HILLESDEN ACCOUNT BOOK, 1661—1667.

(By the Editor.)

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Minister's Stipend.

The Dentons owned the tithes of Hillesden and provided the incumbent with his stipend, in addition to which they paid the rent of the rectory.

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<td>18—189 Paid to Mr. Christopher Canner, Minister of Hillesdon, in full for his stipend for serving the cure there for one quarter of a year ending at Michaelmas 1661, as appears by Acquittance .......... 8 15 0</td>
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<td>255—355 Paid to Mr. Samuel Dix, Minr., for serving the cure at Hillesdon for one quarter of a year ending the 14th of April 1666, as appears by Acquittance ...... 7 10 0</td>
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The last payment to Mr. Canner was down to 24 June, 1665 ¹; shortly afterwards we find the following entries:

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<td>205—648 Paid to Mr. Tho. Berry for serving the cure at Hillesdon 3 Sundays and a fast day ended 16 July 1665, at 10s. p. day 1 10 0</td>
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<td>649 Paid to Mr. Franklyn for preaching at Hillesdon on the 23rd of July 1665 ...... 10 0</td>
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<td>650 Paid to Mr. Berry for preaching there one fast day and two Sundays ending 6 August 1665 ........................................ 1 10 0</td>
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<td>244—183 Paid to Mr. Berry for serving the cure at Hillesdon 2 fast days and 7 Sabbath days ended 15 October, 1665 ...................... 4 10 0</td>
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<td>247—231 Paid to Mr. Waters for the use of Mr. Franklin being for his serving the cure at Hillesdon 3 Sabbath Days ended 27 August, 1665 ............................... 1 10 0</td>
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<td>248—248 Paid to Mr. Tho. Berry for serving the cure at Hillesdon one fast day and 12 Sabbath days ended the 7th of January, 1666 ² ........................................... 6 10 0</td>
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¹ In Lipscomb Canner is shown as "1660 and 1663."
² The year has been altered to New style.
buried in Hillesden Church, and a floor slab in the North chapel, after giving his name, merely says that he "departed this life the 17th of October, 1698, in the 44th year of his age." 4

The first reference to "schooling" is as follows:

£ s. d.
194—416 Paid to Mr. Finch, School-mastr. of New Colledge in Oxford, £2 for the schooling of Mr. Alexr. Denton and Mr. Edm. Denton, Sonnes of the said Edm. Denton, Esq., decd., for one quarter of a yeare ended in Feb. 1665. More to the said Mr. Finch for their entrance £2 in all, as appears by Acquittance. ................. 4 0 0

Another payment of £2 covers the next "quarter ended on the 30 May, 1665." During the six months their board and lodging were settled by this payment:

£ s. d.
199—523 Paid to Mrs. Dorothy Slade in Oxford the sume of £20 for the dyett of Mr. Alexr. Denton and Mr. Edmund Denton, and their maid's dyett for halfe a yeare ended 9 May 1665 ....................... 20 0 0

We are able to see the cost of their outfit to some extent down to July, 1665, in the following entry, one line of which refers to 1664:

£ s. d.
207—697 Paid to Mr. John Townsend of Oxford the sume of £14: 13: 5 for severall things hereunder mentioned being in part of his bill of £39: 0: 8 concerning Mr. Alexr. Denton, junr. and his brother Mr. Edmund Denton, betwenee 14 March 1664 and the — day — of 1665, being the time of their removall from Oxford to Hanwell, viz.:

For 1½ ell of Holland and 1doz. of buttons delivered for their use in March, 1664 ............... 10 0

4 This Alexander's second son became Recorder of Bucks, M.P. 1708-1722, and Justice of Common Pleas; it was he who rebuilt Hillesden House. Mr. Justice Denton's sister Elizabeth married Geo. Chamberlayne, their son (M.P. for Buckingham 1727-1734) was adopted by his uncle, Mr. Justice Denton, and assumed the name of Denton; his daughter married Wenman Roberts, and their son was no less a person than Thomas W. Coke, afterwards Lord Leicester, who sold Hillesden in 1823, see final paragraph.
For 14 yards of french drusgett
which made each of them a suit
and coat in Apr. 1665, and for
other things belonging to the
same ........................................ 7 17 0
Paid to Mr. Slade in Oxford
for 1/4 year's dyett for the said
Mr. Alexr. Denton jun., and
his brother Mr. Edm. Denton
and their maid due at the time
of the said removal .............. 5 0 0
Paid then to Mr. Finch, the
School-mastr. of New Colledge
in Oxford, for their schooling
and writing for the said
1/2 yeare ................................... 1 6 0

Two things are to be noticed in this entry; the first
is the fact that only a little more than a third of the
total amount is entered, this is because the charge in
respect to the elder son, Alexander, is generally
charged "in the Accompt of Hillesdon Demesnes,"
the accounts we have concern the executors only, and
it is only the expenses of Edmund which were paid
for by them. The second point is a reference to
"their removall from Oxford to Hanwell;" they did
not return to Mr. Finch after June, but went to Mr.
Geo. Ashwell, of whom we are told that he was "son
of Robt. Ashwell, of Harrow-on-the-Hill, born 8 Nov.,
1612, Scholar of Wadham College 1627, and became a
noted tutor there. After being Chaplain in the family
of Sir Anthony Cope, lord of Hanwell, he became
Rector of Hanwell, Oxon, in 1658; he died 8 Feby.,
1693, and was buried at Hanwell." He was author
of five theological works between 1653 and 1688.

We accordingly find that the next charges (though
actually paid before that just quoted) indicate that
the boys had gone to Hanwell.

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<td>204—646</td>
<td>Paid £3, being Mr. Edm. Denton's part of £10 paid to Mr. Geo. Ashwell for the dyett of the said Mr. Edmund Denton, his brother Mr. Alexr. Denton and their</td>
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5 Woods' "Athenæ Oxonienses."
maid, for a quarter of a yeare to be ended at Michas. 1665, the remaining £7 being placed to the account of the Demesnes

248—234 Paid to Mr. Geo. Ashwell for the said Mr. Edm. Denton's schooling for half a yeare ending 25 Decr. 1665

There are various payments of 2s. 6d. to Mr. Edmund "for spending money," but the most interesting items deal with his clothing:

256—378 Paid to Mr. Birtwissell (p. John Kersey) for gloves for Mr. Edm. Denton

257—396 Paid to George Cary for a pair of boots for Mr. Edmund Denton

259—432 Paid to John Kersey which he laid out for several things for Mr. Edmund Denton, viz.:

- For a hat .......................... 9 6
- And for 2 pair of stockings 5 6
- And for 3 pair of gloves ... 3 0

289 284 Paid to Geo. Cary for two pair of shoes for Mr. Edm. Denton

290—312 Paid to Mr. Geo. Ashwell that he laid out for a suit of clothes and other things for Mr. Edm. Denton, as appears by two bills, whereof £4: 8: 0 is the half, the other half, being for his brother Mr. Alex. Denton, is placed to the account of the Hillesdon Demesnes

298—469 Paid to Mr. Edm. Denton for spending money, being in part of the Annuity allowed him by his father's will

300—493 Paid for a girdle and hangers with silver buckles for Mr. Edmund Denton

301—511 Paid to Geo. Cary for 2 pair of shoes and 2 pair of boots for Mr. Edm. Denton

Rates and Taxes.

The disbursements grouped under this heading in the table of receipts and payments come to a considerable sum, which exceeds the amount paid in labour in the six years and is equivalent to nearly 9 per cent, of the income derived from rents. The number and variety of them is even more surprising than the amount; for convenience they may be placed into groups which may be illustrated by the following examples:
a—pitcher; b—glass bowl (side view); c—glass jug

FOUND AT RADNAGE.

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41-636 Paid to Mr. Robt. Townsend for his 1/4 part of the 6 months Assessments ending the 24th June, 1662, being part of the 18 months assessments lately granted to his Matie, by an Act of Parliament, for the house and lands in Cowley which the said Dr. Townsend holds by Lease from Mr. Edmund Denton aforesaid .......................... £ 0 6

135-251 Part to Ferd. Lucas and Richard Haynes in full that was assessed upon the said Trustees part of the said Mr. Edm. Denton's lands in Hillesdon, the same being rated at £4 lands, towards the two first subsidies lately granted to his Matie, by Act of Parliament .................... 1 12 0

137-307 Paid to my brother Rich. Haynes and Ferd. Lucas 17s. 2d. in full due for the said Trustees part of the said Mr. Edm. Denton's lands in Hillesdon upon an Assessment made for the payment of the trained Band officers according to a late Act of Parliament .................. 17 2

85-362 Paid to Robt. Friday 2s. which p. agreement with the Trustees was allowed to him for so much paid by him for his two fire-hearths for half a year ended at Michas 1662, by vertue of a late Act of Parliament ........................... 2 0

105-782 Paid to Robt. Friday that was allow'd him p. agreemt. with the said Trustees for chimney-rent for his house for half a year ended at Lady Day 1663 .................. 2 0

2. Local and Special Rates.

187-269 Paid to Tho. Dent and Joseph Lawrence £1: 4: 4½ in full due upon a Leavy made 15 Octob. 1664 out of the said Trustees part of the said Mr. Edm. Denton's lands in Hillesdon, for repaire of the highwaies there .................. 1 4 4½

82-203 Paid to Francis Nelson, overseer for the Poore of Preston cu Cowley 10s. 7d. in full due upon a Leavy made 8 Novemb. 1662 for reliefe of the said Poore, the sume of 5s. 3d. for those, the said Mr. Edm. Denton's lands in Cowley which George Adams now holdeth .................. 5 3

* This and the next entry relate to the "tax levied by 14 Car. II. c. 2. It was productive of great discontent and therefore abolished by 1 W. & M. C10."—J. J. S. Wharton's "Law Lexicon."
16. Received of John Kenny which he returned to me from London for the use of the said Trustees.

17. Rent of Oliver Mayne 9:10:0, which with 8:17:6 formerly owed of him (as appears by the 141 next of my Account) doth now owe of him, as appears by the 164 next of the same Account makes 38:7:6, which is in full for his rent for half a year ended at Michaelmas 1662 for his house and homestead & nunn Inclosure & for 10 acres of arable in Ramlow field & 260 groats.

18. Rent more of the said Oliver Mayne in part for his rent for half a year ended at Lady day 1663 for the lands last above mentioned.

19. Rent of Robert Brashad, Junr. in part for his rent for half a year ended at Michaelmas 1663 for his part of the new Park his homestead, & Maxway ground, & King's bridge meadow & Lampard's Inn.

Specimen of Receipts (bottom of page 118 of original).
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<td>370</td>
<td>Paid to Mr. Thos. Dinton 10s. in full for his annuity for one quarter of a year ended at Christmas 1862, as appointed to be paid to him by the said last will as appears by acquitt.</td>
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<td>371</td>
<td>Paid to Lieut. Typing for Thos. Butcher for hedging in Rintlaw field 3 days a piece.</td>
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<td>372</td>
<td>Paid to John Rolles for copping in the new park 3 days.</td>
<td>- 02.</td>
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<tr>
<td>373</td>
<td>Paid to Willm. Berry for cutting a hedge in the new Parkwood 3 days.</td>
<td>- 02.</td>
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<td>374</td>
<td>Paid to Lieut. Typing for carrying a cart to Arley for Mr. John Smyth one of the Trustees aforesaid.</td>
<td>- 06.</td>
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<tr>
<td>375</td>
<td>Paid to John Kinsey which I returned to him 50s. Mr. Thos. Dinton for the use of the said Trustees as appears by acquitt.</td>
<td>- 04.</td>
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SPECIMEN OF EXPENSES (bottom of page 86 of original).
106—809Paid in full for ¾ parts of a Bill of Militia Charges about Serving with a horse in the Troop for the County of Bucks from 7 May 1661 to 17 Septr. 1662, the sume of £1:4:8, being the said Trustees proporcon for their pt. of the said Edm. Denton’s lands, the remaining ¼ part being paid by Mrs. Eliz. Denton ................................. 1 4 8

295—388Paid to Tho. Dent. Constable of Hillesdon, 17s. in full due out of the said Trustees part of the said Mr. Edm. Denton’s lands there for mayned soudeers, Kings Bench and Marshall seas for a quarter of a yeare ended at Christmas 1666, which is the double of the usual quarterly payment by vertue of a warrant from tne Justices of the Peace ................................. 17 0

149—558Paid to Rich. Thorpe, Constable of Preston cu Cowley 5s. 2d. in full due out of the said Mr. Edmund Denton’s lands in Cowley for Certainty money for halfe a yeare ended at Lady Day 1664. Also paid 8s. 10d. for the like Certainty money then due from several persons in Preston who are to be freed from payment thereof by their Agreement with the said Mr. Edmund Denton in his lifetime, in all so paid as appeares by Acquitt. ................................. 14 0

7The explanation of this is contained in the following extract from Lambard’s “Eirenarcha, or Of the Office of the Justices of the Peace,” 1614, p. 621: “The Justices of Peace, at their general sessions next after Easter, shall rate everie parish to a weekly summe not above sixpence nor under a halfe penie towards the reliefe of the prisoners in the Kings bench, Marshalsey, Hospitals, and Almshouses in the Countie, and rate the sums to be sent to everie of these places; and elect a Treasurer for that purpose, and punish him that refuseth. 43 Eliz. c 2.” By another Act the Justices “shall yeerely rate every parish towards the reliefe of Souldiers and Mariniers.”

8Wharton (“Law Lexicon,” 1860) describes this as “head-money paid yearly by the resiants of several manors to the lords thereof, for the certain keeping of the leet.” This is probably incorrect; the typical entry given above at least suggests that it might be levied upon the land or tenement, and if cert-money (certitudo) is identical with “sheriff’s aid,” or “sheriff’s yield,”—as seems probable,—it was in the nature of a land-tax paid to the sheriff for holding the courts of shire and hundred.