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EXTRACTS RELATING TO THE CHURCH OF HORSEHEATH, CO. CAMBRIDGE, FROM COLE'S MSS. IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

There is a short account of this Church in the second volume of the Topographer, p. 374, but it is partial and occasionally incorrect.

HORSEHEATH.

MS. Cole, vol. i. p. 5. He gives rude drawings of the south side of the Church and of the two large Alington Monuments.

Aug. 12 to 16, 1742.

This is a neat small Church, without any side isles, & has a thin high tower, built chiefly of flint plaister'd over with mortar, as is the rest of the Church, with a pretty chancel, in w^{ch} are several monuments, & some of them of great antiquity.^a This is divided from the body of the Church by a sort of wooden screen, and over it are the Royal Arms.^b The chancel is tiled, as are the 2 porches of the nave, the north of w^{ch} serves by way of vestry, & has its outward entrance bricked up. There are 5 bells in the tower.^c The body of the Church is leaded & handsomely embattled wth brick, as is the tower. There are in the chancel on each side of the wall, without the rails of the altar, two very noble monum^{ts} for the antient family of the Allingtons, formerly Lords of the Manor. That on the south side is the more antient one, so [I] will begin with that. It is entirely of stone, handsomely painted and gilt; and on the ground floor, if I may be allowed the expression, between 6 Gothic fluted pillars, lies a man in compleat armour, in a praying posture, wth his head on his helmet, his sword by his side, & a dog Ermine at his feet, w^{ch} is the crest of the Allington family. On his right hand, against the wall, are 2 shields with these arms on them, carved & blasoned in stone. That at the knees has 1st Sable, a bend engrailed between 6 billets Argent, w^{ch} is the coat-armour of Allington; 2^d. Gules, 3 cups Argent, for Argentine; 3^d. Azure,

^a Mr. Cole notes elsewhere, that it is "a Rectory, and dedicated to All Saints, and is in the patronage of the Charter House." The church appears to have been built towards the end of the 14th or beginning of the 15th century.

^b Removed to the west end of the nave, over the belfry. Information of the present Incumbent.

^c Now only four. Inf. Incumbent.

6 martlets Or wth a canton Ermine, for [Fitz Tek, or Fitz Tecon];^d the 4th as the 1st. The other at the hands is parted per pale, Baron & Femme. The 4 first as the former for Allington, y^e 2^d Parted per fess Argent & Sable, a pale Counterchanged, & 3 goat's^e heads erased, of the 1st, for Gardener. On the rim of the middle floor is this inscription in capital letters:

"Here under lyeth buried Sir Gyles Alington, Knight,^f who died — Aprilis An^o 1522. He maryed Marye the only daughter & heire of Sir Richard Gardener, Knight,^g and by her had issue Gyles, George, William, John, Anthonie, Roberte, Richard, Awdrye, Joanne, & Marye."

Over this, on a flat stone, supported by 6 of the same sort of pillars I mentioned before, lies another person in the same attitude, & exactly like the other, except that the last seems much older than the former. At the feet, withinside of the canopy w^{ch} is over this figure, the which canopy^h is supported by the aforesaid thick pillars painted & gilt, are 2 small shields, one for Allington, the other for Drury, viz. Argent, on a chiefe Vert 2 mullets Or. On a shield on the south rim within the canopy having 2 on each side of it quite plain, are the following bearings, viz. party per pale Baron & Femme, Or, on a fess between

^d The coat of Fitz Tek is generally described as 'eagles displayed.' These may possibly be intended for eagles close. "The Topographer" erroneously calls this coat Cheyney.

^e Mistake for griffin's.

^f He desires, in his will, to be buried in the priory of Wymondley, co. Herts, founded by his ancestors, and leaves two standing cups and covers, received for service done at the coronations of Henry VIIIth and Elizabeth, to his son Giles; whose 'marriage' he desires his executors to 'sell,' 'so that he be married without disparagement.' The coronation service was performed by the Argentines and Alingtons, as Lords of Wymondley, till the death of Giles Lord Alington in 1691. Of the three coheirs, nieces of Hildebrand, and sisters of Giles, only two have left surviving issue. The co-representation of the eldest is in Earl Howe and the Marquess of Sligo; of the youngest in H. C. Sturt, Esq. of Critchill, M. P. for Dorset. This property descended in uninterrupted lineal succession for the period of six centuries and a half, from the conquest until its alienation.

^g He was Lord Mayor of London in 1478, and married Audrey, dau. of William Cotton of Lanwade, who remarried Sir Gilbert Talbot, of Grafton. Vincent's Camb. 131. His daughter, Lady Alington, was buried in 1541, at Westley, co. Camb. See Cole, vol. 18, p. 103.

^h "This canopy, which totally blocked up the south window, was removed when the chancel was repaired in 1829. The earth had lain previously at the height of two feet above the level of the chancel floor at that end, and at the other part three feet. It was very damp. The whole floor was raised eight inches." Inf. Inc.

three ravens regardant Sable, a garb between two crosses patriarchal & fitched at the bottom, of the 1st, for Tallakarne, wth a crescent Gules for difference. 2^d. These 4 coats for Allington, (w^{ch}, by y^e by, I conceive should have been first,) 1st his own, proper: 2^d Argentine: 3^d y^e 6 martlets & canton, for [Fitz-Tec]: 4th Gardener.ⁱ On the large rim over the pillars is this inscription in capitals.

"Sir Gyles Alington, Knighte, sonne and heyre of Sir Gyles Alington, Knight, died 22^o Augusti, An^o 1586, and in the year of his age 86.^j He first married Ursula, daughter of Sir Robert Drury, Knighte,^k & by her had issue Robert. Secondly he married Alice, daughter & heyre of John Midleton, Esquier, before wife of Thomas Elrington, Esquier,^l and by her had issue Thomas, Richard, William, Philip, Anne, Fraunces, Elizabeth, Jane, & Margaret. And thirdly he married Margaret, daughter of John Tallakarne, Esquier,^m before wife of Thomas Argall, Esquier, & had by her no issue."

On the front of the canopy are 3 pretty large shields for his 3 wives, impaled with his own, thus: towards the feet, the 4 last blason'd for himself with Drury impaled; 2dly, & in the middle, his own impaled with Midleton; viz. Argent, fretty Sable wth a

ⁱ This, with the two preceding shields, is affixed to the stone on which the figure lies.

^j It would appear that his father was not interred at Wymondley, or that his body was removed on the dissolution of monasteries; for this Sir Giles, in his will, desires to be buried in the chancel at Horseheath, near his wife Alice, and a tomb to be erected on the wall near the place, describing his marriage, issue, &c.; and also a stone to be placed on the grave of his father, Sir Giles, similarly inscribed. This south monument was therefore erected by his executors. Amongst his bequests of plate, he mentions "a deep basin of silver, commonly used by me to wash after oysters, & before dinner," and a "standing cuppe wherein I most commonly drinke sack." He urges his friend Lord Burleigh to press a marriage between his "young nephew," sc. his great-grandson Giles, and the daughter of his (Lord Burleigh's) son, and which ultimately took place. There was already a connection between the families, Sir Giles's brother and Lord Burleigh having married the two sisters of Sir John Cheke.

^k See a description of her monumental brass, with four shields of arms, at Hawsted. Bibl. Topog. vol. v. p. 51.

^l In Philpot's Essex, 13, he is called *Symon* Elrington, and his wife Alice sister and heir of Sir Thomas Midleton.

^m In Philpott's Suffolk, 41, he is described of London, and was descended from Geoffrey Tallakarne, slain by the rebels at Exeter. His son Edward, half-brother to Lady Alington, married a daughter of Robert Alington and Margaret Coniesby. There is, or was, a monument of Tallakarne in the Church of Bumsted Helion in Essex.

canton of the Last. Thirdly, towards the head, his own again impaling Tallakarne. Over the 3 I last blason'd are his own in a shield by themselves & pretty large, wth his crest, viz. a dog passant Ermine.ⁿ Over all these a harpy with wings expanded & gilt, w^{ch} finishes a sort of pyramid, & has a good effect. The rim at the feet has this inscription on it.

"Robert Alington, Esquier, sonne & here apparant of Sir Gyles Alington, Knight, died 22^o Maii An^o 1552. He married Margaret the daughter of William Coniesbye,^o one of the Judges of the Law, and by her had issue John, Gyles, James, George, Alice, Anne, Margaret, Elizabeth, Fraunceys, & Beatrix."

Above this in the midst of a smaller pyramid are the following arms in one escutcheon, viz. the 4 quarterings of Allington impaling Coniesbye, viz. Gules, a crescent between 3 conies couchant Argent, a bordure engrailed Sable. At the head of the abovementioned rim is the following inscription:—

"Gyles Alington, Esquier, sonne & heyre of Robert Alington, Esquier, and heyre apparent unto Sir Gyles Alington, Knighte, died 25^o Novembris An^o 1573. He married Margaret, daughter of Sir John Spencer, Knight,^p and by her had issue Gyles, John, & Margaret; which Gyles last named, beinge great-grandchild unto the said Sir Gyles, was also at his decease his next heyre."

Over this, in the same form as at the feet, are the following arms, viz. the 4 usual quarterings for Allington, impaling 4 quarterings for Spencer, thus: 1st. Party per cross Argent & Gules, in the 3^d & 4th quarters a fret Or, on a bend Sable 3 escallop shells of the 1st, for Spencer proper; 2^d. Ermine, five Bezants on a chevron Gules, for [Grant]; 3^d. Argent, on a bend Sable a dragon volant of the First, between 2 lions rampant of the Second, for Ruding; the 4th as the 1st. The roof of the canopy is neatly carved in squares & gilt, as is indeed the whole of the monum^t,

ⁿ This shield is now affixed to the window seat, and all the inscriptions excepting the first are gone. Inf. Inc.

^o Appointed one of the Judges of the Court of King's Bench, July 5, 1541. His daughter Alington remarried Thomas Pledger of Bottisham, co. Cambridge, and was there buried in 1598, æt. 78. See Cole, vol. ii. p. 119.

^p She remarried Edward Elrington of Witherfield, co. Essex, grandson of Simon or Thomas before-mentioned. See Philpot, 13, and Cole, vol. xi. p. 17. See the account of the incestuous marriage of her grand-daughter with her son Giles, p. 39, postea.

^q Mistake. 2d and 3d.

w^{ch} is as perfect & intire as if it was put up but yesterday. Just at the foot of this monument is a hole in the wall for the Holy Water, & fronting of it on the east well hangs up an old atchievement for a Lord Allington; but the damp of the wall have so damaged it that I can't make out the bearings in it.^r

Here follows a description of the opposite monument of Sir Giles Alington and his wife Lady Dorothy Cecil; but as this is "more exactly" (as Cole says) and certainly more interestingly described by him in a letter to Horace Walpole, it is thought preferable to print the latter.

MS. Cole, vol. xxx. p. 229.

For the Hon^{ble} Horace Walpole in Arlington Street,
Westminster.

Dear Sir,

Blecheley, Dec. 1, 1763.

After I left Strawberry Hill, I staid in Cambridgeshire near 3 weeks; & tho I have been returned near as long to this place, yet I could not prevail with myself to sit down close to my business till now, from an indolence of disposition, & enjoyment of myself & fire-side, after so long a ramble.

The first thing I did when I got to Horseth was, to go to the Church, & take as exact a draught of the monument of your great-grandmother as I could;^s the which I have now copied out on this paper from my rough awkward notes: however, such as it is, it will serve to give you some idea of the monument, which I was glad to find wanted no reparation; the late Lord Montfort, at my repeated request, having just before his death ordered it to be repaired. I will now give you a very minute description of it.

On the north side of the chancel of Horseth Church, on the steps of the altar, is erected against the wall a very noble monument of various-coloured marble and alabaster. On the altar part lie 2 complete figures in alabaster, of a Knight in armour, nearest the wall, with a stiffened collar about his neck, his head on a cushion, & a talbot at his feet. His lady has a ruff about

^r Gone. Inf. Inc.

^s Cole was wrong in calling him her great-grandson. He was fifth in descent from Lady Dorothy Cecil, being great-grandson of Sir Edward Walpole, K. B. by Susan, daughter of Sir Robert Crane, Bart. by Susan Alington, 2d dau. of Sir Giles and Lady Dorothy.

her neck, her hair nicely dressed out, & her head lying on 2 cushions, with the Cecil crest of a garb between 2 Lyons rampant at her feet. Her clothes are painted black, & his armour painted & gilt,^t & both figures in a recumbent supplicating posture, very well executed for the age they were done in. On the side & ends of the tomb are the statues of 10 children in marble on their knees, painted & gilt. At the head are 2 females, full grown, & a child. On the front are 6, 3 men & 3 women. The 1st son in armour, & a death's head by him;^u the 2 others in short cloakes, & the 3 ladies in stiffened collars, hair dressed out, with farthingales; at the foot is a child with a death's head in its hand, a female. All the children's habits are painted black. Above this tomb is erected against the wall a sort of canopy, supported by 2 black marble Corinthian pillars: the whole richly painted, carved, & gilt. On the top, under a death's head with gilded wings, & between 2 pyramidal obelisks of white marble, is a round figure which surrounds a shield of 6 quarters for Allington.

These, as drawn in the Church Notes, are, 1. Alington; 2. Argentine; 3. Fitz Tek; 4. Gardener; 5. Midleton^x; and 6. Alington.

On the helmet above it is placed the crest, viz. a Talbot passant Ermine. Immediately under this coat, on a freize, is another plain shield having the 6 coats of Allington impaling the single coat of Cecil. On the said freize, & on each side of the first-named coat of Allington, near the 2 obelisks, are also 2 other coats in ornamented shields; that on the right hand has the 6 quarters of Allington singly; and on the other side the 6 quarters of Cecil Earl of Exeter.

These, as drawn in the Church Notes, are, 1. Cecil; 2. Party per pale Azure and Gules, a lion ramp. Argent, holding a [tree uprooted Proper] for [Winston]; 3. Sa. a Plate between 3 towers Argent for [Carlion]; 4. Argent, on a bend cotised Gules 3 roses Or, for Heckinton; 5. Argent, a chevron between 3 chess rooks Ermine, for Walcot; 6. Cecil.

^t "The paint and gilding are almost entirely obliterated; the figures were so covered with green mould that, in removing the latter, but little was left of the former; four of the children were composed of clunch stone, and were so mutilated as not to be worth preserving." Inf. Inc.

^u In his hands.

^x He was not entitled to quarter Midleton, being descended from the first wife Ursula Drury.

Under this canopy is a marble arch, & under that in the wall is fixed a table of black marble, within a frame of white marble, with this inscription:

Here resteth in assured hope
to rise in Christ, Sir Gyles Alington
of Horseheath, K^{nt},^y accompanied with Lady Dorothy his
wife, da^ur of Thomas Earle
of Exeter, Baron Burghley, &c.
who having made him a joyful
father of tenne children, viz.
Elizabeth · Thomas · Giles · James ·
Dorothy · Susan · Anne · Catharine ·
William & Mary · ended this
transitory life y^e 10th of N^o-
vember 1613, to whose dear memory her sor-
rowfull husband, myndfull of
his owne mortality, erected
this monument.^z

I shall send under another cover the pedigree of Allington, according to promise; and when I was at Horseth I took an exact catalogue of all the pictures there, as well as this Lord could inform me; for he told me the hands, most of which I had

^y There is an admirable portrait of him by Cornelius Janssen, from which the engraving in Lodge's Lives of the Cæsars was made, now in the possession of H. L. Long, Esq. of Hampton Lodge, Surrey, descended from Catharine the fourth daughter.

^z Sir Giles did penance at Paul's Cross, and at St. Mary's, Cambridge, in 1631, besides being fined £12,000, by sentence of the Archbishop and the High Commission Court, for having married his niece. Much error has arisen on this subject. Clutterbuck, in his History of Herts, makes the son Giles, who died at twelve years of age, a knight, and attributes the penance to him, besides giving him issue of the marriage. Lodge, in his Lives of the Cæsars, does the same, stating that he had three children. The facts, which have been established by the researches of C. G. Young, Esq. York Herald, are as follow:

Sir Giles was married 2dly Dec. 2, 1630, at West Wrattling (the seat of her father) to Dorothy, daughter of Michael Dalton, the eminent lawyer. Her mother was Mary, the daughter of Edward Elrington, Esq. by Margaret, the daughter of Sir John Spencer, and relict of Sir Giles Alington's father. She was therefore niece only by the half-blood; and they seem to have dealt him somewhat hard measure. His children were all, as is shown by the monument and register, the issue of the first marriage.

forgot. This catalogue^a shall come under the same cover," &c. &c.

The remainder of this letter relates to other matters, and is therefore omitted.^b

At the foot of this monument, on the N. wall hangs a fresh atchievem^t with these arms on it, viz. Argent, on a bend Sable 3 eaglets Or [for Ernle]; impaling the single coat of Allington.^c Directly fronting this monument, on the N. side of the E. window, hangs an old atchievem^t for a Lady Allington. Over the monument hang a couple of penons for the same family.^d Betwⁿ these 2 noble monuments, & at the feet of the rails of the altar, in the middle, lays a stone of very great antiquity, having a person in brass in compleat armour,^e in a supplicant posture on it, wth a dog at his feet, w^{ch} makes me conclude that it belongs to some of the Allington family; but for whom particularly it is impossible to determine; for almost all the rest of the brass work, except the figure itself, wth a gothic sort of angel supporting a canopy over the head of the person on y^e left side, & part of the label on the same side, w^{ch} formerly surrounded the whole stone, is torn away & lost. What remains on y^e part of y^e label w^{ch} is preserved is in French, w^{ch} alone proves its antiquity, & is no more yⁿ this in old characters: "De Novemb' L'An De l' Incarnacioñ." The rest is gone, as are the 2 escutcheons that were formerly on each side of his head. On the right side of this marble is a freestone monum^t, but without either brass or inscription. On the S. side at the foot of the great monument, directly under the hole in the wall for the water, lies, out of its place, a curious old peice of carved grey marble of seeming

^a This catalogue is given in vol. vii. p. 223 of the MSS.

^b The reply to this letter will be found in Walpole's Correspondence, vol. ii. p. 476, dated Dec. 6, 1763, in which he says, "I am glad for the tomb's sake and my own, that Sir Giles Allington's monument is restored," &c. "The pedigree of Allington, I had from Collins before his death, but I think not so perfect as yours."

^c Elizabeth, widow of Charles Lord Seymour of Trowbridge, and daughter of William first Lord Alington, remarried Sir John Ernle, Chancellor of the Exchequer. She died in 1691. There is a portrait of her at Petworth.

^d Both achievements and pennons are now gone. Inf. Inc.

^e This is a very fine brass of the time of Edward III. He has the basinet and cmail of that period; a handsome girdle from which his sword is suspended, and the armour of the thighs is ornamented with studs. It is supposed to represent Sir John de Argentine, who died in 1382, great-nephew to Sir Giles, who fell at Bannockburn. The length of the figure is 4 feet 3 inches.

great antiquity.^g These monuments are divided off from the rest of the chancel by an iron rail to preserve them; & on each side of the door of these rails, as you ascend this part of the chancel, are the crests of the Allingtons & the Cecils; w^{ch} discover that it was divided by that Sir Giles Allington who lies buried on the north side. Without these rails, on the S. side by the chancel door, lies a blewish marble slab, with a figure of a priest in his sacerdotal habit, with a label coming frō his mouth, & an inscription at his feet, the brass of w^{ch} is torn away, so we can only conjecture that it belongs to some former rector of this parish, some hundred years since. Immediately as you enter the chancel lies an old grey marble slab wth y^e arms of Allington on each side of the head still remaining; that on the left side impales some other, but it lying so under every body's feet, that it is now not intelligible; and in the middle of the stone lie 2 personages, a man & a woman; he in armour, & at their feet a plate for an inscription: all w^{ch} is gone, except the 2 afors^d escutcheons w^{ch} have this particular to them, that they have each 10 billets wth y^e bend.^h Directly at the foot of this lies another blewish marble slabⁱ of so much the same dimensions as the other, viz. abt^t 7 feet long, having a man on it in brass, compleat except the head, in a lawyer's habit. The brass for the inscription at the feet^j is torn away, but the arms on the left side sufficiently demonstrate to whom it belongs. That on the right side has the 4 usual quarterings for Allington, with this difference, however, that the bend is between 12 billets, wth a label of 3 points for difference. On the other side the same 4 quarterings impaling Coniesbye; w^{ch} informs us that it belongs to Robert Allington, son of Sir Giles, who died in 1552,^k & of whom mention is made at the foot of the great south tomb. Under the north wall, & close to the rails w^{ch} divide the chancel, lies an exceeding antient stone, w^{ch} formerly had the figure of a woman on it, but now nothing remains but the brass at the feet of her,

^g "It is still in the same place, but a few years ago I laid an oaken floor over the whole space within the altar rails, and so covered it. I also took away the iron rail to give more room to the school children, and by the Archdeacon's recommendation, who advised me to advance the altar rails." Inf. Inc.

^h No brass now remaining. Inf. Inc.

ⁱ "Now under the chancel seats, having been displaced, in consequence of their interference with the laying of the pavement." Inf. Inc.

^k He was grandson of that Sir Giles.

wh^{ch} is quite plain & legible, being so near the wall, that no feet could come very well at it to damage it; it has this inscription in old characters:

"Hic jacet Joha^{na} Alyngton soror et una heredū Joh^{is} Argentein, filii Joh^{is} filii Wil^m Argentein militis que obiit xv^o die Maij A^o Dñi M^o CCCC^o xxix^o." ¹

On a part of the brass label wh^{ch} formerly surrounded it, are still these words remaining in Gothic letters: "Ut misericordia et . . ." Directly over this is a good neat mural monum^t of stone, for one of the Rectors of this parish, carv'd, &, for the time, handsomely painted & gilt. Over the inscription is a Gothic sort of pyramidal stone work, & on each side of it 2 large Church Bibles in stone, painted & gilt also: in the middle is this inscription in gold letters on a peice of black marble:

"Depositū Thomæ Wakefield 37 annos Ecc^{ie} hujus Rectoris, nec non Judithæ uxoris ej^{us}, quibus parentavit Filius Thomas, qui patri in hac Rectoria successit. A^o Dñi 1627."

On the same wall, & very near this last to the west, is another neat mural monument of black & white marble, for another of the Rectors of this Church, and on a peice of black marble this inscription:

"M. S. Here under interr'd lieth the body of William Eedes, A.M. late Rector of this parish of Horseheathe, who departed this life the 23^d day of April, Anno Domⁱ 1709, aged 68."

Over it are 3 white marble urnes with gilt flames: one larger & 2 smaller on each side of it. Close by this hangs a sword & buckler of the late John Bromley, Esq. Lord of the manor; ^m the sword in a scabbard of black velvet, & on the buckler the Bromley's arms, viz. Quarterly per fess dancetté Gules & Or, with an escutcheon of pretence over it, viz. Argent, a griffon rampant Vert, for [part of the coat of Bromley]. Over this hang the crest, viz. a demy-lion Sable, issuing out of a ducal coronet Or, holding a flag Gules, with a lion passant Or; wth the helmet, sash of black velvet, a surtout having the arms blazoned on it. Over these hang 4 penons or flags wth the following arms on them; the 1st Bromley, wth y^e escutcheon of pretence, im-

¹ One half of this is loose in the Vestry. Inf. Inc.

^m The swords, pennons, &c. are gone; but two helmets remain.

paling Azure, 3 crosses potent in bend Or, for [White], 2^d Bromley, 3^d and 4th in lozenges as the 1st.

There is nothing particular in the window of the chancel; but in the very top of the window are these arms in painted glass: Checquey Argent & Sable [perhaps Brooke], ⁿ impaling Gules, fretty Or, in a bordure Argent, semeé de fleurs de lys Sable [for Audley]. ^o Under this window is a way broke in the wall for the entrance into the burial dormitory of the family of the Rt Hon^{ble} the Lord Montfort, Baron of Horseheath. The dormitory itself being built up of brick on the outside of the chancel. Several personages of that noble family lie interred there. ^p The roof of the chancel is handsomely vaulted & white-washed, & has several ornaments of fleurs de lis & roses on it, in stucco. Over the S. window of the chancel, w^{ch} has no painted glass in it, hang six penons ^q for the Bromley family. The 2 first Bromley, with the escutcheon of pretence; the 3^d & 4th Bromley impaling Bromley; the 5th & 6th the same as the two last on the opposite side. The chancel, as I said before, is divided from the body of the church by a wooden screen; over w^{ch} are the King's arms, and over them 1721, and on each side G.R. & under them, "Fear God and honour the King." In the middle isle of the church lays a pretty large grey marble slab, wth an inlet for a small brass inscription, w^{ch} is lost. Besides this, there are no other monuments in the body of the church which I can discover, the whole being, I suppose, when the church was last beautified, newly layed wth brick. However, that there were other stones in the church is plain, from a brass inscription now in the possession of the present worthy rector of this parish, I mean the Rev^d Mr Barker, who did me the favor to lend it me; ^r but upon strict examination in every part of the church, could find no stone that had an inlet to fit it. There are the following verses on the brass in old letters:

ⁿ "— filiolo meo Johⁱ Broke." Will of Sir Will. Argentein, May 18, 1417; grandfather of Johanna Alington.

^o The "Topographer" says a fleur-de-lys and trefoil alternately, but it is not so.

^p The dormitory was taken down by Lord Montfort's permission in 1829, the coffins belonging to the Bromley family having been previously removed in October 1828, to a vault under the chancel floor. Inf. Inc.

^q All gone. Inf. Inc.

^r It is still in the vestry. Inf. Inc.

"Nobilis ecce pia jacet hic formosa Maria,
Que Laurence Cheyne^s prosilit e genere,
Uxor et Alington quodam fuit illa Johis
Armigeri, sup^eest marmoris ecce lapis
Post mundi tenebras cōcede De^o bone lucem
Qua vivat tecū qui sine fine manes."

In the middle of the pannel of the lower division of the 1st N. side window is a compleat large picture, except the head, of the Blessed Virgin, wth these Gothic letters at her feet: "Sca Maria." There are yet remaining in almost all the 5 pannels of this window, though a good deal broke, pictures taken from some stories out of the New Testament, & particularly one of the Last Supper, w^{ch} is pretty perfect.^t In this, as indeed in most of the other windows of the nave (sometimes one, sometimes two in a window) are 2 very neat shields, with these arms in painted glass, viz. Quarterly Gules & Or, in the 1st quarter a mullet Argent [Vere].^u Between this & the next N. window stands y^e pulpit & desk of neat new wainscotte. The pulpit cloth & altar ornaments being of a purple cloth, with a silk fringe of the same colour. There are in the next window several pretty large pictures of saints, but the upper parts of them chiefly demolished; I suppose at their general destruction through this county by that enthusiastical fanatic, whose diary of such barbarity was published by Dr Zachary Grey. At the bottom of the middle pannel of the lower division of this window are these arms, viz.

^s He was grandson of Sir Henry Cheyney of Fen-Ditton. He bore, Quarterly Argent and Sable, a bend lozengy Gules. His daughter was grandmother of Sir Giles Alington who died in 1522. Her sister Eliz. mar. Sir John Say; see Weever, p. 550. In vol. vi. of Cole's MSS. p. 74, is the following version of these lines, translated, at y^e desire of Lady Howe, by Dr. Basset, who died in January 1748-9, and was bur. at Balsham.

Lo here y^e noble Mary lyes, as good & fair as any,
Sprung from y^e race & antient stock of 'Squire hight Laurence Cheyney,
Wife heretofore she was unto John Alyngton, Esquire,
And now behold a marble stone lyes o'er, or very nigh her,
After this worldly darkness past, grant that, great God, she may
For ever live with thee, who art for ever and for aye.

Lady Howe was Juliana niece and coheir of Hildebrand last Lord Alington, and wife of Scrope first Viscount Howe. There is a portrait of her by Dahl at Petworth.

^t There is very little glass remaining. Inf. Inc.

^u In another place Cole says, "In a N. window of y^e nave of y^e church is this date, under some good painted glass, 'A° D'ni m^ccccc..' y^e rest broken and gone. There are no less than 7 coats of arms for Vere in this nave windows." MSS. vol. vii.

Baron & Femme, 1st the 4 usual bearings of Allington, I suppose, tho' the 3^d & 4th quarters are broken, & filled up with other glass, & only the 1st & 2^d are remaining, viz. Allington wth 12 billets, & Argentine; impaling barry of 6 or 8 Ermine & Gules [? Husee]. Over the north door is the creed painted within a frame of a yellow colour, of festoons of flowers & fruits, wth angels supporting them, & at the bottom is this Greek inscription:

Ἐπιθυμοῦσιν Ἀγγελοι παρακύψαι.—1 St. Peter, i. 12.

In the last N. window, next the bellfry, are the same arms as before, & the remains of two broken saints. In the 1st S. window is one of the same coats of arms, with some old painting on glass. Betwⁿ this & the next window in the wall is fixed, painted & carved on stone, Gardener impaling Argent, a chevron betwⁿ 3 griffon's heads Or. But I fancy it is blazon'd wrong, when the church was new painted; for in the next window are the same arms, but thus blazon'd: Baron & Femme, 1st Gardener, impaling Sable, a chevron betwⁿ 3 griffon's heads Argent, for Cotton.^x In this window is also another of the foregoing arms. Over the S. door is the Lord's Prayer, painted in the same manner as the Creed opposite to it. In the 3^d and last window of this side, is neither painted glass, nor arms. The whole church is neatly adorned with texts of Scripture, surrounded with festoons of fruits and flowers, &c. painted in yellow, with angels in various attitudes supporting them: & on the wall on each side of the screen w^{ch} divides the nave and the chancel, are the 10 Commandm^{ts}, done in the same manner. The Font, w^{ch} has nothing remarkable in it, stands under the gallery w^{ch} is erected at the W. end of y^e church agst y^e bellfry, for the use of the Singers. Over the great arch of the bellfry in a sort of frame, painted as the rest of the church, is this written, "Repaired & beautified, Año Domini 1721, John Slaney & Joseph Wakefield, Church Wardens."^z

In the midst of the oak roof of the nave are the arms of the kingdom of the East Angles, or as I should conclude them to be, those of the Bishopric of Ely, being in that diocese, viz. 3 ducal coronets. [Gules, 3 ducal crowns Or.] Over the S. porch is a stone cross, but before it, so as in a manner quite to cover it, is

^x In the "Topographer" this is called Ravenscroft, by mistake.

^z Gone. Inf. Inc.

placed a sun dial. In the porch on the right hand as you enter the church, is a neat sort of escallop shell for holy water.^a

In a pediment, above one of the offices near y^e place where the bell hangs w^{ch} rings for dinner, &c. adjoyning to the noble house of the R^t Hon^{ble} Henry Bromley, Lord Montfort, is this inscription on a board y^t fitts y^e place:

"This bell was brought over from the seige of Bulloyne in the kingdome of France, by Giles Alington, Esq. Master of the Ordinance in the thirty-seventh Yeare of Henry the Eight, Año Domini 1546."

End of Church Notes in vol. i.

Continuation of the Church Notes, from vol. vii. p. 169.

Being at the Right Honorable y^e Lord Montfort's y^e beginning of Oct. 1745, I walk'd down to y^e church, & made y^e following remarks, unobserved by me before, or at least not regarded.

Mr. Cole here gives rude drawings of the north side of the church, and of the brasses of Sir John de Argentine and Robert Alington, with a second description of them; to repeat which would be superfluous. He then continues,

In y^e chancel agst the E. wall hang 2 old atchievements, y^e 1st for a Lord Alington wth these arms, viz. Qly of 6, 1st Alington; 2^d Gules a bend S. if the colours are not changed, as I suspect, for [Burgh, viz. Gules, on a bend Argent 3 leopard's faces Sable], 3^d Argentine; 4th B. 6 martlets Or, wth a canton Erm. for [Fitz Tec]; 5th Gardener; 6th A. fretty, a canton S. for Middleton; impaling Qly of 6: 1st Russel; 2^d Az. a castle Arg^t. [De la Tour]; 3^d Or, 3 bars Gules [Muschamp]; 4th Gules, 3 fish hauriant in fess Arg^t [Heringant]; 5th S. 3 chevrons Ermine [Wise]; 6th S. 3 castles Argent [Sabcotts]. On it a Baron's coronet & supporters of Allington, and motto, "En Dieu est tout."^b On y^e other, these arms in a lozenge, & a Baroness's coronet, viz. 1st Q^r, Allington; 2^d Gules, a bend Argent [Burgh, as before]; 3^d Argentine; 4th Gardener; impaling 4 coats, 1st & 2^d so decayed by damp that nothing is left; 3^d S. [Argent] 3 wolf's heads couped Arg^t [Gules, for Visdelowe]; 4th S. [Argent], a fess be-

^a This is a remarkably fine stoup, and stands out in very bold relief from the wall.

^b William 2d Lord Alington, married 2dly Diana, dau. of William 1st Duke of Bedford, and relict of Sir Greville Verney.

tween 2 chevrons Arg^t [Gules, for Spice].^c On another atchievement quite fresh, are these arms, viz. Arg^t, on a bend S. 3 eagles disp. O for [Ernle], impaling S. a bend eng. int. 6 billets A. for Allington.^d

Here follow some extracts from the Register, which, with the exception of the following, are printed in the Topographer, vol. ii. p. 377.

Burials.—1638. Dec. 23. Sir Giles Alington, Knt.

1648. Oct. 25. Will. Lord Alington.

1659. Mar. 20. Giles, Lord Alington

1662. Dec. 4. Catharine Lady Alington.

1666. Mar. 24. Mrs. Diana Alington.

1703. Oct. 29. Mrs. Alington.

1703. Dec. 24, ob. Dec. 13. Diana Lady Alington.

The exact date of the baptism of Catharine, dau. of Sir Giles and Lady Dorothy, is omitted in the extracts given in the Topographer. It was Dec. 5, 1608, according to the Register.

In the dormitory belonging to y^e family of the R^t Hon^{ble} y^e Lord Montford, on the N. side of the chancel, are 4 coffins at y^e E. end; all of them covered with black velvet. On y^e 1st to the S: next y^e wall, w^{ch} is a very large one, are these arms: Bromley, with an escutcheon of pretence, a griffon saliant for [part of the Bromley coat]. Underneath, on a plate is engraved this inscription: "The body of the Hon. John Bromley, Esq. who departed this Life Octob. 7 1707, in y^e 56 year of his age."

This was my Lord Montford's grandfather, who purchased this estate of y^e last Lord Allington, who built y^e noble seat in this parish at a vast expence. This Lord Allington lies buried at Wethersfield church in Suffolk, according to his own desire (vide vol. v. p. 128).^e The said John Bromley was one of y^e members for this county at y^e time of his decease.

On y^e 2^d coffin close to it, w^{ch} is smaller, is this inscription on a plate: "Mrs. Dorothy Bromley died July y^e 14, 1709, aged 60 years."

^c Eliz. dau. of Sir Lionel Tollemache of Helmingham, wife of William 1st Lord Alington.

^d There are now no achievements in the church. Inf. Inc.

^e It was William the 2d Lord Alington who built the house in 1665. Hildebrand the last Lord Alington his brother, was buried at Wetherfield. See in Cole, vol. v. p. 128, the Mon. Insc. of Sir John Jacob of Gamlingay, which states that he was executor to his uncle, Hildebrand Lord Alington, and buried him in the chapel there by his order. A curious miniature of him on copper, from which Lodge's portrait was engraved, is now in the possession of H. L. Long, Esq.

On y^e 3^d, w^{ch} is a very large one, are y^e same arms as before, without y^e bordure gobony A. & B. as my Lord bore it before he was created a Peer of England, viz. Bromley, with the escutcheon of pretence: crest as before. The present Lord Montford bore his arms before he was called into the Peerage in this manner; Q^{ly} per fess dancette G. & O. a border gobony A. & B. Since he was made a Lord y^e Heralds altered y^e coat, taking away y^e border, w^{ch}, as my Lord told me, y^e Heralds said was a mark of bastardy, and made it Q^{ly} per pale crenelle G. & O. sans bordure, & altered y^e crest, making it a mural coronet. But to return to y^e said 3^d coffin, under y^e arms is this inscription on a plate: "John Bromley, Esq. died Octob. 20, 1718, in y^e 36 year of his age."

This gentleman was my Lord's father, & was also representative for this county. My Lord was under age when his father died, & his guardians were Samuel Shepherd, Esq. one of y^e present members for this county, & Samuel Gatward, Esq. late Recorder of Cambridge. He was at Eton School, & from thence removed to Clare Hall, where he was a Fellow Commoner. On y^e 18 of March 1726, he married Miss Frances Windham, by whom he had a daughter Frances, now abt 16 years of age, & a son Thomas, of whom she died in childbed in 1733 in London. The son survived, & is now a fine youth, tho' smalle of his age, of great parts and vivacity, at Eton School. His mother was a little, but very beautifull person: My Lord Montford continues a widower. He was member for y^e county, & Lord Lieutenant & Custos Rotulorum for this county also; w^{ch} he resigned to y^e Earl of Lincoln when he came of age to accept of it. In 17[41] he was made a Peer of England, by his Majesty K. George y^e 2^d, for his good services to him, & was abt 2 years since made Lord High Steward of y^e Corporation of Cambridge.

The 4th coffin has nothing on y^e plate, & is a smallish one. I suppose it was for Capt. Bromley, my Lord's uncle, who died here in 1729. In y^e Register is also this entry:

"1729. Wm. Bromley, Esq. ob. Nov. 26, buried Nov. 29."

This gentleman died a bachelor, & upwards of 30 y^{rs} of age. He left a natural daughter now married to y^e Rev^d Mr. Challis, nephew to M^{rs} Harrison of West Wickham, of whom my Lord lately bought y^e great tithes of that parish. I have seen a mourn-

ing ring since, w^{ch} has this on it: "Wm. Bromley, Ar. ob. 26 Nov. 1729, æt. 44."

Rectors of Horseheath fr' y^e Register.

Thomas Wakefield sign'd y^e Register, w^{ch} begins 1558, but that I take only to be a copy of y^e old one, w^{ch} he attests, wth the Church Wardens. He died 1627. Thomas, son of y^e aforesaid Thomas, was presented by y^e Charter House in London, & was inducted y^e same month that his father deceased. He died Feb. 4, 1668, and lies buried in this church.

1669. William Eede or Eedes, on y^e death of his predecessor, was presented to this Rectory in 1669, w^{ch} he held 40 years, dying on y^e 23 of April 1709, aged 68. He was an odd kind of man. His wife died at Cambridge, at least was buried in St. Andrew's there, Aug. 8, 1680.

1709. Edward Basset, LL.D. of Trinity College, succeeded, being presented by y^e Charter House. His father was a bookseller in London. He built an exceeding good rectorial house fr' y^e ground, & made a very good garden on one side of it, at no inconsiderable expence. He is a Justice of the Peace for y^e county of Cambridge, & in 1732 he was removed fr' this Rectory to that of Balsham, y^e neighbouring parish, by y^e Charter House, thro' y^e interest of my Lord Montford; a living of much greater value: for I heard Mr. Lagden, of Balsham, offer y^e Doctor 316 per añ for it; whereas this of Horsheath is a bare 100 pounds per añ. The Dr married a neice of y^e Rev^d Mr. Markham, a non-juror of Abingdon.^f She was a Presbyterian when y^e Dr married her, but by this time I suppose she goes to church. He has two daughters; one a poetess & a woman of genius, whom y^e Dr taught Latin & Greek; but all these accomplishments prevented her not marrying y^e miller of her town, one Wollard, by whom she has children. The Doctor's other daughter is unmarried. [*Added subsequently in a marginal note*] She married an apothecary at Linton.

1732. Thomas Rowell, B.D. of Corp. Xti Coll. Camb. was presented to this Rectory by y^e aforesaid patrons, & was inducted into it Oct. 28, 1732. He chiefly resided in London, where he had a Lectureship or Curacy; and Mr. Howes, Fellow of Clare

^f Abington parva, near Linton. The Rev. Henry Markham died Oct. 11, 1735, æt. 80. Esther his wife died Dec. 18, 1742, æt. 85. Mon. Ins. Cole, vol. i. pp. 3 and 4.

Hall, was his Curate here. He died in London in September 1737, where he was buried.

1737. Roger Barker, a Sussex man, bred at y^e Charter House, and then removed to Clare Hall, in Camb. where he was made Fellow. In 1736 he was one of y^e Moderators of y^e University, & examined me for my degree of Bachelor of Arts. In Dec. 1737 he was removed to this Rectory by y^e Charter House, where he continues unmarried. He has also y^e Curacy of West Wickham just by, w^{ch} he serves also. [*Added afterwards.*] Mr. Barker is now Rector of Castle Camps, & a Bachelor, 1763.

[Philip] Bearcroft, of Oxford, son of Dr. Bearcroft, Master of the Charter House, died at Horseth, about the last week of January 1776, in very bad circumstances, &c.

Here follows an account which, as it casts unnecessary reflections on the mode of life both of the Incumbent and Lord Montford, is omitted.

John Maule, M.A. Chaplain to Greenwich Hospital, presented by the Governors of the Charter House, void by the death of Mr. Bearcroft. See General Evs Post, May 30, 1776.

The present Incumbent, the Rev. Thomas Cozens Percival, M.A. formerly Student of Christ Church, Oxford, whose kind attention in replying to several enquiries it would be unpardonable to pass unnoticed, succeeded Mr. Maule, March 3, 1825.

In y^e Register is this entry of a benefaction to the parish:

"1613. William Casor, alias Webb, by his last will gave to the poorest of y^e parish of Horseheath, to be distributed yearly on Good Friday, y^e sum of 6s. 8d." ^g

In y^e rectory house, in y^e staircase window, are work'd into y^e other glass 2 old coats, y^e 1st y^e emblem of y^e H. Trinity in S. & A. y^e other G. fretty O. y^e same, except y^e border, as is in y^e N. window of y^e chancel for Audley.^h

I suppose when Dr. Basset built this house, he found y^m in y^e old one, & so placed them agⁿ in y^e new rectorial house.

At y^e end of y^e nave, & by y^e S. side of y^e chancel by y^e walls, is placed a head-stone with this inscription:

"Here lyeth the body of John Offord, jun^r. yeoman, who departed this life, Nov. 28, 1737, æt. 33." ⁱ

^g This charity has ceased, according to the following entry in the register, A^o 1612. "Phillipe Webb, who gave 6s. 8d. yearly on Good Friday for 99 years next after his death to the poorest of this parish, was buried Oct. 4th."

^h Gone. Inf. Inc.

ⁱ This John Offord was of Abington, and was the son of John Offord of Horseheath, who died in 1735. The will of the son was proved in 1738. He bequeathed

This person was brother, as I take it, to Mr. Offord of Abingdon, a tenant to Mr. Western, but who this Michaelmass leaves him & enters y^e great farm at Babram, formerly occupied by my father, under Mr. Benet; w^{ch} farm, when my father held it, was 700 p^{ds} p^r añ, but now it is not near so much, my Lord Godolphin taking above an 100 p^{ds} p^r añ out of it, near Gogmagog Hills, & other things being detached fr^o it.

Mr. Offord has an estate of his own, & married a daughter of Mr. John Hinson, of Babram, another tenant of Mr. Benet.

(MS. Cole, vol. vii. p. 173.)

From Dr. Mason's book of Incumbents in Ely Diocese, p. 156, which I scrupulous copy. W^m. COLE, Milton, near Cambridge, June 8, 1773.

1347. Joh. Cole de Neuport-Pagnet, Mar. 28. } Change p Joh
Wil. de Brigham, R. Cotesgrove, Linc. } de Vere, Co. Ox.

1349. Ric. de Preston, Jul. 16.—Jul. 25, p eund.

Joh. de Horsham, Jul. 30, p eund. Lic. abs. 1352, Nov. 18.

1386. Hen. de Hamerton, Nov. 28, ob. Ric. Edmund. p. Eliz. de Vere. Lic. abs. per trien. 29 Sept. 1390.

1395. Tho. Martyn, Oct. 31, res. Hen. Hamerton, p. Aldred. Com. de Vere.

1455. Joh. Turnour, June 12, ob. Will. Bulworthe, p. Joh. Com. Oxon.

1474. Joh. Hopton, Mar. 1, ob. Joh. Turnour, p Ducem Gloucestriæ.

1500. Hen. Godwyn, Apr. 7, res. Joh. Hopton, p Joh. de Vere, Com. Oxon. pleno jure.

Joh.

Will. Masterson. [He was Rector in 1542.]

Tho. Whyte. [He was Rector June 10, 1561.]

Tho. Wakefield.

Horseheath. Rectory, All Saints. Deanery of Camps.

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A^o 1676. Inhabitants 115, No recusants. 8 Dissenters.

the bulk of his property to his brother Charles; but directed his executors, Thomas Purcas of Shudy Camps and Thomas Talbot of Linton, to pay the sum of 10l. to the Minister and Church Wardens of Horseheath, in trust to invest the same, and to pay the interest annually for ever to "6 ancient poor."

1595. 3 Nov. & 2 Mar. Mr. Wakefield was rated for his parsonage to raise 1 Caliver furnished.

1609. 4 Apr. He was rated to raise the same.

Copies of brass plates found near leaden coffins under the chancel, and restored to their places in 1829. Communicated by present Inc.

Here lieth the body of the Right Hon^{ble} Katherine Lady Alington, wife to the Right Hon^{ble} William Lord Alington of Horseheath, Cambridgeshire, and second daughter of the Right Hon^{ble} the Countess of Chesterfield, departed this life the 19th day of November 1662 there with childe, of her first childe, beinge a daughter, that is interred in the same coffin with her.

The body of y^e Hon^{ble} William Alington, son and heire to the Right Hon^{ble} William Lord Alington by his lady Juliana, daughter to the Right Hon^{ble} Baptist Viscount Camden. He died y^e 3^d day of September 1667, aged 13 days.

The body of the Right Hon^{ble} Juliana Lady Alington, daughter of the Right Hon^{ble} Baptist Viscount Camden, 2^d wife to the Right Hon^{ble} William Lord Alington, by whom he had issue Juliana,^k now living, and William deceased. Shee died the 14 day of September, Anno Dⁿⁱ 1667, aged 22 years.

In the sixth volume of Cole, f. 77, is a statement of the rents of Lord Montford's farms, "written out," says Cole, "one evening, by him" in 1773. The names of the tenants only are given.

	£.	s.	d.
Horseheath, six farms	917	0	0
W. Wickham, ditto	1030	0	0
In hand	600	0	0
Woods	100	0	0
Withersfield	92	0	0
Small rents	58	15	6
Quit rents	40	12	0
Tithes of Wickham	30	0	0
	£2968	12	6

^k Viscountess Howe, before-mentioned.

Amongst the Harl. MSS. 980, f. 74, is the following notice of Sir Giles Alington's marriage :

Sir Giles Alington of Cambridgsh married with the daughter of his sister, viz. Mrs Dorothy Dalton, and being sued for that in the Ecclesiastical Court, prohibition was brought in the Common Pleas & consultation granted, whereupon the hy Commissioners at Lambeth, in Trin. Term 1631, adiudged the mariage unlawfull, & inioyned the parties corporall penance, both at Pawles Cross & at Cambridge, & proposed a fine of 10,000*l*. upon Sir Giles Alington, & 1000*l*. upon Dalton the father.¹

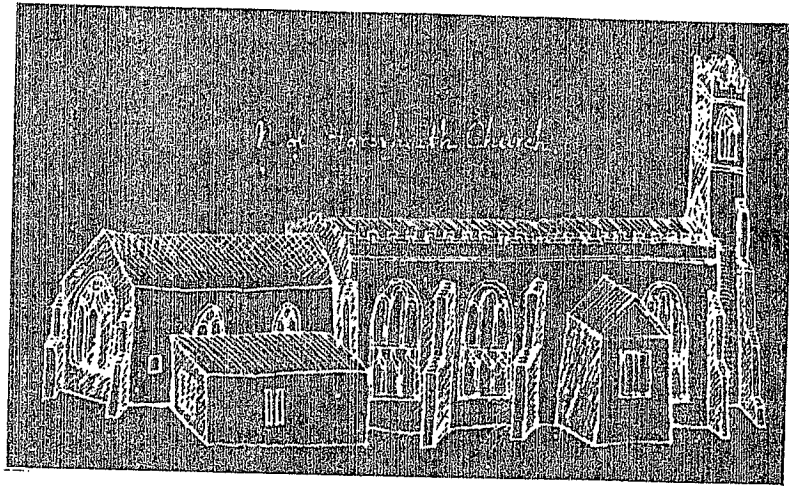
Lysons states that Dorothy Dalton died in 1644. There is no notice in the register of West Wrattling of her interment in that year; or in the years immediately previous or subsequent. Her father was buried there Nov. 19, 1644.

¹ In the same page of this MS. is the following miraculous tale, arising out of a question as to the legality of a marriage between the families of Delaval and Selby. "A weaver in Scotland had by one woman 62 children, all living till they were baptised, of w^{ch} ther wer but fower daughters onely who lived till they were women, and 46 sonns, all attaining to man's estate. During the time of this fruitfullnes in the woman, the husband, at her importunity, absented himself from her for the space of 5 years together, serving as a soldier under the command of Captaine Selby in the Low Countries. After his return home his wife was againe delivered of three children at a birth, and so in due time continued in such births till, through bearing, she became impotent. The certainty of this relation I had from John Delavall of Northumb', Esq. who, ann. 1630, rid about 30 miles beyond Edenburrrough to see this fruitfull couple, who were both then living. Ther statures and features he described to me then more fully. Ther was not any of the children then abiding with ther parents. Sir John Bowes & 3 other men of qualitie having taken at severall times ten of ther children apeece from them, and brought them up. The rest wer disposed of by the other English & Scottish gents, amongst w^{ch} 3 or 4 out of them are now alive & abiding at Newcastle, 1630."

There are two similar cases, though of not quite such incredible fecundity, recorded in the College of Arms. One, the case of Mr. Ricketts, the father of the present Lord St. Vincent, who was the 23^d of 27 children of the same mother. The other, a case which occurred in the year 1698, when Thomas Greenhill, surgeon to Henry Duke of Norfolk (son of William Greenhill of Greenhill in Middx. by Elizabeth, daughter of John Jones of London) petitioned the Earl Marshal as follows: "That in consideration of your petitioner being the 7th son & 39th child of one father & mother, your Grace would be pleased to signalize it by some particular remark or augmentation in his coat of Arms, to transmit to posterity so uncommon a thing." The confirmation of the arms contains no reference to the fact.

In the Gentleman's Magazine for Feb. 1743 is recorded the death of Mrs. Agnes Milbourne, who was aged 106, and had 30 children.

Illustration LXII.



North side of Horseheath Church, October, 1745,
*showing the dormitory erected in 1711,
and demolished in 1829.*

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HORSEHEATH.

Addit. MS. 5802, p. 9. August 12-18, 1742.

[Drawing of South of Church.]

This is a neat small church without any side Isles and has a thin high Tower built chiefly of Flint plastered over with mortar, as is the rest of the church, with a pretty chancel. The chancel is tiled, as are the 2 Porches of the nave, the north of which serves by way of vestry, and has its outward entrance bricked up. There are 5 bells in the tower. The body of the church is leaded and embattled with brick, as is the tower. [He describes the Alington monuments in the chancel.] On the south side at the foot of the great monument directly under the Hole in the wall for the Holy water, lies out of its place, a curious old piece of carved grey marble of seeming great antiquity. . . . Under the north window is a way broke in the wall in the entrance into the Burial Dormitory of the family of the Lord Montfort. The dormitory itself being built up of brick. The roof of the chancel is handsomely vaulted and white washed and has several ornaments of Fleur de Lis and Roses on it in stucco. The chancel is divided from the Body of the church by a sort of wooden screen, and over which are the King's arms, and over them 1721, and on each side, G.R., and under them, Fear God and Honour the King. [Between the first and second windows of the N. side] stands the Pulpit and Desk, of neat new wainscote. The Pulpit cloth and Altar monuments being of Purple cloth, with a silk fringe of the same colour. Over the south door is the Lord's Prayer painted and the Creed opposite to it. The whole church is neatly adorned with Texts of Scripture, surrounded with Festoons of Fruits, Flowers, etc. painted in yellow, with Angels in various attitudes supporting them, and on each side of the Screen, are the 10 commandments. The Font stands under a gallery which is erected at the W. end against the Belfry, for the use of the singers. Over the great arch of the Belfry in a frame painted as the rest of the church is this written: Repaired and Beautified anno domini 1721, John Slaney and Joseph Wakefield, churchwardens. Over the S. porch is a stone cross, but before it, so as in a manner

quite to cover it, is placed a Sun Dial. In the porch on the right as you enter the church, is a neat sort of Escallop Shell for Holy water.

In a Pediment above one of the offices near the place where the Bell hangs which rings for Dinner and adjoining to the noble house of Lord Montfort is this Inscription on a board that fills the place:

This Bell was brought over from the siege of Bulloigne in the Kingdom of France by Giles Alington Esq. Master of the Ordinance in the thirty seventh yeare of Henry the Eight anno Domini 1546. Addit. MS. 5808, pp. 173.

Being at the Right Hon. the Lord Montfort's the beginning of October, 1745, I walked down to the church and made the following Remarks, unobserved by me before, or at least disregarded.

And first I corrected the draft I made only by my memory of the church, which I have here added as I took it upon the spot on the N. side, with the Dormitory on the N. side of the Chancel*. The South side is exactly the same, save that there is a small Door into the chancel and a porch opposite where the vestry stands. [This extract shows that Cole used to draw his churches from memory when he started his church notes. That this was so has already been hinted at.]

Phillip Bearcroft, of Oxford, son of Dr. Bearcroft, Master of Charterhouse, died at Horseheath the last week of January, 1776, in very bad circumstances, though a Bachelor, being a person of a rather abandoned kind of life, though a cripple and of a bad constitution, which he had injured by his former course of life, of a complication of many sore infirmities which he had laboured under for many years: other ways he was a man of a lively understanding and good learning, but of a most ungracious Figure and behaviour. Lord Montfort had little communication with him, he taking it into his head that he could not with decency come to the Hall, because his Lordship had a Mistress there, which was the more extraordinary as his own example was so notorious. Yet, his Lordship was always kind to him, making him many

* Reproduced p. 154.