

CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN WALBROOK.

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The church of the parish of St. Stephen, Walbrook,¹ as its name implies, was dedicated in honour of St. Stephen, the proto-martyr.

The first church stood on the west side of the street known as Walbrook, as will be hereafter described. The second building stood on the east side of the same street, on the site occupied by the present church.

The date of the foundation of the church is unknown. The earliest reference to it occurs in the charter of the foundation of the Abbey of St. John, in Colchester, in the county of Essex, in the following words :

“Præterea ecclesiam S. Stephani super Walbrook, et domum meam petrinam juxta Niewchurch, cum suis appenditiis.”²

The Abbey of St. John was founded by Eudo Dapifer (sewer or steward to William the Conqueror, William Rufus, and King Henry I.), in or about A.D. 1096, or about thirty years after the Norman conquest.

It will thus be seen that the said Eudo Dapifer endowed the Abbey

¹ The origin of the name of Walbrook is ascribed by Stowe, on the authority of Geffrey of Monmouth, to an act of Asclepiodatus, who, having recovered Britain, besieged London, and entering the city slew the Roman captain “Liuius Gallus,” near the brook there running, into which he threw him; by reason of this the brook was called in British “*Nant Gallon*,” afterwards in the Saxon tongue “*Gallus* or *Wallus Brooke*,” which in later times became contracted into Walbrook.—Stowe’s *Annals, or General Chronicle of England, with Continuations* by Howes, p. 43.

² Carta Eudonis dapiferi de fundatione Ecclesie S. Johannis de Colcestre.—Dugdale’s *Monasticon Anglicanum*, by Caley, Ellis, and Bandinel, vol. iv. p. 601.

of St. John, among other gifts, with the church of St. Stephen upon Walbrook, and his house of stone, next Newchurch, with its appendages.

Newchurch, here referred to, was afterwards called St. Mary, West Cheap, alias Newchurch.

The church of St. Stephen at this early period appears to have stood on the west side of Walbrook, as Stowe quaintly describes it, "in place where now standeth the Parsonage House, and therefore so much nearer to the Brook, even on the bank."¹

Of this early structure but trifling information is recoverable; that it possessed a belfry is painfully recorded in the coroner's roll for the year 1278,² which sets forth that "On Friday before the Feast of the Apostles Philip and James (1 May), in the fifth year of the reign of King Edward, the said Chamberlain and Sheriffs were given to understand that William le Clerke was then lying dead, by another death than his rightful death, in the Church of St. Stephen on Walebrocke, in the Ward of John Adrien.³ On hearing which the said Chamberlain and Sheriffs went there, and calling together the good men of that Ward and the Ward of Chepe, being the next Ward, diligent inquisition was made how this happened. Who say that the same William on the Sunday preceding, about midday, ascended the belfry of that church, to search for a pigeon's nest there; whereupon it happened, that, as he was climbing from beam to beam, holding on by the rafters of the belfry, his feet and limbs failing him, he fell by mischance upon one of the said beams, so that by that fall the whole of his body was ruptured and crushed, by reason whereof he received his death, and died as soon as he came to the ground. And the body was viewed; upon which there was no other hurt, wound, or bruise, save only that the body appeared ruptured and crushed as aforesaid. And that the beam was appraised at four pence. And the two neighbours nearest (to the church) were attached, each by two sureties," to see the fine or deodand paid.

From an entry in the inventory of the church goods made temp. Edward IV., which will be hereafter noticed, it appears, that at the time of the building of the new church, three bells, with all the wheels,

¹ Strype's Stowe, 1720, vol. i. B. 2, p. 196^a.

² Riley's *Memorials of London*, pp. 13, 14, and Letter Book B. fol. ix. in the Archives of the Corporation of London.

³ Walbrook Ward.

gear, &c. to the same, were then remaining in the steeple or belfry of the old church.

In confirmation of Stowe's assertion as to the position of this early building being on the west side of Walbrook, I find that in the 28 Edward I. A.D. 1300,¹ an inquisition was taken before the Mayor of London on Wednesday the morrow of the Translation of S. Benedict (11 July), to inquire who were liable to repair the covering over the watercourse of Walbrook over against the chancel wall of the church, when the jury impanelled decided that the parishioners of the church were bound to repair, and directions were given to the sheriffs to distrain on the parishioners to do the requisite works.

The entry of this inquisition in Letter Book C., f. 48,² which contains the names of the jury is as follows :

“ Anno xxvijj.

“ Inq̄s̄cō capta p̄
fact̄ra c̄sus de
Walebroc q̄ can-
celar̄ S̄ci Steph̄i
de Walebroc.

Inquisiō f̄tã cor̄) Maiore Londoñ die
M̄^ocuñ in c̄stino t̄slacoñis S̄ci bened̄ci
Anno xxvijj^o qui tenent̄ rep̄are coop-
turam vlt̄^a cursum aque de Walebroc de
sup̄ Murū cancel̄ ec̄c̄e S̄ci Steph̄i de
Walebroc p̄ Rob̄m dep̄lys, Wiñm p̄or,
Johm de plumstede, Johm paie, Wiñm
de Netlestede, Wiñm Reyner, Thm
peccok, Wiñm de camerwelle, Symonem
de brenttone, Johm de Hackenie, Roḡm
de coumbe, Wiñm de caningtone, qui
dicūt sup̄ sac̄^am suū q̄d pochiam ec̄c̄e
d̄ci s̄ci Steph̄i tenent̄ de iure ad rep-
cōne d̄ce coopture d̄ci cursus aque de
Walebroc, I'o d̄c̄m est viç q̄d dest̄ing
d̄c̄os pochianos adz̄fc̄uom̄ p̄d̄c̄am fa-
ciend̄.”³

In the course of the next 129 years, the old church either became so much dilapidated as to need rebuilding, or was found too small

¹ Riley's *Memorials of London*, pp. 43, 44.

² Archives of the Corporation of London.

Translation of entry in Letter Book : (see next page).

to accommodate an increase in the population of the parish; and the parishioners determined on the erection of a new or second church on the site occupied by the present building. The ancient inventory of the goods, relics, and vestments belonging to the church, temp. Edward IV., fortunately preserves to us, not only the precise date of the commencement of the second building, but also the date of its consecration, and an account of the ceremony of laying the several foundation stones.

The account is written at the end of the paper book containing the inventory, and sets forth that the new church was begun the 11th May, 7 Henry VI. A.D. 1429, "Maistir Thomas Sothewel" then being parson of both the old and the new church. The account further quaintly states that there was present on the occasion "Rob't Chechile,"¹ grocer and alderman of London, the founder of the said new church, [and brother to "herry Chechile," then Archbishop of Canterbury,] who laid the first stone; he also laid the second stone, in the name of "Will'm Stavndon,"² who, when living, was a citizen, grocer, and alderman of London and "w^t whose gode the Grounde þ^t þe newe Chirche stante now on and þe howsyn w^t all þ^t þan stode

Inquisition taken about the making of the Water Course of Walbrook, by the chancel of St. Stephen, Walbrook.

Inquisition made before the Mayor of London on Wednesday after the Translation of St. Benedict, the 28th year, as to who are bound to repair the covering of the Water Course of Walbrook, at the chancel wall of the church of St. Stephen Walbrook by Robert Dep[er]ys, William Prior, John de Plumstede, John Paie, William de Nettlestede, William Reyner, Thomas Peccok, William de Camerwelle (*Camberwell*), Simon de Brentton, John de Hackenie (*Hackney*), Roger de Coumbe, William de Caningtone (*Kennington*), who upon their oath (upon the Sacrament) say that the parishioners of the said Church of St. Stephen are bound by the law to repair the said covering of the said Water Course of Walbrook. That it is said it is the duty of the said sheriff to distrain on the said parishioners to perform the said works.

¹ Robert Chichley, knight, grocer, and alderman of London; sheriff A.D. 1402; lord mayor A.D. 1411, and again in A.D. 1421.

² William Standon, knight, grocer, and alderman of Cheap Ward, sheriff A.D. 1386; lord mayor A.D. 1392 and again A.D. 1407; M.P. for the City A.D. 1391. He was the first alderman elected for the Ward of Cheap after annual elections ceased, and the office became tenable for life, or during good behaviour *Orridge's Citizens of London and their Rulers*, p. 113.

p'on and þe Chirchyerde w^t þe tenament anexid p'to þe whiche abowndipe Jn to bere bynder lane was boutgh' by þe seyde Rob't Chechile for ij c Marke of þe wardeyns of the Grocers of london and at p^t tyme was letyn yerely ffor xxvj marke." "Rob't whetyng^am," knight, draper, and alderman of London, and patron of both churches, laid the third stone. "herry barton,"¹ citizen and skinner, and then lord mayor of the city of London, laid the fourth stone. "Rob't Otle,"² grocer and alderman of London, laid the fifth stone. "thomas Catworþe,"³ grocer and alderman of London, laid the sixth stone. "Joh'n Penne,"⁴ skinner and alderman of London, laid the seventh stone. And "Raffe barton,"⁵ skinner and alderman of London, laid the eighth stone. "And eu'yche of þese men here aftir wretyn leide a stone, fforste y^e Chirchewardeyns, Thomas Catworþe, grocer, and Joh'n lēman, Skinn', Will'm Olyu', groc', Rycharde burton, grocer, Joh'n herst, skynn', Joh'n herries, skynn', wat' hunt, groc', and many mo' of þe same parishe, and Maistir thomas Mapilton þe kyngis mason þan beyng Maistir mason of þe seyð Chirche werke, and þe forseide Rob't Chechile, gate and yave to þe seide Churche werke, c li. and also he made all þe tymbir werke of þe prosescion plase of his owne Coste, and also he yave vs alle þe Tymbyr and borde for þe ij side ylis, and paied for þe Cariage p'of." The writer of this account further states that the new church was "halwed," [*i.e.* hallowed or consecrated] on St. Erkenwald's Day, 17 Henry VI. A.D. 1439, by a grey friar, "Maistir John hayne," Bishop of Clonfert, in Ireland, and concludes by stating, "Also þese verse here ffolwyng weren wretyn vpon þe iij^e fforste stonys of þe ffundacion," but he has unfortunately omitted to record them.

¹ Sir Henry Barton, knight, citizen and skinner, alderman of London, sheriff A.D. 1405; lord mayor A.D. 1416 and again A.D. 1428; from Mildenhall, co. Suffolk. The city of London is indebted to this gentleman for having first introduced a system of lighting: for some particulars see Mr. J. F. Wadmore's paper on the Skinners' Company, vol. v. pp. 135, 136, *Transactions of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society*.

² Robert or Roger Oteley, knight, grocer, and alderman of London, sheriff A.D. 1427; lord mayor A.D. 1434; from Ufford, co. Suffolk.

³ Thomas Catworth, grocer and alderman of London; sheriff A.D. 1435; lord mayor A.D. 1443; from Rushton, co. Northumberland.

⁴ John Penn, skinner and alderman of London; sheriff A.D. 1410.

⁵ Ralph Barton, skinner and alderman of London; sheriff A.D. 1418.

As will be seen by this account, the erection and completion of the church occupied the space of ten years.

From the other particulars respecting the ceremonial of laying the foundation stones, we learn that Sir Robert Chicheley was the chief benefactor of the new church, for not only did he, with the goods of his deceased friend, Sir William Staundon, or Standon, purchase the site for the church and churchyard of the Grocers' Company, but he also gave on his own account 100*l.* towards the works of the new building, besides the cost of making all the timber-work of the procession-place, and all the timber and boards for the two side-aisles, and the carriage of the same.

The eldest brother of the before-mentioned Sir Robert Chicheley was Henry Chicheley, Archbishop of Canterbury, who was rector of this church from the 30th March, A.D. 1396, to the 10th September, A.D. 1397, but left for better preferment, which, as will be seen, culminated in the Archbishopric of Canterbury.

At the end of the paper book containing the ancient inventory before mentioned is a description of the site of the church and churchyard, and the several measurements of the same. The several boundaries and dimensions are set forth as follows :—

“JHC.

“This is þe bovyndyng of þe grovnde of Seint Stevin's Churche vpon Walbroke.

Emp'mes. Sent stevyns Chirche is of brede at þe Est ende ffrom powlys Rent to will'm whetenhaly's Rent, grocer, lxxvij fote (and more).¹

Also, it is of brede at þe west ende by þe strete vpon walbrok, þe twene þe Rente of powlys and whetenhalis rent, lxxvj fot (and more).

Also, it is of lengþe on þe Sowþ^o syde by powlis Rent, from þe strete vpon walbrok, vn to þe gardyn walle of powlis Rente is v^{xx} and xv fote (and more).

Also, it is of lengþe on þe norþeside by will'm whetenhalis Rente, g^ocer, from þe strete of walbroke, vn to þe vtt' syde of þe dore in þe Chirchyerd, vj^{xx} v fote (and more).

Also, seint stevyns Chirchyerde is of lengþe on þe norþeside from will'm, whetechal [*obliterated*] Rent, groc', to þe rent þ^t was su'tyme John' hendes, drap', iiij^{xx} x fote (and more).

Also, it is of lenþe on þe sowþeside from þe same Chyrch walle vn to þe Rente þ^t was su'tyme þe seide Joh'n hendis, drap' iiij^{xx} and iiij fote and d' (and more).

Also, it is of brede at þe Estende by þe seide Joh'n hendis rente, xxxv fote (and more).

¹ Note within brackets, in another handwriting.

Also, it is of brede at þe westende, by þe seide Chirche from powlis Rent to owre newe Chirchyerde walle, xxxvij fote and iiij vnehis (and more).

Also, owre stone walle þt is owre defense be twene vs and whethenhale, g^ocer, is of lengþe from owre Chirchwalle of þe norþeside of þe seide Chirch', vn to whethenhalis Rent at berebynder lanys ende,¹ is lxx fote (and more).

Also, þe Estside of þe same gro'nde by will'm of graschirchis howse, is of lengþe fro' berebynderlane, to owre Chirch'wal, is lx fote and viij vnehis (and more).

þe brede þ'of at þe norþe ende by þe strete Syde is xvj fote (and more).

þe brede þ'of at þ^o sowþe Ende by owre Chyrchyerde is xx fote and ij^o vnehis (and more).

þe lengþe of al owre gro'nde fro' berebynderlane to þe wal of powlis rent is iiij^{xx} xvij fote (and more)."

"þe lengþe fro' walbrok, vn to þe seide Rent of Joh'n hende is x^{xx} and xv fote (and more)."

The details set forth in this record furnish us with the external dimensions of the new church, viz., on the west end abutting on Walbrook, 66 feet; on the east end, 67 feet; on the south side, 115 feet; and on the north side, 125 feet; and, consequently, prove the church to have been one of considerable size.

Of the internal arrangement and decoration the ancient inventory affords some interesting evidence, and, although I shall have occasion hereafter to refer to the several parts of the building in which the goods and properties of the church were deposited, it is necessary here to notice them in order to render the account of the early building as complete as possible.

By the aid of the before-mentioned inventory, the churchwardens' accounts, and the minutes of vestries, a tolerable idea can be formed as to the style, character, and decoration of the church. That the church was a Gothic structure there can be no doubt, and evidently erected in the early-Perpendicular style.

The body of the church consisted of a nave, with clerestory and two side-aisles. There was also a belfry, constructed with two, if not more, stories, surmounted with a spire or steeple.

In the choir of the church were eight standing images;² two being representations of St. Stephen, one painted and the foot plated with silver, and the other unpainted. The others represented St. Anne and the Virgin Mary standing by her; and SS. Lawrence, Vincent, Peter, and Paul.

¹ End of Bearbinder Lane.

² Ancient Inventory, temp. Edward IV.

In the lady chapel were seven images of wood; the first two, viz. the Virgin Mary and S. John the Baptist, being painted. The others represented SS. John the Baptist, John the Evangelist, Elizabeth, George, and Anneys, unpainted.

In the church was also a chapel dedicated in honour of SS. Nicholas and Katherine;¹ the altar-stone in this chapel being of marble in two pieces. And in the same chapel were seven images of wood, the first, representing St. Katherine, being painted; and the remainder, representing SS. Nicholas, Katherine, Michael, Margaret, James, and Mary Magdalen, unpainted.

In the midst of the body of the church, before the crucifix, was a hanging lamp. This lamp was kept burning day and night, in accordance with the bequest of Roger of Ely.

On the font was a table, on which were written the matins of the holy angel, the seven psalms, and the litany; and hanging on the pillar over the font was a table, on which was painted a crucifix or rood, with SS. "Mary and John."²

It is also stated that there was hanging on the wall of the steeple³ a table on which were portrayed the twelve Apostles and four Doctors of the Holy Church, together with the reasons of "owre feype and of pe Sac'ment." On the wall of the steeple was also another table⁴ on which a hand was portrayed, with divers verses written on the thumb and fingers, and a verse written underneath the same, and is stated in the inventory to have been called *Manus Meditationis*.⁵ There was also another table, "made like moises table," on which was written the ten commandments, and another on which was written the ten commandments, the seven deadly sins, the seven remedies against them, and the seven deeds of mercy.

There was also an alabaster image of St. Christopher hanging on the church-wall against the font.

In the south corner of the cloister—this is the only reference I have met with respecting the cloister—was an alabaster image of the Virgin

¹ Ancient Inventory, temp. Edward IV.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ See an example at Bishop's Cannings, co. Wilts, described in the *Ecclesiologist*, vol. v. p. 150. There are others in the Ashmole MSS. [Bodl. Lib. Oxon] 391, v. f. 6, and 1,289, f. 1b. Both these MSS. are of the fourteenth century, but the particular articles are stated in the catalogue to be of somewhat later date than the MSS. generally.

Mary with the infant Jesus on her knee. This image was standing on a base of stone, and was called "The Pity."¹

In the same corner was another image of stone, painted, standing on a stone base, representing the Virgin Mary with the infant Jesus in her arms; and, in the north corner of the said cloister, standing on a stone base, was an image of painted wood, also representing the Virgin Mary with the infant Jesus in her arms.²

In the rood-loft was a pair of organs, the gift of the wife of Borton, citizen and grocer of London, with a lid over the keys, and lock and key, also a lectern for the book, and a stool for the organist.

The first church appears to have been standing at the time the ancient inventory was taken, though probably demolished shortly after the completion of the new building, and, as several of the early books or churchwardens' accounts are missing, I have not been able to discover what became of the materials.

In a.d. 1475 the steeple appears to have required sundry repairs, for the churchwardens in that year received 20*d.* of Broke, citizen and skinner, towards the repairs of the same.³ In the following year, viz. 15 Edw. IV. A.D. 1476, on the 2nd October, the churchwardens received 3*l.* of Lady Foster toward the reparation of the said steeple.⁴ About the same time, or shortly after, the churchwardens received of the whole parish 26*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.* towards repairing the steeple, and later the parish was assessed towards finishing the steeple, which assessment produced the sum of 13*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.*⁵ The churchwardens' account for a.d. 1476 also contains the following entries relating to the steeple:—

"It' pay a Whit,⁶ carpenter, pur makyng of the thryd flor in the stepull, þ' was not in Hys couenant xiiij s. iiij d.
It'm pay a Whit pur makyng of the Newe Roffe in the stepull,
and ij fflorys downward v li."

Besides these matters, the bells and gearing appear to have been a source of considerable expense from time to time.

¹ This appears to be an error of the scribe, the proper representation of "Our Lady of Pity" is the Virgin Mary with the dead body of our Lord on her knees.

² Ancient Inventory temp. Edward IV.

³ Churchwardens' account, A.D. 1475, first book, f. 1^b.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid. f. 3.

⁶ White.

In or about A.D. 1480 John Kebyll, wheelwright, was paid 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for timber, making the frame, and hanging five bells in the steeple.¹ By this entry we are informed as to the number of the bells in the new steeple, the old church having only three bells.

In A.D. 1481 a cross was set up in the churchyard, as will be seen by the following extract :² —

“ Pay le xxiiij io’ octobr an° xx E. iiij pur makyng of the Crosse in
the cherche yerl vj s. viij d.”

In A.D. 1483 the platform or story for the organs was erected, as set forth in the following entry :³ —

“ It’m payd to Ray, Carpynt’, ffor makyng off þe story ffor the
organnysxxxvj s. viij d.’

In the account for the year ending Lady Day, A.D. 1508,⁴ is an entry of the payment on the 3rd of January of 6*d.* to John How “for mendyng of the Small organs.”

From an entry in the account for the year ending Lady Day, A.D. 1511,⁵ it appears that a new loft or gallery was constructed for the organs, and the rood-loft was moved.

From the last-mentioned date to A.D. 1548 no reference is made to any important reparations or additions.

In the churchwardens’ account for the year A.D. 1548-9 we have evidence of the changes consequent upon the Reformation, by the sale of the cross in the churchyard and the altar-stones in the chapels, besides which we have an account of the cost incurred in pulling down the altars. The following year, viz. A.D. 1549-50, still further damage was done to the interior of the church by the removal and sale of the monumental brasses.

In A.D. 1553-4 the high altar was replaced—the stone having apparently been used to cover a grave—to be again disturbed and taken down on the accession of Queen Elizabeth.

At the end of a paper book contained in a bundle of papers marked with the latter M, and preserved in the parish chest, is an inventory of the goods and ornaments remaining in the church the 13th December, A.D. 1558, Clement Freer then being churchwarden. This inventory—which is not so full as the early one before mentioned—

¹ Churchwardens’ account, A.D. 1475, first book, f. 7.

² Ibid. f. 11^b.

³ Ibid. f. 20^b.

⁴ Ibid. second book, f. 4^b.

⁵ Ibid. third book, f. 4^b.

commences with an account of the several items in the vestry, which includes—

- “It'm a Chalyce wth the patent of Syluer p'cell gilt weying Syxtene Ovnces, as appereth by M^r howes Accompte.
It'm a litle Pix of Sylver for the Sacrament, of M^r Clementes gifte.
It'm another Pix of Cop'.”
- “It'm two Candlestickes of pewter, of M^r Bodenhams gifte, and two latten for the same aulter.”
- “It'm a Crosse of Copper, wth a foote to yt wth a staffe, and a Banner of Blewe sylke, wth frynge, and the Image of the Trinytie.
It'm a Pax of Cop', wth pictures of xpist, mary and John.
It'm a litle picture of St. Stephyn, and another of St. Jerome.
It'm another picture of the resurrection of.”
- “It'm a fayre pecture of St. Stephyns gilte with a Tabernacle.”
- “It'm a faire Sepulcre house, Carved.
It'm a fayre Payre of Orgens.”
- “It'm a harrow for tenebris Candles, in passhon weke.”

The several items in St. Katherine's and the lady chapel are next described, after which follows a list of the several matters in the church, of which the following are the only items of interest:—

- “It'm fyve Belles, and a Sayntis Bell in the steple.”
- “It'm a fayre Branche of Latten wth fyve candlestickes vpon hit, which M^r Clement did gyue, and the Charges of the Setting vpp of hytt all of his owne charge.”
- “It'm the founte with lock and key.”

There is also a list of the books, and other things, and at the conclusion of the inventory are several items which are said to have been obtained since the inventory was made.

From an entry in the account for the year ending Lady Day, A.D. 1580, it appears that the removal of the pulpit cost the sum of 26*s.* 10*d.*

From a bill for works executed internally and externally to the church—preserved among the deeds and papers belonging to the parish¹—and dated A.D. 1600, it appears that William Massey, painter, and one of the churchwardens, was employed to execute the several works at a cost of 72*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.*; of this amount 4*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* was expended in painting twelve angels in oil, with angels above them; the arms of the Grocers' Company, and all the other angels in both the

¹ In the parish chest.

side-aisles, holding shields of arms; 4*l.* was also expended in working the arms of the Queen and gilding the ordnance about them.

This account also furnishes evidence that there were twenty large columns or pillars in the church, besides smaller ones, and that a wainscot—probably a screen—parted the body of the church from the chancel and the pews in the choir.

In the Lansdowne MS. No. 874, fol. in pencil 103^b-104^b, preserved in the British Museum, is a collection of church notes taken by Nicholas Charles, Lancaster herald, about A.D. 1611; this collection contains sketches of the arms existing at that time in the several windows of the church of St. Stephen, Walbrook, viz.: The north, south, and east windows of the choir, the windows of the clerestory of the choir, the north and south windows of the church, and the clerestory of the same, the great west window and the window of the belfry, besides which there were numerous shields of arms carved on the capitals of the columns supported by figures representing angels.

In the year ending Lady Day, A.D. 1614, the sum of 137*l.* 6*s.* 3*d.* was expended in repairs to the church and pews. The account for this year also furnishes a most interesting description of the glazing in stained glass of all the windows in the south side of the church, in the middle aisle—the same being eight in number—and the names of the several donors, as follows:—

Lady Winifred Bond gave 5*l.* towards the first window, being the window of the east end of the church and on the south side.

Mr. John Newman, citizen and grocer of London, gave 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* towards the second window, which had only two lights.

Mr. John Hodges, citizen and grocer of London, glazed the third window at his own cost, for which he gave 6*l.*

Mr. Laurence Greene, citizen and grocer of London, glazed the fourth window at his own cost, viz. 6*l.*

Mr. John Stokeley, citizen and merchant taylor, of London, glazed the fifth window at his own charge, viz. 6*l.*

Mr. Reginald Greene, citizen and cutler of London, and Mr. Thomas Seracold, citizen and mercer of London, glazed the sixth window at their own cost, being 3*l.* each.

Mr. Richard Dickenson, citizen and skinner of London, Mr. William Massey, citizen and painter, and Mr. Edward Jeninges, citizen and grocer, glazed the seventh window at their own charge of 40*s.* each.

Mr. John Juxon, citizen and merchant taylor, Mr. William Langhorn, gentleman, and Mr. John Michelborne, citizen and grocer, glazed the eighth and last window, at a cost of 40s. each.

In addition to the above it is also stated that Mr. Henry Androwes, citizen and haberdasher, of London, gave 3*l.* towards the new glazing of the window on the north side of the chancel by the communion table [being the story of the stoning of St. Stephen the first martyr], and Mr. Robert De Lewe, merchant stranger, gave 40s. towards glazing the same window.

It was in this church that Dr. Feckenham, Dean of St. Paul's, and other popish priests of eloquence in the beginning of the reign of Queen Mary, frequently expounded their papal doctrines to the citizens.¹

Machyn mentions these sermons of Dr. Feckenham in his diary, as follows:²

A. D. 1553. "The sam day [5 November] at after-non dyd prych master Feknam at sant Sthevyns in Walbroke, and ther wer serten pepull made besenes (*i. e.* made a disturbance) for the sermon, and ther wher juge Browne, ser Rowland Hyll, ser Rechard Dobes, ser John Yorke; and sum wher sent to the mare (*i. e.* mayor), and to the Conter" (*i. e.* Compter).

Again, in the same year and month,

"The xix day of November dyd pryche master Feknam at sant Sthevyns in Walbroke, and ther he mad the goodliest sermon that ever was hard of the blessed sacrament of the body and blud for to be after the consecracion."

The ancient inventory of the goods, relics, &c. belonging to the church prior to the Reformation—which I have before had occasion to refer to—is a most interesting document and without doubt is the inventory mentioned in the churchwardens' account, temp. Edward IV., in the following words:—

[20 Edward IV.] "It'm pay to carkyk pur wreytyng of one inventory of the cherche, Goodyes and ornamentes v s."

And again,

[21 Edward IV.] "Pay le xix ior³ Septbr. to John Ioman, and in bred and drynke pur Schewyng of the cherche Goodes be the newe Inventory vj d."

¹ Strype's Stowe, London, 1720, vol. i. B 2, p. 196^b.

² Henry Machyn's Diary, p. 48.

³ For *jour* = day.

This inventory is written on thick paper, in the form of a book, but unfortunately the first folio—if not more—is missing.

The entries of the goods, relics, &c., belonging to the church are most voluminous and deeply interesting as evidence of the richness of the robes and decorations in use at that period, as well as affording some idea of the extent of the property of the church.

Although the whole of the document is worthy of printing, I am, for want of space, compelled to limit myself to the following extracts :—

“Jhc. In þe Vestyary.”

Among the several items in the above are the following :—

“Also a Rounde balle of laton and gilte, and a litle balle þ’in of Irne, In Colde wedyr to make yt brennyng hote, and þan put hit Inne þe balle for a prest to have hit in his hande In wyntir.”

Among other things—

“Jhc. In þe Quere.”

“Also, ther bene viij Imagis stondyng In the quer þt is Sent Stevyn, peyntyd, and þe fot is platyd w^t Syluir.

Also, a nothir Image of Sent Stevyn, vn peyntyd.

Also, an Image of Sent Anne, and owre lady stondyng by her.

Anob’ of sent laurens, and a nob’ of Sent vinsent.

Anob’ of Sent petir, and a nob’ of Sent poule.

Also, a pe’ytid Cloþe at Sent Stevyns bakke, of þe p’sonis yifte.

Also, a garlonde of flowris for his hed of wyre and silke of þe p’sons yifte.

Also, I the quere hangibe a peire of grete bedis of tre.”

Then follows an account of the several articles,

“Jhc. In owre ladies Chapel,”

commencing with a list of vestments, and, among other things,

“Also, vp on þe aut’ lyþe alweye an olde yelowe Clothe of sylke, for to kepe alle þe Cloþ^s Clene þt lyne on þe auter.

Also, in þe Chirche yerde is a Marbyl stone for þe Same auter.”

“Also, In þe same Chapel bene vij Imagis of tre, ij of hem bene peynted þt is owre lady, and sent John baptist, and þe ob’ v bene vn peyntyd þt is to sey sent John baptist, sent John Evangelist, sent Elysabeth, sent George, and Sent Anneys.”

Then follows a list of the several items

“Jhc. In ye Chapel of Sent Nicolas and Kat’yn,”

of which the following is the most interesting :—

“Also an Auter stone of m’bil liþe Alwey styl þ’on made of ij peces.”

The list of the several goods and properties in this chapel concludes with the following items:—

“Also, In þe Same Chapel bene vij Imagis of tre, one of hem is peyntyd, þ^t is Sent kateryn and the oþ^r vj bene vn peyntyd, þ^t is to Sey Sent Nicolas, sent kateryn, sent Myschel, Sent Margret, and sent Jame and Mary Maudeleyn.”

After which follows an account of the several things

“Jhc. In þ^e Rode lofte,”

in which it is mentioned that there was, among other things, a chest containing

“a lityl peyntid Ceste w^t many smale Imagis set a bowt hit made like a Schryne, and þ^t bene þ^t In many Relikys and bullys of p[']don.”¹

The small chest appears to be again mentioned after numerous other entries relating to vestments, &c. as follows:—

“Also, in þe peynted Ceste, set Rounde a bowte w^t owt þe Ceste, w^t litil Imagis peyntid þe wheche is In þe gret Ceste, and þ^t is þ^t Inne iiij bullis of pardon þ^t came ffrom Rome. And also of p[']don grauntyd by þe bysschop of london, and of many mo bysschoppis of london, by þer Sealys.

Also in þe same litil peyntyd Ceste sette a bowte w^t owte þe Ceste w^t Smale peyntyd Imagys bene þese þingis:

ffirst, a Jowe of sent Enfaine, Closid in sylu'

Also, a tweye dowbill Crosse, Closid in Sylu' and gylte, w^t a pese þ^t In of þe holy Crosse, and a fote of Sylu' and gylte.

Also, in þe same litil peyntyd Ceste is a lityl stondyng Coupe of silu', w^t diu'ce relikys, and it is in a Case of leþ['].

Also, a kok of Cristal, stondyng on a fote of Silu' and gilte, and ther is a Relike þ^t Inne.

Also, a smal standyng Coupe of Cristal, standyng on a fot of Copir and gilte, kou'ed w^t Sylu' w^t diu'ce Relikys þ^t Inne.

Also, a noþ['] litil standyng Coupe of Sylu', w^t diu'ce Relikys þ^t Inne of sent George, and of Sent Thomas.

Also, a litil ffosser of Ivery, and þ^t bene þ^t In iiij Smale glassis of Bawme Ryal, Cowchyd in Coton.

Also, in þe same Ceste bene iij dowbyl Crossis, one of hem is Copyr and gylte, And the toþ['] tweyne bene of Tymbyr, and a tothe Closyd In Sylu' and gylte hangibe by one of þe Crossis.

Also, a lityl ffosser, of blak or blewe Satan embrowderid w^t knottys of golde, and lett'ys þ^t In of golde and þ^t bene þ^t Inne xxxij² diu'ce Relikys of god, and of his seintes.

¹ Papal bulls of pardon.

² *Sic in orig.* evidently intended for twenty-two, the number described.

fyrste. A relike, and it is like a blak Cole somewhat brent.
 Anop' relike de la plase la on dieu aparist a mary Maudelen.
 Also a nop' relike de Capite Sc'i stephani.
 Anop' relike de Rupa vbi locut' est d'ns ad Moisen.¹
 Anop' relike de la mo'nt del Calvarie, la on seint Crois fuit fiche.
 Anop' relike dele Seint wolstaine.
 Anop' relike de Capite Sc'e Augnete, virginis.
 Anop' relike de la pere quele les aungelis.²
 Anop' Relike de Rupa vbi cressebat d'ns Jhc locut' est ad moisen.
 Anop' relike de la pese la on Jhc fuit laue quaunde il fuit prise de la seint
 Croise.³
 Anop' relike de lapide montis Calvarie.
 Anop' de lapide sup' q'm xp's fuit duct' quando fuit posit' de Cere.
 Anop' relike de sco' Johanne Baptista.
 Anop' relike de degito Sc'i Innocencij Martiris.
 Anop' relike de Ossib' s'co' Cosini et damiani.
 Anop' relike pecia de Cruce Sc'i Ricardi, Ep'i.
 Anop' relike de sc'o' dunstano, Episcopo.
 Anop' relike de Ossibus vñ decim millia v'ginu'.
 Anop' relike de presepe domini.
 Anop' relike de Carne Sc'i blasi.
 Anop' relike de lapide sup' qam Cristus fixit dexteram pedem qu' ascendit
 in celu'.
 Anop' relike de lapide Sup' qam Cristus fuit ductus qu' fuit deposit' de
 Cruce."

Probably these relics had been presented at different times, and the label given with them copied into the inventory, thus accounting for some being described in French, some in Latin, and the rest in English.

After the schedule of the relics follows a list of the other items in the rood-loft, including

"Also, in þe same Rode lofte is a peyre Orgons, and a lyd ou' þe keys w' lok and keye, of bortons wyvis yifte, grocer.¹

Also, a stonyng lecterne for to ley on a boke to pleye by.

Also, a stole to sit on whan he pleyþe on þe Orgons."

The account of the goods, &c.

"Jhc. In þe body of þe Chirche,"

¹ Another relic of the rock where the Lord spoke to Moses.

² Another relic of the stone which the angels (*the rest missing*).

³ Another relic of the stone whereon (the body of) Jesus was laved when He was taken from the Cross.

⁴ The gift of the wife of Borton, grocer.

commences with

“Also, In þe middys of þe body of þe Chirche to forue þe Crusifix ys an hangyng lampe, Comyth owte of an house above the Chyrche Rofe and yt brennyth¹ alwey bothe day and nyght, of the bequeste of Roger of Ely.”

And among the several other items mentioned, the following may be deemed of interest:

“Also, vp on þe same fvnte, stante a table, and þ' is wretyn þ' Inne Matyns of owre holy aungil and vij psalmys, xv and letony, and a wyre, and a Cloþe þ'on to kou' yt with.

Also, vp on þe piler ou' þe seyde fonte hangþe a table peyntyd, þ' In a Crusifix, Mary and John.

Also, vpon þe stepil is a nob' table, and þ' is portraied þ' In xij Apostolys and iij doctors of holy Chyrche, and diu'se reons wret þ' in of owre feyþe² and of þe Sac'ment.

Also, vp on þe same stepil is a nob' table, and an hande is portraied þ' on, and diu'se v'se wretyn vpon þe thombe and on þe fyngris, and v'se vndir neþe, and it is called manus meditac'o'is.

Anob' table, w^t þe x Com'an'dem'tes made like moises³ table.

Anob' table, of þe x Com'an'dem'tes, and of þe vij dedly synnys, and of vij remedies a yens hem, and of þe vij dedis of m'cy, bodyly.

Also, þ' is a nob' long narugh⁴ table of holy wryte.”

“Also þ' is an Image of Sent Cristofir of Alabastir that hangyþe vpon þe Chyrche wal a yens⁵ the ffonte.

Also, In þe southe Corner of þe Cloister is an Image of alabastir standyng on a base of stone, and it is owre lady haldyng god almyghty In her lap, Called þe pite.

Also, In þe same southe Corn' of þe Cloistir, is a nob' of stone, peinted Image of owre lady, beryng god almyghty In her armes, and stondyng vpon a base of stone.

Also, in þe norþe Corn' of þe seide Cloistir vpon a base of stone stante anob' ymage of tre, peynted and it is of owre lady, beryng her sone In her Arme.”

Following the foregoing account of the several properties in the body of the church, is a list of the several items

“Jhc. In þe newe stepil and In þe olde Churche,”

among which the following occur:—

“Also in þe olde stepil ou' owre p'sonage bene iij bellis, and hangyng whelis and Ropis and al þ' longith to hem.

Also, owre p'son sir Will'm T^okyl hathe ij dedis of þe gr'unte of þe Chirche, one is a dede of Rob't Chechele, and a nothir dede of þe kyngys graunte be his grene Seale.”

¹ Burneth.

² Faith.

³ Moses.

⁴ Narrow.

⁵ Against.

At the end of the inventory is an account of the sundry works done to the new church, and remaining unpaid, including also an account of works required to be executed, and among the several items mentioned is the following :—

“ Also ye owe to þe Maistir of sent Gylis for quite Rent for alle the Grounde that the Churche Stante on Eu’ry yere v s. To paye at Myschelmasse.”

The following entry preserves to us the names of these early churchwardens :—

“ Also, my felowe Joh’n foster, and I water hunte, have waysshyn al man’ vestementys þ^t longiþe to þe Chirche, on owre owne Coste as norise and Curteyse,¹ and ob’ Chirchwardcyns have done.”

And it further states :—

“ Also, I water hunte, whan’ I was fforste Chirchwardeyn’ w^t Joh’n herst’ skynn’, I paied for to make w^t þe Chirche as it aperiþe be a quayre² of myn owne, and also by a blak quayer of John herstys. S’m ijijciii^{xxxvij} li. xix s.”³

although it appears his receipts amounted to only 37*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.* leaving a balance due to him of 23*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.* This balance he afterwards reduced to 10*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.* by granting 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* towards making the clerestory to the church.

The churchwardens’ account books commence at a very early date, and contain—as will be seen by the following extracts—many matters of archæological and general interest.

CHURCHWARDENS’ ACCOUNTS.

The first book extant, which is of paper, indorsed “ Lib. i.” appears to be an account of the receipts and expenditure, on behalf of the parish, from Lady Day, A.D. 1475, 14 Edward IV. to Lady Day, A.D. 1484, 23 Edward IV. and commences with the following entry :—

Fol. 1. “ ffyrst, the seid Acovntant have Resseyuid of John cok,
and thom^e Goldhirst, in mony be them left, as it apperythe
in the fforste of ther Acou^te more playnly lvjs. ij d. ob.”

¹ It is doubtful if “ Norise ” and “ Curteyse ” are the names of former churchwardens. Norise seems to mean favour, but the only explanation found in glossaries is norice or nurice = nurse (query) from nourish.

² Paper.

³ 397*l.* 19*s.* This amount seems enormous, and, considering the relative value of money, scarcely credible.

This entry—as will be seen—furnishes the names of the churchwardens during the preceding years.

Then follows an account of the money received at the several quarterly terms; the first being—

“ Resnyvyd, for Crestmas t^{me} A^o xiiij E. iiiijthe (A.D. 1475) xxvj s. iiiij d.”

and the last on this folio :—

“ It^m Ressu^r for Midsomyr terme An^o xxj E. iiiijthe (A.D. 1482) xxviijs. xd.”

Fol. 1^b commences with the following entries :—

“ Ressu^r, de m^r Lady Lee, for beryyng of Will^m broke, Skynner,
beryll in the cherche, of hyr Allmes vjs. viij d.
Ressu^r, de Will^m Hatton, le xxvij ior August (A.D. 1475) to
be rep^{acio}’ of be stepule xs.
Ressu^r, de Will^m chestyr, for an old clapur pa^r xviiij lb. ix d.
Ressu^r, de mastyr Will^m, my lady lee prest, p^r m^r lee ijs.”

After which follow various entries, the most interesting being :—

“ Ressu^r, de broke, Skynner, p^r rep^{acio}’ of be Stepull xx d.
Ressu^r, de John Warde, late Aldyrman, for hys Wyffe grave xx s.”
“ Ressu^r, de mō lady ffoster, le ij ior Octobyr An^o xv E. iiiij
(A.D. 1476) toward the repacion of the stepull iij li.”
“ Ressu^r, de Robrt ffofter, for hys child graue, in be cherche
Ressu^r, de Mastyr Richard Lee, for A cowⁿnyng hous, that
Will^m broke lefft be hynd hym vjs.”
“ Ressu^r, de m^r Richard lee, p^r John Pyknam, that thoms P^rson^r
Gaffe Mastyr lee, in hys testament xxvj s. viij d.”
“ Ressu^r, de thom^e ffoster, skynner, for hys ffadyr bequest xls.”
“ Ressu^r, de Robrt ffofter, for beryng of be ffrensche Knight xx d.
Ressu^r, of the bequest of Richard banestyr, at hys dethe xls.
Ressu^r, of the bequest of John berrell, in hys testament xxs.
Ressu^r, of the bequest of Jone Hagoday, in hyr testament xiijs. iiiij d.”
Fol. 2. “ Ressu^r, le xvij iour Octobr^r (A.D. 1476) for the bequest of
Mastyr Robrt Rows, late p^rson of Seynt stevys xls.”
“ Ressu^r, de Robrt Hyll, Groc^r, for hys wyffe tombe vjs. viij d.
Ressu^r, of my Lady Lee, for the void ground nex the cherche
yerd, for j yer past at myhellmas An^o xv E iiiijth (A.D. 1476) vjs. viij d.”

After which follow entries of the receipt of rent for the same piece of ground for two years at Michaelmas, 17 Edward IV., one year at Michaelmas 18 Edward IV. and two years at Michaelmas 20 Edward IV. (A.D. 1478–1481).

¹ A previous entry is dated December, 18 Edward IV.

The rents and offerings received are entered on folio 2^b, and commence with—

“ In pryms. Resseyvid of petyver Le, xxvj ior^e Decbr’, An^o xiiij
E iiij^{tho} (A.D. 1475) p’ John cok, Skynner, in arg’nt . . . ix s. vjd.”

and concludes with—

“ Ressu’ de John Loman, pur mydsom’ quart’ An^o xxj (A.D. 1482) vjs. viij d.”

The total amount specified being 7*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.*

The Paschal money, received at Easter in the 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21, of Edward IV. is recorded on folio 3 to have amounted to 21*s.* 6*d.*

The following entries on folio 3, relating to the large amount received for the reparation of the steeple, are of interest:—

“ It’m Resseyvid of the holl Paryche, to the Repac’on of the stepull,
as it aperithe in A bille mor’ playny ther namys . Sm^a xxvj li. ix s. iiij d.
It’m Resseyvid of the Hooll Paryche, be Assesyng Grantyd to
the ffenecysyng of the stepull, as it aperythe mor’ playn in A
bille ther namys Sm^a xiiij li. ijs. xd.”

The several items of payment commence on folio 5, with the clerk’s wages. The first entry being—

“ Pay A John Harryes, le iiij ior^e Janyu’ An^o i E iiij (A.D.
1475 ?) and to John Loman xxxij s. iiij d.”

The entries relative to the payment of the said wages end with a payment for the Midsummer quarter, 21 Edward IV.

The following extracts of items of payment are of interest:—

Fol. 5b. “ Pay pur makyng clene of the pewys and cherche yerd the xxij iour decbr an ^o E xiiij (A.D. 1475)	vj d.
It’m pay pur makyng clene of the leddys and Leyng vp of the stonys In the cherche yerd	iiij d.
It’m pay le ij iour Janyu’ pur ij lb. x one’ sowdyr Leyd ²	xvj d.”
“ It’ pay le ix iour ffew’ pur sowdyrryng de vn holywat’ styke of sylvyr, and mendyng	xij d.”
“ It’ pay A clement Donyngto’ pur xij lb. talow candyll ³	xv d.
It’ pay A chestyr pur vn claper for the second belle po’ xx lb. at ij d. the lb.	v s.

¹ Year omitted in the original.

² Price 1879, 1*s.* per lb.

³ Price 1879, 7*d.* per lb.

It' pay pur xiiij lb. led ¹ that the Plomer layd	vij d.	
It' pay pur Naylys and poyntes p'le sepokeyr canope	ij d.	
It' pay a Watkyn Hunt for a marbull ston that lythe at the frott of the ffont	vij d."	
"It' pay to the bok bynder pur mendyng of divers bokes	viiij d.	
It' pay pur makyng clene abowte the bell' at the Halowyng	ij d.	
It' pay pur iij ell' Hollond clothe	ij s. vj d."	
"It'm pay pur xiiij lb. led pur le gotter	vj d."	
"Pay pur beryng of brooke cowntyngghows home to be personage	ij d.	
It'm pay pur poyntyng ² de vn pax brede	ij d."	
"It'm pay to the dawber and his man ³ for di' a day	vij d.	
It'm pay pur pryge ⁴	ij d. ob."	
"It'm pay pur Nayll', bord, and the carpenter	vj d."	
"It'm pay le ij iour Nou'br [A.D.1476] pur clampus yron, po' xxvij lb. at ij d. the lb. to lett downe the bellys	iiij s. vj d. in þe stepoll.	
It'm pay pur helpyng downe of the Lytell bell, and the lityll bell Rope mendyng	iiij d.	
It' pay pur iij bawdekyns ⁵ for þe iij left bellys	ij s. xj d.	
It'm pay le xij iour Decbr. 1475, pur halffe the Detter, ⁶ of Joh'n Loman, bond	iiij d."	
Obits: "Pay le xviiij iour August, 1475, pur Herstes obite	iiij s. viij d.	} xij s. x d.
"Pay le xvj iour August, 1476, pur Herstes obite	iiij s. ix d.	
"Pay le xvj iour August, 1477, pur Herstes obite	iiij s. v d.	
"It'm le xvj iour August, 1478, pur Herst obite, the Person, and iiij Prestes	xxij d.	} v s.
"It'm ij clerkys, dct' iour	vij d.	
"It'm the masse peny	j d.	
"It'm bred ale	xix d.	
"It'm chesse ⁷	x d."	
Fol. 6b. "It'm pay a chestyr pur iij q ⁸ iij lb. of belle metell more then the grett bell Weyed qwhe ⁸ it was chandyd at the seid chestyr howsse at	xxij s. iiij d."	
"It'm pay le xvj iour mrche pur iij Garnettes ⁹ for the dext in the quer	ix d."	
"It'm pay pur skoryng of the basson the pascall stant in	xij d."	

¹ Price 1879, 2½d. per lb.² Painting or enamelling.³ Plasterer and his man.⁴ Mortar.⁵ Probably baldricks, the straps by which the clappers are suspended.⁶ Debt.⁷ Cheese.⁸ When.⁹ Garnet-hinges for the desk; one class of hinge is known at this present time as cross garnets.

"It'm pay to Will'm ondyrhill pur Pascall wex, An ^o xv [A.D. 1476]	xx d."
"It'm pay pur Judas candyll and crosse candill	xij d.
It'm pay pur pascall candyll, An ^o xvj	xvij d. ob."
"It'm pay le xxij iour may, pur mendyng of the tymbyr werk in the west wyndow, bord, nayll, werkmansch'	xiiij d."
"It' pay a Whit, carpenter, pur makyng of the thryd fflor, in the stepull, p ^t was not in Hys couenant	xij s. iiij d.
It'm pay a Whit, pur makyng of the Newe Roffe in the stepull, and ij fflorys downward	v li."
Fol. 7. "Pay a thom's Hill, ffremasson, le xxij iour Decbr. 1475, in Arg'nt p' luy	iiij li."

The following entry occurs after April, A.D. 1480 :—

"Pay a Joh'n Kebyll, whell wryte, ¹ pur tymbur and fframe, makyng and hangyng of v belles, bellys ² in the stepull, All that longith to a carpent'	v li. vj s. viij d."
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Of the quit-rents paid, it is stated that the rent-gatherer of St. Giles-in-the-Fields was paid 20s. for a quit-rent for four years at Michaelmas in the 18th Edward IV. being after the rate of 5s. per annum,³ and, further, a sum of 8s. was paid for four years quit-rent out of the tenements late John Hersts.

Fol. 7b. "Pay pur Lyme, iij sakkys	vj d. p' diuers Gravijs.
It'm pay pur sande j. loode ⁴	iiij d."
"It'm pay pur beryng tymbyr to the stor howsse	ij d."

The following entries afford some evidence of the law charges temp. Edward IV. :—

"It'm pay le iij io' mrche pur Enteryng a playnt vp on Joh'n Pyknam for thoms Person bequest to the cherche	vij d.	} vj s.
It'm pay pur Jugement	xvj d.	
It' pay to the s'geant pur ij Playntys	xvj d.	
It' pay to the clerk for w ^t drawyng	ij s. viij d."	
"It'm pay a Richard Plott, pur setting a bord on berbynderslane ⁵	iiij d."	
Fol. 8. "It'm le xxj iour de Mrche pur trossyng of iij bellys	xvj d."	
"It'm x peny Nayll	iiij d."	
"It'm pay pur pryg, and Roffe Nayll'	v d.	

¹ Wheelwright.

² *Sic in orig.*

³ This quit-rent is referred to at page 344.

⁴ Price 1879, 8s. per yard or load.

⁵ Beerbinder's lane.

It'm pay pur vj peny Nayll, and ij peny Nayll' d' c	iiij d.
It'm pay pur iiij peny Nayll'	iiij d.
It'm pay to the dawber and his man ' j day	xiiij d."

The precise date of the following entry I am unable to discover, but I infer it to have been made in the 20th Edward IV. (A.D. 1481), as it precedes an entry dated the 20th October in that year. This entry is of interest from the fact that the inventory referred to is still in existence :—

Fol. 11. "It'm pay to carkyk, pur wretyng of an enventery of the cherche Goodys and ornamentes	v s.
It'm vay to Gollond wyffe, fur making of the P'son sorplys	ij s."
Fol. 11b. "Pay le xxiiij io ^r octobr an ^o xx E. iiij (A.D. 1481) pur making of the Crosse in the cherche yerd	vj s. viij d."
Fol. 12. "It'm pay on Estron evyn, to Will'm breyt, and to Rays man pur wetchyng of the sepulcur	viiij d."
"It'm pay pur mendyng of the monstrant, and mendyng of the gret crosse	xij d."
Fol. 12b. "It'm lyme j loode and v sakes	xxij d.
It'm lathe c	vj d.
It'm sond j loode	vj d.
It'm tyll m'l' ²	v s. viij d."
It'm pay j tyller pur vj dayes. ³	iiij s."

The amounts received for house-rents belonging to the parish are entered on folio 15 with other matters, from which latter entries I have extracted the following :—

"Ressu' de Robt Hill, brokor, for hys Wyffe tombe	xx s.
It'm Ressu' a dit Robrt, for the grett bell knyll ⁴	iiij s. iiij d."
"Ressu' de John Pyknam, Groc' le xxix io ^r May for hys wyffe tombe in the cherche	x s.
It'm de luy pur le Grett bell knyll	iiij s. iiij d."

The pascal money received at Easter, 22 Edward IV. (A.D. 1483), amounted to 1s. 8½*d.*, and at Easter in the following year, to 2s. 11*d.* The entries of payments include the following :—

Fol. 15b. "Pay a John Grey, clerk, for Hys wages	xvj s. viij d."
"Pay le xix io ^r septbr to John loman, and in bred and drynke pur Schewyng of the cherche Goodes be the newe Inventory	vj d.

¹ Master's prices 1879, plasterer's wages 10½*d.* per hour, labourer 7*d.* per hour.

² Price 1879, plain tiles 45*s.* 6*d.* per thousand.

³ Master's prices 1879, tiler's wages 10½*d.* per hour

⁴ Knell.

Pay pur roopys to bynd the lorell tree ij d.
 Pay a John Grey, clerk, pur recompens of Hys bord le vj io^r
 Decbr. An^o xxj E. iiij (A.D. 1482) iiij s. iiij d."
 Fol. 16. "It'm pay in expences for Hill, masson, to se the wall in
 the cherche yerd taken downe ij d. ob'."
 "Pay le xix io^r aprill An^o xxij (A.D. 1483), to John Wodham,
 clerk, to a recompense be Agrement of priche,¹ be the handys
 of the Good man of the Sonne,² in lombard strete ij s. vj d."

By an entry on folio 18 it appears that the receipts for the whole term of this account, viz., 14 to 23 Edward IV., or, as it is described, of both "quayers" (which I infer to mean both books or papers on which the account is written), amounted to the sum of 147*l.* 12*s.* 5½*d.*, but I find the accountant has committed an error in his addition to the extent of 4½*d.*, the correct amount being 147*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.* The several disbursements during the same period, as shown on both "quayers," amount to 139*l.* 0*s.* 11*d.*, but here the accountant has also committed an error in his addition, the correct amount being 139*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*; the balance in the hands of the churchwardens amounting to 8*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.*, and not 8*l.* 11*s.* 6½*d.*, as stated, besides which they held some broken silver, as mentioned in the following entry:—

"Also, j ounces and d and d q^{rt} stars of broken Siluer, in þe hondes of Alyn limer of þe gift of a poor woman of þe P'ysh."

A memorandum also occurs on this folio (18) setting forth that "John Mayson" and "Roger Grove," grocers, as churchwardens of the parish of St. Stephens, received the 14 July, A.D. 1483, of "Alyn lomenor," grocer, and of "Richard Welar," late churchwardens of the said parish, 9*l.* 14*s.* 8½*d.*

On folio 19 another memorandum occurs setting forth that on "the ix day Jun. An^o. xxij E. iiij^{the} (A.D. 1483) John Pyknam, Groc', Gaffe ij torchys to the cherche of Seynt stevenys, for hys wyffe sowyll to be prayed for."

On folio 19b, among the several items paid by Roger Grove for the church works in A.D. 1483 are the following:—

"It'm payd to Ray, Carpynt', ffor makyng off þe story ffor the
 organnysxxxvj s. viij d."

Also

"It'm to Wyll'm Clerke, ffor hys wagys x s."

¹ Parish.

² The Sun Tavern ?

Fol. 21. "It'm ffor ij paynys off glase and vj fforte off newglasse	vj s.
It'm xv fforte off old werkeyng glasse iij d. the fforte	iiij s. ix d."
"It'm payd ffor wyne flor þe syngers on pavlm sonday	iiij d."
"It'm payd to þe Clerkys when they wachyd þe sepulker ffor ther drynke and bred	iiij d."
Fol. 21b. "It'm payd to John grene, clerke, off þe yeld halle ¹ ffor þe Copy off þe byll þt þe weares have made	viiij d."
Fol. 22b. "It. payde to ye Clerkeys at est' A ^o . ij ^{do} for coleys water and Ale and Candel we' ² they wacheyd þe sepulker	x d."

Folio 23b commences with the entry that "I John Mason and Roger grov," grocers, as churchwardens of St. Stephen's, have received 14 July, A.D. 1484, of "Alen Lomner," grocer, and of "Richard Wheler," late churchwardens, the sum of 9*l.* 14*s.* 8½*d.* Following this entry is a memorandum setting forth that they received the 26 day of September, Anno 23 (Edward IV. A.D. 1484), 20*s.* being the amount of the bequest of "Anys wreybolte" to the church, which "mastres hatton" paid for her to be prayed for.

It is also stated that they received 3*s.* of the Skinners' Company for the church works, the bequest of "Joh'n ffoster," skinner, the 30 March, 1 Richard III.

The following entries on this folio are interesting :—

"Also, I have Resseyved off Alen lomner, ffor ij torchys, brenyng ³ at a mase wheyll	viiij d.
It'm Res' off my lady ffost' ffor iiij torchys at j Mase off requeem	iiij s.
Also, I have Resseyvyd off my lady ffoster, ffor iiij torchys, ffor þe beryyng off þe Prest at est' last	iiij s."

The several accounts of the churchwardens, from Lady-day, A.D. 1484, to Lady-day, A.D. 1504, are missing.

The next account extant is that of William Spynk and John Hert, churchwardens from Lady-day, A.D. 1504, to Lady-day, A.D. 1505, and is written on a roll of paper.

The churchwardens for the preceding year were William Carkeke and William Spynk, above named.

In the quarterages set for the clerks' wages, being the sittings and taxings of the parishioners for the above wages, payable quarterly, among others, are the following entries :—

"My lord Mair wyngar, ⁴ at vs. a q'rt for a yere	xx s.
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¹ Guildhall.

² When.

³ Burning.

⁴ Sir John Winger, citizen and grocer, sheriff A.D. 1493, lord mayor A.D. 1504.

“Maister Graunger,¹ Shireff, at iiij s. a q^rt for half a yere, and half a yere void viij s.”

With reference to the Pascal light, it states—

“Non florasmuch as Isabell Berell, widowe, late decessed, hath gr^unted vnto the said Church a Rent charge of x s. by yere as hertofore in the title of Rent’ and fermes Doth appere, for sustencacon of the said pascall light Non.”

The only amount entered under the title of benevolence is—

“Also receyved of Maist’ laurence, of Canterbury, of his bⁿuolence toward’ the werk’ and Rep’ac^ons of this Church, w^hin the tyme aforsaid vs.”

The whole of the receipts for this year amounted to 105*l.* 13*s.* 3*d.*

In the account of the several payments it is stated that Master William Sutton, D.D., late parson of this church, ordained by his will an anniversary, as follows :—

“the first day of March, placebo and dirige by note in the eun^yng and masse of requiem on the morowe after, by the p[’]son, p[’]stes and Clerkes of the same Church for the tyme beyng aft’ the vse of Sar’² and there to be spent ix s. iij d.” etc.

From the further entries it appears that Dr. Sutton also founded the anniversary of “dame Johanne Borough,” for the 21 Octob’, and that of John Geffrey, for the 30 of the same month.

The aid granted to the King’s Majesty on the church property this year amounted to 15*s.* 7*d.*

The total receipts, as before stated, were 105*l.* 13*s.* 3*d.*, and the several payments amounted to 39*l.* 18*s.* 3½*d.*, leaving a balance due to the parish of 65*l.* 14*s.* 11½*d.*

On another roll of paper is recorded the account of William Spynk and John Hert, churchwardens, from Lady-day, A.D. 1505, to Lady-day, A.D. 1506. The quarterages for the clerks’ wages, as stated in this account, amounted to 6*l.* 10*s.*

Of the bequests to the parish there is only one entry, viz. :—

“Also receyved of the excecutors of Master wynger, late maier, Alderman of this Cete, for his bequest, ij torchis, within time of this accompt.
And of the bequest of mistres more to the warkes of churche vj s. viij d.”

¹ Thomas Granger, sheriff A.D. 1503.

² Sarum.

The total receipts for the year are set down at 47*l.* 10*s.* 4½*d.*, and the several disbursements at 28*l.* 16*s.* 4½*d.*, the balance remaining in hand being 18*l.* 14*s.*

The churchwardens' account from Lady-day, A.D. 1506, to Lady-day, A.D. 1507, is missing.

The second book, which is also of paper, comprises the accounts of "Will'm Baba'm" and "Will'm Gynk'," wardens of the church, from Lady-day, A.D. 1507, to Lady-day, A.D. 1508.

On folios 1 and 1^b of this book are set forth the several rents belonging to the parish, situate in Bucklersbury, Walbrook, the parish of St. Margaret's Lothbury, the parish of St. Pancras, and the parish of St. Thomas the Apostle. And on fol. 1^b, with other entries, is—

"Ref' of the Clerk' wag' for a hole yer vj*l.* xvij*s.*"

The payments for obits in the church are stated as follows :—

Fol. 2. "Payde ffor the keypyng of m' oo ¹ obet	vj <i>s.</i> viij <i>d.</i>
Payde ffor m' herste obet	iiij <i>s.</i>
Payde ffor m' leys obet	xxvj <i>s.</i> viij <i>d.</i>
Payed ffor keypyng of m' Doct' Sutton obet	ix <i>s.</i> vi <i>d.</i>
Payed ffor keypyng of the obet of Dan' Joh'n Borow	vij <i>s.</i> iij <i>d.</i>
Payed for the keypyng of m' Joh'n gefereys yeres mynde ²	ix <i>s.</i> iij <i>d.</i> "

The payments to the priests are entered on the same folio, as follows :

"Payed to Sir Richard stavylley ffor a yer' wag'	vij <i>l.</i>
Payed to gabriell for a yer	vj <i>l.</i>
Payed to Ric. the condu ³ ffor a quart' wag'	vj <i>s.</i> viij <i>d.</i>
Payed to gerem' Sexten ffor hys yer' wag'	v <i>s.</i> iiij <i>d.</i>
Payed to gerem' ffor toweyng to Auys ⁴ ffor a hole yer	xij <i>d.</i> "

The following entries occur, with many others, under the head of necessary expenses :

Fol. 2b. "Payed ffor a q ^r t of Colys, on Est' Evyn	iiij <i>d.</i>
Payed to gabriell ffor ale wen' he waycheed on good ffriday	iiij <i>d.</i> "
"Payed on palme sonday ffor swet wyn	vij <i>d.</i>
Payed to gabrioll ffor me'dyng of the kanape on' the Sacrament	xij <i>d.</i> "

¹ Mr. Hoo or Howe.

² Mind = remembrance, a service on the anniversary of burial.

³ Richard the conductor.

⁴ Tolling bell for Aves.

	" Payed for Wyn on Seynt Arkenvald day to the Synggar'	. . . . .	ij s.
	Payed ffor drynke to the Rynggar' on Seynt tantyllyns day ¹	. . . . .	j d."
Fol. 3.	" It' payed to a lalarar ² ffor viij dayys at v d. a day		iiij s. iiij d."
	" Payed to gabriell ffor Rebande ffor the Copys		ij d."
	Payed to gabriell ffor trede and neldes		j d. ob."
	Payed gabriell, at the ffest of the Invention of Seynt Stevyn, ³		
	ffor drynke for the Clerk'		xx d."
	Payed to gerem, ffor hanggyng of the lampe		ii d."
	Payed to Buttre Smyth, ffor me'dyng of the Sepulkar and of the		
	Candylystye that Joh'n exuyng tap ⁴ stondyth in		xviiij d."
Fol. 3b.	" It'. Spreg nayell'		ij d."
Fol. 4b.	" Payed for ij new skonsys ⁵ ffor the quer		viiij d."
	" Payed ffor mendyng of the Small organs to Joh'n How, the iiij		
	day of Jenuarij		vj d."

Again we have evidence of the law charges of these early times in the following items :

	" M ^d payed to m' more, ffor Cowsell, ⁶ in the begynnynge of ovr ple		
	a gaynst Wetnall		iiij s. iiij d."
	Payed ffor Enteryng of a Axision ⁷ agayn Joh'n mathe'		ij d."
	Payed to m' stevyns to Reteyn hym		xx d."
	Payed ffor a Restyng ⁸ of Joh'n mathew		viiij d."
	Payed to Ric. stafarton, at'ney, ffor hys ffe		xij d."
	Payed ffor the Copy of the ple		ij d."
	Payed ffor Copy of the Axision		ij d."
	Payed ffor the putyng in of the ple		iiij d."
Fol. 5.	" Payed ffor bote hyre to lambyth' to gyffe m' p'son' knoleg		iiij d."
	It. spent at the Wyn'		j d. ob."
	" Payed for a bote to lambyth, to bring m' Penson, Will'm Bab-		
	ham', Raffe Weton, and I Will'm Gynk', to Speke w ^t m' P'son		
	when the p'ische Prest was in the Cownt ⁹		vj d."
	" Payed to a Carpent' ffor a day and a half (etc.)		xij d."
	Payed ffor d' c' of v d. nayell'		ij d."
	Payed ffor a galon of lampe oyell', for the lampe		xliij d."
Fol. 5b.	" Payed to m' Rob't, P'ishe prest, ffor Wyn' to Syng w ^t m'		
	Doct' Sutton, be quest		iiij s. iiij d."
	Payed hym also ffor the bede Rowll'		xx d."

¹ S. Antolin's day.

² *Sic in orig.* Labourer. Master's prices 1879, 7d. per hour.

³ Invention = finding, 3rd August, a festival in honour of the discovery of the relics of S. Stephen.

⁴ Taper.

⁵ Candlesticks.

⁶ Counsel, *i.e.* advice.

⁷ Action.

⁸ Arresting.

⁹ Compter.

“ Payed for potacions to owr ten'ans iiij s.
 Payed ffor brekeffast at Conte! viij d.”

On folio 6, under the heading of clerk's wages, occurs a list of the names of the several persons contributing, but the amounts of their several contributions are omitted. Among the names entered are the following :

“ m' Kyrbe, cheryff,² ffor halfe a yer.”

“ m' Checheley, ffor a hole yer.”

“ Will'm Babb'm, a hole yere.”

The churchwardens' accounts from Lady Day, A.D. 1508, to Lady Day, A.D. 1510, are missing.

The third book contains the account of John Strawnge and Henry Harlessey, churchwardens, from Lady Day, A.D. 1510, to Lady Day, A.D. 1511.

On the first folio of this book is set forth the amount of the rents of “ Maist' ley,” viz. the rents of the houses bequeathed by him to the parish, amounting to 20*l.* 16*s.* 1*d.* for the year, exclusive of 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* received (apparently) for arrears.

In addition to the above, there was a year's rent of a house in “berbynd lane,”³ ending at Michaelmas, 2 Henry VIII. viz. 6*s.* 8*d.*

There are also further entries of rents on folio 1*b*, viz. 5*l.* 10*s.*, one year's rent received of three tenants in Walbrook, and 4*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*, one year's rent of house in Lothbury.

On folio 1^b are the following receipts :—

“ Receuyd the xxv day of m'che for the obyett of maist' foster iiij s.
 Receuyd for the obett for Maistres Berell x s.
 S'm xiiij s.”

On folio 2, the total receipts for the year are stated to be 55*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* exclusive of the lead which “resteth” for the use of the church.

The payments for the several obits are entered as follows :—

Fol. 3. “ Payde for the obett of m' Howe, accordyng to hys wylle,
 kep the xxviiij day of m'che vj s. viij d.
 Payde for the obett of maister Richarde Lee, and Dame Letuce hys
 wyfe, kep the xviiij day of m'che xxvj s. viij d.”

¹ Compter.

² John Kyrkby, sheriff A.D. 1507.

³ Beerbinder lane.

It'm payde for the obett of D. Joh'ane Borowe, kepe the xxj day of Octob.	vij s. iij d.
It'm payde for the obett of maister Joh'n Geffray, kep the xxx day of octob.	ix s. iij d.
It'm payde for the obett of maist' Joh'n Herste, kepe the viij day of Auguste	ij s. iiij d.
It'm payde for the obett of m' Doctore Sutton, kepe the . . . ¹ S'm iij li. iij s. vj d."	ix s. iiij d.

These entries are interesting, in consequence of furnishing the several dates when the obits were performed.

The several payments to the priests and clerks, are entered on the same folio as the last, viz.—

"Paide to Syre Richarde, fo a hole yere	vij li.
It'm payde to gabriell, for a hole yere	vj li.
It'm payde to Jerome, for a hole yere	vj s. viij d.
It'm payde to thomas the Sexten, for hys s'uice at ester . . . S'm xiiij li. vij s. iiij d."	vij d.

Of the other payments on account of the church, the following extracts may be deemed of interest:—

Fol. 3 ^b . "Payde one palme sondaye, for brede and vyne	ix d."
"It'm payde for nayll' for the sepulchre	jd.
It'm payde for the watchyng of the sepulchre and for brede and ale .	vij d.
It'm payde for coles to watche w ^t all'	iiij d."
"It'm payde for iiij quarters, to the raker ²	viiij d."
Fol. 4. "It'm payde for xvij foote of okyng borde, for the same (M ^r Jerrards window)	vj d.
It'm payde for d' C' of x peny naylle	ij d.
It'm payde for d' C' of iiij peny nayle	ij d.
It'm payde to the carpent', for a day labor ³	vij d."

On folio 4b occurs an entry "for makyng. of the lofte for the organs, and translatyng of the rode lofte."

Fol. 5. "It'm, paid for a payr of cros garnatt' for the dore of þe organs	vj d."
"It'm, paid for a gret Rope, for the organs, weyng xiiij lb.	xij d."
"It'm, payd for ij stayes vnd the bynche ⁴ in the loft w' y' organs .	vj d."

The sum of all the charges belonging to and paid on account of the church is stated to amount to 28*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.*

¹ Left blank in original.

² Scavenger.

³ Master's prices 1879, carpenter per hour 10½*d.*

⁴ Under the bench.

Then follows an account of the several payments for repairs to the tenements belonging to the church, viz.

Fol. 5b. Repairs to the houses in Lothbury, amounting to 1*l.* 11*s.* 0½*d.* in which is included the following items :

“ It'm, payde to a dawber, for iiij dayes ij s. viij d.
It'm, payde to hys laborer, to s'ue hyme xx d.”

Fol. 6. The several repairs executed to the other properties situate in Walbrook, and the parishes of St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Pancras, amounted to 1*l.* 17*s.* 3½*d.*

The total receipts for the year, as before stated, amounted to 55*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* and the several payments to the sum of 32*l.* 11*s.* 7*d.*

This account—as appears by a memorandum on folio 6b—was made and audited the 7th January, A.D. 1512, 3 Henry VIII.; the auditors being “ Mylys Gerrard, Joh'n Billisdon, Will'm gynk',” and “ Joh'n Chyldryn,” who declare the balance in the hands of Henry Harlessey, the churchwarden, to be 23*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.*; but a line is drawn through this amount, and on folio 7 several further payments are recorded, amounting to 1*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* thus reducing the amount in the hands of the churchwardens to 22*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.* And at the bottom of folio 7 is the following note :—

“ Mrd that j pece and certein broken silu' p' oz. to be sold for the
moste p'fette of the churche xv oz. di.
It'm ij sma'll ryng' of gold to be sold.”

The churchwardens' accounts from Lady Day, A.D. 1511, to Lady Day, A.D. 1518, are also missing.

The fourth book contains the account of John How, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1518, to Lady Day, A.D. 1519.

On folio 2b of this account is a memorandum of the receipt of 4*l.* 18*s.* from Thomas Peyrson, for John Chylders' account, thus recording the name of the preceding churchwarden.

On folio 4 the total receipts of the year are stated to be 41*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.* The several entries of payments commence on folio 5, with the payments to the priests and clerks, of which the following is an extract :—

“ It'm payd to Syr Rychard Stapule, ffor A yere vij li'.”

The following curious entry occurs on the same folio, in the payments for obits :—

“ It'm payd ffor obytt off the emperowe ij s. vij d.”

The following items are extracted from the payments for the necessary expenses:—

Fol. 5b. "It'm payd ffor hok' and nayls ffor the sepulker, and the hye Awter, and ffor wachyng	viii d."
Fol. 6. "It'm payd ffor dressyng of v torchys agaynst corpus x'pi, to strang ¹	xx d."
Fol. 6b. "It'm payd ffor Remevyng the old organs	ij d."
"It'm payd ffor the wykker matt that lyythe in the qwyer, to Herry ffynke	iiij s."
Fol. 7. "It'm payd ffor hay to lye vnderneath the lede	vj d."
"It'm payd ffor halff a hunderd off x peny nayls	iiij d."
Fol. 7b. "It'm payd ffor a hunderd and vj ffotte off bord, le pryce the hunderd iij s. viij d.	S'm' ij s. x d."
Fol. 8. "It'm payd to a laborer, ffor vij days ,	ij s. xj d."
Fol. 9b. "It'm ffor a thowsand of tylls	iiij s. xj d."

The sum total of the payments for the year, on account of the church, amounted to the sum of 38*l.* 4*s.* 8½*d.*

This account was audited by "Will'm Gynkk', Thomas Rook', Thomas Maskalle," and "George Gowlsell," who found that the balance due to the church by "John Hoo" amounted to the sum of 3*l.* 8*s.* 11½*d.*

The fifth book contains the account of "Joh'n bodnam" and "Robert Miller," churchwardens, from Lady Day, A.D. 1519, to Lady Day, A.D. 1520.

Among the receipts of the lands in this account, on folio 1b, is the following entry:—

"Res'd of my lord bysschope, for a stabyll, be þe hand' of Syr rycharde, prest xx s."

The following entries occur in the account of payments for the necessary expenses:—

Fol. 2b. "It' for synggars, on sent erkenwaldys daye	xx d."
Fol. 3. "It'm p'd vnto the syngars, at the Invenyson of sent stevyn	xx d."
Fol. 4. "It' a lode of breke	ij s. ijd."
Fol. 5b. "It' tulle pynnys, iij bosschell'	xviiij d."
"It' lathe j c	v d."

Although the names of Thomas Rooks, Richard Marbyll, George Carlton, and Edward Follar are appended as auditors of the account, and the balance shown to be 2*l.* 19*s.* there is no evidence of the

¹ A personal name, Strang or Strange.

account having been properly audited by adding up the several items or any memorandum or statement as to a balance in favour of this parish or otherwise.

On the back of folio 8 is an entry of the several payments to the priests, clerk, and sextons, of which the following is an extract:—

" P'd vnto S' Rychard stapyll, for a yere	vij li.
P'd to Harry fynck clarke for a yere	vj li."

The sixth book is without a title or heading, but is indorsed 1529. I infer this to be an account from Lady Day, A.D. 1529, to Lady Day, A.D. 1530; and, to avoid confusion by an alteration of the numbers of the several books, I shall hereafter insert it in its proper place without altering its number.

The churchwardens' accounts from Lady Day, A.D. 1520, to Lady Day, A.D. 1522, are missing.

The seventh book contains the account of George Gowsell, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1522, to Lady Day, A.D. 1523.

The receipts and disbursements recorded in this account are very similar to those contained in the several accounts previously noticed.

On folio 2 it is recorded that *6l. 9s. 5d.* was "Received of the Inhabitanes of this p'ysse ffor the Clarkes wages, as by a bille of Collecon thereof made, Apperith for one year."

The total receipts for this year amounted to *64l. 18s.*

Among the several entries of disbursements the following items occur:—

Fol. 3. " It'm ffor iij C' brike, to Richard polit	xviiiij d."
Fol. 3 ^b . " It'm ffor Carigge of Russhis	iiij d.
It'm ffor watchynge of the sepulcre and drinke	x d."
Fol. 5. " It'm ffor ij queres of paper Reyall	xij d.
It' p ^d to my lord, for the bequest of Doctor Sutton	iijs. iiij d."

The total expenditure for the year amounted to *37l. 8s. 10d.*, thus leaving a balance of *27l. 9s. 2d.* in the hands of the churchwardens.

The auditors of this account were William Carkeke, John Awood, grocer, George Carleton, and John Stukeley.

The accounts from Lady Day, A.D. 1523, to Lady Day, A.D. 1525, are also missing, and were probably contained in the eighth book, as the next book of accounts is indorsed " Lib. 9."

The ninth book contains the account of "Rowland Hyll,"¹ churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1525, to Lady Day, A.D. 1526.

Among the various items of receipt in this book are the following:—

- Fol. 1^b. "Res' of the Inhabytans of thys p'yeche, for corp' Crysty masse, as by j byll of p'celles aperythe vli. ijs. viij d."

Fol. 2. "Res' of the wardens of the skynners for the obyte of John foster iij s.

Res' of s' thomas Seym', Exsecutor to george gowsell, for a obyte to be kepte for the space of x yeres, at xs. a yere vli.

Res' of the said s' Thomas Seym'² for the beqwest of the said george gowsell,³ accordyng to ye wille vli."

And in the account of the several disbursements for necessaries, &c.:

- Fol. 3^b. "It'm paid for wachyng of the sepulker and Drynk viij d."

Fol. 4. "It'm paid for a garland of Rossys, apon chyrche hallyday⁴ j d."

Fol. 4^b. "It'm paid for halfe a lb franke Incense iiij d."

Fol. 5^b. "It'm paid for Syngers that wer hyred at the mareage of my laide mores mayde for lack of A p'yeche pryst viij d."

The receipts for the year, as shown by this account, amounted to 167*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*, and the several payments to 27*l.* 10*s.*, leaving a balance in the hands of the said Rowland Hill amounting to 140*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.*, and it is further stated that this amount was put into the iron chest in the vestry the last day of March, A.D. 1527,⁵ under three keys.

The tenth book contains the account of George Carleton, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1526, to Lady Day, A.D. 1527.

The receipts for the year are of the usual character, and amounted, with the balance of the preceding account, to 190*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.*

The following items occur in the list of disbursements on account of the parish:—

- Fol. 2^b. "It' payde for watchynge the sepulere viij d.

It' payde for bred and drynke for them that watchyd viij d."

"It' payd for garlondes the same day (*Corpus Christi*) iij d."

¹ It is curious how these two names combined have continued to the present day.

² Thomas Seymour.

³ Probably the George Gowsell who was churchwarden in A.D. 1522-3.

⁴ The anniversary of the day on which the church was hallowed or consecrated.

⁵ *Sic in orig.*

Fol. 3.	"It' payde at the ale howse, on the syngers, on seynctes stephyns evyn ¹	vjd."
	"It' payde in Rewarde to the syngers that day	vjs. viij d.
	It' payde in swete wyne and brede to the cherche	xij d.
	It' spent on them at the ale howse aft' the last evynsonge	vij d. ob."

The payments appear to have been unusually heavy this year, amounting to the sum of 157*l.* 4*s.* 7*d.*, leaving a balance due to the church of 33*l.* 11*s.* 7*d.*

The several auditors of this account were Rowland Hill, John Bodnam, John Stukeley, and Richard²

The eleventh book contains the account of Anthony Duddyngton, churchwarden from Lady Day A.D. 1527, to Lady Day, A.D. 1528.

The receipts for the whole year amounted to 74*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.* The several payments on behalf of the parish include 40*s.* to the churchwardens of "St. Antholyns" parish, for one year's quit-rent, 18*s.* 3*d.*; to Alderman Monoux,³ for one year's quit-rent; and 5*s.* one year's quit-rent, to the Master of St. Giles'-in-the-Fields.

The following items also occur:—

Fol. 3.	"It' payde to the Cunstable, for a hole yere	xvj d."
	"It' p ^d for hyring of the heyres ⁴ for the profettes	vj d."
Fol. 3 ^b .	"It' for the watching of the Sepulchre	vij d.
	It' p ^d for Drynk and brede for them that watchyd the Sepulchre.	iiij d."
	"It' payde the ffounder for mendyng of the Braunche in Seynt Kateryns Chapell	vj d."
Fol. 4.	"It' for A Bryke layer, for ij dayes ⁵	xvj d."
	"It' for Ryngyng at the Bysshops vysytacion	vij d."

The total payments for this year amounted to the small sum of 23*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*, probably through the large outlay in the preceding year, and the balance in hand and due to the parish amounted to 50*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*

The account from Lady Day, A.D. 1528, to Lady Day, A.D. 1529, is missing.

¹ S. Stephen's day being the 26th December, this would be the evening of Christmas Day.

² Name illegible.

³ Sir George Monoux, citizen and draper, sheriff A.D. 1509, lord mayor A.D. 1514, died A.D. 1543, commemorated by a brass in Walthamstow church, co. Essex.

⁴ Probably beads and wigs to decorate the statues.

⁵ Master's prices 1879, bricklayer 10½*d.* per hour.

The sixth book, as I have previously mentioned, is without a title recording the name of the churchwarden, but is indorsed "Lib. 6, 1529." After a careful examination and comparison with the other accounts, I deem this to be the account of the churchwardens from Lady Day, A.D. 1529, to Lady Day, A.D. 1530.

In the account of receipts is the following entry :

Fol. 2. "It' res^d of Mastrys Rokk', for the bequest of Wyll' Babam, gro', xvj s. viij d. wher of hys spent to þe Prest', Clerk', and ryngyng iiij s., to pore housholders in the p'ische vs., to the chyrche wardyns, waxe, bred, and ale, iij s. and soo remans toward the Chyrche workys vj s. viij d.'"

The account of the several disbursements contains the following entries :

Fol. 3. "It'm payde for a quart of Collys iiij d.
 It' for Watt' for the founte ¹ ob'."

 "It' for pavyng vndyr sent george viij d.
 It' p^d to þe sexton, for hys dynn' and for wachyng w^t a nod' ma' vj d'.
 It' p^d mor to iij men, for wachyng of þe sepulcur all nythte and brede and drynk x d."

 Fol. 3b. "It' p^d to the Syngars A pon sent Stevyns daye, for brede, ale and wyne ij s. iiij d.
 It' for pavyng of a graue of the P'ische prest viij d."

The names of Robert Miller, John Bodnam, Richard Acheley, and Anthony Donyngton, are affixed to folio 5 as auditors of the account, but the totals of the receipts and disbursements are inaccurate. A balance of 10*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* is represented as due to the parish.

The accounts from Lady Day, A.D. 1530, to Lady Day, A.D. 1531, are missing.

The twelfth book comprises the account of Thomas Asche, grocer, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1531, to Lady Day, A.D. 1532.

The entries in this book are similar in many respects to those contained in the preceding years.

Among the items of payments are the following :

Fol. 3. "It' payd ffor the obett of Joh'n Jefferey, prest ix s. iiij d."
 "It' payd ffor the obeyt off m^{ter} lee, Knyght xxvj s. viij d."

 Fol. 6b. "It' ffor the plasterer, for iiij days ij s. viij d.
 It' ffor his laborar, ffor iiij days ' xx d."

¹ Water for the font.

The account shows the receipts for the year to have amounted to the sum of 117*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*, and the payments to 84*l.* 12*s.* 11½*d.*, leaving a balance in hand of 32*l.* 18*s.* 4½*d.*

The accounts from Lady Day, A.D. 1532, to Lady Day, A.D. 1534, are also missing.

The thirteenth book contains the account of John Clymho,¹ churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1534, to Lady Day, A.D. 1535.

The following items occur in the account of the several disbursements :

Fol. 3. " It'm payde for a spayde	v d."
Fol. 3b. " It'm to the sexton, for wachyng of the sepulker	iiij d.
It'm for bryde and alle, for thym that wacheys the sepulker	vj d."
" It' for chandyll' wan thaye wachyed	ij d. ob."
" It'm for mendyng of the grete ladder	vj d."
" It'm for garland on sent steuens daye	xiiij d."

Fol. 5. After an account of money paid for leather and clasps—

" It'm to the bokbynder for (in another handwriting) lvij days at ix d. the day—at ix the daye	xliij s. vj d."
Fol. 6. " It'm for a hunderd of vij d. nalys	vj d."

The account was audited the 17th of March, A.D. 1535, the receipts amounting to 61*l.* 17*s.* 1*d.*, and the payments to 38*l.* 0*s.* 1½*d.*, leaving a balance of 23*l.* 16*s.* 11½*d.*, which it is stated was handed to John Howe, the succeeding churchwarden.

The accounts from Lady-Day, A.D. 1535, to Lady-Day, A.D. 1536, are also missing.

The fourteenth book comprises the account of Richard Hert,² churchwarden, from Lady-Day, A.D. 1536, to Lady-Day, A.D. 1537.

The following items occur in the account of disbursements :—

Fol. 2. " It. for the obyte of m' John Jeffrey p'ste	ix s. iij d."
Fol. 3. " It. for Candell for watchyng of the Sepulere	ij d.
It. paide to theym that watched for ij nyght'	xij d.
It. for brede and ale for theym	iiij d."
" It. paide to Saunder for his wag' for blowing of the Orgaynes	jd."

On folio 5 is set forth the several payments for stone and ironwork required in the construction of five new windows on the south side of the church, viz. :—

¹ This name is also written " Clymboo " at the end of the account.

² The succeeding churchwarden calls him Richard Hart.

" ffurst. paide for vij Tonne of Kayne stone, p'ce the Tonne	vj s. ij d.
Sm ^a	xliij s. ij d.
It. for the Custome ¹ of the same . . . . .	. . . . . xxj d.
It. for Craynage and warfage . . . . .	. . . . . xxj d."
" It. paide to Robert lynke, ffremason, for iij dayes Worke ²	. . . . . ij s."
" It. for the Sawe, to Sawe the stone, for vj dayes . . . . .	. . . . . vij d."

The receipts for the year amounted to 82*l.* 0*s.* 1½*d.*, and the payments to 47*l.* 13*s.* 1½*d.*, the balance in hand being 34*l.* 7*s.*

The fifteenth book contains the account of Robert Colt, churchwarden, from Lady-Day, A.D. 1537, to Lady-Day, A.D. 1538.

The only item of interest in this account is as follows :—

Fol. 2. " p ^d to S' Rycharde wylson, Morrowmas ³ p'ste, for hys	
wayges for a hole yere	vij li."

The amount shown to have been received this year on account of the parish is 137*l.* 7*s.* 1*d.*, of which 123*l.* 13*s.* 10½*d.* was disbursed in necessaries, leaving a balance in hand amounting to 13*l.* 13*s.* 2½*d.*

Edward Noble is named in this account as the succeeding churchwarden.

Unfortunately, a long *hiatus* now ensues; the several accounts from Lady-Day, A.D. 1538, to Lady-Day, A.D. 1548, a period of ten years, being missing.

The following accounts are contained in a paper book which was also used from A.D. 1571 to A.D. 1581 for vestry minutes and other entries relating to parish matters.

The first account inscribed in this book is that of Thomas Bulloke, churchwarden, from Lady-Day, A.D. 1548, to Lady-Day, A.D. 1549.

Among the various items of payment are the following :—

" Paiede to S' Henry Cok', prest . . . . .	. . . . . xxx s.
paide to S' Richard Wilson, prest . . . . .	. . . . . xxx s.
paide to S' Henry m ^r Cot', prest . . . . .	. . . . . xxx s.
payede to S' Will'm Shawe, prest . . . . .	. . . . . xx s.
Payede for twoo chaynes for the Bybell ⁴ . . . . .	. . . . . xxij d."

The receipts for the year were 57*l.* 11*s.* 7*d.*, against which there are

¹ Duty on foreign stone.

² Master's prices 1879, mason 10½*d.* per hour.

³ Morrow Mass, an expression that frequently occurs in old accounts of churches; it signifies the early or morning mass.

⁴ The relative cost of bibles and other books being then so much greater, they were usually chained to the desk as a precautionary measure.

disbursements amounting to 49*l.* 14*s.* 11½*d.*, leaving a balance of 7*l.* 16*s.* 7½*d.*

The auditors of this account were Sir Rowland Hill,¹ knight, Thomas Locke, Thomas Hamond, and Richard Turner.

Then follows an account of the receipts of lands belonging to the parish, received by Ralph Bodnam, one of the churchwardens, as the account states, for one whole year, beginning at the feast of the birth of our Lord, in the year of our Lord, after the course and reckoning of the Church of England, 1548, 2 Edward VI., and ending at the feast of the birth of our Lord, in the year 1549,² 4 Edward VI.

In this account it is stated that the rent received for the house situate in the parish of St. Benet, Paul's Wharf, for one year, ending Christmas, 3 Edward VI. was 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; and further,—

“Item. rec' off my Lord thomas Haward,³ ffor halffe a yeres rent off his howse, lying and beyng in the pysshe of saynt benyt', endyd at the Ann'ciatio' off O' Ladye, in the iij d. yere off O' soveraygne lord the kyng, a fforesayd xxx s.
Item. R' off the sayd Lord Thomas Haward, ffor one halffe yeares rent xxx s.”

Two houses are also mentioned, situated in the parish of St. Michael's, Queenhithe; also one called the “blacke Ravyn,' In tems strete;” two houses in the parish of St. Mary “bothol;” and two houses in the parish of St. John Walbrook.

Among the other receipts on account of the parish are the following items:—

“Item. R' off Wyll'm Chicke, Groc', for a fre stonne xx d.
Item. R' more of Wyll'm Chicke. for the crosse, in the Churcheyard ij s.”

Also:—

“Item, R' of Wyll'm elken, m'c', for ij Aulter stons in the ij Chapell' and ffor other stonnes xxxiiij s. iiij d.”

¹ Sir Rowland Hill, knight, citizen and mercer, alderman of Walbrook ward, sheriff A.D. 1541, lord mayor A.D. 1549. He lived in Walbrook “over against the church,” and was buried in St. Stephen's church A.D. 1561.

From a brother of Sir Rowland Hill were descended General Lord Hill and the Rev. Rowland Hill, the eminent Nonconformist divine.

² *Sic in orig.*

³ Howard.

- “ R’ off the ryght honorable Sur Rowland Hill, knyght, Lord mayre of the Citye off London, ffor his Wyff’ grave in the Chapell, and ffor the g’ bell xxvj s. viij d.”
- “ R’ of Wyll’ m Elken, merc’, ffor his wyves grave, in the Isle byfore the quyere dore, and for the g’ bell xvj s. viij d.”

The total receipts for the year amounted to 74*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.*

The account of the several disbursements contains items of peculiar interest, as will be seen by the following extracts :—

- “ Payd for ij Basket’ at the brekyng downe of the Awlters . . . vij d.”
- “ Payd for iiij C pavyng tyles and for x tyles more xij s. vj d.”
- “ payd to v laborers for iiij dayes at vj d. at the pullyng Downe of the Awlters vij s. vj d.”
- “ Payd to m^r Howe, organ maker, for mendyng of the organs and for his fee iij s.”
- “ Payd to thomas person, skrivener, for goyng a bought w^t Sur rowland Hyll, and w^t the Churche Wardens, to take possession of the Land’ belongyng to the p’ysshe iij s. iiij d.”
- “ Payd for a paraph^{ras}es w^t gospels and Pistilles vj s.”

The account also contains various items for repairs, in which the daily wages paid to the men are set down as follows : viz. carpenters, bricklayers, and plasterers, 10*d.* per day, and labourers 8*d.* per day.

The total amount disbursed on account of the parish was 61*l.* 13*s.* leaving a balance in hand amounting to the sum of 13*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*

The next account is that of Robert Bayllys, churchwarden, from Lady Day, 1549, to Lady Day, 1550.

The following item occurs in the account of receipts for this year:—

- “ It^m. Receyvyd of Raffe Bodnam, for j c waight of Lead that Laye vpon the bellows of the great orgayns viij s.”

The sale of a silver chalice and a desk is also mentioned, and the following items :—

- “ It^m. Receyvyd for the Lattayne of the Stonnys that laye in the body of the chvrche iiij li. vj s. viij d.
- It^m. Receyvyd for the Lattayne of the Stonnys that laye vpon the Stonys in the ij chawncells xiiij s.’

The product of the sale of chalice, desk, and the latten reeved from the stones amounted to 12*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.*

¹ Two chapels. The chapels on either side of the chancel were frequently though inaccurately called chancels.

The receipts of money for the vestments, and other properties of the church, appraised and sold by the parishioners, is also set forth, and include among the several items—

“Item. Master Howe, Skyunner, for the orgayne pypys, weyying
vj^{xx}xij li. at v^d. the li. lvs. v d.”

The total receipts for the year amounted to the sum of 132*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.*

The account of payments for the year contains many items, one of which is as follows :—

“Payd for Half a pownd of pachtrede iij d.”

The account of payments is stated to amount to the sum of 100*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.*

The next account entered in this book is that of William Bodnam,¹ citizen and grocer, churchwarden from Lady Day, A.D. 1551, to Lady Day, A.D. 1552, from which it appears that the entry of the accounts for the preceding year, viz., from Lady Day, A.D. 1550, to Lady Day, A.D. 1551, has been for some reason (unexplained) omitted.

The receipts for this year amounted to 129*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.*

The account of payments contains an entry of the payment of 6*s.* 8*d.* for the enrolment of the writings of purchase of the house occupied by John Howe, which had been purchased of Robert Bales² for the sum of 88*l.*

Among the various other items are the following :—

“Item paid to the goodwyfe Longe, in the swet tyme,³ when hir husband deceased, by the consente and the benyvolence off the
p'isshe x s.”

“Item paied for cuttinge downe the branches of the trees in the
churche yarde xx d.”

“Item for the losse of the fall of the money xxxiiij s. iiij d.”

The total payments for the year amounted to 112*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.* leaving a balance of 17*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.* to the credit of the parish.

Then follows the account of John Ward, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1552, to Lady Day, A.D. 1553.

The receipts for the year amounted to 45*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* and the pay-

¹ This was probably one of the same family as John and Ralph previously mentioned.

² Probably the Robert Bayllys who was churchwarden 1549-50.

³ Probably the time of a plague called the sweat or black sweat.

ments to the sum of 33*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.* leaving a balance of 11*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.* in the hands of the said churchwarden.

The account of John Howe, citizen and grocer, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1553 to Lady Day, A.D. 1554, contains evidence of the re-erection of the high altar on the accession of queen Mary, as will be seen by the following extract:—

“ It. p^d to iiij. porters, for removyng of a grave stone far the Highe
Alter xvj d.”

And on the 6th October, A.D. 1553, 42*s.* was paid to the bricklayer for making the high altar, besides sundry payments for the materials used in the construction of the same.

The receipts this year amounted to 50*l.* 4*s.* and the disbursements to the sum of 45*l.* 8*s.* 9½*d.* leaving a balance due to the parish of 4*l.* 15*s.* 2½*d.*

The account of Richard Turner, citizen and skinner, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1554, to Lady Day, A.D. 1555, also contains further evidence of the revival of ancient practices in the church.

The account of disbursements contains, among the several entries, the following items:—

“ Item payd to the carpenter for dressing the sepulchre and pascall,
with a Deske afore the organs xvj d.”
“ It^m paide for makinge of an altare at S^r Rowland Hilles co^m-
audent xvj s. iiij d.”

The receipts for the year amounted to 30*l.* 15*s.* 2½*d.* and the payments to 30*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* leaving a small balance of 7*s.* 8½*d.*

The next account is that of Thomas Hale, citizen and grocer, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1555, to Lady Day, A.D. 1556.

The several entries in this account do not possess any particular archæological or ecclesiastical interest.

The account of William Beswyke, citizen and draper, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1556, to Lady Day, A.D. 1557.

This account contains, among the several entries, the following items:—

“ pd. to the Sexten and Another man for watchyng of the Sepulkar js. vjd.”
“ pd. for A tabernackle for Saynt stephen, and for mendyng yt, and
and for An yeron¹ to hange hym on, and leade and makyng
the hole and makyng hym ffaste in the walle v s. viij d.”

¹ Iron.

Account of Edward Jackman, citizen and grocer, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1557, to Lady Day, A.D. 1558.

Account of Clement Fryer, citizen and merchant taylor, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1558, to Lady Day, A.D. 1559.

This account contains, with other items, the following item of receipt:—

“ Item receued of the p'ishe for the sepulker lyght x s. viij d.”

And in the list of disbursements:—

“ Pd. to John sexton, for Watchyng the sepulker xij d.”

Account of Edward Gwynne, citizen and grocer, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1559, to Lady Day, A.D. 1560.

Account of Robert Fryer, citizen and draper, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1560, to Lady Day, A.D. 1561.

In this account, the receipt of the rent of the “blacke Ramm,” in Thames Street, is entered. Also—

“ Payed to the inhabitours of this paryshe for monye dysboursed by them for the Roud, and outhur Impliments, in An^o 1560.”

The names of the several persons are entered, and the total sum paid by them amounted to 18*l.* 15*s.*

The account of Roger Warfyld, citizen and grocer, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1561, to Lady Day, A.D. 1562, contains evidence of the revival of the Protestant Church at the accession of Queen Elizabeth, viz. the entry of the several amounts received by the sale of vestments, &c.

The account of Francis Kyghtleye, citizen and leather seller, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1562, to Lady Day, A.D. 1563, contains, with others, the following item of payment:—

“ Pd. to the offycer at pavlls, when we dyd put in a byll of the number of strangers in owre p'ryssche xij d.”

Account of John Hudson, citizen and grocer, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1563, to Lady Day, A.D. 1564.

Account of Thomas Gore, citizen and grocer, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1564, to Lady Day, A.D. 1565.

Account of Andrew Ludford, churchwarden, from Lady Day, 1565, to Lady Day, A.D. 1566.

Account of William Comber, citizen and skinner, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1566, to Lady Day, A.D. 1567.

Account of John Bull, citizen and grocer, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1567, to Lady Day, A.D. 1568.

In this account an item occurs of the payment of 12*d.* "for cutting the headgis in the churche yeard."

Account of George Bonde, citizen and haberdasher, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1568, to Lady Day, A.D. 1569.

The receipts for this year contain an item of 20*s.* received of Lady Yorke, for opening the ground in the church, for the burial of her husband Sir John Yorke.¹

In the account of payments, the masons' wages are set down at 12*d.* per diem, and freestone is priced at 12*d.* per foot.

Account of William Colles, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1569, to Lady Day, A.D. 1570.

Account of Griffine Jonnes, citizen and skinner, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1570, to Lady Day, A.D. 1571.

Account of John Kyrkbye, citizen and grocer, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1571, to Lady Day, A.D. 1572.

Account of George Ley, citizen and skinner, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1572, to Lady Day, A.D. 1573.

Account of William Brockbanck, citizen and grocer, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1573, to Lady Day, A.D. 1574.

Account of John Spencer, citizen and grocer, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1574, to Lady Day, A.D. 1575.

Account of Hugh Spencer, citizen and grocer, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1575, to Lady Day, A.D. 1576.

Account of Richard Dickonson, citizen and skinner, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1576, to Lady Day, A.D. 1577.

Account of Ralph Morrys, citizen and grocer, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1577, to Lady Day, A.D. 1578. A copy of this account is also written on a large sheet of paper, from which copy I have made the following extracts:—

" It. paid to a Sumner ²	.	.	.	.	.	iiij d."
" for songes singed upon the Q. Mat' birthe daie	.	.	.	.	.	viiij d.
To a Sumner, for bringing the same songes	.	.	.	.	.	iiij d."
" Item for cutting the hedges in the Churche yeard	.	.	.	.	.	xij d."
" To the Q. Ma ^{tie} for one whole yeres quit rent	.	.	.	.	.	vj s. viij d.

¹ Sheriff A.D. 1549.

² The apparitor of a court, who had a fee upon delivering an official notice

for an Acquittance for the same monnye iiij d.”
 “ To Andrew Ludforde, for his whole yeres exhibition viij li. xij s. iiij d.”

The total receipts are described as being 66*l.* 13*s.* 5*d.* The payments 43*l.* 18*s.* leaving a balance in hand amounting to 22*l.* 15*s.* 5*d.*

The next account is that of Jervis Simons, citizen and skinner, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1578, to Lady Day, A.D. 1579. A copy of this account is also written on a large sheet of paper, from which copy I have made the following extract:—

“ Itm. pd. w^{ch} was spent vpon the survayeres, at the Weve^l daye
 xvij s. iiij d.”

The receipts for this year amounted to 132*l.* 3*s.* 11*d.* of which sum 85*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.* was disbursed on account of the parish, leaving a balance in hand amounting to 46*l.* 11*s.* 9*d.*

Account of John Newman, citizen and grocer, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1579, to Lady Day, A.D. 1580. A copy of this account, written on a large sheet of paper, is also preserved in the parish chest, from which copy I have made the following extract:—

“ pd. for Charges of removinge the pulpitt, Some xxvj s. x d.”

The receipts for the year amounted to 131*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.* and the payments to 37*l.* 10*s.* 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d.* The balance entered in the accounts as remaining to the credit of the parish is 94*l.* 11*s.* 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.* but here again the accountant has committed an error, the correct balance being 93*l.* 11*s.* 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*

Account of John Watson, citizen and leather-seller, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1580, to Lady Day, A.D. 1581. A copy of this, written on a large sheet of paper, is also preserved in the parish chest.

The receipts this year amounted to 175*l.* 19*s.* 7*d.* and the payments to 95*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* thus leaving a balance of 80*l.* 11*s.* 11*d.* to the credit of the parish.

Account of Oliver Style, citizen and grocer, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1581, to Lady Day, A.D. 1582.

In this account is the following curious entry:—

“ Receyued of Mrs. Sydleye, for openinge y^e churche grounde in y^e
 churchyard, for buryall of Mr. Sydleye, his bowells, So^{ma}, vj s. viij d.”

Account of Roger Brure, citizen and skinner, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1582, to Lady Day, A.D. 1583.

Account of Edward Buckley, citizen and grocer, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1583, to Lady Day, A.D. 1584.

The following entry occurs in this account :—

“ p^d vnto w^m Dykinsone, officer, for going wth a yong Chyld to seke
out his parentes and for his Borde at 2s. 4d. y^e weke xxxij s. viij d.”

Account of Thomas Jukes, citizen and grocer, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1584, to Lady Day, A.D. 1585.

Account of William Poveygh, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1585, to Lady Day, A.D. 1586.

Account of John Tyghte, citizen and grocer, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1586, to Lady Day, A.D. 1587.

Account of Edmund Brockbanke, citizen and grocer, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1587, to Lady Day, A.D. 1588.

The payments this year include a sum of 200*l.* paid by the churchwardens for the fee simple of a house called “ The Star,” in the parish of St. John Walbrook, which was purchased of Robert Renoldes, of the city of Coventry, and Jone his wife (late the wife and executrix of William Willines, citizen and draper, of London), Nicholas Person, citizen and skinner, of London, and William Jackson, citizen and vintner, of London, overseers of the last will and testament of William Willines.

Account of William Bonde, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1588, to Lady Day, A.D. 1589.

Account of Edward Collyns, citizen and grocer, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1589, to Lady Day, A.D. 1590.

The following item occurs in this account :—

“ p^d for gettinge downe the copwebes in the church . . . xij d.”

Account of John May, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1590, to Lady Day A.D. 1591.

Account of Robert Morer, citizen and grocer, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1591, to Lady Day, A.D. 1592.

Account of John Hiron, citizen and skinner, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1592, to Lady Day, A.D. 1593.

Account of William Muschampe, citizen and grocer, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1593, to Lady Day, A.D. 1594.

The following entry occurs in this account:—

“ pd. for a Bovrde, to hange the proclamasyon one, the which was
for the syckenes¹ xij d.”

Account of George Lydeat, citizen and merchant taylor, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1594, to Lady Day, A.D. 1595.

The following entry occurs in the account of disbursements:—

“ Paid to the Relief of the Soddiares, to S^r John Hart² . . . viij d. iiij d.”

Account of John Cheny, citizen and grocer, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1595, to Lady Day, A.D. 1596.

Account of George Hickson, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1596, to Lady Day, A.D. 1597.

Account of Robert Savage, citizen and ironmonger, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1597, to Lady Day, A.D. 1598.

Account of Reynold Greene, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1598, to Lady Day, A.D. 1599.

This account contains an entry of the payment of 1*l.* 6*s.*

“ For a p^hchmente Booke to serue for a Regester for Christining³ Mariag³, and Burialls.”³

Also of the payment of 1*l.*

“ For writinge and copyinge the same forthe of the old Book.”

The wages paid to the mechanics at this date are set forth in the account as follows :—

Masons and Bricklayers 1*s.* 8*d.* per diem, and Labourers 1*s.* 1*d.* per diem.

Account of Roger Gwynne, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1599, to Lady Day, A.D. 1600.

Account of William Massie, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1600, to Lady Day, A.D. 1601. An entry occurs in this account of 9*s.* having been paid “for wine and snger, bread and chease, beare and Ceakes, spent one y^e Crownuatioun nyght at y^e Church, one y^e p^rish and Ringers.”

¹ The plague.

² Sir John Hart, citizen and grocer, sheriff A.D. 1579, lord mayor A.D. 1589, alderman of Farringdon Without and M.P. for the City of London.

³ The existing registers date from A.D. 1557.

Account of John Hodges, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1601, to Lady Day, A.D. 1602.

Account of Lawrence Wetherell, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1602, to Lady Day, A.D. 1603.

This account contains an entry of the payment of 2s. 2d. "for makeinge cleane the Brannche, againste the Queenes Hollye Daie, and for keepeinge of it cleane for the Lectures, all the yeare."

Account of Thomas Rylston, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1603, to Lady Day, A.D. 1604.

Account of Lawrence Greene, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1604, to Lady Day, A.D. 1605.

The following items occur in the list of disbursements :—

"paid for Cutting the Grasse plott and weeding the Allies in ye Churchyard	ij s."
"paid for Carying a way beggers from the Chirche ¹	x d."

Account of Thomas Vnderhill, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1605, to Lady Day, A.D. 1606.

The following entry occurs in this account :—

"Paid Pynwell, for a booke, for the queens safe deliuey in Child beed	jd."
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At the end of this account is a statement that 43*l.* 10*s.* was collected and borrowed this year by an agreement of vestry towards the repairs of the church, and to relieve the churchwardens of debt.

Account of William Randall, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1606, to Lady Day, A.D. 1607.

Account of Elias Wood, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1607, to Lady Day, A.D. 1608.

Account of John Gautherne, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1608, to Lady Day, A.D. 1609.

Account of Thomas Thwaites, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1609, to Lady Day, A.D. 1610.

Account of William Crothar, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1610, to Lady Day, A.D. 1611.

The following item occurs in this account:

"Paid in charges at the Perambulac'on	viijs. vj d.
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¹ A statute against beggars was enacted A.D. 1597, 39 Elizabeth, cap. xvii.

Account of Edward Jemmens, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1611, to Lady Day, A.D. 1612.

Account of John Juxon, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1612, to Lady Day, A.D. 1613.

Account of Thomas Langton, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1613, to Lady Day, A.D. 1614.

From the several entries in this account it appears that the expenditure for repairs to the church and pews this year amounted to the sum of 137*l.* 6*s.* 3*d.*

This account also furnishes the names of the several donors, and their donations towards new glazing the windows in the south side of the church, in the middle aisle, with the subjects therein represented. These windows have been already fully described in the general history of the church.^a

Account of Thomas Seracold, citizen and mercer, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1614, to Lady Day, A.D. 1615.

Account of Andrew Troughton, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1615, to Lady Day, A.D. 1616.

Account of Symon Edmonds, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1616, to Lady Day, A.D. 1617.

This year an entry occurs of the payment of 34*l.* 9*s.* to "Mr Mylward, goldsmith, for ij. silve^r Lyverie Potts, for the Communion w^t 122 oz. $\frac{1}{2}$ at vs vijd. the ownse is xxxiiij^h iiij^s. and for graveing and enamiling the 2 SS. vs." "Thomas Myriell" signs this account as rector.

Account of Edmund Vnderwood, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1617, to Lady Day, A.D. 1618.

The following entry occurs in this account:—

"pd the 29th December, to the ringers, for Joy of the Ladye Elizabethes^b safe deliuey, the some of 2*s.* 0*d.*"

Account of Thomas Dickinson, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1618, to Lady Day, A.D. 1619.

This account contains an entry of the payment of 2*l.* "for a new Bible for the Church."

^a The Society hope to engrave the coats of arms in the windows in a future part of the Transactions.

^b Princess Elizabeth, daughter of King James I. and wife of Frederick V. Duke of Bavaria, elector palatine of the Rhine, and King of Bohemia.

The repairs executed to the church-wall this year amounted to 9*l.* 16*s.*

Account of Leonard Stone, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1619, to Lady Day, A.D. 1620.

This account also contains an entry of the purchase of plate, viz.—

“pd. mr. Terry, Goldsmith, the xjth of february, 1619, for a white silver bason for the church, weying xlix oz’ iij qrters and a half at 5*s.* 10*d.* p’ oz. wth SS. enameld on the bosse xiiii li. xj s. vj d.”

Account of Thomas Eyans, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1620, to Lady Day, A.D. 1621.

Account of Affabell Faierelough, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1621, to Lady Day, A.D. 1622.

Account of Tobias Massey, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1622, to Lady Day, A.D. 1623.

This year was

“Paide to Robert Quiny,^a the gardener, and a labourer, for their wages, and for settes, as may appeare 2*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.*”

Numerous repairs to the church are also recorded in this account.

Account of Griffith Morgan, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1623, to Lady Day, 1624.

The following curious entry illustrative of the treatment of the poor in these times occurs in this account :—

“Paid ye xiiijth of Ap^l for Conveying of a poore woman out of y^e p’ish, being greate wth Childe^b 1*s.* 4*d.*”

Another entry illustrative of the street amusements of the parishioners also occurs as follows :—

“Payd to the Ringers, and for a Bonefier before the Church dore at the Coming of the Prince from Spayne^c 5*s.* 6*d.*”

Account of Peter Simon, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1624, to Lady Day, A.D. 1625.

Under the title of extraordinary receipts this year is the following entry :—

^a Although there is a similarity of name it is hardly probable that this Robert Quiny was related to Mr. Richard Quiney the druggist in Bucklersbury.

^b A precaution taken to prevent the child becoming chargeable on the parish, and affords evidence of the treatment the poor were subjected to at this period.

^c The return of Prince Charles and Buckingham from their romantic excursion to the Court of Spain.

“Item, of m^r Will’ Watson, for a fyne, in not executing the place
of Churchwarden, according to an order 10*l*. 0*s*. 0*d*.”

and in the account of the year’s expenditure :—

“It’m (for the solemnity of the contract betwene Prince Charles
and the Lady Henria,^a of Burboune, Sister to the french King),
for ringing ye 21 Octob. 1624 5*s*. 0*d*.”

Account of John Warner, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1625,
to Lady Day, A.D. 1626.

The following items of payment occur in this account :—

“Pd. to the sexton and others for Carieng a woman out of the
parish that fell down in the night 4*s*. 0*d*.”
“Pd. to ye Ringers ye 27th of March, 1626, being solemnized for
Kinge Charles^b 3*s*. 0*d*.”

Account of Ellis Sotherton, churchwarden, from A.D. 1626 to Lady
Day, A.D. 1627.

From an entry in this account it appears that 3*l*. 5*s*. was “Rec^d
for the olde Organs, Soulede to the Organist of St. Dunstan’s-in-the-
East.”

Reference is also made to some extensive repairs executed to the
body of the church, for which numerous persons (whose names are
recorded) lent various sums of money, the total amount so lent being
set down at 17*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*.

Among the several names mentioned are those of “M^r Sadler and
Queyney,”^c who lent 5*l*. which sum it appears, by another memorandum,
was repaid them the 28th April, A.D. 1631.

^a Henrietta Maria, daughter of Henry IV. King of France.

^b The anniversary of the accession of Charles I. he having ascended the throne
the 27th of March in the preceding year.

^c In Mr. Halliwell’s folio, “The Stratford-upon-Avon Records,” under date
August 22, 1632, is the following entry from the Corporation records: “At this
Hall the Company received two fayre gilte maces of the gift of Mr. John
Sadler and Mr. Richard Quiney, citizens and grocers of London, to be borne
before the Bayliffe and chiefe Alderman of this Borough for the time beinge for
ever, which donors and benefactors were borne in this Borough, and their fathers
had been Bayliffes and Aldermen of this Borough.” Mr. John Sadler was a
druggist in Bucklersbury; he was buried in the north aisle of St. Stephen’s
church, 23 December, A.D. 1658: for extracts from his will, see Appendix No. 4.
For extracts from the will of Richard Quiney, see Appendix No. 3.

Account of Samuel Warner, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1627, to Lady Day, A.D. 1628.

Account of Geylls van Brugh, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1628, to Lady Day, A.D. 1629.

Account of Edward Tyther, citizen and grocer, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1629, to Lady Day, A.D. 1630.

In the account of receipts for this year is an entry of the receipt of 14*l.* given by Alderman Ellaway.

Account of Thomas Woodall, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1630, to Lady Day, A.D. 1631.

Account of Richard Winston, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1631, to Lady Day, A.D. 1632.

It is recorded that 20*l.* was received this year of Mr. John Sadler, being the amount of his fine for not serving the office of churchwarden.

In the account of disbursements is an entry of the payment of 40*l.* 10*s.* to "m^r Aaron Wilson for his Lectuer."

Account of John Booker, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1632, to Lady Day, A.D. 1633.

This year was

" Paid for the Prayer for the King' Recouerie 6*d.*"

Account of Thomas Buxton, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1633, to Lady Day, A.D. 1634.

Account of William Leycroft, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1634, to Lady Day, A.D. 1635.

Account of Richard Winstone,^a churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1635, to Lady Day, A.D. 1636.

Account of Matthew Sheppard, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1636, to Lady Day, A.D. 1637.

This is the last account entered in this book, and contains, among other items, the following:—

" P^d for sending M^r Graues man to the Pest howse,^b and other charges of it 2*l.* 11*s.* 0*d.*
 P^d for keeping M^r Graues and his wife, and after sending y^m to the Pest howse 6*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.*

The second book of accounts commences with the Account of

^a Churchwarden for the second time.

^b The plague this year.

Richard Rogers, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1637, to Lady Day, A.D. 1638.

This account contains, among other items,

“ Pd for Rosemary and Bayes, to Adorne y^e Church at Christmas . 3s. 0*d.*”

“ Pd for this new Account Booke, containing 5 quires of Italian
pap’ 1*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*”

Account of Jonathan Gawthorne, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1638, to Lady Day A.D. 1639.

Account of Richard Rogers, churchwarden, for his brother Edward Vnderwood, from Lady Day, A.D. 1639, to Lady Day, A.D. 1640.

The following curious item occurs in the account of payments:—

“ Pd. for Examining of a woman taken vpon suspition to bee the
mother of our Last foundling and for keeping her a while in
Bridewell 7*s.* 2*d.*”

Account of Humfrey Farley, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1640, to Lady Day, A.D. 1641.

This account contains the following item:—

“ Pd. and spent on the Gossips, at the Christning of Stephen Oylbut,^a
found in the Barge yard vpon an Oyle Butt 3*s.* 6*d.*”

Account of William Vnderwood, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1641, to Lady Day, A.D. 1642.

Account of James Wheeler, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1642, to Lady Day, A.D. 1643.

The following interesting item occurs in this account:—

“ Pd. for Ringinge the bells on the 5th of Nouemb^r; at the takinge
of Chechester;^b on the King’s Crounation day and other
times 11*s.* 0*d.*”

Also,—

“ Pd. for an Houer glasse 6*d.*”

Account of John Beex, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1643, to Lady Day, A.D. 1644.

^a Names were frequently given to foundlings from some casual circumstance, the christian name generally from that of the parish.

^b Chichester was taken by the Parliamentary army under Sir William Waller the 29th December, A.D. 1642.

Account of Thomas Harris, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1644, to Lady Day, A.D. 1645.

Account of Thomas Edmonds, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1645, to Lady Day, A.D. 1646.

Account of Peter Houblon, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1646, to Lady Day, A.D. 1647.

This account contains an item of festivity, viz.—

“ Paid and expended at the Bull head, one a dinner, at a generall
meeting of y^e Parish 5*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*”

Account of Benjamin Banaster, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1647, to Lady Day, A.D. 1648.

Account of Joseph Todd, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1648, to Lady Day, A.D. 1649.

Account of Edward Curle, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1649, to Lady Day, A.D. 1650.

Account of John Jekyll, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1650, to Lady Day, A.D. 1651.

Account of William Thomson, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1651, to Lady Day, A.D. 1652.

Account of William Ryder, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1652, to Lady Day, A.D. 1653.

Account of John Thurlby,^a churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1653, to Lady Day, A.D. 1654.

Account of Nicholas Juxon, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1654, to Lady Day, A.D. 1655.

Account of Anthony Scarlett, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1655, to Lady Day, 1656.

Account of Roger Kemp, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1656, to Lady Day, A.D. 1657.

Account of Peter Heringhook, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1657, to Lady Day, A.D. 1658.

The following curious item occurs in this account, and is illustrative of the parochial management of the period:

“ Payd, To Anne Walker, for her Lodging for 23 Weekes at 8*d.*
p’ weeke, To Keepe her from Laying her Childe In y^e Parrish . 15*s.* 4*d.*”

^a John Sadler mentions him in his will as his loving neighbour Master John Thurlby. See Appendix No. 4.

Account of Mark Laurens, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1658, to Lady Day, A.D. 1659.

Account of William Piggott, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1659, to Lady Day, A.D. 1660.

Account of Joshua Hotchkis, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1660, to Lady Day, A.D. 1661.

In this account is an item of 6s. 6d. having been "Giuen y^e ringers vpon y^e days y^t y^e king was proclaimed, and brought through London."^a

Account of Blount Sadleir, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1661, to Lady Day, A.D. 1662.

Account of Joseph Denham, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1662, to Lady Day, A.D. 1663.

Account of Thomas Langhorne, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1663, to Lady Day, A.D. 1664.

Account of Gervase Cooper, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1664, to Lady Day, A.D. 1665.

The following occurs among the items of expenditure in this account:—

"Paid five c prime Setts and planting y^m Church yard . . . 6s. 6d."

Account of William Wilkinson, churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1665, to Lady Day, A.D. 1666.

Account of Adrian Quiney,^b churchwarden, from Lady Day, A.D. 1666, to Lady Day, 1667.

No mention is made of the Great Fire in this account.

As I do not propose to continue the history of the church beyond this date, I shall not refer to the several accounts subsequent to this year, other than to mention that the above-named Adrian Quiney continued to hold the office of churchwarden until Lady Day, A.D. 1672.

The churchwardens' accounts from Lady Day, A.D. 1667, to the present time (A.D. 1879), form a complete and perfect series.

The registers of baptisms, marriages, and burials date from A.D. 1557.

The earliest minutes of vestry extant are entered on the first and last pages of a book of churchwardens' accounts, dating from Lady

^a The restoration of King Charles II.

^b For extracts from will of Adrian Quiney see Appendix No. 5.

Day, A.D. 1548, to Lady Day, A.D. 1637. These minutes comprise the proceedings of vestry from a meeting held the 25th March, A.D. 1578, to one held on the 11th March, A.D. 1581. In addition to which there is a note of a vestry held on the 25th March, A.D. 1574, several entries or memoranda relating to parish matters ranging from A.D. 1571 to A.D. 1574, and two or three receipts bearing date A.D. 1585, but neither the proceedings of the several vestry meetings nor the other memoranda contain matter of archæological interest.

The next record of vestry is contained in a paper book endorsed,

The vestry booke belonging vnto
St. Stephens, in walbrooke, begounns
The 25th of m'che,
1587.

The book commences with an entry or minute of the proceedings of a meeting of vestry held 25th March, A.D. 1587, at which it was agreed that "Edmond brockbank," grocer, should be churchwarden for the ensuing year.

The following are the only matters of interest contained in this book :

At a vestry held the 12th January, A.D. 1587, "yt was agreyd that the poulpit should be removed unto the quire, by the consent of the p'son and the most part of the p'ysse, vpon condition that yt was graunted vpo' courtesse, and not to clame yt as a ryght, ffor m' trippe^a doth clame yt to be his ground where yt doth stand."

At a vestry held the 22nd December, A.D. 1591, William Combar, George Lidiat, Ralph Morris, and Jn^o Cheny, were chosen to join with the parson and churchwardens', "to make enquirie and Searche for Seminaries, Jesuites, massinge priestes, Recusant' and other papistes enemies to the quenes ma^{tie}, and the state, acordinge to A precept from my Lord maior, my Lord Bissshop of London, an others her ma^{ties} Comissioners to that Effect."

On the 15th October, A.D. 1598, it was agreed in vestry "that ther should be a poste, sete vp be ffore ou' churche, to punishe vagaraunte Begeres, acordinge to the statwete in that behalfe."

At a vestry held the 18th March, A.D. 1603, it was "Agreed, that noe servante shalbe buried in the Churche, yf hee dow dye of plauge, wthout Consent of the p'sone and Chvrch wardens."

^a Henry Tripp, M.A., instituted rector 10 November, A.D. 1572, resigned in A.D. 1601.

In A.D. 1609 the following entry occurs :

“Gathered the 28th of May, 1609, at the Request of Sr Humffrey weld,^a Lo. maior, to his maydes mariage vj s. xj d.”

And again in A.D. 1611 :

“Gathered the 22th of March, a^o 1611, for Anthony Jue and Henry Cannon, p' his Maiesties letters past, for lose p' ffyer at Little Hadam, in the Compty of Hertfor^b vij s. iij d.”

The amount of plate belonging to the church A.D. 1613 appears to have been exceedingly small, for the only item mentioned in the inventory of the church goods, which Thomas Langton, churchwarden, received 27th of March in that year, from his predecessor in office, was “one Communion Cup wth a couer, and Trencher plate for the Bread, All guilte, and a kase to put them In.”

The last vestry entered in this book was held the 25th March, A.D. 1614.

Unfortunately a long *hiatus* now ensues, as the next minutes of the proceedings in vestry commence in A.D. 1648, and are contained in a paper book bound in parchment, and indorsed on the first page :

“A Vestry Booke, belonging to the parish Church of St. Stephens, in Wallbrooke, begining the 24th of Aprill, 1648, Joseph Todd, being Churchwarden.”

This book commences with the minutes of a vestry held the 24th April, A.D. 1648.

On the 25th June, in the same year, the pews are stated to have been “new marked.”

From an inventory of the goods and ornaments belonging to the church this year, and which are stated to have been delivered by Mr. Joseph Todd to Mr. Edward Curle, the succeeding churchwarden, it appears that the church possessed among other items—

“2 livery potts of silver engraven and enameled m^rke wth S.S. 122^{oz} $\frac{1}{2}$ wth leter cases, and a standing communion cupp, wth a cover and a trencher plate to set the bread on, of silner and guilt, wth a lether case ; a nother standing cupp of silver and gilte, M^r Winstones gift, m^rked wth S.S. wth a lether case ; a silver bason enameled on the bosse m^rket S.S. wa: 49^{oz} $\frac{1}{2}$ wth a lether case.”

At a vestry held the 8th January, A.D. 1650, “It was then Agreed, y^t Accordinge to A Warrant ffrom my Lord Mayor, to y^e Churchwardens, y^t y^e Armes of King James should bee taken downe.”

^a Sir Humphrey Weld, citizen and grocer, sheriff A.D. 1599; lord mayor A.D. 1608.

^b A brief.

At a meeting of vestry held the 22nd March, A.D. 1653, it having been reported that Mr. Ewer, "then Clarke," had "Cutt away and impaired part of the round quarter of one of the pillars of the church," the vestry at this meeting viewed the same, and found there was no cause for it, besides "his owne fancie of squaring his wife's pew joyning to the said pillar," and on returning to the vestry, finding the pillar had been much "weakened, dishaped, and deformed, and not fitt to remaine," resolved, that he should put the pillar and wainscot into the same "forme, order, and strength it was before;" the said work to be done by him within convenient time, otherwise the same to be executed by the vestry, and the cost deducted out of his "following quarters wages." "And they did then allsoe further order, that henceforward, hee doe not p'sume to appoint any worke to be done in the Church, or to any thing belonging therevnto (except it bee the amendm^t of a locke or such small matter vnder the valewe of 12^d.)"

It also appears from the minutes that the vestry, before separating, agreed to release him from the cost of making good the damage done to the pillar.

No reference to the plague occurs in the minutes of vestry for A.D. 1665.

From A.D. 1666 to the present time the records of proceedings in vestry form a complete and perfect series.

The earliest evidence relating to the patronage of the church of St. Stephen Walbrook is the gift of the same by Eudo Dapifer to the Abbot and Convent of St. John in Colchester, in or about the year A.D. 1096 [*temp.* William Rufus], in whom it continued until A.D. 1422, after which period Newcourt states that he could find nothing relating to it until A.D. 1440 [the year after the new church was finished], when, upon an inquisition, it was found that the right of patronage was in Robert Whitingham, whose clerk, upon his presentation, was admitted the 20th November in that year.^a

This Robert Whitingham, Stowe says, purchased the patronage of the church in A.D. 1432, of John Duke of Bedford,^b but omits to give his authority for this assertion. From Robert Whitingham the

^a Newcourt's Repertorium, vol. i. p. 538. It was not unusual for an Abbey to sell its right of presentation for a fixed annual payment in perpetuity, which might have been the case here.

^b Stowe's Survey, p. 245.

right of presentation appears to have passed by forfeiture to the Crown,^a for in the 2nd Edward IV. a patent grant^b was made to Richard Lee, alderman, in fee of the advowson of the church, “per fidelitatem tantam pro omnibus serviciis;” and in the Act of resumption, passed the 4th Edward IV. A.D. 1466, is the following clause:—

“ Provided alwey, that this Acte, or any Acte, Ordynance, Establishment, or Provision, made or to be made, in this oure present Parlement, extend not nor in any wise be prejudiciall unto oure right welbeloved and true Liegeman Richard Lee, Grocer and Alderman of oure Cite of London, late Mayor of oure same Citee, of or to the Graunte by us unto hym in any wise made, by oure L’res Patentes under oure grete Seall beryng date at Westm’ the xxiiii day of Octobr’, the secund yere of oure reigne, of the Patronage and Advouson of the Parish Chirch of Seint Stephens sette in the Warde of Walbroke of London in London, with th’ appurtenauncez, the which apperteyned late unto us by forfeiture of Robert Whityngham,^c by what name so ever he were called, by reason of an Acte ayenst hym and other made in oure Parlement holden at Westm’, the fourth day of Novembr’, the first yere of our reigne,^d or by any other title what so ever it were; but that oure seid Graunte made unto the seid Richard, of the seid Patronage and Advouson, with th’ appurtenauncez by oure seid L’res Patentes, be unto the same Richard good and effectnell for evermore, after the fourme and effecte of our said L’res Patentes ;” &c.

A second grant, or confirmation of the first grant, appears to have been made to Richard Lee, in the 5th Edward IV.^e

From Sir Richard Lee the advowson passed to Richard Lee, esquire—probably the son of Sir Richard Lee—who presented to it in A.D. 1474, and the clerk by him presented took oath that he would abide by the arbitrament of the Bishop of London, as to the payment of a pension of 10s. per annum to the Abbot of St. John in Colchester and his successors; but with reference to this Newcourt says—“ I question whether upon this Arbitration the Bishop determin’d for the Payment thereof; because I do not find any mention made of the Payment of this Pension upon the Institution of any of the succeeding Rectors.”^f

^a Act of Attainder, 1 Edward IV. A.D. 1461.

^b Patent Roll, 2 Edward IV. p. 2, m. 23.

^c Robert Whitingham, an adherent of the house of Lancaster, for which his estates were confiscated by Act of Attainder.—See Rolls of Parliament, vol. v. p. 477.

^d Rolls of Parliament, vol. v. p. 531; also Malcolm’s *Londinium Redivivum*, vol. iv. p. 615.

^e Patent Roll, 5 Edward IV. p. 1 m. 6.

^f Newcourt’s *Repertorium*, vol. i. p. 538. The rector of St. Stephen’s at the

From Richard Lee, esquire, the advowson passed by gift to the worshipful Company of Grocers, in whom it has continued to the present time.

In the 27th Henry VIII. pursuant to an Act, made in the previous year, for a return of the yearly value of all possessions, as well temporal as spiritual, the clear annual value of the rectory was returned at 17*l.* 13*s.* 3*d.* exclusive of 2*s.* 6*d.* annually paid to the Arch-deacon. And the tenths, on the said clear annual rental, are set down at 35*s.* 4*d.*^a

The certificate of colleges and chantries preserved in the Augmentation Office and bearing date 1 January, 1 Edward IV.^b contains an entry respecting this parish as follows:—"There ys of howselinge people^c within the same p'oche the nombre of 250." It is also stated that Thomas Becon is parson of the same church, that the parsonage is worth 17*l.* 10*s.* per annum, and that the said parson findeth one priest to serve, which is the curate.

In A.D. 1636 the yearly profits of the rectory were returned as follows:—Tithes 40*l.*, casualties 10*l.*, and a parsonage house.^d

To Newcourt we are indebted for the following list of the early rectors of the church^e:—

RECTORS.	PATRONS.
Thomas Blundell was rector of the church in A.D. 1350, for the king, on the 26 June in that year, ratified him in the same. ^f Robert Ellaker had the king's letters of presentation to the rectory the 17 June, A.D. 1361 ^g .	} King Edward III.

present date pays to the Capitular Estates of Canterbury 10*s.* per annum, being it is said an ancient payment from the rectors of St. Benet Sherehog, but this may be an error, for the similarity between the two amounts leads me to infer that the amount at present paid is really the old pension reserved on the sale of the advowson of St. Stephen's.

^a *Valor Ecclesiasticus*. vol. i. p. 374.

^b In the Public Record Office Augmentation Offices Certificates of Colleges, 34, No. 29.

^c Houseling people—people of age to receive the Housel or Holy Sacrament. This includes young children, confirmation being administered at quite an early age.

^d *Newcourt's Repertorium*, vol. i. p. 538

^e *Ibid.* vol. i. pp. 539-541.

^f Patent Roll, 24 Edward III. p. 1.

^g Patent Roll, 35 Edward III. p. 2.

RECTORS.

PATRONS.

John Broun, L.B., 21 January, A.D. 1390, on death of the last rector

John Horewood, Cl., 29 September, A.D. 1395, on death of John Broun

Henry Chicheley, L.D., 30 March, 1396, on death of John Horewood, son of Thomas Chicheley or Chichele, and Agnes his wife; he was born at Higham Ferrers, in co. Northampton, brought up at Winchester School, and afterwards made a Fellow of New College, Oxford, by William Wyckham, bishop of Winton, where he applied himself to the study of the civil and canon law, of which he took the degree of doctor. In A.D. 1396 he was admitted rector of St. Stephen's, which he resigned before 10 September, A.D. 1397, being called to better preferment in the Church, for Robert Medeford, bishop of Salisbury, took him first into his house and family, and afterwards advanced him to the archdeaconry of Salisbury; and, after contesting the same with Walter Fitzpers, who claimed it by the king's grant, it was finally adjudged to Chicheley about A.D. 1402-3. This deanery he held about two years, and was then made chancellor of Salisbury; but his eminent qualifications began now to be noticed, particularly by King Henry IV. who afterwards employed him in many negociations, the first being in an extraordinary embassy to Pope Gregory XII. who was then at Sienna, where he so well acquitted himself and gained the pope's favour, that Pope Gregory, of his own voluntary notion, created him soon after bishop of St. David's, and consecrated him with his own hands. He held the bishopric until A.D. 1414, when he was translated to the see of Canterbury, by the pope's bull, bearing date the 5 May in that year. He held the archbishopric of Canterbury twenty-nine years, and dying the 13 April, A.D. 1443, was buried in the cathedral church of Canterbury. on the north side of the presbytery

Robert Bush, 10 September, A.D. 1397, on resignation of Henry Chicheley.

The Abbey and Convent of St. John, in Colchester.

RECTORS.	PATRONS.
John Beachfount, 4 December, A.D. 1400, on the resignation of Robert Bush	The Abbey and Convent of St. John, in Colchester.
William Rock	
John Everdon, 17 July, A.D. 1422, on the resignation of William Rock	
Thomas Southwell. The time of his admission is not known, but Stowe states that he was the first rector after the church was rebuilt, and was buried in the choir.	
William Trokill, 20 November, A.D. 1440	Robert Whytingham.
Robert Rous, S.T.P., 7 July, A.D. 1474, on death of William Trokill	Richard Lee, Esq.
William Sutton, S.T.B., 30 October, A.D. 1479	
John Young, L.D., 17 March, A.D. 1502, on death of William Sutton	T. Mansell, gent., ratione Advoc. ei concess. per Ric. Lee, pro hac vice.
John, archbishop of Thebes, and commendary of Carlisle. He was probably the same whom Godwyn calls by the name of John Kite, and tells us he was born in London, and was sometime the king's ambassador to Spain; he was afterwards consecrated archbishop in Greece, and afterwards made bishop of Carlisle, viz. in A.D. 1520. He died 19 June, A.D. 1537, and was buried at Stepney, near London.	
Elisus Bodley, L.D., 13 July, A.D. 1534, on the resignation of John archbishop of Thebes.	
Thomas Bekon, Cl., 24 March, A.D. 1547, on the death of Elisus Bodley	The Master and Wardens of the Grocers' Company.
William Ventris, 2 May, A.D. 1554, on the death of Thomas Bekon	
Henry Pendleton, S.T.P., 1 April, A.D. 1556, on the death of William Ventris. Strype, in his edition of Stowe, terms him "the Turncoat that forsook the Religion, when Queen Mary came to the Crown, which he earnestly professed in King Edward's Days, notwithstanding his protestation to the contrary" ^a	
Humfrey Busby, L.D., 14 March, A.D. 1557, on the death of Henry Pendleton	
Henry Pettit	

^a Strype's Stowe's London, 1720, vol. i. B. 2, p. 196.^b

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PATRONS.

- Henry Wright, A.M., 1 November, A.D. 1564, on death of Henry Pettit
- Henry Tripp, A.M., 10 November, A.D. 1572, on the resignation of Henry Wright
- Roger Fenton, 18 August, A.D. 1601, on the resignation of Henry Tripp
- Aaron Wilson. He was archdeacon of Exeter, and, being of Queen's College, took the degree of D.D. in that University 17 May, A.D. 1639
- Thomas Howell, S.T.P., 30 April, A.D. 1635, on resignation of Aaron Wilson. He was born in Carmarthenshire, and was admitted a scholar in, and afterwards became a Fellow of, Jesus College, Oxford. In A.D. 1604, at the age of sixteen, or thereabouts, he took the degrees in arts and holy orders, and became a "painful" preacher; afterwards he was made chaplain in ordinary to King Charles I.; and further, he was preferred to the rectory of West Horsley, in co. Surrey; took the degree of a doctor of divinity, was made canon of Windsor in A.D. 1636, and rector of Fulham, A.D. 1642. In the beginning of the rebellion he was forced to leave the church, and afterwards West Horsley. His Majesty thereupon nominated him, in July, A.D. 1644, to the see of Bristol, to which he was soon after consecrated at Oxford. He died in A.D. 1644, and was buried in the cathedral church of Bristol
- Michael Thomas, A.M., 8 June, A.D. 1641, on the resignation of Thomas Howell
- Thomas Warren, A.M., 6 May, A.D. 1642, on the resignation of Michael Thomas
- Robert Marriot, A.M., 15 January, A.D. 1662, and continued in the rectory until his death in A.D. 1689.

The Master and Wardens of the Grocers' Company.

From an entry in the ancient paper book, containing the inventory of the church goods temp. Edward IV., it appears that John le feroun, by his testament, enrolled in the Court of Hustings on Monday next after the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, 6 Edward I. A.D. 1298, gave to the churchwardens and parish of St. Stephen five marks annual quit-rent, issuing out of his houses and tenements in the parish of Colechurch, in London, for the finding and sustentation

of one chaplain to perpetually celebrate divine service in the said church for his soul and the souls of his ancestors, as will be seen by the following extract from the said testament:—

“ Idem, Joh'es legavit assingnauit ad Sustentacionem vnus Capellani perpetuo Celebrantis pro A'ia sua et Antecessor' suor' in Ecclesia sua parochiali S'ci stephani de walbroke quinq' m'kas anni et quieti redditus in parochia de Colchirche videlicet de Shopa q^m henricus le fferroun tenet. In Eadem parochia vnam marcam per Annu'. It'm de Schopa q^m Adam de S'co Albano tenet vna m'ca p' Annu'. It'm de dual' Shopys quas henricus Eure tenet duas m'cas. It'm q^m Joh'es hervey tenet xs. It'm de p'ua Shopa sua proxima Shope walteri fratris sui xld. per Annu'. It'm quod Executores sui de'm redditu' quinq' m'caru' quam diu vixerint Colligant et Capellanu' quem ad hoc prouiderint inde Sustentant et post Obitu' Ip'oru' Comvnitas parochie Ecclesie p'dcte' hoc Idem faciat Imperpetuum.”

In the same book is also another entry, setting forth that Roger of Ely, by his testament, enrolled in the court of Hustings on Monday next after the feast of St. Dunstan, 23 Edward III. A.D. 1351, gave the house or tenement which he had of the gift and feoffment of William Edmond—situate in the parish of St. Stephen, Walbrook, to the prior and convent of “ Newark,”^a the annual rent issuing from the same to be applied to the perpetual sustentation or maintenance of one lamp, to burn day and night in the church of St. Stephen, Walbrook. Also to the sustentation of a taper, to burn every day for ever before the great missal, which said gift is recited in the following words :

“ It'm do and lego dictis priori et Conventui de Newerk ac eoru' successoribus qui pro tempore erunt imperpetuu' totum p'dictu' tenementu' Cu' domib' et Schopis et om'ib' suis pertinenciis quod habeo ex dono et feofamento dicti Will'mi Edmond In parochia S'ci stephani de walbroke london. Et reddendum inde annuatim imperpetuu' ad Sustentacionem vnus lampadis ardentis per diem et noctem In Ecclesia S'ci stephani de walbroke london. Et ad sustentacionem vnus Cerei ardentis Ad magnam missam q^olibet die anni imp'petuu' que quidem Tenementa Johanne' de Oxforde Civis et pelliparius london m'ice tenet.”

The tenement here referred to appears to have stood next the church. The lamp here mentioned as bequeathed to the church will also be found mentioned in the early parish or churchwardens' accounts (see p. 334).

From an entry in the certificate of colleges and chantries preserved in the Augmentation Office, and bearing date 1 January, 1 Edward IV.,^b

^a In co. Surrey.

^b In Public Record Office Augmentation Office, Certificates of Colleges, Chantries, &c. 34, No. 29.

it appears that Lettice Lee, widow, gave unto the parson and churchwardens of the parish of St. Stephen certain lands and tenements situate in Bucklersbury in the said parish of St. Stephen Walbrook, also in the parishes of St. Pancras and St. Thomas the Apostle, in London, to sing in the said church yearly for the good of her soul, &c. This property is described in the certificate as producing 14*l.* 10*s.* per annum, whereof 2*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.* was paid in quit-rents, leaving a balance in hand of 11*l.* 11*s.* 9*d.*

Part of the above property, viz., a void piece of ground in Soper Lane, called a carpenter's yard, of the clear yearly value of 40*s.* was rated at twenty years' purchase and sold for the sum of 40*l.* (with other properties specified) to John Siclemore and Walter Williams, by deed dated 6 June, A.D. 1548, 2 Edward VI.^a

A second portion of the above property known as "The White Bear," with its appurtenances, situate in Bucklersbury, of the clear annual value of 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* was rated at twenty years' purchase, or 86*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and was sold with other properties to William and Ralph Bodnam, by deed dated 6 June, A.D. 1548, 2 Edward VI.^b It is stated that this quit-rent also issued out of one other tenement in Bucklersbury, in the tenure of Thomas Asshe, as well as out of the tenements above-mentioned. A third portion of the property, viz. a tenement in Bucklersbury, called "The Christopher," with its appurtenances, of the clear yearly value of 100*s.* was also rated at twenty years' purchase or 100*l.*,^c and sold to Thomas Asshe and Lettice his wife for that sum by deed dated 27 October, A.D. 1548, 2 Edward VI.^d It is also stated in these particulars that this quit-rent also issued out of one other house in Bucklersbury, from which I infer this house to be the one above referred to as being in the occupation of Thomas Asshe.

It was also stated in the certificate of colleges, &c., that one William Adams gave unto the parish and churchwardens of St. Stephen, 126*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to the intent that they should expend 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* of the same yearly in the maintenance of a priest to sing for the good

^a In Public Record Office Augmentation Office, Particulars for Sale of Colleges, Chantries, &c, vol. ii. f. 57.

^b Particulars for sale of Colleges, Chantries, &c. vol. ii. f. 92^b.

^c Ibid. vol. ii. f. 333^b.

^d Patent Roll, 2 Edward VI. p. 2, m. 28.

of his soul so long as the said sum would provide for the same. Of this sum, it appears, 20*l.*, or payments for three years, had been expended, and that a sum of 106*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* was then remaining in the hands of a person named "myller, of Lynne, in Norff".

In the same *c*ertificate is also an entry, setting forth that Laurence Bere gave to the parson and churchwardens eight tenements, with their appurtenances, in the tenure of William Saunders, worth 4*l.* per annum, for the maintenance of three obits in the said church.

Thomas "Oo," or Hoo, also gave one tenement, situate in the parish of St. Stephen Walbrook—worth 40*s.* per annum—to the parson and churchwardens of the said parish, to the intent that they should keep an obit yearly, for ever, in the said church, for the good of his soul.

In the particulars for the sale of chantries, &c. vol. i. p. 38, it mentions one tenement of the yearly value of 40*s.*, as being, among others, given by John Hurst to the parson and churchwardens of the parish of St. Stephen Walbrook, to the intent that they should keep an obit for the good of his soul for ever. This tenement was rated at fifteen years' purchase, and sold with other parcels (including the tenements above mentioned, as having been given by Thomas "Oo," or Hoo, situate in the parish of St. Stephen Walbrook), to John Howe, of London, gentleman, and John Broxholme, of "Loughe," by deed, dated 5 June, A.D. 1549, 3 Edward VI.^a

In addition to the above properties, it is also stated in the *c*ertificate that the parson and churchwardens possessed divers other lands belonging to the same church, worth 4*l.* 10*s.* per annum, but by whom or to what intent they were given was unknown.

In the particulars for the sale of chantries,^b &c. reference is made to a part of the last-mentioned property, of which no definite knowledge was possessed by the parish, viz. One tenement or storehouse, with its appurtenances, in "Bere Binder" lane, in the parish of St. Mary Woolchurch, of the value of 60*s.* per annum, and one storehouse of the value of 2*s.* per annum, which it is stated had been in the occupation of the parish for forty years, but by whom given or to what intent the parson and churchwardens could not say. The tenement and storehouse were rated at 19 years' purchase, or 58*l.* 18*s.* and were sold with

^a Patent Roll, 3 Edward VI. p. 2, m. 26.

^b Vol. ii. f. 60.

other properties to Ralph and William Bodnam, by deed dated 25 July, A.D. 1548, 2 Edward VI.^a

In the Valor Ecclesiasticus of King Henry VIII. vol. i. p. 381, the yearly value of the several chantries in the church of St. Stephen's Walbrook, and the tenths on the same, are set forth as follows:—

Chantry, founded by Richard Lee, of the clear annual value of 7*l.* tenths on the same, 14*s.*

Chantry, founded by George Gowsell, of the clear annual value of 7*l.* tenths on the same, 14*s.*

Chantry, founded by the Company of Grocers, of the clear annual value of 7*l.* tenths on the same, 14*s.*

Also another chantry, founded by John Burrell, of the clear annual value of 7*l.* tenths on the same, 14*s.*

By indenture dated 24 February, A.D. 1555-6, 2 and 3 Philip and Mary, Henry Cocks and William Shawe, two chantry priests of the parish of St. Stephen Walbrook, had a grant or pension of 100*s.* per annum each.^b

In a paper book—preserved in a packet of papers, marked *m.* in the parish chest—after a recital of the deed of purchase of the several properties hereafter mentioned, bearing date 1 April, 3 Edward VI. A.D. 1550, it is set forth that Sir Rowland Hill, knight, and sixteen other parishioners of St. Stephen's Walbrook, having lately purchased of Henry Tanner and Thomas Butcher, of London, gentlemen, one tenement called the Rose; and one other tenement, now or late in the tenure of Lord Thomas Howard, both in the parish of St. Benet two tenements in the parish of St. Michael at Queenhithe; one tenement in the parish of St. Martin's Orgar; three tenements in the parish of St. Mary Bothaw; and one tenement in the parish of St. John's Walbrook, it is to be notified and known to all the inhabitants succeeding them in the said parish of St. Stephen's, that the intent and meaning of the said purchase is, that the profit and rents issuing yearly from the said tenements are to be taken by the churchwardens of the parish for ever, and employed towards the reparation of the said tenements, and also towards the necessary "sustentacion of the amendinge and repayringe, as well of the sayde church, as also of such ornamet' and other necessities p'taynyng to the same,

^a Patent Roll, 2 Edward VI. p. 7, m. 33.

^b In Public Record Office, Cardinal Pole's Pension Book, Queen's Remembrancer's Office, vol. xxxii. f. 3^b.

as in tyme comy'ge shall stande with goddes pleasure and the kinges, accordinge to suche establyshi'g and ordynaunc'," &c.

It is also set forth, that when so many of the said seventeen parishioners or feoffees die that only four remain, the said four so remaining shall of the said before-mentioned tenements enfeoff fifteen or twenty of the most worshipful and honest men of the parish to the same intent, and in confirmation or witness hereof it recites that this is written in the church book, and also on a parchment in the keeping of the churchwardens, the 26 April, 3 Edward VI. A.D. 1550. The entry in the book is signed by the said seventeen enfeoffees.

The total yearly rent of the before-mentioned tenements is stated to be 21*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*

In A.D. 1615, 12 James I. the said king—as appears by a deed under the privy seal, preserved in a box in the parish chest—at the humble petition of the parishioners of St. Stephen's Walbrook, granted to George Hickson, pelliper,^a Reginald Greene, cutler, Roger Gwynn, grocer, Lawrence Greene, grocer, John Hodges, grocer, Thomas Underhill, haberdasher, William Randall, pelliper, John Gawtherne, pelliper,^a Edward Jennens, grocer, John Juxon, merchant taylor, and Thomas Langton, fishmonger, citizens of London, and parishioners of the church of St. Stephen's Walbrook, all that his tenement or messuage, with its appurtenances, formerly Thomas Mawgham's, situate in the parish of St. Stephen Walbrook, to the intent that the annual rents and issues of the said tenement should for ever be expended in the relief of the poor and indigent in the said parish, &c. The said tenement or messuage to be held of the king and his heirs by faithful service, in free burgage of the city of London, and not in capite or by military service, at the annual rent of 40*s.* payable by equal portions, at Michaelmas and Lady Day, annually for ever. The said grant bears date at Westminster, 18 August, A.D. 1615, 12 James I.

To Stowe and his continuator^b we are indebted for the only record extant of the principal monuments existing in the church prior to its destruction by fire in A.D. 1666. The first monument mentioned is that of Thomas Southwell—the first rector of the new church—in the choir. There were also monuments to the following persons :—

^a Skinner.

^b Strype's Stowe, 1720, vol. i. B. 2, pp. 196^a-197^b.

On a fair plated stone in the chancel was this inscription to the memory of John Dunstaple, master of astronomy and music :—

“Clauditur hoc tumulo, qui Cælum pectore clausit
Dunstaple I. juris, Astrorum conscius, illo
Judice, novit hiramis abscondita pandere cæli.
Hic vir erat tua laus, tua lux, tua musica, Princeps,
Quique suas dulces per mundum sparserat artes,
Anno Mil. C quater, semel L. tria jungito,^a Christi.
Pridie natale sidus transmigrat ad astra,
Suscipiant proprium civem cæli sibi cives.”

On another stone, close to the above :—

“Musarum doctas pietatis fidus alumnus,
Edwardus Monecroft corpus inane jacet :
Spiritus Ætherea superest tamen arce receptus,
Quo sibi dum vixit noverit ante viam.
Mens pia, larga manus sparsim dispersit egenis,
Divitias Cæli Divitiasq; Soli.”

Sir Richard Lee,^b who had been lord mayor of the city of London in A.D. 1460, and again in A.D. 1469, was also here buried, and had a monument to his memory.

Sir Ralph Dodmer, or Dormer,^c Lord Mayor in A.D. 1529, was also here buried; but there is no reference to his monument.

On an ancient tomb, in the north aisle of the choir, was the following inscription to the memory of Sir Thomas Pope and Lady Margaret his wife :—

“Hic jacet Thomas Pope, primus Thesaurarius Augmentationum :
Et domina Margareta uxor ejus. Quæ quidem Margareta obiit 16
die Januarii, An. Dom. 1538.”

Sir John Coates, citizen and salter, sheriff A.D. 1535, and lord mayor A.D. 1542, was also here buried, with a suitable monument, as was also,

^a A.D. 1453.

^b Sir Richard Lee, Knight, citizen and grocer, sheriff A.D. 1452, from co. Worcester, knighted on the field.

^c Sir Ralph Dodmer, or Dormer, citizen and mercer, from Pickering, co. York, Alderman of Walbrook, brewer, afterwards mercer, sent to prison until he consented to belong to one of the twelve great companies.—Orridge's *Citizens of London and their Rulers*, pp. 226-7.

Sir John Yorke, citizen and merchant taylor, sheriff of London
A.D. 1549.

There were also monuments to Richard Acheley, citizen and grocer, and Doctor Owen, physician to King Henry VIII.

Machyn mentions in his Diary ^a the burial of Doctor Pendylton in the following words:—

A.D. 1557. “The xxj day of September was bered doctor Pendyltun, in sant Stheyn (Stephen) in Walbroke, wher he was parsun, and browth (brought) with all Powlles qwyre to berehyng ther.”

Machyn, in his quaint style, also mentions in his Diary the funeral of Doctor Owen in the following terms :^b—

A.D. 1558. “The xxiiij day of October was bered at sant Stevyn in Walbroke master doctour Owyn, phesysson, with a ij haroldes of armes and a cote armur and penon of armes, and iij dosen of armes, and ij whyt branchys, and xx torchys; and xx pore men had gownes, and ther dener; and iij gret tapurs; and the morow masse, and master Harpfheld dyd pryche; and after a gret dener.”

To the memory of Sir Rowland Hill, citizen and mercer, Alderman of Walbrook, sheriff A.D. 1541, lord mayor A.D. 1549, a monument also existed. Machyn also mentions this burial in his Diary, and from his description, which is as follows, it was evidently a very imposing ceremony:—

A.D. 1561. “The v. day of November was bered in sant Stephen’s in Walbroke ser Rowland Hylle, latt mare and altherman and mercer and knyght, with a standard and v. pennons of armes, and a cott armur and a helmet, a crest, sword, and mantyll, and xj. dosen of skochyons of armes, and he gayff a c. gownes and cottes to men and women; and ther wher ij. haroldes of armes, master Clarenshux and master Somersett, and my lord mayre mornor, the cheyff mornor; ser Recherd Lee, master Corbett, with dyvers odur mornors, ser Wylliam Cordell, ser Thomas Offeley, ser Martens Bowes and master Chamburlan althermen, and the ij. shreyffes, and master Chambur . . and master Blakewell, with mony mo mornors, and a l. pore men in good blake gownes, besyd women, and the dene of Powlles mad the sermon; and after all done my lord mayre and mony and althermen whent to the Mercers’ hall and the craft to dener, and the resedu to ys plase to dener, and grett mon mad for hys deth, and he gayff myche to the pore.”

The monumental stone to the memory of Sir Rowland Hill appears

^a Henry Machyn’s Diary, p. 152.

^b Ibid. p. 177.

to have been on the ground in the south aisle, and bore the following inscription :

“ A friend to Vertue, a lover of Learning,
 A foe to Vice, a vehement Corrector,
 A prudent Person, all Truth supporting,
 A Citizen sage, and worthy Counsellor,
 A lover of Wisedome, of Justice a furtherer,
 Loe, here his corps lyeth, Sir Rowland Hill by name,
 Of London late Lord Maior, and Alderman of fame.”

There was also a monument to the memory of Edward Jackman, citizen and grocer, sheriff of London A.D. 1564, and in the chancel the following inscription to the memory of John Kirkbie;

“ Within this Grave entombed lyes a Man of honest Fame,
 A Grocer of this Noble Town, John Kirkbie was his Name.
 He lived forty years and nine, in credit with the best :
 He dy'd such time as here you see, his Soul in Heaven doth rest.

Obiit 17. die Julii, An. Dom. 1578.

On a fair grave-stone, in the north cloister, was the following inscription to the memory of John, Mary, and Oliver Stile.

This life hath on earth no certaine while,
 Example by John, Mary, and Oliver Stile,
 Who under this stone lye buried in the dust,
 And putteth you in memory that dye all must.
 John Stile borne in An. 1582. the 22. of May,
 Dyed in An. 1583. of June the 25. day.
 Also the 5. of October, 1583. Mary Stile borne was,
 The 5. of August, 1585. out of this life did passe.
 Oliver Stile the 25. of February, 1584. this mortall life begun,
 And ended the same the 9. of August, 1585. his course being then run
 Thus may you see, that as you are so were we,
 And as we now be even so shall ye.
 Yet none can tell the hower, nor whan,
 That gift was never given to man:
 Therefore while you have time and space,
 Pray unto God for mercy and grace.

Under the communion table was the following inscription to the memory of Roger Fenton :

Venerabili viro Rogero Fenton, Lancastriensi, Aulæ Penbrochianæ in Academia Cantabrigiensi olim socio, Sacræ Theologiæ Doctori; Viro insigniter

docto, pio, dilecto, sed immatura nimis morte obrepto: Sancti Stephani sua (dum viveret) Parochia, ex justo sensu et sui et communis damni; hoc pii doloris testimonium cordibus prius impressum viventium, jamq; lapide tantum expressum Monumentum, ut sacrum amoris sui memoriale.

Cum perpetuæ memoriæ voto Posuit. Qui obiit 16. Jan. An. Dom. 1615. Ætatis suæ 50.

Newcourt mentions the burial of Mr. Alexander Brome, attorney at law, in the church a short time before the great fire in A.D. 1666, he having died at his house in Barge Yard in the month of June in that year, and further states that he was "a very pleasant Companion, and an ingenious Poet, as appears by his Book of Poems, Printed in 1668."^a

As an appendix it may not be out of place to record a few circumstances which have occurred in the parish in times past, and other matters of interest.

APPENDIX.

(1.)

"A Boy named Robert Fitz Paine, 20 H. III. fell from an Horse in Walbroke Street by a Fright which Rob. de Donstable put the Horse into, on which the said Robert rode. And within a Month after he died. For this the said Robert appeared at the Tower before the King's Justices that then sat there upon the Pleas of the Crown; and was not suspected to intend the Death of the other. Yet because he affrighted the Horse foolishly and ignorantly, it was judged an Accident: but he was committed to Gaol for his Folly."^b

"And because the Sheriffs and Chamberlain made no Inquisition as to the horse aforesaid, which had been the bane of the said boy, they were to be amerced. Afterwards, Jordan appeared, and paid by way of fine for the bane aforesaid two shillings, for which the [then] Sheriffs made answer. Afterwards [the said Robert] fined for half a mark, on the surety of William de Donstaple."^c

(2.)

Stowe records that :—

"At an House within this parish, Dr. Story, and other Commissioners of Queen Mary, for Matters of Religion, came one day to Dinner, and sent for some Citizens charged with Heresy and Treason."^d

(3.)

In A.D. 1567 an account was taken of all the strangers and foreigners resident in London at Easter in that year. The following

^a *Newcourt's Repertorium*, vol. i. p. 538.

^b *Strype's Stowe*, 1720, vol. i. B 2, p. 198a.

^c *Liber Albus*, translated by H. T. Riley, M.A., p. 86.

^d *Strype's Stowe*, 1720, vol. i. B 2, p. 196b.

list of names of those who were then resident in Walbrook, with their several terms of residence, is extracted from a manuscript preserved among the Lansdowne collection in the British Museum.^a

		YERES.		
	Rumbell Johnson . . .	xviiij.	} Denisens.	
	Martyn Stronge, tailor . . .	xxxij.		
	Katherin, his wif . . .	xl.		
	Edward Strett, tailor . . .	xviiij.		
	John Smythe . . .	xl.		
	Anthouny Van Hoven . . .	ix.		
	Giles Vanne Hill . . .	vj.		
	Agatha, his wif . . .	vj.		
	Twoe children.			
	ffrauncis Romeros . . .	iiij.		} Not denisens.
Dutchemen . . .	John Harmansonne . . .	j.		
	Nichas Stevinson . . .	ix.		
	John Hyllygen . . .	d.		
	Peter Vanenock . . .	j.		
	Garrat Dawson . . .	iiij.		
	Martyn Van barne . . .	ij.		
	Henry Petarson . . .	ij.		
	Palle Cokkis . . .	d.		
	Andrian Kempe . . .			
	Peter Alde . . .	iiij.	} Denisens.	
	John de broyn . . .	iiij.		
	Peter Vanslebe . . .	iiij.		
	Joys Van Heck . . .	iiij.		
Italeons . . .	Baltesar Santes . . .	xviiij.		
	John grey, broker . . .	xviiij.		
	Denes Coune . . .	d.		} Not denisens.
ffrenchemen . . .	Bre maynard . . .	j.		
	Arnold 'degaunt . . .	a moneth.		

S'ma xxix.

(4.)

Extracts from the will of Richard Quyne, citizen and grocer of London, dated 16 August, 1655 :—

Desires to be buried at Stratford-upon-Avon, where his father and others his ancestors are interred; names his five children, Richard, Adrian, Thomas, William, and Sarah; mentions his brother-in-law, Mr. John Sadler, and his sister, Elizabeth, the wife of the said John; and also says :—

“ I giue to the Worshipfull Companie of Grocers, London (whereof I am a

^a Lansd. MS. Brit. Mus. No. 10, art. 5, f. 45 (in pencil f. 35). Indorsed “ Strangers in London and Westminster, 1567.”

Member), a peece of plate of the value of Tenne pounds sterling. To Master Watson, Minister of the word of God in Saint Stephens, in Walbrooke, London, I giue five pounds."

To his loving brother, Thomas Quiney,^a and his assigns, for and during the term of his natural life, 12*l.* annually, to be issuing, going out, and taken of all those his messuages and lands at Shotttery, with the appurtenances, in co. Warwick, to be paid to him quarterly; and, at the death of his said brother Thomas, his executors are directed to take out of, in, and upon the said lands, 5*l.* therewith to bear and defray the charges of his funeral. To the town of Stratford-upon-Avon, and to their successors for ever he gives his two small tenements

"neare the Meere side in Stratford vpon Avon a foresaid with there Appurtenances soe as they keepe the same in good repayre, and out of the rents and profitts thereof pay and discharge the annuall Quitt Rent of five shillings payable towards the maintenance of the Bridge there, and vpon this speciall trust, that the said Towne and threire successors doe forever pay, imploy, and dispose of the annuall rents and profitts of the same Tenements over and aboue the said Quitt rent, repayres, and Taxes thereupon assessed, to and for the vse and benefit of the poore Almes people of the said Towne of Stratford vpon Avon, and for the time being, and to and for noe other vse, intent, or purpose."

He appoints his son Richard Quiney his full and sole executor, and his brother-in-law John Sadler, his sons-in-law Edward Pilkington and Thomas Booth, his brother-in law William Smith, and his cousin Richard Chaundler, his overseers.

Proved at London by Richard Quiney, 3 January, A.D. 1656.^b

(5.)

Extracts from the will of John Sadler, of the parish of St. Stephen's, Walbrook, in London, grocer, dated 11 December, A.D. 1658:—

Desires to be decently buried in the parish church of St. Stephen's, in Walbrook, if he happen to die in the said parish, &c. Among other bequests, he says:—

"I giue vnto my very worthie ffreinde, Master Watson, our Minister, fflower pounds. And I alsoe giue vnto my louing Neighbour, Master John Thuriy, the like summe of fflower pounds."

"Item, I doe giue vnto the Releife of the poore of ffileld afore said the summe of fiue pounds to be distributed and disposed to and amongst such poore, weeke, and impotent persons of that parish as my said sonne, Master Walker,^c shall think

^a This Thomas Quiney married Judith, the youngest daughter of William Shakespeare, who is said to have married him without her father's knowledge, as he mentions her in his will as unmarried.

^b Principal Registry, 6 Ruthen.

^c Minister of Fifeild, in co. Essex.

fitt to dispose and distribute the same vnto. Item, I giue and bequeath vnto the like releife of the poore of the Towne and parish of Stratford aforesaid the like summe of fiue pounds to be distributed to and amongst such of the poorest and most aged and impotent persons therein as the Minister and Church Wardens of the said parish for the time being shall Conceiue most fitt and needfull to haue the same. Item, I giue and bequeath vnto the Minister of the said Parish of Stratford aforesaid fforty shillings."

He appoints his sons-in-law, John Wilby and Anthonie Walker, his executors.

Proved at London by Anthony Walker, 3 January, A.D. 1658, power being reserved to grant the like probate to the other executor if he request the same.^a

(6.)

Extracts from the will of Adrian Quiney,^b citizen and grocer of London, dated 4 February, A.D. 1692 :—

Desires to be privately and decently buried, with the prayers of the Church of England, with his father, mother, and brother, in the church of Stratford-upon-Avon, the place of his nativity. After numerous bequests to relatives, &c. he states—

"Item, forasmuch as the said Jane Kirkham hath been conversant with and attended on my poore distracted brother, William Quiney, for above twenty yeares past, and she by her peculiar tenderness over him hath gained from him in a greate measure the respect due to a parent to the sole intent his life may be as easy as his deplorable Condition will admitt, I reckon my selfe by the naturall tye of brotherly affection and by the Common obligation of Christian Charity and compassion bound, and I doe hereby, with the approbation of my Executors, leave my said brother to the tuition and care of the said Jane Kirkham ;"

and, after stating that the estate of the said William, by reason of tenants' repairs, &c. had not maintained him without his help, he desires his executors out of the remainder of his own estate to make such addition to his maintenance as they shall think fit; and further states—

"Item, in consideration of the faithful service done and performed by the said Jane Kirkham for me ever since the death of my brother, Mr. Richar Quiney, I give unto her the sum'e of twenty pounds."

Proved at London 14 August, A.D. 1693, by his cousins, Robert Harvey and Richard Cooper, the executors appointed.^a

^a Principal Registry, 7 Pell. ^b Son of Richard Quiney before mentioned.

^c Principal Registry, 129 Coker.

The following Inventory of the goods, plate, vestments, &c. belonging to and existing in the church the 20th July, 6 Edward VI. A.D. 1552, is preserved in the Public Record Office.^a This document is written on paper, and consists of ten pages, but the first page only refers to this church, and appears to be the first part of the Inventory. The remainder clearly refers to the goods of another church, called "St. florster," probably St. Vedast *alias* Foster.

The first entries on this document refer to a communion cup and two chalices with covers, weighing 75 ounces, also one basin of silver parcel gilt weighing 21 ounces. I have selected the following items as the most interesting :—

"It'm a carpet for the Com'nyon table made of old alter clothes
of blue velvet."

"It'm fyve bellys and one small bell in the steple."

"It'm there was dyu's sortes of plate solde to master Calton gold-
smythe v^cxxvj vnces iij q^{tt}' at v^s j^d the vnce su' is . Cxxxiiiij^{li} ij^s vij^d.

It'm solde to dyu's other p'sons in copes vestymentes and other
orname'tes to ye su' of . lxxxij^{li} j^d.

Su' ij^cxvj^{li} ij^s viij^d

which was Employed and bestowed in landes to the vse of the
said p'ishe to the may . . . ^b of the of the said churche
and diu's other necessaryes p'teynyng to the same.

which said landes were bought after 21 yeres purches and
lyngte here in london s fo g."

Then follows a list of the property referred to, viz.:—

One house in the parish of St. Bennet, Paul's Wharf, late in the holding of Elynor White, 3l. 0s. 0d.

Two tenements in St. Michael's at Queenhith, in the holding of Agnes Palmer and William Wyborne, 3l. 3s. 8d.

Two tenements in the parish of "St. Mary buttalles"^c in "Canwicke" Street late in the holding of John Archer, 3l. 10s. 0d.

One tenement in the said parish in the holding of John Hanny, 33s. 4d.

One tenement in the parish of St. John's, Walbrook in the tenure of "Rauff Robynson," 33s. 4d.

In conclusion, I have to record my sincere thanks to the Rev. William Windle, M.A., Rector of the parish, for his kindness in permitting me to have free access to the parish records for the purposes of this paper. Also to Mr. Bishop—in whose year of office as upper churchwarden the foregoing materials were collected—for his kind attention during my lengthy research.

^a Exchequer Queen's Remembrancer's Church Goods, London, J. E. G. 12236 $\frac{4}{56}$. This Inventory has been inadvertently omitted from its proper place in p. 376.

^b Obliterated.

^c St. Mary Bothaw.