

## Notes and Queries.

### NOTES.

#### TUNSTEAD CHURCH.

From time to time suggestions have been made as to the purpose to which the platform behind the High Altar of Tunstead Church was put in pre-Reformation times. Beneath it is a room, probably then used as a Sacristy. The following extract from an ancient MS. book in the British Museum, entitled "The History of the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln," shows that a similar arrangement once existed at Lincoln, and suggests that the platform was used for the reservation and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

"Of the Choir.

In the East part stood an Altar with doors into the room there. Upon the room stood the Tabernacle."

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#### CREAKE ABBEY.

During the autumn of 1933 Mr. G. H. Brown, the then tenant of the abbey-house, made some excavations on the site of the destroyed south transept of the church. This part of the building had been shortened, late in the middle ages, probably after the fire of 1378, when the church was otherwise lessened in size and altered. The excavations showed that the earlier transept extended 19 feet south of the crossing, and the existence of the diagonal south-east buttress indicates that it must have been reconstructed in the earlier part of the 14th century. The accompanying plan shows the precise extent of the uncovered foundations, a certain amount of chamfered plinth surviving on the diagonal buttress. The start of the east range adjoins the transept on the south.

Excavation also revealed parts of the arcade wall of the cloister at its north-east and north-west angles.

The plan is that prepared for the meeting of the Royal Archaeological Institute in 1932, with certain minor corrections.

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