

ART. XVI.—*Kirkby Stephen churchwardens' accounts, 1658-1670.* By the Rev. J. BREAY, M.A.

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THIS parish church does not possess a continuous record of churchwardens' accounts, but these earliest ones, covering the last years of the Commonwealth and the first ten years after the Restoration, are very good for the light which they throw on church and parish government at that time. The next account book after this book is dated 1782. I am obliged to the Rev. H. W. Mycroft, who asked me to examine these records of his church and gave me permission to publish them.

This parish of eleven manors, at the head of the river Eden, witnessed most of the chief events of the Commonwealth rule in Westmorland, for Philip, Lord Wharton, of Wharton Hall, and Captain Robert Atkinson of Bluegrass, Mallerstang, and Major Scaife of Winton Hall, were all supporters of the Commonwealth in this parish. On the other hand Sir Philip Musgrave of Hartley Castle was banished and lost his estates as a royalist. Lord Wharton stands out as the most considerable influence in the district. Men of this parish fought under him in 1642, at Edgehill. He was a lay member of the Westminster Assembly of Divines in 1643. During the Commonwealth he appointed Francis Higginson as vicar of Kirkby Stephen. In 1658 he subscribed £5 towards the recasting of the church bells. On 29 May 1660 he was a member of the cavalcade which welcomed the king at Greenwich. When in 1662 Francis Higginson refused to conform under the Bartholomew Act, another vicar was appointed. Shortly after the latter left, and Lord Wharton persuaded Higginson that his conscience was

too tender, and so he returned again as vicar. A letter of 1669 by a nonconformist explains thus the position in Westmorland.

"We have in Westmorland perhaps fewer clergy who have been deprived of their livings than most of the other Counties in England: not because they favoured Episcopacy; for they did not; but on different motives they have mostly conformed. The gentry have exerted themselves to the utmost, in their respective neighbourhoods, to prevent Nonconformity. The most active in this matter are as follows:

In the East Ward, the Countess of Dorsett, Pembroke & Montgomery, who constantly resides here, being three months at each of her castles . . . diffuses her charity where it is wanted, and has great influence among the clergy . . .

Conformity is not by choice, but by constraint — Mr. Francis Higginson of Kirkby Stephen; Mr. John Dalton of Shap; Mr. Thomas Hodgson of Ravenstonedale, are all conformed; and the generality of my acquaintances think much against their inclination."¹

These accounts indicate Mr Higginson's industry; they are very well drawn up, but between his incumbencies they are fragmentary. The first concerns the recasting of the bells in 1658. It will be noticed that both the Presbyterians Lord Wharton, the vicar, Mr Branthwaite, Mr Robert Atkinson and Mr Robert Scaife, and the Royalists Sir George Dalston of Acorn Bank and Richard Musgrave of Hartley, were subscribers. The church possessed three bells in the tower; they were broken up and recast at Carlisle. The third one was recast a second time. There was a small bell taken down in 1663, which was probably the Sanctus Bell. The work, which cost £80, was met by subscription and two parish rates. But though the entries have not all been recorded, the hanging of the bells troubled them for many years. They were regularly repairing headstocks, ropes and stays, and the bells were taken down again in 1665.

The accounts for 1660 shew the usual record of parish life (prisoner money, vermin heads, poor relief), but no

¹ F. Nicholson and E. Axon, *Older Nonconformity in Kendal* (Kendal, 1915), p. 84.

record of Episcopal reform. Bishop Sterne was not consecrated until 2 December 1660.

The 1662 accounts shew the buying of a surplice, a Bible, and a parchment book for registers. But the most interesting entry is the word "Casualties", towards whose relief £1 was given. This is far above the usual scale of poor relief. It is hard to imagine that the Border thieves who invaded Cumberland in 1662 reached Kirkby Stephen.² The Kaber Rigg Plot was in 1663. Probably some disturbance occurred in support of Presbyterianism when the Bartholomew Act came into force in 1662, which caused Sir Philip Musgrave to write to Secretary Williamson in 1663 about fanatical outbreaks, and his preference for "trusted volunteers, rather than trained bands . . . being ashamed to discover that some companies have no arms, others no commissioned officers, others have to learn the use of their arms . . ."³

The 1662-3 list of Papist and Quaker recusants reflects not only the nervousness of the Restoration Parliament but also the bluff royalist zeal of Sir Philip Musgrave, who had suffered much for his king. It is interesting to note in several of the accounts that travellers were supposed to possess a pass (though when George Fox passed through the parish in 1663 he would not have one). But most significantly this list of dissenters makes no mention of Presbyterians. Of the Quakers in Mallerstang it is probable that they were converts of James Naylor when he was in the dale in 1652, and had his brush with Francis Higginson.⁴ Higginson's comment on these Quaker preachers in his tract of 1653 is as follows: "The last Summer there came or rather crept unawares into the County of Westmorland, George Fox, James Nailor, one Spoden, and one Thornton, all of them Satan's Seeds-men."⁵ Thomas Crosfield, a native of Kendal,

² Cf. *Prelates and People*, p. 270.

³ R. S. Ferguson, *History of Westmorland* (London, 1894), p. 219.

⁴ Cf. Nicolson and Burn, i 539; also Emilia Fogelklou, *James Naylor, The Rebel Saint, 1618-1660*, (London, 1931), pp. 83-96.

⁵ B. Nightingale, *The Ejected of 1662 in Cumberland and Westmorland etc.* (Manchester 1911), iii 1077.

and rector of Spennithorne in Wensleydale at this time, and having strong Presbyterian leanings, makes this more lenient comment on Quakerism: "God out of evil can bring good, and why may he not out of the new sect of Quakers procure Glory to himselfe & good to his people, if they but with patience wait his lessone."⁶

The accounts for 1663 shew the parishes being reformed by the bishop. The churchwardens and sidesmen were sworn in by a Mr Vaux at Appleby. The Reading pew was removed; a flagon was bought; Communion was celebrated; a Communion book was bought; a Terrier of the Glebe was drawn up; the Recusants' names were given in; and the bishop held a court at Appleby, at which one of the churchwardens was fined.

There is no mention of the rebuilding of Mallerstang Chapel by May 1663, and the building of Soulby Chapel in 1662-3, nor of the Kaber Rigg Plot in October of that year.⁷ Considering how full these accounts are, it is surprising to see that in 1664 the churchwardens were cited before the Court at Appleby to account for their monies. In the same year the chancellor ordered them to regularise the church seating. Sentences of Scripture were also written up on the church walls. If Bishop Sterne was as vigorous with his diocese as he was with this parish, there is no cause to complain of the administration of one who had been the chaplain of Archbishop Laud. In fact he appears to have been most painstaking, despite Burnet's gibe, that he mainly minded enriching himself. Sterne had suffered greatly during the Commonwealth, having been kept a close prisoner in a ship on the Thames, and in the Tower, and threatened with transportation for his support of the king at Oxford.⁸

The 1665 accounts are interesting for the making of the new church clock, which cost £7. 1s. 6d. It will

⁶ *The Diary of Thomas Crosfield, M.A., B.D., 1602-63*, ed. F. S. Boas (Oxford 1935), 103.

⁷ Cf. CW₂ xi 212.

⁸ Dr Peter Barwick, *Life of the Reverend John Barwick, D.D.* (London, 1724), 41 f.

also be noted that Francis Higginson celebrated the Communion twice a year, at Midsummer and Christmas.

The 1666 accounts reveal the influence of Bishop Rainbow, who had arrived in 1664. He tells us that he was often admitted into the conversation of the countess of Pembroke, and no doubt learned much of her experience of local affairs.⁹ He visited Appleby by Commission in 1666, where the churchwardens made their presentments, and answers to the bishop's articles. Apart from buying a book of Homilies, no further improvement seemed necessary according to these accounts. Bishop Sterne had covered most of the ground.

The remaining accounts particularly shew that the churchwardens were diligent in assisting the poor, especially after 1666. The relief of two Irishmen in 1666 reminds us of the great number of Scotch and Irish cattle which passed through Cumberland between 1 August 1662 and 1 August 1663. No less than 20,440 Scottish and Irish beasts came into Cumberland alone.¹⁰ Immediately after the Restoration there had been great want. Ferguson remarks (p. 262) that the petition to Parliament in 1660 from Cumberland stated that "there were 30,000 families who had neither seed, nor bread, corn, nor money to buy any", but by 1662 trade was beginning to recover.¹¹ But the constant hunting of Quakers by Sir Daniel Fleming and Sir Philip Musgrave, after the Kaber Rigg Plot, must have made the lot of poor Quaker families in this parish unenviable. As if to drive home the lot of the poor, the 1667 accounts show that the churchwardens paid for part of a winding sheet for a poor man. They also gave 2s. to a poor minister. No, these were not happy years. The 1667 accounts also refer to the Chimney or Hearth tax returns. This was one of the imposts that the leaders of the Kaber Rigg Plot wished to abolish.

⁹ *A Sermon preached at Appleby, 14 April, 1676 at the Funeral of The Right Honourable Anne Clifford . . . by Edward Rainbow, D.D., Lord Bishop of Carlisle* (Carlisle Tract edn., 1839), p. 44.

¹⁰ R. S. Ferguson, *History of Cumberland* (London, 1890), 264.

¹¹ Cf. G. N. Clark, *Wealth of England* (Oxford, 1947), 129.

The 1669-72 Hearth Tax Roll reveals that Appleby Castle had 40 fireplaces, while the average for the county was two or three.¹²

The last list is of several Briefs published in church. They begin very fully but tail off into very meagre entries. We get the first mention of Mallerstang Chapel in the 1666 collections after the great Fire of London. The reader might like to remember the comment of Pepys on Briefs: 30 July 1661, "Lord's Day. To church, where we observe the trade of briefs is come now up to so constant a course every Sunday, that we resolve to give no more to them."

Thus we conclude this survey of Restoration church accounts. With a few exceptions they reflect very faithfully the political, religious and economic history of the times. They are especially important in that they relate to a parish so prominent in the Commonwealth and Restoration history of the county.

**EXTRACTS FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS'
ACCOUNT BOOKS FROM THE YEAR
1658 TO 1670**

Special collection for recasting the bells 1658

(Probably in the handwriting of Francis Higginson, vicar.)

"... Thomas . . . rton Christopher Bell and George Rudd. Churchwardens as follows.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--|----|-----|----|
| . . . first by way of fregrant | | | |
| off the Right Hon'ble Philipp Lo:Wharton | 5. | 0. | 0. |
| off Sr. George Dalston | 4. | 0. | 0. |
| of Richard Musgrave Esq. | 1. | 0. | 0. |
| of Mr. Francis Higginson | 1. | 0. | 0. |
| of Mr. Edmund Branthwaite | 0. | 10. | 0. |
| of Mr. Robert Atkinson | 0. | 10. | 0. |
| of Rich: Williamson | 0. | 5. | 0. |
| of Humphrey Blenkarne | 0. | 3. | 0. |
| of Bartholomew Sanderson | 0. | 5. | 0. |
| of Richard Crakehall | 0. | 1. | 0. |

¹² *Later Records of North Westmorland* (= this Society's Record Series viii), 62, gives the list.

| | |
|---------------------------|---------|
| of Wm. Hindmer | 0. 2. 6 |
| of his sonne John Hindmer | 0. 1. 0 |
| of Anthony Raw | 0. 1. 0 |
| of Thomas Raw | 0. 5. 0 |
| of Thomas Regnoldson | 0. 2. 4 |
| of Hugh Raw | 0. 1. 0 |
| of Geoffrey Thompson | 0. 0. 6 |
| of Agnes Thompson | 0. 0. 6 |
| of Thomas Shaw | 0. 3. 4 |

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| of Mr. Robert Scaif | 0. |
| of Rowland Ewebanke and his sonne | |
| of Myles Waller | |
| of Jenkin Waller | |
| of John Powson | |
| of Edward Thompson | |
| William H..... | |

(17.05.08)

The following appears to be a special rate levied upon the parish for repairing the bells (1658).

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|----|-----|------|
| of Robt.B. . . . Kirkby low Lopp | | | |
| c ^d of Thomas Raikestrey Collect ^r for Hartley | 2. | 7. | 6 |
| Rec ^d of Wm.Dixon of Nateby & Collector there | 1. | 11. | 0 |
| Rec ^d of Charles Haistwith Collect ^r for Wharton | 1. | 8. | 3 |
| Rec ^d of Wm.Birkbeck for Mall ^r stang high end and of | } | 3. | 0. 0 |
| Rec ^d of Jo:Fothergill younger of Castlethwaite Collecto ^r for Mall ^r Low End | | | |
| Rec ^d of Thom: Orton Collecto ^r for Smardall | 1. | 5. | 0 |
| Rec ^d of Jo:Wharton Collecto ^r for Waitby | 1. | 16. | 6 |
| Rec ^d of Thomas Jameson & Mathew Bell collectors for Sowleby | 3. | 10. | 0 |
| Rec ^d of Richard Waller Collecto ^r for Winton | 1. | 17. | 0 |
| Rec ^d of William Morland Collector for Kaber | 1. | 6. | 0 |
| Rec ^d of Richard Brunskill Collec ^{tr} for Outsides | 1. | 14. | 6 |

Total of receipts on this side 23.18.03

of y^e other side 17.05.08

41.03.11

1658.

This Booke made by the aforesaid John Fothergill and the rest of his fellow Churchwardens. The 25.th day of December in the yeare of our Lord. 1658. Of all their receipts and disbursem'ts as followeth.

| | | £. | s. | d. |
|--------------|--|----|-----------------|----|
| Kirkby | | | | |
| Low Lopp | Recd.of Wm.Fawcett Colecto ^r | 06 | | |
| Kirkby | | | | |
| High Lopp | Recd.of John Barnett | 04 | 12.00 | |
| Hartley | Recd.of Thomas Bell Colector for Hartley | 06 | 01.02 | |
| Nateby | Recd.of Henry Fawcett Colecto ^r for Nateby | 02 | 15.10 | |
| Winton | Recd.of Thomas Ewebank Colector for Winton | 10 | 18.00 | |
| Kaber | Recd.of John Mosse Colecto ^r for Kaber | 04 | 10.00 | |
| Outsides | Recd.of Wm.Williamson Colecto ^r for Outsides | 04 | 14.03 | |
| Wharton | Recd.of John Petty Colector for Wharton | 03 | 00.10 | |
| Sowleby | Recd.of Richard Grainger Colecto ^r for Sowleby | 07 | 17.00 | |
| Smardall | Recd.of John Birkdale Colector for Smardall | 03 | 00.00 | |
| Mallerstange | Recd.of Robert Shaw & Mich.Wharton Colecto ^{rs} | 08 | 17.00 | |
| Waitby | Recd.of John Hewitson Colecto ^r in full of y ^e bill | 06 | 19.02 | |
| | | | <u>69.06.03</u> | |
| | Recd.another free Grant of Mr.Higginsons | 01 | 00.00 | |

1658.

Disbursements:

| | £. | s. | d. |
|--|----|-------|----|
| Paid to Willm.and John Langshaw for Mettle, and Casting the second and third bells | 61 | | |
| More payed to them by a new agreement and by vertue of an order made by Mr. Higginson & others concerning a second casting of the third bell | 02 | 05... | |
| Paied to Tho:Ewebanck for carrying downe two loads of Mettle to Penreth 3s4d. and for Harden poaks ¹³ to put it in 1s 10d | 00 | 05.02 | |

¹³ Harden poaks are hessian sacks.

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|---|-----------------|
| Payed in charges in goeing downe and whilst three men and horses were there about casting the bells and in comeng upp | 02.18.01 |
| Paied for the charges of the Belfounders at Francis Fawcett in dyett | 02.11.06 |
| Payed for y ^e exchange of two Bell Clappers and mending a 3d. | 01.10.00 |
| Payed for Bell Roopees at severall tymes, and for Clockwardes | 02.11.06 |
| Payed to John Farnworth for worke about the Bell wheelles | 01.11.00 |
| Payed to Mathew Bell for carrying downe the Bell mettles to Carlisle & brining up y ^e Bells | 03.06.08 |
| Spent at Edw:Fawcetts when the bargain was made | 00.04.00 |
| Spent at sev ^{ll} tymes when the Bells were taken downe, and drawn upp | 00.03.00 |
| Payed for the Belfounders charges at Appleby & Warcopp, & some of y ^e churchwardens there | 00.08.06 |
| Paied for a tree when y ^e Bells were drawne upp y ^t was broken | 00.01.00 |
| Payed for fetching the crane from of Hartley Castle and carrying it back again | 00.02.00 |
| P ^d to Jo:Rudd and Willm.Ewebancke for worke about the Bell wheelles | 00.10.00 |
| Payed for Iron, and Nayles for y ^e wheelles and loft | 00.05.00 |
| Payed to Wm.Waller for worke at the Wheelles | 00.14.07 |
| | 80.07.10 |
| | Ex ^d |

(Date torn off. Probably 1660.)

| Disbursements. | £. s. d. |
|---|----------|
| Paied for three yeares prison ^r money, w th 9 ^d in charges.—(Orded at Easter 1659) | 02.00.09 |
| Paied to two travello ^{rs} with a Pass. | 00.01.00 |
| P ^d to Giff:Willmson for worke and solder | 00.08.00 |
| P ^d to Robt: Smith for worke about the clock | 00.03.08 |
| P ^d for amending y ^e leads over Capt:Atkinson Seate | 00.04.06 |
| P ^d to the Glassier | 00.08.00 |
| P ^d for Fox, and Greys heads ¹⁴ | 00.04.06 |

¹⁴ Greys are Badgers.

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| P ^d for a Warr ^t for distreyneing 2 ^s 4 ^d and to Hugh Harryson for sev ^{ll} dayes he came to dist ^r eine | 00.09.00 |
| P ^d for two Fox heads and one wild Catt head | 00.02.04 |
| P ^d to a poore man in Mallerstange James Walker | 00.03.00 |
| P ^d to the Glassier | 00.02.00 |
| Paied to Tho:Greer for goeing to distreine for both old and new Bills, and for three dayes himself & horse at Appleby | 01.16.02 |
| P ^d to Tho:Willan and Rich:Collison for distr ^g | 00.05.00 |
| P ^d in charges at francis ffawcett when divers of the parishioners and churchwardens were there | 00.03.00 |
| P ^d to John Pearson for takeing downe and setting upp againe the Churchyard style & amendinge the church wall | 00.03.04 |
| To John Smith for takeing downe the said Style | 00.01.00 |
| Paied to Bartho:Sanderson for an Oake board for y ^e Bell wheeles | 00.01.04 |
| P ^d the Prison ^r money for the yeare 1660 | 00.13.04 |
| Payed to Ed:ffawcett for three yeares Clerk wages last past, ending at Easter 1660 | 1.06.6 |
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| Total on this side | 08.16.05 |
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| on y ^e other side | 80.07.10 |
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| Total of Disbursm ^s | 89.04.03 |

*The accounts for 1662 do not appear to have been written up, but at the end of the book there occur the following draft accounts:—
(The page is torn.)*

28th Octobr^r 1662 Rob^t Hindmer rec^d of Jo:Barnes
7^s 10^d in full for his p^t of 5^{ll} 5^s for 2 yeares and
Chr^r Bell is to pay the other.

| | £. | s. | d. |
|----------------------------|----|-----|----|
| 2 Communiones | 3. | 0. | 0. |
| Bell wheeles & head stocks | 7. | 0. | 0. |
| Bell ropes | 1. | 6. | 8. |
| Ringing | 0. | 7. | 0. |
| Prisoner money | 0. | 13. | 6. |
| A new Surplice | 2. | 0. | 0. |

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|---------------------------|---------|
| Bible | 3. 4. 0 |
| Parchm ^t Booke | 3. 0. 0 |
| he Leads | 2. 0. 0 |
| Spade and Shovell | 0. 2. 0 |
| Casualties | 1. 0. 0 |

(The following are probably receipts and payments)

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| of Edw:Wharton | 2 ^s | 3 ^d |
| Rec ^d of Geoff:Thompson | | |
| Langstaff & Jo:Wharton | 3 ^s | 9 ^d |
| more of Geoff | 6 | 7 |
| W.Fawcett to Thom:Hindr | 1 | 6 |
| When the Acc ^t was taken | 4 | 7 |
|money | 06 | |
| | 0 | |
|Appleby | 0 | |

1662/3

At the end of the book, on the previous page to the last draft accounts, and in the same hand, is the following list of dissenters from the Established Church.

(It will be noted that this list in the particulars for Mallerstang is the same as quoted for 1670 in Nicholls' "History of Mallerstang" (1883), p. 39.)

PAPISTS.

| | |
|--|--------|
| Kirkby Expofer Jeoff ^{er} son | } of K |
| Ann the w:of ffr:fawcett | |
| Leonard Wharton & Margarett his wife Eliz:Wharton widdow Amie the wife of Expher King of Nateby | |

| | | |
|------------------|--|-----------|
| RECD | | |
| Kirkby High Lopp | Rec ^d of John Thompson Collector | 2. 0. 1 |
| | more | 0. 3. 0 |
| Low Lopp | Rec ^d of Edw:Blenkarne | 1. 11. 6 |
| Hartley | Rec ^d of Humphrey Willmson | 1. 17. 11 |
| Nateby | Rec ^d of Wm.Dixon | 1. 14. 2 |
| Mallerstange | Rec ^d of Row ffothergill & Ralphe Shaw | 2. 10. 11 |
| | more | 0. 3. 0 |
| Wharton | Re ^d of Rich:Turner | 0. 18. 9 |
| Waitby | Re ^d of Wm.Wharton | 0. 13. 10 |
| Smardall | Rec ^d of Tho:Parkin | 01. 1. 0 |
| Sowleby | Rec ^d of Tho:Grey | 2. 0. 0 |
| | more | 0. 8. 0 |
| Winton | Rec ^d of Tho:Williamson | 2. 14. 0 |
| | more | 0. 4. 6 |
| Kaber | Rec ^d of Wm:Bousfield | 1. 6. 0 |
| | more | 0. 2. 3 |
| Outsides | Rec ^d of Edw:Denis | 1. 11. 6 |

The tax Bills amounts in the total to 24. 2. 9
 whereof rec^d 20. 10. 3

Disburst as appears by the following pticulars 24. 1. 2

Desperate arreares w^{ch} will not be gotten upp 2. 14. 0

disb..... 24. 1. 2

arr..... 02. 14. 4

use an..... 1. 9. 0

28. 4. 6

1663. Disbursem^{ts} in the said yeare by the aforesaid Churchwardens.

| | £. | s. | d. |
|---|----|-----|----|
| Payed to the Clerk for writing the parish business | 0. | 5. | 6 |
| For keeping the Clock and washing the church cloathes | 0. | 13. | 4 |
| For paper | 0. | 0. | 6 |
| More to him for waiting of the workmen about the church in that yeare | 0. | 13. | 9 |
| Paied to the Glassier | 0. | 10. | 0 |
| Paied in charges when Mr. Vaux gave the sidemen their Oathes | 0. | 2. | 8 |

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|---|----------|
| In charges at Appleby when the Churchwardens and sidemen were there | 0. 6. 0 |
| Payed for reparaire of the church wall | 1. 4. 0 |
| P ^d to the Ringers 5 November | 0. 3. 6 |
| P ^d to a travelling Minist ^r | 0. 3. 4 |
| P ^d to Tho:Hinde for dressing y ^e Church | 0. 1. 6 |
| P ^d for bell strings | 1. 5. 0 |
| P ^d for removeing the reading Pew | 0. 7. 0 |
| P ^d for a fflagon to the church | 0. 8. 10 |
| P ^d to Rich:W ^m son for a Brockhead | 0. 1. 0 |
| P ^d Rob:Whitehead for 2 ffox heads | 0. 2. 0 |
| P ^d to Jo:Washington when he came to view the clock | 0. 5. 0 |
| In charges with him then | 0. 4. 3 |
| more | 0. 0. 10 |
| Payed for a Comunion | 0. 17. 9 |
| P ^d to Leo:Wharton for 3 ffox heads | 0. 3. 0 |
| P ^d to Wm.Newby and Tho: for eleaven fox heads | 0. 11. 0 |
| P ^d to Xpher Bell for Bell headstock | 0. 7. 0 |
| P ^d for paper for a book | 0. 1. 6 |
| P ^d for Garthwaite poore children | 0. 10. 0 |
| In charges when the churchwardens mett | 0. 1. 4 |
| P ^d by Math: Bell for a ffyne at the Chapt ^r Court | 0. 12. 0 |
| In charges when the churchwardens mett about the parish business | 0. 2. 6 |
| P ^d for a Comunion booke | 0. 11. 0 |
| Given in Ale to Jo:Thompson | 0. 0. 4 |
| P ^d to Tho:Bowman for work about the Bells | 1. 2. 3 |
| P ^d when an Acc ^t was taken of the Parish Bills | 0. 3. 8 |
| To Xpher King for a ffox head | 0. 1. 0 |
| P ^d to Wm.Water and Math: Bell about the Bells | 1. 6. 0 |
| P ^d to Mr.Banks for preaching | 0. 5. 0 |
| P ^d for Mr.Sand ^r son charges at Ric:W ^m son | 0. 1. 6 |
| P ^d to Jeoffrey Harrison for work | 0. 1. 6 |
| Payed to Gilfrid Williamson for worke about the Leeds | 7. 15. 0 |
| Payed at Appleby when the Terr ^r of the Glebe was given in | 0. 5. 0 |
| To Math: Bell for worke about y ^e Bells | 0. 4. 6 |
| Payed for sixe boardes | 0. 3. 0 |
| Charges at the woodside about giveing in Recusants names | 0. 4. 0 |
| Payed to George Barnett & Wm.Water when they came upp about the Bells | 0. 2. 0 |
| Payed for Parchm ^t for the Terrie ^r | 0. 0. 6 |

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| Pd. | to Sowleby Collector ^s & Smardalls in Ale | 0. 0. 6 |
| | Payed for a Territ ^r of the Glebe when the Bishop was at Appleby | 0. 5. 0 |

Thus far Tho:Regnoldson

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| Pd | by Math: Bell when severall Minist ^r s came | 0. 4. 6 |
| Pd | to three men and their wives & Children w th a pass | 0. 2. 6 |
| Pd | for oil to the Bells | 0. 0. 6 |
| Pd | to the Ringers in Ale 29. May | 0. 1. 0 |
| Pd | for takeing downe the Little Bell | 0. 1. 0 |
| Pd | to Math: Bell for three dayes going to Appleby | 0. 3. 0 |
| Pd | by Jo: Shutt and Ch: King w ^{ch} they p ^d for Mr. Sanderson | 0. 2. 6 |
| ffor | their severall dayes at Appleby | 0. 6. 0 |
| To | Jo: Mosse for three dayes | 0. 3. 0 |
| To | Margarett Cooke | 0. 2. 6 |
| In charges w th | Robert Harrison | 0. 5. 0 |
| Pd | to Bourder wife | 0. 3. 6 |
| Pd | to John Bilbow for Nayles | 0. 0. 10 |

The following notes are made of items in later accounts:—

| | | |
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| 1664. | | £. s. d. |
| Payed to | the Painter for writeing the sentences in the Church, for cords and services, and other materialls and expenses about the same | 5. 4. 8 |
| Pd | ffor lead bought of Sir Philip Musgrave | 4. 9. 3 |
| Expended by us at the Court for bringing the old churchwardens to an Account by Citatōns & other expenses | | 0. 19. 6 |
| Pd | to Travell ^{rs} with Briefs | 0. 9. 6 |
| Expended by us by vertue of an Ord ^r from Mr. Chanclor ^r Surrog ^t about lost seates in y ^e Church by vertue whereof all the sidemen were called, and their charges otherwise about the same and o ^r Accompts making this day | | 0. 11. 0 |

1665.

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| Payed to those that made the new clock | 6. 0. 0 |
| Payed for two Communions at Midsummer and Christmas | 2. 13. 6 |
| P ^d in charges when the Churchwardens Sidemen and workemen were about agreing for the Clock and others of the Parish | 0. 5. 0 |
| P ^d on St. James Day when the bonds about the Clock were taken | 0. 2. 0 |
| P ^d to John Smith for Clock Coards | 0. 5. 0 |
| P ^d in charges when the Clock was brought | 0. 4. 0 |
| P ^d to Wm. Robinson for his advice about the Clock | 0. 8. 0 |
| P ^d to Leo: Wharton for a Pate head (This is among other payments for fox and raven heads at 1 ^s a head.) | 0. 1. 0 |
| P ^d to Tho: Hinde for looking to y ^e old Cl | 0. 5. 0 |
| In charges when three Bells were taken down | 0. 1. 6 |
| P ^d to Edw: fawcett in part for keeping the Clock since it came upp | 0. 10. 8 |
| P ^d for two books for the Monthly fast | 0. 3. 0 |
| P ^d for a lock and key to the Clock house door | 0. 1. 6 |
| P ^d to a man with a pass | 0. 1. 0 |
| And for o ^r charges when wee gave upp o ^r Acc ^{ts} | 0. 1. 6 |

1666.

25. July. 1666.

Agreement between George Midleton of Kirkby Stephen glazier of the one part and Christopher Dent, Michaell ffothergill, Richard Rogerson, and Lanclott Morland Churchwardens of the other part . . . "that the said George Midleton shall before St. Bartholomew's Day next repair all the glass windows in the church belonging to the church . . . with Lead and Glasse sufficiently wrought, as also well plaistered ffor and dureing the terme and tyme of three yeares comencing from St. Bartholomew day now next comeing, and at the end and expiration thereof so to leave the same in sufficient repaire in Lead and Quarries".

They promise to pay him twelve shillings a year, half on St. Bartholomew's Day and half on Easter Tuesday.

1666.

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| P ^d for a booke of Homilies | 0. | 6. | 0 |
| P ^d for the Answre to the Articles at the B ^{pps} visitacon | 0. | 2. | 10 |

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| P ^d | then | in w th the Presentm ^{ts} | 0. 8. 6 |
| P ^d | for | bread and wine to two Comunions, and for runlett | 2. 18. 6 |
| P ^d | to | two men and their wives & children instead of a collection | 0. 3. 2 |
| Given in money to Thom:Wilson | | | 0. 1. 0 |
| P ^d | to | Mr.Harrison for Coram Notes, and in charges | 0. 7. 0 |
| Given to Widdow Thompson | | | 0. 0. 6 |
| P ^d | for | ffox heads & Greys heads as appears by p ^t iculars | 0. 9. 0 |
| P ^d | to | two men from Ireland instead of a Collectōn | 0. 2. 8 |
| P ^d | to | Agnes Banck of Kaber | 0. 1. 6 |
| P ^d | to | a man whose wife lay sick at Kaber | 0. 3. 6 |
| To | | Thom:Hinde | 0. 1. 0 |

1667.

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| P ^d | for | ringing to prayers to 4 men | 0. 4. 4 |
| P ^d | to | a man and his familie w th a pass | 0. 2. 8 |
| P ^d | for | part of a windeing sheet to a poore man | 0. 0. 9 |
| P ^d | to | a man w th a Brief under the Great Seale | 0. 2. 0 |
| P ^d | when | Peace was proclaymed | 0. 1. 0 |
| To | | a poore Minist ^r | 0. 2. 0 |
| For | | going to Appleby about Chymneys | 0. 1. 0 |
| To | | the Blind woeman at Kaber | 0. 4. 3 |

1668.

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| To | | Hugh Wharton for amending the Alt ^r | 0. 0. 4 |
| For | | a Reg ^r Book | 2. 10. 0 |

1669.

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| Payed to | | Wm.Waller & Jo:Waller for lyme and workman shipp upon the Battlem ^{ts} of the Church | 0. 15. 0 |
| P ^d | for | Amending the Little Bell Baltry | 0. 0. 6 |

1670.

1670. May 23. Renewal of agreement between George Midleton, glazier and the churchwardens to keep the Church windows in repair for three years at the increased salary of 13^s 4^d per year.

Following the accounts for 1669 there is an undated list of defaulters in paying the church rates, in the same hand as the accounts of rates received in 1669.

| | | £. | s. | d. |
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| KIRKBY High Lopp | Wm. Barnett | | 0. | 2 |
| | Widd. Atkinson | | 0. | 2 |
| | Jo: Thompson | | 0. | 2 |
| | Jo: Addison | | 0. | 2 |
| | Jo: Powley | | 0. | 2 |
| | Tho: Chambers | | 0. | 2 |
| | Tho: Bowman | | 1. | 4 |
| | Rowl: Bowman | | 1. | 4 |
| | Wm. Sprnr | | 1. | 4 |
| | Wm. Blenkarne | | 1. | 4 |
| | Jo: Milner | | 0. | 2 |
| | Jane Shaw | | 1. | 4 |
| | Low Lopp | Geo: Wilson | | 1. |
| Rob: Raiket | | | 1. | 4 |
| Kaber | Nic: Walker | | 0. | 8 |
| | Widd: Walker | | 1. | (?) |
| | Phil: Waller | | 0. | 8 |
| Outsides | Ric: Screwton | | 2. | 0 |
| | Hum: Bousfeild | | 1. | 4 |
| | Gold ^r : banck | | 1. | 4 |
| | Tho: Monk | | 1. | 4 |
| | Ric: Collison | | 1. | 4 |
| | Tho: Borkin | | 1. | 4 |
| Waitby | S ^r Jo: Lowther | | 1. | 4 |
| | Robt. Hunt ^r | | 1. | 4 |
| | Reg: Raikete | | 1. | 4 |
| | Jo: Orton | | 1. | 4 |
| | Wm. Wharton jun ^r | | 2. | 8 |
| Mall: high end | Ric: Waller p Whitfeild | | 1. | 4 |

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| Mall: low end | Jo:ffotherg:de Southwait | 1. 4 |
| | Tho:Knewstubb | 0. 2 |
| | Tho:Waller | 1. 4 |
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| Shorgill | Thom:Knewstubb | 1. 4 |
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| Sowleby | Jo:Laidman | 0. 8 |
| | Kath:Cook | 1. 4 |
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(Some of these are no doubt plain defaulters, but only one or two Quakers can be noted from the lists of 1662/3 & 1670. The number of dissenters refusing to pay seems to be low).

The following is a list of Briefs noted in this book:

- Aug. 5, 1660, For distressed people in Cambridge, 9^s.
 Oct. 7, 1666, For the relief of one Hoile near Leeds, 5^s 11^d.
 Oct. 14, 1666, After the great fire of London, 14^s 7^d.
 Oct. 28, 1666, After the great fire of London, collected in Mallerstang Chapel, 5^s 5^d.
 May 10, 1667, After a fire at Newport, Salop, 6^s 2½^d.
 June 16, 1667, After a fire at Hinxton, Cambridge, 6^s.
 June 23, 1667, After a fire at Melcomb Regis, Dorset, 4^s 5^d.
 July 20, 1667, (No particulars.) 5^s 5^d.
 Aug. 25, 1667, After a fire at Pool, Montgomery, 5^s 5^d.
 July 18, 1669, After a fire at Burton upon Stather, Lincoln, 10^s.
 May 22, 1670, After a fire at Isleham, Cambridge, 7^s 6^d.
 June 5, 1670, After a fire at Meaole Brace, Salop, 8^s 8^d.
 Nov. . . . 1670, After a fire at Wolsingham, Durham, . . .
 Dec. 4, 1670, After a fire at Beckles, 8^s 4^d.