

CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE
ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY OF THE DEANERY
OF SOUTH MALLING,
IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX.

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THE Deanery of South Malling¹ embraces those parishes in East Sussex which were, up to a comparatively recent period, under the immediate jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Canterbury, though in a topographical sense forming part of the diocese of Chichester. These parishes have received the name of "peculiars." The term, however, is not of local import, for it is applied to kindred districts scattered throughout the country. Burn, in his *Ecclesiastical Law*, defines a peculiar as a district exempt from the ordinary of the diocese; or, in other words, a district situated within a certain diocese, but under the immediate jurisdiction of another see. The peculiars of the archbishops had their origin from the privileged jurisdiction which these prelates exercised in places where their possessions were situated. In Sussex, for instance, the manors of the Archbishop of Canterbury extended from the borders of Kent almost to Hampshire; those in East Sussex lying so far contiguous to one another, that the primate, on his periodical visitations, could journey to Lewes from his own diocese without leaving the districts under his control. This property, or at least a considerable portion of it, was granted in the seventh century by Caedwalla,

¹ For an account of the college of South Malling, see S. A. C., vols. v. and xxi. XXVI.

King of Wessex, to Wilfrid, then Archbishop of Canterbury;² and though in course of time the manors have ceased to be attached to the archiepiscopal see, a considerable proportion of the patronage, throughout the districts traversed by these peculiars, still remains vested in the archbishop.

While the East Sussex peculiars were co-extensive with the ancient deanery of South Malling, there were other exempt parishes in the western portion of the county, constituting the deaneries of Pagham and Terring.³ Formerly all these parishes were in ecclesiastical matters under the immediate control of the archbishop, but by 1 and 2 Vict., c. 106, power was given to every archbishop and bishop, within the limits of whose province or diocese respectively any benefice, exempt or peculiar, might be locally situated, to treat the same as if it were not exempt or peculiar, but were subject in all respects to the ordinary of the diocese to which it naturally belongs. In accordance with the general provisions of this Act, the Sussex peculiars were, by an Order in Council dated Aug. 8, 1845, annexed to the diocese of Chichester, and the parishes are now severally attached to the various rural-deaneries, into which the diocese is sub-divided.

The benefices, which will come within the scope of the present paper, are—Buxted with its dependent chapelry of Uckfield, since 1846 a distinct parish; St. Thomas at Cliffe; Edburton; Framfield; Glynde; Isfield; Lindfield; Mayfield; Ringmer; Southeram, a decayed chapelry; South Malling; Stanmer; and Wadhurst. In treating of the ecclesiastical history of these parishes, it will be the aim of the author to give some account of the descent of the advowsons, and, should in any case a rectory have been appropriated to the use of a religious house, to trace its descent since the Reformation through the successive lay-impropriators. Many particulars relating to tithes, and the past value of each benefice, will be found incorporated with these remarks.

² Kemble's *Codex Diplomaticus Ævi Saxonici*, tom. i., p. 23; also tom. iii., p. 375, where the boundaries of Pagham and Tangmere in Saxon times are given.

The charter of Caedwalla is dated A.D. 680.

³ These I may possibly treat of in a future paper.

We shall further give full lists of incumbents, showing the dates of their institution or collation respectively, and in many instances accompanied by short biographical notices.

I.—BUXTED.

The church, dedicated to St. Margaret, and picturesquely situated in the park of Col. Harcourt, has been fully described in Vol. ix. of the *Collections* of the Society, by the Rev. Henry Rosehurst Hoare, son of a former vicar of the adjacent parish of Framfield. It is recorded that the chancel was built by John de Lewes, rector in the thirteenth century, whose memorial stone, though dilapidated, may yet be seen just within the altar rails. But this portion of the edifice, in all probability, superseded an older structure, which perhaps was in existence at the Conquest, although, in the Domesday survey, there appears to be no mention of a church at Buxted. It is generally allowed, however, that such an omission does not necessarily show that a church was non-existent when that record was compiled, and this view has been advocated by Sir Henry Ellis and other writers.⁴

The rectory of Buxted having never been appropriated to a religious house, its revenues have remained at the disposal of the incumbent of the parish. Some idea of the value of the benefice in the fourteenth century may be gathered from the Nona Roll of 15 Edward III. (1341). The jurors, John de Schodwelle, Ralph de Nywenham, Oliver Taillour, and Richard atte Donne, parishioners of the church at Boxstede, declared that the ninth of sheaves was worth £20 per annum, and the ninth of fleeces and lambs 6s. 8d., the total being £20 6s. 8d. Moreover, the rectory-house, with garden and enclosed curtilage, together with the lands and woods which belong to the same church as glebe, was worth 100s. per ann.; the tithe of hay, 60s.; the tithe of mills, 26s. 8d.; and the tithe of milk, calves, hens, sucking

⁴ *Domesday*, vol. i., p. 290.

pigs, geese, hemp, and tares, with the oblations and herbage, 46s. 8d., so that the sum total was equal to the taxation of the church, viz., £32.⁵ This was the value of the living as returned *cir.* 1291, in accordance with an order of Edw. I., to whom the tenths had been granted by Pope Nicholas IV., for six years, towards defraying an expedition to the Holy Land. In a valuation which may be dated between the years 1396 and 1414, it is set down as worth 45 marks (£30) per annum,⁶ and in the King's Books, or "Valor Ecclesiasticus," of Henry VIII., it is rated at £37 5s. 2½d.

The advowson of the rectory, or the right of presentation, has belonged to the Archbishop of Canterbury, *ex-officio*, from the earliest times; and still remains so. During a period, however, extending over some portion of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, it passed into other hands. It was first granted on Nov. 25, 1574, by Archbishop Parker, to his son, John Parker, and Dr. Drury, Advocate of his Court of Arches and Commissary of his Faculties.⁷ In 1586, we find Sir Philip Sydney leaving the advowson of the church of Buxted to Elizabeth, his daughter and heiress, and wife of Roger, Earl of Rutland.⁸ Eventually, however, it passed to the Sackville family; Thomas, Earl of Dorset, who died on April 19, 1608, being seized of this advowson, holden of the king as of his manor of East Greenwich in free and common socage.⁹ When, however, a vacancy occurred in 1611, John Langworth, of Ringmer, gent., presented "*pro hac vice*;"¹⁰ but before the close of the century, the right of presentation had reverted to the archbishop, the collation of Anthony Saunders having been made "*pleno jure*."¹¹

The chapel at Uckfield was annexed to the church of Buxted until 1846, when, by an Order in Council, a parochial district was assigned to it. A chapel, dependent on the mother church, had evidently been erected there before the close of the thirteenth century, when Pope

⁵ *Inquisitiones Nonarum*, p. 375.

⁶ *Reg. Arundell*, pars i., f. 259a.

⁷ *Strype's Life of Matt. Parker*, vol. ii., p. 391.

⁸ MSS. Bodl. Lib., quoted in *Addit. MS.*, 5681.

⁹ *Addit. MS.* 5697.

¹⁰ *Reg. Abbott*, pars i., f. 388a.

¹¹ *Reg. Sheldon*, f. 359b.

Nicholas' taxation was made, but we are unable to give the exact date of its foundation. The register of Archbishop Peckham, the oldest archiepiscopal register extant, seems to be silent on the matter. Some very interesting particulars are recorded, however, with regard to another chapel in the parish of Buxted, at a place called Gelderegg. In the thirteenth century, Gelderegg, it appears, was just within the limits of the parish of Buxted, but the boundary line has since been diverted, for Gelderegg or Gilderedge is now in the adjoining parish of Withyham. Two documents are preserved relating to this chapel, the first a copy of letters, dated 5 kal. August 1292, sent by the archbishop to John de Lewes, rector of Buxted, with reference to the erection of a new chapel at Gelderegg, and the second, a grant of land by the archbishop for the same purpose. It appears that the inhabitants of Gelderegg were situated at such a distance from their parish church at Buxted, that during the greater part of the winter season, owing to inundations and the dangerous character of the highway, they were unable to attend that church, and thus were prevented from participating in the divine offices and other sacred rites. Necessity, therefore, compelled them to resort to the more accessible church of Withyham, and the rector of Buxted seems to have suffered in a pecuniary sense from their absence. He was therefore led to petition Pope Nicholas IV., that in order to prevent these irregularities on the part of the inhabitants of Gelderegg, a chapel, having a chaplain of its own, should be built within the parish of Buxted, but adjacent to Gelderegg, and dependent on the mother church, so that all the tithes, oblations, and obventions arising from the chapel should pertain to the rector. To this Pope Nicholas assented, provided it should be found that the rector's demands were not prejudicial to the rights of others, and a bull was accordingly sent to the archbishop to that effect, dated the 4 kal. Sept., 1291. The archbishop, having made due inquiries as to the need of such a chapel, ultimately gave his consent to its erection. We further learn that prior to these negotiations a chapel had

existed at Gelderegg, in which a priest from Buxted ministered at times on certain days of the week; but it had fallen into decay, and at the date of this petition, the ground on which it stood had been brought again into cultivation. In lieu of this site, the archbishop granted to John de Lewes, rector of the church of Bocstede, two acres of land lying on the waste of Cranbergh Hill, at a place commonly called Scherche juxta Gelderegg, on which a new chapel was to be built, and a cemetery provided. For this site the archbishop claimed the annual rent of one penny.¹²

At this point documentary evidence ceases, and as no trace of a chapel has been discovered at Gelderegg, it is impossible to say whether it was ever built or not. The endowment, which appears to have consisted merely of an allowance from the obventions of the chapel, was very possibly found insufficient for the support of a chaplain. That Gelderegg was ultimately annexed to Withyham is evident from the present boundary line between the parishes, but that this annexation took place as early as 1292, as stated by Mr. Lower,¹³ when permission had only just been obtained for the erection of a new chapel in Buxted parish, and a site granted, requires confirmation.

The following is a copy of the grant of two acres of waste land on Cranbergh (Crowborough) Hill, referred to above:—

Sciatis presentes et futuri quod frater Johannes permissione divina Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus totius Angliæ primas assensu capituli nostre ecclesie Cantuariensis dedimus et concessimus et pro nobis et successoribus nostris imperpetuum confirmavimus dilecto clerico et familiari nostro domino Johanni de Lewes rectori ecclesie de Bocstede nostri patronatus et immediate jurisdictionis dioecesis Cicestrensis pro compensatione seu restitutione cujusdam acree sive placee nunc in terram redacte fructiferam ubi antiquitus capella fuisse asserit ab ecclesia predictæ dependens duas acras terre jacentes in wasto nostro super Montem de Cranbergh in eodem loco qui dicitur et vulgariter nominatur Scherche juxta Gelderegg ad construendam ibidem capellam cum coemeterio prout eidem rectori auctoritate amplificata est concessum Habendum et tenendum eidem Johanni et successoribus suis de nobis et

¹² *Reg. J. de Pecheham*, f. 29a.

¹³ *Compendious History of Sussex*, vol. ii., p. 264.

nostris successoribus libere quiete integre bene et in pace imperpetuum reddendo inde annuatim nobis et successoribus nostris unum denarium in festo Nativitatis Beate Johanne Baptiste pro omnibus serviciis consuetudinibus exactionibus sectis curie heriottis relievis et omnibus aliis demandis secularibus. Et nos Johannes Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus supradictus et successores nostri predictas duas acras terre cum suis pertinentiis predicti Johanni et successoribus suis per predictum liberum servitium contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus acquietabimus. In cujus rei testimonium presentem cartam sigilli nostri fecimus appensione muniri Hiis testibus dominis Rogero la Ware Rogero de Leukenore Ricardo le Waleys Militi Adam de Risings Gilberto Erch Roberto de Hemstede Johanne de Hindedale Willelmo Herkeland Ricardo le Samenur Willelmo de Gelderegg Alexandro atte Stone Radulpho Daly et multis aliis.

(*Reg. J. de Pecheham*, f. 29a.)

RECTORS OF BUXTED *cum* UCKFIELD.

Roger de Grave.

1281 *John de Sancto Martino, Lewen*, priest (John de Lewes),
 May 8 collated to the church of Boostede on the resignation of Roger de Grave (*Reg. J. de Pecheham*, f. 51a). He was admitted to the rectory of Smarden, co. Kent, on March 30, 1279 (*Ib.* f. 48b), and collated to the prebend of Rettlyng in the collegiate church of Wingham, co. Kent, on Feb. 21, 1286 (*Ib.*, f. 35b). He was admonished by Archbishop Robert Wynchelsey for non-residence at Bokstede. The date of his death is not known.¹⁴ He was buried in the chancel of Buxted church, a stone enriched with a floriated cross and an inscription in Lombardic capitals being placed over his remains. The letters are now almost obliterated, but from a copy preserved in *Addit. MS.* 5697, it appears that he was the builder of the chancel, which accords in style with the architecture prevalent at the close of the thirteenth century.

John de Derby.

1351 *John de Harewell*, clerk, rector of Wycheford, co. Warwick,
 Dec. 18 collated by exchange with John de Derby (*Reg. Islep*, f. 259b). He was appointed archdeacon of Norfolk in the cathedral church of Norwich, on March 4, 1350-1 (Pat. Roll. 25 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 24). His appointment was revoked on June 22, 1351 (Pat. Roll. 25 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 25). He was archdeacon of Worcester on March 6, 1352-3; also chaplain to Edward the Black Prince, and chancellor of Gascony. By papal bull, dated Dec. 15, 1366, he was appointed *bishop* of

¹⁴ John de Lewys, rector of Woolwich, co. Kent, died in 1361 (*Reg. Islep*, f. 224b), but he could hardly have

been the rector of Buxted of the same name.

Bath and Wells, being at that time archdeacon of Berkshire in the church of Salisbury (*Reg. Langham*, f. 90a). The royal assent was obtained on Feb. 7, 1366-7, and he was consecrated at Bordeaux on March 7. He died in July, 1386, and was buried at Wells, under a sumptuous monument with his effigy in alabaster, on the right hand side of the south aisle (Willis' *Abbies*, vol. ii. p. 374). By his will, dated June 29, 1386, he directed that his body should be buried in the cathedral church of Wells, where the dean and chapter, and his executors, should think fit. It was proved at Otteford on Aug. 20, 1386 (*Reg. Courtenay*, f. 218b).

1352-3 *John de Severlee*, clerk, archdeacon of Worcester, collated by
Mar. 2 exchange with John de Harewell (*Reg. Islep*, f. 264b). He was collated archdeacon of Worcester on May 12, 1349 (Le Neve's *Fasti*, vol. iii. p. 74).

1358-9 *William de Gratyngdon*, provost of the collegiate church of
Jan. 22 Wingham, co. Kent, collated by exchange with John de Severlee (*Reg. Islep*, f. 282a). Letters of administration for the distribution of the goods of William de Gratyngdon, lately rector of the church of Bocstede, were granted at Maghefeld, July 6, 1361 (*Reg. Islep*, f. 175a).

1361 *Bretellus Avenel*, priest, collated (*Reg. Islep*, f. 292a). Also
Oct. 24 collated to a prebend in the collegiate church of Wingham, co. Kent, on Sept. 8, 1360 (*Ib.*, f. 285a). According to a return respecting pluralities, dated Nov. 13, 1366, besides holding the rectory of Bukstede, Avenel had a prebend in Ireland called Kyleonan, in the cathedral church of Lymericen, which prebend was taxed at £4. 6s. 8d. (*Reg. Langham*, f. 5b). He was appointed by letters patent, dated June 30, 1385, canon of Windsor (Le Neve's *Fasti*, vol. iii. p. 381). A fine floriated cross in brass, in the head of which is a bust of Avenel in eucharistic vestments, still lies on the floor of the chancel of Buxted church. The date of his decease has unfortunately perished. Haines (*Mon. Brasses*, pt. ii. p. 208) gives the year as 1408, but fails to state his authority.

1361-2 *John Avenel*, clerk, collated on the resignation of Bretellus
Feb. 26 Avenel (*Reg. Islep*, f. 295a). Yet in 1366, as we have seen above, Bretellus Avenel was returned as rector.

1392 *John Wotton*, chaplain, private clerk to Archbishop Courtenay,
Jul. 26 collated on the death of the last rector (*Reg. Morton, Dene, Bouchier, &c.*, f. 205a).

1392-3 *John Watton*, alias *Glede*, rector of Shoreham, with the chapel of
Jan. 3 Otteford, co. Kent, collated by exchange with John Wotton (*Reg. Morton, Dene, Bouchier, &c.*, f. 210a).

John Lynton, who resigned the rectory of Buxted in 1399, was admitted to the rectory of Greenford Magna, co. Middlesex, on July 21, 1383 (*Newcourt's Repert.*, vol. i. p. 614). He re-

tained the rectory of St. Dunstan-juxta-Turrim until 1401, when he died (*Reg. Arundell*, pars i., f. 278a).

- 1399 William Lullyngton, rector of St. Dunstan-juxta-Turrim,
Oct. 7 London, collated by exchange with John Lynton (*Reg. Arundell*, pars i., f. 262a).
- 1403 Robert Savage, collated on the resignation of William Lullyngton
Jun. 8 (*Reg. Arundell*, pars i., f. 288b). He was collated to the precentor's prebend in the collegiate church of South Malling, on June 7, 1402, which he exchanged on Oct. 25, 1425, for the chancellor's prebend in the same church. He was rector of St. Olave, Southwark, in June, 1434, when he witnessed the endowment of the vicarage of Shalford, by Beaufort, bishop of Winchester (Manning and Bray's *Hist. of Surrey*, vol. iii., p. 605), having obtained that living by exchange in 1426. A brass plate commemorative of Christine, the mother of Robert Savage, lies on the chancel floor of Buxted church, to the west of the brass of Bretellus Avenel. The word **Xpine** (Christine) has been incorrectly read as Christopher in S. A. C., vol. ix.
- 1426 Stephen Overton, rector of St. Olave, Southwark, collated by
Dec. 11 exchange with Robert Savage (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i., f. 166a).
Thomas Stokeys.
- 1446 John Kelyng, priest, collated on the death of Thomas Stokeys
Nov. 25 (*Reg. Stafford*, f. 91b), on which he resigned the rectory of Slyndon, co. Sussex (*Ibid*, f. 91b).
- 1447 William Kele, M.A., collated on the resignation of John Kelyng
Aug. 8 (*Reg. Stafford*, f. 95a).
- 1455 John Parkere, alias Duddley [or Budley], rector of Weston
Dec. 22 Turvyle, co. Bucks, collated by exchange with William Kele (*Reg. Bourchier*, f. 62a).
- Deonicus Slon* [query rector]. The figure of a priest, holding a chalice, was formerly in the north aisle. It is now in the possession of Mr. Kingsmill, the present rector. Attached to it was the following inscription, now lost—"Hic iacet dominus Deonicus Slon, qui obiit xvii die Decembris anno domini mcccclxxxv ejus anime propitietur deus. Amen."
- William Rote*, D.D.
- 1533 William Levet, B.A., collated on the death of William Rote
Apr. 14 (*Reg. Cranmer*, f. 339a). Rector *temp.* "Valor Ecclesiasticus," Henry VIII. A person of the same name (LL.B.) was collated to the chancellor's prebend in the collegiate church of South Malling on June 7, 1533 (*Ibid*, f. 340a).
- 1545 Richard Colyor, chaplain to Archbishop Cranmer, collated on
May 31 the deprivation of William Levet (*Reg. Cranmer*, f. 395a).
- 1554 Alban Langdale, D.D., compounded for first fruits on
May 4, 1 Mary (*Lib. Comp.*). This divine was admitted a

fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, in 1534; M.A. 1535; B.D. 1544; D.D. 1554. In June, 1549, he took part on the Roman Catholic side at the disputations concerning transubstantiation held before the royal commissioners for the visitation of the University of Cambridge. He was admitted to the prebend of Ampleford in the cathedral church of York on May 26, 1554; installed archdeacon of Chichester on April 16, 1555; collated to the prebend of Alrewas in the church of Lichfield, on Jan. 19, 1558-9; and admitted chancellor of the same church in the following month. Dr. Langdale was one of the Catholic divines appointed to dispute with the Protestants at Westminster on March 31, 1559. Declining to take the oath of supremacy on the accession of Queen Elizabeth, he soon afterwards lost all his preferments. He then went abroad, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was living in 1584, but the place or time of his death is not known. (Cooper's *Athen. Cantab.*, vol. i., p. 509. See also Lower's *Sussex Worthies*, p. 70.)

1559 *Thomas Fawden*, clerk, B.D. (St. John's College, Cambridge, Oct. 9 B.A. 1537-8; M.A. 1541; B.D. 1549), presented by the queen on the deprivation of Alban Langdale (S. A. C. xii., p. 256). He compounded for first fruits on Oct. 21, 1 Eliz. (*Lib. Comp.*). He was elected a fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, on Bishop Fisher's foundation in 1537, and admitted a preacher of that college on March 25, 1547. He was a fellow of Eton College in 1552, when the commissioners appointed by the crown to visit that college committed him to the Fleet prison for lewd words. Thomas Fawden was buried at Buxted on March 19, 1573-4 (*Athen. Cantab.*, vol. i., p. 320).

1573-4 *John Langworth*,¹⁵ clerk, M.A.,¹⁶ collated on the death of Thomas Mar. 20 Fawden (*Reg. Parker*, pars ii., f. 98a). He compounded for first fruits on Apr. 18, 16 Eliz. (*Lib. Comp.*). According to the "certificate of the armour and furniture of the residentiary prebendaries and others of the clergie, as well within the cathedrall church of Chichester and [archdeaconry of] Lewes, as also within the peculiars of my Lord Grace of Canterbury and of the Dean of Chichester, viewed and seene in January 1595" (1595-6), it appears that Dr. Langworth was "parson" of Buxted at that date (*Addit. MS.* 5702). He was the son of Lancelot Langworth, of Kertlebury, co. Worcester, and was installed prebendary of Worcester in 1568. He afterwards held a prebend in the cathedral church of Canterbury, and on Feb. 4, 1588-9, was admitted to the archdeaconry of Wells. He died on January 13, 1613-4, and was buried

¹⁵ In S. A. C., vol. xii., p. 256, *John* by the queen to this rectory on April *Ridley* is said to have been presented 30, 1574.

¹⁶ Created D.D. on July 3, 1579.

at Canterbury. By his will dated Nov. 1, 1613, he left a legacy of fifty shillings to the poor of Buxted (*Wood's Fasti Oxon.*; *Le Neve's Fasti*).

Henry Monuques. "Henry Monuques, minister of Bucksted, and Ann Langworth, marr. July 31, 1585" (*Par. Reg.*); "Minister of Buckstedde" in 1588 (*Par. Reg.*). He was probably curate to Dr. Langworth.

William Attersoule. "William Attersoule, minister of Bucksted, and Agnes Angerfield, marr. May 22, 1589" (*Par. Reg.*). He was probably another curate to Dr. Langworth, and appears to have been collated to the rectory of Isfield in 1599 (*Reg. Whitgift*, pars iii., f. 255b).

1611. *John Tichborne*, S.T.B. (Scholar of Trinity College, Cambridge, June 6 B.A. 1588-9; M.A. 1592; B.D. 1599; D.D. 1605), admitted on the presentation of John Langworth, of Ringmer, gent., true and undoubted patron, "*pro hac vice*" (*Reg. Abbott*, pars i., f. 388a). On Jan. 16, 1619-20, he was again presented to the parish church of Bucksted with the chapel of Okenfield by the king "*per lapsum temporis*" (Pat. Roll, 18 James I., pars 16, m. 19). "John Tichborn, D.D., some tyme rector of y^e psh, died Aug. 18, bur. Aug. 21, 1638" (*Par. Reg.*). John Tichborne, S.T.P., was instituted to the rectory of Thakeham, co. Sussex, on Oct. 31, 1607 (*Bish. Certif.*).

William Smart, minister of Buxtede on Jan. 2, 1613-4 (*Par. Reg.*).

Joseph Ansty. "Joseph Ansty, minister, bur. Aug. 17, 1616" (*Par. Reg.*).

1620 *Christopher Swale*, S.T.P., collated by the archbishop "*pleno Mar. 31 jure*" on the sequestration of the fruits of the parish church of Bucksted (*Reg. Abbott*, pars ii., f. 320b). A dispute arose between Christopher Swale and John Tichborne, "rector of the parish church of Bucksted," as to whether the rectory was vacant at the time of the collation of the former. The case was heard on Dec. 4, 1620, before Sir John Hayward, knt., and Thomas Eden, LL.D., judges delegate of the king. The result was that the rectory was declared to have been full at the time of the admission of the said Christopher Swale, in the person of the said John Tichborne (*Reg. Abbott*, pars ii., f. 193b). Christopher Swale was instituted to the rectory of Hurstpierpoint, co. Sussex, on May 13, 1607 (*Bish. Certif.*). He was deprived in 1643, and died the same year. His father was Sir Solomon Swale, bart., of Swale Dale, co. York.

1638 *Samuel Bernard*, D.D., collated [on the death of John Tichborne] (*Lib. Inst.*, A. v. p. 74), and compounded for first fruits Sept. 18 on the same day (*Lib. Comp.*). He was collated to the vicarage of Croydon, co. Surrey, on Aug. 10, 1624 (*Reg. Abbott*, pars ii., f. 337a), and to the rectory of Terring, co.

- Sussex, on Sept. 28, 1629 (*Reg. Abbott*, pars iii., f. 186a). He was deprived of all his benefices in 1643, and retired to Farley, near Croydon, where he died on Aug. 5, 1657, aged 67 (*Mon. Inscript.*).
- 1643 *Stephen Street*, sequestrator on the deprivation of Samuel Bernard. He compounded for first fruits as rector on May 10, 1658 (*Lib. Comp.*); ejected for nonconformity in 1662, and died soon afterwards. He appears to have been an occasional preacher at St. John's, Isle of Thanet (*Calamy's Nonconf. Mem.*, vol. ii., p. 340).
- 1662 *Robert Middleton*, M.A., admitted on the ejection of Stephen Street. "Mr. Robt. Middleton, rector of Bucksted, bur. Feb. 7, 1673-4" (*Par. Reg.*).
- 1673-4 *Antony Saunders*, clerk, S.T.B. (Christ Church, Oxford; B.A. Feb. 2 June 16, 1664; M.A. May 21, 1667; B.D. Oct. 22, 1672; D.D. July 3, 1677), collated on the death of Robert Middleton (*Reg. Sheldon*, f. 359b). He was collated chancellor of St. Paul's Cathedral on Oct. 30, 1672 (*Le Neve's Fasti*, vol. ii., p. 361), and to the vicarage of Acton, co. Middlesex, on Aug. 23, 1677 (*Newcourt's Repert.*, vol. i., p. 571). He died on Jan. 7, 1719-20, and was buried in the church. "Anth. Saunders, D.D., chanc^r of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, rect. of Acton, in Mid^x and of y^e psh, bur. Jan. 13, 1719" (*Par. Reg.*). The following extract from the 2nd Report of the Charity Commissioners relates to the school founded by Dr. Saunders at Uckfield:—"Anthony Saunders, D.D. by will dated 31st Oct., 1718, devised a messuage and school house, with several parcels of customary land, containing eight acres, held of the manor of Frantfield, and one parcel of freehold land, containing six acres, called Hutchin's Mead, in the parish of Uckfield, to four trustees, upon trust from time to time, to apply the rents and profits of the said premises for and towards the education of 12 poor boys of the parishes of Buxted and Uckfield, six boys of the parish of Buxted, and six of the parish of Uckfield, in reading and writing the English tongue, and learning the Church catechism. And he directed, that his trustees should, from time to time, as there should be occasion, nominate some diligent, honest, and fit person of the Church of England, to teach the said children as aforesaid; provided that out of the rents and profits of the said premises, the trustees should keep the same in repair and pay themselves all reasonable expenses. And he further devised to his said trustees his library of books, to be kept at the school-house for the use of the school-master and scholars for the time being. And he further devised to his said trustees, and the rector of Buxted for the time being, his capital messuage, with 16 acres of copyhold land, called the Rocks, and a messuage with 106 acres of freehold land in Buxted, and a messuage with 14 acres of

land at Buxted, upon trust; out of the rents and profits thereof to pay the schoolmaster at Uckfield the yearly sum of £10 clear of all taxes, and to apply all the residue of the said rents and profits in putting out poor boys of the parish of Buxted as apprentices; and he directed, that when any of his said trustees should die, new trustees should be appointed by the survivors."

- 1720 Mar. 30 *Robert Wake*, clerk, M.A., collated on the death of Antony Saunders (*Reg. Wake*, pars i., f. 312a). He was the fourth son of Sir William Wake, bart., of Courteen Hall, co. Northampton, and was collated rector of Bocking, co. Essex, on March 13, 1723-4, when he removed from Buxted (*Reg. Wake*, pars i., f. 330a).
- 1724 Apr. 11 *William Clarke*, clerk, M.A. (St. John's College, Cambridge; B.A. 1715; M.A. 1719), collated on the cession of Robert Wake (*Reg. Wake*, pars i., f. 331a). Before his preferment to the rectory of Buxted he was chaplain to Dr. Adam Ottley, bishop of St. David's, and domestic chaplain to the Duke of Newcastle. He was collated to the prebend of Hova Villa in the cathedral church of Chichester, on Aug. 21, 1727 (*Le Neve's Fasti*, vol. i., p. 273). After he had resigned the rectory of Buxted in 1768, he was installed (May 25, 1770) chancellor of the cathedral church of Chichester, to which dignity the rectories of Chittingley and Pevensy are annexed (*Le Neve's Fasti*, vol. i., p. 271). On July 26, 1770, he was instituted to the vicarage of Ampport, co. Hants (*Lib. Inst.*, C. ii., p. 248), and died on Oct. 21, 1771. For his epitaph see Horsfield's *Hist. of Lewes*, vol. ii., p. 50. He was the author of several learned works and sermons (*Lower's Sussex Worthies*, p. 267).
- 1768 Nov. 4 *Edward Clarke*, clerk, M.A. (Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge; B.A. 1752; M.A. 1755), collated on the resignation of William Clarke, his father (*Bish. Certif.*). He was born on March 16, 1730, and was presented to the rectory of Pepperharrow, co. Surrey, on Feb. 2, 1758 (*Manning and Bray's Hist. of Surrey*, vol. ii., p. 38), which he resigned in 1768. In 1763 he went with General James Johnstone to Minorca as his secretary and chaplain, having three years previously been chaplain to Lord Bristol, ambassador extraordinary to the Court of Madrid. He was instituted to the vicarage of Willingdon on June 14, 1768, and to that of Arlington, both in co. Sussex, in the same year; collated to the prebend of Hova Villa, on Dec. 27, 1771, and installed prebendary of Hova Ecclesia, on Nov. 5, 1772. He died on Nov. 24, 1786, and was buried in the chancel of Buxted church. He was a man of considerable learning, and, like his father, published many works, for a list of which, see Darling's *Cyclop. Bibl.* His eldest son, the Rev. James Stainer Clarke, became canon of Windsor, and another son, the Rev. Edward

- Daniel Clarke, was the author of six volumes of Travels, which have been much admired (See Lower's *Sussex Worthies*, p. 268).
- 1787 *Matthias D'Oyley*, clerk, M.A. (Christ's College, Cambridge ;
Mar. 7 B.A. 1765 ; M.A. 1768), collated on the death of Edward Clarke (*Bish. Certif.*). He was instituted to the vicarage of Pevensey on Dec. 9, 1767 (*Lib. Inst.*, C. ii., p. 98) ; collated to the 6th stall prebend in the cathedral church of Ely, on Feb. 1, 1770 (Le Neve's *Fasti.*, vol. i., p. 360), and appointed archdeacon of Lewes on April 29, 1806. He died on Nov. 13, 1815, aged 72 (*Ibid.*, vol. i., p. 264), and was succeeded in the rectory of Buxted by his fourth son.
- 1815 *George D'Oyley*, clerk, B.D. (Fellow of Corpus Christi College,
Dec. 16 Cambridge ; B.A. 1800 ; M.A. 1803 ; S.T.B. 1811 ; S.T.P. 1821), collated on the death of Matthias D'Oyley (*Bish. Certif.*). By accepting this benefice he ceded the vicarage of Herne Hill, co. Kent, to which he had been collated on May 1, 1815 (*ib.*). Dr. D'Oyley was an able mathematician and classic. He served the office of moderator at Cambridge for three successive years—1807-9—during the second of which he was also proctor. In 1811 he was appointed Christian Advocate, by the trustees of Mr. Hulse's bequests, an office which he held for several years. In Feb. 1813 he became domestic chaplain to Dr. Sutton, Archbishop of Canterbury, and on Aug. 9 following married Maria Frances, daughter of William Bruere, Esq., of Argyle Street, London (Master's *Hist. of Corpus Christi College*). He resigned the rectory of Buxted in 1820, being instituted to the rectory of Lambeth on Oct. 16 of that year, and collated to the rectory of Sundridge, co. Kent, on Nov. 4. Both these livings had been held by his successor, Dr. Wordsworth. He was a frequent contributor to the *Quarterly Review*. His greatest work, consisting of notes, explanatory and practical, on the authorised version of the Bible, was undertaken in conjunction with the Rev. R. Mant, D.D. For a list of sermons see Darling's *Cyclop. Bibl.* He died at Sundridge on Jan. 8, 1846, aged 67.
- 1820 *Christopher Wordsworth*, clerk, D.D. (Fellow of Trinity College,
Oct. 6 Cambridge ; B.A. 1796 ; M.A. 1799 ; S.T.P. *per lit. reg.* 1810), collated on the resignation of George D'Oyley (*Bish. Certif.*). He was born at Cockermonth, co. Cumberland, on June 9, 1774, his brother being the poet Wordsworth. He was collated to the rectory of Oby, co. Norfolk, in 1804 ; to the rectory of Woodchurch, co. Kent, on Apr. 9, 1806 ; to the rectory of Bocking, co. Essex, on May 30, 1808 ; and to the rectory of Monks Eleigh, co. Suffolk, on Jan. 8, 1812 (*Bish. Certif.*). In April 1816 he became rector of St. Mary, Lambeth, and of Sundridge, co. Kent, but exchanged with the rector of Buxted in 1820, on his being appointed master of Trinity College, Cambridge. He resigned the

mastership in 1841, and was succeeded by Dr. Whewell, after which he resided constantly at Buxted, until his death on Feb. 2, 1846. He was buried in the churchyard near the east wall of the chancel. A full list of his works may be found in Darling's *Cyclop. Bibl.* He was the last rector of Buxted *cum* Uckfield.

RECTOR OF BUXTED.

- 1846 *Henry Kingsmill*, clerk, B.A. (Trinity College, Oxford; B.A. Mar. 27 Mar. 12, 1835), collated on the death of Christopher Wordsworth (*Bish. Certif.*).

INCUMBENTS OF UCKFIELD.

[The perpetual curacy of Uckfield was declared a rectory in June, 1866, under the Act of 28 and 29 Vict., c. 42, sect. 9.]

- 1846 *John Streatfeild*, clerk, M.A. (Christ's College, Cambridge; Mar. 27 B.A. 1825; M.A. 1829), licenced on the death of Christopher Wordsworth, when the chapelry was severed from Buxted. He ceded the perpetual curacy of Holy Trinity, Margate, in 1846 (*Bish. Certif.*), and died in 1863. A handsome stone memorial-tablet has been erected in Uckfield church.
- 1863 *Edward Thomas Cardale*, clerk, licenced on the death of John Streatfeild.

INCUMBENTS OF ST. MARK, HADLOW DOWN.

[The church of St. Mark was consecrated in 1836. The living was formerly a perpetual curacy; now a vicarage by Act of Parliament (31 and 32 Vict., c. 117).]

- 1836 *William Edwards*, clerk, B.A. (St. John's College, Cambridge; May 6 B.A. 1820), licenced on the presentation of the rector of Buxted.
- 1853 *Reginald Rivers Kirby*, clerk, B.A. (St. John's College, May 27 Cambridge; B.A. 1852; M.A. 1867), licenced on the presentation of the vicar of Mayfield. He was appointed perpetual curate of Chapel Allerton, Leeds, in Aug. 1871.
- 1871 *George Leopold Longland*, clerk (St. Bees Theological College), instituted on the resignation of Reginald Rivers Kirby, on the presentation of the rector of Buxted (the right of presentation being vested in the incumbents of Buxted and Mayfield alternately).

VICARS OF HIGH HURST WOOD.

[A new church, dedicated to the Holy Trinity, having been erected at High Hurst Wood in 1871-2, mainly through the instrumentality of Col. and Lady Catherine Harcourt, of Buxted Park, a vicarage was accordingly formed.]

- 1872 *Charles Swainson*, clerk, M.A. (Christ Church, Oxford; B.A. Sept. 11 1863; M.A. 1865), collated to the vicarage of High Hurst

Wood on the presentation of the Archbishop of Canterbury. In 1874 he was presented by Sir John Maryon Wilson, bart., to the rectory of St. Luke, Charlton, near Greenwich.

- 1874 *Edward Sanderson*, clerk, M.A. (Corpus Christi College, Cambridge; B.A. 1863; M.A. 1867), collated on the resignation of Charles Swainson. Previous to this appointment he was preacher and assistant minister of St. James's, Piccadilly; and officiated as curate of Acton, co. Middlesex, between 1867 and 1871.

II.—ST. THOMAS-AT-CLIFFE.

The parish church of "The Cliffe," the eastern suburb of Lewes, is dedicated to St. Thomas à Becket. A chapel appears to have been erected here in the thirteenth or fourteenth century, through the instrumentality of the dean and canons of South Malling. Of its early history but little is known. The living was esteemed a vicarage until the reign of Henry VI., the institution of clerks being made up to that time, "*ad vicariam ecclesie de Clyva*," or, "*ad vicariam perpetuam capelle de Clyva juxta Lewes*." About the middle of the fifteenth century, however, a rectory was formed. The living remained in the presentation of the dean and canons of South Malling until the dissolution, when the advowson became attached to the see of Canterbury, to which it still belongs.

In 40 Edw. III. (1366) the vicar of Clyve paid a yearly pension to the dean and canons of South Malling, and a similar payment appears subsequently to have been made by the rector. According to the "*Valor Ecclesiasticus*," the sum of xij^d annually was paid by him to the dean for two pounds of wax.

VICARS OF ST. THOMAS-AT-CLIFFE.

- 1349-50 *John Martyn*, chaplain, admitted to the vicarage of the church
Mar. 6 of Clyva in the deanery of Southmallyng; patrons, the dean and canons of the collegiate church of Southmallyng (*Reg. Islep*, f. 251b).
- 1362-3 *William West*, priest, admitted; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Islep*,
Jan. 19 f. 299b).
- 1363 *Adam de Newson*, priest, admitted on the resignation of William
Dec. 20 West; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Islep*, f. 303b).
- 1376 *Roger Leathe*, vicar of Hertefeld, co. Sussex, admitted by ex-
July 1 change with Adam de Newson (*Reg. Sudbury*, f. 113b).

- 1385 *John Dene*, chaplain, admitted to the vicarage of the chapel of
 July 31 *Clyva*; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Courtenay*, f. 257a).
- 1414 *Thomas Oveston*, chaplain, admitted; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg.*
 Sept. 4 *Chichele*, pars i. f. 60b).
- 1414 *John Topcroft*, chaplain of the perpetual chantry in the church
 Nov. 20 of St. Leonard in Estchepe, London, admitted by exchange
 with Thomas Oveston (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i. f. 62a).
- 1415 *Hugh Hildere*, chaplain of the chantry at the altar of the chapel
 Nov. 27 of the Blessed Mary in the church of St. Nicholas apud les
 Flesshambles¹⁷, London, admitted by exchange with John
 Topcroft (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i. f. 68b).
- 1435 *William Lychebarewe*, chaplain, admitted to the perpetual
 May 19 vicarage of the chapel of *Clyva*; patrons, the dean and canons
 of Southmallyng (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i. f. 206a).

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William Gregori.

- 1461 *Richard Smethisend*, chaplain, admitted to the parish church of
 May 3 *Clyva-juxta-Lewes*, on the death of William Gregori, last
 rector; patrons, the dean and canons of Southmallyng
 (*Reg. Bouchier*, f. 80b).
- 1461 *John Scarbroke*, admitted on the resignation of Richard Smethi-
 June 15 send; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Bouchier*, f. 81b).
- 1467 *Thomas Smyth*, chaplain, admitted on the resignation of John
 July 9 Skarbroke; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Bouchier*, f. 96b).

Richard Edmund.

- 1479 *William Peyt*, chaplain, admitted on the death of Richard
 June 17 Edmund; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Bouchier*, f. 121a).

Thomas Gybbys.

- 1514 *Richard Lee*, chaplain, admitted on the resignation of Thomas
 June 23 Gybbys; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Bouchier*, f. 354b).
- 1516 *John Rotheley*, penitentiary in the collegiate church of South
 Sept. 26 Mallyng, with the church of Stanmer annexed, admitted by
 exchange with Richard Lee (*Reg. Warham*, f. 361b). He
 was collated penitentiary on Jan. 27, 1510-1 (*Ib.* f. 343a).
- 1520-1 *Walter Wolwyn*, chaplain, rector of Alresford, co. Essex, ad-
 Mar. 21 mitted by exchange with John Rotheley (*Reg. Warham*, f.
 372a). He was presented to the vicarage of Selmeston, co.
 Sussex, on April 23, 1509 (*Addit. MS.* 5697), and instituted
 to the rectory of Ailesford, *alias* Alresford, co. Essex, on
 Oct. 20, 1511 (*Newcourt's Repert.*, vol. ii., p. 5).

¹⁷ The church of St. Nicholas in the Shambles, or St. Nicholas Flesh-shambles, was situated on the north side of Newgate-street, London. It was de-

molished about 38 Hen. VIII. (*Newcourt's Repert.*, vol. i., p. 310; see also *Riley's Monumenta Gildhallæ Londoniensis*, vol. ii., pp. 230, 235).

- 1522 *William Bonys*, chaplain, admitted on the resignation of Walter
July 18 *Wulwyn* (*Reg. Warham*, f. 374b).
Andrew Antoni.
- 1534 *Robert Charillisworth*, chaplain, admitted to the parish church of
Nov. 6 St. Thomas the Martyr of Cliva by the resignation of Andrew
Antoni; patrons, John Peers, LL.B., dean of the collegiate
church of St. Michael the Archangel of Southmallyng and
the chapter of the same (*Reg. Cranmer*, f. 353a). Rector
temp. "Valor Ecclesiasticus."
- 1574-5 *Christopher Holforde*, clerk, collated to the parish church of
Feb. 7 Cleve, in the deanery of Southmallyng; patron, the arch-
bishop "*per lapsum*" (*Reg. Parker*, pars ii., f. 106b).
- 1590 *Roger Symmes*, clerk, collated to the parish church of St.
July 17 Thomas in "le Cleve," deanery of Southmallyng, on the
death of last incumbent; patron, the archbishop, "*pleno
jure*" (*Reg. Whitgift*, pars i., f. 488a).
- 1590-1 *John Rolfe*, clerk, collated on the resignation of Roger Symmes
Mar. 10 (*Reg. Whitgift*, pars i., f. 492a).
- 1594 *William More*, clerk, collated on the resignation of John Rolfe
Oct. 19 (*Reg. Whitgift*, pars ii., f. 322b).
- 1595-6 *Robert Brincklowe*, clerk, collated on the resignation of William
Jan. 11 More (*Reg. Whitgift*, pars ii., f. 334a). He was instituted
to the vicarage of West Wittering, co. Sussex, on Oct. 25,
1599 (*Bish. Certif.*).
- 1599 *John Bracegirdle*, priest, M.A., collated on the resignation of
Oct. 24 Robert Brincklowe (*Reg. Whitgift*, pars iii., f. 255a). He was
instituted to the rectory of St. John-sub-Castro, Lewes, on
Nov. 21, 1598; to the vicarage of West Firle, on Jan. 29,
1604-5; and to the vicarage of Rye, on July 12, 1602, being
then S. T. B.; buried Feb. 8, 1613-4 (*S. A. C.*, vol. xiii.,
p. 275). He was also instituted to the vicarage of Peasmarsh
on July 31, 1606 (*Bish. Certif.*).
- 1604-5 *Richard Holney*, collated on the resignation of John Bracegirdle
Feb. 1 (*Reg. Bancroft*, f. 267a).
Edward Eyres, clerk.
- 1611 *Anthony Hogett*, clerk, collated on the resignation of Edward
June 22 Eyres (*Reg. Abbott*, pars i., f. 388b). He was also vicar of
Glynde, but both livings were sequestered in 1642 (See
Walker's Sufferings of the Clergy, pt. ii., p. 276; and *Lower's
Worthies of Sussex*, p. 299).
- 1654 *Zacheus Montague* (*Horsfield's Lewes*, vol. i., p. 289). *Zacheus
Montacute* was collated to the rectory of Radmell, co. Sussex,
on Aug. 4, 1660 (*Bish. Certif.*). He was buried in 1702
(*Addit. MS.* 5698).
- 1660 *Thomas Stevenson*, clerk, collated by the archbishop of Canter-
Nov. 17 bury (*Reg. Juxon*, f. 122a).

- 1666 *Thomas Clarke*, clerk, B.A., collated by the archbishop (*Reg. Sheldon*, f. 329a).
Nov. 5
- 1673-4 *John Shore*, clerk, M.A., collated (*Reg. Sheldon*, f. 359a). He
Feb. 2 was instituted to the rectory of St. John-sub-Castro, Lewes,
on Feb. 3, 1673-4, and to the rectory of Hamsey, co. Sussex,
on Aug. 21, 1674 (*Bish. Certif.*).
- 1674-5 *William Snatt*, clerk, B.A., collated (*Reg. Sheldon*, f. 363a). He
Mar. 13 was instituted to the rectory of Denton, co. Sussex, on April
27, 1672; was admitted to the prebend of Sutton, in the
cathedral church of Chichester, on Feb. 23, 1674-5, by the
bishop of Chichester; and was collated to the vicarage of
Cuckfield, on Nov. 21, 1681 (*Bish. Certif.*).
- 1681-2 *John Eresby*, clerk, B.A., collated on the cession of William Snatt
Jan. 19 (*Reg. Sancroft*, f. 395b). He was appointed sequestrator of
the vicarage of All Saints, Lewes, in 1684.
- 1690 *Thomas Whalley*, clerk, admitted on the resignation of the last
Oct. 8 incumbent, on the presentation of the king and queen "*pro
hac vice*" (*Reg. Dec. et Cap. Cant. dur. suspens. Sancroft*, f.
49a). He was appointed sequestrator of the vicarage of All
Saints, Lewes, in 1690.
- 1712 *John Clifton*, clerk, collated on the death of Thomas Whalley
April 24 (*Reg. Tenison*, pars ii., f. 211a).
- 1718 *Thomas Peirce*, clerk, collated on the resignation of John
July 10 Clifton (*Reg. Wake*, pars i., f. 302a). At the time of his
death, in 1725, he was also rector of St. Peter and St. Mary
Westout, Lewes, having been instituted to that living on May
21, 1720, on the presentation of the king (*Bish. Certif.*).
- 1725 *Edmund Lund*, clerk, collated on the death of Thomas Peirce
June 3 (*Reg. Wake*, pars ii., f. 226b). He was appointed seques-
trator of the vicarage of All Saints, Lewes, in 1734; and
rector of Denton, co. Sussex, on Feb. 13, 1734-5 (*Bish.
Certif.*). He died in Aug., 1776, and was buried on Sept. 3.
- 1777 *Richard Cecil*, clerk, B.A., collated on the death of Edmund Lund
Feb. 24 (*Bish. Certif.*). He was instituted vicar of All Saints, Lewes,
on Feb. 27, 1777 (*Lib. Inst. C. ii.*, p. 82). Both these
livings he resigned in 1798.
- 1798 *Thomas Aquila Dale*, clerk, B.A. (St. John's College, Cam-
Dec. 18 bridge; B.A. 1789), collated on the resignation of
Richard Cecil (*Bish. Certif.*). He was instituted to the
vicarage of All Saints, Lewes, on Dec. 20, 1799 (*Lib. Inst. C.
iii.*, p. 91), and dying on June 10, 1807, aged 46, was
buried in the churchyard.
- 1807 *John Lupton*, clerk, M.A. (Trinity College, Cambridge; B.A.
Aug. 11 1786; M.A. 1789), collated on the death of Thomas Aquila
Dale (*Bish. Certif.*). He was presented to the rectory of
Ovingdean, co. Sussex, in 1841, and died on Feb. 12, 1844.

- 1841 *John Clarke Russell*, clerk, M.A. (St. Peter's College, Cambridge; B.A. 1826; M.A. 1830), collated on the resignation of John Lupton (*Bish. Certif.*). He was instituted to the vicarage of New Romney, co. Kent, on March 8, 1833 (*Lib. Inst. C. iii.*, p. 78), which he resigned in 1838.

III.—EDBURTON.

The living of Edburton, *alias* Adburton or Abberton, is a rectory, the advowson of which belongs to the Archbishop of Canterbury. It is the most westerly benefice in the deanery of South Malling, to which it was first attached by Archbishop Theobald in 1150. According to the "Valor Ecclesiasticus" of Henry VIII., an annual pension of 6s. 8d. was paid by the rector to the dean. The value of the rectory at that time was £16. In the reign of Edward I. it was worth £14 3s. 4d., and *cir.* 1440 was thus taxed, though according to the Nona Roll (1341) the profits of the rectory exceeded that sum. The jurors examined by the assessors appointed by the king returned that the ninth of sheaves of the parish, with two marks from that portion of the sheaves belonging to the prior of Lewes, was valued at 18 marks, the ninth of wool at 2½ marks, and the ninth of lambs at 20s., making a total of 20 marks, or two marks less than the taxation of the church. But as it was further endowed with lands and tenements to the value of 10s., with the oblations and other small tithes from the altar worth 6 marks, with the tithe of hay, two marks, and with the tithe of pasture 2s., of mills ½ mark, and pigeons 12d., the total annual value of the rectory exceeded the taxation by £6 6s. 4d.¹⁸

Some interesting particulars may be added respecting that portion of the tithes belonging to the prior and convent of Lewes.

Early in the fourteenth century, before the Nona return had been made, an agreement was entered into between John, prior of Lewes, and the convent of the same, on the one part, and Robert Ffrankeleyn, rector of the church of Edburton, on the other part, respecting certain tithes arising from certain lands within the limits of that

¹⁸ *Inquisitiones Nonarum*, p. 391.

church. A copy of the original instrument, which is dated at Lewes, Aug. 3, 1324, may be found in an ancient chartulary of the priory, preserved in the British Museum.¹⁹ The different lands which were the subject of this agreement are specified at considerable length, showing the amount of tithe apportioned to the prior and convent, and to the rector. A similar instrument was executed on the 4 kal. Apr., 1343, between Peter de Jocell, prior of Lewes, and Walter Goldemere, rector of the church of Edbourghton, the various localities coming within the scope of its provisions being again minutely described.²⁰

During the incumbency of the succeeding rector, the prior and convent agreed to receive an annual pension in lieu of tithes. We learn this from an indenture, dated in the chapter house at Lewes on the 6th day of May, 1368, by which John, prior of the monastery of St. Pancras, Lewes, and the convent of the same place, granted and gave to John, parson of the church of Edberton, in the deanery of Southmallyng, and his successors, all the tithes of corn, hay, &c., arising from certain lands and places pertaining to the manor of Perchyng and to the tenements of John atte Hide and Thomas de Panethorne; also all the tithes of corn arising from nine acres of land, called Tappeworth, lying juxta Edberton, in consideration of the payment in perpetuity of an annual pension of four marks ten shillings of good and legal money, at the feast of St. Michael, and at Easter, in equal portions. This grant was confirmed by Simon Langham, Archbishop of Canterbury, at his palace at Maghefeld, 7 id. June, 1368.²¹

According to the "Valor Ecclesiasticus" of Henry VIII., the rector then paid to the prior of Lewes an annual pension of 40s., a sum considerably less than that forming the subject of the above agreement.

There was a chantry dedicated to St. Katherine²² in the church of Edburton, which was founded and endowed by William de Northo. He obtained, in 14 Edward II.,

¹⁹ *Cott. MS. Vesp. F. xv. f. 153a.*

²⁰ *Cott. MS. Vesp. F. xv. f. 152a.*

²¹ *Cott. MS. Vesp. F. xv. f. 150b;*
Reg. Langham, f. 62a.

²² *S. A. C., vol. xxi., p. 53. In 7 Rich. II. Thomas de Kent exchanged this chantry with John Longe, vicar of New Shoreham (Ib., p. 67).*

a writ "ad quod damnum" on his petition to give one messuage, one virgate of land, and sixty shillings of rent in Edburton, Suthewik, Kyngeston, and Novel Shorham to a chaplain and his successors serving God in the church of St. Andrew, Edburton. Leave was granted to the said chaplain and his successors to purchase 40s. of land or rent to increase their income, in order to maintain Divine service.²³

This chantry, according to Cartwright, was in the north transept of the church.

At the end of the twelfth century, there was a chapel at Pertinges, a manor in this parish. It is named in a roll of the *Curia Regis*, dated July 8, 1199,²⁴ but beyond the bare record of its existence nothing appears to be known.

RECTORS OF EDBURTON.

1283-4 *Ralph de Cheyne*, priest, collated (*Reg. J. de Pecheham*, f. Mar. 9 54b).

1292 *John de Charleswode*, subdeacon, collated to the church of Aug. 18 Adburthon (*Reg. J. de Pecheham*, f. 41b).

John de Wyke.

1315 *Robert dictus le Frankelyn*, collated on the resignation of John Oct. 25 de Wyke (*Reg. Reynolds*, f. 16a). He was rector in 1324 (see ante).

Walter Goldenmere. Leave of absence was granted to Walter Goldmere, rector of the church of Edburton, for two years, on June 9, 1351 (*Reg. Islep*, f. 47a).

1355 *John Brasier de Terthyng*, priest, rector of Cromhale, collated by May 1 exchange with Walter Goldenmere (*Reg. Islep*, f. 269a).

1386-7 *Gilbert Stigaund*, rector of Southwyk, co. Sussex, collated by Mar. 8 exchange with John Brasier (*Reg. Courtenay*, f. 265a).

1420-1 *Richard Abell*, chaplain, collated (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i., f. Mar. 14 124a).

John Hauker. In 1447 he became rector of *Isfield*.

1444 *John Brasyer*, penitentiary in the collegiate church of South Oct. 4 Mallyng, collated by exchange with John Hauker (*Reg. Stafford*, f. 80a).

1481 *Richard Lang*, collated on the resignation of John Brasyer Aug. 23 (*Reg. Bourchier*, f. 128a).

²³ *Rolls of Parliament*, vol. i., p. 400.

²⁴ *Palgrave's Rotuli Curie Regis*, vol. i., p. 432.

- 1486 *Robert Barre*, presented by the king on the resignation of
 June 19 Richard Lang, the see of Canterbury being vacant (Pat.
 Roll, 1 Hen. VII., p. 4. m. 13).
James Dodysley, chaplain.
- 1521 *Thomas Dodyng*, clerk, collated on the death of James Dodysley
 June 5 (*Reg. Warham*, f. 373a).
- 1521 *John Tomson*, chaplain, collated on the death of Thomas Dodyng
 Nov. 28 (*Reg. Warham*, f. 373b). Rector *temp.* "Valor Eccle-
 siasticus."
- 1546-7 *Nicholas Saunder*, clerk, collated on the death of John Tomson,
 Jan. 17 priest (*Reg. Cranmer*, f. 402b).
- 1551 *Edmund Grene*, priest, collated on the death of John Tompson
 Jul. 10 (*sic*). (*Reg. Cranmer*, f. 417a.) He compounded for first
 fruits on July 11, 5 Edw. VI. (*Lib. Comp.*).
- 1557 *William Shepparde*, priest, collated on the death of Edmund
 May 29 Grene (*Reg. Pole*, f. 72a).
- 1560-1 *David Lewes*, clerk, admitted on the presentation of the queen
 Jan. 6 (*Reg. Parker*, pars i., f. 343b).
- 1569 *Richard Kitson*, clerk, collated on the deprivation of David
 Jun. 16 Lewes, by reason of his accepting other benefices with the
 church of Edburton, without sufficient dispensation (*Reg.*
Parker, pars i., f. 393b). He compounded for first fruits on
 Feb. 11, 12 Eliz. (*Lib. Comp.*), and was installed prebendary
 of Bracklesham, or Barksham, in the cathedral church of
 Chichester, on Mar. 28, 1564 (*Addit. MS.* 5699). Ecclesiastical
 jurisdiction within the deaneries of South Malling,
 Pagham, and Terring was conceded to Richard Kytson,
 priest, S.T.B., during the life of Edward Stanhope, LL.D.,
 vicar-general of the archbishop, on Dec. 15, 1597 (*Reg.*
Whitgift, pars iii., f. 86a). He surrendered this grant in the
 following year, but re-accepted it with a colleague, Garrett
 Williamson, S.T.B. (f. 95b). He was buried in Chichester
 cathedral, on Oct. 7, 1602 (f. 149b).
- 1602 *Geoffrey Kinge*, priest, S.T.B., collated on the death of Richard
 Oct. 22 Kitson (*Reg. Whitgift*, pars iii., f. 272b). He resigned this
 living on being collated by the archbishop to the vicarage of
 Horsham, co. Sussex, on July 10, 1605 (*Bish. Certif.*).
- 1606 *Robert Spaldinge*, priest, S.T.B. (St. John's College, Cambridge;
 Sept. 23 B.A. 1588-9; M.A. 1592; B.D. 1600), collated on the
 resignation of Geoffrey Kinge (*Reg. Bancroft*, f. 276b). He
 was admitted a fellow of St. John's College on Rokeby's
 foundation on March 17, 1592-3, and was subsequently ap-
 pointed Hebrew prælector of that college, and junior dean.
 In compliance with a letter from the king he was elected
 regius professor of Hebrew, which office he vacated in 1607
 (*Ath. Cantab.*, vol. ii., p. 479). He was instituted to the

- rectory of Slaugham, co. Sussex, on Jan. 8, 1615-6 (*Bish. Certif.*).
- 1625-6 *Michael Jermyn*, S.T.P. (Corpus Christi College, Oxford; B.A. Mar. 20 Oct. 12, 1611; M.A. July 24, 1614; D.D. of Leyden in Holland, 1624), collated on the death of Robert Spalding (*Reg. Abbott*, pars ii., f. 347a). After the ejection of Michael Jermyn from Edburton in 1655, he resided at Kemsing, co. Kent, where he remained until his death, in 1659. He was not vicar of that church, although he may have sometimes officiated (See *Reliquary*, vol. xiii., p. 157). He was son of Alexander Jermyn, sometime sheriff of Exeter.
- 1655 *Nicholas Shepherd*, admitted on the ejection of Michael Jermyn. "Rev^d Nich. Shepherd, the rector, and Judith Covert, married July 27, 1669" (*Par. Reg.*). "Rev^d Nich. Shepherd, rector of Edburton, bur. Feb. 1, 1680-1" (*Par. Reg.*).
- 1680-1 *Robert Willan*, LL.D. (Trinity College, Cambridge; M.A. Mar. 3 1663; LL.D. 1671), collated [on the death of Nicholas Shepherd] (*Reg. Sancroft*, f. 390a). He died on Sept. 10, 1705.
- 1705 *George Keith*, clerk, M.A., collated on the death of Robert Willan (*Reg. Tenison*, pars ii., f. 178a). "Rev^d Mr. Keith, rec^{tr}, bur. Mch. 29, 1716" (*Par. Reg.*).
- 1716 *John Clifton*, M.A., collated on the death of George Keith Apr. 3 (*Reg. Wake*, pars i., f. 294b).
- 1735 *Benjamin Richardson*, clerk, collated on the death of John Oct. 13 Clifton (*Reg. Wake*, pars ii., f. 296a). He was also vicar of Cowfold, co. Sussex, to which he was collated on Oct. 3, 1728, by the archbishop (*Bish. Certif.*), and was buried at Brighton on Dec. 30, 1754.
- 1754 *Charles Baker*, clerk, collated on the death of Benjamin Richard- Dec. 31 son (*Reg. Herring*, f. 303a). He died on Aug. 2, 1784, being at that time also vicar of Leominster, co. Sussex, to which he had been instituted on June 3, 1776 (*Bish. Certif.*).
- 1784 *Griffith Griffith*, clerk, M.A. (Hertford College, Oxford; B.A. Sept. 22 Nov. 2, 1780; M.A. June 18, 1783), collated on the death of Charles Baker (*Bish. Certif.*). He was collated to the rectory of Isfield in 1792, which he ceded on being collated the same year to the rectory of Little Mongeham, co. Kent. He also ceded the rectory of Edburton in the same year on being collated to the rectory of St. Mary le Bow, with the rectories of St. Pancras, Soper Lane, and Allhallows, Honey Lane, annexed, in the city of London (*Bish. Certif.*). He died in 1796.
- 1792 *John Barnes Backhouse*, clerk, M.A. (Trinity College, Cam- Nov. 16 bridge; B.A. 1789; M.A. 1792), collated on the cession of Griffith Griffith (*Bish. Certif.*). He was instituted to the consolidated livings of Cheriton and Newington, co. Kent, on May 14, 1790; collated to the rectory of Deal on Aug. 26,

- 1795, and to the rectory of Little Chart, co. Kent, on May 9, 1811 (*Bish. Certif.*). The two last benefices he held till his death on Sept. 14, 1838.
- 1796 } *John Yeatman*, clerk, M.A. (Pembroke College, Oxford; B.A. Feb. 11 Jan. 14, 1773; Oriel, M.A. May 30, 1777), collated on the cession of John Barnes Backhouse (*Bish. Certif.*). He ceded this living on being collated to the vicarage of East Brent, co. Somerset, on Jan. 19, 1797 (*Lib. Inst.*, B. iv., f. 76), and became prebendary of Wells in 1806 (*Ib.*, f. 28a).
- 1797 } *Hon. Jacob Marsham*, clerk, S.T.P. (King's College, Cambridge; M.A. 1783; S.T.P., 1797), collated on the cession of Apr. 7 } *John Yeatman* (*Bish. Certif.*). He was appointed to the 1800 } prebend of Worminster, in the cathedral church of Wells, Jan. 4 } Feb. 1, 1787 (*Le Neve's Fasti*, vol. i., p. 182); admitted to the 4th prebendal stall in the cathedral church of Rochester, April 1, 1797, on the cession of Henry Reginald Courtenay, bishop of Exeter (*Ib.*, vol. ii., p. 586), and appointed canon of Windsor by patent, Feb. 23, and installed Mar. 2, 1805 (*Ib.*, vol. iii., p. 413). He also held the rectory of Wilmington, co. Kent, from 1800 to 1828 (*Bish. Certif.*). He was the third son of Robert, second Baron of Romney; was born on Feb. 28, 1759; married on June 28, 1784, Amelia Frances, only daughter and heiress of Joseph Bullock, Esq., of Caversfield, co. Bucks; and died on Jan. 28, 1840, aged 80.
- 1804 } *William Newcome*, clerk, M.A. (Christ Church, Oxford; B.A. Dec. 3 Nov. 21, 1799; M.A. Nov. 9, 1802), collated on the cession of the Hon. Jacob Marsham (*Bish. Certif.*). In 1839 he was admitted to the vicarage of Sutton, in the Isle of Ely. He retained that living until his death, which took place at Leamington, on May 22, 1846. He was son of William Newcome, archbishop of Armagh.
- 1810 } *John Prouett*, clerk, M.A. (New College, Oxford; B.A. Nov. 30 July 8, 1796; M.A. May 7, 1801), collated on the resignation of William Newcome (*Bish. Certif.*). On his collation to the rectory of Catfield, co. Norfolk, by the bishop of Norwich on Aug. 22, 1833, he ceded not only the rectory of Edburton, but also the rectory of Heigham, near Norwich (*Bish. Certif.*). In 1845 he was instituted to the sinecure rectory of Great Tey, co. Essex, which he held with that of Catfield until his death on March 20, 1851. He married Martha Maria, daughter of Colonel Robert Hodgson, formerly superintendent of the British settlement on the Mosquito shore, Central America.
- 1833 } *Alexander William Schomberg*, clerk, M.A. (Magdalen Hall, Sept. 17 Oxford; B.A. Nov. 25, 1824; M.A. Apr. 13, 1825), collated on the cession of John Prouett (*Bish. Certif.*). He ceded the rectory of Helthorpe and vicarage of Ringland, both in co. Norfolk, on being promoted to this living (*Bish. Certif.*).

- 1840 *John Charles Fowell Tufnell*, clerk, M.A. (Christ Church, Oxford; B.A. Feb. 21, 1819; M.A. June 4, 1823), collated on the death of Alexander William Schomberg (*Bish. Certif.*). He was presented to the living of Amberley with Houghton, co. Sussex, on June 25, 1840, which he almost immediately resigned (S. A. C., vol. xvii., p. 234). He died on Oct. 7, 1866.
- 1866 *John Melville Martine*, clerk, D.D. (Edinburgh; B.A. 1841; M.A. 1848; D.D., 1863), collated on the death of John Charles Fowell Tufnell. He had previously held the vicarage of Farningham, co. Kent.

IV.—FRAMFIELD.

Though there is no record of the existence of a church at Framfield in Domesday Book, it is not unlikely that a church was built there before the Norman Conquest, or at least at a period coeval with that event. The present church, dedicated to St. Thomas à Becket, is as a fabric of much later foundation, and an architectural description of it, by the Rev. H. R. Hoare, has already appeared in vol. iv. of the Society's "*Collections.*"

The earliest notice of the church or rectory occurs in an ancient chartulary of the archiepiscopal see, preserved in the Bodleian Library, from which it appears that in 1223, Stephen Langton ordained that the sum of four marks should be paid annually from the church of Fremisfeld to the sacrist of the collegiate church of South Malling, in the following terms:—

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentes literas inspecturis. Stephanus permissione divina Cantuariensis ecclesie minister humilis tocius Anglie primas et sancte Romane ecclesie cardinalis salutem eternam in domino ad universitatis vestre notitiam volumus pervenire nos presentationem dilectorum filiorum Decani & Capituli de Mealling admisisse dilectum filium Robertum de Bisshopestone capellanum ad ecclesiam de Fremesfeld vacantem cum pertinentiis suis ipsumque in eadem ecclesia canonicè instituisse personam ita tamen quod idem Robertus solvet de ipsa ecclesia de Fremisfeld quatuor marcas annuas sacristarii ecclesie dictorum canonicorum de Malling que a nobis de consensu ejusdem capituli ad officium illud fuit imperpetuum assignare ad quatuor anni terminos videlicet ad festum Sancti Michaelis unam marcam ad festum Natalis Domini unam marcam ad Pascham Domini unam marcam et ad festum Sancti Johannis Baptiste unam marcam. In cujus rei testimonium presentes literas dicto Roberto fieri fecimus et sigillo nostro signare. Testibus domino Johanne de Rosa & Johanne de Bocland. De Acta

anno Incarnationis Dominice mee vicesimo tercio mensis marcii apud Suthmallyng die veneris proxime post festum Sancti Gregorii.²⁵

We hear no more of the church of Framfield until 1266,²⁶ when a vicarage was formed, and Gilbert de Cliva appointed first vicar. He appears to have received all the tithes subject to two annual payments to the dean and canons of South Malling, one of which, amounting to 15 marks annually, was made in the name of the rectory or parsonage. But at his death or resignation the great tithes of the parish became wholly appropriated to that establishment. Until the middle of the fifteenth century the income thus obtained was added to the general fund of the college, and divided in certain proportions among the dean and canons. But at that date a re-distribution of the revenues of the college took place, and the rectory of Framfield was annexed to the treasurer's prebend, which it in reality endowed. It was agreed, however, that the sum of 20s. should be paid out of the rectory to augment the income of the precentor, who had had assigned to him the less profitable rectory of Southeram. The statutes of the college of South Malling, under which these alterations took effect are dated at Lambeth, Dec. 12, 1453.²⁷ No further change occurred until the Reformation, when the treasurer's prebend, with the rectory of Framfield, was surrendered to Henry VIII., by deed dated at Southmallyng, March 10, 1545. It may be added that this prebend was in the gift of the archbishop, as were also all the other prebends pertaining to the college.

We annex the names of three rectors of Framfield in the sixteenth century under this regime; the earlier collations have unfortunately been recorded somewhat vaguely in the archbishops' registers.

Richard Shurley.

1527 *William Bowerer*, collated to the prebend in the collegiate church
Sept. 26 of Southmallyng with the church of Framfeld annexed to the

²⁵ *Addit. MS.* 5706, f. 89.

²⁶ This is the date given by Tanner, and also by Mr. Turner (*S. A. C.*, v. p. 136), for the ordination of the vicarage of Framfield. It is but right to add, however, that in *Todd's Catalogue of the*

Lambeth Library this ordination is said to be dated at "Southmallyng die Sab. prox. post Epiphanium dni A.D. 1230" (p. 257).

²⁷ *Reg. Kemp*, f. 342b.

same, on the death of Richard Shurley (*Reg. Warham*, f. 394a).

1531 *John Life*, LL.D., collated on the death of William Bowrer (*Reg. Nov. 27 Warham*, f. 414a). He was rector in 1545, when the possessions of the college were surrendered to the king.

No sooner had the rectory of Framfield passed into the king's hands, than he assigned it to his divorced wife, Anne of Cleves, who had already a life interest in certain estates and manors, forfeited to the crown by the attainder of the Earl of Essex and Sir Nicholas Carew. The fee of the rectory was, however, included in the general grant of the South Malling property to Sir Thomas Palmer, knt., made to him by letters patent bearing date July 11, 37 Henry VIII. (1545), but was reconveyed to the crown by "Sir Thomas Palmer the Yonger Knight," as we learn from an indenture tripartite dated April 12, 2 Edward VI. (1548.)²⁸

When Sir Thomas Palmer, knt., first had a grant of the parsonage or rectory of Framfield the lessee's rent amounted to "six pounce by yere and no more," but it was raised by him to £9 10s., and remained at that sum after the rectory had been reconveyed to the crown.²⁹ In the reign of Philip and Mary the lessees of this impropriation were John Staple and John Warnet, who probably continued to hold it until 1570, when a lease was granted to Edward Gage for a term of years.³⁰ From a memorandum made at the time, it appears that "the chancell of the pische church of fframfeld" was "in great ruyne and decaye," and it was recommended that the farmer or lessee should be bound down to repair it.³¹ This speaks of the condition of the chancel fifty years or more after the date of the interesting petition of the inhabitants of Framfield to Henry VIII., for alms towards "re-edifying" of their church, which had been injured by fire.³²

²⁸ A transcript of this deed will be found in *Addit. MS.* 24725.

²⁹ Particulars for leases, *temp.* Eliz. and James I.

³⁰ Pat. Roll, 12 Eliz., pars 8. The brass of this Edward Gage, who died in 1595, and Margaret, his wife, may still

be seen in Framfield church, on the south wall of the Gage chapel, now used as a vestry.

³¹ Particulars for leases, *temp.* Eliz. and James I. Roll 2. No. 26.

³² S. A. C. xxi., p. 164.

In 1579, Elias Meade obtained a lease of the rectory, but this having been surrendered, another lease of the same premises was made out in 1581 in favour of Arthur Langworth, Robert Langworth, and John Langworth, the woodland and the advowson of the vicarage being reserved.

For nearly forty years the crown had held this impropriation, but by letters patent, bearing date June 8, 30 Elizabeth (1588), the "fee-farm of all that rectorie and church of fframfeild with all the rights, members, and appurtenances whatsoever in the county of Sussex, and of the advowson, gift, free disposicon, and right of patronage of the vicaridge of the church of fframfeild aforesaid, with all the rights members and appurtenances what soever," was granted to Richard Branthwaite and Roger Bromley, esquires, their heirs and assigns for ever, to be holden as of the manor of Eastgreenwich by fealty only, in free and common socage, and not *in capite* nor by knight's service. Subsequently the fee-farm of the rectory was held by Sir Thomas Sherley, of Wiston, Sussex, knt., Laurence Baskerville, of London, gent., and William Blake, of London, scrivener, for by deed dated Nov. 25, 3 James I. (1605), they conveyed to Robert, Lord Buckhurst (afterwards Earl of Dorset), "all that their rectory and church of Framfield in the county of Sussex, with all and singular their rights, members, and appurtenances whatsoever by the particular yeerely rent or value of £9 10s. 0d, late parcels of the lands and possessions of the late Lady Anne of Cleve late being, and all tythes of corne, grayne, and hay, wooll, flaxe, hемpe, and lambe," &c., "in as full large and ample a manner and forme as our said Sovereign Lord King James by his letters patent under the great seale of England made bearing date at Westminster the 17th day of July in the 3rd year of his said Majestie did give and graunte all and singular the premises except the advowson, gifte, free disposition and right of presentation" [to the vicarage] in fee farm for ever "to hold of the aforesaid soivraigne Lord the King his heirs and successors as of his manor of Eastgreen within the county of Kent by fidelity onely

in free and comon socage and not in chief nor by knights service and payinge yearly to our said Soivraigne Lord the King his heirs and successors nine pounds and tenn shillings of lawfull money of England."³³

It appears that by deed dated April 25, 4 James I., the above-named Robert, Lord Buckhurst, settled the rectory, church, tithes, &c., described as then or late in the tenure of Arthure Langworth, Rose his wife, and John Langworth his son, upon himself for life, then upon his second son, Edward Sackville and the heirs male of his body, and in default of issue male upon his eldest son, Richard Sackville, and the heirs male of his body. Sir Thomas Palmer, probably the same as held Framfield manor in 31 Elizabeth, was one of the trustees of this deed. On Nov. 29, 1613 (11 James I.), the above-mentioned Edward Sackville, being then tenant in tail, sold and conveyed the rectory for £450 to one "Edward Lyndsey of the parish of St. Brides neere Fleet Street, London, gent.," and a deed was enrolled in Chancery to that effect. This latter gentleman soon disposed of it, for by deed dated July 9, 1614 (12 James I.), he conveyed the rectory to Nicholas Stone, whose descendants until very recently resided and held property in the parish. Of these may be mentioned William Thomas Stone, Esq., of New Place, and David Stone, Esq., of Stone Bridge.

By deed bearing date May 27, 1630 (6 Chas. I.), Nicholas Stone mortgaged the "rectorie," church, tithes, &c., to one John Levett, of Framfield, no doubt a descendant of John Levett, who held the manor of Framfield in 2 Philip and Mary. The property was, however, re-conveyed to Nicholas Stone some five years later. Nicholas Stone died in 1639, and by his will left

³³ Sir Thomas Sherley, of Wiston, co. Sussex, knt., was one of three famous brothers, Sir Thomas, Sir Anthony, and Sir Robert Sherley, who distinguished themselves during the reigns of Elizabeth and James I. Their exploits have been well related in a monograph by E. P. Shirley, Esq., and in Mr. Lower's *Worthies of Sussex*. Of the vicissitudes of Sir Thomas it is not our intention to speak here, but it may be said that in

1602 he fitted out three ships and sailed on a crusading expedition. In attempting to capture one of the Greek Islands he was taken prisoner, and ultimately sent to Constantinople. After much bargaining, he was ransomed in 1605 for 40,000 sequins, about £20,000. It is not improbable, therefore, that the rectory of Framfield was sold in order to make up the ransom.

all his lands, tenements, and hereditaments to his eldest son William, and his heirs for ever, directing that till his son had advanced to the age of twenty-one, his widow Isabell should receive the rents and profits. This William Stone died in 1665 or 1666, and his will, dated Sept. 26, 1665, contains, amongst other bequests, the following:—
 “I give and devise unto Mary my loving wife for and during the term of her natural life in full recompense and satisfaction of her dower and right of dower which she shall or may have, or clayme of, in, out of, or to all my messuages, lands, and tenements whatsoever, all and singular my rectory or parsonage of Framfield and all the tythes, profits, discharges, dues, and appurtenances whatsoever due belonging or in anywise appertaining to the same. And from and after her decease I give and devise the same unto William Stone, my eldest sonn, and to his heires for ever.”³⁴

The last named William Stone died on Dec. 22, 1717, aged 68, when the property passed by his will to his son William, who died July 30, 1744, aged 71. This Mr. Stone claimed the tithe of hay, and a suit was instituted in the Court of Exchequer, Hilary term, 2 George II. (1729), for establishing his right as impropiator, but the bill being dismissed, the tithe of hay was decreed to belong to the vicar. By his will he left “all that my parsonage and great tyths of corn and graine arising renewing and being within the said parish of Framfield,” to his son Nicholas, subject to a condition that the testator’s son William should have it on paying his brother a fixed sum. William, however, by indenture dated July 5, 1746, released this right of purchase for a valuable consideration. In October of the same year Nicholas sold the rectory, &c., for £1,800 to his brother and sisters, John Stone, of Westham, co. Sussex, clerk; Elizabeth Stone, of Chington, near Seaford; and Sarah Stone, of Hurstmonceux; and they in a few years passed

³⁴ By letters patent 22 Charles II., the king grants (*inter alia*) to Ffrancis L^d Hawley, S^r Charles Harbord, knt., S^r Wm. Howard, knt., S^r John Talbot, knt., S^r Robert Stewart, knt., and Wm. Harbord, esq, being trustees appointed

by Act of Parliament for the sale of the fee-farm rents, all that rent of £9 10s. for the rectory and church of Ffremfield in co. Sussex, paid by Mary Stone. (Pat. Roll, 22 Charles II, pars 2).

it away to John Fuller, Esq., of Rosehill, co. Sussex, as we learn from indentures dated 26 and 27 Sept., 1751, between John Stone and Mary his wife, Thomas Arkoll³⁵ and Sarah his wife, and Elizabeth Stone, of the first part, and John Fuller, Esq., of the other part. The rectory remained in the possession of John Fuller, Esq., until his death in 1834, when it passed to Augustus Elliott Fuller, Esq., on whose demise in 1857 it passed to his only surviving son, Owen John Augustus Fuller-Meyrick, Esq., who had assumed the additional surname of Meyrick by royal licence, on being left the large estates of his maternal grandfather in Anglesea. This gentleman is the present owner of the great tithes, as well as the Rosehill and Ashdown estates, co. Sussex.³⁶

We have already seen that the ordination of the first vicar to the church of Framfield took place in 1266, when Gilbert de Cliva was appointed to that office. Before the appropriation of the rectory, the church was in the presentation of the dean and canons of South Malling, as we learn from the record of the institution of Robert de Bisshopstone in 1223 (see *ante*). On the formation of the vicarage the advowson was assigned to them, and continued in their possession until the dissolution, when it passed to the crown. It was granted in 1588 (see *ante*) to Richard Branthwaite and Roger Bromley, their heirs and assigns, who probably conveyed it to the Sackville family. At any rate, when a vacancy occurred in 1596, Thomas Sackville, Lord Buckhurst, presented William Wheatlie to the vicarage, and he was duly admitted, as recorded in the archbishop's register.³⁷ But notwithstanding the previous grant, the crown appears to have claimed the right to present, for in the following March we find another entry of the institution of the same vicar, but with the queen as patron.³⁸

³⁵ An ancestor of the present possessor of Limehouse, Hurstmonceux.

³⁶ It affords me much pleasure to have an opportunity of acknowledging my indebtedness to O. J. A. Fuller-Meyrick, Esq., for having placed the information contained in various deeds and probates of wills at my disposal;

and more especially to W. A. Raper, Esq., of Battle, for having most kindly supplied me with a *precis* of the contents of these documents, of which I have freely availed myself in the foregoing account of the rectory.

³⁷ *Reg. Whitgift*, pars ii., f. 336a.

³⁸ *Reg. Whitgift*, pars ii., f. 342a.

In 1616, Richard, Earl of Dorset, presented as the true patron,³⁹ the Sackville family having in the meantime established their right to the advowson. He subsequently conveyed it, together with the manor of Framfield, by indenture dated July 1, 1623, to certain trustees towards the support and maintenance of his wife at his decease,⁴⁰ which took place in the following year. It ultimately passed with the manor to John Tufton, second Earl of Thanet, by his marriage in 1629 with Lady Margaret Sackville, eldest daughter and co-heiress of Richard, Earl of Dorset. It continued to be held by the successive Earls of Thanet until about 1828-9, when it was sold by Charles Tufton, the tenth earl, and purchased by Dr. Wilson, of Southampton. He conveyed it, however, in 1830 to the Rev. Edward Henry Hoare, who presented his son in the same year. The Rev. Henry Hoare subsequently became possessed of the advowson, which he sold in February, 1866, to the Rev. Richard Leonard Adams, rector of Shere, co. Surrey, who presented his son in the summer of that year.

The value of the vicarage of Framfield in 1291, according to the taxation of Pope Nicholas, was £10. In a return made in 1405, it is placed among those poor benefices exempted from the payment of the half-tenth,⁴¹ and in the middle of the fifteenth century its value did not exceed twelve marks (£8).⁴² A hundred years later, however, when the "Valor Ecclesiasticus" was compiled, its value was returned as £13 6s. 8d.

The Nona inquisition (15 Edw. III.) was taken on the oath of William Erth, Robert de Hemstede, John de Esteton, and Richard de Holeborne, parishioners of the church of Fremfeld, who declare that the ninth of sheaves is worth ten marks per annum; and the ninth of fleeces and lambs 3s. 4d.; thus the sum is ten marks 3s. 4d. And although the church of Fremfeld is taxed at £10, the said jurors declare that a messuage with curtilage and the proceeds of the dovecote is worth per annum 6s. 8d. And there pertains to the said church

³⁹ *Reg. Abbott*, pars i., f. 423b.

⁴⁰ *Addit. MS.*, 570L.

⁴¹ *Reg. Arundell*, pars ii., f. 32b, 33a.

⁴² *Reg. Kemp*, f. 225a.

25 acres of arable land, which is valued per annum at 13s. at the rate of 6d. per acre, and one acre valued at 18d. per annum; and the tithe of hay valued per annum at 6s. 8d., of milk, calves, hens, sucking pigs, geese, hemp, and tares, at 10s., and of the gardens of the parishioners at 2 marks. Also the tithe of two water mills in the same parish is worth per annum 6s. 8d., and the oblations of the church 30s. And the above shows the full taxation of the said church, the sum total being £11 17s. 10d., and thus exceeds the taxation by 37s. 10d.⁴³

RECTOR OF FRAMFIELD.

- 1223 *Robert de Bisshopestone*, chaplain, admitted (*Addit. MS.* 5706, f. 89).

VICARS.

- 1266 *Gilbert de Cliva* (first vicar). See foot note, No. 26.
- 1327 *Reginald de Stowe*, chaplain, collated by the archbishop (*Reg. Reynolds*, f. 266a).
- 1354 *Richard Thunden*, priest, admitted; patrons, the dean and
July 10 canons of the collegiate church of Southmallyng (*Reg. Islep*, f. 267a).
- 1382-3 *Ralph Warmynton*, priest, admitted; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg.*
Jan. 15 *Courtenay*, f. 248a).
- 1386 *Robert Bower*, rector of Aldebury, co. Herts, admitted by ex-
Oct. 2 change with Ralph Spenser, *alias* Warmynton (*Reg. Courtenay*, f. 263b).
- 1387 *Alan Gardiner*, chaplain, vicar of Cheshunte, co. Herts, ad-
Jul. 18 mitted by exchange with Robert Bower; patrons, *ut supra*
(*Reg. Courtenay*, f. 266b). He resigned the rectory of Duns-
fold in 1388 by exchange with Hoke Norton, in Oxfordshire
(Manning and Bray's *Hist. of Surrey*, vol. ii., p. 63), and
exchanged the vicarage of Kyngsdowne, co. Kent, for the
rectory of Ravensden, co. Beds, in 1392 (*Cott. MS.*, Faust.
C. v., f. 57b).
- 1387-8 *Thomas Ffaukos*, rector of Duntfeld (Dunsfold), co. Surrey,
Jan. 6 admitted by exchange with Alan Gardiner; patrons, *ut supra*
(*Reg. Courtenay*, f. 269a). He was instituted to the rectory
of Dunsfold, co. Surrey, on Jan. 24, 1382-3 (Manning and
Bray's *Hist. of Surrey*, vol. ii., p. 62).
- 1392 *Simon Davy*, chaplain, admitted; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg.*
Oct. 26 *Morton, Dene, Bouchier, &c.*, f. 207a).

⁴³ *Inquisitiones Nonarum*, p. 375.

- 1416 *Richard Burgh*, priest, admitted on the death of Simon Davy; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i., f. 80a).
Nov. 20
- 1420 *William Sutherby*, priest, admitted; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i., f. 120a).
Oct. 19
- 1427 *William Brykleys*, vicar of Mycham, co. Surrey, admitted by exchange with William Sutherby (*Reg. Chichele*, p. i., f. 170a).
Nov. 7
- 1434-5 *John Selere*, chaplain, collated by the archbishop, "*jure devoluto*"
Jan. 4 (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i., f. 205a).
- 1437 *John Martyn*, chaplain, admitted on the resignation of John Selere; patrons, the dean and canons of Southmallyng (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i., f. 217a).
July 29
- 1449 *Robert Codgrove*, chaplain, collated by the archbishop, "*jure devoluto*" (*Reg. Stafford*, f. 401a).
Oct. 6
- Thomas Symys*.
- 1482 *John Gayrgrave*, chaplain, admitted on the resignation of
Apr. 24 Thomas Symys; patrons, the dean and canons of Southmallyng (*Reg. Bouchier*, f. 129b).
- 1505-6 *Thomas Starsacre*, chaplain, admitted on the death of John
Mar. 19 Garsgrave (*sic*); patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Warham*, f. 323b).
- 1507 *John Ryder*, chaplain, admitted on the death of Thomas Stan-
June 19 saker (*sic*); patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Warham*, f. 331b).
Vicar *temp.* "*Valor Ecclesiasticus*," and admitted to the rectory of Little Horsted, on Feb. 11, 1521-2 (S. A. C. xxi., p. 196).
- 1540 *Thomas Levett*, S.T.B., admitted on the death of John Redder
July 7 (*sic*); patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Cranmer*, f. 376b).
- 1543-4 *Augustin Curteis*, M.A., admitted on the resignation of Thomas
Jan. 22 Levett; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Cranmer*, f. 390b). He compounded for first fruits on Jan. 28, 35 Hen. VIII. (*Lib. Comp.*).
- 1553 *Robert Kensey*, admitted on the presentation of the queen
April (*Addit. MS.* 5697, f. 211b). He compounded for first fruits on May 13, 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (*Lib. Comp.*), and was vicar of Hurstmonceaux in 1570 (*Addit. MS.* 5697).
- 1560 *James Clayton*, clerk, admitted on the presentation of Queen
April 23 Elizabeth (*Reg. Parker*, pars i., f. 342b). He compounded for first fruits on May 18, 2 Eliz. (*Lib. Comp.*).
- 1569 *Edward Lynfylde*, clerk, admitted on the deprivation of the
May 10 last vicar; patron, Queen Elizabeth (*Reg. Parker*, pars i., f. 391b). He compounded for first fruits on July 7, 11 Eliz. (*Lib. Comp.*), and was admitted to the rectory of Little Horsted, on Dec. 9, 1567 (S. A. C. xxi., p. 196).
- 1593 *Edward Topsell*, clerk, presented to the vicarage of Framfeilde
Aug. 9 by Queen Elizabeth (*Lansdowne MS.* 445, f. 33a). It appears doubtful whether he was duly admitted to the benefice; there

being no entry to that effect in the archbishop's register. See *Mayfield*.

- 1596 *William Wheatlie*, clerk, admitted on the resignation of Edward
 Jun. 19 Linfeld (*sic*), last incumbent; patron, Thomas Sackville, Lord
 Buckhurst (*Reg. Whitgift*, pars ii., f. 336a). Yet on f. 342a
 of Whitgift's register is a record of the institution of the same
 person on the presentation of Queen Elizabeth, March 10,
 1596-7. See also *Lansdowne MS.* 445, f. 95a, from which it
 appears that the queen presented him to the vicarage on
 Nov. 20, 1596. He was instituted to the Hempsted prebend
 in the cathedral church of Chichester on Nov. 6, 1593
 (*Addit. MS.* 5697).

Edward Sampson, M.A.

- 1616-7 *John Willard*, clerk, M.A., admitted on the resignation of
 Feb. 22 Edward Sampson; patron, Richard, Earl of Dorset (*Reg.*
Abbott, pars i., f. 423b). He compounded for first fruits on
 Nov. 27, 15 James I. (*Lib. Comp.*), was instituted to the
 rectorcy of Walderne, co. Sussex, on March 14, 1614-5 (*Bish.*
Certif.); to that of Southease, co. Sussex, in 1647; and was
 buried on June 22, 1664 (*Addit. MS.* 5698).

John Safford. In the register book of proceedings of the com-
 mittee appointed by the House of Commons for the relief of
 "plundered ministers" (*Addit. MS.* 15669) are the following
 entries:—

"Jan. 4, 1644-5

"Whereas the vicarage of the p'ish Church of fframfield in the
 County of Sussex is and standeth sequestred by order of this
 Committee of the fifteenth of October last from John Willard
 by and wth the consent of the said John Willard. It is this
 day ordered that the said vicarage and the profitts thereof
 shall from henceforth stand and be Sequestred to the use of
 John Safford, M^r. of Arts, a godly and orthodox divine, who
 is hereby appoynted forthwith to officiate the said Cure as
 vicar and preach diligently to the p'sh'oners of the said p'ish
 in the said Church and shall have for his paines therein the
 vicarage house and gleab landes and all the tithes, rents, and
 dueties and p'fitts whatsoever of the said Vicarage till further
 order shall be taken in the p'misses. And all p'son and p'sons
 are required quietly to permitt the said Mr. Safford to officiate
 the said Cure and enjoy the benefitt of the said sequestrac'on
 as they will answere the contrary at their p'ill."

"Feb. 4, 1644-5

"It is this day ordered that John Safford, clarke, be comended to
 y^e Co'ittee of y^e assembly of divines for exa'i'acon of ministers
 who are hereby desired to examine the fitnessse of y^e said Mr.
 Safford to have y^e sequestrac'on of the vicarage and church of
 fframfield y^e county of Sussex and to officiate the cure there
 and to certify the same."

John Bushnell, ejected in 1662 (*Calamy's Nonconf. Mem.*, vol. iii., p. 319). He was minister of Hove in 1658 (*Addit. MS.* 5697).

Thomas Hamon, "minister" in 1666 (*Par. Reg.*).

- 1686
Dec. 31 *Edward Wilson*, clerk, B.A. (St. John's College, Cambridge), instituted on the cession of Thomas Hammond; patron, Thomas, Earl of Thanet (*Reg. Sancroft*, f. 418a). He ceded this living on being instituted to the vicarage of Rye, co. Sussex, on Oct. 8, 1700, which he held till his death (*Bish. Certif.*). He was born at Kirby Steven, Westmoreland, May 15, 1662, and was buried Jan. 9, 1738-9 (*Addit. MS.* 5697).
- 1700-1
Feb. 19 *Thomas Berdmore*, clerk, B.A. (Trinity College, Oxford; B.A. Nov. 9, 1693), instituted on the cession of Edward Wilson; patron, Thomas, Earl of Thanet (*Reg. Tenison*, pars i., f. 208a).
- 1706-7
Mar. 13 *John Smith*, clerk, M.A., instituted on the cession of Thomas Berdmore; patron, Thomas, Earl of Thanet (*Reg. Tenison*, pars i., f. 184a). On July 25, 1706, he was also admitted to the rectory of Poynings, co. Sussex. He ceded the vicarage of Framfield on being instituted to the rectory of Withyham, in the same county, on June 5, 1723 (*Bish. Certif.*), which he retained, as well as Poynings, until his death *cir.* 1749.
- 1723
Nov. 13 *John Carleton*, clerk (Queen's College, Oxford; B.A. Feb. 18, 1713; M.A. April 20, 1716; B.D. and D.D. April 20, 1727), instituted on the resignation of John Smith; patron, Sackville Tufton, Esq. (*Reg. Wake*, pars i., f. 329a). He had been instituted to the vicarage of Wiston, co. Sussex, on Jan. 6, 1720-1, on the presentation of Thomas, Earl of Thanet, which he ceded in 1723, by accepting the vicarage of Framfield (*Bish. Certif.*). He held this living until collated by the bishop of London to the rectory of Aldham, co. Essex, on Oct. 22, 1725. He was by the same patron collated on March 29, 1735, to the rectory of St. Mary, Colchester, but vacated that benefice in less than two years (*Bish. Certif.*).
- 1725-6
Mar. 9 *Thomas Wharton*, clerk, M.A. (Queen's College, Oxford; B.A. April 29, 1723; M.A. June 3, 1724), instituted on the cession of John Carleton; patron, Thomas, Earl of Thanet (*Reg. Wake*, pars ii., f. 230a). He died on May 21, 1767, in his 68th year, and was buried in the nave of Framfield church. "Thomas Wharton, A.M., buried May 27, 1767" (*Par. Reg.*). "Pursuant to his directions Pound Farm, purchased partly with his own money and partly with the sum of two hundred pounds left by Mr. Smith, is now vested in Trustees, to the intent that the clear yearly rent thereof may for ever be distributed among the poor of the parish on Christmas Eve" (*Mon. Inscip.*).
- 1767
July 17 *John Milward*, clerk, B.A. (St. John's College, Cambridge; B.A. 1765), instituted on the death of Thomas Wharton;

- patron, Sackville, Earl of Thanet (*Bish. Certif.*). He died in 1771, and was brother to the succeeding vicar.
- 1771 *Joseph Milward*, clerk, B.A. (Queen's College, Oxford; B.A. Dec. 27 Oct. 26, 1769), instituted on the death of John Milward; patron, Sackville, Earl of Thanet (*Bish. Certif.*). On Dec. 2, 1775, he was instituted to the rectory of Long Marton, co. Westmoreland (*Lib. Inst.*, B. iv., f. 39b), when he resigned this living. In 1799 he was licenced to the perpetual curacy of Denby, co. Derby, and in 1801 obtained the vicarage of Horsley, in the same county, both of which he retained till his death on Sept. 2, 1836. He was descended from Sir Thomas Milward, of Eaton, co. Derby, knt., whose son and heir, William Milward, of Chilcote, in the same county, esq., married Christian, daughter of Sir Nicholas Tufton, first Earl of Thanet, by whom he had a son Thomas, father of the Rev. Thomas Milward, rector of Long Marton (Nicholson and Burn's *Hist. of Westmoreland and Cumberland*, vol. i., p. 361), whose son, Joseph, was the vicar of Framfield.
- 1776 *George Thompson*, clerk, M.A. (Queen's College, Oxford; B.A. July 23 March 26, 1773; M.A. July 5, 1776; B.D. July 11, 1797; Edm. Hall, D.D. May 8, 1800), instituted on the resignation of Joseph Milward; patron, Sackville, Earl of Thanet (*Bish. Certif.*). He was presented to the vicarage of Bramley, co. Hants, in 1800, by the provost and fellows of Queen's College, Oxford, and in the same year was nominated principal of St. Edmund Hall, by the same body. In 1808 he became vicar of Milford with the chapel of Hordle, co. Hants, when he ceded the vicarage of Framfield. He died at Oxford, on May 16, 1823, aged 72.
- 1808 *John Thompson*, clerk, M.A. (Queen's College, Oxford; B.A. Dec. 28 June 27, 1775; M.A. Jan. 24, 1779), instituted on the cession of George Thompson; patron, Sackville, Earl of Thanet (*Bish. Certif.*). He died on Aug. 29, 1830, aged 75 (*Mon. Inscript. in Churchyard*). By his will he bequeathed the sum of £200 in trust to be applied to charitable purposes for the benefit of his parish. He was brother to the preceding vicar.
- 1830 *Henry Hoare*, clerk, B.A. (Trinity College, Dublin; B.A. Nov. 11 1813), instituted on the death of John Thompson; patron, Edward Henry Hoare, clerk [his father] (*Bish. Certif.*). He died on April 15, 1866, aged 74.
- 1866 *Richard Leonard Adams*, clerk, M.A. (Christ's College, Cambridge; B.A. 1862; M.A. 1865), instituted on the death of Henry Hoare; patron, Richard Leonard Adams, clerk, his father.

V.—GLYNDE.

The church, or rectory of Glynde, was given in the twelfth century to the monks of the abbey of Bec, in

Normandy, by William de Mallinges, as we learn from a charter of Theobald, Archbishop of Canterbury (1138-1160), confirming the grant.⁴⁴ The alien priory of Okeburn, co. Wilts, was a cell to the abbey of Bec, the prior acting as procurator to that monastery. In the taxation of Pope Nicholas, the church of Glynde is in fact set down as belonging to the priory of Okeburn. Before the final suppression of the alien priories by Henry V., the rectory had passed more than once into the king's hands. It was so in 18 Edward II., as appears from an account of the temporalities of the priory of Okeburn, with the "ecclia de Glyne," returned to the king by Peter de Worldham and Stephen Power.⁴⁵ Subsequently it was conveyed by deed dated December 3, 9 Henry V. (1421), together with all the other possessions belonging or appertaining to the priory of Okeburn, by John, Duke of Bedford, third son of Henry IV., to the dean and canons of Windsor. This grant was confirmed by Henry V., and likewise by Edward IV.⁴⁶ The rectory has been leased to various individuals from time to time. According to the account of William Kinge, receiver general of all and each of the lordships, manors, rectories, lands, tenements, possessions and hereditaments belonging to the free chapel of St. George within the Castle of Windsor, from the feast of St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist (Sept. 21) 17 Elizabeth, to the same feast in the following year, the sum of £10 was received during that period from Lady Pellham, widow, who then farmed the rectory of Glynde.⁴⁷ We also find that in 1630 the lease of the rectory was renewed to Robert Morley, of Glynde. The sum awarded to the dean and canons of Windsor by the tithe commissioners in lieu of great or rectorial tithes, is £140 per annum rent charge.⁴⁸

We have failed to obtain a copy of the original endowment of the vicarage of Glynde, though probably it is still preserved among the archives of the dean and

⁴⁴ *Reg. Arundell* (Archives of dean and canons of Windsor), f. 109; *Lansdowne MS.* 939, f. 199a.

⁴⁶ *Addit. MS.*, 6164.

⁴⁵ Dugdale's *Monasticon*, tom. iii., pars ii., p. 71.

⁴⁷ *Lansdowne MS.* 205, f. 4a.

⁴⁸ *S. A. C.* xx. p. 76.

canons of Windsor. The advowson of the vicarage, like the rectory, belonged to the abbey of Bec, and became annexed to the priory of Okeburn. Before the statute authorising the final suppression of the alien priories had become law, it appears that Henry IV. granted by letters patent to his son John, Duke of Bedford, and Thomas, bishop of Durham, the custody of the priory of Okeburn, with the advowsons of the churches pertaining to the same, and in virtue of this concession they presented William Reynold to the vicarage of Glynde in 1408. On the suppression of the alien priories, the advowson continued in the possession of John, Duke of Bedford, and the bishop of Durham, two more vicars of Glynde being instituted on their presentation, but in 1421 it was conveyed with the rectory to the dean and canons of Windsor, and still remains in their hands.

It may be mentioned, however, that in the reign of Charles II., the dean and canons appear to have surrendered this advowson, probably for a term of years, to Robert Morley, of Glynde. In 1670 we find him named as patron,⁴⁹ and in 1679 and 1681, Robert Trevor, who obtained the Glynde estate by marriage with a member of the Morley family, presented to the vicarage.⁵⁰

Whatever the provision originally made for the support of a vicar to the church of Glynde, it appears to have yielded but a small annual income. According to the taxation of Pope Nicholas in 1291, the vicarage was worth a sum not exceeding 100 shillings, while the rectory at the same time was valued at 22 marks. We are not surprised, therefore, to find the vicarage of Glynde among those benefices that in 1405 were exempted from the payment of the half-tenth on account of their poverty.⁵¹

Before the dissolution of the college of South Malling, a yearly pension of three shillings was paid by the vicar of Glynde to the dean. This pension was granted to Sir Thomas Palmer, knt., by letters patent bearing date July 11, 37 Henry VIII., and was re-conveyed to the crown in 2 Edward VI.⁵²

⁴⁹ *Reg. Sheldon*, f. 345a.

⁵⁰ *Reg. Sancroft*, f. 382a, 392b.

⁵¹ *Reg. Arundell*, pars ii., f. 32b.

⁵² *Addit. MS.*, 24725.

The register of Archbishop Peckham records that in 1287 the "capella de Glynde" had lately been polluted by the accidental effusion of blood. It appears from the Archbishop's mandate to the dean of South Malling, that the said chapel was built apart from the church, and under another roof; hence divine service was not to be omitted in the church on account of this effusion of blood. Nevertheless, as the said chapel was situated in the consecrated cemetery of the church, no burials were to be solemnized in the chapel, until the cemetery, and the place where the blood had been shed, had been duly cleansed by the bishop.⁵³

It is evident, therefore, that there was a kind of cemetery chapel in the churchyard at Glynde, in the latter half of the thirteenth century, but no later notices of it have been met with.

Before the Reformation there was a chantry in Glynde church, founded by Robert Morley, who succeeded to the Glynde estate on the death of his mother in 1498.⁵⁴ By letters patent, 23 Elizabeth, all that late chantry with its appurtenances, formerly founded by Robert Morley, in the parish church of Glynde, with all the land, tenements, and hereditaments in the parish of Glynde formerly given by the said Robert Morley to sustain a priest or chaplain was granted, *inter alia*, to Richard Haselwood, and Richard Tomlynson and their heirs.⁵⁵

VICARS OF GLYNDE.

Robert, deprived in 1279. Notwithstanding, he presumed to continue his ministrations in the church of Glynde, for which he was excommunicated by the archbishop (*Reg. J. de Pecheham*, f. 157a).

John Snellyng became sequestrator on July 7, 1279 (*Reg. J. de Pecheham*, f. 56a).

1288 *John de Wamberg*, priest, admitted on the death of John
April 9 Snellyng; patron, Robert de Leone, procurator of the abbot and convent of Bec Herlewyn (*Reg. J. de Pecheham*, f. 37a).

1324 *Nicholas de Bretford*, chaplain, admitted to the vicarage of the
Jul. 26 church of the Blessed Mary, Glynde; patron, Richard de Beneshall, prior of Okeburn (*Reg. Reynolds*, f. 253b).

⁵³ *Reg. J. de Pecheham*, f. 128a.

⁵⁵ Pat. Roll, 23 Eliz. pars i.

⁵⁴ S. A. C. xx. p. 76.

- 1352 *John Sadeler*, priest, admitted to the vicarage of Glynde (*Reg.*
Mar. 28 *Islep*, f. 263b).
- 1360 *Robert atte Grene*, priest, admitted on the resignation of John
Aug. 13 Sadeler; patron, Peter, prior of Okeburn (*Reg. Islep*, f.
285a).
- 1361 *John Sadeler*, priest, admitted on the resignation of Robert
Dec. 20 atte Grene; patron, Peter de Ffales, prior of Okeburn,
procurator in England of the abbot and convent of Bec
Herlewin of the order of St. Benedict (*Reg. Islep*, f. 294a).
- 1378 *John de Sprotley*, priest, admitted; patron, Richard II., the
Mar. 26 priory of Okeburn being in the king's hands by reason of the
war with France (*Reg. Sudbury*, f. 128b).
- 1385 *William Whyte*,⁵⁶ chaplain, admitted; patron, Richard II., the
Nov. 14 priory of Okeburn being in the king's hands, *ut supra* (*Reg.*
Courtenay, f. 258b).
- 1390 *John Asshewe*, admitted; patron, Richard II., *ut supra* (*Reg.*
May 17 *Courtenay*, f. 341a).
William Algod.
- 1390 *Nicholas Grene*, chaplain, admitted on the resignation of William
Jul. 26 Algod; patron, Richard II., *ut supra* (*Reg. Courtenay*, f.
344a).
- 1395-6 *William Crosby*, vicar of Alciston, co. Sussex, admitted by
exchange with Nicholas Grene (S. A. C. xx., p. 75, and xxi.,
p. 54).
- 1408 *William Reynold*, chaplain, admitted; patrons, Thomas, bishop
Dec. 23 of Durham, and John [Duke of Bedford], to whom Henry V.
by letters patent, had granted the custody of the priory of
Okeburn, with the advowsons of the churches pertaining to
the same (*Reg. Arundell*, pars i., f. 322b).
- 1415 *John Coteler*, vicar of Adyngton, co. Surrey, admitted by ex-
Aug. 11 change with William Reynold; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg.*
Chichele, pars i., f. 65a). He was instituted to the vicarage
of Addington on Mar. 4, 1413-4 (Manning and Bray's *Hist.*
of Surrey, vol. ii. p. 566).
- 1418 *Robert Feverby* [Fferyby or Ferby], LL.B., admitted; patrons,
Nov. 17 *ut supra* (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i., f. 99b). He resigned the
rectory of South Hanningfield on Nov. 12, 1426, and was
instituted rector of St. Ethelburga, London, on May 21,
1428, which he resigned on Dec. 25 following (Newcourt's
Repert., vol. ii., p. 308; vol. i., p. 346).
- 1423 *John Ffyshwyk*, rector of Southhanyngfeld, co. Essex, admitted
Jun. 14 by exchange with Robert Fferyby; patrons, the dean and
canons of Windsor (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i., f. 139a).

⁵⁶ In 9 Rich. II., Adam Doleth was presented by the crown, but apparently was not instituted.—S. A. C. xxi., p. 54.

- 1428 *John Benyngton*, vicar of Petham, co. Kent, admitted by exchange with John Ffysshwyk; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i., f. 173a).
Oct. 10
- 1430 *Geoffrey Donne*, vicar of Yapeton, *alias* Abynton, co. Sussex, admitted by exchange with John Benyngton; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i., f. 185a).
Oct. 28
- 1432-3 *William Treye*, chaplain, admitted; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i., f. 197b).
Jan. 19
- 1453-4 *Thomas Valauneu*, collated by the Archbishop of Canterbury (*Reg. Bouchier*, f. 60a).
Mar. 20
- 1472 *Thomas Wellys*, chaplain, collated by the archbishop, "*jure devoluto*" (*Reg. Bouchier*, f. 106a).
Jun. 12
- 1497 *William Ratclyffe*, chaplain, admitted on the death of last vicar; patrons, the dean and canons of Windsor (*Reg. Morton, Dene, Bouchier, &c.*, f. 163b).
Jul. 26
- 1524 *Richard Erle*, chaplain, admitted on the resignation of William Radclyffe, patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Warham*, f. 382b).
Oct. 10
- 1526 *Henry Crosse*, chaplain, admitted on the death of Richard Erle, patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Warham*, f. 392a).
Oct. 1
- 1530 *John Dale*, chaplain, admitted on the resignation of Henry Crosse, patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Warham*, f. 402b). Vicar *temp.* "Valor Ecclesiasticus."
Oct. 3
- 1534-5 *William Grenehalth*, chaplain, admitted on the resignation of John Dale; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Cranmer*, f. 357a). He compounded for first fruits on Feb. 10, 27 Henry VIII. (*Lib. Comp.*)
Feb. 24
- 1543 *Henry Baker*, clerk, admitted on the death of the last incumbent; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Cranmer*, f. 388b). He compounded for first fruits on May 12, 35 Henry VIII. (*Lib. Comp.*)
May 14
- 1560 *William Pett*, clerk, collated to the vicarage of the church of Glynde by the archbishop, "*jure devoluto per lapsum temporis*" (*Reg. Parker*, pars i. f. 343a). See *Ringmer*.
May 14
- 1598-9 *William Ticknor*, priest, collated *ut supra*, "*pleno jure*," on the death of William Pette (*Reg. Whitgift*, pars iii. f. 251a).
Jan. 10
- 1600 *John Boone* [*Bohune*⁵⁷], priest, M.A., admitted; patrons, the dean and canons of Windsor (*Reg. Whitgift*, pars iii. f. 259a). He was rector of Hangleton, co. Sussex, in 1612, which living he held with Glynde, according to *Addit. MS.* 5702.
Jul. 5
- 1613 *Thomas Smyth*, M.A., instituted on the death of the last incumbent; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Abbott*, pars i. f. 397b).
Aug. 14
- 1615-6 *Anthony Hoggett*, clerk, M.A., admitted on the resignation of Thomas Smyth; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Abbott*, pars i. f. 416a). He was also rector of *St. Thomas-at-Cliffe*.
Feb. 23

⁵⁷ S. A. C., vol. xxiv., p. 101.

- Edward Payn*, M.A., vicar in 1623 (S.A.C. xx. p. 75).
Walter Pott was vicar in 1632 (*Ib.*).
- 1644 *Zachary Smith*. Ejected in 1662. He afterwards served as a Nonconformist chaplain to Mr. Morley, of Glynde, and, dying in 1678, was buried in the church.
- 1662 *Henry Mountague*, clerk, instituted to the vicarage of the parish church of Glynde, *alias* Glyndbourne; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Juxon.*, f. 141a). He was instituted to the vicarage of Laughton, co. Sussex, on Jan. 29, 1662 (*Bish. Certif.*).
- 1668 *Thomas Levett*, clerk, instituted on the presentation of Charles II. "per lapsum temporis" (*Reg. Sheldon*, f. 335a). He was instituted to the vicarage of Beddingham, co. Sussex, on April 8, 1670, having been instituted vicar of West Firle, on July 22, 1668 (*Bish. Certif.*).
- 1670 *Richard Briggs*, clerk, B.A., instituted on the resignation of Thomas Levett; patron, Robert Morley, of Glynde, "*pro hac vice*" (*Reg. Sheldon*, f. 345a).
- 1679-80 *John Swaffield*, clerk, instituted on the death of Richard Briggs; patron, John Trevor, Esq. (*Reg. Sancroft*, f. 382a). He ceded this living on being instituted to the vicarage of West Firle, co. Sussex, on April 9, 1681 (*Bish. Certif.*).
- 1681 *Alan Carr*, clerk, B.A., instituted on the cession of John Swaffield; patron, John Trevor, of Glynde, Esq. (*Reg. Sancroft*, f. 392b). "Alan Carr, vicar, bur. Nov. 15, 1720" (*Par. Reg.*).
- 1720-1 *James Barker*, clerk, B.A. (Merton College, Oxford, B.A. Mar. 21, 1715), instituted on the death of the last incumbent; patrons, the dean and canons of Windsor (*Reg. Wake*, pars i. f. 314b). He was collated to the prebend of Sutton, in the cathedral church of Chichester, on Aug. 17, 1724; instituted to the rectory of Woodmancote, co. Sussex, on May 26, 1725, when he ceded the vicarage of Glynde; and to the rectory of Meching, *alias* Newhaven, in the same county, on April 15, 1727. He held both these livings with the prebend of Sutton until his death in 1755 (*Bish. Certif.*).
- 1725 *John Hawes*, clerk, M.A., instituted on the cession of the last incumbent; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Wake*, pars ii. f. 227b). "John Hawes, vicar, bur. Jan. 22, 1750-1" (*Par. Reg.*). He was also rector of Berwick, co. Sussex, to which he was instituted on Apr. 21, 1743 (*Lib. Inst.*, C. ii. p. 79).
- 1750-1 *Thomas Davies*, clerk, instituted on the death of John Hawes; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Herring*, f. 288a). He died on August 15, 1789, aged 71 (*Mon. Inscrip. in Churchyard*).
- 1789 *George Bass Oliver*, clerk, B.A. (Clare College, Cambridge, B.A., 1787; M.A., 1796), instituted on the death of Thomas Davies; patrons, *ut supra* (*Bish. Certif.*). He was collated

to the vicarage of Belgrave-cum-Burstall, co. Leicester, on March 22, 1796, and died on Dec. 24, 1823, aged 61 (*Mon. Inscrip.*).

1824 *William Rose*,⁵⁸ clerk, instituted on the death of George Bass
Feb. 24 Oliver; patrons, *ut supra* (*Bish. Certif.*). He was born on Dec. 2, 1765, and died on June 3, 1844 (*Mon. Inscrip. in Church*). He was curate of Little Horsted in 1795, and afterwards master of Uckfield School.

1844 *William de St. Croix*, clerk, B.A. (St. John's College, Cambridge, B.A. 1843; M.A. 1858), instituted on the death of William Rose; patrons, *ut supra* (*Bish. Certif.*).

VI.—ISFIELD.

The revenues of the church of Isfield have never been appropriated to the use of any monastic establishment, and the patronage has long been vested in the Archbishop of Canterbury for the time being, to whom it still belongs. During the sixteenth century, however, Archbishop Warham granted the advowson for a term of years to John Shurley and his heirs. This concession must have been made before 1527, in which year the said John died, but he never presented, as no vacancy had occurred since 1505, when the archbishop collated. Edward, the son and heir of John Shurley, presented, however, in 1551, on whose death the advowson passed to his wife, Johanna, who conveyed it by marriage to Anthony Morley. These jointly presented in 1570, but before the next vacancy the term of years had expired, and the archbishop in 1599 collated "*pleno jure.*" It did not, however, remain long in his possession, for it was soon seized with other archiepiscopal possessions by the king, who by letters patent bearing date May 25, 3 James I., granted "the advowson, gift, free disposal and right of patronage of the church of Isfield, late being parcel of the possessions of the Archbishopric of Canterbury," to Edward, Earl of Worcester, and Sir Robert Johnson, of London, knt., who by indenture bearing date June 12, 3 James I., sold the same to John Sedley, of Aylesford, and Sir George Rivers, of Chawford, co. Kent. On the death of the former, the advowson came to the latter by right of sur-

⁵⁸ He was father of the Rev. Hugh College, London, and the Rev. Henry James Rose, B.D., principal of King's John Rose, B.D., archdeacon of Bedford.

vivorship, and on Nov. 18, 3 James I., he conveyed it to Thomas, Earl of Dorset.⁵⁹

We have no record of a presentation to the rectory of Isfield having been made by any member of the Sackville family, but the advowson did not permanently revert to the see of Canterbury until the Restoration, soon after which Archbishop Juxon collated Thomas Mell to the rectory "*pleno jure.*"

The taxation of Pope Nicholas IV. gives the value of the church of Isefeld as 15 marks (£10), and in a return a century later in date, it is valued at the same amount.⁶⁰ In 1445 the church of Isefeld is named among those benefices exempted from the payment of the half-tenth,⁶¹ and in the middle of the fifteenth century it did not yield a greater income than 12 marks.⁶² The "Valor" of Henry VIII. records its value as £9 12s. 8d.

The assessors appointed by Edward III. to ascertain the value of the ninths of each parish, returned in the case of Isfield, that the ninth of sheaves was worth yearly £6 11s. 5d., or, together with the ninth of fleeces and lambs, £6 13s. 4d. The taxation of the church, however, was £10, and the jurors examined declared that the messuage of the rector with garden, curtilage, and croft is worth 6s. 8d. per annum; that there belong to the said church 37 acres of arable land, and six acres of meadow, worth per annum 27s. 6d.; the tithe of hay is worth 16s.; of the manor-mills 6s. 8d.; of the manor-dovecots 8d. per annum. Moreover they say that the oblations are worth 15s.; the tithe of herbage, pasturage, and other fruits of gardens and curtilages, with the tithe of hemp and tares, is worth 6s.; other small tithes 2s. 6d. Also they say that there belongs to the church of Isefeld a fourth part of the tithe of corn of certain lands in Wylyndone, valued per annum at 16s. So that the sum total, £11 10s. 4d., exceeds the taxation of the church by 30s. 4d.

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Reginald, chaplain of the parish of Ysefeld in 1281. The fruits and profits of the said church were sequestrated, 14 kal. Sept.

⁵⁹ *Addit. MS.* 5700.

⁶⁰ *Reg. Arundell*, pars i., f. 259a.

⁶¹ *Reg. Arundell*, pars ii., f. 32b, 33a.

⁶² *Reg. Kemp*, f. 225b.

1281 (*Reg. J. de Pecheham*, f. 58b). The archbishop sent a letter to the dean of Southmallyng, dated July 1, 1282, to sequestrate the fruits of the church of Isefelde, and to cite peremptorily the rector of the same to make there personal residence (*Ib.*, f. 62b).

- 1285 *Symon de Lenna*, priest, collated to the church of Isefeld (*Reg. July 27 J. de Pecheham*, f. 30b).
- 1312 *Henry de Bysshopeston*, collated (*Reg. Robert Wynchelsey*, Nov. 12 f. 55a).
- 1312 *John de Walemere*, subdeacon, collated (*Reg. R. Wynchelsey*, Dec. 22 f. 55a).
- Stephen Hepworth*, rector, in 5 Rich. II., 1381-2 (*Burrell MSS.*).
- 1383 *John Boole*, clerk, chaplain to the archbishop, collated (*Reg. Dec. 25 Courtenay*, f. 253a).
- 1384 *Richard Wormbrugg*, vicar of Cranebroke, co. Kent, collated by Sept. 4 exchange with John Boole (*Reg. Courtenay*, f. 254b).
- 1385-6 *William*⁶³, rector of Berecombe, co. Sussex, collated Feb. 27 by exchange with Richard Wormebrigg (*Reg. Courtenay*, f. 260a).
- 1394 *William Palmere*, chaplain, collated (*Reg. Morton, Dene, Bouchier, &c.*, f. 219a).
- 1417 *Thomas atte Wode*, chaplain of the perpetual chantry founded by Jun. 27 John de Bello Campo in the cathedral church of St. Paul, admitted by exchange with William Barker [? Palmere] (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i., f. 88a).
- 1419 *Walter Trethewy*, collated (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i., f. 101a). On Sept. 8 f. 101b he is described as B.A.
- 1420-1 *John Edy*, chaplain, collated on the cession of Walter Trethewy Feb. 22 (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i., f. 123b).
- 1428 *John Pinton*, chaplain, collated (*Reg. Chichele*, pars. i., f. 174b). Dec. 22 *John Martyn*.
- 1447 *John Hawker*, penitentiary in collegiate church of Southmall- Nov. 7 yng, admitted by exchange with John Martyn (*Reg. Stafford*, f. 95b). See *Edburton*.
- 1450 *John Ranudes*, priest, collated on the resignation of John Hawker Jun. 13 (*Reg. Stafford*, f. 105a).
- 1499 *John Rikthorn*, chaplain, collated on the death of the last in- Jun. 16 cumbent (*Reg. Morton, Dene, Bouchier, &c.*, f. 167b).
- 1505 *John Willoughby*, chaplain, collated on the death of the last in- Jun. 11 cumbent (*Reg. Warham*, f. 324a). Rector *temp.* "Valor Ecclesiasticus."
- 1551-2 *William Clerke*, priest, admitted on the death of John Wil- Feb. 27 loughby, on the presentation of Edward Shurley, son of John

⁶³ *Sic* in register.

- Shurley, the right of presentation to the church of Isefeld having been granted by Archbishop Warham to the said John for a term of years not expired (*Reg. Cranmer*, f. 419a). He compounded for first fruits on Feb. 27, 6 Edw. VI. (*Lib. Comp.*)
- 1554 *Henry Baker* compounded for first fruits on Sept. 29, 1 & 2 Philip & Mary (*Lib. Comp.*). "Henry Baker, parson of Isfield, bur. Apr. 30, 1570" (*Par. Reg.*).
- 1570 *William Busshoppe*, clerk, admitted on the death of Henry Baker, patrons, Anthony Morley, gent., and Johanna his wife, relict and executrix of the will of Edward Shurley, deceased (*Reg. Parker*, pars i., f. 400a). He compounded for first fruits on Aug. 25, 12 Eliz. (*Lib. Comp.*). "Wm. Bishopp, parson of Isfield, bur. Jan. 18, 1599-60" (*Par. Reg.*).
- 1599-60 *William Attersoll*, priest, M.A., collated on the death of William Byschopp (*Reg. Whitgift*, pars iii., f. 255b). "Mr. William Attersoll, parson, bur. May 30, 1640" (*Par. Reg.*). William Attersoll, "Minister of the Word of God at Isfield, Sussex," wrote "a commentarie upon the fourth booke of Moses called Numbers," fol. Lond., 1618, and "a commentary upon the epistle to Philemon," fol. Lond., 1633.
- 1640 *John Cole*, collated by the Archbishop of Canterbury (*Lib. Inst.*, A. v. p. 74). He compounded for first fruits on the same day (*Lib. Comp.*).
- William Beecher*, "minister of Isfield" in Apr., 1645 (*Addit. MS.*, 15669, f. 105). The benefice had evidently been sequestered from Cole.
- Thomas Stafford*. "Oct. 19, 1647. Whereas the Rectorie of the p'ish church of Isefeld in the y^e com. of Sussex is sequestered from Mr. John Cole to the use of Tho: Stafford (a godly and orthodox Divine) by order of this Committee of the 18 of Sept., 1646, for that the said Mr. Stafford hathe officiated the said cure ever since Sept. the 29th, 1645. It is ordered that the said Mr. Stafford shall have all the tythes and p'fitts of the said Rectorie due and payable from the said 29th Sept., 1645."—Register book of Proceedings for the relief of "plundered ministers" (*Addit. MS.*, 15671, f. 262).
- 1663 *Thomas Mell*, clerk, M.A., collated to the parish church of Isfield Apr. 10 by Archbishop Juxon "*pleno jure*" (*Reg. Juxon*, f. 143a).
- 1671-2 *Richard Wilkins*, clerk, M.A., collated "*pleno jure*" (*Reg. Shel-* Mar. 24 *don*, f. 349b).
- 1690 *John Cannon*, clerk, instituted on the death of the last incumbent ; Jul. 1 patrons, King William and Mary, by reason of the vacancy of the see of Canterbury (*Reg. Dec. & Cap. Cant. dur. susp. Gul. Sancroft*, f. 46b, 47a). "Jⁿ Cannon, rector, bur. Nov. 8, 1705" (*Par. Reg.*).

- 1705 *John Scott*, clerk, S.T.B., collated on the death of John Cannon
Nov. 29 (*Reg. Tenison*, pars ii., f. 178b).
- 1741-2 *Edward Raynes*, clerk, collated on the death of John Scott (*Reg.*
Feb. 16 *Potter*, f. 277a). He was instituted to the vicarage of Han-
gleton, co. Sussex, on Jan. 31, 1740-41 (*Lib. Inst.*, C. ii., p.
89). "Rev^d. Mr. Raynes, rector, and Mrs. Ann Chambers of
y^e Cliffe, mar. May 28, 1745" (*Par. Reg.*). Rev^d Mr.
Raynes, rector, bur. Apr. 21, 1755" (*Par. Reg.*).
- 1755 *George Newton*, clerk (Oriel College, Oxford, B.A., Feb. 11,
May 12 1752) collated on the death of Edward Raynes (*Reg. Herring*,
f. 306b). "Geo. Newton rector, and Eliz: Geere, sp^r. mar.
Oct. 13, 1767" (*Par. Reg.*). She was the only child of
Charles Geere, of Bevington, near Brighton. He died at
Isfield on Dec. 18, 1791.
- 1791 *Griffith Griffith*, clerk, M.A. (Hertford College, Oxford, B.A.
Jun. 6 Nov. 2, 1780; M.A. June 18, 1783), collated on the death of
George Newton (*Bish. Certif.*). See *Eaburton*.
- 1792 *John Henry Clapham*, clerk, M.A. (Fellow of Clare College,
Oct. 24 Cambridge; B.A. 1783; M.A. 1786), collated on the cession
of Griffith Griffith (*Bish. Certif.*). On June 10, 1790, he was
collated to the vicarage of Sibertswold with Colread annexed,
co. Kent (*Ib.*), which he ceded in 1792. He died on Jan. 3,
1835, at Trinidad, aged 76. He was non-resident at Isfield,
and for many years held the rectory of Port of Spain, in
the island of Trinidad, West Indies.
- 1835 *Charles Gaunt*, clerk, M.A. (Brasenose College, Oxford; B.A.
Mar. 13 May 20, 1812; M.A. June 1, 1815), collated on the death of
John Henry Clapham (*Bish. Certif.*). He was instituted on
Jan. 8, 1836, to the vicarage of West Wittering, co. Sussex.
(*Lib. Inst.*, C. iii., p. 140), which he held with Isfield till
his death on June 28, 1867, aged 77.
- 1867 *Thomas William Weare*, clerk, M.A. (Christ Church, Oxford;
July B.A. May 25, 1836; M.A. Oct. 25, 1838), collated on the
death of Charles Gaunt. He was formerly Second Master
at Westminster School, and died at Speen, co. Berks, on
Feb. 24, 1871. He chiefly resided at his seat in co. Hereford.
- 1871 *Sydenham Francis Russell*, clerk, M.A. (St. John's College,
May 23 Cambridge; B.A. 1849; M.A. 1852), collated on the death of
Thomas William Weare. He was vicar of Willesborough,
co. Kent, between 1858-71.

VII.—LINDFIELD.

The church of Lindfield, which, like Edburton, is separated from the other peculiars in East Sussex by intervening parishes, was formerly under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and in the deanery of

South Malling. Some centuries before the dissolution the rectory was appropriated to the college of South Malling, and the church served by the monks. It was then seized by the crown, and granted to private individuals, so that the tithes became the property of lay impropiators. The history of the advowson has, however, been so exhaustively treated of in Vol. ix., pp. 327-332 of the Society's "*Collections*," by Mr. T. Herbert Noyes, jun., that it will be unnecessary to trace it again through its successive holders. A paper by Mr. Lower in Vol. xix. may also be consulted with advantage by those interested in the history of this church.

According to the register of Archbishop Abbott, a licence was granted by him on July 16, 1617, to Leonard Brett and Richard Panckhurst, wardens of the parish church of Lindfeld, and William Newton, with other parishioners, to build the said church (then in ruins) without battlements (*sine murorum pinnis*).⁶⁴ We also find in the register book of proceedings of the committee appointed by the House of Commons for the relief of "plundered ministers" the following entry:—"Jun. 23, 1647. Upon the humble Petic'on of Joane Newton, Impropriatrix of the Rectory of Linfield in the countie of Sussex. It is ordered that no disposic'on be made of the profitts belonging to the said cure by this Comittee before the s^d M^{rs} Newton be heard by her counsell touching the same. This Comittee being informed that shee claimeth a right to present and nominate the minister who is to officiate there."⁶⁵

There was formerly a chapel at Shotenebery, annexed to the church of Lindfield. In 1230 we find William de Bosto, dean of Mallinge and parson of the church of Lindefeld, charged with the payment of $\frac{1}{2}$ a mark annually to the prior and convent of Lewes for the chapel of Sotenebyre. This annual pension was confirmed by Edmund, Archbishop of Canterbury, in January, 1234. In the chartulary of Lewes priory are several charters ranging in date from 1230 to 1265, relative to the payment of the above sum to the prior and convent of

⁶⁴ *Reg. Abbott*, pars i., f. 203a.

⁶⁵ *Addit. MS.* 15671.

Lewes.⁶⁶ The chapel of Shotenebery is also named in a record dated 40 Edw. III. (1366).⁶⁷

VIII.—MAYFIELD.

A wooden church was erected at Mayfield in the days of Archbishop Dunstan (959-988), as recorded in Eadmer's life of that prelate. The rectory was first appropriated by Stephen Langton, Archbishop of Canterbury between the years 1207 and 1228, who assigned the revenues of the church of St. Dunstan at Maghfeld as an endowment for a fifth prebend in the church of South Malling. This we affirm on the authority of a confirmation of the original charter, made by Baldwin, a subsequent archbishop.⁶⁸ It has been doubted whether this appropriation really ever took place,⁶⁹ but however the case may have been, it is certain that in 1262, when the vicarage was endowed, the rectory belonged to the see of Canterbury.⁷⁰ Before the close of the century it had been appropriated towards the sustenance of the table of the archbishop at his palace at Mayfield, but we are not aware of the precise date when this took place. It appears, however, that in 1284, Archbishop Peckham sent a letter to the dean of South Malling directing that the payment of fifteenths and twentieths to the king should not be made in the case of the church of Maghfeld, as it was appropriated to his table.⁷¹ Subsequently, we find it recorded that Archbishop Winchelsey gave to the poor of Maghfeld, and to other indigent persons, all the profits of the rectory then appropriated to his see, except what was reserved for the repair of the palace and church.⁷²

The value of the rectory early in the fourteenth century was 90 marks or £60,⁷³ at which sum it had been taxed in 1291. An extract from the Nona Roll of 1341 will afford some interesting information respecting the tithes. It appears that the ninth of sheaves was valued at £30 (which included the ninth of sheaves of Muchel-

⁶⁶ *Cott. MS. Vesp. F. xv., f. 310a,*
et seq.

⁶⁷ *S. A. C. xxi., p. 162.*

⁶⁸ *Tanner's Monast., p. 549.*

⁶⁹ *Bib. Top. Brit. vol. i., p. 204.*

⁷⁰ *Reg. Islep, f. 347b.*

⁷¹ *Reg. J. de Pecheham, f. 118b.*

⁷² *Wilkins' Concilia, vol. ii., p. 489.*

⁷³ *Reg. Reynolds, f. 80a.*

ham park 10s.), and the ninth of fleeces and lambs 3s. 4d. ; the sum being £30 3s. 4d. It is added that in the taxation of the church at £60 is included the manor, belonging to the said rectory, with its appurtenances, worth £10 yearly ; also the tithe of hay valued at £10 ; also the fourth part of the tithes of the parish belonging to the prior of Ledes by composition with the archbishop valued at 10 marks. Moreover certain land is enclosed in Fraunkhame park, which used to be cultivated, and then the tithes yielded 10s. ; also there are in the manor of Binelhame two carucates of land, and John de Wadeherst holds one carucate of land in the parish which this year lies uncultivated, from which the tithe of wheat is usually valued at 30s. The sum total of the above is £58 16s. 8d., so that there is a deficiency from the extent of the said church of Maghefeld of 23s. 4d.⁷⁴

We find no further mention of the rectory until 38 Edward III. (1364), when Archbishop Islep granted to John Cogger and his lawful heirs the right of pasturage in Cortwode and Pondeshened, both appertaining to the glebe of the church of Maghefeld "appropriated to our table," yielding for the same the yearly sum of 11s. 6d.⁷⁵

Matthew Parker observes, in his life of Archbishop Islep, "Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus celebre Oxonii collegium, quod Cantuariense appellatur, condidit ; cui Maghefeld atque Pagham rectorias appropriavit."⁷⁶ If we could rely on the accuracy of this statement, it would be clear that the rectory of Maghefeld was assigned towards the endowment of Canterbury Hall. But there does not appear to be any contemporary evidence to confirm the remark as to the appropriation of this rectory. Not so, however, with regard to Pagham, for on f. 201a of Islep's register is preserved the instrument of appropriation of that church to Canterbury Hall, dated 5 id. (11th) May, 1363. The rectory of Mayfield, on the contrary, continued parcel of the possessions of the archiepiscopal see until the reign of Henry VIII. The mistake may have arisen from a misconception of the fact

⁷⁴ *Inquisitiones Nonarum*, p. 376.

⁷⁶ *De Antiquitate Brit. Ecclesiæ*, p. 372.

⁷⁵ *Reg. Islep*, f. 206a.

that in 1365, John de Wyclyve, vicar of Maghefeld, was appointed warden of Canterbury Hall, in the stead of Dr. Woodhall, the first warden.⁷⁷

An inquisition of the possessions of the Archbishop of Canterbury in Sussex, taken at Southmallyng before the close of the century—21 Rich. II. (1397)—shows that the rectory of Maghefeld, with its appurtenances, was leased or farmed by Henry Baber for the annual sum of £31 14s. 7½d.⁷⁸ During the next century and a half, it passed through the hands of several leaseholders, among whom may be named William Tailor, in 13 Hen. IV., and Thomas Tebbe, from 21 to 28 Hen. VI.

Archbishop Cranmer surrendered (*inter alia*) this rectory to the crown by deed dated Nov. 12, 37 Hen. VIII. (1545). The great tithes were then on lease to William Pankhurst, of Mayfield, at £15 per annum, and he continued to hold the lease until his death in 1568, when he directed his executors to distribute eight bushels of wheat yearly among the poor during the residue of the term.

In the meantime, the rectory, by letters patent dated Jan. 5, 37 Henry VIII. (1545-6), had been granted to Sir Edward North, Chancellor of the Court of Augmentation, and Dame Alice his wife, "paying to y^e king, his heirs and successors, for y^e rectory of Maughfield and y^e rest of the premises to y^e same rectory belonging, £1 10s.," and in the same year it was conveyed to Sir John Gresham, knt., and William Harding. On the death of Sir John in 1554, it passed by will to his son John, who, in 9 Eliz., alienated it to Antony Stringer, gent., to be held by him for certain expressed uses. The Mayfield estates, with the rectory, were, however, transferred to Sir Thomas Gresham, knt., before 1570, who, in that year conveyed to Antony Stringer, gent., Thomas Ceely, and the heirs of Antony, for the uses expressed in an indenture then made, *inter alia*, the impropriate rectory of Mayfield. In 17 Eliz., however, Sir Thomas revoked and determined all the uses, estates, and interests limited and declared by the above indenture, to do which he had reserved the privilege. His death took

⁷⁷ *Reg. Islep*, f. 306b.

⁷⁸ *S. A. C.* vol. xxi., p. 190.

place in the same year, and by will dated July 5, 17 Eliz., and proved in the prerogative court of Canterbury, Nov. 26, 1579, he left his "manors of Maighfield and Wadhurst, with thappurtenaunces, and all my landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes in the countye of Sussex or elsewhere, used, or reputed, or belonginge to the said mannor or mannors of Maighfield and Wadhurst" to his cousin, Sir Henry Nevill, knt., and the heirs male of Dame Elizabeth his wife, with remainder to his own wife Dame Anne Gresham, should the said Sir Henry Nevill or his heirs fail to bear, or cause to be borne, within a certain time after the death of the said Sir Thomas Gresham, "the charges of wardshippe, livery, or primer season, accordinge to the intent and meaninge of these presentes."⁷⁹

The impropriate rectory, it will be observed, was not specially mentioned, and some disagreement having arisen as to the purport of the several clauses of the will, in 23 Eliz. an act of Parliament was obtained "for the stablishynge of an agrement betwene Sir Henry Nevill, Knight, and Dame Anne Gresham, wydowe, for the better performyng of the laste will of Sir Thomas Gresham, Knight, deceased, and for the payment of his debtes."

From this act we give the following extract, as closely bearing upon the rectories of Mayfield and Wadhurst (see *post*):—

"Be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that the saide Sir Henry Nevill, and Henry Nevill esquier, sonne and heire apparante of thesaide Sir Henry, and coozen and heire at the common lawe of the saide Sir Thomas Gresham (yf he the saide Henry Nevill esquier be now lyvinge) shall by the authoritie of this present parliament from henceforthe have, holde, and enjoye the mannours of Maighfelde and Wadhurste, with all and singular theire and either of theire lybertyes, franchises, rights, members, and appurtenances, and the parsonages impropriate of Maighfeld and Wadhurste, with the appurtenaunces, in the countye of Sussex, and all and singular other the landes, tenementes, and hereditaments whatsoever, that sometyme were the said Sir Thomas Gresham's in the said countye of Sussex, to them, the said Sir Henry Nevill and Henry Nevill esquier, and to the heires and assignes of the said Henry Nevill esquier (yf he be nowe lyveinge) for ever: And yf the saide Henry Nevill esquier be

⁷⁹ Ward's *Lives of the Professors of Gresham Coll.*, pp. 24-5.

now deceased, then the said Sir Henry Nevill Knight, and Edward Nevill esquier, seconde sonne of the said Sir Henry, shall have, holde, and enjoye the said mannours of Maighfelde and Wadhurste, with the appurtenances and other the premises in the said countye of Sussex, to the saide Sir Henry Nevill and Edwarde Nevill, and to the heires of the said Edward Nevill for ever, to their owne proper use and behoof absolutely, withoute anye manner of condition, and exonerated and clerely discharged of and from all and everye payment, charge, burden, and encombraunce, had, made, lymtyed, declared, or expressed in or by the wryteng or laste will of the saide Sir Thomas Gresham, or in or by reason of any other wrytynges by hym the saide Sir Thomas, or dame Anne, had, made, or knowledged, or by any other wayes or means whatsoever, the rents and services from henceforthe to be due to the chief lorde or lordes of the fee or fees thereof only excepted; and also discharged, or saved harmles, by the saide dame Anne and her heires or executors, of and from all charges of or by reason of wardshippe, lyverey and prymer seisyne, intrusyons, and other debtes and charges whatsoever, to her majestie, her heires or successors, due by the saide Sir Thomas in his lyef time, or due, or to be due, by reason of the death of the saide Sir Thomas: And that the saide dame Anne, her heires and assignes, and all and everye other person and persons whatsoever, and their heires, anything haveng or pretendeng to have, of, in, or to the said mannours and parsonages of Maighfeld and Wadhurste aforsaid, or of, or in, or to all and singuler the said landes, tenementes, and hereditaments, or anye parte thereof, in the said county of Sussex, by, from, or under the saide dame Anne, shalbe from henceforthe utterlye excluded and barred thereof, and from demaundyng the same, or any parte thereof, by any wayes or meanes whatsoever.⁸⁰

The rectory of Mayfield was by this act of Parliament fully confirmed to the Nevill family, in which it remained until 1597, when by indenture dated May 6 of that year, Henry Nevill, of Billingbear, co. Berks, Esq., granted it to Thomas May, of Burwash, Esq., who was afterwards knighted, and became a resident at Mayfield. Soon after his decease, his representatives, "Dame Jane Maye, widow of Sir Thomas Maye of Mayfield in y^e co. of Sussex, kt., deceased, and Thomas Maye of Mayfield, Esq., son and heir of y^e said Sir Thomas Maye, and Richard Maye of Islington in Middlesex, gent.," sold the rectory to John Baker, of Mayfield, gent., as we learn from an indenture enrolled in Chancery, bearing date Nov. 17, 1617. This last-named gentleman divided the rectorial or great tithes into two portions, and by indenture dated July 6, 1632, granted to the Earl of Essex,

⁸⁰ Ward's *Lives of the Professors of Gresham Coll.*, pp. 17-18.

and others (trustees of Henry Smith, Esq. and purchasers in pursuance of directions left in Smith's will), "All the tithes or tenths of corn, grass, hay, and all other tithes to the Parsonage of Mayfield, belonging, growing, and increasing in and upon the lands, tenements, and hereditaments, lying in Mayfield, on the west side of the highway leading from Street-end and Scotchford-bridge to the end of Baynden-lane, and which doth lie on the south side of Baynden-lane, and leading from the end thereof to Spadescross, to the messuage called Claytons, and to Duddsland, and on the east side of the highway leading from thence to Waldron Down, and also in and upon 20 acres of land in the occupation of Robert Stephens, lying on the north side of Baynden-lane, except the tithes of the lands of Thomas Aynscombe, Esq., containing 180 acres, lying on the south side of the highway leading from Spadescross to Duddsland, and upon the lands of Edward or Edmund Firby, Esq., 120 acres lying on the south side of the same highway; and also except the tithes of the woodland of John Baker, in Mayfield."

This portion of the great tithes is still vested in the trustees of Smith's Charity, the tithe rent-charge being £162.

The other portion of the rectory of Mayfield remained in Mr. Baker's possession for some years. Ultimately it became vested in Thomas, Lord Culpepper, who by deed bearing date Oct. 4, 1688, granted the tithes belonging to the parsonage of Mayfield, and lands in the parishes of Bodiam and Ewhurst, co. Sussex, and also Marshlands, in the parishes of Lydd and Bromehill, cos. Kent and Sussex, to trustees for a term of 200 years. The only child and heiress of Lord Culpepper, Catherine, married Thomas, Lord Fairfax, whose son Thomas became entitled to the remainder in fee of the tithes of Mayfield and the above-named lands, expectant upon the expiration of the term of 200 years. He conveyed the tithes, with the other hereditaments, by deed dated Jan. 20, 1737-8, to William Morland, Esq., afterwards of the Court Lodge, Lamberhurst, and the same are now vested

in William Courtenay Morland, Esq., of the Court Lodge, Lamberhurst, subject to the unexpired term of 200 years.⁸¹

The lease granted by Lord Culpepper was, in the last century, held by the Hooper family; the Rev. Thomas Hooper, rector of Beckley, co. Sussex,⁸² being the lessee when Burrell formed his MS. collections for Sussex. About the year 1803, however, the remainder of the term was purchased by John Thompson, Esq., of Roehampton, and Waverley Abbey, co. Surrey, father of Lord Sydenham, who conveyed it to Lord Carington, whose descendant and representative, Charles Robert, the present peer, holds the unexpired term.

This portion of the great tithes is commuted for a rent charge of £858 per annum.

The vicarage of Mayfield was endowed by Archbishop Boniface in 1262, with the altarage, the corn tithes of Hyordherst, certain land which belonged to Boterell, and seven acres of woodland pertaining to the said church or rectory. The archbishop, who held the great tithes, agreed to keep the chancel of the church in repair, and provide the books and vestments necessary for the divine offices. The original instrument of endowment was copied into Islep's register in the following century, and to this circumstance we owe its preservation. It runs as follows:—

Bonifacius permissione divina Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus totius Anglie primas universis presentes literas inspecturis salutem in domino sempiternam. Cum dominus papa nobis et successoribus nostris de speciali gratia concesserit ecclesiam de Maghefeld in usus proprios perpetuo possidendum nos volentes quod ecclesia illa debitis obsequiis non fraudetur vicariam perpetuam ita sibi duximus ordinandum quod vicarius qui pro tempore illuc fuerit totum habeat alteragium item decimam garbaram de Hyordherst item terram illam que fuit Boterelli ex utraque parte vie inferius et superius item vij acras bosci ejusdem ecclesie in angulo contiguo terre dicte Botele Boterelli ipse autem vicarius decanum de Mallyng prout moris est semel in annum procurabit ac eidem ecclesie per sufficientes et ydoneos ministros faciet deservire de luminaribus et aliis inveniendis provideri. Nos autem cancellum sustentabimus et libros et vestimenta inveniemus in eadem competencia. In quorum

⁸¹ For this information I am indebted to W. C. Morland, Esq.

⁸² Instituted to the rectory of Beckley, co. Sussex, Sept. 22, 1752 (*Lib. Inst.*, C. ii., p. 79).

testimonium literis presentibus apponi fecimus sigillum nostrum. Datum apud Maghefeld die lune proxime ante festum beati Laurentii A.D. 1262.⁸³

The patronage of the vicarage remained vested in the Archbishop of Canterbury for the time being, until the reign of Henry VIII., when by deed dated Nov. 12, 1545, it was alienated, *inter alia*, by Archbishop Cranmer to the crown. Within a few months, the king conveyed this advowson, with the rectory, to Sir Edward North, and Dame Alice his wife, who soon transferred it to Sir John Gresham, knt., and William Harding. It remained in the Gresham family for some years, and ultimately passed with the rectory to Henry Nevill, Esq., of Billingbear, co. Berks, who presented to the vicarage in 1589. Subsequently "the advowson, right of patronage, donation, and free disposition of the vicarage of Mayfield" was, by indenture bearing date May 6, 1597, conveyed by the said Henry Nevill to Thomas May, of the Franchise, Burwash, who within a few years conceded his right to John Porter, of Beigham, co. Sussex. This last-named gentleman was patron in 1605-6. We have already seen that Dame Jane Maye, widow, and second wife of Sir Thomas Maye, of Mayfield, knt., and others conveyed the rectory to John Baker, of Mayfield, gent., by indenture dated Nov. 17, 1617, but in this conveyance no allusion is made to the vicarage of the parish church. Probably the term granted to John Porter had not then expired, but however this may have been, Thomas Maynard, of Mayfield, yeoman, and William Peckham, of Mayfield, yeoman, were the patrons in 1624. Indeed, we have no evidence of the advowson having belonged to the Baker family until 1662, when John Baker is recorded as patron. On his decease it passed to his eldest son John, who, having in 1696 presented his own son, the Rev. Peter Baker, to the vicarage, granted by deed enrolled in Chancery, dated Dec. 10, 1706, to the said Peter Baker, his heirs and assigns for ever, "y^e advowson, donation, free disposition, and right of patronage and presentation of and to y^e vicarage and parish church

⁸³ *Reg. Islep*, f. 347b.

of Mayfield, together with y^e vicarage house, and glebe of s^d vicarage, situate, lyeing, and being in y^e parish of Mayfield aforesaid, and also all y^e tythes of corn, grain, and hay yearly comeing and growing, &c., within that part of y^e said parish of Mayfield called Five Ash Quarter, wherewith y^e s^d vicarage is endowed, and all and singular vicarage or small tythes whatsoever yearly comeing, &c., within the same parish, or any y^e quarters, hamlets, villes, or members thereof." On the death of the Rev. Peter Baker in 1730, his son, Michael Baker, became patron. He died s. p. in 1750, when the advowson passed to his uncle, George Baker, Esq., and ultimately to Michael Baker, Esq., who died unmarried in 1771, and whose sister, Anne-Ruth, conveyed it by marriage to the Rev. John Kirby. His grandson and representative, the Rev. Henry Thomas Murdoch Kirby, is the present patron of the vicarage, to which he was instituted in 1845, "on his own petition."

VICARS OF MAYFIELD.

James, vicar of Maghefeld in 1315. Richard de Terring, chaplain, was appointed assistant to James, vicar of Maghefeld, on April 8, 1315, who was labouring under severe bodily affliction (*Reg. Reynolds*, f. 15a). William de Isewode, priest, was appointed to the same office, on Oct. 14, 1316 (*Ib.*, f. 17b).

1317 *John de Thynden*, priest, collated to the vicarage of the church
May 14 of Maghefeld (*Reg. Reynolds*, f. 20a). He was collated to the vicarage of Wadhurst in 1316, which he resigned in the following year (see *post*).

Ralph de Ravenstan.

1351-2 *Ralph Baker de Sevenoke*, priest, collated on the resignation of
Mar. 13 *Ralph de Ravenstan* (*Reg. Islep*, f. 260a).

1361 *John de Wyteclyve*, priest, collated on the death of *Ralph Baker*
July 20 *de Sevenoke* (*Reg. Islep*, f. 287b). He was appointed warden of Canterbury Hall, Oxford, by Archbishop Islep, on Dec. 9, 1365 (*Ibid.*, f. 306b). This *John de Wyteclyve* has been supposed by some to have been the great reformer of the same name who lived about the same period, but the fallacy of this idea has been clearly shown at some length in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for Aug. 1841, and April 1842. Dean Hook observes (*Lives Archb. Cant.*, vol. iv. p. 158):—"I assume it as a fact, now admitted by all who have examined the subject,

that the warden of Canterbury Hall is a person distinct from the great reformer. The reader who wishes to see the subject logically argued and clearly proved is referred to Shirley's note on the two Wiclifs, appended to the republication of the *Fasciculi Zizaniorum*, published in the *Rerum Britannicarum Medii Ævi Scriptores*." A grant of land at Maghfeld was made by Archbishop Sudbury to John Whittelyve, vicar of Maghfeld, in 1380 (*Reg. Sudbury*, f. 68b), and the very next year he resigned that living in exchange for the rectory of Horstede Kaynes, co. Sussex (f. 134a), which he held till his death in 1383, together with a prebend in the cathedral church of Chichester. He gave direction in his will, which was proved at Lambeth, Nov. 21, 1383, that his body should be buried in the chapel at the Hospital of the Apostles SS. Peter and Paul, Maydeston (*Reg. Courtenay*, f. 207a).

- 1380-1 Dec. 18 *Simon Russell*, priest, rector of Horstede Kaynes, co. Sussex, collated by exchange with John Whiteclyve (*Reg. Sudbury*, f. 134a). He became archdeacon of Chichester in 1382, which dignity he held until 1387, when he was appointed chancellor of that cathedral (Pat. Roll, 11 Rich. II., p. 1. m. 7). He appears to have exchanged the archdeaconry of Chichester and the prebend of Merden in the same church, for the vicarage of Sutton in Holand, Lincoln diocese, on May 3, 1387 (*Reg. Buckingham, Ep. Linc.*, pars ii.).
- 1382 Apr. 15 *William Wardewe*, archdeacon of Chichester, collated by exchange with Simon Russell (*Reg. Courtenay*, f. 244a). His will was proved on Aug. 7, 1382 (f. 201a).
- 1382 Jul. 21 *Geoffrey Mareschall*, priest, collated on the death of William Wardewe (*Reg. Courtenay*, f. 246a).
- 1382 Aug. 31 *John Sabyn*, chaplain, collated on the resignation of Geoffrey Mareschall (*Reg. Courtenay*, f. 246a).
- 1382 Oct. 2 *William Lyndon*, rector of Parva Warle, co. Essex, collated by exchange with John Sabyn (*Reg. Courtenay*, f. 246b).
- 1389 May 23 *John Chapman*, rector of Denton, co. Sussex, collated by exchange with William Lyndon (*Reg. Courtenay*, f. 272b).
John Scoy.
- 1404-5 Mar. 21 *Richard Maynford*, vicar of Seton, co. Devon, collated by exchange with John Scoy (*Reg. Arundell*, pars i. f. 302a).
Henry Trowell.
- 1417 Dec. 19 *William Blundell*, vicar of Wymeryng, co. Hants, collated by exchange with Henry Trowell (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i. f. 92b).
- 1450-1 Mar. 17 *William Hebbenge*, chaplain, collated (*Reg. Stafford*, f. 109a).
Robert Chaloner.
- 1459 Oct. 18 *Thomas Lemster*, collated on the resignation of Robert Chaloner (*Reg. Bouchier*, f. 76a).

- 1481-2 *Thomas Symys*, chaplain, collated on the death of Thomas Lemster (*Reg. Bourchier*, f. 129b).
Mar. 18
- 1502 *William Dale*, M.A., collated (*Reg. Morton, Dene, Bourchier, &c.*, f. 170a). Vicar temp. "Valor Ecclesiasticus."
Apr. 29
- 1544-5 *Geoffrey Aprice*, M.A., collated on the resignation of William Dale (*Reg. Cranmer*, f. 394a). He compounded for first fruits on Feb. 5, 36 Hen. VIII. (*Lib. Comp.*).
Feb. 4
- William Wilson*, vicar of Mayfield, compounded for first fruits on July 17, 2 Mary (*Lib. Comp.*).
- 1559 *Henry Becker*, clerk, admitted on the death of the last incumbent; patron, John Gresham, Esq. (*Reg. Dec. et Cap. Cant. post mortem Reg. Pole*, f. 18b). He compounded for first fruits on the same day (*Lib. Comp.*).
Jul. 19
- 1567-8 *Thomas Goddall*, clerk, admitted on the resignation of Henry Baker; patron, John Gresham, Esq. (*Reg. Parker*, pars i. f. 384b). He compounded for first fruits on March 26, 10 Eliz. (*Lib. Comp.*), and was installed prebendary of Eartham in the cathedral church at Chichester on June 22, 1571 (*Addit. MS.* 5699).
Feb. 20
- 1589 *George Carleton*, clerk, M.A. (Edmund Hall, Oxford; B.A. 1579; M.A. 1585; B.D. 1594; D.D. 1613), admitted on the death of Thomas Goddall; patron, Henry Nevill, Esq. (*Reg. Whitgift*, pars i. f. 482a). He compounded for first fruits on Apr. 30, 31 Eliz. (*Lib. Comp.*). He was elected bishop of Llandaff on Dec. 23, 1617, and was consecrated at Lambeth on July 12, 1618, and translated to the see of Chichester on Sept. 8, 1619. He died in May, 1628, aged 69, and was buried on the 27th of that month in the choir of Chichester Cathedral (*Le Neve's Fasti*; *Wood's Ath. Oxon.*; *Lower's Worthies of Sussex*; S. A. C., vol. xxi. p. 19). He married, first, Ann, daughter of Sir Henry Killegrew, widow of Sir Henry Nevill, of Billingbear; and secondly, Avis, daughter of — Weston, of Sussex (*Berry's Sussex Genealogies*, p. 232).
Apr. 28
- 1605 *Edward Topsell*, priest, M.A., instituted; patron, James I., "per lapsum temporis" (*Reg. Bancroft*, f. 269b). Topsell was in a few months removed from the vicarage of Mayfield by an order from the king dated Feb. 7, 1605-6 (f. 272a), obtained through the petition of George Carleton, who asserted that the vicarage was not vacant, and that he was the true vicar thereof (See *Reg. Abbott*, pars i. f. 188b). Carleton, however, does not appear to have retained the living, as a new incumbent was immediately appointed. Edward Topsell was inducted rector of East Hoathly, co. Sussex, on June 21, 1596 (*Addit. MS.* 5697), and admitted to the vicarage of East Grinstead, co. Sussex, on May 5, 1610 (S. A. C. xx. 147). See *Framfield*.
Aug. 23

- 1605-6 *William Whitfeld*, priest, M.A., instituted; patron, John Porter, of Beigham, co. Sussex, gent., the advowson of the vicarage and right of patronage having been conceded to him by Sir Thomas Maye, of Mayfield, knt. (*Reg. Bancroft*, f. 273a). "Mr W^m Whitfeld, vicar of Mayfield, buried Nov. 8, 1610" (*Par. Reg.*).
- John Lucke*. "John Lucke, B.D., vicar of Mayfield, bur. July 12, 1624" (*Par. Reg.*).
- 1624 *John Maynard*, clerk, M.A. (Queen's College, Oxford; B.A. Jul. 30 Feb. 3, 1619; M.A. of Magdalen Hall, a compounder, June 26, 1662), instituted on the death of John Lucke; patrons, Thomas Maynard of Mayfield, and William Peckham of Mayfield, yeomen (*Reg. Abbott*, pars ii. f. 336b). He compounded for first fruits on Aug. 12, 22 James I. (*Lib. Comp.*). Maynard was a severe Puritan, and one of the Assembly of Divines, *temp.* Charles I. He died in 1665, and was buried at Mayfield, but he had been deprived in 1662, on his refusal to comply with the Act of Uniformity. His curate, Elias Paul D'Aranda, was also deprived, and afterwards became pastor of the French or Walloon church in the Undercroft of Canterbury Cathedral. Another of his curates, John Hatch, was, on July 22, 1635, absolved from the sentence of suspension for not appearing before the archbishop at his metropolitanical visitation (*Reg. Laud*, f. 228a). See Wood's *Ath. Oxon.*, vol. ii., p. 462, and Lower's *Worthies of Sussex*, p. 234, for fuller notices of John Maynard.
- 1662-3 *Francis Seyliard*, instituted on the presentation of John Baker, Jan. 9 Esq. (*Reg. Juxon*, f. 144a).
- 1663-4 *Robert Peck*, clerk, M.A., instituted on the cession of Francis Mar. 16 Seyliard; patron, John Baker, Esq. (*Reg. Sheldon*, f. 322b).
- 1696 *Peter Baker*, clerk, B.A. (Emmanuel College, Cambridge; B.A. Jul. 16 1694; M. A. 1698), instituted on the death of Robert Peck; patron, John Baker, Esq. (*Reg. Tillotson*, f. 195a). "Rev^d Mr Peter Baker, bur. Jan. 26, 1729-30" (*Par. Reg.*). He was the third son of John Baker, of Mayfield Place, Esq., by Ruth, daughter of Peter Farnden, of Sedlescomb, co. Sussex.
- 1730 *Odiarne Hooper*, clerk (University College, Oxford; B.C.L. Feb. Jul. 1 27, 1726), instituted on the death of Peter Baker; patron, Michael Baker, Esq. (*Reg. Wake*, pars ii. f. 256b). He was instituted to the rectory of East Guildford, co. Sussex, on July 26, 1736; and to the vicarage of Hailsham, co. Sussex, on July 10, 1753, when he ceded the former living. He vacated the latter by death *cir.* 1770 (*Bish. Certif.*).
- 1733-4 *Robert Hooper*, clerk (University College, Oxford; B.A. Feb. Feb. 20 6, 1729), instituted on the resignation of Odiarne Hooper; patron, Michael Baker, Esq. (*Reg. Wake*, pars ii. f. 273a). "Rev. Mr Robt. Hooper, vicar, bur. Nov. 18, 1746" (*Par. Reg.*).

- 1746-7 *John Godman*, clerk (Jesus College, Cambridge; B.A. 1737),
 Mar. 17 instituted on the death of Robert Hooper; patron, Michael
 Baker, Esq. (*Reg. Potter*, f. 299a).
- 1752 *Richard Porter*, clerk, M.A. (Jesus College, Cambridge; B.A.
 Jan. 9 1737, B.A. 1742), instituted on the death of John Godman;
 patron, George Baker, Esq. (*Reg. Herring*, f. 291b). He
 was instituted to the rectory of East Hoathly, co. Sussex, on
 Dec. 4, 1741, which he resigned in 1752; also instituted to
 the rectory of Chailey on Oct. 30, 1753 (*Lib. Inst.*, C. ii.
 p. 81), and died on Feb. 3, 1762, aged 46 (*Addit. MS.*,
 5697-8).
- 1762 *Roger Challice*, clerk (Pembroke College, Cambridge; B.A.
 Mar. 31 Oxford incorp. 1762; M.A. 1762), instituted on the death
 of Richard Porter; patron, Michael Baker, of Uckfield,
 gent., by the advice and with the consent of Rev. Thomas
 Porter, his guardian (*Bish. Certif.*). He was instituted to the
 vicarage of Alecton, co. Sussex, on Oct. 31, 1760, and to the
 rectory of Chailey, co. Sussex, on Mar. 25, 1762 (*Bish.*
Certif.). He vacated these benefices by death in 1780.
- 1780 *John Kirby*, clerk, M.A. (St. John's College, Cambridge; B.A.
 Oct. 16 1766; Clare College, M.A. 1769), instituted on the death of
 Roger Challice; patron, the said John Kirby, on his own
 petition (*Bish. Certif.*).
- 1810 *John Kirby*, the younger, clerk, B.A. (St. John's College,
 Sept. 26 Cambridge, B.A. 1810; M.A. 1813), instituted on the
 resignation of John Kirby, the elder; patron, the said John
 Kirby, the elder, of the parish of Mayfield (*Bish. Certif.*).
 He died on Oct. 27, 1844, aged 58.
- 1845 *Henry Thomas Murdoch Kirby*, clerk, B.A. (St. John's College,
 Mar. 7 Cambridge, B.A. 1844; M.A. 1847), instituted on the death
 of John Kirby, his father, "on his own petition" (*Bish.*
Certif.).

IX.—RINGMER.

There are two charters in an ancient chartulary of the
 Archbishops of Canterbury, preserved in the Bodleian
 Library, relating to the early history of this church.
 The first is a grant by Archbishop Theobald of the tithes
 of pasnage within the forest of Broyle to the dean and
 canons of South Malling. Paspaje is the fruit of trees
 which swine and other cattle feed upon in the woods, and
 the grant included the whole of the tithes arising there-
 from, as well as the right every year to place in the
 forest of Broyle, which belonged to the archbishop,
 twenty-four pigs belonging to the said dean, for the

purpose of feeding on pasnage. Theobald was archbishop between the years 1138-1160, but no date is attached to the charter in question. Whether the great tithes of the parish had already been appropriated to the college, we are unable to discover, but if not, they were in all probability given to that establishment soon afterwards.

The second charter to which we refer is also without date, but from internal evidence it may be fixed *cir.* 1230. It is an agreement between William Boscho, dean of Suthmallyng, and William de Rising, William de Deane, and Henry de Lya, canons of the same church, to assign the tithes arising from one hidate of land at Hastone, in the parish of Ringmere, for certain purposes in connection with the collegiate church, such as the reparation of the stalls in the choir, the windows, &c., &c.

The rectorial or great tithes of Ringmer were in the fifteenth century set apart by the dean and canons as an endowment for the chancellor's prebend in the college. The following collations occur in the archbishops' registers:—

Robert Wodrof, clerk.

1511 *Thomas Welles, S. T. P.,* rector of Ulcombe, co. Kent, collated
Aug. 14 by exchange with Robert Wodrof to the chancellor's prebend
in the collegiate church of Southmallyng with the church of
Ryngemere annexed (*Reg. Warham, f. 345a*).

Rowland Boxster.

1520 *Ingelram Bedell, clerk,* collated by exchange with Rowland
Aug. 5 Boxster (*Reg. Warham, f. 391b*).

Edward Nevell, clerk.

1533 *William Levett, LL.B.,* collated on the resignation of Edward
Jun. 7 Nevell (*Reg. Cranmer, f. 340a*). One of the same name was
collated to the rectory of Buxted in 1533 (see *ante*).

On the dispersion of the revenues of the college at the dissolution, the prebend or rectory of Ringmer was granted to Sir Thomas Palmer, knt., but by indenture dated Apr. 2, 2 Edw. VI., it was reconveyed to the crown. It remained royal property for nearly fifty years, until by letters patent dated June 8, 30 Elizabeth

(1588), the fee-farm of the rectory of Ringmer was granted to Richard Branthwaite and Roger Bromley, Esquires, their heirs and assigns for ever, subject to an annual payment to the crown of £24. This rent (*inter alia*) was by Charles II., in the 15th year of his reign, conveyed to Edward, Earl of Sandwich, and his heirs male lawfully begotten.

During the period the rectory was a possession of the crown, it was leased to the Gage family. Sir Thomas Palmer, knt., had, in fact, prior to the surrender of his interest in the fee, leased the rectory with the glebe, tithes, &c., to James Gage for the term of thirty years, by indenture bearing date June 26, 1 Edw. VI. This lease was renewed to Edward Gage in 1574 for twenty-one years, but before the expiration of the term, we find another granted in favour of Edward Gage, Margaret Gage, and Henry Gage for the length of their lives.⁸⁴

The present holder of the great tithes is a Mr. Andrew Duncan, of London, but by what right he possesses them, whether by purchase or otherwise, we have not been able to ascertain. The impropiator in 1836 was Count D'Harcourt.

The lesser tithes were probably assigned to the vicarage at an early period, but we have not discovered any instrument of endowment. The dedication of the chapel would seem to have taken place in 1283.⁸⁵ It is under the invocation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.⁸⁶

The vicarage of Ryngmere did not exceed in value £4 6s. 8d., according to the taxation of Pope Nicholas IV. It appears among those benefices the true annual value of which, about 1430, did not exceed twelve marks, the vicar at the same time making personal residence.⁸⁷ Its value in the King's Books, or "Valor Ecclesiasticus," is £13.

There appears to have been a chantry founded in the chapel of Ringmer by Henry, vicar there in the thirteenth century, who bequeathed certain lands and tenements for that purpose. It was stipulated by him that

⁸⁴ Particulars for leases, *temp.* Eliz.
and James I.

⁸⁵ *Reg. J. de Pecheham*, f. 108b.

⁸⁶ *Reg. Cranmer*, f. 393b.

⁸⁷ *Reg. Kemp*, f. 225b.

the chaplain of it should be appointed by the dean of South Malling to celebrate every day ten masses—three for himself, four for his benefactors, and for all the faithful from whom he had received alms during his life; two for St. Mary, and one for the Holy Spirit. The endowment proving insufficient, the chantry was given up, and the funds added to the income of the sacrist of the collegiate church of South Malling.⁸⁸

VICARS OF RINGMER.

Richard, cir. 1230 (Addit. MS. 5706).

Henry, died in 1275 (S. A. C. vol. v. p. 136).

Thomas Robinet.

1367 William Andrewe, vicar of Benynghs [?] admitted to the vicarage
Aug. 31 of the church of Ryngmere by exchange with Thomas Robinet
(*Reg. Langham, f. 19b*).

1370 John Blake, rector of Twynem, co. Sussex, admitted by ex-
Nov. 17 change with William Andrewe (*Reg. Whittlesey, f. 83a*).

John Hicche.

1430 Thomas Sampson, chaplain, admitted to the perpetual vicarage
Aug. 6 of the chapel of Ryngmere on the death of John Hicche;
patrons, the dean and canons of Southmallyng (*Reg. Chichele, pars i. f. 184a*).

1438 Simon Mosse, rector of Wodmaneste, co. Sussex, admitted by ex-
July 25 change with Thomas Sampson (*Reg. Chichele, pars i. f. 221a*).

1449 Robert Passemere, chaplain, admitted to the perpetual vicarage
Dec. 17 of the parish church of Ryngmere; patrons, the dean and
canons of Southmallyng (*Reg. Chichele, pars ii. f. 102a*).

1460 John Ffowler, chaplain, admitted on the resignation of Robert
May 18 Passemere; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Bourchier, f. 77a*).

John Wilfed.

1511 Gilbert Haldsworth, B. C. L., admitted on the death of John
May 22 Wilfed; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Warham, f. 343b*).

1522 Thomas Gybbys, chaplain, admitted on the death of the last in-
May 2 cumbent (*Reg. Warham, f. 374a*).

1525-6 Richard Almayne, admitted on the death of Thomas Gybbys;
Feb. 1 patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Warham, f. 390a*).

1531 John Parker, chaplain, admitted on the death of Richard Al-
Apr. 17 mayne; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Warham, f. 404b*). Vicar
temp. "Valor Ecclesiasticus."

1544 Dunstan Sawyer, clerk, admitted on the death of John
Dec. 9 Parker; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Cranmer, f. 393b*). He

⁸⁸ S. A. C. vol. v. p. 136.

- compounded for first fruits on Dec. 9, 36 Hen. VIII. (*Lib. Comp.*).
- Andrew Puggesley*, clerk.
- 1560 *John Howper*, clerk, collated on the death of Andrew Puggesley, by the archbishop "*pleno jure*" (*Reg. Parker*, pars i., f. 342b). He compounded for first fruits on April 4, 2 Eliz. (*Lib. Comp.*).
- 1561-2 *William Pett*, clerk, collated on the resignation of John Howper Jan. 15 (*Reg. Parker*, pars i., f. 353b). He compounded for first fruits on Feb. 7, 4 Eliz. (*Lib. Comp.*). A tithe-suit was enrolled in the Exchequer of the Pleas between William Pett, vicar of Ringmare, and John Corneford, 6 Eliz. Trin. m. 8.
- 1569 *Thomas Johnson*, alias *Neele*, clerk, collated on the resignation of Mar. 29 William Pett (*Reg. Parker*, pars i., f. 390b). He compounded for first fruits on May 4, 11 Eliz. (*Lib. Comp.*).
- 1575 *John Motlay*, M.A., admitted on the death of the last incumbent; patron, Queen Elizabeth (*Reg. Parker*, pars ii., f. 117a). He compounded for first fruits on Nov. 18, 17 Eliz. (*Lib. Comp.*).
- 1604 *Edward Wood*, priest, S.T.B., admitted on the death of John Oct. 16 Motlay; patron, James I. "*pro hac vice*," by reason of the vacancy of the see of Canterbury (*Reg. Whitgift*, pars iii., f. 282b).
- 1610-11 *Simon Aldriche*, clerk, S.T.B. He was inducted into this vicarage on March 13 (*Par. Reg.*).
- 1627 *John Sadler*, clerk, M.A., admitted on the resignation of Oct. 6 Simon Aldriche (*Reg. Abbott*, pars ii., f. 349b). He compounded for first fruits on Nov. 15, 2 Charles I. (*Lib. Comp.*). "*Mr Jⁿ Sadler, Min^r of Ringmer, bur. Oct. 3, 1642*" (*Par. Reg.*).
- 1640-1 *William Cooper*, admitted (*Lib. Inst.*, A. v., p. 73).
Jan. 12
- Thomas Tyroe*, in 1644. "*Mr Tho^s Tyroe min^r bur. Aug. 26, 1652*" (*Par. Reg.*).
- Elias Arnold*, "minister" in 1657 (*Par. Reg.*). Deprived in 1662 (*Calamy's Nonconf. Mem.*, vol. iii., p. 350).
- 1662 *Samuel Stone*, clerk, collated [on the deprivation of Elias Jul. 31 Arnold] by the archbishop, "*pleno jure*" (*Reg. Juxon*, f. 134b).
- 1666-7 *Richard Ireland*, clerk, M.A., collated on the death of Samuel Jan. 17 Stone (*Reg. Sheldon*, f. 330a). He was instituted to the rectory of Beeston-juxta-Sprowston, co. Norfolk, on Dec. 8, 1660, and to the vicarage of Wilmington, co. Sussex, on Jan. 7, 1663-4 (*Bish. Certif.*). "*Mr R^d Ireland, vicar, bur. Sept. 2, 1680*" (*Par. Reg.*).
- 1680 *Luke Garnons*, clerk, M.A., collated on the death of Richard Oct. 12 Ireland (*Reg. Sancroft*, f. 387b). "*Luke Garnons, vicar,*

- bur. Apr. 13, 1681" (*Par. Reg.*). He was collated to the vicarage of Pagham, co. Sussex, on July 6, 1678, and resigned in 1680 (*Reg. Sancroft*, f. 374a., 388b).
- 1681 *John Lillie*, clerk, M.A., collated on the death of Luke Garnons
Apr. 20 (*Reg. Sancroft*, f. 391a).
- 1690 *Henry Snooke*, clerk, M.A., admitted on the cession of the last incumbent; patrons, King William and Mary, "*pro hac vice*," by reason of the vacancy of the see of Canterbury (*Reg. Dec. & Cap. Cant. dur. Susp. Sancroft*, f. 50b). "Rev^d Mr Henry Snooke, bur. Oct. 16, 1727, aged 70" (*Par. Reg.*). Prior to his acceptance of the vicarage of Ringmer, Henry Snooke was collated to the following benefices in Sussex:—To the vicarage of Stoughton on Mar. 7, 1680; to the vicarage of Brighthelmston on Dec. 8, 1681; and to the prebend of Hampsted, in the cathedral church of Chichester on March 22, 1681-2, which he resigned a few months before his death (*Bish. Certif.*).
- 1727 *Thomas Hurdis*, clerk, LL.B., collated on the death of Henry
Nov. 9 Snooke (*Reg. Wake*, pars ii., f. 240b).
- 1733 *Robert Talbot*, clerk, M.A., collated on the death of Thomas
Nov. 3 Hurdis (*Reg. Wake*, pars ii., f. 271b).
- 1736 *Edward Palmer*, clerk, collated on the cession of Robert Talbot
Dec. 24 (*Reg. Wake*, pars ii., f. 278a). "Rev^d Mr Edw. Palmer, bur. Jan. 11, 1747-8" (*Par. Reg.*).
- 1748 *Charles Dixon*, clerk, M.A., collated on the death of Edward
Apr. 28 Palmer (*Reg. Herring*, f. 280a). He held this living until his death *cir.* 1754, when he also vacated the rectory of Newick, co. Sussex, to which he had been instituted on Oct. 10, 1734 (*Bish. Certif.*).
- 1754 *Michael Baynes*, clerk (Merton College, Oxford; B.A. July 12,
Mar. 26 1718), collated on the death of Charles Dixon (*Reg. Herring*, f. 300b). He was instituted to the vicarage of Fletching, co. Sussex, on Feb. 20, 1760 (*Bish. Certif.*), which he held with that of Ringmer until his death, on May 15, 1786, aged 89. He was buried in the nave of Fletching church (*Addit. MS.* 5697).
- 1786 *George Woodward*, clerk (Christ Church, Oxford; B.A. May 8,
Oct. 31 1770; M.A. Nov. 24, 1775), collated on the death of Michael Baynes (*Bish. Certif.*). He was also instituted to the united rectories of Wiggenholt and Greatham on Oct. 11, 1786, and on the following day to the vicarage of Fletching. He ceded the vicarage of Ringmer on being instituted to the rectory of Maresfield on April 10, 1812 (*Bish. Certif.*), which he held with the vicarage of Fletching up to the date of his death, on Dec. 6, 1836, having vacated the rectories of Wiggenholt and Greatham in 1834.
- 1812 *John Constable*, clerk (University College, Oxford, Nov. 4,
Mar. 20 1801; M.A. Oct. 23, 1807), collated on the cession of

George Woodward (*Bish. Certif.*). He died on March 22, 1863.

1863 *Edward Symons*, clerk (Wadham College, Oxford; B.A. Nov. 12, 1835), collated on the death of John Constable.

X.—SOUTHERAM.

It is uncertain when a chapel was first erected at Southeram, which lies about a mile south-east of the church of St. Thomas-at-Cliffe, on the turnpike road from Lewes to Glynde. Having been served by the ecclesiastics of South Malling college, the chapel fell into disuse at the dissolution, but it was not finally demolished until 1837-8. Some account of the descent of the prebend or rectory will fall within the range of the present paper.

In the fifteenth century the income arising from the rectory of Southeram was assigned to the precentor of the college, who until then had held *ex-officio* the church or rectory of Stanmer.⁸⁹ This arrangement continued until the collegiate establishment was broken up in 1545. The right of presentation had been vested in the Archbishop of Canterbury, and when Cranmer, the same year, conveyed the manor of Southeram with other archiepiscopal property to the crown, he made a reservation that the advowson, or gift of the parsonage or prebend of Southeram, should continue to be, and remain, to the said archbishop and his successors for ever. The prebend or rectory had, however, already, by letters patent dated July 11, 37 Henry VIII. (1545), been granted to Sir Thomas Palmer, knt., but it returned again to the crown in 2 Edw. VI. In 7 James I. the prebend or rectory of Southeram, with its rights, members, and appurtenances, and all tithes of corn, hay, lambs, milk, &c., was granted to Francis Philips and Francis Morris, who were to pay the yearly fee-farm rent of £8.⁹⁰ In 1615 it was conveyed to John Michelbourne, from whom it passed to William Thomas, who, in 1624, conveyed it to Thomas Storer.⁹¹ The last named

⁸⁹ *Reg. Arundell*, pars i., f. 259a; *Reg. Kemp*, f. 252a.

⁹⁰ *Pat. Roll*, 7 James I., p. 10, m. 7.

⁹¹ *Horsfield's Lewes*, vol. ii., p. 172.

possessor, probably by will, divided the rectory into two portions, one of which became the property of Elizabeth Alcock, of Lewes, widow, who in her will, dated Nov. 4, 1685, says, "I do will and devise unto my executors Dorothy and Mary Ellis, and to their heirs and assigns for ever all that my moiety or half part of the prebendary, rectory, and parsonage of Southram in Sussex with all the tythes and appurtenances thereunto belonging late the inheritance of my said late daughter Charity Storer deceased." Ultimately, after passing through several hands, it became, in 1727, the property of Nathaniel Russell, who devised it to his son, William Russell, who afterwards assumed the name of his maternal grandfather, Kempe. On the death of Serjeant Kempe this moiety of the rectory was left in trust for his children's benefit; and in 1800 it was purchased by the father of the present Viscount Gage.

The other moiety was conveyed, in 21 Charles II. (1669), by Ambrose Isted, citizen and stationer, of London, to William and Elizabeth West. The premises are described as "all that moietye of the rectory or parsonage of Souteram with the appurtenances; and also of all that moiety of all the tythes of corn, grass, hay and all other tythes, and portion of tythes whatsoever with the appurtenances; yearly comeing, growing, or renewing of and in Souteram aforesaid and South Malling." In 26 Charles II., by indenture, dated Oct. 12, 1674, William West mortgaged the aforesaid premises to Edward Bonham, of London, gent. On the death of Edward Bonham the mortgage was assigned to Richard Pilbeame, of Chiddingly, yeoman, by indenture dated April 1, 1687, by whom it was again assigned, in the following year, to George Goring, of Barcombe, Esq., John Awcock, of Maresfield, gent., and Thomas Medley, of Southover, gent., by indenture dated June 20, 1688. At the same time the fee of this moiety of the rectory was conveyed by William West, citizen and draper, of London, to Thomas Medley, of Southover, gent.,⁹² from whom it descended to Julia Evelyn Medley, who married Charles

⁹² *Addit. MS.*, 5697.

Cecil Cope Jenkinson, Earl of Liverpool, whose trustees sold it to the present Viscount Gage in 1826. The entire prebend or rectory of Southeram is now the property of his lordship, as are also the lands out of which the tithes issue, the Southeram estate having been in the possession of the Gage family since the reign of Henry VIII.

We annex the names of those who held the church of Southeram, with the precentor's prebend in the church of South Malling, prior to the dissolution :—

William Peyt.

1492 Nov. 10 *John Banester*, B.A., collated to the canonry of Southeram in the collegiate church of Southmallyng, and the prebend of the precentor in the same, on the resignation of William Peyt (*Reg. Morton, Dene, Bouchier, &c.*, f. 153b).

1512 Apr. 21 *John Pers*, LL.B., collated on the resignation of John Banester (*Reg. Warham*, f. 345b). See *Deans of South Malling*.

John Aleff.

1537-8 Feb. 19 *Richard Champion*, S.T.P., collated on the death of John Aleff (*Reg. Cranmer*, f. 363b).

1543 May 31 *John Pennet*, M.A., collated on the death of Richard Champion (*Reg. Cranmer*, f. 388b). He was "rector of the church or chapel of Southeram" at the time of the surrender of the college possessions in 1545.

XI.—SOUTH MALLING.

The Rev. Edward Turner has ably treated of the history of the ancient collegiate establishment at South Malling in Vol. v. of the "*Collections*," and Mr. Tyssen has in Vol. xxi. added various documents which throw much light on the subject. We shall, therefore, merely give, by way of an addendum to these excellent papers, a list of the Deans of the College :—

DEANS OF SOUTH MALLING.

William de Bosto, dean and "persona" of the church of Lindefeld in 1230 (*Cott. MS.*, Faustina, F. xv., f. 310b).

Reginald de Cressenhale occurs dean in 1293, in which year he was rector of Fincham, co. Norfolk, and of Upmoningham, co. Kent. His will was proved the same year (*Willis' Mitred Abbies*, vol. ii., p. 238).

1293 Dec. 27 *John de Berewyk* succeeded on the death of Reginald de Cressenhale (*Ibid.*).

- 1300 *Martin*, rector of Icham, admitted dean of Suthmallyng (*Reg.*
Feb. 28 *Rob. Wynchelsey*, f. 280b).
William de Swanton, dean on June 26, 1302 (*Reg. R. Wyn-*
chelsey, f. 287a).
John de Aylesbury.
- 1357 *John de Okyngham*, priest, S.P.B., collated on the death of John
Mar. 29 de Aylesbury (*Reg. Islep*, f. 275a). Leave of absence was
granted to John Occhynham for two years, for the purpose
of study, on Sept. 11, 1361 (*Ib.*, f. 176a). John de
Ochyngden was dean in 1366, when he was taxed at £40 (*Reg.*
Langham, f. 5b).
- 1371 *John Patteney*, subdeacon, collated on the death of John de
Mar. 30 Eichyngham (*sic*) (*Reg. Whittlesey*, f. 84a).
- 1371 *Richard de Apelderham*, rector of Tangmere, collated by exchange
April 3 with John Patteney (*Reg. Whittlesey*, f. 84b).
- 1371 *Thomas Ocle*, priest, rector of Wynterborne, Winchester dioc.,
April 28 collated by exchange with Richard Apelderham (*Reg. Whittle-*
seye, f. 85b). The king subsequently claimed the right to
present the dean of South Malling on account of the tem-
poralities of the archbishopric of Canterbury being in his
hands by the death of Archbishop Simon de Mepham, and
accordingly, on Feb. 13, 1371-2, Thomas Okelee was again
presented by the king (*Reg. Whittlesey*, f. 89a). In 1366
Thomas de Ocle was rector of Keynele, Sarum dioc., and pre-
bendary of Est merdon in the cathedral church of Chichester;
also prebendary in the collegiate church of St. Thomas
Glasneye (Penryn, Cornwall) (*Reg. Langham*, f. 6a).
- 1376 *Giles de Wyngremouth*, rector of Estwode, co. Essex, and canon
Nov. 23 of Chichester, and prebendary of Somerle in the same church,
collated by exchange with Thomas Oclee (*Reg. Sudbury*, f.
119b). According to a return made in 1366, he was at that
time rector of the church of Haveringdon, in the diocese of
Lincoln, and prebendary of Fytelworth in the cathedral
church of Chichester (*Reg. Langham*, f. 6a).
- 1380 *Adam de Wykenor*, collated on the death of Giles de Wyngre-
Apr. 1 mouth (*Reg. Sudbury*, f. 134b). The will of Adam de
Wykenor is dated at Canterbury on Oct. 4, 1381 (*Reg.*
Courtenay, f. 212a).
- 1385-6 *John de Kyrkeby*, B.A., collated by the archbishop "*pleno jure.*"
Jan. 3 Nevertheless, from a subsequent entry, we learn that the king
claimed the patronage, by reason of the temporalities of the
archiepiscopal see lately vacant being in his hands, and pre-
sented John de Kyrkeby accordingly (*Reg. Courtenay*, f. 260a).
He was admitted to the church of Horsted Parva, co. Sussex,
on October 17, 1390, by exchange with the vicarage of Rol-
venden, co. Kent (*Reg. Courtenay*, f. 164a).

1394-5 *Richard Courtenay*, canon of the church of London, collated by
Feb. 23 the archbishop "*pleno jure*" (*Reg. Morton, Dene, &c.*, f. 220a). He was the second son of Philip Courtenay, of Powderham, co. Devon, and a kinsman of William Courtenay, Archbishop of Canterbury. He was educated at Exeter College, Oxford. The following were his chief preferments:—Collated to the prebend of Sneating in the cathedral church of St. Paul, London, on July 24, 1394; to the prebend of Banbury in the cathedral church of Lincoln on Nov. 18, 1394; dean of South Malling in 1394-5; precentor of Chichester in 1400, which he exchanged in 1407; to the prebend of Tame in the cathedral church of Lincoln in 1401; dean of St. Asaph in 1402; to the prebend of North Newbald in the cathedral church of York on June 8, 1403; held the office of chancellor of Oxford on April 22, 1407, and also in 1411 and 1412; archdeacon of Northampton, ratified on Feb. 18, 1409-10, which he resigned in 1413; elected dean of Wells on May 27, 1410, and consecrated *bishop* of Norwich on Sept. 27, 1413. He was present with the king at the siege of Harfleur, in Normandy, and died there on Sept. 15, 1415. His body was brought over to England, and interred in Westminster Abbey (*Newcourt's Repert.*; *Le Neve's Fasti*; *Blomefield's Norfolk*).

Richard Felde, dean, 20 Rich. II. (S.A.C., vol. xxi., p. 67).

1399 *Henry Wynchestre*, chaplain, collated (*Reg. Arundell*, pars i.,
Nov. 28 f. 263a).

1406-7 *William Piers*, rector of Sandehurst, co. Kent, collated by ex-
Feb. 4 change with Henry Wynchestre (*Reg. Arundell*, pars i., f. 313b). He was dean in 1413 (Pat. Roll., 1 Hen. V., pars 1). By his will, dated Feb. 18, 1438, he gave directions that his body should be buried in the collegiate church of Southmallyng, before the high cross (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i., f. 478b).

Thomas Edmond.

1481 *Thomas Brent*, LL.D., collated on the death of Thomas Edmond
Dec. 20 (*Reg. Bourchier*, f. 128b).

1515 *Robert Wykys*, M.A., collated on the death of Thomas Brent
July 1 (*Reg. Warham*, f. 358a).

John Peers. He was collated to the rectory of Tangmere, co. Sussex, in 1506-7, and vacated the rectory of East Lavant, co. Sussex, by death, in 1536.

1536 *Thomas Heritage*, clerk, collated on the death of John Peers
June 24 (*Reg. Cranmer*, f. 360a).

1537 *Nicholas Heth*, S.T.P., collated on the death of Thomas Heritage
Dec. 23 (*Reg. Cranmer*, f. 363a).

1539-40 *Robert Peterson*, collated on the resignation of Nicholas Heth
Feb. 16 (*Reg. Cranmer*, f. 373b). A pension of £15 to be paid annually

by the said Robert Peterson, from his income as dean of Southmallyng, was assigned to Nicholas Heth for life, on his resigning that office. Peterson was dean at the time of the surrender in 1545, and chancellor of Chichester in 1549. His will, dated Jan. 18, 1554-5, was proved May 14, 1555 (Le Neve's *Fasti*, vol. i., p. 268).

The parsonage and advowson of the vicarage of South Malling having become the property of the crown on the dissolution of the collegiate establishment, were granted by Henry VIII. to Sir Thomas Palmer, knt., but by an indenture dated April 12, 2 Edw. VI. "Sir Thomas Palmer the Yonger Knight" re-conveyed them to the crown. The rectory was not again disposed of until 33 Eliz., when it was granted, with the manor and other premises, for a sum of money, to Thomas Sackville, Lord Buckhurst, and his heirs.⁹³ The Sackville family retained possession of it for more than thirty years, Richard, Earl of Dorset, having died seized of it in 1624. It appears, however, by an indenture dated June 1, 1617, that the parsonage of South Malling was (*inter alia*) conveyed to certain trustees for the better payment of the debts of the said Richard at his decease. Accordingly, soon after 1624, it was sold, the purchaser being John Stansfield, whose daughter and heiress, Ellen, married Richard Evelyn. By him it was conveyed to William Kempe, in whose family it remained until the death of Serjeant Kempe, when it was vested in trustees, and sold for the benefit of his children. The present lay rector, we understand, is Sir C. W. Dilke.

From the documents relating to the old church at South Malling, given by Mr. Tyssen in Vol. xxi., we learn that in 1 & 2 Philip and Mary the fabric of the church remained intact, though in a ruinous state. It was soon, however, entirely demolished, and the parishioners were deprived of a place of worship. This want was not supplied until 1628, when by means of a brief, by letters patent granted by Charles I., and the liberality of John

⁹³ Among the deeds in the possession of the late John Gough Nichols, Esq., was the following:—"Lease by Richard Jefferay of South Malling (Sussex) to Robert Sackvill, of the tythes, &c, of the

rectory of South Malling, for remainder of his term, 21 Jan., 41 Elizabeth. Signed, 'T. Buckehurst.'" (*Sale Catalogue*.)

Stansfield, Esq., the lay rector, the necessary funds were provided for the erection and endowment of the present church, which was built "upon the ancient foundation in the churchyard." This phrase occurs in a petition of the inhabitants of South Malling to the Archbishop of Canterbury, dated October, 1628, wherein the petitioners pray that in the newly erected church they "may there hear divine service, and celebrate the sacraments without trouble for new consecration."⁹⁴ This prayer was granted by Archbishop Abbott, but on its becoming known that the site had been desecrated and applied to secular uses, he interdicted the minister, churchwardens, and parishioners from entering the church, until the church and churchyard had been re-consecrated. This interdict is dated May 6, 1631, though printed without the date in Vol. xxi. of the "*Collections*," pp. 185-6. The dedication and consecration of the newly-erected church accordingly took place on May 24, 1632.⁹⁵

The living, until recently, has been esteemed a perpetual curacy; it is now a vicarage in the gift of George Campion Courthope, Esq. The right of presentation was formerly vested in Henry Campion, Esq., from whom it has descended to the present patron. In the following list of the incumbents of South Malling the names from 1762 to 1818 are given on the authority of a list kindly supplied by the late vicar, the Rev. Richard Burnet:—

- 1762 *William Hampton.*
- 1771 *Theodore Fletcher.*
- 1776 *Charles Chowner.*
- 1777 *Mansfield Gwynn.*
- 1779 *Robert Gerison.*
- 1793 *Arthur Iredell.*
- 1795 *George Young.*
- 1797 *Henry Barwick.*
- 1798 *Arthur Iredell.*
- 1800 *James Hutchins.*
- 1801 *William Gwynn.*
- 1808 *James Hutchins.*

⁹⁴ Horsfield's *Hist. of Lewes*, vol. ii.

⁹⁵ *Reg. Abbott*, pars iii. f. 125, *et seq.*

- 1810 *William Gwynn.*
- 1818 *William Courthope.*
- 1823 *Charles Harison*, the younger, clerk, instituted on the death of
July 1 the last curate; patron, the king for this turn, by lapse
(*Bish. Certif.*).
- 1832 *Thomas Oliver Goodchild*, clerk, M.A. (Exeter College, Oxford;
Aug. 29 B.A. Nov. 23, 1822; M.A. Nov. 10, 1825), licenced to the
perpetual curacy of South Malling on the death of Charles
Harison; patron, Henry Campion, of South Malling, co.
Sussex, Esq. (*Bish. Certif.*).
- 1836 *Henry Watkins*, junr., clerk, B.A. (St. Peter's College, Cam-
June 8 bridge; B.A. 1835; M.A. 1839), licenced on the resignation
of Thomas Oliver Goodchild; patron, Frances Campion, of
South Malling, widow (*Bish. Certif.*).
- 1842 *William Courthope*, clerk, M.A. (Christ Church, Oxford; B.A.
May 13 Jan. 24, 1838), licenced on the death of Henry Watkins;
patron, Sir Fitzroy Grafton Maclean, bart., and Dame
Frances, his wife, relict of the late Henry Campion, Esq.
(*Bish. Certif.*).
- 1849 *Frederick Skene Courtenay Chalmers*, clerk (St. Catherine's
Aug. 1 College, Cambridge; S.T.B. 1853), licenced on the death of
William Courthope; patron, Amelia Courthope, of Lewes, co.
Sussex, widow (*Bish. Certif.*). On vacating this living in 1851
he was instituted to the rectory of Beckenham, co. Kent, which
he held until 1872, when he accepted the vicarage of Noning-
ton, near Wingham, in the same county.
- 1851 *John Warburton*, clerk (Church Missionary College, Islington),
Mar. 31 licenced on the cession of Frederick Skene Courtenay
Chalmers; patron, George Campion Courthope, of Whiligh,
in the parish of Ticehurst, co. Sussex, Esq. (*Bish. Certif.*).
- 1872 *Richard Burnet*, clerk (Trinity College, Dublin; B.A. 1830),
instituted; patron, *ut supra*. In 1874 he was presented to
the rectory of Cold Overton, co. Leicester. From 1838 to
1868 he held the appointment of chaplain to the East Sussex
county prison, Lewes.
- 1875 *Charles Dunlop Smith*, clerk, M.A. (Wadham College, Oxford;
B.A. 1866; M.A. 1870), instituted on the resignation of
Richard Burnet; patron, *ut supra*. He was inducted on
March 16.

XII.—STANMER.

Stanmer church is situated in the Earl of Chichester's Park, between four and five miles due west of Lewes. It appears to have been dependent on the collegiate establishment at South Malling from an early

period. A list of the benefices pertaining to the collation of the Archbishop of Canterbury at the close of the fourteenth century shows that the precentor of the college then had the church of Stanmer,⁹⁶ but how long previously it had been held with that office we have no information. When, however, the revenues of the college were apportioned in accordance with the new statutes in the following century, this rectory was assigned to the penitentiary, and remained attached to that prebend until the dissolution. Subsequently the patronage belonged to the Archbishop of Canterbury until the union of Stanmer with Falmer,⁹⁷ when the archbishop and the Earl of Chichester (the latter having been patron of Falmer) became alternate patrons of the joint benefice. Many years before this union it had been customary for the same incumbent to hold both livings, as may be seen from the list of rectors.

The Nona Roll of 1341 supplies the following interesting facts as to the value of the church at that date. It was reckoned, on the oath of John Henry, Walter Heyring, Nicholas Broun, and Reginald Bardoulf, parishioners of the church of Stanmere, that the ninth of sheaves is worth £4 16s. 8d. per annum, the ninth of 400 fleeces 6s. 8d. per annum, and the ninth of 130 lambs 3s. 4d. per annum, and so the sum is 106s. 8d. And although the church of Stanmere is taxed at £10 13s. 4d.,⁹⁸ the said jurors declare that the rectory-house, with garden and curtilage inclosed, is worth per annum 6s. 8d.; there pertains also to the said church 10 acres of arable land as glebe, worth per annum 5s., at 6d. per acre, and pasturage for 26 sheep and 8 lambs worth per annum 2s. 8d.; and the tithe of milk, calves, hens, sucking-pigs, geese, hemp, and tares worth per annum 10s. Moreover the said jurors say that the rector of Stanmere has and

⁹⁶ *Reg. Arundell*, pars i., f. 259a.

⁹⁷ On June 15, 1809 (49 Geo. III.), the royal assent was given to an Act for uniting the rectory and parish church of Stanmer, in the county of Sussex, with the adjoining vicarage and parish church of Falmer; and also for exchanging the parsonage house and glebe land of Stan-

mer and the vicarage house of Falmer, for a piece of land at Falmer, part of the settled estates of the Rt. Hon. Thomas, Earl of Chichester, and for a new parsonage house to be built thereon, at the expense of the said Earl.

⁹⁸ The value according to Pope Nicholas' return, *cir.* 1291.

receives all the oblations of each person buried at Suthmallyng, viz., from Ringmere, Wellynghame, Ayston, Norlyngton, Suthram, and Clyve, and that the value of the said oblations is worth 100s. And that all the afore-said items constitute the value of the church of Stanmere. So the sum total is £11 11s., and exceeds the taxation of the church by 17s. 8d.⁹⁹

The value of the rectory of Stanmer in the King's Books is £16. The gross sum of rent charge now payable in lieu of tithes is £177.

The annexed list of the rectors of Stanmer requires a word of explanation. The rectors before 1450 held the office of precentor in the collegiate church of South Malling, to which dignity we have seen the church of Stanmer was then annexed; but as some uncertainty exists as to these early collations, we have not commenced the following list before 1481, at which date we find the first recorded collation of a clerk to the office of penitentiary in the collegiate church of South Malling "with the parish church of Stanmer annexed."

RECTORS OF STANMER.

Thomas Olyver.

- 1481 Sept. 20 *John Wright*, chaplain, collated penitentiary in the collegiate church of Southmallyng, and to the parish church of Stanmere annexed to the same, on the resignation of Thomas Olyver, last penitentiary and rector (*Reg. Bouchier*, f. 128a).
- 1488 Nov. 15 *Richard Idon*, chaplain, collated on the resignation of John Wright (*Reg. Morton, Dene, Bouchier, &c.*, f. 136a). He resigned the rectory of Kyngesnoth, co. Kent, in 1498 (*Ibid.*, f. 165b).
- 1490 Mar. 29 *William Parre*, rector of Kyngesnoth, co. Kent, collated by exchange with Richard Idon (*Reg. Morton, Dene, Bouchier, &c.*, f. 148b).
- 1498-9 Jan. 29 *Maurice Tyndale*, chaplain, collated on the death of William Parre (*Reg. Morton, Dene, Bouchier, &c.*, f. 166b).
- 1506 Dec. 30 *Henry Marchall*, chaplain, collated (*Reg. Warham*, f. 329b).
- 1508 May 29 *Geoffrey Warburton*, collated on the resignation of Henry Marchall (*Reg. Warham*, f. 332a).
- 1510-1 Jan. 27 *John Rotheley*, rector of the church of the Blessed Mary de Balyngton, *alias* Baulingham, co. Hereford, [?] collated by

⁹⁹ *Inquisitiones Nonarum*, p. 375.

exchange with Geoffrey Warberton (*Reg. Warham*, f. 342a).
See *St. Thomas-at-Cliffe*.

1516 *Richard Lee*, chaplain, rector of St. Thomas the Martyr, Cliva,
Sept. 26 collated by exchange with John Rotheley (*Reg. Warham*, f. 361b). See *St. Thomas-at-Cliffe*.

1523 *Richard Bayli*, chaplain, rector of Newton, [?] Worcester dioc.,
May 8 collated by exchange with Richard Lee (*Reg. Warham*, f. 377b).

1533 *Stephen Padley*, priest, collated on the death of Richard Bayley
July 9 (*Reg. Cranmer*, f. 340a). Rector *temp.* "Valor Ecclesiasticus."

1537 *Thomas Heritage*, clerk, collated on the resignation of Stephen
Apr. 14 Padley (*Reg. Cranmer*, f. 362a).

1537 *Thomas West*, collated on the death of Thomas Herytage (*Reg.*
Dec. 31 *Cranmer*, f. 363a).

1540 *Thomas Ffysher*, chaplain, collated on the death of Thomas
Oct. 2 West (*Reg. Cranmer*, f. 377b).

[NOTE.—*The succeeding collations were made to the church of Stanmer alone, the collegiate church of South Malling having in the meantime been dissolved.*]

1553 *Edmund Stubbes*, priest, collated on the death of Thomas
Sept. 8 Ffisser (*sic*) (*Reg. Cranmer*, f. 424a). He compounded for first fruits on the following day (*Lib. Comp.*).

William Blackwell, clerk. "Sr W^m Blackwell, Parson of Stanmer, bur. Sept. 26, 1558" (*Par. Reg.*).

1558 *John Upton*, priest, collated on the death of William Blackwell
Oct. 23 (*Reg. Pole*, f. 81b).

1560 }
Aug. 7 } *William Hall*, clerk, collated on the death of John Upton
1561 } (*Reg. Parker*, pars i., ff. 344b, 229b, 237b). He compounded
Apr. 23 } for first fruits on April 30, 3 Eliz. (*Lib. Comp.*).
1562 }

1562 } *Thomas Kyng*, clerk, collated on the death of William Hall
Jul. 9 } (*Reg. Parker*, pars i., ff. 355b, 385a). He compounded for
1568 } first fruits on July 15, 4 Eliz., and again on May 10, 10 Eliz.
Apr. 7 } (*Lib. Comp.*).

1591 *Martin Williams*, clerk, collated on the death of Thomas Kyng
Sept. 30 (*Reg. Whitgift*, pars i., f. 495a). He compounded for first fruits on Aug. 16, 34 Eliz. (*Lib. Comp.*), and was instituted to the rectory of Terring, co. Sussex, on Feb. 17, 1584-5 (*Reg. Whitgift*, pars i., f. 460b).

1602 *John Wood*, priest, S.T.B., collated on the death of Martin
Apr. 2 Williams (*Reg. Whitgift*, pars iii., f. 269b).

1603 *Cuthbert Lancaster*, priest, collated on the resignation of John
Dec. 23 Wood (*Reg. Whitgift*, pars iii., f. 277b). "Mr Cuthbert

- Lancaster, late Parson of Stammer, bur. Jan. 31, 1613-4" (*Par. Reg.*). The following inscription was on a flat stone within the altar rails in the old church:—"Ano. 1613 Janu-
varie xxi Cutbart Lancaster, Parson of Stamar—Vixit Deo,
Vivit Christo" (*Topog. Miscell.*, vol. i., p. 48).
- 1613-4 *Henry Tylson*, clerk, M.A., collated on the death of Cuthbert
Feb. 24 Lancaster (*Reg. Abbott*, pars i., f. 401a).
- 1615 *James Harrison*,¹⁰⁰ clerk, M.A., collated on the cession of Henry
Oct. 23 Tylson (*Reg. Abbott*, pars i., f. 414a). He compounded for
first fruits on March 21, 13 James I. (*Lib. Comp.*). "Ja^s
Harrison, late rector, bur. Mch. 19, 1638-9" (*Par. Reg.*).
On a flat stone in the old church without the altar rails was
the following inscription:—"Here lyeth the body of M^r
James Harisune, parsune of this parish. He deceased March
17, Ano. 1638" (*Topog. Miscell.*, vol. i., p. 48).
- 1639 *Mathew Playford*, collated [on the death of James Harrison]
Apr. 27 (*Lib. Inst.*, A. v., f. 73).
John Osborne, "minister at Stanmer" in 1644 (*Par. Reg.*).
- 1670 *George Stokes*, clerk, collated (*Reg. Sheldon*, f. 343a). "The
May 19 Rev^d Mr. George Stokes, rector of Stanmer, buried Mar. 9,
1723-4" (*Par. Reg.*).
- 1724 *Robert Lambe*, clerk, M.A., collated on the death of George
Jul. 22 Stokes (*Reg. Wake*, pars i., f. 332b), and instituted to the
vicarage of Falmer on July 15, 1724 (*Lib. Inst.*, C. ii., p. 86).
"The Rev^d Mr. Lamb, late rector of this parish, was buried
Aug. 25, 1727" (*Par. Reg.*).

¹⁰⁰ In Stanmer church is a bronze plate inscribed:—"Here lyeth Deborah Goffe the wife of Stephen Goffe Preacher of God's word who deceased the 8 day of November anno Domini 1626 annoque ætatis suæ 39." In the register book, under the date 1626, are the following entries:—"The fifth day of November Timothie Goffe the sonne of Stephen Goffe and Deborah his wife was baptised." "The tenth of November Deborah Goffe the wife of Stephen Goffe was buried." The Stephen Goffe here mentioned is called by Wood (*Fast. Oxon.*, pt. i., col. 494) "the puritanical minister of Stanmer," and elsewhere (*Ath. Oxon.*, vol. iii., col. 524) "the rector of Stanmer." Horsfield also places him among the rectors of the parish with the dates 1603-1610 prefixed (*Hist. of Lewes*, vol. ii., p. 218); and so again in Bloxam's *Demies of Magdalen Coll.*, Oxford, p. 233, the date 1603 is given. But if we examine the above list, which embodies the information contained in the archbishops' registers and

other official records, it will be seen that the rectors of Stanmer are set down in unbroken succession from 1558 to 1639. Goffe, therefore, could not have been rector at any time during that period, though he may have acted as occasional minister, and resided there during part of the incumbency of James Harrison, which extended from 1615 to 1639. He was evidently at Stanmer in 1626, and this is the only date we can give with certainty. Stephen Goffe was elected demy of Magdalen College, Oxford, in 1592 from Hants; resigned 1598; B.A. Nov. 3, 1595; Prob. F. 1598-1603; M.A. Dec. 11, 1599; instituted rector of Bramber and St. Botolph's on June 13, 1603. For further information consult Bloxam's *Demies of Magdalen Coll.*, Oxford, p. 233. The date of his death is not known. His career must not be confused with that of his son of the same name, Dr. Stephen Goffe, of Merton College, Oxford, many of whose letters from the Low Countries are preserved in *Addit. MS.*, 6394.

- 1727 *Edward Bland*, clerk, B.A., collated on the death of Robert
Nov. 1 Lambe (*Reg. Wake*, pars ii., f. 239b). He was instituted to
the rectory of Pyecombe, co. Sussex, on Jan. 24, 1738-9
(*Lib. Inst.*, C. ii., p. 97), and died on Oct. 17, 1769, aged 77
(*Mon. Inscrip.*). "The Rev^d Edward Bland, bur. Oct. 23,
1769" (*Par. Reg.*). He held the rectory of Pyecombe at
the date of his death, but was never vicar of Falmer.
- 1770 *John Heathfield*, clerk, M.A. (Clare College, Cambridge; B.A.
Mar. 6 1756; M.A. 1759), collated on the death of Edward Bland
(*Bish. Certif.*). This rector did not hold the vicarage of
Falmer.
- 1771 *George Metcalfe*, clerk, B.A. (Trinity College, Cambridge; B.A.
Feb. 26 1769; M.A. 1772), collated to the rectory of Stanmer on the
resignation of John Heathfield (*Bish. Certif.*), and instituted
to the vicarage of Falmer on May 14, 1771 (*Lib. Inst.*, C. ii.,
p. 110). He was admitted to the prebend of Barksbam in the
cathedral church of Chichester on Jan. 22, 1778; also to the
prebend of Sutton in the same church on Apr. 20, 1784 (*Le
Neve's Fasti*, vol. i.); also instituted to the vicarage of
Laughton, co. Sussex, on Mar. 8, 1787-8, which he ceded on
being instituted to the rectory of Birdham, in the same county,
on the presentation of the dean and chapter of Chichester.
This he vacated, as well as the rectory of Stanmer, on being
admitted to the vicarage of Ampport, co. Hants, on Oct. 21, 1802
(*Bish. Certif.*), which he retained till his death, as well as the
prebend of Sutton. By act of Parliament 49 Geo. III., c.
57 (1809), he and his issue were enabled to take the surname
and arms of Marwood, on his succession to the estate of Little
Busby, co. York, by the death of his brother William, to whom
it had been devised by the will of his cousin Jane Marwood
Turner, the assumption of the surname and arms of Mar-
wood being in compliance therewith. He died on Dec. 1,
1827, aged 81, at his seat in Yorkshire, Little Busby Hall.
He married Margaret, daughter of Francis Pearson, Esq., of
Beverley, co. York.
- 1803 *Thomas Baker*, clerk, M.A. (St. John's College, Cambridge;
Mar. 1 B.A. 1795; M.A. 1800), collated on the cession of George
Metcalfe (*Bish. Certif.*), and instituted to the vicarage of
Falmer on Nov. 24, 1802 (*Lib. Inst.*, C. iii., p. 103). He had
been admitted to the rectory of Crowhurst, co. Sussex, on Oct.
22, 1800, but ceded it on accepting the vicarage of Falmer.
He was, however, again admitted on December 7, 1802, but
his successor was finally appointed in 1804. At the date of
his death, on Dec. 31, 1831, at the age of 58, he held, besides
the rectory of Stanmer, that of Gates, *alias* Eastergate, co.
Sussex, to which he had been instituted on Feb. 7, 1829, on
the presentation of the dean and chapter of Chichester; and
the prebend of Thorney in the cathedral church of Chichester,

to which he had been collated by the bishop of Chichester on Jan. 28, 1822 (*Bish. Certif.*).

1832 *John William Goodday*, clerk, M.A. (Queen's College, Oxford; Apr. 10 B.A. May 30, 1822; M.A. Jan. 14, 1825), collated on the death of Thomas Baker (*Bish. Certif.*), and instituted to the vicarage of Falmer on Mar. 27, 1832 (*Lib. Inst.*, C. iii., p. 106). He died on Jan. 27, 1858, aged 59, and was buried at Terling, co. Essex.

1858 *Charles George Torrington Barlow*, clerk, M.A. (Balliol College, Feb. 23 Oxford; B.A. Nov. 12, 1840; M.A. Apr. 17, 1844), collated to the rectory of Stanmer with the vicarage of Falmer annexed on the death of John William Goodday. He was instituted to the rectory of St. Mary Bredman, with that of St. Andrew annexed, in the city of Canterbury, on Dec. 15, 1842, in the gift of the dean and chapter of Canterbury. This living he resigned on being presented by the archbishop to the perpetual curacy of Holy Trinity, Dover. At the same time (Feb. 5, 1847) he was instituted to the vicarage of Westcliffe, near Dover, in the patronage of the above-named dean and chapter, both benefices having been jointly held by his predecessor. On Sept. 6, 1853, he was collated to the rectory of Ruckinge, co. Kent, which he resigned in 1858, on being appointed rector of Stanmer.

XIII.—WADHURST.

Wadhurst was the most northerly of the peculiars of the archbishop in Sussex, and lies on the borders of Kent, north-east of Mayfield. In early times the rectory was deemed dependent on that church. This appears from an inquisition of the possessions of the Archbishop of Canterbury taken in 21 Rich. II. (1397), wherein it is stated that the chapel of Wodehurst was dependent on the rectory of Maghfeld, and was farmed by William Potyn, clerk, for the yearly sum of £26 13s. 4d.¹⁰¹ From that time until the reign of Henry VIII. are preserved the names of divers persons who farmed the rectorial or great tithes; among whom may be mentioned John Crotehole, in 35 Henry VI. (1456); William Turke, from 18 Edw. IV. to 8 Henry VII. (1478 to 1492); the abbot of Bergham, in 11 Hen. VIII. (1519); John Fferryngton, clerk, in 12 Hen. VIII. (1520); and Thomas Maye, from 22 Hen. VIII. to 25 Hen. VIII. (1530 to 1533).¹⁰² According to the "Valor

¹⁰¹ S.A.C., vol. xxi., p. 190.

¹⁰² Lambeth Court Rolls and Deeds.

Ecclesiasticus," made by command of Henry VIII., the farm of the rectory of Wadehurste in 1535 produced only £11 13s. 4d.

In 1545 the rectory was granted by Archbishop Cranmer to the king, in conjunction with the rectory of Mayfield, while in the following year they were conveyed to Sir Edward North and Dame Alice, his wife, subject to certain annual payments to the crown, that for the rectory of Wadhurst being £1 4s. 4d. It was conveyed again in the same year to Sir John Gresham, knt., and, like the rectory of Mayfield, remained in that family until the death of Sir Thomas Gresham in 1579. We have already seen under Mayfield that the proprietorship of the rectories of Mayfield and Wadhurst soon afterwards became a matter of dispute, an act of Parliament being obtained in 23 Elizabeth to establish an agreement between Sir Henry Nevill, knt., and Dame Anne Gresham, widow, for the better performance of the last will and testament of Sir Thomas Gresham, knt. The rectory of Wadhurst was by this act assigned (*inter alia*) to Sir Henry Nevill and Henry Nevill, Esq. Before 1597, however, it had been conveyed by the survivor, Henry Nevill, of Billingbear, co. Berks, Esq., to Thomas Aynscombe, gent., George Charlton, clerk, and William Turke, together with the advowson of the vicarage. The impropriate rectory has since passed through various hands, and is now the property of several proprietors.

The vicarage of Wadhurst was endowed by Archbishop Peckham, in 1291, with all the altarage, the tithe of hay and other small tithes. A copy of this endowment was found by one of the vicars in the seventeenth century—John Smith—and transcribed by him into the parish register. It has been printed incorrectly by Horsfield, and for that reason may with advantage be reproduced here :—

Frater Johannes permissione divina Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus
tocius Anglie primas universis presentes literas inspecturis salutem in
domino sempiternam. Noveritis me ex speciali gratia concessisse & ordi-
nasse vicario de Wadhurst totum alteragium cum tota decima feni, ac
etiam decima garbarum de gardinis sive sint aratra sive pede fossata et

lumen circa altare et alia minuta videlicet panem et vinum ad celebrandum inveniet et similiter ipse vicarius deserviet ecclesie predicte seu faciet deservire per idoneos ministros et sufficientes. Nos autem cancellum sustentabimus et libros et vestimenta inveniemus in eadem competencia. In quorum rerum testimonium hiis presentibus sigillum nostrum apponi fecimus. Datum apud Tenham 12 kal. Augusti Anno Domini 1291 et ordinationis 13.

The advowson of the vicarage was held by the successive Archbishops of Canterbury, until Cranmer surrendered it to the crown in 1545 with the rectory. They passed through the same hands until the end of the seventeenth century, when Thomas Aynscombe the younger, being then patron, conveyed the advowson by deed of gift to the warden and fellows of Wadham College, Oxford, who have continued to present up to the present time. It is recorded that this gift was made in consideration of the kind attentions the only son of the donor had received from the authorities of that college, while suffering from a long illness, which, however, terminated fatally.¹⁰³

VICARS OF WADHURST.

- 1313-4 *Walter de Otingeton*, priest, collated to the vicarage of the
Mar. 5 chapel of Wadehurst (*Reg. Rob. Wynchelsey*, f. 55b).
- 1316 *John dictus Denys de Thynden*, priest, collated to the vicarage
Oct. 8 of the church of Wadehurst (*Reg. Reynolds*, f. 17a). He was
appointed vicar of Mayfield in 1317 (see *ante*).
- 1317 *William dictus Noble*, priest, collated (*Reg. Reynolds*, f. 20a).
May 14
- 1318 *Thomas, son of Ralph de Wygorn*, chaplain, collated (*Reg. Rey-*
Sept. 5 *nolds*, f. 23b).
- 1325 *John Seaman*, chaplain, rector of St. Olave in Suthwerk, collated
Sept. 12 by exchange with last incumbent (*Reg. Reynolds*, f. 257a).
He was instituted to the rectory of St. Olave, Southwark, on
Sept. 21, 1321 (*Manning and Bray's Hist. of Surrey*, vol. iii.,
p. 605).
- 1356 *John Dautree*, priest, collated (*Reg. Islep*, f. 274b).
- 1365 *Paul Truyt de Danton*, co. Norfolk, chaplain, collated on the
Oct. 6 resignation of John Dautree (*Reg. Islep*, f. 307a).
- Thomas Wardecopp.*
- 1404 *John Wiltonesherst*, rector of Westgrynstede, "cum capella de
Apr. 26 Plertford," collated by exchange with Thomas Wardecopp
(*Reg. Arundell*, pars i., f. 294b).

- 1408 *John Benet*, rector of Gayton-in-Marisco, co. Lincoln, collated
Sept. 23 by exchange with John Wiltoneshurst (*Reg. Arundell*, pars i.,
f. 320b).
- 1414 *Adam Skelton*, rector of Hoggeston, co. Bucks, collated by ex-
Jun. 19 change with John Benet (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i., f. 59a).
Adam Skelton was admitted to the rectory of Hoggeston in
1412 (*Lipscombe's Bucks*, vol. iii., p. 380).
- 1421 *John Benet*, rector of Dodynghurst, co. Essex, collated by ex-
Apr. 16 change with Adam Skelton (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i., f. 125a).
He was instituted to the rectory of Doddinghurst on July 2,
1416 (*Newcourt's Repert.*, vol. ii., p. 223).
- 1423-4 *Alan Neroyle*, vicar of Estgrenestede, co. Sussex, collated by
Jan. 12 exchange with John Benet (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i., f. 146b).
- 1424 *Henry Adesham*, chaplain, one of two chaplains of the chantry
Jun. 9 at the altar of St. Nicholas in the parish church of St.
Dunstan-extra-Westgate, near Canterbury, lately founded
for the soul of John Roper, collated by exchange with Alan
Newell (*sic*) (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i., f. 151a).
- 1425 *John Maukyn*, rector of Trottesclyve, co. Kent, collated by ex-
Dec. 1 change with Henry Adesham (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i., f.
158b).
- 1427 *Robert Parmenter*, rector of Savecombe, collated by exchange
Nov. 21 with John Maukyn (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i., f. 170b).
- 1431 *Henry Trowell*, vicar of Wymerynge, co. Hants, collated by
Sept. 19 exchange with Robert Parrue (*sic*) (*Reg. Chichele*, pars i., f.
191b).
- John Playstede.*
- 1459 *William Edward*, chaplain, collated on the resignation of
Sept. 22 John Playstede (*Reg. Bouchier*, f. 74b).
- 1463-4 *John Browne*, chaplain, collated on the resignation of William
Jan. 24 Edward, *alias* Bradford (*Reg. Bouchier*, f. 86a).
- 1487 *John Cabbell*, chaplain, collated on the death of the last incum-
Nov. 16 bent (*Reg. Morton, Dene, Bouchier, &c.*, f. 132b).
- 1499 *Reginald Phillipp*, M.A., collated on the death of the last
Nov. 2 incumbent (*Reg. Morton, Dene, &c.*, f. 168a).
- 1509-10 *John Fferylton*, M.A., collated on the resignation of Reginald
Feb. 11 Philip (*Reg. Warham*, f. 336b).
- 1527 *Simon Jenyns*, clerk, collated on the death of the last incumbent
Apr. 22 (*Reg. Warham*, f. 393a). Vicar *temp.* "Valor Eccle-
siasticus."
- 1537 *George Chidley*, M.A., collated on the resignation of Simon
Nov. 7 Jenyns, S.T.B. (*Reg. Warham*, f. 362b).
- 1541-2 *Thomas Kent*, priest, collated on the resignation of George
Mar. 3 Chiddeley (*Reg. Warham*, f. 384b). He compounded for first
fruits on the same day (*Lib. Comp.*).

- 1550 *Peter Daniell*, vicar of Wadhurst, compounded for first fruits on May 8, 4 Edw. VI. (*Lib. Comp.*).
- 1554 *Thomas Webster*, compounded for first fruits on August 24, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary (*Lib. Comp.*).
- 1568 *Robert Parrys*, clerk, admitted on the resignation of Thomas
 May 28 Webster; patron, John Gresham, Esq. (*Reg. Parker*, pars i., f. 386b). He compounded for first fruits on June 25, 10 Eliz. (*Lib. Comp.*), and was vicar in 1595.
- Thomas Parris*, clerk.
- 1603-4 *John Hatley*, priest, M.A., instituted on the death of Thomas
 Mar. 17 Parris; patrons, Thomas Aynscombe, sen., and Thomas Aynscombe, jun., of Maghfeild (*Reg. Whitgift*, pars iii., f. 279b). "Jⁿ Hartly, vicar," appears as a witness to a deed dated 1623 (*Addit. MS.* 5697). He was born at Hallingsfield, co. Cambridge (*Par. Reg.*).
- Beuer*, or *Beauer*. In the register book of proceedings of the committee appointed by the House of Commons for the relief of "plundered ministers" (*Addit. MS.* 15669-70), it is recorded that on Mar. 11, 1644-5, articles were exhibited against Mr. Beuer, minister of Wadhurst, co. Sussex. The case was several times adjourned, and ultimately, on July 9, 1646, the following entry was made:—"And for that he (Mr. Beauer, rector of Wadhurst, co. Sussex) is charged with deliuering sev'all erroneous doctrines in the pulpitt to his p'ishoners which he denieth, and utterly disclaims the said opinions alleaging that his expressions were mistaken by the witnesses. It is therefore ordered that the said Mr. Beauer doe within three weeks next make declaration of his opinion, and of the mistake of his parishioners, on some Lord's day in his pulpitt, and thereupon shall be dismissed" (f. 293). Accordingly a certificate from the parishioners was received on September 10, 1646, stating that Mr. Beauer had declared his opinion as required, and the case was thereupon dismissed by the committee.
- 1650 *James Wilcox*, admitted (*Lib. Inst.*, A. v., p. 73). "Ja^s Wil-
 Dec. 28 cocky, vicar, bur. Feb^r 29, 1661-2" (*Par. Reg.*).
- 1662 *John Smith*, clerk (Fellow of King's College, Cambridge),
 Mar. 26 instituted on the presentation of Thomas Aynscombe, clerk (*Reg. Juxon*, f. 133a). "M^r Jⁿ Smith, vicar, æt. 77, bur. Feb. 2, 1713-4" (*Par. Reg.*). He died on Jan. 28.
- 1714 *John Willett*, clerk, M.A. (Fellow of Wadham College, Oxford;
 May 10 B.A. Oct. 17, 1695; M.A. Oct. 30, 1697), instituted on the death of John Smith; patrons, the warden and fellows of Wadham College, Oxford (*Reg. Tenison*, pars ii., f. 222a). "Rev^d M^r Jⁿ Willet, vicar, bur. Feb. 5, 1742-3" (*Par. Reg.*). He died on Jan. 31, 1742-3, aged 69 (*Monvmental Inscrip.*). A tithesuit is enrolled among the records of the Court of Exchequer, Hil. 4 Geo. I., between John Willett, clerk, vicar

of Wadhurst, plaintiff, and Thomas Duplock, John Newington, and Thomas Watts, defendants, who refused to pay the said John Willett the vicarial tithes arising from several meadows, pastures, and hop grounds, in their occupation, tending a modus in lieu thereof. The court declared no modus proved, and that the said defendants pay the plaintiff tithes in kind of hay, hemp, flax, hops, and all other vicarial tithable matters and things had and enjoyed by the said defendants within the parish of Wadhurst.

- 1743 Samuel Bush, clerk, M.A. (Wadham College, Oxford; B.A. July 12 June 23, 1726; M.A. May 16, 1729), instituted on the death of John Willett; patrons, *ut supra* (*Reg. Potter*, f. 285a). Presented on June 30 (*College Archives*).
- 1783 Alexander Litchfield, clerk, M.A. (Fellow of Wadham College, July 16 Oxford; B.A. Apr. 30, 1767; M.A. July 15, 1773), instituted on the death of Samuel Bush; patrons, *ut supra* (*Bish. Certif.*). Presented on June 30 (*College Archives*). He died on March 8, 1804, when he also vacated the rectory of Noke, co. Oxford, to which he had been instituted on March 19, 1773, on the presentation of George, Duke of Marlborough (*Lib. Inst.*, B. iv., f. 355b).
- 1804 William Salmon, clerk, M.A. (Fellow of Wadham College, Mar. 26 Oxford; B.A. Jan. 26, 1786; M.A. May 4, 1791), instituted on the death of Alexander Litchfield; patrons, *ut supra* (*Bish. Certif.*). Presented on March 20 (*College Archives*). He died on June 2, 1818, at the age of 58.
- 1818 Robert Barlow Gardiner, clerk, M.A. (Fellow of Wadham July 3 College, Oxford; B.A. Feb. 7, 1793; M.A. July 11, 1798), instituted on the death of William Salmon; patrons, *ut supra* (*Bish. Certif.*). Presented on June 30 (*College Archives*). We extract the following from the obituary in the *Gentleman's Magazine* :—"Dec. 5, 1845, at Wadhurst, Sussex, in his 74th year, the Rev. Robert Barlow Gardiner, M.A., vicar of that parish. He was born 28th June, 1771, at Yardley Hastings, co. Northampton, of which parish his father, the Rev. James Gardiner, was rector, as well as of Mulshoe, co. Bucks. He was educated at Rugby; admitted a commoner of Wadham College, Oxford, 22nd April, 1789, and successively scholar and fellow of that college; ordained a deacon at Buckden, Hunts, 29th June, 1794, and priest at Christchurch, Oxford, 20th Dec., 1795; in March following appointed to the curacy of Marston St. Lawrence, co. Northampton, where he remained until Midsummer, 1809; M.A. 11th July, 1798; part of the years 1810 and 1811 he served the churches of St. James, in Dover, and Hougham, near that town, for his friend Dr. Tournay, then warden of Wadham; he filled the offices of dean and subdean of his college from 1803 to 1813, and chaplain and deputy chaplain from 1807 to 1817; pro-

proctor of the University in 1804 and 1811-12; and subwarden of his college from 1814 to 1817; appointed a Whitehall preacher, by the bishop of London, three several times, viz., for Nov., 1812; June, 1815; and Oct., 1816; instituted to the vicarage of Wadhurst on the presentation of his college, 3rd July, and inducted by his brother, the Rev. Frederic Gardiner, 8th July, 1818. He died a bachelor, having survived his brother, the Rev. Frederic Gardiner, rector of Llanvetherine, co. Monmouth, little more than 11 months."—*Gent. Mag.*, Mar., 1846, p. 326.

- 1846 *John Foley*, clerk, B.D. (Fellow of Wadham College, Oxford; May 21 B.A. Nov. 3, 1825; M.A. Nov. 18, 1830; B.D. May 18, 1842), instituted on the death of Robert Barlow Gardiner; patrons, *ut supra* (*Bish. Certif.*). He married on Aug. 19, 1846, Caroline Elizabeth, youngest daughter of the late Vice-Admiral Windham, of Felbrigg, co. Norfolk.

INCUMBENT OF TIDEBROOK.

[A district church, dedicated to St. John Baptist, has been erected in the hamlet of Tidebrook. It was consecrated on Nov. 25, 1856, but a district was not assigned to it by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners until 1858. The patronage is vested in the vicars of Wadhurst and Mayfield alternately. The living, formerly a perpetual curacy, is now esteemed a vicarage.]

- 1856 *Albert James Roberts*, clerk, B.A. (St. John's College, Oxford; B.A. May 2, 1850; M.A. 1861), licenced to the perpetual curacy of Tidebrook, on the presentation of the vicar of Wadhurst. He was not inducted until June 3, 1858, though allowed to do duty from the day of consecration.
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