Che Earliest Records of Ashbourne Grammar School.

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THE Free Grammar School of Elizabeth, Queen of England, in the Village of Ashbourne in the County of Derby was founded in the year 1585. For some time "certain Gentlemen and other Inhabitants of the Village had long been, and as yet still were in the mind and propose to found erect and establish" such a School. These "well-beloved and faithful subjects" of the Queen were by name, Thomas Cokaine of Ashborne, Knight, William Bradborne of Lee in the County of Derby, Esquire, Thomas Carter of the Middle Temple, London, Gentleman, Thomas Hurt and William Jackson of Ashborne, Gentlemen. Of these, Thomas Carter appears to have taken the most prominent part and was the moving spirit in the collection of funds to establish the school, as the following records show.

The petitioners also begged that the Queen would grant certain lands and houses in and near the town, which she held, as an endowment for the school. Their reasons for begging for the foundation of a Free School in Ashbourne, i.e. a school free from direct ecclesiastical control and not free from school fees or charges, are laid out in a petition presented to the Queen which is of sufficient interest to be given *in extenso*:

The causes y^t maye move her Ma^{tie} to graunte Lycense to erect the sayd Schol and to gyve the landes demanded for mayntenaunce of y^e same.

Imprimis the sayd Towne of Ashburne is scittuat in the Peake in the county of Derbye a very rude cuntry in maner utterly voyde of preachers to teache ether younge or olde theire duties ether towardes God or her Ma^{tle} and therfore greate nede of Scholes for the good bringing up of youthe.

Item the sayd Towne is the Chefeste Market Towne wthn the sayd county greatly replenished, but yet wth poore people who are not able to paye their children scholing and so through wante bringe them up rather in begginge than in vertuous learninge.

Item there is fourtie and odde townes and villages wthin Fyve myles compass about the sayd Towne of Ashburne and in all that compass and much more not one Schole so the sayde Schole being erected it will be a nurse of learneinge to all those Townes and the reste of the Cuntrye thereabouts.

Item for wante of Scholes the youthe of that Cuntrye followe the olde traditions of Men and rather cleave to Papistrye than to the truthe of the Gospelle.

Item for wante of Scholes they know not God nor her Ma^{ties} Lawes but are geven over to wickedness and vyces as sweringe, drunckenes, whordome, idlenes and suche lyke to the greate displeasure of God, contempte of her Heighness, and to the great damage and hurte of the comen wealthe.

Item generally for thes and other great causes it might be alledged it is the place that hath greateste nede of a Schole in all Englande and yet no man hetherunto hath gone aboute to provyd for the same.

Item the sayd Towne and Mannor of Asheburne where the Schole is to be erected is her Ma^{tie} towne and pcell of her Duchie of Lancaster.

Item the sayd Schole is determined to be dedicated to her Ma^{tie} and in ppetuall memory of her Heighnes goodnes and Love towardes the same Cuntrye it shall be called after the erection thereof "Schola Gramaticalis Dne Elizabethe Regine Villa sue Ashburnie."

These causes together with the zeale they beare to the gospell theire allegaunce to her Matie and theire Love to theire Cuntrye hath moved dyvers her Maties subjectes who are never to reap benefitt by the same daylye to travell for the erection of the sayd Schole to their great costes and charges expendinge their tyme and goodes in psentinge of this weh otherwyse they might use to their owne proffite.

Item the causes afforesayd have moved dyvers her Ma^{ties} Lovinge subjects to graunte or gyve landes towardes the mayntenaunce of the same. So that yf her Ma^{tie} maye be moved for the causes afforesayd to gyve the landes demaunded then will the same Schole be made a very famous Schole and be well mayneteyned for ever to the manifolde comoditye of many otherwyse it is in great hassard never to be further peeded in—God graunt the conterarye.

Item the buyldinge thereof hath coste her sayd Subjectes and wyll coste them before it be finished ccccl¹ so famous they intende to make it because it is dedicated to her Heighnes—therefore they crave her Heighnes humblye to consider the pmisses and graunte theire petition.

The Charter, which is preserved at the new Grammar School, is too lengthy to be transcribed in this paper. It is a beautifully engrossed document with initials and borders heightened in gold and colours, and is dated at Westminster the 15th day of July in the 27th year of the Queen's reign, and has the great seal of England attached.

It ordains that the school shall consist of "School-master (a Master of Arts) and one Under Master to continue for ever." It provides for the government of the school by three Governors and twelve Assistants and appoints fifteen gentlemen to be the first Governors and Assistants. It decrees the method by which vacancies in the teaching staff and Governing Body shall be filled, in each case the choice to be made by the Bishop if a vacancy be not filled within a month. It also empowers the Governing Body to "make fit and wholesome Statutes and Ordinances" which must receive the approval of the original founders, or their heirs, or failing these, of the Bishop. Finally the Governors and Assistants are to have the use of a common seal, an account of which with an engraving will be found in Vol. xli of the Journal.

Interesting as are the Charter and Seal of the School, another valued possession of the Governing Body has an even greater interest in that it provides many details

in the early history of the school. This is the original minute book of the Governors, which was begun in 1603 at a time when, in all probability, the building of the school was approaching completion and a teaching staff had been appointed.

On the fly-leaf at the end of the book, which is worn and frayed at the edges, obliterating some of the writing. are entries which, though probably written when the minute book was first begun in 1603, refer to the receipts and payments during the very earliest years of the existence of the school. These entries are as follows:

> The Charges of the buildinge of the Schoole & othr thinges touching the same from the first day of August 1583 untill the first day of August 1589 doe amounte to the some of 3461 38 11d

Towards the paym^t of w^h Charges there hath beene given and payd these somes following by the seurall pties hereundr specified, viz.:

| Imp ^r mis by the right hon ^{ble} the Earle | |
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| of Shrewesbury | $_{\rm XX}$ 1 |
| Itm by the La: Grace the sayd Earles | |
| daughter | xx^{s} |
| Itm by the right honble the Lord | |
| Windsore | $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{s}}$ |
| Itm by Sr Tho. Cokaine Knight | xviij1 |
| Itm by Tho. Kniueton Esquire | xx^{s} |
| Itm by W ^m Bassett Esquire | xl^{g} |
| Itm by Humpfrey fferrers Esq. | xx^{s} |
| Itm by Edw. Littleton Esq. | xl^s |
| Itm by Mr Lee of Eggington Esq. | $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{s}}$ |
| Itm by Mr Dethicke of Newhall Esq. | $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{s}}$ |
| Itm by Mr Randall Mannering Esq. | xx^s |
| Itm by Mr Blackwell gent. | v^s |
| Itm by Tho. Cokaine gent. | x^1 |
| Itm by Joh: Milward of fenny Bentley | |
| gent. | $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{s}}$ |
| Itm by Robrt Milward of Bradleyash | xx^{s} |
| Itm by Rich: Porte pson of Thorpe | x_s |
| Itm by two of the Queenes maties | |
| Clarkes | iiiis |
| Some is—lix1 xix8 | |

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Some is—lix¹ xix⁸

| | | Itm by the Towne of Ashborne Clifton | |
|-----------------|--------|--|-------------------------------|
| | | & Sturson | |
| | | Itm for ye Joystm ^t of Hardman's Close | |
| | | Itm for a Bull | **** |
| | | Itm by the Towne of Hognoston | iiis |
| | | Itm by the Towne of Mercaston | |
| 63^{1} | 198 2d | Some is—lxiij¹ xix ^s ii ^d | |
| | | Those whose names are undrwritten | |
| | | att ye request of Mr Tho. Carter) a | s followeth, |
| | | viz.: | |
| | | Imp ^r mis by M ^r Humpfrey Streete | |
| | | Citizen and Marchant Tayler of | |
| | | London | xxvii¹ xii (?) |
| | | Itm by Mr Roger Owfeild Citizen & | |
| | | fishmong ^r ¹ | |
| | | Itm by Mr Nicholas Peirson Citizen & | |
| | | Skinnr | |
| | | Itm by Francis Bradborne of London | |
| | | gent. | iiil xiis iiiid |
| | | Itm by Mr Haynes of London gent | xls (?) |
| | | Itm by Mr Rowland Okeour Citizen & | |
| | | m ^r chant tayl ^r | $\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{s}}$ (?) |
| 59 ¹ | 8s 8d | Some is—lix¹ viij ^s viij ^d | |
| 0, | | These whose names are undrwritten ga | aue (wholly |
| | | att ye request of Mr Tho. Carter) a | s followeth, |
| | | viz.: | |
| | | Imp ^r mis by W ^m Cokaine citizen & | |
| | | skinn ^r of London | xii (?) |
| | | Itm by Isabell his wife | xls |
| | | Itm by Tho: his sonne | x (?) |
| | | Itm by Wessell Webling of London brew | 7 ^r . |
| | | Itm by Catharine Hawthorne of London | n, |
| | | widow | |
| | | Itm by Hen. Richardson of London | |
| | | Vintener | |
| | | Itm by Jo: Puckle of Sussex gent | |
| | | Itm by Robert Taverner of Essex | |
| | | yeoman | |
| , | | Itm by Richard Stertule of London | |
| | | $fishmong^r$ | |

¹ The edges of the leaf are worn and ragged and some parts missing, so that the amounts cannot be deciphered.

A Perfect account of all such Summes of Money as I W'm Hull of Ashburne haut received by ther from the Londoners, or others in the Coun-- trie from Aprill: 10: 1603. to this Persent For and toward the Schoole Surfació of m Folto Model of Egrowley & to of M Sensit Best fant of Alfons tim of mi fackfor of Stonfor tm of Mi Fogn Mogitall 1 tin of mi Jogn Mollinbirov. tim of M. Dogge of Kinsoton Fin of M Novem Sure 4fm of My Robert porte The of Comis Smite of Orcuston. We Occow of Smellen 4Fm of MV 150 & trall of Sefanger slifters Fin of Mi Clamas Bort fond of Doutley. 4 Am of M NOWIN SONOWNE 2 46m of tex towns of down tex prival motorof brong to explant in & lottle 20 ook in fer Stepole ten

| Itm by Matthias Rutten of London |
|---|
| $\mathrm{brew^r}$ |
| Itm by Eliz. Dalton of London widowe vil xi (?) |
| Itm by Tho. Shawe of ye middle |
| Temple, Lond: gent. |
| Itm by Henry Sheratt of London |
| Skinn ^r iii ¹ vi ^s |
| 29 ^l 5 ^s Some is—xxix ^l v ^s |
| Itm by Tho. Carter of the middle |
| temple, London gent. att seu ^r all |
| times as money wanted ic xxxiiii |
| Itm by him to Brimsmeade the mason |
| for finishing the stoneworke xvil xiis iiiid |
| 149 ^l 12 ^s 4 ^d Some is—i ^c xlix ^l xii ^s iiii ^d |
| Itm Tho: Hurte of Ashborne gent gaue the Croft |
| behinde the schoole and wheron the schoole |
| standeth. ² The deede dated: 21 Septr Eliz. 27. |
| The next records in order of time are those which begin |

The next records in order of time are those which begin with the first page of the minute book, and they, together with those of the succeeding pages are now transcribed in full, as follows:

A Perfect account of all such summes of Money as J. W^m Hull of Ashburne haue received, eyther from the Londoners, or others in the Countrie from Aprill: 10: 1603 to this Present December 5:/

For and toward the Schoole./ Imprmis of Mr Robte Meurell of Throwley Esq^r 208 Itm of Mr John fflackett of Hanston grandge IOS Itm of Mr Thomas Nabbs 5⁸ Itm of Mr Henrie Beresford of Alsop 5 Itm of Mr Thomas Beresforde of Mathfield 28 6d Itm of Mr Jackson of Stansope IOS Itm of Mr Thomas Leving 5⁸ Itm of Mr John Whitall 408 Itm of Mr John Millwarde

² The School was built on the site of the house belonging to the Chantry of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Ashbourne Church as the deed of conveyance testifies.

| Itm of Mr Kniveton of Mercaston Esqr | 40 |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Itm of Mr Pegge of Kniveton | IO8 |
| Itm of M ^r Willm Hull | IOB |
| Itm of M ^r Willm Parker | IO8 |
| Itm of M ^r Phillip Eaton | 6^{s} 8^{d} |
| Itm of Mr Robert Porte | IO8 |
| Itm of Thomas Smith of Creighton | 28 6d |
| Itm of M ^{rs} Okeou ^r of Snelston | 28 6d |
| Itm of Mr Whitcall of Sharpcliffe | 28 6d |
| Itm of M ^r Edward Beresford | 5 ⁸ |
| Itm of Mr Thomas Beresford of | |
| Bentley | 3 ⁸ |
| Itm of M ^r Willm Browne | 2 ⁸ |
| Itm of the towne of Derbie the | |
| pticulrs wherof are extant in ye | |
| lyttle Booke in the Schoole chest | $3^1 \ 3^8 \ 3^d$ |
| Of the Londoners. | |
| Imp ^r mis of M ^r Heyes | 5 ¹ |
| Itm of M ^r Bateman | 5 ¹ |
| Itm of two fishmong ^{rs} by M ^r Oufield's | |
| pcurem ^t | 40 ⁸ |
| Itm of M ^r George More preach ^r | 10_8 |
| Itm of Mr Berners silkman | 5 ^s |
| Itm of Mr Coventrie Mercer | 5 ⁸ |
| Itm of Mr Wright gentleman | 10^8 |
| Itm of M ^r John Cholmleigh silkman | 3 ⁸ |
| All wch I deliured to Thomas Lees who | |
| laid it out as hereafter shall appeare: | |
| Recd backe of Thomas Lees for sclates | |
| lefte | 25 ⁸ |
| w ^{ch} hee is to abate | - 0.1 |
| Itm for lyme | 28 8d |
| Itm for leade lefte and Broome | 4 ⁸ 4 ^d |
| Mr Rogr Oufield promised toward the | |
| Stayr-case | 5 ¹ |
| who hath in his hand (wch Sr James | |
| Lancastr gave) | 5 ¹ |
| Recd at my being at London February | |
| 6, 1603 for and towards the Schoole | |
| Building. | |
| Imp ^r mis of M ^r Humfrey Millward | |
| Merchant | 31 |
| Itm of Mr Edward Piersall | 208 |

| | ASHBOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL. | 87 |
|--------------|---|--------------------------------|
| | Itm of Mr Clement Greene | 10^8 |
| | Itm of Mr Thomas Carter | 40 ⁸ |
| | At Derbie Assizes March 4, 1603 | |
| | Imp ^r mis of S ^r John Harpur Knight | 20 ⁸ |
| | Itm of Mr Robte Bainbrigge Esqr | 10^8 |
| | Itm of Sr Peter ffretzwile Knight | 40 ⁸ |
| | Itm of Willm ffowler of Ashborne | IO8 |
| | Itm for lyme sold by Thomas Lees | |
| | to Mr Okeour 4: strike | 2 ⁸ 8 ^d |
| | Itm to Mr Bagnald a Bushell | 16d |
| | Itm to Mr Robte Lightwood a Bushell | 16d |
| | Itm to Mr Wardle a Bushell | 16d |
| | sum is 43^1 68/ | |
| | Money laid out for and towards the Sch | |
| | from April 10: 1603 to March 10 | of the same |
| | yeare by Thomas Lees. | |
| | Imp ^r mis to Lawre Hurt and W ^m | |
| | ffrost for clensing the house and | |
| | shifting tymber to make waie for | |
| | the plaister ^r | 10^{d} |
| | Paid to Bell for plaistering | 4 ¹ 5 ^d |
| | Spent by those that made Collection | |
| | in the Country | 12 ^d |
| | Itm for three dais worke to gett clay | |
| | for the plaisterer | 18d |
| | ffor 2000 laths | 18s 4 ^d |
| | ffor 4 paire of doore bands for the | |
| | great Schoole dores | 9 ⁸ 4 ^d |
| | ffor 3000 lath nails | 4 ^s |
| | ffor hayre to blend wth lyme | $5^{\rm s}$ 1 ^d |
| May 12, 1603 | To Mr Hull for his charges going to | |
| | London & horse hire | 3 ¹ |
| | To John Salt in earnest for the stone- | |
| | worke of ye staircase | 12 ^d |
| | Paid more for 4000 lathnails | 5 ^s |
| | ffor clay sand-getting and haire | 20 ^d |
| | Paid Bell and his man for flooring and | 2.64 |
| | whiting ye rooms | 20 ⁸ 6 ^d |
| | ffor two horsloads of lyme from Criche | 19 ^d |
| | ffor 4000 lathnails and 200 laths | $6_{\rm s}$ 10 $_{\rm q}$ |
| | ffor carriage of lres pattents and othr | 7.6.d |
| | carriage | 16d |
| | ffor sise to whiten | 16d |

| | To workmen for baring and casting earth for stone | 6d |
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| | ffor victualls for such as brought stone | |
| | voluntaryly | 20 ^d |
| | To Deane of the Remaindr of a bar- | |
| | gaine for studding etc. | 8s |
| | To Drakford for the Remaindr of the | |
| | School-sieling | 47 ^s |
| | fior fitting Bands to the great dores | ₆ + 7 |
| | to Barton | 6ª |
| 1c -d | To Thomas Hawley for the glasing left | |
| 15 ¹ 14 ^s 5 ^d | undone | 53 ^s 4 ^d |
| | To John Salt for the worke of the | 33 4 |
| | Staircase | 31 5 ⁸ 8 ^d |
| | To Drakford for diverse dores in the | 3 3 0 |
| | chambers | 7 ^s |
| | To Barton for hooks Bands and Staples | , , |
| | thereto | 5 ^s |
| | To Deane and Lewcas for a day at ye | 3 |
| | Quarrie | 20 ^d |
| | ffor going to load stone at the Quarrie | |
| | in Maifielde | $4^{\mathbf{d}}$ |
| IIs Iq | ffor two load of coales to burne lyme- | |
| | stone $\mathbf{w}^{	ext{th}}$ | IIs Iq |
| | More for two Cart loads to that end | 8s '6q |
| | ffor an hundred, one stone and halfe | |
| | of lead | 98 6d |
| | ffor the Carriage from Derbie | 6d |
| | To Bell and his man for cossting the | |
| | lyme pit | 4 ⁸ |
| | To Deane & Lewcas for a day & halfe | |
| | at the quarry | 2 ⁸ 6 ^d |
| | To Deane's boy for a day | 4 ^d |
| | To ffrost I day draweing stone from the | |
| | pitt w th a horse | 84 |
| | To Deane Lucas & Wheatlie for | |
| | getting lymestone I day | 28 |
| | To Barton for a Bolt of Iron | 6d |
| | To Robte Lees for halfe a dayes worke | 3 ^d |
| | ffor victuals to such as brought 17 | |
| | loads of lime, I day | 2 ⁸ 7 ^d |
| | To Bell and John Ballidon for break- | |
| | ing lymestone | 88 |

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| To Ralph Tomlinson for baring | 6d |
| In drinke at the Kilne setting | 20 ^d |
| ffor wood dressing and Carriage for | |
| the Kilne | 4 ⁸ 9 ^d |
| To George Bamford for worke | 3 ^d |
| ffor a Cart load of Coales | 4 ^s |
| ffor great nailes for the great dores | 5 ^s 3 ^d |
| ffor two olde pitch Barrels | 3^{d} |
| To Bell for tending ye lyme Kilne | |
| mending sclate & poynting | 13 ⁸ |
| To Bamford his man | 3s 11q |
| ffor rough stone baring, mosse gather- | |
| ing & sodoering the guttrs | 2 ⁸ 1 ^d |
| To Deane for going for the carpenter | |
| and mason | 5 ^d |
| To the carpent ^r for coming to advise | |
| about the staires | 12 ^d |
| To Beacom in parte for the staires making & the Roof | 14 ⁸ 4 ^d |
| ffor charges in going into Warwick- | 145 44 |
| shire & the peake about a schoolm ^r | 5 ^s |
| To Deane for foure daies & half in the | 3 |
| quarrie & the worke | 5 ^s |
| To Lewcas and Deane's Boy for the | 3 |
| like | 4 ⁸ 4 ^d |
| To Lawre Hurt for 2 daies and Quarry- | |
| ing in lyme | 18d |
| ffor wine and sugar prnted to the Earle | |
| of Derbie in the towne | 2 ⁸ |
| To Deane Lucas and their 2 men for 2 | |
| daies worke at the quarry | 4 ⁸ 2 ^d |
| ffor drinke to voluntarie workmen | 7 ^d |
| ffor a casemt for a windowe | 28 6d |
| ffor supplicating to my Lo: of | |
| Shrousburie for his favor to ye | |
| schoole | 4 ⁸ 6 ^d |
| In Charges in going to Derbie to my | |
| Lo: Stewards | 2 ⁸ |
| To Godwin for steading down stone | |
| and his owne worke 3 daies | 22 ^d |
| To Wm Alsop for a weeks worke | 3^{s} |
| To George Bamford, Proudlove, Deane | TES |
| Lucas & yeir boies | $15^{\rm s}$ |

| To John Rawbone for casting the | |
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| staires & comming seurall tymes | 3 ⁸ |
| ffor tymber about the Staires | 8s |
| ffor drinke at the foundation laying | |
| and for the carriages | 3 ⁸ |
| To Salt for worke aboue bargaine | 18d |
| To my Lo: of Shrowsburie his Steward | |
| to furth ^r our suite for 5 ¹ granted | |
| yeerly foreur to or schoole | IO8 |
| Spent at Derbie the same tyme by | |
| those that went | 5 ⁸ |
| ffor sclate to Cover the Roof | 45 ^s |
| To Beacom paide and for a Tub- | 10 |
| mending | 3 ^s 6 ^d |
| ffor stone drawing downe | 3 ^d |
| ffor 4 hundrede of lead for spouts & | 3 |
| guttrs and for workmanship | 45 ^s 8 ^d |
| To Salts' man at the end of the worke | Iod |
| Paid more to Rob ^t Beacom | 20 ⁸ |
| To Deane and Lucas for two daies | |
| worke | 3 ⁸ 2 ^d |
| ffor drinke at the roofe-rearing and | 3 - |
| lead casting | 12 ^d |
| To Godwin for three daies labor | 18d |
| To George Bamford serving the sclatr | |
| 5 daies | 28 Id |
| To Bell for dressing sclate and sclating | ~ ~ |
| 4 daies & half | 4 ⁸ |
| ffor Boards in the guttr | 28 |
| To Bell for sclating 7 daies | 6s 5d |
| To Bamforde for helping him and | 3 |
| mosse getting | 3s 8d |
| To Proudloue for the like | 3 ⁸ 2 ^d |
| To Carter for lathnailes and othr | |
| nailes | 38 2d |
| To a messenger to the Earle | 28 6d |
| ffor charges at Derbie to meet my | |
| Lo: Steward | 12 ^d |
| ffor a partition at the Stairehead and | |
| oth ^r worke | 3 ⁸ 4 ^d |
| ffor laths for the roof and it | 3s 8d |
| To Mr Johnson for writing about the | 3 |
| Caland business | 68 |

| | Spent at a meeting about the Schoole for Iron-worke about the windowes & | 12 ^d |
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| | | |
| | dores | IO8 |
| Feb. 2, 1603 | Allowd Mr Hull for his Journey to | |
| | London about or schoole | 52 ⁸ |
| | His charges attending the gent at | |
| | Derby Assizes | 2 ^S |
| | In reward to Beacom for his labr at | |
| | the schoole | 12 ^d |
| | To Mr Johnson for a Bond making to | |
| | Mr Street | 12 ^d |
| | To Deane for worke | 8d |
| | Spent at the sessions at Derbie | 2 ⁸ |
| | Charges about the old schoole ¹ | 298 10d |
| | Paid for Paveing against the schoole | 16s 9d |
| | Sum: is 41 ¹ 18 ⁸ 5 ^d ././. | |
| | There rem: 27 ⁸ 7 ^d w ^{ch} was by consent | |
| | delivered to Thomas Lees for | |
| | money oweing him by the schoole./ | - |

The month of Maie in the yeere of our Lord God one thousand sixe hundred and Tenne received by Mr John Millward and Mr Hull of Mrie Oufield of London the summe of three score & tenne pounds for the use of our free schoole of Ashborne: whereof was paid to Marie Jackson widdowe, that her late husbande George Jackson laid out, toward the purchasing of land for the same schoole: thirtie pounds: and so (at this tyme) remained still in their hands of the same money fourtie pounds./weh sum was instantly disposed of by Consent of the Governors to the use of the schoole, and putt into sufficient mens hands as by their Bonds may appeare.²

The next ten pages of the minute book are occupied with the payments made to the School from the beginning of 1603 until the end of 1611. As these are long lists of names, repeated each quarter, with no descriptions of the persons or details about the receipts they are of no special interest except the following announcement, beautifully engrossed, at the end of July 1610:

^{1&}quot; The old schoole" is the school which was in existence long before the foundation of the Free Grammar School. It was connected with the Chantry of St. Mary in the Parish Church of Ashborne, whose priests conducted it.

² This minute has evidently been inserted on a blank page in the minute-book as it appears between accounts for the years 1603 and 1604.

Bee it known unto all men by these prnts that wee John Millward, Phillip Eaton and Thomas Lees, Gournours of the free Grammar Schoole of our late Souraigne Ladie Queene Elizabeth late Queene of England, in Ashborne in the countie of Derbie have received and had of the right honble Thomas Earle of Arundel the sum of 50s of lawful english money weh said Summ is part of the honble guift of the right honble Gilbert Earle of Shrowsburie Mr Robert Booth and Mr Thomas Cooke given and granted forth of certaine landes called the Coumbes by their deede under their seale wherby they doe grant, the sum of sixe pounds yeerlie forever unto the Gournors and Assistants of the said schoole weh said sum of 508 we the aforesaid Gournors do acknowledge our schoole to have Received, by the hands of Mr Robert Booth servant to the said Thomas Earle of Arundel; in witnes wherof wee the aforsaid Gournors haue hereunto put or handes and Seales./

In 1606, is the first mention of the appointment of Collectors of the School revenues who were elected from the Assistants to the Governors. It was a purely honorary appointment, and one that could only be held by men who were in a position to advance money to cover any temporary deficit in the accounts.

The xiiith of Octob^r 1606 James Millward and Thomas Jesop were appoynted Collecto^{rs} for the receaving the schoolerent, and paying the wages for one yeere.

After the list of receipts for the year ending Lady Day 1603-4 which amounted to xxil iis iiiid there is written:

Mr. Ward was the headmaster, the first master of whom there is any mention and probably the first to be appointed to the school. Mr. Charnley was the usher or second master, and Laurence Hurt the school bell-ringer.

The list of disbursements and expenses which follow, and which correspond to the same period as the receipts, are given in greater detail than the receipts, and are often of much interest. They will be given in full, and as they end at the time when the building and decoration of the school were practically finished, and the reign of the first headmaster had come to an end, they complete the records of the first stage of the School's history.

Disbursed and Paid by the saide James Millward:
As hereafter followeth.

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| The 13th of Octobr 1606 paid unto Mr Charnley | |
| his qrs wages due to him at Michaelmas last | 50 ⁸ |
| The 24 th of Octobr 1606 paid to Mr Ward his qrs | |
| wages due to him at Michaelmas last | 5^1 |
| The 24th of Octobr 1606 paid to Laurance Hurt | |
| his qrs wages due to him for ringing the Schollrs | |
| bell | xx^d |
| The 24 th of Octob ^r 1606 given in reward to a poore | |
| man that brought or Michaelmas Rent from | |
| Coomes | xviiid |
| The same daie paid to Christofer Bagnold his | |
| q^{rs} wages | iis vid |
| The 21st of Decembr 1606 paid to Mr Charnley | |
| his qrs wages due to him at this Christmas | 50s |
| The 21st of Decembr 1606 paid to Laur. Hurt & | |
| Xrofer Bagnold their q^{rs} wages due at Christmas | iiiis iid |
| The II th of April paid to M ^r Ward his halfe yeers | |
| wages due at ye lady day last | 10^{1} |
| The 11th of April 1607 paid to Mr Charnley his | |
| qrs wages due to him at the ladies day last | 50s |
| The 11th of April 1607 allowed to Thomas Lees | |
| and Henrie Webster for their charges in riding | |
| to Sherbrooke for o ^r schoole rent | iiii ^s viij ^d |
| The 11 th of April 1607 allowed to Mr Willoughbie | |
| the halfe yeers Annuitie due to Francis Hall at | |
| Midsomm ^r next | 50 ⁸ |
| The 11th of April 1607 paide to Laurance Hurt | |
| and Christofer Bagnald their qrs wages, due | |
| to them at or ladie day last | iiij ^s iid |
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| The 24 th of April 1607 given to him that brought | |
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| or ladie daies Rent from Mr Morehouse | $xviij^d$ |
| The 26th of Julie 1607 paid to Mr Charnley his | |
| qrs wages due to him at Midsummr last | 50s |
| The same day paid to Mr Ward his qrs wages due | |
| to him at Midsumm ^r last | $\cdot 5^1$ |
| The same day paid to Christofer Bagnold and | |
| Laurance Hurt their quartrs wages weh was | |
| due at Midsommer last | iiiis iid |
| The I of August 1607 laid out at Derbie by Mr | |
| Parker about ye schoolelands | 6 ⁸ |
| The same tyme spent by Thomas Lees about the | |
| same affayres at Derbie | Is |
| The 20st Septembr 1607 spent in wine Ale and | |
| Cakes in ye church at Mr Wright's Comming | |
| hith about the Schooles affaire | $xxiii^d$ |
| Given in rewarde to a poore man that brought | |
| a lītē to Mr Wright from Mr Willoughbie | |
| concerning the pounding the said Willoughbies | |
| Cattle in distreyning for the cheife Rent | xii ^d |
| Sum: xxxiiiil iiiis iiid | |
| The 5th of Octobr 1607 paid to Mr Charnley his | |
| qrs wages due at Michaelmas last | 50 ⁸ |
| The 5 th of Octob ^r 1607 paid to M ^r Ward his q ^{rs} | |
| wages due at Michaelmas last | 5^1 |
| The 5th of Octobr 1607 paid to Lawr Hurt & | |
| Christofer Bagnald their qrs wages | iiij ^s iid |
| The 14th of Octobr 1607 bestowd in wine and | - |
| sugar upon Mr Morehouse at Ashborne | xi^d |
| The 18th of Octobr 1607 allowed to Mr Willoughbie | |
| the halfe yeers Annuetie weh shalbe due to | |
| Francis Hall at Martinmas | 50 ^s |
| The same day given Mr Willoughbie to drinke | xii^d |
| The 24th of Octobr 1607 given in Reward to a | |
| poore man that brought or Michaelmas rent | |
| from the Coomes | xviij ^d |
| The 24th of Decembr 1607 paid to Mr Charnley | |
| his qrs wages due to him at this Christmas | 50^{8} |
| The same day paid to Lawrance Hurt and | |
| Christofer Bagnald their Quartrs wages due at | |
| this Christmas | iiii ⁸ ii ^d |
| Paid to Drackford and Deane for mending & | |
| setting fast the sieling in the Schoole | ${f viij}^{ m d}$ |

| Paid to Deane and Lewcas for sixe daies worke | |
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| in baring the ground and getting stone upon Callwidge More to ridge the porch four the | |
| staires on the backside the Schoole.1 Deane | |
| at x ^d the day & Lewcas at vij ^d the day | 8s 6d |
| Paid for the Carriage of the said stone from | |
| Callwidge More to the Schoole | $5^{\rm s}$ |
| Paid to the Mason for working and laying the same | |
| stone upon the top of the house | 7 ^s 6 ^d |
| Paid to a labor that tempered Mortar and bare | |
| the stone to the top of the house | xvid |
| Paid for bread cheese and drinke for the schollers | |
| that did gath ^r stone two daies in the Buck- | |
| holme to paue in the streete against the Schoole | $xviij^d$ |
| Paid to Gervase Smith and Proudlove for helping | |
| to carrie (in a Boate downe the watr to the | |
| neth ^r end of the field) the same stone | xii^d |
| Paid to Robert Lees, Gervase Smith, Proudlove | |
| and George Adamson for gathering stone a day | |
| and a halfe beneath the hanging Bridge for | |
| the same worke | $ii^{\mathbf{s}}$ |
| Paid for the carriage of ye same stone from the | |
| hanging bridge to the schoole being 15 waine | |
| loads | 15 ⁸ |
| Paid for 2 scuttles to carrie sand and stones in | 6d |
| Paid to the Pavier for the paving of 6 score and | |
| 8 yards at a pennie a yarde and sixpence ou ^r at all | 118 2d |
| Paid to Gervase Smith and Proudloue for carry- | 110 24 |
| ing sand and stones to the pauier 5 daies | -8 |
| Paid to Deane's boy for carrying a letter to M ^r | 5 ^s |
| Wright at his goeing to London | iiid |
| Paid to Deane and Lewcas for mossing and | 1114 |
| mending ye sclates of the Roofe of ye schoole | |
| and for getting Mosse for the same | $_{ m II^8}$ |
| Paid to a Plumm ^r for mending the lead in one of | 110 |
| ye gutters upon ye schoole | xiid |
| Sum: is xvi ¹ xiii ⁸ 11 ^d | Alla |
| Odii. 10 AVI AII II | |

¹ This staircase is situated at the north end of the entrance hall to the master's house and the small wing in which it is placed is evidently a later addition to the main building. It is a typical, though plain example of a Jacobean circular staircase with the long central newel-post and solid oak steps.

| Paid to Thomas Hawley and Wm Jeffrey for | |
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| glasing 7 panes of glasse in the windows of ye | |
| Schoole conteyning 28 foote of Glasse at fiue | |
| pence the foote xis viijd and for setting in twelve | |
| score quarrels that were broken out of the | |
| windowes at 3 quarrels iid—xiiis iiiid sum | 25 ^s |
| Paid to Lewcas for mortering the panes of the | 2 |
| glasse fast in ye windowes | 7 ^d |
| The I of April 1608 paid to Lawr Hurt and | |
| Christofer Bagnold their qrs wages due to them | |
| at the Ladie day last | iiijs 11d |
| The 8th of May 1608 paid to Mr Charnley his | 111) 11 |
| qrs wages due at the Ladie day last | 50 ⁸ |
| The 8th of May 1608 paid to Mr Ward his halfe | 50 |
| yeere wages due at the ladie day last | 101 |
| The 5 th of June 1608 allowd to Mr Willoughbie | 10 |
| the half yeere Annuitie web shalbe due to Mr | |
| Stuffen at Midsomm ^r next | 50 ⁸ |
| The same day given Mr Willoughbie to drinke | xii ^d |
| The 4 th of Julie 1608 paid to Mr Charnley his qrs | 2411 |
| wages due at Midsomm ^r last | 50s |
| The 29 th of Septembr 1608 paid to Mr Charnley | , 50 |
| his qrs wages, weh is due at this Michaelmas | 50 ⁸ |
| The 22 th of Octob ^r 1608 paid to M ^r Ward his | 50 |
| halfe yeere wages due at Michaelmas last | 101 |
| The 22 th of Octobr 1608 allowd to Mr Willoughbie | 10 |
| the halfe yeere Annuitie, weh shalbe due to | |
| Mr Stuffen at Martinmas next | 50 ⁸ |
| The 22th of Octobr 1608 allowed to Mr Willoughbie | 3- |
| that he laid out for A post fine of or schoole | |
| land at Sherbrooke | 15 ⁸ |
| The 6th of Nouembr 1608 allowed to Thomas | |
| Tomlinson and Ralphe Gare in part of yir | |
| charges for going twise to Sherbrooke for our | |
| schoole rent | 5 ^{s.} |
| Paid to Rowland Millington for making cleane | |
| the roomes in the schoole that Mr Charnley was | |
| in, and clensing the guttr on ye backside ye | |
| schoole | xiid |
| The 22th of Decembr 1608 given in reward to one | |
| that brought or Michaelmas rent from the | |
| Coomes | xx^{d} |
| | |

| The 6 th of April 1609 spent by James Millward and M ^r Jeson in riding to Sherbrooke for o ^r rent The 8 th of May 1609 spent by James Millward and Thomas Jeson and Ralphe Gare in riding to | 5 ^s 4 ^d |
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| Sherbrooke for or Rent | 8s 4 ^d |
| Sum: is xxxv¹ xviis jd The 25 th of June 1609 paid to Brian Deane¹ his halfe yeere wages due to him at the ladies day | |
| last | 5 ¹ |
| The 25th of June 1609 paid to Gervase Prince for | |
| fetching or ladie dayes Rent from Coomes | 3^{s} |
| The 1 of August 1609 given to Sr John Bentley his | |
| man for writing a līē, that was sent to Mr | |
| Willoughbie | vid |
| Spente by James Millwarde in going w th Willough- bie before a Justice 26 of August 1609 | viiid |
| The 4 th of Septemb ^r 1609 spente by Thom ^a s Lees | VIII |
| and Mr Jesop in Riding to Wingerworth for | |
| or schoole Rent | 38 6d |
| The 5 th of Septemb ^r 1609 paid to M ^r Ward his | 3, 0,4 |
| halfe yeere wages which was due to him at | |
| our ladie day last | 10^{1} |
| Sum: is xxl viis viijd | |
| The Yeere beginneth at Michaelmas: Anno Domin: | 1609. |
| The 16th of Octobr 1609 paid to Mr Warde in | |
| parte of his yeers wages, wen yeere did begin | |
| at or Ladie day last | XX^{3} |
| The 16th of Januarie 1609 paid more to Mr Warde | |
| in part of the same yeers wages | 50 ⁸ |
| The same day given in rewarde to one that | |
| brought the same Rent from Coomes unto | |
| Bakewell | vid |
| Given to Cockaine for carrying diverse lies from | |
| or schoole to Mr Thomas Carter | iiiid |
| The last of March 1610 paid more to Mr Warde | |
| of ye same yeers wages | 40 ⁸ |
| The 18th of April 1610 paid more to Mr Warde | - 1 |
| of the same yeers wages | 61 |
| The same day allowed Gervase Prince towards his charges for fetching the same rent at | |
| Sherbrucke | xii® |
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¹ Brian Deane is the new Usher succeeding Mr Charnley.

| Paide to Robert Lees for mending ye floore that | |
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| goes into the schoole | 6d |
| Paid more to Mr Ward by Mr John Millward | |
| in the moneth of June, being in the yeere of or | |
| Lord God 1610 in part of his wages for the | |
| foresaid yeere ended at or Ladie day last | 3 ¹ 10 ⁸ |
| Paid more to Mr Warde at the same tyme by | |
| Mr John Millward for his teaching the schoole | |
| from Easter till Whitsontide | 30s |
| This day being the 21st of Julie 1610 paid to | |
| Mr Warde upon a cleane dis-charge betwixt | |
| him and the governors of the schoole from the | |
| beginning of the world to this day | 5 ¹ |
| The same day wee Receaved money of Nicholas | |
| Hill at his house for Mr Cockaine paid there | |
| for Ale | Iq |
| Sum: is xxil xiis xd | |
| Sum totlis of all my payments aforesaid is cxxiiil | xiiii ^s vii ^d |
| Wherof I haue Received cxviij¹ vis id | |
| So there Remaineth due to mee James Millward | |
| upon his account as may appear | 51 8s 6d |

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