

THE LAST GIBBET.

Since the account of the Gibbet was printed (in Vol. 2, p. 157), I have been enabled to fix the date of its erection and final removal; the former by an extract from the Register in St. Mary's Church, Aylesbury:—

“ July 23, 1773.—Edward Corbet was hung in chains at Bierton for the murder of Farmer Holt.”

The last remains of the Gibbet, which had been used as a gate-post for the rick-yard belonging to Mr. Dickins of Bierton, was taken down on August 15th, 1860. The post was about six feet long, and had been cut from the upper part of the Gibbet, and was about six inches square; in it were two mortice holes, the one eighteen inches below the other; there appear marks of the rubbing of the chains. Mr. Watts, chair-maker, of Bierton, bought the piece with a view to work it up into various fancy articles.

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