

NOTES ON AN INVENTORY OF WESTMINSTER  
 ABBEY, A.D. 1388. NOW IN THE LIBRARY OF  
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iiij quissina de viridi Syndoriâ \* auro brudate; some were inscribed cum literis.  
 Alba cum freldis aureis.

Alba de panno aureo de Damask opere indentato contexto.†

Albe scutate "with scutchyns."

Alba rubeo cum rosis pinctiolis et stragulis.‡

*Mitres.*

Eight are mentioned.

The ninth, ex dono R. Tailborthe, is clearly the same as the vi. mitre in the Inventory of Henry VIII. I may remark that "fleures" are rendered "platis," and S. Nicholas bishop appears as "parvus pontifex. The "eight long bells" are attached to the first mitre, given, like the second, by Cardinal Simon (Langham); garnished is rendered aurifrigiatus a rybe bordura.

Page ii. c. ix. Sotularium par per se de coreo desuper aurato cum diversis lapidibus impressis sine sandaliis.

Sotulares are rendered "Sabatyns." The other sandals were (1) de rubeo samyte brudatum cum ramis vinearum sive arborum; (2) de blodio samyte brudatum cum clavibus rosis et lunis; (3) de nigro samyte brudatum castellis lunis et talentis; (4) ex blodio panno de-argentato.

Serotecæ. Pontifical gloves, 6.

One pair is described as triffurata cum perulis in modum Crucis.

\* Syndar is "satten."

† "indented like chevern" (chevrons).

‡ stragulæ are "straykes" or stripes. Stoles and maniples with bells are mentioned.

Two other pairs were *ex coreo vocato Chevell*. Coles, in his Dictionary, gives Chervel, Charwell, a river on the east side of Oxford, famous for dressing of leather.

The following entry is unique and refers to the travelling furniture of the altar carried by a priest on a journey :

*Capella Portatilis est una cum ornaturiz: cum j cas continente, j Calicem deauratum. ij phialas, j pixedem, j Campanam, j tabulum pro pane dando argent. et deauratum, j superaltare de alabastro, j rerdos, j frontellum cum fronteletto, ij redelles, j alba cum stola et manipulo, j zona, j casula, et j cas cum corporali de blodio panno de tartaryn stragulato.*

On the flyleaf, in a very late hand, these notes occur :

The xij day ys servayd wyth everythyng e at hy masse and processyon as pryncypall festis. Item ij blew tyssu seruyth for the fest of Seynt Edward at Mychelmas, and the Jessys \* serve for the oder festis of Seynt Edward at Crystmas, and the blew mylls do serve for boyth the vygylls of Seynt Edward synglarly.

The Revistying of the Abbot of Westminster at Evensong :

Fyrste the Westerer shall lay the Abbotts cope lowest upon the awter within the sayd westre nex upon hys gray ames then hys surples after that thys rochet and uppemost hys kerchieve.

The revistying of the sayd abbott at Syngyng hy masse :

Fyrst the westerer shall lay lowest the chesbell, above that the dalmatykk, and the dalmatyke with ye largest sleveys uppemost and the other nethermost then hys stole and hys fanone and hys girdyll upon that hys albe therupon hys grey ames, above that hys rochet and upermost hys kerchurc with a vestrye gurdyll to tukk up hys cote [? cowl].

Hys myter and crose beyng redy with hys glovys and pontyficalls.

And afore all thys you muste se that hys sabatyns and sandalls be redy at hys fyrst cumyng when he settyth hym downe in the travys.†

Allso Mem. that every Sunday betwene Crystmasse and Candlemasse with they sey of the Dom' they shall be revestyd all in whyte and preface shall be *Quia per me renati . . . . teste.*

\* The "Jesses," representations of the Root of Jesse, are mentioned in the Inventory. For the grey almuce or amess and the kerchief or linen amice, see my Sacred Archaeology. A cope with "mylls" is mentioned in the Inventory, p. 17.

† The Inventory mentions a travers of grene sylk.