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ST CLEMENT'S NORWICH.

ENGRAVING OF AN ANCIENT DOOR

IN

St. Clement's, Norwich.

COMMUNICATED BY

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THE Priors of Ixworth had a residence in St. Clement at Eyebridge, Norwich, the extent of which, when, or by whom it was founded, cannot be ascertained; but from the inscription on the door, there is no doubt William Lowth was either the Founder, or the Prior when the building must have undergone material alterations. The exact place it originally occupied cannot be satisfactorily stated; it is much older than either the doorway or building to which it is now attached, they being only of the sixteenth century.

Kirkpatrick wrote: "Saint Clement at Eyebridge, in the south-west corner of the churchyard are certain houses, which anciently belonged to the Priory of Ixworth, and extend southward to the river."

Blomefield states: "Those houses, and all from thence to Colegate Street, belonged to the Prior of Ixworth, and at the Dissolution were granted by Henry VIII. to Ric. Caddington, who had license to sell them to Cecily Suffield, and

her heirs, who divided them into several parts, and settled this on divers trustees to the use of the parish.

“ Another part, which is now owned by Alderman Harvey, hath this inscription on the door which entered into the Prior’s Hall, the whole court being in those days the city house of the Priors of Ixworth in Suffolk.

“ MARIA PLENE GRACIE MATER MISERECORDIE
REMEMBYR WYLLYAM LOWTH PRIOR MVC VIIJ.”

