old Essex town.

The parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin was considered by Professor Freeman to be "the noblest parochial church of the Perpendicular style in England, with the sole exception of St. Mary, Redcliffe." This may be extravagant praise, but at any rate it is safe to maintain that the nave in its exquisite grace and proportion has few rivals of the period. Mr. Benton gave a brief account of the historical growth of the fabric:—the chancel arcades date from *circa* 1300, but the body of the church was rebuilt *circa* 1480-1520. The spire, erected in 1831, was designed by Messrs. Rickman and Hutchinson, and for its period must be considered an achievement. The architect, Thomas Rickman, who was a Quaker for the greater part of his life and a pioneer of the Gothic Revival, resided in Walden for a brief time during his earlier years, having come to the town in 1799 to serve as journeyman to a firm of grocers. The church retains a few brasses, and in the south chapel stands the altar-tomb of Lord Chancellor Audley (d. 1544).

The next objects to claim attention were the Castle and Museum, both of which are only a few yards from the Church. Of the Castle, built *circa* 1100, all that remains is the ruined keep. The Museum was opened in 1835, and is a remarkable institution for so small a town, the collections being both valuable and extensive; the mediæval wood-work, the collection of 'by-gones', and the old china and glass especially excited interest.

A short walk down Castle Street brought the visitors to Fry's Gardens. These gardens, although only laid out some seventy or eighty years ago, strike one as being a veritable haunt of ancient peace. They are the property of the Right Hon. Lewis Fry who generously places them at the disposal of the townspeople.

Walden is particularly rich in old domestic buildings, and possess no less than twenty-eight houses of pre-Reformation date. There was practically no time to devote to these, but the old Sun Inn (an inn no longer) in Church Street, which was used by Cromwell as his head-quarters, was noticed in passing, its many gables and rich parge or plaster work being duly admired.

The Members attending this excursion were the Reverends J. A. Griffin and J. A. Ross, Dr. Newton, Dr. Grove, Mr. A. E. Wright, Mrs. Yeatherd, Mrs. Priestley, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Ellis, Miss Parsons, Miss Wright, and others.

The Autumn Excursion in 1920 was held on the 14th September when a party of Members and their friends visited Landwade, Fordham, Chippenham, Snailwell and Exning. Starting from Cambridge Station the party proceeded in a motor omnibus to

Landwade, where they were met by the Rev. W. M. Shepherd, Vicar of Exning, who showed them the Church.

The Church of St. Nicholas is really a private chapel belonging to the owner of Landwade Hall, but structurally it has all the appearances of a parish church, being a detached building consisting of Chancel, Nave, Transepts, West Tower and South Porch, and standing in a churchyard just as other churches do. It is served by the neighbouring clergy on the invitation of the owner, afternoon service being held twice a month from Easter to September, and the officiating clergyman being paid £1 1s. 0d. The Vicar of Exning is, however, called Vicar of Landwade, and is paid a yearly stipend of £2 11s. 8d by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

The Church is said to have been built by Walter Cotton, who died in 1445, and its architecture is of the Perpendicular style corresponding very well with this date. The Cottons had acquired the property by the marriage of Sir Thomas Cotton, of Coton Hall, Cambs., with Alice, daughter and heir of John de Hastings, about the year 1400. The chancel has a three-light east window, two-lights on north and south, and a piscina in the usual place. There is no chancel arch, the roof continuing in one line from end to end of the church, but a fine Perpendicular oak screen separates the chancel from the nave. The nave has two two-light windows on each side, and there is a pretty little stoup just inside the north door. Two arches on each side open into the transepts, which have two light widows in the end walls, and the north transept has a three-light in the east wall. There are some well carved bench-ends in the church, some of them exhibiting the lifeless doves similar to those at Chesterton near Cambridge; and there is a little ancient stained glass.

There are many memorials and monuments to the Cotton family, the earliest being a square brass plate, in the jamb of the north window of the chancel, commemorating William Cotton, Vice-Chamberlain to King Henry VI., Keeper of the Wardrobe, Receiver to the Queen, and Collector of the Duchy of Lancaster, who was killed at the battle of St. Albans, 1455.

A large monument in the north transept, with recumbent effigies commemorates Sir John Cotton, died 1593, aged 81, and his wife, Isabel, daughter of Sir William Spencer of Althorpe, Norths., died 1578, aged 63. Against the western wall of the south transept, another fine monument records Sir John Cotton, died 1620, aged 67, and his three wives—1, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Carrell of Warnham, Sussex, 2, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Humphrey Bradbourne, of Bradbourne, Derbyshire, and 3, Anne, daughter of Sir Richard Houghton, Bart., of Houghton Tower, Lancashire.

Another monument in this transept commemorates Sir John Cotton, Kt., and first Baronet, a distinguished Royalist who helped to convoy the College plate from Cambridge to the King. He was created a baronet in 1641, and died in 1689, aged 74.

His wife was Jane, third daughter and eventual heiress of Sir Edward Hinde, Kt., of Madingley. As a result of this marriage the family became possessed of the Hall and Estate of Madingley, where they took up their residence, and Landwade Hall was probably pulled down soon afterwards.

Leaving Landwade, the party proceeded to Fordham, where luncheon was partaken of at the "Chequers Inn," and afterwards visited the Church (St. Peter) where the Vicar, the Revd. A. W. Ivatt read some notes. The church contains some small remains of Norman work,—the west wall of the north aisle and the wall between the aisle and the undercroft of St. Mary's Chapel are evidently of this date, as a small Norman window remains in both walls,—and the jambs of the north door are of very late Norman workmanship although doubtless rebuilt and widened, and surmounted by a fourteenth century arch.

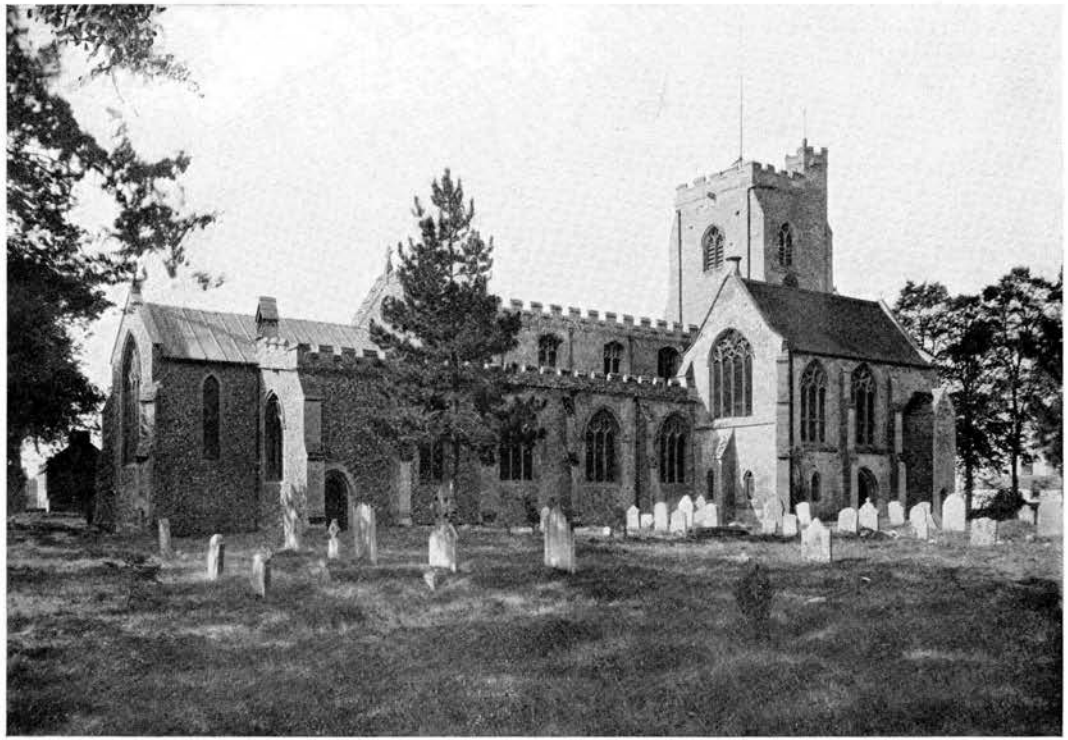
The remaining walls of the church are mostly of thirteenth century date. Some of the chancel windows and the priest's door are of this period. The responds of the chancel arch still retain their thirteenth century caps at the level of those of the nave arcade, but the responds have been continued up and a new arch built in the fifteenth century.

The nave arcades are of five arches and are chiefly of thirteenth century workmanship, although the three western bays appear to have been rebuilt and have some fourteenth century work about them. The windows of the south aisle are of the fourteenth century and those of the north aisle of the fifteenth.

The Chapel of St. Mary with its undercroft on the north side of the church is a very unusual feature in a village church and its original use does not seem to be known The undercroft is of early fourteenth century work and has two columns down the centre supporting simple vaulting. The chapel itself is entered from the outside by a circular staircase at the N.W. corner, and is of rather fine late fourteenth century work. The three arches opening from this chapel into the church are quite modern.

The chancel and nave roofs, the clerestory and the tower are all of fifteenth century date. There is a piscina and a credence towards the east end of the south aisle, and eastward of these is a square nich with the rope from the Sanctus Bell coming through a hole in the top.

The next church on the programme was Chippenham (St. Margaret) where the Vicar, the Revd. S. F. Cunningham, read a paper which we hope shortly to print in the Transactions. The most noticeable feature of this church is the long nave arcade of seven bays with columns alternately circular and octagonal on the north and clustered on the south. They are of thirteenth century date but look older owing to the stone having been damaged by fire. The church is recorded to have been burnt, and an Indulgence granted for its repair in 1447. The columns on the south side have been very much patched with cement. The very fine but sadly mutilated Perpendicular chancel screen also



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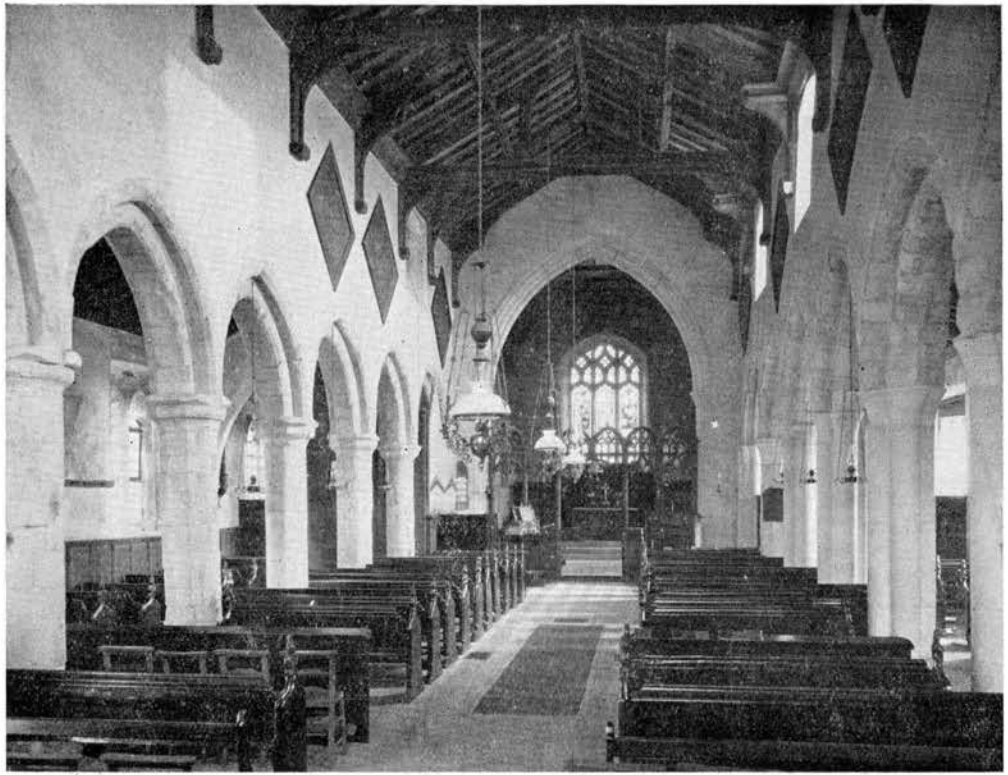
FORDHAM CHURCH, CAMBS.



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CHIPPENHAM CHURCH, CAMBS.

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SNAILWELL CHURCH, CAMBS.

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THE NAVE ROOF, SNAILWELL CHURCH, CAMBS.

arrests attention. There are several frescoes on the north wall, one of St Christopher and another shows the martyrdom of St. Erasmus. There are a few small fragments of Norman work in the chancel.

Mrs. Tharp, Lady of the Manor, very kindly brought for inspection an exceedingly fine bronze sword found in a gravel pit on the road to Badlingham; it is 27½ inches long by 2¼ inches wide, and in a remarkably perfect state of preservation.

Turning homewards from Chippenham a halt was made at Snailwell, where the Rector, the Revd. E. Powles, described the church. St. Peter's Church is one of the two Cambridgeshire churches which have a round tower. The round tower is evidently of Norman date, and has a two-light belfry window of this period; in the lower parts of the walls are two plain slits. An embattled parapet has been added at a later date, and in the eastern embrasure a small bell has been hung.

The church has been very much restored and has a very modern appearance, but the nave retains a truly magnificent oak roof and there are two rather nice parclose screens at the eastern ends of the aisles. There is a Perpendicular tomb in the north wall of the chancel; and at the S.E. corner of the nave is a pretty perforated stone which formerly lighted the rood staircase.

From Snailwell the party went on to Exning, where the Vicar, the Revd. W. M. Shepherd, described the church. He has kindly supplied the following notes.

Exning, Exelinges or Exnynge, was originally a village of the Iceni. Together with Soham, it was formerly in the Diocese of Norwich. Pope Paschall II., in the last year of St. Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, A D. 1109, raised the Abbey Church of St. Peter and St Etheldreda, Ely, to Cathedral dignity, and Ely became a new See formed from part of the See of Lincoln and some parts of that of Norwich, and Exning was included in the Diocese of Ely, but is now in that of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

By William Rufus the Church of St. Martin of Exning was granted to Battle Abbey. This donation was made on the occasion of the dedication of the newly erected Church of Battle Abbey at which Rufus was present. Like Exning the Abbey Church was dedicated to St. Martin as well as to the Blessed Trinity and our Lady.

The Church consists of a tower at the western end, a nave, side aisles, transepts and chancel; the extreme length from the altar to the font is about 90 feet; the length of the transepts and height of the tower are about the same measurements, viz. 75 feet. The style of architecture (with one exception) is that of the Decorated period, as the windows in the aisles and north transept will prove, and it is probable that the reign of Edward III. may be the period of the building of the church. The window of the chancel however is of the Perpendicular style, and this portion might have been completed in the reign of Henry V. or Henry VI. There

are several mural ornaments or niches which give evidence of the latter period, one in particular to the left of the north door, on entrance, which was probably the depository of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary or of St. Martin the patron saint of the Church.

During the Incumbency of the Rev. Dr. Dibden (1823) the brick pavement of the north and south aisles were relaid, their respective roofs have been repaired, the tower has been substantially repaired, a new clock dial has been fixed on the east and west sides of it, a new bell on the summit, and the five bells within the tower rehung. A singing gallery was also enlarged and improved.

There are very few mural tablets in the church; the most ancient are the two grey slabs, or flat stones, near the pulpit, of which the cross upon one is almost defaced. A raised monument of Purbeck marble, to the left of the altar, is the next in point of antiquity; it may possibly be of the time of Henry VIII. Of the time of the Commonwealth there is a quaint inscription upon a hatchment suspended on one of the pillars or arches which divide the north transept from the nave, to Francis Robertson, Esquire, March 1, 1657. There is a mural tablet in the chancel to Francis Dibden, died October 14, 1826. The Registers date from 1558; the marriage is recorded of Margaret Fabian, probably a direct descendant of John Fabian, the chronicler and Lord Mayor of London, 1516.

Those who took part in this excursion included the Reverends J. A. Griffin, A. Peskett, J. A. Ross, W. M. Shepherd, A. W. Ivatt, S. F. Cunningham, Messrs. R. Edleston, O. W. Gillson, S. Inskip Ladds, G. H. Tyndall, C. F. Attenborough, Dr. Hendley, Mrs. Yeatherd, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Gillson, Mrs. Tyndall, Mrs. Priestley, Mrs. Ellis, and others.

THE REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE SESSION 1919-1920.

The Council has the honour of laying before you the twenty-first Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the last year

Two very excellent excursions were arranged by the Council this year. The Spring excursion on May 30th to Saffron Walden and Audley End; the Autumn one, Sept. 14th to a round of Churches at Landwade, Fordham, Chippenham, Snailwell and Exning.

The Council wishes to express its thanks to the Rev. E. Montagu Benton for his kindness in conducting the Society round Saffron Walden; to the Right Hon. Lord Braybrooke for his permission to inspect his mansion, and to the Incumbents of the several parishes visited in the Autumn for their papers and addresses.

The Excursions which form a great feature in the life of our Society, are intended primarily to give our Members an intimate knowledge of the antiquities, interesting buildings and historic sites of the two Counties; and secondly to provide opportunities for social intercourse and friendship. The Council views with some regret the falling off in the numbers attending the last two excursions.

Much expense is involved in hiring conveyances and arranging luncheons, and if sufficient Members do not respond loss is involved; this year the loss to the Society has amounted to £9 5s. 6d. which is a serious drain upon the Society's resources and can only be met by curtailing the expenditure on the Transactions.

The Balance Sheet presented by the Hon. Treasurer shews a cash balance of £4 5s. 2d. This small balance is due to Members not paying their subscriptions. The Council desire to draw Members attention to the urgent necessity of paying their subscriptions as early as possible.

The retiring members of Council, for this year are—the Rev. Canon Douglas, Dr. L. Newton, Rev. A. Peskett and the Rev. E. H. Vigers, who being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

We have to record this year, the serious loss the Society has experienced in the death of Arthur Bull, Esq., one of the original Members of the Society, a keen archæologist and a very active Member of the Council.

The Council recommends that Robert Edleston, Esq., be elected to fill the vacancy.

Finally the Council offers its thanks to the various Officers and to all those Members who have so kindly assisted in the work of the Society during the past year.

A. PESKETT,
Chairman.

December 6th, 1920.

NOTE.—At the Annual General Meeting, due notice having been given, a Resolution was passed raising the fee for life-composition from Five Pounds to Ten Guineas.

Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Archæological Society.

HON. TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOV. 30th, 1920.

Presented at the Annual Meeting, December 6th, 1920.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in Bank, Sept. 30th, 1919	22	19	3
Subscriptions	26	5	0
Interest on War Loan	3	2	6
	£52	6	9

Payments.

	£	s.	d.
Use of rooms at Cambridge	1	1	0
Subscription to Congress of Archæological Societies	1	0	0
Copies of Report of ditto		7	6
Armorial bearings licence	1	1	0
Trustees of Archdeaconry Library, Huntindon	5	5	0
Insurance		7	0
Printing	28	3	7
Stamps, &c.	1	11	0
Loss on Excursions	9	5	6
Balance in Bank, Sept. 30th, 1920	4	5	2
	£52	6	9

THOMAS HODGSON, *Chairman.*
December 6th, 1920.

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