

vert, wife of the Rev. Robert Wright, who took the name of Calvert. The Calvert family of Claydon took the name of Verney in 1837.

The existing buildings, erected by Earl Verney, comprise the north entrance hall, the pink parlour or summer dining-room, the saloon, and the library. The chimney pieces, mahogany doors and plaster ceilings of these apartments are particularly worth notice. In the hall are stands of arms, and most of the valuable portraits are in these rooms.

In a large square central well behind the state rooms is the principal staircase. The balustrade is a beautiful piece of metal work with stalks and ears of corn in wrought iron which actually shake with any breath of air. The upper rooms are splendid specimens of the work of Adams, especially the inlaid doors, and the Chinese-room and the Indian-room, both of them ornamented in a fantastic style. The rooms at the south end of Lord Verney's wing were for many years occupied in the summer by Miss Florence Nightingale, the nurse-heroine of the Crimean war. She was the sister of the wife of Sir Harry Verney.

(To be continued).

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

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IN 1604-5 special order was taken to find out exactly the Recusants in the Archdeaconry. Under date 16 June 1605, James Rolfe, the Archdeacon's Official, reports that there were only six Recusants in the Archdeaconry, and these were in St. Albans. The answers given at the Visitation appear in the Records.

WINSLOW.—We have no manner of recusants of any sort within our parish. Rortus Maynwaring, vicar, Henry Wendover, Richard Snow, Nicolas Owing, [?], Thomos Adames.

GRANDBOROWE.—We have no recusants in our parish. Foulke Owen, vicar. Marks of William Stevens, John Bowden, William Emerton.

ABBOTS ASTON.—We have not any recusants of any sort within our parish. Hughe Whittakers, vicar, Edward Winter, William Mylner.

HORWOOD PARVA.—We have no recusants. John Illing, Thomas Curtise, Thomas Barber.

1607.

13 November, 1607. Letter from Hughe Whittakers, vicar of Abbots Aston, to Mr. James Rolfe, the Archdeacon's Official. "Salutem in Domine. My humble duty unto your worship premised being very glad to hear of your health, which prayer to the Almighty for the long continuance of the same (if it shall so stand with his good pleasure.) Sir, these few lines are to certify you that according as you enjoined me and the Churchwardens at your being with us to amend certain things which were amiss about the Chancel and Church of Aston Abbots, so it is that some of them are done and some are yet to do, as namely these are done the most part of the mounds about the churchyard are paled and double railed according as is required by sundry of the neighbours and there is two other whose parts are yet to do but want pales to do it yet are willing to fulfil your commandment therein. Mr. Sallomon saith his part is sufficiently railed with four rails and is a sufficient mound and saith he will not do it in no other sort. John Green hath done some part of his, and the rest, one place, is a stile to come over to the church, and he saith he cannot conveniently pale that, and another part is a gateway or passage to come into the Churchyard when he have occasion to carry anything for the reparation of the Church and therefore he cannot pale that, all the rest is done. Further the Pulpit is set higher according as is required and there is a lock provided for the Chest and a Pewter Stoup for the Communion Wine, all the other things are yet to do but the Churchwardens crave your patience for bearing of them and say they shall all be done so soon as they can. For those things which are imposed upon me the truth is Sir Robert Dormer hath always done all reparations about the Chancel, yet now I have mended the Chancel Door and Sir Robert his bailiff promised me to have sent Tyles and a Tyler long before this time but it is not yet performed notwithstanding if he do not send very shortly I will, God willing, see it

done. And thus wishing your worship all happiness I cease any further at this time to trouble you, Commending you to the gracious protection of Almighty God. Aston, the xiiijth of this Instant, November, 1607. Your worship's most willing to be commanded Hughe Whittakers, John Jeffes his mark.

Robert Green his mark, Churchwardens Robert Vincher? "

Exhibited 13 November, 1607.

1611.

16 November, 1611. Letter: J. Croft to Mr. Edward Browne, Registrar.

By this you will find enclosed two Inventoys. You are desired to dispatch them and let the Widows have their instruments from the Court. Pray be so kind so just to summon Thorp of Granbrough whom we presented at our last Visitation held at Winslow last Wednesday in Easter Week for refusing to pay his levy to the Churchwardens Rate. From this long for backwardness the "Raskall Craggs" of Impunity. And that now he has conquered the whole Town and Court And indeed if he pass off these, others for good husbandry may follow his example, and so we may fear a general defection, the whole parish, whom he [?], are eager to have him punisht, as yet, pray therefore look it be done, and that rapidly, for the Rogue fearing the worst is leaving Grenborow next Lady Day. By a particular messenger you may send both the Widows instruments and a Process for Thorp, which may convince the rest of the Inhabitants that the power of the Court is not so enervated, nor our resentments so tame but that our Church can teach a contumacious Villain manners. Sir, heres a 2 years "Reckning" for Licences the last went tother day to Mr. Spateman married to the Widow Russell, whereof you shall have a true account and balance at next time you shall visit. Sir, your humble servant, J. Croft.

H. R. WILTON HALL.

25th January, 1608.

NOTE.—A Calendar of these Papers ranging from 1572 to 1637, is in the press and will shortly be issued by the St. Albans and Hertfordshire Architectural and Archæological Society.

BERKSHIRE INDUSTRIES.—Mr. Peake makes a mistake in his article on "The Victorian History of Berkshire" *re* "Industries." He cannot claim *Bell Founding* as an Industry. Messrs. White only *Hang* Bells, a very different thing to Bell Founding which implies the process of casting them.—W. H. HALLAM.