THE SEPULCHRAL BRASSES OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

Buckinghamshire is rather rich in Sepulchral Brassess, but they are widely scattered through the various Churches of the County, and no complete list of them has ever yet been provided, although such a list has long been a much felt desideratum.

Such a list, it is now hoped, will ere long be supplied through the kindness of the Rev. J. A. BOODLE, who has undertaken to copy all Brasses in the County, and to send a transcript of their inscriptions for publication in the "Records." He purposes to follow the order of Deaneries, beginning with that of Buckingham, of which the subjoined is the first instalment.

DEANERY OF BUCKINGHAM .- (First portion).

Fifteen Churches-eleven Brasses in six Churches.

BUCKINGHAM. Inscr:

H. S. E.

mortale depositum

Revdi Thomæ Eginton A.B.

e Coll: Linc: Oxon:

Qui

felicis ingenii

eruditionis veræ

miræque morum suavitatis brevis erat dominus.

Obiit

XXVIIº die Febrii

anno { æræ Christianæ MDCCL ætatis suæ XXIIIº .

CAVERSFIELD.

- 1. Civilian, loose, head & inscr: lost [-Langston?] C.1435.
- 2. John Langston [1506] in armour and wife Amice—male fig. covered by a pue, female fig: inscr: and 3 shields loose—Inscr: as follows:
 - O pater excelse miserere poor miserere Johns langston et coniugis amisie.

Atq' sue sobilis qui te in terra coluere hosse velis oro jungere celicolis.

- 3. Two hands holding heart with 3 scrolls for [Thos?]

 Denton [1533?] inscr: lost.
- 4. Inscr: loose. Here lyeth the body of Rauff Heydon the sonne of Willam Heydon Esquier the said Rauff decessed the third day of Julye Anno Domini 1592.

SHALSTONE. dame Susan Kyngeston 1540. Inscr: as follows:

Here lyethe buryed dame Susan Kyngeston vowes the El dyst dowght of Rychard ffetyplace of Est shyfford in the Cumtye of Berk^e Esquier decessyd & late the wyfe of John Kyngeston of Chelsey in the said Countye of Berk^e Esquier also decessyd the whyche said dame Susan dyed the xx11th day of Septemb in the yere of our lord God a Mo ccccco xL on whose sowle and all crysten soull ihu haue mcy.

TINGEWICK. Erasmus Williams, rector, 1608—curious. Inscr: as follows:

This dooth Erasmus Williams represent
Whome living all did love, deade all lament.
His humane Artes behind his backe attende
Whereon spare howers he wisely chose to spende.
And from Corinthiane Columne deckt with Artes
Now to the Temple's Pillar him converts.
Vnder the Rainebowes arch of Promise, where

Of hoped blisse noe deluge he neede feare. He of this Churche did a firme Pillar liue, T'whome deade his Wiues loue dooth these Pillars giue, Contriued by his Schollar and his frende, Whoe wisht their loues and liues had made one ende. Erasmus More's encomion sett forth; We want a More to praise Erasmus' worth.

Of the line of S^r Io. Williams of Dorsetshire, & by the Mother of the howse of S^r William a Barowe in Hamp. He died A° 1608 March 30 Ætat, sue 56.

Turweston. 1. A priest C. 1450. inscr: lost.

2. Thos Grene and wives Joan & Agnes very small C. 1490 inscr: as follows:

Orate p aiabus Thome Grene Johanne et Augnet vxor eius quorum aiabus ppicietur deus Amen.

Twyford. 1. John Euerdon—Rector—i fig. 1413.

Inscr: as follows:

Hic iacet dns Johes Euerdon quonda Rector isti' Ecclie qui obiit 1111¹⁰ die Septembris Anno dni Millo cccco x111° Cuius aie ppicictur deus Ame.

2. Thomas Giffard Esquyer, in armour, 1550. Inscr: as follows:

Here lyethe buryed the Bodyes of Thomas Giffard
of Twiffard in the Cou
tye of Buck Esquyer and Marie his wyffe
Doughter of Wyllm Staveley
of Bignell Esquyer which Thomas decessyd the
xxvth day of Nouember
in the yere of o' lorde God Mcccccl On whose
Soules Ihu haue mercy amen.