

per me Radulphum Medley, prest.
per me John Penny.

Delivered to the said John Penny and Thomas Towres.

BINFIELD.

Inprimis, iiij belles wythin y^e stepule ; Itm ij coppes on of blew sylk and one other of coverlet worke ; Itm iiij vestements one of Sautin eBridgys ; Itm one other of yelow sylke, Itm one other off red chamblett, Itm a chalette of syluer sold for xl^s, thereof layd out for y^e byble xiiij^s. iiij^d, Itm bowght wth y^e sayd mony ye paraphrases of Erasmus and y^e booke of y^e common prayr—xv^s ; Itm the residew off the sayd mony we have bestowed upon our church and for pauynge of ye^m ; Itm iiij antercloths and iiij towelles ; Itm ij surplices on for y^e mynyster and on for y^e clarke ; Itm on corprosl ; Itm on chalets of tyne.

The residew of the owld inventory was stollen, as is wytnessed by John Newmar and y^e curate there Gawen Granger, vppon theyre oethes. Delivered to the undersigned

Signed 28th July.

Gawyn Granger.
John Newmarry.

(To be continued.)

Historic Houses.

THE PRIORY OF CHACOMBE.

The Priory of Chacombe was founded by Hugh de Chaucumbe, justiciary of Normandy in the 2nd year of King John (1200). The monks who lived then were Canons Regular of St. Augustine. They were perhaps the least ascetic of the Monastic orders. A minstrel of the XIII. century says of them : " Among them one is well shod, well clothed and well fed. They go out when they like, mix with the world, and talk at table." They wore a long black cassock, cloak and hood, leather girdle, and four-square cap.

The founder, for the health of his soul, and the souls of Amabilia his wife and their heirs, and of Hodierna his then wife,

granted in pure alms to God, and the Blessed Virgin, and the Apostles SS. Peter and Paul, and the Canons Regular of Chaucumbe, for building their church and edifices, all the toft called Beveland in the west part under Chaucumbe, and the parish church, and the mill in the garden of Chaucumbe, and common pasture with him and his tenants for 24 beasts and 12 score sheep ; together with the church of Bereford (Barford St. Michael), &c. The Prior was to be elected by the Canons with the assent of the founder and his heirs. The deed was witnessed by Walkelin, Abbot of St. James', near Northampton, who died in 1205. The founder became a monk here in 1209.

In 1240 William de Colingham was elected Prior by licence of Gilbert de Legrave, the patron. Adam de Appleby succeeded in 1279 ; Robert de Wardon in 1299. Alexander de Kaysthorp was Prior in 1302 ; Rober de Silby in 1326 (by Bishop of Lincoln) ; Thomas de Saxton in 1334 ; Henry de Kegworth in 1339.

On S. Michael's Day, 1346, the Prior and Convent, on account of the benefits conferred upon them by Sir John de Lyons, K^{nt}, Lord of Warkeworth, granted for themselves and their successors a sum "to find two secular priests who in the chapel of Warcworth shall perform services for the healthy state of the said nobleman so long as he lives, and for the souls of, &c."

Edmund de Thorp was Prior in 1371, Thomas Brackele in 1412, John Ferneall in 1495, Thomas Saunders in 1503.

At the time of the Reformation this Thomas Saunders, together with Thomas Strowe and six Canons, subscribed to the King's supremacy. This was in 1534. In the following year the Priory was entirely suppressed, the yearly value being £83 18s. 9½d.

Few fragments of the ancient building remain. These are a small and plain doorway with a pointed arch, the edges merely chamfered off ; three plain buttresses in stages, and two windows, one of which is probably of XIII. century. It has two lights, with pointed trefoil heads, divided by octagon shafts. The other window is XIV. century. The present house was built from the stones of the Priory, and is the residence of William Allfrey, Esq.

The Priory had a seal—SS. Peter and Paul, and the legend is mutilated, beginning "Sigill Apostol"