

CHURCH OF ST. MARY, AYLESBURY.

The Rev. J. R. Pretyman, formerly vicar of this parish, has lately placed an elegant stained glass window in the south chapel of Aylesbury Church, to the memory of his son, a young man of much promise, who died at sea about four years ago, to the great grief of his parents. The subject of the window, most appropriately chosen, is "St. Peter going on the water to meet Jesus." It is the work of Messrs. O'Connor and Taylor, the same artists who executed the Ceely and Hatten windows adjoining; and it fully sustains their reputation. This well-known south chapel is now filled with stained glass of great richness; and the effect is much enhanced by the harmony, with variety, produced by the employment of the same artists in the three cases. Mr. Pretyman has added another substantial evidence of the many sympathies which gather round this noble church; and those of the present parishioners of Aylesbury who still remember their former vicar with respectful affection, will be grateful to him for having chosen Aylesbury Church as the receptacle of this beautiful and affecting monument to the memory of his much loved son. Beneath the window is a brass plate, bearing the following inscription:—"In Honorem Dei, necnon in memoriam filii dilectissimi Edvardi Johannis Pretyman, hoc in oppido oriundi, vitreas hasce tabulas pictas, mœrens pater, hujus ecclesie olim vicarius, figendas curavit. Qui quum in classe regiâ apud Jamaicum insulam mereret, infelici casu oppressus, quinto post die animam efflavit, spem omnem in Dei charitate positam testatus. Obiit die vigesimo Februarii, anno Salutis MDCCCLXXI, ætatis suæ vigesimo quarto; Sepultus est in Jamaicâ juxta Portum Regium. Vale anima alacris et erecta."
