

Nettlebed :

A REPLY.

THE etymology of the name of Nettlebed is as Alexander says in his "Oxfordshire Place Names," obvious Old English *Netele*, *bedd*, and the English Place Society, in its "Chief Elements of English Place Names," vol. 1, Part 2, gives "'bedd O E bed,' place where plants grow," and gives as example Nettlebed (O).

There is no mention of Nettlebed in Domesday.

The earliest record I know of the name is in the Assize Rolls for 1246-7, where it is shown as the 'villata de Nettlebed.'

In the Calendar of Inquisitions post mortem in 36 H III, Feb., 1252, Peter de Stanford held 1 visgate of land at 'Netelbedde' of the King in chief and Oliver, his brother, was his heir.

In the Assize Rolls for 1268 it occurs again as 'Nettelebyd.'

Calendar of Inquisitions post mortem 4 E I, Nov., 1276, John de Mounderill held land at 'La Netelbeade' of Edmund Earl of Cornwall and John, his son 16 was his heir.

The church belonged to the Abbey of Dorchester.

In the Close Rolls 21 E I, 20 June, 1293, the Abbot of Rewley is shown holding land at 'Netelbedde.'

Calendar of Inquisitions post mortem 29 E I, Dec., 1300, Margaret widow of Edmund Earl of Cornwall claims as dower $\frac{1}{3}$ of 2000 acres of wood in 'Nettlebede' and Bensington against the Abbot of Rewley by Oxford.

But in 32 E I, Jan., 1304, it is decided that the Earl only held 180 acres of wood in 'Nettlebedd' and Bensington.

In Close Rolls 50 E III, 13 Oct., 1376, the manor of 'Netilbed' with wood there is granted to Joan late wife of Edward Prince of Wales.

J. DE C. LAFFAN,
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