



Incised Slabs in Croxall Church.

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AT the North-east angle of the Chancel of Croxall Church lies the alabaster Monumental Slab, a drawing of which accompanies this. It commemorates William Curzon, son of John Curzon, of Croxall, and Anne his wife, formerly Ashby, of Quenby, Co. Leicester.

The inscription is :—

Sic jacet Willielmus Curzon
 filius Johis Curzon armigeri
 dñi de Croxhall
 qui obiit festo Scti Swithini
 anno dñi MCCCCLXXXIII.
 ppiciet deus. Amen.

The effigy is represented in a chrisom,* thereby denoting he died in infancy. His hair is confined by a fillet, and his head rests on an embroidered cushion. The slab measures 28 by 17 inches.

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* The Chrisom was a white vesture put upon the child by the Priest, with these words : "Receive a white, holy and spotless vesture, which thou shalt wear before the judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, that thou mayest have eternal life, and live for ever and ever. Amen." The Chrisom was provided by the Church, and returned, or a new one in its stead, by the mother, with other accustomed offerings at her purification. If the child died within this period it was buried in its Chrisom.