

NOTICES OF THE

Church of St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth.

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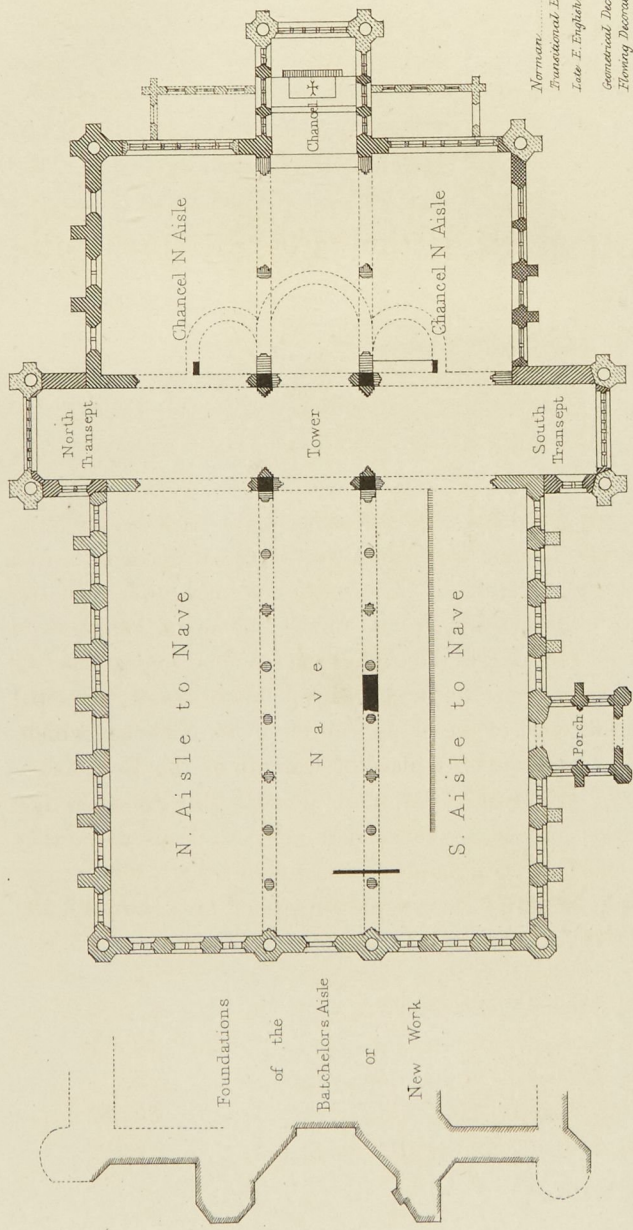
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HAVING, formerly, been for some years local architect to the Church Restoration Committee at Great Yarmouth, and taking great interest in the work, not only professionally, but also as an antiquary, it affords me much pleasure to place before the Norfolk and Norwich Archæological Society a short paper on the architectural history and principal points of interest of the noble Church of St. Nicholas, which, until 1715, was the only place of worship of the Established Church in that town. Of most unusual dimensions, it has lately been proved to cover more ground than any other parish church in England, measuring in length 230 feet by 108 feet in breadth; its internal superficial area being 23,085 feet, whilst the areas of its rivals are as follows:—

	FEET.
St. Michael, Coventry . . . . .	22,080
St. Botolph, Boston . . . . .	20,270
St. Nicholas, Newcastle-on-Tyne . .	20,110
Holy Trinity, Hull . . . . .	20,036
St. Saviour, Southwark . . . . .	18,200

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S. NICHOLAS CHURCH, GREAT YARMOUTH.



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FROM PLAN BY J. P. BERRON.

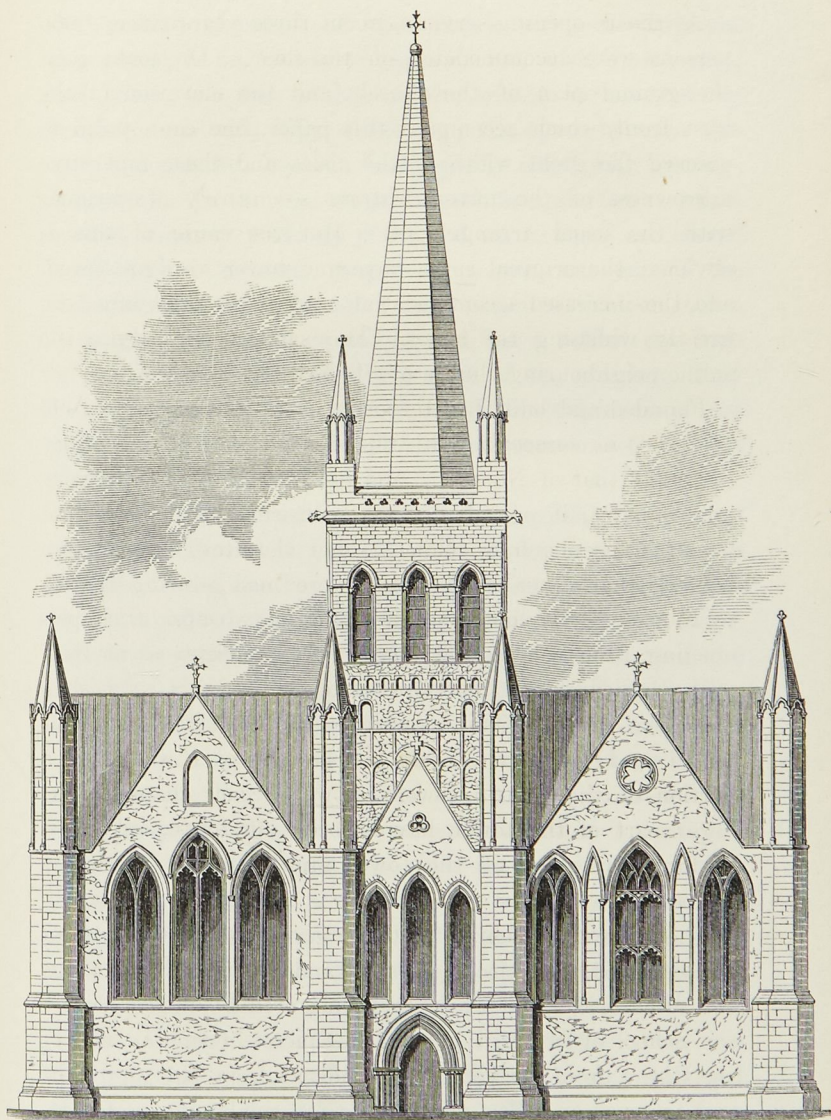


At the re-opening services, about three years since, 4,000 persons were accommodated on the floor. On looking at the ground plan of the church, and the elevation of the west front, which accompany this paper, one cannot fail to observe the great width of the aisles and the comparative narrowness of the nave: features so entirely at variance with the usual arrangement. But the cause of this is obvious: the original small nave and tower were preserved, and the increased accommodation required was obtained by greatly widening the aisles. The same peculiarity exists at the neighbouring church of St. Andrew, at Gorleston.

Founded and built by Herbert, Bishop of Norwich (1096—1119,<sup>1</sup>) in connection with the adjacent Benedictine priory (a cell to that of Norwich,) and of which only the refectory now remains, it probably at first consisted of nave, central tower, transepts, and chancel; and the Rev. John Gunn believes that, when excavations were made during the alterations in 1847, he saw indications of two apsidal chapels opening from the eastern sides of the transepts as at Norwich Cathedral and Thetford Priory—buildings of Bishop Herbert's period. This church is said to have been completed in 1119; but all that can be seen of this date is a portion of the central tower below the bell chamber, the lower part of the tower having been cut away and cased to form the piers of the tower arches in the Decorated period.

The Norman portion of the tower is very rudely constructed of beach boulders, pieces of stone, and what look like large sun-dried bricks, but which are considered by the officers of the School of Mines, London, to be pieces of tufa or trass of the Rhine, from the vicinity of Andernach, probably brought to Yarmouth as ballast; and there are small quoins of free-stone. In the stages above the level of the apex of the original roof of the nave, as will be seen on reference to

<sup>1</sup> See Appendix I.



ELEVATION.—WEST FRONT, ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, GREAT YARMOUTH.



the western elevation of the church which accompanies this paper, is an arcade of eight arches, with shafts, caps, and bases, the two arches in the centre surmounted by another arch with billet moulding; the space between this arch and the two beneath being partly filled with herring-bone-work. In the next stage, on each face, are two circular-headed windows perfectly plain, and above these are eleven small arched recesses, ranged in a row, cut out of the material supposed to be tufa; each measures nineteen inches in height, ten inches in width, and has a rabbet one inch in width and depth round the edge of the opening; they do not appear to have pierced the whole thickness of the wall, and I am not able to offer any conjecture as to the use for which they were intended.

About 1190 (transition into Early English) the present arcade was formed in the old walls of the nave, which was also lengthened one bay, and lean-to aisles about twelve feet in width added, the nave being twenty-three feet wide. The string-courses, which supported the plates of the roof, and the corbelled eaves-courses still remain to prove this assertion. The west gable end of the nave, the two arches of the chancel arcade adjoining the tower, and the large arch between the south transept and south chancel aisle are of this date. The upper stage of the tower was now added, and it is worthy of notice that the south and west sides were faced with ashlar, being seen from the town; and the other two sides, not being so seen, were only built of rubble. There are three lofty windows in each side, with shafts at external angles of the jambs. The angles of the tower also have shafts.

Early in the thirteenth century still further room was required, and the church was again considerably enlarged in the complete Early English style. The nave aisles were pulled down and rebuilt, and, instead of lean-to roofs, pitch roofs of most unusual span, viz., 39 feet wide, were erected. The west front of the aisles is of this date, and, according

to Mr. Seddon, the architect employed in the restoration, closely resembles that of Llandaff Cathedral. It appears that the south aisle was erected first, as its details are of earlier character than those of the north aisle. The chancel was soon after extended eastwards, and aisles added of the same width as those of the nave. The spacious south porch, the fine tower piers, and arches, and the arch between the north transept and the north chancel-aisle were then constructed, and are of the style usually known as Geometrical Decorated, which prevailed in the latter part of the thirteenth and the early part of the fourteenth centuries. Up to this time the transepts had remained of their original dimensions, as is clearly shown by the windows in the gables of both nave and chancel-aisles. These were opened out during the recent alterations, and found never to have been glazed, but only provided with shutters. The transepts were lengthened in the Flowing Decorated style, and later in the fourteenth century were raised to the same height as the aisles.

In 1330, the town being probably in a very flourishing state, it was determined to make a great addition to the church, and a new building was commenced at the west end, which is described by William of Worcester, in his *Itinerarium*, as being 107 feet long and 47 feet wide; this was intended to be called the "Bachelors' Aisle." It was slowly carried out; but in 1348, a fearful plague having devastated the town, the work was discontinued and never recommenced; it was allowed to fall into ruin, and the stones were used for many purposes at various times, such as building the fortifications in Queen Elizabeth's reign, filling in the pier at the harbour's mouth in 1650, and in building St. George's chapel in 1715. Little or nothing being known of the character of the intended building, the churchwardens allowed me in November 1860 to make excavations. Fortunately the foundations were tolerably perfect; and they shewed that the new work was intended to be a fine west front, with two



towers, and a magnificent entrance forty feet in width. It was also designed to be very lofty and massive, the walls being eight feet in thickness, and the dimensions given by William of Worcester proved to be correct. Before filling in the trenches stone posts were put down at all the principal angles of the building, and by this means its ground plan can easily be traced. About the year 1400, considerable works were executed, probably to the roofs. The ceiling of the south aisle was panelled and ornamented with bosses and shields of arms.<sup>1</sup> A wooden spire and four pinnacles covered with lead were also added; the height of the spire is said to have been 186 feet. This was pulled down in 1803, the tower boarded over, and a telegraph erected upon it. The present spire was built in 1807. No work of any importance was executed after the commencement of the fifteenth century, except that the tracery of most of the windows was replaced during the Perpendicular period, a parvise built over the porch, two arches formed in the chancel walls communicating with the east end of the chancel aisles, and a stone reredos erected.

After the dissolution of the monasteries the church was allowed to fall into comparative decay. In 1646 a stone-cutter was paid "for defacing some gravestones with crosses."<sup>2</sup> In 1649 the chancel and aisles were divided from the rest of the church by building up the arches communicating with the nave and transepts, and these remained so built up until 1865. The chancel was appropriated to the Independents, who broke a door through the Crowmer monument in the wall of the north aisle of the chancel; they were, however, ejected at the Restoration. The liability to repair the chancel became a matter of dispute, and in 1784 the east end fell down, and the east wall was rebuilt, so as to shorten

<sup>1</sup> For an account of which see a paper by T. W. King, Esq., *York Herald*, in *Norfolk Archæology*, vol. ii. page 149.

<sup>2</sup> Churchwardens' Accounts.

the chancel about ten feet. In later times many mutilations were perpetrated, and a large sum of money, £14,000, was spent in building useless buttresses and hacking off nearly all the external mouldings of the buildings, destroying all the beauty and interest of the exterior, which was then covered with plaster, the mouldings being roughly copied.

Until 1845 the interior also had a most miserable appearance, some idea of which can be formed from the beautiful engravings of Le Keux, in Neale's *Views of Churches*, 1824, vol. i. For some years past works of restoration have been proceeding: the church has been reseated, the roof of the south aisle redecorated, and the south porch restored, under the direction of Mr. J. H. Hakewill. In 1862 Mr. J. P. Seddon was appointed architect, and he rebuilt the chancel proper, thoroughly restored the tower, erected a new parapet and pinnacles to it, and has prepared plans, which have been approved, for the complete restoration of the whole building.

Within the church are yet several objects of interest, although it has been almost despoiled of its antiquities. The sepulchral monuments in particular have been most miserably treated, for we are told by Mr. C. J. Palmer, in his *History of Great Yarmouth*, vol. ii. p. 124, that in 1551 the corporation ordered all the sepulchral brasses in the church to be torn from their stones and sent to London, there to be cast into weights for the use of the town; and in 1560 the churchwardens followed the example, and actually took gravestones out of the churchyard, and sent them to Newcastle to be converted into grindstones. It is to be hoped that these are solitary instances of monuments having been sacrificed for profit, although it was a common practice at certain periods to deface and destroy them.

In the chancel are remains of two wall paintings, one on the north side of early date representing some knights in chain armour, and the other, at the back of the sedilia in the south chancel aisle, the upper part of an angel. There were



formerly altars at the east end of each chancel aisle: the aumbries still remain.

The reredos of the high altar was richly carved out of clunch, and painted and gilt; and from numerous fragments found during the recent restorations, it is evident that it must have been exceedingly beautiful. Doorways, still remaining on either side of the altar, led to a space behind:<sup>3</sup> whilst above were many niches in which had evidently been figures.

An altar stone, with its five crosses, was for a long time laid face uppermost on the floor of the north aisle of the chancel, but has lately been placed under the communion table.

In the north aisle of the nave, under a handsome crocketed canopy, is a tomb, with a cross on the slab, commonly called the "Prior's Tomb."

In the vestry, now parted off from the north transept, is a curious reading-desk, so constructed that whilst it revolves, its six shelves remain level.

The old churchyard is very large, being about eight acres in extent; it is said to contain about six thousand grave-stones, few of which however are above a century old. Copies of the greater part of the inscriptions were made by Mr. John F. Cooper, who was by turns lawyer's clerk, schoolmaster, and astrologer; in many instances he added anecdotes of the persons commemorated. The inscriptions fill several folio volumes, which are preserved in the Public Library at Yarmouth. The late Mr. Dawson Turner's *Sepulchral Reminiscences*<sup>4</sup> also contains a record of the greater number of the burials, both in the church and churchyard.

In a populous town like Yarmouth, and in a church so capacious as this, it may readily be supposed we should find

<sup>3</sup> In Tanner's extracts from the churchwardens' books, we find mentioned, "the Vestre behynd the high Altar."

<sup>4</sup> 8vo. Yarmouth, 1848.

a number of chapels, altars, and lights; accordingly, the laborious Swinden has enumerated the following as being mentioned in wills, &c.

St. Mary de Arnburgh (This was at the east end.)	St. Lewis St. Eligius
St. Catherine	St. Thomas the Martyr <sup>5</sup>
St. Christopher	St. George <sup>6</sup>
St. Lawrence	King Henry <sup>7</sup>
Holy Trinity	St. Margaret
St. Olave (In the north aisle.)	St. Edmund St. Parnel
Our Lady of the Porey's Chapel	Jesus St. Michael.

And we find in addition the chapel of St. John Baptist, which was built anew about 1484-5, as will be seen from the very interesting Compotus of Brother Dionisius Hyn-dolvestone.

In 1529, James Londisdale bequeathed to St. Clare's Chapel, 3s. 4d.;<sup>8</sup> and John Barton the elder, in 1536, willed to be buried under "Seynt Clare's Chapel in the church of Seynt Nicholas."<sup>9</sup>

Each of the above chapels, it is presumed, had its altar, and the will of Robert Nycolson, dated 1528, contains the

<sup>5</sup> The churchwardens received in 1495 the fees for breaking the ground for graves in St. Thomas's chancel, and in Our Lady's chancel. These were probably the north and south aisles east of the transept, in fact, the aisles to the chancel proper.

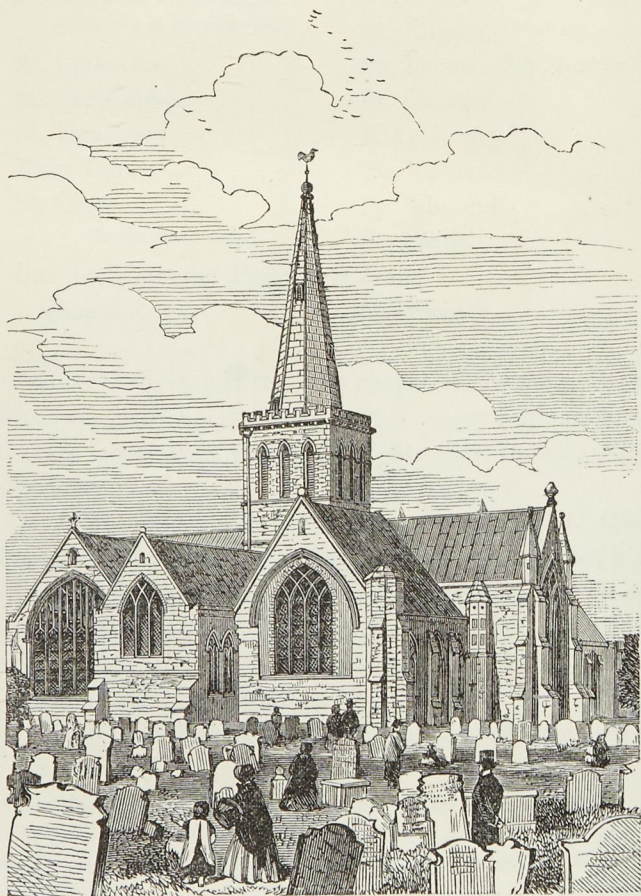
<sup>6</sup> "A new east window made in St. George's isle." "The north window at the altar before St. George's image." From these notices, the east end of the north chancel aisle would seem to be signified.

<sup>7</sup> 1506. P<sup>d</sup> to therymyte of K. Herry's chapel xvjs. 1507, to F<sup>r</sup> William for keypyng K. Herry's chapel xiiij<sup>s</sup> iiiij<sup>d</sup>.—*Churchwardens' Accounts*, Tanner's MS.

<sup>8</sup> Maryett, 9.

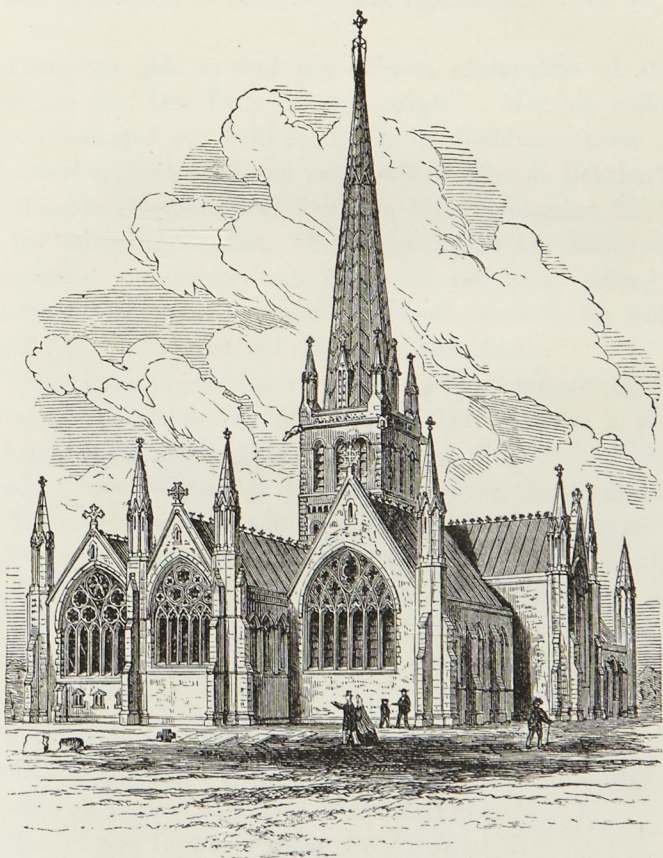
<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.* 35.





CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, GREAT YARMOUTH.

*View of East End as it appeared in 1862.*



CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, GREAT YARMOUTH.

*View showing intended Restoration.*



following. "If I wyll have an honest secular pryst to syng for my Sowle won holl yer<sup>9</sup>. The won halffe yer<sup>9</sup> at the aut<sup>9</sup> of Seynt Nycholas, the other at the aut<sup>9</sup> of Seynt Crispyn & Chryspynyan in Yermouth Chyreh." The altar of St. Peter is also mentioned, 12 Rich. II. See Appendix II., No. 54.

I am not able to find any printed explanation of the meaning of "Our Lady of Arneburgh." Manship states that the chapel was built by Roger de Haddiscoe, prior of St. Olave's, about 1370, and in the will of Alice de Rokelond, dwelling in Heigham next Norwich, dated September 1377, is the following bequest. "If I lego capelle bte Marie de Arneburgh Jernemuth unū anulū cū peř vocat saffer.<sup>1</sup>" Geoffrey Codde, cheeseman, of Yarmouth, gave by his will, dated 1418, "12<sup>d</sup> nouo opi scēe Marie dicte ecclie."

There was a famous church of Our Lady at Ardenbourg in Flanders, to which in 1340 Edward III. went on a pilgrimage immediately after the battle of Sluys.<sup>2</sup> At this battle, "commonly called the Battle of Swine, the townsmen of Yarmouth," says Manship, "did him most worthy service." I offer as a suggestion that this chapel in the church of St. Nicholas was founded to commemorate the one in Flanders, which was probably attended by many of the Yarmouth merchants on that occasion and when trading in Flanders.

The Lights are thus described—

Before the great crucifix. (Will of Jeffry With, 31 Edw. I.)

St. Mary's Light.<sup>3</sup> (Will of Beatrice Mount, 1280.)

Corpus Christi Light. (Agreement 26 Hen. VI.)

For eight candles burning on the perch in the chancel of

<sup>1</sup> Heydon, 144.

<sup>2</sup> Froissart, Johnes's Translation, edition 1805, i. 211.

<sup>3</sup> In 1523 John Myght bequeathed sixpence to "our' ladyes lyght in bason of our' ladyes chancell" (Harman, 12); and Robert Stevynson in 1529 gave a similar sum, "to the lyght of our' ladyes Chauncell ther' vjd."

St. Thomas of Canterbury, within the church of St. Nicholas. (Will of Margaret de Beverle, 43 Edw. III.)  
Candle next before the crucifix hanging in the nave. (The same Margaret de Beverle, 1395.)

St. Thomas's Light. (Will of Stephen de Stalham, 1362.)

Further we find, in 1522, "the light of Jesus Messe";<sup>4</sup> and in 1523, "ye lights of Jesus messe, seynt georgys messe, and seynt clares messe."<sup>5</sup>

GUILDS. Swinden enumerates no fewer than nineteen guilds in Yarmouth; they probably were not all held in the Church of St. Nicholas, and may not all have been in existence at once. The following list shows the names of such as have been preserved, with the dates at which they are mentioned in wills, &c.—

The Brown Rood Guild.

The Guild of St. Crispin and Crispiana. 1525.

St. Christopher in St. Nicholas Church. 7 Rich. II. and 1390.

St. Erasmus. 1479— . Dissolved 37 Hen. VIII.

St. George in St. Nicholas Church. 1382—1436.

Our Lord's Ascension. 1390.

The Holy Cross. 1430.

St. John. 1430.

The Lesser Guild of the Holy Trinity of St. Nicholas Church.

St. Margaret.

St. Mary de le Père. 1462—1515.

St. Mary de West Town ultra pontem. 1479. Dissolved 37 Hen. VIII.

St. Mary in Ernesburgh (or Arneburgh.)

Our Lady of St. Nicholas Church.

The Holy Ghost. 15 Edw. IV. Dissolved 37 Hen. VIII.

St. Peter in St. Nicholas Church. 1388—1395.

<sup>4</sup> Harman, 34.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid. 44.



The Greater Guild of the Holy Trinity.<sup>6</sup>

St. Nicholas. 1479.

Further, we find St. Clare's Guild mentioned in 1529.<sup>7</sup>

These guilds, except the Merchants' Guild, were finally dissolved in the 37th Henry VIII., and the Commissioners authorised by Act of Parliament having, on the 1st of April in that year, viewed the chapels, chantries, &c., in Yarmouth, and heard evidence, empowered the corporation to apply the issues and profits arising from the sale of their goods and chattels to the use of St. Nicholas's Church, or to the haven and fortifications, as should be determined by them.

These notices, compiled originally to be read at the church to which they relate, on the Society's excursion to Yarmouth last summer, could be considerably extended, but I have from pressing business engagements been obliged to confine them to nearly their original limits. Some most interesting documents have however been placed at my disposal, and these will be found in an Appendix.

It remains for me to record my obligations, and those of the Society, to the Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich, by whose liberal permission the documents from the Cathedral Treasury are now first made public; to W. T. Bensly, Esq., LL.D., who kindly transcribed from the originals the Computus of Brother Dionisius Hyndolvestone, and the extracts from the other Rolls; and to Walter Rye, Esq., for having obligingly supplied me with the Certificates of Guilds, or Brotherhoods, tempore Richard II. I am indebted to the kindness of Mr. G. Nall of Yarmouth for the use of the blocks showing the east end, &c., as it remained until recently, and also as proposed to be restored.

<sup>6</sup> This was, says Swinden, the Merchants' Guild, granted and constituted by King John's charter.

<sup>7</sup> Maryett 16.

In conclusion, I sincerely trust that the churchwardens and restoration committee may obtain sufficient funds to enable them to continue and complete the restoration of so fine and interesting a church; and as the amount required is very large, (£20,000) I venture to ask the assistance of the members of the society to aid so important an object.

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A P P E N D I X .

I.

*Foundation of Yarmouth Church, by Herbert, Bishop of Norwich.*—Reg<sup>r</sup>. 1. fo. 17 penes Dec. et Cap. Norw.

Erat autē tunc temporis in arena Maris apud Jernamudam quādam paruula Capella constructa in qua diuina nō celebrabant<sup>r</sup> nisi tū tempore piscatōnis Allecium eo quod non erant ibi nisi quatuor vel quinque domuncule ad recepcionem piscatoꝝ p̄parate Sepedcūs Epūs a Rege Henrico vt in eadem arena Eccliam construere posset licenciam impet<sup>r</sup>uit petita licencia et optenta Eccliam ibidem edificauit constituens in ea Capellanum ad diuina iugit<sup>r</sup> celebranda et sibi necessaria de suo pp̄io adinuenit. Processu vero temporis illi de Portubz ibidem accedentes p̄dictum Capellanū inde vi et armis eiecerunt cogitantes de eadē ecclia suam facere voluntatem. Quod audiens antedictus Epūs sup iniuria sibi in hac pte p̄ Portenses illata dño Regi tunc temporis in Normānia existenti, littas destinauit quo audito p̄fatus Rex littas suas dño Rogo Bigoto custodi Norfolece in p̄missis direxit vt ip̄e assumptis secum viris de Comitatu, eccliam de Jernemuta, memorato Epō restituet et Portenses ab eadem si nōce esset cum potencia remouet cui cū mandatum sibi a Rege directum exequi voluit Portenses vi armata restitunt, in quo quidem conflictu quibzdam de Portensibz gladio trucidatis, reliquis in fugam versis dcūs



Epus ab eodem Rogo Bigoto in possessionem ecclie sepedcē  
 est denuo restitutus qui ex postfco eccliaz Jernemude antedcām  
 ⁊ eccliam scī Leonardi cum Capella scī Michis Monachis suis  
 Norwyce dedit pit<sup>o</sup> ⁊ concessit.

And there was at that time on the sea shore at Yarmouth, a certain small Chapel built, in which divine service was only celebrated during the season of the herring fishery, for there were not there more than four or five small houses provided for the reception of the fishermen. The beforesaid Bishop (Herbert) besought King Henry (I) for a license that he might build a church on the same sands. The desired license being asked for and obtained, he built a church there, placing therein a Chaplain to celebrate divine service always, and found of his own goods the necessary things. But in the course of time, the men of the Ports happening to come there, put out from thence by force the aforesaid Chaplain, thinking to do with the same church as they pleased; which the aforesaid Bishop hearing, upon the injury done to him in this respect by the Portsmen, wrote to our lord the King, then being in Normandy: hearing which, the aforesaid King directed his letters in this matter to Lord Roger Bigot, Sheriff of Norfolk, that he, taking with him the men of the County, should restore the Church of Yarmouth to the said Bishop, and remove the Portsmen from thence with force if necessary. When he wished to carry out the command given him by the King, the Portsmen resisted him by armed force, in which conflict indeed, certain of the Portsmen being slain, and the rest driven to flight, the said Bishop, by the same Roger Bigot, was put once again in possession of the aforesaid church; who soon afterwards gave and granted the church of Yarmouth aforesaid, and the church of St. Leonard with St. Michael's chapel likewise, to his Monks at Norwich.

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 II.

*Norfolk Guild Certificates*, 12 Rich. II. Bundle 308.

Record Office, Rolls' Yard, London.

No. 43.

Hugo ffastolf ⁊ alie divse psonē ville Magne Jernemuthe  
 ex devocōe sua inveniunt unū cereū ad deferendū ante Presbiam  
 quotiens erit ad corpore xpi ad visitandū aliquā psonā infirmā  
 infra villam p̄dcam et in ista forma dcm cereū invenerunt p  
 quadraginta annos ultimo elapsos et hent in manibz tre  
 centū solidos.

## No. 44.

Societas S<sup>c</sup>i Johis Baptist<sup>o</sup> de Mag<sup>n</sup> Jernemuth non est gilda eo qd nullas h<sup>ē</sup>nt constitucones ordinacones aut p<sup>r</sup>visiones n<sup>o</sup> aliquod jurament<sup>o</sup> est in<sup>l</sup> illos p<sup>r</sup>stitū set p illoz cōem concensum inve<sup>n</sup>erunt p totum annū vnū cereū ardentem coram ymagine S<sup>c</sup>i Johis p<sup>r</sup>dei in ead<sup>m</sup> Jernemuth.—Redditus aut possessiones non h<sup>ē</sup>nt n<sup>o</sup> aliquod de cata<sup>ll</sup> in cōi.

## No. 45.

Societas S<sup>c</sup>i Xpofori de magna Jernemuth non est Gilda eo qd nullas in<sup>l</sup> se h<sup>ē</sup>nt constitucoes p<sup>r</sup>visiones aut ordinacones nec aliquod juramentū est in<sup>l</sup> eos p<sup>r</sup>stitū set annuatim in festo gloriosi martiris p<sup>r</sup>dei conveniunt ⁊ quilibet illoz exponit xl<sup>d</sup> in subsidm sustencacōem unig altaris cum ornamentis eidem altar<sup>o</sup> ptinentibz ⁊ unig capellani ad d<sup>c</sup>m altare de die in diem diurna celebrant et si quis die societatis isto anno ad sumptus p<sup>r</sup>deos solvit anno sequent<sup>i</sup> si voluerit potest se ret<sup>r</sup>ere ⁊ a d<sup>c</sup>a societate recedere.—Redditus ⁊ possessiones non hent in bonis h<sup>ē</sup>nt x<sup>li</sup> videlt in pecunia num<sup>r</sup>ata ad expendēd in pios usibz p<sup>r</sup>deis.

## No. 49.

Societas Sutoz b<sup>e</sup> marie de Arneburgh de Magna Jernemuth non est gilda eo qd nullas h<sup>ē</sup>nt constitucoes ordinacones aut p<sup>r</sup>visiones nec aliquod iuramentu est in<sup>l</sup> eos p<sup>r</sup>fatū set p illoz coem concensum inueniet<sup>r</sup> p totū annū unū cereū ardentē coram ymagine b<sup>e</sup> marie anted<sup>c</sup>e in eadem Jernemuth Redditus aut possessiones non hent nec aliquod de cata<sup>ll</sup> in cōi.

## No. 51.

Societas Corpis x<sup>p</sup>i de Mag<sup>n</sup> Jernemuth non est gilda eo qd non habent p<sup>r</sup>visiones ordinacones aut constitucones n<sup>o</sup> aliquod juramentū est in<sup>l</sup> illos p<sup>r</sup>stitu set p illoz consensum coem invenint ⁊ sustentāt honeste lumen circa corpus x<sup>p</sup>i annuatim in die corpis x<sup>p</sup>i Redditus ⁊ possessiones non hent n<sup>o</sup> aliquod cata<sup>ll</sup> in cōi.



No. 54.

Johes de Halle de Magna Jernemuth ⁊ alii tres homines ⁊ quatuor mulieres conveniunt anūatim in ecclia Sci Nichi dēe ville in festo Sci Petri in cathedra ⁊ ibidem in dēa ecclia unam candelam cere in honore Sci Petri cotidie ardentem ad unam missam celebrat<sup>o</sup> in ecclia p̄dca ad altare Sci Petri ⁊ istam deuocionem continuaver<sup>u</sup> p̄ decem annos elaps<sup>o</sup> ⁊ amplius ⁊ habent in denariis datis ex devoōne p̄ sustentacone candele p̄dce iij<sup>li</sup> que sunt in manū p̄dci Johis de Halle ⁊ Willi yve Nullam aliam ordinacionem hnt nec nichil aliud faciunt q̄ sup<sup>a</sup>dcm est.

No. 55.

C<sup>o</sup>nfirmatio fca in Canc<sup>o</sup> dni Regis apud Westm<sup>o</sup> xxx die Januar<sup>o</sup> a<sup>o</sup> xij<sup>o</sup> p̄ psonas inferius script<sup>o</sup>.

Jernemuth.

Me<sup>d</sup> qd Johes Elys Nich<sup>s</sup> Drayton Hugo atte ffen ⁊ alie di<sup>v</sup>se p̄sone Burgenses ville Magne Jernemuth convenire solent in ecclia sc̄i Nichi ville p̄dce in festo Sci Georgii Martiris annuatim ab anno Regis nunc primo usq; ad p̄sens Et ibidem dēe p̄sones dare solebant ex eoꝝ pia devoōe e<sup>o</sup>tas sumas pecunie ad eoꝝ voluntatem ad sustentandū unū capellanū divina in Capella Sci Georgii ibidem p̄ aia<sup>o</sup>b<sup>o</sup>z dñi n̄ri Regis ⁊ p̄genitoꝝ suoꝝ ⁊ dcaꝝ p̄sonaꝝ oīm fidelioꝝq; defunctoꝝ singulis dieb; celebrantē et etiā ad inveniendū duos cereos ⁊ duas candelas ardentē in capella p̄dca tempore misse ibidem celebrandū ⁊ ad alia ornamenta p̄ altari Sce Georgii necessaria in honorem ⁊ laudē dei oipotētis inveniendū ⁊ de dēis pecuniaꝝ sumis sic dati Robtus atte Gappe Robtus Holyn Thomas Marche ⁊ Robtus Toppecroft hēnt in manib; circa viginti libras salvo ⁊ secur<sup>o</sup> custodiendū quousq; p̄ eoꝝ aiaꝝ salute potint securius p̄videre.

## III.

COMPOTUS FRATRIS DIONISII HYNDOLUESTON CUSTODIS  
 CELLE MAGNE JERNEMUTH DE RECEPTIS ET EXPENSE euisdē  
 celle A festo s̄ci Michis Archi anno regni Regē Ricē terci  
 post cōquestū secūdo usq; ad idē festū ex tūc p̄x̄) seq̄ues  
 Anno regni Regē Henrici Septimi post conquestū p̄mo. Et  
 Dñi Johis Bonewell priorē anno sexto.

Reddē ⁊ firm̄—De Reddū et firma cū fir̄m̄ triū cam̄az infra  
 p̄oratū de xxvij<sup>s</sup>. j<sup>d</sup>. ob. xxiiij<sup>s</sup>. j<sup>d</sup>. ob. ⁊ nō plus qz  
 Joħes Rus detinet p̄ redditu gardini sui nup Jacobi  
 Gase p̄ trib; añis iijs. p̄celle patent in dorso.

Sm<sup>ca</sup> p;̄

pventy ecclie—De decimis psonalib; xx<sup>ii</sup>. xj<sup>s</sup>. De oblaçōib;  
 iiij<sup>or</sup> p̄ncipaliū festiuitatū cū alijs in quib; solent  
 pochiani offerri cū collecta paschali xj<sup>ii</sup>. x<sup>s</sup>. v<sup>d</sup>. De  
 oib; missis p̄ defūctis p̄ ānū iiij<sup>ii</sup>. xij<sup>s</sup> j<sup>d</sup>. De  
 Reddū oblat<sup>o</sup> p̄ belle mannos in anniūsarijs quozdā  
 defūctoꝝ put patet p̄ redditale viij<sup>s</sup>. ij<sup>d</sup>. ob. De  
 oblaçōib; sponsaliū p̄ ānū liij<sup>s</sup>. vj<sup>d</sup>. De oblaçōib;  
 purificationū xxix<sup>s</sup>. v<sup>d</sup>. It lxvij crismalia<sup>1</sup> de quib;  
 xxx vendūt<sup>r</sup> p̄ v<sup>s</sup>. reliqua sūt disposita ad suppellicia

<sup>1</sup> *Chrisome*. The Chrysome (chrismale) was the white cloth with which infants were invested immediately after their baptism, and before they were anointed with the chrism, or baptismal oil. When the mother was churched, or purified, she made an offering of the chrysome to the priest, and by a constitution of the English Church, made in 1236, it is directed, "Let the chrysons be made use of for ornaments of the church only." Upon which Johnson (in Eng. Canons) remarks, that "chrysons might be used for the making or mending surplices, amits, albes; or the wrapping up the chalices, covering the crosses, &c."—



## III.

The account of Brother Dionysius Hyndolveston, keeper of the Cell at Great Yarmouth, of the receipts and disbursements of the same Cell, from the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, in the second year of the reign of King Richard the Third after the conquest, to the same feast then next following in the first year of the reign of King Henry the Seventh since the conquest, and in the sixth year of Sir John Bonewell, Prior. (1484-5.)

Rents and Farms.—From the rents and farm, with the farm of three chambers within the priory, of 27s. 1½d., 24s. 1½d., and no more, because John Rus detains for the rent of his garden, late James Gase, for three years, 3s. The Parcels appear on the back.

The sum appears.

Revenue of } From personal tithes, £20. 11s. From offerings  
the Church. } at the four principal feasts, with others on  
which the parishioners are accustomed to offer, with  
the Easter collection, £11. 10s. 5d. From all the  
masses for the dead for the year, £4. 12s. 1d. From  
the return of offerings by the bell-men on the  
anniversaries of certain dead persons, as appears by  
the rental, 8s. 2½d. From offerings at marriages  
for the year, 54s. 6d. From offerings at churchings,  
29s. 5d.; Also sixty-seven chrisms,<sup>1</sup> of which thirty  
were sold for 5s.; the rest are disposed of for

Haines's *Manual of Monumental Brasses*, i. ccxx. In the will of John Drewe, vicar of Walton St. Mary, Suffolk, dated 1449, is the following bequest: "Item lego omnes vestes voc' crysmyms diete ecclesie pro superpelle' inde faciend'." John Everard, *alias* Skynner, Chaplain of St. George's Colegate, Norwich, by his will dated 1420, gave to the same church "xix Crysme clothes ad faciend' vnu' vel duo sup'pelle' ad deserviend' in eadem ecclesia."

¶ in donīs datę predicantib; confrīb; ¶ aliis. De Certis missarū lxxij<sup>s</sup>. ij<sup>d</sup>. ob.

Sm<sup>ca</sup>—xlvi<sup>li</sup>. ij<sup>s</sup>. x<sup>d</sup>.

Pquisita—De legatis mortuoz vij<sup>s</sup>. vj<sup>d</sup>. De mortuariis venditis xxx<sup>s</sup>. De capella bte Marie de Arnburth vidit de pixide eiusd x<sup>li</sup>. v<sup>s</sup>. vij<sup>d</sup>. q<sup>ca</sup> De pixide bte Anne ij<sup>s</sup>. De Colūbari sup<sup>ca</sup> voltā eiusdē capelle cicit<sup>o</sup> ij<sup>xij</sup> pipiones expenē in familia. De trunco sēi Nichi ¶ aliis trūce in ecclia ¶ pixidib; ij<sup>s</sup>. vij<sup>d</sup>. De piscacoē et pte xpī<sup>o</sup> ix<sup>li</sup>. iij<sup>s</sup>. x<sup>d</sup>. ob. De croco ¶ radicib; croci venditę xiiij<sup>s</sup>. iij<sup>d</sup>. De lana vendita cicit<sup>o</sup> x petr<sup>o</sup> ¶ di xxij<sup>s</sup>. j<sup>d</sup>. ob. De octo vernetib;<sup>3</sup> pinguib; venditę xiiij<sup>s</sup>. vij<sup>d</sup>. De xvij<sup>ci</sup> ouib; matricib; ¶ ij Arietib; venditę xxvj<sup>s</sup>. vij<sup>d</sup>. Itē de xxx Agnellis venditę xvj<sup>s</sup>. iij<sup>d</sup>. Itē de vj vernetib; pinguib; vj Arietib; pinguib; ¶ uno Agnello nichil qz occisi ¶ expenē in familia. Itē de vij<sup>te</sup> porcellis deciālibus xiiij anserulis vij<sup>te</sup> Anatib; iij<sup>xx</sup> pullis gallinaz ¶ vij pullis colūbaz deciāliū nichil qz expēē in fāilia. De cera vendita l<sup>s</sup>. De Johe Aston p firma manerij de Thuruerton<sup>4</sup> de vij<sup>li</sup>. xiiij<sup>s</sup>. iij<sup>d</sup>. p ānū vij<sup>li</sup>. vj<sup>s</sup>. vij<sup>d</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> “The practice of dividing the produce of a boat (in the Herring fishery) into doles, which are then shared between the owners and the crew according to an agreed scale, is of very ancient origin, and is still practised. The expenses of the voyage agreed upon at a fixed sum, according to the size of the boat, are deducted from the value of the catch, which is calculated upon the medium price per last, and the balance is divided into doles, the number of which also depends upon the size of the boat. Of these doles, one was set aside for the church and town; the one-half, which was called ‘Christ’s half dole,’ was paid in lieu of the tithe of fish to which the minister was entitled, and the other half was called the ‘Towns half dole,’ and was applied towards the support of the haven and pier by a bye-law made in 1488, and confirmed in 1593.”—*Palmer’s Manship*, ii. 88.

<sup>3</sup> *Vernets*. I am unable to find the meaning of this word in Du Cange, or any dictionary, but from the context I venture to suggest that a vernet was either a hoggett, or two year old sheep, or a wether. Dr. Bensly has kindly searched the other Rolls, and informs me that no other instance of the word occurs.



surplices, and in presents given to preachers, our brethren, and others. For certain masses, 72s. 2½*d.*  
Sum total, £45. 2s. 10*d.*

Perquisites. From legacies, 8s. 6*d.* From mortuaries sold, 30s. From the chapel of Blessed Mary of Arneburth, that is to say, from the box of the same, £10. 5s. 7¼*d.* From the box of blessed Anne, 3s. From the dove-cote above the vaulting of the same chapel, about three dozen pigeons used in the household. From the chest of Saint Nicholas and other chests in the church, and from the boxes, 2s. 8*d.* From the fishery and the part of Christ,<sup>2</sup> £9. 4s. 10½*d.* From saffron and saffron roots sold, 14s. 4*d.* From wool sold, about ten stones and a half, 22s. 1½*d.* From eight fat vernets<sup>3</sup> sold, 14s. 8*d.* From eighteen ewes and two rams sold, 26s. 8*d.* Also from thirty lambs sold, 16s. 3*d.* Also from six fat vernets, six fat rams and one lamb, nothing, because they were killed and used in the household. Also from seven tithe pigs, fourteen goslings, seven ducks, eighty pullets, and eight young tithe doves, nothing, because they were used in the household. From wax sold, 50s. From John Aston, for the rent of the manor of Thurverton<sup>4</sup> of £7. 13s. 4*d.* per annum,

<sup>4</sup> Blomefield makes no mention of a manor of the prior and convent of Norwich at Thurlton in his account of that parish, vol. viii, p. 59; but he tells us, quoting from the Norwich "Domesday," that the temporalities of Norwich priory were 28s. 6½*d.*, and that Robert Thurgarton aliened to the priory of Norwich a cottage and six acres of land here and in Toft. There are in Reg. III. (penes Dec. and Cap. Norw.) several royal charters; the earliest, dated 8 Edw. II., the last, 1 Hen. V., relating to lands, marshes, and meadows in Thurverton. From Blomefield's account of the revenues of the prior and convent, vol. iv., p. 369, note 3, we learn, "the manor of Thurverton, valued at £10. 10s. and 4*d.* per Annum, was sold to Sir Nic. Hare, knt., by the King's Licence, being left out of King Edward's Charter for that purpose."

¶ t̄ nō plus hoc año sexto indenture sue qz allocatū  
eidē ppt̄ inundaçōnē aque vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. It̄ de pellibz  
ouū vendit̄ xvj<sup>d</sup>.

Sm<sup>o</sup>—xxxvj<sup>l</sup>. vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. q<sup>o</sup>

De Capella s̄ci Jobis Baptiste de nouo edificata in  
orientali angulo cimiterij ecclie S̄ci Nicholai Jerne-  
muth Magno p̄d̄cē De pixide S̄ci Wandregisilij<sup>5</sup> et  
de trunco Regis Henrici xv<sup>li</sup>. xij<sup>s</sup>. ix<sup>d</sup>. q<sup>u</sup>. It̄ de  
M<sup>l</sup> M<sup>l</sup> ¶ dī ¶ CCC allecibz oblat̄ ad beatā Mariā ¶  
p̄d̄cē regē Henricū xvj<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>. It̄ de Ramis diūsa<sup>z</sup>  
saliciū crescentiū in cimiterio ibm vj<sup>s</sup>. viiiij<sup>d</sup>. It̄  
de CCC fagottē ¶ aliis focalibz aridis vendit̄ ap̄d  
Thurūton ix<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. It̄ p̄ j planke vendit̄ ibm xj<sup>d</sup>.  
It̄ p̄ v petris de playster paryce vendit̄ xx<sup>d</sup>.

Sm<sup>o</sup>—xvij<sup>l</sup>. viij<sup>s</sup>. q<sup>o</sup>

Sm<sup>o</sup>. to<sup>l</sup>. recepti. C<sup>li</sup>. xx<sup>d</sup>.

Supexpen<sup>3</sup>—In Supexpen<sup>3</sup> compoti p̄cedentē—xvj<sup>li</sup>. ij<sup>s</sup>. xj<sup>d</sup>.

Sm<sup>o</sup> p<sup>3</sup>

Expense.—In Stipendio unig sacerdotē pochial vidit̄ Galfridi  
Waryn ¶ Rogeri English cū alijs diuf coadiuuātibz  
tempe vacaçōis lxvj<sup>s</sup>. In vino p̄ ecclia ¶ hospiti-  
bz xlviij<sup>s</sup>. vj<sup>d</sup>. In seruisia empta cū xij ollis pet<sup>n</sup>nis  
cū seruisia Johis fferro<sup>o</sup> viij<sup>s</sup>. ob. In viij<sup>xx</sup> et x  
barellis ¶ j fyrkyn berise xj<sup>li</sup>. ix<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>. In xlj cūbz  
iijbz ¶ dī frumenti empti ad diūsa p̄cia cū multura

<sup>5</sup> St. Wandregesilius was abbot of Fontenelle, A.D. 666. The church of  
Bixley in Norfolk is dedicated in his honour.



£7. 6s. 8*d.*, and no more this year, the sixth of his lease, because 6s. 8*d.* is allowed to him on account of inundation of water. Also for sheepskins sold, 16*d.*

Sum total, £36. 6s. 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*

From the chapel of St. John the Baptist newly built in the east angle of the churchyard of St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth, aforesaid. From the box of St. Wandragesilius,<sup>5</sup> and from the chest of King Henry, £15. 12s. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.* Also from two thousand and a half and three hundred herrings offered to blessed Mary and the aforesaid King Henry, 16s. 4*d.* Also from the branches of various willows growing in the churchyard there, 6s. 8*d.* Also from three hundred faggots and other dry fuel sold at Thurverton, 9s. 8*d.* Also for one plank sold there, 11*d.* Also for five stones of plaster of Paris sold, 20*d.*

Sum, £17. 8s. 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*

Sum total of receipts, £100. 1s. 8*d.*

Super Expenses.—Balance of preceding account,

£16. 2s. 11*d.*

The sum appears.

Expenses.—For the stipend of a parish priest, viz., Geoffrey Waryn and Roger English, with various others assisting in the time of the vacancy, 66s. In wine for the church and for guests, 48s. 6*d.* For beer bought with twelve stone jars with beer, of John Ferror, 8s. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* For eight score and ten barrels and one firkin of beer, £11. 9s. 3*d.* For forty-one coombs three bushels and a half of wheat bought at different prices with the cost of grinding the same,

eusdē lxxvj<sup>s</sup>. iij<sup>d</sup>. It̄ in pane empto cū M<sup>l</sup>M<sup>l</sup>M<sup>l</sup>  
M<sup>l</sup> Synggynbred<sup>e</sup> 6 vij<sup>s</sup>. ix<sup>d</sup>. In repa<sup>c</sup>ōe vasoz pan-  
doxatrie ⁊ pistrini iij<sup>s</sup>. vij<sup>d</sup>. In lardario et dietē  
emptē in foro cū sale farina ⁊ spēbz xvij<sup>li</sup>. xvj<sup>s</sup>. iij<sup>d</sup>.  
In repa<sup>c</sup>ōe vasoz coquine et lardarii iij<sup>s</sup>. x<sup>d</sup>. In  
Stipendiis famulorū cū liberatur<sup>9</sup> eoz vj<sup>li</sup>. xv<sup>s</sup>. In  
Regardis datis p̄dicātibz cantoribz clericel histrionibz  
⁊ opariis pochianorū n̄roz xxiiij<sup>s</sup>. In Elemosina  
data fr̄bz mendicant<sup>l</sup> Hospitalariis<sup>7</sup> Indulgenciariis  
lepis ⁊ aliis pauperibz viij<sup>s</sup>. In circis ad eccliam  
⁊ hospiciū v<sup>s</sup>. iij<sup>d</sup>. In cordis ad campanas viij<sup>d</sup>.  
In empcone ⁊ repa<sup>c</sup>ōe utensiliū pmptuarij ⁊ hospicii  
n<sup>l</sup> hoc año. It p cōpleto par armoz vidit Salett  
body armys leggel fete ⁊ ganletts xxj<sup>s</sup>. iij<sup>d</sup>. It in  
repa<sup>c</sup>ōe unio salsarii argentei fracti cū addicōe  
argenti ad idē ijs j<sup>d</sup>. In aliis repacionibz vidit  
domoz ⁊ muroz xxxj<sup>s</sup>. x<sup>d</sup>. In repa<sup>c</sup>ōibz factē apud  
Thurverton vidit sup<sup>ca</sup> longā domū in medio curie  
ibm put p̄z p billā firmarii cū aliis expens<sup>9</sup> ibm  
lxxiiij<sup>s</sup>. iij<sup>d</sup>. It lotrici barbitonsori ⁊ factori cere  
xvj<sup>s</sup>. vj<sup>d</sup>. ob. It p ij<sup>li</sup>. ⁊ di incensi siue thuniamate  
x<sup>d</sup>. In candelis de cepo p ecclia ⁊ hospicio vj<sup>s</sup>. iij<sup>d</sup>.  
In viij lagenis olei ad lāpadē bte marie de viij<sup>s</sup>.  
nichil qz ex deuocōe dñi p̄oris. In p̄bende equoz  
⁊ ferrure iij<sup>s</sup>. iij<sup>d</sup>. In focalibz qbuscūqz iij<sup>li</sup>. xvij<sup>s</sup>.  
iij<sup>d</sup>. In reddū solute p terre n̄ris in Thurūton ⁊  
aliis villis cūciacentibz xx<sup>s</sup>. vj<sup>d</sup>. q<sup>ca</sup>. It p̄ori sc̄i

<sup>6</sup> *Singing Breads*. The altar breads before consecration. These were of two kinds; the larger, called singing breads, used for the sacrifice; the smaller, called houseling breads, used for the communion of the people. See Myrc's *Instructions for Parish Priests*, edited by Mr. Peacock, for Early English Text Society, p. 69.

<sup>7</sup> Hospitallers were persons authorized to beg money for the building and maintenance of hospitals, churches, &c. There is some interesting information concerning indulgences in the *Journal of the Arch. Inst.*, xvii. 250. In Reg<sup>r</sup>.



76s. 3*d.* Also in bread bought together with four thousand singing breads,<sup>6</sup> 7s. 9*d.* For the repair of the utensils of the brewery and bakery, 3s. 7*d.* For provisions bought in the market, with salt, flour, and spices, £18. 16s. 2*d.* For the repair of utensils of the kitchen and larder, 3s. 10*d.* In wages of servants with their keep, £6. 15s. In presents given to preachers, singers, clerks, players, and workmen of our parishioners, 24s. In alms given to mendicant friars, hospitallers,<sup>7</sup> indulgentiaries, lepers, and other poor persons, 8s. In rushes for the church and monastery, 5s. 3*d.* In ropes for the bells, 8*d.* In utensils bought and repaired of the store house and monastery, nothing this year. Also for a complete suit of armour, viz., salade, body armour, legs, feet, and gauntlets, 21s. 3*d.* Also in the reparation of one silver saltsellar broken, with additional silver to the same, 2s. 1*d.* In other repairs, viz., of the houses and walls, 31s. 10*d.* In repairs done at Thurverton, viz., to the long house in the middle of the yard there, as appears by the bill of the farmer, with other expenses there, 74s. 3*d.* Also to the washer, barber, and wax maker, 16s. 6½*d.* Also for two and a half pounds of incense, 10*d.* For tallow candles for the church and monastery, 6s. 4*d.* For eight flasks of oil for the lamp of blessed Mary, of 8s.; nothing, because out of the devotion of the Lord Prior. In provender for the horses and shoeing them, 4s. 3*d.* In certain fuel, £4. 17s. 3*d.* In rent paid for our lands at Thurverton, and other townes surrounding, 20s. 6¼*d.*

Rackhythe, fo. 133, is the following: "fiat licencia colligendi pro Incendio Roberti Portelonde de Aylesham cuius vniuersi substancia fere combusta fuit in festo Inuentionis sancte Crucis vltimi elaps' cum diebus Indulgentiarum." Robert Portlond it is presumed was an Indulgentiary.

Olavi p Arreragiis reddit9 de v<sup>d</sup>. q<sup>u</sup> sibi debit<sup>9</sup> p  
 iiij ānis pcedentibz xxj<sup>d</sup>. It<sup>9</sup> p custodia ⁊ pastura  
 ouū arietū ⁊ vernetū in fowleholme<sup>s</sup> ix<sup>s</sup>. vj<sup>d</sup>. In  
 nec<sup>u</sup>iis p<sup>o</sup>or liij<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>.

Sm<sup>u</sup>—lxvj<sup>li</sup>. xij<sup>s</sup>. q<sup>u</sup>.

Pensiones—Dño priori lxxj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. Celerario xl<sup>s</sup>. In obla-  
 coibz cōvent9 in festo Sçe Trinitate cū aliis expens<sup>9</sup>  
 ibñ xliij<sup>s</sup>. x<sup>d</sup>. In Roga Sçi Ničhi vij<sup>s</sup>. ij<sup>d</sup>. In duabz  
 pensionibz duoz scholariū vidit<sup>9</sup> fratre Johis Helgey  
 ⁊ frīs Wiffi Gedney xxv<sup>s</sup>. In medietate deciē solut<sup>9</sup>  
 dño Regi Ricardo c'ca festū Sçi Johis bap<sup>te</sup> xl<sup>s</sup>. v<sup>d</sup>.  
 o<sup>b</sup>. In deducōe confrīm ad monasteriū ⁊ reducōe  
 iiij<sup>s</sup>. In expens meis vs9 mo<sup>u</sup>steriū ad reddend  
 cōpotū xij<sup>d</sup>. Itē in expens<sup>9</sup> cū conducōe equoz  
 triplici vice vers9 dñm epñ contra frēs minores de  
 iniusta tumulaōe triū occisoz de navi dñi Regē  
 vocat<sup>9</sup> le Elizabeth x<sup>s</sup>. v<sup>d</sup>. In pargameno ⁊ scrip-  
 tura cōpoti viij<sup>d</sup>. In die cōpoti iij<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>. It in  
 pargameno ad inventaria et evidencias belle mānoz  
 vj<sup>d</sup>.

Sm<sup>u</sup>—xij<sup>li</sup>. iij<sup>s</sup>. o<sup>b</sup>.

fforinseca—Circa capellā Sçi Johis baptiste in orientali angulo  
 cimiterii. In cera cū duabz clauibz ad ostiū eiusdē  
 capelle ij<sup>s</sup>. In pictura ⁊ deauracōe ymaginū Sçi  
 Wandragesili ⁊ Regē Henrici sexti v<sup>s</sup>. ij<sup>d</sup>. In ope  
 ferreo in cera cū clavē ⁊ feūra trunci fixi in terra  
 ibñ iij<sup>s</sup>. x<sup>d</sup>. In expen<sup>f</sup> Suffraganei dñi Ep<sup>i</sup> ⁊ suoz

<sup>s</sup> The Foldholm and Skeetholme marshes in the neighbourhood of Yarmouth  
 are at this day part of the estates of the Dean and Chapter of Norwich.



Also to the prior of St. Olave, for the arrears of a rent of  $5\frac{1}{4}d.$ , owing to him for the four preceding years,  $21d.$  Also for the keeping and feeding of sheep, rams, and vernetts, in Fowleholm,<sup>s</sup>  $9s. 6d.$  In necessaries of the prior,  $53s. 4d.$

Sum, £66. 12s.  $0\frac{1}{4}d.$

Pensions.—To the Lord Prior,  $66s. 8d.$  To the Cellarer,  $40s.$  In oblations of the convent in the feast of the Holy Trinity, with other expenses there,  $43s. 10d.$  In Roga of St. Nicholas,  $7s. 2d.$  In two pensions of two scholars, viz., brother John Helgay and brother William Gedney,  $25s.$  For the half of a tenth paid to our lord King Richard, at the feast of St. John Baptist,  $40s. 5\frac{1}{2}d.$  In the going and returning of our brethren to the monastery,  $4s.$  In my expenses towards the monastery to render the account,  $12d.$  Also for expenses with the hiring of horses three times to the Lord Bishop, against the friars minors, concerning the unlawful burying of three men killed of the ship of our Lord the King, called the Elizabeth,  $10s. 5d.$  In parchment and writing the account,  $8d.$  On the day of the account,  $3s. 4d.$  Also in parchment for the inventory and evidences of the bell-men,  $6d.$

Sum, £12. 3s.  $0\frac{1}{2}d.$

Foreign Expenses.—About the chapel of St. John Baptist, in the east corner of the churchyard. For a lock and two keys to the door of the same chapel,  $2s.$  For painting and gilding the images of St. Wandragesilius, and of King Henry VI.,  $5s. 2d.$  For ironwork for a lock and key, and making a box fixed in the ground there,  $3s. 10d.$  For the expenses of the suffragan of the Lord Bishop and his atten-

cca dedicacionē eiusdē capelle xvij<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>. In duabz lagenis olei ⁊ dī ad lampadē eiusdē ij<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>. Itē p candelabro pendente supra altare ibm̄ xij<sup>d</sup>. Itē ad repaōem portus ultra v barellos berise ⁊ ij<sup>xij</sup> panes ⁊ ult<sup>a</sup> labores duoz hoiū p sex dies ibm̄ x<sup>s</sup>. It p ij balist<sup>e</sup> cū viij camer<sup>e</sup> ad easd p defensione loci vij<sup>s</sup>.

Sm<sup>a</sup>—xlix<sup>s</sup>. vij<sup>d</sup>.

Sm<sup>a</sup> oīm Expensaz  
iiij<sup>xij</sup> li. iiij<sup>s</sup>. vij<sup>d</sup>. ob q<sup>a</sup>.

Sm<sup>a</sup> oīm expensaz  
cū supexpenf  
iiij<sup>xix</sup> vij<sup>li</sup>. vij<sup>s</sup>. vj<sup>d</sup>. ob. q<sup>a</sup>.

Receptū excedit expensas liiij<sup>s</sup>. j<sup>d</sup>. q<sup>a</sup>  
que sūma colligenda e<sup>o</sup> de tenentibz  
carnarii cū residuo sūme que sequit<sup>r</sup>  
in fine hui9.

Remanencia—iiij cūb ⁊ j b; frumenti. Itē xj barellys berise. Itē iij good fatt wedderys. Itē in befe viij<sup>d</sup>. Itē xviiij lenggys ⁊ dī. Itē xj saltfysshys ⁊ dī. Itē ij lagene mellis. Itē half a barel half ful of vynegre. Itē a rumlett halfful of good bereegre. Itē vij dokys and j drake. Itē v hennys and j cok. Itē j Capon. Itē a doseyn chekonnys. Itē in focalibz ij chald<sup>a</sup> ⁊ dī of see coole. It C ⁊ dī wode fagott. It CCCC ⁊ dī fyrr fagott<sup>o</sup>. It M<sup>l</sup> M<sup>l</sup> M<sup>l</sup> Turvys ⁊ eo vltra. Itē CCC red herynggys. Itē vltra ista no<sup>a</sup>nd<sup>e</sup> qdē tenentes carnarii debent iiij<sup>li</sup>. xv<sup>s</sup>. vj<sup>d</sup>. ob quā sūmā successor potest recupar<sup>r</sup> ad coōdū si velit.

<sup>o</sup> Part of town defence.

<sup>1</sup> Chamber. The cannons of this period were composed of two parts, the barrel, and the chamber which contained the powder and ball, and was dropped into a recess at the breech and secured to it. Each gun was provided with several chambers, so that as soon as one was discharged another was ready to be affixed.



dants, about the dedication of the same chapel, 18s. 4*d.* For two and a half jars of oil for the lamp there, 2s. 3*d.*; also for the candelabrum hanging above the altar there, 12*d.* Also for the reparation of the harbour, besides five barrels of beer and two dozen loaves, and besides the labour of two men for six days there, 10s. Also for two cannons<sup>9</sup> with eight chambers<sup>1</sup> to the same, for the defence of the place, 7s.

Sum, 49s. 7*d.*

Sum total of all expenses, £81. 4s. 7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>*d.*

Sum total of all expenses with the balance,

£97. 7s. 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>*d.*

The receipts exceed the expenses, 54s. 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>*d.*, and the sum to be collected of the tenants of the charnel-house, with the residue of the sum which follows at the end of this.

Things Remaining.—Four coombs one bushel of wheat. Also eleven barrels of beer. Also three good fat wethers. Also in beef, 8*d.* Also eighteen and a half lings. Also eleven and a half saltfish. Also two jars of honey. Also half a barrel half full of vinegar. Also a rumlet half full of good malt vinegar. Also seven ducks and one drake. Also five hens and one cock. Also one capon. Also a dozen chickens. Also in fuel, two and a half chaldrons of sea coal. Also one and a half hundred of wood faggots. Also four and a half hundreds of fir faggots. Also three thousand turves and more besides. Also three hundred red herrings. Also besides these things, let it be noted that the tenants of the charnel-house owe £4. 15s. 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>*d.*, which sum the successor can recover to his use if he wishes.

*(In dorso.)*

Pecelle Reddito in Jernemuth.

In  
Sowhtleta

Robt<sup>o</sup> Swolle de xiiij<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>. p̄ ānū vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. ⁊ nō  
pl<sup>o</sup> hoc ānō sexto. Cristiana Wydewell p̄  
tene<sup>to</sup> nup Bartholomei Elyce vj<sup>d</sup>.  
Johes Cowper alias Slabson p̄ tenet<sup>o</sup> nup Johis  
pyle ap̄d cap<sup>d</sup> Saraceni viij<sup>d</sup>.

Prior fratrū carmelitarū ij<sup>s</sup>.Thomas Eloyce p̄ tene<sup>to</sup> nup Johis Philyp Spycer  
xviij<sup>d</sup>.Johes Rus p̄ orto siue gardino nup Jacobi Gase  
de xij<sup>d</sup>. p̄ ānū n<sup>l</sup> hoc anno ꝑcio ⁊ s<sup>e</sup> d<sup>3</sup> iiij<sup>s</sup>.Thomas Bemont p̄ tene<sup>to</sup> suo ad capellā bte marie  
de Arnburth ob̄ ante pedē pontēRobt<sup>o</sup> Baret p̄ tene<sup>to</sup> nup Wiffolsham Coke xij<sup>d</sup>.Johes Caleyce ⁊ Johes Baxter p̄ firma duoz gar-  
dinoz ibm in Barette rowe ij<sup>s</sup>.In  
NorthletaRobt<sup>o</sup> Rake p̄ tene<sup>to</sup> suo in le Conge iiij<sup>d</sup>.Edmūd<sup>o</sup> Seman p̄ una pcella tene<sup>ti</sup> nup Willi  
Pertryk capflani x<sup>d</sup>.Johes ffelde p̄ al<sup>ta</sup> pcella eiusdē tene<sup>ti</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>.Johes Trāme Wever p̄ tene<sup>to</sup> nup Petri Davy  
xij<sup>d</sup>.Wiffms ffysh p̄ tene<sup>to</sup> nup Johis Andrew tā-  
ner xviij<sup>d</sup>.Johes Gardener p̄ tene<sup>to</sup> nup Willi Spycer  
postea Emme uxore ꝑdci Wiffi j<sup>d</sup>.



*(On the Back.)*

Parcels of the Rents in Yarmouth.

In the  
South Leet.

Robert Swolle, of 13s. 4d. per year, 6s. 8d.,  
and no more, this being the sixth year. Christiana  
Wydewell, for the tenement late of Bartholomew  
Elyce, 6d.

John Cowper, alias Slabson, for a tenement  
late John Pyle's, near the Saracen's Head, 8d.

The Prior of the Carmelite Friars, 2s.

Thomas Eloyce, for tenement late of John Philip,  
Spicer, 18d.

John Rus, for a garden late James Gase's, of 12d.  
per year, nothing this third year, and so he  
owes, 3s.

Thomas Bemont, for his tenement before the  
foot of the bridge to the chapel of blessed  
Mary of Arneburgh,  $\frac{1}{2}d.$

Robert Baret, for tenement late William Foul-  
sham, Coke, 12d.

In the  
North Leet.

John Caleyce and John Baxter, for rent of two  
gardens there in Baret's row, 2s.

Robert Rake, for his tenement in the Conge, 4d.

Edmond Seman, for one part of a tenement late  
of William Pertryk, chaplain, 10d.

John Feld for the other part of the same tenement,  
8d.

John Trañe, wever, for tenement late Peter  
Davy's, 12d.

William Fysh, for tenement late of John Andrew,  
tanner, 18d.

John Gardiner, for tenement late William  
Spicer's, afterwards of Emma wife of the  
said William, 1d.

Johes Pennyng capllan9 p firma came supiore  
jux<sup>ca</sup> portas cimiterii ex pte occidte iij<sup>s</sup>.

Wifms Beyham capellan9 p firma came infe-  
riore ibm̄ xvj<sup>d</sup>.

Robt9 pu9 capllan9 ⁊ Thomas Eleyns-  
forth capllan9 p fir<sup>ca</sup> came Secūdarij iij<sup>s</sup>.

Sm<sup>ca</sup>—xxvj<sup>s</sup>. j<sup>d</sup>. ob. vñ allocandi sūt ij<sup>s</sup>. quos

Johes Rus detinet p duob; ānis precedentib;.

Et sic Sm<sup>ca</sup>—tantū xxiiij<sup>s</sup>. j<sup>d</sup>. ob.

Sm<sup>ca</sup> xxiiij<sup>s</sup>. j<sup>d</sup>. ob.

[*Indorsed* Cōpot9 p'ore Jernemuth A<sup>o</sup>. D. J. Bonweff  
p'ore 6<sup>o</sup>. P<sup>s</sup>. Suppioris.]

1354. Comput9 fr̄is Rogi de Wttertoñ Prioris Celle Jerne-  
muth [mutilated.]

Recept<sup>9</sup> £212 2 6.

(inter alia.) De capella S̄ce Mar<sup>9</sup> in occidentē xxxiiij<sup>li</sup> v<sup>s</sup> vj<sup>d</sup>.

De ymāgie S̄ci Nichi et Alijs truce9 in ecclia lxxxiiij<sup>s</sup> v<sup>d</sup>.

Expenf.—(inter alia.) In vino empto. et roga S̄ci Nichi. et  
ij tabernacis in ecclia f̄cis. et factur<sup>9</sup> j . . . . S̄ce Mar<sup>9</sup>. et  
stipend̄ c̄icoz cū alijs nec<sup>ca</sup>-ijs in ecclia, xj<sup>li</sup> ix<sup>s</sup> ij<sup>d</sup>.

1387. Comput9 fr̄t̄is Joh̄is de Hoo Custodis celle magne  
Jern̄.

Recept<sup>9</sup> £205 6 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

Expense. (inter alia.) In exp̄sis f̄cis c̄ca nouā Capella  
viiij<sup>li</sup>. viijsō. iij<sup>d</sup>.

1405. do. do.

Recept<sup>9</sup> £137 17 1.

(inter alia.) Ð Capella b̄te Marie in Cimiterio xix<sup>li</sup> xj<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>.



John Pennyng, chaplain, for rent of an upper chamber near the churchyard gates on the west side, 3s.

William Beyham, chaplain, for rent of the lower chamber there, 16*d*.

Robert parvus chaplain, and Thomas Eleynsforth, chaplain, for rent of the "Secondary's" chamber, 3s.

Sum, 26s. 1½*d*., whereof are allowed 2s., which John Rus detains for the two preceding years.

And so the sum total is only 24s. 1½*d*.

Sum, 24s. 1½*d*.

*Indorsed.*—Account of the Prior of Yarmouth in the sixth year of Sir John Bonwell, Prior. The Sub-prior's part.

Ð magna cruce ad hostium Austrat, xvj<sup>s</sup>.<sup>2</sup>

Ð trunco s̄ci Nichi et alijs trunçe in Ecclia xj<sup>s</sup> vj<sup>d</sup>.

1413. do. ffris Wiffi de Syltoñ Custodis celle  
Jerneñ, &c.

Recept<sup>o</sup> £104 0 8¼.

Pension. (inter alia.) Confrībꝫ n̄ris in f̄o S̄ci Nichi vj<sup>s</sup>.

1442. do. Johis Molet Prioris Celle, &c.

Recept<sup>o</sup> £82 16 1½.

(inter alia.) Ð Reliquijs, ix<sup>s</sup> ij<sup>d</sup>.

Exp̄n̄f. (inter alia.)

In exp̄n̄f facte in ecclia s. Cera Cirpis cordis ⁊ repacione magne fene<sup>str</sup> in orientat pte cancelle cum regarde predicant<sup>o</sup>, xliij<sup>s</sup> x<sup>d</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> Bartholomew Elys, burgess of Great Yarmouth, in his will dated 1424, directed his body to be interred in the churchyard of St. Nicholas, "juxta crucem ex parte aquilon' eiusdem ecclesie."—*Hyrning*, 133.

Iſm in factura celle in dormitorio cū alijs repacionib; f̄cis in eodm̄, Cxvj<sup>s</sup> v<sup>d</sup>.

In repacōe muroꝝ claustri cū factura clibani ⁊ j gurgite cum arundine argiff ⁊ stipendijs laborāt<sup>o</sup> p repacōe j domoꝝ vo<sup>o</sup> Malthous ⁊ r̄pacōe aliaꝝ domoꝝ in māf xxxiiij<sup>s</sup> x<sup>d</sup>.

1443. Same Prior. Recept<sup>o</sup> £104 19 10.

1444. Compotus dñi Johis Heulond Prioris Ecclie Cath s̄ce Trinite Norwic<sup>o</sup> post mortem ffris Johis Eglyngton nup P<sup>o</sup>ris Celle Magne Jernemuth, &c.

Recept<sup>o</sup> £72 13 10<sup>½</sup>.

(inter alia.) De oblacōib; iiij<sup>or</sup> p̄ncipaliū festoꝝ ⁊ alioꝝ q<sup>ib</sup>; solent pochiani ex deuocōe offer<sup>o</sup> cū collect<sup>o</sup> p Rowett ⁊ pascaff xvij<sup>li</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>.

Expenf. In repacōib; f̄cis vidett in j pelos in pmtuario ⁊ alijs in pistno brasino ⁊ circa Molendinū xvij<sup>s</sup> x<sup>d</sup> ob.

In mediet<sup>o</sup> vniꝝ x<sup>e</sup> solut<sup>o</sup> dño Regi ad f̄m Annūc<sup>o</sup> beate Marie, xl<sup>s</sup> v<sup>d</sup> ob.

In exequijs ffris Johis Eglyngton p Cista cariaꝝ<sup>o</sup> eiusdñi ⁊ eteia dat<sup>o</sup> Paupib; ⁊ alijs expens<sup>o</sup> circa feñat<sup>o</sup> eiusd<sup>o</sup> xxix<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>.

1445. Compotus ffris Johis ffolshñ Prioris Celle magne Jernemut<sup>o</sup>, &c.

Recept<sup>o</sup> £91 1 9.

Expens<sup>o</sup>. (inter alia.) In Repacoib; aule claustri ⁊ muroꝝ cū mttē alijs puis repacōib; v<sup>li</sup> v<sup>s</sup> ob.

In vitriacoē camere p̄ore sup dormitoriū cū ferrura eiusd<sup>o</sup>, xxvij<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>.

In scriptura libri Thome Alquini sup Marcū, xxij<sup>s</sup>.

1446. Same Prior.

Recept<sup>o</sup> £96 19 4.

Expenf. (inter alia.) Iſm dat<sup>o</sup> ad picturā cuigdā ptice i ecclia ⁊ collectorib; cois ponte i villa vijs iiij<sup>d</sup>.

Iſm Johi Grygg in grosso p plawcheryng xiiij<sup>s</sup> vj<sup>d</sup>.

Iſm eidñ p repacōe domoꝝ fonte aqueducto in coq<sup>na</sup> ac multē alijs repacōib; f̄cis in stabulo et pistrino, xij<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>.



Iť Robto Dvn 7 Johi Welman p repačoe fonte aqueducto  
clibani in pist'no ac muroz in gardino juxta cimitoriũ,  
xviijs jd oť.

1451. Same Prior. Recept<sup>o</sup> £86 11 7½.

Expenf. (inter alia.) In stipendio Chici Capelle bte Marie  
viijs.

In expenf facte in ecclia s. cirpis 7 corde cũ regarde  
p̄dicanciũ xvij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>.

In castigačone 7 refo<sup>a</sup>recoňe impugnanciũ citačoe dñi  
Epi 7 pupplice rebellanciũ in ecclia Jernemuth, viiijs xj<sup>d</sup>.

Penf. (inter alia.) Iťm confratribz in fest<sup>o</sup> sci Nichi, vjs.

In roga Sci Nichi xx<sup>s</sup>.

1453. Same Prior. Recept<sup>o</sup> £84 18 5½.

Expenf. (inter alia.) Itm dat<sup>o</sup> ad reparačonem portus  
xij<sup>s</sup> x<sup>d</sup>.

Penf. (inter alia.) In expenf dñi Regis v<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. In  
pensione scolariũ xviijs ix<sup>d</sup>.

1470. Compotus ffratris Johnis Bonewell P'oris celle  
Jernemuth.

Recept<sup>o</sup> £49 5 2¼.

1484-5 printed at length, pp. 230—245.

1490. Compotus ffratris Thome Hoo Custodis Celle Magne  
Jernemuth.

Recept<sup>o</sup> £37 4 8¼.

1502. Compotus ffr̄is Johis Attleburgh Custodis Celle  
Magne Jernemuth, &c.

Recept<sup>o</sup> £71 17 1½.

(inter alia.) De decimis psonalibz xix<sup>li</sup> iiijs jd oť. De  
xxxviijs vj<sup>d</sup>. xlij<sup>s</sup> vij<sup>d</sup>.  
oblačoiibz in qũiqz festis viz die oim scōz. Die Sci Nicholai.

xlix<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>.

v<sup>s</sup> ij<sup>d</sup> oť.

Die natiuitatis Dñi. Die purificačois be marie.

iijs<sup>li</sup> iiijs v<sup>d</sup>.

Die pasche xti xxjd oť. (sic in orig.)

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De alijs festis in quibz solent offerre ex deuocōe ljs ix<sup>d</sup> ob.  
De sex gildt eiusd ville xxj<sup>s</sup> vij<sup>d</sup> ob.

De obacōibz in nauibz vj<sup>s</sup> vj<sup>d</sup> ob. De capella bē Marie  
v<sup>li</sup> viij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> ob. De Cera vendit<sup>o</sup> in ead capella t in ecclia  
x<sup>li</sup> vj<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. De capella boni Henrici xxxij<sup>s</sup> vij<sup>d</sup>. De reddit<sup>o</sup>  
oblat<sup>o</sup> p Belmaños iiij<sup>s</sup> xj<sup>d</sup>.

De tribz cadis allec<sup>o</sup> oblat<sup>o</sup> p Westyrmen ad imaginem bē  
Marie de Arnburgh nichil qz expenf in domo.

Expens. (inter alia.)

In donis histrionibz t nautis in nauibz viij<sup>s</sup> ij<sup>d</sup>.

I<sup>tm</sup> vitriar<sup>o</sup> p repacōe fenestre orientat cancella v<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>.

I<sup>tm</sup> p repaconē fenestraz in aula plur<sup>o</sup> dormitor<sup>o</sup> iij<sup>s</sup> vij<sup>d</sup>.

I<sup>tm</sup> plūbatoribz opantibz sup Cācellā t aulam, iij<sup>s</sup> ix<sup>d</sup>.

1504. Same Custodian.

Recept<sup>o</sup> £77 2 3.

(inter alia.) De septem gildis eiusdem ville xxj<sup>s</sup> ij<sup>d</sup> ob.

Expens £82 2 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

(inter alia.) In repac ffenestraz in aula t in Capella S<sup>c</sup>e  
Marie, vj<sup>s</sup>. I<sup>tm</sup> plumbatoribz opant<sup>o</sup> sup Cancellam t aulam  
vij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>.

In repacōe Organoz in Capella bē Marie, iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>.

In repacōe Cancellae xxxj<sup>s</sup>. I<sup>tm</sup> laborantibz in Cimitio t  
in gardinis iij<sup>s</sup> vj<sup>d</sup>.

1528. Compotus ff<sup>r</sup>is Willi Reppis custodis, &c.

Recept<sup>o</sup> £69 12 2.

Supexpens. In supexpens compotoz pceden<sup>o</sup> ut patet in  
pede Compi pceden<sup>o</sup> xxxv<sup>li</sup> xj<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>.