

INSCRIPTION TO THE MEMORY OF A HEART IN THE CHURCH AT WESTERN UNDERWOOD.

The last number of the RECORDS contains, at page 327, a paper by Mr. Edgar P. Loftus Brock, "On a Stone Slab to the Memory of a Heart." Two examples are referred to in our county; and I appended, in a foot note, the burial of Paul Whitehead's heart at West Wycombe. In addition to these examples, I can now refer to another. On a white marble tablet, in the Church at Western Underwood, there is an inscription, amongst others, to the memory of the heart of one of the Throckmorton family, viz. :—"Hic jacet cor Francisci Throckmorton, Armigeri, filii primogeniti Francisci Throckmorton, Equitis et Baronetti, qui obiit Brugis in Belgio 10^o die Septembris, Anno Domini 1766. Ætate suæ 16."

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RELIC OF AN ANCIENT MANSION AT CHICHELEY.

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A.D. 1547, Henry VIII. granted to Anthony Cave an estate at Chicheley, which had belonged to Tickford Priory, and on the dissolution of that House, to the College of Christ Church, Oxford. (Patent Roll, 37 Henry VIII., part 17, mem. 8.)

On this estate Anthony Cave built a mansion, of which, I believe, nothing is now known beyond the site; but local tradition reports that the house was in the form of a hollow square.

Some of the foundations may, in a dry summer, be traced on the site, now laid down in grass.

Anthony Cave dying without male issue, 1558, the estate at Chicheley passed, by marriage with his eldest daughter and co-heiress, Judith Cave, to William Chester,

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Esq., in the time of whose grandson, Sir Anthony Chester, second of that name, 1646, the mansion was outraged, and, it is said, burnt, by Cromwell's soldiers.

About the year 1715, Sir John Chester, grandson of the second Sir Anthony Chester aforesaid, built the present mansion, called Chicheley Hall, which subsequently passed, by will, from the family of Chester (now extinct) to Mr. Charles Bagot, brother of the first Lord Bagot, who assumed the name of Chester, which is borne by his descendants.

In the mansion of 1715, which is in the formal style of that period, and was never completed according to the original design, is a room wainscotted with oak panelling of a date antecedent to the rest of the house, and over the fireplace is a beam, on which is the following inscription (until recently covered by paint): "Cave ne Deum offendas, cave ne proximum lædas, cave ne tua negligentia familiam deseras, 1550."

This wainscot no doubt formed part of Anthony Cave's mansion, and the date 1550 is probably that of its completion.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CHESHAM.

MEMORIALS TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE REV. A. F. AYLWARD.

Since the restoration of this church, an account of which has been printed in the RECORDS, Vol. IV., page 24, a mural brass tablet, subscribed for by the poor of the parish, has been placed over the pulpit to the memory of the Rev. A. F. Aylward, who fell a victim to the terrible fever epidemic, while visiting his parishioners and endeavouring to alleviate their distress. Another memorial, of a more costly description, has also been erected by his friends on the north side of the chancel, which consists of a beautiful stained glass window, by Messrs. Clayton and Bell. The subjects represented are, "The healing of the leper," "The raising of Lazarus," "The healing of the blind man," and "The raising of Jairus." The inscription on the glass is, "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses." "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down his

life for us, and we ought also to lay down our lives for the brethren." Underneath this is a mural brass tablet, bearing the following inscription : " To the glory of God, and in dear memory of Adolphus Frederick Aylward, xxv years vicar of this parish, who departed to be with Christ, on the Lord's day, Nov. XII., MDCCCLXXI., aged 50. ' Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He had laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren,' 1 John iii. 16 ver." C. L.
