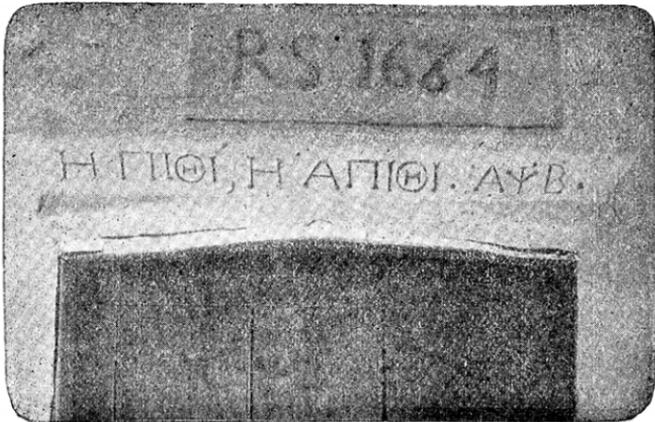


ART. XIII.—*Lintel Inscription at Reagill.* By Rev. J. WHITESIDE, M.A., Vicar of Shap.  
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THE pretty village of Reagill in the parish of Crosby Ravensworth, is picturesquely situated three miles north-east of Shap. It had an ancient connection with Shap Abbey, being granted thereto in the 13th year of King John, by Robert de Veteripont. There are the ruins of an old chapel at Chapel Garth. In 1733 the Rev. Randal Sanderson, a native, who went from Appleby School and became Fellow of Queen's College, Oxford, and died rector of Wighill, Hampshire, left a legacy of £120 for the endowment of a free grammar school, and at the enclosure in 1803 an allotment of twenty-eight acres was awarded for the same purpose.



Over the inner entrance door is the inscription, of which an illustration is given. R. S. are the initials of the benefactor, and 1684 is doubtless the date of the building of the

the school at his expense. The Greek quotation deserves to be preserved in our *Transactions*, as inscriptions so convenient for the missiles of mischievous children are always in danger of defacement.



WINDOW, REAGILL SCHOOL.

The line is quoted by Athenæus from some anonymous author. It resembles the familiar reminders so frequently found in schools:

“Aut *disce* aut *discede*,”  
and “Aut *cede* aut *discede* ; manet sors *tertia*—*cædi*.”

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The literal meaning is "Drink, or begone." But the great difficulty to local observers has been the following letters. These denote a date, 1702 :

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot A &= 1000 \\ \Psi \cdot &= 700 \\ B \cdot &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

As no record exists of any endowment or important event in Mr. Sanderson's life at that time, I conjecture that the Greek was carved on the occasion of some visit of his to his native place when he examined the boys and gave good advice, or was added by the scholarly old pedagogue of the day. I give also a sketch of the north window, which belongs to the 14th century. About 1880 Canon Weston found it in the churchyard wall at Crosby Ravensworth; it had been removed at the restoration of 1811 from the Parish Church. Reagill School being now extended about seven or eight feet, it was wisely inserted here for preservation. On the east wall you observe a stone dated 1857. This was cut by a mason, William Parkin, of Crosby Ravensworth, who for some humorous reason placed it wrong end up. On the same wall is the text :

Them that are meek the Lord shall guide in judgment, and such as are gentle them shall He learn His ways.

This was cut with his own hands by Mr. George Gibson, a true gentleman, of Jenny Well, Crosby Ravensworth, the restorer of the old church in 1811.