THE DEDICATIONS OF THE CHURCHES OF L1NCOLN-SHIRE, AS ILLUSTRATING THE HISTORY OF THE COUNTY.

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The following paper is an endeavour to classify the dedications of the Lincolnshire churches, and to enquire what light is thrown by them on the history of the An investigation of the same nature by Mr. Thomas Kerslake of Bristol with regard to the dedications of the churches of Exeter, read at the annual meeting in that city in 1873, and printed in this Journal, has abundantly shewn how fertile of valuable results such researches may prove. Other dissertations of Mr. Kerslake may also be referred to in which the same mine has been skilfully worked for the South-west of England,2 as well as the very interesting and exhaustive essay of Mr. W. Copeland Borlase, on Cornish dedications, The Age of the Saints, which is by far the most important contribution to this province of investigation which has appeared of late years,3 deserving to be put on a level with the similar work undertaken by the Rev. Rice Reeves for the Saints of the mother and sister Celtic Church of Wales.4

The first enquiry which presents itself is whether the dedications of Lincolnshire offer any traces of the Romano-British Church. Any such would possess the greatest interest. But it is by no means surprising that none such exist. Indeed, however probable we may deem it that so important a city, as its architectural remains prove "Lindum Colonia" to have been in Roman times, was the seat of a Christian Church, there is no trustworthy evidence of the fact. The only suggestion of a Christian Church in Lincoln at the period is given by the possibility that the "Colonia Londinensium," which sent one of the three

Wiltshire Dorset [no place or date.]

<sup>3</sup> The Age of the Saints, by W. Copeland
Borlase, M.A. Truro: Lake & Lake. 1878.

<sup>4</sup> An Essay on the Welsh Saints, by the
Rev. Rice Reeves, M.A., London. 1836.

The Celt and the Teuton in Exeter, vol. xxx, pp. 211-215.
 Vestiges of the Supremacy of Mercia.
 Transactions of the Bristol and Gloucester Archæological Society, 1872. The

Romano-British bishops, Adelfius by name, to the Council of Arles A.D. 314, is a misreading for "Colonia Lindensium." This conjecture, though accepted by Gale, Bingham, Routh, Lappenberg and Robertson, has been rejected in favour of "Legionensium," i.e., "the city of Legions," Caerleon on Usk, by such authorities as Haddan and Stubbs, Freeman and Bright, and may therefore be considered at least precarious. Moreover, if any of the existing churches had been survivals from that remote and shadowy period, we could have looked for no proof of their antiquity in their present dedications. For there can be little doubt that the primitive churches were not dedicated at all in the modern sense. i.e., put under the protection of any particular saint as patron. The earliest churches were named after the person who built them, or from the locality in which they stood, or from some marked characteristic of the building, and if they bore the name of a saint or martyr it was because they were erected over his grave, or contained his relics, and thus became, in a sense, his monument. By degrees this rule was relaxed, and the custom was introduced of dedicating churches as memorials of distinguished holy personages.3 It has been sometimes asserted

1 See Bingham, Eccl. Ant., book viii, ch. ix, sect. 8. "Churches [were] always dedicated to God and not to saints, though sometimes distinguished by their names for a memorial of them." "The same place indeed was often a monument or memorial of a martyr, and a temple of God, because churches were commonly built over the sepulchres of the martyrs, or on the places where they suffered, or else the relics of martyrs were translated into them; and hence they were called by the martyr's name because they were memorials of them. The church and the altar that was built at Carthage on the place where St. Cyprian suffered was called mensa Cypriani, Cyprian's altar, not because it was built or dedicated to him or his worship (Augustine, Serm. de Diversis, 1xiii), but because it was a memorial of his martyrdom."

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Bingham (u.s., sect. 9) refers to the Basilica Fausti, Florentii, and Leontii at Carthage, named after their respective builders; the Serapeum of Alexandria called by the name of Arcadius, who converted it into a church (Soz. H.E., vii, 15); those of the "Holy Cross" and

"Resurrection" at Jerusalem, erected on the spots traditionally identified with our Lord's Passion and rising again; the "Anastasia" at Constantinople, where the orthodox doctrine of the Trinity rose again in the teaching of St. Gregory Nazianzen, and the "Restituta" at Carthage, so called because rescued from the hand of the Arians. One of the churches at Alexandria was called "Cæsareum," having been formerly a temple of the Cæsars; and one at Antioch, "Palaea," because it stood in the old quarter of the city—παλαιά. We may refer also to the Portian basilica at Milan and the Lateran and Vatican at Rome as examples of churches retaining the ancient title of the owner or locality.

<sup>3</sup> It is evident from Bede's account of the foundation of Lindisfarne that the church erected by St. Finan, the successor of St. Aidan, for his episcopal see, had no patron saint, and was not in the later sense dedicated at all till Theodore of Tarsus dedicated it "in honour of the blessed Apostle Peter" (Bede, Hist. Eccl., iii, 25). "Qui [Finan] in insula Lindisfarnensi fecit ecclesiam episcopali sedi

that this custom was brought into England by St. Augustine and his Roman missionaries. This, however, is refuted by the fact that St. Augustine in 597 found a church existing at Canterbury dedicated to St. Martin, 1 the great missionary bishop of Tours, who died in 397, and that shortly before this St. Ninian, the apostle of Cumbria, and what is now S.W. Scotland, had dedicated the church he erected at "Candida Casa," the modern

Whithern, to the same celebrated prelate.2

The religious history of Lincolnshire is an entire blank till the mission of Paulinus, between A.D. 625 and 628. If there had been a Romano-British Church in Lindsey, it had entirely died out, and Paulinus found all the inhabitants heathen when he baptised them by crowds at midday in the Trent at the uncouthly named "Tiovulfingceaster," a place identified by some with Torksey, by others with Southwell.3 At Lincoln itself we know, on the authority of Bede,4 that Paulinus erected a church, in which Honorius was consecrated archbishop; the roofless walls of which were seen by the historian in the following century. This notable event presents us with the earliest church of which we have any knowledge in our county. A

congruam; quam tamen more Scottorum non de lapide sed de robore secto totam composuit, atque harundine texit, quam tempore sequenti reventissimus archi-episcopus Theodorus in honore beati apostoli Petri dedicavit." In the same way the monastery built by St. Cedd at Lastingham, "according to the custom of Lindisfarne," "juxta ritus Lindisfarnensium," was destitute of a patron saint until "in process of time a church was built of stone in honour of the Blessed Mother of God." (*Ibid.* iii, 23). "Tempore autem procedente in eodem monasterio ecclesia est in honorem beatæ Dei genetricis de lapide facta."

Bede, H. E., lib. i, c. 26. "Erat autem

prope ipsam civitatemad orientem ecclesia in honorem sancti Martini antiquitus facta dum adhuc Romani Brittaniam incolerent

in qua regina . . . orare consueverat."

<sup>2</sup> Bede, *H.E.*, lib. iii, c. 4. "Cujus [Nyniæ] sedem episcopalem Sancti Martini episcopi nomine et ecclesia insignem, ubi ipse etiam corpore una cum pluribus sanctis requiescit jam nunc Anglorum gens obtinet. Qui locus . . . vulgo vocatur ad Candidam Casam, eo quod ibi ecclesiam de lapide, insolito Brettonibus more, fecerit."

<sup>3</sup> The name means the "chester" or fortified city of the Tiovulfings or descendants of Tiovulf. Tiovulf is equivalent to Tiw the Saxon Mars, just as Beowulf to The the Saxon mars, just as becoming a equivalent to Beow. Kemble, Anglo-Saxons, i, 416. "As Tiov—Tyr, perhaps it is now Torksey at the junction of the Foss-Dyke and the Trent." Rev. G. H. Moberly, Note on Bede, H. E., lib. ii, c. 16. The place was the Roman "Ad Pontem." Dr. Bright, on the other hand, says "it is usually identified with Southwell" (which, however, does not stand on the Trent), "where the minster of St. Mary has always claimed Paulinus as its founder." Early

English Church History, p. 123.

Bede, H. E., lib. ii, c. 16, "in quavidelicet civitate [Lindocolina] et ecclesiam operis egregii de lapide [Paulinus] fecit, cujus tecto vel longa incuria vel hostili manu dejecto parietes hactenus stare videntur et omnibus annis aliqua sani-tatum miracula in eodem loco solent ad utilitatem eorum qui fideliter quaerunt ostendi. In qua ecclesia Paulinus, trans-seunte ad Christum Justo, Honorium pro eo consecravit episcopum."

church which, we have good grounds for asserting, has ever since retained the same site and has been known by the same name under a familiar abbreviation, and which may therefore be safely regarded as the most ancient locality dedicated to Christian worship in Lincolnshire, the church of St. Paul's in the Bail.

An objection has been raised to identifying this church with that built by Paulinus from the acknowledged improbability that he would have dedicated a church to himself. The answer to this is, that this is an example of what Professor Stubbs terms "proprietary dedications," of which the examples are so abundant in Wales and Cornwall. By this is understood the calling a church by the name of the holy person who built it, and in connection with whom it first obtained local celebrity. Professor Rice Rees in his admirable essay on "Welsh Saints," lays down the principle that "the churches which from their endowments are shown to be the most ancient have no other patron saints than the persons alleged to have been their founders."

The learned author unhesitatingly accepts the "popular opinion" that "many of the churches in Wales were founded by certain holy persons or saints, whose names they retain, as if Llangadog and Llandeilo, or the churches of Cadog or Teilo were not so called in consequence of any formal dedication, but named after their founders." Again, speaking of St. Cedd's residence at Lastingham and his foundation of a monastery there without any special dedication, "if the consecration of a place depended upon the residence of a person of presumed sanctity, who for a generation should perform certain religious exercises upon the spot, it will at once appear how the primitive Christians of Wales

tion to the formal system of dedication set up in the churches of the Continent during the period of its isolation. It was customary that when any holy man, were he Bishop or Priest, wished to found a church or a monastery, he should come himself to the spot on which the future edifice was to be raised, and there continue forty days in the exercise of prayer and fasting. . This done, the ceremony was completed, and all that was required by way of consecration was effected." Borlase, Age of the Saints, p. 44.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., p. 11.

¹ Rees' Essay on the Welsh Saints, pp. 54, 59. "It would naturally follow that the church should be called after the name of the person thus dwelling on the spot, and in this sense and no other 'the true' founder is to be understood. The place was called after him as a house is often called by the name of its builder"—bid. p. xiii. "In order to understand," writes Mr. Borlase, "how our Cornish churches came to bear the names of Saints at all, I may here add a notice of the usage which the British Church retained from early times in contradistinc-

were at first the founders and afterwards, in default of the usual mode of dedication, were considered to be the

Saints of the churches that bear their name."

As in modern days we have had "Rowland Hill's Chapel" and "Whitefield's" and "Spurgeon's Tabernacle," so the people of Lincoln in the eighth century would naturally call the new building "Paulinus' Church." When Paulinus had been canonized and took rank as a saint of the Church, the rule of placing every religious edifice under the patronage of a special saint having in the mean time obtained universal currency, it was taken for granted that the church known by his name was, in the modern sense, dedicated to him. docking Paulinus of the two last syllables of his name is not without example. Any dedication to St. Paul is one of the very rarest in England; that to St. Peter and St. Paul combined occurs constantly,—we have as many 23 in Lincolnshire.—but St. Paul alone very seldom. St. Paul's Cathedral in London, St. Paul's Bedford, Malmesbury Abbey Church, Wooburn in Bucks, and two or three others are all that can be quoted. Of the few there are, in several Paul is really an abbreviation of Paulinus. It is so in St. Paul's Cray in Kent and the adjacent village of Crayford. The dedications to St. Paul in Devonshire and Cornwall are, as a rule, to the Breton Bishop, "St. Pol de Leon," as those in Wales are to the preceptor of St. David, "Pawl Hen," "Paulinus Vetus," Paul the Aged.<sup>2</sup>

The dedications to the very obscure saint, Hybald, must doubtless be referred to the same class of proprietary dedications. All we know of Hybald, or Hygbald, as his name may more properly be written, is learnt from Bede,<sup>3</sup> viz., that he was an abbot somewhere in Lindsey, (Dr. Stubbs thinks at Bardney,) "vir sanctissimus et contentissimus," who had heard the great missionary Egbert relate St. Chad's vision of the ascent to heaven of his brother Ceddi's soul. We also know that he was the preceptor of St. Swidbert. Either before he became abbot, or after retiring from his post for the sake of a more austere and contemplative life, we may conceive of him as living in a cell and erecting a small wattled

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ibid., p. 61. <sup>2</sup> Rees' Welsh Saints, p. 187. <sup>3</sup> H.E., iv, 3.

chapel, first at Hibaldstow—ie., the "stow," or place, of Hibald—and then at outlying mission stations at the adjacent villages of Manton and Scawby, at both which, as well as Hibaldstow itself, the church is dedicated to him. The fourth dedication to him at Ashby de la Launde I am unable to account for.

The same law is exemplified at Crowland. The cell and chapel, originally erected there by St. Guthlac, were naturally known by his name; in the same way as that built by his sister Pega was called "Pega's kirk," or Peakirk. The monastery of Crowland was first formally dedicated to St. Guthlac as a mark of gratitude on the endowment of the abbey by Æthelbald, the powerful king of Mercia, 716-755, who had met with much kindness from the holy anchorite during his exile, and had heard from his lips the prophecy of his future royal dignity. Three other churches in the county bear the name of St. Guthlac, viz., Fishtoft, Market Deeping, and Little Ponton. Of these the first was given to Crowland in 1114 by Alan de Croun, the founder of Frieston Priory, a cell to that house, as part of the endowment of his new foundation, and exchanged its original dedication, whatever that may have been, (a church is mentioned in Domesday) for the patron saint of the great abbey to which it had become attached. The manor of Market Deeping also belonged to the Crowland Abbey. connection of St. Guthlac with Little Ponton I have not vet been able to discover.

Before we pass from Crowland, I would call attention to the full dedication of the abbey—viz., St. Mary, St. Bartholomew, and St. Guthlac—as an example of the "compound" or "stratified" class, where catholic and non-national dedications have been accumulated on the primitive local saint. "In most cases," writes Mr. Kerslake, "the local name has yielded entirely to the pressure and disappeared altogether; drowned out by the more catholic or hierarchical system. In some cases, however, the older name was tolerated, but in a subordinate place, either as a politic concession to the veneration of the neighbours, whose offerings were still worth having, or some of whose contracts stipulated a payment

<sup>1</sup> Welsh in Dorset, p. 10.

before the altar or shrine of the local patron." Bardney Abbey affords another example of this "stratification." It was one of the earliest monastic foundations, if not the very earliest, in Lindsey. The monks told Leland they knew not who their founder was. On the translation of the bones of St. Oswald, the holy young king of Northumbria, by his niece Ostryth, the Queen of Ethelred, at the close of the seventh century, the house was placed under the invocation of the royal saint. On its refoundation by Gilbert of Gaunt shortly after the Conquest the names of the two chief apostles were prefixed to that of its original patron, and it became the house of SS. Peter and Paul and St. Oswald. The examples of St. Peter and St. Etheldreda at Elv. of St. Peter and St. Wilfrid at Ripon, of SS. Peter and Paul and St. Augustine at Canterbury, of St. Andrew and St. David at the Cathedral of St. David's, of St. Teilo and St. Peter at Llandaff, show the same principle at work, burying the original founder, of merely local celebrity, beneath accumulated dedications to Catholic saints.1

It is impossible to look over the catalogue of Lincolnshire dedications without being struck with the prevalence of that to St. Michael. It is found no fewer than twenty-six times. This, which is usually an abbreviated form of St. Michael and All Angels, was one of the earliest dedications, and is regarded by Mr. Kerslake as a survival of Celtic Christianity, having been allowed to pass on, unadded to and unaltered, in virtue of its Catholic character. In Wales, where the most distinct traces of Celtic or pre-Anglian Christianity exist, the dedication to St. Michael, though not absolutely the most ancient, was by far the widest in primitive times. At present that to St. Mary is in excess in the Principality. But these churches are mostly found in the English or Flemish districts and in the churches of later foundation.

Bleiddian; Kilpeck, St. Mary and St. David.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Rees' Essay on the Welsh Saints, p. 70, gives a large number of similar instances from the Principality, viz., Llanveuno, St. Peter and St. Beuno; Llangathen, St. Peter and St. Tysillio; Llangathen, St. Michael and All Angels and St. Cathen; Llangwynyw, All Saints and St. Cwynyw; Llanggryn, St. Mary and St. Egryn; Llanbleddian, St. John Baptist and St.

<sup>1</sup> Rees' Essay on the Welsh Saints, pp. 36-43. "These churches, unlike those dedicated to St. Mary, do not cover the English districts, but are dispersed over the country with greater regularity. They are so far characteristic of the Principality, that the proportion they bear to

The prevalence of this dedication in so flat a county as Lincolnshire is remarkable. The examples of St. Michael's on the Mount, Lincoln, Waddington, Cammeringham, Glentworth, Haydor, and the like, seem to show that even here it generally affected the highest ground attainable. One of the two churches at Binbrook—now, I believe, in ruins—offers one of the five dedications to the brother archangel, St. Gabriel, found in the whole of England, viz., in Devonshire, 2; Dorsetshire, 1; London, 1; and

Lincolnshire, 1.

Perhaps the most prevalent of the earliest dedications is that to St. Martin. We have already noticed that the two undoubted instances of churches dedicated to a saint before the arrival of St. Augustine bore his name. As a rule it will be found that in any town the church dedicated to St. Martin is almost if not quite the oldest in the place. It is so, as we have seen, at Canterbury, and there are not wanting those who urge the same claim for the church of St. Martin at Lincoln. The occurrence of a silver coin struck at Lincoln early in the tenth century, bearing the name of St. Martin with that of the city itself, similar to those stamped with St. Peter's name coined at York, proves the existence of a connection between the saint and the city, which led the late Mr. Hawkins to regard St. Martin as the patron saint of Lincoln, to whom the first church erected there was dedicated. However this may have been, the very early date of the dedications to St. Martin is unquestionable, as well as their wide but very unequal dispersion through England; Lincolnshire, with Norfolk, standing second in frequency. Kent contains the

other churches is twice as great as that of those dedicated to St. Michael in England. This national distinction would show that they were mostly founded by the native princes, and their more general dispersion would indicate that they belonged to an era prior to the occupation of parts of Wales by foreigners." *Ibid.*, p. 40. "The churches which, from their endowments are shown to be the most ancient, have no other patron saint than the persons alleged to be their founders; the next in point of antiquity are called after St. Michael the Archangel . . . Afterwards follow those dedicated to the Apostles and other saints." Ibid.

p. 59. It is interesting to notice the different proportion of these dedications in Cornwall, "unconquered stubborn Cornwall." Mr. Borlase says, "Out of a list of 210 Cornish churches (22 of which bear uncertain and modern names) I find 9 dedications to St. Mary, 5 to St. Michael, 22 to well-known calendar saints, 28 to obscure saints, most of them of foreign origin, contained in early Celtic lists, while no less than 117 retain their native British name." Age of the Saints, p. 65. <sup>1</sup> Hawkins, The Ancient Mint at Lincoln.

Proceedings of the Archæological Insti-

tute 1848, p. 54.

largest number, viz., 27: Lincolnshire and Norfolk, 14

each; Middlesex, 8; Suffolk, 7; Essex, 4.

The honour paid to St. Martin is easily intelligible, when we bear in mind the close connection in early times between the Church, "one might say the Mother Church" in Gaul, in which St. Martin was deservedly regarded with grateful reverence, as, with St. Hilary, the greatest doctor and the most successful propagator of the faith

she had produced.

If the churches of St. Martin have a reasonable claim to a pre-Saxon origin, the same claim may be urged with even less question for those of St. Germanus. There are three such dedications in our own county, those at Ranby Scothern, and Thurlby. The apostolic activity of St. Germanus in bringing back the British Church from the errors of Pelagianism to the orthodox faith, for which purpose it will be remembered he, then Bishop of Auxerre, and Lupus of Troyes were sent over in 426 by a synod of the Gallic Church, as well as the grand tale of the "Alleluia Victory" over the heathen Picts and Saxons, near Mold in Flintshire, caused his name to be long celebrated among the people he had instructed, and to spread from them to the most distant parts of the island. St. German, however, failed to take any deep root on the reverence of the English Church, and we may safely regard all churches dedicated to him as belonging to the very earliest era.2

Passing downward in the history of the county, Lindsey, being a border land between the two kingdoms of Mercia and Northumbria, was, like Palestine between Egypt and Assyria, the frequent battlefield of the two powers,

<sup>1</sup> Dr. Bright, speaking of the Pelagian heresy, writes "Britain it seems had no divines competent to resist it, and an appeal was therefore made to the Church, one might say the Mother Church, in Gaul, the Church of Hilary and of Martin, which was well able and ready to assist out of its abundance the theological poverty of Britain," by sending over Germanus and Lupus." Early English

Church History, p. 15.

2 "Several churches in Wales bear the name of Garmon" (as St. Germanus is called in Welsh) "but, as he visited this country twice, only one of them can be distinctly referred to his first mission, viz., Llanarmon in Denbighshire. It is singular that the parish attached to it adjoins that of Mold, in which the "Alleluiatic Victory" is said to have been gained; and if Archbishop Usher has correctly determined the locality of the engagement—Maesgarmon, the field of Germanus—the church in question is possibly situated on the spot where Germanus is described to have raised a sacred edifice, formed of the branches of trees interwoven together, in which he and his followers celebrated the services of Easter and baptized the greater part of the army of the Britons, before they proceeded to meet their enemies." Rees' u. s., p. 125. It deserves remark that St. Lupus, the companion of St. Germanus in his mission to Britain, appears to be uncommemorated by dedications.

and was sometimes included within the limits of one kingdom, sometimes of the other. It was Northumbrian when we first hear of it under Edwyn and Oswald, A.D. 633, was conquered by Penda of Mercia, A.D. 642, was regained to Northumbria by Oswy in A.D. 655, reconquered by the Mercian Wulfhere, again recovered by Egfrid, and finally reconquered by Ethelred in 679. We should, therefore, be prepared to expect a mixture of Northumbrian and Mercian ecclesiastical traditions, with a preponderance in favour of the former, as the earlier and more permanent influence. And this is just what The Northumbrian dedications far exceed the Mercian, especially in the north of the county. It is of course impossible to assert that such dedications belong certainly to Northumbrian or Mercian times. them may be later. But they indicate Northumbrian or Mercian influences, and thus throw a light on the history of the county.

Another link with Northumbria is furnished by St. Athelwold, or Ethelwald, commemorated at Alvingham, whom we may safely identify with the companion of St. Cuthbert in the monastery of Ripon, who afterwards succeeded him in his hermitage and oratory on the Farne Islands, where he died after a twelve years' sojourn about A.D. 699, and was buried at Lindisfarne. Ethelwald is

commemorated on the 23rd of March. 1

One of the most interesting of these Northumbrian dedications is that to St. Pancras, of which we have examples at Wroot in the Isle of Axholme, and in a now destroyed church in Lincoln.<sup>2</sup> This is a much rarer dedication in Eastern England than we should be prepared to anticipate from our familiarity with the great London parish of that name. In the western counties dedications to St. Pancras are more frequent, and probably commemorate the earlier saint of that name, said to have been sent as a missionary bishop into Sicily by St. Peter, and to have been martyred at Taormina. But this island has received two distinct inoculations of this

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> His name appears in a Latinised form as Aediluualdus, or Oidiluualdus. Bede describes the preservation by his prayers of two brothers of Lindisfarne who had come to visit him, when sur

prised by a storm on their homeward voyage. (Bede, H.E., v, 1. Vita S. Cuthb., cxlvi).

2 Recorded in Exton's Thesaurus as

<sup>&</sup>quot; destructa."

name, and our St. Pancras is certainly the Phrygian boy martyred at Rome in the time of Diocletian, brought into England by St. Augustine, who rededicated in his honour the ancient British church at Canterbury, which had been profaned by heathen worship, and from which, as we shall all remember—for have not some of us seen the marks of his claws on its stones?—the evil spirit was dislodged with so much reluctance. The connection of the county of Lincoln with this youthful martyr is interesting. Among the relics sent by Pope Vitalian to Oswy, king of Northumbria, A.D.667—his letter is to be found in Bede<sup>2</sup>—were those of this sainted boy. The Isle of Axholme then certainly formed part of Oswy's kingdom, and we may not be far wrong in believing that the church of Wroot was built by him to receive the sacred deposit. At the same time relics of the Roman deacon St. Lawrence were sent to Oswy. There are fourteen churches dedicated to this saint in our county, of which Frodingham near the Northumbrian border and others may retain the memory of this sacred gift.

Lincolnshire is fertile in St. Helens, which are chiefly confined to one district. Of the thirty churches dedicated to the Christian empress, nearly all lie on the eastern side of the Wolds, in Lindsey proper (Boultham and Brant Broughton are exceptions) from Brigsley near Grimsby to Leverton in Holland. They are especially frequent about Louth and Alford. The reason is not far to seek. Mr. Kerslake's words on this subject deserve quotation: "The reputed British-Roman nativity of St. Helen in Deira"—she was more probably the daughter of a tavernkeeper in Bithynia—"appears to have given her name a prevalence in the provinces with which the Anglian successors of the Northern Britons were infected. And they accepted and improved the legacy. But the remains of this acceptance of a local aspect of religion are the most conspicuous in Deira"—in Yorkshire we find twentytwo—"and in Lindisse or Southumbria, a constituent of that kingdom, thirty." The Northumbrian influence spread with enfeebled force into Mercia, as that of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Kerslake, Welsh in Dorset, p. 14.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> H.E., iii, 29.

Mercia did into Lindsey, and we find "a pretty free but reduced scattering" of St. Helens in other counties. Notts has ten, Derbyshire five, Northants six, Leicestershire five. It is a striking fact that of the whole number in England, about ninety-six, nearly a third are found in our own county. We know far too little of the early history of Christianity and of the origin of the parochial system in England to form any trustworthy conclusion as to the date of these dedications. But they

are probably very early.

The beauty of the character of the youthful king of Northumbria, St. Oswald,—killed, as we shall remember, in the great battle of Maserfield, near Oswestry, against Penda, the stubborn old pagan king of Mercia, August 5, 642,—his death as a champion of the faith, praying for his soldiers, and the belief in the power of his intercessions in the heavenly kingdom, combined to render him a very popular saint in Northumbria and its adjacent provinces. Lincolnshire furnishes seven dedications, of which, as we should have anticipated, nearly half, viz., Althorpe, Crowle and Luddington, are in the Isle of Axholme. The others are Blankney, Strubby in the Marsh, between Alford and Louth, Rand near Wragby, and Howell. No doubt each of these churches has its own story to tell, if we could make its stones vocal.

To speak of another great Northumbrian name, St. Wilfrid of York. The memory of this great, busy, ubiquitous prelate is preserved in the diocese—the erection of which as a separate see under Eadhed Bishop of Lindsey by Archbishop Theodore was one of the wrongs against which he appealed to the Papal See—in four churches, scattered over its wide area, viz., Alford, Honington, Metheringham, and Thornton. I can trace no connection between these places and Wilfrid. In these, as in other examples, which probably form the majority of later dedications, we may not be wrong in believing that the selection of the patron saint was left to the founder, who chose the one for whom he had a special veneration.

Of St. Cuthbert, called by Dr. Bright "the typical saint of Northumbria," Lincolnshire furnishes only two

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Kerslake, Supremacy of Mercia, p. 54. <sup>2</sup> Bright, Early English Church History, p. 264.

memorials, Brattleby and a destroyed church in Lincoln. Frequent as his churches are in Northern England—"fortythree can be named between Humber and Mersey, and Tweed and Solway"1—they are very thinly scattered over the midland and western counties (there is a familiar instance in the city of Wells), and in the south-eastern they are not found at all. The inference is that his in-

fluence was a purely local one.

The one dedication, at Blyborough, to the youthful martyr. Alkmund, is probably rather of Mercian than Northumbrian origin. He is said to have been the son of Alcred King of Northumbria; but his celebrity lies chiefly in Mercia, and is due to Ethelfleda, the famous Lady of the Mercians, the warlike daughter of King Alfred, who, "Amazon though she be reputed, confessed her womanhood by her cultus of the child martyr at her towns of Derby and Shrewsbury," which were placed by her under that patronage.

The dedications to St. Chad exhibit the same mixed Northumbrian and Mercian influence. A native of Northumbria, selected by Theodore for the vast Mercian diocese then including Lindsey, establishing his see at Lichfield, and building a monastery on land given him by Wulfhere of Mercia at a place called by Bede Ad Baruae, probably to be identified with Barrow on Humber, he unites the traditions of the two kingdoms in his own person. He is not, however, commemorated at Barrow or its neighbourhood, his three churches being at Dunholme, Harpswell, and Welbourne.

The church of St. Etheldreda at West Halton in a similar way combines Northumbrian and East Anglian traditions. The daughter of Anna the devout monarch of East Anglia, the reluctant wife, first of Tonbert, chief of the Southern Gyrvians of Cambridgeshire and then still more reluctantly of Egfrid of Northumbria, the foundress of the Abbey of

Ely, her memory belongs to both kingdoms.

The seven churches dedicated to St. Edith, the daughter of Edgar and abbess of Wilton, 970, nearly all of which are found in the marsh land between Alford and Louth, and the five dedicated to St. Swithin, furnish the only distinct

connection with Wessex.

<sup>1</sup> Kerslake, Supremacy of Mercia, p. 20. <sup>2</sup> Bede, *H. E.*, lib. iv, c. 3. VOL. XXXVIII.

St. Olave at Ruckland is, singularly enough, the only distinctly Danish dedication in the county which, in its local nomenclature, presents so many evidences of Danish

occupation.

explanation.

The six St. Botolphs—the chief of which is the glorious church of the town which, transplanted by the Pilgrim Fathers, has carried his name to the other side of the Atlantic,—connect our county both with Lower Germany, where St. Botolph and his brother Adulf, though English by birth, had been instructed in the faith, and had become monks, and with East Anglia, where he obtained special celebrity. It is noticeable that the churches dedicated to this saint, as a rule, stand at a gate. In London we have a St. Botolph at Billingsgate, Bishopsgate, Aldersgate, and Aldgate. At Cambridge his church stands at Trumpington Gate, and in Lincoln at South Bargate. St. Botolph's Priory at Colchester has a like situation. I have vainly sought for an explanation of this, and shall be thankful if one can be suggested.

The churches of St. Wulfram, the patron saint of Sens, at Grantham; of St. Vedast, the patron of Arras, at Tathwell; of St. Leodgar, or Leger, patron of Autun, at Wyberton; of St. Medard, patron of Rouen and of Noyon, at Little Bytham; of St. Radegund, wife of Clothair, who deserted her husband for a religious life under St Medard's influence, at Grayingham; of St. Julian, the apostle of Le Mans and Celtic Gaul, at Benniworth; and of St. Vincent, the Spanish deacon, at Burton by Lincoln and at Caythorpe, present severally historical problems which it would be interesting to pursue, and, if possible, solve. They may have come in with Fleming and Norman proprietors, or through appropriations to foreign monasteries, or they may have been named from the day on which the churches were respectively consecrated. Local investigations can alone furnish a satisfactory

The groups of identical dedications scattered over the county cannot fail to arrest attention. I have spoken of the St. Helens and the St. Ediths. The group of St. Denises in the neighbourhood of Sleaford and Folkingham is equally remarkable, and the St. Andrews in the same district even more so. For such groups it is

not easy to give any absolutely satisfactory explanation. The most probable is that the present dedication takes the place of an older one to a comparatively obscure saint, and was given at the time of the consecration of the high altar after the renovation of the church and the extension of the chancel, the new dedication commemorating the saint under whose patronage the consecrating bishop had placed himself.

It is worthy of notice how very few saints canonized since the tenth century are commemorated in our churches. In this our county only follows the general rule. We have no St. Francis, St. Dominic, or St. Clara. Even St. Benedict is rare—we have five, and the question has been raised whether the dedication is to St. Benedict of Nursia or to our native St. Benedict Biscop, that worthy rival of the great patriarch of the monks of the West, whose robe and name he wore. The former, however, is more probable. Of certainly post-Conquest dedications, we have six, or, including the destroyed chapel on the Highbridge at Lincoln, seven dedications to St. Thomas of Canterbury in Lincolnshire. If any of these churches were of earlier date, this must have replaced the older dedication. This process of change was continually going on, a more popular saint replacing one who had gone out of general favour. Professor Stubbs writes, "the Catholic dedications after the Reformation replaced in many cases the old historic saints. There were doubtless changes of dedication before, but that, I think, was the period of change."

Taking a general conspectus of the Lincolnshire dedications, we find that to All Saints most frequent, 95; St. Andrew, 68; St. Peter, 64; St. Mary the Virgin, 59; we then drop to St. Margaret, 31; St. Nicholas, 29; St. Michael, 28; St. Helen, 28; St. John the Baptist, 25; St. Peter and St. Paul, 23; St. James, 19; St. Martin, 16; St. Lawrence, 15; Holy Trinity, usually a post-Reformation dedication, 14. It would be tedious to pursue the enumeration any further. The lists appended give full

particulars.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mr. Borlase considers that these changes of dedication in Cornwall "from Keltic Saints to important Saints in the Roman calendar date from the thirteenth

or fourteenth centuries, on occasions when a bishop was consecrating the high altar of a newly renovated church, as was the case at Fowey." Age of the Saints, 67.

It is a singular fact that dedications in honour of some of the Apostles and Evangelists should be so rare—those very dedications which are in these modern times so common. St. John the Evangelist was far less honoured than his namesake the Baptist—four churches against nineteen. Four churches are dedicated to St. Thomas the Apostle, as many to St. Bartholomew; three to St. Stephen; St. Philip, St. Mark and St. Luke one apiece.

Unique dedications, hardly to be found elsewhere in England, are St. Cornelius, probably the Pope of that name, at Linwood, St. Genewys at Scotton, St. Ethelwald at Alvingham, and the Flemish St. Bavon in a destroyed church of the city of Lincoln. Another destroyed Lincoln church, St. Rumbold, has a counterpart at

Colchester and elsewhere.

I cannot bring this paper to an end without feeling how far it has been from fulfilling the promise of its title. Except in one or two instances, I have rather indicated how our dedications may be used to illustrate local history, than illustrated it. May I hope that what has been written may incite some younger and better instructed archæologists to pursue the investigation, and thus it will not have been altogether in vain. The most promising field of investigation is that furnished by mediæval wills; the testator, in the majority of cases, mentioning not only the church in or by which he desired to be buried, but also its dedication. A careful examination of the wills belonging to the registries of the Archdeaconries of Stow and Lincoln, would probably supply most of the lost dedications, and also enable us to correct many erroneous ones.2 The research may be tedious and toilsome, but the reward will be certain. "Nil sine magno vita labore dedit mortalibus."

its founder. Rees, p. 153.

<sup>2</sup> I need only refer to the paper by Canon Raine, on "The Dedications of

the Yorkshire Churches," in the Yorkshire Archaeological Journal, to shew how profitably this mine may be worked. Testamentary evidence kindly supplied by Mr. Edward Peacock, F.S.A., has proved that the true dedication of the Church of Kirton in Lindsey is not SS. Peter and Paul, as given in Exton and Bacon, but S. Andrew.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Is this another form of Genoveva, the St. Genevieve of Paris, or of Gwynws, the brother of Gwynau, members of the nearly innumerable sainted progeny of Brychan, commemorated December 13? St. Gwynws is the patron saint of Lanwnws, Cardiganshire, and may be deemed its founder. Rees, p. 153.

## List of Dedications of Churches in the County of Lincoln. The Churches marked d are destroyed.

S Alkmand. Blyborough All Saints Aby Ashby, West Barrowby Barkwith, West Beckingham Bennington, by Boston Bennington, Long Bigby Bracebridge Branston Brauncewell Brocklesby Broxholme Cadney Canwick Coleby Croft Croby Dunsby Eagle Elkington, South Elsham or Ailesham Faldingworth Fenton Flixborough Fosdyke Friskney Gainsborough Gautby Goulceby Goxhill Grasby Greetham Greetwell Hammeringham Haugham Hanworth, Cold Harmston Heapham Hemswell Holbeach Holton Holton Beckering Horsington

Hough on the Hill Hougham Hykeham, North Ingham Irby in the Marsh Kyme, South Langton Legbourne Lincoln, 2. (d.)

Maltby le Marsh Mareham on the Hill Moorby

Moulton Nettleham

Newton in the Wolds

Norton Disney Orby Oxcomb Pilham Rasen, West Ruskington Saltfleetby All Saints Saxby Scarle, North

Sattheetoy All Sain
Saxby
Scarle, North
Sixhills
Snelland
Stamford
Stapleford
Steeping, Great
Stroxton
Sturton, Great
Swinderby
Tealby
Theddlethorpe
Thorganby
Thornton le Moor
Thorpe on the Hill
Toynton All Saints

Toynton All Saints Ulceby Upton Walesby Waltham Wainfleet All Saints

Westborough Wellingore Wilksby Winteringham

Winterton

Wragby
Wyham cum Cadeby
S. Andrew

Anderby
Apley. (d.)
Asgarby
Ashby Puerorum
Beelsby
Beesby in the Marsh
Billingborough
Bonby
Boothby
Boothby Graffoe
Boothby Pagnell
Burton Penwardine
Burton upon Stather
Butterwick
Calceby. (d).

Claxby Claxby Pluckacre Cranwell Denton

Donnington upon Bain Dowsby

Epworth
Ewerby
Falkingham
Farlsthorpe
Fillingham

Fulletby Hacconby Hagnaby

Hagnaby cum Hannah Halton Holgate Heckington Helpringham Horbling Immingham

Ingoldsby Irby upon Humber

Irnham Kelby Kirkby cum Osgodby Kirton in Lindsey

Leasingham South
Lincoln, 3. (d.)
Miningsby
Minting
Panton
Pickworth

Potterhanworth Redburn Rippingale Sausthorpe Scot Willoughby

Scot whotighby Scredington Sempringham Stainton le Vale Stamford. (d.) Steeping, Little

Stewton Stone, North Thoresby, South Timberland

Utterby
Welton
Willoughton
Witham on the Hill
Wootton

S. Athelwold See S. Ethelwald S. Anne

Lincoln Thorngate. (d.) S. Austin Lincoln. (d.)

S. Bartholomew
Appleby
Covenham
Culverthorpe
Keelby
Lincoln. (d.)
Risby
Welby

S. Bavon
Lincoln. (d.)
S. Benedict
Candleby
Haltham upon Bain
Lincoln
Scrivelsby

Wood Enderby

S. Botolph

Boston
Lincoln
Newton
Quarrington
Saxilby
Skildbrook cum Saltfleet

S. Chad

Dunholm

Harpswell

Welbourn

Welbourn

S. Clement
Fiskerton
Grainthorpe
Lincoln, 2. (d.)
Rowston or Roulston
Saltfleetby
Skegness
Stamford. (d.)
Sutton in the Marsh

Worlaby S. Cornelius Linwood

Holy Cross
Carlton Castle
Kirby Green
Lincoln. (d.)
Ponton, Great
Scopwick

S. Cuthbert
Brattleby
Lincoln. (d.)

S. Denis
Aswarby
Killingham, North
Kirkby Laythorpe
Lincoln. (d.)
Silk Willoughby
Sleaford

S. Edith
Anwick
Carlton, Little
Coates
Grimoldby
Grimsby, Little
Reston, North
... South

S. Edmund
Lincoln. (d.)
Riby
Sutton, St. Edmund
Spital Chapel

Spital Chapel
S. Edward
Barlings
Lincoln, 2. (d.)
Sudbrooke
S. Eltheldreda

West Halton
S. Ethelwald

Alvingham
S. Faith
Calcethorpe
Kelstern
Lincoln. (d.)

S. Firman
Thurlby
S. Gabriel
Binbrook
S. Genewys
Scotton
S. German
Ranby
Scothern

Thurlby

S. George
Bradley
Gayton le Marsh
Lincoln. (d.)
Stamford

S.S. George and Lawrence Springthorpe S. Giles

Langton by Wragby
Lincoln. (d.)
Scartho
Sleaford, Old

S. Gregory
Lincoln. (d.)

S. Guthlac
Crowland
Deeping, Market
Fishtoft
Ponton, Little
S. Helen

Ashby by Partney
Aswardby
Barnoldby le Beck
Biscathorpe
Boultham
Brant Broughton
Brigsley
Burgh upon Bain
Burton, Gate
Cawthorpe, Little
Cumberworth
Edlington, North

Edlington, North Elkington Keal, East " West Kirmington Lea Leverton Ludford Magna Mareham le Fen Ormsby, North

Saxby
Stickford
Swinthorpe
Theddlethorpe
Thoresby, North
Willingham by Stow

Willoughby near Alford S. Hibald Ashby de la Launde Hibaldstow Manton

Scawby
S. Hilary and S. Albinus
Spridlington

Lincoln, (d.) S. James Allington, East Aslackby Bolington Bytham, Castle Deeping, S. James Dorrington Dry, Doddington Firsby, East Firsby in Aslackhoe Frieston Grimsby Lincoln. (d.) Louth Rauceby, South Rigsby cum Ailby Skillington Spilsby Sutton, S. James

Holy Innocents

Woolsthorpe by Gran-S. John the Baptist [tham Alkborough Baston Bellean Carlton, Great Colsterworth Hale, Great Leasingham Lincoln. (d.) Lissington Londonthorpe Morton Nettleton Northorpe Scampton Stainton by Langworth Stamford Stiver cum Mablethorpe Stow cum Barholm Sutterby Toynton, High Washingborough Whaplode, Drove Whitton Witham, South Yarburgh

Yarburgh
S. John the Evangelist
Corby
Croxton

Lincoln, 3. (d.)
Washingborough
S. Julian

Benniworth
S. Lawrence
Aylesby
Bardney
Corringham
Fulstow
Frodingham
Hallington

Lincoln. (d.) Revesby Sedgebrook

Skellingthorpe Snarford Surfleet Tallington Thornton Curtis Wickenby S. Leodegar Wyberton S. Leonard Chapel Mumby Cockerington, South Haugh Lincoln. (d.) Ormsby, South Stamford S. Lucia Dembleby S. Luke Stickney S. Margaret Authorpe Bucknall Braceborough Braceby Enderby, Bag Habrough Hawerby cum Beesby Hemingby Huttoft Keddington Ketesby Laceby Langton by Horncastle Lincoln, 2. (1 d.)Martin Quadring Roughton Saleby cum Thoresthorpe Salmondby Sibsey Somerby

Withern Woodhall S. Martin Ancaster Barholme Blyton cum Wharton Dalderby Kirmond-le-Mire Lincoln Owersby Owston Ravendale Stamford Stubton Waith

Welton-le-Marsh

Welton-le-Wold

Somersby

Usselby

Well Winceby

Thimbleby

Wispington

Waddingworth

Withcall S. Mark Lincoln S. Mary Barkworth, East Barnetby-le-Wold Barton upon Humber Binbrook Bloxholm Brigg Broughton Butterwick, West Carlton-le-Moorland Cockerington, North Covenham Cowbit East Ferry Evedon Fotherby Frampton Hainton Harrington Hatcliffe Hogsthorpe Horncastle Hundleby Kirkby upon Bain Leake Lincoln, Cathedral Lincoln, 2. (1 d.)Long Sutton Ludborough Mablethorpe Manby Marsh Chapel Marston Pinchbeck Riseholme Roxby cum Risby Somercoates, South Stamford Stoke, South Stow Sutterton Swineshead Swinstead Syston Tetford Thoresway Torrington, West Tothill Tydd, S. Mary Wainfleet, S. Mary Welton Weston Whaplode WilsfordWinthorpe Witham, North Woolsthorpe Wrawby

Willingham, South Swarby SSS. Mary, Bart and Guthlac Bartholomew Crowland late Abbey Church SS. Mary and Holy Rood Donnington SS. Mary and Nicholas Kelsy, South Spalding SS. Mary and Peter Harlaxton Waddingham S. Mary Magdalen Bitchfield Fleet Gedney Lincoln Rothwell Somerby S. Maurice Horkstow S. Medardus Bytham, Little S. Michael Bassingham Billinghay Burwell Cammeringham Coates, Little Coningsby Deeping, West Driby Edenham Glentworth Hackthorn Haydor Hykeham, South Langtoft Lincoln, 2. (1 d.) Martin Mavis Enderby Newton by Toft Scrafield. (d.)Stamford, 2 Stainton, Market Stragglethorpe Swaton Torrington, East Uffington Waddington S. Nicholas Addlethorpe Barkstone Cabourn Caenby Carlton, Scroop Coates, Great Coates, North Cuxwold Ferriby, South Fulbeck Grimsby SS. Mary and All Saints. Gunby Kirkby Underwood

Haxey

Kirkby, East Lincoln Normanton Partney Sapperton Searby with Owmby Skirbeck Snitterby Spanby Stenigot Sutton Swaby Swavfield Ulceby Walcot by Falkingham Wickham in Holland S. Olave Ruckland S. Oswald. Althorpe Blankney Crowle Howell Luddington Rand Strubby cum Woodthorne S. Paul Lincoln Stamford S. Pancras Wroot S. Peter Aisthorpe Ashby cum Fenby Asterby Aubourn Barton upon Humber Bottesford Burgh in the Marsh Cawkwell Claypole Conisholme Creeton Doddington Dunston Farforth cum Maidenwell

Foston

Gunby

Friesthorpe

Halton, East

Humberstone Holton le Clay

Lavington or Lenton Limber, Great

Lincoln, 8. (5. d.)

Glentham

Kingerby

Langton

Gayton le Wold

Ludford Parva Lusby Markby Mumby Navenby Newton upon Trent Nocton Normanby on the Wolds Norton, Bishops Raithby cum Maltby Rasen, Middle Rauceby, North Ropsley Saltfleetby, S. Peter Scotter Skendleby Somercotes, North Sotby Stainby Stamford Stixwold Thorpe Threckingham Torksev Toynton, Low Toynton, S. Peter Trusthorpe Tupholme Willingham, Cherry Wrangle SS. Peter and Mary Waddingham SS. Peter and Paul Algarkirk Belton Belchford Bollingbrooke Bourn Bratoft Caistor Gosberton Hareby Healing Ingoldmells Kettlethorpe Kirton by Boston Normanby by Spital Osbournby Owmby Rasen, Middle Reepham Scremby Stallingborough Tetney Toft Wigtoft S. Philip Brinkhill

S. Radeaund Gravingham S Rumbold Lincoln. (d.) S. Sebastian Gonerby, Great S. Stephen Careby Carlby Hatton Lincoln. (d.) Stamford S. Swithin Asgarby Baumber Ricker Leadenham Lincoln S. Thomas the Apostle Legsby Rasen. Market Stamford Willingham, North S. Thomas of Canterbury Amcotts Aunsby Bassingthorpe cum Westby Burton Coggles Digby Greatford Lincoln. (d.) Holy Trinity Allington, West Barrow upon Humber Bilsby Gedney Hill Hagworthingham Lincoln, 3. Messingham Muckton Raithby Stamford. (d.)Swallow Tattershall Holy Trinity and S. Mary Clee S. Vedast Tathwell S. Vincent Burton by Lincoln Caythorpe S. Wilfred Alford Honington Metheringham Thornton S. Wulfram

Grantham

ALPHABETICAL LIST of the CHURCHES in the County of Lincoln, with their DEDICATIONS, including Churches destroyed and gone to decay.

Aby, All Saints Addlethorpe, S. Nicholas Ailesham alias Elsham, All Saints Ailsby. See Rigsby Aisby. See Haydor Aisthorpe, S. Peter Alford, S. Wilfrid Algarkirk, SS. Peter and Paul Alkborough alias Aukborough, S. John the Baptist Allington, East, S. James Allington, West, Holy Trinity Althorpe, S. Oswald Alvingham, S. Ethelwald Amcotts, S. Thomas of Canterbury Ancaster, S. Martin Anderby, S. Andrew Anwick, S. Edith Apley (gone to decay), S. Andrew Appleby, S. Bartholomew Asgarby by Spilsby, S. Swithin Asgarby by Sleaford, S. Andrew Ashby by Partney, S. Helen Ashby-de-la-Laund, S. Hibald Ashby with Fenby, S. Peter Ashby Puerorum, S. Andrew Ashby, West, All Saints Aslackby, S. James Asterby, S. Peter Aswardby, S. Helen Aubourn, S, Peter Aunsby, S. Thomas of Canterbury Authorpe, S. Margaret Aylesby, S. Lawrence Bag Enderby, S. Margaret Bardney, S. Lawrence Barholm, S. Martin Barkston, S. Nicholas Barkwith, East, S. Mary Barkwith, West, All Saints Barlings, S. Edward Barnetby-le-Wold, S. Mary Barnoldby-le-Beck, St. Helen. Barrow upon Humber, Holy Trinity Barrowby by Grantham, All Saints Barton upon Humber, S. Peter S. Mary

Bassingthorpe, S. Thomas of Canterbury
Bassingtham, S. Michael
Baston, S. John the Baptist
Baumber or Barnburgh, St. Swithin
Beckingham, All Saints
Beelsby, S. Andrew
Beesby, In the Marsh, S. Andrew
Beesby, cum Hawerby, S. John the
Baptist
Belchford, SS. Peter and Paul
Belleau, S. John the Baptist
Belton by Epworth, All Saints

Belton by Grantham, SS, Peter and Paul Bennington, by Boston, All Saints Bennington, Long, All Saints Benniworth or Benningworth, S. Julian Bicker, S. Swithin Bigby, All Saints Billingborough, S. Andrew Billinghay, S. Michael Bilby, Holy Trinity Binbrook, S. Gabriel Biscathorpe, S. Helen Bitchfield, S. Mary Magdalen Blanknev, S. Oswald Bleasby Bloxholm, S. Mary Blyborough, S. Alkmund Blyton, S. Martin Bolingbroke, SS. Peter and Paul Bolington, S. James Bonby, S. Andrew Boothby or Boothby-Graffo, S. Andrew Boothby Pagnell, S. Andrew Boston, S. Botolph Bottesford, S. Peter Boughton vide Asgarby Boultham, S. Helen Bourn, SS. Peter and Paul Braceborough, S. Margaret Bracebridge, All Saints Braceby, S. Margaret Bradley, St. George Brandon, vide Hough on the Hill Branston, All Saints Brant Broughton, S. Helen Bratoft, SS. Peter and Paul Brattelby, S. Cuthbert Brauncewell, All Saints Brigg, St. Mary Brigsley, S. Helen Brinkhill, S. Philip Brocklesby, All Saints Brothertoft Broughton, S. Mary Broxholme, All Saints Bucknall, S. Margaret Burgh on Bain, S. Helen Burgh in the Marsh, S. Peter Burton by Lincoln, S. Vincent Burton Coggles, S. Thomas of Canterbury Burton Pedwardine, S. Andrew Burton Stather, S. Andrew Burwell, S. Michael Buslingthorpe Butterwick by Boston, S. Andrew Butterwick, West, S. Mary Bytham Castle, S. James Bytham, Little, S. Medardus Cabourn, S. Nicholas Cadeby vide Wyham

Cadney, All Saints Cadwell Caenby, S. Nicholas Caistor, SS. Peter and Paul Calceby, S. Andrew Calcethorpe, S. Faith Cammeringham, S. Michael Candlesby, S. Benedict. Canwick, All Saints Careby, S. Stephen Carlby, S. Stephen Carlton Castle, Holy Cross Carlton, Great, S. John the Baptist Carlton, Little, S. Edith Carlton le Moorlands, S. Mary Carlton, North Carlton, South Carlton Scroop, S. Nicholas Cawkwell, S. Peter Cawthorpe, Little, S. Helen Caythorpe, S. Vincent Claxby by Alford, S. Andrew Claxby by Normanby, S. Mary Claxby Plukacre, S. Andrew Claypole, S. Peter Claythorpe Clee, Holy Trinity and S. Mary Coates, by Gainsborough, S. Edith Coates, Great, S. Nicholas Coates, Little, S. Michael Coates, North, S. Nicholas Cockerington, North, S. Mary Cockerington, South, S. Leonard Coleby by Lincoln, All Saints Colsterworth, S. John the Baptist Coningsby, S. Michael Conisholm, S. Peter Corby, S. John the Evangelist Corringham, S. Lawrence Covenham, S. Bartholomew S. Mary Cowbit, S. Mary Cranwell, S. Andrew Creeton, S. Peter Croft, All Saints Crowland, SSS. Mary, Bartholomew and Guthlac Crowle, S. Oswald Croxby, All Saints Croxton, S. John the Evangelist Culverthorpe, S. Bartholomew Cumberworth, S. Helen Cuxwold or Cokeswold, S. Nicholas Dalby Dalderby, S. Martin (gone to decay). Deeping, East, S. James Deeping, Fen Deeping, Market, S. Guthlac Deeping, West, S. Michael Dembleby, S. Lucia Denton, S. Andrew Digby, S. Thomas of Canterbury Doddington by Lincoln, S. Peter

Doddington, Dry, S. James

Dorrington by Spalding, S. Mary and Holy Rood Dorrington upon Bain, S. Andrew Dorrington, S. James Dowsby, S. Andrew Driby, S. Michael Dunholme, S. Chad Dunsby by Bourn, All Saints Dunston, S. Peter Eagle, All Saints East Ferry, Scotton, S. Mary Edenham, S. Michael Edlington, S. Helen Elkington, North, S. Helen Elkington, South, All Saints Elsham, All Saints Enderby-Bag, see Bag Enderby Enderby, Mavis, see Mavis Enderby Enderby-Wood, see Wood Enderby Epworth, S. Andrew Evedon, S. Mary Ewerby, S. Andrew Faldingworth, All Saints Falkingham, S. Andrew Farforth, S. Peter Farlsthorpe, S. Andrew Fenby vide Ashby Fenton by Newark, All Saints Ferriby, South, S. Nicholas Fillingham, S. Andrew Firsby by Spilsby, S. James Firsby in Aslackhoe, S. James Fishtoft, S. Guthlac Fisherton, S. Clements Fleet, S. Mary Magdalen Flixborough, All Saints Fosdyke, All Saints Foston, S. Peter Fotherby, S. Mary Frampton, S. Mary Frieston, S. James Friesthorpe, S. Peter Friskney, All Saints Frodingham, S. Lawrence Fulbeck, S. Nicholas Fulletby, S. Andrew Fulstow, S. Lawrence Gainsborough, All Saints Gate Burton, S. Helen Gautby, All Saints Gayton le Marsh, S. George Gayton le Wold, S. Peter Gedney, S. Mary Magdalen Gedney Hill, Holy Trinity Glanford-Brigg, vide Brigg Glentham, S. Peter Glentworth, S. Michael Gonerby Great, S. Sebastian Gosberton, SS. Peter and Paul Goulceby, All Saints Goxhill, All Saints Grainsby, S. Nicholas Grainthorpe, S. Clement Grantham, S. Wulfram

Grassby, All Saints Grayingham, S. Radegund Greatford, S. Thomas of Canterbury Greetham, All Saints Greetwell, All Saints Grimoldby, S. Edith Grimsby, Great, S. James Grimsby, Little, S. Edith Gunby by Spilsby, S. Peter Gunby by Colsterworth, S. Nicholas Habrough, S. Margaret Hacconby, S. Andrew Haceby, S. Barbar Hackthorn, S. Michael Hagnaby, by Spilsby, S. Andrew Hagnaby cum Hannah, S. Andrew Hagworthingham, Holy Trinity Hainton, S. Mary Hale, Great, S. John the Baptist Hallington Haltham upon Bain, S. Benedict Halton, East, S. Peter Halton, West, S. Etheldreda Halton-Holgate, S. Andrew Hammeringsham, All Saints Hanworth, Cold, All Saints Harby, SS. Peter and Paul Harlaxton, SS. Mary and Peter Harmston, All Saints Harpswell, S. Chad Harrington, S. Mary Hatcliffe, S. Mary Hatton, S. Stephen Haugh, S. Leonard Haugham, All Saints Haugnam, All Saints
Haverby, S. Margaret
Haxey, S. Nicholas
Haydor, S. Michael
Healing, SS. Peter and Paul
Heapham, All Saints Heckington, S. Andrew Heighington Helpringham, S. Andrew Hemingby, S. Margaret Hemswell, All Saints Hibaldstow, S. Hibald Hogsthorpe, S. Mary Holbeach, All Saints Holton, All Saints Holton Beckering, All Saints Holton le Clay, S. Peter Holton le Moor Honington, S. Wilfrid Horbling, S. Andrew Horkstow, S. Maurice Horncastle, S. Mary Horsington, All Saints Hough on the Hill, All Saints Hougham, All Saints Howell, S. Oswald Humberston, S. Peter Hundelby, S. Mary Hungerton Huttoft, S. Margaret Hykeham, North, All Saints

Hykeham, South, S. Michael Immingham, S. Andrew Ingham, All Saints Ingleby Ingoldmells, SS. Peter and Paul Ingoldsby, S. Andrew Irby on Humber, S. Andrew Irby in the Marsh, All Saints Irnham, S. Andrew Keadby Keal, East, S. Helen Keal, West, S. Helen Keddington, S. Margaret Keelby, S. Bartholomew Kelby, S. Andrew Kelsey, North Kelsey, South, SS, Mary and Nicholas Kelstern, S. Faith Ketesby with S. Ormsby, S. Margaret Kettlethorpe, SS. Peter and Paul Kexby Killingholme, North, S. Denis Kingerby, S. Peter Kirkby cum Osgodby, S. Andrew Kirkby upon Bain, S. Mary Kirkby, East, S. Nicholas Kirkby Green, Holy Cross Kirkby Laythorpe, S. Denis Kirkby Underwood, S. Mary and All Saints Kirkstead Kirmington, S. Helen Kirmond le Mire, S. Martin Kirton by Boston, SS. Peter and Paul Kirton in Lindsey, S. Andrew Knaith Kyme, South, All Saints Laceby, S. Margaret Langtoft, S. Michael Langton by Wragby, S. Giles Langton by Horncastle, S. Margaret Langton by Spilsby, S. Peter Laughton by Gainsborough, All Saints Lea, S. Helen Leadenham, S. Swithin Leake, S. Mary Leasingham, North, S. John the Baptist Leasingham, South, S. Andrew Legbourn, All Saints Legsby, S. Thomas Lenton, S. Peter Leverton, S. Helen Limber, Great, S. Peter Lincoln, S. Anne ,, S. Andrew, 3 S. Austin 22 S. Bayon 22 S. Bartholomew " S. Benedict S. Botolph S. Clement, 2 22 S. Cross 22 S. Cuthbert ,, S. Denis 22 S. Edmund

388 Lincoln, S. Edward. 2 S. Faith S. Giles S. Gregory ٠. S. James ,, S. John the Baptist S. John the Evangelist, 2 ٠, S. Lawrence .. S. Leonard ,, S. Margaret S. Mark ٠, S. Martin ٠. S. Mary Magdalen ٠, S. Mary, 2 ,, S. Michael, 2 ,, S. Nicholas ٠. S. Paul ,, S. Peter, 8 S. Rumbold ,, S. Stephen •• S. Swithin •• Holy Trinity, 2 Linwood, S. Cornelius Lissington, S. John the Baptist Londonthorpe, S. John the Baptist Louth, S. James Ludborough, S. Mary Luddington, S. Oswald Ludford Magna, S. Helen Ludford Parva, S. Peter (gone to decay) Lusby, S. Peter Lutton or Sutton, S. Nicholas Mablethorpe, St. Mary Maltby le Marsh, All Saints Manby, S. Mary Manton, S. Hibald Mareham le Fen, S. Helen Mareham on the Hill, All Saints Markby, S. Peter Market Deeping, S. Guthlac Marsh Chapel, S. Mary Marston, S. Mary Martin by Horncastle, S. Michael Marton, S. Margaret Mavis Enderby, S. Michael Melton Ross Messingham, Holy Trinity Metheringham, S. Wilfrid Middle Rasen, see Rasen Middle Miningsby, S. Andrew Minting, S. Andrew Moorby, All Saints Morton, near Bourn, S. John the Baptist Moulton, All Saints Muckton, Holy Trinity Mumby, S. Peter Navenby, S. Peter Nettleham, All Saints Nettleton, S. John the Baptist Newton by Falkingham, S. Botolph Newton by Toft, S. Michael

Newton upon Trent, S. Peter

Normanby by Spital, SS. Peter and Paul Normanby on the Wolds, S. Peter

Nocton, S. Peter

Normanton, S. Nicholas Northorpe, S. John the Baptist Norton Bishop, S. Peter Norton Disney, All Saints Newton in the Wolds, All Saints Orby, All Saints Ormsby, South, S. Leonard Ormsby, North, S. Helen Osbournby, SS. Peter and Paul Owersby, North, S. Martin Owmby, SS. Peter and Paul Oxcomb, All Saints Owston, S. Martin Panton, S. Andrew Partney, S. Nicholas Pickworth, S. Andrew Pilham, All Saints Pinchbeck, S. Mary Ponton, Great, Holy Cross Ponton, Little, S. Guthlac Potter Hanworth, S. Andrew Quadring, S. Margaret Quarrington, S. Botolph Raithby by Spilsby, Holy Trinity Raithby with Maltby, S. Peter Ranby, S. German Rand, S. Oswald Rasen, Market, S. Thomas the Apostle Rasen, Middle, Drax, SS. Peter and Paul Rasen, Middle, Tupholm, S. Peter Rasen, West, All Saints Rauceby, North, S. Peter Rauceby, South, S. James Ravendale, East, S. Martin Ravendale, West Redbourn, S. Andrew Reepham, SS. Peter and Paul Reston, South, S. Edith Reston, North, S. Edith Revesby, S. Lawrence Riby, S. Edmund Rigsby with Ailby, S. James Rippingale, S. Andrew Risby, S. Bartholomew Riseholme, S. Mary Ropsley, S. Peter Rothwell, S. Mary Magdalen Roughton, S. Margaret Rowston or Roulston, S. Clement Roxby, S. Mary Ruckland, S. Olave Ruskington, All Saints Saleby with Thoresthorpe, S. Margaret Salmonby, S. Margaret Saltfleetby, S. Clements Saltfleetby, All Saints Saltfleetby, S. Peter Sapperton, S. Nicholas Sausthorpe, S. Andrew Saxby, cum Firsby, S. Helen Saxby, near Barton, All Saints Saxilby, S. Botolph Scamblesby Scampton, S. John the Baptist Scarle, North, All Saints

Scartho, S. Giles Scawby, S. Hibald Scopwick, Holy Cross Scothern, S. German Scot Willoughby, S. Andrew Scotter, S. Peter Scotton, S. Genewys Scrafield, S. Michael (gone to decay) Scredington, S. Andrew Scremby, SS. Peter and Paul Scrivelsby, S. Benedict Searby cum Owmby, S. Nicholas Sedgebrook, S. Lawrence Sempringham, S. Andrew Sibsey, S. Margaret Silk Willoughby, S. Denis Six Hills, All Saints Skegness, S. Clement Skellingthorpe, S. Lawrence Skendleby, S. Peter Skidbrook, S. Botolph Skirbeck, S. Nicholas Skillington, S. James Sleaford, New, S. Denis Sleaford, Old, St. Giles Snarford, S. Lawrence Snelland, All Saints Snitterby, S. Nicholas Somerby by Brigg, S. Margaret Somerby by Grantham, S. Mary Magdalen Somercotes, North, S. Peter Somercotes, North, S. Peter Somercotes, South, S. Mary Somersby, S. Margaret Sotby, S. Peter Spalding, SS. Mary and Nicholas Spanby, S. Nicholas Spilsby, S. James Spridlington, SS. Hilary and Albinus Springthorpe, SS. George and Lawrence Stainby, S. Peter Stainfield Stainton by Langworth, S. John the Baptist Stainton, Market, S. Michael Stainton le Vale, S. Andrew Stallingborough, SS. Peter and Paul Stamford, All Saints, 2 S. Andrew ,, S. Clement ,,

"S. George
"S. John the Baptist
"S. Leonard
"S. Mary, 2
"S. Michael, 2
"S. Paul
"S. Peter
"S. Stephen
"S. Thomas
"Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity
Stapleford, All Saints
Steeping, Great, All Saints
Steeping, Little, S. Andrew
Stemgot, S. Nicholas
Stewton, S. Andrew
Stickford, S. Helen

Stickney, S. Luke Stixwold, S. Peter Stoke, North, S. Andrew Stoke, South, S. Mary Stow, S. Marv Stow, near Market Deeping, S. John the Baptist Stragglethorpe, S. Michael Stroxton, All Saints Strubby, near Alford, S. Oswald Stubton, S. Martin Sturton, Great, All Saints Sudbrook, S. Edward Surfleet, S. Lawrence Sutterby, S. John the Baptist Sutherton, S. Mary Sutton Long, S. Mary S. Nicholas S. Edmund ,, S. James Sutton in the Marsh, S. Clement

Swaby, S. Nicholas

Swallow, Holy Trinity Swarby, S. Mary and All Saints Swaton, S. Michael Swayfield, S. Nicholas Swinderby, All Saints Swineshead, S. Marv Swinhope, S. Helen Swinstead, S. Mary Syston, S. Mary Tallington, S. Lawrence Tathwell, S. Vedast Tattershall, Holy Trinity Tealby, All Saints Temple Bruer Tetford, S. Mary Tetney, SS. Peter and Paul Theddlethorpe, West, All Saints Theddlethorpe, East, S. Helen Thimbleby, S. Margaret Thoresby, South, S. Andrew Thoresby, North, S. Helen Thoresway, S. Mary Thorganby, All Saints Thornton by Horncastle, S. Wilfrid Thornton Curtis, S. Lawrence Thornton le Fen Thornton le Moor, All Saints Thorpe by Wainfleet, S. Peter Thorpe on the Hill, All Saints Threckingham, S. Peter Thurlby by Lincoln, S. German Thurlby by Bourn, S. Firman Timberland, S. Andrew Toft by Market Rasen, SS. Peter and Paul

Torksey, S. Peter Torrington, East, S. Michael Torrington, West, S. Mary Tothill, S. Mary Toynton, High, S. John the Baptist Low, S. Peter

" Low, S. Pe " All Saints " S. Peter

Tupholme, S. Peter Trusthorpe, S. Peter Tydd, S. Mary Uffington, S. Michael Ulceby by Alford, All Saints Ulceby by Barton, S. Nicholas Upton, All Saints Usselby, S. Margaret Utterby, S. Andrew Waddingham, SS. Peter and Mary Waddington, S. Michael Waddingworth, S. Margaret Wainfleet, All Saints Wainfleet, S. Mary Waith, S. Martin Walcot, S. Nicholas Walesby, All Saints Waltham, All Saints Waltham, All Saints
Washingborough, S. John the Baptist
Welbourn, S. Chad
Welby, S. Bartholomew
Well, S. Margaret
Wellingore, All Saints
Welton by Lincoln, S. Mary
Welton, S. Andrew
Welton le Wold, S. Martin Welton in the Marsh, S. Martin Westborough, All Saints
Westborough, All Saints
Weston, S. Mary
Whaplode, S. Mary
Whaplode Drove, S. John the Baptist
Whitton, S. John the Baptist Wickenby, S. Lawrence Wickham, in Holland, S. Nicholas Wigtoft, SS. Peter and Paul

Wilksby, All Saints Willingham by Stow, S. Helen Willingham, Cherry, S. Peter Willingham, North, S. Thomas the Willingham, South, S. Martin Willoughby by Alford, S. Helen Willoughby, Scot, S. Andrew Willoughby, Silk, S. Denis Willoughton, S. Andrew Wilsford, S. Mary Wilsworth or Woldsworth Winceby, S. Margaret Winteringham, All Saints Winterton, All Saints Winthorpe, S. Mary Wispington, S. Margaret Witham on the Hill, S. Andrew Witham, North, S. Mary Witham, South, S. John the Baptist Witham, South, S. John the Baptist Witheall, S. Martin Withern, S. Margaret Woodhall, S. Margaret Wood Enderby, S. Benedict Woolsthorpe, near Grantham, S. James Woolsthorpe, S. Mary Wootton, S. Andrew Worlaby, S. Clement Wragby, All Saints Wrangle, S. Peter Wrawby, S. Mary Wroot, S. Pancras Wyberton, S. Leodegar Wyham, All Saints Yarborough S. John the Baptist.

## SUMMARY

Shewing aggregate number of separate Dedications, including destroyed, and excluding modern Churches.

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S. Alkmund - 1	S. German - 3	S. Martin - 16	S. Pancras - 1
All Saints - 95	S. George - 4	S. Mark - 1	S. Peter - 64
S. Andrew - 68	SS. George and	S. Mary - 59	SS. Peter and
S. Austin - 1	Lawrence - 1	SS. Mary and	Mary · 1
S. Bartholo-	S. Giles - 4	All Saints - 2	SS. Peter and
mew - 7	S. Gregory - 1	SSS. Mary,	Paul - :13
S. Bavon - 1	S. Guthlac - 4	Bartholomew	S. Philip 1
S. Benedict - 5	S. Helen - 28	and Guthlac 1	S. Radegund 1
S. Botolph - 6	S. Hibald - 4	SS. Mary and	S. Rumbold - 1
S. Chad - 3	SS. Hilary and	Holy Rood 1	S. Sebastian - 1
S. Clement - 10	Albinus 1	SS. Mary and	S. Stephen - 5
S. Cornelius - 1	Holy Innocents 1	Nicholas - 2	S. Swithin - 5
Holy Cross - 5	S. James - 19	SS. Mary and	S. Thomas the
S. Cuthbert - 2	S. John the	Peter - 2	Apostle - 4
S. Denis - 6	Baptist - 25	S. Mary Mag-	S. Thomas of
S. Edith - 7	S. John the	dalen - 6	Canterbury 7
S. Edmund - 4	Evangelist 6	S. Maurice - 1	Holy Trinity 14
S. Edward - 4	S. Julian - 1	S. Medardus 1	Holy Trinity
S. Etheldreda 1	S. Lawrence - 15	S. Michael - 28	and S. Mary 1
S. Ethelwald 1	S. Leodegar - 1	S. Nicholas - 29	S. Vedast - 1
S. Faith - 3	S. Leonard - 6	S. Olave - 1	S. Vincent - 4
S. Firman - 1	S. Lucia - 1	S. Oswald - 7	S. Wilfrid - 2
S. Gabriel - 1	S. Luke - 1	S. Paul - 2	S. Wulfram - 1
S. Genewys - 1	S. Margaret - 31		