

NOTES.

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ST. PAUL'S HAMMERSMITH: ANCIENT MONUMENTS BROUGHT TO LIGHT.

By the generosity of the Worshipful Company of Salters the monument of Alderman James Smith, Citizen and Salter, has recently been restored and re-erected in the Chancel of this Church. On the rebuilding of the Church in 1882 this monument, with several others, was not erected in the new building. Enquiries by a descendant of Alderman Smith led to a search being made, and on the removal of a part of the floor of the Choir Vestry an interesting discovery was made of six of the oldest monuments the Church possessed. The list of persons whom they commemorated is given in chronological order:—1. Edmond Sheffield, 1st Earl of Mulgrave, K.G., 1646. 2. Mrs. Mary Green, 1657. 3. Francis Wolley. 4. Alderman James Smith, 1667. 5. Sir Timothy Lannoy, 1718. 6. Rev. Michael Hutchinson, D.D., 1740.

Alderman Smith, who was a merchant in Friday Street, was a prominent member of the Salters' Company, and had a country house at Hammersmith. He was of a generous disposition, and the Hammersmith Gift Book contains several entries of his benevolence to the poor, as well as one of a gift of Communion plate to the "Chappell of Hammersmith." This plate is still in constant use at the Church, and is one of its most treasured possessions. Alderman Smith also built and endowed almshouses at Cookham, his native place, the control of which trust is vested in the Salters' Company.

The monument has an imposing appearance, and is a great addition to the Chancel of this beautiful Church.

The Vicar and Churchwardens hope that means may be forthcoming to re-erect the remaining monuments.

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