

DINTON CHURCH.

Horace Marryat, in his "One Year in Sweden," VOL. I. page 45, published in 1862, says that "A.D. 1072, the English Bishop Egino founded the Cathedral Church of St. Lawrence, at Lund, employing the Anglo-Saxon Architect Donatus, who built it after the model of Dinton Church in Buckinghamshire." And in a note at the end of the chapter he adds, "since the Author's return to England, he ran down to visit the Church of Dinton, near Aylesbury, which, although rebuilt at a later date, still retains one round-arched doorway of great beauty, similar in style to those of Lund Cathedral, in which are introduced the chevron, billet, cable, and heart mouldings. On a carved frieze, beneath the tympanum, the dragon of Paganism, about to swallow up the world (under the figure of an apple), is stopped by a death-like harpy bearing the cross—an allegory often found on Runic stones of the first Christian period. On the tympanum, appear two apocalyptic monsters with trinitarian (trefoiled) tails,—endeavouring to bite an apple from a tree,—of the same breed as those found so liberally scattered through the Cathedral of Lund."

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