

WING.

EXTRACTS FROM CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS.

Mr. T. M. Blagg, F.S.A., has favoured us with transcripts of the two following MS. Inventories of Church goods here. The earlier is of the year 1527, and is a fuller list than the subsequent Inventory of Edward VI., taken under the commission of May 16, 1552, with a view to raising money for the King, and although the later list has been printed (Alcuin Club Collections, IX., 1908), I have thought it would be interesting to print both together for comparison. Mr. Blagg writes that he did not himself make either transcript, and does not know by whom they were made, and that he feels certain that the earlier has never been printed. The later list contains slight variations from the printed version referred to above, which was from a transcript by the Rev. J. E. Brown.

The 1527 Inventory in the Churchwardens' Accounts is now preserved in the British Museum, where this transcript was made. Mr. P. T. Ouvry, a former vicar, referred to it in his paper "The Parish of Wing" (RECORDS III., 88): "There is an ancient book of the Churchwardens' accounts till the year 1723, beginning in the year 1527 with a list of the church furniture. When I came to Wing in 1850 I found this book without its covers, and in a very dilapidated state in an old chest in the church." With the concurrence of the Churchwardens it was sent to the binders at the British Museum, who did wonders for it.

Comparing these two lists we find that the earlier has 37 "items," the later 18; that instead of the five chalices of the former only two remained; that a silver-gilt pax has disappeared, and a silver parcel-gilt "sensour." The list of service books given in the earlier inventory is interesting, and includes no less than twenty, of which more than half were "wrytt." This suggests the reflection that if one

parish church of no special importance had so many service books, presumably of no value in the eyes of Edward VI. commissioners, why have so few come down to us? Puritanical zeal of the following century no doubt destroyed many; the dampness of our churches still more of those on paper—we do not know what proportion were on vellum—but the destruction from one cause or another is sad to think upon.

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B.M. MSS.
XIX. 31998
pres. by A. R.
Gardner
20 Dec. 1882.

Md that theys be the ornamentes off the
perychie churche off Wynge A.D. M^o de
xxvi^o die vero mensis Junii vigesimo
secundo.

In primis fyve chaleyces off sylvyr too
thorow gylde and thre parcell gylde.

Item pyxys one sylver ungyldde and the
other copper and gylde somtyme off the
gyveytt¹ off Joane Foonbans.

Item one pax sylver and gylte and too
olde paxys.

Item one sylver sensours ungyle saynge
the towars and pennacklyes² off the same
with other ceyrdayne places.

Item too crossys cooper and gylte and
other too olde crossys.

Item thre crosse staveys one copper and
gylte and too off woode.

Item thre crosse clothys one offgreane
sarsneytt and too olde.

Item syx banner clothys and foure
streyners and eyghte pools too the same.

Item too canopey kyrchevys one off
neidle worke and the other off lawne.

Item a clothe for the canopy off satteyne
the color off vyelett with fore stavys
unto the same.

Item too coopys one of blew welveytt
[another of wyte] and other course
coppe.

Item too hangynges are off blew for the bye alter and an other off wheytt fustayne for our Ladys Alter.

Item a borthor of clothe off goolde for the hay Alter off the givett off Sir Radulphe Werney.

Item a paylle for the Sepulcher off brauncheyde worke.

Item a gyrdeyll off neidleworke for the Sepulcher.

Item foore corpraxys and foore caysys too the same.

Item too qwheyshynges³ for the Alters.

Item thretteyene Alter clothys good & badde off the wyche fyve be payntyde.

Item syx westmentes wythe theyr albys and all other thynges parteynyng thertoo one off blew welvett and an otheyr off greyue the thyrde off blew danmaske braunchyde the foorte of reide satteyne wyth a tronyckle⁴ too the same off the same sorytt for a deeane the syxt off whytt satteyne.

Item thre course vestmeyntes one for every Sondey and too for every worke day.

Item too chesabyls wythout albeys.

Item ix dryynge towells for the alters good and baidde.

Item syx cruettes and thre sacrynge bells and a labour too weishe wyth att the crystyng off chylther and too hande bells.

Item too reyve surpleys for prestes and syx playne for clarkes and other syx olde surpleys for scolers.

Item a vayle cloth for Lent and other thre one for our Ladys Alter and an other for our Lady and the thyrde for Sancte Johne off Baptyste.

List of Church Goods
made by Edward vi's
Commissioners at
Wing in Buckingham
shire (Cotteslowe Hund)
and left in charge of
Henry Nicholes &
Thoms Mayne
P.R.O. 6 Edw. 6
Church Goods. Bucks ¹

In primus ij Chalice wth their
patence of silver gilt.
Ite a pyxe of latten: a paxe of
copper.
Ite iij crosses of copper: ij
pyppes of copp for the cross
staffe.
Ite ij candilstyk of brasse for to
(?) Tappers e upon the aulter.
Ite in the steple iiij grait bells e
a saunctis bell: one hand bele
e ij sacrynge bells
Ite iij hanapier⁸ clothes to hange
about the pyxe, ij of needle
worke e one of pleyne clothe.
Ite one sute of vestmynts for the
prist ⁹ e ⁹ of whyte
damaske.
Ite ij redd vestmynts of silk both
for prists.
Ite a blewe vestymnt of sylke.
Ite ij vestymts of grene silk for
the prest.
Ite an olde vestymt ow silke
almost rottyn.
Ite iij coppes whereof one of
white damaske another of
blewe velvet the iij^{de} of silk
almost rotten.
Ite vj albes.
Ite vij corporas cases & fyve
corporas clothis.
Ite ij aulter clothes hangyng
before the aulter one of
¹⁰ silk the other of whit
ffustain.
Ite vij aulter clothes yt gold¹¹ e
other ffyve broken.
Ite a payer of organs.
Ite a holy water stope of brasse.

⁸ Or *canopy*, as in earlier list.

⁹ Brown transcript supplies these blanks as "*deacon and sub-deacon.*"

¹⁰ Brown transcript supplies this blank as "*chungeable.*"

¹¹ That be old (?). Brown transe., "*that be sold.*"