

CHICHELEY.

This estate belonged originally to Tickford Abbey, and was with much more, granted by Henry VIII. to Cardinal Wolsey for the building of Christ Church, and at his fall resumed by the Crown. It was granted by Queen Elizabeth to Anthony Cave, and came to the Chesters through marriage with his daughter and heiress Judith. In the Church there are two Brasses to Anthony Cave,* one representing him in armour with his wife Alice, and inscribed **Hic jacet Anthonius Cave Armiger quondam Mercator Stapule C Alicie dominus de Chicheley, qui obit nono die Septembris An^o dni Millesimo CCCCC lviii^o, cujus animae upicietur deus Amen**; the other bearing a Skeleton in a Shroud, with the arms of Anthony Cave, and the inscription—

**Vos qui transitis memores nostre esse belitis
 Quod sumus eritis, fuimus quandoque quod estis
 Et lege et plege, et nihil teribilius inveneris
 Quam vivere in eo statu in quo mori times.**

**All ye that pass hereby
 Ye may se where I lie
 Sone gone soner forgotten
 So shall ye be that come after
 Wherefore Remember and Remember again.**

WEST WYCOMBE CHURCH.

The Church here was erected in 1763, but stands on the site of a much older Building. Its remarkable position on the top of a high hill was accounted for by John Aubrey in 1686, on the supposition that the first Church built there took the place of an ancient heathen altar. It is not uncommon to find Churches dedicated to S. Michael built on the tops of hills, or else with lofty steeples.

* For rubbings of these the Society is indebted to the Rev. Anthony Chester, the present Lord of the Manor.