

pomegranates on the cope, and hands clasped on the breast, and the following inscription below :—

Hic jacet Magister Wills Skelton utriusq iuris bacallarius quonda
ppositus in ecclia Cathedrali Wellensis & Rector istius ecclie ac eciam Rector
ecclie Sci Vedasti in Civitate london qui obiit XXVIII^o die mensis Marcii
Anno dni Millimo CCCC^o XLVIII^o cui anime ppicietur deus amen.

which may be translated thus :

“ Here lies Mr. William Skelton bachelor of law and divinity (as rendered by Ashmole), sometime provost in the Cathedral Church of Wells, and Rector of this Church and also Rector of the Church of St. Vedast in the City of London, who died on the 28th day of the month of March in the year of our Lord one thousand four hundred and forty-eight, on whose soul God have mercy amen.”

He also must have been a personage of distinction, as he was thought worthy to hold three important offices at one time in places so far apart as Wells, Ashbury and London. There is a south door way to the chancel with segmental headed interior arch.

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MEMORIALS OF OLD CHESHIRE, Edited by the Archdeacon of Chester, and P. H. Ditchfield (George Allen and Son). This is the most recent volume of the memorials of the Counties of England series, of which over twenty have been published. The general editor has been assisted by Archdeacon Barber, who was formerly well-known in the Oxford diocese as Diocesan Inspector of Schools. The volume has appeared just in time for the Chester Pageant, but for obvious reasons it cannot be reviewed in these pages. For the same reason we cannot review two other works published recently by the Editor of this journal, viz :—

THE MANOR HOUSES OF ENGLAND (Batsford).

THE PARSON'S PLEASANCE (Messrs. Mills and Boon).

“ A HISTORY OF ABINGDON,” by Mr. James Townsend, M.A., with illustrations, has just been published by Mr. Frowde. It is a handsome volume and covers a period of over twelve centuries and has involved considerable research. The illustrations are chiefly of the older documents of the Abingdon Chronicle (Chronicon Abbandoniæ). A notice of the book must be deferred.

