The Religious Pension Roll of Derbyshire, temp. Edward VI.

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HOSE who have but slightly studied the question of Henry VIII.'s destruction of the monasteries generally hold the opinion that all, or almost all, the dispossessed religious—whether canons, monks,

friars, or nuns—received comfortable pensions; and in this view they are supported by two or three of our national historians who ought to have known better. The facts, however, of the case lead to very different conclusions.

To begin with, it should be recollected that the terms of the Act of Parliament, passed in February, 1536, for the suppression of all monasteries possessed of an income of under £200 a year, merely provided for an annual pension being secured "to every chief head and governor of every such religious house."* As to the rest of the community, the Act gave them the choice of being committed to a larger monastery of the same order, or to have their "capacities," with "some convenient charity disposed to them towards their living." By having their capacities was meant permission to act as secular clergy. The largest sum ever given by way of charity to the ejected of 1536 was 40s., but the men usually had a priest's gown also given them, and the nuns such apparel as was worn by ordinary secular women.

Moreover, the royal visitors appointed in 1535, the chief of whom were the evil-lived Doctors Legh and Layton, appear to

^{* 27} Henry VIII., cap. 28.

have strenuously carried out the order at once to eject from the monasteries all under twenty-four years of age, or who had been professed under twenty. This two-fold enactment would at once cast forth penniless at least a fourth of the members of religious communities.

So far as Derbyshire was concerned, the Act for dissolving the smaller houses ought to have extinguished all save the Austin Abbey of Darley, which was the only religious house in the county that had a larger income than £,200 a year; its annual value at that period was estimated at £258 13s. 4d. But among the almost incredibly mean ways adopted by the Crown and its agents for squeezing as much as possible out of the religious houses, was the encouraging the smaller houses to contract out of the first Suppression Act by big fines, well knowing all the time that the suppression would shortly become universal. In Derbyshire this odious action was carried out in two cases. The Black Canons of Repton obtained the royal grant to remain undissolved by paying into the Treasury the sum of £,266 13s. 4d., and the White Canons of Dale a like favour on payment of £166 13s. 4d.*

Of the smaller religious houses whose suppression was carried out in 1536, the ex-prior of Breadsall received a pension of £3 6s. 8d.,† and the ex-prior of Gresley £6.‡ In the latter case two canons also received £5 16s. 8d. each, but that was on account of their serving the respective vicarages of Lullington and Gresley, which they were called upon to resign. No record has been found of any pensions to the communities of Beauchief Abbey§ or of King's Mead Nunnery.

The great body of friars, who were not dissolved in the earlier suppression, were all sent forth, as were the Dominicans of Derby, penniless.

^{*} Gasquet's Henry VIII. and the English Monasteries, ii., 529-30.

[†] Aug. Offic. Misc. Books, ccxxxii., f. 196.

[‡] Ibid., ff. 37b, 53b.

[§] Beauchief Abbey had an average of 15 canons; it was surrendered on 4th February, 1536. Pegge's Beauchief, 202.

Nor must it be forgotten that in the general suppression of 1538, those who had taken refuge in the larger houses of their Orders when their own were dissolved, found themselves incapable of receiving pensions, for it was expressly provided that those only were to be pensioned who had been inmates of the particular house for a long time (diu antea).

Again, it was distinctly laid down that those only who made "voluntary surrender" to the King were to be pensioned. In several cases, where there was passive resistance—there was no such instance in Derbyshire—the religious were ejected in complete beggary.

Altogether it may be safely estimated that less than half the members of the suppressed religious communities received pensions throughout England, and such was certainly the case in Derbyshire.

Darley Abbey surrendered on 22nd October, 1538. The surrender was signed by Thomas Rage, abbot; William Stanbanke, prior; Richard Machyn, sub-prior; and by ten other canons, namely, Walter Rey, William Sawter, Thomas Haryson, Thomas Trippet, Edward Cradocke, Thomas Coste, Henry Hey, William Holiley, Nicholas Jevons, and Henry Cosst.* Two days later the pension list was drawn up, whereby £50 a year was assigned to the abbot, £6 13s. 4d. to the prior, £6 each to the sub-prior and two other canons, £5 6s. 8d. to each of three canons, and £5 to each of the remaining five canons.†

Repton Priory surrendered on 25th October, 1538, when the priorship was vacant. The surrender was signed by Ralph Clerke, sub-prior, and by eight other canons, namely, John Wirksworth, alias Wood, Thomas Strynger, James Yong, John Peter, Thomas Pratt, Thomas Webstar, Robert Ward, and Thomas Abell. \ddagger On the following day the pension list was drawn up, whereby £6 a year was assigned to the sub-prior, and sums varying from £5 6s. 8d. to £4 to nine other canons,

^{*} Dep. Keeper's Reports, viii., app. 2, 19.

[†] Letters and Papers Henry VIII., xiii. (2), 839.

[‡] Dep. Keeper's Reports, viii., app. 2, 38.

that is to one more than those who had signed the surrender. In the pension list they are specified (evidently one or two aliases) as John Wood, Thomas Stringar, James Yonge, John Asshby, Thomas Pratt, Thomas Webster, Robert Warde, Thomas Brauncetoun, and Thomas Cordall.*

Dale Abbey surrendered on 24th October, 1538. The surrender was signed by John Bebe, abbot, Richard Wheytteley, prior, and fifteen other canons, namely, John Cadmon, Richard Hawston, Thomas Bargshaw, William Smyth, John Bank, George Cokke, Ralph Harison, Robert Harvy, John Shemeld, Robert Wylson, James Cheriholme, James Clutun, John Bateman, Robert Gerratt, and Roger Page.† On 30th October, 1538, the pension list was put forth, whereby £26 13s. 4d. was assigned to the abbot, £5 6s. 8d. to the prior and to five canons, £5 each to three canons, £2 16s. 8d. to each of three canons, £2 to two, and 16s. 6d. to one.

The priory of St. James's, Derby, was but a cell of the great Cluniac Abbey of Bermondsey. When Bermondsey was suppressed a pension of \pounds_7 was assigned to the prior of St. James's, but nothing apparently to the few monks who kept him company.

The royal meanness with regard to these pensions was almost incredible, for the amounts were made subject to deductions on account of all subsidies granted to the Crown by Parliament. A tenth part was withheld for that reason in the very first year after the general dissolution. Two years later, a fourth part was abstracted from the pensions "of all the late religious persons having \pounds 20 and upward," and when the half-year was due, on 25th March, 1543, the religious only received one quarter of the annual payment. By these two methods Henry, within a few years after granting the pensions, retained for himself out of that very fund the sum of \pounds 9,443 15s. 6d.‡

^{*} Letters and Papers Henry VIII., xiii. (2), 839.

[†] Dep. Keeper's Report, viii., app. 2, 18.

[‡] Harleian MSS. 604, f. 108; Aug. Off. Treas. Roll, ii., 45-48. Cited by Gasquet, ii., 465-6.

There was also a definite reduction made of 4d. on each quarterly payment, by the officials of the Augmentation Office in London, or by the royal receiver of monastic properties appointed in different parts of the country. In the earlier days after the dissolution but few of the pensioners had to visit London to obtain their instalments, as there were official "receivers of augmentations" in almost every county or group of counties; but as time went on and the monastic spoils became absorbed, the numbers of those who were obliged to go to headquarters or to send authorised agents materially increased, with the effect of still further reducing the amounts.

After a few years' experience of the pension system, it was found that pressing necessity or the cajoling of unprincipled speculators had caused various of the disbanded religious to part with their pension-securing patents or certificates for small sums of ready money, "supplanting them to their utter undoing." To prevent this evil an Act was passed in the third year of Edward VI., entitled, "An Act against the crafty and deceitful buying of pensions from the late monasteries."* By this statute it was provided that all persons who had obtained pension patents, to which they were not entitled, were to restore them within six months, when they were to receive back what they had originally paid; but if they failed to restore it the grant was to be forfeited, and future payment made to the original holder. By the same statute all officials and receivers were ordered to pay all pensions on request under a penalty of £5, and if they demanded more than the legal fee, they were to forfeit ten times the amount taken.

To secure the due working of this Act, and to check all kinds of pension frauds, commissions were appointed to hold full inquiries in each county. Most of the reports of these county pension commissioners are extant, but some of those are imperfect. Among them is the interesting and full report for Derbyshire, to which, so far as I am aware, no one has

^{* 2} and 3 Edward VI., cap. 7.

hitherto referred, and I believe it is now printed for the first time.*

Appended to the report is the statement or confession of William Bolles, in his own hand, acknowledging to "the crafty and deceitful buying of pensions" or annuities in two several cases. It may be as well to put on record a few facts relative to this man who thus abused a position of trust. He dates his letter from Belvoir Castle, perhaps to overawe the commissioners, but his place of residence was at Felley, Nottinghamshire. William Bolles came from London as one of Cromwell's numerous agents to help in the work of monastic suppression. In April, 1536, he was appointed receiver of monastic spoils for the Crown for the counties of Derby, Nottingham and Cheshire, at a salary of £,20, with "profits," that is to say, with a variety of fees and perquisites. In August of that year, when acting as receiver for Beauchief Abbey, he managed to secure several plots of land for himself. In addition to obtaining other small Crown grants of monastic lands,† he was able to obtain the grant of the house and site of Felley priory, turning the conventual buildings and church into his residence. He was also the receiver of all the plundered church plate and valuables throughout Derbyshire. In 1540, he was

^{*} Exch. Accts., K. R. Bundle lxxvi., No. 12.

^{†&}quot;Grant to Wm. Bolles out of the particular receivers of the Court of "Augmentations and to Lucy his wife in consideration of the sum of £236 10s. "of the house and site of the late priory of St. Mary, Felley, Notts., with "all its lands in Felley and Annesley in as full a manner as Christopher Bolton,

[&]quot;all its lands in Felley and Annesley in as full a manner as Christopher Bolton, "the late Prior, held the same."

(Pat. Rolls 30 Henry VIII., pt. vi., M. 19, I Sept.)

The pedigree of Wm. Bolles is recorded in the Visitations of Notts., 1569 and 1614, where he is represented as the son of "William Bolle, alias Bolls of "Wortham in Co. Suff., descended out of the house of Bolles of Haugh in com. Linc." He was, in fact, "descended out of" the first Bolles of Haugh, being a son of John Bolle, High Sheriff for Co. Linc., 16 Edward IV. (1476), by his marriage with Katherine, daughter and co-heir of Richard Haugh, of Haugh, Co. Linc. He bought a portion of the estate of Osberton, near Worksop, Co. Notts., from one of his brother Commissioners, viz., from Robert Dighton "one of the jobbers in the estates of the dissolved religious houses." The family "ultimately became possessed of the whole of Osberton, where they lived for several generations" (Thoroton). William Bolles died at Osberton in his 88th year and was buried at Worksop 5th April, 1583 (Registers). A portion of an old window containing the first four generations of this family in pedigree form is preserved in the Museum at Osberton.—ED. of this family in pedigree form is preserved in the Museum at Osberton.—Ed.

one of the King's commissioners for receiving the surrender of the collegiate church of Southwell. Bolles' avarice and cunning in securing Derbyshire monastic annuities was not his only venture in that field, for the Nottinghamshire commissioners found that he was holding the pension patent of a religious of Worksop priory.*

It will be noticed in the report that those receiving annuities, as distinct from pensions, were very numerous, and survived in 1548 in larger numbers than the religious. This may be readily accounted for, as the annuitants were, as a rule, men in far better and more easy circumstances as compared with the ejected pensioners. Who were these annuitants? In the vast majority of cases they were friends of the King's visitors and commissioners, occasionally local magnates, but oftener humbler folk, who belauded Cromwell and his agents and endeavoured to help them in their suppressive work. The very last use, save sealing the surrender, to which the common seals of the religious houses were frequently put, sometimes even on the very day of the surrender, was the granting of these deceitful and crafty annuities, whereby the commissioners were enabled to recompense their tools. In a very small minority of cases, such as that of the corrody tof Agnes Smythe at 40s. a year, the annuity was one which had been genuinely granted by the Darley convent in reward for some special grant or service. It would also appear that the old annual gift to one Elias Ragget of a coat of the best quality, by the same house, was also continued.

If we look back to the arrangements made by the commissioners on the days when they granted the pensions for the three houses suppressed in 1538, we shall find that these annuities had then their origin, and were not granted, as might have been supposed, to the servants of the convents. In the case of Darley, for the surrender of which Dr. Legh, with William Cavendish as

^{*} Letters and Papers Henry VIII., xi., 216; xiii. (1), 1520; xiii. (2), 491; xvi., 93, 275; xvii., 220; xviii. (1), 226, etc.

[†] See page 21, note.

[‡] See page 30.

accountant, acted as commissioner, they had the face to write down "Mr. Doctor Legh" as an annuitant for £6 13s. 4d. The Earl of Shrewsbury was entered as an annuitant for £3 6s. 8d., and forty-one others for smaller sums, running up the total sum to be paid out of monastic property to secular pensioners to the annual sum of £69 7s. 2d. The same commissioners had the arrangements of the dissolution of Repton and Dale in their hands; in the former case they put twelve civilians on the annuity list to the amount of £22 18s., and in the latter case twelve others to the amount of £18 13s. 4d.

It is some satisfaction to find that Legh and Cavendish got into serious trouble over the winding up of the accounts of the suppression of these three Derbyshire and a few other midland houses, it being alleged that the latter had made entries after the clerks had withdrawn.*

It only remains to add that the larger portion of this report is concerned with the pensions assigned to those who held chantry or collegiate or hospital preferments, and gives fresh information in several cases, particularly as regards the College of All Saints. The Act for securing the surrender of these to the King was passed in 1545; but Henry VIII. died before much of this destruction had been carried out, and its completion was left to his successor, Edward VI.† Letters patent, with the great seal of the Court of Augmentations, were issued on 22 June, 2 Edw. VI., by Sir Walter Mildmay and Robert Keylwaye, general commissioners for the purpose, to fifty-seven different incumbents or ministers of suppressed colleges, chantries, free chapels, and stipendiary priests in the County of Derby.‡

^{*} Letters and Papers Henry VIII., xiii. (2), 1233.

[†] Further particulars as to each of these suppressed chantries, etc., can be found in the four volumes on the *Notes on the Churches of Derbyshire*.

[‡] Aug. Office Accts., Exch., K. R. Bundle lxxv., No. 8.

PENSION COMMISSION, COUNTY OF DERBY. 1548.

Edward the Sixt by the grace of God King of England France & Ireland &c To our right trusty and well beloved Sr William Cavendisshe knight Treasurer of our Chambre Sr John Byron knight Sr John Porte knight and Thos Powtrell esquyer send greeting Know ye that for the good opynion we have reposed in your wisdomes and dexterities we have ordeyned named constituted and appointed you to be our Commissioners giving to you thre or two of you full power and authorite to assemble yourselves in such and so many places in our Countie of Derby as to your discretions shalbe thought convenient and to enquire as well by the othes of honest and lawfull persons of our said countie as by all other waves and meanes semyng to your discretions convenient for the tryall of the truthe in theise matters followinge ffirste ye shall enquire how many of the late Abbots Priours Abbesses Prioresses Monkes Channons ffryers nonnys Incumbents and other mynyster of any Abbey Priory hospital howse of ffryers colleges chauntries ffree chapels guilds or ffraternityes and stipendiary priestes or eny other having rent chardge annuytie or pencion going oute or charged of any Abbey Priory hospital &c or out of any their possessions for term of life mentioned in a Sedule or book hereunto annexed be or shalbe at the tyme of your session deade and what time and where every of them died Also how many of the said persons named in the said Sedule be unpaid of their annuyties or pensions and for how long tyme and for what occasion they be so long unpaid. Also ye shall enquire how many of them have solde granted and assigned over their anuyties or pencions to whome when and for what somes of money the same sales grants & assignments over were made And further we give you full power and authoritie by theis presents to call before you at such tymes and places as ye shall appoint within our said countie as well all and every the persons in the said Sedule mentioned as all and every other person whome ye shall thinke convenient and to examine them & every

of them of the premisses as well by their corporall othes and sight of their patents or otherwise by your discretions And herein we will and command you and every of you to endevor yourselves with all dylygence for the speedie & perfecte accomplishmente of the premisses and that ye thre or two of you shall satisfie us of your doings and procedings herein distinctly and plainly into our court of Augmentations & Revenues of our Crown by writing in parchement subscribed with your hands & sealled with your seallys or with the sealls of two of you at the least the morow next after the feast of St Martin next comyng together with the Commission Straitly cherging & commanding as well the Sheriff of our said Countie as all other our officers & mynisters in the said county to be attendaunt ayding and assisting to you in thexecution of the premises as they tender our pleasure & will answer to the contrary In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent & sealed with the great seal of our Court of Augmentations & Revenues &c 1st Sept in the 6th veer of our reign

[Letter attached to the Report.]

To the right worshipful Sr William Caudisshe [Cavendish] Sr John Porte & Master Thos Powtrell esquyer and others Commisrs of our sovereyn lord the King for examynation of the patents of annuities pensions & others

Right worshipful &c understanding that you (among others whom I know not) ar in Commyssyon for thexamination of sondry paymentes whereof Robert Goche esquier the Kyngs majestys receivor in the Counte of Derby take allowance at Mychelmas the 5th Edwd VI As others (& I unworthy) ar in this shire of Not, pleeseth you to be advertised inasmoche as I bought of Robert Ragge of Derby goon a sixe yeres past for the some of twenty nobles or therabout one annuytie of fowrtye shillings by yere graunted owte of the late suppressed Abbey of Derley to the name of the said Robert. And also have another anuytie of fourtye shillyngs by yere graunted by the late Prior & Convent of Repington to my own name of the

which said two annuyties I am onpaid for two hooll years endid at Mychelmas last past for that ther are reconyngs betwixt the said receyvor and me moreover I bought one other annuytie graunted by the said late prior and convent of Repyngton to one Adam Bardissey for the which as I remember I paid six poundes and ye shall understand as I am creditly informed (by my lord Chaloner whose servant the said Adam Bardissey was) he the said Adam died of the swet after th Annunciation of our Lady the 5th yere aforesaid And am owing for one half yere due at the said Annunciation for the cause above written Theis are to praye you of your lurful favours in the premises and to pardon me that I cannot personally wate upon you as I gladly wold (if Laissur wold permyt it) and if I can do for you or any of yours the lik pleasure you shall comaund me And thus praying you to give order unto this bringar Thomas Comyn my servant I rest at your comandemente From Belvoir Castel this last day but one of October (30th Oct) 1552 6 Ed 6 with the hand of yours to comaunde as before

Wm Bolles

Accounts &c
Exchequer K R
[Report Translated.]
County of Derby

Fees Annuities Pensions & Corrodres paid by Robert Goche esquire Receivor of the Court of Augmentations & Revenues of the Royal Crown in the said County in the Account of the said Receivor determined for the year finishing at the feast of St. Michael Archangel as appears by particulars below.

Fee of the Officer—John Beamond
esquire surveyor of the lord King in
the said county of Derby at
£13 6 8 per ann nil because not paid
Gresley—Pension of John Okeley late
Prior there at £6 per ann ... £6

Bradsall park——Annuity of William
Dethycke esquire at 40s per ann 40s
Beawchyff—Annuity of Ellen Oxpringe
at 20° per ann 30° for $1\frac{1}{2}$ yrs
Derley.
Pension of Thomas Harrison* at 106s 8d
per ann
Richard Machill at £6 per ann 6li
William Sandbanke at £6 13 4 per ann 6.13.4
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Trustram Banfford at 40/s per ann 40s
Annuity of Herman Curte at 20s per ann 20s
William Harrison at 20/s per ann 20s
Richard Poole at 20 ^s per ann 20 ^s
Alice Bayley at 20 ^s per ann 20 ^s
Gilbert Thacker at 40 ^s per ann 40 ^s
Robert Warmyngton at 40s per ann 40s
Thomas Brodeshawe (Bradshawe) at 40s
per ann 40 ^s
Alice Lumley at 26 ^s 8 ^d per ann 13 ^s 4 ^d first half of year
John Cokerham at 53 ^s 4 ^d per ann 53 ^s 4 ^d
Elizeus Ragge at 20s per ann 20s
Peter Pole at 20 ^s per ann 20 ^s
Richard Waters at 40 ^s per ann 40 ^s
Robert Ragge at 40s per ann nil because not paid
Anne Ragge at 66 ^s 8 ^d per ann 66 ^s 8 ^d
Robert Barker at 20 ^s per ann 20 ^s
Hugh Wilson at 20 ^s per ann 20 ^s
Edward Merynge at 40s per ann 40s
Thomas Sutton at 20 ^s per ann 40 ^s for 2 years
George Eyre at $£6$ 13 4 per ann 6^{li} 13 4
John Skelton at 26 ^s 8 ^d per ann 26 ^s 8 ^d
†Corridy of Agnes Smythe at 40s per ann 40s

^{*} Thomas Harrison, ex-canon of Darley Abbey, died in 1558; he was buried at St. Alkmund's, Derby; he is entered in the register as "presbiter." † A Corrody was a yearly allowance in food and chambers, sometimes commuted for money, granted by a convent for services rendered; it was usually granted to old persons who assigned their property to the convent on condition of a life maintenance.

John Brampton at 66 ^s 8 ^d per ann 66 ^s 8 ^d
Sum £68 6 ^s 8 ^d
Dale.
Fee of William & Henry Zacheverell
Stewards of all the possessions there
at 26^s 8^d per ann 53^s 4^d for 2 yeres
Pension of Ralph Harrison at 100s per
annioo ^s
John Cadman at 106s 8d per ann106s 8d
John Banks at 100° per ann100°
Richard Wetherby at 106s 8d per ann106s 8d
James Cleyton at 40 ^s per ann 40 ^s
Gregory (George) Coke at 100° per ann 50° for first ½ yeer
Richard Halsame at 106 ^s 8 ^d per ann106 ^s 8 ^d
John Shelmefeld at 66 ^s 8 ^d per ann 66 ^s 8 ^d
John Bateman at 40 ^s per ann 20 ^s for first ½ year
Robert Gerard at 16 ^s 8 ^d per ann 16 ^s 8 ^d
James Conyholme at 66 ^s 8 ^d per ann 66 ^s 8 ^d
Annuity of John Willoughbye at 20s per
ann nil because not paid
Edward Thacker at 53 ^s 4 ^d per ann 53 ^s 4 ^d
Adam Bardsley at 20 ^s per ann 20 ^s
Nicholas (Richard) Powtrell at 20 ^s per ann 20 ^s
Sum £46 6 8
Repyngdon.
Pension of Thomas Webster at 100s per
ann nil because not paid
Ralph Clarke at £6 per ann £6
Thomas Prate at 100 ^s per ann100 ^s
Robert Warde at £4 per ann £4
Thomas Stringer at 106 ^s 8 ^d per ann106 ^s 8 ^d
Thomas Cordall at 106 ^s 8 ^d per ann106 ^s 8 ^d
Annuity of John Smythe at 40s per ann 20s for first ½ yeer
Robert Clarke at 13 ^s 4 ^d per ann 20 ^s for one year
Richard Haye at 40 ^s per ann 20 ^s for first ½ yeer
William Bolles at 40s per ann nil because not paid

Thomas Bradshawe at 53 ^s 4 ^d per ann 53 ^s 4 ^d
Sum £31 6 8
The late Priory of St John of Jerusalem.*
Annuity of Robert Machell at 56s 8d per
ann 56^s 8^d
Fee of Henry Zacheverell Steward of all
the possessions there at 40s per ann £4 for two years
Sum £6 16 8
Colleges Chantries & Gilds with land obits etc in said
County.
Pension of Richard Machyn priest late
celebrating in the church of Yol-
grave 4^{li} per ann 4^{li}
William Fysher one of the incumbents of
the Chantry of Boylston at 64s per
ann 64 ^s
William Bondy Incumbent of the chantry
of Merstone at £4 17 10 per ann 48^{s} 11 ^d for first $\frac{1}{2}$ year
Ralph Corke one of the incumbents of the
Chantry of Boylstone 64s per ann 64s
John Maryowe Incumbent of the Chantry
of St Nicholas & St Katherine in
Criche at $£6$ 13 4 per ann $£6$ 13 4
Robert White incumbent of the chantry
of Alfreton at £6 per ann £6
Edward Benette one of the incumbents of
the chantry in Houghe at 42 ^s 8 ^d
per ann \dots \dots 42^s 8^d
Richard Newbold at 100s per ann one of
the priests of the Guild of Chester-
feld100s.
William Topley incumbent of the chantry
of ffeneye Bentleye at \pounds_4 4/- per
ann £4 4/-

^{*} The order was suppressed in 1540, including the Derbyshire preceptory of Yeaveley (or Stydd) and Barrow.

Chantry of Blessed Mary in Criche

Robert Handcoke one of the priests of the late Gild of Dronesfeld at £,4 per

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at 100s per ann

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Michaell Bridwe late incumbent of the
Chantry of Monyash at \pounds 4 13 4 per
ann £4 13 4
Christopher Grene one of the incumbents
of the chantry of Ekington at £4 10/
per ann £4 10/-
William Oldeffeld incumbent of the late
chantry of Holy Cross in Bakewell
\mathcal{L}_6 per ann \mathcal{L}_6
Relph Shawe one of the incumbents of
the late chantry of Chadesdon at £6
per ann 60° for first $\frac{1}{2}$ yeer
Robert Thacker subdeacon of the late
college or free chapel of All Saints in
the town of Derby at £6 12 4 per
ann £6 12 4
Richard Hill incumbent of the late chan-
try of St Michael in Chesterfield at
100 ^s per ann \pounds 7 10 for $1\frac{1}{2}$ yeers
Richard Jorden one of the fellows of the
said late College at 100s per ann nil because not paid
Thomas Gilbert one of the fellows of the
same college at 100s per ann nil because not paid
Philip Durante one of the incumbents of
the chantry of St Michael in Chester-
feld at 100° per ann nil because not paid
Christopher Synderbye one of the incum-
bents of the chantry in Tiddeshall at
100° per ann 100°
George Hawkwell incumbent of the late
chantry of blessed Mary in the parish
of St Peter in the town of Derby at
48^s 8^d per ann 48^s 8^d
John Lorde incumbent of the late chantry
of Bradborne at 100s per ann100s

William Cartleche incumbent of the late
chantry or Gild of Chaddesdon at £6
per ann £6
Thomas Parker one of the incumbents of
the chantry of Houghe at 42s 8d per
ann 42 ^s 8 ^d
Thomas Bronehed at 48s per ann incum-
bent of the free chapel of Staleye 48s
Edward Calton one of the incumbents of
the late chantry or Gild of Chaddes-
den at 6^{li} per ann $\pounds 6$
Henry Jerves incumbent of the chantry
in Boyton at £4 9 4 per ann \dots £4 9 4
Richard Wylkes one of the two preben-
daries of the late college or free
chapel of All Saints in the town of
Derby at 40 ^s per ann 40 ^s
Thomas Smythe one of the two chief
secretaries of the lord King & one of
the two prebenderies of the said late
college at 60s per ann 60s
Christopher Haslame late incumbent of
the chantry of Dronsfeld at 4li per
ann 40 ^s for first $\frac{1}{2}$ year
John Wymesley (Wymeslowe) otherwise
Savage incumbent of the Hospital of
Castelton at 70° per ann 70°
Laurence Sponer incumbent of the chantry
of Blessed Mary in the church of All
Saints in Derby at 100 ^s per ann100 ^s Richard Whiteworthe one of the preben-
deries of the late Gild of Chesterfeld
at 100s per ann 100s
Geoffrey Glyne late one of the prebends
of the church of All Saints in Derby
at 14 ^s 3 ^d per ann 14 ^s 3 ^d
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Richard Rawson late incumbent of the late chantry of St Nicholas in Netherhaddon at 100s per ann ... Richard Holme late "cantrist" of the chantry of Doveridge at £,6 per ann £,6 Miles Whitworthe late incumbent of the chantry of Blessed Mary in the parish at Asshover at 4li per ann ... £4 William Tayllor one of the prebenderies of the College of All Saints in Derby at 14^s per ann I4^s Henry Howe priest late celebrating the service of Blessed Mary in the parish of Hathersage at 74s per ann James Chereholme incumbent of the late chantry of St Nicholas in the parish of St. Peter in Derby at 53s 4d per 53^s 4^d ... Fees €,10

Fees £ 10 Annuities £ 51 6 8

Sum of all the payments aforesaid in the said County of

Derby £360 18 7 whereof in pensions £294 5 3 Corrodies 106^{8} 8^d

Exam^d by me William Ryggs
Auditor

The certificate of John Porte knt and Thomas Powtrell esquire commissioners of our sovereign lord the King by virtue of his majestyez commission to them and others directed aswell declaryng all those whose names hereafter followe whiche appered offere us and shewed their patentes of ther annuyties and pencyons what they be by yere and how mych unpayed and the causez of their non payment as the names of the others whych did not appere whose note is made over ther heedes non comporant. As also all those whyche be dead. And when and where they dyed with the

names of them whych have assygned over or sold ther petents and upon what consideration as hereafter more at large may appere made at Derby the syxt day of Novembre in the sixt yere of the raign of our most drad souerayn lord Edward the sixt by the grace of God Kyng of England ffrance and Irelond defender of the ffaythe and in earth supreme head of the church of England and also of Irelond

John Beamond esquire surveyor of the county of Derby does not appear

Monastery of Gresley

John Okeley late prior there for pension £6 per ann: in arrears for one year who seythe upon his othe was for that Mr Gooche sayd he had a commyssion for the first half yere to stey the payment thereof until the Kyng's mejestyez pleasure were knowen

Bradsall Park

William Dethyck esquire for annuity 40s per ann

Beawchiff

Elena Oxpring does not appear

The Earl of Shrewsbury chief steward of all the possessions there does not appear

Monastery of Derley

Thomas Harrison for pension per ann £ 5 6 8 in arrears for one year who upon his othe seyth was as John Okeley affore hath seyd.

Richard Machill for pension £6 in arrears for half a year

William Sandbanke for pension per ann £6 13 4 in arrears for half a year Thomas Tofte for pension per ann £6 who ys the same man whiche is

entred in the Sedule Thomas Tofte as S^r William Sandbanke Thomas Harreson both late Chanons of the said late Monasterye and John Cokeram nowe baylyff of the seyd dyd depose by their corporall othes affore us . And also they doe sey that Thomas Tofte was also late chanon of the seyd howse And the said John Cokeram said that he payed hym \pounds_5 by the year 3 or 4 yeres togeder but the seid Tofte sheved no patent

Thrustram Bamfford does not appear.*

Herman Curtall for annuity per ann 20s

in arrears for one year for cause as
above

William Harryson for annuity per ann 20s in arrears for one year for cause as above

Richard Pole for annuity per ann 20s in arrears for one year for cause as John Okely has before said

Alice Beyley widow for annuity per ann 20s in arrears for half a year

Gilbert Thacker for annuity per ann 40s in arrears for half a year

Robert Warmyngton does not appear

Thomas Bradshawe for annuity per ann 40s in arrears for one year for cause as John Okelev has before said

Alice Lumley does not appear

John Cokerham for annuity per ann 53° 4^d in arrears for half a year

^{*} In most of the cases of non-appearance, it seems fair to assume that there had been some fraud which made the nominal pensioner or annuitant afraid to face the commissioners.

- Elizeus Ragge for annuity per ann 20^s in arrears for half a year And also his patent ys to have a cote of the best cloth yerely that they house dyd gyff
- Peter Poole per ann for annuity 20s in arrears for one year cause by John Okeley before said
- Richard Waters for annuity per ann 40s in arrears for half a year
- Robert Ragge did not appere for he hath sold the same to William Bolles as appereth by this letter hereunto annexed
- Anne Ragge now wife of Oliver Thacker for annuity £3 6 8 in arrears for half a year
- Robert Berker for annuity 20s in arrears for one year for cause as John Okely has before said
- Hugh Wylson for annuity 20s in arrears for one year for cause as John Okeley &c
- Edward Meryng for annuity 40s in arrears for one year for cause as John Okeley &c
- Thomas Sutton does not appear
- Gregory Eyre who ys namyd George Eyre in the sedule dyed abowte pentycost last past
- John Skelston for annuity per ann 26^s 8^d in arrears for one year for cause that John Okely has before said
- Agnes Smythe for a corridy per ann 40^s in arrears for one year for cause as John Okely &c

John Bramston for a corrody per ann £3 6 8 in arrears for one year for cause as John Okeley &c

Monastery of Dale

Henry Sacheuerell and William Sacheuerell do not appear but Richard Blackewall esquyer came affore us and deposed apon his othe that he hathe ther patent of 26s 8d rent charge at London in his studye whereby the said Henry and William are stuards of the possessions of Dale Abbey And that he hath also in lykewyse there another letter patent made to the said Sr Henry Sacheuerell of 40s of yerely rent of Saynt John in Jerusalem in England of a commandrye in Derbyshire called Yevale and Barrowe whyche patent of 40s and offyce therein the said Sr Henry for debyllyte of age hathe assygned over to the said Rychard and the said Sr Henry ys yet in lyffe at Morley in the countye of Derbye And the said Feez are behind for 2 years bycause Mr Goche refused to paye it

Ralph Harryson for pension per ann £5 in arreers for one year for cause as John Okeley &c

John Cadman for pension per ann £5 6 8 in arrears for half a year and the seyd John shewed affore us a dede under Covent seale of the seyd house of Dale of a corrody of 40s by yere byhynd for ½ a year

John Banks for pension per ann £5 in arrears for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year

Richard Wheyteley for pension per ann $f_{.5}$. 6.8 in arrears for one yeer for cause as John Okeley &c and further sayeth that ther be dead that had pensions further of the said house John Bebye last Abbot there who dyed at Stanley Grange in ye seyd Derbye of on Gregorye's day whiche shall be 12 veres now nexte and that Thomas Bagshawe dyed at lyttyll Eyton in ve seyd countye aboute 10 yeres now last past And Robert Hervye dyed at Alton in the countye of Stafford abowte 9 yeres last past and Wyllyam Smythe dyed at Stanley aforesaid abowt 10 yeres past and Robert Herwood dyed abowt seven yeres past

James Cleyton has not appeared

George Cok who ys named in ye sedule Gregorye Coke for pension £5 in arrears $\frac{1}{2}$ a year

Richard Halsume for pension per ann £5 6 8 in arrears for one yeer for cause as John Okeley &c

John Shelmefield for pension per ann £3 6 8 in arrears for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year

John Bateman has not appeared Robert Gerard has not appeared

James Conyholme for pension per ann \pounds_3 6 8 in arrears for one year for cause as John Okeley &c

John Willoughbye has not appeared

Edward Thacker for annuity per ann 53° 4^d in arrears for $\frac{1}{2}$ a yeer

Adam Berdesley has not appeared

The foreseyd John Cadman seyth that
Rauff Hauk dyed in October in the
5th year of the King that now is
And that Rychard Wheyteley dyed
abowte 7 yeres past and Robert
Wheyteley dyed abowte 6 yeres past

Nicholas Powtrell for annuity per ann 20s in arrears for one year because paid once a year

Monastery of Repyngdon

Thomas Webster has not appeared because he dyed at Kyrby in the county of Leicester about the feast of the Assumption B V M in 5th Edward VI.

Ralph Clerke for pension per ann £6 in arrears for one year cause as John Okeley &c

Thomas Pratt for pension per ann £5 in arreers for one year cause as above

Robert Warde for pension per ann £4 in arrears for one year cause as above

Thomas Stringer for pension per ann £5 6 8 in arrears for one yere cause as above

Thomas Cordall has not appeared

John Smythe dyed in ffeb. last past and was unpayed for the half yere 20s as all*they afforeseyd have seyd

Robert Clerke has not appered

Richard Heye for annuity per ann 40^s in arreers for one year and a half for cause as John Okeley &c William Bolles for annuity per ann—note his letter afore annexed

Thomas Bradshawe for annuity per ann 53^s 4^d in arrears for one yeer cause as above

The late priory of St John of Jerusalem in England

Robert Machell has not appeared

Henry Sacheuerell has not appeared but ys certefyed in Richard Blackwall's seying

Yolgrave

Richard Machen for a pension per ann £4 in arreers for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year

Chantry of Boylston

William Fyssher for pension per ann £3 4/- in arrears for one year cause as above

Chantry of Merston

William Bonde does not appear

Chantry of Boylston

Ralph Corke for pension per ann £3 4/in arrears for one year for cause abovesaid

> Chantry of S^t Peter & St Katherine in the Church of Cryche

John Merryott for pension per ann £6 13 4 in arrears for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year

Chantry of Alferton

Robert Wryghte for pension per ann £6 in arrears for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year

Chantry of Hough

Edward Bennett for pension per ann 42^s 8^d in arrears for ½ a year, but he shewed no patent but toke his othe with wytness wyth hym that y^t was Imbesyld from hym

Gild of Chesterfield

Richard Newbold for pension per ann £5 in arrears for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year

Chantry of ffynnye (Fenny Bentley)

William Topley for pension per ann £4 4/- in arrears for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year

Chantry of Assheover called Babyngton Chauntre

Richard Sandall for pension per ann £5 in arreer for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year

Gild of Chesterfield

William Ragge for pension per ann £5 in arreers for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year

William Kyng for pension per ann £5 in arreers for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year

Chantry of Alkemanton Spyttill

John Parre for pension per ann £4 18 2 arreers for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year

Chantry of Sawley

Robert Bradshawe for pension per ann £5 in arreers for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year

Chantry of Leigh

Thomas Robothom for pension per ann 52^{s} 8^d in arrears for $\frac{1}{2}$ year

Chantry of S^t Wilburghe (Werburgh) in the town of Derby

Robert Bywater for pension per ann £6 in arreers for one year for cause as John Okely has said

Church of Walton

Thomas Boroughe for pension per ann £3. 5. 3 in arrears for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year

Chantry of Blessed Mery in Tyddeswalle

Christopher Lytton has not appeared because he died about the feast of St John Baptist last past as Sr William ffrost deposed

Chantry of Brampton

Thomas Somersall for pension per ann £3 11 4 in arrears for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year

Gild of Holy Trinity in the parish of All Saints in the town of Derby

Roger Bertylmewe for pension per ann £3 6 8 in arrears for one year cause as above

Chantry of Blessed Mary in Cryche Robert Swynestowe for pension per ann

£5 in arreers for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year

Gild of Dronfield

Robert Hancoke for pension per ann £4 in arreers for one year cause as above

Chantry of Monyasshe

Mychell Brydwell for pension per ann £ 4 13 4 in arrears for one year cause as above

Ekyngton Chantry

Christopher Grene for pension per ann £4 10/- in arrears for one year cause as above whoe seyeth upon his othe that Robert Hyde one of the chauntre prystes there dyed the 29th of May 3rd of Edwd 6.

Chantry of Holy Cross in Bakewell

William Oldesfeld for pension per ann £6 in arreers for one year cause abovesaid

Chantry of Chaddsson

Ralph Shawe for pension per ann £6 in arreer for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year

College or ffree chapel of All Saints in the town of Derby

Robert Thacker for pension per ann £6 13 4 in arrears for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year

Chantry of St Michael in Chesterfield

Richard Hill for pension per ann £5 in arreers for one year cause as above College of Derby

Richard Jurden for pension per ann in arreers for one year & a ½ Who upon upon his othe seyth that at the suppression of the seyd college there were thre prysts to serve the cures belonging thereto whereof he was one and admytted to a pension of £5 by yere of which he cold not have allowance except he wold serve the cure there as affore he had done whiche hath not bene served under £6 13 4 by the yere Whereupon the said Jurden hath opteyned a warrant from Mr Chauncellor of thaugmentations to augment the same 33s 4d by yere in consideration that the said Jurden Jurden shall serve the same as affore he hathe done whose patent and warrant dothe remayne with Master Bygges & Master Goche for that he hathe not the same readye to shewe In arrears ½ a yere loke more in the end for the seying of Roger Bertylmewe one of the other prystes for servyng the cures there

Thomas Gylbert for pension per ann £5 in arrears for 3 years whoe seyeth upon his othe he oft demaunded it and cold not gett it

Chantry of St Michael in Chesterfield

Philip Durant whoe had a pension there of £5 by the yere dyed abowt Mydsomer 4 Edwd 6 as Richard Newbold reported

Chantry of Tyddeswell Christopher Synderby for pension per ann \pounds_5 in arrears for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year

Chantry of Blessed Mary in the parish of St Peter in the town of Derby

Gregory Hawkeswell came affore us and toke his othe that he is the same man that ys namyd in the sedule George Hawkeswell who was late Incumbent of the seid Chauntre which was in value £6 18 10 And by the meanes of John Beamont esquyer who was then serveyor the said chauntre vs valued in Mr Myldmeyes offyce but 56s 8d by means whereof the said Gregory had his pension graunted furth of the courte of Augmentacions but 48s 8d And bycause he was soe wronged he repayred to London to sue for remedye thereof havyng of his counsell therein one Thomas Sutton esquyer with whom he hathe lefte his patent wherbye he hathe it not now ready to shewe in arreers for one yeer cause as above

Chantry of Bradburne

John Lord hath not appeared

Chantry or Guild of Chaddesden

William Cartelache for pension per ann £6 in arrears for one year cause as above

Chantry of Houghe

Thomas Parker for pension per ann 42^s 8^d in arrears for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year

Free chapel of Staleye

Thomas Bromhed for pension per ann 48s in arrears for one year cause as above

Chantry or Gild of Chadesden

Edmund Calton for pension there £6 in arreers for one year cause as above

Chantry of Boyton

Henry Jerves for pension per ann £4 9 4 in arrears for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year

Prebend of the late College or free chapel of All Saints in Derby

Richard Wilkes has not appeared Thomas Smyth has not appeared

Chantry of Dronfield

Christopher Haslame dyed in October 5 Ed 6 and was unpayed 40s for half a yere as William Byng deposed upon his othe

Hospital of Castelton

John Wymesley otherwise Sahaye has not appeared

Chantry of Blessed Mery in the Church of All Saints Derby

Laurence Sponer for pension per ann £5 in arrears for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year

Gild of Chesterfield

Richard Whytwurth for pension per ann

£5 in arrears for $\frac{1}{2}$ year

Prebend in the church of All Saints Derby Geoffrey Glyne has not appeared

Chantry of St Nicholas in Nether Haddon

Richard Rawson for pension per ann £5 in arrears for one year cause as John Okeley &c

Chantry of Dovebrig

Richard Holme for pension per ann £6 in arrears for one year cause as above

Chantry of Blessed Mary in Asshover

Miles Whytewurth for pension per ann \pounds_4 in arrears for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year

Prebend in the church of All Saints Derby

William Teyly (?) has not appeared

Chantry of Hathersage

Henry Howe for pension per ann £3 14/in arrears for one year cause as above

> Chantry of S^t Nicholas in the par of S^t Peter Derby

James Cheryholme for pension per ann 53^s 4^d in arrears for one yere cause as above

Those whose names hereafter follow appered affore us which were not named in the Sedule

Gild of Chesterfield William Heythcote appeared before us who hath of the said Gild by warrant not shown £7 10/- in arrears for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year

William Lache of Chesterfield shewed affore us a patent made by Hugh Cluwurth late Aldereman of the Gyld afforesaid of 6s 8d by yere with a clause of distresse byhynd for 2 years for lycense he wold not gve for it untill it came to a greater sum

Chantry of Norton

Robert Alen for pension per ann £5 6 8 in arrears for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year

Chantry of Fennye Bentlye

Thomas Bedford for pension per ann 30^{s} in arrears for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year

College of Derby

Henry Brytylbank clerk one of Chauntre prystes there sayeth upon his othe that he had by warrant furth of the same college f,10 by yere and delivered the same warrant to Mr Rygges Auditor bycause he wold not take so great a cure upon him, his request was as he seythe to the seyd Mr Rigges to gett him a patent of £,5 by the vere And hathe bene payed the same £,5 vntyll this last yere for the cause afforesaid And also Robert Thacker late sub Dean of the said College Laurence Sponer clerk Roger Bertylmew clerke chauntre prystes there and Richard Jurden clerk one of the fellowez there upon upon their othes done affirme all the premysses to be true

Sr William Frost of Todyngton in the parish of Bakewell which hath 5 markes by the yere which goeth furth of a free chapell there by warrant not shewyd which doth remayn in the hands of Mr Rygges Auditor behind for one year cause as above

Roger Bertylmewe one other of the thre prystes which dothe serve the cures belongyng to the said College saythe that Thomas Gylbert named in the sedule one of the fellowez of the said College bycause he cold not haue further allowance servyng the said Cure then £5 which he had for his pension wold not serve the same wheruppon the perysshioners there got the seyd Roger Bertylmewe to serve the same promyssyng hym for his steypend to opteyne a warrant to the Kyng's officers to paye hym £6 13 4 by the yeer as the other hath whiche he dyd accordyngly whereof he ys behynd for one hoole yere

John Porte Thomas Powtrell

CARDINAL POLE'S PENSION ROLL.

Seven years after the drawing up of this Derbyshire pension roll of Edward VI., another inquiry was held throughout the country as to the pensions and annuities that were then being paid as the result of the various religious suppression Acts from 1536 to 1548. This inquiry produced the great parchment roll so often cited and generally known as Cardinal Pole's Pension Roll, which has been in the British Museum for nearly a century. It is dated Michaelmas, 1555 (2 and 3 Philip and Mary).* The Derbyshire entries follow the same order as the report of 1548, and show remarkably little alteration from the return of the earlier date; only a very few of the names had dropped out.

In one particular this latter return supplements the one of Edward, for it specifies six ex-chantry priests whose pensions

^{*} Add. MSS. 8,102. The skins relating to Derbyshire are numbered 45 to 50.

had been paid by the Duchy of Lancaster. They were:—William Holme, chantry priest of the Holy Rood, Wirksworth, 100s.; George Davie, chantry priest of Scropton, £4; Thomas Haidake, chantry priest of Belper, £4; Edward Bennett, chantry priest of St. Oswald, Ashbourne, 100s.; Robert Tarleton, chantry priest of Melbourne, 70s.; and Thomas Russell, chantry priest of Kniveton chantry, £4.