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INTRODUCTION.

“’Tis greatly wise to talk with our past hours,
And ask them what report they bore to heaven ;
And how they might have borne more welcome news.
Their answers form what men experience call ;
If wisdom’s friend, her best ; if not, worst foe.”—YOUNG.



ALLOWING for the intervening lapse of time, the pages of the poets, the historians and the scholiasts of the Greek and Roman periods afford us a singularly instructive insight into the ways and usages of contemporary social life ; so much so, in fact, that though the assertion may appear paradoxical, many educated people possess a far better acquaintance with life and manners in Greece and Italy two thousand years ago than with the habits and usages of their forefathers, only removed from them by the comparatively short period that has elapsed since the press was set up in England. The explanation is probably to be found in the fact that the middle ages, so far as this country is concerned, have no literature to call their own at all resembling that of the ancients, and as to the writings which we must be content to accept as a substitute for it, as giving us an insight into the contemporary features of social life, the items of which those writings are composed are lamentably deficient. The chroniclers of those ages are mostly too intent upon the deeds or aspirations of the great or the ambitious to bestow a passing notice upon the multitude from whom their individuals are selected ; and the legendist, the romancer, and the poet are too busily engaged with the doings and sayings of their saints and their heroes to descend from their elevation to any less holy, less stirring, or less captivating details.

One result of this is that we must either rest contented with the few and transient glimpses of light fitfully thrown upon this interesting subject by the early glossarists—with what we may glean

incidentally from the chroniclers—or we must look, of necessity, to other and far different sources for the materials of our social history—to documents, in fact, which the compilers little dreamt would be turned to such an account, but which atone by their truthfulness and authenticity for their meagreness of diction and their want of embellishment. These documents, fortunately for those who would deplore our social history being swept into oblivion, still lie scattered, in comparatively great abundance, over the length and breadth of the land. It is to our early laws, statutes and enactments, to registers, rentals, rolls, orders and accounts, under their legion of technical appellations, that we must have recourse if we would gain the moderate credit of knowing at least as much about our forefathers as about the populaces that thronged the streets of ancient Athens or Rome. From records such as these we may become intimately acquainted with the early form and subsequent development of our civil and municipal institutions, for there was hardly a dealing or a difference between man and man, however trivial, that was not provided for or regulated by sumptuary laws or by-laws, many of them now regarded as absurd and grotesque: hardly a transaction or existing relation in private life that was not the subject of legal enactment and parochial surveillance. From the recorded proceedings under such laws as these may be seen the growth of taxation upon varying principles and under multiform conditions, the relations of prices and labour, the progress of arts, manufactures and commerce, the gradual expanse of our national wealth or defence, and the manners, usages and habits of our forefathers. A very considerable amount of biographical and genealogical information may also be gathered from such sources, and indications may be derived from them on the various developments of religious opinion and belief, while the philologist, the topographer, and the student of church or parish folk-lore find ample scope for their research.

If the indulgent reader entertain a doubt that such value attaches to the records of a single parish in the great metropolis, he is invited to reserve his judgment until he shall have thoughtfully perused the following pages. That there may be such doubts is not remarkable, for outside the comparatively small circle of those engaged in Local

Government* there are few who concern themselves with either the nature or the value of parochial records, or regard the preservation of them as of any importance. This appears to have been so ever since the laity gradually obtained a restoration of their independence in things civil at the Reformation. It is not the object of the present essay, however, to investigate the causes, nor to illustrate the consequences of this indifference; much less is it proposed to enter upon an academical disquisition upon "records," and upon the particular classes of books, documents, or instruments which, in the strict sense of the word, come within that category. The existence of the indifference warrants the attempt, however feeble and imperfect, to contribute to the removal of it. The object in view, therefore, in the compilation and issue of the catalogue in the present form, is to kindle such an interest in the subject as will dispel the mists of apathy with which it has all too long been enveloped and, perchance, to afford a passing glimpse at the origin of some of the departments of Local Government and Poor Law Administration which present day "reformers," forgetful of the unobtrusive labours of their predecessors claim to have introduced:—

"All the inventions that the world contains,
Were not by reason first found out, nor brains;
But pass for theirs who had the luck to light
Upon them by mistake or oversight."—BUTLER.

Obviously something more than a mere bald, dry-as-dust list of titles, numbers, and dates, however carefully classified, is necessary to stimulate the interest and to reach the end in view. The reference to the lack of interest in the conservation of parochial records is by no means intended as a reflection upon those to whose keeping they have been entrusted. The State itself was so careless in relation to its own records that it would have been surprising to find the local powers

* The population of the united parish is, in round figures, 53,000, the number of Vestrymen, 100, or '19 of the whole; the population of "Greater Westminster"—the new Borough to be formed by the amalgamation of the eleven smaller areas—is 192,072, the number of Vestrymen and District Board Members, 469, or '24 of the whole; the population of London is 4,230,266, and the number of Vestrymen and District Board Members, 2,956, or '06 of the whole.

otherwise. At the restoration of Charles II. documents which we now prize as the very cream and flower of our Constitutional records were in a condition which, in the course of a few years, would have satisfied the most ardent wishes the notorious Hugh Peters could have cherished for their destruction. Prynne's account of the state in which they were then found must be perused in the untranslatable language of his "epistle dedicatory" to Charles II.:—*

"No sooner received I your royal patent (passed without fees) for the custody of your ancient records in your Tower of London, even in the midst of my parliamentary and disbanding services then monopolising all my time, but I designed and endeavoured the rescue of the greatest part of them from that desolation, corruption and confusion in which (through the negligence, nescience, or sloathfulness of their former keepers) they had for many years bypast layen buried together in one confused chaos, under corroding, putrifying cobwebs, dust and filth, in the darkest corner of Cæsar's Chappel in the White Tower, as mere useless reliques, not worthy to be calendarised or brought down thence into the office amongst other records of use. In order thereunto, I employed some souldiers and women to remove and cleanse them from their filthynesse, who, soon growing weary of this noysome work, left them almost as foul, dusty and nasty as they found them. Whereupon, immediately after the Parliament's adjournment, I and my clerk, in August and September last, spent many whole dayes and sorting them into distinct confused heaps, in order to their future reducement into method; the old clerks of the office being unwilling to touch them for fear of fouling their fingers, spoyling their cloathes, endangering their eyesight and healths by their cankerous dust and evil scent. In raking up this dungheap (according to my expectation) I found many rare ancient precious pearls and golden records relating to the High Court of Parliament . . . , all which will require Briareus his hundred hands, Argus his hundred eyes, and Nestor's centuries of years to marshall them into distinct files, and make exact tables of the severall things, names and places comprised in them—wherein most Treasuries of Records are very defective, which oft causeth your subjects to make long

* *Quarterly Review*, vol. 39, p. 65.

fruitless searches and to depart with a *non est inventus* of what they sought for."

Prynne's unvarnished description may be applied with equal force to parochial records, as will hereafter be seen. From the time of Edward VI., when the first compulsory assessment for the relief of the poor was made, and when overseers, under the title of "collectours" were first called into existence, down to the seventeenth year of George IV., there was neither Order in Council nor Statute to regulate the custody and preservation of such records, except as to parish registers, to which a passing reference is made at page 15. In 1744, the churchwardens and overseers, as the principal secular office-bearers of the parish, were placed under penal obligations to deliver to their successors "a just, true and perfect account in writing, fairly entered in a book or books to be kept for that purpose" of all moneys received and paid "and of all other things concerning their said office" of overseer. The accounts so transferred were to be carefully preserved by the incoming officers, and were to be open to inspection upon certain conditions. The enactment was limited in its application to the books and accounts relating to the moneys compulsorily levied for the maintenance of the poor and purposes incidental thereto. It was not until 1818 that Parliament extended its care to the custody of parish books and documents in general. A comprehensive provision was then inserted in the Act 58 George III., cap. 69, whereby every conceivable description of book or paper in the nature of a record—registers being especially excepted—was placed under the protection of the inhabitants in vestry assembled, heavy penalties being at the same time prescribed in case of wilful damage, obliteration, or unlawful detention. But this was far from sufficient. The zealous discharge of their responsibilities by the inhabitants soon brought the legislative oversight into prominence. The fact had been forgotten that many of the parishes possessed no room or other place for the deposit and safe keeping of the records, and that the inhabitants, acting by the vestry, were powerless to provide such a depository at the expense of the rates; and the defect was not remedied for upwards of forty years. An Act was passed in 1861 (24 and 25 Vict., cap. 125) enabling the overseers to obtain the

accommodation; but irreparable losses had by that time occurred through the temporary lodging of the books, or at least those in actual use, at the private houses or business premises of the office bearers. There can be no doubt that the lamentably imperfect sets of parochial records in many places are due to this cause.

It is probably the experience of all who have sought a reference to parochial records, other than those in current use, that the nominal custodians are both uninformed and unconcerned as to their value and importance. In more than one London parish the muniments prior to 1855, when the administrative Vestry system was introduced, are still obscured by a century's dust in the tower of the parish church. No one knows what they consist of; there is nothing in the shape of a catalogue; and there is no muniment room at the newly erected "town-hall." These are but typical cases. Elsewhere, in an extra-metropolitan parish, the enquirer for the parish records was referred to the rectory. There the books were found on open shelves in the children's play-room, among toy books and waste newspapers. In another country parish, when a request was made for access to the books, the applicants, who were complete strangers in the locality, were directed to a labourer's cottage. There they were handed the keys of the church and told that the books would be found in a chest in the vestry. The door from the church to the vestry was found open, the lock of the chest worn out, and the lid, broken in two pieces, detached from the hinges. The contents of the chest, all more or less mutilated and damaged from rough usage, were left within reach of the ignorant and the mischievous. The numerous instances given by Mr. Thiselton Dyer, Mr. Bigland, Francis Sadler, Burn, and other writers on the same subject, show that this experience was not uncommon.

But quite apart from the carelessness, such cases are interesting as showing the survival to the present day of a custom which was general in the far away past—that of depositing the public records in or in connection with the temple. The earliest of such repositories noticed in history is the house of the rolls or books,* where the treasures were laid up in Babylon B.C. 530. Here the decrees of the Persian kings

* Ezra, ch. v., v. 17, and ch. vi., v. 1-2.

were deposited, and, as may be inferred from the writ of Darius, all instruments relating to the domains and revenues of the sovereign. Hardy, in his *Description of the Close Rolls*, states that as far back as can be traced "the public records were preserved in churches and other religious places. The Greeks paid particular attention to the conservation of their records. The temple of Delos was, according to Pausanias, the general repository of records; and parts of the Areopagus and the Temple of Minerva were devoted by the Athenians to the custody of the public instruments. The Romans were not less zealous in this respect than the Greeks, and their most precious archives were deposited in their temples. This custom of preserving records in sacred places was followed in the middle ages, and it is not improbable that in England the 'King's Chapel' was used for that purpose. Hence it was that the Chancellor, as presiding over the Royal Chapel, came to be so much connected with royal diplomas and archives." This same custom prevails generally throughout England to the present day, except in those rare instances in which special provision has been made, as in the case of this parish. Here, until recently, the ancient practice was observed with a care that did credit to the successive custodians during more than four centuries. Perhaps the most zealous of the long line were the churchwardens of 1730 (John Atkinson and John Williams) and 1733 (Thomas Noel and John Lock),—

" Men so noble,
However faulty, yet should find respect
For what they have been."

Hen. VIII., Act V., Sc. 2.

The former, fourteen years before there was any obligation at law upon the subject, collected the whole of the churchwardens' accounts, from 1460 to 1610, and had the annual and biennial numbers bound together in convenient volumes in calf which is still in good condition. The accounts for 1730 contain the following entry relating to it:—

To Mr. Charles King, for binding up in rough Calves Leather the Churchwardens' Accounts from the year 1460 to the year 1610, both inclusive, in six volumes, and also the Accounts of the Brotherhood of St. Mary, Rouncival,* &c. £10 4s. 0d.

* These are preserved in the Vestry room of St. Margaret's.

The latter rendered a similar service with reference to the overseers' accounts, as is shown by the tablets upon the covers, and by the following entry in the accounts for 1733 :—

To the Execu^x. of Mr. Charles King, Bookseller, for binding the
old parish accounts together collected into volumes£11 13s. *od.*

The good example so set was followed, though with less uniformity, by their successors; and the missing numbers, as will be seen by the catalogue, are far less since that time than formerly.

As the accretions of many years made demands for more space, the records gradually became distributed in half a dozen different places for storage, eleven large cases having been discovered, by accident, so recently as in 1885, in the tower of the Church, where they had lain "time out of mind," for no one could be found who had any knowledge of the time or circumstances in which they were placed there. The other sections remained so scattered until 1883, when the muniment room in the newly erected municipal building was pronounced fit for use. But alas! the intended means of preservation brought about a state of things resembling that described by Prynne (see p. 6) and hastened the destruction of a large quantity. Into an unlighted, unventilated chamber, the walls and floor and ceiling of which were reeking with moisture from the new work, and without a table, or press, or shelf, some nine or ten tons weight of valuable records, many of them unique, and all incapable of being replaced, were cast in huge heaps. There they were allowed to remain until the following year, when the mischief was discovered and, as far as possible, repaired. A large quantity, however, unprotected by boards or covers, resolved itself into its original pulp, and had to be sent to the mills. But notwithstanding this misfortune the contents of the muniment room are claimed to be more complete than in any other parish in London.

No less than 3,400 volumes or bundles of books and papers, all carefully numbered, classified and arranged, are here to be found in a good order* as are the contents of a public library, the whole capable of furnishing materials for a local history of rare completeness, affording an insight into the conditions under which our forefathers

* Some few have lost title-pages and are otherwise mutilated.

performed their part in their day and generation, and reminding us that "England owes more to the grey-goose quill than to the spear; more to the sheepskin than to the banner." Four of the principal divisions are the churchwardens' accounts, the overseers' accounts, the rate books, and the minutes of the Vestry. The first named, which commence with the year 1460, are inscribed for many years on vellum. They contain particulars of the receipts from pew rents and burials in such detail as, in many cases, to enable the pew occupied by a parishioner or the place of interment to be exactly located, and are particularly interesting, in many cases, as giving the jewels, ornaments and property belonging to the church. The second class relates principally to the relief of the poor, showing on the one side the receipts from the rates and episcopally-persuaded "benevolences," and on the other the payments by way of relief, or "boarding out," or education, or nursing. These are at once instructive and interesting, as enabling us to trace the origin, the decadence and the reform of the present poor-law system, and to follow it in its development through inhumanities which cause us to shudder, through acts of indiscriminate which excite surprise, and through abuses which we should deem intolerable. The overseers' accounts, which abound in interest during the sixteenth and two following centuries, gradually transformed themselves into the modern rate-book, which cannot make any pretensions to rival its predecessors in any other respect than bulk and amounts. In the latter respect it is curious to note that the first poor rate—that for 1561-62—produced £21 14s. 7d., whereas the last—that for 1899-1900—amounted to £145,546 3s. 4d.* The next important series is that of the Vestry minutes, or "orders" as they were sometimes called, consisting of some hundreds of volumes, and extending from 1585, with very few interruptions, to the present day. In these may be seen a lingering, for more than two hundred years, of the close association of the church with the administration of secular or temporal affairs. The officiating minister for the time being was always the chairman; the meetings were held in the room adjoining the church;

* It is now, though called "Poor Rate," an 'omnibus' rate, and includes moneys required for County Council, Police, Asylums Board, Registration, Equalisation, and other purposes in no way connected with the relief of the poor.

the letting of the pews, the administration of the charities, the hours of the services, the charges for interments, the engagement and control of the servants, the collection and disbursement of the offertories, even the refreshment of occasional preachers were all, at times, regulated by the Vestry. And it may be said that the germ of every institution, service and system that to day makes for the comfort and security of the citizen—road making, water supply, fire protection, drainage, public lighting, police, sanitary measures—is to be found in these comprehensive records.

Besides these four principal classes are upwards of 2,000 miscellaneous volumes abounding in information of extensive, varied, and unrivalled interest. Only an imperfect idea of the range over which they extend can be gathered from a perusal of the catalogue. No useful purpose would therefore be served by particularising any of them here; but viewed as a whole, it may be doubted whether any other parish in the kingdom can lay claim to the possession of so valuable and polygenous a collection. And it would be unworthy of the traditions of the ancient City of Westminster if indifference for the safe custody and due classification of the muniments of the mother parish were allowed to continue. Westminster may, indeed, be justly regarded as the great centre of Record Depositories—the Chapter House, the Chapel of the Pyx, the Jewel House, the “Tally Court” in the Old Palace, the Muniment Room of the venerable Abbey, still only partially calendared, and the repositories but recently removed to the Law Courts and the Record Office all justify the claim.

The original Charter of Offa, King of Mercia, setting out “the rural manor” of Westminster, in 785, lies at the British Museum with the confirming document of Edgar in 985; and the Domesday Book (1086), in which Westminster ranks as a “village,” was preserved for many years at the Chapter House. The oldest document at the Town Hall is the Patent under the Great Seal of Henry III., granting to the inhabitants of Westminster, in 1256, the right to hold a weekly market on Mondays and an annual fair at “Touthull” on the eve, day, and day following St. Mary Magdalene (July 21, 22 and 23). The next in point of age is a Charter of Edward I. (1298), also bearing the Great Seal, confirming and extending the last named. Then

follow the Letters Patent of Henry VI., with the Great Seal attached, dated 3rd February, 1446-7, granting to the commonalty of Westminster the surplus water flowing from the King's conduit. The importance of this grant may be gathered from the fact that the churchwardens of 1524 make a note at the end of their accounts that "the King's Charter for the Condett at Pales gate remayneth in the custody of the Churchwardens." After being lost to sight for many years, this, with the two last named instruments, was rescued from obscurity upon the removal of the parochial records to the new municipal buildings in 1883-4, having fortunately escaped the injury to which reference has already been made. Then, in 1460, commence the long series of Churchwardens' Accounts, so that the period covered by the records enumerated in the following catalogue may be said to extend over six hundred and forty-four years. Those relating to the last four centuries will be found, as nearly as possible, in consecutive order, the breaks being indicated by the word "missing." Completeness in the Catalogue itself is not claimed, nor is any pretension made to elaborate classification or sub-division; the design has gone but little further than the compilation of a schedule sufficiently useful for ordinary practical purposes. An index has been added to facilitate reference and, with a view to call into action and to sustain the cursory interest in these parochial antecedents, extracts and annotations have been introduced here and there in passing. From these the man of leisure inclined in that direction by his taste and talents—"whose gifted eye which grace still touched as if with second nature"—may form an estimate of the abundance and variety of material within his reach for the production of a retrospect of parochial life, character and customs. From such ample resources he may be able to re-erect, so to speak, streets and places long since lost to view, and to re-people them with those who trod the ill-kept highways. Or he may turn aside to glance at the great, the noble and the good, whose imperishable work in their day and generation is their monument, before which we pause with a feeling of respect,—

"Nor deem the irrecoverable past
As wholly wasted, wholly vain,
If, rising on its wrecks at last,
To something nobler we attain."

Such a cicerone might invite us to accompany him to the forgotten homes of the poets—of Skelton,* of Spencer, of “Rare Ben Jonson,” of Milton, of Dryden, of Prior, of the satirist Churchill, not to mention others; he might point out to us, on his way, the residences of the soldier, the scientist, the statesman, the musician, the philosopher and the philanthropist, all too numerous to be named here; he might portray to us, if only in silhouette, our forefathers actively zealous for the public weal, or illustrate from these same sources of information the manners and customs of the people during the thirty different reigns through which his research would take him; he might adduce multifarious evidence of the excesses to which men’s feelings carried them during the Commonwealth; he might bring out the armour and defensive weapons from the “dark vestry,” or take us to the Artillery Ground, or direct us to the battery newly erected in “Tuttle-feilds,” or exhibit the subscription list for the “maimed souldiers,” or produce the long roll of the “Armed Association” (as the Westminster volunteers of 1798 were first called, in testimony of the parochial patriotism), and in divers other ways show us, as if in a kaleidoscope, whence we came, if he shrank from indicating whither we are trending. He might, in short, demonstrate with Carlyle, that “in books lies the soul of the whole past time, the articulate audible voice of the past, when the body and material substance of it has altogether vanished like a dream.” These represent but a tithe of the topics which would suggest themselves to one whose inclinations and opportunities might enable him to present in a readable form the memorials of Westminster in a manner worthy of the place.

And all this could be accomplished without reference to the parish registers, which, with the accounts of the Hospital or Brotherhood of St. Mary, Rouncevall, are preserved at the Vestry Room of St. Margaret’s Church.† For this reason they are not mentioned in the catalogue. It may be permissible to state, however, that they com-

* Chaucer died at his house in the Palace Yard, near the east end of St. Margaret’s Church, in 1400, sixty years before the date of the earliest book in the collection.

† The Marriage Registers of St. Margaret’s from 1538 to 1837 have been copied, and are being published, by Mr. Henry Farrar, of No. 9, Agar-street, W.C.

mence with the year 1538, when the first Orders were issued by the Vicar-General, Thomas Cromwell, in the thirtieth year of Henry VIII., relating to the provision and preservation of such registers. This Order was continued by fresh injunctions in the succeeding reigns of Edward VI., Elizabeth and James I. That of 1547 placed the responsibility for the custody of the registers upon the parson, vicar or curate, *and the parishioners*—presumably the parishioners in Vestry assembled, for the minutes of that body testify to their zeal in the discharge of the trust. In 1555 Cardinal Pole required the names of Godparents to be entered in connection with the baptisms. In 1597 Convocation directed that copies be sent to the Diocesan Registry within one month of Easter each year; and in 1603 the entries were to be transcribed into a parchment book. They first came under the regulation of Parliament in 1644-5, when the duty of keeping “a fair register book of velim” was imposed upon the minister. During the Commonwealth the system of registration by the clergy became so irregular, that Parliament insisted upon the appointment of Registrars; but at the Restoration the duty again devolved upon the clergy, with whom, so far as it relates to baptisms, marriages solemnised in the church, and burials, it has remained ever since. In 1694, a very long Act (6 and 7 William III., cap. 6) was passed “for granting to his Majesty certain rates and duties upon marriages, births and burials, and upon bachelors and widowers, for the term of five years, for carrying on the war against France with vigour.” Partly owing to the objectionable nature of the tax upon bachelors and widowers, and partly owing to an excusable unwillingness on the part of many of the clergy to act as collectors of an exaction which gave rise to many complaints, particularly among their poorer parishioners, the operation of the Act soon became extremely unpopular, so that, notwithstanding the placing of the “common informer” *in terrorem* and the passing of a supplementary Act two years later (9 William III., cap. 32) to prevent evasions of the principal Act, the improvement was only partial, and Parliament again interfered in the fourth year of Queen Anne. In 1753 Lord Hardwicke’s Marriage Act was passed, which imposed stringent punishments in case of negligence or wilful tampering with the entries in registers; and in 1783 a tax was again

levied upon every entry in the parish register, but the unpopularity of it was so great that it was repealed in 1794. From that time until 1812 no important amendment of the law was made. In that year an Act was passed "for the better regulating and preserving parish and other registers"; but the great reform was not effected until 1836 when a uniform scheme was prescribed, and stringent rules were laid down for keeping the registers in strict accordance with forms set out in schedules to the Act. From that time the value of the parish register as a record of passing events has greatly diminished. The register of births and deaths superseded, so far as legal purposes are concerned, the records of baptisms and burials, and the miscellaneous entries, frequently quaint and curious—sometimes grotesque and ludicrous—became practically prohibited. Notwithstanding the value of these registers, those dating prior to 1836 have enjoyed no greater immunity from carelessness and injury than the other parochial records which are classified in the following catalogue. All that has been said of the latter may be applied to the former; but as an enlargement thereon would be foreign to the purpose of this essay, the reader is referred to Burn's *History of Parish Registers*, to the Journal of the British Archæological Association for 1896,* to the entertaining pages of Mr. Thistleton Dyer's *Old English Social Life, as told by the Parish Register*, 1898, and to the many other writers on the subject. The temptation to linger here on so fascinating a subject must be reluctantly resisted, and these records, on whose pages are exhibited the extremes of riches and poverty, of beauty and deformity, of affection and hatred, of peace and war, must be left untouched,—

"No flattering there, where to be born and die
Of rich and poor is all the history.
Enough if virtue filled the space between
Proved by the ends of being to have been?"

The reader is now invited to make a perusal of the catalogue. If he care to do so he may find his attention engaged by the reproduction, necessarily reduced in size, of some of the ornamental title pages, on which the scrivener of the day, evidently not a stranger to leisure, applied his skill. He may also find some of the extracts, given merely

* Notes on the Parish Registers of Newbury, by Walter Money, F.S.A.

by way of specimen, worthy of a passing thought ; and it is hoped that the occasional annotations may assist in the elucidation of some of the questions which will probably suggest themselves. If he care to occupy himself in a comparison of the church ornaments and vestments before and after the Reformation, the Appendix may not be considered devoid of interest.

The compilation has been made at a season of exceptional pressure, and is offered with a full sense of its imperfections. Owing to the absence of an index from the majority of the records examined, to the difficulty of deciphering the various handwritings in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, and to the conditions under which the work has been performed, it will probably be found that errors have escaped detection. For all such, as for its unavoidable shortcomings, the considerate forbearance of the reader is asked, for, as Howard has it :—

“ He that writes,
Or makes a feast, more certainly invites
His judges than his friends ; there's not a guest
But will find something wanting or ill-drest.”

Taken as a whole, it is hoped that the Catalogue, with its interspersions, will be of some public service pending the issue of a better. The reader who may, by its aid, transport himself to the local atmosphere of three or four centuries ago will probably find himself in sympathy with Professor Jebb's opinion that “ Humanity cannot afford to leave out of its inheritance any part of the good the past has bequeathed to it.”

THE TOWN HALL,
WESTMINSTER,
June, 1900.

In nomine domini Amen
In nomine domini Amen
allmit nobis in auxilium aucti

Perfoloueth Chanonite of Thomas Bough
and John Edward Wardens of the parsh
Church of Seint Margarete of the toune of Westm
in the Chure of Midd and keepers of the Goodes
Vestelles and Ornamente of the same Church.
that is to wryte from the xxij day of the month
of May. In the yere of oure lord god. m. cccc.
lxxij. And of the Reigne of kyng Edward the
iiij. after the Conquest of England the xxij. yere
vnto the xxvij. day of the same month of May
In the yere of oure lord God. m. cccc. lxxij.
And of the Reigne of kyng Edward the iiij.
after the Conquest of England the xxij. yere
by. y. hole yeres and v. dayes

The Charges of the graunt Receipt
by the laud Wardens the first yere of
this Account for Obites &c.

First the said Wardens Charge them self of money
by them received the day of the beginning of the Reigne of
with and Compee for my tapers &c.

TITLE PAGE OF CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS, 1474-6.

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 Westminster Records.

No.	Title or Nature of Record.	Year.	Shelf.
(Unnum- bered)	Letters Patent of Henry III., granting the inhabitants of Westminster a weekly market on Mondays in Tothill, and an annual fair for three days, to be held on the vigil, day, and morrow of St. Mary Magdalene. Impression of Great Seal in green wax, somewhat damaged, attached by silk cord.	1256	Hung in Room No. 13
(Unnum- bered)	Letters Patent of Edward I., granting to the inhabitants of Westminster an annual fair of thirty-two days, beginning on the Feast of the Translation of St. Edward, King and Confessor, in lieu of two fairs, each of sixteen days, granted by Henry III. Impression of Great Seal, in white or yellow wax, nearly perfect, attached with silk cord.	1298	Hung in Room No. 13
(Unnum- bered)	Charter of Henry IV., granting to the Commonalty of Westminster the waste water from the Conduit in the King's Palace at Westminster, with permission to carry it in pipes to a convenient place. Impression of Great Seal in wax attached.	1446-7	Hung in Room No. 13
(Unnum- bered)	Indenture, Abbot of Westminster to Robert Yonge, butcher, to farm a tenement in Little Sanctuary for thirty years, at 10s. per annum. Seal of the Abbot attached with parchment; margin destroyed, but perfect impression of remainder,	1535	Hung in Room No. 13

No.	Title or Nature of Record.	Year.	Shelf
(Unnumbered)	Charter of George II. granting leave to hold a hay and straw market in "Chappell Street" on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, the tolls to be applied to the benefit of the poor. Great Seal in yellow wax, attached with plaited silk cord; perfect, and good impression.	1727	Hung in Room No. 13
(Unnumbered)	Warrant of the Trustees incorporated to encourage the development of the Colony of Georgia, America, appointing the Minister, Churchwardens and Gentlemen of the Parish of St. Margaret to gather money for the said purpose. On paper, mounted on crimson silk, with the seal of the Trustees in clay, repaired, showing a group of figures on the obverse, and a silkworm on a mulberry leaf on the reverse.	1733	Hung in Room No. 17

CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS.

A reference to this, one of the most valuable series in the whole collection, has already been made in the introductory essay; but their abounding richness in interesting detail entitles them to more than the passing notice there given. Every volume, every number, and, indeed, every page, presents something worthy of attention. It may, therefore, be more convenient to preface the list by a brief synoptical view of their contents, and of the times of which they tell. The accounts extending over the first hundred and fifty years—1460 to 1610—were bound together in six books in 1730.

Book "A," which extends over the reigns of Edward IV., Edward V., Richard III., Henry VII., and then enters upon that of Henry VIII., passes through the period disturbed by the Wars of the Roses, and by the change from the Plantagenet to the Tudor line.

Among the sources of revenue shown by the accounts were:—

- I. The Collections on the Gathering Days. These were at first on Whit Sunday, St. Margaret's Day (July 20), All Hallows' Day (Nov. 1), "The Nativity of our Lord God" (Dec. 25), Good Friday, and on Easter Day for the Paschall, when the amount received in 1474 was £5 5s. 1d., the other days contributing only £6 11s. 5d. between them. There were some changes, however, made in the days, and at the end of the period Good Friday is omitted, and a collection made on Hock Monday and Hock Tuesday, which occurred shortly after Easter, and were said to have been kept in memory of the overthrow of the Danes, and to have no religious significance.*

* Chambers's Book of Days gives an instructive sketch of Hock-tide sports and customs:—"A fortnight after Easter our forefathers celebrated a popular anniversary, the origin and meaning of which has been the subject of some dispute. It was called Hoke-tide, or Hock-tide, and occupied two days, the Monday and Tuesday following the second Sunday after Easter, though the Tuesday was considered the principal day. On this day it was the custom for the women to go out into the streets and roads with cords, and stop and bind all those of the other sex they met, holding them till they purchased their release by a small contribution of money. On the Monday, the men had proceeded in the same way towards the women."

"The meaning of the word hoke, or hock, seems to be totally unknown, and none of the derivations yet proposed seem to be deserving of our consideration. The custom may be traced, by its name at least, as far back as the thirteenth century, and appears to have prevailed in all parts of England, but it became obsolete early in the last century. At Coventry, which was a great place for pageantry, there was a play or pageant attached to the ceremony, which, under the title of 'The Old Coventry Play of Hock Tuesday,' was performed before Queen Elizabeth during her visit to Kenilworth in July, 1575. It represented a series of combats between the English and Danish forces, in which twice the Danes had the better, but at last by the arrival of the Saxon women to assist their

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 that is to wite frome the last day of may
 In the yere of our lord god m cccc lxxxviii^o
 and the xiiith yere of the regne of kynge henr⁸
 the viiith unto the iiiith day of Juny in the
 yere of our lord m. d. and in the xvth
 yere of the regne of kynge henr⁸ the viiith
 that is to wite by two hole yeres.

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First the said Wardens charge themselves in cōny money received
 by them of John Dows and John fūlle their predecessours as it plainly
 appereth in the fote of their laste account. By the
 Item received of a m^r barowe and m^r m^r maslaid of hokynge money xij
 Item v for a key solde to m^r forner viii
 Item v of Thomas barbur w^{ch} chaundeler for a murrey robe xli

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 [Note the receipt of xijd. "of hokynge money" in the third line from the foot.]

- II. Burial Fees, derived principally by the sale of tapers and torches (which apparently were manufactured by the Churchwardens), and for the knells "with the great bell." The prices of the tapers vary, but 2d. was the ordinary charge. They were purchased not only at the burial, but also at the obit or time of death, and subsequently when the deceased was remembered at the 'monthmyndes' and the 'yearmyndes.'

countrymen, the Danes were overcome, and many of them were led captive in triumph by the women-Queen Elizabeth 'laughed well' at this play, and is said to have been so much pleased with it, that she gave the actors two bucks and five marks in money. The usual performance of this play had been suppressed in Coventry soon after the Reformation, on account of the scenes of riot which it occasioned.

"It will be seen that this Coventry play was founded on the statement which had found a place in some of our chronicles as far back as the fourteenth century, that these games of Hock-tide were intended to commemorate the massacre of the Danes on St. Brice's Day, 1002; while others, alleging the fact that St. Brice's day is the 13th of November, suppose it to commemorate the rejoicings which followed the death of Hardicanute, and the accession of Edward the Confessor, when the country was delivered from Danish tyranny. Others, however, and probably with more reason, think that these are both erroneous explanations; and this opinion is strongly supported by the fact that Hock Tuesday is not a fixed day, but a moveable festival, and dependent on the great Anglo-Saxon pagan festival of Easter, like the similar ceremony of heaving, still practised on the borders of Wales on Easter Monday and Tuesday. Such old pagan ceremonies were preserved among the Anglo-Saxons long after they became Christians, but their real meaning was gradually forgotten, and stories and legends, like this of the Danes, afterwards invented to explain them. It may also be regarded as a confirmation of the belief that this festival is the representation of some feast connected with the pagan superstitions of our Saxon forefathers, that the money which was collected was given to the church, and was usually applied to the reparation of the church buildings. We can hardly understand why a collection of money should be thus made in commemoration of the overthrow of the Danish influence, but we can easily imagine how, when the festival was continued by the Saxons as Christians, what had been an offering to some one of the pagan gods might be turned into an offering to the church.

"The entries on this subject in the old churchwardens' registers of many of our parishes, not only show how generally the custom prevailed, but to what an extent the middle classes of society took part in it. In Reading these entries go back to a rather remote date, and mention collections by men as well as women, while they seem to show that then the women 'hocked,' as the phrase was, on the Monday, and the men on Tuesday. In the registers of the parish of St. Lawrence, under the year 1499, we have:—

'Item, received of Hock money gaderyd of women, xxs.

'Item, received of Hok money gaderyd of men, iiij s.

And in the parish of St. Giles, under the date 1535—

'Hoc money gatheryd by the wyves (women), xiiis. ixd.'

And in St. Mary's parish, under the year 1559—

'Hoctyde money, the men's gathering, iiij s.

The women's, xii s.

"Out of this money it would appear that the 'wyves,' who always gained most, were in Reading treated with a supper, for we find in the churchwardens' accounts of St. Giles's parish, under the year 1526, this entry—

'Paid for the wyves' supper at Hoctyde, xxiiij d.'

"In the year 1450, a bishop of Worcester inhibited these 'Hoctyde' practices, on the ground that they led to all sorts of dissipation and licentiousness. It may be added that it appears, from the entries in the churchwardens' registers of various parishes, that in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries Hock-tide was called in London 'Hob-tide.'

Hone, in his *Every Day Book*, Vol. I., p. 476, gives a somewhat similar account, but with some additional particulars:—

HOCK OR HOKE DAY OR TIDE.

"Antiquaries are exceedingly puzzled respecting the derivation of this annual festival, which commenced the fifteenth day after Easter, and was, therefore, a moveable feast dependent upon Easter. * * * At Hock-tide, which seems to have included Monday and Tuesday,

collections of Hock-money were made in various parishes by the churchwardens until the Reformation. Tuesday was the principal day. Hock Monday was for the men, and Hock Tuesday for the women. On both days the men and women alternately, with great merriment, intercepted the public roads with ropes, and pulled passengers to them, from whom they exacted money to be laid out for pious uses; Monday probably having been originally kept as only the vigil or introduction to the festival of Hock-day. * * *

"It is a tradition that the festival was instituted to commemorate the massacre of the Danes in England, under Ethelred, in the year 1002; a supposition, however, wholly insupportable, because that event happened on the feast of St. Brice, in the month of November. Another and more reasonable opinion is, that the institution celebrated the final extinction of the Danish power by the death of Hardicanute, on the 6th day before the ides of June, 1042.* Yet in relation to the former event "certain good hearted men of Coventry" petitioned, "that they might renew their old storial show" of the Hock-tide play before queen Elizabeth, when she was on a visit to the Earl of Leicester, at his castle of Kenilworth, in July, 1575. According to "Laneham's letter," this "storial show" set forth how the Danes were for quietness borne, and allowed to remain in peace withal, until on the said St. Brice's night they were "all despatched and the realm rid;" and because the matter did show "in action and rhymes" how valiantly our English

*Allen's Hist. of Lambeth,

The following is an example of the entries :—

1475	Item, at the burying of Wm. Broke, for four torches	... ..	vjs. viijd.
	Item for the Pytt in the Church	... ..	vjs. viijd.
	Item for the Knyll with the great bell	... ..	vjd.
1475	Item at the monthmynde of William Broke for four torches	... ..	vjs. viijd.

III. Pew Rents, which in 1480 varied from 12d. to 3s. 4d. per annum, and produced a sum of £3 5s. 4d. for the year.*

IV. Rents (£7 4s. 10d.) from Abyngdon's houses (bequeathed by Abyngdon, a priest), which were occupied by a Sanctuary man and others, and for which a quit rent of 2s. 6d. was paid to the Abbey.

The Disbursements are in many cases of curious interest, e.g. :—

The purchase of wax and its manufacture costing, in one year, £11 13s. 9d.; payment of 8d. for bread, ale, and wine on Palm Sunday, and Holy (probably Maundy) Thursday, when Passion was done; 6d. for bread and ale for the two men who watched the Sepulchre, in addition to their fee of 12d. for the two nights.

The usual payment for a day's labour seems to have been 4d.; a sack of "lyme" cost 2d., and two loads of the same 10d.; a load of loam 4d.

The charges for the purchase and repair of Ornaments in 1510 include two new Banners, one of the Trinity, and another of St. Margaret, with the money that was gathered on Hock Monday and Hock Tuesday, and the Goldsmith's account for Silver Candlesticks and Censer.

But the entries of the greatest interest in this volume relate to William Caxton, who appears to have attended the meetings of 'parishioners in Vestry assembled.'

women for love of their country, behaved, the "men of Coventry" thought it might move some mirth in her Majesty. "The thing," said they, "is grounded in story, and for pastime (was) wont to be played in our city yearly without ill example of manners, papistry, or any superstition;" and they knew no cause why it was then of late laid down, "unless it was by the zeal of certain of their preachers; men very commendable for their behaviour and learning, and sweet in their sermons, but somewhat too sour in preaching away their pastime." By license, therefore, they got up their Hock-tide play at Kenilworth, wherein "Capt. Cox," a person here indescribable without hindrance to most readers, "came marching on valiantly before, clean trussed and garnished above the knee, all fresh in a velvet cap flourishing with his ton-sword, and another fence-master with him, making room for the rest. Then proudly came the Danish Knights on horseback, and then the English, each with their alder pole martially in their hand." The meeting at first waxing warm, then kindled with courage on both sides into a hot skirmish, and from that into a blazing battle with spear and shield; so that, by outrageous races and fierce encounters, horse and man sometimes tumbled to the dust. There they fell to with sword and target, and did clang and bang, till the fight so ceasing, afterwards followed the foot of both hosts, one after the other marching, wheeling, forming in squadrons, triangles and circles, and so winding out again; and then got they so grisly together that, inflamed on each side, twice the Danes had the better, but at the last were quelled, and so being wholly vanquished, many were led captive in triumph by our English women. This matter of good pastime was wrought under the window of her Highness, who, beholding in the chamber delectable dancing, and therewith great thronging of the people, saw but little of the Coventry play; wherefore her Majesty commanded it on the Tuesday following, to have it full out, and, being then accordingly presented, her Highness laughed right well. Then, too, played the "good-hearted men of Coventry" the merrier, and so much the more, because her Majesty had given them two bucks, and five marks in money; and they prayed for her Highness long happily to reign, and oft to come thither, that oft they might see her; and rejoicing upon their ample reward, and triumphing upon their good acceptance, vaunted their play was never so dignified, nor ever any players before so beatified."

* At this period, as earlier, the naves of many churches were to a great extent devoid of furniture, as are those of some of our cathedrals to the present time. The introduction of pews for the convenience of worshippers was, says the Rev. J. E. Vaux, F.S.A., in his entertaining *Church Folklore*, very gradual. "Most writers who touch on the subject consider that these fixed seats in churches were introduced in the reign of Henry VIII., but this is incorrect, for I find a notice of their existence nearly a hundred years before his time." Mr. Vaux adduces an entry from the St. Margaret's Churchwardens' Accounts for 1498-1500 in confirmation of his statement. He had apparently overlooked the entry of 1480.

In these folowynth the accompte of Andrew ffrost
 and of Robard Solothvan wardenys of the paroch
 Direct of Seint gwarret of weston in the shire
 of wyche and tapers of the goder scheltt and ornaments of the same church
 that is to wyte from the xxvij. day of may in the yere of our lord god
 of 1555 by xxv. And the yernyng of kyng Harry the vij. the v. yere onto
 the iij. day of June in the yere of our lord god. of 1558 by xxv. And the
 vij. yere of the yernyng of kyng Harry the vij. that is to sey by ij. hole yeres & mo.

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 wardenys the first yere of this accompte for Obyses.

Aysst the seyd wardenys charitably them self of money by
 their receyving of John Curawde hough Obysm late wardenys pdecessor of
 the seyd ffrost & Robard Solothvan as it apperith in the ffote of this accompte of
 the seyd John Curawde and of hough Obysm then being wardenys.

Item receyving of wyche wardenys for ij. tapres	viij. s.
Item receyving of the bell	viij. s.
Item receyving of margarete widdow for ij. tapres	viij. s.
Item receyving of John ffleming for torches & tapres	viij. s.
Item receyving of felus foper for ij. tapres	viij. s.
Item receyving of thomas Felte for ij. tapres	viij. s.
Item receyving of John Waly for ij. tapres	viij. s.
Item receyving of Robard lacy for ij. tapres	viij. s.
Item receyving of John Walker for ij. tapres	viij. s.
Item receyving of Harry lacy for ij. tapres	viij. s.
Item receyving of Richard wode for ij. tapres	viij. s.
Item receyving of wyche wardenys for ij. tapres	viij. s.
Item receyving of Robard wode for ij. tapres	viij. s.
Item receyving of Robert fink for ij. tapres	viij. s.

FIRST PAGE OF CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS, 1490-2.
 V.-VII. years of "King Harry the vijth." See the sixth and last lines of the caption,

And foloweth thacconpte of John Dedde
 and John Dufford Wardens of the parisshe
 Church of Saynte. Margarete of Westm and Tapers
 of the goodes. Jewelles and Ornamentes of the same
 Church that is to wite. Frome the xiiij. day of Junij
 in the yere of our lord god. m. v. c. viij. And the xxvij. th
 yere of the Reigne of our late soueraigne lord King
 Henry the viij. deceased. Whoes soule. god pardone. vnto
 the xviij. day of May. in the yere of our lord. m. v. c. x.
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 the viij. that is to wite by two. hole yeres.

The Charges of the general Rentes by the said
 Wardens the first yere of this accompte

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the said warden and accomptant charge them self with money by them received
 of rentes and other. And the said warden of the same church receiued by the
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Some of this p. m. h. v. c. x.

In 1479, 1s. 8d. is charged for 2 torches and 4 tapers at a low mass at the burying of Caxton's father. Caxton's name appears as witness and auditor of the Churchwardens' Accounts. He bequeaths books "called Legends" to the Church, and in 1491 is entered:—

"Item, atte bureying of William Caxton for iij torches, vjs. viijd."
"Item, for the belle atte same bureying, vjd."*

The second volume of these interesting records was marked by the Churchwardens of 1730, who had them bound, "B," and covers the period from 1510 to 1530. These twenty years extend over the first half of the reign of Henry VIII., during the greater part of which, the Reformation was in progress. Luther was preaching boldly in Germany; the movement had spread to Switzerland and Denmark, and France, under Calvin's teaching, was beginning to be moved by it. King Henry, who had written in support of the doctrines of the Roman Church, in 1521 received the title from the Pope of "Defender of the Faith," so the time for the Reformation in England was not yet. It was rapidly approaching, however, for the suggestion had already been made that the Pope's supremacy should be repudiated.

The Revenues of the Churchwardens, as here recorded, arise from very much the same sources as before. Tapers are still sold, apparently with undiminished demand, at the old prices. "Peales" of bells, in addition to "Knylles" at 6d., can be had by the well-to-do for 2s. at "bervalls," month-myndes and year-myndes.

The "Gaderyng days," including Hok-Monday and Hok-Tuesday, produce nearly the same amount as before. Pew-rents are still collected, and in addition to the receipts from "Abyngdon's Rents" (not always easily obtained) the following are posted:—

"Item. Receyvvd of Nicholas Wyse, of Hendon, for his ferme rent of the land belongyng to the fyndyng of the lamps in the queyre (choir) for the first year of this accompte ... xyiii.

Extraordinary "foreyn-receptes" must have been the following:—

1514 Item receyved of Courte the Bedyll for a ffedder bed, that the clerks had to lye upon in the Vestry† ... viiis.
Item receyved of John Lawrence for stuff of the Church lent to my Lord Dudley for a preeste to sing wt. all ... xxd.

Those who recollect the revival of the volunteer movement forty years ago, will not be unfamiliar with the sobriquet of "feather-bed soldiers" as applied to the newly-formed corps; but no one would think, nowadays, of associating feather beds with public life, or of seeking repose in the parish vestry room.

Considerable expenditure was caused "touching the steeple." In 1518 the workmen's wages for the year (52 weeks) amounted to £65 10s. 7d.. The master-mason received 3s. 4d. per week; masons, "handleyers," carpenters, 8d. per day; labourers, 4d. a day; Barnestone and Kayn (Caen) stone each cost 5s. the ton; Rygate stone, 4s. 8d. the ton; Rag-stone, 13d. and 14d. the ton; flints, 10d. the load; lime, 6s. 4d. the load; chalk, 8d. the ton; sand, 2d. or 3d. the load; timber, 5s. 4d. the load; a rope to make a pair of sylngs, 6d.; a ladder of 17 steps, 10d.

Clerks' wages are also given for collecting in 1514 in Kyngestrete, totehil strete and Long ditch, Sanctuary, St. Stephen's Aley, Wol-staple, and Charyng crosse.

But probably the most interesting thing in the book is a complete inventory of the "Goodes, Juelles, and Ornaments" in 1511, which will be found among the appendices.

In the third volume, which is marked "C," are the accounts from 1530 to 1550, a period covering the last half of the reign of Henry VIII., and the com-

* The extract is given in full on page 42.

† The purchase of a bedstead is shown in the accounts for 1482-4.

mencement of that of Edward VI.—an important time of transition in ecclesiastical matters. The Declaration of the King's supremacy in 1534, and the consequent abrogation of the Pope's authority, apparently made no immediate change in Church ceremonies and customs. It is not until 1542 that the Churchwardens of St. Margaret's describe the King as "Defender of the Faith, and in Erthe of the Church of England and also of Ireland, Supreme Head." How gradual was the change may be seen by these entries, which occur in juxtaposition in 1539:—

Ffyrst payd to Robert Graunt for a hole suyte of vestmets of blewe velvett wt Aungells and a cope to the same suyte, pre of all, xl.

Item, payd for the half pte of the Bybell accordyngly after the King's Injunctoyne, ixs. ixd.

Item, payd for a desk for the Bybell, iijs. viijd.

But in the last five years to which this volume relates changes came more rapidly. In 1545 £21 19s. 4d. is received for old broken plate "by the Adviss of the Masters of the Parish towards the bying of the hie alter table," and in the next two years 4s. 8d. for old brass, with 6s. 8d. and 2s. 4d. for two Tabernacles that stood in Trinity Chapel. In 1548, when the Boy-King Edward VI. was newly seated on the throne, Patrick Kelly, plasterer, is paid for lyme and other stuff for "the whytting" of the Church, £8 os. 10d., while the same year's accounts record that 12s. 8d. was paid "for a honest dysshe of mete and for wyne for the Kinge's Visitours." Whether they came to contemplate the newly whitened Church or upon some other occasion is not told. The expenditure of 18d., two years earlier, for "6 books of the Littony in English" is much pleasanter to contemplate.

As might have been supposed, the mundane joys connected with religious ceremonies were not allowed in the days of "Bluff King Hal" to fall into disuse. Holly and ivy are still purchased for the Christmas decorations. The observance of St. Margaret's Day (July 20) might wane and disappear, but the feast of Corpus Christi a few weeks earlier replaced it. Bread, ale, and wine for the Worshipful of the Parish then cost 4s.; flowers and garlands,* 20d.; bearing of 4 torches, 8d.; bearing of 2 crosses, 4d.. Dedication Day, which these accounts tell us is always the first Sunday in October, is more prominently brought forward, and 6 Burdens of Rushes, in 1548, to strew the Church,† are bought in anticipation of it, at a cost of 18d. Bread, ale, and beer for the worshipful of the Parish seem to have been necessary adjuncts to its observance, as well as to that of Palm Sunday and Whit Sunday.

The receipts for Tapers, Torches, Knells, and Peals continue to flourish. The loan of the Serklett to be worn by maidens at their marriage brings in a shilling a time (reduced to 8d. on one occasion for a mayd in pety ffrance), but the fee of 8d. for the use of the Clothe of St. George (pall) produces, in 1545 and 1546, 41s. 4d. each year. The Gathering days diminish to Whit Sunday, Dedication Day, All Hallows' Day, and Easter. Nicholas Wyse, the occupier of the lampe lande at Hendon, pays throughout the whole period 18s. a year "for the lampe in the Quere burning before the Blessed Sacrement" (1544).

* Garlands of rosemary and woodruff were formerly used to decorate the churches on St. Barnabas' Day (June 11), as appears from many old entries in church books, e.g.—in the Churchwardens' Accounts of St. Mary-at-Hill, 1478-80, "For Rose garlandis and Woodrove garlandis on St. Barnabas' Day, xjd. The reason why woodruff was used Gerard tells in his *Historie of Plantes*, p. 965:—"It doth well attemper the aire, and cool and make fresh the place, to the delight and comfort of such as are therein." [The Rev. J. E. Vaux, F.S.A., *Church Folklore*, p. 267.] There were also burial garlands which continued to be hung in churches so recently as 1873; but as they were provided by the friends of the deceased, the charges for them would not appear in these accounts. Mr. Vaux, who gives many instances of their use, quotes from the *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1747, p. 264, and *The Reliquary*, vol. I., p. 7.

† The origin of the custom of "rush-bearing" and strewing the churches with rushes appears to be lost in obscurity. Brand in his *Popular Antiquities* refers to it at length. By some writers it is attributed to the dampness of the earthen floors, or rather to the absence of floors before stone flagging was used; by others it is considered to have been brought into use as a protection against the coldness of the stone flooring; but, although the Rush-bearing Festival was kept at various times in different localities, it almost invariably took place in the dry season—between May and October. Entries relating to the expenditure of churchwardens for strewing rushes abound in the parochial accounts of parishes in all parts of the country, as early as 1504 and as late as 1864, when the rushcart was last used in Rochdale. An article in a popular magazine for May, 1900, gives a photograph of the "Rush-bearing wake" at Delph, presumably in Yorkshire, as held in 1892. Numerous references are made to the custom in Hone's *Every Day Book*, *Table Book* and *Year Book*.

The items of expenditure are full of other interesting details, but only three more can be given here:—

- 1537 Item paid for ringing of bells when Te Deum (at the birth of Edward VI.) was songe, and again to the Queene (Jane Seymour) dirge xiid.
- 1547 Also payd to the Ringers at King Henry the VIIIth his dirge in the Parish Church viiid.
- 1549 Also payd for Bred, Ale, and Wyne for the Gentelmen and Childerne of the King's Chapell for ther paynes in helpyng of the Divine Service at the Blessid Communion on Or. Lady's Day in Lent.

The twenty years covered by the fourth volume marked "D." (1550-1570), were among the most eventful to be found in English History. At their commencement the youthful Edward VI. had been on the throne barely three years, during which time the Reformation had been proceeding apace. There were still some few things remaining connected with the old worship, e.g., the "Overplusse of a Crosse" increases the revenues by £18 7s. 10d., and "also a lyttel whyght Box garnished wt. Sylver" by 5s.; but the "takyng downe of the iij Aulters and the barynge oute of the Rubbes of them" cost 5s. 1d. The fabric of the Church itself had tempted the despoiling hands of Protector Somerset, but had happily been preserved through the vigorous and defiant action of the parishioners. The nakedness of the interior of the Church, now that its old ornaments had been banished, seems to have become uncomfortably apparent. Consequently appears "Also payde to a Carpynter for a dayes workyng for to set up the skaffold for hym that did wryght the vj chapter of Saynte Johnes Gospell in ye. qre., viijd." The writer received 40s. for this, 13s. 4d. for additional work in the choir, as well as £3 9s. 8d. for "wrytyng and trymyng of the Northe yle and the Sowthe yle." The "makyng of ij Communion cuppes" (for the use of the laity) cost £9 6s. 8d., two others cost £4 4s. 11d., and 10s. was paid for a new "table for the Blessed Comunion."

The debased condition of the silver coinage, which was not rectified until Queen Elizabeth took the matter in hand, probably accounts for the entry:—

"Ffylder, the sayde Accomptantes dothe aske allowance of and for the losse of the fall of the money, £3 6s. 7d."

But the accounts for the years 1553-4 show many changes. Master Hogys pays 6s. 8d. for the "grate ship cheste." Upon the accession of Mary to the throne, however, the sale of discarded articles ceases, and the purchase of a variety of things to refurbish the Church has prompt attention, e.g.:—

"A manuall & a precessionall," cost 8s.

"ij Greate Antiphoners, ij Grayles and a Masse Booke," cost 44s.

"A blew Chesable of satten of bridgis' wt. flowers wt. stole & fannell and for a holly water stock," cost 10s.

A pix of Copper all gylte, a Censer of Copper, iij payre of latten Candillstickes, Grene sylke lase, Taffata, iiij Gylte Knoppes and iiij Tasselles, etc., etc., have to be purchased. Sir John Arundell, Knyght, gives 50s. "towards the byenge of necessarys to the churche." The Comunion Table sells for 8s. Labourers get 4d. for beryng the holy water stocke from Mr. Smallwoodes house." Mr. Brown's servant receives 8d. upon his bringing the Cope, "the which his Mr. dyd gyve, to the churche."

The ringers get 16d. for ringing on three occasions for her Majesty, and there is "Allso payde for bread and drynke on ashewensday at the Victory & overthrowe of Wiat and his Adherentes" to the extent of 8d.

A few months later a painter receives 12d. to wash out the Scripture decorations, in obedience to an order given by Bishop Bonner, presumably when he attended at the Reconcyliacon of the Church, under circumstances to be presently referred to.

Once again the accounts tell of the receipts from tapers and torches at funerals and yereyndes (including that of Edward VI.), and for the maintenance of the Sanctuary lampe. A new "ymage" of St. Margaret has been carved and the rood-loft and its figures restored. The Queen, in spite of all remonstrances, has married Philip II., King of Spain, at once the most powerful monarch in Europe and the most devoted son of the Roman Church. St. Margaret's bells ring out merrily "when the Kyng and the Quene cam from Rychemonde to Sowthwarke, & so from thens to Westmynst," and again "when the Kyng and the Queenes Matis. cam to the Mynster to the Masse of the Holy Ghost." The Title-page of these accounts declares that they are made up to the "xvi day of May in the Seconde and Third yeres of Philyp and Mary by the Grace of God Kyng and Quene of Englande Spayne Fraunce both Sicylles Jherusalem and Irelande defendours of the faythe Archdukes of Austria, Dukes of Burgon Millayne and Brabante Counties of Haspurge Flaunders and Tyroll." But only once are these titles repeated. When the accounts for 1555-6 are transcribed the long reign of Elizabeth has commenced, and the "pticuler payments" for the latter year begin with:—

Fyrst payde for a Bybill and a Parafrawse	xvjs.
Item for a Comunion Booke bound in Parchemyne ...	vjs.
Item payd to John Riall for his iij dayse work to take down the Roode Mary and John	ijs. viijd.
Item to John Riall for taking down the Tabill on the highe Alter and taking down the holly water stock	xijd
Item to iij poore men for beryng of the Alter Tabill to Mr. Hodgis	ivd.

And so the old order changed once more, giving place to the new. It is curious to note that amidst all changes two payments never vary:—

Item to the Scavenger for his yere wagies	xvjd.
Item for broomes for the space of one holle yere	viijd.

The accounts for the years 1555-6 contain no entry relating to the burning of Branch or Flower, the monk of Ely, the assassin of the officiating minister, a priest of the Abbey, who was administering the Holy Communion in St. Margaret's church on Easter Day. He was tried by Bishop Bonner and "bornyed against St. Margrett Chyrche without the chyrche yard in the Sanctuary." The occurrence is graphically recorded in "Machyn's Diary," from which an extract is made in Walcott's *Memorials*, Ed. 1849, p. 95. The cost of the faggots and other necessaries may have been defrayed from the Abbey funds; but the disbursements in connection with the reconciliation of the Church are shown in the page of the accounts reproduced opposite. If an inference may be drawn from the items of the "Bysshoppes Dinner" on the occasion, the function must have been of a very exhausting character. A few of the items are transcribed at p. 46.

The numbers bound together in the volume marked "E," relate to the years 1570-1590, the longest section of Queen Elizabeth's rule, she having reigned 12 years previously and 13 years subsequently. The Churchwardens' receipts are shown to have been derived mainly from Graves, at 1d. and upwards; from Knells, at 4d.; from Peals of Bells, from 18d. to 6s. 8d.; and from "Herse Clothes," lent at 4d. to 20d., and from the letting of Pews.

There are some miscellaneous receipts of special interest. Contributions of 2s. 7d. in one year for Bread and Wine for Communion; 16s. 4d. for armour; £5 7s. for Chalice and Paten silver parcel gilt; 20s. for copes for gold; and 4s. for certain "shredds" of gold are instances, and, omitting the first item, tell of the gradual dispersion of the Ornaments and Jewels of the Church of which the churchwardens acknowledged themselves to be the custodians. An interesting view of this matter is obtained by comparing the Inventory of 1572 with that of 1511, given in the appendices.

Token money produced at Easter, 1571, £5 6s. 4d., and on Trinity Sunday, 4s. 6d. It is not clear to which class of tokens the entries relate—whether to trading tokens or to communion tokens. The former are believed to have come into

Item payde for my elles of hollande cloth for a surplice	1	1
for the usual price the ell	1	1
Item payde for the making of the surplices	1	1
Item payde for the making of my surplices for the stables	1	1
Item payde for the making of y ^e Albes	1	1
Item payde for y ^e Lampe Stuffed	1	1
Item payde for pomes, nayles and hooltes	1	1
Item payde for lapes	1	1
Item payde for a paire of Ernelles	1	1
Item payde for two half water sprynkalls	1	1
Item payde for a yambell in parciement	1	1
Item payde for a bollall for cole	1	1
Item payde for Normandre Cante my elles for the barie	1	1
Item payde for the payinge thereof for lering	1	1
and Ranges to the same	1	1
Item payde for a Quarter to be in the Court Wyndow	1	1
Item payde for a peare of Linc for the dore	1	1
Item payde for lape for the barie	1	1
Item payde for nayles and hooltes	1	1
Item payde for 10 wardes of Buckram for to linc	1	1
thaiter cloth at the Court after which a dore gate	1	1
Item payde to the Widdow for making of the same	1	1
Item payde for pomes, Nayles and hooltes for the Ex pulchre	1	1
Item payde for a Shovel	1	1
Item payde for a Cart of Coles on Ester euen	1	1
Item payde for sellung by and taking downe the Ex pulchre	1	1
And mending of the greate Candelsticks	1	1
Item for mending the coffer in the high Altar	1	1
Item payde to y ^e men for realising the Ex pulchre	1	1
light on quide Friday night on Ester euen	1	1
Item payde for rent of wax at y ^e dore the p ^r ovisor	1	1
Item payde for my Capons for the Bishoppes	1	1
Comer at the Decent y ^e linc of the Church	1	1
Item payde for halfe	1	1
Item payde for my Exone geese	1	1
Item payde for a dore of Rabelles	1	1
Item payde for a dore of y ^e Ingions	1	1
Item payde for a Gylfayne of becke	1	1
Item payde for y ^e Ballons of wone	1	1
Item payde for breade beer and alle in the bester	1	1
Item payde for y ^e brusher of shopp	1	1
Item payde for Cattle	1	1
Item payde to a poore man for carryng of wates	1	1
Item payde for mending of y ^e Winder wates	1	1
Item payde for newe staving the short ladder	1	1
Item payde to the Lavenderess for sellung in a newe hand in	1	1
the dore surplices mending of the Albes and Ernelles	1	1
Item given in reward to the Bishoppes Comer	1	1
Item payde to the Ranges at the Decent y ^e linc of the Church	1	1

6th May 1556

A page of the Churchwardens' Accounts for 1555-6, showing, opposite the marks in the left-hand margin, the entries relating to the reconciliation of St. Margaret's Church, referred to in the opposite page.

Also Defensed of Robert ffaynham for his grave
 Also Defensed of margaret Nohigh for her grave
 Also Defensed of Noble Appoyntell for his grave
 Also Defensed of Donath E vans for her grave
 Also Defensed of Richard Eyvell for his grave
 Also Defensed of Jane Vinlon for her grave
 Also Defensed of Nicholas Harrison for his grave

Graves

Extract from the Churchwardens' Accounts of 1552, showing in the fifth line the receipt of £3 for the grave of Mr. Richard Cecil, father of Lord Burghley, and ancestor of Lord Salisbury, K.G.

use in the reign of Henry VIII. to supply the lack of authorised coins representing the fractions of a penny, and during this reign stamped tokens of lead, tin, and even leather were issued by vintners, grocers, and other tradesmen, and had a large circulation. They could be exchanged for goods or current coin of the realm at the shops where they were issued. The latter were used as a means of securing the Church against unfit communicants. They were distributed by the parson during the week to intending communicants, and were gathered by the clerk as the custodians presented themselves at the celebration. The instances given by Mr. Vaux show that the custom was in existence in 1627 and 1639.

The Churchwardens also received in 1588, of Mr. Marmaduke Servant, "for the use of the poore to buye Sea Coales, being the Guyfte of the Rt. Honorable the Lord Burleigh, Lord Highe Treasurer of Englande, the soome of £10."

Much money was spent on the ringing of the bells, not only "for joye of the prosperous reign of the Queen," but also to announce her Majesty's arrival or departure from the parish. Whitehall, given to her father by Cardinal Wolsey, is frequently mentioned, as is also Hampton Court, another of Wolsey's buildings, and Greenwich Palace, the Queen's birth-place. Sixpence is thus expended "when the Queen's Majesty came to my Lord of Canterbury's (Whitgift's) house to dinner from Greenwich." The same amount is expended when she visits the camp (Tilbury, 1588), and when she returns.

The Organ-maker gets 18d. every year for his fee; 3d. is spent for half a hundred of Communion breade; 6d. for four new books of Common Prayer (1572), and 28s. for a new Byble of the largest volume.*

The Worshipful of the Parish perambulate to Kensyngton on Tewsdaie in Rogation week, and the Churchwardens and Syde-men partake of the dynner for the Visytation kept at the Sarryzones hed (1586) at a cost of £3 5s.

The volume marked "F" contains the accounts for the years 1590-1610, extending over the closing years of Elizabeth's reign and the first seven years of that of James I. During this time burials were not only a lucrative source of income, but also a cause of expense. Thirty shillings was expended in June, 1590, "for emptinge of the house where the bones and sculls lay and for burying of the same bones and sculls in the corner of the Churchyard by the bricke wall."

In 1594 the burials of 15 "Chrisom" children, i.e., those who died within a month of birth, are distinguished from the others, and also the burial of "a pore soldier who died in the bone-house." Three years later occurs an entry of a shilling being given to "Thomas Whitteredge, Beadle, for his paines taken in going to Paddington with a poore sick man and conveying him out of the p'she," in order to avoid the cost of his maintenance, nursing, and possible burial falling upon the parish. Numerous entries occur of payments of 4s. 4d. to "Mr. Dericke, the high constable, for reliefe of maymed soldiers for one quarter." This was a charge levied by the Constable of the Hundred of Ossulstone, which included Westminster.

But the saddest items in these accounts occur in 1603, when we have the burials of nearly 1,200 persons recorded. The Plague carried off that year in London alone 30,000 persons. A succession of payments was made to Robt. Wells and others for killing about 500 dogges at 1d. each, so that it must have been supposed that they were the means of spreading the disease. In 1592 a

* "No greater moral change ever passed over a nation than passed over England during the years which parted the middle of the reign of Elizabeth from the meeting of the Long Parliament. England became the people of a book, and that book was the Bible. It was as yet the one English book that was familiar to every Englishman. It was read at churches, and read at home; and everywhere its words, as they fell on ears which custom had not deadened to their force and beauty, kindled a startling enthusiasm. * * No history, no romance, no poetry, save the little known verse of Chaucer, existed for any practical purpose in the English tongue when the Bible was ordered to be set up in churches. * * As a mere literary monument the English version of the Bible remains the noblest example of the English tongue. Its perpetual use made it from the instant of its appearance, the standard of our language. * * It formed, we must repeat, the whole literature which was practically accessible to ordinary Englishmen. * * The whole nation, in fact, became a church."—*Green's "History of the English People."*

similar slaughter had taken place, "the first tyme of infection," and "by Mr. Dean's apointment," being notes attached to the entries

The Churchwardens and Vestry appear to have had a happy method of combining their social and parochial duties. In 1591 is entered:—

"Item payd for breade, drinke, cheese, fish, creame, and other necessaries when the worshipful of the p'she went the p'ambutions to Kensington, £5 13s. 4d."

But the next year the perambulations seem to have cost only 10s. of the parish-money; "Clarett, wyne, and sacke," 3s. 4d. "A dynner for the visitacon, as doth appere by a byll," cost £3 10s. 3d.; and a "quarte of Muskadell at the Visitacon, 10d.," speak for themselves. The Singing men of the Colledge get 20s. yearly towards the cost of their annual dinner in return for their occasional help in St. Margaret's.

A gift of 20s. was bestowed on "Jhon Crevenne alias ffote, a pore scoller borne in this parish, after a sermon by him made in this church by consent of such of the Vestry as were present at that sermon."

Payments for ffrancinsence and "juneper," doubtless for fumigating the Church, and for "sweete powder for the linen," are not uncommon.

References are made to the determination of Lady Dacre to establish Almshouses in the parish, and of repairs to the Almshouses in Pettie ffrounce and S. Ermy's Hill, variously called, at other times, St. Armille's, Torman's, Armon's, and St. Armet's.

In 1603 there was payd for ringinge at the funerall of the Queene (Elizabeth), xiid., and later the ringers were paid for their peals on Gowrie's Day (Aug. 5) and Gunpowder Day (Nov. 5) in thankfulness for King James's escape from assassina-tion by Ruthven, Earl of Gowrie, and from being blown up by Guy Fawkes.

With this, the last of the volumes bound by the churchwardens of 1730, the synopsis of the contents must end. From 1610 to 1847 the series relating to St. Margaret's parish continues without a break; while the accounts relating to St. John's from 1729, the end of the first year of the separate existence of the parish, to 1847, are complete. These annual or biennial numbers must now be left to tell their own tale by the extracts, made almost at random, reproduced from them. As aids to the elucidation of some of these, annotations have occasionally been introduced, and the photographic camera has been brought into requisition, that the reader may find himself conducted in an agreeable manner through the lights and shades of the last four centuries. The extracts referred to will, as a rule, be found to follow the year's accounts from which they are taken; but as the first collection extends over many years, they have been placed immediately before the schedule, in order to avoid so long an interruption of the list itself. The earlier extracts are transcribed from Nichols' *Illustrations of the Manners and Expenses of Antient Times in England* (1797); but owing to the discovery of some obvious slips, have been verified with the original entries:—

1460-61 Compus Johis. Meriden & Johis. Whitney, custod' bonor' Ecclesie pochial Ste. Margarete Westm', anno xv^o die menso' Maii, anno Sti. Imp' Hen' Sexti Regis Angl' de facto non de jure xxxvii, usque vii diem ejusdem mens' Maii, anno secundo Regis Edwardi Quarti, scil' p duos annos integros.

I	tem, rec' de Johe. Braddyns die sepultur Robti.	
	Thorp gen' p iii tor.	... vjs. viijd.
	Item, rec' die sepultur' de la Ancrese pro iij tapr'...	viijd.
	Item, deliv' at Dño Cancellar' Dñi Regis, prædict' die Martii per assen' totius ville p guerris dict' Dñi Regis	... x li.

The whole of this number is more or less decayed, and the earlier pages are almost illegible from stains. The caption has, nevertheless, been photographed:—



[The Accounts of *Johannis Meriden* and *Johannis Witney*, custodians of the ornaments of the parish of *Ste. Margarete Westm.* from the 15th day of *Maie* in the 38th year of *Henry VI.* "King by facte and not by right," &c. &c.]

1464	Item, rec' de persona Convict' die sepult'	
1465	Item, rec' die obit' Johis. Gray militis	
	Item, rec' die sepult' cujus d' pauperis apud Charyng	
1466	Item, rec' pro sepult' ejusdem Agnetis in Capella	
	beatæ Mariæ Virginis infra Ecclesiam prædict' ...	vjs. viijd.
	Item, rec' die obit' Richard Salkeld, gen.	
	Item, rec' die sepult' Heremitæ apud Charyng	
	Item, pro sepult' ejusdem in Capella Sancti Georgii	
	infra Eccles' prædict'	
	Item, rec' de D' Abbate West' die sepult' Willi	
	Payn servientis sui	
	Item, rec' de Dña Graa die trigintal' Reginaldi patris	
	sui	
	Item, rec' die sepult' Dñi Johan. Germyn Anchorit'	
	Westm'	
	Item, rec' de Jacobo Pemberton, armigero, pro sep	
	sua infra ecclesiam	
	Item, rec' die sepult' Clerici Stapulæ	
1467	Item, rec' die sepult' Magestri Johis. Preston, nuper	
	vicarii de Wakefield	
	Item, rec' die sepult' pueri unius comorantis in Sellyes	
	Ally	
	Item, rec' de Willo Whitney pro sepult' uxoris suæ	
	infra Capella Sanctæ Trin' in ecclesia prædict' ...	
	Item, rec de Thomâ More, die obit Dñi Edwardi	
	Kyrton nuper Abbatis Westm'	
	Item, rec' de Cust' Convictor' die sep' Johis. Hede	
	prisonar'	
	Item, rec' de Robto' Thorp, die sep' Dionisiæ	
	Swandlond, generosæ, pro sep' suâ infra ecclesiam	
	paroch' prædict'	
	Imprimis, in expens' ad tabernam intra parochianos in	
	die comptacois prædecess' cust' prædict'; videlt	
	in pane,	vd.
	Item, in v mut. pyes ad idem temp.	iijd.
	Item, in vino rubeo, etc.	iijs.
	Item at the burying of a man of my Lord Duresse ...	

[The transition from Latin to English will be observed to have taken place in this year.]

1474	Item, at the burying of Thomas Rookes, Gent.
	Item, at the burying of John Harvy, Squier in
	Randolfs

- 1475 Item, at the day of burying of my Lady Grace ...
 Item, at the day of burying of Sir Thomas Grey,
 Knight, for iiij tapers xij li.
 Item, at the burying of Sir John Galter
 Item, for a reward for a boke and chailes to Sir
 Richard Widevyle
 Item for ij great books, called Antiphoners
 Item, received of the keeper or master of the New
 Works
 Item, of the monastre of Seint Peter of Westminster
 1476 Also paid to Roger Fylpott, learned in the law, for his
 counsel-giving to the said late masters in saying of
 evidence of David Selly, iijs. viijd., with ivd. for his
 dinner
 Brethren and Sistern in Arrears.
 Of Edmond Downe, late pryor of Hurley; of Sir Henry Ward, Knight;
 of Dame Agnes Hasely; of Robert Shordycke, Squier; of my
 Lady Graa; of Raynold Colyer, pryor of S. Bartholomew's; of
 the Duchess of Bed'; William Bartram, Esq.; Richard Ruston,
 pryor of Hurley; my Lady Willoughby; my Lady Ankerasse; Sir
 John Mannear, of Batussey; John Rokes, Esq.; Sir Thomas
 Knolle, vicar of Datchet; John Fogge, Knight; my Lady Hare-
 court; Sir Roger Ree, Knight.
 1478 Item, the day of burying of William Caxton, for
 ij torces and iiij tapers at a low mass is. viijd.

[This is accepted, as the result of an investigation made in connection with the Caxton celebration held at South Kensington in 1878, as relating to Caxton's father, to whom the prince of printers appears to have returned from Bruges in 1476-7. The accounts for 1464 contain an item of eightpence received for four tapers at the burial of Oliver Caxton; John Caxton paid 6s. 8d. in 1475-8 on his admission to the Guild; in 1490-2, 3s. 2d. was received "at the bureyng of Mawde Caxton for torches and tapres"; in 1494-6 2d. is received at the burial of Richard Caxton, besides the entry in 1491-2 relating to the printer. These prove the settlement of the family in the parish; but Mr. Blades, in his preparations for the Fourth Centenary Memorial, was unable to identify with certainty the relationship of the several members.]

A curious item in this year's postings is xijd. for "cotyn candyll for the lantern for alle hallowen tyde (All Hallows Even) to Candyllmas (31st October to 2nd February)," from which it is clear that the seasons named, if not all the ceremonies associated with them, were observed. These are referred to, as to Candlemas, by Herrick in his "Hesperides," and as to All Hallows, by Burns in his "Halloween." The superstitions connected with both seasons are collected in Brand's *Popular Antiquities*.

There are also two entries showing that an organ or organs had been placed in the church at this early date:—

For a dore in the rode lofte to save and keep the people fro the orgaynes	xijd.
To Mathew Metynghm for playing at the orgons when we had butt one clerk	vijjd.

Although instruments of a more or less rude description had reached England earlier—they are known to have been used in church music in Rome in the eighth century—it was not until the fifteenth century that they began to approach, even at a distance, the noble instruments of the present day, and the latter of these two items indicate that the instrument here was of such pretensions as to require the engagement of a skilled organist.

- 1479 Item, the day of burying of Sir John Wra, for
 iiij torches, iiij tapers, and the pitt xivs.
 Item, the day of burying of Dr. Alyne, for his pytte
 In the church vjs. viijd.

1478 Item, for a pulpytte in the church-yard against the preaching of Dr. Penkey ijs. viijd.

In this year the receipts include a gift by the wife of John Taillour of a towell of diaper, eight yards in length.*

1479 Item, paid to Blandford for paving before St. Erasmus Auter and for lyme and sand is. vjd.

1480 Item, the day of burying a man that was slayne in St. James's field, ij tapers

1482 Item, the day of burying of Thomas, of the Convicte house

Paid for the amending of the cloaths before St. Margaret and St. Kateryn, and for cord is.

1483 Item, the day of Sir Thomas Cawey, for iiij tapers...

Item, the day of burying of Sir William Hopton, treasurer of the King's house, for his pytte in the church vjs. viijd.

1485 Item at the burying of Mr. Harcourt, for his pytte ... vjs. viijd.

Item, at the burying of John Barnard, gent., for iiij torches xiijs. ivd.

Item at the burying of John, the Queen's foole

Item, at the burying of Mr. Edmund Reynford, for iiij torches at his dirige iijs. ivd.

A short series of entries show that the 'churchyard cross,' as well as that within the church, was to be found at St. Margaret's: it had existed so long, in fact, as to require restoration:—

Paid for a grate brode ffrise stone to mende the fote of the crosse in the churche yerd iijs. ivd.

Paide for Asshelar Stones for the same crosse, and for laying and werkmanshipp vijs. ivd.

Paid for making a cross of tre to sett upon the said crosse of stone, and for the spere sponge and nails for the same .. ijs. ivd.

Paid to John Rede for peynting of the same cross of tre, sponge, spere and nailes iijs.

The steeple cross was also renewed at the same time.

Forty acres of the parish land at Kensington are shown to have produced a yearly rental of 13s. 8d.

1488 Item, at the burying of Daniel Richard Alyn, parson of Fulham, for iiij tapers is.

Item, for the burying of Master Taysdale, for the bell ... vjd.

* This entry suggests that the "housselling cloth," which was commonly used at the administration of the Holy Communion after the Reformation, might also have been used at mass before that time. It was customary in many churches in London, as well as in the country, for the communicants to kneel at long low tables covered with white linen, at the step of the chancel. In some few places, before the tables were brought into use, a long strip of linen was held before the communicants by two deacons; elsewhere the communion rails were covered with white hangings, while another variation of the custom was the use of a clean white napkin laid before each communicant. An item in these accounts for the year 1599, "Paid for a long diaper cloth to make two towells for the communicants, xijs. viijd," points to some such usage at St. Margaret's, and, read in connection with that of 1478-80, suggests the possibility of its having been observed from that time onwards for upwards of a century. Mr. Vaux, quoting from Mr. Cousins' *Exeter, Fifty Years since* (Ed. 1878) inclines to the view that "the clean white pocket handkerchief, which old-fashioned people used to carry round their prayer books (the writer well remembers seeing instances in his boyhood at the Old Church, Chelsea) may well have been a survival of the old Housel Cloth." The inventories of church goods, jewels, &c., contain repeated references to "diaper cloths for towells for the communion," *e.g.*, the short extract given on p. 40. That for the year 1572, printed hereafter, schedules 33 "clothes of dyaper for the Comunion Table," classifying them as "greate," "playne," "shorte" and "longe." They did not escape the eye of the observant Herrick (1630-1660), who thus refers to them in his *Noble Numbers* 1—

To a Love Feast we both invited are:
The figur'd Damask, or pure Diaper,
The sacred Towell, and the holy Eure
Are ready by, to make the Guests all pure.

1489	Item, at the burying of my Lady Anresse, for the bell	vjd.
	Item, at the burying of John Randolfe, for iiij torches	vjs. viijd.
	Item, for my Lady Jakis, for her grave, in the feretre isle*	vjs. ivd.
	Item, at the burying of the parson of Arondell, for torches, tapers, etc	vjs. viijd.

Among the admittances to the fraternity this year, was "Wynkyn Worde," fellow worker with and successor to Caxton.

Brotherhood Account.	Received for Dame Sybill Lakynn	... il
	Also for Mr. Harry Sharp, dean of St. Stephyn's	... il.
	Also paid for two xvths granted to the King for the tenements in Kensington	... is. ix.
1491	Item, at the burying of William Caxton, for iiij torches	vjs. viijd.
	Item, received of a box that was set before St. Gregory Pytey in Lent last past	xs.
	Item, received of the Churchwardens of St. Sepulcre's, for the Dragon	... ijs. viijd.
	Item, paid for dressing of the Dragon, and for pack-thread	...

[The dragon here referred to was probably a representation of that mentioned in the legend of St. Margaret.—See Walcott's *Memorials of Westminster*, Ed. 1849, p. 114.]

	Item, paid for a sleyne cloth of St. Gregory's Pety...	
1494	Item, paid for wyne for Mr. Harry Abington at divers times	ivd.
	Item, at the burying of Sir Thomas Hungerford, Knight	...
	Item, of the brotherhood of Rynsyvale, for the plowgere	ivs.
	Item for anending the best suit of vestments for prest, dekyn and sub-dekyn, and for ribband for the same	xvis.
1496	Item, aid to Mrs. Tebbys, for iij potels of tyre sent in a botelle to Mrs. More	ijs.
	Item, ij tapers for the man that died in Tothill Street going to St. Armilles Ward	ijd.
	Item, Henry Abyngdon, for the bell	vjd.
1497	Item, Richard Castell, for his pitte in the Church	vjs. viijd.
	Item of Mr. Baugh, for licence of the ground for St. Erasmus	...
	Item, in books called Legend, of the bequest of William Caxton	xiijs.
1498	Item, for licence of St. Cornelius torches	xd.
1500	Item, for the knell of Julian de Wordet with the great bell	vjd.
	Item, for licence for iiij torches of St. John	viijd.
	Item, for licence for iiij torches of Seynt Anne	ivd.
	Item, received of the gift of my Lord Edmund, the King's son, to the behove of the church-works	vjs. viijd.
	Item, received of my Lady Morland for a stone to lay upon her husband	xiijs. ivd.
	First received of a sanctuary-man for a quarter's rent of the first tenement that he holdeth, for Midsummer quarter, etc.	viijs. ivd.
	Item, paid for fetchng ij tonne of stone over the water from Fauks Hall unto the Kynges Brydge...	vjd.
	Item, paid for a daye journey, for mendyne a flouer, and a windowe in the same rents	viijd.

* A feretry was an ornamental bier or shrine.

† Probably a relative of Wynkyn de Worde, Caxton's partner. See the note against the year 1489.

1501	Item, for the knell of Sir James Morland with the bell	vjd.
	Item, for the knell of Owen Tudor with the bell ...	vjd.
1503	Item, received of the Southeseyer for iv tapers ...	
1504	To fader Yanne for the keeping of the whype for betyng the dogges oute of the chyrche ...	xvjd.

[The dog-whipper was in many parishes, in former years, a regularly appointed servant of the church; and Mr. Vaux adduces instances in which such an officer was regularly on duty down to the middle of the present century. Requests were made for the endowment of the office in numerous parishes in England and Wales. A statement was made in *Notes and Queries*, 2nd September, 1854, to the effect that the appointment of such functionaries had followed the establishment of the church as far away as Shrewsbury, Maryland, U.S.A.]

1506	Also, for a certain quit-rent out of a little tenement in the Wolstaple, to the maire of the staple, at xxd. by yere	
1506	For the rent of a tenement, called Wyllys, lying in Totehill Street, in the hands of Sir William Stoner, Knight, at lxvis. viiid. by yere	
	Item, iiij printed books, ij of them the Lyfe of St. Kateryn, and other ij of the birth of our Lady, of the gift of the executors of Caxton	
1508	First spent at the perusing and overlooking of the account of the last wardens accomptes, at the curate's house, for bread and drink	ivd.
1510	Atte buryng of Robert the Hermyt, iv torches	ivd.
	Atte buryng of the costerdmonger for iv tapers	ivd.

[This is an early instance of the use of the word, which was originally applied to vendors of costard apples, though its limitation had extended within a few years; see the entry against 1519. Johnson gives Burton, the author of *The Anatomy of Melancholy*, who was born in 1576, as his authority; but this entry was ninety years before Burton wrote.]

1515	Kensyngton.	
	Our Ladies } Sir William Ironmonger, parish prest there ...	
	Brethren } Also of oblacions and offerings received upon the festfull days of our Blessed Lady	

OF NEW BRETHREN, &C.

	Also spent at comunicacion had with Mr. Hall and other of my Lord Cardinal's counsell, for the right of the green before my Lord's place	
	Item of Johan of the Boyling Alley, for ij tapers	ijd.
1516	Item received of the gift of Mrs. Morley by reason of ij silver cups weying xxvj ounces, and being sold by the said accountants at iijs. ivd. the ounce, with xvid. of overpluss, amounting to ivl. xis. ivd., whereof repaid to the same Mrs. Morley, at her desire, il. vis. viijd., and so remains of her plate gift	iiijl. ijs. viijd.
1519	Item, to the Keper of the Scala Celi in the Abby	ivd.
1518	Item, given by the children of the May-game	viiid.

This simple line transports the mind to some of the charming descriptions of May-day customs given in poetry and prose from Chaucer's time to the present day. It tells of Westminster surrounded by fields—St. James' fields, Tothill fields, and the fields on the west, afterwards called the Five fields—in which the groups of children would gather their flowers in the hedgerows to carry to the houses of the well-to-do, there to sing their May-day carols and salutations, to dance round their little flower-bedecked "Lady of the May," to appeal to the charity of those who witnessed

their pretty childish play, and to conclude their simple festivity by making such offerings as this entry indicates. Chaucer, and the translations from earlier writers, show the antiquity of such customs, but this is the earliest reference to it which has been noticed in these accounts. Brand's *Popular Antiquities*, ed. 1849; Stubbs' *Anatomie of Abuses*, 1585, Hone's *Table Book*, *Year Book*, and *Day Book*, and Chambers's *Book of Days*, among many others, refer to the local variations of the custom at some length, though it must be acknowledged that the frolicsome observance by some of the adult classes lacked the innocence the above simple line suggests.

1519	To the costerdmonger for Pears [See the note against 1510]	xijd.
1521	Item, payd to Symond Symonds for mending of the glass windows and of the ymagery works, that were broken with the grete wynds before Christmas	is. ivd.

THE WEIGHT OF THE BELLS.

1527	First, the first bell weith	CCCC lb.
	Item, the second bell weith	CCCCCXI lb.
	Item, the third bell weith	DCCCVI lb.
	Item, the fourth bell weith	MX lb.
	Item, the fifth bell weith	CCCCCXIII lb.
	Sum of the weight of all the bellis	MMMMDCCII lb.
1531	First, paid to Renagever, payntour, for paynting and gylding of the lx stories of St. Margaret's tabernacle	iijl. vjs. viijd.
1532	Item, received for the knyll and peals of the buryal of Abbot Islype	is. vjd.
1534	Item, paid for a surpless for the curate	xs.
	Item, paid for a surpless for John Moore, the clerk	iijs.
	Item, paid for a surpless for Thomas Adams, the clerk	iijs.
	Item, paid for a surpless for the sexton	iijs.
	Item, paid for the hire of Seynt Margaret's serkelett*	xvjd.
1535	Item, paid for a new ladder of steps for the pulpit	ijs.
1539	Item, paid for the half-part of the Bybell accordingly after the King's injunction	ixs. ixd.
1540	Item, paid to Symon Symons, glasier, for making and setting up of divers arms in the Trinity Chapell within the parish of St. Margaret in Westminster aforesaid, by the advice and commandment of Mr. Lancaster, Herroilt-at-Arms	xs.
	Item paid to Mr. Chidley, lerned man, for his counsell, and drawing up a bill to the King's Highness for the Churchyard, and to his clerk for ingrosynge of the same	vjs. ijd.
	First, paid to Alice Lewis, a goldsmith's wife of London, for a serclett* to marry maydens in, the 26th day of Sept.	iijl.
1541	Item, paid to Roger Weston, for taking down of our Ladies tabernacle at Rounceyval,† and for setting up thereof in the Trinity isle in St. Margaret of Westminster	xijs. ivd.

* This serklett (circlet), or, as it was also called, "pasche," "païsche," and "paiste," is frequently mentioned in the inventories, some of which are printed as appendices. It was evidently a sort of coronet kept for the use of brides. It was worn in Chaucer's time, a hundred and forty years earlier, for in his description of the apparelling of Griseldis for her wedding, he has (Ed. Tyrwhitt, l. 8257) "A coroune on hire hed they han ydressed." The use of such a headdress was customary in Norway and Denmark, where a set of ornaments was kept in each parish for the temporary use of the bride. These ornaments included a coronal and girdle, so that the poorest woman in the land had the gratification of appearing for one day in her life in a guise she probably thought equal to that of a queen. The museum of national antiquities at Copenhagen contains a number of such sets of bridal decorations.

† Walcott, in his *Memorials of Westminster* (ed. 1849, p. 109), says, "As regard this fraternity, William Mareschal, Earl of Pembroke, having given several houses near Charing Cross to the Prior of Roncevalles (the death place of Roland the Brave and the gallant Paladins of Charlemagne), in the diocese of Pampeluna, in Navarre, in the reign of King Henry III., nearly on the site of the present Northumberland House, a hospital was founded by this foreign Priory, under the same name as his chief cell in England. It was suppressed in the time of King Henry V., but restored 15 Ed. IV. for a Fraternity. It consisted of a master, wardens, brethren and sisters, who continued until the

- Rouncyval } Item paid for repairing the chapel wall at Rouncyval
fraternity } where the tabernacle stood, as by bill apperith ... iijs. iijd.
First received on Good Friday, for crepinge to the Cross
the same yere* vd.
- 1540 First, paid to Mr. Dr. Kitchin, in reward for preaching on
our Lady-day, a pyke, price ijs. ivd., a galland of wine,
vijjd. and his bote-hire, ivd.; sum in all iijs. ivd.
This accompt is allowed in the Exchequer Chamber, on
Sunday, the 10th day of Oct., in the 32nd yere of the
reign, etc.
- 1544 Also paid for ushers against the Dedication-day, which is
always the first Sunday of October is. vd.
- 1545 First paid to Mr. Barnard, for the table of the Conception
now standing on the high altar xvjl. xs.
- 1546 Also paid on Ascension-even, for bread, ale, beer, and
wyne, for the prebendaries and quyer of the mynster
after mass was done is. ijd.
- 1547 Also paid to the poor men that did bere the copies and
other necessities to Knightsbridge, when that King
Henry the Eight was brought to his burial to Winsor,
and to the man that did ryng the bells iijs.
Also paid for a honest dish of meat, and for wyne, for
the King's Visitours xijs. viijd.
Also paid to the purcyvaunte, when he brought the com-
mission for the presentment of all the Brothered ... is.
- [This appears to refer to the approaching dissolution of the Fraternity of St.
Mary Rounceval. See foot-note on opposite page.]
- 1548 Also paid to Philip Lentall, for making clene of xi payer
of harnessis, ix daggers, and viii bylls, price every
harness is. ivd. xivs.
Also paid to xi men for werying of the same harnessis at
the muster-day, to every man vjd. vs. vjd.
Also paid to the King's amner, when he would have sealed
up the church-doors, at the departure of the King's
Majesty the 2nd day of July, because the bells were not
rong ijs. ivd.
Also paid for bread, ale, and wine, for the gentlemen and
children of the King's Chapel, for their panes in help-
ing of the divine service at the blessed communion on
Our Lord's day in Lent ijs. xjd.
- 1549 Also paid to William Curlewe for mending of divers pews
that were broken when Dr. Lattymer did preach ... is. vjd.
- [Latymer was then Bishop of Worcester, and was appointed to preach the Lent
Lectures before the King (Edward VI.), in the course of which he denounced the
Lord High Admiral Seymour, to whose death warrant he was one of the signatories
at this time.]
- First paid for iv books of the service in the Church ... xvjs.
- 1550 Also the said accomptants do charge themselves for the
receipt of the overplus of the silver that remained of
 $\frac{xx}{viii}$ and x ounces, which was delivered to Robert
Tayleboys, of London, goldsmith, for to make thereof

suppression of monasteries. The site of the chapel was granted 3 Edw. VI. to Sir Thomas Cowarden." The same writer adds an interesting series of extracts from the accounts of the fraternity, which are preserved in the Vestry room of St. Margaret's. The close association of the hospital with St. Margaret's, is shown by the frequent references, prior to the Reformation, in the Churchwardens' accounts.

* In an article in which he observes that "the only theatres for the people were the churches, and the monks were the actors." Hone, in his *Ancient Mysteries Described*, gives a quaint sketch of this "extraordinary dramatic worship," as it was performed at Durham Cathedral. It is worthy of note that no such item is to be found in these accounts after the Reformation. The item taken from the accounts for 1551 seems to imply that the cross was sold in that year.

- iv communion cups ij all gylt, and the other ij parcell
gylt; whereof we have received ij cups all gylt weighing
iii and xviii ounces; also ij other parcel gylt wayeing
lxij ounces iii quarters, etc.
- 1551 A cross, the overpluss thereof being sold after vs. viijd. the
oz. did amount
- 1552 Also paid for a recreation for the Quest the 12th of July,
when they came to view the inventory of the church
goods vjs. viijd.
Also paid to Mr. Curat and Nicholas Poole, for making
the book of the church goods, to be presented to the
King's commissioners, and for the pains they took about
it, etc. xs.
Also paid to the Taylor, for making ij clothes meet for the
communion table xd.
- 1553 Also payde for bread and drynke, on ashewensday, to the
ringers at the Victory and overthrowe of Wiat and his
Adherentes viijd.

["On 22nd February, 1553-4, all the Kent men went to the Court at White-
hall with halters about their necks, two and two together, through London to
Westmynster, and between the two Tilts the poor prisoners kneeled down in the
mire; and there the Queen's Grace looked over the gate, and gave them all
pardon, and they cried out 'God save Queen Mary.'"]

- 1554 Also paid to a painter for washing out of the Scripture of
the high altar table is.
Also paid for a lantern to be borne before the Sacrament
in visitacion ijs. xd.
Also paid for iij capons for the bishop's dinner at the
reconciliation of the church [See page 34] vijs.
Also for half a veil vs. vjd.
Also for iij green geese ijs. ivd.
Also for a dozen of rabetts ijs. viijd.
Also for a dozen of pigions ijs. vjd.
Also for a surloyn of beef vjs. viijd.
Also for ij gallons of wine ijs.
Also paid for bread, wine, beer, and ale, for Mr. Deane,
the prebendaries, and the quire, when they came in
procession to our church iijs. viijd.

[This folio of the accounts is reproduced opposite page 34.]

- 1555 Item, paid to Low, fletcher, for fethering of iij shaffe of
arrowse and new trimming of the heads ivs.
Item, paid for spiced bread on the Ascension-even, and
on the Ascension-day is.

[See also the item against the year 1546. The references are evidently to the
Romish method of celebrating the Ascension after mass, the progress of the
Reformation being suspended during Mary's reign. A quaint description of the
processioning is given in Barnaby Googe's *Translation of Naorgeous*, p. 63. This is
partly transcribed in Brand's *Popular Antiquities*, from which the following extract
is taken:—

Then comes the day when Christ ascended to His Father's seate,
Which day they also celebrate with store of drink and meate.

This done they wafers down doe caste, and, singing, cakes the while
With papers round amongst them put, the children to beguile.

And thus this solemne holydaie and hye renownèd feast
And all their whole devotion here is ended with a ieast (jest).]

- 1556 Item, of the Yearle of Sussex in reward iijs. ivd.
Item paid to Nycholas Clarke, for making thymag of St.
Margaret xjs.


Accounte of John Hunter
 and John Hunter wardens and keepers of all the
 goodes Jewells and ornamentes of the parische
 Church of St Sarnel Margarett in Westm^{onaster}

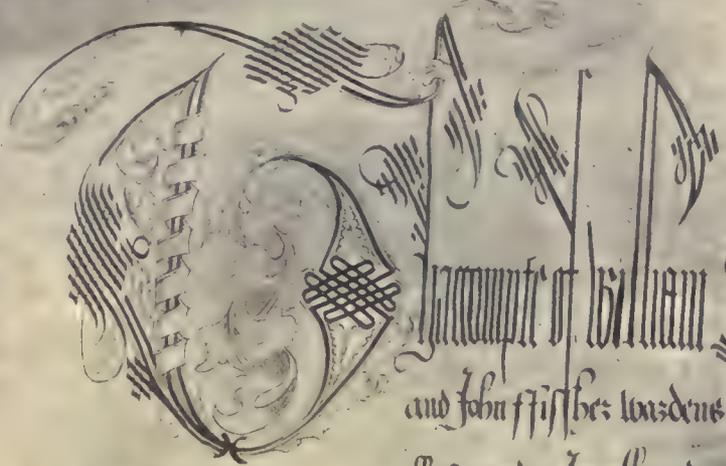
From the xvijth Day of May in the second yere of the
 Reigne of our most gracious soueraine Lady Elizabeth^e
 By the grace of god Queene of England / Fraunce and
 Ireland defendour of the faith &c unto the myneth day
 of may in the fourth yere of her Ma^{tie} saide reigne.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands
 and seals the first day of June in the fourth yere of
 her Ma^{tie} saide reigne.

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Account of William Surr
 and John ffisher wardens and keepers of
 all the goodes Jewells and ornaments of the
 parische Church of ^{S^{te}} Margaret in
 westm^r ffrom the xviijth day of May in the Sixteth yere
 of the Reigne of ourre moste gracious soueraigne Ladye Elizabeth
 By the grace of god Queene of England ffraunce and
 Ireland Defendour of the faith &c unto the xxvth day
 of maye . 1566.

And alsoe
 first the saide
 And alsoe
 one bill of exchange of the sum of the xxvth

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- 1558 Item for setting forth the five soldiers to Portismothe the last yere of Queen Maryil. xiijs ivd.
- 1559 First paid for a Byble and a Parafrawse xvjs.
 Item for a Communion-book bound in parchemyne ... vjs.
 Item to John Rial, for taking down the tabil on the high altar, and taking down the holy-water stock is.
 Item for cleaving and sawing of the rood Mary and John is.
 Item for bread, ale, and beer, on Tewisday in the Rogacion-weeke for the parishioners that went in procession is.
 Item, first, the said accomptants asketh allowance for the costs and chargis of a supper, made to the new wardens and other the worshipfull of the parish, sitting and taking of this account ivl.
- 1560 Item, at the buryal of my Lady Jane Semer* xs.
- 1562 Hereafter ensueth an inventory made by the said wardens accomptants, of all the goods, jewels, and ornaments to the said church of St. Margarett appurtaining, Anno Domini 1562
 First one vestment of blew cloath of tissue, with the tunicles for the Deacon and Subdeacon
 Item, one cope of crymson cloth of tissue and ij coarse copes of blew tissue
 Item, one cope of purple cloth of tissue, one other cope of crymson velvet with skallop shells of silver and one other cope of crymson velvet with flowrs of gold
 Item, one altar cloth of crymson velvet and gold, and two other altar clothes of blew and russet velvet with flowrs of gold
 Item, two cushions of cloth of gold and crymson velvet, two cushions of green velvet with skochyns of needle work, two cushions of cloth of bawdkyn, and one little cushion with a tree of green silk
 Item, vi herse cloths, and a cloth for the pulpit, of black and red bawdkyn, with flowers of gold
 Item, viii old altar cloths of diaper, one great new altar cloth of diaper fine, and five plain
 Item, xvii towels and ij small towells [See foot-note, p. 41.]
 Item, one challis with the paten all gilt, and ij great communion cups all gylt
 Item, a paste (circlet) for byrdes, set with pearl and stone
 Item, a streamer of white sarcenet with a whight cross
 Item, ten pair of allmen riveletts, and one harnis for a horseman, vj black billes, vi armynghoodis, vij shefe of arrowse, and vj daggers
 Item for the carriage away of certain soyl and dust of the churchyard against the Queen's Majesty comyng to the college the first day of the parliament is. xd.
- 1563 Item, for iv books of service for the Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sondays for the cessing of warrs is. ivd.
 Item, to John Welch, for the killing and carrying away of dogs during the plague, and for the putting of them into the ground, and covering of the same iijs. ijd.
 Item, to the painter of Totehill Street, for painting of certain blue crosses, to be fixed upon sundry houses infected vjd.

[Entries relating to "the plague" occur at frequent intervals henceforward to 1665-6. These two items show that the destruction of dogs, and the marking

* Lady Jane Seymour, the mother of Edward VI., died at his birth, in 1537. See the first item
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the street doors with crosses were among the precautions adopted upwards of a hundred years before the visitation of "the great plague."]

- 1567 Item, paid for the carriage of a polle from Scotland to the parish church ijd.
 Item, paid for a drinking made at the Bishop's head when the sidemen gave their verdict iijs. vjd.
 Item, paid for the setting of two soldiers into the North parts, and for their coates, slops, and other things, as it appeareth by a bill thereof iijl. xijs. xd.
 1570 Item for ringing when the Queen's Majesty went to the Bursse* ivd.
 1571 Item, paid for ringing for joy of the great victory that the Christians hath gotten of the Turk ijs. vjd.

[The victory appears to have been that at Lepanto, with combined fleets, under Don John of Austria.]

- 1572 Item, for iv new books of the Common Prayer set out by the Bishops vjd.
 1575 Item, paid for netesfoot oil to liquor the belles ijd.
 1576 Item, paid for botelier to London, and from London, taking a lease of St. Ann's chapell of Mr. Standley is.
 Item, paid for making, writing, and drawing out of a lease of St. Ann's chapell, to lay wood in for the poor ... vs. viijd.
 1579 Item, paid for scowering of the armour and shott against the musters in Totehill Fields il vjs.

[Some interesting particulars relating to musterings of various kinds at Totehill Fields are given in *Parochial Memorials of St. John the Evangelist, Westminster*. These two entries, compared with that of the year 1555, show that bows and arrows had been replaced by weapons charged with powder and shot, which explains the entry against the year 1587.]

- Item, paid for powder for the soldiers upon the mustering-day xijs. ivd.
 Item, paid to the solers, the ansyant-bearer,† and to him that played upon the drone il. vijs. ivd
 1585 Item, paid to Robert Jones, for copeinge out Mr. Cornelis's will, and for parchment, for writing the poor people's names which were placed in Mr. Cornelis's Almshouses‡ ivs.
 Item, paid for going the perambulacion, for fish, butter, cream, milk, conger, bread, and drink, and other necessaries ivs. viij½d
 1586 Item, paid to William Piercy, painter, for painting the lector pulpet vjs. viij½d.
 Item paid for the dinner for the visitation for the churchwardens and the sidesmen kept at the Sarazione's head ivl. vs.
 Item, paid for ringing at the beheading of the Queen of Scots is.
 1587 Item, paid to Mr. Fisher, for making the butts in Totehill Fields il. iijs.
 1588 Item, received of Mr. Marmaduke Servante, for the use of the poor to buy sea coals, being the gift of the Rt. Hon. the Lord Burreigh, lord high treasurer of England, the sum of xl.

* The Royal Exchange, which name was given to it in the Queen's presence, Jan. 23, 1570. See her "Progresses," Vol. II. under 1578, p. 108.

† Ensign-bearer: also written elsewhere at this time "ancient."

‡ Relates to the almshouses for poor women, founded by Cornelius Van Dun seven years previously. A mural monument to the founder is on the north side of St. Margaret's Church. The property was sold long since, and the produce of the investment, amounting to £132 per annum, is now applied to the home nursing of the sick poor by trained nurses.

- Item, paid to the ringers the 8th of August, when the Queen's Majesty went from the St. James's to the Camp*
- 1592 Received of the Lord Cromwell and Mr. Freak, being carried into the country to be buried ijl. is. viijd.
- Item, paid for perfumes of francomsence, junyper, and packthrede is.
- 1593 Item, the broken tennor waied MDXXIib. weight; the new tennor that came in her place weid MCCC and a half
- Item, the weight of the greatest bell ys MMC and a half
- Item, the weit of the treble delivered was CCCC IJ quarters and XVIIlb.
- Item, the weit of the fourth bell last brought in ys MDCCC and a half and XIVlb. weight; the weight of the fourth bell taken away, as is before expressed, is MCCC and a half
- Item, weight of the second bell carried away DCCC IJ quarters. The new bell brought in her place weid just DCCC and a half
- 1594 Item, paid to John Dore and George Jhonson, by consent of the Vestry, for casting a ditch between my Lady Dacres and Mr. Lyne, thereby to content her Ladyship, she being then determined to found an hospital in this parish il. viijs.

[The hospital so founded had become decayed beyond repair ten years ago, in consequence of which its site was sold and the proceeds invested in consols, from which forty pensions of £26 each per annum are now granted. A short sketch of the foundation will be found in the *Parochial Charities of Westminster*, 1890.]

- 1595 Item, paid for bread, drink, cheese, fish, cream, and other victuals, when the worshipfull of the parish, and many others of the poorest sort, went the perambulation to Kensington, in this hard and dere time of all things, as may appear by a bill of particulars vijl. xs.
- Item, given to John Crevenne, alias ffote, a poor scoller born in this parish, after a sermon by him made in this church, by consent of such of the Vestry as were present at that sermon i l.
- 1597 Item, for the charges of diet at Kensington for the perambulation of the parish, being a yere of great scarcity and dereness vjl. viijs. viijd.
- 1599 Item, paid for a long diaper table cloth to make two towels for the communicants [See the foot-note at p. 41.] xijs. viijd.
- 1605 Item, paid for ringing at the birth of the King's daughter the 9th of April ijs. vjd.
- Item, paid for bread, drink, cheese, fish, cream, and other necessaries, when the worshipfull and others of the parish went the perambulation to Kensington xvl.
- Item, paid the ringers for ringing at the time when the parliament house should have been blowr up xs.
- 1606 Item, paid the ringing when the King of Denmark came to the Abby the 4th of August ijs. vjd.
- 1608 Item, bought a cloth of gold and a cushion for the communion table, and a cushion for the pulpit xxl.
- 1609 Item, paid to Wright, the carpenter, for six days' work... .. ixs.
- 1610 Item, paid for ringing when he was created Prince of Wael and for ringing when the fire-workst were made vs.

* At Tilbury, on the appearance of the Spanish Armada.

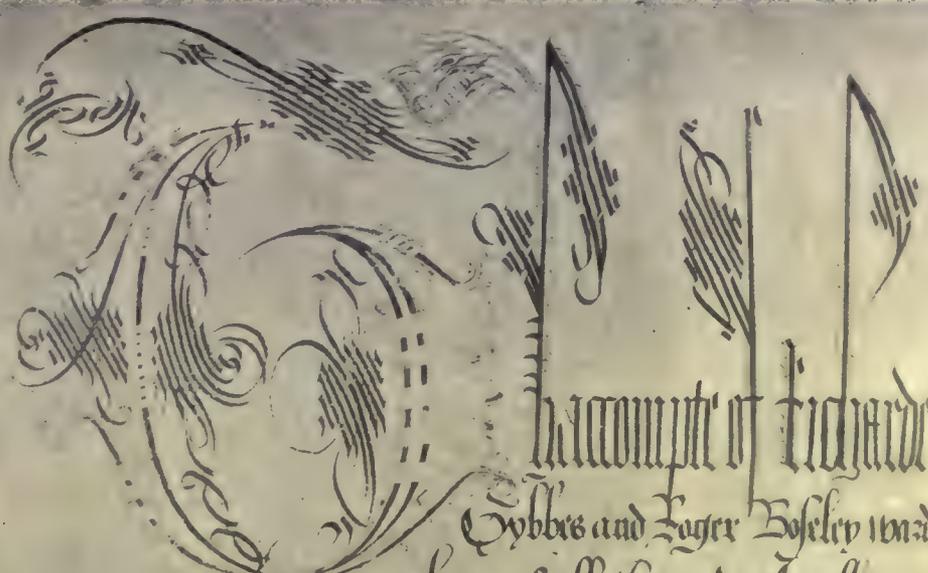
† Walcott thought this to be the earliest reference to fireworks extant.

1611	Item, paid for five vines and one apricok tree, and for the planting of them before the Vestry window ...	xs.
	Item, paid for a pound of orris powder to put among the church linen ...	xd.
	Paid to Goodwfe Wells for salt to destroy the fleas in the Churchwardens' pew ...	vjd.
1613	Paid to James Wheatley for scowring, amending, and making cleane the Armour belonging to this Church, as by his Bill maie appeare, vizt., one Horseman's Armour, nine Corsletts, thirteene Swordes, and twelve Daggers, and for twelve Calivers, one Muskett, flashes and touch-boxes ...	xxjs. viiijd.
1615	Item, paid to the glasier for xxx foot of new glass, at vd. the foot, which was for two windows that have been heretofore stopped up ...	xijs. vjd.
1617	Item, paid for twenty yards of diaper towelling for the desks [See the foot-note at p. 41.] ...	il. iijs. ivd.

HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

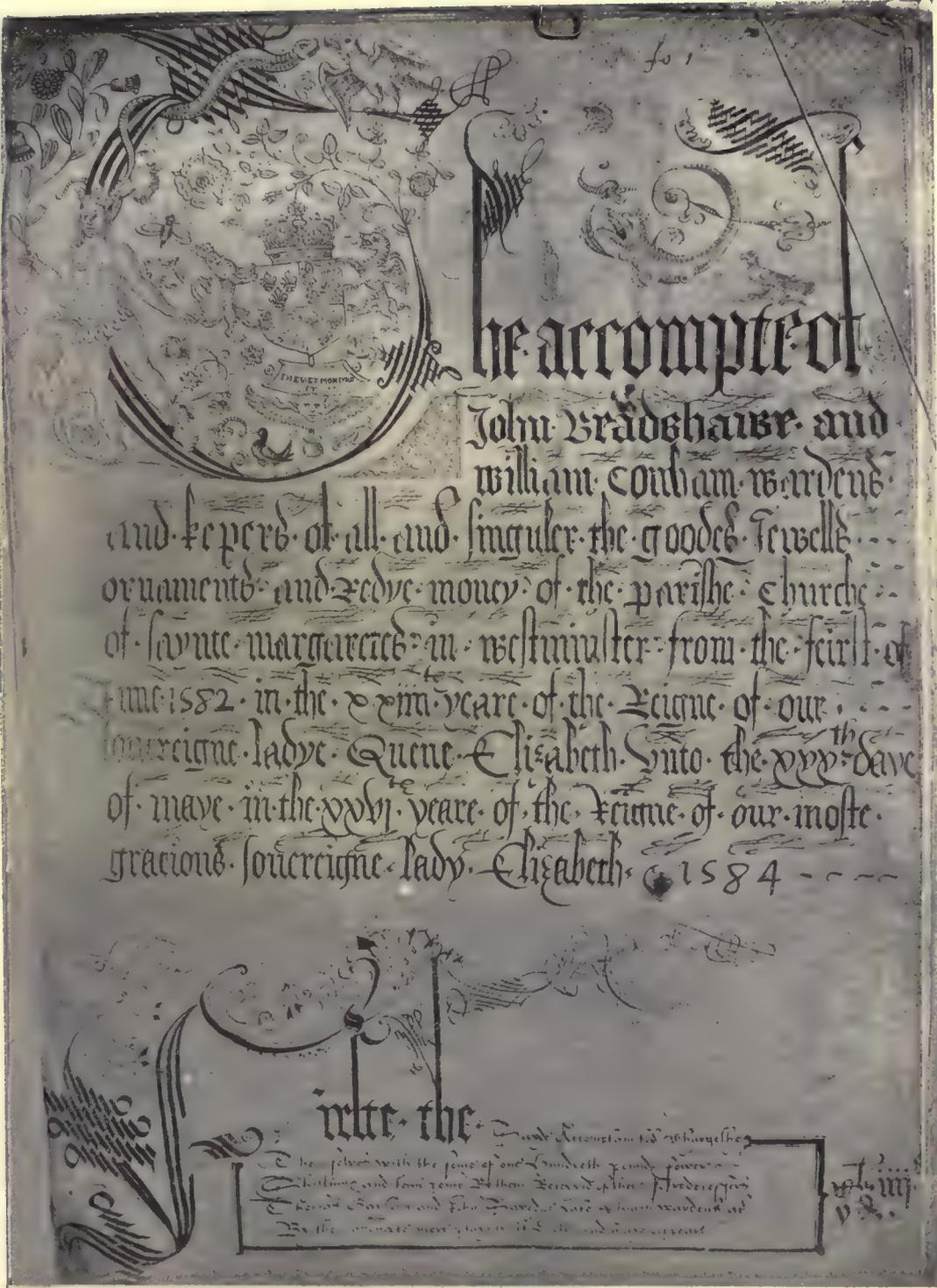
[A notice of the foundation of this "correction house," which was built and at first maintained jointly by the Justices and the Vestry, is given in *Local Government in Westminster* (1889) pp. 160-162. It gradually assumed the character of a common gaol, was several times enlarged, then rebuilt, and finally demolished in 1884-5. The site is now covered by the Pro-Cathedral, Thirleby-road, Ambrosden-avenue, and Ashley-gardens. Mayhew's *Great World of London* (1856), p. 353, describes the prison with considerable fulness, and gives several illustrations.

1622	Item, paid to Walter Hall, bricklayer, for bricks, tiles, etc., for and about the building and erecting of the correction house in Tuttle fields for this city, etc., being also for a house to set the poor of the parish on work there ...	clvj. ivs. id.
	Item, paid to Thomas Hammond, carpenter, for timber, etc., for and about the said correction house, and for the mills and other necessarys ...	lxxxiiijl. xiijs.
	Item, paid to Locksmith, for iron-work of all sorts needfull in the new building of the said house, etc. ...	xijl. viijs. ix d.
	Item, paid to the joyner for wainscoting, and a table and formes, in and about the same house ...	ivl. xijs. ijd.
	Item, paid to the painter, for colouring in oil the great gate, and all the windows, doors, and door-cases, in the said house, etc. ...	il. xijs.
	Item, paid to the glasier for lxxxix foot of new glass for the said houses, and repairing the old windows, which were much decayed ...	il. iijs. xd.
	Item, paid to the mason, for putting hooks into the gate, and to a labourer to carry the chimney-stones thither ...	ijs.
	Item paid the labourers to fill up the ditches, and for ramming the foundations of the brick wall, and for drains to pass the water away, and for cleansing and enlarging the sewers ...	iiijl. vis.
	Item, paid for twenty blocks to beat hemp on, iij plain blocks, and xxviii beetles, for the said house of correction ...	vijl. vijs. vjd.
	Item, for a green broad cloth carpet, and six cushions of the same, a pair of large creepers, fire-shovel and tongs for the court-house in the said house of correction ...	ijl. vs. id.
	Item, paid for precedents and orders taken and transcribed out of other houses of correction, in Middlesex and Surrey, and out of Ould Bridewell in London, and Sessions-house ...	il.



Accounte of Richard
Gybbes and Roger Bolesey wardens
and keepers of all the goodes Jewells and
Ornaments of the parische Church of Saincte
Margaret in westm ffrom the xxvth daye of
Maye in the Eycht yere of the Reigne of our moste
gracions soueraigne lady Elizabeth by the grace of god
Queene of England ffraunce and Ireland defendour of the
ffayth &c vnto the xxvijth day of maye. 1568.

First the saide accountes sheweth them placed with
the same of the xxvth daye and by them receaved of them, directed
William Bolesey and John Hopton late churchwardens as to the
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of saynte margaretes in westminster from the feirll of
June 1582 in the xxiiij. yeare of the Reigne of our
soveraigne ladye Queene Elizabeth. Unto the xxx. daye
of maye in the xxviij. yeare of the Reigne of our mooste
gracions. soveraigne ladye Elizabeth. 1584

write the

the selves with the consent of our sundre churchwardens
William and John Courham
Edward Courham and John Bradshawe
By the commandement of the churchwardens

TITLE PAGE OF CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS, 1584.

- 1624 Item, paid for two pieces of broad cloth for children's coatsil. ijs.
 Item, paid for two pieces of cottonixl. xivs.
 Item, paid for twenty flock beds and bolsters, and for twenty ruggs and twenty blanketsxxvjl.
 Item, paid for one hundred of muckenders, at ijd. apiece, and for tapexvijs. viijd.
 Item, paid for one hundred and six ells and a quarter of canvas at xvd. the ell, to make shirts for the children vjl. xijs. xd.
 Item, paid for making of an hundred shirts at ijd. the piecexvjs. viijd.
 Item, paid for a hundred and fifteen ells and half of canvas to make sheets at xvd. the ellxiijl. ivs. ijd.
 Item, to making forty-eight pair of sheets, at vjd. a pair il. ivs.
 Item, paid for seven dozen and four double bands, at iijd. a bandil. ijs.
 Item, paid for two dozen of single bands, at iijd. a band... vjs.
 Item, paid for twenty-four pair of shoes for the children il. ivs.
 Item, paid for forty coyses, at ivd. a piecexiijs. ivd.
 Item, paid for gartering for the childreniij. ixd.
 Item, paid for four and forty coats for childrenil. ijs.
 Item, paid for making of forty petticoatsxs.

WORK ABOUT GREEN COAT HOSPITAL.

[This was on the west side of Cobourg Row. Having received a measure of the King's favour, it found ardent supporters in the Duchess of Somerset, Emery Hill, Dr. Busby, and Rev. James Palmer. The site was sold in 1877, when the present "Westminster City School," in Palace Street, grew out of the proceeds of the sale. The foundation is noticed in the *Parochial Charities of Westminster*, 1890.]

- 1624 Item, paid to Robert Bishop, bricklayer, more at several times for workmanship by him, and his men, in building and finishing the said hospital with bricklayers work, plaisterers work, and tilers work, as appeareth by his bills, and the particular bookxivl. xviijs. xd.
 Item, paid to John Middleton, carpenter, more for workmanship by him and his men, about the hospital, as appeareth, etc.xxivl. iij. xd.
 Item, paid to the smith, for iron works, casements, locks, keys, iron bars, and other work about the hospital, as appeareth, etc.vi. xl. xs.
 Item, paid to the painters, for work done about the hospital, as appeareth, etc.vi. xiv. viijd.
 Item, paid for a plank for a table, being xxxvij foot long, at xvjd. the footijli. ix. ivd.
 Item, paid for the sawing and carriage thereofvs.
- 1626 Item, to the graves of 1447 poor people this yearil.
 1627 Item, paid for bread and wine, when the Right Honourable the Commons House of Parliament (being 468 persons) received the communion in the parish church, 1626vl. xvij. s.
 Item, given to Mr. Vincent Peris, curate by their appointment, for his pains in the administration of the Sacrament unto themvl.
 Item, paid to Walter Hall, bricklayer, for making and building the new church-yard wall near Tutle Fields,* containing in the whole compass thereof threescore and two roods, at ijl. xiijs. ivd. the rodde, viz., for brick, lime, sand, and workmanshipclxvi. vjs. viijd.

* This relates to the land surrounding the "New Chapel," on the site of which the present Christ Church was erected in 1842-3. The Churchyard was acquired and consecrated sixteen years before

- Item, paid to George Butt, for making a ditch about the new church-yard wall, containing lij rods $\frac{1}{2}$, at js. the rodd ijl. xijs. vjd.
- Item, paid for twelve bundles of rushes to fit the church-yard for consecration
- Item, paid for herbes and spices to make diet-drink for the (hospital) children in the spring vjs. xd
- 1628 Item, paid to George Edgelie, by consent of the Vestry, towards his charge to proceed master of arts vl.
- Item, to Richard Goodwin, by consent of the Vestry, towards proceeding bachelor of arts ivl.
- Item, to Mr. Hennam, the husband of William Bowyer's widow, for carrying snow and ice out of King Street after a great frost by consent of the Vestry vjl.
- Item, received of divers persons the parishoners of this parish for their fines for swearing, and being drunk, and for breach of the Sabaoth, and being otherwise presented according to the penal laws, as by a particular of their names and several fines appeareth, which hath been employed to the use of the hospitall children, the some of iijl. ix. ivd.
- Item, to Richard Busby, by consent of the Vestry, towards enabling him to proceed bachelor of arts vl.

[The famous Dr. Busby, afterwards Head-Master of Westminster, who at one time could point to no less than sixteen bishops who had been educated at his school, and "who bred up the greatest number of learned scholars that ever adorned any age or nation." When he became prosperous he was found in the forefront of every movement for the education of the children of the poor of the parish.]

- 1629 Item, to Augustine Morgan, a constable in the Great Sanctuary being fined twenty shillings for suffering vagrants to wander in the streets, to him of his said fine being a poor man xviijs. vjd.
- 1630 Item, to a poor man that lost DCCL. at sea by Dunkerkers hath relief towards his travel to Persia iijd.
- 1633 Item, of the Right Honourable Henry, Earl of Manchester, lord privie seale, the pardon of his lordship's fees for passing our licence in mortmaine for King Charles's hospital in Westminster, which his lordship, as the prime benefactor to that good worke, hath most freele and nobly remitted unto us; in like manner hath Sir Sidney Montague, Knight, his lordship's brother, one of the Masters of the Requests, remitted to us his fees; and so likewise did Mr. William Noye, attorney general to his Majestie, not only restore to us twenty pounds, which we gave him for his pains therein, but of his owne bounty gave us more ten pounds ...
- Item, disbursed and paid for fees to divers officers at the greate seale privie seale and signett, and for drawing the books, and to Mr. Attorney General, his servants, and other necessary charges, in passing his Majesty's grant of license in mortmaine for King Charles his hospitall Westminster, as by severall billes thereof appeareth xxxvl. is. iijd.

the original church was finished, owing, as the entry against the year 1626 suggests, to the pressing need of more space for internments. At the beginning of the eighteenth century the burial ground was described as "the pleasantest churchyard all about London and Westminster"; but as it became surrounded by narrow streets of small houses it lost its distinction, and notwithstanding the curtailment of its dimensions by the formation of Victoria Street (1847-51) and the widening of "Chappell Street," the condition of the churchyard remained a disgrace long after the rebuilding of the new church, and well within the recollection of those who would still like to be called young. The erudite Walcott, in his *Memorials of Westminster*, ed. 1849, pp. 285-9, briefly describes some of the features of the original church and the present edifice. The former is stated to have been used as a stable for the chargers of the Commonwealth troopers, as a council room by Cromwell and his officers, and as a prison for the Scotch soldiers taken at the battle of Worcester, of whom 1200 are shown by the churchwardens' accounts for 1652 (*q.v.*) to have been buried in Tothill Fields, close by on the south. See the items under the year 1651 and 1652 at p. 61.

[This Hospital became merged in the "St. Margaret's Hospital," or Green Coat School, and is now incorporated with the Westminster City School, mentioned at the year 1624.]

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| | Item, paid for our part of the charges towards th' obteyn-
ing of a corporation for this citie and liberties, wherein
nevertheless we lost our endeavour | vijl. xjs. xd. |
| 1634 | Item, for a pair of sheetes for Jane Clare, wher wee sent
her to the Spittle at Knightsbridge | iijs. vjd. |
| 1637 | Item, to Mrs. Stone, the wife of John Stone, for bad
farthings which her husband had received when he was
overseer of the poor, as part of the stock brought in by
his predecessors* | ...il. viis. |
| | Item, to Mr. Anthony Cliffe, deputie clerk of the peace,
for renewing the commission of sewers for this citie and
liberties | ...il. xs. |
| | Item, to the clarke of the counsell, for the coppie of an
order touching the parson's tythes of this parish | xs. |
| | Item, to Mr. John Glynnne and Mr. Maynard for their
advise concerning the parson's tythes of this parish | iijl. xjs. vjd. |
| 1638 | To Mr. Thomas Falconbridge, by order of the Vestry,
at four several payments, twoe hundred pounds towards
the building of the new chapell in Tuttle-fields; which
sum of two hundred pounds was disbursed by the said
Mr. Thomas Falconbridge. | |
| | Item, to Mr. Winter, keeper of the hospital at Knights-
bridge, for the keeping of the Three Innocents for one
month | xvjs. |
| | Item, to William Lynes, for removing the stocks from
the sheds in Tuttle | xijs. |
| 1640 | For ringing on that day which the Triennial Parliament
was agreed upon in the Howse of Parliament | vs. |
| 1641 | Item, paid to Joane Parkinson and Mary Clarkson for
making cleane the church and pews against the 7th day
of September, 1641, when there was a thanksgiving for
our unity with the Scotts | is. vjd. |
| | Item, given to the ringers that day | vs. |
| 1642 | Item, paid for twoe pints of sack for the ministers that
preached the fast-day, which was the 30th of March | is. |
| | Item, receipts of moneys collected towards the payment
for the building of the courts of guard, making posts
and chains, and other works for the safety of this town,
summa | ... 11. |
| | Item, received out of the black chest at several tymes for
the building of the new pest howses | ...cc l. |
| 1642 | Item, Nov. 3, given to the officers of the Tower of London,
and labourers that delivered the powder, bullett, and
matche | xivs. |

* The possibility of a person accumulating 1296 bad farthings will probably need but little explanation when the want which existed at the time of an authorised coinage as small change is called to mind. It is just possible, also, that those who resented the increasing compulsory levies regarded the parish treasury as a convenient receptacle for such spurious moneys as might have passed into their hands. Although the farthing, or four-thing, had existed from the time of William the Conqueror, when it was literally the fourth part of a penny—a cross being deeply cut so that the penny could be broken in half or quarters—the few penny pieces which were cast by the Government were in silver, and were so small and thin as to cause considerable loss to traders. From this grew the private mintage of their own coins or tokens by innkeepers and other tradesmen, who exchanged each other's tokens as if they were small accommodation bills payable at sight. Attempts were made in the reign of Elizabeth and James I. to supersede this *pseudo moneta* by a legitimate copper currency; but the remedy was not resolutely taken in hand until the Restoration. During the reign of Charles I. and throughout the Commonwealth, the private 'coinage' became so general that nearly every tradesman struck his own tokens "for necessarie change." They were prohibited by royal proclamation in 1674, and were not again brought into use until the end of the last century, when several of the Municipal Corporations issued them in their own Boroughs as a temporary expedient.

1643 Item, paid for twoe paper books, that were provided for taking of the covenant

[On 25th September, 1642, the Solemn League and Covenant was taken in the Church by both Houses of Parliament, the Assembly of Divines, and the Scottish Commissioners. The troubled times of the following forty years may be gathered from a perusal of the entries, many of which furnish confirmation of the contemporary history.]

1644 Item, of Edward Tasker, by the hands of his daughter Aylett for the stuff and materials of the court of guard erected upon his ground at the Horse-ferrie vl.
Item, for xxix pounds of fine brasse, at ivd. a pound, and xcvi pounds of coarse brasse, at iijd. a pound, taken off from sundrie toombe stones in the church il. xiijs. vjd.
Item, of Arthur Condall, in part of vl. for the screene and organ-loft ls.
Item, of Edward Stanthwaite, for having companie in his howse on a fast-day, xs., and for swearing, is. xjs.

[Many such receipts as these are credited in the contemporary overseers' accounts, the moneys beng employed by them in the relief of the poor.]

Item, for a quire of printed warrants for putting the statutes in execution concerning the Lord's Day, etc is. vjd.
Item, for a table with the Covenant to hang in the church iijs.
Item, for a dozen of ordinances for observing the Lord's Day ixd.

1645 Received of Captain White for the organ-pipes ivl.
Item, for seaven lanthorns to hang in the streets ... xviijs.
Item, for a dozen of candles to set in the lanthornes ixd.
Item, for the beades to drink while they watched the chaines is.
Item, to Captain White for a bason to baptize withall... .. vjs.
Item, to the ringers for ringing the 5th of February, being a day of publick thanksgiving for Dartmouth, Hereford, and the West

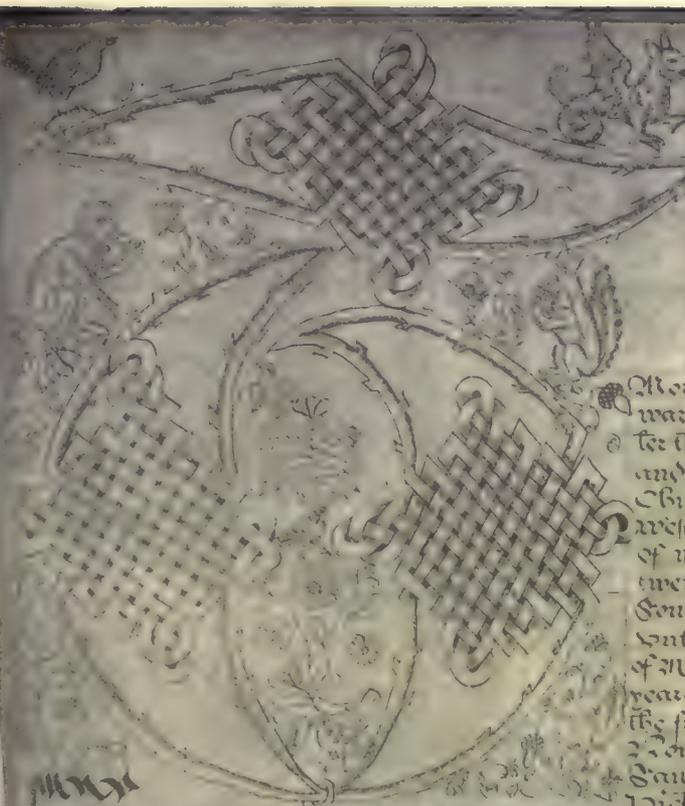
1647 Item, paid for rosemarie and baies, that was stuck about the church at Christmas is. vjd.
Item, paid in fees unto Mr. Friend and Mr. Denham, twoe of the messengers unto the sergeant att armes, attending the Commons House of Parliament, when theis accomptants were committed for permitting ministers to preach upon Christmas-day, and for adorning the church iiijl.

1648 Item, laid out in expenses, when (by order) were sent forth scouts to bring intelligence of the armies' approach towards the citie* xijs. vjd.
Item, paid to Nicholas Edlyn, for half a chaldron of coles and half a hundred of faggots, that by command were sent to a regiment of souldiers at Goringe howse xvijs. vjd.
Item, paid to William Newington, tallow-chandler, for one dozen of candles, sent to the same regiment at the same time, as etc... .. vjs. vjd.

1649 Item, paid to Mr. Philip Greenwood, high constable, for half a year's assessment of the viijd. a weeke laid upon this parish towards the reliefe of maimed soldiers within the hundred of Osoulston, due at our Lady Day last 1649, as, etc. xvijs. ivd.

1650 Item, paid for herbs that were strewed in the windows of the Church and about the same, att two severall daies of humiliation iijs. xd.

* It was in this year that Milton wrote his sonnet "To the Lord General Cromwell," having just previously penned that "On the assault intended to the City."



the Accompte of

Morris Pickeringe and John Parke
wardens and keepers of all and singler
the goodes Jewells Ornaments
and readie money of the Parische
Church of Sainte Margarete in
Westminster from the twentieth daie
of may 1576 in the eighte and
twentieth yeare of the reigne of our
Soveraigne Ladie Quene Elizabeth
unto the Seaven and twentieth daie
of may 1577 in the nine and twentieth
yeare of the maiestie saide Reigne being
the firste yeare of this Accompte.

Have the Accompte of John &
Sawadge and the saide Morris &
Pickeringe wardens and keepers of

all and singler the goodes Jewells Ornaments and readie money of the saide
Parische Church of Sainte Margarete in Westminster aforesaide from the
Seaven and twentieth daie of may 1577 in the nine and twentieth yeare of the
maiestie saide Reigne unto the xxviiith daie of may 1578 in the
thirteth yeare of the reigne of our Soveraigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace
of God of Englands France and Irelande Quene and Defendour of the
faithe etc beinge the seconde yeare of this Accompte.

Aske the laide Accomplantes

Howell thanketh with the Song of Cheshire in
conventene poundes nine shillings Seaven pence
by them received of their predecessors Richard
Morris and George Lee late Churchwardens
as by their Accompte more plainlie it doth
and may appere

Byorn
w bnd



Public Accounte of

William Dove and Culbert Linc
wardens and keepers of all and
singuler the goodes Jewells
Ornamentes and readie money
of the parische Church of S^t
Margarett in westminster from
the Twentieth daie of Maie 1590
in the xxijth yeare of the Reigne
of our soveraigne Ladie Queene
Elizabeth unto the first daie of
June 1591 in the xxijth yeare
of the Reigne of our soveraigne
Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of god
of England France and Ireland
Queene Defender of the faith we
bringe the first yeare of this

Accounte



irst the said Accountants
charge themselves with the somme of
foure score six poundes five shillings
Ten pence by them received of their
predecessors Thomas Cooper Richard
Ireland late Churchwardens as by their
Account more plainly may appeare

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- Item, paid for herbs that were strewed in the church upon
a daie of thanksgiving
- 1651 Item, of Colonell Barkstead, being money by him received
of one who sold unlicensed books il.
Item, of Colonell Barkstead, as money by him received of
two persons that entertained company to tipple on the
Sabbath-day xs.
Item, paid to the ringers, for ringing on the fourth of
September, upon intelligence of the overthrow of the
Scottish army at Worcester vjs.
Item, paid to the ringers, for ringing on the four and
twentieth day of October, being a day of thanksgiving
for the victorie over the Scotts at Worcester viis.
Item, paid for hearbes and lawrell that were strewed in
the church the same day viijs.
Item, paid unto severall labourers (whose names are
inserted in these accomptants rough booke) for sweeping
and cleansing the Sanctuary high-way, when the Parlia-
ment accompanied the corpse of general Ireton to the
grave, and for filling the holes of the same high-way with
rubbish to levell it il. xiijs. vjd.
Item, paid for a petition to the committee of prisoners,
for a recompence for injurie done by the Scottish
prisoners in the new church and church-yard* is.
- 1652 Item, of Adam Brown, joiner, for the posts and railles
which stood before that porch of the Abbey, called by
the name of Solomon's porch ijl.
Item, paid to Thomas Wright, for lxxij load of soyle laid
on the graves in Tothill fields, wherein 1200 Scottish
prisoners (taken at the fight at Worcester) were buried,
and for other pains taken with his teeme of horse about
mending the Sanctuary high-way, when general Ireton
was buried, as, etc. il. xs.
- 1653 Item, paid to the ringers for ringing on the 23d daie of
June, 1653, being a daie of thanksgiving vs.
Item, paid to the ringers for ringing on that day when
the Lord Proctor. was installed iijs.
Item, paid to three porters for sweeping and cleansing the
Sanctuary high-way for the funerall of Genll. Deane
[successor to Gen. Monk]. iijs.
Item, paid to John Blewdon a poore souldier who came
from aboard the shipp George to be cured of his wounds iijs.
- 1654 Item, paid to Francis Day, carpenter, for building the
turrett upon the steeple, as by his bill and receipt vijl. xvs.
Item, paid to Richard Parrock, smith, for making the
vane and other iron worke upon the church steeple as by
bill ivl. xivs.
- 1656 Item, spent at severall times and places when the inhabi-
tants of this parish and those of Paddington mett to
reconcile the differences concerning the bounds il. xs.
- 1658 Item, of Thomas Hamond, Francis Daye, Thomas
Chandler, and Stephen Harebottle, for 240 foot of
ground in the old church-yard lett unto them to build
scaffolds at the Lord Protector's funerall at the rate
of is. the foot xijl.
Item, to Richard May, for informing of one that played
at trap-ball on the Lord's day xviijs.

* See the footnote to p. 56.

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| | Item, to Mr. William Brewer, for making a maze in Tuttle fields 2 0 0 |
| | [Aubrey, the naturalist and antiquary (1626-1697), mentioned this maze as much frequented in his day in the summer time on fair afternoons.] |
| 1675 | Item, to Mr. Bernard Smith, for the charge of the organ newly erected in the parish church* 200 0 0 |
| 1680 | Item, expended in going to Windsor with a petition to his Majesty to pray leave for the parish to make perambulation through his Majesty's park at St. James', to visit their parish bounds, which was granted 1 10 11 |

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| 1 | Churchwardens' Accounts, 17 sets bound in one volume, marked "A," viz. :— | 1460 to 1510 | 77 |
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| | (1464-6 missing) | 1484-6 | 1500-2 |
| | 1466-8 | (1486-8 missing) | 1502-4 |
| | (1468-74 missing) | 1488-90 | 1504-6 |
| | 1474-6 | 1490-2 | (1506-8 missing) |
| | (1476-8 missing) | (1492-4 missing) | 1508-10 |
| | 1478-80 | 1494-6 | |
| 2 | Churchwardens' Accounts, 10 sets bound in one volume, marked "B," viz. :— | 1510 to 1530 | 77 |
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| 3 | Churchwardens' Accounts, 10 sets bound in one volume, marked "C," viz. :— | 1530 to 1550 | 77 |
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| | 1532-4 | 1540-2 | 1546-8 |
| | 1534-6 | 1542-4 | 1548-50 |
| | 1536-8 | | |
| 4 | Churchwardens' Accounts, 10 sets bound in one volume, marked "D," viz. :— | 1550 to 1570 | 77 |
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| | 1552-4 | 1560-2 | 1566-8 |
| | 1554-6 | 1562-4 | 1568-70 |
| | 1556-8 | | |

* He was better known as "Father Smith," and built the organs of Winchester, Eton, St. George's (Windsor), St. Paul's and Whitehall. His salary at St. Margaret's was £20 per annum.

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| 5 | Churchwardens' Accounts, 10 sets bound in one volume,
marked "E," viz.:— | 1570 to 1590 | 77 |
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| | 1572-4 | 1580-2 | 1586-8 |
| | 1574-6 | 1582-4 | 1588-90 |
| | 1576-8 | | |
| 6 | Churchwardens' Accounts, 10 sets bound in one volume,
marked "F," viz.:— | 1590 to 1610 | 77 |
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| | 1592-4 | 1600-2 | 1606-8 |
| | 1594-6 | 1602-4 | 1608-10 |
| | 1596-8 | | |
| 7 | Churchwardens' Accounts | 1610 to 1611 | 77 |
| 8 | " | " | *1612-3 |

* In addition to the extracts given in the preceding pages, the following are of a class which from this time gradually disappear from the Churchwardens' Accounts and find their place in those of the Overseers. They point clearly to the fact that, although fifty years had elapsed since the levying of compulsory rates had commenced, the church funds continued to bear a considerable share of the expenses incurred in medical assistance, the care of lunatics, and the relief of the poor generally. The items for 1622 obviously relate to the maintenance of the local drainage system, and suggest that King-street, then a thoroughfare of some importance, still had an open sewer along it.

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| 1612-1613 | Paid out of these rents to 26 poor men and poor women quarterlie to each of them vs. in two years the sum of | liij l. |
| | Paid to twenty poor women which are called Mrs. English women quarterlie to each xxd. subscribed in two years | xij l. vjs. viijd. |
| | Paid to Widowe Tedder from the 14th of March, 1612, to the 5th of June, 1614, being sixty five weekes at xxd. weekly, in toto | iiij l. vs. |
| | Paid to David Price, a poore old man | vs. |
| | Paid to Elizabeth Normen, a poore creature which had broken her backe with a fall | il. |
| | Paid to Jhon Phillips the 7th of January, 1613, to take William Ball to be his apprentice for the tearme of nine yeares the sum of | iiij l. |
| | Paid for apparrell for William Ball | xvijs. vjd. |
| | Paid to the carpenter, bricklayer, &c., for tyles, lyme, timber and other stuffe to repaire the Pest-house | iiij l. viijs. |
| | Paid to Valentyne the Bedle of Saint Martin's in the fields for keeping of Avelyn Carr before she was sent to Bethelam the some of | vjs. |
| | Paid for the keeping of Avelyn Carr at Bethelam, three monethes and eightene dayes. the som of | ij l. ivd. |
| | Paid for eyght yards ffrese to make hir a gowne at nineteen pence the yard the som of | xijs. viijd. |
| | Paid for cotton and canvis, &c., for makeing her gown | iijs. vjd. |
| | Paid for a smocke, quailf, hoses, and shoues | vjs. viijd. |
| | Paid to a poore woman in Long Ditch for keeping of her four daies after she came from Bethelam | iijs. |
| | Paid to John Newman for keeping of her after shee came from Bethlem till shee went to service being four weekes at vs. the weeke in toto .. | il. |
| | Paid for a safegard and a waistcoate | xvs. vjd. |
| 1615 | For a new hower glasse for the Pulpitt | ij s. |
| | Ffor coloring the yron of the hower glasse to the Pulpitt | xviijd. |
| 1620-1 | Paid Mr. Gillam for cutting of the left brest of Mary Davis and for healing it againe | ij l. |
| | Paid to John Hakes, Chirurgeon, for setting Margaret Wells her legg which was broken | xs. |
| | Paid to Mr. Kellett for curing the legg of William Barram dwelling in Saies Alley | il. |
| | Given to Mr. Thomas Akers towards his proceeding Mr. of Arts in Cambridge by consent of the whole Vestrie | viiij l. |
| | Given to William Wake towards his proceeding Bachelor of Arts in the University of Cambridge by consent, &c. | iv l. |

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| 9 | Churchwardens' Accounts | 1614-5 | 77 |
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| 19 | " | 1634-5 | |
| 20 | " | 1636-7 | |
| 21 | " | 1638-9 | |
| 22 | " (Relief of poor visited with plague) | † 1638 to 1640 | |
| 23 | " | ‡ 1640-1 | |
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| 1622 | Paid to divers Laborers for worke done at the sewer by Clowson (sluice) and for the timber-tree at the grate, for links and candles, as appeareth by a bill, &c. | ivl. xs. |
| | Paid to Wm. Boyer for carrying of fortie seven loads of soyle at the Clowson | il. iij. s. vjd. |
| | Paid for watching the pipes tenne nights | .. .. . |
| | Paid to Mr. Dodson for arching the common sewer in King Streete, as appeareth. &c. | xl. |
| | Paid for mending the pavement before the conduit in King Streete | vs. |
| 1624 | Paid for setting of Gillman's legge, a poore boye borne in this parish which was broken at the house of correcton | viijs. vjd. |
| 1626 | For redeeming the courthouse carpet from pawne seaven shillings | viis. |

* In the extracts from the accounts of 1633 at pp. 56-7 are shown certain payments made in obtaining the King's grant of a hospital. The following memorandum appended to these accounts is of interest to those who concern themselves in the foundation and growth of the local institutions:—

THE BREVIAI OF KING CHARLES HIS GRAUNT OF LETTERS OF MORTMAIN FOR THE HOSPITALL IN TUTHIL FIELDS.

- 1.—The Children to be maintained with diet and clothing and to be instructed in manuell occupations.
- 2.—King Charles founded, erected and created the howse into an Hospitall for ever, and hath constituted perpetuall gouerners and hath maid them a body corporate and politick, and gave power to gouern the aforesaid Hospitall as allsoe the lands, tenements, goods, and chattells thereto belonging.
- 3.—The Gouerners of the aforesaid Hospitall are to have p'petuall succession.
- 4.—They shall be allwayes persons of Abilitee & capable by law to have, hold possess lands or tenements in fee simple or for life, or years, and have power to sel agin, let or get, and to plead and be impleaded in all courts.
- 5.—The Gouerners shall have a common seale and may alter it att their pleasure and the major part shall have power to make lawes and ordinances and to execute them.
- 6.—They shall be able to purchesse lan ts or tenements to the yearly value of £500, soe they be not held in knights service or capite.

† See also No. 291.

‡ It is curious to notice that, while the registers were frequently interspersed with memoranda on all sorts of extraordinary occurrences, the accounts were rarely so used. The former were in constant

| No. | Title or Nature of Record. | Year. | Shelf. |
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| 28 | Churchwardens' Accounts | 1648 | 78 |
| 29 | " | 1649 | |
| 30 | " | 1650 | |
| 31 | " | 1651 | |
| 32 | " | *1652 | |
| 33 | " | 1653 | |
| 34 | " | 1654 | |
| 35 | " | 1655 | |
| 36 | " | 1656 | |
| 37 | " | 1657 | |
| 38 | " | 1658 | |
| 39 | " | 1659 | |
| 40 | " | 1660 | |
| 41 | " | 1661 | |
| 42 | " | 1662 | |
| 43 | " | 1663 | |

use, except during the Commonwealth, and therefore became a sort of journal of passing events, while the latter were fair copied at the close of the parochial year and were put aside as soon as they were audited and allowed. The following exception may be due to the suspension of registration:—

27th Feb., 1641. "MEMORAND. That the day and yeare above written, Mr. Stephen Marshall was chosen by ye p'ishioners of the p'ish of St. Margaret's, Westminster., to bee their lecturer beeing recommended to them by the Honorable House of Comons (Long Parliament) to take his place ye next Lord's day after ye feast of the Annunciacon next ensuing. This election was made in the presence of Mr. Dr. Wimberley the present lecturer of the said p'ish who voluntarily resigned his place and consented to the choice of Mr. Marshall."

ROBERT PYE (Sir), EMERY HILL, JOH. HAMPTONN.

(Signatures of 39 others.)

Walcott states that the order of the House was issued on the humble petition of the inhabitants of St. Margaret's. Several similar memoranda are entered in the Vestry minutes of the period.

* Besides the extracts from this year's accounts reprinted at p. 61, the following are among the interesting items:—

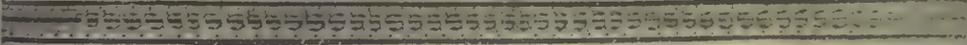
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|--|---------|
| Paid to Mr. Garrett, Minister, for a serge gowne lyned with bayse and faced with velvet bought by him and to be worn in the Church As by his receipt appeareth . . . | xxvjs. |
| Paid to William King for trimming and repairing the hour Glasse (see the extracts from the accounts for 1615, on p. 64) as by his Receipt appeareth . . . | xiijs. |
| Paid to Robert Bromfield, Painter, for colouring and Gilding the hourglasse case and for other worke about the Vestry as by his Bill and Receipt appeareth . . . | xjs. |
| Paid more to the said Mr. Kem for halfe pints of wine and rolls allowed the Ministers after they came out of the pulpitt . . . | xxiijs. |

The use of hour glasses on pulpits became common after the Reformation, when long sermons came much into fashion, and bore a contrast to the brevity of pulpit discourses previously. From the preaching of Luther onwards to the Puritan times the length of sermons increased until they frequently exceeded two hours. Some churches were provided with half-hour as well as hour glasses, and L'Estrange tells of a parish clerk who had sat patiently under a preacher till he was "three-quarters through his second glass," and the audience had gradually withdrawn, tired out. The clerk then arose at a convenient pause, and calmly requested the preacher, "when he had done," to close the church door and "push the key under it," as he and the few that remained were about to leave. The use of these glasses commenced as early as 1564, in which year the accounts of St. Katharine's Church, Aldgate, show that one was purchased. The above payment is for repairing, so that the glass was apparently that purchased in 1615, and referred to in the extracts from the year 1615 on p. 64. Hogarth shows one in his "Sleeping Congregation"; but though they were preserved until the last century in some of the country churches, they fell into disuse shortly after the Restoration,



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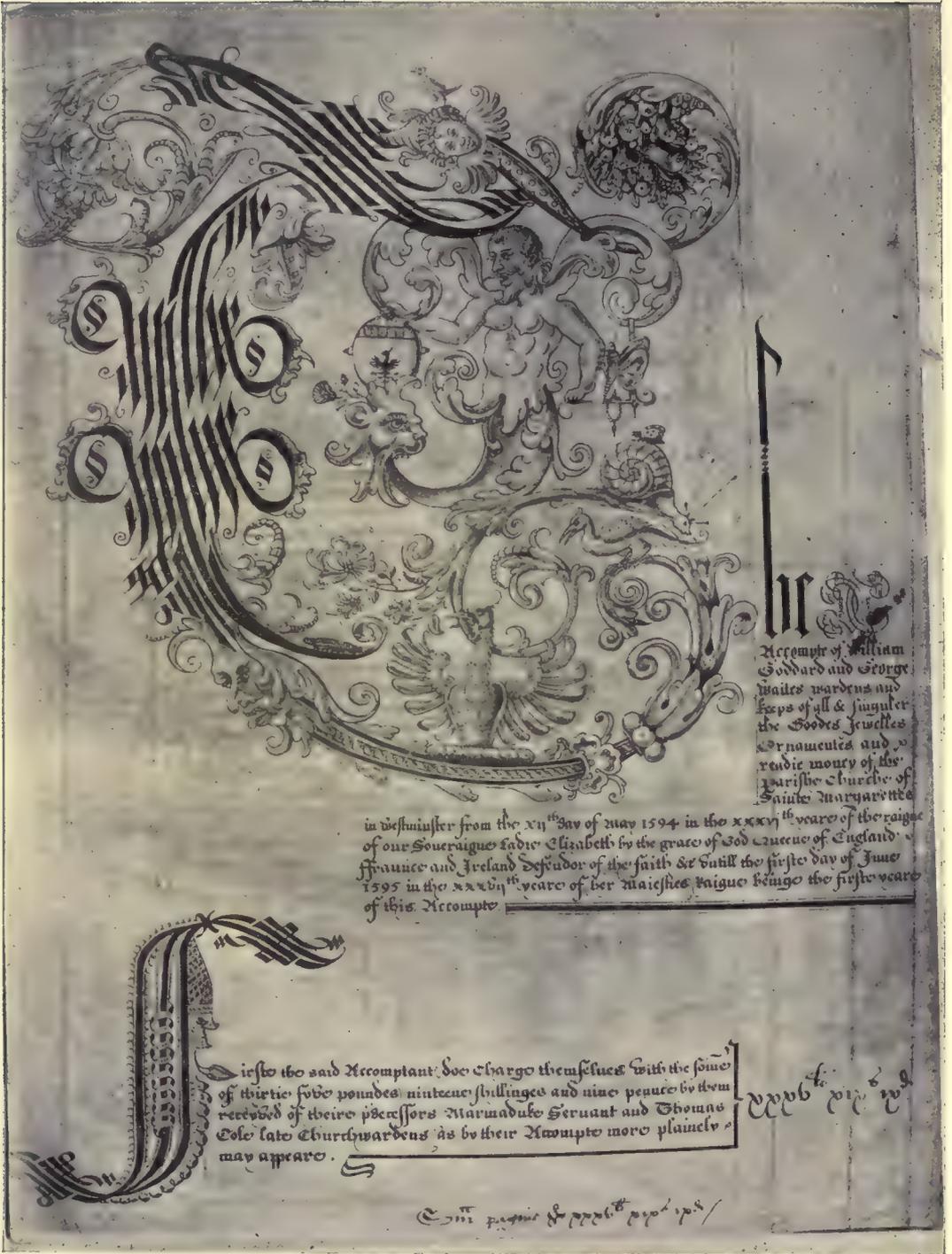
Thomas Cooper And Richard Ireland :
wardens and keepers of all and singular
the Goodes Jewells Ornaments and
readie money of the parishe Church
of Saincte Margarets in westminster
from the Twentieth daie of Maie 1588
in the Thirteth yeare of the Reigne of
our soueraigne Ladie Elizabeth
unto the Twentieth daie of Maie 1589
in the one and Thirteth yeare of the
Reigne of our soueraigne Ladie
Elizabeth by the grace of god of england
france and Ireland Queene Defender
of the faith &c Beinge the first yeare
of this Accounte.



with the said Accountantes
Margeth Hemshellic with the
summe of Threescore Eighte pounds
and Eight pence by them received
of their predecessors Morris
Picteringe and John Sarrage late
Church wardens as by their
Accounte more plainely it dothe
and more appeare.

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TITLE PAGE OF CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS, 1588-9.



Accompt of William Goddard and George Wailes wardens and keepers of all & singular the Goodes Jewelles Ornaments and readie mony of the parishe church of Saunte Maryarinte

in Westminster from the xijth day of may 1594 in the xxviith yeare of the raige of our Soueraigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of God Queene of England ffraunce and Ireland Defiador of the faith &c until the firste day of June 1595 in the xxviiith yeare of her Maiesties Raige beinge the firste yeare of this Accompt

In this the said Accompt' doe charge themselves with the sūme of thirtie fove poundes nintene shillings and sixe pence by them received of thire pdecessors Marvaduke Seruant and Thomas Cole late Churchwardens as by thire Accompt more plainly may appere.

Wm Goddard & George Wailes

Wm Goddard & George Wailes

TITLE PAGE OF CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS, 1594-5.

| No. | Title or Nature of Record. | Year. | Shelf. |
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| 44 | Churchwardens' Accounts | *1664 | 78 |
| 45 | " " | 1665 | |
| 46 | " " | 1666 | |
| 47 | " " (in relation to the plague; see also Nos. 291 and 292)† | 1665-6 | |
| 48 | " " | 1667 | |
| 49 | " " | 1668 | |
| 50 | " " | 1669 | |
| 51 | " " | 1670 | |
| 52 | " " | 1671 | |
| 53 | " " | 1672 | |
| 54 | " " | 1673 | |
| 55 | " " | 1674 | |
| 56 | " " | 1675 | |
| 57 | " " | 1676 | |

* Some of the items in this volume, as indeed in many of the others, are too curious to be passed over, e.g.—

(1664) Among the receipts:—

Of Mr. Tucker, for Token Money [see pp. 28-9] iiiij li.
 Of the Bishop of Winchester to make good the damage done by coaches and
 ye rest to ye poore v li.
 Of various persons rents of properties held from the parish, amounting for
 the year to cclxvj li. vs. iiijd.

Among the payments:—

For Wine one Day, for the Lds. and Justices being at ye Vestry ijs.
 To redeeme a Shoemaker from going to Tangier his family being likely to
 be chargeable to the parish xv s.
 For a Sedan to carry Sir Wm. Whelern to ye Court iiijs.
 To a chimney sweeper js.

This is an early mention of such an occupation being followed in England. Beckmann, quoting from Gazoni Piazza Universale, 1610, 4to, p. 364, concludes that chimneys, as we have them, were invented in Italy, and says that most of the 'climbing boys' in Paris and London were brought from the Hartz Mountains.

† The calf binding is dyed black. The title and last folios are given at pages 71 and 72. Notwithstanding the accounts given by De Foe and other historians, this volume furnishes material for at least a chapter—far more than can be incorporated with the present catalogue. It contains the assessment made for defraying the expenses, from which the following list of streets and places in the parish has been extracted:—

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| King Street | Mil Banke Way | Greate Almorny Nor. |
| Bell Alley | Spade Alley | Love Lane |
| George Yard | Mill Banke | Greene's Alley |
| Bore's Head Yard | Horseferry Banke | Broa. Sanctuary |
| Antelop Alley | Woodstreete Sou. | Little Sanctuary |
| White's Alley | Bowling Alley We. | Greate Sanctuary |
| Gardners Lane | Garden Alley | Church Yard |
| Chequers Alley | Petr. Streete Sou. | Tuttle Streete |
| Bell Yard | Petr. Streete Nor. | Chappell Streete |
| Duffield's Alley | Sturton Ground | New Gardners. Lane |
| Wise's Alley | Duck Lane | Petty frañ. Sou. |
| St. Stephen's Alley | Orchard Streete | Cablage Lane |
| White Horse Yard | St. Anne's Streete West | St. Jam's Streete |
| Round Woolstaple | Little St. Anne's Lane | Petty Fran. No. |
| Long Woolstaple | St. An's Streete Ea. | Long Ditch We. |
| Channo Row | Staple Yard | Bow Streete |
| Brewers Yard | Greate Almorny Sou. | Tuttle Side |
| New Pallace | Little Almorny | Knightsbridge |
| St. Margts. Lane | Deane's Yard | Ke isington |

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| 58 | Churchwardens' Accounts | 1677 | 78 |
| 59 | " " | 1678 | |
| 60 | " " | 1679 | |
| 61 | " " | 1680 | |
| 62 | " " | 1681 | |

The majority of these have disappeared—some long since, some recently; others have been re-built and re-named, and some have been intersected by the formation of Victoria Street.

Collections at the Abbey, St. Margaret's Church and the New Chappel (now Christ Church) produced £401 19s. 8d.

Benevolences given at the Buryall of well-to-do persons for the Relief of the Poor Visited with the Plague amounted to £132 19s. 6d.

But of the £1,652 11s. 1½d. collected, no less than £1,117 8s. 11½d. were Benevolences of Noble and wealthy Persons. Among the principal contributors were:—

| | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| The Duchess of York | The Archbishop of Canterbury |
| The Bishop of London | The Bishop of Bangor |
| The Dean of Westminster (Dr. Dalben or Dolben) | Dr. Busby |
| The Duke of Albemarle (Gen. Monk) | The Earl of Craven |
| The Solicitor General (Sir Heneage Finch) | Mr. Nicholas Butler (King Street) |
| The Steward of Westminster (Mr. Dolben). | |

Other distinguished residents of the Parish at this time were:—

| | |
|---|------------------------------|
| The Duke of Monmouth | The Earl of Derby |
| The Earl of Manchester | The Earl of Tyrconnell |
| The Earl of Lincoln | Lord Fitzwilliam |
| Lord Grandison | Lord Richardson |
| Lord Scudamore | Lord Stafford |
| Lady Brainford | Lady Broughton |
| Lady Butler | Lady Ffilmore |
| Lady Ffoster | Lady Knightley |
| Lady Slingsby | Lady Williams |
| Sir John Cotton | Sir George Donning |
| Sir Edward Ffishe | Sir Wm. Greene |
| Sir Henry Herbert | Sir George Hambleton |
| Sir Thomas Ingram (Chancellor of the Dutchy of Lancaster) | Sir Wm. Playter |
| Sir Anthony Juby | Sir Robert Pye |
| Sir Hugh Pollard | Sir John Talbott |
| Sir Robert Long | Sir Roy Twisden |
| Sir James Thynne | Colonel Ashburnham |
| Sir Cornelius Vermenden | Captain Cooke |
| Colonel Kingwell | Dr. Wilson |
| Captain Francis Dorington | Mr. Emery Hill (Totbill St.) |
| Dr. Ingram | |

Other remarkable persons (at least for their surnames) were designated Cypherwell, Dillidally, Wildbloode, Bissaker, Dandillo, Mutus and Wabshotte.

The progress of the Plague may be seen by a comparison of the weekly totals of expenditure. In the first two weeks (end of May and beginning of June, 1665) only 7s. 6d. and 7s. 4d. were required, but rapid strides were soon made. For the 15th week (Sept. 4) more than £92 was needed. In this week no fewer than 1619 of the "poor Visited" received relief. A single person was granted 1s., while two in family usually received 1s. 9d., three, 2s. 9d., four, 3s. 6d., &c. One poor man, David Jones, with nine in family, received 7s. 9d.

The Nurses were usually paid 5s. or 6s. a week, sometimes 10s.; the Warders, 5s. to 7s.; the Bearers, 10s. a week; and the Searchers, 2s. a "corps." Besides these there were payments to Grave-diggers, and to Dog-killers, with extras for powder and shotte; for Padlocks, Straw, Physick, Druggs, Shrouds, Candles, Carts, and sometimes, to support the officials in their gruesome task, for Drink. "The Minister that pray'd with the Visited" received 10s. The cleansing of Sewers cost much, and large grants for this purpose were voted by the Justices in Covent Garden. The Pest-houses had to be enlarged from time to time, new ones built, and a new Bone-house erected. A Cedan (Sedan-chair) for ye Visited cost £1 2s. 6d.; Bedding for the French Doctos., £3 15s.

For more than a year the Plague held its sway, and not until November, 1666, could the Churchwardens cease their weekly payments. Their accounts were audited by Emery Hill, Ffran. Dorington, Bryan Barmby, William Brewer, and allowed by His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, Edm. Godfrey, Craven (Earl of), and Edmond Waicupp.

Specimens of the entries, a brief sketch of the visitation in Westminster, the Earl of Craven's description, and an account of the building of the Pest-houses will be found in *Parochial Memorials of St. John, Westminster*. See also Nos. 291 and 292 in catalogue.

Civitas Westmonasterij
Comitatu Midd^{sex}

The Account of Michael
Arnold & Nicholas Hobman
Churchwardens of v. Parish of S^t Marg^{re}
in Westminster of all their Receipts and
Disbursements In Relation to ^{the Poor visited at} Plague
within the said Parish. in the Yeares

1665 & 1666

| No. | Title or Nature of Record. | Year. | Shelf. |
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| 63 | Churchwardens' Accounts | 1682 | 79 |
| 64 | " " | 1683 | |
| 65 | " " | 1684 | |
| 66 | " " | 1685 | |
| 67 | " " | 1686 | |
| [The enthusiasm of the parishioners in the Protestant cause at this time is shown by the entry:—To the Right Rev. Father in God, Thos. Lord Bishop of Rochester, being the moneys collected on a Briefe for the French Protestants, as per receipt, £868 12s. 1d.] | | | |
| 68 | Churchwardens' Accounts | 1687 | |
| 69 | " " | *1688 | |
| 70 | " " | 1689 | |
| 71 | " " | 1690 | |
| 72 | " " | 1691 | |
| 73 | " " | 1692 | |
| 74 | " " | 1693 | |
| 75 | " " | 1694 | |
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| 78 | " " | 1697 | |
| 79 | " " | 1698 | |
| 80 | " " | 1699 | |
| 81 | " " | 1700 | |
| 82 | " " | 1701 | |
| 83 | " " | 1702 | |
| 84 | " " | 1703 | |
| 85 | " " | 1704 | |
| 86 | " " | 1705 | |
| 87 | " " | 1706 | |
| 88 | " " | †1707 | |

* It is remarkable that the office of "collectour" or "overseer" never seems to have become popular. From its creation, in the middle of the sixteenth century, to the time it became divested of its more onerous duties by the appointment of paid relieving officers in 1835, there was always more or less unwillingness to accept the office. A cursory glance over the receipts side of the accounts shows that on the average three persons a year from 1684 to 1716 preferred to pay fines of £12 apiece rather than serve. In 1699 there were six fined, in 1700 eleven, and 1715 seven. Thus in thirty-one years no less than £288 was paid in fines. In 1694 John Churchill refused the office. If we may believe him to be the John Churchill, at that time Earl of Marlborough, we can readily understand his declining the duties; but there was also the family of Churchills, of whom the satirist (then lately deceased) was a member, residing in the parish, one of his brothers being an apothecary in or near King-street, while others are stated by Mr. Gilfillan to have resided hereabouts until 1825.

† At this period and onwards into the present century are to be found numerous entries of fines paid for burial in linen. An Act was passed in 1667-8 for "the encouragement of the woollen manufacture of this Kingdom and prevention of the exportation of the moneys thereof for the buying and importing of linen"; but the penalty of £5 did not prevent the breach of its provisions.

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| 89 | Churchwardens' Accounts | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1708 | 79 | |
| 90 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1709 | | |
| 91 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1710 | | |
| 92 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1711 | | |
| 93 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1712 | | |
| 94 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1713 | | |
| 95 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1714 | | |
| 96 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1715 | | |
| 97 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1716 | | |
| 98 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1717 | | |
| 99 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1718 | | |
| 100 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1719 | 80 | |
| 101 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1720 | | |
| 102 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1721 | | |
| 103 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1722 | | |
| 104 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1723 | | |
| 105 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1724 | | |
| 106 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1725 | | |
| 107 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1726 | | |
| 108 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1727 | | |
| 109 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1728 | | |
| 110 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1729 | | |
| 111 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1730 | | |
| 112 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1731 | | |
| 113 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1732 | | |
| 114 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1733 | | |
| 115 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1734 | | |
| 116 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1735 | | |
| 117 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1736 | | |
| 118 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1737 | | |
| 119 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1738 | | |
| 120 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1739 | | |
| 121 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1740 | | |
| 122 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1741 | | |
| 123 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1742 | | |
| 124 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1743 | | |
| 125 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1744 | | |



TITLE PAGE OF CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS, 1596-7, WITH THE ARMS OF THE BREWERS' COMPANY AND BAKERS' COMPANY, OF WHICH THE ACCOUNTANTS APPEAR RESPECTIVELY TO HAVE BEEN MEMBERS.

| No. | Title or Nature of Record. | Year. | Shelf. |
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| 126 | Churchwardens' Accounts | 1745 | 80 |
| 127 | " " | 1746 | |
| 128 | " " | 1747 | |
| 129 | " " | 1748 | |

[At this period an extra fee was charged for interments after ten o'clock, torchlight funerals being then "fashionable" among the well-to-do. Pope alludes to the custom in the lines—

"When Hopkins dies, a thousand lights attend
The wretch who, living, saved a candle's end."

The risk and inconvenience of mourners' lights being taken into churches led to the practice being prohibited. "Searchers" were employed by the Vestry to see that the body bore no marks of foul play, and "plumpers" were called in by the relatives "to bedizen the body," and to make what the ladies of the day used to call "a charming corpse." As many as thirty men were sometimes engaged to assist at one of these dismal pomps, and as much as half a hundredweight of candles, costing £7 or £8, would be used at one procession. On the other hand the bearers were forbidden to wear their silk bands at pauper funerals, and a cloth pall inscribed, "Buried at the expense of the parish," instead of the velvet pall, was used on such occasions. This stigma was happily discontinued in 1807.]

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| 130 | Churchwardens' Accounts | 1749 | |
| 131 | " " | 1750 | |
| 132 | " " | 1751 | |
| 133 | " " | 1752 | |
| 134 | " " | 1753 to 1757 | |
| 135 | " " | 1757 to 1761 | |
| 136 | " " | 1761 to 1765 | |
| 137 | " " | 1765 to 1769 | |
| 138 | " " | 1769 to 1773 | |
| 139 | " " | 1773 to 1777 | |
| 140 | " " | 1777 to 1785 | |
| 141 | " " | 1785 to 1807 | 81 |
| 142 | " " | 1807 to 1827 | |
| 143 | " " | 1827 to 1847 | |

[There are no churchwardens' accounts for St. Margaret's deposited at the muniment room after this last-mentioned date. The churchwardens having become divested of the miscellaneous powers and duties beyond those relating to the affairs of the church, the accounts have, by this time, become devoid of special interest. They merely give the particulars of the church collections, and of the application of the moneys so received to the maintenance of the fabric, or to the funds of the schools or societies connected with the establishment.]

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| 143A | Churchwardens' Accounts (St. John)* | 1729 to 1733 | |
| 143B | " " " " | 1734 to 1751 | |
| 143C | " " " " | 1752 to 1773 | |

* This short series of accounts is complete, from the consecration of St. John's Church in 1728 to the end of 1868, since which time the accounts have not been deposited with the Vestry



Charles Churchill Curator,

which the present series of accounts commence. The mention of this date is incompatible with the statements frequently made that the first Act for the compulsory relief of the poor dates from 43rd Elizabeth (1601), the fact being that the Act of that year is the earliest now remaining in force, and that inasmuch as the preceding Acts were repealed, they are overlooked. Here, however, are accounts of forty years earlier, from which some extracts have been made in order that the origin of the present system may be traced, and in order that a comparison may be made with the conditions under which the poor were relieved three centuries ago—a comparison which cannot fail to excite “that lively faculty of the human mind which is delighted with the effort it makes in turning back to past ages, in being conversant with manners and characters totally different from the present, in bringing back to view scenes that have long vanished, and in tracing the progress of human improvements from their embryo state to their comparative maturity.”

From these extracts it will be easy to see that the system of to-day has been handed down for hundreds of years to be practised with remarkable similarity. True it would not be found convenient, as in 1561-2, to distinguish the parishioners by their trades and occupations; yet it will be seen that the relief to the poor was given weekly, that the “boarding out” of children recently adopted in many parishes is no new idea, that relief in kind has always been recognised, that outdoor medical relief is not of modern origin, that the removal and chargeability of lunatics was actively attended to by our forefathers, and that the law of settlement was then, as it is now, by no means free from difficulty and hardship. Delicacy forbids the reproduction of many of the entries relating to the enforcement of this branch of the law. The specimens given are from both sides—receipts and payments—so as to exhibit the sources of income as well as the channels of disbursement, though the former have, even at this early period, already assumed much of the bald character of the present-day rate-book.

A page of the earliest of the Overseers' Accounts in the series, showing some of the entries of the poor-rate for the second quarter of the year 1562, and the last page of the accounts for the half year ended at Midsummer, 1568, showing payments for “making the poore men's badges” and “the poor menes lycences,” are reproduced on pages 83 and 84.

EXTRACTS FROM THE OVERSEERS' ACCOUNTS.

Receipts—

| | | | |
|-------|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|
| 1561* | Item. Of Heywarde, the broderer | ... .. | xijd. |
| | Item. Of Barnard, ye myllenor | ... .. | xijd. |
| | Item. Of John Hayward, ye boucher | ... .. | vjd. |
| | Item. Of Ellis, the clerke | ... .. | vjd. |
| | Item. Of Jones of the horschedd | ... .. | vjd. |

Payments—

| | | |
|------|---|--------|
| 1561 | Item. To hunts wief for ye healinge of a scalde head... | iijs. |
| | Item. To Bull for teachinge a childe | vijjd. |
| | Item. To Watson, ye chymeney sweeper | iiijd. |

[This is a remarkably early mention of such an occupation. See the extract from the churchwardens' accounts for 1664, at p. 69.]

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|--|--|-------------|
| | Item. For apparell for the boy wch Io Roiall hath | iijs. vijd. |
| | Item. To Bagers widowe for the healinge of a childe wh. had a scalde hed | ijs. vijjd. |

Receipts—

| | | |
|------|---------------------------------|------|
| 1562 | Item. Of Robt. Ardenals, barber | vjd. |
| | Item. Of Olyver, the waterman | vjd. |

Payments—

| | | |
|------|--|-------------|
| 1562 | Item. To Alice Sentens, with a childe famished | ijs. vijjd. |
| | Item. To Alice Newes, for keeping of a childe | ijs. ijd. |

* From 1561 to 1572 the Receipts and Expenditure are entered quarterly. They amount for 1561 to £33 and £29 respectively. See note to the year 1590, page 91.

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| Item. To mother Compton | ijs. ijd. |
| Item. Father Wardall | ijs. ijd. |
| Item. To Watson being bedred | xijd. |
| Item. To a powre woman being a suyte at the Lawe... | ijd. |
| Item. To Alice Gason fr keping of a girl diseased | xijd. |
| Item. Fr. the chardge of a winding sheete for a poure
woman whiche died in Thambrey (The Ambrey) ... | xijd. |

[Burials without coffins were common in 1611; see Vestry Minutes of 24 April, 1611; and in 1694 (Vestry Minutes, 6th February) the Vestry forbade the provision of coffins for pauper interments.]

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| 1562 | Item. For bringing of straw from Mr. Woeleyes for the
diseased girle aforesaid for making cleane of the house
for her winding sheete and burieing of her | xvd. |
| | Item. For ij shertes for a poure boye which layd in ye
streetes, and now put to a master | ijs. |
| 1565 | Item. Paide to Thomas Payne at sundry tymes to by
salve for his sore leg | xxd. |
| | Item. Paid to Joane Whelpdone towards her jorney into
the countrey where she was borne and there to dwell
and tarry | xxd. |
| | Item. Paid Richard Harrison, sent to the Spittell at
Knightsbridge | vs. |

[Among the streets and places in this year's rate is "Pettie fraunce," so that the theory attributing the derivation of the name to the settlement of refugees after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes (1685) is disproved. The name probably took its origin from the settlement of French merchants trading at the Woolstaple.]

Receipts—

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| 1566 | Money Rec. for the poore at the tyme of Comunyon
Receaved of the Church Wardens of the money
gathered at the comn. | vs. |
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Payments—

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| | Item. Paid to a poore mayden, towards the curing of her
sore legge | iiijd. |
| | Item. Paid to Agnes Reignold for nursing of a ffatherles
childe xxvj weeks at xiiijd. the weke | xxxis. |
| | Item. Paid to a poore woman who found the afore
nayed childe | iijd. |
| | Alice Mayne | ijs. viijd. |
| | To the same Alice for nurssing of a pore orphan for xiiij
wekes at xij the weke | xiijs. |
| | For a winding shete and for the burial of a poore olde
man dieing in the street | ijs. vjd. |
| | Payd for the clothe and the making of the poore mens
badges | xijd. |
| | Payd to Mr. Denes clarke for making the poore menes
lycences | xijd. |

[See the illustration on page 84, as marked on the right hand side. The licensing of beggars continued, notwithstanding the establishment of work-houses, for at least a hundred years, as shown by the following items in the churchwardens' disbursements for 1652-3:—

| | | |
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| | Paid to Mris White for fiteene ticketts of pewter for
fiteene poore people to ask almes according to the
order of the Justice of the Peace | xxs. |
| | Paid to Mr. Morris, Ironmonger for fiteene yards of
brasse chaine for the said poor peoples ticketts ... | ixs. vjd.] |
| | Payd for to (two) quer of paper for the hole year ... | xd. |

Jesus to our saviour

Here followeth the second account
of John Worsler, William Stanton, and Roger
Dobler Collectours for the poore of the paroch
within the paroch of S. margarett of westm
beginning at the feast of Pentecost for our
ladie. 1562. and ending at the feast of S. John
Baptiste. In the year being the second quarter
of the year.

The receipt. In pursuance thereof remained in our hands
of the 1st quarter upon the face of the first account. £ 100 10 00

- Item of Mr. hedges ————— 10 00
- Item of Mr. Doble ————— 10 00
- Item of Mr. Darro ————— 10
- Item of Mr. Prewst ————— 10 00
- Item of Mr. Glymmer ————— 10 00
- Item of Mr. Massys ————— 10 00
- Item of Mr. Gibbes ————— 10 00
- Item of Mr. Woolley ————— 10 00
- Item of Mr. Carlound ————— 10 00
- Item of William Cooke ————— 10
- Item of Mr. Savage ————— 10 00
- Item of Mr. ffylthorne ————— 10 00
- Item of Mr. Culwick ————— 10 00
- Item of William Clerk ————— 10 00

Sum pagine £ 100 10 00

FIRST PAGE OF THE "POOR RATE," LADY DAY TO MIDSUMMER, 1562.

Payments

August wages —————

August Charge —————

Wage for the cloth and the
making of the robes and
badges ————— x

Wage to Mr Denot Clarke
for making the robes and
badges ————— x

Wage for the year of passage
for the whole year —————

Wages

Sum Total
of all the more for half
a year ended at mid-
summer 1568 is —————

to their respective
upon the date of the
arrange —————

LAST PAGE OF COLLECTORS' OR OVERSEERS' ACCOUNTS, 1568.

The marks on the right hand side are opposite the payments or Badges and Licenses or those authorised to beg.

Payments—

| | | | |
|------|--|--------|--------------|
| 1568 | To John Standleye for helynge of Thomas Gybbones legge | | iijs. iiijd. |
| | Ffor helynge of Henry Morgan | | xijs. xd. |

Receipts—

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|------|---|--------|---------------|
| 1569 | Hanns Hunter a benevolence for a poor woman and her childe that leye in the market place helynge her and for her childes nersinge | | xxijs. viijd. |
| | Rec. of adromplaiier (a drum player) in service tyme | ... .. | xijd. |
| | Rec. of the hedborougher for a ffyne of the pewterer | ... .. | is. |
| | Ffor cariege of ij boyes out of the towne | ... .. | vjd. |
| | Received of a collyer for sellynge cooles on Candillmas Daye | ... .. | ijjs. iiijd. |

[Candlemas Day was thus strictly observed in obedience to a Proclamation of 30 Henry VIII., a copy of which is in the archives of the Society of Antiquaries. The proclamation declares "that the bearynge of candels is done in the memorie of Christe, the spirituall lyghte, when Simeon dyd prophecye, as it is redde in the churche that daye." Fuller, in his *Church History*, p. 222, says that the observance was ordered by a decree of Convocation. The ceremonies, and church decorations in connection with them, are referred to by Herrick in his *Hesperides*.]

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| Item. of a bargeman sellynge wodge on the Saboath Daye | | xijd. |
| Item. Received of Mr. Lawton for his cartes goying on the saboath daie | | iijs. iiijd. |

[These, with the entries in the years 1570, 1574, 1586, 1590, and at other times in this reign, indicate the strictness with which religious observances were enforced under Elizabeth.]

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| Received of the churche Wardens out of the poore folke cheste | | iiij li. viijs. |
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Payments—

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| For caringe a deed corps to Church oute of the Palace... | ... | iiijd. |
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Receipts—

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|------|---|--------|--------|
| 1570 | Received more of the churche wardens for certayne stresses taken of those that do rittaille in service tyme | ... | iijs. |
| | Recd. of Mr. Johnson for the castyng of one hundred lode of sand in totill | ... .. | xxd. |
| | Fforfets for Sunday's servyce:— | | |
| | John Henes for one quart pot | ... .. | ijjd. |
| | Roger Menilow for a doblet | ... .. | ijjd. |
| | Garat Cowper for one quart pot | ... .. | iiijd. |
| | Recd. of goodman corne for one stone pott and certayne woden diches that was taken at St. Peters fayre | ... .. | vijd. |
| | Of Mr. Cliffe for the passage of a carte throu the churche yarde | | xxd. |

Payments—

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| Payde too goodwyffe frenche for the keepyng of a poure chylde xij weekes | | xijd. |
| Tow vij poure women yt. Rcd. the comunion | | xiiijd. |

Receipts—

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|------|--|--------|-------------|
| 1571 | Item, of John Dod for his lisenze for kylling of flesh in lent | | vjs. viijd. |
| | Item, of Mr. Harye dudle for his lisenze for etyng of flesh | | vjs. viijd. |

[See the note against the year 1618 at page 94.]

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| | Reseved of the Jurye and Forfits. | |
| | Item. of Mr. Merifall for his lisens granted by the curat | vjd. |
| | Item. of Anthony persavall | ijd. |
| | Recd. of hary Redford mony that was taken In the fyld of serten roges pleaynge at quatys | vjd. |
| | <i>Payments—</i> | |
| | Payde to Rycharde fox for hys paynes takynge at divers tymes | xijd. |
| | For the nousynge of chyltren— | |
| | Item. payd to Edithe Coten for the kypynge a poure childe iij monts at xd. the weyke | viijs. iiijd. |
| | Payde to mother Crone In the tyme of the infection of her housse at dyvers tymes | iijs. |
| | Payd to Sybyll Darley and to Margaret Mymse for ther paynes takyne in the visitynge of the same housse | xvjd. |
| | Item. for paper for to macke up our bouckes for thys hole yere | xvjd. |
| | <i>Receipts—</i> | |
| 1572 | Ffirst recyved from the right honourable the Lord Burleighe L. Treaserer of England the xth day of Januarie, 1572, for the reliefe of the poore of St. Margaret of Westmr. vj score peces of beiffe by estimacion a stone a pece vj castes of breade and xliijs. iiijd. in money the which was gyven the same daye to fyve score of the poore aforesaid by us the collectors and master Baylise | viiij l. iijs. iiijd. |
| | Item of the Lord Chiefe Justes of England the first daye of December, 1572 | xiiis. iiijd. |
| | Item of the Deane Westm. the ... daye of October 1572, to by flexe to sett the poore aworke | xls. |
| | [An Act was passed in 14 Eliz. (1572), cap. 5, for the provision by the justices of "convenient habitacons and abydinge places" for the poor; but the earliest mention of a workhouse in the Vestry Minutes is in 1664.] | |
| | Item of the said Deane to gyve unto the poore uppon Alhalland Daye | vs. |
| | Item of the Justices of the comon place by the handes of Mr. Deane at ij severall tymes to the use aforesaid | xxxs. |
| | Item recyved the xxiiijrd daye of Februarie, 1572, of the right honorable the Erle of Derbye | xxs. |
| | Item of the Earle of Hertford the xvth of Februarie... | xxs. |
| | Item of the Lorde Dacres of the southe and my Lady his wife the xvij of Ffebruarie | xls. |
| | *Item. of the Lorde Crumwell at dyvers tymes | iijs. vjd. |
| | *Item of Mr. Thomas Crumwell at sundrie tymes | viijs. |
| | Item of Sr. Henrie Cates the same day | xxd. |
| | Recyved by the appoyntment of the Deane of Westm. every Sondag sithence the vijth daye of September, 1572, xl messes of meatt of the almes of the colledge to distribute the same amongst the aforesaid poore weekly that is to say for the xxiiij weekes endinge the xxijth daye of Ffebruarie, 1572, every messe valued in breade and meatt with jd. in money at iiijd. which doth amounte unto | xvj li. |
| | <i>† Payments—</i> | |
| | Item. gyven to Mr. Chaunter to bestowe uppon the prissoners of the gate house and Convicte house of Westm. xlviiij messes of the almes of the Colledge valued at iiijd. the messe | xvjs. |

* These names occur frequently.

† From 1572 the Receipts and Payments are weekly.

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| | Item gyven to Father Maddocks for keepinge and making cleane the trenc disshes wherein the alms was served xxiiij messes of meat valued at iiij the messe ... | viijs. |
| | Item. gyven to Robert Chapman by the said Chaunter for settinge the people in order at the almes and callinge of them, xxxiiij messes of meat valued at ... | viijs. |
| <i>Receipts—</i> | | |
| 1573 | Item, recd. of my Lorde Graye the xijth of Marche ... | xijd. |
| | Item, of Mr. Ffraunces Newdigate the 28 of Aprill ... | xs. |
| | Item, of my Lorde Dudley the 28 Aprill ... | iijs. |
| 1574 | First of the Byshopp of Rochester almoner to the queens matie. for her graces alms at the tyme of the Maundy, 1574 ... | iiij li. |
| | John Gravener for a fyne sett upon them for sellinge of stronge ale at ijd. the quart the xxij daye of Marche | iijs. |
| | Item, of a carter for carriage with his carte on Sundaye being the xiiijth daye of Marche for a fyne ... | viiijd. |
| | Item, of Willm. Hutton for fynnes of certayne psons not kepinge good rulle in ther houses in servyce tyme levied by the churchwardens and sydmen ... | ijs. vjd. |
| <i>Payments—</i> | | |
| | Item, paide for the carrynge oute of the towne towarde Wicombe a poore sicke mayde in a carte called Elizabeth Bolton ... | xxd. |
| | Item, paide in money for certeyne clothes and lynnen for a poore wenche called Katherine Welshe ... | vs. |
| <i>Receipts—</i> | | |
| 1575 | Item Rec. of the righte worshippfull Mr. Henrie Knowles Esquier, the xxviiijth daie of Aprill of the benevolence from the Knights and Burgesses of the parliament house ... | xxxxs. |
| | Item, Rec. of the queens maties. Almes for the said yeere | iiij li. vijs. |
| <i>Payments—</i> | | |
| | Ffirst recevede of John Savage being seassed by the said Justice according to the statute to paie weeklie iijd. for the use aforesaid for xxiiij weeks ... | vjs. |
| | To the prisoners of the Gate house and convict house | vs. |
| <i>Receipts—</i> | | |
| 1576 | Item, rec. of Mr. Savadg wche was taken of one yt. sowld rotten mutton in ye market ... | xijd |
| <i>Payments—</i> | | |
| | Item for writt to arest Thexcutors of Mr. Quintine for A legacy by him gyven to the poore of the prishe of St. Margarete aforesaid ... | xviiijd. |
| | For making an Acquittance to them for the receipt of the same money ... | iiijd. |
| <i>Receipts—</i> | | |
| 1577 | Received of the Gifte of Mrs. Newins, to be gyven in bred at the Burriall of Thomas Newins, hur husbande | xls. |
| | Item, more of John Johnes Baker in bred taken as forfeit in ye markt and gyven to the poore ... | xijd. |

[This is one of many evidences of the survival from distant antiquity of the custom of distributing arval or arvil bread at funerals—a modification of the burial feasts referred to by Shakespeare (*Hamlet*, act 1, sc. 2), in Hornman's treatise *de Miraculis Mortuorum*, cap. 36, and Gough's *Sepulchral Monuments*.

And over and besyde xxj Tennements sett and Being in Pettie Ffraunce and St. Harman's (afterwards St. Hermyt's) Hill, in ye said prishe of St. Margarete's wherein are plased soe many poore people, rent free at the Costes and Charges of Cornelius Vandon, one of the yoeman of the quens matis. Chamber valued to be letten at xs. the yere eache of them. The whole amountith to x li. xs. yerely x li xs.

Payments—

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| To dyvers poore people in Bred at ye buriall of Thomas Newyns, Chandler | | xls. |
| To dyvers poore people in Bred taken forfett in ye markt by John Johnes Baker | ... .. | xijd. |
| To a man burned wh. gunpowther | | xijd. |

[See the note against the year 1574, at p. 50.]

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| To a poore soldir sicke | | vjd. |
| To Swallow and Grene to convay a sicke childe out of the towne | | iiijd. |

Receipts—

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|------|---|--------|---------------|
| 1578 | Thes Persons ffollowinge are not asseassed by the justices aforesaide But have paide voluntarielye by the labour of the said Collectors | | |
| | Item, recd. of a Certen gentilman unknown wche came into the churche and wche gave money by adventure out of his purse the v daie of may | ... .. | iiijs. iiijd. |
| | Receaved the xvj daie of January, of Mr. Deane of Westmr. and the Steuarde there xvj dussion and v pence of Bred founde by ye jury to want assisse and be unlawfull wche was gyven to dyvers poore people by us the collectors | ... .. | xvjs. vd. |
| | Recd. of the Gifte of the Ladye Dacres the xxx of mche, 1578, the some of iiijli. wche was immediately Distributed amongst the poore and prissoners in Westmr. by one of my ladies gentlemen and we the Collectors | ... .. | iiijli. |
| | Item, received the xxvjth of Aprill two dozen of cakes and bunnas taken from a baker and distributed presently in the churche amonges the pore | ... .. | ijs. |
| | Recd. of the bequeste of Mr. Patenson the Somme of xliij li. or thereabouts wche was delivered by Mr. deane of Westmr. seled in a bagge to Mr. Ffisher to be by him kepte untill the same may be bestowed upon somme good bargaine as a lease or somme other suche like commodite wch may yeelde a yerely rente to the pore | | xliij li. |

Payments—

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| Item. Gyven unto the poore in bred of gyft of Andrewe Holburne at the Burrall of Mr. Patenson's Dawter wch was all by Mr. Ffisher and Mr. Holburne as overseers the some of xls. | | xls. |
| Item, given at the Interement of the Right Noble Lady the Countie of Lynnes in money amongst the poore in Westmr. | ... .. | xv li. |
| Item gyven to dyvers and sundrye poore people of the prishe aforesaid the money offered by the moorenars at the Buriall of the Lady Lynnes | ... .. | vjs. viijd. |
| To bye flaxe to sett the poore aworke | | x li. |

[See the note against the year 1572, p. 86.]

Receipts—

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|------|--|-------------|
| 1580 | Item of Willm Arkes at jd. the weke for xvij wekes ... | xviijd. |
| | Item of Thomas Skinner at iijd. for xxiiij wekes ... | vis. |
| | Item of Willm Stanton gent at iijd. fr xx wekes ... | vs. |
| | Item of mr. John baptiste Castillian at iijs. the quartr.
for two quarters | viijs. |
| | Item of morris Pickeringe,* at iij for xxv wekes ... | vjs. iijd. |
| | Received of my Ladye Dakers the vjth daye of Maye to
bestowe among ye poore | xxs. |
| | Item received of the Barrons of ye Exchequer the xix daye
of Maye at ye hands of mr. Byllsbye | vjs. viijd. |
| | Item received at the buriall of mr. Robert bowes at the
handes of John Collier page of the Quenes chamber
ye xix daye of maye | xxs. |

Payments—

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|------|---|------------|
| 1580 | Richard Ffox the boathier to se whether my Lord
Chamberlain were at Barmondsey | ijd. |
| | Item, paide for makinge of Indentures of Covenants
between the Churchwardens and Thomas Hill who
hath money delivered unto him and bynedeth hym-
selffe to serve the poore people of the parishe with
wood of reasonable prices | iijs. vjd. |
| | Item paide unto Thomas Hillerye for one whole yeares
rent of a storehouse being in the arllmery to laye in
wood for the poore called St. Ans Chappell due unto
our Sveryne Ladye ye Quene at the feast of St.
Mvchael tharchangell last past | xs. |

Receipts—

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| 1581 | Item, of John Westfield at xvjd. yerelie for the yere ... | nl. (nil) |
| | Item, of Robert Richmonte gent his arerages in pt of
xvd. | xijd. |
| | Item more of the said Sr. Willm. Cordell late mr. of
ye rolles by thande of Mr. Deane of westm. to be dis-
tribut to the poure of St. margarets St. martynes
and to ye poure of ye stronde | xls. |
| | Item, of mr. Holbrow to be geven to iiij poure women
at the buriall of his cousyn by special name ... | xvjd. |
| | Item, of Mrs. morecocke at the buriall of mr. morecocke
one of the gent of the queenes maties. chappell her
late husbände three score dozen of bredd wth. the
vantage | lxs. |

Payments—

The names of suche vagarant men women and children
as have ben sent awaye into divers parts of this realme
were they were borne or last dwelt by the space of
iij yere by sondrie warrants of the q. mats justices
according to the statute viz., from constable to con-
stable :—

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| Isabell Burde als Hall, 21 of Apriell, by carte | To Lychefield. |
| Edith Morris, the 9th Maie, 1581, by warrant ... | To Exeter. |
| Thomas Gille, a stowte rogue the 13th June ... | To Nantwicke. |

(And 38 others to various parts of England and Wales, as set out.)

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| Item, to Thomas Peete, a poure way faringe man travel-
inge out of Kent towarde Buckyngham where he was
borne, by warrant of the justices | viijd. |
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* Morris Pickeringe, who lived in the Almery, served the office of Collector during the year 1579-80. He was also a Member of the Court of Burgesses, by whom his name is still cherished. He presented a very valuable loving cup to the Court, which is passed round whenever the Members dine together, with the sentiment, "The City and Liberties of Westminster, and the Trade thereof, not forgetting Morris Pickering and Joan his wife."

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- Item, to the keeper of the hospitall of Bethlehem by composition for the takinge into his governmente Rice Evans of Westmr. being distraste out of his memorie and witts xiijs. iiijd.
- Item, to fower pouer women for the conveyinge of Agnes ffoster travayling of childe in the streate unto the house of Margaret Roberts in the Sanctuarye viijd. to the said Margaret for lodgeing her during thre weeks iijs. more to the said Agnes at her dpture to Oxon where she was borne viijd. iijs. viijd.
- 1584 Paied for the cleansing of the ditches at the townes eand of Mr. Conelis houses for the poore and for mending of the Bridge St. Armyneshill for the poore xs. vjd.
- Receipts—*
- 1586 Item for a fyne for John Brigges for going one the hollidaie ijs.
- Payments—*
- Paied to John Creverne als ffoote toards his maintenance of his Learninge at the universitie at Oxenford and allowed him by the parishe xvjd. the weeke and paied to him for ij weekes ijs. viijd.
- [See the second item for 1595, page 51.]
- To John Steppes thelder for takinge of Jone Curtise to be his apprentice viijs. iiijd. as by Indenture appeareth
- Receipts—*
- 1588 Item of Mr. Jones hir mat. Tailor as the gift of hir matie. vij gownnes of cloth and Sixe Smockes in the whole xiiij for xiiij poore prsons valued at iiij li.
- Received by thande of Mr. ffisher of the gite of Mr. Rowe of London Draper xxx yardes of grise for vj gownnes wch were made upp at the coste of the said Mr. ffisher and cost him xiiijs. the said gownnes with there lynynge and making valued at iiij li. xiiijs.
- Item, of Edmond Dubbledaye for rent of a garden due at xmas Called Tuthill Ground xxs.
- Of him for another garden plott then due xvijd.
- Item of William Cooke as a fyne for lendynge wine potts vis. viijd.
- Reved of the Benevolence of the Knights and Burgesses of the neather house of pliament at the endinge of the same xls.
- Of the Lordes and Nobles of the higher house of pliament as of there honorable benevolence xiiis. iiijd.
- Payments—*
- To foxe to bye a pair of showes for an orphant iiijd.
- Receipts—*
- 1589 Reved of the Benevolence of the right honorable the lorde Burley Lord high Threasorer of England the some of xx li. whereof tenn poundes by his L. appointment to be distributed amongst of the libties of Westmr. at the funerall of the good ladye Burley his wife thother tenn poundes to remaine and be imploid yerely in sea Coles or other fuell to be sold to the poore of St. Margretts prishe aforesaid xx li.
- Payments—*
- To ffoxe, Gilbert and Sadler, the three beadells for waitinge on the Lord Maior ijs. vjd.

Receipts—

| | | |
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| 1590* | Of Richard Tenche the Town Clarke, for a ffyne for a Trespass comitted by John Warner, alias dictus the man in the moone | vijs. vjd. |
| | Item gotten of one that shall not be named by the industrie of us the said collectors | xvjs. |
| | Of the Vintner at the bell for a fine for sending his pottes abroad | xxd. |
| | Of a woman that sold cheryes in service tyme | ijd. |
| | Received for an awarde betwene goodman Jones and Burnett the shoemaker | ijs. viijd. |
| | Over and besides the somme of fforty powndes given by Jhon Ffeckenham somtyme abbot of Westmr. for a stocke to buy woode for the pore of Westminster and to sell twoo faggottes for a peny, and seven billetes for a peny, which somme of fforty powndes doth remain in the hands of the churchwardens | xl li. |

Payments—

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| | To John Redgrave, alias Browne, himselfe his wyfe and his chylde pityfully sicke | xijd. |
| | To John Abby, to buy som apparrell to putt forth his chylde upon condicion that the parish shall never be charged with the chylde | ijs. |
| | To John Seabourne for lodging a poore woman travayling of child in the stretes | xijd. |
| | To Turpyn for strawe to lodge a poore man in his hogstye | iiijd. |

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| | 1561 (Xmas) to 1562 (Lady-day) | |
| | 1562 (Lady-day) to 1562 (St. John Bap.) | |
| | „ (St. John Bap.) to 1562 (St. Michael) | |
| | „ (St. Michael) „ (Xmas) | |
| | „ (Xmas) to 1565 (St. John Bap.) missing. | |
| | 1565 (St. John Bap.) to 1565 (St. Michael). | |
| | „ (St. Michael) „ (Xmas) | |
| | „ (Xmas) to 1566 (St. John Bap.) | |
| | 1566 (St. John Bap.) to 1566 (Xmas) | |
| | „ (Xmas) to 1567 (St. John Bap.) | |
| | 1567 (St. John Bap.) to 1567 (Xmas) missing | |
| | „ (Xmas) to 1568 (St. John Bap.) | |
| | 1568 (St. John Bap.) to 1568 (Xmas) | |
| | „ (Xmas) to 1569 (St. John Bap.) | |
| | 1569 (St. John Bap.) to 1569 (Xmas) | |
| | „ (Xmas) to 1570 (St. John Bap.) | |

* The Receipts for this year were £162 16s. 7½d.; the Expenditure, £147 15s. 2½d.

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| | 1570 (7th July) to 1570 (15th October) | |
| | „ (15th October) to 1570 (December) | |
| | „ (25th December) to 1571 (Lady-day) | |
| | 1571 (Lady-day) „ (24th June) | |
| | „ (24th June) to 1572 (St. Bartholomew) missing | |
| 145 | Overseers' (or Collectours') Accounts. Fourteen sections bound in one volume, marked "B," viz. :— | 1572 to 1580 82 |
| | 1572 (St. Bartholomew) to 1573 (24th February) | |
| | 1573 (24th February) „ (24th August, St. Bart.) | |
| | „ (24th August) to 1574 (22nd April) missing | |
| | 1574 (22nd April) „ (26th September) | |
| | „ (26th September) to 1575 (17th April) | |
| | 1575 (17th April) „ (25th September) | |
| | „ (25th September) to 1576 (23rd April) | |
| | 1576 (24th April) „ (30th September) | |
| | „ (30th September) to 1577 (14th April) | |
| | 1577 (21st April) „ (30th September) | |
| | „ (30th September) to 1578 (6th April) | |
| | 1578 (13th April) „ (28th September) | |
| | „ (28th September) to 1579 (26th April) | |
| | 1579 (3rd May) „ (26th September) | |
| | „ (4th October) to 1580 (10th April) | |
| 146 | Overseers' (or Collectours') Accounts. Fourteen sections bound in one volume, marked "C," viz. :— | 1580 to 1589 82 |
| | 1580 (10th April) to 1580 (October) | |
| | „ (October) to 1581 (2nd April) | |
| | 1581 (2nd April) „ (24th September) | |
| | „ (25th September) to 1582 (April) | |
| | 1582 (22nd April) „ (24th September) | |
| | „ (24th September) to 1583 (7th April) | |
| | 1583 (20th April) „ (24th September) | |
| | „ (24th September) to 1584 (26th April) | |
| | 1584 (26th April) to 1585 (25th April) missing | |
| | 1585 (25th April) „ (26th September) | |
| | „ (26th September) to 1586 (April) | |
| | 1586 (April) to 1587 (23rd April) missing | |

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| | 1587 (23rd April) to 1857 (October) | |
| | „ (October) to 1588 (14th April) | |
| | 1588 (14th April) to 1588 (October) | |
| | „ (8th October) to 1589 (1st April) | |
| 147 | Overseers' (or Collectours') Accounts. Ten sections bound in one volume, marked "D," viz. :— 1590 to 1597 | 82 |
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| | 1590 (26th April) to 1590 (1st October) | |
| | „ (1st October) to 1591 (20th April) | |
| | 1591 (26th April) „ (1st October) | |
| | „ (1st October) 1592 (1st April) | |
| | 1592 (1st April) „ (1st October) | |
| | „ (1st October) to 1593 (26th April) | |
| | 1593 (26th April) to 1594 (16th April) | |
| | 1594 (16th April) to 1595 (1st May) | |
| | 1595 (1st May) to 1596 (April) | |
| | 1596 (April) to 1597 (April) | |
| | 1597 (April) to 1598 (Easter) missing | |
| 148 | Overseers' (or Collectours') Accounts, 1598 (Easter) to 1599 (Easter) ... | 82 |
| 149 | Overseers' Accounts. Eight sections bound in one volume, marked "E," viz. :— 1599 to 1608 | 82 |
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| | 1605 (Easter) to 1606 (Easter) missing | |
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| | 1607 (Easter) to 1608 (Easter) | |
| 150 | Overseers' Accounts. Eight sections bound in one volume, marked "F," viz. :— 1609 to 1617 | 82 |
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| | 1609 to 1610 (title page missing) 1613 to 1614 | |
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| 151 | Overseers' Accounts. Seven sections bound in one volume, marked "G," viz. :— 1617 to 1624 | | 82 |

1617* to 1618† 1618* to 1619

[An entry in this year is worthy of a passing notice, as an early mention of the King's Scholars' Pond sewer, then an open stream dividing St. Margaret's from the outlying marsh lands of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, which extended to the junction with Chelsea near the present Suspension Bridge. It now forms the western boundary between this parish and St. George's, from Victoria to the river, and passes behind Carlisle-place, across the Vauxhall-bridge-road, and along the centre of Tachbrook-street to the river :—

Ffor the burying of the man that was drowned at the
schollers pond ijs. vjd.]

1619 to 1620 1622 to 1623

1620‡ to 1621 1623 to 1624

1621 to 1622

* Captions or title pages missing.

† The accounts for this period show how frequently dispensations were obtained from the statutory prohibitions of Edward VI. and the proclamations of Elizabeth against eating flesh in Lent. The receipts include many items from butchers for licenses to kill, and from parishioners for licenses to eat meat during that season, *e.g.* :—

Of the right worll. Mr. Dctr. Tounson, Deane of Westm., for license by him made to eate fleshe in the Lent season videlicet.

Of the Right honorable Lord Pagett for a licence xxvjs. viijd.

Twenty-six similar receipts are entered in the same year (1618), including Sir Xpofer Perkins, Sir Randolph Crewe, the Lord Knevitt, the Lady Fortescue, and the Lord Bishop of Lichfield, all resident in the parish. The fees, which were applied to the relief of the poor, appear to have been regulated by the social status of the licensees. Thus 'Lords' paid £1 6s. 8d., Knights and Ladies 13s. 4d., and commoners 6s. 8d.

Applications for these dispensations had to be accompanied by certificates from physicians, yet it is stated that the Primate refused more than he granted. The strictness of the observance of Lent, as encouraged by Queen Elizabeth's example, relaxed upon her death, which explains the frequency of the entries at the period now under notice. It was about this time that the versatile Herrick wrote of one (possibly of his congregation) who had caught his observant eye :—

"Bungie do's fast; looks pale; puts Sack-cloth on;
Not out of Conscience, or Religion;
Or that this yonker keeps so strict a Lent,
Fearing to break the King's Commandement:
But being poore, and knowing Flesh is deare,
He keeps not one, but many Lents i' th' yeare."

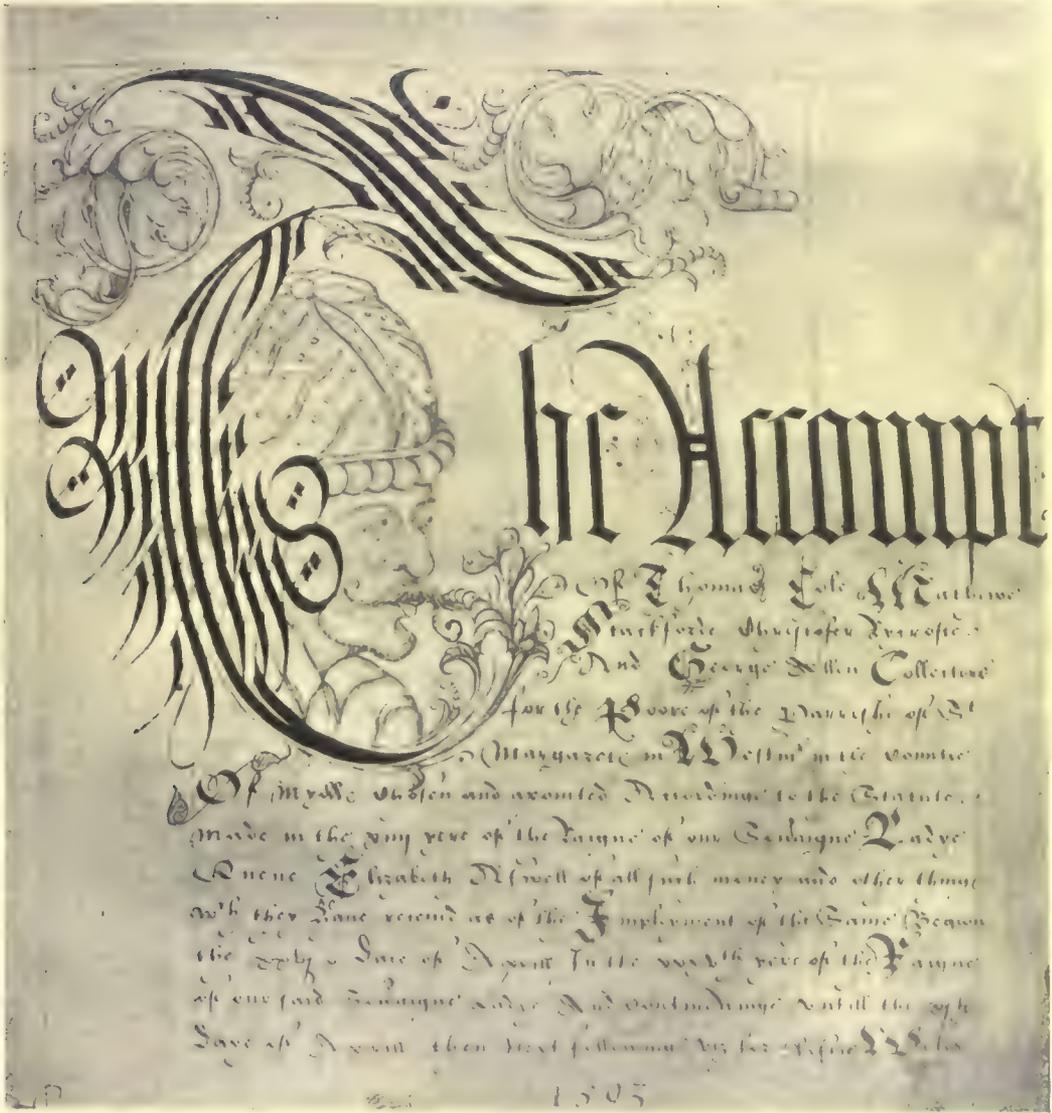
Hesperides.

‡ Some singular names occur, chiefly among the recipients of relief at this period, *e.g.* :—

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| Honey Killboy | Ancorit Waine | Drinkall |
| Coldducke | Kindlematch | Widow Killbreath |
| Cherrytree | Tapertoe | Wildblood |
| Trymore Smith | Sandy the singing man | Ffrogpitt |
| Jeremie Tailcoat | Littlefare (a beggar) | Sawpitt |
| Fridaysweede Savory | Tarbox | Spittlehowse |
| Duke Humfray (a foundling) | Beast | Constantina Seavenhouses |
| Pennyale | | |

And it is curious to notice that in 1638 Richard Graygoose succeeds John Fox as dog killer—rather an inversion of the usual order of things in which the dog follows the fox that kills the goose.

The name given to the foundling probably indicates that he was unprovided with food, 'Duke Humphrey' at that time being synonymous with 'dinnerless.' Those who used to resort to 'Paul's Walk,' as the nave of the ancient St. Paul's was called, and were unable to procure a dinner by their own money or the favour of their friends, were commonly spoken of as 'dining with Duke Humphrey,' there being a monument on the south side which was



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VIVAT REGINA ELIZABETHA 1595



The account

Account of Thomas
Silkes William Bellon
John George and Thomas
Hinde Collectors for the
year of the wife of
Marquette in the year in

the Countie of Middlesex
appointed according to the Statute made in
the fourth year of the reign of Edward the
Sixth Chapter 24 of all such messuages houses
which were required as of the impayment of the
same taxations in the first year of the reign of
the said wife of Marquette in the year
in the year of her Majesty's reign being
the year 1590

The Remayne of the laste Collectors
Account ended the first of Maye 1595
and received by the said Collectors

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| | 1626 to 1627 | 1629 to 1630 | |
| | [The section for 1625-6 includes an account relating to the poor visited of the plague "in this most lamentable yeare of Contagion."] | | |
| 153 | Overseers' Accounts. Seven sections bound in one volume, marked "I," viz. :— | 1630 to 1637 | 82 |
| | 1630 to 1631 | 1634 to 1635 | |
| | 1631 to 1632 | 1635 to 1636 | |
| | 1632 to 1633 | 1636 to 1637 | |
| | 1633 to 1634 | | |
| 154 | Overseers' Accounts. Four sections bound in one volume, marked "K," viz. :— | 1637 to 1641 | 82 |
| | 1637 to 1638 | 1639 to 1640 | |
| | 1638 to 1639 | 1640 to 1641 | |
| 155 | Overseers' Accounts | 1641 | 82 |
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erroneously supposed to be that of Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester. Gayton, in his *Art of Longevity*, 1659, refers to the custom:—

"Wherefore we do amand Duke Humphrey's guest,
For their provision truly is o' th' least:
A dog hath fare much better with his bones
Than those whose table, meat and drink are stones."

Numerous other old writers also refer to it; and Dickens makes allusion to it in describing the antecedents of Diggory Chuzzlewit.

The last two names, 'Seavenhouses' and 'Spittlehowse,' also suggest that the bearers were foundlings named, as was customary, after the place in which they were found. The 'seven houses' or 'five chimneys,' of which a sketch is given in *Parochial Memorials of St. John, Westminster*, were known for many years as the Pest-houses in Tothill-fields. They stood near that part of Douglas-street which communicates with the Vauxhall Bridge-road by a court called Douglas-gardens. The Spital house was probably that at Knightsbridge.

* Students of the life and times of Cromwell would be interested to note how, during his residence in King Street, many of the better class houses (judging from the assessments) in the vicinity were

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| 165 | Overseers' Accounts | 1651 | 83 |
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[In the accounts of this and the three following years "Mr. Milton" is entered among the rated occupiers in "Petty France North." His assessment was 16s. per annum.

The credit side of the account shows numerous receipts in fines for breaking the Sabbath, as, *e.g.* :—

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| Recd. 9 Maii for one entertaining company to drincke on the Sabboath day | xs. |
| Recd. of one Charrett for sweareing on oath | iijs. iiijd. |
| Recd. of Wm. Johnson for carrying a burthen on the Lord's day | iijs. iiijd. |
| Recd. of Mr. ffrancklin for company drincking on a humiliacon day | vjs. viijd. |
| Recd. of Mr. Winter, for goeing in a Coach on the Lord's day | vijs. |
| Recd. of John Neale for carrying bootes on the Lord's day | xxd. |
| Recd. of Robert Cain and Humprey Painter for playing in the feilds | xijd. |

No less than 72 of the items related to fines, of which 29 were for breaches of observance of the Lord's Day.

Sir Robert Pye, whose name is perpetuated in the Pye-street of the present day, and who was a Vestryman in 1642 and for several subsequent years, is rated at different times as in the New Palace and the New Way, and Sir Robert Stone, referred to in the Thurloe Papers as a leader of the Royalist insurrection, appears as rated in Tuttle-street North.]

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| 167 | Overseers' Accounts | 1653 |
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occupied by his leading adherents and military supporters. It may have been the knowledge of this fact which suggested to Milton, then living in Petty France, the commencement of his sonnet :—

'Captain or Colonel or Knight in Arms.'

Several of Cromwell's relations, besides a number of Royalist officers, were also residents in the parish at the time, so that, besides Ireton, and Faulconbridge (sometimes written Falconbirde), and Barkstead and Firebrace and Monk, there are 'captaines or collonells' to be found in the rate-book by the score. Palgrave, who quotes from the Thurloe papers, says that conspicuous political busy-bodies and agitators had a rendezvous at the 'Blew Boar' in King Street at the time. The same talented author says that "The military party, not content with ruling through Cromwell, undertook rulership themselves . . . They thought it was necessary to have Major-Generals. England was accordingly parcelled out into military cantons, and over each canton was placed a Major-General as its Governor." Sir John Barkstead was made military governor of Middlesex; and the following are entered on the credit side of the Overseers' accounts for 1650 and 1655 respectively :—

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| Received the 15th of November of Colonell Barkstead wch he received of a person taken att a play | vs. |
| Of Major Generall Sr John Barkstead for monyes forfeited by riders of horses taken in Tuttle feilds on the Sabath day | iiij li. |

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[In this year and those immediately preceding and following, quite a number of notable men are entered as rated occupiers, *e.g.*, Erasmus Dryden, the elder brother of the poet. He was churchwarden in 1687, and carried on business as a grocer in King-street, until he succeeded to the baronetcy; Purcell, the musician, lived in Bowling Alley East; Sir John Cutler, who erected one of the galleries in the church, and founded one of the charities which is still administered as part of the Westminster Technical Fund, is rated in George and Plow Yard; the notorious Jeffreys, Lord Chancellor of James II., had his abode in Duke-street, in a house built by his neighbour, Moses Pitts, who is stated, in a biography of the "infamous judge," never to have received payment for it, and "Collonell Kyrke" is shown as the tenant of a house in Pensioners' Alley. He derived a notoriety as the officer in command of a regiment of dragoons, known as Kirk's Lambs, who were the perpetrators of many of the atrocities of the "bloody assizes." Lewis Cornelis appears rated as the occupier of "Hell," the companion tavern to "Heaven," "Purgatory," and "Paradise." Walcott describes the first and third-named as subterraneous passages; but later on says the first-named was "a petty tavern frequented by lawyers' clerks." The proximity of the places appears to have suggested Butler's line in his *Hudibras*:—

"False Heaven at the end of Hell"

and Ben Jonson, in representing one of his characters as forbidden—

"To break his fast in Heaven or Hell"

seems to confirm the statement that the places were refreshment houses. The diarist Pepys, in concluding his day's proceedings on 28th January, 1659-60, says, "And so I returned and went to Heaven, where Luellin and I dined." Lord Braybrooke adds that it was "a place of entertainment in Old Palace Yard."

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| 291 | Account of moneys expended for use of poor visited with
the plague. (See also Churchwardens' Accounts)* | 1636 to 1638 | 76 |

[If any attempts were made to focus the entries relating to the several visitations of the plague, they were not successful, for items are to be found scattered in the general accounts of the churchwardens, in these special accounts, and in those of the overseers. This volume would repay an analysis; but a few items, taken out indiscriminately, are sufficient to show the severity of the epidemic at the time. In the week ending 30th September, 1638, there were 239 persons in receipt of relief, including 19 in the seven "shedds" then newly erected "in Tuttle Fields under the church wall." The outlay in relief for the week ending 14th October, 1638, was £35 6s. 11d.; the total from July, 1636, to February, 1638-9, £1,199 13s. 11d. To meet the expense, money was borrowed at 8 per cent. interest. Sixpence was paid "for oakre (ochre) for crosseing the doores," 2d. for killing a dogge in the pallace, 6d. for franckincense and pitch to ayre the sheds, 10s. "att severall times for printed Bills of Lord have mercy upon us to sett upon the visited houses." The beadle was paid 30s. for shutting up visited houses and setting bills and red crosses on the doors, and rod. was expended in the purchase of "a hand baskett and a pott to fetch beare in for the visited."]

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| 292 | Rate for relief of persons visited by plague. (See also Churchwardens' Accounts No. 47.) | 1665-6 | |
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* See the notes to No. 47, p. 69. The plague of 1665-6 did not, as is frequently supposed, take the people by surprise. They had suffered several previous visitations, although none of them had assumed such grave dimensions. Thus the account (No. 291) of William Lingham and William Howard, the Churchwardens of 1636-8, show that within nineteen months no less than £1,199 13s. 11d. had been "expended for the use of the poor visited with the plague." Three rates were levied through-

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| 293 | Rate for relief of poor (duplicate) | 1673 | 76 |
| 294 | " " " " | 1674 | |
| 295 | " " " " | 1678 | |
| 296 | " " " " | 1679 | |
| 297 | " " " " | 1682 | |
| 298 | " " " " | 1683 | |
| 299 | " " " (ledger) | 1684 | |
| 300 | " " " " | 1685 | |
| 301 | " " " " | 1686 | |
| 302 | " " " " | 1687 | |
| 303 | " " " " | 1688 | |
| 304 | " " " " | 1689 | |
| 305 | " " " " | 1690 | |
| 306 | " " " (no caption) | 1691 | |
| 307 | " " " (ledger) | 1692 | |
| 308 | " " " " | 1693 | |
| 309 | " " " " | 1694 | |
| 310 | " " " " | 1695 | |
| 311 | " " " " | 1696 | |
| 312 | " " " " | 1697 | |
| 313 | " " " " | 1699 | |
| 314 | " " " " | 1700 | |
| 315 | " " " " | 1701 | |
| 316 | " " " " | 1702 | |
| 317 | " " " " | 1703 | |
| 318 | " " " (no caption) | 1704 | |

out the parish, besides which the Benevolences produced £186 15s. Twenty persons were rated at Knightsbridge and six at Kensington, and £303 2s. 8d. was received from "divers landlords towards the maintenance of their poor tenants chargeable to the parish." Urgent payments were met by loans contracted while the collection of the rates was in progress.

The precautions against infection are first exhibited by the entry:—

To the dog killer for cxi doggs & catts at id. and $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per dogg or catt. xiijs. xd.

In the second week 81 dogs and cats are accounted for, in the third and fourth weeks 70 each, and in the fifth week 20 (352 in all), after which the number can only be inferred from the payment made:—

5th September. To the dogg killer vid.

The wooden "sheds" erected in Tuttle feilds for the isolation of the sufferers were fully occupied, and the diet of the patients may be gathered from the following items:—

For 1 c. of cheese (ijjd. per lb.) xvijs. viijd.
 For 1 c. of cheese (ijjd. per lb.) ili. ijs.
 For a firkin of butter (about vd. per lb.) ili. ijs. vjd.
 To Swanstone for beare, bread and other ware is.
 For ij. potts of beare for the Chirurgeon and searchers afore they went into the house ijd.

On two days, 10th and 11th September, relief in cash was given to 156 persons.

| No. | Title or Nature of Record. | | | | | | Year. | Shelf |
|--|----------------------------|----------|-----|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| 319 | Rate for relief of poor | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1705 | 76 |
| 320 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1706 | |
| 321 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1707 | |
| 322 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1708 | |
| 323 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1709 | |
| 324 | " | " | " | (additional ledger) | ... | ... | 1709 | |
| 325 | " | " | " | (ledger) | ... | ... | 1711 | 75 |
| 326 | " | " | " | (additional ledger) | ... | ... | 1711 | |
| 327 | " | " | " | (ledger) | ... | ... | 1712 | |
| 328 | " | " | " | (additional ledger) | ... | ... | 1712 | |
| 329 | " | " | " | (ledger) | ... | ... | 1713 | |
| 330 | " | " | " | (additional ledger) | ... | ... | 1713 | |
| 331 | " | " | " | (ledger) | ... | ... | 1714 | |
| 332 | " | " | " | (additional ledger) | ... | ... | 1714 | |
| 333 | " | " | " | (ledger) | ... | ... | 1715 | |
| 334 | " | " | " | (additional ledger) | ... | ... | 1715 | |
| 335 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | 1716 | |
| 336 | " | " | " | (a column with scavenger rate) | ... | ... | 1716 | |
| 337 | " | " | " | (ledger) | ... | ... | 1717 | |
| 338 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | 1718 | |
| 339 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | 1719 | |
| 340 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | 1720 | |
| 341 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | 1721 | |
| 342 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | 1722 | |
| 343 | " | " | " | (Watch ledger) | ... | ... | 1722 | |
| [This is the first specific mention of "the Watch" in the rates. The expenses were defrayed from the poor rate previously. The system of "the watch" was noticed in the <i>Parochial Memorials of St. John, Westminster</i> , 1890.] | | | | | | | | |
| 344 | Rate for relief of poor | (ledger) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1723 | |
| 345 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | 1724 | |
| 346 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | 1725 | |
| 347 | } | " | " | (two books) | ... | ... | 1726 | |
| 348 | | | | | | | | |
| 349 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1728 | |
| 350 | " | " | " | (ledger) | ... | ... | 1729 | |
| 351 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | 1730 | |
| 352 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | 1731 | |



The Account
of John Warkeborne and
Christopher Niccolse
wardens and keepers of all
singular the goods, ornaments,
furniture and other monies of
the Parishes Church of
Saint Martin's in
Westminster from the
first day of May 1600
to the first day of May 1601
of our Sovereigne Lady
Elizabeth the first by the grace of
god Queene of England
France and Irelande
Defendour of the faith
until the first day of
May 1601 in the first year
of her maiesties righte
high the first year of this
Account

The 29th of October the 1601
John Warkeborne
Christopher Niccolse
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the Parishes Church of
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[Arms of the Fraternity of "White Bakers."]

| No. | Title or Nature of Record. | Year. | Shelf. |
|-----|--|---------|--------|
| 353 | Rate for relief of poor (ledger) | 1732 | 75 |
| 354 | " " " " | 1733 | |
| 355 | " " " " | 1734 | 74 |
| 356 | " " " " | 1735 | |
| 357 | " " " " | 1736 | |
| 358 | " " " " | 1737 | |
| 359 | " " " " | 1738 | |
| 360 | " " " " | 1739 | |
| 361 | " " " (Absey Division) | 1740 | |
| 362 | " " " (ledger) | 1740 | |
| 363 | Rate for relief of poor, lame, impotent, old, and blind (ledger) | 1741 | |
| 364 | " " " " (Grand Division) | 1741 | |
| 365 | " " " " (ledger) ... | 1742 | |
| 366 | " " " " " ... | 1743 | |
| 367 | " " " " " ... | 1744 | |
| 368 | " " " " " ... | 1745 | |
| 369 | " " " " " ... | 1746 | |
| 370 | " " " " (St. John) ... | 1746 | |
| 371 | " " " " (ledger) ... | 1747 | |
| 372 | " " " " (Grand) ... | 1747 | |
| 373 | " " " " (ledger) ... | 1749-50 | |
| 374 | " " " " (Absey) ... | 1750 | |
| 375 | " " " " (ledger) ... | 1751 | |
| 376 | " " " " (St. John) ... | 1751 | |
| 377 | Rate for relief of poor, highway, scavenger, and watch (ledger) | 1752 | |
| 378 | " " " " (Grand) ... | 1752 | |
| 379 | " " " " (Absey) ... | 1752 | |
| 380 | " " " " (St. John) ... | 1752 | |
| 381 | " " " " (Grand) ... | 1752 | |
| 382 | " " " " (Absey) ... | 1752 | |
| 383 | " " " " (St. John) ... | 1752 | |
| 384 | " " " " (Grand) ... | 1753 | 73 |
| 385 | " " " " (Absey) ... | 1753 | |
| 386 | " " " " (St. John) ... | 1753 | |
| 387 | " " " " no caption (ledger) | 1753 | |
| 388 | " " " " (Grand) ... | 1754 | |
| 389 | " " " " (Absey) ... | 1754 | |

| No. | Title or Nature of Record. | Year. | Shelf. |
|-----|--|-------|--------|
| 390 | Rate for relief of poor, highway, scavenger (St. John) ... | 1754 | 73 |
| 391 | " " " and Watch (ledger) | 1754 | |
| 392 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1755 | |
| 393 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1755 | |
| 394 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1755 | |
| 395 | " " " and Watch (ledger) | 1755 | |
| 396 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1756 | |
| 397 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1756 | |
| 398 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1756 | |
| 399 | " " " and Watch (ledger) | 1756 | |
| 400 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1757 | |
| 401 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1757 | |
| 402 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1757 | |
| 403 | " " " and Watch (ledger) | 1757 | |
| 404 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1758 | |
| 405 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1758 | |
| 406 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1758 | |
| 407 | " " " and Watch (ledger) | 1758 | |
| 408 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1759 | |
| 409 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1759 | |
| 410 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1759 | |
| 411 | " " " and Watch (ledger) | 1759 | |
| 412 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1760 | |
| 413 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1760 | |
| 414 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1760 | |
| 415 | " " " and Watch (ledger) | 1760 | |
| 416 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1761 | |
| 417 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1761 | |
| 418 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1761 | |
| 419 | " " " and Watch (ledger) | 1761 | |
| 420 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1762 | 72 |
| 421 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1762 | |
| 422 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1762 | |
| 423 | " " " and Watch (ledger) | 1762 | |
| 424 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1763 | |
| 425 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1763 | |
| 426 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1763 | |

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| No. | Title or Nature of Record. | Year. | Shelf. |
|-----|---|-------|--------|
| 427 | Rate for relief of poor, highway, scavenger, and Watch (ledger) | 1763 | 72 |
| 428 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1764 | |
| 429 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1764 | |
| 430 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1764 | |
| 431 | " " " and Watch (ledger) | 1764 | |
| 432 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1765 | |
| 433 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1765 | |
| 434 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1765 | |
| 435 | " " " no Watch (ledger) | 1765 | |
| 436 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1766 | |
| 437 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1766 | |
| 438 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1766 | |
| 439 | " " " no Watch (ledger) | 1766 | |
| 440 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1767 | |
| 441 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1767 | |
| 442 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1767 | |
| 443 | " " " no Watch (ledger) | 1767 | |
| 444 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1768 | |
| 445 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1768 | |
| 446 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1768 | |
| 447 | " " " no Watch (ledger) | 1768 | |
| 448 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1769 | |
| 449 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1769 | |
| 450 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1769 | |
| 451 | " " " no Watch (ledger) | 1769 | |
| 452 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1770 | |
| 453 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1770 | |
| 454 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1770 | |
| 455 | " " " no Watch (ledger) | 1770 | |
| 456 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1771 | |
| 457 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1771 | |
| 458 | " " " (St. John) 2 books | 1771 | 71 |
| 459 | | | |
| 460 | " " " no Watch (ledger) | 1771 | |
| 461 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1771 | |
| 462 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1771 | |

| No. | Title or Nature of Record. | | | Year. | Shelf. |
|-----|---|---------|-------------------|-------|--------|
| 463 | Rate for relief of poor, highway, scavenger | (Grand) | ... | 1772 | 71 |
| 464 | " | " | (Absey) ... | 1772 | |
| 465 | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1772 | |
| 466 | " | " | no Watch (ledger) | 1772 | |
| 467 | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1773 | |
| 468 | " | " | (Absey) ... | 1773 | |
| 469 | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1773 | |
| 470 | " | " | (ledger) ... | 1773 | |
| 471 | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1774 | |
| 472 | " | " | (Absey) ... | 1774 | |
| 473 | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1774 | |
| 474 | " | " | no Watch (ledger) | 1774 | |
| 475 | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1775 | |
| 476 | " | " | (Absey) ... | 1775 | |
| 477 | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1775 | |
| 478 | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1776 | |
| 479 | " | " | (Absey) ... | 1776 | |
| 480 | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1776 | |
| 481 | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1777 | |
| 482 | " | " | (Absey) ... | 1777 | |
| 483 | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1777 | |
| 484 | " | " | no Watch (ledger) | 1777 | |
| 485 | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1778 | |
| 486 | " | " | (Absey) ... | 1778 | |
| 487 | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1778 | |
| 488 | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1779 | |
| 489 | " | " | (Absey) ... | 1779 | |
| 490 | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1779 | |
| 491 | " | " | no Watch (ledger) | 1779 | |
| 492 | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1780 | 70 |
| 493 | " | " | (Absey) ... | 1780 | |
| 494 | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1780 | |
| 495 | " | " | no Watch (ledger) | 1780 | |
| 496 | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1781 | |
| 497 | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1781 | |
| 498 | " | " | no Watch (ledger) | 1781 | |
| 499 | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1782 | |



The Account

of William Carter and John Butcher
wardens and keepers of all and
singular the Goodes ornaments
jewells and redde money of the
Parish Church of Saint
Margarets in Westminster from
the fiftenth Daye of Maye
1604. In the second yere of the
Reigne of our Sovereign Lord
James by the grace of God King
of Englande France & Ireland
and of Scotland the Seven and
thirtieth Defender of the faithe
untill the eighteenth Daye
of Maye 1605. In the third
yere of his Maiesties Reigne of
Englande France and Ireland
and of Scotland the eight and
thirtieth. beinge the first yere
of this Account

Memorandum that the xxvth day
of Maye 1604 The great conuente of the church of Saint Margarets in
Westminster the warden of the same church and churchwardens
John Sandmire and William Chamblatt. The warden
of the same church was then comde to be the Count of
Wentworth
and John. The great conuente of the church of Saint Margarets in
Westminster the warden of the same church and churchwardens
John Sandmire and William Chamblatt. The warden
of the same church was then comde to be the Count of
Wentworth
and John.

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[The Arms of the Vintners' and the Butchers' Companies, to which the Accountants presumably belonged, are shown in the initial letter, which is beautifully coloured in the original.]

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| No. | Title or Nature of Record. | | | Year. | Shelf. |
|-----|---|---------|-------------------|-------|--------|
| 500 | Rate for relief of poor, highway, scavenger | (Absey) | ... | 1782 | 70 |
| 501 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | 1782 |
| 502 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1783 |
| 503 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | 1783 |
| 504 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1784 |
| 505 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | 1784 |
| 506 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | 1784 |
| 507 | " | " | no Watch (ledger) | ... | 1784 |
| 508 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1785 |
| 509 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | 1785 |
| 510 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | 1785 |
| 511 | " | " | no Watch (ledger) | ... | 1785 |
| 512 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1786 |
| 513 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | 1786 |
| 514 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | 1786 |
| 515 | " | " | no Watch (ledger) | ... | 1786 |
| 516 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1787 |
| 517 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | 1787 |
| 518 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | 1787 |
| 519 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1788 |
| 520 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | 1788 |
| 521 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | 1788 |
| 522 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | 1788 |
| 523 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1789 |
| 524 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | 1789 |
| 525 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | 1789 |
| 526 | " | " | (ledger) | ... | 1789 |
| 527 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1789 |
| 528 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | 1789 |
| 529 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | 1789 |
| 530 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1790 |
| 531 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | 1790 |
| 532 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | 1790 |
| 533 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1791 |
| 534 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | 1791 |
| 535 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | 1791 |
| 536 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1792 |

| No. | Title or Nature of Record. | | | Year. | Shelf. | |
|-----|---|---------|------------|-------|--------|----|
| 537 | Rate for relief of poor, highway, scavenger | (Absey) | ... | 1792 | 69 | |
| 538 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | 1792 | |
| 539 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1793 | |
| 540 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | 1793 | |
| 541 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | 1793 | |
| 542 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1794 | |
| 543 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | 1794 | |
| 544 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | 1794 | |
| 545 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1795 | |
| 546 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | 1795 | |
| 547 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | 1795 | |
| 548 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1796 | |
| 549 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | 1796 | |
| 550 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | 1796 | |
| 551 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1797 | |
| 552 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | 1797 | |
| 553 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | 1797 | |
| 554 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1798 | |
| 555 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | 1798 | |
| 556 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | 1798 | |
| 557 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1799 | |
| 558 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | 1799 | |
| 559 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | 1799 | |
| 560 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1800 | |
| 561 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | 1800 | |
| 562 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | 1800 | |
| 563 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1801 | 68 |
| 564 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | 1801 | |
| 565 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | 1801 | |
| 566 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1802 | |
| 567 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | 1802 | |
| 568 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | 1802 | |
| 569 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1803 | |
| 570 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | 1803 | |
| 571 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | 1803 | |
| 572 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1804 | |
| 573 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | 1804 | |



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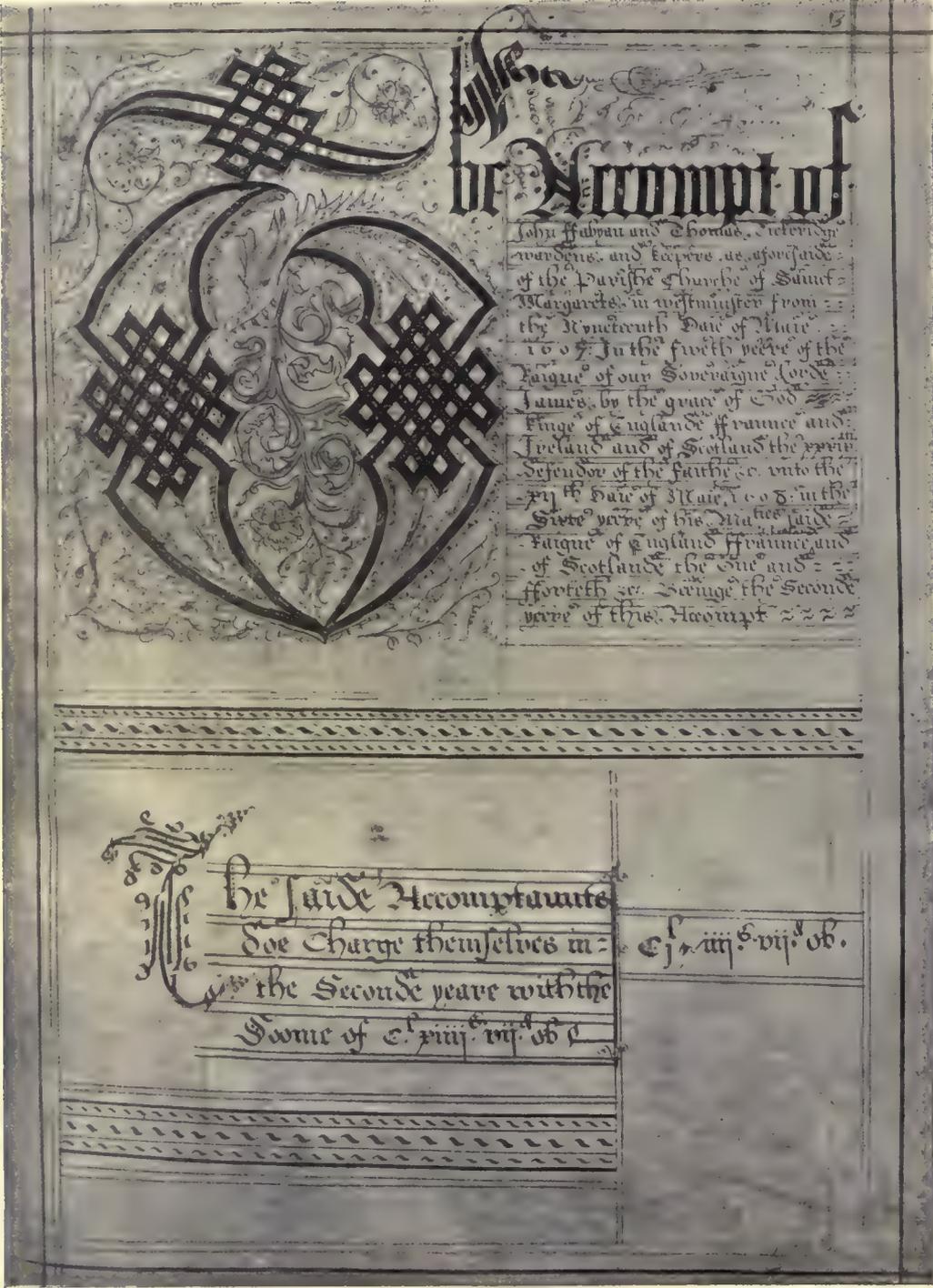
of John Habran and Thomas Coker Churchwardens
and Receivers of all and singular the goods
Ornaments Jewells and other monies of the
Parish Church of Sainte Margarets
in Westminster from the last Feast Day
of Maye 1606 In the fourth year of the
reigne of our Sovereigne Lord James by the
grace of God King of England France
Ireland And Scotland the first and
third Defender of the faith & until
the twentieth Day of Maye 1607 In the
fifth year of his Majesty King
England France and Ireland And of
Scotland the fourth & fift the first
year of this Account

Memorandum that the fifth Day of June

1606 the great and honorable
Council of the City of London
did give order that the
Churchwardens and Receivers
of the Parish Church of
Sainte Margarets in
Westminster should
bring in a true and
correct account of
all the goods and
monies of the
said Church
from the last
Feast Day of
Maye 1606
until the
twentieth Day
of Maye 1607
In the fifth
year of his
Majesty King
England France
and Ireland
And of
Scotland the
fourth & fift
the first year
of this Account

Approved by the
Council of the City
of London the
fifth Day of June
1606

TITLE PAGE OF CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS, 1606-7.
[Arms of the Grocers' Company.]



The Account of

John Fabrau and Thomas [illegible] wardens, and keepers, as aforesaid: of the Parishes Church of Saint Margarete, in Westminster from the Twentieth Day of Marc 1607. In the fifteth yeere of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord James, by the grace of God Kinge of Englande France and Ireland and of Scotland the xxiiij. Defender of the faith &c. unto the xij. th Daye of Marc 1608. in the Sixte yeere of his Maies and Reigne of Englande France and of Scotland the one and ffortieth &c. Scavage the Secound yeere of this Account z z z

The said Accountants Doe Charge themselves in the Secound yeare with the Summe of £. xiiij. viij. ob.

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| 574 | Rate for relief of poor, highway, scavenger (St. John) | 1804 | 68 |
| 575 | " " " (Grand) | 1805 | |
| 576 | " " " (Absey) | 1805 | |
| 577 | " " " (St. John) | 1805 | |
| 578 | " " " (Grand) | 1806 | |
| 579 | " " " (Absey) | 1806 | |
| 580 | " " " (St. John) | 1806 | |
| 581 | " " " (Grand) | 1807 | |
| 582 | " " " (Absey) | 1807 | |
| 583 | " " " (St. John) | 1807 | |
| 584 | " " " (Grand) | 1808 | |
| 585 | " " " (Absey) | 1808 | |
| 586 | " " " (St. John) | 1808 | |
| 587 | " " " (Grand) | 1809 | |
| 588 | " " " (Absey) | 1809 | |
| 589 | " " " (St. John) | 1809 | |
| 590 | " " " (Grand) | 1810 | |
| 591 | " " " (Absey) | 1810 | |
| 592 | " " " (St. John) | 1810 | |
| 593 | " " " (Grand) | 1811 | |
| 594 | " " " (Absey) | 1811 | |
| 595 | " " " (St. John) | 1811 | |
| 596 | " " " (Grand) | 1812 | 67 |
| 597 | " " " (Absey) | 1812 | |
| 598 | " " " (St. John) | 1812 | |
| 599 | " " " (Grand) | 1812 | |
| 600 | " " " (Absey) | 1812 | |
| 601 | " " " (St. John) | 1812 | |
| 602 | " " " (Grand) | 1813 | |
| 603 | " " " (Absey) | 1813 | |
| 604 | " " " (St. John) | 1813 | |
| 605 | " " " (Grand) | 1813 | |
| 606 | " " " (Absey) | 1813 | |
| 607 | " " " (St. John) | 1813 | |
| 608 | " " " (Grand) | 1814 | |
| 609 | " " " (Absey) | 1814 | |
| 610 | " " " (St. John) | 1814 | |

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| 611 | Rate for relief of poor, highway, scavenger | (Grand) | ... | 1815 | 67 |
| 612 | " | " (Absey) | ... | 1815 | |
| 613 | " | " (St. John) | ... | 1815 | |
| 614 | " | " (Grand) | ... | 1816 | |
| 615 | " | " (Absey) | ... | 1816 | |
| 616 | " | " (St. John) | ... | 1816 | |
| 617 | " | " (Grand) | ... | 1817 | |
| 618 | " | " (Absey) | ... | 1817 | |
| 619 | " | " (St. John) | ... | 1817 | |
| 620 | " | " (Grand) | ... | 1818 | |
| 621 | " | " (Absey) | ... | 1818 | |
| 622 | " | " (St. John) | ... | 1818 | |
| 623 | " | " (Grand) | ... | 1819 | |
| 624 | " | " (Absey) | ... | 1819 | |
| 625 | " | " (St. John) | ... | 1819 | |
| 626 | " | " (Grand) | ... | 1820 | |
| 627 | " | " (Absey) | ... | 1820 | |
| 628 | " | " (St. John) | ... | 1820 | |
| 629 | " | " (Grand) | ... | 1821 | |
| 630 | " | " (Absey) | ... | 1821 | |
| 631 | " | " (St. John) | ... | 1821 | |
| 632 | " | " (Grand) | ... | 1822 | 66 |
| 633 | " | " (Absey) | ... | 1822 | |
| 634 | " | " (St. John) | ... | 1822 | |
| 635 | " | " (Grand) | ... | 1823 | |
| 636 | " | " (Absey) | ... | 1823 | |
| 637 | " | " (St. John) | ... | 1823 | |
| 638 | " | " (Grand) | ... | 1824 | |
| 639 | " | " (Absey) | ... | 1824 | |
| 640 | " | " (St. John) | ... | 1824 | |
| 641 | " | " (Grand) | ... | 1825 | |
| 642 | " | " (Absey) | ... | 1825 | |
| 643 | " | " (St. John) | ... | 1825 | |
| 644 | " | " (Grand) | ... | 1826 | |
| 645 | " | " (Absey) | ... | 1826 | |
| 646 | " | " (St. John) | ... | 1826 | |
| 647 | " | " (Grand) | ... | 1827 | |

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| 648 | Rate for relief of poor, highway, scavenger (Absey) ... | 1827 | 66 |
| 649 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1827 | |
| 650 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1828 | |
| 651 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1828 | |
| 652 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1828 | |
| 653 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1829 | |
| 654 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1829 | |
| 655 | " " " (Knightsbridge) ... | 1829 | |
| 656 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1829 | |
| 657 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1830 | |
| 658 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1830 | |
| 659 | " " " (Knightsbridge) ... | 1830 | |
| 660 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1830 | |
| 661 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1831 | |
| 662 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1831 | |
| 663 | " " " (Knightsbridge) ... | 1831 | |
| 664 | " " " (Part 1, St. John) ... | 1831 | |
| 665 | " " " (Part 2, St. John) ... | 1831 | |
| 666 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1832 | |
| 667 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1832 | |
| 668 | " " " (Knightsbridge) ... | 1832 | |
| 669 | " " " (Part 1, St. John) ... | 1832 | |
| 670 | " " " (Part 2, St. John) ... | 1832 | |
| 671 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1833 | 65 |
| 672 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1833 | |
| 673 | " " " (Knightsbridge) ... | 1833 | |
| 674 | " " " (Part 1, St. John) ... | 1833 | |
| 675 | " " " (Part 2, St. John) ... | 1833 | |
| 676 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1834 | |
| 677 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1834 | |
| 678 | " " " (Knightsbridge) ... | 1834 | |
| 679 | " " " (Part 1, St. John) ... | 1834 | |
| 680 | " " " (Part 2, St. John) ... | 1834 | |
| 681 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1835 | |
| 682 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1835 | |
| 683 | " " " (Knightsbridge) ... | 1835 | |
| 684 | " " " (Part 1, St. John) ... | 1835 | |

| No. | Title or Nature of Record. | Year. | Shelf. |
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| 685 | Rate for relief of poor, highway, scavenger (Part 2, St. John) | 1835 | 65 |
| 686 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1836 | |
| 687 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1836 | |
| 688 | " " " (Knightsbridge) | 1836 | |
| 689 | " " " (Part 1, St. John) ... | 1836 | |
| 690 | " " " (Part 2, St. John) ... | 1836 | |
| 691 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1837 | |
| 692 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1837 | |
| 693 | " " " (Knightsbridge) | 1837 | |
| 694 | " " " (Part 1, St. John) ... | 1837 | |
| 695 | " " " (Part 2, St. John) ... | 1837 | |
| 696 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1838 | |
| 697 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1838 | |
| 698 | " " " (Knightsbridge) | 1838 | |
| 699 | " " " (Part 1, St. John) ... | 1838 | |
| 700 | " " " (Part 2, St. John) ... | 1838 | |
| 701 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1839 | |
| 702 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1839 | |
| 703 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1839 | |
| 704 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1840 | |
| 705 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1840 | |
| 706 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1840 | |
| 707 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1841 | |
| 708 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1841 | |
| 709 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1841 | |
| 710 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1842 | |
| 711 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1842 | |
| 712 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1842 | |
| 713 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1843 | 64 |
| 714 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1843 | |
| 715 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1843 | |
| 716 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1844 | |
| 717 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1844 | |
| 718 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1844 | |
| 719 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1845 | |
| 720 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1845 | |
| 721 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1845 | |

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|-----|---|-------|--------|
| 758 | Rate for relief of poor (only) | 1882 | 61 |
| 759 | " " " | 1883 | |
| 760 | " " " | 1884 | |
| 761 | " " " | 1885 | |
| 762 | " " " | 1886 | |
| 763 | " " " | 1887 | 60 |
| 764 | " " " | 1888 | |
| 765 | " " " | 1889 | |
| 766 | " " " | 1890 | |
| 767 | Rate, Poor (two parts) | 1891 | |
| 768 | | | |
| 769 | " " | 1892 | |
| 770 | | | |
| 771 | " " | 1893 | 59 |
| 772 | | | |
| 773 | " " | 1894 | |
| 774 | | | |
| 775 | " " | 1895 | |
| 776 | | | |
| 777 | Sewer and General Rate, and Special Rate over Crown Estate
and Tothill Fields | 1856 | 123 |
| 778 | " " " " " | 1857 | |
| 779 | " " " " " | 1858 | |
| 780 | " " " " " | 1859 | |
| 781 | " " " " " | 1860 | |
| 782 | " " " " " | 1861 | |
| 783 | " " " " " | 1862 | |
| 784 | " " " " " | 1863 | |
| 785 | " " " " " | 1864 | |
| 786 | " " " " " | 1865 | |
| 787 | " " " " " | 1866 | |
| 788 | " " " " " | 1867 | 122 |
| 789 | " " " " " | 1868 | |
| 790 | " " " " " | 1869 | |
| 791 | Sewer, Rate and Counter's Creek Sewer Rate | 1857 | |
| 792 | " " " " " | 1858 | |
| 793 | Main Drainage and Sewer Rate | 1859 | |



The Account

of Thomas Doud & Christopher
 Fenell wardens and Fevers
 as aforesaid of the Parish the
 Church of S^t Margaretten
 westminster from the seven
 and Twentieth daye of maye
 Anno Dni 1609 unto
 the Nineteenth Daye of
 Maye Anno Dni 1610
 In the eight yere of the
 Saigie of our Sovereigne
 Lord James by the grace
 of God Kinge of England
 Fraunce and Irelande
 Defendor of the faith &c
 And of Scotlande the

Three and ffortith. Beinge the second yere of this Account. ::::

The said Accountants
 doe charge themselves in the
 second yere with the some of one
 hundred three score thirtene poundes
 Nineteene shillings foure pence halfe penny

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| No. | Title or Nature of Record. | Year. | Shelf. |
|-----|--|-------|--------|
| 794 | Main Drainage Rate | 1859 | 122 |
| 795 | " " | 1860 | |
| 796 | " " | 1861 | |
| 797 | " " | 1862 | |
| 798 | " " | 1863 | |
| 799 | " " | 1864 | 121 |
| 800 | " " | 1865 | |
| 801 | " " | 1866 | |
| 802 | " " | 1867 | |
| 803 | " " | 1868 | |
| 804 | Special Sewers Rate | 1860 | |
| 805 | Metropolitan Board of Works and Sewer Rates | 1860 | |
| 806 | " " " " | 1861 | |
| 807 | " " " " | 1862 | |
| 808 | " " " " | 1863 | |
| 809 | " " " " | 1864 | |
| 810 | " " " " | 1865 | 120 |
| 811 | " " " " | 1866 | |
| 812 | " " " " | 1867 | |
| 813 | " " " " | 1868 | |
| 814 | " " " " | 1869 | |
| 815 | General Rate | 1870 | |
| 816 | " " | 1871 | |
| 817 | " " | 1872 | |
| 818 | General Rate (including Consolidated and Sewer Rate) | 1873 | |
| 819 | Consolidated Rate | 1870 | |
| 820 | " " | 1871 | |
| 821 | " " | 1872 | 124 |
| 822 | School Board Rate | 1871 | |
| 823 | General, Consolidated, School and Sewer Rates | 1874 | |
| 824 | " " " " Library Rates | 1875 | |
| 825 | General Rate (including Consolidated, Sewers, School Board and Library) | 1876 | |
| 826 | " " " " " " | 1877 | |
| 827 | " " " " " " | 1878 | |
| 828 | " " " " " " | 1879 | |
| 829 | " " " " " " | 1880 | |

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| 830 | General Rate (including Consolidated, Sewers and School Board) | | | | | | | | 1881 | 125 |
| 831 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1882 | | |
| 832 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1883 | | |
| 833 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1884 | | |
| 834 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1885 | | |
| 835 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1886 | | |
| 836 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1887 | | |
| 837 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1888 | | |
| 838 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1889 | 126 | |
| 839 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1890 | | |
| 840 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1891 | | |
| 841 | " | " | " | " | (two parts) | | | 1891 | | |
| 842 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1892 | | |
| 843 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1893 | | |
| 844 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1894 | | |
| 845 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1895 | | |
| 846 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1896 | | |
| 847 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1897 | 127 | |
| 848 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1898 | | |
| 849 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1899 | | |
| 850 | Highways Rate (two books) | | | | | | | | 1666 | 147 |
| 851 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1667 | | |
| 852 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1668 | | |
| 853 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1669 | | |
| 854 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1670 | | |
| 855 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1671 | | |
| 856 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1672 | | |
| 857 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1673 | | |
| 858 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1674 | | |
| 859 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1675 | | |
| 860 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1676 | | |
| 861 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1677 | | |
| 862 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1678 | | |
| 863 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1679 | | |
| 864 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1680 | | |
| 865 | " | " | (two books) | | " | " | " | 1681 | | |

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| 904 | Highways | Rate | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1721 | 146 |
| 905 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1722 | |
| 906 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1723 | |
| 907 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1724 | |
| 908 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1725 | |
| 909 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1726 | |
| 910 | | | | | | | | | |
| 911 | " | " | (three books) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1727 | |
| 912 | | | | | | | | | |
| 913 | " | " | (St. Margaret) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1728 | |
| 914 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1728 | |
| 915 | " | " | (St. Margaret) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1729 | |
| 916 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1729 | |
| 917 | " | " | (St. Margaret) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1730 | |
| 918 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1730 | |
| 919 | | | | | | | | | |
| 920 | " | " | (two books, St. Margaret) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1731 | |
| 921 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1731 | |
| 922 | " | " | (St. Margaret and St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1732 | |
| 923 | " | " | (St. Margaret) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1732 | |
| 924 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1732 | |
| 925 | " | " | (St. Margaret and St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1733 | |
| 926 | " | " | (St. Margaret) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1733 | |
| 927 | " | " | (St. Margaret and St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1734 | |
| 928 | " | " | (St. Margaret) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1734 | |
| 929 | " | " | (St. Margaret and St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1735 | |
| 930 | " | " | (St. Margaret) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1735 | |
| 931 | " | " | (St. Margaret and St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1736 | |
| 932 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1737 | |
| 933 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1738 | 145 |
| 934 | " | " | (St. Margaret) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1738 | |
| 935 | " | " | (St. Margaret and St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1739 | |
| 936 | | | | | | | | | |
| 937 | " | " | (two books, St. Margaret) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1739 | |
| 938 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1742 | |
| 939 | Rate for repairing and amending highways (Absey) | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1748 | |
| 940 | " | " | " | (1st book, Grand) | ... | ... | ... | 1748 | |

This Account Allowed the foure and
 Twentieth Daie of Maye Anno Dni ::
 1610: et Anno Regni Regis Jacobi 30:
 Octavo, by them whose Names are:
 hereunder written:

Will. Murley

By

Hand

of

the

Churchwardens

of

St. Dunstons

Church

London

the

24th

Day

of

Maye

1610

and

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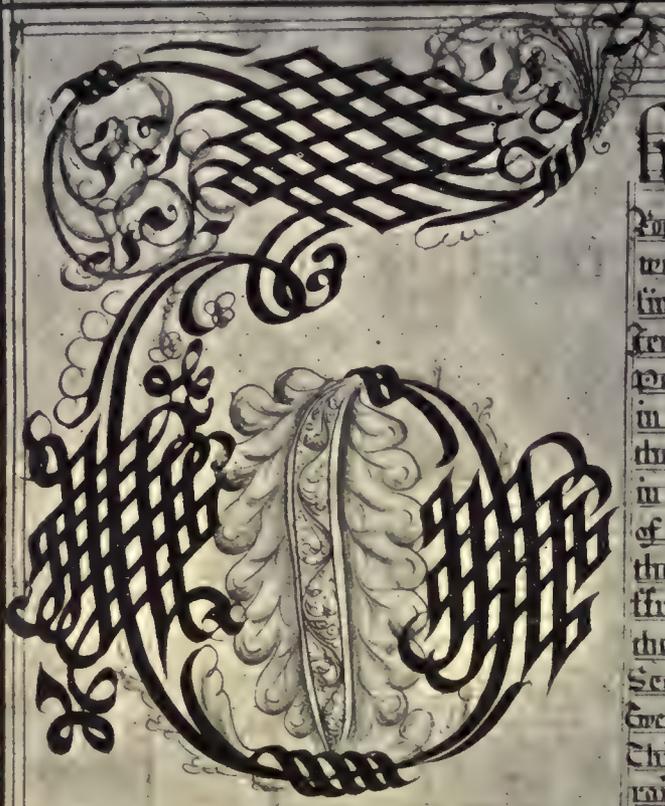
John Denny

William Denny

Thomas Denny

Thomas Denny

Thomas Collins



The Account of

Peter Starbuck and Venice Sode
wardens and keepers of all and
singular the Soder Ornaumes
Jewells and readie money of the
parish Church of Saint Marye
in the Cittie of Westmynster from
the Nineth daie of June 1614
in the Twelveth yeare of the raigne
of our Soueraigne Lord James by
the grace of God King of England
ffraunce and Ireland Defendor of
the faith se and of Scotland the
Seaven and fforth until the
Twentieth of Maye, 1615 in the
Thirtieth yeare of his said Ma^{ty}
raigne of England ffraunce and
of Scotland the Eight and fforth
Seeing the first yeare of this
Account.

Memorandum that the Nineth daie

of June 1614 there was in the great round Chapel remaining
in the West side of the parish Church of Saint Marye in Westmynster
aforesaid by some of our hundred Threetye five poundes one shilling
two pence halfe pence being the remaunde of the Account of Mathew
Hart and James Street the last Churchwardens: which said Summe
was then presentlie delivered to the above named Peter Starbuck and
Venice Sode the new Churchwardens of the parish aforesaid.

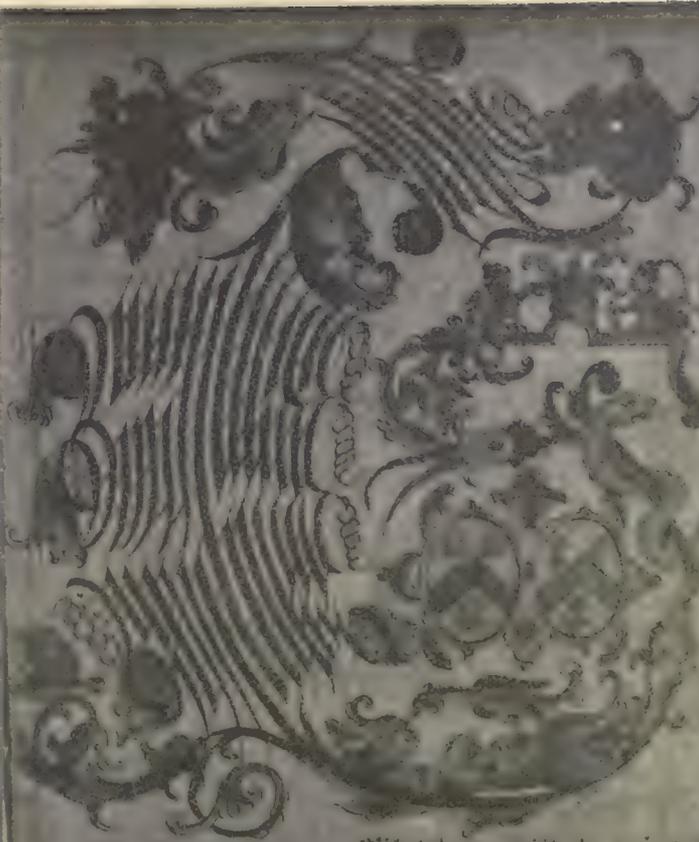
had
P. Starbuck & V. Sode

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(One of the finest specimens of quill penmanship in the collection.)

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|-----|--|-------|--------|
| 941 | Rate for repairing and amending highways (two books, St. | | |
| 942 | Margaret) | 1749 | 145 |
| 943 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1749 | |
| 944 | Scavenger Rate | 1728 | |
| 945 | " " | 1729 | |
| 946 | " " | 1730 | |
| 947 | " " | 1731 | |
| 948 | " " | 1732 | |
| 949 | " " | 1733 | |
| 950 | " " | 1734 | |
| 951 | " " | 1735 | |
| 952 | " " | 1736 | |
| 953 | " " | 1737 | |
| 954 | " " | 1738 | |
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| 956 | " " | 1740 | |
| 957 | " " | 1741 | |
| 958 | " " | 1742 | |
| 959 | " " | 1743 | |
| 960 | " " Petty France and Peter Street | 1750 | |
| 961 | Paving and lighting Rate | 1782 | 144 |
| 962 | " " " | 1783 | |
| 963 | " " " | 1784 | |
| 964 | " " " | 1785 | |
| 965 | " " " | 1786 | |
| 966 | " " " | 1787 | |
| 967 | " " " | 1788 | |
| 968 | " " " | 1789 | |
| 969 | " " " | 1790 | |
| 970 | " " " | 1791 | |
| 971 | " " " | 1792 | |
| 972 | " " " | 1793 | |
| 973 | " " " | 1794 | |
| 974 | " " " | 1795 | |
| 975 | " " " | 1796 | |
| 976 | " " " | 1797 | |
| 977 | " " " | 1798 | |



The Account of
 Henry Burwell and Thomas
 Dunmow wardens Treasurers
 of all the Soulders Ordnance
 and other things of the parish
 Church of Saint Marcorie
 in the Citie of Westminster
 from the sixteenth daie of
 May 1618. in the sixteenth
 year of the reigne of our
 Soueraine Lord King James
 of England France Ireland
 and of Scotland the our
 first.

until the eighte day of May following in the
 seaventeenth year of his said Majesties reigne of
 England France and Ireland and of Scotland the our
 first being the first year of this reigne.

Memorandum that the one and twentieth
 day of Maie anno dⁿⁱ 1618. there was in the great count house
 remaining in the Vestrie of the parish church of S^t Marcorie
 in Westminster aforesaid. the Sume of One hundred Thirtie
 four and fowenteen shillings ten pence nasse pence being
 the remainder of the Armoie of Peter Greenwood and Thomas
 Moore the last of which was sold: which said Sume was then
 presentlie delivered to the above named Henry Burwell and
 Thomas Dunmow the now Treasurers and of the said church.

Henry Burwell
 Thomas Dunmow

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Arms (on the left) of the Pewterers' Company and (on the right) of the Cordwainers' Company. Original initial letter coloured.



Be Account of Henric
Burrell and Thomas Dun
ning wardens and keepers
of afore said of the parish
Church of Saint Margaret
in Westm^r afore said from the
Eight day of May anno dⁿⁱ
1619. untill the Seaven and
twentieth day of Maie anno
Dⁿⁱ 1620. in the xxviiith yeare
of the raigne of our said soueraine
Lord King James of England
or and of Scotland the 1st
This being the second yeare
of there Accounte.

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| 1015 | Paving and lighting Rate | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1839 | 151 | |
| 1016 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1840 | | |
| 1017 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1841 | | |
| 1018 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1842 | | |
| 1019 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1843 | | |
| 1020 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1844 | | |
| 1021 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1845 | | |
| 1022 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1846 | | |
| 1023 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1847 | | |
| 1024 | " " | " (two books) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1848 | | |
| 1025 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1026 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1849 | | |
| 1027 | " " | " " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1850 | | |
| 1028 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1029 | " " | " " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1851 | | |
| 1030 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1031 | Paving Rate | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1771 | 148 | |
| 1032 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1772 | | |
| 1033 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1773 | | |
| 1034 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1774 | | |
| 1035 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1775 | | |
| 1036 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1776 | | |
| 1037 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1777 | | |
| 1038 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1778 | | |
| 1039 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1779 | | |
| 1040 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1780 | | |
| 1041 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1781 | | |
| 1042 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1782 | | |
| 1043 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1783 | | |
| 1044 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1784 | | |
| 1045 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1785 | | |
| 1046 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1786 | | |
| 1047 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1787 | | |
| 1048 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1788 | | |
| 1049 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1789 | | |
| 1050 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1790 | | |
| 1051 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1791 | | |

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| 1089 | Paving Rate | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1829 | 149 |
| 1090 | " " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1830 | |
| 1091 | " " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1831 | |
| 1092 | " " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1832 | |
| 1093 | " " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1833 | |
| 1094 | " " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1834 | |
| 1095 | " " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1835 | |
| 1096 | " " | (two books) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1836 | |
| 1097 | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | |
| 1098 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1837 | | |
| 1099 | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | ... | |
| 1100 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1838 | | |
| 1101 | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | ... | |
| 1102 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1839 | | |
| 1103 | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | ... | |
| 1104 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1840 | | |
| 1105 | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | ... | |
| 1106 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1841 | | |
| 1107 | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | ... | |
| 1108 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1842 | | |
| 1109 | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | ... | |
| 1110 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1843 | | |
| 1111 | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | ... | |
| 1112 | " " | (three books) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1844 | | |
| 1113 | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | |
| 1114 | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | |
| 1115 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1845 | | |
| 1116 | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | ... | |
| 1117 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1846 | | |
| 1118 | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | |
| 1119 | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | |
| 1120 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1847 | | |
| 1121 | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | |
| 1122 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1848 | | |
| 1123 | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | |
| 1124 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1848 | | |
| 1125 | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | |
| 1126 | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | |

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| 1127 }
1128 } | Paving Rate (two books) | 1849 | 149 |
| 1129 }
1130 } | " " " | 1850 | 150 |
| 1131 }
1132 } | " " " | 1851 | |
| 1133 | " " (St. Margaret) | 1852 | |
| 1134 | " " (Knightsbridge) | 1852 | |
| 1135 | " " (St. John) | 1852 | |
| 1136 | " " (St. Margaret) | 1853 | |
| 1137 | " " (Knightsbridge) | 1853 | |
| 1138 | " " (St. John) | 1853 | |
| 1139 | " " (St. Margaret) | 1854 | |
| 1140 | " " (Knightsbridge) | 1854 | |
| 1141 | " " (St. John) | 1854 | |
| 1142 }
1143 } | " " "Copies" (two books) | 1836 | |
| 1144 }
1145 } | " " " " " " | 1837 | |
| 1146 }
1147 } | " " " " " " | 1838 | |
| 1148 }
1149 } | " " " " " " | 1839 | |
| 1150 }
1151 } | " " " " " " | 1841 | |
| 1152 }
1153 } | " " " " " " | 1842 | |
| 1154 }
1155 } | " " " " " " | 1843 | |
| 1156 | Paving Rate (Collectors' Accounts; unbound) ... | 1771 to | 1788 |
| 1157 | " " " " " " ... | 1789 to | 1806 |
| 1158 | " " " " " " ... | 1808 to | 1820 |
| 1159 | Water Rate (Collectors' Accounts; unbound) ... | 1840 to | 1854 |
| 1160 | Paving Rate, securities granted by Committee for, (Bonds Register) | 1820 | |
| 1161 | Paving Account, 6d. Rate | 1792 | |
| 1162 | " " 1s. Rate | 1797 | |

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| 1200 | Watch | Rate, | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1765 | 171 |
| 1201 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1765 | |
| 1202 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1766 | |
| 1203 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1766 | |
| 1204 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1766 | |
| 1205 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1767 | 170 |
| 1206 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1767 | |
| 1207 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1767 | |
| 1208 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1768 | |
| 1209 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1768 | |
| 1210 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1768 | |
| 1211 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1769 | |
| 1212 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1769 | |
| 1213 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1769 | |
| 1214 | " | " | (ledger) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1769 | |
| 1215 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1770 | |
| 1216 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1770 | |
| 1217 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1771 | |
| 1218 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1771 | |
| 1219 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1771 | |
| 1220 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1772 | |
| 1221 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1772 | |
| 1222 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1772 | |
| 1223 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1773 | |
| 1224 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1773 | |
| 1225 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1773 | |
| 1226 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1774 | |
| 1227 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1774 | |
| 1228 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1774 | |
| 1229 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1775 | |
| 1230 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1775 | |
| 1231 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1775 | |
| 1232 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1776 | |
| 1233 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1776 | |
| 1234 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1776 | |
| 1235 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1777 | |
| 1236 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1777 | |

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| 1237 | Watch | Rate | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1777 | 170 |
| 1238 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1778 | |
| 1239 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1778 | |
| 1240 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1778 | |
| 1241 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1779 | |
| 1242 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1779 | |
| 1243 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1779 | |
| 1244 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1780 | 169 |
| 1245 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1780 | |
| 1246 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1780 | |
| 1247 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1781 | |
| 1248 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1781 | |
| 1249 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1781 | |
| 1250 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1782 | |
| 1251 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1782 | |
| 1252 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1782 | |
| 1253 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1783 | |
| 1254 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1783 | |
| 1255 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1783 | |
| 1256 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1784 | |
| 1257 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1784 | |
| 1258 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1784 | |
| 1259 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1785 | |
| 1260 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1785 | |
| 1261 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1785 | |
| 1262 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1786 | |
| 1263 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1786 | |
| 1264 | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1786 | |
| 1265 | Watch | Rate, also called "Patrol Rate" | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1786 | |
| 1266 | " | " | " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1786 | |
| 1267 | " | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1786 | |
| 1268 | " | " | " | (Grand and Absey) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1786 | |
| 1269 | " | " | " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1787 | |
| 1270 | " | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1787 | |
| 1271 | " | " | " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1788 | |
| 1272 | " | " | " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1788 | |
| 1273 | " | " | " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1788 | |

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| 1274 | Watch Rate, also called "Patrol Rate" (Grand) ... | 1789 | 169 |
| 1275 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1789 | |
| 1276 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1789 | |
| 1277 | Rate for relief of poor and nightly watch, "Arrears" (Absey) | 1801 | |
| 1278) | " " " (Grand) 2 books | 1802 | |
| 1279) | " " " (Absey) ... | 1802 | |
| 1280 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1802 | |
| 1281 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1804 | |
| 1282 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1804 | |
| 1283 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1804 | |
| 1284 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1805 | |
| 1285 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1805 | |
| 1286 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1805 | |
| 1287 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1806 | 168 |
| 1288 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1806 | |
| 1289 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1806 | |
| 1290 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1807 | |
| 1291 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1807 | |
| 1292 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1807 | |
| 1293 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1808 | |
| 1294 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1808 | |
| 1295 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1808 | |
| 1296 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1809 | |
| 1297 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1809 | |
| 1298 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1809 | |
| 1299 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1810 | |
| 1300 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1810 | |
| 1301 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1810 | |
| 1302 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1811 | |
| 1303 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1811 | |
| 1304 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1811 | |
| 1305 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1812 | |
| 1306 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1812 | |
| 1307 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1812 | |
| 1308 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1813 | |
| 1309 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1813 | |
| 1310 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1813 | |

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| 1311 | Rate for relief of poor and nightly watch, "Arrears" (St. John) | | | 1813 | 168 |
| 1312 | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1814 | |
| 1313 | " | " | (Absey) ... | 1814 | |
| 1314 | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1814 | |
| 1315 | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1815 | |
| 1316 | " | " | (Absey) ... | 1815 | |
| 1317 | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1815 | |
| 1318 | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1816 | |
| 1319 | " | " | (Absey) ... | 1816 | |
| 1320 | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1816 | |
| 1321 | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1817 | |
| 1322 | " | " | (Absey) ... | 1817 | |
| 1323 | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1817 | |
| 1324 | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1818 | |
| 1325 | " | " | (Absey) ... | 1818 | |
| 1326 | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1818 | |
| 1327 | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1819 | |
| 1328 | " | " | (Absey) ... | 1819 | |
| 1329 | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1819 | |
| 1330 | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1820 | |
| 1331 | " | " | (Absey) ... | 1820 | |
| 1332 | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1820 | |
| 1333 | } | " | " | 2 books ... | 1821 |
| 1334 | | | | | |
| 1335 | " | " | (Absey) ... | 1821 | |
| 1336 | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1821 | |
| 1337 | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1822 | |
| 1338 | " | " | (Absey) ... | 1822 | |
| 1339 | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1822 | |
| 1340 | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1823 | |
| 1341 | " | " | (Absey) ... | 1823 | |
| 1342 | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1823 | |
| 1343 | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1824 | |
| 1344 | " | " | (Absey) ... | 1824 | |
| 1345 | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1824 | |
| 1346 | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1825 | |
| 1347 | " | " | (Absey) ... | 1825 | |

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| 1348 | Rate for relief of poor and nightly watch, "Arrears" (St. John) | | | | | | | 1825 | 168 |
| 1349 | " | " | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1826 | | |
| 1350 | " | " | " | " | (Absey) | .. | 1826 | | |
| 1351 | " | " | " | " | (St. John) | ... | 1826 | | |
| 1352 | " | " | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1827 | | |
| 1353 | " | " | " | " | (Absey) | ... | 1827 | | |
| 1354 | " | " | " | " | (St. John) | ... | 1827 | | |
| 1355 | " | " | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1828 | | |
| 1356 | " | " | " | " | (Absey) | ... | 1828 | | |
| 1357 | " | " | " | " | (St. John) | ... | 1828 | | |
| 1358 | } | " | " | " | (Grand) | 2 books | .. | 1829 | |
| 1359 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1360 | } | " | " | " | (Absey) | 2 books | ... | 1829 | |
| 1361 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1362 | } | " | " | " | (St. John) | 2 books | | 1829 | |
| 1363 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1364 | " | " | " | " | (St. John) | ... | No date. | | |
| 1365 | Library Rate | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1856 | 108 |
| 1366 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1857-8 | |
| 1367 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1858-9 | |
| 1368 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1860 | |
| 1369 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1861 | |
| 1370 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1862 | |
| 1371 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1863 | |
| 1372 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1864 | |
| 1373 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1865 | |
| 1374 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1866 | |
| 1375 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1867 | |
| 1376 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1869 | 109 |
| 1377 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1870 | |
| 1378 | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1871 | |
| 1379 | Library Rate, including School Board | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1873 | |
| 1380 | Library Rate | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1874 | |
| 1381 | Rector's Rate (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1739 | 164 |
| 1382 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1742 | |
| 1383 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1746 | |
| 1384 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1747 | |



The Accompte

of Peter Heywood and
Thomas Morice wardens
and keepers of all the Good
Ornamentes and other
things of the parish church
of Saint Margaret in the
Cittie of Westminter from
the Eleventh day of May
1616 in the fowerteenth yeare
of the raigne of our Soueraigne
Lord King James of England
France and Ireland and of
Scotland the Twene : forth

untill the one and thirtieth daie of May in the
fiftieth yeare of his said maiesties raigne of
England France and Ireland and of Scotland
the fiftieth : Being the first yeare of this their
Accompte .

Memorandum that the sixteenth day of

Maie anno Domini 1616, there was in the great round Bore remaining
in the Vestrie of the parish Church of S^t Margaret in Westminter
asclosed, the Some of Two hundred threescore one Poundes, shillings
and halles two pence halfe penny, being the remainder of the Accompt
of Peter Hartnopp and Henrie Lyde the last Comers wardens : Which
said Some was then put the delivered to, the above named Peter Heywood
and Thomas Morice the new Comers wardens of the parish aforesaid

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| 1422 | Rector's | Rate | (St. | John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1787 | 164 |
| 1423 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1788 | |
| 1424 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1789 | |
| 1425 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1791 | 165 |
| 1426 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1792 | |
| 1427 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1793 | |
| 1428 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1794 | |
| 1429 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1795 | |
| 1430 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1796 | |
| 1431 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1797 | |
| 1432 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1798 | |
| 1433 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1799 | |
| 1434 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1800 | |
| 1435 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1801 | |
| 1436 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1802 | |
| 1437 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1803 | |
| 1438 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1804 | |
| 1439 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1805 | |
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| 1441 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1807 | |
| 1442 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1808 | |
| 1443 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1809 | |
| 1444 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1810 | |
| 1445 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1811 | |
| 1446 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1812 | |
| 1447 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1813 | |
| 1448 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1814 | |
| 1449 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1815 | |
| 1450 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1816 | |
| 1451 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1817 | |
| 1452 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1818 | |
| 1453 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1819 | |
| 1454 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1820 | |
| 1455 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1821 | |
| 1456 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1822 | |
| 1457 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1823 | |
| 1458 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1824 | |

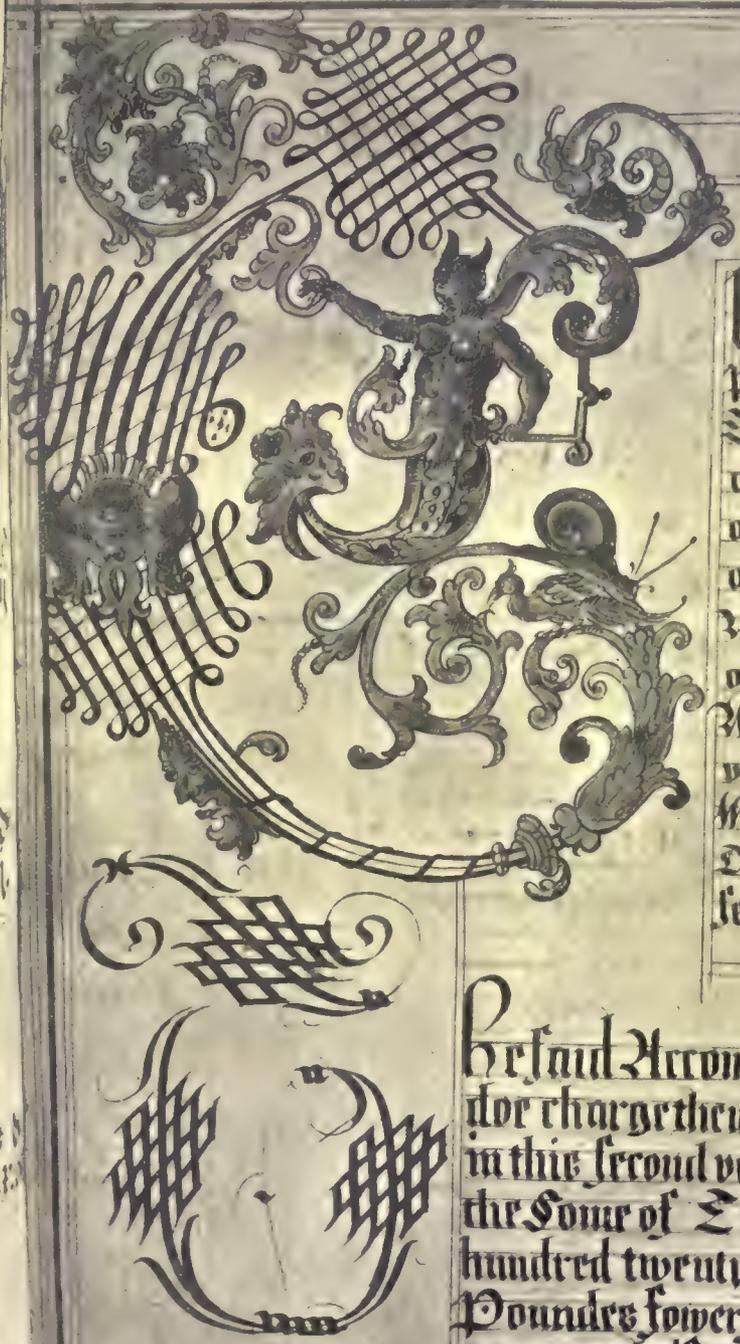
WESTMINSTER RECORDS—*Overseers' Accounts*

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| 1496 | Rector's | Rate | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1867 | 167 |
| 1497 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1868 | |
| 1498 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1869 | |
| 1499 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1870 | |
| 1500 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1871 | |
| 1501 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1872 | |
| 1502 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1873 | |
| 1503 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1874 | |
| 1504 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1875 | |
| 1505 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1876 | |
| 1506 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1877 | |
| 1507 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1878 | |
| 1508 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1879 | |
| 1509 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1880 | |
| 1510 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1881 | |
| 1511 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1882 | |
| 1512 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1883-4-5 | |
| 1513 | Church Rate, for repairing St. John's Church (Grand) | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1815 | 160 |
| 1514 | " | " | " | | (Absey) | | | ... | 1815 | |
| 1515 | " | " | " | | (St. John) | | | ... | 1815 | |
| 1516 | Church Rate, for repairing St. John's Church and rebuilding fences of St. Margaret's Burial Ground (Grand) | | | ... | | | | ... | 1818 | |
| 1517 | " | " | " | | (Absey) | | | ... | 1818 | |
| 1518 | " | " | " | | (St. John) | | | ... | 1818 | |
| 1519 | " | " | " | | (Grand) | | | ... | 1819 | |
| 1520 | " | " | " | | (Absey) | | | ... | 1819 | |
| 1521 | " | " | " | | (St. John) | | | ... | 1819 | |
| 1522 | Church Rate, for the repair of "any Church" in the parish (Grand) | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1822 | |
| 1523 | " | " | " | | (Absey) | | | ... | 1822 | |
| 1524 | " | " | " | | (St. John) | | | ... | 1822 | |
| 1525 | " | " | " | | (Grand) | | | ... | 1823 | |
| 1526 | " | " | " | | (Absey) | | | ... | 1823 | |
| 1527 | " | " | " | | (St. John) | | | ... | 1823 | |
| 1528 | " | " | " | | (Grand) | | | ... | 1824 | |
| 1529 | " | " | " | | (Absey) | | | ... | 1824 | |
| 1530 | " | " | " | | (St. John) | | | ... | 1824 | |

The Accompte of
 Peter Heywood and of
 Thomas Morice wardens
 and keepers as aforesaid
 of the said parish Church
 of Saint Margaret in
 Westminster from the
 one and thirtith daie of
 Maie anno Dni 1617
 vnto the Sixteenth daie of
 Maie following in anno
 Dni 1618 : Being the
 second yeare of .v. account

The said Accountants
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TITLE PAGE OF CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS, 1617-18.



His Accompt was
 delivered by the before
 named Churchwardens
 and allowed by those
 whose names are here:
 vnder subscribed the
 xxi. daie of Maie, anno
 regni Regie Jacobi
 Anglie &c Decimo sexto
 et Scotie xi.

John Wray
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AUDITORS' ALLOWANCE OF CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS, 1618.

[Eight of the Auditors attest by their 'marks,']

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|------|---|-------|--------|
| 1531 | Church Rate, for the repair of "any Church" in the parish
(Grand) | 1825 | 160 |
| 1532 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1825 | |
| 1533 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1825 | |
| 1534 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1826 | |
| 1535 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1826 | |
| 1536 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1826 | |
| 1537 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1827 | |
| 1538 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1827 | |
| 1539 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1827 | |
| 1540 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1828 | |
| 1541 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1828 | |
| 1542 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1828 | |
| 1543 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1829 | |
| 1544 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1829 | |
| 1545 | " " " (Knightsbridge) ... | 1829 | |
| 1546 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1829 | |
| 1547 | " " " no caption or allow-
ance (Grand) ... | 1830 | |
| 1548 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1830 | |
| 1549 | " " " (Knightsbridge) ... | 1830 | |
| 1550 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1830 | |
| 1551 | Rate for repayment of loan borrowed on Church Rate, and
Church Rate (Grand) | 1831 | |
| 1552 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1831 | |
| 1553 | " " " (Knightsbridge) ... | 1831 | |
| 1554 | " " " 1st part (St. John) ... | 1831 | |
| 1555 | " " " 2nd " " ... | 1831 | |
| 1556 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1832 | |
| 1557 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1832 | |
| 1558 | " " " (Knightsbridge) ... | 1832 | |
| 1559 | " " " 1st part (St. John) ... | 1832 | |
| 1560 | " " " 2nd " " ... | 1832 | |
| 1561 | Church Rate, for repair of St. John's Church (St. Margaret) | 1846 | |
| 1562 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1846 | |
| 1563 | Church Rate, Petty Sessions List of defaulters (Grand) ... | 1834 | |
| 1564 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1834 | |
| 1565 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1834 | |

| No. | Title or Nature of Record. | Year. | Shelf. |
|------|---|--------------|--------|
| 1566 | Burial Act, Collectors' Books (4) | No date. | 160 |
| 1567 | | | |
| 1568 | | | |
| 1569 | | | |
| 1570 | Collections on Briefs in St. Margaret's Church. ... | 1648 to 1694 | |
| 1571 | Collections on Briefs in Christ Church. | 1707 to 1813 | |
| 1572 | Collections in St. Margaret's Church for use of poor children
of Grey Coat Hospital | 1698 to 1768 | |
| 1573 | Collections on Briefs in St. Margaret's Church, and from house
to house | 1694 to 1731 | |

[Nos. 1570, 1571, 1573, and 1575 are "Registers of Briefs" laid in the parish between 1644 and 1793. The collection of money by "Briefs," which were simply licenses to beg, was customary long before the Reformation—

When priests, with bulls and briefs, and shaven crowns,
And griping fists, and unrelenting frowns,
Legates and delegates, with powers from hell,
Though heavenly in pretension, fleeced thee well;
And to this hour, to keep it fresh in mind
Some twigs of that old scourge are left behind.

COWPER.

They were known as "Church Briefs," "Fire Briefs," "Walking Briefs," and "Parish Briefs," and gave rise to a variety of abuses, which Shenstone, Dryden, Herrick, Cowper, Churchill, and other contemporary writers denounced. The subject is exhaustively dealt with by Mr. W. A. Bewes, in his volume on *Church Briefs* (1896); and these Registers are fully examined in *Bygone Briefs*, by the present writer (1896), to whose essay on the system generally is appended a schedule of 1021 briefs laid in this parish, with the object of and amount raised on each, between 1644 and 1793. The utility of the machinery is shown by the fact that as much as £868 was at one time raised in this parish by its means (see note on page 73), while the popular disfavour with which it was regarded for upwards of a century is shown by the fact that in the majority of cases the sums realised were less than £1. Herrick (*circa* 1650) wrote:—

Cuffe comes to church much; but keeps his bed
Those Sundayes onely whenas briefs are read.
This makes Cuffe dull; and troubles him the most,
Because he cannot sleep i' th' Church free-cost.

Hesperides.

The inimitable Pepys, ten years later, notes in his Diary:—

30 June, 1661 (Lord's Day).—To church, where we observed the trade of briefs is now come up to so constant a course every Sunday, that we resolve to give no more.

And Churchill, who wrote a hundred years later, ridiculed the exaggerated claims so often put forward by them:—

Now, to the wonder of all people,
A church is left without a steeple;
A steeple now is left in lurch
And mourns departure of its church,

Which, borne on wings of mighty wind,
 Removed a furlong off we find;
 Now, wrath on cattle to discharge,
 Hailstones as deadly fall, and large,
 As those which were on Egypt sent.

The Ghost.

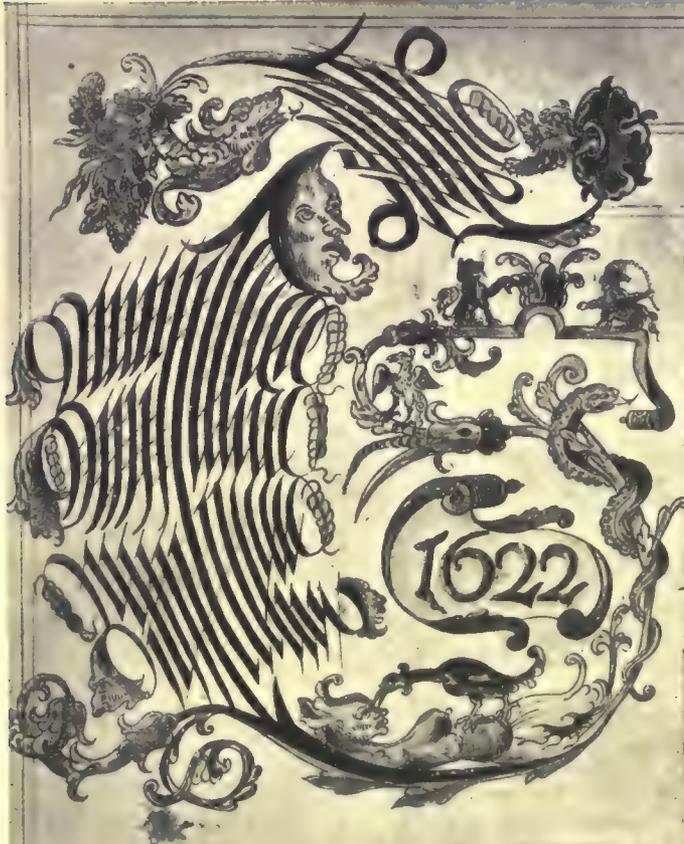
Notwithstanding the indifference and repeated attempts to reform the system, it was not abolished until 1829, although "King's Letters" and "Queen's Letters" continued to be issued on urgent occasions down to 1842. Lord Palmerston declined to sanction a revival of it in 1854; but Letters Patent for a collection in aid of the South African War Relief Fund were issued by Her Majesty so recently as 16th December last.]

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|------|--|--------------|--------|
| 1574 | Church Fund, St. Margaret's Church subscription book (original signatures) | 1874 | 160 |
| 1575 | Collections on Briefs for redemption of Christian slaves and captives in Turkey | 1670 | |
| 1576 | Marriages, Banns of | 1860 to 1865 | |
| 1577 | Church Rate, Collector's pocket copy (Grand) | No date. | |
| 1578 | " " " (Absey) | No date. | |
| 1579 | " " " (St. John) | No date. | |
| 1580 | Assessment for the Army, No. 1 | 1645 | 106 |
| 1581 | " " " (in Ireland), No. 4 | 1647 | |
| 1582 | Army Rate (assessment marked), No. 5 | 1647 | |
| 1583 | " " " " 6 | 1648 | |
| 1584 | " " " " 7 | 1648 | |
| 1585 | " " " " 8 | 1649 | |
| 1586 | " " " " 9 | 1649 | |
| 1587 | " " " " 10 | 1649 | |
| 1588 | " " " " 11 | 1649 | |
| 1589 | " " " " 12 | 1650 | |
| 1590 | " " " " 13 | 1650 | |
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| 1595 | " " " " 18 | 1651 | |
| 1596 | " " " " 19 | 1652 | |
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| 1600 | " " " " 23 | 1653 | |

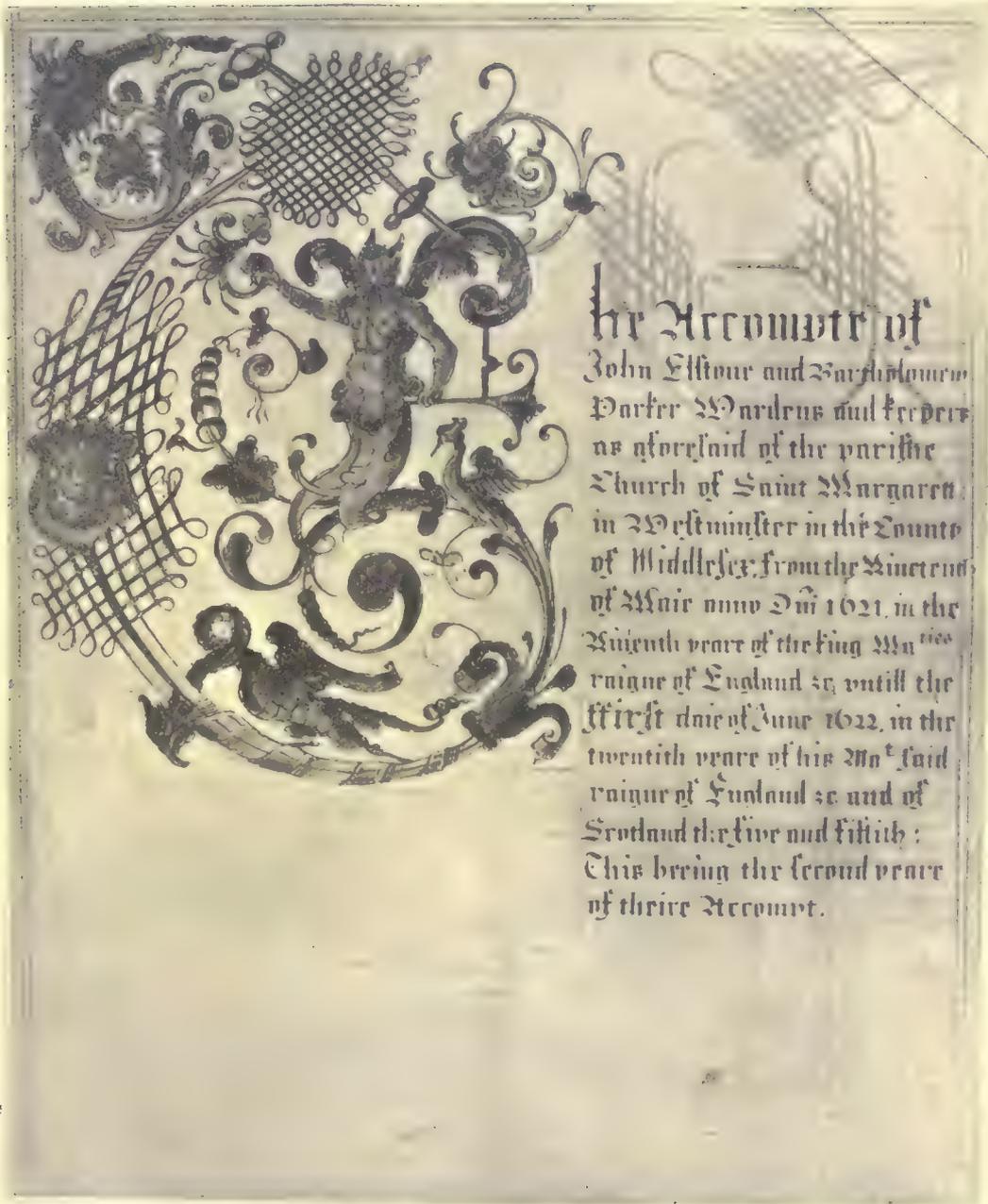
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| 1601 | Army Rate (assessment marked), No. 24 | 1653 | 106 |
| 1602 | " " " " 26 | 1653 | |
| 1603 | " " " " 27 | 1654 | |
| 1604 | " " " " 28 | 1654 | |
| 1605 | " " " not numbered | 1654 | |
| 1606 | " " " No. 31 | 1655 | |
| 1607 | " " " "Scottish Army" | 1644 | |
| 1608 | Rate, "Royal Aids" (2 books) | 1665 | |
| 1609 | | | |
| 1610 | | | |
| 1611 | | | |
| 1612 | | | |
| 1613 | " " (4 books) | No date. | |
| 1614 | | | |
| 1615 | | | |
| 1616 | Army Rate | 1667 | |
| 1617 | Rate for Bounties paid to Volunteers in Navy (St. John) ... | 1795 | |
| 1618 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1795 | |
| 1619 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1803 | |
| 1620 | Rate for defraying expense of hand engine, etc | 1709 | |
| 1621 | An Assessment upon St. Margaret's of 2 first and 4 entire subsidies granted to King Charles the Second in Parliament, 1661 | 1663 | |
| 1622 | A Tax Book (unbound ; caption missing) | 1750 | |
| 1623 | Assessment on St. Margaret's for grant to His Majesty (missing) | 1667 | |
| 1624 | Assessment on St. Margaret's for relief of Ireland | 1647 | |
| 1625 | Rate, for reimbursing monies paid as bounties for raising additional force to serve as Volunteers (Absey) ... | 1803 | |
| 1626 | " " " (St. John) ... | 1803 | |
| 1627 | Rate in default of raising additional forces (St. John) ... | 1805 | |
| 1628 | " " " (Absey) ... | 1805 | |
| 1629 | " " " (Grand) ... | 1805 | |
| 1630 | Voluntary Contribution for defence of Country | 1798 | |
| 1631 | Rate. Tax or Assessment for the Riots* (Grand) | 1782 | |
| 1632 | " " " (Absey) | 1782 | |
| 1633 | " " " (St. John) | 1782 | |

* These were the Gordon riots of which Dickens, among others, gives a graphic description in his *Barnaby Rudge*. See also 3078.

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| 1634 | Tothill Fields Trust | Rate, | 1st | ... | ... | ... | 1825 | 2 |
| 1635 | " | " | 3rd | ... | ... | ... | No date. | |
| 1636 | " | " | 5th | ... | ... | ... | No date. | |
| 1637 | " | " | 6th | ... | ... | ... | No date. | |
| 1638 | " | " | 7th | ... | ... | ... | No date. | |
| 1639 | " | " | 8th | ... | ... | ... | No date. | |
| 1640 | " | " | 9th | ... | ... | ... | 1830-1 | |
| 1641 | " | " | 10th | ... | ... | ... | 1831 | |
| 1642 | " | " | 11th | ... | ... | ... | 1831-2 | |
| 1643 | " | " | 12th | ... | ... | ... | 1832 | |
| 1644 | " | " | 13th | ... | ... | ... | 1832-3 | |
| 1645 | " | " | 14th | ... | ... | ... | 1833 | |
| 1646 | " | " | 15th | ... | ... | ... | 1833-4 | |
| 1647 | " | " | " | (2 books) | ... | ... | 1834-5 | 3 |
| 1648 | | | | | | | | |
| 1649 | " | " | " | (2 books) | ... | ... | 1835-6 | |
| 1650 | | | | | | | | |
| 1651 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1837 | |
| 1652 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1837-8 | |
| 1653 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1838-9 | |
| 1654 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1839-40 | |
| 1655 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1840-1 | |
| 1656 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1841-2 | |
| 1657 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1842-3 | |
| 1658 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1843-4 | |
| 1659 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1844-5 | |
| 1660 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1845-6 | |
| 1661 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1846-7 | |
| 1662 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1847-8 | |
| 1663 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1848-9 | |
| 1664 | " | " | " | (2 books) | ... | ... | 1854-5 | |
| 1665 | | | | | | | | |
| 1666 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1855 | |
| 1667 | Tothill Fields Trust, | Security Book | | ... | ... | ... | 1825-6 | |
| 1668 | Tothill Fields Trust, | Oath Book | | ... | ... | ... | 1830-1 | |
| 1669 | Tothill Fields Trust, | Cash Account | | ... | ... | ... | 1837 to 1843 | |
| 1670 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1843 to 1846 | |



Lhe Account of
John Ellston and Bartholomew
Parker, wardens and keepers
of all the Souldes Ornament
and other thinges of the
parish Church of Saincte
Margaret in the Cittie of
Westminster from the Scavens
and twentieth daie of Maye
anno Dni 1620. and in the
righteenth yeare of the re-
raigne of our Soueraigne
Lord King James of England
France and Ireland defendour
of the faith, and of Scotland the
three and fiftith, vntill the
xixth daie of May following
1621, in the nineteenth yeare
of his Maiesties last raigue
of England 20. and of Scotland
the fower and fiftith: Being the
first yeare of this Account



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Initial letter in colours.

| No. | Title or Nature of Record. | Year. | Shelf. |
|------|---|---------|---------|
| 1708 | Paving Rate, Collectors' copies, Optional Streets | 1830-1 | 4 |
| 1709 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | 1831-2 | |
| 1710 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | 1832-3 | |
| 1711 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | 1833-4 | |
| 1712 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | 1834-5 | |
| 1713 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | 1835-6 | |
| 1714 | Paving Rate (Summary) | 1771-8 | |
| 1715 | Paving Rate, City and Liberty of Westminster, Collectors' copies | 1765-6 | 5 |
| 1716 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | 1766-7 | |
| 1717 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | | |
| 1718 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | | |
| 1719 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | 3 books | 1767-8 |
| 1720 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | | |
| 1721 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | 2 books | 1768-9 |
| 1722 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | | |
| 1723 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | | 1769-70 |
| 1724 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | | |
| 1725 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | | 1770-1 |
| 1726 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | | |
| 1727 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | 3 books | 1771-2 |
| 1728 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | | |
| 1729 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | | |
| 1730 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | 2 books | 1772-3 |
| 1731 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | | |
| 1732 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | | 1773-4 |
| 1733 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | | |
| 1734 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | | 1774-5 |
| 1735 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | | |
| 1736 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | | 1775-6 |
| 1737 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | | |
| 1738 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | | 1776-7 |
| 1739 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | | |
| 1740 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | | 1777-8 |
| 1741 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | | |
| 1742 | " " " " " " " " " " " " | | 1778-9 |

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| 1743 | Paving Rate, City and Liberty of Westminster, Collectors' | | | | | | | | |
| 1744 | copies, 2 books | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1779-80 | 6 | |
| 1745 | " | " | " | " | " | ... | 1780-1 | | |
| 1746 | " | " | " | " | " | ... | 1780-1 | | |
| 1747 | " | " | " | " | " | ... | 1781-2 | | |
| 1748 | " | " | " | " | " | ... | 1781-2 | | |
| 1749 | " | " | " | " | " | ... | 1781-2 | | |
| 1750 | " | " | " | " | " | ... | 1782-3 | | |
| 1751 | " | " | " | 4 books | " | ... | 1782-3 | | |
| 1752 | " | " | " | " | " | ... | 1782-3 | | |
| 1753 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1783-4 | | |
| 1754 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1784-5 | | |
| 1755 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1785-6 | 7 | |
| 1756 | " | " | " | 2 books | " | ... | 1787-8 | | |
| 1757 | " | " | " | " | " | ... | 1787-8 | | |
| 1758 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1788-9 | | |
| 1759 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1789-90 | | |
| 1760 | Paving Rate, Optional Streets | | | ... | ... | ... | 1766-7 | | |
| 1761 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1790-1 | | |
| 1762 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1791-2 | | |
| 1763 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1792-3 | | |
| 1764 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1793-4 | | |
| 1765 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1794-5 | | |
| 1766 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1795-6 | | |
| 1767 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1796-7 | | |
| 1768 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1797-8 | | |
| 1769 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1798-9 | | |
| 1770 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1799-1800 | | |
| 1771 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1801-2 | | |
| 1772 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1802-3 | | |
| 1773 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1803-4 | | |
| 1774 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1804-5 | | |
| 1775 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1807-8 | | |
| 1776 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1808-9 | | |
| 1777 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1810-1 | | |
| 1778 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1813-4 | | |
| 1779 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1814-5 | | |

WESTMINSTER RECORDS—*Paving Rate*

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| 1780 | Paving Rate, Optional Streets | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1815-6 | 7 | | | |
| 1781 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1816-7 | | | | |
| 1782 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1817-8 | | | | |
| 1783 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1818-9 | | | | |
| 1784 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1819-20 | | | | |
| 1785 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1820-1 | | | | |
| 1786 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1821-2 | | | | |
| 1787 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1822-3 | | | | |
| 1788 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1823-4 | | | | |
| 1789 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1824-5 | | | | |
| 1790 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1825-6 | | | | |
| 1791 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1826-7 | | | | |
| 1792 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1827-8 | | | | |
| 1793 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1828-9 | | | | |
| 1794 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1829-30 | | | | |
| 1795 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1830-1 | | | | |
| 1796 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1831-2 | | | | |
| 1797 | Paving Rate, City and Liberty of Westminster, 2 books | | | | | | 1764 | | | | |
| 1798 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1799 | " | " | " | 1 book | ... | ... | 1765 | | | | |
| 1800 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | 1765-6 | | | | |
| 1801 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | 1766 | | | | |
| 1802 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | 1766-7 | | | | |
| 1803 | } | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1804 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1805 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1806 | | | | | | | | | 6 books | ... | 1767-8 |
| 1807 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1808 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1809 | } | | | 2 books | ... | ... | 1768-9 | 8 | | | |
| 1810 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1811 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1771-2 | | | | |
| 1812 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1772 | | | | |
| 1813 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1773-4 | | | | |
| 1814 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1774 | | | | |
| 1815 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1775-6 | | | | |
| 1816 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1776-7 | | | | |

WESTMINSTER RECORDS—*Paving Rate*

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|------|--|---|---|---------|-----|-----|--------|--------|
| 1817 | Paving Rate, City and Liberty of Westminster | | | | | | ... | 1778 8 |
| 1818 | " | " | " | " | " | ... | 1779 | |
| 1819 | " | " | " | " | " | ... | 1780 | |
| 1820 | } | " | " | 2 books | ... | ... | 1781 | |
| 1821 | | | | | | | | |
| 1822 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1782-3 | |
| 1823 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1784-5 | |
| 1824 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1786-7 | |
| 1825 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1787 | |
| 1826 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1788 | |
| 1827 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1789 | |
| 1828 | Paving Rate, Rolls Liberty | | | | | | ... | 1772 |
| 1829 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1773 | |
| 1830 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1774 | |
| 1831 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1775 | |
| 1832 | } | " | " | 2 books | ... | ... | 1776 | |
| 1833 | | | | | | | | |
| 1834 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1777-8 | |
| 1835 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1778-9 | |
| 1836 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1780 | |
| 1837 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1784 | |
| 1838 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1785 | |
| 1839 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1785-6 | |
| 1840 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1786-7 | |
| 1841 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1787-8 | |
| 1842 | } | " | " | 4 books | ... | ... | 1788-9 | |
| 1843 | | | | | | | | |
| 1844 | | | | | | | | |
| 1845 | | | | | | | | |
| 1846 | } | " | " | 2 books | ... | ... | 1790-1 | |
| 1847 | | | | | | | | |
| 1848 | } | " | " | " | ... | ... | 1791-2 | |
| 1849 | | | | | | | | |
| 1850 | } | " | " | " | ... | ... | 1792-3 | |
| 1851 | | | | | | | | |
| 1852 | | | | | | | | |
| 1853 | " | " | " | " | ... | ... | 1793-4 | |

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| 1854 | Paving Rate, Rolls Liberty | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1794-5 | 8 | |
| 1855 | " " | " 2 books | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1795-6 | - | |
| 1856 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1857 | " " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1796-7 | | |
| 1858 | " " | " 2 books | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1797-8 | | |
| 1859 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1860 | " " | " " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1798-9 | | |
| 1861 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1862 | " " | " " | ... | ... | ... | 1799-1800 | | | |
| 1863 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1864 | " " | " " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1800-1 | | |
| 1865 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1866 | " " | " " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1801-2 | | |
| 1867 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1868 | " " | " " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1802-3 | | |
| 1869 | " " | " " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1804-5 | | |
| 1870 | " " | " " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1807-8 | | |
| 1871 | " " | " " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1808-9 | | |
| 1872 | Rate for relief of poor; and Watch (copies) (Grand) | | | | | | ... | 1789 | 131 |
| 1873 | " " | " " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | 1789 | | |
| 1874 | " " | " " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | 1789 | | |
| 1875 | " " | " " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | 1790 | | |
| 1876 | " " | " " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | 1790 | | |
| 1877 | " " | " " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | 1790 | | |
| 1878 | " " | " " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | 1791 | | |
| 1879 | " " | " " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | 1791 | | |
| 1880 | " " | " " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | 1791 | | |
| 1881 | " " | " " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | 1792 | | |
| 1882 | " " | " " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | 1792 | | |
| 1883 | " " | " " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | 1792 | | |
| 1884 | " " | " " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | 1793 | | |
| 1885 | " " | " " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | 1793 | | |
| 1886 | " " | " " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | 1793 | | |
| 1887 | " " | " " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | 1794 | | |
| 1888 | " " | " " | (Absey) | ... | ... | ... | 1794 | | |
| 1889 | " " | " " | (St. John) | ... | ... | ... | 1794 | | |
| 1890 | " " | " " | (Grand) | ... | ... | ... | 1795 | | |

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|------|---|-------|----------|
| 1891 | Rate for relief of poor ; and Watch (copies)(Absey) | ... | 1795 131 |
| 1892 | " " " (St. John) | ... | 1795 |
| 1893 | " " " (Grand) | ... | 1796 |
| 1894 | " " " (Absey) | ... | 1796 |
| 1895 | " " " (St. John) | ... | 1796 |
| 1896 | " " " (Grand) | ... | 1830 |
| 1897 | " " " (Absey) | ... | 1830 |
| 1898 | " " " (Knightsbridge) | ... | 1830 |
| 1899 | " " " (St. John) | ... | 1830 |
| 1900 | " " " (Grand) | ... | 1831 |
| 1901 | " " " (Absey) | ... | 1831 |
| 1902 | " " " (Knightsbridge) | ... | 1831 |
| 1903 | " " " (part 1, St. John)... | ... | 1831 |
| 1904 | " " " (part 2, St. John)... | ... | 1831 |
| 1905 | " " " (Grand) | ... | 1832 |
| 1906 | " " " (Absey) | .. | 1832 |
| 1907 | " " " (Knightsbridge) | .. | 1832 |
| 1908 | " " " (part 1, St. John)... | ... | 1832 |
| 1909 | " " " (part 2, St. John)... | ... | 1832 |
| 1910 | " " " (Grand) | .. | 1833 130 |
| 1911 | " " " (Absey) | ... | 1833 |
| 1912 | " " " (Knightsbridge) | ... | 1833 |
| 1913 | " " " (part 1, St. John)... | ... | 1833 |
| 1914 | " " " (part 2, St. John)... | ... | 1833 |
| 1915 | " " " (Grand) | ... | 1834 |
| 1916 | " " " (Absey) | ... | 1834 |
| 1917 | " " " (Knightsbridge) | ... | 1834 |
| 1918 | " " " (part 1, St. John)... | ... | 1834 |
| 1919 | " " " (part 2, St. John)... | ... | 1834 |
| 1920 | " " " (Grand) | ... | 1835 |
| 1921 | " " " (Absey) | ... | 1835 |
| 1922 | " " " (Knightsbridge) | ... | 1835 |
| 1923 | " " " (part 1, St. John)... | ... | 1835 |
| 1924 | " " " (part 2, St. John)... | ... | 1835 |
| 1925 | " " " (Absey) | ... | 1836 |
| 1926 | " " " (Absey) | ... | 1836 |
| 1927 | " " " (Knightsbridge) | ... | 1836 |

WESTMINSTER RECORDS—*Poor and Watch Rate*

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| No. | Title or Nature of Record. | | | Year. | Shelf. |
|------|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------|
| 1928 | Rate for relief of poor ; and Watch (copies) | (part 1, St. John) | ... | 1836 | 180 |
| 1929 | " | " | (part 2, St. John) | ... | 1836 |
| 1930 | " | " | (Grand) | ... | 1837 |
| 1931 | " | " | (Absey) | ... | 1837 |
| 1932 | " | " | (Knightsbridge) | ... | 1837 |
| 1933 | " | " | (part 1, St. John) | ... | 1837 |
| 1934 | " | " | (part 2, St. John) | ... | 1837 |
| 1935 | } | " | " | (Grand) 2 copies | ... |
| 1936 | | | | | |
| 1937 | } | " | " | (Absey) | " |
| 1938 | | | | | |
| 1939 | } | " | " | (Knightsbridge) | " |
| 1940 | | | | | |
| 1941 | " | " | " | (part 1, St. John) | ... |
| 1942 | " | " | " | (part 2, St. John) | ... |
| 1943 | " | " | " | (Grand) | ... |
| 1944 | " | " | " | (Absey) | ... |
| 1945 | " | " | " | (St. John) | ... |
| 1946 | " | " | " | (Grand) | ... |
| 1947 | " | " | " | (Absey) | ... |
| 1948 | " | " | " | (St. John) | ... |
| 1949 | " | " | " | (Grand) | ... |
| 1950 | " | " | " | (Absey) | ... |
| 1951 | " | " | " | (St. John) | ... |
| 1952 | " | " | " | (Grand) | ... |
| 1953 | " | " | " | (Absey) | ... |
| 1954 | " | " | " | (St. John) | ... |
| 1955 | " | " | " | (Grand) | ... |
| 1956 | " | " | " | (Absey) | ... |
| 1957 | " | " | " | (St. John) | ... |
| 1958 | " | " | " | (Grand) | ... |
| 1959 | " | " | " | (Absey) | ... |
| 1960 | " | " | " | (St. John) | ... |
| 1961 | " | " | " | (Grand) | ... |
| 1962 | " | " | " | (Absey) | ... |
| 1963 | " | " | " | (St. John) | ... |

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| No. | Title or Nature of Record. | Year. | Shelf. |
|------|--|-------|----------|
| 1964 | Rate for relief of poor ; and Watch (copies) (Grand) | ... | 1846 129 |
| 1965 | " " " (Absey) | ... | 1846 |
| 1966 | " " " (St. John) | ... | 1846 |
| 1967 | " " " (Grand) | ... | 1847 |
| 1968 | " " " (Absey) | ... | 1847 |
| 1969 | " " " (St. John) | ... | 1847 |
| 1970 | " " " (Grand) | ... | 1848 |
| 1971 | " " " (Absey) | ... | 1848 |
| 1972 | " " " (St. John) | ... | 1848 |
| 1973 | " " " (Grand) | ... | 1849 |
| 1974 | " " " (Absey) | ... | 1849 |
| 1975 | " " " (St. John) | ... | 1849 |
| 1976 | " " " (Grand) | ... | 1850 |
| 1977 | " " " (Absey & Knightsbridge) | ... | 1850 |
| 1978 | " " " (St. John) | ... | 1850 |
| 1979 | " " " (Grand) | ... | 1851 |
| 1980 | " " " (Absey) | ... | 1851 |
| 1981 | " " " (St. John) | ... | 1851 |
| 1982 | " " " (Grand) | ... | 1852 |
| 1983 | " " " (Absey) | ... | 1852 |
| 1984 | " " " (St. John) | ... | 1852 |
| 1985 | " " " (Grand) | ... | 1853 |
| 1986 | " " " (Absey & Knightsbridge) | ... | 1853 |
| 1987 | " " " (St. John) | ... | 1853 |
| 1988 | " " " (Grand) | ... | 1854 128 |
| 1989 | " " " (Absey & Knightsbridge) | ... | 1854 |
| 1990 | " " " (St. John) | ... | 1854 |
| 1991 | " " " (Grand) | ... | 1855 |
| 1992 | " " " (Absey & Knightsbridge) | ... | 1855 |
| 1993 | " " " (St. John) | ... | 1855 |
| 1994 | Rate for relief of poor (copies) (Grand) | ... | 1856 |
| 1995 | " " " (Absey & Knightsbridge) | ... | 1856 |
| 1996 | " " " (St. John) | ... | 1856 |
| 1997 | " " " (Grand) | ... | 1857 |
| 1998 | " " " (Absey & Knightsbridge) | ... | 1857 |
| 1999 | " " " (St. John) | ... | 1857 |
| 2000 | " " " (Grand) | ... | 1858 |

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| No. | Title or Nature of Record. | | | | Year. | Shelf. | |
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| 2001 | Rate | for | relief | of poor (copies) | (Absey & Knightsbridge) | 1858 | 128 |
| 2002 | " | " | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1858 | |
| 2003 | " | " | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1859 | |
| 2004 | " | " | " | " | (Absey) ... | 1859 | |
| 2005 | " | " | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1859 | |
| 2006 | " | " | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1860 | |
| 2007 | " | " | " | " | (Absey & Knightsbridge) | 1860 | |
| 2008 | " | " | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1860 | |
| 2009 | " | " | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1861 | |
| 2010 | " | " | " | " | (Absey & Knightsbridge) | 1861 | |
| 2011 | " | " | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1861 | |
| 2012 | " | " | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1862 | |
| 2013 | " | " | " | " | (Absey) ... | 1862 | |
| 2014 | " | " | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1862 | |
| 2015 | " | " | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1863 | |
| 2016 | " | " | " | " | (Absey & Knightsbridge) | 1863 | |
| 2017 | " | " | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1863 | |
| 2018 | " | " | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1864 | |
| 2019 | " | " | " | " | (Absey & Knightsbridge) | 1864 | |
| 2020 | " | " | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1864 | |
| 2021 | " | " | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1865 | |
| 2022 | " | " | " | " | (Absey & Knightsbridge) | 1865 | |
| 2023 | " | " | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1865 | |
| 2024 | " | " | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1866 | |
| 2025 | " | " | " | " | (Absey & Knightsbridge) | 1866 | |
| 2026 | " | " | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1866 | |
| 2027 | " | " | " | " | (Grand) ... | 1867 | |
| 2028 | " | " | " | " | (Absey & Knightsbridge) | 1867 | |
| 2029 | " | " | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1867 | |
| 2030 | " | " | " | " | (Grand and Absey) ... | 1868 | |
| 2031 | " | " | " | " | (Knightsbridge) ... | 1868 | |
| 2032 | " | " | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1868 | |
| 2033 | " | " | " | " | (Grand and Absey) ... | 1869 | |
| 2034 | " | " | " | " | (Knightsbridge) ... | 1869 | |
| 2035 | " | " | " | " | (St. John) ... | 1869 | |
| 2036 | " | " | " | " | (whole parish) ... | 1871 | |
| 2037 | " | " | " | " | (whole parish) ... | 1872 | |

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| 2038 | Overseers' Personal Pay Book | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1740 | 39 | |
| 2039 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1742 | | |
| 2040 | " | " | " | 5 books | ... | ... | 1827-8 | | |
| 2041 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2042 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2043 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2044 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2045 | " | " | " | 2 books | ... | ... | 1828-9 | | |
| 2046 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2047 | " | " | " | 3 books | ... | ... | 1829-30 | | |
| 2048 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2049 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2050 | " | " | " | 2 books | ... | ... | 1830-1 | | |
| 2051 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2052 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1831 | | |
| 2053 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1831-2 | | |
| 2054 | St. John-the-Evangelist, Church Notices | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1790 to 1803 | | |
| 2055 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1815 to 1831 | | |
| 2056 | " | " | Vestry Notices (Paving Committee) | ... | ... | ... | 1831 to 1837 | | |
| 2057 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1847 to 1875 | | |
| 2058 | " | " | Letter Book | ... | ... | ... | 1841 to 1882 | | |
| 2059 | St. John-the-Evangelist, Rough Minutes of Auditors and of Committees | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1832-3, 1850-1888 | | |
| 2060 | St. John-the-Evangelist, Minutes of Ward Meetings for Elections | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1855 to 1879 | | |
| 2061 | St. John-the-Evangelist, Committee Minutes <i>re</i> evening service in Church | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1834 | | |
| 2062 | St. John-the-Evangelist, Minutes of Burial Ground Committee | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1728 to 1736 | | |
| 2063 | St. John-the-Evangelist, Register of Indentures <i>re</i> building of Church | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1713 | | |
| 2064 | Tothill Fields Trustees' Minutes, No. 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1825-42 | | |
| 2065 | " | " | " | No. 2 | ... | ... | 1843-55 | | |
| 2066 | Tothill Fields Improvement Act (6 George IV.) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1825 | | |
| 2067 | Inventory MS. of records in the Chapter-house, Westminster* | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1807 | | |
| 2068 | Poor Rate, Treasurer's Pay Book | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1752 | 40 | |
| 2069 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | 1753 | | |

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174 WESTMINSTER RECORDS—*Treasurer's and Overseers' Accounts*

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| 2107 | Poor Rate, Treasurer's Accounts | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1769 | 41 | |
| 2108 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1770 | | |
| 2109 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1771-2 | | |
| 2110 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1772-3 | | |
| 2111 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1773-4 | | |
| 2112 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1774-5 | | |
| 2113 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1775-6 | | |
| 2114 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1776 | | |
| 2115 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1777 | | |
| 2116 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1778 | | |
| 2117 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1779-80 | | |
| 2118 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1781-2 | | |
| 2119 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1782-3 | | |
| 2120 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1783-4 | | |
| 2121 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1784-5 | | |
| 2122 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1785 | | |
| 2123 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1787 | | |
| 2124 | Paving Commissioners' Drafts | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1773 to 1776 | | |
| 2125 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1776 to 1777 | | |
| 2126 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1777 to 1779 | | |
| 2127 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1779 to 1781 | | |
| 2128 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1781 to 1784 | | |
| 2129 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1784 to 1788 | | |
| 2130 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1788 to 1791 | | |
| 2131 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1792 to 1795 | | |
| 2132 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1795 to 1800 | | |
| 2133 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1800 to 1805 | | |
| 2134 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1805 to 1810 | | |
| 2135 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1811 to 1818 | | |
| 2136 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1819 to 1829 | | |
| 2137 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1829 to 1835 | | |
| 2138 | Overseers' Account Books | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1656 | 42 | |
| 2139 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1659-60 | | |
| 2140 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1661-4 | | |
| 2141 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1663-4 | | |
| 2142 | Workhouse, Clerk's Cash Account | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1850 to 1855 | | |
| 2143 | " " | " | " | " | " | 1855 to 1861 | | |

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| 2144 | Workhouse, Clerk's Cash Account | 1869 to 1870 | 42 |
| 2145 | Account (apparently a journal of Overseers' personal receipts and disbursements) | 1663 to 1665 | |
| 2146 | Watch Accounts (Burgesses') | ... | 1729 |
| 2147 | " " | 1736 to 1801 | |
| 2148 | " " | 1802 to 1829 | |
| 2149 | " " | 1781 to 1782 | |
| 2150 | Watchmen's Pay Book | 1796 to 1797 | |
| 2151 | Workhouse Accounts | 1727 to 1739 | |
| 2152 | " " | 1740 to 1846 | |
| 2153 | " " | 1746 to 1752 | |
| 2154 | New Workhouse Accounts | 1852 to 1865 | |
| 2155 | " " " " | 1852 to 1877 | |
| 2156 | Church Rate | 1830 to 1834 | |
| 2157 | Church Rate, Account of Collection (3 books) | 1818 | |
| 2158 | Wages Book, Parish Officers | 1758 to 1766 | |
| 2159 | Militia Pay Books | 1799 | |
| 2160 | " " | 1800 | |
| 2161 | " Big Tom " Account | 1698 | |

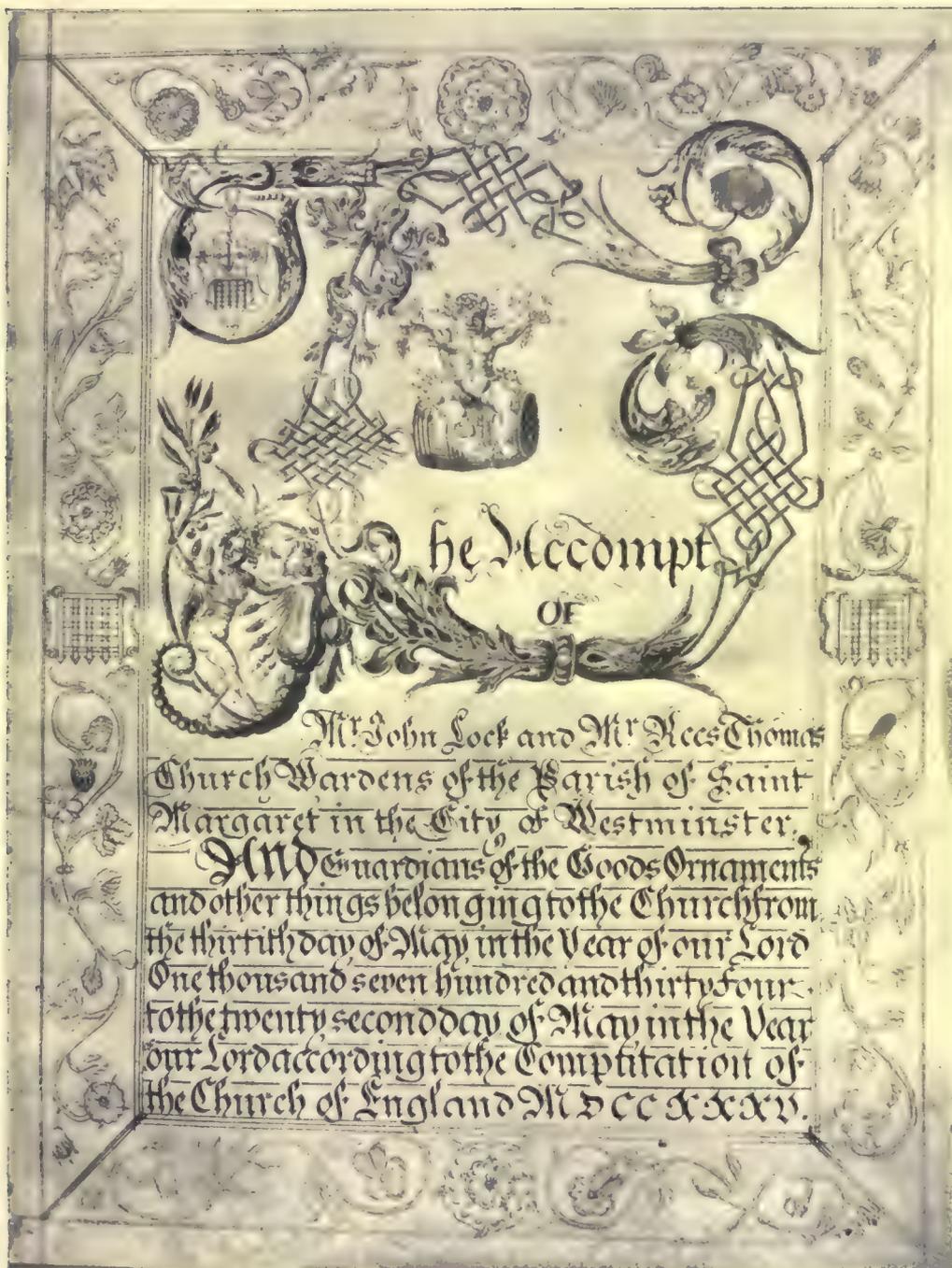
[The demands of the poor were so severe at this time that the Vestry sought to supplement the rates by an appeal to the bounty of the King. The Churchwardens shortly afterwards reported to the Vestry that they had received the King's grant of the bell, commonly called Great Tom of Westminster, and the tower and steeple in which it was suspended, towards defraying the great debt of the parish. The Letters Patent under the Privy Seal were laid before the Vestry on 1st August, 1608, whereupon immediate orders were given for the demolition of the tower and the sale of the materials and the bell to the best advantage. The Churchwardens were instructed to take the advice of Sir Christopher Wren, whose estimate of the value of the gift at £244 is recited in the grant. The proceedings of the Vestry upon the business, which are fully transcribed in *Local Government in Westminster*, 1890, are too long to be reproduced here.

Every detail is carefully recorded in the volume No. 2161; but it must be sufficient for the present purpose to say that the total receipts were £664 7s. 10d., the total cost of demolition and removal £233 7s. 1d., and the net sum obtained for the relief of the poor £431 os. 9d.—£187 more than "our trusty and well-beloved Sir Christopher Wren" had estimated.

Walcott, in his *Memorials*, ed. 1849, p. 197-9, says that the tower was built in 1278-90, and that the bell was known before the Reformation as "Great Edward," after the Royal Confessor. Walcott's account of the weight of the bell, and of the proceeds of its sale is, however, at variance on all points with the certificate entered upon the Vestry minutes and with the figures in the volume now under notice. He goes on to prove that this was the bell which was heard by the sentinel at Windsor Castle to strike thirteen, which being established as a fact, was successfully pleaded in defence of the charge of sleeping while on duty, and resulted in the man's acquittal.]

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| 2197 | | | |
| 2198 | Churchwardens' Accounts, (small books) 3 books | 1779 | 43 |
| 2199 | | | |
| 2200 | | | |
| 2201 | " " " 2 books | 1781 | |
| 2202 | | | |
| 2203 | " " " | 1782 | |
| 2204 | " " " | 1783 | |
| 2205 | " " " | 1784 | |
| 2206 | " " " | 1785 | |
| 2207 | " " " | 1786 | |
| 2208 | " " " | 1787 | |
| 2209 | " " " a pamphlet | 1788 | |
| 2210 | " " " St. Margaret's Hospital | 1789 | |
| 2211 | " " " a pamphlet | 1789-90 | |
| 2212 | " " " | 1791 | |
| 2213 | " " " 2 books | 1793 | |
| 2214 | | | |
| 2215 | " " " | 1794 | |
| 2216 | " " " | 1795 | |
| 2217 | " " " | 1796 | |
| 2218 | " " " | 1797 | |
| 2219 | " " " | 1798 | |
| 2220 | " " " | 1799 | |
| 2221 | " " " | 1800 | |
| 2222 | " " " 2 books | 1801 | 44 |
| 2223 | | | |
| 2224 | " " " 2 books | 1802 | |
| 2225 | | | |
| 2226 | " " " | 1803 | |
| 2227 | " " " | 1804 | |
| 2228 | " " " 2 books | 1805 | |
| 2229 | | | |
| 2230 | " " " 2 books | 1806 | |
| 2231 | | | |
| 2232 | " " " 2 books | 1807 | |
| 2233 | | | |

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| 2234 | } | Accounts, Churchwardens' (small books), 2 books | | | | 1808 | 44 |
| 2235 | | | | | | | |
| 2236 | " | " | " | " | " | 1809 | |
| 2237 | " | " | " | " | " | 1810 | |
| 2238 | " | " | " | " | " | 1811 | |
| 2239 | " | " | " | " | " | 1812 | |
| 2240 | } | " | " | 2 books | " | " | 1814 |
| 2241 | | | | | | | |
| 2242 | } | " | " | 2 books | " | " | 1815 |
| 2243 | | | | | | | |
| 2244 | " | " | " | " | " | 1816 | |
| 2245 | " | " | " | " | " | 1817 | |
| 2246 | " | " | " | " | " | 1818 | |
| 2247 | " | " | " | " | " | 1819 | |
| 2248 | " | " | " | " | " | 1821 | |
| 2249 | " | " | " | " | " | 1822 | |
| 2250 | " | " | " | " | " | 1823 | |
| 2251 | " | " | " | " | " | 1824 | |
| 2252 | " | " | " | " | " | 1825 | |
| 2253 | " | " | " | " | " | 1826 | |
| 2254 | " | " | " | " | " | 1827 | |
| 2255 | } | " | " | 2 books | " | " | 1828 |
| 2256 | | | | | | | |
| 2257 | " | " | " | " | " | 1829 | |
| 2258 | " | " | " | " | " | 1830 | |
| 2259 | " | " | " | " | " | 1831 | |
| 2260 | " | " | " | " | " | 1832 | |
| 2261 | " | " | " | " | " | 1833 | |
| 2262 | } | " | " | 2 books | " | " | 1834 |
| 2263 | | | | | | | |
| 2264 | " | " | " | " | " | 1835 | |
| 2265 | " | " | " | " | " | 1836-7 | |
| 2266 | } | " | " | 2 books | " | " | 1837-8 |
| 2267 | | | | | | | |
| 2268 | " | " | " | " | " | 1838-9 | |
| 2269 | " | " | " | " | " | 1839-40 | |
| 2270 | " | " | " | " | " | 1840-1 | |





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| 2368 | Clerk's Cash Book, | District Board | ... | ... | ... | 1885 to 1888 | 48 | |
| 2369 | " | " Vestry | ... | ... | ... | 1888 to 1891 | 49 | |
| 2370 | " | " " | ... | ... | ... | 1891-2 | | |
| 2371 | " | " " | ... | ... | ... | 1892-4 | | |
| 2372 | " | " " | ... | ... | ... | 1895-6 | | |
| 2373 | Receipts, Ledger, | District Board | ... | ... | ... | 1856 to 1859 | 50 | |
| 2374 | " | " " | ... | ... | ... | 1859 to 1867 | | |
| 2375 | Payments | " " | ... | ... | ... | 1858 to 1867 | | |
| 2376 | " | " " | ... | ... | ... | 1866 to 1870 | | |
| 2377 | Street Cleansing | " "B" | ... | ... | ... | 1870 to 1873 | | |
| 2378 | Receipts | " " | ... | ... | ... | 1866 to 1874 | | |
| 2379 | Works | " " | ... | ... | ... | 1870-4 | | |
| 2380 | Finance | " " | ... | ... | ... | 1870-3 | | |
| 2381 | Receipts | " " | ... | ... | ... | 1874 to 1884 | | |
| 2382 | Works | " "A" | ... | ... | ... | 1875 to 1885 | | |
| 2383 | Street Cleansing | " "B" | ... | ... | ... | 1874 to 1884 | | |
| 2384 | Finance | " "C" | ... | ... | ... | 1874 to 1885 | | |
| 2385 | Receipts | " " | ... | ... | ... | 1885 to 1888 | | |
| 2386 | Works | " "A" | ... | ... | ... | 1885 to 1888 | | |
| 2387 | Street Cleansing | " "B" | ... | ... | ... | 1885 to 1888 | | |
| 2388 | Finance | " "C" | ... | ... | ... | 1885-8 | | |
| 2389 | Receipts | " Vestry | ... | ... | ... | 1888-92 | | |
| 2390 | Works | " "A" | ... | ... | ... | 1888-92 | | |
| 2391 | Street Cleansing | " "B" | ... | ... | ... | 1888-92 | 51 | |
| 2392 | Finance | " "C" | ... | ... | ... | 1888-92 | | |
| 2393 | Receipts | " " | ... | ... | ... | 1892-5 | | |
| 2394 | Works | " "A" | ... | ... | ... | 1892-5 | | |
| 2395 | Sanitary | " "B" | ... | ... | ... | 1892-5 | | |
| 2396 | Finance | " "C" | ... | ... | ... | 1892-5 | | |
| 2397 | Street Cleansing | " "D" | ... | ... | ... | 1892-5 | | |
| 2398 | Receipts | " " | ... | ... | ... | 1895-8 | | |
| 2399 | Works | " "A" | ... | ... | ... | 1895-8 | | |
| 2400 | Sanitary | " "B" | ... | ... | ... | 1895-8 | | |
| 2401 | Finance | " "C" | ... | ... | ... | 1895-8 | | |
| 2402 | Works | " No. 2, "D" | ... | ... | ... | 1895-8 | | |
| 2403 | Libraries and Baths | " "E" | ... | ... | ... | 1896-8 | | |
| 2404 | Cash Book, District Board | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1856-61 | 52 | |

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| 2405 | Cash Book, District Board | 1862-68 | 52 |
| 2406 | „ „ | 1869-73 | |
| 2407 | „ „ | 1874-83 | |
| 2408 | „ „ | 1884-88 | |
| 2409 | Cash Book, Vestry | 1888-91 | |
| 2410 | „ „ | 1891-94 | |
| 2411 | „ „ | 1894-96 | |
| 2412 | „ „ | 1896-98 | |

VESTRY MINUTES.

Just as the churchwardens' accounts afford an insight into the management of the affairs of the church, and the overseers' accounts reveal the development of the poor laws, so the Vestry minutes exhibit the unfolding of the present system of local self-government. This important series commences in 1585-91, so that three centuries of parochial self-government are disclosed. In these simple annals may be traced the gradual formation of a system of local management which, however its imperfections in minor details may be magnified, may claim to be without a parallel.

A large share of attention was given by the Vestry in its early days to matters relating to the fabric and the services of the church. The precise seat which a parishioner should occupy would be the subject of a protracted debate, the hours at which Divine service should be held would be appointed by the Vestry, ministers would be chosen or displaced, the chimes would be regulated, the precise position of a sconce for the candles would be settled by a resolution, the refreshment to be provided for the preacher would be deliberately discussed, not to speak of countless other details in the same connection. But besides all this, almost every branch of the civil administration in its early stages, if not in its origin, may be traced to these annals. Here are to be found the germs which, under the fostering care of the ancient vestry, have grown into the water supply, the drainage, the preservation of the peace, the highway maintenance, the public lighting, and the charity administration of to-day; and here, too, the forefathers of the present system may be found enforcing the observance of the Sabbath, suppressing drunkenness, promoting the national defence, guiding the electorate in the choice of Parliamentary representatives, issuing dietary regulations in times of scarceness, and concerning themselves in a multiplicity of matters which would to-day be resented as a usurpation of the rights and privileges of the people.

As illustrations of the diversity of the powers the Vestry exercised at different times, extracts have been made and prefixed to the catalogue of the minutes. The majority will be found to require but little explanation, so that only occasional annotations are added. The first extract, dated in the year of the Spanish Armada, relates to the national defence, and is from the fly-leaf of the volume dated 1591:—

1588.—A note of money received by the Churchwardens to the payment of Robt. Carre, High Constable, for money wh. he laid out about the Setting forth Soldiers,
 Received first of Mr. Ffyscher, which remayned in his hands ijxl. xijs. vjd.
 Wch. ijxl. xijs. vjd. he the sayd Mr. Ffysher had of George Lee and Ric. Fferris out of the Church boxe
 Recevide of Mr. Peireson wh. he did collect in his warde for the same purpose xxixs. ijd.

Recd of certen Constabulls wch remayned of a some delivered to them to bye soldiers appell (apparel) ... iiijs.
 Reced of Mr. Collier and Mr. Lee for their ward ... xiijs. xd.
 Receved of Mr. Lynd wh. he hath gathered of certen constabulls and by him paid to us the said Churchwardens... iijl. iijs. xd.

* * * * *
 Paid at the mustering in tutell field the xxjth April for powder xxj li. xxjs.
 Pd more for mache the same tyme v li. at iiijd. the pound... xxd.
 Pd this same tyme for mending the Armour and the daggers iiijs. viijd.
 Pd the xxiiijth aprill, 1588, for fyfe sword girdells vs. for staving of too blacke bills xxd. and for Armyng of xi pickes xiijs. ixd. xxs. vd.
 Pd for fyfe ould daggers iiijs.

The "better government and benefyte of the church," particularly in reference to the choice of churchwardens, was among the earliest subjects to engage attention:—

Articles of Agreement made and concluded upon the Seventhe daye of Ffebruarie, Anno Dmi, 1591, by the general assent and consent of the vestrie men and churchwardens for the tyme now beinge for better government and benefyte for the Church as followeth, vizt. :—

1. Imprimis that noe Churchwarden hereafter shall make election or bringe in anye man to be Churchwarden but by the generall choyse and election of the vestrie men or the moste pte of them for the tyme beinge. The said Churchwardens for the tyme beinge to be allwaies of the said Electors.

Then follow a number of orders relating to burials, of which the subjoined is a specimen:—

8th May, 1593.—At a Vestrie the Day and yere abovesaid we the prte of the Vestriemen whose names are hereunder written it was agreed and ordeyd that whatsoever Inhabitants of this parrishe who shall happen to burrye his wife shall not claim chalendge or have any right unto his wife's pewe after hir death, but to be dysposed by the Churchwardens for the Tyme being except any such pson soe burrienge his wife be or have bene high Constable burgesse or vestrieman and it is further ordered that any such man shall reserve to himself soe that his next wife hir pewe payinge within vj wekes after hir death xijd. and yerely also xijd. to the churchwardens for the same. And that whoesoever heretofore hath burried his wife and not paide xijd. according to a former order Shall alsoe lose the benefitt of there wives pewe and the churchwardens to place whome they shall think good notwithstanding any custom or order to the contrarye confirmed by or handes the day and yere abovesaid.

The letting of pews and charges for bells is shortly afterwards taken in hand:—

An order taken in the vestry for the prises and rates of the belles and certayne pews the xij day of January, 1594, in the xxxvij yere of quene Elizabeth.

This order was extended at great length to various other matters relating to the letting of the said pews to women and regulating the "knylls of the grete and seconde belles."

Other orders were passed in the same year, directing the sale of the "smaller payre of organes," defining the duties of the sextons, and laying down a scale of charges for interments.

The provision of an isolation hospital, then called 'pest-house,' is undertaken by a resolution passed in 1642.

At a Vestrie holden the 24th day of July, 1642, It was ordered that the Churchwardens shall forthwith proceed to build tenne roomes in Tuthill

fields for Pesthouses neere the Shedde now there with the Garrettes over the same according to plott (plan) in that behalfe made of Tenne houses in Range.

The building of fortifications "in and about the town" is found necessary as impending danger makes itself felt:—

At a Vestrie holden the 28th day of October, 1642,

It is ordered that Leonard Braford and William Mason the present Churchwardens of the parish of St. Margarett in Westr. shall have lente unto them the summe of fiftie pounds out of the hospitall money remayning in the black chest To be by the said Churchwardens for the building of Courts of guard and other worke and ffortificacons in and about this Towne for the safety hereof in these times of dainger untill an Assessment may be made upon the Inhabitants to defray that charge and then that fiftie pounds is to be repaid.

The Vestry are next found directing their attention to the relief of the poor by the sale of velvet pulpit cloth, and the brasses from the tombstones, in true Puritan style:—

At a Vestrie holden at the parish Church of St. Margarets Westm. the 19th daie of December, 1644, it is ordered that in respect of the hardness of these times, the Churchwardens shall supplie the Overseers for the poore wh. such monyes as they can convenientlie spare for the use of the poore.

At the same Vestry it was also ordered—

That the Churchwardens shall make sale of the rich velvett pulpitt Cloath given by the Lady Hery at the best rate they can and to accompt for the money received for the same for that is subiect to be moth eaten and decaye.

That the Churchwardens shall make sale of the brass taken off from the Tombstones and otherwise being lose in a chest to the best value they can and to account for the money.

The precaution against the velvet becoming "moth eaten" being satisfactorily arranged, the Vestry proceed to appoint the minister, and then to see the object of their patronage safely away:—

At a Vestry holden 28th August, 1647, it is ordered that Mr. John Binns, Minister, shall officiate the Cure of this parish, he having produced Certificat from sum of the Assembly of Divines to be a man of Able pts and unblameable life and conversacon.

The 13th daye of Aprill, 1649.

That the Churchwardens doe give unto John Binns, Minister (who lately officiated in this parish) fortie shillings towards the bearinge of his charges in his Travell to Yorkeshire, whereby this parish may be freed from any further charge in relieving him.

These entries are the more remarkable owing to the officiating Ministers having been "intruded" by Parliament between 1641 and 1646. From the last something may be gleaned of the circumstances of the clergy of the period.

At the same period the records present the Vestry in the character of usurers:—

24th March, 1647.—It is ordered that the five hundred and fiftie pounds wch was paid in by mr. Smith for Turnmill Street rents shalbe lent to Mr. Rich. Willis Mr. Henry Willis Clerke and Rich yeoward upon theyr Recognisance of 1000: deferaanced for payment of the 550 li with interest at 8 p. cente for six monthes.

They next appear as governors of the house of correction (see p. 59):—

9th June, 1648.—Ordered that the Churchwardens for the tyme being shall repayre the house of Correction in Tuthill ffeilds with needfull and necessary reparacon.

Confidence being reposed in them as trustees, their business instincts lead them to become investors :—

At a Vestry holden the 16th daye of April, 1649, it is ordered that 60 li being monyes intrusted by Thomas Jordayne for the good of his children and 80 li being intrusted for Mrs. Ray alias Roper shall be lent unto William Dodson upon his and Mr. William Styles their securities.

And to the manifold duties already undertaken, they do not hesitate to add that of administrators of an estate :—

Att a Vestry held this xijth day of June, 1652,
Ordered that Mr. Emery Hill and Capt. Willm. Greeve the present Churchwardens of this Parish doe take out Lres. of Administration of the goods and Chattels of John Galloway Butcher (who lately died suddainely intestate) to the use of his three Children John William and Richard; And that the said Churchwardens doe deliver an inventory of his estate as they shall finde the same and doe dispose of the said children and estate as they in theyre discretions shall thinke fitt And doe make and give a particuler Accompte of the said estate from Churchwardens to Churchwardens successively untill the said children shall attaine theyre severall ages of one and Twenty years and then to pay the same respectively unto the said Children or the survivors or survivor of them as the Vestry and they shall thinke fitt.

The capacity of the Vestry for work, and their zeal for the public weal, leads them to make permanent provision for protection from fire :—

22nd August, 1657.—It is ordered by a Vestrie this day holden,
That Mr. Edward Martyn and Mr. Emery Hill shall, out of the moneys remaining in their hands Build, erect and sett upp with Bricks a little house in the parish Churchyard of St. Margaretts, Westmr., to adioyne next unto the Cage or Round house there wherein shall bee alwaies kept the twoe new fire Engines wch they were formerly ordered to buy and provide for the use and service of this parish.

The storage of weapons in the Vestry room was continued until it was found to be inconvenient. An Order was, therefore passed on Thursday, 31st October, 1667 :—

That all the Arms both offensive and Defensive And also all the Watch Matr. now remaining in the Dark Vestry be for the better Preservation thereof Removed thence unto the House Newly Erected in the Artillery Ground in Tuttle fields.

Out-door medical relief was dispensed under the Vestry's supervision :—

7 May, 1668.—That the Church Wardens doe give unto John Sinclere, Chyrurgeon, the summe of vs. for his Redinesse and Care in Cureing the arm of one Walter Best, a poor Man of this Parish whose Hand was Cutt off by a Souldier, and the same shall be allowed in their Account.

Sunday, 8th Sept., 1689.—That the Churchwardens pay three pounds for ye Cure of Mary Cooke when she be cured & in the meantime to Reliefe her.

17th January, 1690.—Ordered that the Chdns. do pay Mrs. Lucey Tenn poundes in full for Cures till this day.

The "worshipfull of the parish" are next discovered concerning themselves with the encouragement of the linen manufacture :—

Tuesday, 10th Sept., 1668.—For the better Incouraging and Advancing of a Linnen Manufacture in this p'sh it was this Day Concluded and Agreed upon by the Vestry That a Summe of x£ should be once every yeare (on a certain day to be p'fixd) given to such persons as could p'duce ye best pieces of Linnen Cloth and make it appeare

yt ye Same was Spunne and Woven all of it within this parish within . . . Months last past ye sd. Summe to be Distributed to the severall persons who shall soe produce ye Linnin Cloth as below Expressed according to the Goodnesse and Fynesse of ye sd. Severall and Respective Cloaths (vizt.) For ye Finest Cloath . . . for ye Second finest . . . for ye third Finest. . .

Their proceedings are then varied by the exercise of a direct control over the churchyard, of which many entries are to be found:—

Wednesday, 27 April, 1670.—Whereas the ffunerrall of the late Lord Genll. Monke Duke of Albemarle is shortly to be solemnized It is thereupon Ordered That the Churchwardens doe lett (to be Scaffold) soe much of the Church Yard wall as have been formerly lett by their predecessors at times of Coronations great ffunerralls or the like for the best advantage of the Poore of this Parish.

And besides the provision of hour glasses for the interior, they set up a time indicator for the public use on the exterior:—

Wednesday, 6th July, 1670.—That the present Churchwardens doe cause a Sunne Dyall to be placed on the west side of the Tower belonging to the Parish Church and the charge thereof shall be allowed in their accompt.

As the local drainage authority, the Vestry were not indifferent to the possibility of improving the primitive system of the time:—

Wednesday, 6th July, 1670.—That the present Churchwardens with anie three or more of the Vestiemen doe view the Ditch or Drayne leading from ye Easte end of the New Chappell Southward by the wall of the Artillery Ground, and consider whether it be fitt that the sayd Ditch should be Damed up or not and Report their opinion therein unto the Vestry in writing.

Their solicitude is next directed to the drink traffic:—

6th July, 1670.—That the present Churchwardens doe make what progresse they can in discovering how and howmanie Wine Licenses have usually been formerly Granted by the Cittie of Westmr. and make Report from time to time of their proceedings therein.

The condition of “the cage” at Knightsbridge is then the subject of a series of resolutions:—

1st March, 1670.—The Churchwardens haveing this day Reported (viva voce) That there is a necessity of Repaying the Cage or Round house at Knights Bridge for avoydeing the charge and trouble of Lodging of such as are to be passed away. It is thought fitt and Ordered That the Churchwardens doe cause the sayd Cage or Round house to be Repayed for this time until they can speake with ye Ld. High Steward of Westmr. or Head Bayliffe Concerning ye same. And the Charge thereof shall be allowed at ye passing of their Accompt.

18th Nov., 1698.—Ordered that the Churchwardens doe pay the constables of Knightsbridge account for straw for the cage.

Thursday, 11 Nov., 1708.—Ordered that it be referred to the Church wardens to repaire the . . . cage at Knightsbridge and the charge thereof shall be allowed on their account.

The book referred to in the next following resolution has not found its place in the present collection, which is somewhat remarkable seeing its importance in Westminster—an importance which could not attach to any similar book elsewhere:—

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| <p>Register
for
Touching.</p> | <p>Upon reading an Order of his Matie. in Councill made in the yeare 1672 whereby the Minister of every parish is appointed to kepe a register of persons touched for the evell this Vestry is of opinion that the Right of keeping the said Register is in Dr. Sprat and the Minister of the parish for the time being and that he ought to have the keeping of the said Register booke and the disposall thereof.</p> |
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Whether the entry be interpreted as permissive or mandatory, the duty it refers to involved much more than appears at first sight. To Westminster it was that during the Jacobean period, thousands of scrofulous sufferers were attracted by the Orders in Council appointing "sittings" of the King for the "touching" of those who sought their cure at his hands, the sittings being nearly always held during the residence of the Court at Whitehall. From 1660 to 1664 inclusive no less than 23,601 persons were "touched," and on the return of the King to the metropolis after the plague of 1665-6, the superstitious rite was resumed so actively that 68,506 persons availed themselves of it between 1667 and 1684. The necessity for the foregoing order will therefore be easily perceived. During the reign of William III., the solemnity was partially suspended, the King "being persuaded that he should do no injury to persons afflicted with the disorder by not touching them." Yet the practice was occasionally resorted to in Queen Anne's reign, for it is stated that Dr. Johnson was brought from Lichfield to Westminster, in his infancy, to be "touched" by the Queen for the scrofulous evil, though the ceremony was of no avail.

This "royal gift of healing" is evidently referred to in *Macbeth*—

"strangely visited people,
All swoln and ulcerous, pitiful to the eye,
The mere despair of surgery, he cures;
Hanging a golden stamp about their necks
Put on with holy prayers."

Some of the writers on the subject suggest that the attraction was rather "the golden stamp" than the actual cure. Brand refers to the custom in his *Popular Antiquities* (vol. iii., p. 302-4) under the head of "Physical Charms."

The inimitable diarist, Pepys, notes under date of 10th April, 1667, "To the King's little Chapel; and afterwards to see the King heal the King's Evil (wherein no pleasure, I having seen it before) and then to see him and the Queene." And Herrick, who wrote contemporaneously, thus alludes to it:—

Now to that Hand, (the Branch of Heavens faire Tree)
I kneel for help: O! lay thine Hand on me,
Adorèd Cæsar! and my faith is such,
I shall be heal'd, if that my King but touch.
The Evill is not yours; my sorrow sings,
Mine is the Evill, but the cure the King's.

Hesperides.

The ceremony is described at length in Chambers' *Book of Days*, vol. i., pp. 82-5, where engravings are given of the identical touch-piece, obverse and reverse, given by Queen Anne to Dr. Johnson, now preserved in the British Museum.

Besides the registration of those healed of disease, the Vestry, among all their other functions, undertake the liberation of debtors from prison:—

7th October, 1674.—Upon the application of Marie, the wife of Edward Arnold, prisoner (for debt) in the King's Bench prison It is thought fitt that the Churchwardens doe endeavour to free the sayd Edward Arnold from prison att as easy Rates as they can And the charge thereof shall be allowed in their Account.

The enactment in the Local Government Act, 1894, requiring Vestrymen to make a Declaration upon their acceptance of office, was considered by many to be an innovation. Others knew it to be merely an adaptation of somewhat similar provisions of the Municipal Corporation Acts; but the following transcript shows that these last named Acts merely re-enacted, in effect, if not in terms, the provisions contained in the first Act relating to Vestries passed more than two centuries ago:—

5th Sept., 1677.

Know all men by these psnts. that Mr. Arthur Prior & Mr. Nehemiah Arnold of the parish of St. Margts. Westmr. in ye County of Middx. were Sworne Vestry men for ye Sayd parish before ye Rt. Worll. Sr

Rich. Lloyd Knt. Doctor of Lawes Comissary and Official Principall to the Worll. the Deane and Chapter of the Collegiate Church of St. Peters Westmr. on Wednesday the 13th day of June 1677.

These are to Certifie all persons whom it may concerne That this Second day of August in the yeare of Our Lord God 1677 Richard Newman Esqre Inhabitant and Parishour of the Parish of St. Margarts Westmi. in ye County of Middx. Appeared before me Richard Lloyd Kt. Dr. of Lawes Comissary and Official Principall to ye Worll. ye Deane and Chapter of the Collegiate Church of St. Peters Westmr. aforesayd judicially sitting in ye Consistory Court of the sayd Deane and Chapter held in the sayd Collegiate Church of St. Peters Westmr. And was by me according to the Act of Parlmt. in that behalfe made and provided Nominated and elected a Vestry man of the sayd parish of St. Margt. in Westmr. aforesayd made and subscribed the Declaration and Acknowledgement mentioned in the sayd Act of Parliament made in the 15th yeare of ye Reigne of Sovereigne Charles ye 2nd by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the ffaith &c., Intituled (An Act for the Regulating Select Vestries) for witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand the Day and yeare aforesayd,

Rich Lloyd

The like verbatim

For Captn. Mich. Arnold*

Richard Pagitt Esqe

Mr. Tho Warner

Mr. Miles Mitchell

Mr. Rich Ffarthing

Mr. John Greene

Shortly afterwards (in 1680) the Vestry were allowed a voice in the nomination of the Commissioners of Hackney Coaches; the opportunity being then taken of offering some suggestions for the amendment of the law :—

Sunday, 12th Decr., 1680.—That Sr. Wm. Waller Sr John Cutler with ye Steward & High Burgesses for the time being be nominated Comms. in St. Margarts. Westmr. for Regulating Hackney Coaches.

The heterogeneous offices the Vestry fulfilled are further illustrated by a reference which introduces them as the education authority of the day and which, at the same time, affords an insight into the conditions under which "elementary" instruction was provided :—

Sunday, the 18th day of Decr., 1681.—The Peticon of Thomas Jordan praying that he may be settled and continued in the Employment of instructing the parish Poore Children being this day read was laid aside (It being the opinion of this Vestry that he is not capable of performing that undertaking as it ought to be done.) And upon his further Application complayning of his poverty having ffour Small Children and an Impotent sister lying on his Hands. The Vestry have thought fitt & do Accordingly Order that the said Thomas Jordan shall be relieved and have halfe a Chaldren of Coles of the stock for this yeare (he having already had one Half Chaldren of the said stock) and 2s. per weeke towards the support of his said Family Provided his said Sister doe not becōme chargeable to the Parish. And at the same time Judith Smith wife of Thomas Smith was presented as a fitt person to undertake the Teaching of the said Poore Children which was accordingly conferred upon her. And she to receive for her Care and Paines therein half a Chaldren of Coles (being the remainder of the Stock for this yeare) and all the moneys of Dr. Busbys yearely gift of Six Pounds that shall remaine when the Coles are paid for.

* M.P. for Westminster, 1685.

On an attempt to divert the public highway, the Vestry present themselves as conservators of the public rights. The extract chosen quite at random as evidence of this, happens to be of interest as one of the earliest mentions of "Pimlico"—the name given to that part of St. Martin-in-the-Fields (now St. George's) lying between Westminster and Chelsea. The district did not commence to be inhabited until 1680, when it first appears in St. Martin's rate books, although its name occurs in the Overseers' Accounts of that parish, in respect of a body found there, several years earlier:—

Wednesday, 12th Oct., 1681.—The Churchwardens are desired to take care to Informe themselves when the jury do meete touching the turning of the King's Highway at Pimlicoe and employ Mr. Rampaine thereabouts when occasion shall require.

Sunday, 18th Decr., 1681.—Touching the altering of the Rode at Pimlicoe it is ordered that Mr. Augier be desired to attend Sr Christop. Wren and pray his Advice in the case.

Sunday, 23rd July, 1682.—Ordered that Sir John Cutler Sir George Dowling Mr. Newman Mr. Laurence Mr. Squire or any three or more of them be desired to waite on the Rt. Honble. the Earle of Arlington Lord Chamberlaine of the King's Maties. Household to acquaint him with the ready & free Consent of this Vestry for the altering of the Highway at the West end of St. James's Park leading from the Towne of Knightsbridge to this parish And to make report thereof at the next Vestry.

The method of preserving a knowledge of the parish boundaries is shown by the Vestry minutes as well as by the Churchwardens' Accounts:—

Sunday, 15th Apill, 1683.—Ordered that the Preambulation for this yeare bee kept according to the antient custom Soe that the charges doe not exceed Twenty Nobles (but no Wine) besides the charge of the bread and cheese and beere for the boyes for the Outward bounds And for the inward bounds to be kept alsoe according to the antient custome and the charges thereof to be left to the Discretion of the Churchwardens.

The following affords confirmation of the statement that two centuries ago houses adjoined St. Margaret's Church:—

23rd August, 1685.—The Churchwardens acquainted the Vestry that they have granted to Madam Jepson libertie to make a casement to look into the Church for her convenency of hearing prayers as long as she inhabitts in ye house adjoining to ye Church and passage in St. Margaret's Lane.

10th June, 1691.—That Mr. Hyler suffers no persons to goe on and hang cloathes on the Church Leads and that the Churchwardens do make a ffence whereby to keepe any persons from coming on the Church Leads from St. Margts Lane Houses.

The rural character of the parish, as well as the control exercised by the Vestry over matters now regarded as entirely extraneous to the functions of the local authority, find testimony in the next transcript:—

Sunday, May the last, 1685.—Whereas by reason of the Uncertainty of the profits of Tyths of Hey and Corne of this Parish and the Difficulty in gathering the same, the Parsonage and Viccaridge Tyths being in two severall hands It is now ordered (nemine contradicente) that Dr. Nich Only shall and may have and enjoy the said Tyths of Hey and Corne for the tearme of Tenn yeares if he shall soe long continue Viccar of this Parish at the yearely Rent and Acknowledgment of One Shilling P. Ann. and that the Dr. may have libertie to take Course in the Leassees names for all arrears of Tyths.

The Vestry were not always grave, however. Their mutability was, in fact, remarkable, for the ease with which they passed "from grave to gay" is testified by their readiness to promote, on occasion, the enjoyment of the community:—

Saturday, 23rd March, 1688-9.—Ordered that the Churchwardens doe provide a Hogshead of Clarett and other things usuall att the Coronation

(William III. and Mary) and the charges thereof to be allowed in their account.

But the passage "from lively to severe" was equally easy. The following extracts on a simple matter show how rigidly, regardless of conscientious convictions, the petty persecution of non-conformists was enforced:—

10th September, 1690.—The Churchwardens did this day make report that they have appointed Ann Alwyn to be a searcher in the Roome of the widdow Cooper decd, and they had placyd her in the Roome belonging to the Searchers in Tuttlefields which was approved by the Vestry.

5th November, 1690.—Ordered that the new Searcher Ann Alwyn have time given her till the first Sunday of the next month to receive the Sacramt. and Conforme to the Church of England Or otherwise that another be admitted in her roome.

21st December, 1690.—Ordered that the Widow Langstone be admitted into the place of Searcher in the roome of the Widow Alwyn.

In the retrospect of the Overseers' Accounts at page 81, and in the specimens thereof at page 82, reference is made to the permissive begging countenanced by the law two centuries ago. Among all the other claims upon them, or duties arrogated to themselves, the Vestry found time to regulate this:—

6th Jan., 1691-2.—That the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor cause all psons who receive Almes of this parish to wear Badges or not relieve them.

6th July, 1692.—That Mr. Peter Rudge pay to Mr. Foulter for badges for the poor ffour pounds tenn shillings and eight pence.

26 Aug., 1694.—Whereas the poor of this parish are unknown to ye inhabitants, and several receive alms who are not really necessitous, It is ordered (nemine contradicente) that all such persons who are in any sort of pension or pay payable by the Overseers of the poor shall constantly wear badges on the outer part of their garment, and that if they or any of them shall by ye Beadles be found in the streets without such badges, that they be immediately discharged of the allowances usually paid them.

Even the care of lunatics was not considered beyond their jurisdiction, though the charge of extravagance in the matter of bedding cannot be laid against them:—

1st March, 1692-3.—That Mr. Redding, Governor of the House of Correction doe provide a Roome for one Pudsey, a Lunatick, committed to his custody, his ffrriends providing him Victualls, and psh allowing the straw.

Another entry proves that the furniture of lunacy wards was not the only matter in which the Vestry practised economy. Nothing is said of the circumstances which gave occasion for the resolution:—

Sept. 7, 1697.—Ordered that the churchwardens for the time to come allow but a pint of Canary to any Bishop that shall preach in our Church and no more than half a pint of canary for our own minister and others.

The jealousy with which the Vestry guarded the property of the parishioners in the churchyard appears from the following:—

April 10, 1702.—Whereas it has been represented to this Vestry by the Churchwardens that they had recd. a message from the Dean and Chapter importing that it was expected that leave should be asked of the Dean and Chapter for the building scaffolds on the ground in the Churchyard for the coronation. Now We the said Vestry having inspected our Books of Precedents and discoursed several Churchwardens that have been concerned in letting the said ground at the

two last coronations and the funeral of the late Queen cannot find either by our books or the said persons that any leave hath at any time been asked of the said Chapter for that purpose. Therefore We, the said Vestry, being satisfied in our title to the said ground will stand by the said Churchwardens in what they have done in pursuance of the order of the six and twentieth day of March last in reference to the said ground.

It was probably the independence they enjoyed, and the extensive powers they exercised which attracted the wealthier inhabitants to seek seats upon the Board, and to mark their sense of the importance of the position by donations for the benefit of the parish in the manner shown by the minute of 12th July, 1712, which is but a specimen of many others:—

Thomas Green, Esq., being chosen a Vestryman of this Parish and having given the sum of Twenty Pounds to some Publick Charity within this Parish,

Ordd.—That the said Twenty Pounds according to the desire of the said Mr. Green be given to the Grey Coat Hospitall and the Blew Coat Boys belonging to the Chappel School in the proporcons hereinafter menconed (vizt.) Three fourths parts being Fifteen Pounds to the Grey Coat Hosptl. and the other fourth part being Five Pounds to the Boys belonging to the Blew Coat School.

Ordd.—That the Churchwardens be desired to wait on the said Thomas Green, Esq., and Return him thanks from this Vestry for the same.

A later entry shows the Vestry concerning themselves in the temporary detention of persons arrested by the peace officers:—

23rd October, 1727.—The Churchwardens having represented to the Vestry that by reason of their being but one Round-house for the Confinement of persons taken up in the Night time, it often happens that ye Peace Officers when they have prisoners of both sexes, are obliged to carry one of them to ye Gatehouse to the great Expençe of many poor people by the Exorbitant Fees there.

And that there is Room with a Small Expençe to erect another Prison or Roundhouse out of the Bonehouse which will be very fit for that purpose.

Ordd. that the Church Wardens do cause such Room to be partitioned of with a Brick Wall from ye said Bonehouse and otherwise strengthened and made a fit place of Security and the charge shall be Allowed on their Account.

Numerous entries tell of the extent to which the Vestry assumed the character of politicians by guiding the electors in the choice of representatives in Parliament. In some cases the candidates thought it prudent, before introducing themselves, to forward a substantial sum to be used for the benefit of the parish at the discretion of the Vestry; in others the Vestry would order the beadles to distribute handbills on behalf of the candidates, and would solemnly register their determination to exert themselves to secure the applicant's return; and it is noticeable that their support was generally accorded to the successful competitors. The following, taken quite at random, are specimens of such entries:—

21st July, 1727.—The Rt. Honble. Charles Lord Cavendish and Wm. Clayton Esq. were introduced into the Vestry and offered their Service as Candidates at ye Ensuing Election of Members to represent this City and Liberty in Parliament.

May 1, 1741.—Resolved unanimously that this Vestry will support the interest of the said Rt. Honble the Lord Sundon and the Right Honble Sr. Charles Wager who have offered themselves as candidates to represent this City and Liberty in the ensuing Parliament. In which resolution they desire the concurrence of all the inhabitants of this parish, and that they would meet them at Nine of the Clock tomorrow

morning in St. Margaret's Church Yard, in order to attend those candidates to the place of Election.

Ordd. That 2000 of the above resolution be forthwith printed and distributed amongst the inhabitants of this parish.

Ordd. that the several Bedels of this Parish have orders to attend in their proper Livery in St. Margaret's Church Yd. to morrow morning at Nine o'clock to receive the directions of this Vestry.

Sat., 21 Mch., 1761.—The Honble. Lord Viscount Poultney and Lieut.-Genl. Cornwallis were introduced (by Sir John Crosse Bart.) to this Vestry and offered themselves as joint Candidates to represent the City and Liberty of Westminster in the next Parliament and desired the Votes and Interest of the Members of this Vestry.

Resolved unanimously That this Vestry will support the Interest of the said Candidates to Represent the City and Liberty of Westminster in Parliament.

Fri., 4 Dec., 1761.—The Churchwardens acquainted this Vestry that the Honble. Lord Pulteney and Lieut.-Genl. Cornwallis had generously offered the sum of Fifty Pounds between this Parish & the Parish of St. John the Evangelist to be disposed of in such manner as the Vestries should think fit.

The circumstances under which the market in the Broadway (see p. 24) was obtained may be gathered from the minutes copied below, the second of which indicates that the Vestry acted as the authority for settling the tolls:—

24th October, 1733.—John Lawton and Mark Frecker Esqrs., from the Committee of Vestry appointed to Solicit for the Grant of a Haymarket in the Broadway, Westmr. acquainted the Vestry that by the particular favour and Interest of the Right Honble. Sir Robert Walpole, the Right Honble Sir Charles Wager and the Right Honble. William Clayton Esq. they had obtained a Patent (with a Remission of the Fees amounting to the Sum of One hundred and One pounds twelve shillings and Eight pence) from his Majesty under the Great Seal for holding three Marketts in every Week Weekly for the Selling of Hay and Straw in the Broadway aforesaid for the term of Thirty One Years from the first of October instant, which Patent is granted in the Names of the said John Lawton and Mark Frecker Esqrs. their Execs. Admrs. and Assigns in Trust for the Poor of this Parish.

27th October, 1733.—Ordd. That the Toll for the Hay and Straw to be brought to the Market in the Broadway be fixed as follows, vizt., for every Cart Loaded with Hay three pence and for every Cart Loaded with Straw two pence.

If further evidence were required of the extraordinary diversity of topics on which the Vestry actively interested themselves, it is afforded by the subjoined. The warrant for the collection referred to is scheduled at p. 24:—

10th May, 1733.—It having been requested by the Trustees for Establishing a Colony in Georgia for the Minister, Churchwardens and principal Inhabitants of this Parish to take Subscriptions and to gather and collect money for the said Charity.

It is Agreed That this Vestry will give them Assistance therein provided the said Corporation do furnish them with proper powers.

The story of the east window of St. Margaret's Church, as told in Dr. Wilson's *Ornaments of Churches considered* (1761) and in Walcott's *Memorials of Westminster* (pp. 103-5), with the account of the litigation relating to it, is too long to be given here; but the action of the Vestry as recorded in their minutes will not be considered out of place, particularly as it tells of a valuable addition to the parish plate which is still preserved and used on occasion:—

Saturday, 5th August, 1758.—Ordered—That the Church Wardens do cause the sale of the Altar-piece and great East Window to be Advertised,

and the Church Wardens have hereby Power to sell the same for the best prices they can get.

Monday, 29 January, 1759.—The Church Wardens acquainted this Vestry that they had been Menaced with a prosecution in the Ecclesiastical Court for suffering the painted Window at the East end of St. Margarets Church to be put up.

Resolved That this Vestry will indemnify and save the Church Wardens harmless against any Prosecution or other proceedings that may be commenced against them, on account of the putting up the said Window or anything relating thereto.

Saturday, 17 Decr., 1763.—Samuel Pierson, Esq. (a Member of this Vestry) In Testimony of the great Regard he bears to the Parish of St. Margaret, Westminster, of which he had the honour of being chosen Churchwarden for seven successive years, this Day in Person Presented to the Vestry as his Free Gift, a large Silver Cup and Cover, Gilt with Gold, To be used at all Parochial Entertainments of the Minister, Churchwardens and Vestrymen of this Parish, as they occasionally may happen for time to come.

Resolved that the Unanimous Thanks of this Vestry be and they are hereby returned to Mr. Pierson for this signal and valuable mark of his favour and regard for this Parish.

Resolved that the Churchwardens be desired to cause the following Inscription to be engraved on the said Cup and Cover, (viz.):—

Round the Cover.—In the year of our Lord, 1764.

On the Body of the Cup.—This Cup and Cover was given to the Churchwardens of the Parish of St. Margaret, Westminster and their successors for ever (to be made use of by the Vestry at their Parochial Entertainments) by Samuel Pierson, Esq. In Testimony of his great regard for the Parish of which he was unanimously chosen Churchwarden for seven Successive Years.

In this connection a notice of the appointment of the notorious John Wilkes as Churchwarden may be admitted. While sitting as Member of Parliament for Aylesbury, he was elected upon the Vestry on the 27th June, 1758. His first attendance as Vestryman was on 14th December, 1758; within five months he was chosen Churchwarden, with Mr. Samuel Pierson as his colleague. At the end of the year a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Mr. Pierson for his "great and most signal services done in the faithfull execution of his office." Not a syllable is recorded concerning the retirement of the great agitator, nor is he nominated for re-election, in which respect he is an exception to the custom prevailing at the time. Whatever his success in other spheres, the Vestry minutes imply that he was voted a failure as churchwarden.

As censors of the pastimes of a section of the community the Vestry were no less active than in their manifold other self-imposed duties:—

9th April, 1792.—Robert Abington Esq. having received a Letter from St. Lawrence Cox, an inhabitant of Great Peter Street, Westminster, relative to a Nuisance practised in the said Street of Dog Fighting, Bear and Badger Baiting, which being Read,

Resolved—That the most effectual means be taken by Presentment Indictment or otherwise to suppress a House in Great Peter Street, Westminster, where Dog Fighting, Bear and Badger Baiting are constantly practised to the continual alarm of the Inhabitants.

A code of rules for the economical use of food for man and beast is not considered beyond the province of the Vestry, who exercised a free hand in applying the rates to the reduction of prices:—

Tuesday, 27th Jan. 1795.—Resolved that Bread be sold to Poor People who shall be recommended by Subscribers at Six pence the Quartern, and Meat, (vizt.) Thin Flanks, Briskets, Leg of Mutton pieces, Clods, and Breasts of Mutton at Three pence the pound, and the difference to be

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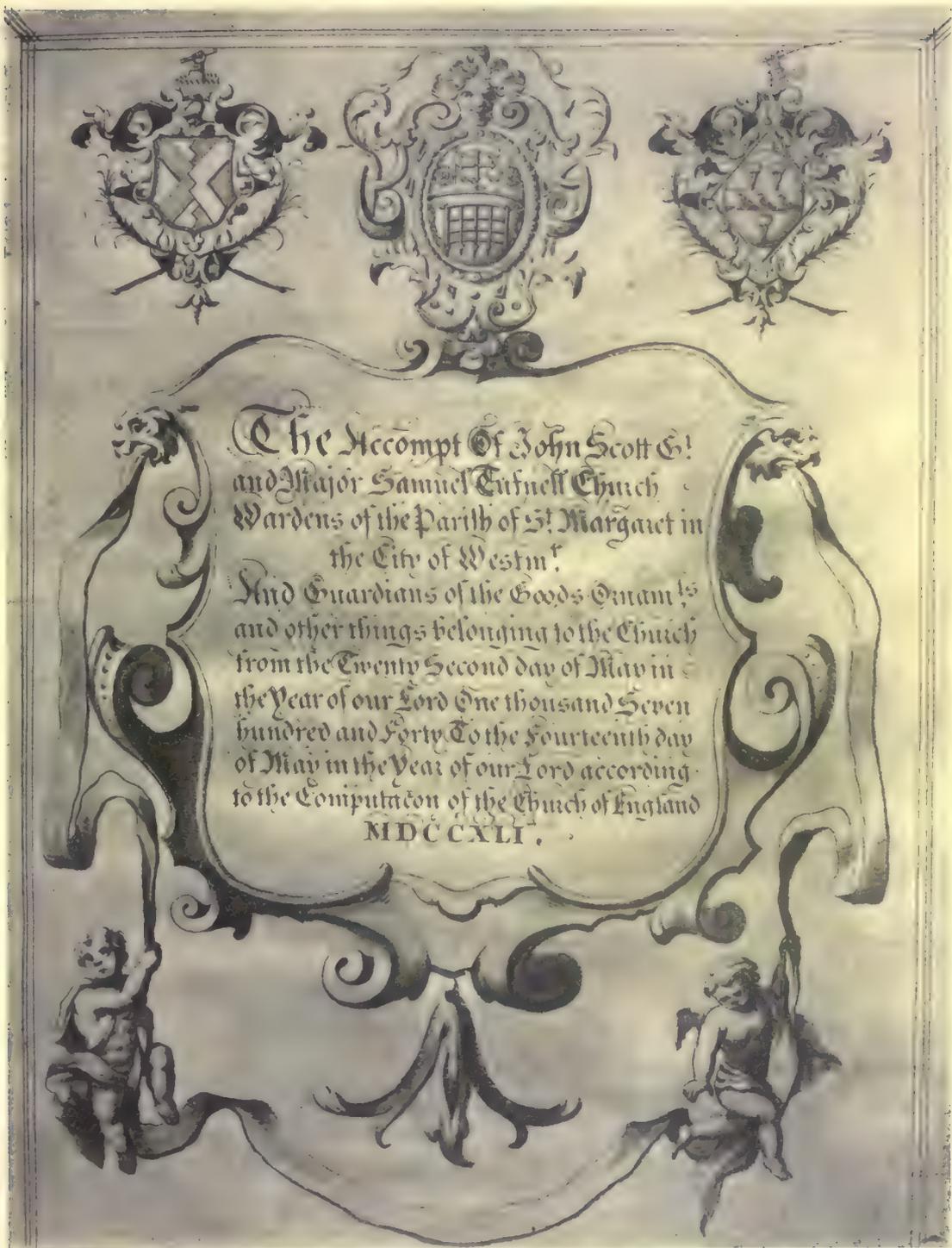
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| 2561 | Register of Passes to and from St. Margaret's | 1713 to 1729 | 30 |
| 2562 | " " " " " " " " | 1729 to 1740 | |
| 2563 | " " " " " " " " | 1741 to 1755 | |
| 2564 | " " " " " " " " | 1756 to 1766 | |
| 2565 | Register of Securities | 1657 to 1705 | |
| 2566 | Register of Apprentices, St. Margaret's and St. John's ... | 1767 to 1792 | |
| 2567 | Vessels, list of, arriving at the Nore, with names of masters | 1762 to 1767 | |
| <p>[The discovery of this among the parochial records is explained by the fact that the clerk to the Trustees of the Westminster Fish Market was also the Vestry clerk, and that this book, with other records of the market, found its way among those of the Vestry. The market was set up by the authority of Parliament (22 George II., cap. 49), but succumbed to the opposition of "the trade" at Billingsgate. Among the many powers obtained by the Trustees was that of registering fishing vessels and their cargoes at the Nore and Gravesend, so as to keep them under supervision on their way to Westminster. The vicissitudes of the enterprise are sufficiently reviewed in the <i>Parochial Memorials of St. John, Westminster</i>, pp. 500-502; but it may be added that the market, with its landing place, stalls, and other accessories, was held on the spot now covered by the St. Stephen's Club.]</p> | | | |
| 2568 | Register of Baptisms | 1663-1669 | |
| 2568A | A book of miscellaneous entries, relating to bonds, charity properties, orphans and bastards, petty disbursements on account of charities, an imperfect list of churchwardens, collectors, overseers, &c., &c., of various dates between | 1579 and 1651 | |
| 2569 | Workhouse, Admission and Discharge Books | 1843-4 | |
| 2570 | " " " " " " " " | 1845 | |
| 2571 | " " " " " " " " | 1846 | |
| 2572 | " " " " " " " " | 1847 | |
| 2573 | Workhouse Master's Rules and Orders and MS. forms of Petitions, Indentures, etc. | 1746-1766 | |
| 2574 | Depositions relating to Bastards... .. | 1711 to 1718 | |
| 2575 | " " " " " " " " | 1718 to 1722 | |
| 2576 | " " " " " " " " | 1722 to 1725 | |
| 2577 | " " " " " " " " | 1725 to 1735 | |
| 2578 | " " " " " " " " | 1735 to 1749 | |
| 2579 | Taxes, Exchequer and King's Bench, Book of Offices, yearly salary and profits (duplicate) | 1714 to 1726 | 29 |



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and Major Samuel Cusnell Church
Wardens of the Parith of S^t. Margaret in
the City of Westm^r.
And Guardians of the Goods Ornam^{ts}
and other things belonging to the Church
from the Twenty Second day of May in
the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven
hundred and Forty To the Fourteenth day
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| 2581 | " " " " | 1742 to 1756 | |
| 2582 | " " " " | 1742 to 1756 | |
| 2583 | " " " (collecting book) | 1757 to 1769 | |
| 2584 | " " " (duplicate) | 1757 to 1769 | |
| 2585 | Minutes, Land Tax (Rough) | 1757 to 1759 | |
| 2586 | " " | 1759 to 1762 | |
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| 2596 | Minutes, Taxes Commissioners | 1804 to 1813 | |
| 2597 | " " | 1814 to 1822 | |
| 2598 | " " | 1822 to 1828 | |
| 2599 | Taxes, Book of Appeals | 1835 to 1841 | |
| 2600 | " Salaries, Pensions, etc., Account (2 books) | No date. | |
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| 2602 | " Commissioners' Order Book | 1822 to 1824 | |
| 2603 | " Account of sums collected and paid to Receiver | 1823 to 1827 | |
| 2604 | " " " " | 1823 to 1828 | |
| 2605 | " Land, 10 years' account (parcel) | 1810 to 1824 | |
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| 2609 | " " | 1790 to 1796 | |
| 2610 | " Exchequer Book (2 books) | 1797 | |
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| 2613 | " Exchequer Book (2 books) | 1798 | |
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| 2615 | " Land Tax (2 books) | No date. | |
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| 2652 | " " Sub-Committee | ... 1883-84 | |
| 2653 | Minutes, Joint Vestry Finance Committee | ... 1873-78 | |
| 2654 | Minutes, Special Committee <i>re</i> Westminster Improvement Commissioners | ... 1879-80 | |
| 2655 | Register of Communications received | ... 1884-9 | |
| 2656 | Account of Lettings of Town Hall | ... 1885-7 | |
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| 2688 | " " " ... | ... 1781-3 | |
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| 2690 | " " " ... | 1787 to 1790 | |
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| 2693 | " " " ... | 1798 to 1805 | |
| 2694 | " " " ... | 1806 to 1816 | |
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| 2704 | " " " " ... | 1774 to 1775 | |
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| 2723 | " " " " " ... | 1824 to 1827 | |
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| 2729 | Minutes, St. John, Finance and Paving Committee | 1839 to 1852 | |
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| 2736 | " " " " " ... | 1793 to 1800 | |
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| 2738 | " " " " " ... | 1807 to 1823 | |
| 2739 | Accounts, Treasurer's, Paving Committee | 1782 to 1790 | |
| 2740 | " " " " " ... | 1790 to 1798 | |
| 2741 | " " " " " ... | 1793 to 1805 | |
| 2742 | " " " " " ... | 1806 to 1814 | |
| 2743 | " " " " " ... | 1814 to 1823 | |
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| 2745 | " " " " " ... | 1805 to 1821 | |
| 2746 | " " " " " ... | 1821 to 1835 | |
| 2747 | " " " " " ... | 1788 to 1813 | |
| 2748 | " " " " " ... | 1813 to 1835 | |
| 2749 | An Index to paving ledgers, no date | ... | |
| 2750 | Paving Committee, Receiver's Cash Book | 1763 to 1765 | |

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| 2782 | " " (No. 27, Jan. 26th to Aug. 8th) ... | 1887 | |
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| 2785 | " " (No. 2, Nov. 25th to Jan. 17th) ... | 1874 to 1876 | |
| 2786 | " " (No. 3, Jan. 19th to March 26th) | 1876 to 1877 | |
| 2787 | " " (No. 4, March 29th to Sept. 21st) ... | 1877 to 1878 | |
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| 2790 | " " (No. 7, Feb. 7th to June 20th) ... | 1882 to 1883 | |
| 2791 | " " (No. 8, June 22nd to Sept. 6th) ... | 1883 to 1884 | |
| 2792 | " " (No. 9, Sept. 8th to May 9th) ... | 1884 to 1885 | |
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| 2804 | " " (No. 21, Dec. 16th to Feb. 28th) | 1889 to 1890 | |
| 2805 | " " (No. 22, Feb. 28th to June 6th) | ... 1890 | |
| 2806 | " " (No. 23, June 6th to Sept. 18th) ... | ... 1890 | |
| 2807 | " " (No. 24, June 6th to Dec. 22nd) | ... 1890 | |
| 2808 | " " (No. 25, Dec. 23rd to March 16th) | 1890 to 1891 | |
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| 2910 | Rates, summary of amounts paid to District Board | 1856-70 | |
| 2911 | Accounts, Collectors' Weekly Office, Vestry (Grand) | 1845-56 | |
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| 2915 | " " " (Absey)) | 1856-1880 | |
| 2916 | " " " (St. John) | 1856-1880 | |
| 2917 | Audit Committee, Monthly Account, Poor Rate | 1848 to 1866 | |
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| 2921 | Governors of the Poor (Letter Book) | 1870-1 | |
| 2922 | Jubilee, Geo. III., List of Persons recommended for relief ... | 1809 | 111 |
| 2923 | " " Subscription Book... .. | 1809 | |
| 2924 | Queen's Diamond Jubilee, papers <i>re</i> Princess of Wales' Fund
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| 2925 | Queen's Diamond Jubilee, papers of Committee <i>re</i> West-
minster Commemoration (Box 8). | 1897 | |
| 2926 | Poor Rate Vouchers (Guard Books) | 1882-3 | 115 |
| 2927 | " Cheques " | 1882-3 | |
| 2928 | " Cheques " | 1883-4-5 | |
| 2929 | " Vouchers " | 1883-4-5 | |
| 2930 | " Cheques " | 1885-6-7 | |
| 2931 | " Vouchers " | 1885-6-7 | |
| 2932 | " Vouchers " | 1887-8-9 | |
| 2933 | " Cheques " | 1887-8-9 | |
| 2934 | " Cheques " | 1892-7 | |
| 2935 | Town Hall Vouchers, Board (Guard Books) | 1884-5 | |
| 2936 | " " " " | 1885-6 | |
| 2937 | " " " " | 1886-7 | |
| 2938 | " " " " | 1887 | |
| 2939 | Town Hall Vouchers, Vestry (Guard Books) | 1887-9 | 114 |
| 2940 | District and Library Rate Vouchers (Guard Books) | 1882-3 | |
| 2941 | " " Cheques " | 1882-3 | |
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| 2943 | " " Vouchers " | 1883-4-5 | |
| 2944 | " " Vouchers " | 1885-6-7 | |
| 2945 | " " Cheques " | 1855-6-7 | |
| 2946 | " " Vouchers " | 1887-8-9 | |
| 2947 | " " Cheques " | 1887-8-9 | |
| 2948 | Petty Cash Vouchers, United Vestries " | 1882-3 | |
| 2949 | " " " " | 1886-7 | |
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| 2973 | " " " " ... | 1882-3 | |
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| 2975 | Agenda, Board of Works ... | 1869 to 1879 | 21 |
| 2976 | " " " " ... | 1880 to 1882 | |
| 2977 | " Joint Vestry, Finance Committee ... | 1873 to 1877 | |
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| 2979 | " " " " ... | 1881 to 1883 | |
| 2980 | " United Vestries ... | 1885 to 1886 | |
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| 2983 | " " " " ... | 1886-1887 | |
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| 2993 | " | " | " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1892-3 | |
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| 2996 | " | " | 7 books | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1780 | |
| 2997 | " | " | 4 " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1781 | |
| 2998 | " | " | 6 " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1782 | |
| 2999 | " | " | 7 " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1783 | |
| 3000 | " | " | 8 " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1784 | |
| 3001 | " | " | 6 " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1785 | |
| 3002 | " | " | 6 " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1786 | |
| 3003 | " | " | 5 " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1787 | |
| 3004 | " | " | 5 " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1788 | |
| 3005 | " | " | 6 " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1789 | |
| 3006 | " | " | 6 " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1790 | |
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| 3011 | " | " | 8 " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1795 | |
| 3012 | " | " | 8 " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1796 | |
| 3013 | " | " | 8 " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1797 | |
| 3014 | " | " | 15 " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1798 | |
| 3015 | " | " | 5 " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1799 | |
| 3016 | " | " | 5 " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1800 | |
| 3017 | " | " | 5 " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1801 | |
| 3018 | " | " | 4 " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1802 | |
| 3019 | " | " | 5 " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1803 | |
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| 3028 | " " 4 " | 1815 | |
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| 3029 | " " 2 " | 1817 | |
| | " " 4 " | 1818 | |
| 3030 | " " 4 " | 1819 | |
| | " " 3 " | 1820 | |
| 3031 | " " 4 " | 1821 | |
| | " " 4 " | 1822 | |
| 3032 | " " 5 " | 1823 | |
| | " " 4 " | 1824 | |
| 3033 | " " 4 " | 1825 | |
| | " " 4 " | 1826 | |
| 3034 | Minutes (Rough), Paving Commissioners | 1817 to 1823 | 136 |
| 3035 | " " " " | 1823 to 1828 | |
| 3036 | " " " " | 1839 to 1849 | |
| 3037 | Paving Commissioners (St. Margaret and St. John), Treasurer's
Account Book | 1782 to 1818 | |
| 3038 | " " " " | 1818-40 | |
| 3039 | " " " " | 1841-53 | |
| 3040 | Paving Commissioners (St. Margaret and St. John) Ledger | 1782-96 | |
| 3041 | Paving Commissioners (St. John) Cash Book | 1841-53 | |
| 3042 | " " " Ledger | 1841-53 | |
| 3043 | " " " Letter Book | 1839-50 | |
| 3044 | Paving Commissioners Case Book | 1782 to 1824 | |
| 3045 | Watch, Beadles' Reports and Patrols' Returns | 1774 to 1778 | 156 |
| 3046 | " " " " | 1779 to 1781 | |
| 3047 | " " " " | 1781 to 1783 | |
| 3048 | " " " " | 1783 to 1785 | |
| 3049 | " " " " | 1786 to 1789 | |
| 3050 | " " " " | 1789 to 1793 | |

| No. | Title or Nature of Record. | Year. | Shelf. |
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| 3051 | Watch, Beadles' Reports and Patrols' Returns... | 1793 to 1797 | 156 |
| 3052 | " " " " " " " " | 1777 to 1779 | |
| 3053 | " " " " " " " " | 1779 to 1780 | |
| 3054 | " " " " " " " " | 1780 to 1781 | |
| 3055 | " " " " " " " " | 1781 to 1782 | |
| 3056 | " " " " " " " " | 1780 to 1782 | |
| 3057 | " " " " " " " " | 1782 to 1783 | |
| 3058 | " " " " " " " " | ... 1782-3 | |
| 3059 | " " " " " (2 books) | ... 1783-4 | |
| 3060 | | | |
| 3061 | " " " " " " " " | ... 1784-5 | |
| 3062 | " " " " " " " " | ... 1785-6 | |
| 3063 | " " " " " " " " | ... 1785-8 | |
| 3064 | " " " " " " " " | ... 1786-9 | |
| 3065 | " " " " " " " " | ... 1788-91 | |
| 3066 | " " " " " " " " | ... 1789-90 | |
| 3067 | " " " " " " " " | ... 1790-92 | |
| 3068 | " " " " " " " " | ... 1800-4 | |
| 3069 | Watchmen's names | ... 1736 | |
| 3070 | Watchmen's and Beadles' receipts | 1738 to 1749 | |
| 3071 | " " " " " " " " | 1750 to 1757 | |
| 3072 | " " " " " " " " | 1757 to 1770 | |
| 3073 | Watchmen's Report Book | 1782 to 1785 | |
| 3074 | Constables' Charge Book | ... 1793-4 | |
| 3075 | Receipts for Briefs, House to House (See Nos. 1570-1-2-3) | 1725 to 1792 | |
| 3076 | Accounts, Briefs, and Sacraments | 1731 to 1763 | |
| 3077 | Vestry Club, Book of Members' Accounts | 1777 to 1800 | |
| 3078 | Objections on Poll by Counsel for Sir Geo. Vanderput | .. 1740 | |
| 3079 | Lecturer, Ballot for, List of persons balloting (2 books) | ... 1790 | 157 |
| 3080 | | | |
| 3081 | " " " " " " " " | ... 1802 | |
| 3082 | " " " " " " " " | ... 1805 | |
| 3083 | " " " " " " " " | ... 1820 | |
| 3084 | Lecturer, 17 Poll Books (some undated) | ... 1802 | |
| 3085 | Special Constables, List of Volunteers | .. 1794 | |

Civitas Westm^r: S^t Margarett



His Account of
Peter Heywood and Thomas
Morice Church-wardens
and of Alexander Glover,
William Bell John Norton
and Thomas Hull Overseers
for the poore of the Pariss

of Saint Margarett in the Citie of Westminster in
the Countie of Midd according to a Statute in the xliij
yeare of the raigue of our late Soueraigne ladie Queene
Elizabeth^h alwell of all such money and other thinges
as they haue receined as also of the employment thereof
Beginning in Easter weeke in the yeare of our Lord
1617 and continued vntill Easter An^o Dⁿⁱ 1618.

The remaine of the laste
Overseers Account ended the laste weeke 1617 } ^{li s d} viij. v. ix.
and receaved by vs the Overseers about named

Summa p^o p^o ^{li s d} viij. v. ix.

| No. | Title or Nature of Record. | Year. | Shelf. |
|------|--|--------------|--------|
| 3121 | Memorandum Books | 1743-72 | 158 |
| | Index | 1784 | |
| | „ (3 books) | No date. | |
| 3122 | Nursing Lists | 1774-6 | |
| 3123 | „ „ | 1776-9 | |
| 3124 | „ „ | 1795 | |
| 3125 | Nursing Account | 1792 | |
| 3126 | „ „ | 1795 | |
| 3127 | Drake and Skinner's Account, Weald Hall | 1733-5 | |
| 3128 | Barber's Diary (shaving in workhouse)... .. | 1759-1784 | |
| 3129 | Charity, Scheme, Copies of draft of the, (parcel) | 1889 | 159 |
| 3130 | Charities, Ledger relating to various, (St. Margaret) | 1879-1889 | |
| 3131 | Charities, An Account of, those under the control of the Church-wardens of St. Margaret's, made in compliance with an order of the Vestry | 1838 | |
| 3132 | Valuation Lists (original) | 1870 | 163 |
| 3133 | „ „ (copy) | 1870 | |
| 3134 | „ „ (original) | 1875 | |
| 3135 | „ „ (draft) | 1875 | |
| 3136 | „ „ (original) | 1880 | |
| 3137 | „ „ (original) | 1885 | |
| 3138 | „ „ (original) | 1890 | |
| 3139 | „ „ Home Wards only (original) | 1895 | |
| 3140 | Land and Window Tax | 1747 |  | 10 |
| 3141 | „ „ | 1753-5 | |
| 3142 | „ „ | 1756-8 | |
| 3143 | „ „ | 1759-61 | |
| 3144 | „ „ | 1762-4 | |
| 3145 | „ „ | 1765-7 | |
| 3146 | „ „ | 1768-70 | |
| 3147 | „ „ | 1771-2 | |
| 3148 | „ „ | 1773-4 | |
| 3149 | „ „ | 1775-6 | 11 |
| 3150 | „ „ | 1777-80 | |
| 3151 | Land Tax (parcel) Supplementary Assessments | 1784-1826 | |
| 3152 | Tax on Pensions (Pension Books) | 1744 to 1780 | |
| 3153 | „ Detinue, Book of | 1781-98 | |

| No. | Title or Nature of Record. | Year. | Shelf. |
|------|--|--------------|--------|
| 3154 | Tax on Detinue, Book of | 1791-1808 | 11 |
| 3155 | Minutes, Land Tax, New Duty | 1758 to 1809 | |
| 3156 | Minutes, Land Tax, House, Window, and General, 1798, and
New Window Tax | 1784 | |
| 3157 | Minutes, Land Tax, House, Window, and General, 1798, and
House Tax | 1783 | |
| 3158 | Taxes, House, Windows (or Lights) Tax | 1747 to 1759 | |
| 3159 | Taxes, Servants, Carriages, Horses, and Dogs; Servants' Tax
(1785 to 1799) | 1798 to 1804 | 12 |
| 3160 | Taxes, Carriage and Horse, 1785 to 1797; Aid and Con-
tribution | 1798 | |
| 3161 | Taxes, Duty on Houses inhabited | 1778 to 1783 | |
| 3162 | „ Window (3 books) | 1766-7 | |
| 3163 | „ Window, House and Servants | 1780 | |
| 3164 | { „ Window, House, Servants, and Carriages (2 books) | 1786 | |
| | { „ „ „ „ „ .. | 1878 | |
| 3165 | „ „ „ „ (4 books) | 1788 | |
| 3166 | „ „ „ „ (3 books) | 1789 | |
| 3167 | „ „ „ „ (4 books) | 1790 | |
| 3168 | „ „ „ „ (5 books) | No dates. | |
| 3169 | { „ Land, Window, and House (2 books) | 1778 | |
| | { „ Window and House (2 books) | 1785 | |
| | { „ „ „ „ „ .. | 1780 | |
| 3170 | { „ Land, Window, and House (2 books) | 1779 | |
| | { „ Land, Window and House, and Servants | 1779 | |
| | { „ Land, Index to | 1757-8-9 | |
| 3171 | „ Duties on Retail Shops, Servants, Carriages and Horses
(2 books) | 1786 | |
| 3172 | „ Miscellaneous (5 books) | 1766-1803 | |
| 3173 | „ Miscellaneous forms, schedules, letters, Collectors'
Account (parcel) | 1774-1831 | |
| 3174 | „ Land, King's Bench Book of Offices, Tax on Yearly
Salary or Profits | 1770-87 | |
| 3175 | „ „ „ „ „ .. | 1788-1800 | |
| 3176 | „ „ „ „ „ .. | 1801-35 | |
| 3177 | „ Land Tax, Exchequer Book of Offices, Tax on Yearly
Salary or Profits | 1739 to 1789 | |

| | Title or Nature of Record. | Year. | Shelf. |
|-------|---|--------------|--------|
| 3178 | Taxes, Land, Exchequer Book of Offices, Tax on Yearly
Salary or Profits | 1790 to 1807 | 12 |
| 3179 | " " " " " " | 1808 to 1835 | |
| 3180 | " Land, Exchequer and King's Bench Book of Offices,
Tax on Yearly Salary or Profits (Ledger) | 1770-1783 | |
| 3181 | " " " " " " | 1784-1802 | 13 |
| 3182 | " " " " " " | 1820-35 | |
| 3183 | " Land, King's Bench Book of Offices or Perquisites,
New Duty | 1764-1789 | |
| 3184 | " " " " " " | 1790-1807 | |
| 3185 | " " " " " " | 1765-1785 | |
| 3186 | " Land, Exchequer Book of Offices or Perquisites,
New Duty | 1786 to 1807 | |
| 3187 | " Land, King's Bench and Exchequer Book of Offices
or Perquisites, New Duty ... (Ledger) | 1758 to 1781 | |
| 3188 | " " " " " " | 1782 to 1805 | |
| 3188A | " Land, Notes on Perquisites | 1759 | |
| 3189 | " Land | 1827-8 | |
| 3190 | " " | 1829-31 | |
| 3191 | " " | 1832-3 | |
| 3192 | " " | 1834-6 | |
| 3193 | " " | 1841-3 | |
| 3194 | " Land and Window Tax | 1770 | |
| 3195 | " Land, Collector's Arrears, King Street, West (38 books) | 1782 to 1811 | |
| 3196 | " Land, Collector's Arrears, King Street, North (39 books) | 1793 to 1813 | 14 |
| 3197 | " Land, Collector's Arrears, Petty France and Knights-
bridge (40 books) | 1793 to 1811 | |
| 3198 | " Land, Collector's Arrears, St. John (38 books) | 1793 to 1812 | |
| 3199 | " Land, Collector's Arrears, Exchequer Book of Offices
(1 book) | 1742 to 1786 | |
| | " Land, Collector's Arrears, Exchequer Book of Offices
(17 books) | 1797 to 1830 | |
| 3200 | " Land, Collector's Arrears, King's Bench (7 books) | 1741 to 1799 | |
| | " Land, Collector's Arrears, King's Bench and Exchequer
(2 books) | 1741 to 1786 | |
| | " Land, Collector's Arrears, King's Bench (11 books) | 1818 to 1830 | |

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| No. | Title or Nature of Record. | | | | Year. | Shelf. |
|------|--|--|----------------------------|--------------|-------|--------|
| 3201 | Taxes, Assessed Land | (4 books) | ... | ... | 1818 | 14 |
| 3202 | " | " | (4 books and loose sheets) | ... | 1819 | |
| 3203 | " | " | (4 books and loose sheets) | ... | 1820 | |
| 3204 | " | " | (8 books and loose sheets) | ... | 1821 | 15 |
| 3205 | " | " | (5 books and loose sheets) | ... | 1822 | |
| 3206 | " | " | (5 books and loose sheets) | ... | 1823 | |
| 3207 | " | " | (4 books and loose sheets) | ... | 1824 | |
| 3208 | " | " | (4 books) | ... | 1825 | |
| 3209 | " | " | (4 books and loose sheets) | ... | 1826 | |
| 3210 | " | " | " | ... | 1827 | |
| 3211 | " | " | " | ... | 1828 | 16 |
| 3212 | " | " | " | ... | 1829 | |
| 3213 | " | " | " | ... | 1830 | |
| 3214 | " | " | " | ... | 1831 | |
| 3215 | " | " | " | ... | 1832 | |
| 3216 | " | " | " | ... | 1833 | 17 |
| 3217 | " | " | " | ... | 1834 | |
| 3218 | " | " | " | ... | 1835 | |
| 3219 | " | " | " | ... | 1836 | |
| 3220 | " | " | " | ... | 1837 | |
| 3221 | Settlements, Register of Affidavits relating to... | | ... | 1711 to 1714 | | 18 |
| 3222 | " | " | " | 1714 to 1721 | | |
| 3223 | " | " | " | 1718 to 1722 | | |
| 3224 | " | " | " | 1722 to 1724 | | |
| 3225 | " | " | " | 1724 to 1727 | | |
| 3226 | " | " | " | 1727 to 1729 | | |
| 3227 | " | " | " | 1726 to 1729 | | |
| 3228 | " | " | " | 1729 to 1735 | | |
| 3229 | " | " | " | 1734 to 1738 | | |
| 3230 | " | " | " | 1738 to 1740 | | |
| 3231 | " | " | " | 1740 to 1741 | | |
| 3232 | " | (One book marked Examination of Vagrants and of Settlements) | ... | 1740 to 1742 | | |
| 3233 | " | Marked Vagrants' Examination | ... | 1742 to 1752 | | |
| 3234 | " | " | " | 1741 to 1745 | | |
| 3235 | " | " | " | 1745 to 1747 | | |
| 3236 | " | " | " | 1747 to 1751 | | |

| No. | Title or Nature of Record: | Year. | Shelf. |
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| 3273 | Churchwardens' Pew Rent Books | 1816 | 19 |
| 3274 | " " " " " " " " | 1817 | |
| 3275 | " " Parish Rents, Annuities and Benefactions | 1818 | |
| 3276 | " " Pew Rents only | 1819 | |
| 3277 | " " " " " " " " | 1822 | |
| 3278 | " " " " " " " " | 1823 | |
| 3279 | " " " " " " " " | 1824 | |
| 3280 | " " Parish Rents, Annuities and Benefactions | 1824 | |
| 3281 | " " Pew Rents only | 1825 | |
| 3282 | " " " " " " " " | 1826 | |
| 3283 | " " Parish Rents, Annuities and Benefactions | 1827 | |
| 3284 | " " " " " " " " | " " " " " " " " | ,, 3 books No date. |
| 3285 | | | |
| 3286 | | | |
| 3287 | " " Pew Registers | 1838 to | 1856 |
| 3288 | " " Receipts for Pew Rents | 1764 to | 1775 |
| 3289 | Poor Rate, Journal | 1871 to | 1876 |
| 3290 | Accounts (Churchwardens') of receipts and expenditure, <i>in re</i> services, etc., at St. John's Church (unbound sheets) 1796 to | 1845 | 161 |
| 3291 | Paving, Lighting and Rector's Rates (St. John's) Collectors' copies (unbound) | 1805 to | 1825 |
| 3292 | Abstract of the several orders of the Vestry relating to the duties of Church Officers (unbound) | 1784 | |
| | Report by the Auditors upon examination of the accounts of St. John's parish | 1830-3 | |
| | Minutes of Committee of St. John's Vestry as to the appropriation of the Church vaults for burials | 1821 | |
| | Minutes of Committee of St. John's Vestry as to providing increased accommodation for burials | 1821 | |
| | Minutes of the Committee to conduct the application to Parliament for aid to repair St. John's Church | 1812 | |
| | List of Poor Housekeepers, etc., in St. John's parish relieved by voluntary contributions "at this severe season" | 1784 | |
| 3293 | Sundry Letters and Accounts (Churchwardens' and Overseers') relating to Church | Between 1700 and | 1800 87 |
| 3294 | Churchwardens' Miscellaneous Receipts and Accounts, and various papers (Shadwell), parcels | 1874-5-6 | |

| No. | Title or Nature of Record. | Year. | Shelf. |
|------|--|----------------------------|--------|
| 3295 | Provisional Valuation List (parcels) | 1889 to 1891 | 87 |
| 3296 | Army reserve (parcels) | 1803 | |
| 3297 | Army and Navy Rate (parcels)... .. | 1796-7 | |
| 3298 | Grants, Bargains, Sales, Title Deeds, etc. (parcels) ... | 1561 to 1568 | |
| 3299 | Special Committee Papers (parcels) | 1856 to 1861 | |
| 3300 | Tradesmen's Bills and Vouchers (parcels) | 1853 | |
| 3301 | { Special Committee on allegations by Mr. Aston (parcels) 2
books | 1879 | |
| | { Bastardy Orders | 1751 to 1813 | |
| 3302 | Contracts relating to repair of St. Margaret's and St. John's
Churches (parcels) | 1761 to 1845 | |
| 3303 | Repairs, etc., to St. Margaret's and St. John's Churches (parcels)
1815 to 1825 | | 88 |
| 3304 | { Church Papers (parcels) | 1604 to 1849 | |
| | { Deeds relating to Broadway Burial Ground (parcels) ... } | | |
| 3305 | { Westminster Improvement Act (parcels) | 1845 | |
| | { " " Papers (parcels) | 1850 to 1870 | |
| | { " " Deposited Plans (parcels) | 1847 | |
| 3306 | Lamp Reports (parcels) | 1804 to 1821 | |
| 3307 | " " | 1805 to 1819 | |
| 3308 | Paving Papers (parcels) | 1752 to 1837 | |
| 3309 | { Cholera, Papers relating to (parcels) | 1866 | |
| | { Mrs. Milns, Miscellaneous papers presented by (parcels) | 1835 to 1870 | |
| 3310 | { Acts of Parliament and Bills (parcels) | 1753 to 1777 | |
| | { First Report of Charity Trustees, 18 copies (parcels) ... | 1890 | |
| 3311 | { Drake's Accounts (parcels) | 1799 | |
| | { Sermons preached at Military Chapel (parcels) | 1803 | |
| | { Census papers (parcels) | 1801, 1811, 1821, and 1831 | |
| | { Christmas Charities (parcels) | 1766 to 1829 | |
| | { Treasurer's Printed Accounts (parcels) | 1835-49 | |
| 3312 | { Treasurer's Certificate of Balances (parcels) | 1874 to 1876 | |
| | { Treasurer's Vouchers, Church Rate, Nos. 1, 2, and 3 (parcels)... | | |
| | { Churchwardens' Receipts, Church matters (parcels) ... | 1876 to 1878 | |
| 3313 | Churchwardens' Vouchers (parcels) | 1792-7 | 89 |
| 3314 | " " " | 1801-3 | |
| 3315 | " " " | 1804-9 | |
| 3316 | " " " | 1810-7 | |

| No. | Title or Nature of Record. | Year. | Shelf. |
|------|--|--------------|--------|
| 3349 | Parliamentary Election, Westminster (parcels) | 1826 | 93 |
| 3350 | Jury List and Papers | 1826-81 | |
| 3351 | " " | 1882-5 | |
| 3352 | " " | 1889 | |
| 3353 | Town Hall, Tickets and Programmes <i>re</i> Foundations... .. | 1883 | |
| 3354 | " Plans of Site | 1881-2 | |
| 3355 | Plans, various, deposited | 1882 | |
| 3356 | " St. Ermin's Hill property | 1882 | |
| 3357 | Instructions to Architects competing for erection of Town Hall,
and report of Mr. C. Barry on plans for same | 1882 | |
| 3358 | Burrel <i>v.</i> Nicholson (papers) | 1831-2 | |
| 3359 | " " Printed reports of trial (2 parcels) | 1833 | |
| 3360 | Guardians' Receipts, parcel No. 1 | | 94 |
| 3361 | " " " " 2 | | |
| 3362 | " " " " 3 | 1732 | |
| 3363 | " " " " 4 | to | |
| 3364 | " " " " 5 | 1854 | |
| 3365 | " " " " 6 | | |
| 3366 | Annual Report, Board of Works, printed copies (parcel) | 1883-4 | 95 |
| 3367 | " " " " " | 1884-5 | |
| 3368 | " " " " " | 1885-6 | |
| 3369 | " " " " " | 1886-7 | |
| 3370 | " " " " " | 1887-8 | |
| 3371 | Reports to Vestry on various subjects (parcel) | 1840-53 | |
| 3372 | Annual Report of Vestry | 1889 | |
| 3373 | " " " " " | 1890-1 | |
| 3374 | " " (parcel) | 1891-2 | |
| 3375 | " " " " " | 1892-3 | |
| 3376 | " " " " " | 1893-4 | |
| 3377 | " " " " " | 1894-5 | |
| 3378 | " " " " " | 1895-6 | |
| 3379 | " " " " " | 1896-7 | |
| 3380 | " " " " " | 1897-8 | 57 |
| 3381 | " " " " " | 1898-9 | |
| 3382 | Overseers' Receipts (parcel) | 1728 to 1740 | |
| 3383 | Bonds and Indentures (two parcels) | 1680 to 1802 | |
| 3384 | | | |

| No. | Title or Nature of Record. | Year. | Shelf. |
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| Unnum-
bered. | Militia Pay Book. In Box No. 3 | 1793 to 1801 | 155 |
| | Overseers, Personal disbursements in discharge of their office | 1780 to 1820 | |
| | Letters and Resolutions of Finance Committee | 1870-2 | |
| | Letters, St. George's Union | 1873 | |
| | Papers <i>re</i> District Railway Rating | 1875 | |
| | Borough and County Voters' and Jury Lists | 1874-5-6 | |
| | Vestry Letters | June 1873 to December | 1873 |
| | " " | " 1874 | " 1874 |
| | " " | " 1875 | " 1875 |
| | " " | " 1876 | " 1876 |
| | Land Tax Accounts | 1797-8-9 | |
| | Poor and Watch Rate, Collectors' Account | 1771 to 1791 | |
| | Subscription List and Lists of Members of St. Margaret and St. John Armed Association, with other papers relating thereto | 1798 to 1803 | |
| | Armed Association, Papers. In Box No. 4 | | 154 |
| | Overseers, Memorandum of receipts and expenditure | 1783 to 1814 | |
| | Bonds, Mortgages, Assignments, and other securities for the repayments of loans by paving authorities... | 1770 to 1830 | |
| | Westminster Sunday Tolls, Papers relating to the discontinuance of the, | 1810 | |
| | Queen Victoria, Jubilee, various papers. Box 5 | 1887 | 153 |
| | Proposed Incorporation of Westminster. Box 6 | 1896-7 | 152 |
| | Bonds and Mortgages securing loans by Churchwardens, Paving Committees, and other authorities. Box 7 | 1584 to 1830 | 172 |
| | 25 Copies of "St. John-the-Evangelist, Westminster: Parochial Memorials." Box No. 8 | 1892 | 111 |
| | Mortgage deeds, contracts and other documents. Box 9 | | 173 |
| | Register of leases belonging to St. Margaret. Box 10 | 1714 | 174 |
| | (An inventory of the contents of these boxes, prepared by Mr. T. C. Noble in 1887, is placed in Box No. 10.) | | |

The piece is done
. If aught have fallen amiss,
Oh, let it be sufficient that it is,
And you have pardoned it. (In buildings great,
All the whole body cannot be so neat
But something may be mended.) Those are fair,
And worthy love, that may destroy, but spare.

BEAUMONT and FLETCHER. *The Spanish Curate.*



FRONTISPIECE, IN COLOURS, OF THE OVERSEERS' ACCOUNTS, 1610.

APPENDIX.

Inventories

OF THE

Goods, Jewels and Ornaments,

IN THE

CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

1511, 1572, AND 1614-15.

INVENTORY, 1511.

Hereafter ensueth an Inventory made by the said Wardeyns Accomptaunts of all the Goodes, Juelles, and Ornamentes to the said Church of St. Margaret appertayning :—

Bookes.

First iij grete antiphones new garnyshed with boleyns (knobs)
Item iiij small antiphones garnyshed with boleyns
Item A legend new garnyshed with boleyns
Item iiij Grailes new garnyshed with boleyns
Item vi Prest-stoner written, a Prest-stoner prynted
Item A Pyx and an Ordinall written
Item iiij Manuelles written
Item a Manuell with a red Kouvr (cover)
Item v Masse Bookes written
Item ij Printed Masse Bookes
Item j Grate Booke in pchment priksonge (written music)
Item a Gospeler garnyshed with a Crucyfix Mary & John with iiij cristall stones
quadrant sette
Item a 'Pisteler garnyshed with the lynnyn of ropes (?)

Vestementes.

Item a sute of iij vestments of Red tissue wt. altar apparell belonging to theym
Item a sute of iij vestements of Blue tissue wt. all the Apparell longynge to them
Item a sute of iij White vestments of Damask garnyshed with flowers of gold
wt. al the Apparell that longeth to them

- Item a sute of clothe of Bawdekyn (rich silk) iij vestments lakking a fanel (maniple)
- Item a sute of iij vestments clothe of Bawdekyn with all the Apparell for Sondaies
- Item a vestment of grene velvet with orferas (orfraies, fringes of gold or silver) of Red tissue with al hys reparel (change of apparel)
- Item a vestment of Red saton figare prikd wt. gold wt. all hys reparell
- Item a sute of vestments Black clothe of Bawdekyn of ij the gospeler lakking stole and fannell
- Item a vestment Red saton garnyshed wt. whyte braunches and orferas wt. Blue damask wt. all hys repal
- Item a vestment of grene damask the orferas with imagery set upon gold with all the repall
- Item a chesibil with stole and fannell of Derynk (see note, p. 240) the orferas Red fayr garnyshed with floures coper gold
- Item a vestment of Black saten figure wt. all the repall
- Item a vestment of Red Bawdekyn the orferas Black sarsenet garnyshed wt. whyte roses with all the apparel
- Item a vestment of Ray silk wt. orfras grene sarsenet garnysshed with birds and conyes wt. a stole lakking a fanel
- Item a vestment of Bawdekyn the orfras white sarsenet garnysshed with red roses
- Item a vestment russet damask the orfras red Bawdekyn garnysshed wt. birds with all the repal
- Item a vestment of red and white garnysshed with grapes heds wt. all the apparel thereto
- Item a vestment of white buckram (?) for Lent
- Item a vestment of purpill sarsenet for Good Friday
- A litil cope wt. old ribandes an orfras red velvet garnysshed with floures of gold and xxiiij floures of gold lying loose in the same cope
- Item a fronte of blue Damask on the high Awter
- Awter Clothes and Curteynes.** Item ij awter clothes blue & tawney velvet garnyshed wt. floures of gold ij curteynes blue & tawney sarsent. to the same awter clothes
- Item ij awter clothes of purpul sarsenet garnysshed wt. gators and ij red sarsenet curteynes to the same
- Item ij awter clothes blak worsted wt. ij curtenes blak sarsenet
- Item ij white staned clothes for the high awter of the baptyrn of Crist and one curteyn unto hit wt. an aungel stayned
- Item ij white stayned clothes of our Lady wt. ij stayned curtains
- Item ij painted awter clothes wt. ij curteynes painted wt. leves
- Item ij painted awter clothes wt. ij curtenes of the Passhion of Crist
- Item ij painted awter clothes wt. ij curteynes
- Item a stayned broken clothe
- Item ij awter clothes of cloth of Bawdekyn
- Item Sepulcre clothe of grene Bawdekyn
- Item a white lynnene clothe for the Sepulcre
- Item a canope of grene Bawdekyn
- Item ij grete and ij smalle Supaltaries
- Item vij diaper awter clothes
- Item iiij playne awter clothes
- Item iiij Diap. towells for the Awter
- Item iiij playne towells for the high Awter ij curteynes of blue bokrhm. that hange bifore Saint Mgaret. and Saint Katryn
- A cloth for the fonte of Diap
- Plate, Juelles, Corpas cases wt. Kerches in them & naperie.** Item ij gilte chales, v chales par'ells gilt, iij sensors par'ells gilt, ij shippes par'ells gilt; ij ornetts par'ells gilt
- Item a saorny belle par'ells gilt; j pax par'ells gilt; j pax copur and gilt of Mast. Campage gift; a pax painted the crucifix silver; j pyx hole gilt crismatory partly gilt standing upon iv aungelles and pair of corall bedes of I gauded wt. silver and gilt with a knop of perle and a ring withal
- A relic of St. Mgrate. finger silver and gilt. A tabulet wt. bones silver and gilt
- A pece of the hed of St. George closed in silver and gilt

- A crosse with perles
 A litil prser the key and the henges silver
 iiij knoppes silver and gilt on the silk that hangeth upon the pyx xxii Corpas
 cases wherof x have kropers and the remnant be without
 iiij Corpas clothes on hallowed
 xxxii Diap towelles conteynyng (blank)
 iiij playne towelles conteynyng (blank)
- Copes, bere clothes, serclet, baners, chapletts, pendants, canope ; crosse staves and baner staves.**
- Item iij copes Red tissue iij copes blue tissue iij copes white damask brodered wt. floures of gold
 Item a Red cope crymsyn saten briggy the orferas grene
 iij copes black bawdekyn
 xii cushsons grete and small
 ii bere clothes one blue velvet and the odr bawdekyn
 A bere clothe embrondered wt. the holie Gost grene velvet
 ij blak clothes wt. white crosses to lie upon graves
 A serclet for maidens when they be married of the gift of Anthony goldsmith wif
 xxi baners good and bad
 ii lenton baners
 j stremer wt. a lion
 A Spanysse towel for a crosier
 iij sendel clothes
 v chapeleats for vyrgins
 xvii pendaunts to hang about the sepulcre
- Item iiij staves painted wt. silver for the canope
 ij crosse staves one copes and the other bras
 xvi baner staves
- Item a pyx of clothe of tissue
 iij copes of bawdekyn
- Crosses, candel stikkis, branches and other necessaries.**
- Item a crosse copes and gilt wt. a crucifix Mary and John
 Item an oder crosse of copes & gilt end of the crosse wt. birrell
 ij grete Standard candelstikkis afore the high awter
 iiij smal laten (fine brass) candelstikkis for the high awter
- Item iiij candelstikkis of laton for burialls
 Item the pascall bason wt. iiij chaynes laton
- Item A lamp of laton
 A branche laton of v candelstikkis standing afore Saint Mgaret.
 A branche of laton of ij candelstikkis standing before the trunk (relic chest)
 xiiij grete bolles and iiij small bolles (bowls) of laton
 ij laton candelstikk of the old fasshion
- Item A standing candelstikk
 A chafer of Bras to hot oile in
- Item ij holy water stokke
- Item A fire skomer
 i pair of briganders (coats of mail) and a salet (light helmet)
 A pair of curas (cuirass)
 ij old bills
 A federbed want bolster
 A pillow
 A blanket
- Item A bedsted
 ij beres with ij korners to bere wt.
 ij basketts for holy bred
 A basket for the serclet (for brides)
 ij boxes wt. ij kyes for the churchwardeyns to gader pascall money wt. at ester
- Item v buk skynnes
 Item the convnt (covenant) seale of Maistr. Henry Abingdon's Rents
- Pascall.**
- Item There is remaynyng in Maister Otiwell's handes of wax to make the pascall taper with i Cxxxij lb. of wax & an half. (See p. 28.)

- Money due unto the Church. Item William Hekforth yoman of the gard wt. our souvren lord King Henry the viiith oweth unto the Church for the rent of his house that he dwellith in belonging to Abingdon's Rents for vi yeres and one quarter at xxxiiis. iiijd. by yere, x℥ viiis. iiijd.
- Item a narow towell diap. of vi ells and so
- Item a towell of diap vi ells ; a towell diap iij ells ; a towell diap v ells
 A towell diap cont. xx ells
 A towell cont. xi ells
 A towell contg. xvii ells
 A towell cont. viii ells
 A towell of diap cont. iij ells
 A towell diap cont. viii ells & so
 A towell diap cont. v ells
 A towell diap cont. ix ells
 A towell cont. vii ells
 A sore worn towell diap iiij ells
 A diap towell cont. vii ells
- Item A diap towell iij ells & so
 A towell diap iiij ells
 A towell diap iiij ells & so
 A towell diap ij ells febil
- Item A towell diap ix ells
 A towel diap cont. vi ells penlay
 A towel diap iii ells
 A towel ij ells
 A towel diap x ells
 A towel cont. v ells
 A towel diap viii ells & so
 A towel diap cont. x ells & so
 A towel diap cont. v ells & so
 A towel diap iij ells & so
 A towel diap febil iij ells
 A towel diap viii ells
 A diap towel xii ells
 A playne towell vii ells
 A playne towell cont. ij ells
 An old towel of i ell
- Item ij grave stones

INVENTORY, 1572.

Here after ensueth an Inventory taken by the saide Church Wardens Accomptauntes of all the goods Jewelles and Ornaments wythyn the paryshe church of Saynt Margarete in Westminster apperttynynge the xvth daye of Maye Anno Dmo. 1572.

- Plate.** Imprimis twoe Comunion Cuppes all gylte and sylver
 One other Comunion Cuppe of silver all whyte and playne
 One paske for Brydes sett wythe perle and stone
- Copes.** One Cope of Crymson Clothe of Tissue
 One other Cope of Crymson veluet withe flowres of golde
- Comunion clothes.** One Clothe of redde Crymson veluet and veluet for the Comunion table
 One Clothe of purple and grene Clothe of golde
 One Clothe of redde and grene Bodken to hange on the walle
 Ij other clothes of bleu and Russet veluet withe flowers of golde
- Herse clothes.** One herse clothe of purple and crymson veluet and images of golde sette with perle and wroughte withe nedle worke
 One herse Clothe of Clothe of bodken and golde
 One herse Clothe of purple clothe of tyssue
 One herse Clothe of Clothe of golde

- One herse Clothe of olde redde clothe of tyssue
 One herse Clothe of Crymson Clothe of tyssue
- Cushions.** Two Cushyons of Crymson veluet and clothe of golde
 ij Cushions of grene veluet with skutchions of nedle worke
 ij Cusshions of Clothe of bodken withe floure Deluces (*fleur-de-lys*)
 One lytle Cusshion with a tre of grene sylke
- Pulpyt clothes.** One pulpytte clothe of bleue clothe of tyssue
 One other pulpytte clothe of black and redde bodken with flowers of golde
 One pulpytte clothe of purple clothe of tyssue made of an olde Cope bodken
- Napery and other stuffe.** viij clothes of dyaper for the Comunion table
 One greate clothe of Dyaper for the same table
 ffyve playne clothes for the same table
 xvii towells of Dyaper shorte and longe
 ij other shorte towells of Dyaper
 iiij banner poles or staves, and ij latten basons
 One harnesse for an horseman, ij brest plates and two backes for the same
 One paire of splyntes iiij olde stulles one flaske and tutch box for a gunne
 One blacke byll and ij heddes of blacke bylles withoute the staves
 ij new sheffe of Arrowes and iiij sheffes of olde arrowes
 ij grete barre chests of yron and one other chest of waynscott with a broken . . .
- Books and Serples and other necessaryes.** One great Byble of the largest volume
 ij Paraphrases one of the Epystles and an other of the gospels
 One new Comunion booke withe a psalter, and one olde Comunion booke
 ij new bookes of homelyes of the fyrste and second parte
 ij newe psalter bookes, and two olde psalter bookes
 ij newe Psalme bookes of Geneuova
 ij olde lectures of Vaynstott and certain other olde Vaynstott
 ij plates of brasse and one plate of brasse with a pycure
 iiij gathered serplesse and vi playne olde serplesse
 lxiij new lether buckets and ij greate longe ladders
 One olde shorte ladder and iiij olde Bawdrykes (bell ropes)
 One greate foote Carpett and ij new boxes for the bolles (bowls)
 One vestment olde wth. floure deluces and ij pere of vestments
 lii new pavyng Tyle
- Armour.** viii Courselettes furnyshed and viii pykes furnyshed
 vi Calyvers with flasks and tutche boxe
 vi blacke moryan heddes and one sworde gyrdell
 xiiij new swordes and xiii new daggers
 One pece of Cope lefte to make a Cushion of purple clothe of tyssue

INVENTORY, 1614-15.

An Inventorie or Schedule of all such Goodes, Plate Jewells Ornaments and other things of and belonging to the parish church of Saint Margarett in Westmr. as were comitted to the charge and custodie of us the before named *Churchwardens* (as the same are now remayning and being in and about the said church) and are delivered to Peter Haywood and Thomas Moritt, the now Churchwardens (newlie chosen) of the same parish to bee by them safelie kept and accounted for, at the deliverie upp of their Accompte, vizt.

- Imprimis* one great Cupp for the Communion waeghing ffortie one ounces and a halfe
 Item one other great Com'union Cupp double guilt weighing thirtie seaven ounces
 Item one plain Silver Cupp weighing ffifteene ounces
 Item twoe great Liverie potts of Silver to fetch wine for the Com'union, weighing cxlvij ounces
 Item a plate of Silver double guilt to laie the bread on at the Com'union waight. vi oz. dem et dem g ter

- Item one Paiste* for Brides sett on with pearle and stone
 Item a back ffront of gilded leather hanging on the upper end of the Com'union Table
 Item a Table with the Tenne Comaundemts, hanging over the Com'union table
 Item one purple and greene Cloath of Gould
 Item one rich Cloath of white damaske embroidered
 Item one Cloath of redd velvett and gould paned
 Item twoe very ould peeces of velvett nailed at each end of the Com'union Table
 Item twoe peeces of ould Cloath of bodkin worke fastened before and behind the same Table
 Item one Pall of Cloath of gould for the Com'union Table bordered with gould fringe
 Item, one long Carpett of Turkie worke to laie before the Com'union Table
 Item, one long Cushion of Cloath of Gould backt with Crimson velvett with fower tassells of silk and gould bordered with gould lace and fringed (being sutable to the said Pall)
 Item, one shorter Cushion of Cloth of Gould backt with Crimson velvett with fower tassells of Silke and gould bordered with gould lace and fringed, sutable to the said Pall
 Item, one long Cushion of Crimson velvett backt with damaske, given by Mr. Maurice Pickering for the Pulpitt
 Item, one Crimson velvett cushion embroidered with fflowers and lined with leather
 Item, one ould Cushion with images for the Com'union table
 Item, one verie long Cushion of russett velvett
 Item, one long Cushion of figuretta Taffeta russett and black
 Item, one long Cushion of figuretta Taffeta haire colour and rose colour
 Item, twoe ould long Cushions paned with red velvett and gould
 Item, tenne Cushions of dornixet†
 Item, twoe stalle cloathes for the Chancell of greene Silke branched, and lined with blue lynnem
 Item, one cloath of black velvett lined with Million ffustian fringed with black silk called the Marke cloath given by Mr. Maurice Pickering
 Item, a rich Cloath embroidered with Images called the halfe-crowne Cloath
 Item, a rich Cloath of redd velvet embroidered with flowers called also the halfe-crowne Cloath
 Item, one Cloath embroidered with Scollopp Shells called the twoe shilling Cloath
 Item, one ould Cloath called the twelve pennie cloath
 Item, another ould Cloath for the Poore
 Item, one pulpitt cloath of blue velvett and gould verie much decayed
 Item, one ould pulpitt Cloath, worth little
 Item, one new Cloath of fine diaper of fower yards and three quarters
 Item, one new Cloath of diaper somewhat courser of fower yards and a halfe
 Item, one ould diaper Cloath of three yards
 Item, five diaper Towells long and short
 Item, three gathered Surplisses for the Minister
 Item, ffive plaine Surplisses for the Clarke and Sexton
 Item, one dromme with a case of greene Buckram, and twoe brasill drumsticks being the gift of Mr. Maurice Pickering
 Item, nyne Cosletts furnished
 Item, one armour for a horseman, Sword and dagger but no girdle, given by Mr. Marmaduke Servant
 Item, one Muskett with a Rest, and twelve Calivers
 Item, twelve Swordes and nine Daggers, Seaven leather Belts, Three pair of ould hangers and one wast Girdle
 Item, eleaven fflaskes and nine touch boxes
 Item, one head peece for a horseman and seaven head peeces for Shott

* Circlet.

† *Dornixe*, or *Dornyk*, a corruption of Dornick, the Dutch name for Tournay, once the seat of a flourishing woollen trade. Dornick hangings and carpets are frequently mentioned by our old authors. Later the term was applied to a stout description of damask linen cloth.

- Item, three black Bills
 Item, twoe sheathes full of ould rotten arrowes
 Item, five ould Pikes
 Item, one Antient (Ensign or flag). (*See the last item against the year 1579, p. 50.*)
 Item, twoe Tables hanging in the Vestrie, the one mentioning the names of all the Burgesses and of all those within their severall wardes that became contributorie towards the payment of the Act graunted for the good government of this Cittie or Borough of Westmr., and what everie person paid; the other table mentioning the names of divers gentlemen and others Parishioners whoe gave money towards the Trim'ing of the said parish Church, and what everie such person did give, As in and by the said Tables remaying in the said Vestrie more plainlie maie appeare
 Item, one great Presse
 Item, one long Table with a fframe
 Item, one long fforme
 Item, one great flatt Chest with five Locks
 Item, one great Chest barred with yron, wherein the plate is locked
 Item, another great Chest barred with yron, wherein the Churchwardens Bookes are locked
 Item, one Chest wherein the Collectors putt the Poores money
 Item, one great Chest to laie the Lynnen in
 Item, one great Chest bar'd with yron and fower Register Bookes in it
 Item, one Carpett of dornixe for the Churchwardens Pewe (*See note p. 240.*)
 Item, one greene Carpett for the Table in the Vestrie
 Item, one Cradle of yron to make fire in
 Item, one Croc of yron
 Item, one paire of Tongs, and a fire-shovell, and a paire of Bellowes
 Item, one chamber pott, and three copper Basons
 Item, twoe great brasen Candlesticks, and a paire of copper Snuffers
 Item, a Standish (a stand or case for pen and ink) of Pewter and a Penknife
 Item, one deske with an ould Bible fastened to it
 Item, one great Bible for the reading-place
 Item, one large Communion Booke for the Minister
 Item, three lesser Com'union Bookes for the Clarke and Sexton
 Item, one Booke of Homilies
 Item, one booke of Paraphrasis of Erasmus
 Item, one Booke of the abridgement of the Statute
 Item, one Lanterne of glasse in the bodie of the Church
 Item, one brasse Candlestick of ffive branched Sockette hanging in the Chauncell, given by Mr. Thomas Bond
 Item, one long Table in the bodie of the Church with the Kings Armes
 Item, three long fire hookes with chains
 Item, Thirtie five leather Bucketts for fire much decaied
 Item, thirtene fformes long and short
 Item, twoe long Ladders called the Standerds, and one ladder for the leades
 Item, one short Ladder for the graves, and one ould Beere
 Item, fower Coffines great and small, and one ould Wheelebarrowe
 Item, one paire of tressles, twoe Shovells, and one Pickaxe.
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ADDENDA AND CORRIGENDA.

Page 43.—All the references and enquiries made up to the time of going to press failed to elicit any definite information as to 'the *Scala Cœli* in the Abby' mentioned in the extract from the accounts for the year 1519, at p. 43; but an application to the Abbey architect (J. T. Micklethwaite, Esq., F.S.A.,) was more successful. That gentleman very courteously and promptly replied, under date of 20th June, 1900:—

"I have no certain information about *Scala Cœli* at the Abbey here. But I have a suspicion it was another name for the Lady Chapel, which was called Henry VII.'s Chapel. I do not remember meeting with *Scala Cœli* earlier than the rebuilding of the Lady Chapel, and in 1504 Pope Julius II. granted to the King's new chapel the same indulgence as had been granted to the Church of *Scala Cœli* in Rome. I have a note of a will in 1513 in which a trental 'at the *Scala Cœli* at Westmynster' is provided for; which shows us that there was an altar at which Mass could be said. It would be interesting to know why the parish should pay so large a sum as £3 2s. 8d. to the keeper in 1519. Are there any more payments of the same kind? This sum in purchasing power would be equal to at least £60 now."

Page 94.—The title page of the Overseers' Accounts for 1617, described as "missing," was recovered from the possession of a person at Croydon while the last pages of the Catalogue were in the press. It was at once reproduced, and is inserted opposite page 220

Page 172, No. 2067, foot-note.—For "Hipkins" substitute "Hipwell."

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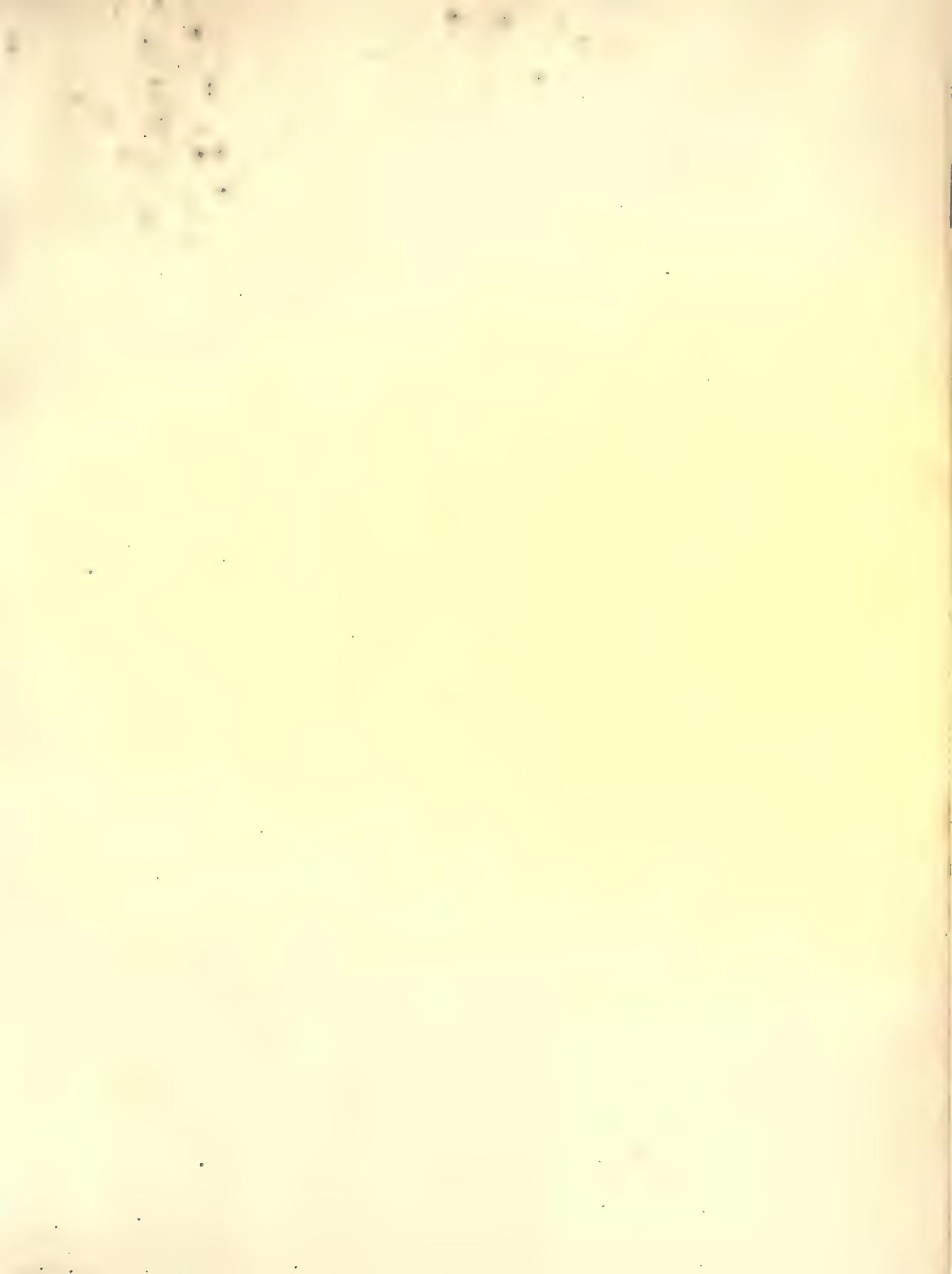
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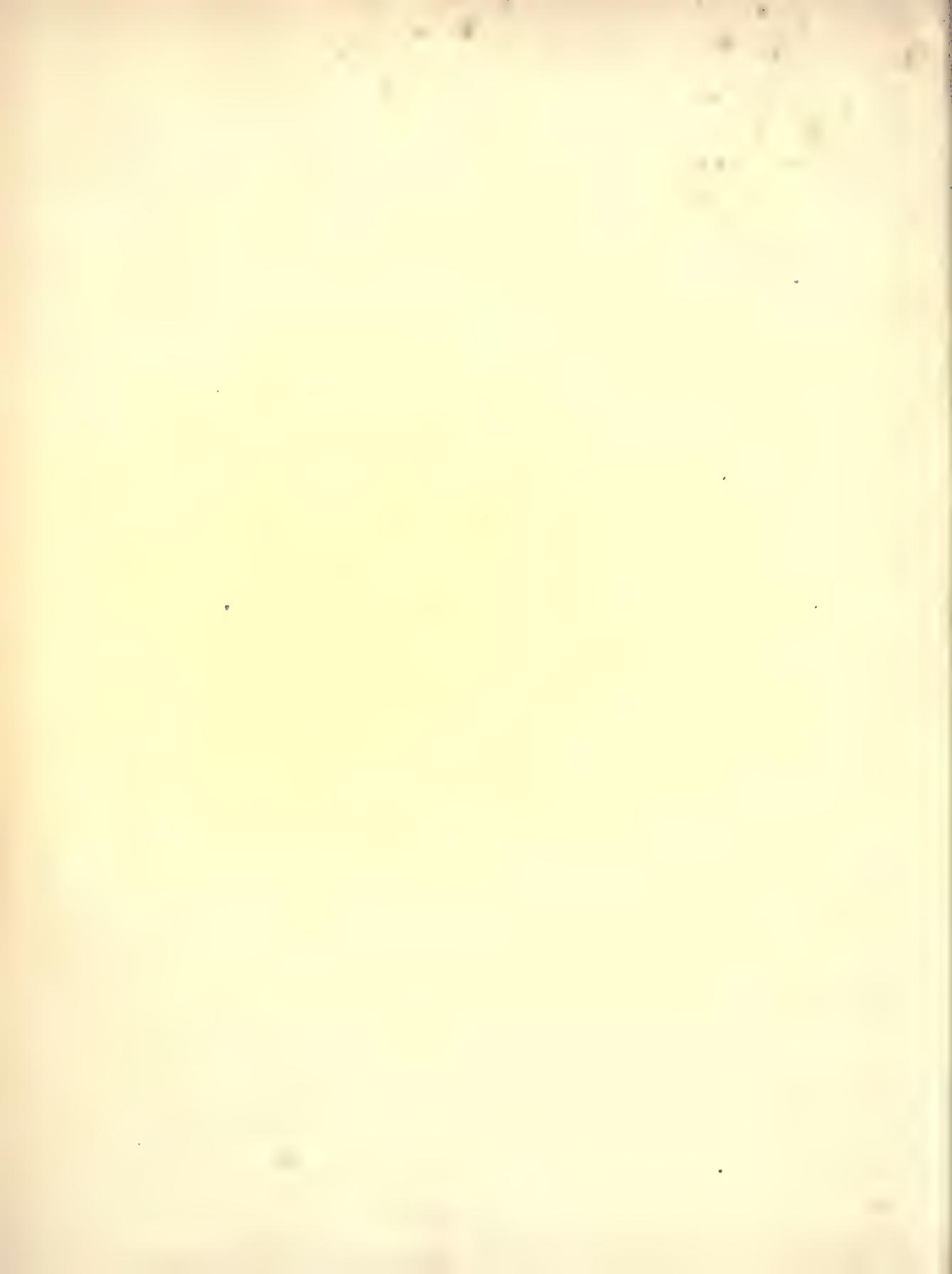
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