

carte mee sigillum meum apposui et sigillum officii maioratus d. v. N.C. presentibus apponi procuravi. T. Robertó de Hibern tunc maiore Willelmo de Midelton tunc vicecomite d. v. N.C.' A.D. 1415.

XIII.—Grant from Robertus Davell Master (no brethren) to Thomas Heppell of a tenement in Denton Chare :—‘Habendum et tenendum, de capitalibus dominis feodi illius pro servitia inde debita et de iure consueta in perpetuum. Reddendo inde annuatim mihi praefato et successoribus meis novem solidos legalis monete anglie. . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti scripto meo sigillum meum apposui. Dat. 1^o Jan. anno regni regis Henrici octavi vicesimo quinto.’ A.D. 1534.

XXII.—MEMORIAL BRASS IN CONISCLIFFE CHURCH.

THIS brass, omitted from Mr. Waller’s list¹ as its exact whereabouts could not be made out, was for many years in bishop-Cosin’s library at Durham. How it got there is not known. Three or four years ago it was taken thence by the Rev. J. T. Fowler, with the consent of the trustees, back to Coniscliffe church, where it was fastened down, in Mr. Fowler’s presence, in its proper matrix, as was evident from the exact fit of margin and pin-holes. The following is the reading of it :—

Drate p̄ aīa Willm̄ Bertwys quondm̄ haliui de Consliff
q̄ obijt decimo die Novēbr̄ A° dñi M° lxxix° tra dñicalis . h.

A brass in Brancepeth church was in the same way removed from its matrix many years ago, and was by accident fortunately discovered by a collector who was searching for objects of antiquarian interest amongst the old shops in Wardour street. He at once bought and replaced his find in the church, where it now is; and long may it remain! It is the second brass described under Brancepeth, in Mr. Waller’s ‘Some Memorial Brasses in the Counties of Northumberland and Durham.’²

So again a shield of great interest was found a few years ago in Durham by Mr. Fowler, and restored to its matrix in a stone at Staindrop church.

¹ See pages 76-82.

² Page 83.