

plates, have been re-fixed upside down. Above them are shields of arms, one bearing the arms of Wiseman—Sa a chevron erm., between three cronels arg. Crest—A castle triple-towered, or, port open, arg. out of the top a demi-Moor issuant, armed ppr., in his right hand a dart, argent, barbed and flighted, or, in his left a Roman target, of the last. On a black marble slab adjoining, with arms and crest incised, is an inscription commemorative of Edmund Wiseman, who died in 1689, and Susanna, his second wife, daughter of John Clarke of Ardington, ancestor of the antiquary. Another marble slab is inscribed to the memory of Dulcibella, wife of Edmund Wiseman, second daughter of Samuel Dunch, of Pusey, who died in 1656, aged 37, also a small brass to William Wiseman, who died in 1713, and was the son of Edmund Wiseman, of Spersholt Court.

THE SMALBONE FAMILY.

The Smalbones were an old Steventon family whose arms are entered in the Heralds Visitations of 1665-6. They intermarried with the Rowlands of Harwell, the Stevenses of Steventon, Robinsons of East Hanney, Woods of Steventon, Harding of Wantage, Dandridge of Blewbury, etc. Another branch of the Smalbones lived at Bockhampton, and Up Lambourn, and were allied to the families of Molyne, Scudamores, Eystons and other ancient houses.

Reviews.

RUINED AND DESERTED CHURCHES by L. E. Beedham (Elliot Stock, London). Miss Beedham has chosen a very interesting subject for her work, and writes pleasantly on the deserted shrines of England. Her book will be valuable in calling the attention of the general public to a subject which for many years has disturbed the minds of antiquaries, and aroused poignant but unavailing regret. This book is by no means exhaustive. It does not record a tithe of the ruined and deserted churches to be found in England. Whole counties are neglected. Some of the hundred desecrated shrines of Derbyshire might have been mentioned, or Arborfield, Berkshire, or Colston Bassett, Notts, or St. Margaret's on the Blyth, Suffolk, and many other important omissions might be added. We hope Miss Beedham will continue her researches and produce an enlarged edition of her work, which would then be extremely valuable to students.