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Reading Chantries.

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THE following further particulars, relating to Reading Chantries, are extracted from the subsequent return made 1 Edward VI., immediately preceding their dissolution.

ST. LAWRENCE'S PARISH.

Jesus Chantry—value returned as xiiij^{li}. vij.^s. i^d.—The rents resolute at xxxj^s. ix^d., and for reparations *communibus annis* iiiij^{li}. v^s. iii^d. remaining to Richard Adeane, incumbent, of xxxix. yeres, mete to serve cure, and having besides this, cx^s. of a free chapel in Wallingford, viij^{li}. x^d.

Goods remaining there, lxx^s. x^d., over and besides 1 chalice weighing xx^{oz}.

Stipendary priest.—The founders for a certain sum not named, paid "to ye Mr. and wardens of the Guyld of St. Katherine, appertaining to Haberdashers Hall in London," bound the said fraternity to pay yearly, out of their said Hall, to maintain the said priest vj^{li}.; the Mayor to have for his costs riding to London vj^s. viij^d.; the incumbent "William Webbe, clerke, of thage of vij

yeres, decrepid, not able to serve any cure, nor having any income besides his stipend."

Goods remaining there cxij^s. iiij^d. Chalice none.

A Memorandum is added, that one Henry Kelsawe left by will dated 1498, 20^s. rent out of his lands and tenements in Reading Southampton, Isle of Wight, and Bramley; whereof x^s. for relief of the poor, and x^s. to keep an obit. The number of "howsling people" of the said parish is estimated at 1,000, and the value of the vicarage at x^{li}. iiij^s. iiij^d.

ST. MARY'S PARISH.

Colney's Chantry:—Besides the Rents resolute xi^a. x^d, Tenths reserved are xiiij^s. viij^d.; so remaining to Richard Turnor, clerk, incumbent, chaplaine to the Busshopp of London, of the age of liij. years, not apte to kepe cure, and yeit is Vicar of Hillingdon which is in the Kings Books worth by yere xvj^{li}.,—viij^{li}. xiiij^s. vj^d. *

Goods—none: given or sold since the 23rd Nov. 37 Henry viij. but there remains in the custody of John Verney and John Stile, Churchwardens, xiiij^s. j^d.

Jesus Fraternity. Sir Harry Robinson is incumbent of the age of lx. years, not able to keep cure, and having nothing besides his stipend. No goods.

The Hospital founded by William Barnes is not mentioned in this Return; that founded by John Leche, alias Larder, "and by Robert Knolles Knight," is returned as of yearly value vij^s. iiij^d, whereof Almes iiij^s. iiij^d. And to keep an obit iij^s.

The number of howseling people in the parish—500; value of Vicarage x^{li}.

ST. GILES' PARISH.

Return agrees with former certificate.—Houselling people within the parish—500 and the value of Vicarage vij^{li}.

