ART I.—Bishop Nicolson's Diaries: PART V. By the BISHOP OF BARROW-IN-FURNESS, President.

In may be remembered that on March 2nd, 171\frac{3}{4}, the day before he began his journey to Parliament, the Bishop recorded his intention to keep no journal thenceforward, save in his almanack. From that date his daily notes are much more brief: they usually consist only of the names of persons who called upon him or dined with him, and the like, with occasional notes about his health, for he suffered greatly from gravel. Consequently the diaries become of less interest, and fewer extracts are here given. There are also some accounts, lists of letters written, and a few memoranda. Thus he notes in the volume which begins March 25th, 1714, that his son Joseph cost him at Oxford, from his admission in Feb. 170\frac{6}{7} to his leaving in August 1712, £446 2s. od.

1714.

May 24. To B. of Lincoln's Institution &c. of my son.* I waited on Mr Pelham who promis'd G. Spooner E. Lamplugh's place.

On June 14th the Bishop left London in the Lincoln coach, and arrived at Rose Castle on June 23rd.

- July 14. m. I went to ye Sessions at Carlile; and gave ye Charge (agt ye pr——r) to ye G. Jury. d. with ye Sheriff, at the Bush. Even'. Home again.
- Aug. 2. d. Br Carlile, shaveing my head.
 - " 4. p.m. Mr Sheriff Pattenson &c. with the Proclamation for King George. Servet Deus!
- Sep. 12. M^r B. preach'd on Heb. 10. 25. None of my B^{r's} family; my sister's Arm being broken in y^e way. God restore her health!

^{*} In 1714 Joseph Nicolson was preferred to the living of Mareham, near Horncastle, then in the gift of the Bishops of Carlisle. He was inducted Chancellor of Lincoln Feb. 11th, 172\$, and died Sept. 9th, 1728, leaving two daughters.

- Sep. 21. Even'. Jos. Rothery, in 5 dayes fro York.*
 - " 30. Feth. Nicolson, Fishing. No more Tables.
- Oct. 20. p.m. My Br, Daughters &c. wth me to attend ye Bonfires on ye Coronation, Fireworks &c.
 - " 22. d. Feth. Nicolson, returning to Wales. p.m. Mr Benson collated to ye V. of Dalston.
- Nov. 9. Fruitless wander wth Greyhounds.
 - " 17. d. Cous. Goldsmith, for ye Excise.+
 - " 18. Even'. Dr Todd, smooth & Frank.
 - " 23. m. C. Lease to dau. Catharine. Wood-cocking wth W Tate, R. Eglesfield, W. Crosby, &c.
 - " 24. Dineing at Carlisle, wth the Dean & Ch. where all yo Clergy except poor Whittingdale.
 - " 30. Mr B. at Highhead, Mr Walker read ye first Service; and I ye Second, & confirm'd dau. Eliz.
- Dec. 6. N.B. The Pr's Declaration fro an unknown hand. Even'. W. Tate, R. Eglesfield & Br Carlile.
 - 7. With ye sd Gunners, Killing 12 Woodcocks, a Hare and a partridge.
 - " 10. Mr B. & Cous. Rothery § to Lowther; whence (even') they brought back little G. Benson.
 - " 18. York-friends wth J. Rothery, to Carlile; whence, in ye Evening, Mr Dean wth his wife &c.
 - ", 21. The Tents of Cardew-Leas brought me their Grant of their Stint fro. Sr Ja. Lowther (first Ld L.) in 1690 as part of his Mannour of Parton. d. Mr Walton; who wants 351b of his city salary.
 - " 24. Mr Lawson's servt with a fine old Chalice ¶; to be given to any Church (whereof I am patron) not in this County.

^{*} For Joseph Rothery, see note on April 5, 1705. At his matriculation at Oxford, he was called "son of Edward Rothery, of Bank End, Cumberland." Bishop Nicolson's List of Incumbents contains the following: "Bromfield, 1714-15, Mar. 14. Jos. Rothery M.A. collated by me (at Kendale, on my way to the Parlt) being ordain'd priest ye day before." He seems to have acted at this time as the Bishop's domestic chaplain, remaining with him all the winter and the following autumn, and was with him in London during June and July, 1717. He resigned Bromfield March 22nd, 1717, and his successor Jeremy Nicolson was appointed the same day, "after I was named (on ye 17th) to Derry." We shall hear of him again in Ireland; see May 4th, 1721.

[†] See Sep. 27th, 1705, and July 7th, 1713.

[†] Catharine Nicolson was lessee of the tithes of Linstock; see Bishop Nicolson's will in C. & W. *Transactions*, vol. iv., p. 10.

[§] The Bishop sometimes uses "cousin" of nephews and nieces. Lady Lonsdale was a Thynne, aunt of the children of whom "Sister Rothery" had charge. Hence probably the frequent visits of the Rothery family to Lowther.

^{||} He had succeeded Stephenson as Master of the Grammar School.

[¶] This chalice was given by the Bishop to S. Michael's, Bongate, Appleby: it is described and engraved in "Old Church Plate in the Diocese of Carlisle," p. 176. In 1903, an application was made for a faculty to sell it, which was (happily from an antiquarian point of view) refused.

The next volume begins with Jan. 1st, 1715, * i.e. 1715.

Ian. 15. G. Benson sent back to ye School at Lowther.

" 29. Mr B. & Cous. Rothery to ye Election of or Citizens.†

Feb. 8. Br & J. Rothery to ye Election of our Kts.

Mar. 1. Synod at Carlile. Chr. Tullie preach'd on Mar. 1. 15.— Believe ye Gospel. He & Mr Benson elected proctors.

On March 11th he began his journey southwards, and reached London on the 25th.

- Mar.13. I preach'd at Kendale, and ordain'd † 10 Deacons & 7 priests.
 - " 24. On post Horses, by Royston (NB. The Club-Room & Monteth) and Ware to Enfield-wash.
 - " 25. Ten miles (post) to London; d. wth my sister; Her Birth Day.

At some time in the course of 1715 Bishop Nicolson was appointed by George I. High Almoner. There is no mention of this appointment in the diary at the time: but there are several allusions to the fact of his holding the office.

- Mar.29. I had ye Honr to Kiss ye King's hand, introduced by L^d
 Hall^x who kindly reminded His Ma^{ty} of our Oxford
 Acquaintance 34 years agoe. Lords, of both Nations, very
 obligeing.
- Apr. 2. m. To L^{ds} Lonsdale, Portland &c. p.m. A.B. of C. cheerful. I stand fair.
 - " 9. Carry'd by B. of B.§ to y^e Prince and princess. d. With y^e Chaplains.

^{*} It may be noticed that the Bishop gradually drops the custom of beginning the year on March 25th.

[†] Sir James Montague having been made on Nov. 22nd, 1714, Baron of the Exchequer, Thomas Stanwix and Sir William Strickland were elected without a contest. "Our citizens" means "members for the city," just as "our knights" on Feb. 8th means "members for the county." So the documents quoted in Ferguson's M.P.'s for Cumberland and Westmorland, pp. 93 and 94, speak of Sir James Montague as "elected a Citizen for the City of Carlisle."

[†] Acting for the Bishop of Chester. Among the Deacons ordained was Bellingham Mauleverer, who became the Bishop's Chaplain, and ultimately his son-in-law.

[§] John Evans, consecrated Bishop of Bangor 1702, and translated to Meath 1715, died 1724.

Apr. 11. To Bar. Mountague, Ld L. Sis. R.

" 13. Dr Brydges prd at St James's; where ye young princesses not waited on, by ye Bp of N's withdrawing.

" 16. m. At L^d O's Library. d. wth me M^r Greensh^{ds} wth W^m. p.m. at y^e Glassworks &c. at Fox-hall.

" 17. Easter-day. I prd at Lambeth. p.m. wth y^e AB. of C's Becofigo's.*

May 13. p.m. At Cupid's Garden. Ev. Brs.

Aug. I. King's Accession. Church & Court.

Sep. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. In ye stage-Coach (wth Br Benson † Capts Du-Mar and Talbot) to York.

" 18. I preach'd in ye morning & Mr Benson in ye Afternoon.
d. Br B's.

Oct. 1. By Ribton to Whitehaven, in great crowds.

" 2. Consecration of ye new Church. Mr B. preach'd in ye Forenoon, & I in ye Afternoon.

, 4. To meet Ld Lonsdale (& Depty Lieuts) at Penrith.

There is not much about the 1715 Rebellion; but it is curious to observe how quietly the ordinary life was going on so few miles away from the march of the rebel forces.

- Oct. 5. Genl Quarter-Sessions began and ended. I took ye Test Oaths.
 - , 6. After dinner, wth ye Justices, at Mr H. Simpson's, home.
 - " 8. m. Ch. Tullie (in 's way to Crosthwt) wth news fro Northumb.
 - " 10. To Carlile d. wth Brig^r Stanwix. Even'. Deanry. B^r Carlile's Alarm.
 - " 11. Court at Walby. Home p.m.
 - " 12. m. Mr Xtian, & my Br to ye Court at Dalston. G. Lowther.
 - " 13. m. Dau. Betty, to York. d. No Company. Even'. B. returned.
 - " 14. m. wth Sr Ch. Dalston &c. to Penrith. d. wth Ld Lonsdale &c.
 - " 15. After Breakfast wth Mr H. Simpson by Hutton, home.

^{*} Beccafico, figpecker, is a name given in Italy to a small bird much esteemed for eating, identified with the English Blackcap. Possibly the word is employed here to designate "dependents," but I can find no authority for such an use of it. Can the Bishop have connected the word with "sycophant"?

[†] Whom does the Bishop mean by "Brother Benson"? Is it his son-in-law, regarded from the point of view of his children, and as he speaks of "Cousin Rothery"? Or is it the Mr. Benson of Kendal, father of his son-in-law? I incline to think that he means the father: he more often calls his son-in-law "Mr. Benson," as on Sept. 18th.

- Oct. 16. I preach'd & administer'd ye Sacramt at Dalston. Sr C.D.
 - ,, 17. d. Ld Lonsdale, in his way (wth ye Chance) to Carlile.
 - ,, 18. I read ye 2d Service in the Cathedral; and din'd (wth Ld L. & ye popish prisoners) at the Governour's.* Betty to York.
 - " 21. Horse muster'd at Dalston. d. No Company.
 - " 22. No Company. Rainy day.
 - " 24. Carlile, at ye Brigr's Court-Leet. Even'. Dalston-Hall.
 - " 27. Even'. Mr Brisco and 's Lady, fro High-head. Rebels joyn'd.†
 - " 28. With Mr R. Thomlinson junr &c. Killing a brace of Hares.
 - ,, 29. m. Mr T. Crosby. p.m. Good News.
- Nov. 1. m. Br Nev'. & Mr Benson to Carlile. d. Mr Sumpton. The Rebels march'd from Lang-Town to Brampton.
 - " 2. I was eye-witness of our Posse's Flight, and ye Rebels marching into Penrith. §
 - ,, 3. d. Mr R. Thomlinson. p.m. Mr Brisco, safely escap'd.
 - ,, 4. d. Mr Fletcher, fro Ld Lonsd. Gen. Carpenter's Letter &c.
 - " 6. Mr B. preach'd on Luc. 9. 5, 6. agt ye Spirit of Rebellion.
 - ,, 7. d. Mr Bolton. Even'. Sr Cha. Dalston, Capt Phillips &c.
 - " 8. Daughters at Dalston-Hall. p.m. Express fro Ld Burlington.

^{*} In the Bishop's mind and language "Popish" was practically equivalent to "Jacobite," a word which he does not often use. "In 1715, the Jacobite rising found no supporters in Cumberland. The Government, at an early stage, took the precaution of locking up in Carlisle Castle all the likely Jacobite leaders, such as Howard of Corby, Warwick of Warwick Hall, and Curwen of Workington." "At that time the offices at Carlisle of Mayor and Governor were held by one and the same person, the representative of an old local family, and one of the great Marlborough's most trusted subordinates, Brigadier Thomas Stanwix."—Ferguson's History of Cumberland.

[†] In the British Museum there is a collection of letters (Add. MSS. 6116) from Bishop Nicolson to Archbishop Wake. Twenty-one of these, chiefly on the rebellion of 1715, are printed in Sir Henry Ellis' collection of original letters, 1st series iii, 157-396; most of these however were written in the year 1716, and are concerned with the subsequent treatment of the rebel prisoners at Carlisle.

^{† &}quot;The rebels had fully purposed (as they acknowledged at Penrith) to have given me a visit, and to that end hovered a whole day on the banks of the Eden, five miles below Carlisle. But as providence ordered the matter, the rains had so swelled the waters there, that they were not fordable. This preserved my beef and mutton for the present. They sent me word that these provisions were only kept in store for the Earl of Mar: who they said would assuredly be with me in ten days time."—Letter to Archbishop Wahe, dated Nov. 14, 1715. (Brit. Mus. Add. MSS. 6116).

^{§ &}quot;From Brampton the Jacobites marched to Penrith Fell, where the posse comitatus to the number of 4,000 men, or some say 10,000, or even 14,000, armed with guns, scythes and pitchforks, awaited them under Viscount Lonsdale and Bishop Nicolson, who was on the field in his coach and six. So soon as the Highlanders appeared, the posse comitatus went away: in plain words, they skedaddled, leaving the two commanders and a few of their servants. Lord Lonsdale presently galloped off to Appleby, and the Bishop's coachman, whipping up his horses, carried off his master, willy nilly, to Rose Castle. It is said the prelate lost his wig, while shouting from the carriage window to his coachman to stop."—Ferguson's History of Cumberland.

- Nov. 9. At Carlile wth y^e Brig^r & M^r Brougham, continueing y^e Horse.
 - " 10. d. Lady Dalston & Mrs Mary Philips, ye AD. & Mr Xrson.
 - " 11. p.m. M' Rumney, wth notice of the Scots deserting.
 - " 12. Mr B. & dau. at Carlisle. No Company.
 - " 13. Mr B. preach'd on Luc. 16, 31. Moses & ye prophets.
 - ,, 14. No Company. p.m. Good News from Preston.
 - ,, 15. d. Mr Chr Tullie. Second Express, on ye Defeat of ye Rebels.
 - ,, 16. No Company. Three years since ye death of my dear Wife.
 - ., 17. m. Mr Rook, wth Scotch News. Afternoon, Two Expresses.
 - ,, 18. No Company. Even'. Richd Fisher, paying for his Hides.
 - " 19. At Carlile, makeing Return to ye Letter from ye Council; but (chiefly) disbanding our Militia, and Rejoyceing, on the good news fro Stirling.
 - " 20. Mr B. preach'd ye 2d part of his last Sunday's &c.
 - " 23. d. Onely Mr Fryer, painter: Mr B. with the D. & Chapter.
 - " 24. No Company. My Br and Cous. Rothery wth ye Chapter.
 - " 27. I preach'd my Turn (1. S. in Advent) at Carlile; and treated ye D. and Ch. at dinner.
 - " 28. The Justices of peace met in ye Moot-Hall, tendering ye Oaths to Papists &c.
- " 29. I din'd wth ye D. & Chapter & return'd to Rose in ye Even'.
- Dec. 3. d. Mr St Green. p.m. Cous. Rothery went to Bromfield.
 - ,, 6. d. No Company. Even'. Sis^r Carlile, wthout her Spouse he attending the Dragoons.
 - " 7. d. Mr Cock and Mr Walker. Picture finish'd by Mr Fryer.
 - " 12. p.m. Mr Hanson, admonish'd to reside (and teach School) at Soulby.
 - " 17. m. Dr T. to Penrith. The AD. and I to Carlile, to sign the Return of our Non-Jurors.

For the year 1716 no diary is preserved. To this year belong several interesting letters to Archbishop Wake (Brit. Mus. Add. MSS. 6116). Thus on Sep. 13th, 1716, Bishop Nicolson wrote concerning the prisoners from the 1715 rebellion:—

I heartily wish that we may have a Gaol-Delivery here as soon as possible. Not that I have any jealousy that the Prisoners are like to make their escape, but because I apprehend that (if Justice be not executed speedily) many of them will leave the world in a less exemplary way than they ought to do. The Castle (where they are lodg'd) is a moist & unwholesome Place); and our Garrison is so

thin, that the Commandant is forc'd, for security, to crowd them all into three Rooms. There the greatest part of them sleep upon bare Straw. For the they are generally desirous and sufficiently able to hire Beds, the Townsmen are loath to let their Goods be carried into a place where they are sure to Rot. In this miserable State have most of these mad Creatures been for four or five days past.

The Bishop seems to have been kind to them, obtaining for them permission to walk on the ramparts, &c.

On Oct. 22nd he wrote that the Dean was not likely to live above two or three days, and urged the appointment of Chancellor Tullie, a steady adherent of the House of Hanover. Dean Gibbon was buried on Oct. 24th, and when Tullie succeeded to the Deanery, Thomas Benson, the Bishop's son-in-law, became prebendary in his place.

For 1715 and 1717, there are two separate books, which for convenience I will call (A) and (B). (A) is short and condensed; it begins at Rose Castle, Jan. 1st, 1715, omits the journey to London (Feb. 7-19), and ends Dec. 31st, 1717.

(B) contains the journal on the road, Feb. 7th to 19th, in which there is nothing of special interest: this is followed by some fuller notes or memoranda concerning the same period which is covered by (A), but there is nothing about the later months of the year. The extracts are here arranged in chronological order; and the letters (A) and (B) indicate from which book they are taken.

1715.

- (A) Jan. 11. d. Mr Bolton. p.m. Complim^t from Prisoners, on my Indisp'.
 - Feb. 7. My Journey begun and continu'd (as in another Journal) to you inclusive.
 - " 20. King's Speech. Even' at Cous. R. N's.
 - " 21. King, prince & princess, attended.*

^{*} For the better understanding of some passages which follow, it should be noted that King George I. had been in Hanover for the summer and autumn of 1716, leaving the Prince of Wales "Guardian of the Realm" in his absence. During it, the Prince and Princess of Wales had kept great State, and the King, who had returned in November, was extremely jealous of their popularity, and n bad terms with them. The young Princesses Anne (born 1709), Amelia (born 1710), and Caroline (born 1715), were taken by the King from their parents, and kept at St. James's Palace.

- Feb. 22. On ye D. of B. &c. and ye princess. Address. d. wth ye B. of L. at ye B. of N's.
- Mar. 1. Princess's Birth Day. d. at St James's. Even'. Br's.
- (B) " 4. Mr Stephenson * wth his order of Ch. Aug. 17. 1710 for 10^{lb} yearly, till (by Judgmt & Approbation of y^e B^p and Dean) he be well and sufficiently provided for.
- (A) " 9. m. To D. of Argyle. d. wth me Mr Harris. Even'. Letters many.
 - " 16. m. B^p of Linc. A.B. of D. S^r R.S. &c. &c. Even'. D^r Cannon † wth kind message frō L^d T.
- (B) " 18. I waited (with M^r Sec. Methwin) on ye King; and acquainted His Ma^{ty} that 18 or 19 of ye Bishops (in 25. ye B. of Worc^r absent, wthout Proxy) would be agt Repealing ye Act agt Occ. Communion.
 - K. For what Reasons? A. Probably because so lately, and unanimously, agreed to.
 - K. Have not y^e Dissenters deserv'd well since? A. The honest and deserveing will have no Benefit by y^e Repeal.
- (A) " 19. H. Adjourn'd till Friday. d. Dr Smith. Even'. princess Anne &c.
- (B) "20. The B^p of S^t A. and I sent for to dine wth y^e A.B. of C. who acquainted us y^t y^e Earl of Sund. M^r Sec. Stanhop & B. Bernsdorff, had newly declar'd y^e K's earnest desire to have y^e Dissenters eas'd &c. propos'd to be done on a political foot, by a Sacramental Test in y^{ir} own Congregations. This also will justly raise Jealousies and Disquiets; & cannot be assented to by Bishops.
 - ", 22. I waited on the (D. of D.) L^d President; who gave me a most obligeing & open-hearted Acc^t of His Grace's haveing dealt freely with ye K. and foreign min^{rs} in relation to ye pernitious Advices given (in favour of ye Dissenters) by two of our own Grandees, who know no more of ye Inclinations of ye Common people of G. Brittain than of those of China or Japan.
 - " 23. Seven Bishops (Saru', Carlisle, Gloc^r, St Asaph, Linc, Bangor & Exon') treated at dinner by L^d Chanc^r Cowper; who modestly told us, That 'twas his misfortune to be pinn'd to ye Wool-sack, so yt he had not Access (as other Lords had) to ye Bench of Bishops:

^{*} See Nov. 27th, 1705.

[†] It appears from the diary (April 13th, &c.) that Dr. Cannon, who brought a message from the Lord Treasurer, was Sub-Almoner.

And therefore he beg'd that we would now inform him, what was variously reported, how our sentim^{ts} stood ab^t the Repeal of y^e Act ag^t Occ. Conform'.

His L^p was hereupon assur'd that 18 in 25 (as ye K. has been told) would be ag^t ye Repeal; weh he easily credited, when he found Four of us (Carl. S^t As. Linc. & Exon) were so. He recommended to our perusal ye Corporation-Act of 1661 as w^t might suggest a more allowable scheme.

[1717.]

- (A) Mar.27. d. with me, at opening my pot of chars, M^{rs} Paton, M^r Maleverer, J. Fisher, &c.
 - " 28. d. at Dr Dent's. Ev'. Mr Harris & I wth Lady Governess."

It appears from the Familien Chronik der Freiherren von Gemmingen, by C. W. F. L. Stocker, (printed by Kraemer & Schell, Heilbronn, 1895), that the family is very ancient. Ancestors are recorded as far back as the end of the ninth century, and there is a detailed pedigree from 1235, with a full account of the many branches.

About the beginning of the eighteenth century several members of the family appear to have been able and learned persons. Reinhard v. Gemmingen (of the Gemmingen-Hornberg line) was President of the Privy Council in Baden. He died at Basel 1707. Of his children "2, Auguste Sophie, geb. 2 April, 1676, war Hofdame der Prinzessin von Wales und Ober-hofmeisterin der Kgl. Prinzessin; ihr Bruder Ludwig besuchte sie, aber kaum war er 12 Stunden da, als sie starb, in Dez. 1723, in Leicester." [Evidently Leicester House, then the residence of the Prince and Princess of Wales, must be intended, and the day given in the Bishop's diary was Nov. 20th]. A portrait of this lady is still preserved in the family, and has been thus described to me: "The life-sized portrait of Augusta Sophia Baroness of Gemmingen is at Frankish Crümbach in Hesse and represents a charming lady with powdered hair, olive complexion, very deeply set eyes, smiling mouth with rather red lips, and large earrings of diamonds and pearls, but no other jewellery. The front of her black bodice is cut low, richly embroidered with gold, and trimmed at the edge with white lace. Very pretty sleeves, also trimmed with white lace, fall down to her elbows. Her gown is of silver-grey silk, and a red cloak hides her hands and the lower part of her arms." For my information concerning the Gemmingen family I am indebted to the Baroness Françoise Gemmingen.

^{*} From this time the Baroness Gemmingen appears frequently in the diary under various names, as the Governess, Gem, L. Gemm, Pallas, P., &c. She had been with the Princess of Wales before her marriage. When the Elector of Hanover (afterwards George I.) sent his envoy von Eltz to propose to the Princess (then Caroline of Anspach) a marriage with his son, von Eltz wrote to the Elector, "There was no one else present, except at first Fraulein von Genninggen, who stood discreetly apart, and with her back turned to us: she afterwards, at my suggestion, left the room."—Queen Caroline the Illustrious, by W. H. Wilkins). At the time when Bishop Nicolson made her acquaintance she was governess to the Prince of Wales' children. The diary shews that the Bishop contemplated marriage with her, and on April 29th there was even some talk concerning the jointure. It would appear from a letter dated April 5th, 1718, (quoted below), that there was then still some idea of the marriage. It is not clear why the affair came to nothing, possibly on account of the lady's health, (see Sept. 11th and 29th, 1719, and Nov. 27th, 1723).

It appears from the Familien Chronik der Freiherren von Gemmingen, by C.

- (B) Mar.28. At five in ye evening, I went (wth Mr Harris*) to St James's to kiss the hand of princess Carolina; and, missing of her, was most courteously entertain'd by ye two Elder sisters. The Lady Governess (as accustom'd) read a Spectator in English; and Translated (Ex Tempore) a French Comedy read to her by my friend. With this excellent Lady we stay'd two hours; till ye princesses went to Supper 'twixt 8 & 9.
- (A) Apr. 1. m. To ye Temple. p.m. with ye L. Governess &c.
 - " 2. Mostly wthin. d. wth me D^r Dent. Ev'. Birthday— Visit balk'd.†
 - ,, 6. H. Printer's censur'd. p.m. wth M^r Harris to kiss y^e hand of y^e younger Princess Carolina &c.
 - " 11. All ye day wthin Doors, at Maundy-Lists and Sermon.
 - " 12. d. wth me M^r Harris. Even'. At my B^r's where she-Cap^t Pinfold.
 - " 13. m. Labouring, wth Dr Cannon &c. at our Maundy-Lists. p.m. Lrs.

^{*} Mr. Harris, who was much with the Bishop at this time, seems to have acted as a mutual friend: apparently he held some office about the Court, but I have not been able to ascertain what it was. He is called "Dean Harris" in the diary on and after June 22nd, 1721; but it appears from Le Neve's Fasti Ecclesia Anglicana that at that time there was no Dean of any English or Welsh Cathedral named Harris, and I am informed that he was not Dean of the Chapels Royal.

[†] An interesting memorial of this period of the Bishop's life is in the possession of his descendent, the Rev. W. O'N. Lindesay. It is a tortoise-shell snuff box, inside the lid of which there is a small allegorical painting. On a separate piece of paper, worn and yellow with age, and folded up so as to fit into the box, is the following description: "The painting is the history of yr Lordship's Success in a certain contest of Eloquence on the 2^d of April 1717. F. Pallas appears to you, sitting in yr historical Library, to present you with a Laurel, as the prize of a victory. The better to distinguish yr LP, you are drawn with the following symbols: The genius of Eloquence, being a woman arm'd with thunder, we'h attends upon you. You are cloath'd with scarlet & purple; the first denoting ye degree of Doctor, the other, with a golden fring'd glove, denoting the Episcopal dignity."

Mr. Lindesay says: "Pallas is on the left of picture, supported by a cloud, on which she is apparently kneeling on one knee: she has a brazen helmet, brazen scale armour over the bust, under which is a white undergarment, rolled up to the armour above the elbows, a crimson cloak hangs from her back and envelopes most of her legs; in her right hand she holds a spear, in her left the laurel wreath which she is presenting to the Bishop: behind her on the cloud is an owl; her shield is hung on left arm: she is rather behind the Bishop's chair, and he, with very aquiline nose and pronounced features (not unlike King William III.) is turning round towards her: he has a quill pen in his hand with which he has been writing on a table covered with green cloth and with twisted legs, at the back of which the library is represented by about 20 books in four shelves, with gilt backs. The other figure is mostly covered by the Bishop. She has on steel helmet and armour, from edges of which issue rays, and she holds in her uplifted right hand a thunderbolt. She is girded with a sword."



PICTURE IN THE LID OF BISHOP NICOLSON'S SNUFFBOX. Photo by \mathcal{F} . Robinson & Sons, Dublin. To face p. 10.

- Apr. 15. m. Finishing our Lists. p.m. I began to write my Sermon fair for ye King's Chapel.
- (B) " 17. The Bishops of Litchfield, Lincoln and Exeter (at the Request of ye Ld AB. of C.) met at my Lodgings:

 Where we unanimously agreed to lay before His Grace, as our humble opinion & Advice,—I. That it is highly necessary (at this Juncture) that he more frequently attend ye King in person; to prevent Misrepresentations.
 - 2. That he privately call ye Bishop of Bangor* to him; and require him to explain ye offensive propositions in his Sermon.
 - 3. That His M^{ty} be humbly address'd to beware of w^t commands he gives for y^e printing Sermons.
 - 4. That no Business (if it may be avoided) be enter'd upon in convocation, till ye present jumble is over.
- (A) ,, 18. Maundy Thursday. A wearisome day with me.
 - " 20. Private all day. Mr H's Report from ye Lady Gov.
 - " 21. I preach'd at Court. King, prince & princess, communicated.
 - " 24. m. Princess, on Hoadley. d. wth y^e Chaplains. Even'. Gemminghen.
 - " 26. m. At Court, too early for ye princess's prayers. d. At home.
 - " 29. m. At Court, wth sec^{ry} Addison. Even'. L. Gemm' for Joyntures only.
 - May 1. d. At yo B. of Linc's. Even. with Lady Gov. & Ld Carlile, not Pr.
- (B) " 3. Mr Campbel (L^d provost of Edinburgh, visitting me wth Col. Cambel) saies.—The Army in the North is grievously oppressive to Newcastle; the Corporation paying 40^{lb} p. week for extraordinary supplies, besides the sufferings of Inn-Keepers & other Householders:

^{*} Benjamin Hoadley had been appointed Bishop of Bangor December 21st, 1715, and was consecrated March 18th, $171\frac{5}{0}$. He became Bishop of Hereford 1721, of Salisbury 1723, of Winchester 1734, and died 1761. On March 31st, 1717, he preached before the King a sermon "on the nature of the Kingdom or Church of Christ," in which he denied (or was supposed to deny) that there was such a thing as a visible church of Christ, or church authority. The sermon was printed at the King's command. It was censured by a committee of the lower House of Convocation; and this led to the prorogation of Convocation. Bishop Nicolson asserted that some important changes had been inserted in this sermon before publication, and gave as his authority Dr. White Kennet, Dean of Peterborough, who denied the statement. The matter caused much controversy, and gave Bishop Nicolson great annoyance: it is several times referred to in the diary.

And that Alderman Ridley is treated by yo Officers there as if he were a profess'd Jacobite or Rebel.

NB. This same Provost is a rigid presbyterian.

- (A) May 11. Private (at Lrs) till ye even' when cheerful at St James's.
 - " 12. m. I prd Charity-S. at St Magnus. d. at Mr Fetherston's. Ev' open; wth princesses &c.
 - ., 14. H. half an Irish Cause. Even'. Huzza Science!
 - ., 22. Vol. contrib. Even. Pallas.
 - ., 23. d. wth me Mr Harris & J. Rothery.
 - " 26. Dr Boulter prd at ye Chapel. B. of As. and I at d. wth him &c. Even. Princess wth M. Gemm.
 - Jun. 2. Dr Carter, at St. James's. Even'. Ld AB. of C's Nar' fro ye princess.
 - ,, 3. My Birth Day. Ao Æt 63. Miserere Deus! At my Br's.
 - " 4. d. with ye AB. of C. Even'. Way paved for my Return to Pallas.
 - 5. Private till even. When openly again wth &c.
 - " 6. d. wth me M^r Plen. Po. Harris. Even' wth B. of Linc. to Grove-H.
 - " 9. Adieu, Pallas. I preach'd at Court. d. wth y^e Chaplains. B. of Asaph and I home fro prayers.
 - " 12. NB. Messenger frö Lady Gemm'.
 - ,, 14. m. With Pallas &c. seeing the Tombs. Ao Consecrat. 16th. Even'. At my Br's.
 - " 15. Private. Mr H. at d. wth me. Complimented on supposed mar".
 - " 17. Lame and private. p.m. M. H. with message from Pr. Anne &c.
 - ,, 19. d. Mr H. wth whom at St James's.
 - " 20. At 10 in ye even. L. Carolina Lowisa (d. to ye E. of Holderness) christned by me. The prince Godfather, & ye Rograffin * & C's of Essex Godmothers.

The Case of ye Bp of C.

(B)

1. He, haveing not read ye Bp of Bangor's Ansr to Dp Snape's first Letter, understood (by Dp H's Report) that ye Answerer had solemnly deny'd that he advis'd with any man before his Sermon's comeing abroad: which was contrary to wt Dp K. had said.

^{* &}quot;Raugraf" was a title, of doubtful etymology, held by various families in the Rhine district. The Elector Palatine, Karl Ludwig, conferred the title of Raugrafin on his morganatic wife.

2. In this Inadvertency or Mistake ye Bisp of C. continu'd till he saw ye Bp of Bangor's rst Advertisemt. This Fundamental Mistake has been acknowledg'd; and fairly accts for for all ye seeming contradictions, wen ye Bp of B. must see (in his conscience) are all strain'd and falsely charg'd.

The following extracts from (B) may also be inserted here, to complete the subject of the controversy as to Bishop Hoadley's sermon.

- (B) July 21. Mr Fitzgerd acquainted me fro ye Bp of Winton yt AD. Hoadley * was present at ye beginning of a Conference 'twixt his brother (ye Bp of B.) & Dr. K. before ye publishing of his Sermon &c.
 - " 23. The B^p of Linc. desires y^e B. of Bangor to ans^r clearly Whether y^e D. of Pet. was not with him 'twixt preaching & publishing; & y^e Dean (who this day din'd wth him) to explain what it was that, as he saies, led me into a Mistake. Till both these are done, he thinks my plea good. I am sure it is.
 - Aug. 1. Mr Dean of Y. & Mr Lamps Acct of Dr K's History censur'd by ye D. of Leedes; and his certificate for a Minor Canon of Pet. under prosecution for Adultery, contradicted by Mr Evans.
 - " 14. Mr Rt Sanderson (at Stanwix) assur'd me yt ye Dean had recd 5lb in ye morning; & deny'd ye Rect in ye Afternoon.

Dr K's Advertisem^t in y^e Dayley Courant of Wedn. July 24, 1717.

The B^p of Carl. never in my Study alone, wthout some other Company for several months past. His wife p^rsent (I think) alwaies, some p^t of y^e time; but as often order'd to withdraw, particularly, after her motion ab^t y^e B^{prick} of N. May 29.

—I never advis'd ye B^p of B. in amending &c. any one word in his Sermon. Would not an explanatory pre-

^{*} John Hoadley, younger brother of Benjamin Hoadley, was at this time Prebendary and Archdeacon of Salisbury. He became Bishop of Leighlin and Ferns 1727, Archbishop of Dublin 1730, of Armagh 1742, and died 1746.

face amended many words & expressions in it, by setting them in a better Light? Qu. Mr Collins.

—In some perplexity and Confusion of Mind. True; upon the Discovery of ye hitherto unheeded Difference 'twixt preaching and Publishing. Hope & suppose &c. For Ansr to ye Bp of B's charge of my being in Confederacy to slander him, see Dr Burnet's Coll.

- (A) July 1. E. of Oxford acquitted. My Advertisemt published.
 - 2. B. of B's long Ans^r. Visitted by too many. Mostly private.
 - " 3. H. Scotch Bill &c. p.m. D. Kennett's L^{rs} to AB. of C. & me.
 - " 4. m. B. of Linc's L' frō D' K. p.m. Hard at my presswork.
 - " 5. Early Dinner. H. Turn-pike. p.m. Postscript &c. to my printed L^r.
 - ,, 7. d. at my B^{r's} wth Sis. Rothery &c. Even.' Introd. of my L^r censur'd.
 - ,, 8. L^r publish'd. d. wth me M^r H. private on L^r to D^r K. Presents.
 - ., g. Lr to K. publish'd. I din'd &c. at home. Even'. Lrs.
 - " II. Dr W. & I at d. wth my Br. Ev' (ultimu' vale) with Pallas.
 - " 15. End of ye Session. d. wth me my son & two Nephews. Private, at Add. Remarks.
 - " 20. m. Farewells. d. wth me, M^r Harris, Mallev^r nephew R. and son John. Ev' late at St. James's. Farewell.
 - " 22. Cous. Rothery and I set out for Lincoln; and by ye way of York &c. Happily finish'd our Journey on—
 - Aug. 5. —when we were met at Penrith by a great many friends; who came with us to Rose.
 - Sep. 10. d. M^r Alex^r Carlton, professing High-Church; but loyalty to K.G.
 - " 17. d. M^r R. Aglionby & Ald (Mayor p^rsumptive) T. Jackson. p.m. M^r Malev^r to Kirk-oswald.
 - " 30. At ye Mayor's (Mr Jackson's) Feast. p.m. D. of Rippon &c. to C.
 - Oct. 8. Thro' storms, to dine at Edenhall, wth ye Dean &c. Home, wth Dr B. after 9 at night.
 - " 18. m. Hunting. d. All Treated by Br Carlile at Dalston-Hall.
 - " 30. His R. H's Birthday; with wishes &c. and health to P.

- Nov.17. This day, 36 years since my being Instal'd Prebendary at Carlile and 5 since my dear wife's death. Many and Evil!
 - " 25. With my Br &c. to dine wth ye D. and Chapter: where ye King's Speech &c.
 - " 26. After a Second Dinner, and consulting on the Test-Act &c. home.
- Dec 22. One priest and eight Deacons ordain'd. D' Benson preach'd and M' Malev' officiated as Archdeacon.
 - " 30. I set out for Westmr in pleasant weather. God continue ye cheerful prospect.

1717.

The diary of this period is fragmentary, and is a good deal concerned with the disputes between the King and the Prince of Wales.

- Jan. 18. The K's new proposals to ye P. 1. Nom' of his serv^{ts}. 2. R^t claim'd to ye children wth 40,000lb. 3. No Companions disagr' to His M^{ty}. 4. Satisf. in form to Ds of Newc. & Roxb. 5. Fair wth all ye Ministry.
 - ", 23. D. of Dev. and E. of Pemb. must move ye P. AB. of to submission: 10 (of 12) Judges haveing given up ye children.

 AB. of C. in ye Lobby.
 - " 24. Warning (by Mr H.) to D. of A. At ye House AB. of C. unsatisfy'd wth Reasons of 10 Judges. E. of Sund. kind in his professions to me.
 - " 27. My Sub. Alm^r hints that one Argum^t ag^t parting wth y^e children will be drawn frō E. 4's Queen giving up (frō y^e Sanctuary) her younger son; who dy'd with his B^r in y^e Tower. God forbid!
 - ,, 28. M. Gem's grateful acct of ye K's Goodness to her; & ye D's of M's &c.
 - ", 30. G's Hardships by consultation.

 NB. Dn K. at ye Chapel.
- Feb. 4. G. in New Joy on ye K's repeated Goodness to Her and ye Children. Esto!
 - 8. B. of Sar.* complain'd to that an Anabaptist was bury'd in

^{*} William Talbot, Bishop of Oxford 1699, of Sarum 1715, of Durham 1721, died 1730.

- ye Church-yard wthout consent or knowledge of ye Incumbent, asks Advice. B. of Linc. * would know whether any prayer &c. us'd at ye Intermt. Bp of Gloc. † What harm if there was, considering there's a Toleration? O Tempora! [H. of Lords].
- Mar. 8. D. of Bolton encourages & hopes for Derry; and AB. of C. confirms 'em. L. Gem' (by Mr H.) sends me a despairing Ansr to my Congrat' Letter, on prospect of Peace.
 - ", 10. m. Mr Harris brought me Princess Ann's picture drawn by her own hand, & sent to me from herself. In ye Even' Mr H. and I waited on Her Highness; playing at Piquet wth ye Governess, and (Ao æt 9) syllogizeing in true Mood and Figure, & appositly quoteing ye 2d punic war.
 - " 14. In ye morning A.D. Trimnel sent to Lambeth with Assurances of my being Bishop of London-Derry, and his brother Green Bishop of Carlile. The former part of this acct was presently confirm'd in ye House by ye Bp of Norwich; and thereupon I was complimented by all. The same afternoon ye House was in a Grand Committee on the Bristol-Bill, wherein was a Repeal of a Clause in a former Act, provideing that ye Govern's of their Corporation for provideing for ye poor should take ye Test. Upon one Question, ye Committee divided: And five of ye Bps (Sarum, Norwich, Gloc' Linc. and Bangor) voted agt ye two Archbishops & the rest of yir Brethren. For my continueing with the latter, I was kept from my Irish Translation; and (ye next morning) another took away my sd presumptive Bishoprick, as was generally Reported. Yet on the—
 - " 17th (St Patrick's day) y^e King was pleas'd to nominate me to y^e Bishoprick of London-Derry; as was signify'd to me (in y^e House of Lords) by y^e D. of Bolton L^d L^t of Ireland.— And, the next day, His Grace introduceing me, I had thereupon ye Honour to Kiss His M^{tv's} hand.
 - "22. p.m. I went, wth ye Bp of St Asaph, to Lambeth. The AB. told us that he had, ye day before, a Visit from ye Bp of Rochr who accus'd me of giveing His Grace's proxy in Parliamt contrary to his Instructions. Upon which, His G. declar'd to ye B. of St A. (what, he assur'd him, he had likewise said to ye B. of Rr) that I had ever faithfully discharg'd ye Trust repos'd in me; and that He should lose his right hand on my Removal to Ireland.

^{*} Edmund Gibson, Bishop of Lincoln 1716, of London 1723, died 1748.

[†] Richard Willis, Bishop of Gloucester 1715, of Sarum 1721, of Winchester 1723, died 1734.

From the curious correspondence published in Ferguson's M.P.'s for Cumberland and Westmorland, pp. 101 to 104, it seems that the Bishop had pleased the authorities by supporting a Whig candidate for Carlisle in 1715, when Sir Christopher Musgrave desired to be elected. The income of the See of Derry appears to have been much larger than that of Carlisle: this was no doubt the chief attraction.*

In a letter to Archbishop Wake, the Bishop mentions the astonishment and disappointment which he felt when the King told him that he expected him to reside in his new Diocese. (Brit. Mus. Add. MSS. 6116). It appears from the following letter in the same collection that the marriage with the Baroness Gemmingen was still in contemplation.

April 5, 1718.

My Lord, Last night about seven o'clock Baron Bothmar brought a Message (from His Majesty) to the Governess; letting her know that it was His Royal Pleasure that she should leave her Charge, and dispose of herself elsewhere; But, that the rest of the Attendants on the Young Princesses were allowed to continue in their respective Posts. That they may lead to the Return of their Royal Highnesses to their father & children, is the hearty Prayer of

Your Grace's most obedient Servant

W. Carlile.

There are no entries in the diary between March 22nd and May 23rd, 1718, when he set out for Ireland. It is disappointing not to find in his first impressions of that country more which is worth printing, or which is of interest from the point of view of our Society. The deficiency may be to some extent supplied by the following extract from Lecky's History of England in the Eighteenth Century, vol. ii., p. 216:—

^{*&}quot;My temporalties beyond hope 1213 lb. p. y." (Memorandum in diary Aug. 10th, 1718): "y" must have been a slip for the "half year," for in a letter to Archbishop Wake on Aug. 23rd, 1718, he says that "the Rents of the See of Derry for 6 months (without any fines) were £1213"; and in one written on Jan. 31, 171\frac{a}{2}, speaking of the suggestion that he might go to Londonderry, he had said, "He [the Bishop of Meath] assures me that I shall have a Rental of £2400 besides Fines."

Bishop Nicolson, who was translated in 1718 from the See of Carlisle to that of Derry, gives in a series of letters to the Archbishop of Canterbury, a vivid description of the misery both of the towns and of the country districts. "Our trade of all kind" he wrote in 1720. "is at a stand, insomuch as that our most eminent merchants who used to pay bills of 1000f at sight, are hardly able to raise 100f in so many days. . . . Our best beef (as good as I ever ate in England) is sold under 3d. a pound, and all this not from any extraordinary plenty of commodities, but from a perfect dearth of money." Though apparently a hard and selfish man, the scenes of wretchedness which he witnessed on his journey from Dublin to his diocese moved him to a genuine compassion. "Never did I behold," he writes, "even in Picardy, Westphalia, or Scotland, such dismal marks of hunger and want as appeared in the countenances of most of the poor creatures I met with on the road." He dilates upon the rack-rents, the miserable hovels, the almost complete absence of clothing; and he tells how, one of his carriage horses having been accidentally killed, it was at once surrounded by fifty or sixty famished cottagers struggling desperately to obtain a morsel of flesh for themselves and their children.

Extracts from the diary are now continued.

1718.

July 2. My Primary Visitation.

"5. Goeing (wth ye Dean & Mayor of Derry &c.) to dine at Fawn, we took our way by ye Top of Greanan-Gormely; whence we could see ye Outlets of the two great Loghs of Foyle and Suilly. The word signifies the place where (Queen) Gormely bask'd herself in ye sun. This Lady is sd to have been wife to Neal o Neal a Quondam-King of Ulster; who kept his Residence at ye Castle of Elagh in this neighbourhood. She was daughter to a prince of ye Highlands in Scotland; and is suppos'd to have gone ye oftner to ye Top of this Hill to look towards ye Countrey where she was born, ye point of Cantyre being to be seen hence. Here are Remains of a Fort of Stones, like that of Maiden-Castle upon Stanemore, around weh are Cavities or Lusking-Holes. Not many Raths (or Danish Forts) in this Countrey.

NB. The Mountain of Sleaver-Snaght (ie Snowdon) is the highest in Inchowen; on the Top whereof, saies Mr

^{*} It may be hoped that the reader of the Bishop's diaries will not altogether endorse this opinion.

McManus, there are Beds of Shells (of Oysters, Cockles, and Muscles) wch have laid there since Noah's Flood, and have alwaies a moisture on 'em at High-water. Qu. The Isle of Inch, in Logh-Suilly, is in ye parish of Temple-Moor. The Oysters here as good as at Colchester.

- July 27. I held an Ordination at Londonderry for ye necessary occasions of ye Diocese; wherein Two Dublin-Batchelours (Mr Cha. Vaughan and Mr Gustavus Hamilton) and three Scotch Masters (Mr John Egleson, Mr Ralph Davenport and Mr Sam. Law) were ordain'd: The two former Deacons, and ye other three priests. No Licences, pending ye Ld primate's Inhibition.
- Aug. 1. I read prayers (first and second Service) at Londonderry; Col. Michelburn's Bloody Flag being hoisted, ye first time, on ye steeple. p.m. Great Guns & Volleys. Even'. Splendid Treat in ye Tolset, Fireworks & Illuminations.
 - 2. Saturday, in ye evening, Mr Dean and I met (with a coach & four) Dr Wve ve Primate's single Commissioner: ve expected Bp of Down excuseing himself in a Lr to me. The next day (Sunday) we carry'd him to Church: treated him at Dinner &c. The next morning (Munday) he put on his Scarlet Gown in ye Vestry; where his commission was read and ye Bp Dean & Chapter visitted, wthout any ones sitting down. Thence I follow'd him to my Throne; and (Dr Ward's excellent Sermon agt Free thinkers ended) the Clergy were call'd, and generally appear'd. The Churchwardens had Articles given, to weh they were to answer The Visitation was adjourn'd till Nine on immediately. Tuesday-morning—But ye commr left us about that hour. & (from the Confines of ye Diocese with that of Rapho) sent me a Relaxation. NB. The Visitation (of ye Clergy) was open'd with a public Reprimand of ye AB's Apparitor for his Rudeness, in offering to serve me with an Inhibition two days before my own Visitation.
 - " 5. NB. Mr Collier's Acct of ye swimming of Stones up ye River at Donaghmore on ye Day whereon the pretender's Standard was erected by ye E. of Mar in Scotland, fulfilling an Irish Prophecy.
 - It. AD. Hamilton's of B^p Lesley's Holly Polly at Rapho. Ovsters on several mountains.
 - "8. m. Mr Forster brought me a seal'd Instrumt of Freedome from ye Mayor & Alderm'. Takeing Leave, We went hence (25 Horsemen) to ye E. of Antrim's whimsical Castle of Dunluce, on a rotten rock in ye sea: whence (two or

three miles farther) to ye stupendous Giant's Causeway. It's plainly a Range of extraordinary Columns of Stone Tumbled, headlong into ye sea, from ye neighbouring Rock; which are visibly of ye like Strata of multangular pillars, Squares, pentagons, Hexagons &c. The most notorious of these are the Organs, Giant's Chair, Looms &c. Vide Phil. Transac. n. 212 et 235. It 199, 241.

- Aug. 9. By Maghresharkin and Maghre-Noghil (where we dined, and parted wth M^r Winder) we came to Antrim; along the Head of y^e mighty Lake of Neagh (or Birds) 20 miles in Length & 14 in breadth. Here are y^e famous Hones for Rasors, Grey Trouts and Skellies (here call'd Pollons) as in Hulls-water. It empties itself into Loch-Beg, or y^e little Loch; and that into the Bann.
 - " 14. I went on Board at half an hour past Four in ye morning; and in Nine hours of calm weather, landed at Port Patrick; whence attended to Stranrare (on Lough Ryan) by Mr Dun, waiter to his Collector Mr Bruce, to adjust Demands on our Horses. Mr Bradshaw, Cornet of Dragoons, quitted his chamber to me; & furnish'd us with Oysters & Trouts.
 - " 15. After 18 long miles (by Castle-Kennedy, Glenluce, &c.) we baited at Newton-Steward; and p.m. pass'd on by Ferry-Town of Cree—to Gatehouse of Fleet: where we were met by Mr Murray, and conducted to good Lodgings at his House of Kaley.
 - " 16. Mr M. brought us cross ye River Dee, in sight of Kilenbert and by Carlingwark, half way to Drumfrese, where Treated by ye Bayliffs. The Provost was gone to Edinburgh to crave Protection from ye Governmt agt a Riotous Meeting of ye Brewers; who refus'd to pay an Additional Duty of one Bothwel (or 2d Scotch) on yir pint of Ale, laid on by an Act of ye last Session of Parlt (as at Glasgow, for ye use of ye Two Corporations respectively) at yir own Request. NB. The outcry agt ye Isle of Man as great here as in the North of Ireland; all agreeing that ye King loses at least 100,000lb p. An' in his customs by ye running of Goods from that Island. Mr Js. Mackartney (of Belfast) saies—Their Town alone falls 4000lb in ye yearly customes; and yt himself has landed 14000 Gallons of Brandy in the Isle, at 2s 4d per Gallon, since March last.

 - ,, 18. We set out (at ½ hour after six) for Cumberland, din'd at

Annan, and arriv'd happily at Rose-Castle about eight at night. Deo Laus!

No diary is preserved from Aug. 18th, 1718, to the end of that year.

1719.

Samuel Bradford had been consecrated as Bishop of Carlisle at Lambeth on June 1st, 1718: but he delayed coming to the Diocese*; and the beginning of 1719 found Bishop Nicolson still at Rose Castle. The diary contains little of interest.

Mar. 22. My last Sermon at Rose.

- " 26. p.m. I remov'd to Carlile.
- ,, 27. Good Friday. I prd in ye Cathed.
- " 29. Easter-day. I preach'd for (and dined with) ye Dean.

Apr. 10. At the Soccage-Dinner.

- " 15. d. wth old Mrs Brisco, after a view of ye Houses at parkbroom.
- " 16. Daughters at Hawkesdale. Even' wth ye Dean &c. at ye Gunner's.
- " 23. p.m. Complimt from ye Quire.
- " 26. A Troublesome day, in bidding Farewell at Carlile.
- " 27. I left Carlile, parted with the Dean & Clergy at Wigton, dined (wth two Howards, Mr Molyneux &c.) at Workington, and lodg'd at Cl. Nicolson's (my daughters at Mr Coates's) in Whitehaven.
- "28. After Dinner, at or respective Lodgings, we took leave of Br John, Dr B., Br Carlile, &c. & embark'd, in a calm. About 8. a Land Breeze carry'd us to sea.
- " 29. We pass'd ye Isle of Man, Mull of Galloway, ye Maidens, Bloody Foreland, Isle of Rathlin &c and (about 9 at night) anchor'd in the mouth of Logh-Foyle.
- May 4. NB. Mr Semple's Horse Elf-shot.+
- Jun. 6. Wholly private all day in removeing Books into my new Study.
 - , 8. Going to Rapho, ye coach overturn'd; my face cut &c.

^{*} Bishop Bradford seems to have only once visited the Diocese (Ferguson's *History of Diocese of Carlisle*, p. 171): he was translated to Rochester in 1723, in succession to Atterbury (who was deprived), and died in 1731.

[†] See June 27th, 1712.

From June 24th to Nov. 3rd the Bishop was in Dublin.

- Aug. 26. m. To Susan in her new Apartm^t and M^r Hornby. d. wth me M^r Lewis.
- Sep. 11. m. L^d Chanc^r D^r Hamilton, who din'd and (p.m.) went wth me near Santry, on y^e Topick of Wedlock.
 - " 29. m. Dr Ham' adviseing an End. *
- Oct. 13. A first time d. wth me Ja. Nicolson; morning & night wth dying M^r Ingoldsby.
 - " 18. Dr Howard prd at Ch. Ch. d. wth me, my nephew W.N.† and Mr Christian. Ev' Mr Ingoldsby's Funeral.
 - " 26. Ev. 7 Pacquets, & (wth them) Cous. Rothery and Son John.
 - ,, 30. H. as yesterday d. wth me, my son & two Nephews.
- Nov. 9. Leaving Colraine, we dined at M^r G. Semple's, and (magnâ com' catervâ) got safe to Derry abt sun-setting. Deo Gloria!
- Dec. 1. Ev'. My Son & J. Rothery, Freemen.
 - " 26. p.m. Dr Benson, and my Daughters, early frō Strabane. Very Welcome. God be prais'd.
 - " 31. d. Only M^r Mansfield a Diversion to the Girls; Cous. Rothery and my son John at ye Dean's.

1720.

May 10. News of ye death of my dear Susan on ye 6th.

- " 26. Ascension Day. Son John Deacon.
- Jun. 12. Ordination son John & Mr Ham' priests.
 - " 15. Son John Instituted.§
- " 22. d. All ye Squires S.Drums & Kittles.
- July 1. d. Mr Ball, Mr Bolton &c. My last will.
- " 14. To Muff, wth Dr B. & my daughter. Valete. Dec. 23. Fast. I prd wth Spectacles.

The diary for 1721 is rather more full, and contains more which seems worth printing. It begins with detailed accounts for the whole year, in which the total expenditure was £1,023 15s. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

^{*} See note on Mar. 28th, 1717.

⁺ Son of his brother John, and Vicar of Dalston 1727 to 1731.

[†] Nichols, p. 522, gives a letter from Bishop Downes concerning Susan's death. Henry Downes (Bishop of Killala 1716, of Elphin 1720, of Meath 1724, of Derry 1726, died 1735) was a very intimate friend of Bishop Nicolson, and Nichols gives many letters from him on personal as well as public matters. See below Jan. 16, 172‡.

[§] To the living of Donaghmore.

1721.

- Jan. 20. The Litany-Collects, to avert the plague, recd by the post.
- " 28. m. Son John set out for Belfast; In complimt to Mr Collier and his sister. d. Dr Ward and Mr Norman. The greatest Snow this winter.
- Feb. 8. No Company. Yesterday's post came this morning; the Frost and Snow both continueing. p.m. I sat in ye Consistory; and found plenty of Irregularities.
 - " 11. No Company. p.m. The Back-Gate broken open by Corporal Lion; who wounded Abraham Hope in his right hand. The Commandant (Capt Ferguson) sent ye Delinquent to ye Guard.
 - " 14. m. The officers of ye Garrison censur'd y'r offending Corporal in such a manner as I thought too severe; and thereupon I beg'd off his being picquetted & whip'd, desireing only yt he might continue suspended till there was some Appearance of his growing sober.
- Mar. 9. m. The Chanc^r made acquainted wth y^e Irregularities of his Court.
 - " 16. Mr Dean and 's Family abroad. Qu. on suspected Matrim'.
 - " 23. p.m. from prayers home wth y^e Dean; who read me his B^{r's} (dislik'd) Case before y^e L^{ds} of G.B. and to whom I intimated my Design to complain (in my approaching visitation) of 9 Parishes wherein neither Incumbent nor Curate resided.
 - " 25. With ye New Year, a new Course of Life (Deo dante) resolv'd on: especially, in relation to Tobacco, &c in the mornings.
 - " 29. d. Mr Collier & Mr McManus. p.m. Ditto C's demand's for 's Sister, viz. settlem^t for building & furnishing & a child's portion.
- Apr. 3. Cous. Ja. Nicolson, fro Whitehaven; wthout any Certificate; or any Sermon compos'd in his year's loitering there. No Company.
 - " 4. m. The Reg* in warmth, avowing his Integrity. Let that be try'd to-morrow.
 - " 6. Mandy-Thursday. d. Only Sh. McManus. p.m. Visitted by Mr Ainstruther, recovering. Ev'. At ye Dean's Roasting ye Regr.
 - " 7. Mr Sutheby prd and we all fasted till after Evening Service.
 - , 12. m. Mr Graffan, in hopes of subdueing ye Rapperies.* d.

^{*} After the extensive confiscation of lands in Ireland following the great rebellion of 1641, many of the old proprietors and their followers waged a sort of guerilla warfare under the names of Tories and Rapparees against their

At ye Mayor's with ye Judge &c. &c.

- May 2. With Mr Dean (in my Chariot) to Dungeven; where a great Crowd, of Clergy & Gentlemen, attending the Funeral of Col. Cary. I bury'd the Corpse, in the Old Church; wherein (as in ye new) there 's nothing but Bare Walls unroof'd. We return'd in ye Afternoon; haveing Travel'd 32 Irish miles. I found no Symptomes of ye Gravel, on this long day's journey. Deo Laus!
 - " 4. m. Dr Ward & Mrs A. Bolton marry'd in ye Cathedral; and AD. Rothery and Mrs Fearson at Muff. d. Only Mr Blackhall, the Tyer of the latter Knot. p.m. Compliments pd by me & Mr Malev and return'd by ye Dean & his son Jos.
 - 8. It. Mr Collier and Mr Read, wth a vitious Draught of my Son's Marriage-Settlement.
 - " 10. With Dr Squire, Mr Read, ye AD. and my son (in ye King's Boat) to Culmore; where we din'd, on our own provisions, and return'd with Wind & Tide. At our comeing home, my son's Horse (of 15^{lb}) lay dead on ye Dunghill.
 - " 18. Ascension-Day. m. My Son's Marriage-Settlements sign'd and perfected.
 - " 19. m. In the chariot wth Cous. E. Rothery (her Husband & my Nancy rideing by) to Muff; whence we return'd to Dinner. Son John set out at ye same time, with Mr Collyer for Belfast; in expectance of being marry'd next week. Fortunet Deus!
 - " 20. p.m. News brought me of the better of two Coach-Horses (bought ye last week of Mr P. Benson for 26lb) being stifled in a Ditch. More misfortunes of ye like kind approaching. Another in convulsions by too soon being put into ye Ferry-Boat.

successors. After the earlier years of the eighteenth century the names became attached to any bands of marauders. See Lecky's *History of England*, vol. ii., pp. 345-7.

* Joseph Rothery had followed his uncle's fortunes in Ireland: see note on Sept. 21st, 1714. He became Archdeacon of Derry in 1719, and Rector of Dunboe, a living which before the disestablishment of the Irish Church was attached to the Archdeaconry. On Nov. 10th, 1722, he was granted a faculty to hold also the rectory of Aghanloo; and further; on Oct. 2nd, 1723, he was allowed to hold also the rectory of Tamlaght-Finlagan. He died in July, 1731, and was interred at St. Andrew's, Dublin.—Ulster Journal of Archaeology.

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In a letter written in May, 1722, (British Museum Add. MSS. 6117) Archbishop King says that Bishop Nicolson had given already three of the best benefices in his diocese (one of them the Archdeaconry) to a son and two relations or friends, and that it was reported that he was trying to get the Deanery for his son-in-law. This was Dr. Benson, whom he mentioned in a letter to Archbishop Wake on

May 31st, 1722, as a suitable person for that preferment.

- May 22. m. Visitted by M^r Lee a Lieu^t. of our new Garrison, brought to me by M^r Mclewaine. It. by Jos. Bolton; who brought Books of Correction, wherein were Adulterers, &c. presented in 1714. and yet sub judice.
 - " 23. m. My second Coach-Horse dy'd.
 - ", 27. d. Only Mr McManus & Mr Percival. p.m. A single Blew-coat Girl being at Church, I called her to me; and enquired where ye other five were for a month past. She said they were gone to service; but that Mr Sotherby had five more to put in their places, and that they would all appear in their new Cloathes tomorrow. Ou.
 - " 31. Mr Mayr AD. McManus Lt Lee & Lt Picket went down ye water with me (to Culmore &c.) in Quest of Seals. We dined together cheerfully; but return'd home in stormy weather.
- June 3. My Birth-day; beginning the 67th year of my Age. Lord, let me know (consider and prepare for) my latter end!
 - ., 4. Trinity Sunday. Ja. Nicolson ordain'd Deacon.*
 - " 9. m. The AD. and my two elder Daughters set out for (Mr Gorge's) Somerset; in some hopes of bringing home my son and his Bride. Weather cold and Stormy.
 - " 13. Seal fishing again. We caught one; din'd together at ye Fish-House, & return'd weary enough.
 - ,, 14. Anno Consecr. 20mo Yet God help!
 - " 20. AD. and 's wife, with my Nancy to Colrain; in order to meet son John & his Bride.
 - " 22. d. M^r Bowen, chaplain to ye Regiment; with Recommendations from Dean Harris and D^r Wotton.
 - ", 24. d. Only Mr Bowen. p.m. Letters frō ye AD. notifying that ye comeing of my son and his Bride was deferr'd from this day till Tuesday or Wednesday in ye next week. This Notice came after Four in ye Afternoon: Whereas Mr McManus, and others set out early to dine wth them at New-Town and Dr Ward (wth all ye Clergy) went, after dinner to meet ym at Muff.
- July 1. An Anniversary for ever to be observ'd, in Remembrance of my great Deliverance on this day Twelve-month.† Laudetur Dnus in æternum!
 - " 6. d. Col. Townsend, Maj^r Bunbury Col. Bream (my fellow-soldier at Penrith-Fell †) and Cap^e Savage.

^{*} Compare April 3rd. We shall see presently what great sorrow he brought upon the Bishop.

[†] It does not appear what this deliverance had been.

See Note on Nov. 2nd, 1715.

- July 14. d. No Company. p.m. After long waiting for the primate's Comm^{rs} M^r Synnott (ye Regr) came, at Ten, to sup with us; & reported that D^r Redgate was weather-fast three miles off, & that M^r Whaley halted for him on ye other side of ye water.
 - " 15. My Coach went early (a second time) to attend ye visitors; who came to yir Lodgings at Mr Goon's before eight o'clock. The AD and my son went presently to wait on ym. At eleven they came to me; and Dr R. tender'd the AB's Mandate, wen I refus'd to look into before ye day of Visitation. It seem'd to be expected that I should immediately have own'd their powers, by placeing them in the Throne. This I could not agree to, till ye Commission was regularly open'd on ye 17th. They din'd & sup'd with me; and I sent wine to yir Lodgings.
 - ,, 16. The Comm^{rs} sate (as yesterday) in ye Stalls of ye Dean & AD. Mr Whaley prd in ye morning; and p.m. Dr Squire. All din'd wth me again. S. The Comm^{rs} at ye Dean's.
 - ,, 17. Visitation. The Primate's Commission first read in my parlour; whence we went in procession to the Church, the Junior Clergy (two & two) going first, and ye AD. Dr Ward & myself immediately preceding ye Commrs whom I follow'd into the Throne. No Second Service nor Sacramt. Dr Jenkins prd. Half ye Call finish'd, we din'd (with all ye Drs and Chief Clergy) at my House. p.m. The Remainder of the Call: And ye Commrs wth Mr Synot & Mr Morgan, sup'd with me. NB. Dr Redgate now acquainted me that their leaving Dublin in a Hurry prevented yir bringing an Authentic Seal; but that they would send me a Relaxation, as soon as they arriv'd at Dublin. O mores!
 - " 18. I attended, into ye Court, Mr Whaley, who presently adjourn'd to this day month. Takeing leave of my two Masters, I went to Morning-prayer in ye Church.
 - " 22. m. Mr Stewart of Ballintoy, wth Mr Boyd; betwixt whom and my daughter Anne he propos'd a match. The Terms seem'd fair to me; but she dislik'd ye whole proposal.
 - " 26. m. Mr Stewart of Ballintoy's earnest Repitition of Mr Boyd's proposals; with a Letter from his elder Br confirming the offer of 50lb Joynture. d. Mr Blackhall & Mr Finlay. p.m. Mr Boyd, impatient for my d. A's Answer; which altogether discourageing.
 - " 27. m. AD. Rothery and 's wife took ship for Whitehaven, with a fair Westerly wind, about a Quarter after Eleven. Fortunet Deus!

p.m. M^r McManus first, and afterwards M^r Stewart, with fresh Importunities in favour of M^r Boyd.

July 29. With Col. Townsend Major Bunbury, &c. to attend Mr Hart in Seal-Fishing. We caught nothing, but good Stomachs to our Dinner.

Aug. 2. d. Capt Norris & Lt Beaver. p.m. Cous. Ja. Jackson with a letter from his father, requesting my getting him into ye Excise here after his being turn'd out of ye like Service in England.

The diary of this year ends with Sept. 25th when the Bishop was attending Parliament in Dublin; where he still was at the beginning of 1722, but he returned home early in February. The diary is still short, and of little interest.

1722.

Feb. 1. After dinner at Augher, the Coach broken 7 miles short of Omagh whither I rode in ye dark.

" 3. After sealing a Lease of Adstra to young Ol. McCausland, I view'd ye School at Lifford &c. conducted home by three pts of Derry. Deo Laus!

Mar. 3. Ev'. Sworn Justice of peace by Mr Norman.

May 8. Mr Malevr's Wedding.*

" 17. Mr Mayor, Ald. McManus, &c. went wth us, in ye K's Boat, to our Ship at Redcastle.

" 18. Abt 5 p.m. we pass'd by ye Tunns, and held on our course all night.

", 19. At ye Isle of Man, ye wind turn'd. But we landed safe at Whitehaven at of.

" 23. By Brayton & Crofton to Carlile.

" 24. d. wth us Capt Briscoe &c. &c.

" 25. Treated by ye Corporation.

,, 28. K's Birth. p.m. At ye Town-Hall.

June 23. Grand Chapter. Only Dean & Vice Dean.
,, 24. Mr Birket prd second Chapter Dinner.

,, 28. Mr Dean & ye 4 prebendaries din'd wth me.

" 29. d. Ditto Dean and Dr Todd. Ev'. dd. fro Rose.

July 5. d. wth Sr C. M. & 's Uncles. p.m. Home.

Aug. 13. Deo Auspice, My journey begun. Night at Appleby, wth Br two Nephews &c. &c.

^{*} To the Bishop's daughter Elizabeth.

[†] The Bishop's quarrel with the Musgrave family was now to some extent healed; but they never seem to have been again on the same cordial and intimate terms as before.

- Aug. 14. Over rugged Stanemore to Greata-Br.
 - ,, 30. To Cambridge p.m. wholly wth ye Bp of Carlile.
- Sep. 1. By Rye-House and Enfield to London. S. wth cous. Fisher at B^r Jos's.
 - 6. After kissing ye King's hand d. wth us Capt Johnston, witness of my Reception.
 - " 10. By Dr Harris's to Richmond *; where P. visitted, Prince & Princesses hands kiss and Lodg'd at Castle-Bear-Hill. Dean H. came home wth me to dinner; where also Capt Johnston. Ev'. Attending AD. Rothery &c. at y^e Black Swan.
 - " 13. d. AD. Rothery and 's wife, with her Br and sister. p.m. Cous. R. N's wife & d.
 - " 17. d. G. Spooner, to summons agt Wednesday. p.m. Comforting my B^r and 's daughter.
 - " 21. m. wth my Br & niece to Chelsea. NB. Cedars, Aloe, Arbutus, &c. d. At my Br's.
 - " 26. News fro ye Isle of Wight. d. at home. Ev'. To ye Bp of Carlile's.
- Oct. 1. Highly caress'd & countenanc'd at Richmond. d. wth D. Harris. NB. Mr Wogan.
 - 8. m. Mr Commr Brougham. d. Mr Harris & AD. R. p.m. wth Dean Harris to Sr J. Philips and P's apartmt in Leicester-House.+
 - " 10. d. Baron Gem'[†] & D. Harris; wth whom (p.m.) to view y^e Prince's new Picture.
 - " 15. AD. R. Jer N. &c. &c. Even'. To P. with yo E. of Selkirk.
 - "17. m. To B^{ps} of Linc. and Durham & sealing J. R's Commission. d. At M^r Watkinson's on Farewel to Couss. Rotherves.
 - " 19. m. Baron Gem'. & Mr Chamberlayne.
 - " 24. d. B. Gemmingen & Sis Rothery.
 - " 30. Prince's Birth Day. 18 Bps d. D. Harris, wth wm (p.m.) with P & her Br.
- Nov. 16. m. Mr Grisdale. To P. and B. Gem'.
 - " 29. D. Harris wth me to Chelsea; whence to D. of Grafton, L^d Ch. Middleton, L^d Lonsdale, S^r Tho. Lowther &c. and frō Leic. House home to d. wth s^d D. H. and with him, back again to no purpose. S. B^r & Niece N.
- Dec. 4. m. To B^{rs} M^r Knaplocks and R. N's. d. D. Harris & D^r Ryves. Ev' with my daughters, waiting on Lady Gem'.

^{*} Richmond Lodge had been bought by the Prince of Wales in 1718.

[†] At that time rented by the Prince and Princess of Wales.

[‡] Brother to "Pallas": see Oct. 30th.

The year 1723 begins in London.

1723.

- Ian. 8. m. wth D. Harris to Leicr House.
- Feb. 2. m. Govr Lowther.* Ev' my Br in good humour.
 - " 6. Auspicante Deo, Northern journey begun; and happily finish'd, at Carlile, y° 22^d met at Hesket by Br C. &c &c.
- Mar.10. Ordination of 2 Pr. and 5 Deacons. † Mr H. Fetherston preach'd.
 - ., 16. With my Br and son to Penrith.
 - ,, 17. Consecration of ye new Church. p.m. Confirmation.
 - ,, 18. d. and S. at Askham.
 - ,, 28. Waxworks wth ye Dean, AD. and Dr Benson.
 - " 29. p.m. With Mr Dean to ye (much neglected) Charity School.
- Apr. 6. By Crofton & Torp' to Cockermouth.
 - 7. Confirmation. d. at the Inn.
 - .. 8. To Whitehaven.
 - 9. Confirmation. d. at Mrs Biglands.
 - ,, 10. Wind contrary. d. at Cl. N's Junr.
 - ., 11. d. at Cous. M. Gale's.
 - " 12. Good Friday. I prd at ve old Ch.
 - ,, 14. Easter-day. I prd at ye new Church.
 - " 15. d. Mr J. Gales. p.m. Dr Archer.
 - " 16. d. Mrs Biglands's. Ev'. On ye Key.
 - " 17. d. Mrs Thompson's. p.m. Congées.
 - " 18. m. We embark'd on ye Owner's Delight.
 - " 19. Frō I. of Man to Loch Learn.
 - ,, 20. Wind contrary we din'd &c at Learn.
 - ,, 21. We sail'd to ye mouth of Loch-Foyle.
 - " 22. From Green-Castle to L. Derry where met at ye Key by Mayor &c.
 - .,, 24. Ditto at Sherif Stuart's. m. My daughter Maulev brought to Bed.
 - " 25. Thanksgiving fro ye Plague.
 - " 26. p.m. M^r Malev^r collated to Maghera.
- May 29. p.m. My daughter Maul church'd.
- June 3. My Birth Day. Det Deus Meliores! d. Mr Blackhal.
 - " 10. d. Only Mr Percival, my coadjutor.
- Nov. 5. d. private. Lr from D. Harris.

^{*} Robert Lowther of Meaburn, Governor of Barbadoes 1716. His son succeeded to the Lowther estates, and was the first Earl of Lonsdale.

[†] Acting as deputy for Bishop Bradford, who was translated to Rochester in the course of that summer. His successor in the Diocese of Carlisle, John Waugh, was consecrated Oct. 13th, 1723.

Nov.27. Acct of ye Death of Mrs Gemminghen from D. Harris. She dy'd Nov. 20. Æternū ploranda.

Dec. 13. Ev'. Last Sheet of my Irish Libr.

The year 1724 contains hardly anything worth printing.

1724.

June 26. Nancy's Amour discuss'd. d. private.

July 16. p.m. Notice of AB. of A's death.

Aug. 14. Mr Bolton introduced to d. A.

- " 19. Second Interview 'twixt J. B. and d. A.
- " 20. Mr Bolton, who (p.m.) had his 3rd Audience.
- " 30. Confirmation abt 300. d. at ye Chancr's.

1725

Jan. 9. Mr Bolton's Marriage.* d. and S. 18.

- " 15. in. Ald. AY's Enquiry after my Cook's Lewdness. p.m. At Muff.
- " 16. The sd Cook's murder'd child found in her Trunk; and she committed.
- " 26. p.m. Ja. Nicolson's 2^d part of ye 16th.
- " 27. m. Muff. d. Mr Benson and 's wife. S. Capt Mansfield, wth ye Hist. of ye sd Ja. N.

Mar. 10. d. At ye Mayor's wth ye Judge &c.

- " 11. Cicely Jackson condemn'd. d. Judge &c.
- " 13. d. Only M^r Sotherby, Confessor to penitent (D.G.) Cicely J. p.m. M^r Recorder Upton.
- " 17. C. Jackson burn'd. 1
- May 1. Visitted by Mr Webb & 's family. My new Horse shouldershot.
- June 3. My Birth Day Ao Æt 71. Yet God help!
- July 27. m. W. Smith, ye Pilgrim, Try'd for Blasphemy & immediately pillory'd and whip'd. d. private. S. AD. Usher.

^{*} To the Bishop's daughter Anne. It appears from some notes written in the almanack in which the diary is contained, that she had £1,000 as a portion, that her wedding clothes cost £120, and that her father gave her £20 as pocket money on her wedding day.

[†] Nichols' Correspondence of Bishop Nicolson contains some letters referring to this matter (pp. 595, 6, 8, 601). One of them is from his friend Dr. Downes, Bishop of Meath, expressing sympathy with him in his great sorrow at the sad event which had happened in his household, and in which "one that bore his name, a relation, a clergyman, one whom he had taken under his protection" was concerned: the Editor adds that he did not know what this event was. It is clear from the diary of Jan. 26th that the Bishop's cousin, James Nicolson, had his part in poor Cicely Jackson's sin. (See April 3rd and June 4th, 1721).

[‡] By a Statute of 10 Hen. VII. c. 21, in Ireland the crime of murder was made treason, and the judgment on a conviction for treason in both England and Ireland was, in the case of a woman, that she should be drawn on a hurdle to the place of execution and there burned alive. This continued to be the law in Ireland until 1796.

July 28. in. Smith burn'd in ye cheek. d. The Judge, Mr Burk, Mr. Colvil, &c.

Aug. 13. Mr Bolton, Badger-Hunting.

Sep. 16. m. L^d Lieut's Goodness to me ab^t AB^{rick} of Cashel. d. only Cous. Studholme. L^{rs}.

Oct. 1. H. Wisdome's Defeat condemn'd and burn'd. Nem. Contrad. d. private.

,, 31. Nuts and Apples for ye Eve of All Saints, Lambs-Wool &c. Nov.28. Mr Hartlip prd. NB. My dangerous Fall. D.G. d. Cous. Studholm and 's wife.

The last four months of this year were spent at Dublin and the diary ends with Dec. 31.

At the end of the volume is written this note:-

The following was written by me Fred. Lindesay the Great great grandson of Archbishop Nicolson this 2^d Dec. 1842.

ArchBishop Nicolson was recommended by Primate Hugh Boulter as ArchBishop of Cashel on the 1st of Jany 1726, the day his Predecessor died, as appears by the following extract from Primate Boulter's Letter to the Duke of Newcastle dated Dublin Jan. 1. 1726.

"My Lord, The Archbishop of Cashel died this morning about 5 o'clock, after a few days indisposition from a cold. The person I would recommend to succeed to Cashel, and who is willing to remove, is the Bishop of Derry*; to whose Bishoprick I would recommend the Bishop of Meath † as a successor: and to his Bishoprick the Bishop of Dromore, and to his Dr Cobb, Bishop of Killala &c. &c." Vid. this letter.

"P.S. I have reason to believe the Bishop of Derry will not be fond of removing to Cashel if the Bishop of Meath be not thought of for his Successor, and in that case the Bishop of Kilmore and Ardagh is a very proper person to remove to Cashel &c."

See also Primate Boulter's Letter to Lord Carteret (Boulter't state Letters p. 95) dated "Dublin Jan 2. 1726."

On the 9 Feb^y 1726-7 he was accordingly translated to the Arch Bishoprick of Cashel, but died suddenly on Tuesday the 14th of the same month, vid. Nicolson's Letters by J. Nichols, Brief Memoirs p. xiii, also the following extract from Primate Boulter's Letter to the Duke of Newcastle dated "Dublin Feb^y 18 1726."

"My Lord, We were yesterday surprized with the melancholy news that the new Archbishop of Cashel on Tuesday morning last died of an apoplexy at the Palace of Londonderry. I am very sorry we have lost so learned and worthy a man" &c.

^{*} Dr. Nicolson. † Dr. Downes.

Again in another Letter of the same date to Lord Carteret he says "we had yesterday the melancholy news that the Archbishop of Cashel died of an apoplexy on Tuesday morning last at Londonderry. I am afraid his Family will lose about £500 by his late translation."

Again in another letter to the Bishop of London he says

"My Lord, I am sorry that I have occasion to acquaint your Lordship that your very good friend the Archbishop of Cashel was on Tuesday morning last found dead on the floor in his room as London Derry; we have lost a very worthy man & I fear his Family will lose £500 by his late Translation."

In ending this series of papers, and parting with Bishop Nicolson, who has been (as it were) my companion and friend for some years past, I cannot refrain from expressing the opinion that Mr. Lecky has formed too unfavourable a judgment of his character when he speaks of him, in the passage quoted on page 18, as "apparently a hard and selfish man." The Bishop did not indeed rise above the standard of his own time. especially in the exercise of his patronage; like many other men of great ability and energy, he had a strong will, and when it was crossed he was apt to become somewhat overbearing. But his diary-written for his own eve only, and containing little but a bare record of facts-certainly exhibits him as conscious in some ways of his own defects, and possessing both firmness of principle and warmth of affection.

I desire to thank the Rev. W. O'N. Lindesay, of Alla, Claudy, Derry (Colonel Lindesay's executor) for much kind assistance, including the illustration facing p. 10, which is from an excellent isochromatic photograph by J. Robinson & Son, Dublin; and Mrs. Knox, of Cahirleske, Callan, co. Kilkenny (the present possessor of the diaries) for allowing the transcript made by Colonel Lindesay's permission to be verified where it appeared necessary.

It is intended that the full transcript of the diaries, from which extracts have been made in these papers, should be deposited in the Jackson Library at Tullie House.

