

15th The Rev. Alan Cheales delivered a learned lecture on "Israel in Egypt," when Lord Saye and Sele presided. The lecturer, who is an authority on Egyptian antiquities, gave convincing proofs of the Bible narrative by references to inscriptions and other historical evidences which abound in that wonderful country.

Other lectures are promised, viz:—

"The Churches of Sparsholt and Childrey" by the President.

"A Tour in Northern France" by Captain Henderson.

"Touching for the King's Evil" by G. E. Peachey, Esq.

## The Church Plate of Berkshire.

### WICKHAM.

- 1 & 2. Cup and cover. Date letter 1804-5. Maker's mark, I.M. (cf. Chaffers, p. 190). The cup has an egg-shaped bowl, and on the base the sacred monogram. The cover is round, with three legs or knobs, and a dome-shaped top with the sacred monogram.
- 3 & 4. Two Plates bearing the same date letter and maker's mark. There is a kind of cable-edge. The sacred monogram is inscribed.
5. A small Cruet, with plated mount.

The cup and cover described above are said to be "The Berkshire Shape."

Height of the cup  $6\frac{3}{4}$  inches, diameter  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches, weight  $13\frac{3}{4}$  ozs. Diameter of plate  $7\frac{3}{4}$  inches, weight  $8\frac{1}{2}$  ozs. Weight of cover  $4\frac{3}{4}$  ozs.

### WELFORD.

Cup, Paten, two Flagons and two Plates. Date letter 1737. Maker's mark I.W. vid. Chaffers, p. 181. This I.W. stands for John White.

Inscription on the cup "The gift of Susanna Archer, wife of William Archer, Esq., to the Church of Welford, Berkshire, 1738."

*Iam laicis quam clericis* is a motto on the cup and paten under the sacred monogram. Both plates have wavy moulded edges, and the motto *Nemini sine poculo* appears on each under the sacred monogram.

Cup, height  $9\frac{1}{2}$  inches, diameter  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

Paten, diameter 6 inches, height 2 inches.

The motto *Iam laicis quam clericis* is inscribed on the two flagons, which are very large vessels.

#### WINTERBOURNE.

1. Cup. Date letter 1719. The maker's mark is obliterated. There appears to be a small O at the centre of a shield and a mullet beneath (vide Cripps, p. 335). The cup is of the usual shape with a small boss, and a lip round moulded base. Britannia Standard. Height  $8\frac{1}{4}$  inches. Diameter 4 inches. The base is leaded. A date is inscribed MCCCLIII., with the inscription *Capella de Winterbourne*.
2. Paten. Date letter 1720 (not Britannia Standard). Maker's mark, some letter (? B.) and C. in the heart of a shaped shield, and possibly a pellet below (vide Cripps, p. 339). It is inscribed "The gift of Mrs. Eliz. Hatt of Lackhamstead to Winterborne Church, A.D. 1737." Diameter  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Height  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches. There is a moulded edge on the foot of the paten.
3. Plated Flagon, jug-shaped, and inscribed with the words:—"The gift of J. Ellie Robinson, Vicar, October 30th, 1860."

#### CHIEVELEY.

- 1 & 2. Chalices. Mediæval shape. Hexagonal bases and perforated bosses. The cups are hemispherical. Date letters 1872-3. The sacred monogram is inscribed on one of the bases. Maker's mark  $\text{C.O.}$ . The inscription is "S. Mary's Church, Chieveley."
- 3 & 4. Patens with the same marks and inscriptions.
5. Paten, on the foot the sacred monogram. There are no marks, except the maker's mark, R.Z., with a kind of acorn above the letters.
6. Flagon, jug-shaped, with the same marks as 1, 2, 3 and 4. It is inscribed:—"For the Service of God in Chieveley Parish Church, a thank-offering from the children of Edgar and Margaret Corrie, A.D. 1873." On the base is inscribed:—"S. Mary's Church, Chieveley, Berks, one Flagon, two

Chalices, two Patens. This memorial thank-offering presented by the children of Edgar and Margaret Corrie, of Arlington Manor in this parish, on the re-building of the Church, May, 1873."

## OARE.

1. Cup. Date letter 1839. Maker's mark, W.K.R. It bears the inscription:—"Thank-offering from William Mount, 1851, Oare Chapel, Berks." Height  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches, diameter  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches, weight  $12\frac{3}{4}$  ozs.
2. Flagon. Date letter 1851. Maker's mark, <sup>G.T.F.</sup><sub>G.F.</sub> and bears the same inscription as the cup. It is jug-shaped, about  $10\frac{1}{2}$  ins. high, and 1 lb.  $11\frac{1}{2}$  ozs. in weight.
3. Paten. Date letter 1730. Maker's mark, I.W., with a shapeless object above and a mullet below. The letter *f.* within a shield is an old Exeter Assay Office mark, where this paten was made. It bears the same inscription as the other plate in this Church, and the sacred monogram. Diameter  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches, height  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches, weight  $9\frac{1}{2}$  ozs.
4. A Plated Paten.

## STEVENTON.

1. Cup and cover. Date letter 1571. The maker's mark is obliterated. Possibly it is a star, or a fleur de lys or eagle in a round. Height  $7\frac{1}{4}$  inches, diameter  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches. It has a very pretty ornamentation, especially the repoussé work on the boss. It has the usual band, and was at one time gilt. The cover is quite plain.
2. Cup, bearing a Sheffield date letter (?). Maker's mark, C.F. Height 6 inches, diameter 3 inches.
3. Paten. Date letter 1874. Maker's mark, S.S. Diameter  $5\frac{7}{8}$  inches.

