

## DESCRIPTION OF THE BRASS OF ROGER DYNHAM.

MR. PIGOTT (author of the foregoing paper on this brass) and Mr. Parker (the editor) have requested me to add a short description of the plate reproduced from a rubbing which, by kind permission of Miss Alice de Rothschild, I took of the brass.

The brass and its matrix are both considerably mutilated, and as the whole top of the matrix, including the upper inscription band, and a portion of each side band, has been roughly chopped off, it seemed best to show (by the aid of distemper) the present shape of the matrix. The latter is also broken in half across the centre, the abdominal portion of the figure being much bent; and the majority of the portions of the brass are loose, and required some considerable time to sort into their correct positions. Browne Willis's version of the inscription, quoted by Lipscomb, has several inaccuracies, the most important being at the top of the right-hand line, where he reads "Georgius erat genitor;" as "erat" is preceded by "... n<sup>d</sup>," the original word, even supposing that a further portion has been lost since Willis's time, was certainly not *Georgius*. He appears to have so read the word "Ecce," which is here shown on the edge of the matrix above the words just mentioned. "Ecce" is preceded by notches, where it butted against an octagonal emblem of one of the Evangelists, and was therefore the first word of its line; and it was, probably, the beginning of the top line (not as shown in the plate), corresponding to the beginning of the left-hand line. The following is the correct inscription:—

□ Ecce-figura sequens obitu monstrabit et Annū 1490 §

Octobr̄ mense · migrat ab orbe = die xxij° §

Eos modo · Celigene = Rogerus saluus bt intret §

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— Ecce . . . . .

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— . . n<sup>d</sup> erat genitor · miles = dictus qz J<sup>h</sup>es §

Istius · et frater = noie gaudet eo §

Sed · dñs Thesaurarius Angli · stetit eius §

frat<sup>d</sup> hic · Insignis = orbis honore potens

□ Deu · qz leba virū · rapuit mors hunc · genocū §

Sic Datura suū Jus petit hic · miserū §

In three quatrefoils, over the arches of the canopy, are:

(mercy)                      ( X )                      (grace)

Only two of the four shields of arms mentioned by Willis, now remain: the upper one on the dexter side of the figure, bearing, four fusils conjoined in fesse, in chief a crescent; and the lower one on the sinister side, bearing the same arms, impaling, on a cross through, five roundles. The arms are also blazoned (including the crescent, which does not come out well in the plate, though quite visible in the rubbing and the photographs), on the tabard of the figure.

Of the four emblems of the Evangelists, at the corners of the brass, portions of S. Luke's Ox, and of S. John's Eagle, alone remain.

The extreme present length of the slab is 7 ft. 1 in. by 3 ft. 10 in. in width.

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