

Parish Records of Hartshorn, Derbyshire.

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AMONG the papers formerly in the possession of the late Rev. Morewood Gresley, Rector of Overseile, Leicestershire, and for many years one of the Honorary Secretaries of the Leicestershire Architectural and Archæological Society, have been found some MS. Records belonging to the parish of Hartshorn, Derbyshire.

I do not know how they came into the possession of my friend Mr. Gresley, but I have no doubt that in some way he rescued them from a threatened destruction, or a probable dispersion.

They have, very courteously, been placed in my hands for inspection, and they will, I hope, shortly be handed over to their proper owners, if they will undertake their safe custody.

These records consist of—

- I.—A book of Churchwardens' Accounts (with a very few years missing) from 1612 to 1681.
- II.—A second book of Churchwardens' Accounts extending from 1738 to 1810.
- III.—Constables' Accounts from 1602 to 1636.
- IV.—Two books of Overseers' Accounts, the first extending from 1671 to 1700; the second from 1711 to 1777.

Knowing the value of such documents in elucidating local history, I have transcribed in full the Churchwardens' Accounts for the year 1612—the first year given in the earliest book—which is well kept, and has many interesting entries, not the least being the very full inventory of goods then belonging to the parish church. To this full transcript I have appended extracts from the accounts for succeeding years of all entries likely to be of value to the local historian.

[To Mr. North's excerpts, I have added a few brief notes.—

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A^o. 1612

Hartshorne James Royll and Denis Hashard

Churchwardens ther Accompts are as foloweth.

1.	Imp ^s . paid att london y ^e v th of Maie for a bible	47 ^s . 6 ^d .
2.	Itm. paid att london for exchange of the Comuion Cupp	23 ^s .
3.	Itm. p ^d . for bringing them down ...	2 ^s . 2 ^d
4.	Itm. layd forth y ^e 5 th of Maie att y ^e Arch- byshop visitation att Repton.* ...	5 ^s . 10 ^d .
5.	Itm. maie 14 gevin to a poore man ...	4 ^d .
6.	Itm. 14 of June gevin to y ^e inhabitanc of Harsmworth in middlesex vppon leters patents	2 ^s .
7.	Itm. June y ^e 16 pd. to y ^e apareter for his ffees for recording o ^r Regester for A ^o 1611	6 ^d .
8.	Itm. July 23 gevin to a poore man traveling w th letters patents	6 ^d .

* Provincial Visitations of an Archbishop are most exceptional in post-Reformation times. The Visitation of his former See by Archbishop Abbot, in the year after his translation to Canterbury, seems to have been caused by a desire to assert his authority in various disputes in which he was engaged with his late Chapter. The Lichfield muniments show that the Dean and Chapter successfully resisted the Archbishop's unprecedented and repeated claims to nominate Canons Residentiary.

9.	Itm. September 12 p ^d for bread and wine for Comuion.	19 ^d .
10.	Itm. Septemb ^r 22 gevin to M ^r Ward S ^r Ihon Harpur man ffor Recording y ^e bible and Comuion Cupp	12 ^d .
11.	Itm. 23 of Septemb ^r laid forth att archby- shopp visitation att Repton	2 ^s . 10 ^d .
12.	Itm. october 25 gevin to Ihon Astle of Darby towards his losse by ffire... ..	18 ^d .
13.	October 28 geven to a lame man	4 ^d .
14.	Itm. p ^d to Ihon Colle ffor a bord to enlarge y ^e Deske for y ^e bible to lye vppon & for his paines	10 ^d .
15.	Itm. v th of november geven Ihon Swane for Ringinge	8 ^d .
16.	Itm. p ^d Ihon Swane for mending y ^e Singles* vppon y ^e church and for neals	16 ^d .
17.	Itm. p ^d for a buckell & a beult for a baldricket†	2 ^d .
18.	Itm. 24 of January gevin to a poor man of Lancaster traveling towards London	6 ^d .
19.	Itm. p ^d Ihon Swane for candle lights ffor curffer ‡	8 ^d .
20.	Itm. January 28 gevin to a poor man	6 ^d .
21.	Itm. p ^d for a paper booke att london for to write o ^r accompts in	14 ^d .
22.	Itm. ffebruaire 3 my chargs to lixfeild to dd in a terrer & to paie money towards S ^t . Albons Church	12 ^d .

* *i.e.* *Shingles*.—Hartshorn church was rebuilt in 1835. Down to that date the nave roof was covered with wooden shingles.

† This baldrick would be the sword-belt for the parish constable, or man-at-arms. See Note on the Repton Accounts in the 1st vol. of these Transactions. But the term baldrick (spelt in an infinite variety of ways), which occurs once or twice again in these accounts, was also used for almost any sort of belt, collar, or strap.

‡ A candle would be required in the winter months for ringing the curfew.

23.	I ^m . februarie 21 gevin a poor man ...	6 ^d .
24.	I ^m . march 23 p ^d . ffor inlarging y ^e Kings Armes w th Helmett Crest & mantell & paintinge lords praier and y ^e beleivfe ...	5 ^s 4 ^d .
25.	I ^m . for washinge y ^e surplusse and table clothe	4 ^d .
26.	I ^m . p ^d . for a locke & key for y ^e bell house Doore	5 ^d .
27.	I ^m . p ^d . more to Ihon Swane mendinge Singles and for neals	8 ^d .
28.	I ^m . p ^d . for bread & wine aginst Palme Sondaie sonndaie (<i>sic</i>)	3 ^s 6 ^d
29.	I ^m . p ^d . for bread & wine aginst Easter daie	4 ^s 8 ^d .
30.	Item. for makege y ^e booke	12 ^d .
	The Some of all that we have laid forthe Disbursed is ... v <i>l</i> . xij ^s 1 ^d	

A^o. 1612

James Royll and } Churchwardens.
Denis Hashard, }

An accompte of o^r. Recs.
ffrom y^e Towne.

ffirst Rec. of y ^e ould Church wards	6 ^s 2 ^d .
2. I ^m . gathered vpon a leave levied 27 of Septemb ^r . by Lyving	44 ^s .
3. I ^m . gathered vpon a leave levied y ^e same daie att 1 ^d . a beast @ iiij ^d . xx th sheep...	3 ^{li} 3 ^d .
4. I ^m . Rec. of Ihon Swane for his years rent Suma recs is ... v ^{li} . xij ^s . v ^d . Suma disbursed ... v ^{li} . xij ^s . 1 ^d . Remaing in o ^r hands } serve to y ^e towne }	3 ^s . xvj ^d

An Inventory of y^e Church goods of the
Parishe of Hartishorne :—

1. Imp^s. a Comuio Cupp of silver wth a plate
of Silver having Ihon Bapt^d. head vppon
it.*
2. Itm. a large bible.
3. Itt. Jewell & Hardinge.
4. Itt. erasmus paraphrase vppon y^e 4 Evan-
gelists & y^e Actes.
5. Itt. a newe booke of Comon praier.
6. Itt. two books of Homylies.
7. Itt. the late Quenes Iniunctions together
wth y^e Iniunctions of y^e byshopp of Co-
vent^y & Lixfeild bound w^t hitt.
8. Itt. Certayne Advertisements gevin by y^e L
Byshopp of C. & L. w^t other treatise
bound wth itt.
9. Itm. certayne prayers sett forth by authority
to be used &c.
10. Itt. two Register bookes y^e one in parch-
ment y^e other in paper.
11. Itt. a great chest wth ij lockes & kees.
12. Itm. a poore man's box wth lock & key.

* This was doubtless an error in description. A head of St. John Baptist on a paten would be eminently unsuitable—and no example is known. The face of our Saviour, as transferred to the handkerchief of St. Veronica, an emblem usually termed the Vernicle, was, on the contrary, of frequent occurrence upon mediæval patens. See the photograph of the ancient paten of Shirley in the Society's Transactions for last year.

[Since the above was in type, a note reaches me (Jan. 10th, 1885), from Mr. St. John Hope, to the effect that a mediæval paten, with the Vernicle, is extant at Hartshorne, and is being photographed for our Society.]

13. Itm. an old Surplice.
14. Itm. an new table cloth for y^e Comuion table & an ould.
15. Itm. a Carpen for the Comuion table.
16. Itm. three bells.
17. Itt. Constitutions & canons Ecclesiasticall.
18. Itt. viij boords or plancks lying in Church sawne.
19. Itt. a beare wth a Coffin.*
20. It. a pewter bottell of ij quarts & $\frac{1}{2}$ a pint p me James Royll 1612.
Itm. wee have vsed most of the planckes towards the making of the seates.
Memorandum Mr. William Dethick Parson of this Towne gave a Long Lather to the church the yeare 1613.
p me Xpofer Wilbore.
Memords that Mr. James Roylle of Short-hasselles gave to the churche a newe beere beinge made att his owne coste and chardges, box woode and workmanshipp this presente yeare 1626.
It' Given by Mr. James Royll in Au. 1612 one pewter botle cont^d 2 quarts @ $\frac{1}{2}$ pint.

EXTRACTS.

1613.	Itt. gevin to Ringers 5 of november ...	vj ^d .
	Itt. p ^d . towarde y ^e reparaire of S ^t . Albons Church more than was collected ...	ix ^d .

* Coffins at this period were only used by the rich for actual interment, but it was usual in some districts for the parish, not only to provide a bier, but also a coffin with a loose lid, in which the corpse was carried from the house into the church, and removed at the edge of the grave.

	Itt. p ^d . ffor three new bellropes	vj ^s .	
	Itt. p ^d . for bread & wine for Easter daie ...	iiij ^s .	ix ^d .
	Itt. gevin Ihon Swane ffor going to Ashby ffor wine against Easter day ... ,		iiij ^d .
1614.	Itt. p ^d . to James Meacock for killing of three foxes		2 ^d .
	Itt. p ^d . for whitleather for Iohn Swanne to make Baldrocks of		20 ^d .
	Itt. P ^d . Iohn Johnson for amending the weathercock shaft and nails		5 ^d .
	Itt. p ^d . to Humfrey Wetton for killing cer- tayne foxes	i ^s .	5 ^d .
	Itt. p ^d . to James Meacock his man for killing two urchins		4 ^d .
	Itt. p ^d . to Iohn Hollis for killing a Badgger		6 ^d .
	Itt. p ^d . to James Meacock for 3 strikes of Lime		9 ^d .
	[Ringing on 5 Nov : & the Curfew men- tioned.		
	Three payments for Bread & Wine for Holy Communion.]		
1615.	Itm. geven to one y ^t had bene Robd by the high way		2 ^d .
	Itm. geven to one y ^t was sicke had bene at the Bath*		6 ^d .
	Itm. payd for killing of vj vrchins to Tho. Hopkins		8 ^d .
	[Three trees bought for the seats.]		
	Received of the Ladye ferrers Executors that was geven for the repayre of the seates	iiij ^{li} .	6 ^s . 8 ^d .
1616.	Pead to Gilberd Radford for a bagers head [Many "urchins" killed, the churchwar- den himself killing one & taking his two pence. Foxes heads paid for at 6 ^d . each.]		1 ^s .

* This and like entries probably refer to the baths of the neighbouring town of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, which were of ancient repute.

1617.	Ite. p ^d . vnto Richarde Swanne for a Hedgehogge's headde	2 ^d .
1618.	[Urchins, foxes and badgers killed.]	
1619.	[Seventeen urchins killed & paid for this year.]	
1620.	Ite. geeven to a man that came to looke on the Bell	iiij ^d .
	Ite. when I went to nothingam for the Bell founder for my charges ther	x ^d .
	Ite. geeven in earnest to him	vj ^d .
	Ite. for his horse greas	iiij ^d .
	Item. paid to the Bellfounder for casting our littel Bell	3 ^{li} six ^s viij ^d .
	Ite. for mettell over and above the weight it waid 20 eght pound ten pence the pond of the ould Bell 20 3 ^s iiij ^d ...	
	Item for casting toow new brasses of our one mettell and toow pound and a halfe moer	ij ^s viij ^d .
	Ite. geeven and spent in ale of the workemen	xiiij ^d .
	Ite. to John Cantrill and ourselves for carrying the Bell to nottingam	xij ^s .
	It. paid for Thomas Swanne super at nottingam	vj ^d .
	Ite. when wee tooke downe the bell and when we loded it spent in ale*... ..	vj ^d .
1621.	[The "urchins" had a bad time of it as usual.]	
	It. for the Sirpelis	xxxvj ^s x ^d .
1622.	[Charges for bread & winè five times.]	

* This small bell has been subsequently recast or sold. The tower now contains two of the three old bells which were scheduled in 1612, and which are finely lettered specimens of pre-Reformation date. There are three other bells of the year 1792, cast by Arnold of Leicester, as afterwards chronicled in these notes.

	Ite. p ^d . the Vintner for sweetning the tounes bottell	o o 2
1623.	Ite. geaven to John Swann for ringinge at the Cominge of the prince *	vj ^d .
	It.' geaven to two criples y ^t travelled to y ^e bath for help	vj ^d .
1624.	Ite. received of M ^r . Benskin for repaireinge the churche concerninge the buriall of his sister	iijs. iiij ^d .
1625.	Ite. p ^d . for two bookes for the faste† ..	ij ^s . iiij ^d .
	Ite. p ^d . for a booke of publique thanksgive- inge	xij ^d .
	[Eighteen "urchins" paid for this year.]	
1626.	Ite. received of M ^r . Benskyn for breaking the church floure where his wife was buried	iijs. iiij ^d .
	Ite. geiven to goodman Ragge for his paines coming to see the Bell frame ..	xij ^d .
	Ite. geiven Johnson in earnest of his bar- gaine	vj ^d .
	Ite. p ^d . Robt. Green to buy Besse Harrison a paire of shoes	ij ^s .
	Ite. p ^d . Glasser for worke as appeares parte. [Repairs at steeple & weather cock. Forty urchins killed this year.]	xxiijs.
1627.	[Receipts as in former years made up of a levy upon "livinges" and another of 1 ^d . upon "cattell," & "4 ^d . a skore of sheepe."]	

* Prince Charles visited the Midlands in the autumn of 1622, and is said to have stopped a night at Bretby Castle; hence he would probably pass through Hartshorn.

† This fast was the one petitioned for by the majority of the Parliament that met in the winter of 1623-4. Hitherto, in James I's. reign, a small minority had always petitioned for a General Fast to inaugurate the opening of Parliament, and the sensible answer had been returned that the Church always appointed a weekly fast, viz.: on Fridays. But now the majority, being Puritan, pressed the point, and the King and Bishops thought it best to give way, though there was no national calamity.

	The totall some of our wholle receiptes as by our pticulars dothe appeare is ...	x ^{li} . iiij ^s . v ^d .
1627.	Ite. p ^d . my chardges to Darbye 4 th of Maye touching presentmente of our church *... [And other charges there on 9 th May on the same business.]	xij ^d .
	Ite. p ^d M ^r . Brandrithe for writeinge a letter to our pishioners for giveinge time to repaire church... ..	viiij ^d .
	Ite. p ^d . for my chardges 30 th of Maye in goo- inge to Newboroughe to buye Shingles...	xx ^d .
	Ite. p ^d . for 12 hundred of shingles for the churche	xxxvj ^s .
	Ite. p ^d . for 2 Carts for carriage of them ...	xij ^s .
	Ite. p ^d . for my chardges myself & horse nighte and daye and for a guide over the water	ij ^s . iiij ^d .
	Ite. p ^d . for lyme to repaire decayes in the churche	iiij ^s . iiij ^d .
	Ite. p ^d . goodman Plante for paintinge the churche	xl ^s .
	Ite. p ^d . goodman Johnson for makinge a frame for the paintinge of the kinges armes for wood workmanshippe and nailes	vij ^s . vj ^d .
	Ite. p ^d . the workers which laide the shingles for 9 dayes woorke thone at 16 ^d . p. daye and thother att 12 ^d . p. same daye ...	xxj ^s .
	Ite. geven them to Berriaget	iiij ^d .
	Ite. p ^d . Iohn Swanne for candles to ringe Curfur for the time appointed	v ^d .
	[Total payments £11 4 8½. So due to Wardens £1 0 3½.]	

* Hartshorn Church was presented at the Archdeacon's Visitation of 1626, for "roofes very decayed & perrillous."

† *i.e.* for *Beverage*, or drink money.

1688.	Itē. for ale for Richard Sheppard and his men and others when the drew wood into the topp of the steeple	iiij ^d .
	Itē. for mending the weathercocke shaft and iron that was laid upon it	j ^s vj ^d .
	Itē. paide to Richard Sheppard for worke done about the topp of the steeple ... vij ^{li} .	
	Imp ^s for 16 stone and 13 ^{li} of lead att ij ^s and 1 ^d the stone..	xxxv ^s iiij ^d .
	Itē. for sixe pound of Soyder	vj ^s
	[Many payments about the steeple.]	
	Itē. paid Iohn Jonson for mending a bell wheel and hanging vp the great bell ...	iiij ^d .
1629.	Itē. given to Contarinus Peleologus y ^e grecian	o 2 o
	It. for bread & ale at the bringinge of the tymbre for the bell frame	o o 10
	It. for a pulpit cushion	o 9 10
	It. to Edward Heywood for makinge the desk for the pulpit	o 2 6
	It. to Iohn Cantrell fees & expences who was cited about the bellframe beinge decayed	o 3 6
	It. to the clarke for ringing the 5 th novem-ber	o o 8
	It. p ^d . Tho. Swann for helpinge to vnloade the tymber for the bellframe & to lay it together	o o 4
	It. for court fees & expences when we were cyted about a newe Comion booke ...	o 2 8
	It. p ^d . Jo : Bate whoe made the newe bell-frame	II o o
	It. p ^d . him more for carriage of the bell wheelles mendinge the bell brasses & a wooden baldrock	o 3 6

1629. It. geven for a beverige when he reared the
bellframe & his man 0 3 6
It. p^d. for bread & ale at sevall tymes when
the frame & bels were drawne up into
the steeple 0 2 2
It. p^d. for the castinge of the bell brasses &
for newe brasses put to them 0 16 6
It. p^d. Iohn Johnson for mendinge the quire
& pulpit beinge a day & an halfe ... 0 1 6
It. p^d. for a newe Comunion booke ... 0 9 0
[Sixteen hedgehogs killed and paid for this
year.]
1630. It. our Charges att Repingdon when we
were called before the Justices to receave
directions for the Contayning of Par-
rishoners wthin their Owne Parrishes ... 000 00 08
It. p^d. for the Houre glasse & for some
nailes vsed about the Pulpitt [&c.] ... 000 00 11^d.
It. p^d. vnto Henry Plante for varnishinge
the Pulpitt 000 9 00
It. p^d. vnto James Swan w^{ch} hee laid out for
the settinge on a claspe w^{ch} was come of
the great Bible 000 00 10^d.
It. p^d. vnto him for makinge two newe
Bauldrackes 000 00 06
It. p^d. vnto Lawrence Hill for the Rodds
to the pulpitt cover wth a Staple & Cotters
for itt 000 2 2
[Twenty-two urchins killed this year.]
1631. [The bier and lesser church ladder are hung
up within the church: twelve pence a
week destributed as dole in bread to the
poor.]
1632. It. payde for Lavender to James Swan to
lay the cushion & pulpit cloth 0 0 3

	Ite. payde for two bookes of Articles one of y ^e old Archdeacon and one of y ^e newe	o	o	8
	[The Churchwardens had in hand "this present Lowe Sunday" £14—as "Toune Stocke."]			
1633.	It. p ^d . for a wallet to bring bread for the poor weeklie	oo	oi	oo
	It. p ^d . to Thomas Swann for laying shingles on the roofe of the church which the wind had broken vpp *	oo	ooj	o6
	It. p ^d . for sweetening and washing the Serples	oo	oo	o6
	It. for 4 formes which stand in the Church Alleyes	oo	o5	o4
1634.	[Among the payments—such occur every year—to poor people are :—]			
	It. geeven to an Irish gentlewoman ...			iiij ^d .
	It. geeven to a Skottish gentleman that had house and wife and all his people burned by Rebels in Ireland			iiij ^d .
	It. geeven for a wip to wip dodges out of the church			ij ^d .
	It. paide to Edward Hewood for making a cover for the font			x ^s .
	It. paide to Robert Cock for whipping the doges out of the church... ..			xij ^d .
	[The "Clockhouse" made at a cost of 20 ^s /- & the Clock hammer "set" upon the great bell.]			
1634.	It. p ^d . for a corde to draw vpp the ffont cover w th all			viiij ^d .
1635.	Ite. p ^d . vnto Robte Bluddworth for goinge to bespeake the Paynter to Doe the Clocke diall			ij ^d .

* There must have been a wide-spread and considerable storm in the Midlands in 1632, for most of the Churchwardens Accounts that I have consulted have similar charges for repairs about this date.

Ite. p ^d . unto George Smith for the Clocke & setting itt vpp... ..	ij ^h .	xj ^s .
Ite. spent in Beare att the fetchinge itt from Swepston & before att another Tyme goinge to see itt		vj ^h .
Ite. p ^d . for lead to make the Clocke waights.	x ^s .	ijj ^d .
Ite. p ^d . for Carryage of itt from Darby ...		xx ^d .
Ite. p ^d . unto James Swan Clarke his quarters wages endinge att Midsomer 1635 for Ringing Curfurre & Day bell & keepinge the Clocke		v
Ite. p ^d . vnto Edward Heawood for finde- inge Timber & workemanshippe to make & Sett vpp the Rayle about the Com- munion Table and the Clarkes seate and the Seate over against itt standinge be- fore the seate on the south side the chancell and the seate standinge in the vpp end thereof vnto the south wall of the said Chancell	ij ^h .	x ^s . viij ^d .
Ite. p ^d . unto Tho. Gibson for the carryage of thaforesaid Communion Table Rayle & Seates from Ticknall		ij ^s . vj ^d .
Ite. p ^d . unto Tho. Domell for carryinge the money collected for the ministers of the Palatinate vnto Walton sup Trent ...		vj ^d .
Ite. p ^d . vnto the Clarke for Ringeinge on the Gunpowder Treason day the 5 th Novem- ber 1635		xij ^d .
Ite. p ^d . for the Table of Degrees		vijj ^d .
Ite. spent att the fetchinge itt from Ashby.		ij ^d .
Ite. p ^d . for Parchem ^{te} w ^{ch} the Terriers of the Glebe & Tythe of Smythesby be- longinge to our Parsonage were engrossed vppon		x ^d .

	Ite. p ^d . unto M ^r . George Ullocke for write- ing and ingrossing the aforesaid Terrier	viijs ^s .
	Ite. p ^d . for Court fees att Deliveringe the said Terriers into the office att Lichfeild and for my owne charges & the charge of my horse there & in my Journey thither the 21 of January 1635	iijs ^s viijs ^d .
	Ite. p ^d . vnto Henry Plant Paynter for payntinge the Clocke Dyall & Doinge other worke in the church	xx ^s .
	[Payments to the Poor from alms at Holy Communion and from interest on the "Toune Stock,"]	
1636.	[A short account, badly kept.]	
1637.	Ite. George Wetton dwelling in Newe- borowe for 800 th of Shingles viz. 700 th att 3 ^s . 10 ^d . the C th & one C th att 3 ^s . 2 ^d . y ^e C th and alsoe for Certayne Shingles more than y ^e 800 th w th	001 10 08
	Ite. p ^d . for nayles att severall tymes when y ^e Church was Shingled & alsoe when y ^e winde had shaken itt agayne	000 03 08
	It. for wine spilt & bottle broke	0 5 2
1638 & 1639.	Ite. p ^d . for a Booke to be read y ^e 5 th of Novem.	00 01 00
	Itm. p ^d . M ^r . Porte for a fflaggon w ^{ch} hee bought for the Towne	00 07 00
	Ite. spent in goeing y ^e perambulation aboute the Bounds of y ^e parrishe being 2 dayes	00 11 00
	Ite. p ^d . Mathewe Hackett a mason for Buildinge y ^e Porch to y ^e settinge on of y ^e roofe & drawinge y ^e Church . . . w th Lyme on y ^e outside of y ^e walls & settinge on two gable courses of stone for w ^{ch} hee is to have by Bargayne 5 ^{li} Soe p ^d him ...	005 00 00

[Other payments about the Porch : a Buttress at the church end and an arch over the church door.]

Ite. p^d. for goeing over the Trent at
Walton 00 00 02

Ite. Spent goeing to Litchfeild goeing over
y^e water it beinge out 4

[The parish had a suit about " Woolsey : " query, an Estate in the parish ?]

1640. Ite. p^d. for 2 Bookes w^{ch} came from y^e
Bishopp for y^e ffast to bee kepte. * ... 2

Ite. p^d. for a ffox heade 1

1641. Ite. geaven thappriter for comminge wth the
order for y^e Thakesgiveinge betwixt Eng-
land & Scotlande † 00 00 06

[Many payments connected with the " suit " including :—]

Ite. p^d. M^r. Edwarde Pooterell our attorney
att y^e Common lawe his Retayne fee ... 00 3 04

Ite. p^d. Sir Robte Heathe Sargante att y^e
lawe his ffee makeinge a motion for vs
att y^e Comm Pleas Barr y^t y^e plaintive
should put his Suggestion by a certayne
daye 01 00 00

Ite. p^d. Rich. Barke & Tho. Swann for
watchinge on y^e Toppe of y^e Steeple on
a ffast daye ‡ 00 01 00

Ite. p^d. Tho : Swanne for watching on Twoe
ffaste dayes 00 02 00

* This was another of the unmeaning Parliamentary Fasts, forced on the country at the opening of Parliament on April 13th by a "Committee on Religion," and resisted by Archbishop Laud.

† This refers to the agreement come to between the Parliament of England and Scotland, on the former consenting to abandon episcopacy to win the latter away from the King.

‡ The observance of the Parliamentary Fasts, upon which all work was prohibited, was so much resisted, that the watchers were placed in some parts upon the church towers to note and present all who might be seen engaged in their fields.

1642. [Three celebrations of the Holy Communion during the year.]
 1643. [A very short account this year.]
 1644. [Four Celebrations of Holy Communion : the wine being fetched each time from Derby.]

Several years omitted here.

1648. 1649

& 1650. It. paid for 7 quarts of muscadine* for Easter day at 1 ^s . 6 ^d , the quart and 7 ^d , in bread both cost in 1648... ..	o 11 01
It. the 3 of february 1648 for 5 quarts and a poynt of muscadine at 18 pence the quart and sixpence in bread	o 08 09
It. the 5 th of August 1649 for the Communion more than was collected	o 00 10
It. payd for 5 quarts of Clarrit wine at 12 ^d . the quart and five pence in bread for the Comunion the 3 rd of March 1649	o 05 05
[Similar payments of Bread & Wine & many gifts to poor people out of Ireland, e.g. :—]	
It. the 20 th of December 1684 to one Skydimore that came out of Ireland with a Testimonial	o 00 06
It. the 27 th of January 1648 to a poore man that came out of Ireland with a certifficat by order of M ^r . Rycharde & M ^r . John Benskin	o 02 06

* Muscatel, spelt in endless variety of ways by parochial scribes, was a sweet wine resembling Canary, frequently used for Holy Communion about this period.

	It. to y ^e Clarke for washing out of y ^e Kings Arms	0 00 05
1651.	[There is a receipt attached for 15 ^s /- col- lected in the parish "ffor the p'pogation of the Gospell in New England."]	...
1652.	[Fifteen hedgehogs paid for.]	
1653.	It. given Jane Pepper and Jane Morre and their Companye being 18 travellers in number in the presence of M ^r Richards and by his consent	02 00
	It. I lent Joane Ledam when her husband went to leicester with John Benskin for horses which was charged out of the towne for the States Service	3 ^s . 00 ^d
1654.	[Nothing special.]	
1655.	[Leaves torn out here.]	
1662.	[?] Item p ^d for binding the church byble	0 6 6
	Item for Carrying the byble to Darbye and again	0 1 6
	Item p ^d to John Johnson for mending the belles and for a Cover for the fonte ...	0 2 8
	Item p ^d to Anne hurste and her Soone for going to Ashbye and to Calke halle aboute the surples	0 0 8
	Item p ^d to William Swane for going to Calke hall for a surples	0 0 4
	Item p ^d to Will Swane for helping the bell- founder for halfe a day	0 0 6
	Item p ^d for killing of a bager in our leberly.	0 1 0
	Item for our accountes writing paper and Ink	0 1 0
1663.	It. payd to Will Swann for Candles & oyle for y ^e bell & for ringing Curfur	0 01 04
	It. for setting vp y ^e paper with y ^e frame y ^t Concerned matrimony	0 01 00

	Payd to y ^e Ryngers vpon new year's day for ringing	0	01	00
	It. payd for y ^e Hood and to y ^e Taylor for makeing & charges	1	06	08
1664.	It. when wee went of perambulation ...	00	01	06
	It. p ^d to the paratur for a Com prayer booke for the Nauall (Naval) ffast ...	00	01	06
	It. p ^d for Ringing on the Restored day of our kinge... ..	00	00	06
	It. p ^d for the Booke of Artickles	00	01	06
	Item for a regester Book	00	11	00
1666.	1667. 1668. [Payments in one account :—]			
	It. payd for ringing one y ^e thankesgiveing day	00	02	0
	It. payd y ^e Apparitor for a booke and procklamation for y ^e fire at london ...	00	01	10
	It. payd to Rych. Sheepey, Appariter for cominge for y ^e Colection money for y ^e fire at london & lost his labour ...	00	00	08
	It. payd M ^r . Stanhope for y ^e acquittance when hee payd on y ^e Collection money for y ^e fire at london	00	00	04
	It. payd for ringing on Christmas day & new yeares day	00	02	00
	It. given to leutenant bankes & his wife y ^t was in his late maiesties service by M ^r . Stanhopes order	00	00	10
	It. payd to John Smedley for mending ye Communion table & makeing a new bell wheele & for setting staves to y ^e bell wheeles	00	08	00
	It. payd to raife owen for 3 basses for y ^e pulpitt & deske in July 1667	00	02	00
	Item. payd the Court ffees for the takeing of M ^r . Ports Excommunication and my own for not takeing our oathes although both of us were sworne before	00	03	09

1669. My charges at the monthly meeting at
Castle Greasley*
[“monthly meetings” at other places.]
1670. [Nothing of interest.]
1671. Spent att the Perambulation att the butt-
house 00 12 00
Given to a poore man y^e had been a foot
post 00 00 02
1672. [Nothing of interest; some leaves lost.]
1678. P^d. for a booke concereng the fast at begin-
ing of the year 01 06
1679. [The payments are, and for other years, in
two portions—the upper and nether town.]
1680. To Iohn Hackit for 3 new quines† for y^e
end of y^e gable of y^e church 6^d.

There is a second Churchwardens' Book, commencing 1738, and terminating, at about the middle of the book, with the year 1812. For the first 50 years no particulars, only totals are given; one example is quoted:

Sep^r 22^d 1738 Iohn Wilkins Churchwarden for
the Neather-Town of Hartshorn gave up
his Acc^{ts} as follows, viz. :—

Rec ^d . by Cash	...	...	2	11	6
Rec ^d . by a Double Leavy	...	...	2	11	3
Disbursements	...	...	4	12	1
Due to the Town	...	...	0	10	8

The following extracts may be of interest:

June 11, 1746 Mem^{dm}. We whose hands are here-
unto subscribed agree to the following
proposals :—

* These monthly meetings were probably joint meetings of certain neigh-
bouring parishes for voluntary united action in supporting the poor and in other
parochial business. A sort of informal Union Assessment preceded any
general legislation in that direction by more than a century in some parts of
England.

† “Quines,” *i.e.* ridge or crest tiles.

That there shall be nothing allow'd to the Breifs.

That there is nothing to be allow'd for Ringing the 8 o'clock Bell.

That there be nothing allow'd for sparrows but such as appear in full feather wth the Bodies & for those they shall be allow'd 2^d. p dozen. Everything else excluded.

1771. 7th May at a Vestry it was represented that the Rev^d William Cant Lord of the manor, The Rev^d. Stebbing Shaw Rector, Richard Willder one of the Churchwardens Thomas Richards Esq^r, Iohn Mynors Gent. Proprietors & owners of Estates in the parish with several other Parishioners "being Desirous to Accomodate themselves & other Inhabitants at present unprovided with sitting places in the Church of Hartshorn aforesaid had entered into a subscription to Erect and Build a Gallery at the West-end of the said Church facing the Pulpit with a staircase to lead thereunto 15 feet or thereabout in breadth and 9 feet or thereabout in width with Benches and sitting Places therein for the use of themselves their Heirs and Assignes and the severall persons who shall be Approved of by the Minister and Churchwardens for the time Being to sing the Psalms of David According to the use of the Church of England, and to apply to the Bishops Court of Litchfield for a Faculty to carry the said work into Execution . . ."
1787. W^m. Heaton for Whiping the Dogs ... 0 5 0
1789. Paid for one Haughtboy for the Church ... 0 19 0
1790. Paid for a Haughtboy and Reeds... ... 0 19 0
1791. Paid at the Confirmation at Burton for 34 Dinners for the Persons attending there from Hartshorn at 6^d. each ... 0 17 0
- Paid for ale and Porter ... 0 9 0
1792. June 11 Expences when treating with M^r. Arnold about the Bells ... 0 6 0

	Paid for 2 letters from Leicester	0	0	6
	Turnpike when the old Bell went to Ashby	0	0	9
	Carriage of the old Bell to Ashby... ..	0	2	6
	Ale at M ^r Ravens taking the Church Wall down and the old Bell out of the Steeple	0	0	10
	Expences when delivering the Bell at Ashby	0	1	0
	July 9. Journey to Leicester Man & Horse two days	0	8	6
	16. [Letters from Leicester 3 ^d . each.]			
	22. A man coming from Leicester on ac- count of the Bells. Journey & Expences	0	6	6
	31. Paid for Ale and Porter the recovering the Bells was opened. Ale 12 quarts Porter one	0	5	6
	Paid for ale the same evening 22 Quarts ...	0	9	2
	Porter the same time 8 Quarts	0	4	0
	Paid the Leicester Ringers by Order ...	1	1	0
	Paid for Liquor at their Departure ...	0	3	6
1793.	Jan. 5. Expences with M ^r Arnold	0	2	0
	Set of strops in the Ringing floor	0	1	8
	Jan. 9. Paid to M ^r Arnold... ..	9	0	0
	Paid M ^r Arnold at various times on ac- count of the Bells. See receipts ...	91	09	1½
	[£61 3s. 6½d. of this was raised by voluntary subscripttion.]			
	July 5. Paid M ^r Arnolds Bill on all De- mands of account of the Bells	3	16	0
	Nov. 7. Paid for wood for the floors in the Steeple	3	14	4
1794.	Paid for 5 New Bell Ropes	0	12	0
1796.	[Wall built round the Church Yard.] Repairing the Case for the Award... ..	0	0	3
1799.	Paid for new Prayer book for the Church	1	5	0
1804.	Aug. 4. Paid W ^m . Rose for Shoes for Rob ^t Jaques for putting dogs out of the Church &c.	0	10	0

[Same in 1805, in 1806, and in subsequent years.]

1801.	Paid M ^r . Ingle for a new Surplice & making	2	10	8
1805.	Paid M ^r . Stenson for Parchment & Copy of the Registers and 2 Terriers of the Rec- tors Land	1	5	6
1810.	Feb. 17. Paid for a new Register Parch- ment Leaves	1	11	6
	Paid for a new Book of Common prayer for Church	2	0	0
	Feb. 24. Paid M ^r . Tetley's Bill for wood and work to the Pulpit	6	5	8
	Ap. 16. Paid for 5 new Bell ropes ...	1	5	0
1812.	[The last account closes with £3 9s. 8½d. in hand.]			