

dedicating the remainder of his days to the noblest purpose of humanity, the relief of the distresses and infirmities of his indigent fellow creatures, an office which the goodness of his heart made him ever undertake with readiness and which the skill of his hand enabled him generally to execute with success. But the pious purpose was broken off by his death which happened July 5th, 1761, in the 59th year of his age. He married the daughter of John Slaney, Esq., of Worcestershire, by whom he left an only daughter, married to Philip Lybbe Powys, Esq., of Hardwicke, Oxon."

It was in the year following Dr. Girdle's death that the marriage mentioned on the Church tablet took place. On the death of her mother in 1801 Mrs. Lybbe Powys inherited the great tithes of the Rectory of Beenham and also the land and farms that her father had owned in the parish. In 1804 the whole, including the great tithes, was sold, with her consent and that of her trustee, Mr. John Mount of Wasing, to the Rev. Sir Charles Rich, who had already purchased the Manor of Beenham 1793. He was the younger son of the Rev. Dr. John Bostock, Canon and Vicar of Windsor and Rector of Clewer, and owner of the Hopson estates in Beenham in right of his wife, Mary, grand-daughter and heiress of Sir Charles Hopson. At Dr. Bostock's death in 1786 his eldest son, the Rev. John Bostock, inherited these estates and also succeeded his father as Vicar of Windsor, which office he resigned in 1789. Meanwhile the younger brother, formerly Charles Bostock of Shirley, near Southampton, had married at New Windsor, January 4th, 1783, Mary Frances, daughter and heiress of Lieut.-General Sir Robert Rich, fifth baronet. His title which had been conferred on his ancestor by Charles II. died with him but was revived in the person of his son-in-law, when in consequence of his marriage he took the name of Rich and became the first baronet of the new creation. Thus, after the purchase by Sir Charles Rich of Mrs. Lybbe Powys's property in Beenham, it came to pass that he and his brother John Bostock owned between them the greater part of the Parish.

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MARKET PLACE, BURFORD.—I own an engraving, evidently taken from a magazine (title not given), shewing the Market Place, Burford, in 1600, in which is seen a small but graceful market cross, standing in front of the old Tolsey. This still remains, converted into a reading room, though the memory of the cross seems to have been lost to the townspeople. When visiting Burford a few months ago my sons were told that not long before, in repairing the road, the workmen came upon a huge stone, which being dug out proved to be the basal stone of the ancient cross, with the four shaft-holes still intact, and were shewn the stone, which was reared up against the wall of the Tolsey.—M. STEVENSON.