



Some Buckinghamshire Parishes formerly included in the Archdeaconry of St. Albans.

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IN August, 1584, Questions were asked concerning the amount which each parish in the Archdeaconry had contributed towards the re-building of St. Paul's Cathedral, some twenty years before.

WYNSLO.—Mr. Kempe was collector to Mr. Grindall, bishop of our diocese, and had the collection of such sums from the clergy as was due ; we know not, but one Mr. Edmonds, minister at that time there, said that he paid 22^s as he thinketh.

ASTON ABBOTTS.—They cannot remember how much was collected, but as they think 2^s 6^d.

HORWOOD PARRA.—As we have learned by our neighbours, there was a collection made for the re-edifying of Powles, and divers of our Parish did pay towards it, but by whom it was collected we know not, neither how much was collected ; but this we learn, that Mr. Leonard Pigot, a gentlemen of our parish, was taxed at 20d., and again we learn that the money collected was paid to Mr. Kempe, then Archdeacon, and more we cannot learn.

GRANBORO.—There hath been certain moneys both by the vicar and the inhabitants, but to whom it was paid we know not.

The original answers are signed as under :—

ASTON ABBOTTS.—John Stevens (mark), Robert Bishopp (mark), Churchwardens.

HORWOOD PARRA, 17 September, 1584. — Henry Atkyns, minister ; John Cowper, Thomas Carter, Churchwardens.

GRANBOROW.—Richard Twell vicar.

“Mr. Rooket I have sende you 2 shillings by the bearer hereof and for procurations 6^d.”

WINSLO.—Robert Daunce, vicar ; Thomas Lewys (mark), Christopher Shelton (mark), Churchwardens.

1583. List of the Clergy of the Archdeaconry with their qualifications :—

[WINSLO.]—Mr. Daunce : no other benefice : no graduate : of no university : patron, the Queen : value 11^l and more ; ordered the first year of King Edward by the Bishop of Man that then was : not learned in the Latin tongue.

[GRANBOROW.]—Mr. Twall : no other benefice : no graduate : ordered fifty years since : patron, the Queen : value 4^l : not learned in the Latin tongue : “ ordered by he know not whom.”

1584 [24 March.] List of the Clergy in the Archdeaconry :—

ASTON ABBIS.—Thomas Blanchard, vicar. Letter of Deacon's Orders per Walter Wright, LL.D., by Robert, Bishop of Oxford, vicar general, 10 March, 1543. Letters of Priest's Orders by the same, 31 March, 1544. Instituted by John, Bishop of London, at Fulham, 2 November, 1581. Letters, testimonial of subscription to the Articles, 2 November, 1581. Licence to preach by Thomas, Bishop of Lincoln, at his manor at Bugden, 10 October, 1571.

WYNSLO.—Robert Daunce, vicar. Letters of Priest's Orders by John, Bishop of Sodor and Man, at his Manor at Ballicuse, 17 March, 1582. Instituted by Edmund, Bishop of London, at his palace in London, 17 May, 1565. Inducted by Dr. Kempe, Archdeacon of St. Albans, 24 May, 1565.

GRANBOROW.—William Twells, vicar. Letters of Orders to the sub-diaconate by John, Bishop of Lincoln, 19 September, 1534. Letters of Priest's Orders by the same Bishop, 20 February, 1534. Instituted to the vicarage by William Est, Archdeacon of St. Albans, 20 October, 1554, and inducted by the same, 21 October, 1554.

On the back of the last document is a Return of the Baptisms and Burials at Grandborough, 27 April, 1584.

John Pytkyn, son of Thomas Pytkyn, was chrystened the xvi. Day of October, 1583.

Elsabeth Byllyng, daughter of Omferye, 16 October, 1583.

Thomas, son of John Motte, 10 November, 1583.

Robert, son of Richard Grace, 22 November, 1583.

Benet, son of Benet Pytkyn, 19 January, 1584.

Mary, daughter of William Osburn, 20 February, 1584.

Ales, daughter of Philip Mason, 7 March, 1584.

Robert, son of Robert Hammon, 17 March, 1584.

Esabell Sommer? daughter of Robert, 1 April, 1584.

No Weddings.

Burials :—

John, the son of Richard Gyles, 11 November.

Richard Blooke, 11 December.

Jone, the daughter of John Arden, 1 February.

Ales, wife of Harry Fourth, 19 March, 1584.

4 October, 1586. Certificates from the Commissioners for the Examination of the Unlearned Ministers.

Henry Atkyns, vicar of Horwood, *non. comp.*

Mr. William Haylocke vicar of Powles Walden and Mr. Robert Daunce vicar of Wynslo being examined touching their ability of learning and knowledge of the discharge of their office and calling in the ministry the 4 day of October A° 1586 by Roger Williams parson of the parish of St. Albans are found by the said examiner to be unable to answer in the Latin tongue to questions moved to them in the Latin tongue of the principles of Religion, and are able very meanly to satisfy questions of Religion in the English tongue, but there is some hope of their profit by their study continued By me Roger Williams.

In 1588 the clergy of the Archdeaconry provided certain Arms and Armour for the defence of the country.

Mr. Atkyns, vicar of Horwood Parra, one black byll furnished.

Mr. Bowton, vicar of Granborowe, the same.

Vicar of Wyndslowe, one muskett furnished.

(Note.—The furniture of a black byll was a jack or plate coat with sleeves, and a skull and Scottish cap, an arming sword dagger and girdle, of a muskett—a muskett with flask, “touch box and murrion and reste,” and arming sword dagger and girdle, and flask leather).

There are certain memoranda from the Incumbents :—

“Mr. Williams I have been with my Lord of London at Hadham upon Saturday being the 13 day of July after evening prayer and promised my good Lord to provide such furniture for a bilman with as much speed as I can to the utmost of my power. These words I did write with mine own hand in Mr. Rocatts office the 14 of July by me John Bowton, vicar of Grenborow.”

“This 18 July 1588 I Robert Daunce vicar of Wynslo in the County of Bucks being greatly indebted both to her Majesty and to others, and not able by any means to provide such armour as I was first appointed or charged with, do most humbly crave his Lordship's favour unto whom I have appealed and unto whose wisdom I have

committed myself to be ordered and contented to find a black bill with so much furniture appertaining thereunto and so far as my powers will extend. By me Robert Daunce."

"I would to God I were as rich in ability as in good will, for then I would rather find and provide Armour for two men then for one. But being miserably indebted as doth appear by a supplication delivered to my Lord the 16 day of July I am most humbly to crave his Lordship's favour who hath commanded me to be ready to the utmost of my power. Per me He Atkyns, vicar of Harwood parra."

The Archdeacon, in his report, says:—"Mr. Blanchard, of Abbots Aston, was not rated with the rest."

20 December, 1588. The report of the Archdeacon on the state of the unlearned clergy:—

"Some have profited so far as may be judged from their exercises although not yet fit to preach. Some others have so profited that upon their due commendation unto your Lordship by divers the Preachers appointed to receive their exercises, your Lordship directed your letters to me, Mr. Williams, Mr. Sterne and Mr. White, minister of Northawe, to suffer them to preach in their own parishes who so do and that diligently and painfully. Their names are Mr. Atkyns, vicar of Little Horwood"

WYNSLO.—Mr. Robert Daunce, the vicar, is of no degree of School: he is resident there: no preacher.

ASTON ABBOTS.—Mr. Thomas Blanchard, the vicar, is a Bachelor of Divinity: he is resident there: he is a preacher and doth practise his preaching.

LITTLE HORWOOD.—Mr. Henry Atkyns, the vicar, is of no degree of School: he is resident, and preacheth by your Lordship's licence.

GRANBOROW.—Mr. Fulke Owen, the vicar, a Bachelor of Arts: is resident and very lately inducted: no preacher so far as I know.

1590. Provision of Arms and Armour.

"I Fulke Owen vicar of Greneborough have provided towards my charge an arming sword dagger and girdle the rest will I provide as soon as I am able God willing. By me Fulcone Owen."

"18 November 1590. Sir Whereas my predecessor hath been charged with a musket furnished I am most humbly to crave your favour whereas you know Mr. Daunce was not able to find himself much less to find anything for the good of the commonwealth. Notwithstanding although sheep are gone from places where my greatest gain did arise according to your worship's summons and beyond my ability I am willing and so am provided to serve her

Majesty with a calyver furnished which God willing I will perform either in mine own person or by some other I beseech your worship intreat my Lord thereunto and so I commit you now to God. Yours at command, Philip Favor."

"16 November 1590. I commend me to your worship with hope of your good health. . . . The cause of my writing I am commanded to be at St. Albans the 18 of this month. . . . I cannot for I am sick and have been so this 10 weeks and have not been able to go abroad, and God knoweth whether ever I shall. As concerning the furniture which I am appointed there to show . . . I had the like commandment about 2 years now past, at which time I went unto my Lord of London being then as now far unable to do it and made my state then known unto his Lordship, beseeching him to consider of the same, and also showed his Lordship his Lordship's letters to the ministers in Middlesex to crave their benevolence, being then as now in great debt, and my benefice nothing by reason of the rot which came amongst sheep. . . . My Lord commanded me to go to St. Albans and there set down what I was able to buy, and his Lordship would talk with my Lord's Grace concerning me and other poor ministers. I went to St. Albans and there set down that I would buy a black bill only which was more then and is now than I am able to do, considering my great charge of 5 or 6 children, the smallness of my living which hath not been this 5 years 5^l a year and the great debts I am in. . . . I beseech your worship even for GOD's cause to stand my good friend, for my case is most hard and harder than I can make it known, but this I say, and GOD is my witness I lie not, provision for me and mine I have none, nor yet . . . silver or gold to buy bread or other food to put in our bellies, my maintenance this year hath been preaching here and there now and then with my worshipful good friends. Therefore I doubt not that my Lord's Grace, my Lord and your worship with all others that fear GOD will consider my case, being of good life and conversation, and one that serveth the LORD Commending you to the Almighty . . . with a weak body, a faint heart and a frail hand. . . . He: Atkyns."

31 January, 1592. The State of the Clergy in the Archdeaconry

HORWOOD PARRA.—Henry Atkins, B.A., vicar. Ordained priest by Thomas, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, in the chapel of his castle at Eccleshall, 29 September, 1570. I saw no Letters of Deacon's Orders. Instituted to this vicarage 3 November, 1584. Inducted by Mr. William Hucheson, Archdeacon, 7 November,

1584. Licensed to preach by John, Bishop of London, 14 October, 1586. He hath served the cure and exercised his preaching and catechising diligently: he was never detected of any notorious crime.

GRANBOROW.—Fulco Owen, B.A., of the University of Oxford, vicar. Ordained deacon and priest by John, Bishop of Gloucester, 28 April, 1584, in the Palace within the precincts of the College at Gloucester. Instituted to this vicarage by John, Bishop of London, 13 November, 1588: inducted by Mr. William Hucheson, Archdeacon, 25 November, 1588. He hath served the cure in his own person ever since, and catechiseth diligently. He is of laudable conversation and good life. He hath not been detected for any notorious crime. He saith he doth hear and instruct the younger sort in the Catechisme appointed. He is a preacher allowed by licence from the Bishop of London, 1 February, 1592.

ASTON ABBOTTS.—Mr. Thomas Blanchard, B.D., vicar. Hugh Yerwood, clerk, curate: Ordained deacon by William, Bishop of Lincoln, 26 July, 1592, in the chapel at Buckden: priest by the same in the same place 26 August, 1592. Licensed to serve this cure by John, Bishop of London, 6 November, 1592. He serveth the cure diligently since the beginning of August last. Never detected that we know of. No preacher.

WYNSLO.—John Favour, M.A., vicar. Ordained deacon by Richard, Bishop of Peterborough, 23 June, 1589, in the parish church of Castor, diocese Peterborough: priest by the same, at the same time and place. Instituted to this vicarage by John, Bishop of London, 18 June, 1590. Inducted by Mr. William Hucheson, Archdeacon, 20 July, 1590. He preacheth in his parish, but not licensed: he is of good learning: he serveth the cure in his own person ever since his induction diligently: he preacheth there and catechiseth diligently: he is reported to be of good life and conversation: he was never detected of any notorious crime.

1595. Arms and Armour.

“WINSLOE. I Philip Favor am provided of one musket furnished which shall be ready whensoever it shall be called for, with one man named Thomas Clements to wear and use the same. By me Philippum Favor, vicar.”

GRENEBOROUGH.—“Am provided of one black bill, *etc.*, but a man to use the same I neither have nor can provide and therefore do humbly crave favour therein. By me Fulconem Owen, vicar.

HORWOOD.—Henry Atkyns, vicar: a black bill only “as I was first charged and nothing els and I doe crave favor, being very poore. By me He: Atkyns.”

ABBOTS ASTON (and Norton).—In his report the Archdeacon says : No appearance, therefore suspended. Their neighbours which appeared were requested to signify to them that they are to appear before the Bishop 3 December.

23 April, 1597. Certificate that Joane Lennowe, wife of Peter Lennowe, hath willingly submitted herself to such punishment as was enjoined her in the parish church of North Marston. By me Edmond Dowdall, minister at North Marston. This testimony is trewe, as I will testify by my oath. Philip Favor, vicar.

Persons cited to the Archdeacon's Court :—

WYNSLO.—3 July, 1599. Joane Turnan, widow ; fornication with a stranger. She did penance.

15 October, 1600. Jane Burrowes : fornication. Excommunicate for not appearing.

22 December, 1600. Judith Cooke begotten with child by Henry Bawlye as she saith. They are to appear at the next Court.

Elizabeth Stuttesbery, widow, for slandering William Leache, and the wife of Hughe Stuttesbery for incontinency. Cited to the next Court.

John Greene and Jone Coney for suspicion of adultery. Greene purged himself, but Coney was never cited, as she was a vagabond, and ran away.

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30th July, 1907.

(To be continued.)

Mr. Charles Edward Keyser, M.A., F.S.A., J.P., of Aldermaston Court celebrated his sixtieth birthday on Tuesday, and received the congratulations of his friends of the Newbury Field Club, with whom he was spending the day in congenial fashion, visiting the home of the Winchcombes. Mr. Keyser is a man of many tastes, but he appears to be at his happiest when engaged in antiquarian research, and his extensive knowledge in all branches of archæology and church architecture, makes him a delightful companion as well as an authoritative guide. He is always at the service of the Newbury Field Club, of which he is a vice-president, and is president of the Berkshire Archæological Society.—*Newbury Weekly News*.