

ARMORIAL CEILING AT FENNY STRATFORD CHURCH.

The armorial ceiling of the north aisle of St. Martin's Church, Fenny Stratford, commemorates some of the donors whose generosity helped to build the church. Cole records that the arms are those of donors of £10 or more: but in the lists of subscriptions in Willis' MSS. (52 B) several are credited with much less than that amount, and only three or four are entered as giving more than £10:10: e.g., Lord Angelsea, £15:15; Mr. Rich. Cambridge, £21.

When built in 1726 the church consisted only of a nave and west tower; the nave (now the north aisle) was 50 feet in length by about 25 feet in breadth. The ceiling is flat, and is divided into forty spaces (ten rows of four spaces in a row), and in each space is a coat of arms with the owner's name and title; in the cave, which encircles the aisle and divides the ceiling from the wall, are 26 coats, arranged ten on each side and three at each end.

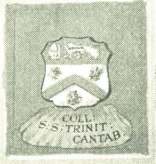
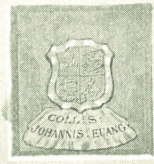
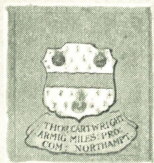
Time has seriously impaired the freshness and colouring of all the arms, and more than partially obliterated several, especially on the south side in the cave. Renovation is obviously needful, and the Vicar and Churchwardens are giving the subject attention.

The stained glass now in the north-west window was originally in the east window, but the extension of the church caused the nave to become the aisle and vestries to be built at the east end of the aisle, thereby closing the original east window and transferring the glass to its present position.

No. 1. *Coll. Aedis Christi*. Sable, on a cross engrailed argent, a lion passant gules, between four leopards' heads azure, on a chief or a rose of the third barbed and seeded proper between two cornish choughs proper.

2. *Coll. Aenei Nasi*. The shield divided into three parts paleways. 1st part. ar. a chev. sa. betw. three roses gu. barbed and seeded ppr. 2nd part. gu. two lions pass. guard. ar. on a chief az. the





- B.V.M. and child sitting crowned and holding a sceptre of the second. 3rd part, quarterly, 1st and 4th. ar. a chev. betw. three bugle horns stringed sa. 2nd and 3rd, ar. a chev. betw. three cross crosslets sa.
3. *Coll. Corp. Christi.* Dexter. gu. two keys indorsed in bend the upper ar. the lower or. a sword betw. them in bend sinister of the second, hilted or: impaling, az. a pelican vulning herself or.
 4. *Coll. Jesus.* Vert three stags trippant ar. attired or.
 5. *Coll. Novum.* Ar. two chevrons sa. betw. three roses gu. barbed and seeded ppr.
 6. *Eccle. Coll. Westmonast.* Az. a cross patonée betw. four martlets or, on a chief ar. a pale quarterly of France and England betw. two roses gu.
 7. *Eccl. Coll. Windesor.* Ar. a cross gu.
 8. *Coll. Etonense.* Az. three lillies slipped and leaved ar. on a chief per pale az. and gu. on dexter side a fleur-de-lys on the sinister a lion pass. guard. or.
 9. *Villa de Buck.* Per pale gu. and sa. a swan with wings expanded ar. ducally gorged and chained or.
 10. *Villa de Bedford.* Az. an eagle displayed ar. crowned or.
 11. *Burgus Sancti Albani.* Az. a saltire or.
 12. *Coll. B. Ma. prope Winton.* Same as No. 5.
 13. *Will. Wake. Archiep. Cantuar.* Az. an episcopal staff in pale or, ensigned with a cross pattée ar. surmounted of a pall of the last charged with four crosses formée fitchée sa. fimbriated or. impaling, Or, two bars gu. in chief three torteaux. A Mitre above the shield.
 14. *Wriothesley Russell Dux de Bedford.* Ar. a lion ramp. gu. on a chief sa. three escallops of the field. A ducal coronet above the shield.
 15. *Johannes Montagu. Dux de Montagu.* Quarterly, 1st and 4th ar. three lozenges conjoined in fess gu. a border sa. (Montagu). 2nd and 3rd or. an eagle displayed vert beaked and membered gu. (Monthermer). A ducal coronet above the shield.
 16. *Scroop Egerton. Dux de Bridgewater.* Ar. a lion ramp. gu. betw. three pheons sa. A ducal coronet above the shield.

17. *Jacobus Compton. Comes de Northampton.* Sa a lion pass. guard. or, betw. three esquires helmets ar. An earl's coronet above the shield.
18. *Arthur Annesley. Comes de Anglesey.* Paly of six ar. and az. a bend gu. An earl's coronet above the shield.
19. *Georgius Lee. Comes de Lichfield.* Ar. a fess betw. three crescents sa. An earl's coronet over the shield.
20. *Montague Venables Bertie. Comes de Abingdon.* Arg. three battering rams barwise in pale ppr. garnished az. An earl's coronet above the shield.
21. *Will. Cheyne. Vice-comes de Newhaven.* Chequy or and az. a fess gu. fretty ar. A viscount's coronet above the shield.
22. *Francisca Scudamore. Vice-comes Scudamore.* on a lozenge—gu. three stirrups leathered and buckled or. impaling az. a fleur-de-lis arg. A viscount's coronet above the shield.
23. *Radulphus Verney. Vice-comes Fermanagh.* Az. on a cross arg. five mullets pierced gu. A viscount's coronet above the shield.
24. *Tho. Uthwat. Armig. Vice-comes Com. Bucks.* Az. a lion ramp. arg.
25. *Alex. Denton. Justiciar Dom. Regis de Banco.* Arg. two bars gu. in chief three cinquefoils sable.
26. *Hon. Car. Leigh. Miles pro com. Bedford.* Gu. a cross engr. arg. in first quarter a lozenge or. a crescent of the first on the cross for difference.
27. *Johan. Chester. Baronett.* Per pale arg. and sa. a chev. engr. betw. three rams' heads erased, horned or, counterchanged. an inescutcheon of Ulster.
28. *Tho. Lee. Baronett. Miles pro com. Bucks.* Az. two bars or, a bend chequy or and gu. an inescutcheon of Ulster.
29. *Mont. Gerard Drake. Armig. Miles pro com. Bucks.* Arg. a wyvern with wings displayed gu.
30. *Thos. Cartwright. Armig. Miles pro. com. North-ampt.* Erm. a fess engr. gu. betw. three fireballs sa. fired ppr.
31. *Rich. Eliot. Arm. Cornubiensis.* Arg. a fess gu. betw. two bars gemells wavy az. a crescent or.
32. *Richardus Cambridge. Armig. Londonensis.* Arg. on a pile gu. betw. six cross crosslets fitchée sa. a cross patonce of the field.

33. *Gracia Bennet. Dom. de Bechampton.* on a lozenge—gu. a bezant betw. three demi-lions ramp. or.
34. *Leticia Pigot. Domina de Doddershall.* on a lozenge—sa. three pickaxes arg. impaling, arg. three wolves courant barwise in pale az.
35. *Rev. David James. Rectr. de Woughton.* Az. a lion ramp. within an orle of roses arg. a martlet for difference.
36. *Rev. Jo. Disney. Vicar de Cranbrook.* Arg. on a fess gu. three fleur-de-lis or.
37. *Coll. S.S. Trinit. Cantab.* Arg. a chev. betw. three roses gu. barbed and seeded ppr. on a chief of the second a lion of England betw. two bibles or.
38. *Coll. S. Johannis Euang.* France modern and England within a border gobony arg. and az.
39. *Coll. Buckingham sive Magdal.* Quarterly per pale indented or and az. in 2nd and 3rd quarters an eagle displayed of the first, on a bend of the second a fret betw. two martlets of the first.
40. *Eccl. Cath. Dunelm.* Az. a cross betw. four lions ramp. or.

In the cave, are :

41. Gu. on a cross rayonnée betw. four crosses patée or, a hurt charged with a cross treffée or.
42. *Tho. Symonds. Armiger.* Sable a dolphin embowed holding in the mouth a fish arg.
43. *Will. Bradshaw. Episcopus Bristol. Decanus Aedis Christi. Oxon.* Sable three ducal crowns in pale or. impaling, arg. two bendlets sable.
44. *Collegium Universitatis.* Az. a cross patonce betw. four martlets or.
45. *Honorabilis Domina. Domina Elizabeth Hastings.* on a lozenge—arg. a maunch sable.
46. *Edmund Gibson. Episcopus London.* Gu. two swords in saltire arg. hilted or. impaling, az. three storks rising arg.
47. *Rev. Martin Benson. Archidiaconus de Berks. Rector Noster de Blechley* quarterly, 1st and 4th gu. on a chev. or three crosses patée sa. 2nd arg. on two bars az. three crosses patée or. 3rd arg. an eagle displ. gu.
48. *Rev. David Trimnell. Archidiac. Leicestriensis. Rector de Stoke Hammond.* Arg. a cross gu. over all a bend or.

49. *Rev. Tho. Tanner. Archidiac. Norfolk. Aedis Christi Oxon. Canon.* Arg. three negroes heads in profile ppr.
50. *Will. Cartwright. Arm. et Byzantia uxor ejus.* Erm. a fess engr. gu. betw. three fireballs sa. fired ppr. a shield of pretence per pale az. and gu. three saltires or.
51. *R. Pomfret and C— gen. de Newport Pagnell.* A church on a shield.
52. *Will. Gore de Tring. Arm.* Gu. a fess betw. three cross-crosslets fitchée or.
53. *Coll. Magdalen Oxon.* Lozengy erm. and sable, on a chief of the last three lillies slipped arg.
54. Arg. a cross gules.
55. *Coll. Regal. Cantab.* Sa. three roses. arg. on a chief per pale az. and gu. a fleur-de-lis or and a lion of England.
56. *Rev. Edw. Wells, nuper Rector de Blechley.* Az. a book open arg. garnished or with the words "Old and New Testaments."
57. *Gilbertus Symkin. Armig.* Arg. on a bend sa. three dolphins naiant or.
58. *Lucie Knightley. Arm. et uxor ejus filia Henrici Benson. Arm.* Quarterly. 1st and 4th ermine. 2nd and 3rd paly of six or and gu. A shield of pretence arg. on a chev. betw. three goats' heads erased sa. as many escallops or.
59. *Johannes Fortescue. Miles Dom. Regis Justiciarius et Domin. Elizabetha uxor ejus filia Roberti Dormer. Arm.* Az. a bend. engr. arg. cotised or. a shield of pretence, chequy or and az. on a chief of the first a demi-lion ramp. of the last.
60. *Rich. Lowndes de Winslow. Arm.* Arg. fretty az. the interlacings each charged with a bezant. on a canton gu. a leopard's head erased or.
61. Same as No. 47.
62. *Henricus Petty. Comes de Shelburne.* Ermine on a bend az. a magnetic needle ppr. pointing at the pole star or. An earl's coronet above the shield.
63. *Tho. Farmer. Comes de Pomfret.* Arg. a fess sa. betw. three lions' heads erased gu. An earl's coronet above the shield.
64. *Carolus Boyle. Comes de Orrery.* Per bend embattled arg. and gu. An earl's coronet above the shield.

65. *Hugo Boulter. Archiepise. Armagh. nuper Episcopus Bristol et Decanus Aedis Christi. Oxon.* Az. an episcopal staff in pale arg. ensigned with a cross patée or, surmounted by a pall of the second fimbriated and fringed or charged with four crosses formée fitchée sa. impaling, quarterly az. and erm. in first quarter a dove ppr. and in the fourth a bird bolt in pale or feathered arg.
66. *Sir Holland Egerton.* quarterly. 1st arg. a lion ramp. gu. betw. three pheons sa. 2nd gu. three pheons or. 3rd barry of six arg. and az. a label of five points gu. 4th az. semé of lis a lion. . . arg.

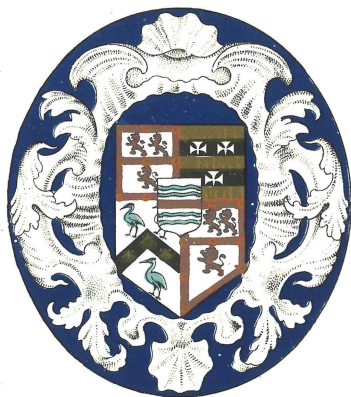
In the westernmost window of the north side of the north aisle are the following in stained glass:—

67. The Royal Arms G.R. (Hanover in the fourth quarter).
- 68 and 69. Arms of Oxford and Cambridge Universities.
70. *Thos. Price. Arm. Restitut. Fun.* Arg. three cornish choughs sa. Crest. a lion's face pierced through the mouth in bend with an arrow arg.
71. *Rich. Reynolds. Episcopus Lincoln.* Gu. two lions of England: on a chief az. the B.V.M. and child sitting crowned and holding a sceptre of the second: impaling, gu. a chev. chequy az. and or betw. three cross-crosslets arg.
72. *Nich. Claget. S.T.P. Archidiac. Bucking.* Erm. on a fess sa. three pheons or. Crest. a demieagle erm. wings displ. crowned and beaked or.
73. *Fortescue impaling Stonor.* quarterly 1st and 4th. az. on a bend engr. arg. cotised or a mullet sa. 2nd and 3rd arg. fretty sa. on a chief or three roses gu. impaling, quarterly of thirteen. 1st, az. two bars dancettée or. 2nd, or three roses gu. 3rd, az. four lions ramp. or, on a canton of the last a mullet sa. 4th, az. on a fess. . . . betw. three lions faces or, an annulet sa. 5th, gu. a saltire arg. a label of the last. 6th, arg. three fusils in fess gu. 7th, or an eagle displ. vert. 8th, gu. a pale engr. arg. 9th, same as No. 4. 10th, arg. on a canton gu. a rose or. 11th, arg. a saltire engr. gu. 12th. England. 13th, or a lion ramp. gu.

74. *Fortescue impaling Bolein.* Fortescue as above, impaling, quarterly of six. 1st, arg. a chev. gu. betw. three bulls' heads coupé sa. 2nd, quarterly sa. and arg. 3rd, az. a fess betw. six cross-crosslets or. 4th, az. three sinister hands erect apaumée coupé at the wrist arg. 5th, Erm. on a chief sa. three crosses patée arg. 6th, az. a fret arg. a chief gu.
75. *Dr. Browne Willis.* arms on his gravestone which is now placed upright against the east wall of the north aisle. Quarterly 1st and 4th, arg. a fess betw. three lions ramp. gu. on a border of the last eight bezants (Willis). 2nd, or on two bars sa. three crosses patée fitchée arg. two and one (Fell). 3rd, arg. on a chev. sa. betw. three cranes az. as many escallops or (Browne). On a shield of pretence, arg. a fess gu. betw. two bars gemells wavy az. (Eliot).

NOTES AND DETAILS.

- No. 1. Christ Church Coll., Oxford. The arms are those of the founder, Thomas Wolsey, Cardinal Archbishop of York 1514-30: his crest was a naked arm embowed grasping a shinbone all ppr. It was the original intention of Wolsey to name his foundation "Cardinal College." Dr. B. Willis was at Christ Church.
2. Of Oxford. First part, the arms of the founder, William Smith. Second part, arms of the See of Lincoln. Third part, arms of Sir Richard Sutton, of Presbury, Chester, Kt., who finished the College.
3. Of Oxford. As used now, the shield is divided into three parts paleways. First part, the arms of Richard Fox, Bishop of Winchester 1501-28. Second part, arms of the See of Winchester. Third part (which is in addition to those in the blazen here set forth), arms of Hugh Oldham, Bishop of Exeter 1505-19, viz.: "Sa. a chev. or betw. three owls arg. on a chief of the second as many roses gu."
4. Of Oxford. Founded by Queen Elizabeth 1571. The arms are those of Hugh Price, Doctor of Laws. a liberal contributor to the building.



Hic situs est
BROWNE WILLIS. Antiquarius,
Cujus cl. Avi æternæ Memoriae.
THO: WILLIS Archiatri totius Europæ celeberrimi
defuncti Die SANCTI MARTINI. A:D: 1675,
Hæc CAPELLA. exiguum Monumentum est
Obiit 5^o Die Feb: A:D: 1760,
Ætatis suæ 78.

O CHRISTE. Soter. et Judex,
huic Peccatorum primo
miserecors & propitius esto.

5. Of Oxford. The arms are those of the founder, William of Wykeham, Bishop of Winchester, 1367-1405, and Lord Chancellor of England. New Coll. is patron of the living and manorial Lord of Newnton Longueville, Bucks. These arms appear in the church: also in stained glass (and upside down) in the little chapel at Tattenhoe, adjacent to Bletchley.
6. The arms attributed to Edward the Confessor, usually depicted with five martlets.
7. The cross of St. George, patron saint of England.
8. Carta An^o. 27^o H. VI. N. 48.

Pro Collegio de Eaton.

Rex assignavit Collegio B.V. Mariae et Matris X^{ti}. in Etona juxta Wyndesoram, quod fundaverat, pro Armis & Armorum Insignus, In Campo nigro tres Liliorum Flores Argenteos, habentes in Animo, ut in Secula duraturum jam fundatum Collegium, cujus Perpetuitatem Stabilitate Coloris nigro significari volumus, Flores lucidissimos in omni Scientiarum Genere, redolentes parturiat ad Honorem et devotissimum Cultum Omnipotentis Dei, intemerataeq; virginis & matris gloriosi, cujus sicuti in aliis, et in hac potissimum Foundatione nra flagranti, cum Animo internam et admodum vehementissimam gerimus Devotionem. Quibus item ut aliquid regiae nobilitatis impertiremur, quod vere Regium et celebre declararet opus Parcellas Armorum quae Nobis in Regnis Angliae et Franciae Jure debentur Regio, in Summo Scuti locari statuimus, partitum principale de Azoreo cum Francorum Flore, de Rubeo cum peditante Leopardo aureo.

Teste Rege apud Westmon. 1^o. Jan: An^o. Regni sui 27^o.

Per ipsum Regem de data pdicta Authoritate Parliamenti.

Wymbysh.

9. The arms of the Town, and *not* of Buckinghamshire, as popularly supposed. Probably devised from the armorial insignia of the Stafford family, Dukes of Buckingham, whose crest was a swan's head betw. two wings elevated, and whose supporters were two swans ppr. beaked and legged sa. ducally gorged per pale gu. and sa.

10. "Burke" blasens the arms of the Town of Bedford, thus: "An eagle displ. looking to the sinister
"with wings inverted gu. ducally crowned or,
"on the eagle a large castle surmounted by two
"more one above the other arg."
11. The arms of St. Albans Abbey and Town.
12. Winchester School, same arms and founder as New Coll., Oxford. (See note 5 supra.)
13. Bedford, in "Blazon of Episcopacy," gives a trefoil vert betw. the bars. William Wake was the son of William Wake, of Blandford Forum, Dorset, gent., and his wife Amy, dau. of Edward Cutler, of Stower Payne, Dorset, gent. Born 26 Jan., 1657. He matriculated at Christ Church, Oxon, at the age of 15, on 28 Feb., 1672-2. B.A. 1676. M.A. 1679. B. and D.D. 1689. Canon 1689. Had a licence on 26 Sept., 1688, to marry Etheldreda, third dau. and coh. of Sir William Hovell, of Hillingdon, Norfolk, Kt., and of St. Giles in the Fields: (she died 15 April, 1731, and had a large family). Was chaplain in ordinary to Will. and Mary. Rector of St. James', Westminster, 1695. Rector of St. John's, Westm. 1701. Dean 1701, and Prebendary and Canon of Exeter 1701. Lord Justice in 1719-20-3-5. Bishop of Lincoln 1705, translated to the Primacy in succession to Thomas Tenison in 1716. Died at Lambeth 29 Jan., 1736. He was of wide reading, immense industry and tolerant spirit. Was buried at Croydon, and his monument was destroyed when the parish church was burned down in 1867.
14. Wriothesley, son of Lord William Russell (beheaded 1683) and his wife Rachel, dau. of Thomas Wriothesley, Earl of Southampton: succeeded his grandfather William, first Duke of Bedford, in 1700. Matriculated at Magdalen Coll., Oxford, 13 May, 1696, age 15. Was gentleman of the Bedchamber to William III., 1701-2. K.G. 1702. Died 26 May, 1711.
15. John, second Duke of Montagu; courtier; was the eldest surviving son of Ralph, first Duke, by his first wife Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Wriothesley, Earl of Southampton, and widow of Joceline

Percy, 11th Earl of Northumberland. Was Colonel of Horse Guards and "Gold Stick" to George I. On 23 Oct., 1717, was admitted, at his own request, Fell. of the Royal Coll. Physic., London, K.G., 1719. Was born March, 1688; died 6 July, 1749, aged 60, when his titles became extinct. He married Mary, dau. and coh. of John, first Duke of Marlborough, no male issue surviving.

16. Scroope Egerton, 4th Earl of Bridgewater, was the third son of John, 3rd Earl, by his second wife, Jane, eldest dau. of Charles, Duke of Bolton: he was born 11 Aug., 1681; his two elder brothers were burned to death when Bridgewater House, Barbican, London, was destroyed by fire in April, 1687. He was created Duke of Bridgewater in 1720. Was married firstly to Elizabeth, dau. and coh. of John, second Duke of Marlborough: and secondly to Rachel, sister to his son-in-law, the Duke of Bedford. He died 11 Jan., 1745, aged 63, and was buried in Little Gaddesden Church, Herts. His burial is recorded in the register on 20 Jan., 1744-5, "in linnen;" there is no monument to his memory. He was succeeded by his son John, 2nd Duke, who died unmarried, and was succeeded by his brother Francis as 3rd Duke, "the founder of inland navigation," at whose death, in 1803, the dukedom became extinct. The earldom became extinct in 1829.
17. James Compton was the son of George, Earl of Northampton; was born in London, 1688. Matriculated at Ch. Ch., Oxon, 8 June, 1703, age 16. Succeeded as 5th Earl in 1727. M.P. for Warwickshire 1710-1. Recorder of Northants. Died at Chiswick 3 Oct., 1754, aged 67. Buried at Compton Parva, Warwick.
18. Arthur Annesley, 5th Earl of Angelsey, was the third son of James, 2nd Earl by Elizabeth, dau. of John, Earl of Rutland. He succeeded his brother John, the 4th Earl, in 1710. He married Mary, dau. of John Thompson, Lord Haversham. He was made a Lord Justice by George I., and

a privy councillor, also joint treasurer of Ireland. He was also high steward of Cambridge University, which he represented in three Parliaments. He died and was buried at Farnborough, Hants, 31 March, 1737, age 57. Having no issue, he was succeeded by his kinsman, Richard, 5th Lord Altham. The holders of the title of Viscount Valentia are of his family.

19. George Henry Lee, 2nd Earl of Lichfield, was the fourth son of Edward Henry, the first Earl, and his wife, Charlotte Fitz-Roy, dau. of Charles II., and the Duchess of Cleveland. He married Frances, dau. of Sir John Hales: died 13 February, 1742, and was buried at Spellsbury, Oxon, on 25 Feb. (see register). The title became extinct in 1776. The holders of the title of Viscount Dillon are of this family.
20. Lord Abingdon was born in 1672, and died 16 June, 1743, age 71; assumed by royal licence, 1687, the additional surname of Venables.
21. William Cheyne, 2nd Viscount Newhaven, was the only son of Charles, first Viscount, and Jane, eldest dau. and coh. of William Cavendish, first Duke of Newcastle. He was bapt. at Chelsea 14 July, 1657. He was M.P. for Bucks, and made lord lieutenant in 1712. Was married firstly to Elizabeth Thomas, grand-dau. of Lady Morgan: and secondly to Gertrude, sister of Evelyn Pierrepont, Duke of Kingston. Having no issue, his title became extinct at his death, 14 Dec., 1738. Willis gives the date of his death as 27 May, 1728, aged 71, at Westminster, buried at Drayton Beauchamp. He sold his manor of Chelsea in 1712 to Sir Hans Sloane.
22. Frances, the wife of James, 3rd Viscount Scudamore, was the dau. and heir of Simon Lord Digby. She died of small-pox at Westminster, 3 May, 1729, aged 44, and was buried at Holme Lacy, co. Hereford, on 17 May (par. reg.) The epitaph of the 3rd Viscount is M.S. | *Praehonorabilis Jacobi Dni Scudamore | Vicecomitis de Sligo & Baronis de Dromore in Regno Hiberniae | In uxorem duxit Franciscam Filiam Unicam | Praehonorabilis Simonis Dni Digby per quam Filiam*

habuit unicam & Haeredem Franciscam | obiit 2^o Die Decembris 1716 | aetatis 33. | The title thus becoming extinct, the daughter Frances married firstly the Duke of Beaufort, who divorced her 1743: in 1760 she married Charles Fitz-Roy, a natural son of the Duke of Grafton, and by him she left an only child, Frances, who married Charles, Duke of Norfolk. The Scudamore family acquired the manor of Stoke Hammond about 1660.

23. Ralph Verney, 2nd Viscount Fermanagh, was born in 1683, and was the eldest son of Sir John Verney (Viscount in 1703), and his third wife, Elizabeth, dau. of Ralph Palmer, Esq., of Chelsea. The 2nd Viscount, who was created Earl Verney in 1742, married Catherine, d. and coh. of Henry Paschall, Esq., of Essex. He entered Merton Coll., Oxon, 12 Oct., 1700, age 16. Was M.P. for Amersham 1717-27: Wendenover 1741. He died 14 Oct., 1752, aged 69., and was buried at Claydon. At the death in 1791 of his son and successor, Ralph, 2nd Earl, the titles became extinct.
24. Thomas Uthwat was born at Antwerp, temp. Will. III. Was Lord of the Manor of Great Linford. His death is recorded in the Par. Reg. "1754, Aug. 8. Thos. Uthwat Esq. This "polite and accomplished gent. who had travelled "through France and Italy, and had been High "Sheriff for this co. having been at times dis- "ordered in his mind, cut his own throat and "died a few hours after at his house in this "parish. He left a dr. only behind him, the "wife of Matthew Knapp, of Little Linford, "Esq." His epitaph in the church is "In the "vault underneath | Lye the remains of | Thomas "Uthwat Esq. | who Died August 2nd, 1754, aged "61 years | Also of | Catherine his wife | Daughter "of Richard Dalton of Walesby | in the County "of Lincoln Esq. | who died July 22nd 1769 | Aged 74 years."
25. Sir Alexander Denton was the second son of Alexander Denton, Esq., of Hillesden, and his wife Hester, dau. and heir of Nicholas Harman,

of Middleton Stony, Oxon. He was born 14 Aug., 1679, and married Catherine, dau. and heir of John Bond, of Sundridge, Kent. (She died 26 June, 1733, age 39, bur. Hillesden). Matriculated at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, 15 Apr., 1697, age 17. Barrister Midd. Temp. 1704. Bencher 1720. K.C. and Sergeant-at-law 1722. Recorder of Buckingham, and M.P. for that town 1708-22. Became Justice of the Court of Common Pleas 1722. Chancellor to the Prince of Wales 1729. He died at Bath 22 March, 1739, aged 60, bur. Hillesden.

Hillesden was granted by Edw. VI. in 1547 to Thos. Denton, Armig. Ancestors of the Coke family, Earls of Leicester.

26. The Hon. Chas. Leigh was a son of Thomas, Baron Leigh, of Stoneleigh, co. Warwick, and his second wife, Eleanor, dau. of Edward, Lord Rockingham. Was born 1685. Matriculated at Balliol Coll. 18 May, 1702, age 16. Barrister of the Inn. Temp. 1701. M.P. for Warwick 1710; for Higham Ferrars 1714-5; for co. Beds 1722-7 and 1733-4. Married Barbara Lumley, dau. of the Earl of Scarborough (she died 11 Jan., 1755). Inherited the estates at Leighton Buzzard of his great-uncle, the Hon. Chas. Leigh (a son of the first Lord Leigh), who died, aged 80, 23 June, 1704. He died 27 July, 1749, aged 62, and was buried at Leighton Buzzard.

27. Sir John Chester, 6th Baronet, was third son of Sir John Chester, 4th Baronet; he was born 16 May, 1693, and succeeded his brother William, the 5th Bart., in 1726: his mother was Anne, daughter of William Wollaston, of Shenton, co. Leicester, Esq. He married Frances, daughter of Sir Edward Bagot: was M.P. in 1741 for Bedfordshire, and died 8 Feb., 1747.

The Baronetcy was created in 1619, and became extinct in 1769 at the death of Sir Anthony Chester, the 9th Bart.

28. Sir Thomas Lee, 3rd Baronet, was the eldest son of Sir Thos. Lee, 2nd Bart., and his wife Alice, the daughter of Thos. Hopkins, Esq., of London. He was born 31 March, 1687: M.P. for Wycombe

1710, Knight of the Shire 1721; married Elizabeth, daughter of Thos. Sandys, Esq., of London (she d. 10 Dec., 1728), and died 17 Dec., 1749, age 63, and was buried at Hartwell. The Baronetcy became extinct in 1827.

29. Montagu Garrard Drake, Esq., of Shardeloes, Amersham, was the son of Montagu Drake, and a daughter of Sir J. Garrard, Bart. He matriculated at St. John's Coll., Oxon, 17 June, 1706, then aged 15. M.A. 16 July, 1709. M.P. Amersham 1713-22; Bucks 1722-7. Died in London 26 April, 1728, age 35. Buried in Amersham Church: his epitaph contains the most profuse and minute details of his descent, character, virtues, etc., and extends to 35 long lines.
30. Thomas Cartwright, Esq., of Aynhoe, Northants, was the son of William Cartwright, of Bloxham, Oxon, and his second wife, Ursula, daughter of Ferdinando, Lord Fairfax (she d. 26 July, 1702, age 55). He married Airmin, second daughter and coh. of Thomas, 2nd Lord Crew, and his second wife, Anne, dau. and coh. of Sir William Airmine, of Osgoodby, Lincoln; she d. Feb., 1728. Mr. Cartwright was High Sheriff in 1693 for Northants and Oxfordshire; he was M.P. for 50 years for Northants, and died 10 March, 1747, aged 77: buried at Aynhoe.
31. Richard Eliot, Esq., of Port Eliot, Cornwall, 6 Sept., 1694, was the son of William Eliot. Matriculated at Balliol Coll., Oxon., 15 July, 1712., then aged 18. B.A. 1716. Auditor and Receiver-General to the Prince of Wales. M.P. in 1733 for St. Germans; 1734-7 for Liskeard; d. 19 Nov., 1748; buried at St. Germans, Cornwall. The Eliot arms are carved in stone outside the Tower of the Church, over the west door. Mrs. Browne Willis belonged to the Eliot family.
32. Richard Cambridge, Esq., d. 30 Nov., 1729, in London, aged 61 or more, buried at Epsom, Surrey.
33. Mrs. Grace Bennet, of Beachampton, was the daughter of Symon Bennet, of Beachampton, and his wife, Grace, dau. and coh. of Gilbert Morewood, Esq. She was baptised at Calverton

20 Oct., 1664; and married her distant kinsman, John Bennett, of Abingdon, Oxon., and died 5 Sept., 1732, and was buried in Westminster Abbey.

The Bennet family was descended from Thomas Bennett, of Clapcot, Berks, to whom there is a monument in Wallingford Church; his grandson, Sir Thomas Bennet, was Lord Mayor of London in 1603. There is a noble monument at Beachampton to Symon Bennett, his wife, and several of their children. Grace, widow of Symon Bennett, was of eccentric character and miserly habits, and is said to have been murdered in 1694 by one Barnes, a butcher, of Stony Stratford. The family matches were distinguished, the Earls of Tankerville and Marquesses of Salisbury being descended from the Bennets.

34. Letitia Pigot was one of the ten daughters of Sir Robert Lovett, of Liscombe Park, and his second wife Anne, daughter of Richard Saunders, of Dinton, Esq. She married Thomas Pigot, of Doddershall, Esq., and died 18 Nov., 1735, aged 84, and was buried at Quainton Mallet.

35. Rev. David James, Rector of Woughton, is perhaps the David, son of Rice James, of Kennorth, co. Carmarthen, who matriculated at St. Mary's Hall, Oxon, 17 March, 1701-2, aged 19, and became B.A. 1715. He was born 1681, and died 8 Jan., 1745, aged 65; was buried in Woughton Church, where there is now a flat gravestone in the Tower and a mural monument in the Chancel to the memory of himself and wife. The arms on the monument are "a lion ramp, with a wheat ear in dexter paw, in a field semée of roses" (no tinctures), with escutcheon of pretence "a bend erm. betw. 2 cotises flory counterflory" (no tinctures).

Anthony James, Esq., assumed the name and arms of Keck in 1737 as devisee of his maternal grandfather, Anthony Keck, Esq. "sa. a bend erm. betw. two cotises flory counterflory or."

In Cole's MSS., Vol. 38, is this: "Mr. James, Rect. of Woughton, married a great heiress named Keck, of London (father was a scrivener), and lived in the "parsonage house till his death without ever laying out

“ a shilling more upon it than he could not avoid: tho’
 “ he died worth £100,000; the chiefest part of which
 “ went to his eldest son, who changed his name to Keck:
 “ and about £20,000 to Mr. David James, of Ampthill,
 “ the younger son, who married a sister of Mr. Primatt
 “ Knapp, Rector of Shenley, but had no children. Old
 “ Mr. James was to have been married to old Mrs.
 “ Hanmer, of Sympson, within a week, when he was
 “ taken ill and died: he had bought himself a suit of
 “ black velvet for the occasion. Mrs. Hanmer is still
 “ alive, about 78 years old: so that she was 65 in 1746,
 “ the date of Mr. James’ death. (Written 1760).”

36. Rev. Joseph Disney was the son of Rev. Matthew Disney, and his second wife, a widow of Mr. Darell, of Lillingstone. He matriculated at Christ Church, Oxon, 19 Jan., 1713-4, aged 18. B.A. in 1717. M.A. from King’s Coll., Cantab., 1724. Vicar of Cranbrook, Kent, 1725; of Appledore 1726. He was born 23 Jan., 1694. Married Ann, daughter of Mr. Ross, of Barbadoes, and died 3 Aug., 1777; buried at Cranbrook Church, where a tablet on the north wall of the chapel at the N.E. of the church is thus inscribed:
 “ Rev. Joseph Disney A.M., | vicar of Cranbrook
 “ and Appledore | son of the Rev. Matthew
 “ Disney A.M. | Rector of Bletchley, Bucks |
 “ died Aug. 3rd, 1777, aged 82 | having been |
 “ Respected as a Gentleman | Distinguished as
 “ a Scholar | Exemplary as a Clergyman | His
 “ wife Ann daughter of Mr. Ross of Barbadoes |
 “ died Jany. 31 1782 aged 76 | She was a pious
 “ and benevolent Christian. | The best of wives
 “ and kindest of mothers. | Their eldest son the
 “ Rev. Matthew Disney B.D. | Fellow of St.
 “ John’s Oxon | having proved himself worthy
 “ of such parents | died March 9th 1768 aged
 “ 37 | William Disney B.D. Rector of Pluckley |
 “ and his sister Ann | as a testimony of filial duty
 “ and brotherly affection | have jointly erected
 “ this monument | Vide Sepulchrum |.”

NOTE.—The tomb referred to is a large and costly tomb of marble in the churchyard, fenced round with iron rails, which are fallen into ruins. The inscription is illegible, as the face of the marble is perished.

"Disney, De Iseney, de Isegni, name and line be gentleman of France." (Leland). Sir Henry Disney, Kt., of Norton Disney, co. Lincoln, was the father of the Rev. Thomas Disney, Rector of Stoke Hammond, who gave £300 for the living of Bletchley for his son Matthew; the latter was Rector of Bradwell (while waiting for Bletchley to fall vacant). Cole records (MSS., Vol. 29), Mr. Matt. Disney was twice married by his first wife; he had 4 or 5 daughters, and by his second wife 3 or 4 sons. His widow still lives (1754), aged 93, on a jointure of £130 (from her first husband, Mr. Darell). Her daughter lives with her, who married first Mr. Grainger, Apothecary of Bedford, and secondly Mr. Corn, Attorney, who left her a widow. She is now going to be married thirdly to Mr. Hawes, brother to the Rector of Simpson. The Rev. Matthew Disney was one of Browne Willis' guardians, and was universally esteemed; he died suddenly in his study, and was found found on his knees dead, as if at his devotions.

37. Trinity Coll., Cambridge. Founded by Henry VIII. in 1546.
38. Of Cambridge (the Oxford Coll. is St. John Baptist). Founded by Henry VII.'s mother.
39. Arms of Magdalen Coll., Cambridge. Founded in 1541 by Thomas Audley, Baron Walden and Lord Chancellor.
42. Thomas Symonds was a grandson of Dr. Thomas Willis, being the son of the latter's daughter, Jane, and Robert Symonds (and was therefore first cousin to Browne Willis, Esq.) He was of Pengthly, co. Hereford; b. 8 Oct., 1685, and died in 1760, a few days after Browne Willis.

Dr. B. Willis held his cousin in high respect: in his own MSS. refers to him as "the great ornament of this age," and as "Thos. Symonds, M.D., Si quis alius." Cole writes that in ordinary conversation B. Willis never mentioned his cousin without calling him the honourable Dr. Symonds, or using some such term of esteem. Dr. Symonds is supposed to have studied medicine in his youth; that he was a physician is likely from an extant letter of his (1756) advising B. Willis about the latter's health, and discussing the symptoms and cure of a local disease of a chronic nature (hydrocele). At the first

coming of the Hanoverian family, as Willis was disinclined to take the oath of allegiance he turned over his estate in trust to Dr. Symonds, in order to avoid possible penalties. So far did Willis carry his esteem that he had the "arms" of Symonds placed as an addition to the sign of the principal Inn at Fenny Stratford, the "Dolphin" consequently hung as an addition to the "Red Lion" in 1750 (circa). Dr. Symonds was left a small legacy by his cousin (revoked in a codicil); and named as an assistant executor, an office he did not live to carry out.

43. William Bradshaw, Bishop of Bristol, was the son of William Bradshaw, of Abergravenny, gent. He matriculated at Ball. Coll., Oxon, 12 Nov., 1692, age 19. Became B.A. and Fellow of New Coll. 1697. Took his M.A. at Cambridge 1700. Proctor 1711, Canon 1723, and Dean of Ch. Ch., Oxon, 1724-32; D.D. and Bishop of Bristol 21st Sept., 1724. He was also Prebendary of Canterbury and Oxon, and Rector of Fawleigh, Hants. Vicar of East Peckham, Kent, 1719. B. 10 April, 1671, and died at Bath 16 Dec., 1732, aged 62. Lies buried in his Cathedral near the Bishop's throne under a black stone, from which the inscription is now gone.
44. University Coll., Oxford, founded mythically by King Alfred in 872: re-founded in 1219 by William, Archdeacon of Durham. The arms are those attributed to Edward the Confessor, but there ought to be five martlets.
45. Lady Elizabeth Hastings, better known as Betty Hastings, "whom to love was a liberal education" (Steele, Tatler, No. 49). On the death of her brother, George, Earl of Haddington, Lady Elizabeth succeeded to a fortune of something less than £3,000 a year. She lived at Ledstone House, Yorks. She was of "pious and benevolent memory," and her religious belief seems to have borne fruit of large and excellent quality, so extensive and numerous were her benefactions and charities. She was born in April, 1682, and died 22 Dec., 1739; buried at Ledsham, York, where a handsome monument, with Latin inscription (perhaps penned by Sterne) commemorate this "ornament to her sex."

46. Edmund Gibson was the son of Edmund Gibson, of Knipe, co. Westmoreland. Matriculated at Queen's Coll., Oxon, 29 Oct., 1686, age 17. B.A. 1691. M.A. 1694. Fellow 1695. Librarian at Lambeth, and D.D. 1702 of Midd. Temple, 1694. Rector of Sisted, Essex, 1700; of Lambeth, 1703. Precentor and Canon of Chichester 1703. Archdeacon of Surrey 1710. Gov. of Charterhouse 1723. Bishop of Lincoln 1716; translated to London 1723. Died at Bath 6 Sept., 1748, aged 69. Buried at Fulham, under a handsome altar tomb of Portland stone and black marble at the N.E. part of the churchyard. He was a younger son by his father's first wife, Jane Langhorne: and was said to have married a sister of John Bettesworth, Dean of the Arches, and was survived by 7 of his 12 children. On his tomb the "storks" are represented "close:" and Cole says he also bore an escutcheon of pretence "or, a lion ramp. within a border az" for Jones.

Cole, MSS. 5831, fo. 43, writes: "Bp. Gibson was one of the worthiest Bps. of my time, as well as one of the most learned. He had several sons, two of whom I remember at Eton Schole, and one died while he was at Clare Hall, Cambs. One thing ought particularly to be remembered to his honour; he had a legacy left him by Dr. Crowe, who had been preferred by him, of between £3,000 or £4,000, which he generously gave among the testator's poor relations."

47. See No. 61.

48. Rev. David Trimnell, son of Charles Trimnell, of Abbots Ripton, Hunts., clericus, matriculated at New Coll., Oxon, 15 Sept., 1693, aged 18. B.A. 1697. M.A. 1700. D.D. Lambeth 1716. Chaplain to Bishop Wake, of Lincoln. Rector (1708) of Stoke Hammond for 48 years. Precentor of Lincoln, Archdeacon of Leicester 1715. B. May, 1765. Died at Lincoln 18 May, 1756. Was a brother of Nicholas Trimnell, Bishop of Winchester.

Cole records in his MSS., Vol. 29, p. 135, et seq.: "Dr. David Trimnell. . . . was a very worthy and good man, and, allowing that he was rather too much attached to laying up money, yet the excessive griping-

“ness of his little wife, whose family name was Barton,
 “made any defect in that sort to be overlooked in him :
 “he had, many years before he died, the misfortune to
 “be a little disordered in his head, which showed itself
 “also in one of his daughters, a very good sort of a
 “woman, and married unhappily to a very worthless
 “man, Mr. Frank, to whom the Archdeacon gave the
 “Registry of his jurisdiction and a good Fortune; yet
 “he made her so bad an husband that they are now
 “parted: He was disordered also in his head, and had
 “been formerly married and had children, one of whom,
 “if not the only one, Hillersden Frank is Fell. of
 “King’s College, Cantab., and tho’ an excellent scholar,
 “as it is said, has all the appearance imaginable of
 “inheriting his family’s unhappy malady. Another
 “of Dr. Trimnell’s daughters married one Mr. Peacock,
 “a tradesman of good character, and formerly a Quaker
 “of Huntingdon: and a third, the youngest, lately,
 “since the death of her father, is married to a gentle-
 “man of the army, one Mr. Thornton, whose father is
 “a man of good family in Northants.”

49. Rev. Thos. Tanner, son of Thos. Tanner, Vicar of Market Lavington, Wilts, matriculated at Queen’s Coll., Oxon, 17 Dec., 1689, aged 15, B.A. 1693. Chaplain 1695 and Fell. of All Souls 1696. M.A. 1696. B. and D.D. 1710. Chancellor of Norwich 1700. Canon of Ely 1713, and of Christ Ch. Oxon. 1724. Rector of Thorpe Bishops, Norwich, 1706. Archdeacon of Norfolk 1721. Rector of Llandrillo, Merioneth, 1733. Bishop of St. Asaph 1732. Died at Christ Church, Oxon, 14 Dec., 1735, and there buried, aged 62.

Bishop Tanner was an ardent antiquary and friend of Dr. Browne Willis, was author of *Notitia Monastica*. He assumed the arms of the Tanner family of Cornwall, with whom he was not connected nor related. Armorial bearings were not the only property “assumed” by the Bishop; it is said that after his death many valuable MSS. missing from ecclesiastical libraries were discovered among his possessions. His long epitaph in Christ Church glows with eulogy: “Hanc Aedem “canonicus ornavit. . . . Vir erat ad omne officium “summa fide et diligenta, rara pietate, humanissima

"*erga omnes voluntate liberalitate in egenos effusissima.*"

50. William Cartwright, of Aynhoe, co. Northants, son of Thos. Cartwright, see note 30. Matriculated at B.N.C., Oxon, 8 Mar., 1720, age 16. D.C.L. on 2 July, 1759. M.P. Northants 1754 until his death, 29 June, 1768. He married Byzantia, dau. of Ralph Lane, of Woodberry, Gamlingay, Esq.; she died 1738. He marriedly secondly Elizabeth, dau. of Sir Clement Cottrell Dormer, of Rowsham, Oxon, and had a son, Thomas, aged 12, in 1748.
51. R. Pomfret, or Benjamin Pomfret, is occasionally mentioned in the Willis MS. and Cole MSS., e.g., May 14, 1730: Reed. and borrowed of Mr. Pomfret for the use of Stratford Chapel the summ of Five Guineas wh. I promise to repay on demand. repaid Aug. 3, 1730. Browne Willis (signature). He was also one of Dr. B. Willis' exors. Heraldically, he was not "*generosus*;" the device over his name is not a coat of arms.
52. William Gore, of Tring, Herts. Died in London 22 Oct., 1739. Buried at Tring; there is no monument to him. Probably a son of Sir William Gore (3rd Lord Mayor of London of his name and family), who died 1707, and, with his wife, lies buried at Tring. The very handsome silver-gilt communion plate, now in use, was given to the church of Tring by William Gore, of London, in 1714.
53. Magdalen Coll., Oxon, founded by William Patten, or (from his birthplace) William of Wainfleet, Bishop of Winchester in 1457. Arms of Patten, "*fusilly erm. and sa.*"
54. Escutcheon of St. George, patron saint of England.
55. King's Coll., Cantab. Founded in 1441 by Henry VI.
56. Rev. Edward Wells, son of Edward Wells, vicar of Corsham, Wilts. Matriculated at Ch. Ch., Oxon, 17 Dec., 1686, age 19. B.A. 1690. M.A. 1693. B. and D.D. 1704. Rector of Cotesbach, co. Leicest., 21 March, 1701-2. Rect. of Bletchley 1716. Died 11 July, 1727. Buried at Cotesbach. No monument.

Browne Willis is said to have been Dr. Wells' pupil, but this is unproved. Willis offered the living of Bletchley to Wells in a letter beginning "Your wearing your own hair is a circumstance so very agreeable to me, that it has determined me to offer you the living, etc." Cole records that Dr. Wells subsequently took to a wig. B. Willis wore a wig himself, but would not suffer anyone about him to do so. Cole also gives a long and entertaining account of the disagreements and squabbles between Wells and his patron. The Rector resided chiefly at Cotesbach, probably because living at Bletchley was made so very unpleasant for him. At his death he left his money to his nephews, one of whom, Rev. Edw. Wells, was curate at Bletchley 1718 to 1727, where he married, and had a son, Edward (churchwarden 1753), who kept a grocer's shop at Water Eaton, and married a daughter of Thos. Cooke, farmer at Eaton, and had six children by her. The Rev. Edw. Wells laid aside his cassock and turned physician, and his brother John became curate.

57. Gilbert Symkin, Esq., b. 1682. Died 15 May, 1744, age 60. Buried Bristol Cathedral. No monument.
58. Lucy Knightley, Esq., son of Richard Knightley, of Fawsley, co. Northants, Esq., and Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Waldron, of Barbadoes, a judge. He married Jane, dau. and coh. of H. Benson, Esq. Her epitaph in Fawsley Church reads thus: In Memory of the Honourable | Jane Grey Knightly | (daughter and co-heir of Henry Benson | of Dodford in the County of Northampton Esquier | and Elizabeth his wife who was sister to | Thomas Earl of Stamford) | She was wife of Lucy Knightley Esqr | now possessor of Fawsley) by whom he | had two sons Valentine and Richard | and four daughters, Elizabeth, Jane | Lucy and Deborah. She died the third day | of December Anno. Dom. 1731 | Much lamented, being indued with all the | good qualities belonging to human nature | The said Lucy Knightley Esqr | died August 1738 and lies here interred | Valentine Knightley Esqr. | M.P. for the County; his son succeeded to the property, etc.

Mr. Lucy Knightley purchased Haversham in 1728, and was descended from the Lucy family, co. Warwick. Dr. B. Willis' grandson, John Willis Fleming, married Elizabeth, daughter of Valentine Knightley, Esq.

59. Sir John Fortescue, Kt., was Sir John Fortescue-Aland, b. 7 March, 1670, son of Edmond Fortescue, Esq., of London, by Sarah, eldest daughter of Henry Aland, Esq., of Waterford. Was sixth in descent from the Chief Justice of Henry VI. M.P. for Midhurst. Raised to the Bench and Knighted 1717. Was created Baron Fortescue in the Irish Peerage 15 August, 1746, and died 19 Dec. next. He married firstly a daughter of Chief Justice Pratt: and secondly Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Justice Dormer, of Lee Grange, Quainton, by whom he left a son—Dormer Fortescue-Aland—second Lord Fortescue, at whose death, s.p. in 1781, the title became extinct.

60. Richard Lowndes, Esq., son of Robert and Margaret Lowndes, of Winslow. Sheriff 1738. M.P. 1742. Married Essex, dau. of Charles Shales, of London, by Anne, dau. of Thomas Barrington. Died at Hillesden Nov., 1775. Buried at Winslow.

61. Rev. Martin Benson. On a mural slab at W. end of N. aisle in Gloucester Cathedral is the following inscription:—"Martin Benson, son of John Benson, Prebendary of Hereford, by Catherine daughter of Benjamin Martin of Oxfordshire Esq. and grandson of George Benson Dean of Hereford by Catherine daughter of Samuel Fell, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford: was born at Cradley. co Hereford. April 23 (bapt. 25) 1689. Admitted scholar at the Charter-house 15 Sept. 1703. Elected student of Christ Church 10 July 1712. Ordained Deacon 21 Feb. 1713. Priest 13 March 1715. Installed Prebendary of Salisbury 1 Aug. 1720. Arch-deacon of Berks. 13 Jan. 1720. Prebendary of Durham. 5 Feb. 1723-4. Appointed chaplain to the King 3 Oct. 1727. Rector of Bletchley 4 Jan. 1727-8. Created D.D. Cantab. 26 June, 1731. And being Consecrated Bishop of Gloucester 19 Jan. 1734-5, declared his reso-

“lution of never removing to another See: and
 “died in the Adjoyning Palace 30 August, 1752.”
 “His character, which he forbad his executors
 “to inscribe on the small memorial erected here
 “by his order, this Diocese and this Nation will
 “long remember with reverence and love, But
 “his many nearer Friends with peculiar veneration
 “and tenderness, in proportion as each knew
 “him more intimately; and a worthy person
 “induced by Esteem alone hath taken care in
 “another part of the Church, that Ages to come
 “shall be distinctly acquainted with it.”

The monument alluded to is in the south triforium, a very fine one with the Bishop's Bust, and Armorial bearings, with a long eulogy. A large blue stone in the aisle pavement marks the place of interment, inscribed “H. J. Mart^{us} Epis^{us} Gloct^{ris}.”

In Bedford's Blazon of Episcopacy, the Bishop's arms are described from his monument: “ar. on a chev: sa. three crosses pattée fitchy or.”

Bishop Benson, after taking orders, travelled with Lord Pomfret (note 63): he married the sister of Secker. He revived ‘rural deans,’ spent a large sum in repaving his cathedral choir, etc., and repairing the palace. He ordained Geo. Whitfield, and afterwards expressed his sorrow for having done so. Exhausted, as was thought, by attending Bishop Butler in his last illness, he died universally lamented. Berkeley called him “Titus, the delight of mankind.”

Bishop Benson was related to Dr. B. Willis (both being great grandsons of Dr. Saml. Fell), and was regarded by the latter with extraordinary veneration and respect, which showed itself in many ways, e.g. Bletchley Register: “1752 Aug. 30. Apud Palatium Suum in “Civitate Gloucestriensis ineffabili omnium luctu, “obiit Reverendus in christo Pater Martinus Benson “episcopus Gloucestriensis vere Primævus Anno ætatis “suae 64: et in ecclesia sua cathedrali sepultus jacet. “Fuit septem magis annos Hujus Parochiae Rector “doctissimus vigilantissimus munificentissimus ubi “Parochianis sui desiderium impetuum reliquit, et “successoribus Hospitalitatis morum suavitatis charitatis et inculpabilis coelibis vitae in posterum imitandum, examplar non peritarum transmisit.”

The Chapel of St. Martin, Fenny Stratford, was built during the incumbency of Dr. Benson, and his arms are pricked in pen and ink on the first page of the register: his death is therein recorded: "1752 August 30, Hoc "die de nostro oppido egregie meritis Martinus Benson, "Dominus Episcopus Glocestriensis olim Parochia de "Bletchley Pastor dignissimus: Hujusque nostrae "capellae inter Fundatores primus—maturus onus "Mortale deposuit Anno Aetatis 64 apud Glocestriam, "Ac ibidem in ecclesia Cathedrali inhumatus est "Benevolentia et cura ejus erga nos nostrasque Animas "a nobis ac natorum diuturno Honore usque "tenebitur."

62. Henry Petty, Earl of Shelburne, son of Sir William Petty, M.D., the celebrated Surveyor-General of Ireland, and Elizabeth, dau. of Sir Hardress Waller, Kt., and widow of Sir Maurice Fenton, Bart. Was created Baron Shelburne 1699: Viscount Dunkerron and Earl of Shelburne 1719. Married Arabella, dau. of Charles Boyle, Lord Clifford. Dying, without surviving issue, 17 April, 1751, his titles became extinct. Buried in High Wycombe Church. He purchased Wycombe Abbey Estate from Thos. Archdale, Esq., in 1700. His nephew, the Hon. John Fitzmaurice, inherited his great estates.
63. Thomas Farmer, or Fermor, Earl of Pomfret (Pontefract); son of William, Lord Lempster (Leominster). Of Ch. Ch., Oxon, subscribed 26 July, 1714, aged 16. Created M.A. 19 Feb., 1716-7. Created Earl of Pomfret 27 Dec., 1721. K.B. 1725. Master of the Horse to Queen Caroline 1727. Constable of the Tower and Governour of Guernsey 1738. Ranger of St. James' and Hyde Parks 1750. Died 8 July, 1753. He married 14 July, 1720, Henrietta Louisa, only child of John, second Baron Jeffreys, of Wem Salop. This lady was the celebrated letter-writer; she died on the road to Bath 15 Dec., 1761. She had 4 sons and 6 daughters.
64. Charles Boyle, Earl of Orrery (Irish Peerage), b. at Chelsea, grandson of Roger, first Earl: matriculated at Ch. Ch., Oxon, 5 June, 1690, age 15. B.A. 1694. Succeeded his brother as

4th Earl in 1703. M.P. Huntingdon 1701-5. Major-General at Malplaquet 1709. Created Baron Boyle of Marston 5 Sept., 1711. Died 28 August, 1731, age 57. Buried in Westminster Abbey.

The Earl fought a duel with Mr. Francis Wortley over his Huntingdon election, and was wounded. In 1721 he was sent to the Tower as being implicated in Layer's plot, and was released on bail because Dr. Mead certified that his life was endangered by imprisonment.

65. Dr. Hugh Boulter, Archbishop of Armagh: son of John Boulter, of London, pleb. Matriculated at Ch. Ch., Oxon, 28 Feb., 1686-7, age 15. Demy of Magd. Coll. 1689-96. B.A. 1690. M.A. 1693. Fell. 1696-1709. B.D. 1705. D.D. 1708, and of T.C.D. ad eundem 1720. Was born 4 Jan., 1671-2; entered Merchant Tailor's School 1685. Rector of S. Olave's, Southwark, 1708-22. Archdeacon of Surrey 1716-19. Dean of Christ Church 1719-24. Chaplain to George I. 1719. Bishop of Bristol 1719. Archbishop of Armagh 1724. Died 27 Sept., 1742. Buried in Westminster Abbey, having died in St. James'. His monument in the North Transept of the Abbey is adorned with his bust; the epitaph emphasises the "purity of his heart, and the excellency of his life, that it may be thought superfluous even to erect a monument to his fame he was translated from Bristol to Armagh 1723; and from thence to heaven 1742."

Armorial bearings were granted to Dr. Boulter in 1720: He is well-known to students of Irish political history as the meddlesome and intriguing Primate Boulter ridiculed by Swift.

66. Sir Holland Egerton, 4th Bart., eldest son of Sir John Egerton, 3rd Bart., and his wife, Elizabeth, dau. of William Holland, Esq., of Heaton, co. Lancs. He married Eleanor, dau. of Sir Roger Cave, of Stanford, co. Northants, Bart. Matriculated at B.N.C., Oxon, 10 Oct., 1704, age 15. Died at Heaton 25 April, 1730. Buried at Madeley, Staffs., age 44.

Sir Holland was well skilled in Heraldry and Antiquities: in a letter dated 28 Jan., 1723-4, from Heaton, to Dr. B. Willis, after congratulating the latter on the recovery of his children from small-pox, "a happiness I should highly prize," goes on to state, "our family derives from the Belwards of Malpas, Cheshire, a flourishing family in the time of Stephen, their arms and their successors the Egertons' arms were until Temp. Edw. III. 'gu. three pheons arg.' some younger branches interposed fesses and chevrons as differencing marks. The main line then varied the arms, thus. 'arg. a lion ramp. gu. betw. three pheons sa.' which has been borne by the family ever since." Sir Holland was inclined to re-adopt the original arms as being more ancient, but thought the "red lion" was the Scotch Lion granted as an augmentation to one of his ancestors who signalled himself in a Scotch war: the tincture of the original field, gules, being altered to argent, to admit of the red lion being charged upon it: this is admitted to be surmise. He also mentions "My kinsman Cartwright" (see notes 30 and 50).

70. Thos. Price, Esq. The arms are shown in the window, wrong way round. "The High street had houses on the east side opposite to the great house, but these were pulled down about 60 years ago by Mr. Price, of Westbury, the owner of them who took. . . . Willis MSS., Vol. 98, p. 35.

71. Dr. Richard Reynolds, born at Leverington, Wisbeach, Cambs., and bapt. 17 July, 1674. Son of Rev. Richd. Reynolds, Rector of that place. His mother was Hester, daughter of George Conyars, by Dorothy Bushel, maid-of-honour to Queen Henrietta Maria. His grand-uncle, Richard Reynolds, was killed at Carlisle in 1644 fighting for the King. Entered at Sidney Sussex, Coll., Cantab., 1689. He married Sarah, dau. of Dr. Rich. Cumberland, Bishop of Peterborough. Was Rector of St. Peter's Northampton. Prebendary of Peterborough 1704, Dean 1718. Bishop of Bangor 1721; translated to Lincoln 1723. Died at Charles Street, Westminster, 15 Jan., 1743. Buried at Buckden, co. Hunts. No epitaph.

He left little property. His wife d. 7 April, 1740, and is buried at Buckden, also a dau. called in the register "Hon. Anna Sophia Reynolds," d. 20 Aug., 1737. The Bishop had a very large family. In the Buckden Baptismal register is: "June 25th. 1741. "Elizabeth gennett Reynolds daughter of ye Revd. "Frederick Reynolds M.A. ye fourteenth son (no "daught. intervening) of Richard now Lord Bishop "of Lincoln." His eldest son, George, Archdeacon of Lincoln, had seven children baptized at Buckden. He bought an estate at Little Paxton, still held by his descendants. Another son, Charles, was Chancellor of Lincoln from 1728-1766.

72. Dr. Nicholas Claget, son of Rev. Nicholas Claget, of Bury St. Edmunds. Educated at Cambridge. Consecrated Bishop of St. David's in 1732; translated in 1742 to Exeter. Died 8 Dec., 1746, aged 61. Buried in St. Margaret's, Westminster. No epitaph.

73 and 74. Stonor, "az. two bars dancettée or. a chief ar." not as in window. These two shields were originally in Salden House. When that mansion was demolished, about 1739, Dr. Browne Willis purchased a lot of stained glass for 30s. Some he gave to a member of the Fortescue family, and some he placed in his house at Whaddon; and the above two shields in the east window of the new Church at Fenny Stratford. When the church was enlarged they were then, doubtless, removed to their present position.

There were once two coats of arms, now disappeared, over the north door, viz., Balliol Coll. and St. John's Coll., Oxford.

Dr. Browne Willis' tombstone was originally flat on the pavement beneath the communion table; it is now placed upright in the east wall of the aisle.

Arms. quarterly. 1st and 4th, Willis. ar. a fess betw. three lions ramp. gu. on a border of the last eight bezants. 2nd, Fell, or, two bars sa. charged with three crosses pattée fitchée ar. 3rd, Browne, ar. on a chev sa. betw. three heron's az. as many escallops or. a shield of pretence. Eliot. ar. a fess gu. betw. two bars gemells wavy az.

Bletchley Register records: "Browne Willis, Armiger
" & L.L.D. Hujus Ecclesiae Patronus, Rei Antiquariae,
" si quis alius, Indagator sagax et indefessus, Dierum
" ac Famae Satur, ex hac Vita apud Whaddon Hall 5^{to}
" Die Februarii, Anno Dni. 1760. Aetatis suae 78, emi-
" gravit, et in nova Capella Sci. Martini de Fenny-
" Stratford, suis ipsius Industria et Sumptibus extracta,
" 11^{mo} die ejusdem Mensis sepultus est."

Fenny Stratford Register records: "1760. Feb. 11th.
" Browne Willis, Esq. Founder of this Chapel & buried
" under the Communion Table with a Latin inscription.
" Browne Willis, Armiger, hujus Capellae pivo et
" liberalis Extractor, Rei Antiquariae, si quis alius,
" Indagator sagax et indefessus, Dierum & Famae satur,
" ex hac Vita emigravit apud Whaddon Hall 5^{to} Die
" Februarii Anno Domini 1760 Aetatis 78, & in hac
" Capella Sci. Martini 11^{mo} Die ejusdem mensis sepultus
" est."

N.B.—Browne Willis became D.C.L. in 1749. There
is no record that he received the degree of LL.D.

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