

Incised Slabs in Croxall Church.

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I.



A HIS incised alabaster slab lies immediately in front of the Holy Table, and is to the memory of John and Mary Curzon, children of Thomas and Margaret Curzon.

The inscription is as follows:—

*Hic jacent corpora Johis Curzon et Marie
 Curzon liberorū Thome Curzon armigeri domini de
 Croxhall qui in innocencia eorū ab
 hac luce migraverunt Quorū aiab' ppicietur deus Amen.*

On a scroll above the boy's head are the words—*EGO A INNOCENCIA MEA IGRESSUS SUM*; over the girl's—*REDIME ME* ✚ *MISERERE MEI*; between the two—*DNS MISERERE MI*. The boy is represented in a civilian's dress, turned back at the collar, with loose sleeves and round tipped shoes. The girl in a close-fitting gown, with flowing skirt. Her hair is long and let down over her back and shoulders, confined by a fillet round the forehead, thus signifying she died young and unmarried. She seems to have a necklet round her neck. Their heads rest on embroidered cushions. No dates are given, but I believe I am correct in stating that they are the children of Thomas and Margaret Curzon, *nee* Hartington, the former of whom died in 1485, whose monuments will be described in a succeeding number. In addi-





tion to this son John, Thomas had another son John, his heir, who married Anne, daughter of William Ashby; he must have been born after this boy's death to admit of his name having been also John. The slab measures 3 ft. 7 in. by 2 ft. 4 in.

II.

This incised slab now lies north and south in the north-east angle of the tower; formerly it lay under the Horton pew in the south-east angle of the nave.

It represents a child in a chrysom. On a shield above the head, between the words Edward Myner, are the arms of Myner impaling Horton, on a fesse, between three plates, a mullet, in chief a label, Myner; a stag's head, caboshed, *argent*, attired *or*, Horton.

The Mynors of Co. Stafford now bear *gules*, a fesse *argent*, between three plates.

There is no family of this name now resident in the parish or neighbourhood, nor is there any mention of the name in the registers.

A Myner must have married a Horton, but the reason why the eldest son was buried here is not easy to say. The slab measures 2 ft. 4 in. by 15 in.