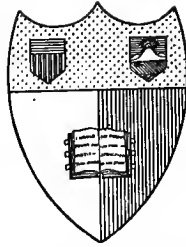


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Cratfield Parish Accounts.

THE late Rev. William Holland, M.A., Rector of Huntingfield, Suffolk, has left behind him a large collection of transcripts of ancient parochial accounts. Those of the parish of Cratfield, which reach back to the days of Henry VII., have been selected for publication, under the editorship of the Rev. Canon Raven, D.D., F.S.A., Rector of Fressingfield, and will be published by Messrs. Jarrold & Sons, of 10 & 11, Warwick Lane, E.C.

To each year Mr. Holland has appended historical notes, so that the affairs of this remote village are a microcosm. The stirring events of the Tudor Period, as the martyrdom in the village of Laxfield, adjacent to Cratfield, Lady Jane Grey's rebellion, the Armada, etc., find valuable and interesting illustrations which are continued in the forthcoming volume to the year 1642.

Among the more important items are those relating to the Parish Guild, an institution which has left its mark behind it in the shape of many a Guildhall and Chantry. The simple expedient of huge feasts by which surplus cash was disposed of, in the prospect of visits from Tudor officials in search of goods for the Augmentation office, may be read unglossed here.

Many names occur of course, of the old local families, some now extinct in East Anglia, but not unrepresented in the New England States. The retention of the ancient spelling is not without its philological use.

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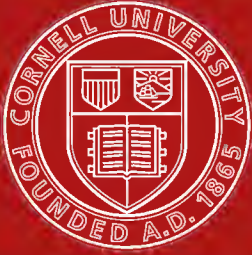
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CRATFIELD:

*A Transcript of the Accounts of the Parish, from
A.D. 1490 to A.D. 1642, with Notes,*

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With a brief Memoir of the Author, by his widow.

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MEMOIR.

WILLIAM HOLLAND was the son of John Holland of Carrington House, Boston, and was born at Boston on the 25th March, 1813; he was a short time at Horncastle Grammar School, and was also at Louth School, from whence he proceeded to Oxford, and matriculated at Lincoln College in March, 1832; in the same year he became engaged to his cousin, Mildred Keyworth Holland, whom he married on the 8th of December, 1835. Though he did not gain any distinctions in the Schools at Oxford, he passed Responsions in June, 1832, and "Greats" in 1835, and in due course he was ordained Deacon in 1840 by Dr. Kaye, Bishop of Lincoln, to the Curacy of Walcot. He was ordained Priest in 1841, and about the same time his Trustees purchased for him the living of Huntingfield-cum-Cookley; but as he could not get possession of the Rectory during the lifetime of the Rev. Henry Uhthoff, he and his wife spent much of the next few years in travelling; they made tours to France, Germany, Spain, Russia, Norway, Sweden, Turkey, Greece, and even to Asia Minor, and we would remind our readers that pleasure tours of this kind were not made so frequently fifty years ago as they are now. In this way they spent many happy months, studying all that was beautiful in Church architecture, of the towns that they visited. Mrs. Holland made some admirable etchings and paintings (for she was very clever with both pen and brush) of all kinds of architectural ornament.

But in 1848 Mr. Uhthoff died, and Mr. Holland was instituted to Huntingfield on the 27th of April of that year. He then began his duties in that Parish, where he was Rector for upwards of 40 years; he threw himself heartily into his work, and soon made himself beloved by all that knew him. Both he and his wife, as we have hinted before, were ardent students of Architecture and Archæology, and they spent much of their leisure time in rubbing brasses, deciphering old MSS. (in which he was peculiarly skilful), and planning the restoration of Huntingfield Church. Upon this last work alone he must have spent upwards of £2,000, and his wife undertook to paint and decorate the roof with her own hands, and after three years of hard work in the nave, and about nine months in the chancel, she accomplished this labour of love, a very beautiful monument of her taste and perseverance. And thus for thirty years they lived at the Rectory a life of earnest work in the parish and of peaceful happiness at home; but in the 43rd year of their happy married life he lost his wife, who died suddenly on the 11th November, 1878, and was buried in Huntingfield churchyard, to quote her husband's own words—"very near her great work and labour of love in God's Most Holy House in that parish."

This was a terrible blow, and he never quite recovered the shock of her sudden death. In the next year he went to Brittany for a short tour, and brought back with him two fine specimens of monumental art, the work of a French artist, which his wife had admired when they visited that country some years before: these were placed in Huntingfield churchyard, the one with an inscription to his wife, the other stood a "tabula rasa" till after the Rector's death.

On the 20th January, 1881, Mr. Holland was married to Mrs. McKee, the widow of Mr. R. G. McKee, and daughter of Rev. J.

Byron of Killingholme; in December, 1888, he had a kind of paralytic seizure, from which he never recovered, and after a long and painful illness he died on the 3rd of October, 1891. All his parishioners both rich and poor felt that with him they had lost a personal friend, warm-hearted, generous, and true; none could deny that he always

“bore without abuse
The grand old name of gentleman,
Defamed by every charlatan,
And soil'd by all ignoble use.”

His second wife survives him, and as some small tribute to the memory of her dear husband, and as the most fitting monument of the work he loved so well, she publishes these Archæological notes on Cratfield; and she has presented to the Ipswich Museum his very valuable collection of Brasses, which will be known as the Holland Collection.



INTRODUCTION.

Few suspect the importance of those documents which are lying entombed in the Parish Chests of England. In too many cases clergy and laity alike have sold as waste paper, or committed to the flames, records of the past, which can never be recovered, regarding them as useless lumber. Such, happily, was not the case with these, with which the student of history is presented in this volume.

Through the industry of my lamented neighbour the following transcript was made. It has been committed to my charge as Editor, and I have endeavoured to carry out my duties as I feel that the Author would have desired.

I have restored for several reasons the original spelling, which he had modernized. Of late the study of mediæval English has so spread itself, that not many would now be deterred from examining these pages by reason of old-fashioned spelling. Indeed a certain piquancy and quaintness is added to the narrative by the curious forms in which words thus appear, and sometimes valuable philological hints are afforded.

The history of the parish of Cratfield is probably but a type and figure of the history of most English parishes.

The vast billows of an ocean make themselves felt in countless little ripples which run up the creeks of coasts of inland seas. So the great disturbances in the political world, or in religious thought, or in international discord, will be found to have transmitted their forces to this remote village on the Suffolk boulder clay.

Cratfield is about as unknown a place as one could well find. It lies near the head of one of the little streams which form the inconspicuous Blyth, crossed by the traveller from London to Yarmouth or Lowestoft, near the Halesworth Station. The extent is mainly westward of the parish church, towards my parish of Fressingfield, and northward towards Metfield. Other boundary parishes, the names of which will occur in these pages, are the Linsteads, Cookley, Huntingfield, and Laxfield.

The "beating of bounds" which took place on the Rogation Days, traced to those Litanies which were ordered by Mamertus, Bishop of Vienne, c. 470, took a mixed multitude annually over brook and pale, by where the tall trees on Silverleys Green mark the watershed between the Waveney and the Blyth, back to the "Gylde Halle," whence the start would be pretty sure to be made. The reader of these financial items will soon be face to face with "pullers," or with "them that went a polloren," in which rugged terms some would fail to recognise the French *pèlerin*, still less the English *pilgrim* or the Latin *peregrinus*. The acreage is nearly 2,123, and the population at the census of 1891 was 467. In 1841 it was 720, and the steady drop notes the gradual decay of the agricultural interest. Machinery has greatly lessened the demand for labour, and as the English palate is too delicately constituted to consume flour which can come of English wheat, the supply of that staple article is largely in excess of the demand for it.

The labours of my predecessors in Suffolk archæology supply me with all that is necessary for a general sketch of the annals of Cratfield. In the time of the Confessor, Tored held three carucates and a half as a manor; but at the compilation of Domesday Book, Ralph Bainard was lord of the entire soil. There were five *franci homines*, a class difficult to describe, something between a yeoman and a gentleman. It seems strange that out of twenty-nine recorded in the whole county, Cratfield should have contained five. Very likely the sturdy "forefathers of the hamlet," whose doings and dealings are set forth in the parish account, may have traced their origin to one or other of these "Franklins."

From Ralph Bainard, through his son Geoffrey, the manor came to a grandson William, who lost it by forfeiture early in the reign of Henry I., on which occasion it appears to have been broken into three parts, for in 1100 Matilda de Liz granted to the Priory of S. Neot's the third part of the whole manor of Cratfield, which she speaks of as "*liberum maritagium meum*." The history of this manor cannot be traced, though it probably continued in the Priory (of which frequent mention will occur in the accounts) till the Dissolution. The other manors formed out of the original manor were "Cratfield" and "Cratfield Roos." The former passed from the Albini family by various changes, partly by inheritance, partly by attainder, to John Mowbray, Duke of Norfolk, to whom it was granted by letters patent of Edward IV. in 1468. The "Dominus Norff" of 1509 (see p. 36), is doubtless Thomas, Earl of Surrey. The year belongs to one of the *lacunæ* in the Norfolk title, but Surrey preserved under Henry VIII. the same influence which his

ready acquiescence in the result of Bosworth Field had gained him under Henry VII. However he might be regarded in Suffolk, the Duchy of Norfolk was not restored to him till 1514, after his services at Flodden in the previous year.

In the changes and chances of the Howards Cratfield Manor passed to Robert Ratcliffe, Earl of Sussex, whose name will be found in these annals; and after more changes, which need not be rehearsed, to the Cokes, and finally to the Vannecks, the present head of which house, Lord Huntingfield, now holds it. This is the paramount manor: that of Cratfield Roos, which is of less interest, is now in the possession of Sir Hugh Edward Adair, Bart., of Flixton Hall.

The Vicarage had been in the patronage of the St. Neot's Priory, which held the great tithes. Huntingdonshire men, as John de Temesford and Henry Cokyl de Eton, probably Eaton Socon, appear in the fourteenth century.

The first Vicar whose name occurs in the parish books is John Chyrche, alias Lestan, whom Bishop Lybart collated by lapse in 1458. His long tenure of office ended in 1502, when the St. Neot's Priory appointed William Williamson; and at the next vacancy exercised their function for the last time by presenting for institution Robert Thyrketyll, who seems to have endured the changes of his day with equanimity. The grantees of the Priory appointed Thomas Millesent, who was succeeded by William Byllinge, the first nominee of Mr. John Lany, who had in the interim purchased the advowson. From the same family came the nominations of John Page, Francis Wheatly, and the two Elands, Francis and Gabriel, of whom the latter seems to have been living when our present chronicle closes.

With regard to the Lany family, I extract the following from a manuscript* "formerly belonging to Mr. Appleton (nephew of Mr. Ryece of Preston), a great Antiquary, now in the possession of Mr. Thicknesse, Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, 1729," which has been kindly lent me by George Josselyn, Esq., of Ipswich:—

"In Cratfield is the antient family of Laney, John Laney, Esq., father of John Laney, Esq., both Counsellors at law, were Recorders of Ipswich, the one after the other very many years; the elder of them lies buried in St. Margret's Church in Ipswich, the younger in St. Nicholas Church there." This second John was his father's eldest son. The youngest† was Benjamin Lany, D.D., Master of Pembroke College, Cambridge, and Dean of Rochester. He was one of the Commissioners

* Dated 1655. † Born in Ipswich.

who endeavoured to treat with the Presbyterians at Uxbridge, and after the Restoration became successively Bishop of Peterborough and of Ely, where he died in 1674.

The prominence of the Parish Guild will, I trust, be my excuse for enlarging a little on that subject.

Our Political Economists have hitherto occupied themselves so exclusively with Trade Guilds and Merchant Guilds in the towns, that these widespread Brotherhoods and Sisterhoods are in danger of being forgotten. Yet their little parchment deeds slumber in the recesses of our stout iron-bound chests, their perishable property indeed was swept into the vorago of the "Augmentation" office; but their realty still remains, applicable as yet in many cases to the sustentation of the fabrics of those venerable parish churches where the "brederhode" and "susterhode" worshipped in their day. Sometimes we can find when they were founded, sometimes we come upon them as going concerns, and this is the case at Cratfield, where for a short time the "Gylde" seems to have absorbed financially the parish.

They present themselves to us as Friendly Societies, intended for the bodily and spiritual benefit of such as chose to belong to them, and were allowed so to belong.

Feasts for the whole, a refuge for the aged, Masses for the deceased, these three are the main objects of the Association, to which must be added the due preservation and repair of the Parish Church, a portion of which formed the Chapel of the Patron Saint of the Guild. To provide for these charges the sources were the contributions of members and the income derived from property, the history of which is in many cases not traced, and in some not to be traced. At Cratfield the principal guild properties were "Rose Larks" and "Tonks," with divers "pytylls" and "parcels of medowe;" and the "Cherche Box" which still remains, inscribed,

**Roger Walleke gaf thys Chelste,
Praye for hys soule to Jhu Crestt,**

contained £6 13s. 4d. on May 22nd, 1534, when the Gylde account, which lasted but a few years, began. Gatherings were made on Plow Monday, and on other occasions, and there seems never to have been wanting a supply for guild purposes in this village.

The detail for the feasts may be read in the accounts for the various years. Sometimes they were held in the churches, as at Dennington, where there is a considerable charge for cleaning up after the feast;

and there can be little doubt that in the prevalent gross living, the commemorations of the Nativity (24 June) and Decollation (Aug. 29) of S. John the Baptist, the Martyrdom and Translation of S. Thomas of Canterbury (Dec. 29 and July 7), who is the Patron Saint named in the accounts of the Cratfield Guild, or of S. Edmund, King of East Anglia, (Nov. 20), murdered at Hoxne by the Danes, were celebrated with what Archbishop Cranmer calls "superfluous belly cheer."

We do not find in the Guild accounts any regular payments for decrepit members, though afterwards the Churchwardens looked well after some special cases. But whoever notices in the Guild houses the number of small rooms, and the absence of any hall for meeting, will perhaps agree with me that the main use of these buildings was as a refuge for those decayed members of the body, whose work in the busy world had come to an end, while in their day and generation they had kept up their Guild payments and supported their antecessors. As we find no payments made for them, it is thought not unreasonable that they had a voluntary "basket income" in the shape of bread and meat, eggs and milk, butter and cheese, sent to them by the kindly disposed. The Guild Chaplain, an office served from 1439 to 1444 by Sir John Caryell de Redenhall, Vicar, was an important person. Having got a license for their chapel, the brethren were not bound to the Vicar, and often we find the Vicar and Chaplain two distinct persons, the latter receiving his quarterages from the Guild purse, and eking out his scanty income by winding up the church clock, small dealings in timber, etc.

The dissolution of the Guilds in 1545 no doubt carried a great mass of personalty into the Augmentation office, as I have said: but though Tudor rapacity would have gladly laid its hands on the realty, there seems to me to have arisen this difficulty. So far as I can observe, the deeds are simply conveyances from one body of feoffees to another, from A, B and C to D, E and F. Nothing is said in the deed about any purpose to which the "ferm" of land or house is to be applied; and the lawyers even of that day may have shrunk from the application of their statute to that which had no superstitious use defined in so many words.

Thus, as it appears to me, the Guild properties remained in their feoffees, and were in process of time conveyed by one set to another, down to the present day, applicable to the only use remaining of all the original uses, the sustentation and improvement of the parish churches.

Coming to usages, I can only say how strongly I am impressed with their temporary character, in so marked a contrast with the Eternal

Truths which they dimly shadowed. For some years past there has been steadily growing an impression that mediæval use was a thing permanent, derived from earlier days, and itself claiming to be handed on intact. When the past comes to be examined for itself, its own voice heard instead of the voices of its admirers, this impression will not be strengthened. With regard to bell usages, I have endeavoured to point this out in Chapter V. of my *Church Bells of Suffolk*, referring to the history of the *Angelus Bell* and of the *Sanctus Bell*.

On this occasion I would instance the light suspended before the Rood, called the *Rotula* or Rowell, for "fellyng" (filling), of which there is an annual small charge, the money sometimes being earned by the Guild Chaplain. The Rood-screen, early Fifteenth Century work, remains at Cratfield, placed against the tower; but I do not find there as at Fressingfield, the pulley in the Nave roof, over which the Rowell cord passed, nor the guider for the rope, embedded in the easternmost of the arches between the Nave and the South Aisle.

Now though the Rood-beam appears as far back as 1174, I can find no coeval hints of the Light, though I have sought diligently for them; and it is almost unimaginable that there could have been a Rood-screen in an Ante-conquestal or Early Norman Church.

In passing from this topic, it may be observed that at Cratfield the "rowell" was called the "cōmen lyght," as the outcome of the parish chest or of the Guild Purse. Thus it is noted that "John Stobard have receyved out of y^e gyld purse in y^e xxix yere of o^r Soueran lorde Kyng h. ye viij for y^e waxe of y^e cōmen lyght for y^e sayde year xv^d." Yet it appears to have been taken away shortly after that time, according to the Act then passed against lights before images, and brought back again in 1540-1, where the usual sum of xv^d. for "fellyng of the rowell" recurs, together with the same sum for "baryng and fetchyng of y^e rowell."

The circumstances of Cratfield did not probably vary much from those of other parishes, and the coarse view that changes were good for trade may have been held here as in the parish of Mildenhall, where the various changes of the altar as to position and material did not necessarily imply a change in the personality of the tradesmen who carried them out. The payment for the rowell was made in the first year of Edward VI.

Further on, with the help of Mr. Holland's notes, the story of the English nation *in petto* will be found to tell itself.

I take this opportunity of correcting one or two errors, which escaped

me. "Wynkyn de Worde" ought to have been printed on p. 31, and "Glemham" on p. 178.

I have no doubt that Mr. "Besweak," on p. 143, is a mistake for Keswick, the old schoolmaster. Ps. L. on p. 88 was not *Deus deorum*, but the more appropriate *Miserere*, our Psalm LI. Foxe follows the Vulgate notation.

This transcript of each year's account, with a commentary from the great events of the corresponding period, was an excellent idea. Many people now, as of yore, want to have the whole narrative told them. Some of more vigorous mental texture may prefer to have the plain facts before them. It was for such that Mr. Holland laboured.

J. J. RAVEN.

*The Vicarage, Fressingfield,
May, 1895.*

Cratfield Parish Papers.

THE earliest of these Papers are stitched together and contain the Churchwardens' Accounts for 1490-1502, and are so old and interesting that I propose to transcribe the whole verbatim, supplying abbreviations, and adding a few notes and explanations.

The Potationes, or Church ales, so frequently mentioned in the above years, were what we might call "Pic-nics," to which, on referring to the Huntingfield Parish Papers of somewhat later date, I find, sometimes the Parishioners alone, sometimes neighbouring Parishes, contributed, both in kind and in money—sometimes also but rarely, they were held at the expense of individuals both in their lifetime, and also, after their death, by monies left by will for that purpose. These Cratfield Papers do not give us the names of the contributors, or of what the Feasts consisted, and as information on these points is given in the Huntingfield Papers, I transcribe therefrom as an example, the following account of a Church ale held about 1534 :—

Huntingfield contributed *4s. 4d.*; Laxfield *7s. 4d.*; Heveningham *2s. 4d.*; Cratfield *1s. 10d.*; Cookley *1s. 8d.*; Ubbeston *1s. 8d.*; Lower Linstead *1s. 6d.*; Metfield *1s. 1d.*; total *21s. 9d.*

The expenses were :—One bushel and a half of wheat *1s. 3d.*; grinding of the wheat and malt *6d.*; fetching home from the mill for horse and man, twice going, *7d.*; for honey, cream, milk, and eggs *6d.*; for spices *10d.*; for veal and mutton *4s. 4d.*; total *8s.*; leaving a surplus of *13s. 9d.*

I have written thus much by way of preface and commence my task.

[1490.]

Ista sunt recepta que recipiuntur per manus Willielmi Aleys et Edmundi Moor prepositorum ecclesie de Cratfelde Anno domini Millesimo CCCC et nonagesimo.

Inprimis in potatione ecclesiastica in die passionis *	vij ^s . iij ^d .
Item in potatione facta per legationem Willielmi Brews	ix ^s .
Item in potatione facta in die pentecoste	vij ^s . viij ^d .
Item in potatione facta in die omnium sanctorum	vij ^s . viij ^d .
Item in potatione facta pro Galfrido Baret	————

[This Galfridus (or Jeffrey) Baret was the nephew of John Baret of Bury St. Edmund's, who died in 1467, and left considerable property in Bury to his two great nephews, William and Robert, the sons of this Jeffrey.

John Baret held some office under the Abbots of Bury. In his lifetime he prepared his tomb in St. Mary's Church, Bury, which still exists beautifully decorated. I transcribe the following from his will :—" I give and bequeath to William, the son unto Jeffrey Baret, of Cratfeld, my nephew, my *hefd* (Anglo-Saxon *hæfd*) place, otherwise called a messuage, which I dwelt in, with the gardens, barn, and duffous (dove house) that I purchased thereto. I will that he have the *hefd* place and white (quit) rent above written, bearing yearly divers charges, and under divers conditions that he stand well and clear in the king's (Henry VII.) grace, and be genty^l to my executors, and in my will fulfilling ; and if he be obstinate or froward, I will he have none at all, but that my executors set John his brother, he to have as William should have, to him and to his heirs male, &c. But I will that in no wise none idiot nor fool occupy the said goods, but refuse him and take another that is next, that the said name of Baret may continue goodly so long as God vouchsafe."

* Passion Sunday is the 5th Sunday in Lent, the Sunday before Palm Sunday.

Mid-Lent Sunday, 4th in Lent, also called Refreshment Sunday—Lætare, is in the West of England called Mothering Sunday.

This William Baret, by his will proved July 31st, 1514, directed that his executors should find a priest to go to the court of Rome, and there to pray for his soul, and for the soul of Godfrey his father, as other priests do that go to Rome, and when he cometh home from Rome, the said priest shall keep and make up a year's service in Cratfield to pray for the said souls after his coming home. And I will he have for his labor as mine executors and he can agree. Item, I bequeath to Ann my wife all my lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, woods, feedings, rents, and services with all their "apportemnts" free and copy that I have within the town of Cratfield and Linstead, &c.]

Deinde solutum per manus Willielmi Aleys et Edmundi predicī In primis circa festum pas- chale pro lavatione et emendatione vestōrum et aliorum ornamentorum		<i>ixd.</i>
Item alio tempore pro lavatione		<i>iiijd.</i>
Item Johī Smyth (the Sexton, for his year's wages)	<i>iijs.</i>	<i>iiijd.</i>
Item pro cariag ^o lignorum		<i>xd.</i>
Item pro (j cera An ^{ce} A) lokke		<i>vd.</i>
Item Thome Carver	<i>vs.</i>	<i>iiijd.</i>
Item in costis e—		<i>iiijd.</i>
<i>summa xijs. iiijd.</i>		

[1491.]

Item in secundo anno in die lune cum aratro (Plough Monday)		<i>ixs. xd.</i>
Item in potatione ecclesiastica in die pentecosē		<i>xs.</i>
Item in potatione ecclesiastica in die omnium sanc- torum		<i>vjs. vijd.</i>
Item de Agnete Orfoort pro uno anno		<i>vjs.</i>
Item de Willielmo Pantree in parte soluta unius potationis ecclīast ^o	<i>iijs.</i>	<i>iiijd.</i>
Item de Roberto Clerk et Henrico Kebyl	<i>ijs.</i>	<i>vijid.</i>
Item de Juliana Flynttard pro uno anno ultimo reddito		<i>vijid.</i>

Item in potatione in die purificationis vijs. ix*d.*
 Item in die lune precedente cum aratro (Plough Monday) viijs.
 summa ij*l.* xvjs. iij*d.*

Deinde soluta sunt de anno erga festum paschale
 in lavatione et emendatione vestimentorum &
 ornamentorum per totum Annum xvij*d.*
 Item Willmō Rows et Johī Screebb vjs. x*d.*
 Item in costis circa eandem j*d.*
 Item in cordis emptis pro campanis j*d.*
 ——— empt pro palyng x*d.*
 Item ——— pro emendatione vestimentorum ix*s.* iij*d.*
 ——— Johīs Tyde Johī Cherche Vič iijs. j*d.*

[This John Cherche was presented to the Vicarage by lapse by
 Bishop Walter Hart, 1458, and died in 1502].

[A part of this leaf is worn away.]

In tercio anno recepta per Henricum Smyth xvij*d.*
 Item in potatione ecclesiastica in iij^{ta} dominica x*l.* xj*d.*
 Item in potatione in die pentecoste ix*s.* x*d.*
 summa xxijs. iij*d.*

Exinde soluta sunt eodem anno
 Item primo. Johī Smyth de le halle iijs. iij*d.*
 Item pro vj cord ad campā ij*d.* ob.
 Item pro plomerio et pro sawdre ix*d.*
 Item Edmundo Moor pro labore viij dierum et
 pro cibo et potatione ———
 Item emendatione candelōrum et (An^{ce}) schoryn
 (scouring) ———
 Item pro cera emptā pro rowell xvj*d.*
 Item solutum Bollre in parte solutionis pro pictacione
 imaginis ———
 Item pro clavibus emptis Thome Marcaent iij*d.* ob.
 Item Johī Smyth pro labore circa altare et pro
 cibo et potatione ———
 Item pro lavatione totius anni v*d.*
 summa xijs.

Computatis computandis et summa remanente in
manibus Willielmi et Edmundi ꝑdicť xv*s.* viij*d.*
deinde solutum vs.

[1493.]

These been y^e reseyvtycs (receipts) off the godys of the
Cherche off Cratfeld be (by) y^e handdys of Robert Kebell and
John Tye chercherefyss (reefes, wardens) of y^e seyde Town on y^e
yere of King Henry VII. y^e viij yere.

Ferst on plow lode Monday	vij <i>s.</i>
Item off y ^e quethewerd (what was bequeathed) of Hubert Clerk	x <i>s.</i>
Item off William Aleys and Edmund Moor	vs.
Item off a cherch ale for Thomas Kebyll	xij <i>s.</i> vd.
Item off a cherch ale mad on Passion Sondag	vij <i>s.</i> xd.
Item off a cherch ale mad on Pentecost Sondag	xij <i>s.</i> xd.
Item off a cherch ale mad in harvest	ix <i>s.</i>
Item of a cherch ale mad on hallmesday (hallow mas day being All Souls', Nov. 2.)	xj <i>s.</i> viij <i>d.</i>
summa iij <i>l.</i> xvj <i>s.</i> ix <i>d.</i>	

In expens̄

Ferst for y ^e clapelle (clapper) of ye lytyl belle and for a keye and in expens̄	—
Item for y ^e labo ^r , of John Smyth	—
Item to Thomas Marcaent for joryng (joinery) for the gate	—
Item for ij corporas	vj <i>s.</i> viij <i>d.</i>
Item for hemmynge thereof	j <i>d.</i>
Item ffor waschyng and scoryngg (scouring) of y ^e cherche stooffe	vij <i>d.</i>
Item for vellē (vellum)	ii <i>s.</i> iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for ropys	ii <i>d.</i>
Item to y ^e plomber for sowder	iiij <i>s.</i> ix <i>d.</i>
Item for y ^s labo ^r .	ij <i>s.</i>
Item to y ^s server	xij <i>d.</i>

Item for bordyñ	xxijd.
Item for nayll	vjd.
Item to John Smyth ffor y ^s schextery (being sexton)	iiij <i>s.</i> iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for hallwyn (hallowing) of y ^e cherche stooff	vjd.
Item for wythsope (white soap)	jd.
Item to Edmund Sparawk for wax for y ^e rowell	xvjd.
Item to y ^e reder (reeder) and y ^s man	x <i>d.</i>
Item ffor bordyng	vjd.
Item ffor reedde	ij <i>s.</i>
Item ffor a lock	jd.
Item ffor hemmyng	ij <i>d.</i>
Item to Thomas bollre for peyngtyng of y ^e image of owr lady	ij <i>l.</i> xiiij <i>s.</i> iiij <i>d.</i>
Item to y ^e seyð Thomas for y ^e peyngtyng of (y ^e) tabernacull [shrine] of Seynt Edmond	vij <i>s.</i>

[This latter entry tells us what has, I believe, been long forgotten, that the Chapel now used as a Vestry was dedicated to St. Edmund.]

summa iiij*l.* xvij*s.* vjd.

[1494.]

Recept̄ in secundo anno.

Fferst on Plow lode monday	vij <i>s.</i> jd.
Item off a cherch ale ffor Galff Teyzard	ix. viij <i>d.</i>
Item on Monday after Esteryn [Easter] of a cherch ale	xij <i>s.</i> vjd.
Item of a cherch ale on Pencost Sondag	ix <i>s.</i> viij <i>d.</i>
Item of a cherch ale in herveste	xxiiij <i>s.</i> iiij <i>d.</i>
Item of a cherch ale for y ^e schetyng	vs. ij <i>d.</i>
Item of a cherch alle on Dedycācon [Dedication*] day	vij <i>s.</i> ij <i>d.</i>
summa ij <i>l.</i> xvs. vjd.	

* That is, the feast of the dedication of the church. "This feast was at first regularly kept on that day in every week on which the church was dedicated; but it being observed and complained of, that the number of holidays was excessively increased, to the detriment of civil government and secular affairs; and also that the great irregularities and licentiousness which had crept into these festivities by degrees, especially in the churches, chapels, and churchyards, were found highly injurious to piety, virtue, and

Ista sunt debita et legata soluta.

Inprimis de Marg ^o Waryn	xxvjs. viijd.
Item per legationem Alic' ffyn . . . per manus Willi Aleys et Willi Rows	xxs.
Item per legationem Johis Aleys	vjs. viijd.
Item per legationem Johis ffraunceys	vjs. viijd.
Item per legationem Nich ^o Tonewald	ijs.
Item per legationem Johē ffasselyn	viijs. iiijd.
Item pro anima Willmi Toly	xxs.
Item de debitis receptis de Willmō pantre	xs. viijd.
Item of William orforth for on yere ferme of ye towne cloos	xs. viijd.
Item de Alic' Bareth vedua	vjs. viijd.
Item de Willmo Aleys	vijjs.
Item de Juliana fflyntard	viijd.
Item de Vicario (John Cherche)	xvjd.
Item de Johā Rayeth	viijd.
Item de Ang ^o orforth et de Willmō	—
summa xxxiij. viijd.	

In expens.

Inprimo to John Screebb ye helder for heggyng (hedging)	xjd.
Item to William Rows for heggyng	xijd.
Item for hemmyng	ijd.
Item for waxe for ye Rowell	jd.
Item to petyr bery for tymber	vd.
Item for sawyng	jd.
Item to Jamys Drye for iii Image bereyng	ijs.
Item to Thom̄s Markaent for makyng of ye clapyr for ye gret bell	ijs. xd.
Item to John Smythe in pty of payment	iijs. ijd.
Item to Edm̄d Spawk for torchys	xd.
Item to Ric. Kebyll for caryyng of thornys	iijd.
Item to Will Bene for heggynd (hedging)	iiijd.

good manners; there were therefore both statutes and canons made to regulate and restrain them; and by an act of convocation, passed in 1536, their number was in some measure lessened."

Item ffor iiij "schepys" [sheep's] skynnys	xij <i>d.</i>
Item ffor ij "calbys" [calfs'] skynnys	vii <i>d.</i>
Item ffor fellyng of y ^e rowell	xvii <i>d.</i>
Item to Thomas Markaent for ii beylys (pales) and spylys and naylys	ix <i>d.</i>
Item John Screeb, Jun ^r	ii <i>d.</i>
Item for bordyng	ii <i>d.</i>
Item to Thomas Bollre for y ^e tabernacle peytyg (painting) of owr lady	vij <i>li.</i>

[It might be that the above legacies were left for the painting of this "shrine" at an expense of about £42 in our money.]

Item ffor parchemyn	vd.
Item ffor papyr	jd.
Item to Thomās Markaent	ijs.
Item in costs	ijd.
Item to John Tye for bordyng & thornys & cartyng	ijs. iij <i>d.</i>
Item ffor waschyng of y ^e cherche stooff	vii <i>d.</i>
Item ffor wete [wheat] bowt [bought] at y ^e grette cherch ale	ijs.

[The one in harvest time when 24/4 was gathered.]

Item ffor rydyng to Woodbrigge to speke for y ^e testement of Reg ^o Stannard	iiij <i>d.</i>
summa viij <i>l.</i> xs. vj <i>d.</i>	

[1495.]

These beñ y^e gods y^t ben reseyyvd be y^e hands of John Rows and petyr Smyt of y^e cherche godys of Cratfeld in y^e yere of Kyng Hen^r y^e vij y^e x yere. fferst

y ^e fferst cherche ale	xs.
Item eodem cherche ale	xs. ijd.
Item a cherche ale on Pencost Sunday	ixs.
Item on y ^e Sunday afty ^r Seynt bertholmewe	viijs.
Item ffor bordde solde to Nicn ^o bowllyrth	xd.
Item to Hen ^r Gylbert for ij bords	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for a cherch ale on halwmesse day	viijs.

Item recevyd of John blow belle sm ij <i>l</i> . xijs. iiij <i>d</i> .	vjs.
In expensis eodem anno	
Inprimis ffor sensyng [Censing] of cherche cloos [clothes]	xviiij <i>d</i> .
Item to John Smyth for y ^s sextery	ijs. ij <i>d</i> .
Item for ii bookschynys	iijs.
Item for r̄ygelys [rings] ? for y ^e tabernacle	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item to Will bocher for leder [leather] for y ^e bawdr [baudryk]	ij <i>d</i> .
Item for lyne and ropys	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item payid to y ^e glacewryte [Glasswright, Glazier]	vij <i>s</i> . viij <i>d</i> .
Item to John Rowes for hys labor mete and drynk	xj <i>d</i> .
Item ffor bordyng of y ^e glaser	ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
Item to Markaent for barrys [bars]	xv <i>d</i> .
Item to Wilī bocher for ledyr [leather] for claspys	vj <i>d</i> .
Item to ij women for sowyng off cur [cover] of y ^e tabērcle	ij <i>d</i> .
[This was to protect the new shrine from dust, &c.]	
Item to Ang bareth for schoryng [scouring]	j <i>d</i> .
Item to John Schreebb	vs. vij <i>d</i> .
Item bord	vd.
Item for ij day werk of Pet Smyth	vj <i>d</i> .
Item for ij day werk and bordyng	vj <i>d</i> .
Item for nayll and hokys [hooks] to y ^e tabernacle [To put up before the new cover.]	iiij <i>d</i> .
Item to John Smyth y ^e sexteyn	ijs. ij <i>d</i> .
Item to Josep of Laxfeld for a calbeschyne	vd.
Item ffor waschyng and for mendyng of y ^e cherche stooff	viiij <i>d</i> .
sm xxvs. ix <i>d</i> .	

[1496.]

Recepta in secundo anno.

fferst on plow lode Monday	iiijs. vj <i>d</i> .
Item in y ^e handes of sondry p̄sonys [persons] not garderydd [gathered]	vj <i>d</i> .

Item of a cherch alle y ^e fyrst Sunday of lentten	ixs.
Item a cherch ale on passion Sunday	viijs.
Item on pencos Sunday	ixs.
Item on y ^e Sunday befor ⁿ y ^e natiu ⁱ te of Seynt John Baptist, of Framlyngh ^m off y ^e town [gathered that is apparently in Framlingham]	xiijs.
Item ffor a cherch ale on hallew messe	ixs. viijd.
sm <i>ijli. xiijs. ijd.</i>	

s^m totalis receptorum in duobus annis *v^l. vjs. jd.*

Memorād y^t Rob' Cook b^orwyd of lead on (one)

Slabbe weyid ^{xx}iiij (fourscore) *li* And on y^e tothyr weyid ^{xx}ij *ixli.*

S^m ^{xx}vj *ixli*

Item to John Dade for leād *vijli*

Item Nich^s Bowllythe ffor cherchedoors And townne cloos y^e ferme ffor y^s Mende for ij y^rs. not Payyd.

recept^o p manus pe^t Smyth *ijli vijs. viijd.*

Rec. p manus *ijli. xvijs. iijd.*

In expens^o in y^e secūnd yere.

Inprimis to Thoms Markaent for makyng of y^e jemews *ijd.*

[In the Bury Wills, p. 37, John Baret, of whom see above, page 18, mentions "hys iij bagges, the *jemeus*, and y^e rings of silver." The *jemeus* were the metal fastenings. Forby says "Gimmers," small hinges, as those of a box or cabinet, &c. The word is still used in Suffolk.]

Item ffor y ^e fellyng of y ^e rowell	xvjd.
Item ffor scheryng [scouring] to Ang bareth	jd.
Item to John Smyth for scheryng [scouring]	ijd.
Item to John Smyth for y ^s sextery	ijs. ijd.
Item to y ^e plomer ffor sowde ^r v ^h	xxd.
Item for y ^e labor off y ^e plomer & y ^s man and mete and drynk	xiijd. ob.
Item to Robert Roo for masery [masonry]	vid.
Item for mete and drynk	ijd.
Item to y ^s servers y ^r byrd [board] and mete and drynk	viijd.
Item to y ^e belle hanggere for y ^s werk	ijs.

Item for y ^s mete and drynke	x <i>d.</i>
Item to John Smyth for y ^s labor and expens	ii <i>d.</i>
Item to Thoms Markaent and to y ^s seūer (server)	ix <i>d.</i>
Item for y ^e rowell	xvii <i>d.</i>
Item to John Smyth for y ^s sextery	ijs. i <i>d.</i>
Item to John Swette y ^e scrēner [scrivener] for wry- tyng of y ^e quayyers [choirs]	vjs. viii <i>d.</i>
Item ffor iij skynnys of reed [red] ledere	xij <i>d.</i>
Item to Rob Joserfe	ij <i>d.</i>
Item ffor dī helne [$\frac{1}{2}$ an. ell] of clooth for y ^e hamys [amice]	ii <i>d.</i>
Item for nayll ffor pallys	j <i>d.</i>
Item ffor waschyngge and a mendyng off y ^e cherche stooff	v <i>d.</i>
sm xxiijs. iiij <i>d.</i>	

Computatis computandis et sic remanet in manibus

Joh. Rows et Peñ Smyth	ij <i>li.</i> xvjs. ob.
deinde Petrus Smyth	vjs. viii <i>d.</i>
Memorād q. Nich botewryt debet p. firma An ^{ce} —————duorum annorum	xlijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
	xviijs. xj <i>d.</i> ob.

[1497.]

These bēn y^e reseuyngs y^t Willm Orforth and
Willm pantre cherche revys [reeves] of y^s godds y^t
longye on to y^e Cherche of Cratfelde in y^s yere of kyng
henr̄ y^e vijth y^e xij yere.

Ffyrst on the ij ^{de} Sondag of lenton a cherch ale	viijs. viii <i>d.</i>
Item on a cherche ale on Peñcost Sondag	xs.
Item on a cherche ale in Auguste	xs.
Item on y ^e Dedicācion day	ixs.
Item receyvyd of petrs Smyth	vjs. viii <i>d.</i>
Item receyvyd of Nch botewrytte	iijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Item reyvyd of Petrs Smyth and of John Rows for plow Monday	iiij <i>s.</i>

sm recept ljs. viii*d.*

Item in y^e same yere of y^e costs and expens

To y ^e clasyr [glazier] vij days of a man [4d. a day]	ijs. iiijd.
Item for sowdē and cyment	xd.
Item for mete and drynkke	xijd.
Item to Thoms fravnceys for mendyng of cherche gere? [blotted] and mete and dryng [drink]	ijd. ob.
Item to a plomer for x ^{li} off sowdd	iijs. iijd.
Item ffor a day wark for hym and y ^s man	viijd.
Item for mete and drynkke	iiijd.
Item for nayill	jd.
Item paid to John Chrebbe ffor y ^e hers [herse] makyng	ijd.
Item to John Batman ffor masery	jd. ob.
Item for a boschell of lyme	ijd.
Item for mete and drynkke and y ^e labor of Will Orford	vid.
Item for hors mete	jd.
Item for di [$\frac{1}{2}$] a boschell of lyme	jd.
Item payd to Thomas bollre	xiijs. iiijd.
Item payd to John Smyth for a yere	iijs. iiijd.
Item payd for horgans [organs]	ijs. viijd.
Item for mete and drynkke sac and cōpany	xijd.
Item for glewe	ijd.
Item payyd to y ^e reder	xijd.
Item for mete and drynk	vjd.
Item for y ^e rowell	xijd.
Item payd to Thomas Smyth	ixd.
Item for j heke [hook] for the bell ropys	jd.
Item to John Hadamson	jd.
Item for waschyng of cherche stooff	viijd.
Item to Marg ^o Brokbank for mendyng of i sarpelys [surplice]	jd.
Item ffor hegging of y ^e chercheyerd	iiijd. ob.
Item for costs on plow monday	iiijd.
Item receyuyd on plow monday	vs. iiijd.

Receipt [1498.]

In y ^e secnde yere on plow monday receyuyd	vs.
Item receyuyd on y ^e cherch alle befor purificacon	xvs. iiijd.

Item y ^e secnde [second] cherch alle on passyon Sunday	viijs.
Item on Pencost Sunday	xijs.
Item a cherch alle on halle mess day	ixs. vjd.
Item receyvdy of Petyr Smyth	xvjs. viijd.
Item receyvdy of John Rows	xiijs. iiijd.
Item receyvdy of Rob Rows	xvjs. viijd.
Item receyvdy of Nich botellryte	xxijs. viijd.
Item receyvdy of Rob Rows	iiijs.
Item receyvdy of henr ^o ffravnceys	vjs. viijd.
Item receyvdy of henr ^o Kebyll	ixd.
summa receptorum vjl. xs. vijd.	
Item recēp in y ^e handds of y ^e seyd cherche revys [reeves] in y ^e yere be forn	xvs. iiijd. ob.
sm̄ total vijl. xs. vjd.	
Md tat John blowbelle...js...debet pro lignis emptis de collectāoe? [collections]?	
Item in y ^e handys of John Rows	iijs. iiijd.
Item in y ^e handys of Pet Smyth and John Rows	xixs. viijd. ob.
Item in y ^e hands of "jdony" tye	vjs. jd.
[The name of John Tye I find in the register books.]	
Item in y ^e handes of Edmūd Moor and Will Alyes	iijs. vijd.
Item in y ^e handes of execut [executors] of Rose Larkke	vjs. viijd.

Solūt [1498.]

In y ^e same yere payd Thomas bollre cowntyd to be cowntyd for y ^e peynting of the image of Saynt Edmūde and y ^e tabernacle	viijl. vjs. viijd.
[about £50]	
deinde predic ^t Thomas receptit viijs. iiijd. ut patet in ultimo anno	
Item for nayll and glew	ijd.
Item Sylk for y ^e chappetrys [chapters] of y ^e bokys [book markers]	ijd.
Item for makyng of the clapyr [clapper]	ijs.
Item for ij bukkys schynne [buck skins]	iijs.

Item for ij bukkys schynn	xx <i>d.</i>
Item to John Smyth [the sexton]	iijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for rydyng to Norwyc [Norwich]	vii <i>d.</i>
Item to payd to Markaent	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item to John Schreed for y ^e labor of y ^s fyling and dressyng of the syttyng of stolys [stool seats] be [by] deseve [desire]	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for mete and drynkk for hem labor y ^t tyme	v <i>d.</i>
Item for nayll	ij <i>d.</i>
Item for ij schepys skynnys	vij <i>d.</i>
Item for ij redde skynnys	vii <i>d.</i>
Item ffor y ^e rowell	xij <i>d.</i>
Item ffor eke [hook] of belle roappe	ij <i>d.</i>
Item for waschyng and mendyn	vii <i>d.</i>
Item for costys on plow mond ⁹	vii <i>d.</i>
et sic debetur computandis Will̄ orfyth & Will̄ pantrye xxvs. ii <i>d.</i> ob.	

[1499.]

Thys ys the rekenyng of Will̄ Orford and Will pantry for
y^e xiiijth yere of kyng Hery the vijth

Item inprimis Willmo pantry res. on palmysūdāy of the cherche ale	ixs. ij <i>d.</i> ob.
Item res. of Nicholas Botwryt	vij <i>s.</i>
Item res. on palmy sūdāy y ^e xv yere of y ^e vij kyng	viijs. x <i>d.</i>
Item on Whytsūdāy next folowȳg ⁹	ixs. v <i>d.</i>
Item res. of a cherche ale in hervest	ixs. v <i>d.</i>
Item Will Orforth res. y ^e xiiij yere of a cherche ale at Peñcost aft	xs.
Item res. the Sūdāy before Seynt Bartylmewe	xiijs.
Item res. at alow mess [Hallow Mas] las [last] past	viijs. v <i>d.</i>
Item Willm pantry resyvyd of John Rows	iijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Item res. of pēr [Peter] Smyth	iijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Ther of y ^s payd for mendyng of y ^e ordylls [organs]	viijs. ij <i>d.</i>
Item for a Welle rop and an [heke] hook	x <i>d.</i>
Item for lyne to y ^e tabernakyll of Seynt Edmund	j <i>d.</i> ob.

Item to Roberd Markant for the veyle and nayls,
mete and dryk and y^s labor xiij*d.*
[The veil placed before the Rood on Good Friday.]

[We read in an old book called " Dives et Pauper," printed by Wynkynde Worde, in 1496, on Palm Sunday at Procession the priest draweth up the vail before the rood, and falleth down to the ground with all the people, and saith twice Ave Rex noster Hail, be thou our king. He speaketh not to the image that the carpenter hath made, and the painter painted, but if the priest be a fool, for that stock or stone was never king, but he speaketh to him that died on the cross, for us all, to him that is king over all things.]

Item payd Rychard Roberds	xiijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Item payd to Sebyll Anneys for mendyng of the cherche gere	iiij <i>d.</i> ob.
Item to John Schrebys for mendyng of the palys	j <i>d.</i>
Item for spys [spice] and candeale on plow mūday	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item payed for hallowing of y ^e vestment	xij <i>d.</i>
Item payd Rychard Roberds	xxs.
Item for a lode of lyme	ijs. vj <i>d.</i>
Item for goyng and Wryts wark [Wrights werk] for the belle and costs rydyng to Beckyll [Beccles] and hether wheyer [else where]	iijs. vj <i>d.</i>
Item for mendyng of y ^e clapyr	vs. ij <i>d.</i>
Item for beryng [carrying] of y ^e clapyr	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for fetchynghe of y ^e clapyr	ij <i>d.</i>
Item payed to John Smyth [the Sexton]	ijs. ij <i>d.</i>
Item to y ^e seyde John	iijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for a plow	vijs.

[Plough Monday, the Monday after Twelfth day,* is when the labour of the plough and other rustic toil begins. On this day the young men yoke themselves and draw a plough about with musick, and some of them in antic dresses, like jack-puddings. They go about from house to house to gather money. If you refuse them they plough up the ground before your door.]

Item reseyd on plow Mday y ^e xiiij th yere	vijs.
Item reseyd on y ^e xv th yere	vjs. iiij <i>d.</i>

* Twelfth day, Jan. 6th, y^e Epiphany.

Willm Orford.

Item payed to Rycharde Roberds	vjs. viij <i>d.</i>
Item for ryngylls [rings] to Seynt Edmnd	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for sowyng & wasshyng of the schete [sheet]	ij <i>d.</i>
[This must be the schetyng to purchase which a church ale was held in 1494 and $\frac{1}{2}$ gathered.]	
Item payed to John Smyth [the Sexton]	ijs. ij <i>d.</i>
Item payed to John Schrebbe for the steyer	vj <i>d.</i>
Item for y ^e supls [surplice]	vd.
Item payed to Cyrsp for y ^e plm [plomber]	iiij <i>d.</i>
Item for wasshing and skoryng [scouring] for ij years	xviiij <i>d.</i>
Item for bruyeng [brewing] and bakying for ij yeres	viiij <i>d.</i>
Item for spyles	ij <i>d.</i>
Item for bryeng [bringing] home of a lode of lyme	ij <i>d.</i>
Item for the rowell	xl <i>d.</i>
Item for Bord y ^e iiij days of a man for guldyng [gilding] of y ^e ordell [organ]	viiij <i>d.</i>
sm solut iiij <i>l.</i> iijs. viij <i>d.</i>	
sm rec iiij <i>l.</i> xs. j <i>d.</i> ob.	
Et sic debetur vjs. j <i>d.</i> ob.	

[1502.]

Thys ys y^e rekenyng⁹ of Thomas Clamp & Willm Gylberd
in y^e yere Kyng Hery vijth y^e xvij y^e.

Item y ^e s'd Thomas & Willm reseyvyd on plow monday	vjs. ij <i>d.</i> ob.
Item reseyvd on mydlenttyn Sunday at a cherch ale	viijs. vj <i>d.</i>
Item reseyvyd on pentecost Sunday	xs. vj <i>d.</i>
Item reseyvd on alōmes [Hallow mass day]	ixs. j <i>d.</i>
Item res. on fasgong Sunday	viijs. ij <i>d.</i>
Item res. of Nicolas Botwryght	vij <i>s.</i>
Item res. of y ^e same Nicolas Botwryght	vs.
sm total liiij <i>s.</i> vd. ob.	

Thes bēn y^e costs y^e sayd Thomas and Willm as
payde

Item to y ^e mason	xs. j <i>d.</i>
Item for day werke to y ^e mason	ijs. vj <i>d.</i>
Item for x dayes bordyng	xvj <i>d.</i>

Item to Willm Gylberd for ij werke	<i>vd.</i>
Item to Margaret Smyth for caryng of sond	<i>viijd.</i>
Item for gederyng [gathering] of stonys and caryng	<i>iiijd.</i>
Item to Willam Prat for scowryng of a dyche	<i>ijd.</i>
Item for gerdelys	<i>ijd.</i>
Item for naylys	<i>iiijd.</i>
Item for a eke	<i>jd.</i>
Item payd for sonde	<i>iiijd.</i>
Item payd to John Welney	<i>ijd.</i>
Item for tymber	<i>vjs. jd.</i>
Item for lyme and caryege	<i>iijs.</i>
Item for hengelys and naylys	<i>ixd.</i>
Item paid to y ^e sexten	<i>iijs. iiijd.</i>
Item to y ^e glaswryght [glazier]	<i>iijs. iijd.</i>
Item for bords	<i>vd.</i>
Item for makyng of a dor [dore]	<i>xijd.</i>
Item for a sede	<i>iijd.</i>
Item for y ^e rowel	<i>xvd.</i>
Item for wasshyng and scoryng [scouring]	<i>xd.</i>
Item for mendyng of a aube	<i>iijd.</i>
Item payd to Chestyr	<i>ijs.</i>
Item for mendyng a vestment & surpelys	<i>iiijd.</i>
<i>sm xljs. ijd.</i>	

[1507.]

Cratfeld.

Mem. of a rekenyng takyn by us Mr. Wyllym̄ Wyllym̄son Vekery of Cratfeld, John Edward, Robert Smyth, henry ffraunseys, John Baret, Willm̄ orforth, and many hothers [others] of the same p̄rysh at the tyme being, of cherc p̄fytes [profits] as be takyn of the chyrche alys in dyvrs [divers] yerys past, and in whose handys the godys [goods] reste in, that is to say, as it peryth [appeareth] hereafter in the yere of Kyng Henry the viij the xxij^d in the fest of the purifycacion of hour Lady [Candlemas Day, Feb. 2].

[This Mr. William Williamson was appointed Vicar by the Prior of St. Neots in 1502, and it appears he was re-appointed in 1508: his successor was appointed in 1533.]

ffyrst Thomas Smyth & John Blobell cherch ryvys at
y^e tyme makyn acount of the yere above wrtyn [written] for
iiij cherchealles to the sume of xlijs. xd.

Summa expensorum inde hoc anno xxxjs. iiijd.

Summa sic remanet in manibus predicti Johis et
Thome quam deliberaverunt in pixide xjs. vjd.

Item Recepta de ceteris debif Nic Botteryte per
manus Willi Pantry tuc balliuū ibidem xxxs. iiijd.
Deliberatum in pixide.

Recepta de Willmo prat pro firm^o domi hoc anno
et deliberata in pixide ijs. iiijd.

Quietus.

Et sic predictus Johannes et Thomas computaverunt
pro hoc anno futuro et deliber^o xiijs. xjd. ad
ponendum in pixide et sic receptorum quietus

Et similiter deliberatum in pixide per manus Willi
Orforth xs.

summa totalis in pixide xxiijs. xjd.

[1509.]

Comptus Roberti Smyth et Johannis Smyth pre
positorum ecclesie de Cratfeld pro anno finito
ad festum purificationis Beatæ Marie Virginis
anno xxiijs. hī vij^{mi} lxxvjs. iiijd. ob.

Et allocatio inde ut paret per billetas hodie
examinatas xlvjs. iiijd. ob.

Et sic remanet xxviijs. xjd. delib^o in Bursa que
est in custod' Mri. Willi Wyllyamson Vicari
istius ecclesie.

Solutiones

Henricus Kebell debitor pro firma terrarum vjs. viijd.

Mr. Willm̄ Wyllyamson Vecar debitor xxd.

Johannes Thyrketyll firmarius tenementi Bareths
cum omnibus aliis terris eidem tenemento
p^otin^o computavit pro firmâ pro anno finito
ad Michaelem Archangelum ultimo preterito

Idem Johannes de firma pro anno lxxvjs. viij*d.*

Et allocatio inde pro domorum reparatione vrn̄
(vallorum) tecturis et al'c reparaiones ad cartam xxxs. iv*d.*

(*Tectura* is a word used by Palladius for plastering, colouring, &c. J.J.R.)

Summa totalis receptorum xxxvjs. iij*d.* et sū debita
xxxxs. v*d.* ob. que soluta ... et deliberata in bursa
in custodiam Mrī Willi Williamson Vecarii et
sic receptorum quietus

M̄d delevered in to y^e Boxe on hour ladys day affwten
[afore written] in the fyst yere of kyng henr
y^e viijth vjs. viij*d.* reseved of herry Kebyll and
xx*d.* reseved of the Vekery

summa viijs. iij*d.*

Item resevyd of Willm Pantry vijs. j*d.* alowed to the
seyd William for divers things rekened by the
seyd William iijs. iij*d.* ob. and delivered into y^e
Boxe iijs. viij*d.* ob.

M̄d that John Rows hath takyn daye to paye to
the Cherche of Cratfeld iijs. iij*d.* at the fest of
the puryfycation of hour Lady next comyng, and
so yerely at the seyde fest of the puryfycation
of hour Lady iijs. iij*d.* tyll y^e sume of xiijs. iij*d.*
be fully payed and contente.

Also the same daye William Orforth hath rekenyd
wth the Towneshepe of Cratfeld for the ferme of
Benselens for xx^{ti} yere ended at Mychelmesse in
y^e fyrst of King Henry y^e viijth and so all
thyngs rekened the seyde William howeth
v*li.* xvjs. v*d.* to the seyde Towneshep whereof the
seyde William pmyseth to pay at the fest of all
seynts next coming lxs. and at y^e day to take
daye with the Towne of Cratfeld when the seyde
William shall paye the resydeu [residue.]

And also Jaffrey Gylberd hath takyn daye with
y^e Towne of Cratfeld to pay at Mychelmesse in
the yere of hour Lord MCCCCX y^e next comyng
xx*d.* and so yerly tyll the sume of xiijs. viij*d.*
be payed.

summa totalis in pixide *vjli. xiijs. vd.*

Johēs E'ward }
Johēs Smyth } Townrevys.

Cratfeld.

Johēs Cooke et Johēs Smyth prepos' ecclesie
ibidem computaverunt pro anno finito ad festum
purificationis Beatæ Marie Virginis Anno primo
henri viij.

computaverunt Dict^o p̄positi pro iij chercheales ad
valorem xxixs. iiij*d.* et pro aliis pecuniis receptis de
diversis personis *vs.*—de executoribus henri
ffraunceys xls.—executoribus Roberti Smyth *vjs.*
*viiij*d.**—de Willō pratte *ijs. iiij*d.** summa *lxxixs.*
xd. et remanēt allocationes pro diversis rep-
aracionibus indictis ibidem ut paret per
billetas hic examinatas *iiij*li.** et sic in surplu^o... *ij*d.**

Cratfeld.

Computavit Johanes Therkettyl firmarius ibidem
tenementi Baretts pro anno finito ad Mychaelem
archangelum in anno primo henri viij.

Idem Johēs cum & contra de firmâ predictâ *lxxvjs. viij*d.**
summa *lxxvjs. viij*d.**

resoluſ reditus

resoluſ reditus manerio de Northumberland *xxs. vd.*
et bis a novo petio *ij*d.** ob.—et bis hall pecio *jd. ob.*
Domino Norff *vs. ix*d.** ob.—to y^e frayry clerk *jd.*

Et alloc^o eidem Balliv^o pro tecturis p..... v. dierum
ad cart^o *vs.* et alloc^o eidem firmario pro scuar^o
foss^o (scouring ditches)..... dies *iiij*d.** et alloc^o
eidem ffirmario *iiij*d.**

Solvenđ Thome Smyth Clerico.

summa *xxxijs. iiij*d.** ob.

[The manor, which on the attainder of the Earl of Northumberland in 1461, had been granted to the unfortunate Duke of Clarence, who is popularly said to have been drowned in a butt of Malmsey wine, belonged at this time to the Duke of Norfolk. The "frary" clerk was an official belonging to the Convent of St. Neots, Cambridgeshire, which was the Patron of the church.]

Quietus.

Quietæ allocationes xxxijs. ij \mathcal{d} . ob. et sic deb⁹
domini ballivo ibidem xxxiijs. iiij \mathcal{d} . ob. quæ solu^t
in tempore composito et delib⁹ in pixide et sic
receptus quietus.

[1510.]

Comptūs Johīs E'ward et Johīs Smyth de diversis
firmis receptis diversarum personarum ut sequitur
in Anno ij^{do} h. viij.

Solu⁹

Rec. de domino Alexandro pro firma unius domi
fflyntares in Cratfeld per
annum

ijs. iiij \mathcal{d} .

[I have not been able to make out who this Sir Alexander is.]

Item rec. of Hery Kebyll

xiijs. iiij \mathcal{d} .

Itm rec. of John Bareth

xxs.

Itm rec. of Willm Orford

xs.

de vetero (*sic*) debi^t pro summa predicta ut in ultimo

Itm rec. of Jeffrey Gylberd

xxd.

cum ijs. vj \mathcal{d} . pro diversis reparacionibus in ecclesia

Itm of John Rowes

iijs. iiij \mathcal{d} .

Item of Mr. Williamson, Vecary of Cratfeld

xxd.

Recept⁹ de Willmo Orford in parte solutionis ceterorum
debitorum xs pro firma de Benselens et delib⁹ in
pixide.

Item delib⁹ in pixide iijs. v \mathcal{d} . rec. de diversis personis
ut paret antea.

Summa totalis xiijs. v \mathcal{d} .

Johēs Coke et Johēs Smyth prepositi ecclesie ibidem
computaverunt in die purificationis Beatæ Marie
Virginis Anno ij^{do} h⁹ viij^{vi}.

viz de iiij le churchealys cum xxs. rec. de Angnete
Coke Vidue ex^o et solutum pro diversis
reparationibus ecclesie et super Aulam de Gilde
[the Guildhall] et ix \mathcal{d} . ob. in supplemento et
quod solutum in tempore composito.

Johēs Therketyll firmarius terre Baret computavit
 in die purificationis Beatæ Marie Virginis anno
 ij^{do}. henr^o viij^{vi}. pro anno finito ad festum sancti
 Michaelis ultimo preterito
 Idem cum et contra de firma tenementi predicti pro
 j^o anno lxxvjs. viij^d.
 resolutus redditus ut paret in anno ultimo xxvjs. vijs. ob.
 et aliter eidem firmario pro diversis reparationibus xv^d.
 Summa allocationum, xxvijs. xd. ob. et sic debetur
 xxx^d. viijs. ix^d. ob. et q^od solut^o eodem die et
 deliberat^o in pixide

[1513.]

Johēs Therketyll firmarius tenementi Baret compu-
 tavit pro uno anno finito ad festum purificationis
 beatæ Marie Virginis anno henr^o viij^{vi}. quarto
 et cum alloc^o et aloc^o (*sic*) debitor lvs. vd. q^od
 solut^o eodem die et deliberat^o in sista
 Summa lvs. vd.

Johēs Stubbard et henr^o Kebyll prepositi ecclesie
 ibidem computaverunt pro iij potationibus eodem
 Anno ad xxxixs. ix^d. ob. et unde alloc^o pro
 diversis reparationibus circa dictam ecclesiam
 eodem anno xxxijs. viij^d.
 et sic remanet viis. j^d. ob. deliberat^o in sista
 Summa viis. vd. ob. et xij^d. pro firma omnium peciorum
 terre in manibus Rici Larnce
 Henricus Kebyll debitor pro firma iij annorum xx^s.
 Johēs Rows debitor x^s.
 unde rec. iijs. iiij^d. per manus Thome Smyth
 Galfridus Gylberd debitor xx^d.
 Vecar^o debitor sol^o Thome Smyth xx^d.
 Et Johēs Therketyll solv^o xx^v. pro quindecima
 domini Regis

* This is crossed out, and xiijs. iiij^d. written in more brown ink.

[Nov. 4, 1512. The Commons granted Henry a Subsidy and a Poll tax upon all his subjects to enable him to go to war with France.]

The Subsidy consisted of two Fifteenths and four Demies.

A Fifteenth or Quinzime, is a tax of money, laid upon a City, Borough, or other Town, and so called because it amounted to a fifteenth part of that which the City or Town had been valued at of old; and therefore every Town knew what a Fifteenth for themselves did amount to, which was in proportion to the land or circuit belonging to it. Whereas a Subsidy was raised upon every particular man's Goods or Lands and therefore was uncertain.

Towards the Poll Tax every Duke was to pay ten marks [£6 13s. 4d.]; an Earl £5; a Lord £4; a Knight 4 marks [£2 13s. 4d.]. Every man valued at £800 in goods, £2 13s. 4d., and so after that rate down to him who had £2 in wages, who paid 1s.; after which everyone who was above 15 years of age paid 4d.]

[1514.]

Johēs Therketyl firmarius tenementi Barett computavit ad festum purificationis Beatæ Marie Virginis anno preterito henr^o viijⁱ quinto pro anno finito ad festum sancti Mychaelis ultimo preterito ad lxvjs. viij*d.*

Smā lxvjs. viij*d.*

Et in resolutis redd^o xxvjs. vij*d.* ob. et alloc^o deb Turñ de Brundyshe ij*d.* et iiij*d.* Thome Smyth clerico [the priory clerk] et sic xxxixs. vj*d.* delib^o in sista

Et sol^o pro firma de Benselens xxxs. cum iiij*s.* j*d.* sol^o pro quindecima domini Regis [the second Fifteenth granted]

Item rec. of Galfrid in use for lead xij*d.*

[1515.]*

Henricus Smyth et William Rows prepositi ecclesie de Cratfeld computaverunt pro iiij*d.* potationibus

* These two pages (from the next line to the end of the book) are crossed out, and there is written in similar ink and handwriting to the correction in the previous years. "Hic com̄t est in libr. nova (*sic*)."

factis in anno finito ad festum purificationis
Beate Marie Virginis anno regni regis hen⁹
vii^{vi} vj^{to}.

Inprimis pro prima potatione in die dominica passionis	xvjs.
Item in die Pentecoste	xviijs. viij ^d .
Item iij ^a potatione in die dominica proxima ante festum assumptionis Beate Marie	xvjs. vj ^d .
Item iiij ^{ta} potatione in die dedicationis ecclesie	xiijs. iiij ^d .
Item recepta de diversis personis xxiijs. viij ^d . de Johē Stubbard de ceteris debitis viijs. xd.	} xxxiijs. vj ^d .
Summa totalis ^{xx} iiij ^d . xvjs. xj ^d .	
Et inde alloc ⁹ pro diversis reparationibus hoc anno	iiij ^{li} . xjs. ij ^d .
Et sic remanet vjs. ix ^d . delib ⁹ in pixide Summa Johñis Therketyll firmarii tenementi Baret ut paret antea ad lxvjs. viij ^d . per annum. Summa lxvjs. viij ^d .	
Et in rec ⁹ redd ⁹ ut paret antea	xxvijs. jd. ob.
Et alloc ⁹ eidem firmario pro reparationibus ibidem	xij ^d .
Summa xxvijs. jd. ob.	
Et sic remanet xxxvijs. viij ^d . delib ⁹ in sista Item rec ⁹ de eodem Johē Therketyll pro firma terra- rum Benselens	xxs.
Henricus Kebyll debitor pro certa terra pertinente ecclesie	xxxiijs. iiij ^d .
ibidem pro quinque annis finitis ad festum sancti Michaelis in anno vj ^o . H viij ^{vi} quotann ⁹ vjs. viij ^d . inde rec ⁹ eodem die	viijs. viij ^d .
delib ⁹ cum ijs. pro aliis allocationibus ... post ut ...	

(Here the Second Book ends).

[1528.]

Inventory of the ornaments and Jewels of the Cherche of Cratfeld made in the presence of the Chercherevys of the saide Cherche and the inhabitants of the Towne of Cratfeld the thirde daye of Aperel the xix yere of the reign of Kyng Henry the viij the year of our Lorde Gode MV hundred &c.

Itm On peyr Chales of Sylver gylte
 Itm iiij peyr of Chales of Sylver parcel gylte
 Itm a Pyx of Sylver parcel gylte

[The Pyx is the vessel in which the Consecrated Wafer is kept.]

Itm ij Paxes of Sylver gylte

[The Pax or Osculatorium. A piece of wood or metal with a Crucifix, &c., thereon, which the Priest presented to the people at the conclusion of the Mass, to be kissed by them, in token of the peace, unity, and amity of all the faithful, who, in that manner, and by its medium, kissed one another with the kiss of Charity. It was not amongst those ornaments of churches which were at first suppressed at the Reformation. Its use was prescribed by the Royal Commissioners of Edward VI. In 1558, the Injunctions published at the Deanery at Doncaster, ordained that the clerk should bring down the Pax, and stand without the Church door, and shall say loudly to the people these words:—This is a token of joyful peace, which is betwixt God and men's conscience: Xt alone is the peacemaker, which straitly commands peace between brother and brother. And so long as ye use these ceremonies, so long shall ye use these significations.]

Itm a Sensyr of Sylver parcell gylte
 Itm a Shyppe for the seide Sencer Silver parcell gylte

[A vessel to contain the grains of incense, with which the censer was supplied. It was of metal, covered with a lid, and furnished with a spoon. The shape was that of a ship.]

Itm a crose of Coper and gylte with the fote [foot]
 Itm ij peyre of Sencers of Coper and on schep
 Itm a Chrismatory of Coper

[A vessel for holding the consecrated oil blessed on Holy Thursday. These oils were of three kinds, the holy oil, the chrism

or baptism oil, and the sick man's oil. Each Church was required to possess three bottles of these oils; they were usually fitted into a box, with a crested lid like the roof of a house.]

Itm ij gret standyng candylstyky of leten

[Latten, a hard mixed metal similar to brass.]

Itm ij small standyng candelstyky of latyn

Itm on Corporas case of crymsyn velvet, with a Corporas cloth

[Corporas, or corporax, a linen cloth used in the Mass.]

Itm ij corporas cases of blew velvet with corporas clothes to them

Itm iij olde corporas cases with corporas clothes

Itm a box imbroyderyd of sylke and a corporas to bere [bear] in the holy sacrament to pepil [people] lying syke [sick]

Itm a Pax of lede gylte

Itm ij sakery [sacring] bells

[A sacring bell rung at the elevation of the host.]

Itm a lantern of the newe ffasson [fashion]*

Itm on holy water stop of latyn with the buyckyt [bucket] of latten to it

Itm one holy water stop of Glas with a fotte [foot] of iren

Itm ij Pyx clotseys [closets or niches] to hang up the pyx over the heye auter

Itm xxij cloths of lenen hallowyd to ley upon the auters

Itm clothes to hang be forn the seide auter steyned vj

Itm one auter clothe of lynen hallowyd with a frynge

Itm ij frynges to hange a forn the auters

* The lantern is mentioned in the Constitutions of Archbishop Peckham about 1283, as forming a part of the Church's goods, and was probably used to carry before the Sacrament when it was taken to the sick. In some books of accounts we find a "housling torch" for the same purpose.

Itm a hot [hood] seme [French *Semer*, to sow, &c.] of crymsen velvet

Itm a hot [hood] seme of blew velvet

Itm a hot [hood] seme of changeabul Damaske

Itm a hot [hood] seme of crymseyn fysten [fustian] in a pie

Itm a cope with a vestement of whithe damaske

[The word vestment is often used to indicate the chasuble or chief vestment used in the Eucharist.]

Itm a vestement of grene damaske

Itm a vestement of blew saten

Itm a vestement and a cope of blake fystyn [fustian] in a pie

Itm a vestement of cheker

Itm a vestement of Gramesee [Cramoisy] seamey [semé]

Itm a vestement of sylke and golde with the albys and stolys to them belonging

Itm ij pelowes [pillows, cushions] of stained saye with an angel in the myddys [midst] of them

[*Say*, a kind of serge or woollen cloth.]

Itm a pelow of blew sylke .

Itm a cros staff of copyr and gylte with iij clothes to [put] upon the cros stavys, ij of sylke and on of lenen cloth steyned

Itm in schorte towells for the preste to wype on his hands at the lavatory xvj

Itm in houwseying clothes of lenen clothe vj

[The word "housing" is another name for a case or cover.]

Itm on herse cloth of blake wosted

[A *herse*, a light frame of woodwork used to set over the body of the deceased to support the herse cloth or pall, while the service for the dead is being said. And also it was sometimes attached to the bier, in which uncoffined bodies were brought to the grave, forming an open lid-work through which the body might be seen, when the pall was drawn aside.]

Itm a baner clothe of the marterdom of Sent Styven

Baner cloth, a processional flag.]

Itm ij supelessis [surplices] for the kewret [curate] to
synge in

Itm iij rochetes

[Surplices without sleeves.]

Itm ij clothes of cov^olyte (coverlet) wyrke [work] to
ley upon the pavement be forn the hey [high]
awter [altar]

Itm iij mes bokys of vellym wrytyn and in leinned
[lined]

Itm a mes boke of paper prynted

Itm ij antiphoners of vellym wrytten and in leinnyd

[An antiphonar is a book containing the antiphons arranged
under their respective hours and days.]

Itm ij antiphonar breuet of vellym wrytten and
inleinnyd

Itm vj processioners of vellym wrytten

[A Processioner, a book containing those parts of the church
service which were used in processions.]

Itm a legent [legend] of vellym wrytten and inleynnid
Itm* a queyre of the visitation of our Lady in velym
wrytten.

Itm† a kowcher of velym wrytten and inleinnyd

Itm iij grayles [gradales] of velym wrytten and
inleinnyned [inlined]

[A Gradale, a book containing portions of the Eucharistic
service.]

* *i.e.*, a quire. The "queries" were the sheets of supplementary services,
which were printed.

† A Kowcher is a large book, the same as the antiphonar. The Basing-
burne book has an entry paid to Willm Podde psh clerk for making up the
great Cowcher or Antiphonar. xivs.

Professor Skeat says that a Cowcher was a large codex, which couched or
lay on a desk, in distinction to the portuise or breviary, which was portable.

The 3 and 4 Ed. vi. orders the burning among other things of "cowches."

Itm ij small greyles of velym wrytten
 Itm iij pokets of lenen to kepe in the lenen clothe
 and napen [napkins] of the cherche
 Itm a brevet Antyfener*
 Itm one olde albe
 Itm ij books of velym wrytten and called a trak
 [tract] of the exposition of the holy wordes of
 Godde, with the menie [meaning] of the same,
 also conteyning the harde wordes of the sauter
 [Psalter] and also conteyning the harde words
 of all the serves [services] of the yere. Itm a
 nother contract [tract] with the general.....
 of the sakyments and so for the foluÿg
 [following] of the sakyment of Baptyem
 [baptism] and all other.

On referring to the church wardens' accounts for 1549 we find
 the following entry :—

Plate sold by the consent of the hole townshyp
 Inprimis a crosse waying lxxvj ounces di oz.
 Itm a challyce waying xx ounces di oz.

[Di an ounce abated for the paper within the Crosse.]

Itm one payre of Sensers, one pax, a shyp, one payre
 of cruets waying 1 ounces
 received by the churchwardens for the said plate
 xxxv*li*. xvs. j*d*.

[This sale was the result of an Act of Parliament in 1549, by
 which all the missales, grailes, processionaries, antiphones, and
 all such books used in different churches in the service, should
 be delivered over to the churchwardens, &c., and by them to be
 delivered to the bishop who was to destroy them, or see ~~them~~
 destroyed.]

* This is the very spelling in the English Works of Wiclif,
 (E.E.T.S.) p. 194.

[Inventory of 1555.]

This is the inventorie of all the ornaments and churche goods indented of Cratfeilde in Suff' made the xxvjth daye of June in the yere of our Lorde God Mcccc fyftie and fyve.

Imprimis a payre of challys of sylver
 Itm a corporaxe and two clothes in the same
 Itm a crismetorie and two towelies belongyng to
 the same
 Itm a cope of whighte damaske
 Itm two vestments the one of blacke velvet and the
 other of whighte damaske
 Itm two albes and all things that belongeth to one of
 them
 Itm eyghte surpless
 Itm two holy water stoppes
 Itm two crewetts
 Itm a sacrie bell
 Itm a paxe
 Itm a payre of sensers
 Itm thre alter clothes of lynnyng
 Itm two cusshyānes
 Itm a pecke [or basket] for holy bread and a towelly
 therto belongyng

[The holy bread has sometimes been confounded with the Eucharistic bread, but the two were quite distinct. Unleavened bread, in the wafer form, was alone used in the Holy Communion from the days of S. Augustine until the publication of the Prayer Book in 1552. The holy bread, holy loaf, or Eulogia, was ordinary leavened bread blessed by the priest after mass, cut up in small pieces and given to the people. One of the demands of the Devonshire men, who rose in rebellion in the year 1549, for the restoration of the religion of their youth, was "We will have holy bread and holy water every Sunday."]

Itm two hande towellies
 Itm a crosse
 Itm two crosse clothes the one of sylke and thother
 steyned

Itm two candlesticks
 Itm a banner with a clothe stayned
 Itm a pendente of sylke
 Itm a herse clothe
 Itm a hande bell
 Itm a sanctus bell

[The bell rang at the elevation of the host at the parish mass.
 It was fixed outside the Church, frequently on the apex of the
 eastern gable of the nave.]

Itm fowre bells in the steple
 Itm two mass books
 Itm an antyphoner
 Itm two manuells

[A manuell, a book containing the occasional offices which a
 priest was bound to perform, such as baptism, extreme unction,
 and the processional service.]

Itm two processionaries
 Itm a booke called a venite book
 Itm a grayle

Attached to this Inventory by a pin is a paper as follows:—
 M^d that the chalis wayed *xiiij^{oz.}* and there was in the
 pipe *i q^r* of a oz. of lede and the kuppe wayeth
xiiij^{oz.} iij^{gr.} As for the gold that was of the chalice
 it was not worth the parting, for it is moulte with
 yover [over] silver and for the makeinge *xjd.*

Cratsfelde Towne Booke.

[1534.]

Mem. The hol sommys of money remaining in the
 Cherche Box of Benselyns londs takyn the *xxijth*
 daye of Maye in the *xxvth* yere of Kyng Henry
 the *vijth* in golde *vli.*

Itm Received of Jhon Thyrkettyll and of Robard
 Blobowll for ye ferme of Benslyns for ye terme
 endyd at ye fest of Saynt Myhell in ye xxv
 yere of Kyn (*sic*) Henry eygt xxvjs. viij*d*.
 Summa remanente dicto secundo die et a^o vicesimo
 quinto p'dicto reg vj*li*. vjs. viij*d*.
 of ye wych payd to Jhon Dowsyng for a copy of
 bensly lond vj*d*.
 And ferther payd to ye baly of my Lord of Sussex
 for the fine of Bensleys in ye sayd ferste yer xxxs.

[The Earl of Sussex, who was Lord of the Manor, died in 1542. In this year was passed an Act of Parliament that whereas some people had gathered into few hands several farms, and great plenty of cattle, particularly sheep, some to the number of 20,000, whereby the rents of lands were not only increased, but also Tillage very much decayed, some Churches and Towns had been pulled down, and the price of Corn, Cattle, &c., excessively enhanced; it was therefore enacted that no man should keep above 2,000 sheep at one time; and not hold above two Farms at once, and those to be in the Parish in which he lives.

In this year it was also ordered that the Chancellor of England should direct into every Diocese in the Realm, Commissions in the King's name, under his great seal, as well to the Archbishop and Bishop of every Diocese, as to such other persons as the King should appoint; to examine, search, and require, by all ways and means, the true, just, and whole yearly value of all the Manors, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Rents, Tithes, Offerings, Emoluments, and all other Profits, as well Spiritual as Temporal, belonging to any Archbishoprick, Bishoprick, Archdeaconry, Deanery, Hospital, College, Prebend, Cathedral, or Collegiate Church, Parsonage, Vicarage, Free Chapel, or any other Benefice or Promotion Spiritual. Accordingly several Commissioners were appointed in each County, with whom were joined the Bishops of the respective Dioceses, and a certain number of Auditors. The valuations that were taken by these Commissioners were all returned to Cromwell, Master of the Rolls; and according to them have the First Fruits been paid ever since.]

The rent of the Church house was 3/
 The rent of the Town Close 5/8½
 An acre of land lying in Thorny field 1/
 The Church Close 8/

(Here Mr. Holland's MS. comes to an end for the present. The inter-
 vening part is my transcript. J.J.R.)

[1534.]

- Itm In allmese for y^e relefe of Kempe hys wyfe and
ther chylderne iiij*d.*
- Et sic remanet *vli. iijs. ijd.*
- of y^e wyche sayd sume payd to y^e hands of John
Smyth y^e xxij day of May in y^e xxvj yere of
henry y^e eygt for knyts mete mony vd.
- It^o Receyued of John Duke generosus for y^e ferme of
benslens for y^e hole yere determend at y^e fest of
Saynt myhell in y^e xxvj yere of Kyng henr^o ye
eyght xxvjs. viij*d.*
- It^o Receyued of John Duke gentelmā for bēselēs
p^o termino finito ad festū^o Scti michael^o in a^o h
viiij xxvij xxvjs. viij*d.*
- It^o payed to John Smyth of y^e hyll out of benseleus
purse in a^o h octavi vicesimo viij^o iijs. vj*d.*
- It^o delyvered unto y^e sowgers owt of benseleus purse
y^e vj daye of October in y^e xxviiij yere of y^e reyne
of h y^e eyght vs.
- It^o Receyued of John Duke gentellmā in xxviiij^{ti} yere
of y^e reyne of Kyng h y^e eyght and y^e ij day. of
february for benseleus landys for y^e terme ended
myhelmesse in y^e sayde yere xxvjs. viij*d.*
- It^o Receyued of Robard myllys for y^e ende of an oke
y^e sayde daye vs.
- It^o alowed to Roger marcone out of benseleus purse
y^e sayde daye iiijs.
- Itm Receyued of John Duke gentelmā in y^e xxix
yere of y^e rayne of Kyng henry y^e viij y^e ij daye
of february for y^e ferme of benseleus londs for
y^e terme ended at myhelmes in y^e sayde yere
xxvjs. viij*d.*
- Itm payed to master euerad of lynsted magna for a
bowe and arrowes at y^e puryfycatyon of o^r lady
in y^e yere above wretē iijs. iiij*d.*
- Itm payed to Rycharde brodbanke for a horse xvijs.
- Itm payed to Thomas Smyth bocher for a horse xiijs.

Itm̄ payed to gregory mene for sadell and brydell	xxd.
Itm̄ payed to wyllm̄ rosynton for a knyfe	xvjd.
Itm̄ payed to John warne	iijs. viijd.
Itm̄ payed to John Stobbyd for a swerde	iijs. ijd.
In y ^e xxxj yere of henry y ^e eyght and ye secunde daye of february It Receyued of John Duke gentylmā for benseleus	xxvjs. viijd.
In y ^e xxxij yere of Kyng harry y ^e viij y ^e secunde daye of february Receyued of John Deuke gentylman for benseleus	xxvjs. viijd.
In y ^e xxxiij yere of Kyng h y ^e viij y ^e secunde day of february Itm̄ Receyued of John Duke gentylman for benseleus	xxvjs. viijd.
Et remanet in pixide p ^o benseleus dicto die in omnibus per ^s	xlijs.

This ends the account of Cratfield Benseleus.

Twenty-five pages afterwards begins—

Cratfeld Chyrch.

Md remaynyng in the toune box of the cherche money the xxij daye of Maye in the xxv yere of the regne of Kyng henr ^o the viij	xli. ijs. xd.
Md reseuyed of wyllm̄ Butte for ferme of y ^e chyrch howse for y ^e terme endyd at y ^e fest of sayn myhell in y ^e xxv yere of h eyghth	iijs.
Md reseuyd of Rychard Brokbancke for y ^e towne close	vijjs. ijd.
Itm̄ reseuyd of Newson for y ^e dette due to y ^e chyrch y ^e second day of february in y ^e xxiiij yere of h eygt	iijs.
Itm̄ of [<i>sic</i>] reseuyd of Robard mollyng for y ^e ferme of on acre of lond lyeng in thornam fyld by y ^e Kyngs hey way for iij yere endyd at y ^e fest of sayn myhell arcangell in a ^o xxv ^o h viij ^o	iijs.

Itm̄ receuyd of Jone Smyth wydow for y^e chyrch
 close for y^e ferme for ij yerse endyd at y^e fest of
 saynt mychell in a^o xxvj ^{to} h viij ^{vj} viijs.
 of y^e wych she aske to be alowyd for rentys for y^e
 sayd to yere iijs. iiijd.

et sic remanet de dict viijs. iijs. viijd.

Sum^a a^o vigesimo q̄ūto p'dicto recepto

Itm̄ receuyd of y^e chyrch wardens Thomas Smyth
 and Rychard Brodbäcke all yngs to yem alowyd
 for c'tyn reparatyons done upon y^e gylde halle
 from y^e seconnd daye of february in a^o xxvj h
 viij^{vj} usque secundum diem februarij in a^o
 vigesimo quint^o di^{ti} reg^o iijs.

of y^e wych was payd to John Duke gentyلمان for y^t
 he payd to y^e baly of y^e hunderd xijd.

To Edmund mylls for a day worke iiijd.

and to Wyl̄ But for a ball to camp wyth iiijd.

Et sic remanet de sumys recept̄ in a^o xxv p^o xxjs. ijd.

of y^e wych sayd xxjs. ijd. payd to Wyllm̄ nycoll for
 hys quat^o vags endyd at y^e sayd sec̄nd day in a^o
 xxv^{to} p^o ijs.

Et etiam Solut^o dicto die for whyth lether iiijd.

Et sic remanet xviijs. xd. et deliberata in
 pixide dicto die et a^o

Itm̄ Receuyd of the townschyp of cratfeld by me
 John Stannard prest for a quarter wages ended
 at y^e fest of lammes in a^o visesimo vj^o h octavi

[This last item is in browner ink and a different hand, and has
 been crossed through. J. J. R.]

In a^o vicesimo sexto henrici octavi

Itm̄ receyued of Robard myllys y^e second day of
 february in y^e xxvj yere of y^e Reyn of Kyng
 Henry y^e eyght xvijjs.

whych sayd xvijjs. y^e sayd Robar (*sic*) and other
 stode bowne to y^e chyrch wardens as yt apere
 be [by] y^e det boke of y^e chyrch of Cratfelde

It^o Receyued of Thomas fraunses and Wyllm̄ bote
 for y^e chyrche howse iiijd.

It^o Receyued of Richard Brodebanke for ye chyrch
 closse vijs. ij*d*.

It^o Receyued of Jone Smyth wydow for ye chyrch
 closse ijs. iiij*d*.

(Here my transcript ends, and Mr. Holland's recommences. J. J. R.)

[1535 = 36.]

It^o Receyved of Thomas Smyth and Recharde Brode-
 bāc chyrch wardens in ye forsayd yere of ij
 chyrch alys xijs. v*d*. ob.

It^o Receyved of ye foresayde chyrchwardens for ye
 gatheryng of Plough Monday in ye forsayde yere xs. v*d*.
 S^ma totalis recepcionis lijs. v*d*. ob.

wereof payed to nycole for his quater wagys ended
 at ye puryfycatyon of o^r lady in a^o p^odicto ij*d*.

Payed to the hands of John Thyrkettel to the use of
 hewe barthō goldsmyth for ye christmatory claspe
 makyng ijs. iiij*d*.

[The box containing the vessels holding the consecrated oils.]

et sic remanet p^odicto a^o et die
 et deliberat^o in pixide xlviijs. ij*d*. ob.

[1536 - 37.]

M^d payde the thyrd daye of Octobre in the xxviijth
 yere of the reyne of Kyng Henry the viij to
 Richerd Brudbanke of the sums in the boke afore
 specyfied for a fother of lede iij hundred and a
 quarter and xiiij pownde as it doth apere in a
 byll remayning on the chyrche purse v*l*. iijs.
 viij*d*. and for draynage and his costys x*x**d*. sum
 total v*l*. vjs. iiij*d*.

It^m the seyd daye and yere payde of the seid sums
 afore specyfied for the cariage of the seyd lede
 (no amount written).

Itm̄ payde of the seyde sums before written for fyfty
 pownde of sowder and halfe a pownde xxjs.
 Itm̄ payde of the seid sums before written to Richerd
 Brodbanke for iij hundred nayle ixd.
 Itm̄ payde of the seid sums before written to mother
 Smyth for the bordyng of two plumbers and thyr
 server for xxvj daye vs. ixd.

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Itm̄ payed to Rychard Brodbanke for wax xxiiij
 pounde xv. iijd.

_____†

Itm̄ payde to John Flecher and Robert Dasye
 plumers the fyrst day of Apryll in the xxvij yere
 of henry ye viij for ye shotyng and laying of V
 fother xij C and xvij poūd of ledde out of the
 chyrche boxe xli. vs. iijd.

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Be it known to all men that I John Stobbard com̄ of
 the collectors for the hoole quinzemes and
 decimes granted in the xxvjth yere of hys reyne
 to be payde yn the xxvijth yere have reseyved
 of thys p^oysche of Cratfeld ljs. viijd.
 yn wytnesse whereof I have wreten thys wyth myne
 hande the day and yere above wretyn by me
 John Stobbard

[Baker says in the 24th [not the 26th] year of Henry VIII., in a Parliament then holden, a fifteenth was granted to the King towards his charges of making Fortifications against Scotland. It was the levying of this tax that conspired with the religious changes, in causing the rebellions of Mackerel, the Prior of Barlings, in Lincolnshire, and the one in Yorkshire called the Pilgrimage of Grace.

In Convocation this year a motion was made that there should be a new translation of the Bible in English to supersede Tyndale's, to be set up in all churches, and the same was approved of.

* Here nearly a page of the parish book is not copied.

† Here the following five lines are not copied.

‡ Here nearly a page is not copied.

In this year an act was passed that Tithes and other Profits, arising or becoming due during the vacancy of any spiritual Promotion, should belong to the person that is next presented thereto toward the payment of the First Fruits.

French wine was to be sold by retail at 8d. the gallon, and Sack and Malmsey at 1/-.

The suppression of the lesser Monasteries enacted in March, 1536, was not executed until August, tho' the commissioners appointed for that purpose had received their instructions in April. The purchasers were obliged to keep up the old hospitality under a fine of £6 13s. 4d. a month. The common sort, who were most concerned for the loss of a dinner on Sundays and Feast days, were thus in a great measure satisfied; and the Gentry, by having good Bargains, were drawn in to like what was done, and to assist the Crown in defence of these laws, their own interests being interwoven with the Rights of the Crown. The Commissioners, as was but just, paid all the debts of the suppressed Monasteries; but when Relicks happened to be pawned, it seems they refused to redeem them. Thus one man lost £40 which he had lent upon Saint Andrew's Finger, except one ounce of silver with which it was covered. The writers that live near the time say, about 10,000 Friars and Nuns were sent to seek for their livings, and 376 religious houses dissolved.]

[1537-38.]

The accounte of mast Vycary and John Stobbard cherche wardens in the xxix^t of Kynge henry the eyght the iij day of february.

Iñ Reseyved in ij cherchales xxvijs. *vd.*

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Received on Plow Monday.....of the gift of the Parish by Master Vycary [the Vicar] and John Stobbard vjs. *ixd.*

There is payd of the same money for makynge and oder charges for the comon Lyghte and waschynge of the cherche gere vjs.

And so remayneth *ixd.* and *dd* (dimidium, $\frac{1}{2}d.$) in the coffer.

° Here seven lines are not copied.

[In September this year injunctions were issued, commanding all Parsons and Curates to teach their Parishioners the Pater Noster, the Ave, and the Creed, with the ten Commandments and the Articles of the Christian Faith in the English tongue.]

{ I have been unable to find the originals of the parts enclosed within these brackets, and present them from Mr. Holland's own MS. J. J. R.

[1537-38.]

Delivered unto the soldiers out of Benselens purse
the 9th day of October

5s.

[1538-39.]

[This sheet is not dated.]

Itm paid to Master Everard of Linstead Magna for
a bow and arrows

3s. 8d. }

[Every Englishman and Irishman dwelling in England had been commanded by an act of Parliament, passed in 1466 to have a long bow of his own height; the act directs that Butts should be made in every township, at which the inhabitants were to shoot up and down, upon all feast days, under the penalty of one half-penny (about 4*d.* of our money) for every time they omitted to perform this exercise.

In 1466 the price was fixed to be for the best bow staves 3/6 each (about 28/- of our money.) This was confirmed in 1512, also in 1542; but these acts were repealed in 1556, and the following prices settled by Parliament: for a bow made of the best foreign yew 6/8 (about 40/-), for an inferior sort 3/4 (about 20/-), and for one made of English yew 2/- (about 16/-).]

The costs of these Butts occur very frequently in these accounts—here is one in detail.

The cost of y^e Butts.

Itm to Edmund Myllys for v dayes worke and for hys borde	ijs. vjd.
Itm Thomas Smythes man for v dayes work and hys borde	ijs. jd.
Itm John Smythes man for one dayes worke and for hys borde	vd.
Itm John Sparham one dayes work and for hys borde	vjd.
Itm y ^e bryngyng downe of the tymber and for Thomas Smythes boyes worke	viijd.
	<hr/> vjs. ijd.

[The earliest of the loose sheets is of this date (1538), and from the context we find it was written by John Smyth, then Chaplain to the Guild.]

M ^d receyved of John Warne for y ^e dett of hys father	iijs. iiijd.
It ^p receyved by y ^e gyfte of y ^e will of y ^e sayde John Warne. (He was buried 18 Jan ^y 1539)	iijs. iiijd.
It ^p payed Robart Gylbert for sterroppps and gyrthys	xd.
It ^p for y ^e fellyng of y ^e rowell	xvd.

[This year it was ordered that no candles should be set up before any image except our Saviour. Every Incumbent this year was enjoined to keep a register of Weddings, Christenings, and Burials, and likewise to preach one sermon every quarter of a year at least. In this year, the new translation of the Bible being finished, 1500 were ordered to be set up at the joint expense of the Incumbent and Parishioners in the principal Churches. The cost of the printing was £500, or rather more than 6s. each. Two years later the Parish paid for the two Bibles 6s. 2d., and doubtless the Vicar, Mr. Thirketill, paid also the same according to the act.]

Be y^t known unto all men that John Smyth chapelen have receyved of John Stobart for my [sic] quarters ended the xij daye of September whyche serten mony was delyvered of Nycholas Hayward unto John Stobard in part of payment of hys ferme

xxxxs.

[Undated, probably 1538 or 1539.]

Itm̄ for an holy water sprynckler	<i>ijd.</i>
Itm̄ for the stole mendynge and for lynynge to the same	<i>vijd.</i>
Itm̄ for scouarynge the scholhouse and aulbe washinge	<i>ijd.</i>
Itm̄ for mending the Register Couffer [cover] the settinge upp thereof, the stoole mendynge, and mendynge of the steple dore and for nayles herabot occupied	<i>vijd.</i>
Itm̄ for mendynge of the table and settinge uppe of them bothe, one wyndowe mendynge, and naylynge of a pese on the planncher and for nayles	<i>vijd.</i>

[1539-40.]

In this year there is no entry in the Town Book. There are some entries in the Guild accounts.

[1540-41.]

[This is the first of the dated loose sheets.]

Received of Pentcost churcheale & all costs and charges deducted	<i>xxs.</i>
Received for the ledde asshes of Brabon	<i>iijs. vjd.</i>
Layde out in the repracyons of the churche	
Itm̄ payed to Nicolas Goodale for mendynge of ye glase wyndows abowght ye churche & ye clarystorye	<i>ijs. vijd.</i>
Itm̄ for iij pounce of sowder y ^t he spent abowght them	<i>ixd.</i>
Itm̄ for a bz [bushel?] of lyme y ^t he spent abowght them	<i>ijd.</i>
Itm̄ for two lodys of wode and the caryage y ^t ye plomers spent	<i>xxd.</i>

Itm̄ for fettyng of two lodes of sande for them	vij <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ payed to Brodbanke for nayle for y ^e plomers	xii <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ payed for sawyng of lathes for y ^e church	xix <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ payed to y ^e plomers	iijs. v <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ payed to two plomers for iij dayes worke a pese of them	iijs
Itm̄ for the borde of a man vj dayes	xvij <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ for iij ponde of sowder and a halfe, and halfe a quarter y ^t y ^e plomers occupyed	xvij <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ in carpenters worke for iij dayes and his borde	xv <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ payed to y ^e stywarde for entery in of new feofyes in a cotype	ii <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ payed to Robart Pyrse for helpyng of the plomers and for mete and drynke	v <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ for fre stone and a C pament tyle	iijs. iv <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ for the caryage of y ^t same	v <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ that Batman spent in drynke	j <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ payed to y ^e mason and hys ladde	xvij <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ payed for ther borde	xv <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ payed for a seme [8 bushels] of lyme	xx <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ for Smythe's synders	j <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ for the caryage of the tymber w ^t hys borde	xij <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ for eykes of the bell ropys	ij <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ for fellyng of the rowell	xv <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ for baryng and fetchyng of y ^e rowell	xv <i>d.</i>

[It had perhaps been laid aside two years before according to the act then passed against lights before images, and now in these days, full of change, brought back again.]

Itm̄ payed for nayles for the churche yarde	j <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ payed to Mr. Vycar for the two bybyls	vjs. ij <i>d.</i> →
[See note above.]	
Itm̄ payed to y ^e baly of y ^e hūdred for sute of curte	xij <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ for layng in of y ^e North dore thressholde and other thyngs and hys borde	v <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ for grynyng of whete and malt	ij <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ for bryngyng of y ^e malte agaynst Easter and agaynst Plough Mondaye	vij <i>d.</i>

[These two being apparently the only two feasts now kept.]

[1541-42.]

Itm̄ of John Coke for rente to the tenement Rose
Larkys

iiij*d*.

[This is the first mention of Rose Larks, which was granted to the Church Guild, as the following entry shows :—]

xxij die Septembris An. r. r. H. viij. xxxij. [1541]

Cratfeld. Robt Cooke who purchased certayne copy hold londs holden of my Lords Grace [Robert Earl of Sussex] and before he was admytted tenant made hys last will and testament and by the same gave those same londs amongst other to Agnes his wyffe for terme of hur lyffe and after hur decease that John hys sonne shuld have hys copy hold londs to hym and hys heyres after the decease of hys said wyffe. And also when he comyth to thage of xxj yeres, upon the condicion, that the said John after that he comyth to the said age of xxj yeres shuld pay to the marynge of hys systers xl marks (£26 13s. 4d.) and after Robt deyd after whose decease the same copy londs were seased and granted to John Duke and to the said Agnes then beyng wyffe to the said John Duke the rem̄ [remainder] thereof to John Cooke son and heyre to the said Robt and to his heyres accordyng to thentent of the said last wyll of Robt.

Itm̄ at a court holden . . . in the xix year of Kyng Henry the viijth the said John Cooke and John Duke s^orendered into the lord's hands, that is to say, John Duke p^osent in the court, and John Cooke out of the court by the hands of the Tenants the premysses to thuse of Thomas Smyth and John Smyth Gardens of the Gyld or Church of Cratfeld there heyres and successors to them the yssues and proffets thereof shall come to thuse and supportation of the Guyld of Saint Thomas the martyr in Cratfeld.

Memorandum that for as muche that the said xl marks restythe unpaid the same iiij systers prayeth

eyther to be paid of the said some of money or ells that the lord may cause the same londs to be seased and granted to the said systers.

The request of thenhabitants of the Towne.

The inhabitants prayeth to be admytted to the pmysses payyng there resonable fyne.

þ Johēm Fisk, Seneschallum [or Steward].

Itm̄ of the same Robt [Fale] for an old cope and shyppe [ship] xd.

[On a loose sheet not dated, but previous to 1543, when the Duke of Sussex died, are the following entries :—]

M ^d whan the Goodman Dowsyng and I dyd ryde to the Erle of Sussex for the custom of his tenants in Cratfyld we leyde for o ^r costes ij dayes	iijs.
Itm̄ for half a wey of hard chyse and xix ^{li}	xvjs. viij <i>d</i> .
and for the odd xix ^{li}	ijs. v <i>d</i> .
Itm̄ payd to Thomas Mylles & for ij horses for caryng of the same	ijs. viij <i>d</i> .
Itm̄ at another tyme when I dyd ryde with Mr. Appleyard	ijs.

(Here end the Churchwardens' accounts for the present.)

The Guild Accounts, 1534-1540, next follow. In 1545 the Guilds were suppressed.

Cratfeld Gylde.

[1534, 25 Henry viii.]

[This is at p. 93 of the book lettered *Cratfelde Towne Booke*. The word *Cratfeld* and the first memorandum are in paler ink and a rather larger hand than the rest. *Gylde* looks as if it had been added. J. J. R.]

M^d. remaynyng in the cherche box the xxij day of
Maie in xxvth yere of the regne of Kyng Henry
viiijth takyn for the Gylde londes vj*l*. xiijs. iiij*d*.

M^d. receyvyd of Wyllm Crysp for an helme and two
gange of selowez [sallows] the second day of
February in y^e xxvth yere of H y^e eygt ijs. xd.

M^d. resevyd of Wyllam Smythe for y^e tenemēt
Tongh for y^e hole yere ferme of y^e sayd tenemēt
for y^e terme ended at y^e fest of saynt myhell y^e
Archangel in xxvth yere of y^e Kyng H y^e eygt

xxxxs.

Of y^e wych sayd xxxs. the sayd Wyllam aske to be
alowyd for iiij dayes worke of dawbyng xxij*d*.

And so remaynyng xxvijs. ij*d*.

M^d. resevyd of Nycholas Heyward y^e sayd secund
day of February in y^e yere above sayd for y^e
tenemēt Rose larks for y^e terme endyd at y^e fest
of Saynt myhell in a^o vices. quinto henrici
octav ii*l*. vis.

Of y^e wych sayd ii*l*. vjs. y^e sayd Nycholas axe to
be alowyd of rentys resolut^o payd by hym to y^e
shefe lords, of y^e sa^o Fyrst to my Lord of
Norfolke baly ijs. xj*d*. To my lord a Sussex
baly xs. viij*d*.

[The Earl of Sussex, not the Duke of Norfolk, was lord of the
Manor.]

To Mast^o Applyard iiij*d*.

[He was the lord of the Manor of Cratfield le Roos.]

To y^e Frayry clark ij*d*.

[The Convent of St. Neot's.]

For making of y^e to part of y^e Indētures xij*d*.

Itm for thachyng a day and halfe for wages mete
and drynke xvj*d*.

Itm for dawbyn of ij pannells viij*d*.

The sum^a of allowansys xxjs. ix*d*.

And so remayn xliijs. ij*d*. Et sic resessit ibi.

- Itm receyvyd of Robard Kebylle for hyng [hiring]
ye pytyll of the sayd Roberd and by ye pytyll
of Stevyn Faslyn xvj*d.*
- Itm of Jhon Thyrketyll for ye p^ocel of medew lyeng
at ye nether end of Heryngfeld xij*d.*
- Itm John Duke gentyleman for a p^ocel of grownd
lyyng in Heryngfeld next Brodeholand wode vii*d.*
- M^{d.} delyv^d to ye hand of Jhon Batman the xxiiij
day of August in ye xxv yere of Kyng harry ye
eygt by John Thyrketylle and Thomas Curdy
gyld holders y^t yere lvs.
- Of ye wych lvs. ye sayd John Batman payd by ye
assent of ye Brothers of the Gylde xxxvjs. and
so remayn and delyv^d in to ye box ye sayd
sec^ond day of February xixs.
- Itm delyv^d in to ye hands of ye said John Batman
ye xx day of Octobre in ye xxv yere of harry
ye eygt xxxiijs.
- Itm payd by the same John Batman to Jhon Smyth
of ye Hyll for amercyment to ye baly of ye
Hunderde ijs.
- Et sic remanet of ye sayd—[here there are several
erasures] ye sayd sec^ond day and yere aforsayd
sume delyverd in to ye purse xij^{li}. xix^{d.} of ye
wych payd to S^r. Jhon Stannard [the Chaplain]
for his hole terme det^omynd ye sayd sec^ond day
in a^o xxv^{to} h. octavi xvs. viij*d.* et sic remanet
dicto die et anno in pursa in ye xxv^{ti} yere of
harry ye eyghth xj^{li}. xj*d.*
- Itm payd to S^r. Jhon Stannard the xx^{ti} daye of
Marche for hys halfe quarter wages endyd the
xix day of Marche aforsayd of ye sume above
wrytne xvs.
- Itm payd to ye sayd Jhon Stannard clark ye xvij day
of Maye in the xxvj^{ti} yere of Kyng Hery ye
eygt for hys quartr ended at ye fest of ye
invēcyon of ye crosse [Sept. 14] next before the
said date out of ye Gylde boxe of the sume above
sayd xvs.

- Itm receyvyd of y^e Townshyp of Cratfeld by me
John Stannard Prest a quarter wag⁹ endyd at
y^e fest a v̄cule santi petr⁹ [Lammas, Aug. 1] xxxs.
- Itm receyvyd y^e sayd day of Nycolas Heyward for
part of y^e quarter ferme endyd at y^e fest of y^e
Natyvyte of Sav^r. in y^e sayd xxvj yere xv. iiij^l.
- Itm receyved of John Shermā at y^e fest of y^e
Puryfycatyon of o^r Lady in y^e xxvj yere of
Kyng henr⁹ y^e eyght in parte of payment of
iiij marks dewe to y^e feffeyes of the Gylde lands
called Rose larks xiijs. iiij^l.
- And y^e sayd day of y^e puryfycatyon of o^r lady in y^e
sayde xxvj^{ti} yere y^e sayd John Shermā and
S^r Robard Thyrketele [Sir Robert Thyrketell
was Vicar of Cratfield, 1533-48] did covaunt w^t y^e
sayd feofys to make payment of xls. resedew of
y^e sayde iiij marks in forme folowyng, y^t y^s to
saye to y^e sayde feofyes or thos y^t shalbe [sic]
feofyed at y^e fest of y^e puryfycatyon of o^r Lady
y^t shalbe in y^e yere of o^r Lorde God MCCCCXXXV
xiijs. iiij^l. and at y^e fest of y^e puryfycatyon of o^r
Lady than nexte folowyng xiijs. iiij^l. & after at
y^e fest of y^e puryfycatyon of o^r Lady than nexte
folowyng in full payement xiijs. iiij^l.
- Itm receyved of Wyllm Smyth coper for y^e hole
yere ferme of y^e tenneñt tonks xxxs.
- Itm receyved of John Thyrketell for y^e medewe olde
crofte medewe xij^l.
- Itm receyved of John Duke gentelmā for a pese of
grownde lyyng in heryngfelde viij^l.
- It⁹ receyved of Nycolas heyward at y^e fest of Saynt
Myhell y^e Archangell in y^e xxvj yere above sayde
in parte of paymēt of y^e halfe yere ferme dewe at
y^e sayd fest of Saynt Myhell xxxiijs.
- It⁹ receyved of y^e sayd Nycolas heyward at y^e fest of
y^e puryfycatyon above sayde in parte of paymēt
of y^e ferme of y^e sayd lands called Rose larks
dewe at y^e foresayd fest of Saynt Myhell xls.

It^o receyved of Thomas Smyth & Rechard Brodebanke gyldeholders of ye Gylde of Saynt Thomas in ye yere of Kyng Hēry ye Eyght ye xxvj xxijs.

Sm^a totalys receptyonis sum̄m p^odyct^o vij*l*z.

Whereof payed to John Dowsyng and John Warne Gyldeholders for ye yere cōsequent xls.

It^o covenanted betwyxt ye inhabytans of ye towne of Cratfelde and John Smyth Chapelen and the said John Smyth hath for hys p^ote cov^oanted to enter into ye servyse of ye Gylde, at ye fest of ye añuncyatyon of o^r Lady in ye xxvj yere of Kyng Henry ye viij takyng for hys wag^o vij*l*z. & ye seyde John have receyved of ye sayde inhabytanse ye sayd xxj daye of February xxx. of corant mony, for the whych sayde xxx. the sayde John Smyth Chapelen cov^oant with & to the sayd inhabytans sofycyantly to repare and set in sofycyant reprayon ye hole me^se [message] late Sir John Caryells chapelen [Sir John Caryell, de Redenhall had been Vicar from 1439-44] in wryt crafte, dabeng, thachyng and all orther reprayons longyng or p^oteynyng [appertaining] to ye same, and ferther ye sayd John Smyth chapelen doth cov^oant to new re-edyfy the chymny of iij fyres at the p^op [proper] costs of ye sayd John longyng to ye sayd mese after soche facyon as y^t was fyrst edyfyed and upon a suer fūdatyon & ye sayde Inhabytans doth cov^oante to aponte to ye sayde John wtin ye towne of Cratfelde all soche tymber as shalbe necessary to be aployde [employed] to ye necessarye reprayons of ye sayde mese and p^omyssys & ye sayde S^r John to stand & be charchyd for hys tyme of all owte charg^o yerely goyng owt of ye sayd mese to ye chef lords of the fe xxx.

It^o allowed to Nycolas Heyward the hole yere rent payed to my Lord of Norfolks baly for ye terme ended at ye fest of Saynt Myhell in a^o vicesimo sexto h. octavi

vs. xj*d*.

- It^o to my Lorde of Northumberlond's baly for ye
sayd yere xxxs. *vd.*
& for a gosse *iijd*
It^o to Sent John *jd.*
It^o to Mr. Apeleyerd [lord of the Manor of Cratfield
le Roos ?] for ferme lond *iijs.*
sumā total^o reddit^o et firmi xxxs. *vijd.*
It^o alowed to ye sayd Nycolas Heyward for s^oten
repratyōs don vppon the Tenneūēt Rose Larks
ye sayd yere *vij. viijd.*
summa receptionis et alloc^o ut antea paret in libro
illo pro dicto toto anno finito in termino sēti
Michaelis p^odicto *vli. xjs. viijd.*
Et sic dictus Nicholaus debet ad diē cōpet^a *iiijd.* quod
solvatur dicto die cōpeti et sic recessit eque
It^o payed to John Smyth of ye Hyll for mercymēt,
rent and payne & fyne for ye tennemēt Rose
Larks & ye Gyldehows *ijs. iiijd.*
et sic remanet sum^o solut^o et allocat^o ut antea paret
die cōpet^o [computationis] *iiij. xvij.*
It^o receyved of Robard Kebell for ye lond lyyng in
Oldecrofte for ye yere above wreten *js. iiijd.*
& ye sayde *xvj.* payed to John Smyth chapelen for
kepyng of ye clocke tyll ye fest of puryfycatyon
of o^r lady in ye yere of o^r Lord God MCCCCV^{to}
It^o receyved of John Dowsyn and John Warne yelde
holders in ye xvth day of August in a^o h. viij vic^o
septimo for ye stocke of ye yelde to the [be]
delyvered in hand for ye p^osedēt yere *xls.*
It^o receyved ye day & yere of ye sayd John & John
Warne for the incesse and vantate [vantage ?]
of ye yelde be the holde in ye sayd yere *xxs.*
It^o receyved of Nycolas Heyward ye xv day of augas
in a^o vic^o septimo h. viij p^o primo quarterio finito
ad festum nativitalis sēti Johannis datū
p^odictū *xxxiijs.* of ye whych payed to Wyllm
Orfor and Marcon & unto Thomas Batman for
ye defendyng of ye sute of ye towne *xij.* in forme

- folowȳg yt y^s to saye to Orfor viij*l.* to Marcon
iij*l.* to Batman j*l.*
- It^o receyved of Nycolas Heywerd y^e xxii^{ti} day of
October for y^e terme ended at y^e fest of Saynt
Myhell in p^ote of payemēt of a more sum for y^e
ferme of Tennemēt late Rose Larks as y^t appere
by a indēter thereof made the xj day of Maye
the xxiii^{ti} yere of Kyng Hēry y^e eyght xxxiij*s.*
whereof payed y^e sayd daye to Phylyppe Bedyngfelde
excheter for his faver & curtesy of hys sayd
offyce vs. and y^e resedue y^e sayd daye put in to
y^e boxe.
- It^o receyved of Nycolas Heyward for y^e terme ended
at y^e fest of St. Mychell in a^o xxvij^o h. viij^{ti}
iij*l.* v*s.* whereof alowed to y^e sayde Nycolas for
rents resolut^o xxx*s.* viij*l.* et sic remanet xxxv*s.* iij*l.*
- It^o receyved of Wyllm Smyth Coper for y^e ferme the
term ended myhylmes in a^o h. viij xxvij^o xxx*s.*
wherof alowed for reparations viij*s.* vij*l.* et sic
remanet xxj*s.* v*d.*
- It^o receyved of John Thurketell for a pes of Gylde
medew xij*d.*
- It^o receyved of John Duke Gētelmā for a pes in
Herȳgfelde viij*d.*
- It^o receyved of Kebell
- It^o payed owt of the Gylde mony to John Batmā for
makyng of the comē [common] lyght ij*s.* v*d.*
- It^o payed to John Smyth of y^e Hyll for a mantyltre xv*d.*
- It^o payed for y^e rent of y^e Gylde howse iij*d.*
- Receyved by y^e hands of John Smyth of y^e Hyll and
Thomas Curdy preposyters [churchwardens] of
Cratfelde in y^e presens of y^e holle body of y^e
sayde towne off John Duke Gentelman, y^e vij
daye off Maye in the xxviiij yere of ye rayne of
Kyng Henry y^e eyght iij*l.* of law full mony of
Englond, for y^e sale & hole payment of one pese
of lande & sarten medow lyyng and abutting
upon thornes wey in Cratfeld

- It^o receyved of Nycolas Heyward in a^o h. viij xxviiij.
 p^o solutione ad festum S^cti Johannis baptiste et
 S^cti Mich^olis in eodē a^o iij^lz. vjs. whereof delivered
 unto John Smyth & y^e sayde Nycolas Gylde
 holders for y^e sayde yere folowyng xls.
- It^o payed to John Smyth of y^e Hyll owt of y^e Gylde
 purse the x day of Decēber in ye xxviiijth yere of
 Kyng hery y^e viij for a fyne of copy londe late
 Rose Larks to the maner of Roos xiiij^s.
- It^o payed to y^e sayde John y^e sayde daye for a mer-
 symet of the Tennemēt Tongs xd.
- It^o receyved of Wyllm̄ Smyth Coper in y^e reyne of
 h. y^e eygh & y^e seconde daye of February xxxs.
- Of y^e whyche fore sayde some y^e towne of ther good-
 nes have lent ageyne to y^e sayde Wyllm̄ to be
 payed at Myhellmes nexte en suyng vs.
- It^o receyved of Nycolas Heyward for Myhellmes terme
 in y^e sayde yere iij^lz. vjd. wherof alowed for rentys
 resolutys & ferme to y^e sayd Nycolas xxxs. vjd.
 et soe remaynes in y^e xxix yere of h. y^e viij xxxs. xd.
- It^o receyved of John Duke gentelmā for a tree xvd.
- It^o receyved of y^e sayd John for rent in y^e same yere
 for acre of lond & iij acre of medowe lyyng
 in Heryngfylde iiij^d.
- It^o lent unto Edmonde myllys in y^e xxix yere of
 Kyng h. y^e eyght & y^e x daye of August vjs. viij^d.
- Itm̄ receyved of y^e sayde Edmond at y^e fest of y^e
 puryfycatyon of o^r lady next ensuyng y^e sayde
 date xxd.
- It^o receyved of John Thurketell in y^e same sayde
 yere and daye above wreten for Edmond myllys xd.
- Itm̄ receyved of Master Vycary in y^e yere and daye
 above wreten for tymber xvjd.
- It^o receyved of John Stobart for tymber xd.
- It^o receyved of Robart myllys for tymber vjs. viij^d.
- Itm̄ receyved of William Ferror for tymber iij^s.
- Itm̄ receyved of John Rowse carver for tymber xs.
- It^o receyved of John Smyth Chapelen for a tre xxd.

- It^o receyved of Rychard Brodbanke for tymber ijs. iiij*d*.
 Itm̄ payed unto John Newson of y^e sayde money for
 serten repracyons of the tenem̄t called Tongs &
 other thyngs xls.
 It^o receyved of Wyllm̄ Smyth Coper in y^e yere &
 daye above wreten for hys ferme xxxs.
 It^o whereof payed agayne to y^e Lord of Sussex for
 (fines?) vs.
 It^o payed to y^e Prior Saynt Noots for v yeres rent of
 y^e same ferme xd.
 It^o receyved of Henry Kebele for ferme xvjd.
 whereof alowed ageyne for lyyng of tymber .iiij*d*.
 Itm̄ receyved of Nycolas Heyward in y^e same yere &
 daye above wreten for hys ferme for y^e terme
 ended at y^e fest of Saynt Mychell y^e arcāgell in
 a^o p^od vj*li*. xijs.
 wherof payed for rents resolyts & ferme xxxs. viij*d*.
 Itm̄ receyved of Rychard Brodbanke for ferme vijs. ij*d*.
 It^o reseyved for y^e bequest of Eysbell Myllys ijs. iiij*d*.
 It^o y^t John Stobard have receyved out of y^e gylde
 purse in y^e xxix yere of o^r soueran lorde kyng
 h. y^e viij for y^e waxe of y^e cofnen lyght for y^e
 sayde yere xv*d*.
 It^o reseyved of Wyllm̄ Crysp for tymber the day of
 assumcnen of our lady yn A . . . h xxx^{ti} xlijs.
 It^o the dett of John Scherman and Edmond Metts ys
 clerly dyscharged by the consent of the hole
 townchyp the ij day of ffebruarie in the xxv yere
 of the Reyne of Kyng henry the viijth

[These items are in different ink, and a different hand. Following on them is "1602. A note what the taskyne of Cratfield is. There is paid for the Taskyne beinge single xxxvijs. viij*d*." J. J. R.]

in y^e yere off o^r lord God m^o cccccxxxix
 In the xxxi yere of henry y^e eyght & y^e seconday of februarye.
 Itm̄ receyved of Wyllm̄ Smyth Coper for y^e ferme of
 Tongs for y^e hole yere ended at Myhyllmesse
 last past xxxs.

to the hands of Thomas Batmā viijs. & unto y ^e boxe	xxijs.
Itm̄ receyved of y ^e forsayd Wyllm̄ of olde dett	vs.
& there remaynet at y ^e same day in hands of y ^e sayde Wyllm̄	vs.
It ^o receyved of Wyllm̄ pantrye of olde dette	xs.
Itm̄ receyved of Robart Sparham for an acre	xvj <i>d</i> .
Itm̄ receyved of Nycolas Heywarde for the hole yere ended at Myhylmes laste past	vj <i>li</i> . xijs.
Ad manus Johiṣ clī [John Smyth the chaplain]	ii <i>ij</i> <i>li</i> .
Ad baliv̄ Dnō Duci Norff ^o	xxvijs. v <i>ij</i> <i>d</i> .
Ad baliv̄ ^o comit ^o Susex ^o	xxs. vii <i>ij</i> <i>d</i> .
Ad M ^o Appulyerde [lord of the manor of Roos]	iiijs.
Ad fraternitatē Sctī Johiṣ	ij <i>d</i> .
Itm̄ payed owte for a mercymēt	ii <i>ij</i> <i>d</i> .
Itm̄ y ^t Rychard chylderowse hath payed of y ^e olde dette of John Shermā in parte of payemēt of xls. at y ^e date above wreten	vjs. vii <i>ij</i> <i>d</i> .
Itm̄ payed for a chalder of lyme for y ^e church in yere of o ^r Lorde God m ^o CCCCXL & in month of Julye	vjs. vii <i>ij</i> <i>d</i> .

[This last item is in darker ink, but apparently in the same hand. J. J. R.]

The receyte of y ^e Towns Landes in a ^o h. octavi xxxiii ^o . ffyrste of John Duke Gentyllmā for rēt	ii <i>ij</i> <i>d</i> .
Itm̄ of John Batmā	ii <i>ij</i> <i>li</i> . vs. ii <i>ij</i> <i>d</i> .
and over y ^t alowed to y ^e sayd John for rent	xxvijs. vii <i>ij</i> <i>d</i> .
& for serten reperacyon	xxs.
Itm̄ for a fyne to my lorde of Norfolke	xxvijs. vii <i>ij</i> <i>d</i> .
Itm̄ to Holdryche for hys favor [<i>i.e.</i> the Bailiff's]	vs.
It ^o to y ^e repperacyon of y ^e church	xiijs. ii <i>ij</i> <i>d</i> .
et sic remanet in pixid ^o xls. ii <i>ij</i> <i>d</i> . p ^o dicto anno ult ^o recept ^o	
It ^o of Henry Kebell for a pese of ground	xvj <i>d</i> .
It ^o of Wyllm̄ Smyth coper for y ^e ferme of y ^e howse Tongs & the old det y ^t he owght to y ^e Towne	vijs. vii <i>ij</i> <i>d</i> .
Itm̄ receyved of John Smyth for y ^e relesse of y ^e tenemēt Tonges	liijs. ii <i>ij</i> <i>d</i> .

It^o of William Kyrspe for y^e co^mon fyne mydow
 bysyde y^e hole fyne to be payed to y^e lord by
 hym yerely ijs. viij^d.

S^m to iij^{li}. vs. (*sic*)

of y^e whyche forsayde sum alowed to Rychard Brod-
 bank & Thomas Smyth for makyng of the But
 gatys xvj^d.

moreover alowed to John Dowsyng for s^oten charges
 for y^e copy lande called Goodchyl dys fesed and
 other charges iij^s. iij^d.

It^o to Robart Bemond for the ernest for two asshes
 stondyng in Westwode medow iiij^d.

It^o to y^e sayd Robard Bemonde for hopyng of a
 relisse iij^d.

Sma allocacionis vs. j^d. et remanet in pixide hac die
 de recepciōe eiusdē diei vi^{li}. iij^d.

[Here end the Guild Accounts, the next page containing the Church-
 wardens' Accounts for 1602.]

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*Here commence again the Churchwardens' accounts. Of these,
 Mr. Holland's MS. contains selected items, as follows:—*

[1542-43.]

Ma y^t Rychard brodbank have delyvered and layde
 into y^e vestry [this is now called the Vestry;
 before the suppression of the religious Guilds
 it was the Guild Chapel, dedicated to St.
 Thomas] in a^o p^odict^o xj sheets of lede cō teynyng
 m weyght xxij pound and over y^t covenant to
 delyver & to leye into y^e seyde Vestry by y^e
 feast of Saynt Mychell next aft^o y^e date aboue
 sayde xixC in quarters of a C & vi^{li} for y^e
 whyche he have receyved in hande x^{li}.

And at y^e delyvery of y^e sayde xixC & C shall C
 receyve of y^e towne xiijs. iiij^d. bysyde y^e caryage.

[In this year an act was passed, that no person except who had
 Lands, Tenements, Fees, Annuities, or offices of the yearly value
 of £100 shall keep or shoot with any gun.]

[1543-44.]

It ^o payd for bukeram for the vestments	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
It ^o payd to John Dowsyng for a horse	xls.

[An act of parliament passed this year, that Lords, Gentlemen, and Merchants might have in their houses an English Bible, with some other religious books, mentioned in the Act, for the instruction of their families.]

1544 [35 Henry 8.]

It ^o on Plow Monday	vjs. xj <i>d</i> . ob.
It ^o to Smyth Bocher for a bowe	xx <i>d</i> .

1545 [36 Henry 8.]

It ^o Reseyved of Plow monday money last past	xxs. iiij <i>d</i> .
It ^o Reseyved of John Smyth of y ^e Hall for Syr Johns House	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .

["Sir John's house" was Sir John Caryall's house, a former Vicar of Cratfield, mentioned before.]

Received of [mutton?] of the gyft of the Vycary of Fresyngfeld [John Walsyngham?]	vjs. vj <i>d</i> .
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[The handwriting and ink, which have been growing worse year by year, so that the book is in places almost illegible, now show a marked improvement. J. J. R.]

1546 [37 Henry 8.]

It ^o to John Newson for j harnes [set of armour]	xs.
It ^o to Ric ^o Brokebanke for wax	vjs. vj <i>d</i> .
It ^o to John Rowse for j sheve of arrowes [a full sheaf consisted of twenty-four arrows]	ijs. x <i>d</i> .
It ^o to John Thurketyll for j dagger	xiiij <i>d</i> .
It ^o to Thomas Smyth for j byll [the principal weapon used by infantry until the pike came unto use]	xij <i>d</i> .
It ^o to William Crysp for a Sallet* [a light helmet]	ijs. iiij <i>d</i> .

* See Shakespeare, Henry VI., Act IV., Scene 10.

It^o to Ric^o Baldry for a Sallet and a gorgett iijs.
 It^o to the constables for j horse hyre & a quyttance
 for the payment of the subsyde xijd.

[This subsidy consisted of four shillings in the pound for lands and tenements, and two shillings and eightpence for goods, to be paid in two years, which together with all colleges, chauntries, and hospitals, had been granted to the king the year before, and for which in a speech in Parliament he thanked the whole House, and acknowledged their love to himself, but found fault with their want of love to one another. Even the clergymen themselves "preach one against another, without charity or discretion; some to be stiff in their old *Mumpsimus*, and others to be curious in their *Sumpsimus*, that few or none preached truly the word of God."]

It^o paid to Bartlet for kepyng of the clok iijs. iiijd.
 It^o to the constables for there payns taken this
 troublus yere xxd.

[Many persons were put to death for religion this year, and a great many English slain in the war with France. This year a truce between England and France was made, wherein the French King agreed to pay 800,000 crowns in eight years' space, and then to receive back Boulogne.]

1547 [1 Edward 6 & 38 Henry 8]

It^o rec^o on Plow monday last past xxvijs. vijd.
 It^o payd to the subsedy (see note in last year) xvs.
 It^o to Richard Brokebank for his harnes viijs.
 Itm paid to ix sodyers that went to the muster last
 taken at Westwode Parke* xviijd.

[Invasion of Scotland and defeat of the Scots this year.]

It^o to John Cryspe and Peter Thurkettyl for bordyng
 the stayners xvjd.

[The rood lofts were ordered to be taken down this year, and texts of Scripture were ordered to be written on the walls. Many however were not taken down until late in Elizabeth's reign. The stayners were employed for this purpose.]

It^o layde owt by Symond Smyth to Bertlete and
 other ij stayners for workmanshypp xxjs.

* In the parish of Blythburgh. J. J. R.

Here begin extracts made by Mr. Holland from the loose papers.

It ^o payed for y ^e scoryng of y ^e cāstykes [candlesticks]	vjd.
It ^o payed for makyng of the comyn lyte and for there comyns	ijs. iiijd.
It ^o payed att blyborrow for makyng of an ynvytory	iiijd.
Itm payed for a pownd of candell	ijd.
It ^o payed for half a combe malte & for the bruyng & carege of y ^e bere to chyrche	ijs.
It ^o payed for wax for the comyn light	viijs.
It ^o payed for ij pond wax & for y ^e makyng	xviijd.
It ^o payed the contrebysshop	vs.
It ^o payed for a pond wax & for y ^e makyng	viiijd.
It ^o payed for vj yards of bokerom	iijs.
It ^o payed for the makyng	viiijd.
It ^o payed for a b ^s [bushel] of whete and for y ^e bakyng	xvd.
It ^o payed for makyng of the chalys	ijs.
It ^o payed to the steyners for on weks worke	ijs. iiijd.
Itm payed for ther comyns of on weke before Lent	ijs. viijd.
Itm payed for nayles	vjd.
Itm payed for thered	vjd.
Itm payed for a quart ^o of Gowlde	ijs.
Itm payed for gom [gum] & roset [resin] & byse [bistre, a colour made of chimney soot boiled & then diluted with water]	xixd.
[It ^o payed for a] byble	xiijs. iiijd.

[The dates relative to the use of the Bible in ye English Church are as follows :—

1536. Cromwell orders every parson to cause a Bible in Latin and English to be set up in the choir for the perusal of the people.

1538. Cromwell orders a Bible of the largest volume to be set up in every church in some place convenient for reading.]

["Early in the reign of Edward VI. enquiries were set on foot with respect to plate, jewels, bells, and other ornaments belonging to the parish churches, which in some parts of the country, especially in Kcnt, had been embezzled by the churchwardens and

others. . . . The Suffolk certificates* are dated early in November, 1547, whereas the letter of the Privy Council to Cranmer,† charging him to prohibit alienation, bears date the last day of April, 1548.”‡]

The following extracts from the records of the Court of Augmentation, established in 1536, in view of the Dissolution, refer to these enquiries.

[Extract from the Augmentation Office, Miscellaneous books 509, Crattefeld, iij November An^o Dⁿⁱ 1547
The true Certificat of Symond Smyth and John Bateman Churchwardens then
Sold. We witness that Mr. June sold with the consent of town iij yere past a payre of Chalys a peyre of censers and a cross the S^a } xx*li*.
Whereof
Implements { We have paid for a new bertlement for } xij*li*.
with uses. { the stepyll and ledyng of y^t }
It. payd for as moch led for y^e church as cost vi*li*.
The rest remayg in the cherche box
Miscellaneous book 510
Cratfelde

Chalice one waynge	xiiij ^{oz.} di.
Great bells	iiij
Sanctus bell	j]

The following items are a full copy from a loose sheet headed “Symond Smyth A^o R R henrici octavi xxxviiij^o,” and give the detail of the work done to the tower.

It ^o payed to Tokley [the carpenter] for hys worke & hys mens worke	xij <i>s</i> .
It ^o payed for ther borde of on man vj wekes & iij dayes	xiiij <i>s</i> .
It ^o payed to the sarvers for iij dayes worke	ij <i>s</i> .
It ^o for ther bord	ij <i>s</i> .

* There are 179 certificates from Suffolk and Essex.

† Strype's *Cranmer* (E.H.S.), II., 90.

‡ *My Church Bells of Suffolk*, pp. 90, 91. J. J. R.

It ^o payed to Tokeley for hys worke on ye Stepyll & hys men	xijs.
It ^o for ther bord v wekes of on man	xs.
It ^o payed to iiij men for ij dayes worke opon the Stepyll to helpe vp the tymbyr	ijs.
& for ther borde	ijs.
It ^o payed to the macyns for vj dayes worke opon ye Stepyll	iiijs.
It ^o for ther bord of them vj dayes	iiijs.
It ^o payed to the plomer for schetyng of xxviiij hüderyd leed	xvjs.
It ^o payed to the plomer for led naylle	ijs.
It ^o payed to Tokeley for hys worke and hys mens	viijs.
It ^o payed for ther bord iij wekes & iij dayes of won man	.vijs.
It ^o payed to Rychard Brodbanke for iiij peces of cezynd [seasoned] tymber & for bord to lathe the Stepyll & for naylle	xs.
It ^o payed to the plomer for leyyng the lede upon the Stepyll for ij mens worke xij dayes	xs.
& for ther bord	viijs.
It ^o payed to the plomer for schotyng of the lede that be lefte (<i>sic</i>) the stepyll in small pecys to the sū of vj hüderyd	iijs.
And a bs [bushel] of lead ayssches [ashes] the pryce	viijs.
It ^o payed to the plomer for sowdyng upon the cherche	iiij <i>d</i> .
Itm paid to Tokelley for mendyng of the bellys	xx <i>d</i> .
It ^o for ther borde	xij <i>d</i> .
It ^o payed to Kyng for yrens for the stepyll	vs. iiij <i>d</i> .
It ^o for carege of the tymber for the stepyll	iijs.
It ^o payed to Kyng for fanes [vanes] for the stepyll & for other yrens and for mendyng of the cloke	vs.
It ^o payed for a grette rope	iiijs.
It ^o payed for a bs of whet & a half redy grown [ground] and bakyn	iiijs.
It ^o payed for a loode of lyme browgth hom	viijs.

and for ther horse mette and mannes mette on nyte [one night]	xijd.
It ^o payed for a plowhe	viijd.
S ^m a viij <i>li</i> . xxxd.	

[This plough was bought to be used in the Plough Monday procession, but early in next year, 1548, all Wakes and Plough Mondays were abolished, as well as the carrying of candles on Candlemas Day, of ashes on Ash Wednesday, of palm on Palm Sunday, with the rites used on Good Friday and Easter Day.]

[In this year, 1547, Evening Prayer was said in English in the King's Chapel on Easter Monday; the Book of Homilies was published; the Cup given to the people in Communion; all revenues given for Obits, Anniversaries, Lights in the churches, together with all Guild Lands were given to the King.]

[The following items are taken from loose sheets not dated.]

It ^m payed to Thomas Curdy for makyng of ye cādelystyckes	xijd.
It ^m payd for The Pyx	xijd.
It ^m for a Cloth to hang over y ^t	xijd.
It ^m payd for a "throughshote" gate	iijs. iiijd.
[Another sheet.]	
It ^o payd for a new boke	vs. iiijd.
It ^o payd to y ^e constable for to set forth men for to serve y ^e Kyng	xxs.
It ^o payd to y ^e same men for that they spent more then y ^e xxs.	vjs.
It ^o payd to vj men for goyng to Bonggey ward to sarve y ^e Kynge	iijs. ij <i>d</i> .
It ^o payd for y ^e men's suppers at Fromyngh ^m [Fram- lingham] y ^t sarvyd y ^e kyng	xijd.
It ^o payd to John Dowsyng for y ^e costs y ^t y ^e men of y ^e towne set hym to when they went abowte y ^e towne to se fawtys [find fault]	ijs.
It ^o payd for one honderyd pament tyle for y ^e clcrche	iiijs.
It ^o payd to nuttell for leyyng of y ^e pament tyle	iiijd.
It ^o payd for the setting forth of the soldyere	xs.

It ^o payd for iij yards & h. of fustyn	iijs.	ix <i>d.</i>
It ^o payd for 3 yards cots lynyng & a yard of canvys	ijs.	xd.
It ^o payd for y ^e makyng of hys dowblet		xij <i>d.</i>
It ^o payd for a payer of hosis	iijs.	
It ^o payd for a payer of botys	iijs.	vii <i>d.</i>
It ^o payd for a daggord	ijs.	
It ^o payd for a sword	ijs.	vii <i>d.</i>
It ^o payed for a sword gyrdle		vii <i>d.</i>
It ^o for a hole harnys & y ^e hyer of a horse to Ypsuch to cary forth y ^e soldyere	xvjs.	
It ^o payd to have the soldyer condyt from Ypsuch to Harwyttche and the prest money		_____

It ^o payd to have a man to ryde unto Est Bridge [East Bridge is a hamlet in Theberton] to y ^e Justyce		xij <i>d.</i>
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[Another sheet.]

Thys ys the bylle of all reconyng betwyxte the towne & Symond Smyth and John Batman beyng chyrche wardens.

[The date is therefore between 1546 and 1552.]

Inp ^o mys for the costs of the new house at the rearryng of y ^t .		
It ^o payed to Jhon Batteman for a combe of malt redy browen	iijs.	ij <i>d.</i>
It ^o payed to y ^e sayd John for half a comb of whete	ijs.	ij <i>d.</i>
It ^o payed to Rychard Brodbanke for spyses and nayle	iijs.	ij <i>d.</i>
It ^o payed for a syde of byffe [beef]	xjs.	(sic)
It ^o payed for a sheppe	iijs.	

[In the year 1549, certain church plate was sold to the value of £39 16s. I feel satisfied that the costs of the rearing of this new Town House are defrayed from this money, the date of which would be accordingly.]

It ^o payed for iij hūderyd and a half of splents	iijs.	
It ^o payd to Henry Kebyll for a thowsand & a half of lath ryvyng	ijs.	v <i>d.</i>

It ^o payd Crow for carryng of y ^e tymber to y ^e place where y ^e howse stand and for mendyng of y ^e fence abowte y ^e grownd	xij <i>d</i> .
It ^o payed to John Dowsyng for caryng of y ^e tymber iij dayes & a half wyth hys carte	x <i>s</i> . v <i>d</i> .
It ^o payd to Symond Smyth for ij dayes cartyng of tȳbre	v <i>js</i> .
It ^o payed to Calvyr for yrence for y ^e howse	v <i>js</i> . viij <i>d</i> .
It ^o payd to Symond Smyth for cartyng of sond & bryke	v <i>js</i> .
It ^o payd for ij dayes cartyng of brycke and tyle	v <i>js</i> .
It ^o payd for other ij daes of carege of tyle & lome for mortar	v <i>js</i> .
It ^o payd for half day cartyng of tyle	xviii <i>d</i> .
It ^o payd for xv thowsend tyle	iiij <i>li</i> .
It ^o payd for viij thowsend & a halfe of brycke	xl <i>vs</i> . iiij <i>d</i> .
[Thus tile was just double the price of brick. J. J. R.]	
It ^o payd for Iv ruff [roof, the local pronounciation at the present day] tyle	v <i>s</i> .
It ^o paid to the tyler for xv thowsend tyle pyn	iiij <i>s</i> .
It ^o payd to the tyler for tylyng of y ^e howse	x <i>js</i> . x <i>d</i> .
It ^o payd to the carpender	vij <i>li</i> .
It ^o payd for on day carege of sond & on day carege of brecke	v <i>js</i> .
It ^o payd to Nowell for pynnyng of y ^e howse & for makyng of ye chymny	xxi <i>js</i> . iiij <i>d</i> .
It ^o payd to y ^e tyler for tylyng y ^e howse abowte y ^e chymny	iiij <i>d</i> .
It ^o payd for ij dayes cartyng of brycke	v <i>js</i> .
It ^o payd for ij chawlder of lyme for y ^e towne howse	xxvii <i>js</i> . viij <i>d</i> .
It ^o payd for y ^e bordyng of the lyme carryers	xv <i>d</i> .
It ^o payd to Calverys man for yrence for y ^e howse	iiij <i>s</i> . viij <i>d</i> .
Itm payed to Jolin Dowsyng for cartyng vij dayes & half	xxi <i>js</i> . v <i>d</i> .
It ^o payd for splent yarne for y ^e howse	i <i>js</i> .

It ^o payd to Barbyr for clay worke	xvs.
It ^o payd to John Thurketle far straw for y ^e clay	vjs. viijd.
It ^o payd to Robert Myllys for bording of y ^e tylers v wekes & iij dayes of on man	viijs. ix <i>d</i> .
It ^o payd to Rychard Brodbancke for nayle & other thyngs for y ^e howse	xix <i>d</i> .
It ^o paid Jhon Battman for bordyng of y ^e masyn viij wekes of on man	xijs.
It ^o paid to Kempe for lome	vii <i>d</i> .
It ^o payd to Mayst ^o Apleard for v C brycke	ijs. x <i>d</i> .
It ^o payd to Fuller y ^e earnest mony	xijs.
*It ^o payd for baryng of a lode of bricke	xj <i>d</i> .

Sum xxv*li*. xs. iij*d*.

On "Myllys Wood" and "West Wood" Mr. Holland notes:—"As they began with a feast, they finished with a feast, both at Miles Wood and at West Wood," seeming to regard the brethren of the Guild as thus spending their money, lest it should be seized by Royal Authority. I see no other way of accounting for this remarkable expenditure. "Myllys Wood" appears to be Mells Wood, now part of Wenhaston.

[Myllys Wood.]

It ^o payd to Lane	_____
It ^o payd to Lane for ij barrelis & a halfe of bere	ixs. ij <i>d</i> .
It ^o payd for a bs of whete redy grown [ground] and bakyn	xij <i>d</i> .
It ^o payd for a quarter of chese	iijs.
It ^o payd for a gallon of butter	xij <i>d</i> .
It ^o payd for bakyng of a shepe w ^t y ^e flower & spyses	xij <i>d</i> .
It ^o payd to Lane for ij barrells of byrre	viijs.
It ^o payd to John Dowsyng for a shepe	ijs. x <i>d</i> .
It ^o payd to the same John for a bs of whete & fyrkyn of bere	xxij <i>d</i> .
It ^o payd to John Borret for a barrel of byr	iijs.

* This is partly in a different hand, as also is the total. J. J. R.

It ^o payd for iiij tymys goyng to Myllys Wood w ^t my carte	ixs. iiij ^d .
It ^o payd to Wyllm Orforth for iij sheep	xs.

[West Wood.]

It ^o payd to Lane for ij barrells & a half of byr	xs.
It ^o payd for vj bs of whete	ij ^s .
It ^o payd for a chese	xvj ^d .
It ^o payd for half a gallon of butter	vj ^d .
It ^o payd to Ede for byff [beef]	iijs. ij ^d .
It ^o payd to y ^e sayd Wyllam for iij quarters of motyn	ijs.
It ^o payd for a fyrkyn of bere fetchyd at Blyborth	xij ^d .
It ^o payd for goyng to West Wood with my carte	ijs. iiij ^d .
It ^o payd for carege of iij horse lode of vyttell	xij ^d .
It ^o payd to Robert Mollyng for bryndyng home of the gere from Westwood	xij ^d .
It ^o payd to Mayst ^o Apleard for a shepe	iijs.
Sm ^a total ^o iiij ^{li} . xixs. vij ^d .	

[Having entered certain Items from the loose sheets without date, I now go back to the Town Book and those loose sheets that are dated.*]

1548 [2 Edward 6.]

Itm payd for makyng the boxe	iiij ^d .
Itm payd for makyng the locks and tressylls	ijs. ij ^d .
Itm for setting in the box	iiij ^d .

[This is possibly the little box now in the chest.]

[In this year the Liturgy† (almost the same as is now used) was enacted, William Rugg, Bishop of Norwich, being one of the Commissioners appointed to draw it up.]

* These items which follow were selected by Mr. Holland. J. J. R.

† For the controversy in 1854 as to the restriction of this term to the Eucharist, see Archbishop Trench, who vindicates a more general sense in his *New Testament Synonyms*, p. 154. J. J. R.

1549 [3 Edward 6.]

Delyv'd to Symond Smyth to exchange of old
Testamenes iiij*l*. xijs.

[This entry is crossed out.]

Plate sold by the consent of the hole Towneshyp
Gylt. Imp'mis a crosse wayng lxxvj ounce dd oz.

It^p a challyc wayng xx^{ti} oz dd dd oz abated
for the paper w^t in the crosse

P'cell Gylt. One payre of Senses, one pax, a shype,
one payre of cruetts wayng 1 ounce

Sm^a rec' by the chyrchwardens for the sayd plate

xxxv*li*. xvs. *jd*.

S Remaynyng in the Towne box & cofere vjⁱⁱ in
sylver & vijⁱⁱ in old goold.

1550 [4 Edward 6.]

Reseyvyd of Symond Smith for the olde Testamenys
whych was delyv^d unto hym to the exchange iiij*l*. —

[This year was published Tindal's Translation of the Bible,
revised by Coverdale. The above entry appears to refer to this.]

[To this date, 1550, may be referred the introduction of the Reading Desk, on the national alteration of the service from Latin into the English tongue. Hollinshed, one of the contemporaries with these events, thus describes the Desk in 1560: "The minister with his service commonly in the body of the church, with his face toward the people, in a little tabernacle of wainscot provided for the purpose; by which means the ignorant do not only learn divers of the Psalms and usual prayers by heart, but also such as can read do pray together with him."]

1552 [6 Edward 6.]

[The new Prayer Book according to the alterations agreed upon in the former year was appointed to be received everywhere after the Feast of All Saints next (Nov. 1).

An act was passed also for avoiding excess of wines :—“ That no person whatever should keep in his house above 10 gallons of French wine, for spending, under pain of forfeiting £10 sterling. Unless he could spend 100 marks (£66 13s. 4d.) yearly in Lands, Tenements, or other Profits certain ; or was worth 1,000 marks (£218 13s. 4d.) of his own ; or else was the son of a Duke, Marquis, Earl, Viscount, or Baron.”

Visitors were appointed to examine what Church-plate, Jewels, and other Furniture was in all Churches, and to compare their account with the Inventories made in former years, and to see what was embezzled and how. They were to leave in every Church one or two chalices of Silver, with Linen for the Communion Table, Copes, Altar Cloths, and give the money to the poor.*

Mary at the death of Edward removes to her Castle at Framlingham, because being near the sea, if the ill-success of her affairs required it, she might fly to Flanders. She here takes the title of Queen. The whole of her titles are given at length in the accounts in the Town Book for next year. She left Kenninghall Palace the 12th of July, and arrived on horseback at Framlingham, where she remained until the 31st July, and where very shortly 13,000 men encamped around the walls to protect her.]

The following entries from an undated sheet refer to this year.

Itm̄. John Dowsyng hath receyuyd by y ^e hands of Rychard baldry & John Smyth of y ^e hyll	xls.
Itm̄ receyuyd of Edmund Smyth for a scheff of arrows	iijs.
Itm̄ payd unto Robt Carter for makyng of the garm ^{ts} for y ^e sougar [soldier]	ixs. iiijd.
Itm̄ payd for furbusshyng of y ^e towne sward	vjd.
Itm̄ for shedyng [sheathing] & knyuyng [blading?] of ye towne daggard	iiijd.
Itm̄ for heads for a scheff of arrows	vijjd.
Itm̄ for fettyng home of cloth for the sowgers cot from Kennyngell to sywing ? [for sewing ?]	iiijd.

[Supplied by the Queen when she was at Kenninghall.]

* The original summons still lies in Bedingfield Church Chest, and is transcribed in my *Church Bells of Suffolk*, p. 91. J. J. R.

Itm̄ for a p̄yr of shoos for Wyllm̄ Ferror [one of the soldiers ?]	xijd.
Itm̄ payd to Wyllm̄ Clampe for mendyn of y ^e harnes [armour] he goth in	iiijd.
Itm̄ for a swerd for Wyllm̄ Clampe	ijs. iiijd.
Itm̄ payd to y ^e sowgers	xvjs. viijd.
Itm̄ payd for y ^e dynner whan my lord Collonell tooke y ^e muster here	vjs. vd. ob.
Itm̄ payed to Edm̄ Anderson for caryyng of y ^e town bowe to Fremmyngam	jd.
Itm̄ payd to Rychard Bradbanke for such gare as the sowgers had of hym	vjs. jd.
Sm ^a payd owtt of thys byll	xlv ^{ts} . jd. ob.

{ With these words the sheet ends. The following two items which appear to belong to the same event, are from another sheet.

Itm̄ for goyng to Est Brege	vjd. }
Itm̄ for a ferkyn of bere to Framynghm̄	xijd. }

[In this year and the next the sweating sickness, which broke out in London in 1551, appears to have found its way to Cratfield. In 1553, there are 15 burials in the Register Book, 3 of the name of Miles, 2 of Fisk, 2 of Orford, 2 Thirketyles, and 2 Greens. In 1554, there are 6 burials. The average for the 10 previous years is not more than 3 or 4. Whosoever was seized with this sickness died, or recovered within nine or ten hours at most. If he took cold he died within three hours; if he slept within six hours, he died raving.]

1553 [1 Mary.]

From a loose sheet not dated, but the Rood being again put up this year fixes the date to be 1st of Mary, when Mass was commanded to be used in all churches on December 21st

Itm̄ payed to y ^e stayner for makyng of y ^e Roode	ijs.
Itm̄ payed for fetchyng of y ^e table y ^t is at y ^e alter from y ^e vycaryage bearne & for to do the drynke y ^t set y ^t	vjd.
Itm̄ payd to Gregory Rowse for makyng of a pully for y ^e Sacramēt	xijd.

From the Book.

1554 [2 Mary.]

Thaccompt of John Dowsyng and Robt Moulyng Churchwardens in y^e fyrst & second yeare of y^e reigne of o^r Sov^aayngne Lorde & Ladye Phylp & Marye by y^e grace of God Kyng & Quene of Ynglond, Fraunce, Neapolis, Jerusalem, and Yrelond, Defendours of y^e Fayth, Prynces of Spayne & Cecile, Archdukes of Austria, Dukes of Malanye, Burgandy & Barbarie, Com^o of Aspurge, Flaunders & Tirolis.

to Edmund Brodbanke for cheanes [chains] for the sensures [censers] & hys horse labor to Wod-brydge w^t y^e souldiors

ijs. iiij^z.

[The censers were suspended generally by four chains. The expense about the soldiers was incurred probably in guarding the Queen the year before at Framlingham, where thirteen thousand men were assembled.]

payd to John Clampe for ij bookes

ijs.

1555 [3 Mary.]

Md that the Townschyp have delyu^d to Edmond Smyth and Wyllm̄ Eade Collectors for the poore

xxs.

[So early as this year some attempt was made to introduce a public collection for the poor. It was ordered that after Divine Service on Sundays "the parsonne," vicar or curate, and churchwardens should nominate two "hable personnes or more to be gatherers for the poor." These men on Sunday when the people were at church, were directed to "gently ask and demand" of every man and woman what they of their charity will be contented to give weekly, toward the relief of the poor, and the same to be written in the said register or book. The distress of the poor was very great. The church, their constant friend, had been deprived of so much property that she could not assist them as before.]

Rec^o of Wyllm Baldrye of Brūdysshe in p^ot of the
 legacy of hys father* vjs. viijd.

From a loose Sheet.

1556 [4 Mary.]

Itm receuyd of Wyllm Bocher for y^e fearme of y^e
 Gyldhall Kytchyn iijs.
 Itm payd at y^e buryall of olde Russell xvjd.

[Thomas Russell was buried October 13th.]

Itm for my costes when we were comaunded to be
 afore y^e bysshop† vjd.
 Itm payd for y^e rent of y^e howse at y^e chansell ende viijd.

1557 [5 Mary.]

It^o for lyne & ryngles [rings] to hang vp the lanten
 vayle & for sawyng of the same viijd.
 It^o for a revesyng gurdle jd.
 It^o for a lawmplyne iiijd.
 It^o for a lawmpe viijd.
 It^o for sowyng the tunyceles on the albes jd.
 It^o for sowyng of a surpless jd.
 It^o for help to have up the roode viijd.

*This latter entry fixes the date of another Sheet not dated, but
 containing the following:—*

Itm payed to the stayner for makyng of y^e Roode ijs.
 Itm payed for fetchyng of y^e table y^t is at y^e alter
 from y^e vycaryage barne & for to do the drynke
 y^t set y^t vjd.

* There are several items relating to this legacy.

† John Hopton, Bishop of Norwich.

Itm̄ payd to Gregory Rowsse for makyng of a pulley
for y^e sacramēt

xij*d.*

[To suspend the Holy Eucharist over the Altar. Mass had been commanded to be used in all the Churches on December 21st, 1553.]

Remember that we Gregorye Mene and John Rouse
Collectors for the pore dyd receyue of Thomas
Curdye for y^e use of y^e pore on Fasgong Sondagē
[Sunday before Easter] iij*s.* iiij*d.* and the iij*s.* iiij*d.*
we ded delyv^o and paye immedyatlye folowyng to
Mother Russell every weke iiij*d.* tyll y^e seyde
same sum wase payd

[In this year in the adjoining village of Laxfield was burnt one John Noyes of that village, an account of which I extract from Fox's "Martyrs."

In the month of September suffered the blessed Martyr, John Noyes, whose story here followeth.

First, Master Thomas Lovell being then chief constable of Hoxen Hundred in the County aforesaid, and one John Jacob and William Stannard then being under constables of the aforesaid Town of Laxfield, and Wolfran Dowsing and Nicolas Stannard of the same Town, being then accounted faithful and catholick Christians, though undoubtedly they proved most cruel hinderers of the true professors of Christ and His Gospel, with others, were commanded to be that present day before the Justices, Sir John Tyrrel, Master Kene, and Master Thurston, and Sir John Silliard* being high sherif.

These sitting at Hoxue in the County of Suffolk aforesaid, and there the said Townsmen aforesaid having commandment of the said Justices to inquire in their Town if there were any that would neglect to come to their service and mass, further to examine the cause why they would not come, and thereupon to bring the true certificate to the said Justices within fourteen

* This Sir John Sulyard was a stiff Roman Catholic, and his recusancy under Elizabeth would not have been so severely noticed as it was, if he had not made himself so obnoxious by assisting at the death of the Protestants in this reign.

days then next ensuing; they then coming homeward, being full of hatred against the truth, and desirous to get promotion, without any such commandment of the Justices (as far as we can learn), took counsel one with another how to attach the said John Noyes without any more delay.

This divellish enterprise agreed upon, chiefly through the counsel of Master Thomas Lovell, Wolfren Dowsing, and Nicolas Stannard aforesaid, with expedition his house was beset, on both sides. This done, they found the said John Noyes on the backside of the said house going outward. And Nicholas Stannard called to the said John, and said, Whither goest thou; and he said, To my neighbours. And the said Nicholas Stannard said, Your Master hath deceived you; you must go with us now. But the said John Noyes answered, No, but take you heed your Master deceive you not. And so they took him and carried him to the Justices the next day. After his appearance and sundry causes alleged, the Justices and the Sherif together cast him into Eye dungeon, and there he lay a certain time. And then was carried from thence to Norwich, and so came before the Bishop (Bishop John Hopton, consecrated 1554, died 1558), where were ministered unto him these positions following:—

1. Whether he believed that the ceremonies used in the church were good and godly, to stir up men's minds to devotion.
2. Item, whether he believed the Pope to be the supreme Head of the Church here in earth.
3. Item, whether he believed the body of our Lord Jesus Christ to be in the sacrament of the altar under the forms of bread and wine, after the words of consecration.

Whereunto he answered, that he thought the natural body of Christ to be only in Heaven and not in the Sacrament.

For the which, sentence at last was read by the Bishop against him, in the presence of these there sitting the same time, D. Dunning, Chancellor, Sir W. Woodhouse, Sir Thomas Woodhouse, P. George Heyden, P. Spenser, W. Farrer, Aldermen of Norwich, P. Thurston, Winesden, with divers others. More of his examination than this came not to our hands.

In the meantime his brother-in-law, one Nicholas Fiske of Dennington, going to comfort him at such time as he remained prisoner in the Guildhall of Norwich, after Christian exhortation, asked him if he did not fear death when the Bishop gave judgment against him, considering the terror of the same. And the said John answered: he thanked God he feared death no more at that time than he or any other did, being at liberty. Then the said Nicholas required him to shew the cause of his condemnation. Upon which request the said John Noyes writ with his own hand as followeth:

I said, quoth he, that I could not believe, that in the Sacrament of the Altar there is the natural body of Christ, that same body that was born of the Virgin Mary. But I said, that the sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, is received of Christian people in the remembrance of Christ's death, as a spiritual food, if it be ministered according to Christ's institution.

But they said, I could not tell what spiritual meant.

The Bishop said, that the sacrament was God, and must be worshipped as God. So said the Chancellor also.

Then answered I, My Lord, I cannot so believe.

Then, quoth the Bishop, why? Then say thou dost believe. Notwithstanding these collusions could not prevail.

Now being condemned he was sent again from Norwich to Eye prison, and upon the 21st day of September, in the year aforesaid, about midnight, he was brought from Eye to Laxfield to be burned, and on the next day morning was brought to the stake, where was ready against his coming the foresaid Justice, Master Thurston, one Mr. Waller then being under Sheriff, and Master Thomas Lovell being high constable, as is before expressed, the which commanded men to make ready all things meet for that sinful purpose. Now the fire in most places of the street was put out, saving a smoke was espied by the said Thomas Lovell proceeding from the top of a chimney, in which house the Sheriff and Grannow, his man, went, and brake open the door, and thereby got fire, and brought the same to the place of execution. When John Noyes came to the place where he should be burned, he kneeled down, and said the 50th Psalm [The Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken,

&c.] with other prayers, and then they making haste bound him to the stake, and being bound, the said Noyes said, Fear not them that can kill the body, but fear Him that can kill both body and soul, and cast it into everlasting fire.

When he saw his sister weeping and making moan for him, he bade her that she should not weep for him, but weep for her sins.

Then one Nicholas Cadman being Hastlar, a valiant champion in the Pope's affairs, brought a fagot and set against him; and the said John Noyes took up the fagot and kissed it, and said: Blessed be the time that ever I was born to come to this.

Then he delivered his Psalter to the under Sheriff, desiring him to be good to his wife and children, and to deliver to her that same book, and the Sheriff promised him that he would, notwithstanding he never as yet performed his promise. Then the said John Noyes said to the people: They say they can make God of a piece of bread, believe them not.

Then said he, Good people, bear witness, that I do believe to be saved by the merits and passion of Jesus Christ, and not by mine own deeds; and so the fire was kindled, and burned about him. Then he said: Lord, have mercy upon me; Christ, have mercy upon me; Son of David, have mercy upon me.

And so he yielded up his life, and when his body was burned, they made a pit to bury the coals and ashes, and amongst the same they found one of his feet that was unburned, whole up to the ankle, with the hose on, and that they buried with the rest.

Now while he was a burning, there stood one John Jarvis by, a man's servant of the same Town, a plain fellow, which said: Good Lord, how the sinews of his arms shrink up. And there stood behind him one Grannow and Benet, being the Sheriff's men, and they said to their master, that John Jarvis said, What villain wretches are these. And their master bade lay hand on him, and they took him and pinioned him, and carried him before the Justice that same day, and the Justice did examine him of the words aforesaid; but he denied them, and answered that he said nothing but this: Good Lord, how the sinews of his arms shrink up. But for all this the Justice did bind his father,

and his master, in £5 a piece, that he should be forthcoming at all times. And on the Wednesday next he was brought again before the Justices, P. Thurston and P. Kene, they sitting at Fressingfield in Hoxne Hundred, and there they did appoint and command, that the said John Jarvis should be set in the Stocks the next Market day, and whipped about the Market naked. But his master, one William Jarvis, did after crave friendship of the constables, and they did not set him in the Stocks till Sunday morning, and in the afternoon they did whip him about the Market with a dog whip, having three cords, and so they let him go.

Some do give out that John Jarvis was whipped for saying that Nicholas Cadman was Noyes' Hastler, that is, such an one as maketh and hasteth the fire.

The sufferings of relatives, of parents and children, of wives and friends, during three years and a half [Feb. 1555, to the autumn of 1558] must have been very great. Two hundred and seventy-seven persons were burnt. Thirty-six in Suffolk.]

1558 [6 Mary, 1 Elizabeth.]

Itm̄ payd for Wax ageynst Est ^o iij <i>l</i> . & half a q ^{ar} t ^o iij <i>s</i> .	
Itm̄ payd for y ^e making of y ^e tapers	iij <i>d</i> . ob.
Itm̄ payd unto Kempe for the carege of y ^e Wax to and fro	iij <i>d</i> .
Itm̄ payd unto Jhon Bemond for y ^e making of y ^e provysyo ^o to sett up the tapers at Est ^o	iij <i>d</i> .
Itm̄, Jhon Bemond for washyng of y ^e lenyn clothes that belongeth unto y ^e church & for mending of a Coop [Cope]	iij <i>d</i> .
Itm̄ payd for the sowgers cootts	xij <i>s</i> .
Itm̄ payd unto Edmund Brodbanke for y ^e sowgers	v <i>s</i> . viij <i>d</i> .
Itm̄ payd for a pownd & a half of waxse	xv <i>d</i> .
Itm̄ payd for makinge of the waxe and for the carye to and fro	vd.
Itm̄ payd for y ^e pellerers dyners on y ^e peleryng daye	vs. iij <i>d</i> .

[An instance of the custom of going round the bounds of the Parish on one of the three days before Ascension Day.]

Itm payed of rent for ye towne close and for ye howse
att ye chauncel ende js. vjd.

[Queen Mary died November 17th, was buried December 15th. In this year the Queen herself, exceeding her Prerogative, published a Proclamation, "That whoever had any heretical (Protestant) books, and did not presently burn them without reading, should be esteemed Rebels, and executed without delay by the Martial Law."]

1559 [2 Elizabeth.]

The legasye of iij*li*. vjs. viij*d*. whereof William Baldry
at the day of thys rekenyng geuē for hys fathers
legasye to the Townshyp abouesayd xlvjs. viij*d*.
also he is indetted for another legasye geuē by hys
Father for brekyng the paumēt in the chyrch xs.

[This payment of 10s. must have been for the burial of his father in the church, on the 10th April, 1557.]

[A goose this year cost 3*d*.]

Itm paied unto the Sexteyn for makinge of two graves iiij*d*.
Itm paied unto Brockebancke for a Comunion booke vjs. viij*d*.
Itm for white yuckle for the same jd.
Itm paied for the writinge of an Inventorye of the
churche goods ij*d*.
Itm for washinge & mendinge of the aulbes & surpleses viij*d*.
Itm paied unto Boucher for pullinge down the aulter viij*d*.
Itm paied for a Comunion Table iiijjs. ij*d*.

[This year Elizabeth was crowned, January 13th. On March 22nd, the use of the Lord's Supper in both kinds was by Parliament allowed. On June 24th, the sacrifice of the Mass was abolished, and the Liturgy^o in the English tongue established, "with but the difference of six voices," and in August images were ordered to be removed out of the church and broken or burnt. "By these degrees religion was changed, and yet the change to the wonder of the world bred no disturbance;" but of 9,400 beneficed clergymen, all the Bishops except the Bishop of Llandaff,† 12 Archdeacons, 15 Heads of Colleges, 50 Canons,

^o See note on p.

† Anthony Kitchin.

but only about 80 parochial Priests, chose to quit their preferments rather than relinquish them. John Page, Vicar of Cratfield, retained his vicarage, but he does not appear to have been buried in the parish.

In this Parliament it was enacted that every person should go to Divine Service on Sundays and Holidays, or else pay twelve pence to the poor.

Little more than twenty years had passed since the Reformation began, and in this interval the public worship had been changed four times.]

[1561.*]

It. Receyved of Crystofer Orforde the daye of Saynt Edwarde	xxijs.
It. Receyved of the same Crystofer Orforde on Symonde & Jude daye	xls.
It. Receyved of John Warne for the barcke [from the oaks used in building the new house]	xxs. viij <i>d</i> .
It. payde to the Skolle Master the xviiij daye of Maye	xls.
It. payde at Ester for Comunyon bred	iiij <i>d</i> .
It. payde for wyne at Ester	ijs.
It. payde for fettyng of the same wyne	viiij <i>d</i> .
It. payde to Sir John Page vecar for brede & wyne for wone hole yere	viijs.

[This Sir John Page was succeeded early next year by Thomas Plumpton. Suckling says Richard Wheatley, but I think he is in error.]

It. paid to John Goodwyn for helpen downe the rode lofte	iiij <i>d</i> .
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[Ordered by Parliament to be done in August, 1557.]

Itm payde to Plomtones made [maid] & Houses made for maken clene y ^e churche	iiij <i>d</i> .
It. payde at the vesitacyon	viiij <i>d</i> .
It. payde to Master Lanye for the proclamacyons	xij <i>d</i> .

* There are also accounts, mainly receipts, in the book for these years.

It. payde for won pottell [4 pints] of wyne & the fechyng of y ^t	xij <i>d.</i>
It. payde to Syrre Tomas Plomton	ij <i>d.</i>
It. payde for the Bousshopes [Bishop's] injoncyons	vii <i>j.d.</i>
It. payde for wyne	iiij <i>d.</i>

[1562.]

It. payed for the caryeage of the Quennes tember xxxvs.	
It. payed for wrytyng out of a copy of the baly of the hundred's presepte for the Inspers [Inspec- tors] of Saynt Johnes frary lands	ij <i>d.</i>
It. payed to Wyllm Eade for caryeng the whete to the coste	xij <i>d.</i>
It. paid at the beryall of Elen chyelderus	ij <i>s.</i>
It. for hure wynyng shete	ij <i>s.</i> iiij <i>d.</i>

[She was buried 12th July, 1561.]

It. for makynge the table for the commandementes	xij <i>d.</i>
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[1563.]

It. Receyved of Rycharde Smyth of Lynstede for xxx ashes	ix <i>li.</i> xiiij <i>s.</i> iiij <i>d.</i>
It. payde to Syre Tomas Plomton [Vicar]	viiij <i>d.</i>
It. payde for ij days carrynge of the greate tymber	xij <i>s.</i>
It. payde for a come of malte & halfe a come of wheate	xv <i>js.</i> viij <i>d.</i>
It. payde to John Smyth Tomas Smyth Harye Mene for pollyng downe the olde house & carrynge away the same	ij <i>s.</i> v <i>d.</i>
It. payde for ij calves	xiiij <i>s.</i> iiij <i>d.</i>
It. payde for butter and egges and otmelle	xij <i>d.</i>
It. payde to the Wydowe Cady for helpynde at the house	v <i>d.</i>
It. payde for viij ^{li} of raysers [raisins]	xx <i>d.</i>
It. payde for ij ^{li} of provens [prunes]	iiij <i>d.</i>

It. payde for ij ^{li} of correns [currants]	xijd.
It. payde for ij ounce of pepper	vd.
It. payde for halfe a ounce of cloves	iiijd.
It. payde for a quarter of mase [mace]	iiijd.
It. payde for whyte salte	ijd.
It. payde for sanders	ijd.
It. payde for wenyger [vinegar]	jd.
It. payde for ij ^{li} of hoppes	viijd.

The expenses of the Feast were therefore £1 19s. 2d.

The following items are worth recording :—

1,000 bricks, 8/6; 10,000 tile pins, 3/4 [tiles I do not find put down]; 2 days' carriage of tiles, 9/4; carriage of 13 loads of brick and tile, £1 11 0; 22,000 nails, 9/1; 300 laths, 3/6; 6,000 lath nails, 9/; splents, 5/; splent yarn, 3/4; carrying 2 loads of splents, 4/; 1 load of straw for the clay, 2/6; 2 chaldron of lime, £1 4 0; iron work, 11/6; paid to the tiler and his men for choosing the tile, 1/4; paid to Tocklye for workmanship of the house and for tile and for brick, £21; paid to Tocklye's sons for their gloves, 1/; abated for 3 pystelayes [pistoles, foreign gold coins worth about 17/ each] and a French crown, not weight, 10d.

The expense of the house appears to have been therefore £27 7s. 3d.

It. payde to John Kempe in hys porse	xs.
It. payde to John Kempe for lynynge for hys doblert & hose	xviijd.
It. payde to John Goodwyn for a sworde & a dagarde & gyrdell	xs. vjd.
It. payde for iij yardes of whyte fostyn [fustian]	iijs.
It. payde for ij yardes and a quarter of red	vs.
It. for a yarde & a quarter of mock a do [a kind of silk]	xxd.
It. payde for ij dossyn of bottens	iiijd.
It. payde for a dossyng of poyntes [ties used instead of buttons]	ijd.*

It. payde to John Wolde for makyng John Kempes doble & hose	ijs.	ij <i>d.</i>
It. payde to Syr Tomas Plomton for makyng of wrytynges		vij <i>d.</i>
It. payde for a booke of omelyes [Homilies] and prayers	iiij <i>s.</i>	
It. payde for wyne for the Coṃunyon at Hallomes		iiij <i>d.</i>
It. payde for wyne at Crysmes for the coṃunyon		xij <i>d.</i>
It. paid for the fetyng of the same wyne		iiij <i>d.</i>

[1564.]

Three communions this year—at Easter, Pentecost, and Christmas.

[The articles of the Church of England settled by Convocation, and reduced to the number of thirty-nine, as they stand to this day. In this year the diversities of Ecclesiastical practice are pointed out in Secretary Cecil's Paper, dated Feb. 24th, which acquaints her Majesty that some clergymen perform divine service and prayers in the chancel, others in the body of the church; some in a seat made in the church, some in the pulpit with their faces to the people; some keep precisely to the order of the book, some intermix Psalms in metre; some say in a surplice and others without one. The table stands in the body of the church in some places, in others it stands in the chancel; in some places the table stands altar-wise, distant from the wall a yard; in others in the midst of the chancel north and south; in some places the table is joined, in others it stands upon tressels; in some the table has a carpet, in others none; some administer the communion with surplice and cap, some with surplice alone, others with none; some with chalice, others with a communion cup, others with a common cup; some with unleavened bread, and some with leavened. Some receive kneeling, others standing, others sitting. Some baptize in a font, some in a basin; some sign with the sign of a cross, others without; some with a square cap, some with a hat, some in scholar's clothes, some in others.]

[1565.]

In this year is an entry in the Register Book of the Baptism on April 15th, of John, the son of Thomas Plumpton, minister of this Parish. The latter is omitted in Suckling's list of Vicars, but he appears to have been presented in 1561.

Communions at Easter, Pentecost, and Hallow mas [Nov. 1.]

It. payde for brosshyn [brushing] of the caunsye
[causeway] xiij*d.*

[1566.]

It. payde to Syr Humfrye Ratlyfes sarvantes	iijs.
It. payde to Foller for makyne the Stockes	xiiij <i>d.</i> —
It. payde to Wene to help Foller wone day	iiij <i>d.</i>
It. for there borde	xx <i>d.</i>
It. payde to Gylles Goodwyn for eyern worke for the stockes & for the polpet	xvi <i>d.</i> —
It. payde for helpynge downe the polpet & to setle et up & for mete & dryncke	viiij <i>d.</i>
It. payde to Wyllm Orforde for the mendynge of Randalles lane	iijs. iiij <i>d.</i>
It. payde at Blybrowe for our charges before the clarke of the market	iiij <i>d.</i>
It. payde unto Edwardes of Huntynfylde for a quarters borde for kepyn the lame boye	vjs. viij <i>d.</i> —

[Communions at Easter, Pentecost, Michaelmas, Christmas, and Epiphany.]

[This year ought to be ever memorable in the Annals of Cratfield. In this year, on the 19th of October, were enfranchised by the Lord of the Manor (so called in the deed), Simon Smyth, who was to be for ever esteemed a great benefactor to the Township, certain lands belonging to the Parish for the consideration of £70 raised by the whole Township. A sheet of paper, not dated, but preserved by being pinned by a brass pin in the Town Book at

this date, shows us how £21 of this money was raised. In the Churchwardens' Accounts made out the 14th April, 1569, is the entry:—"It^o layd out in partie of payment for (the) parishe x*l*. viijs. iiij*d*." And also in another account for the same year:—"It^o to the Goodman Smyth of the Hyll for the last payment for the towne lands purchased free of hym xxxv*l*." The entry of the remaining payment of £3 11*s*. 8*d*. is not forthcoming.

Towards raising the £21 the following names appear, but the sums set down to each cannot be satisfactorily ascertained:—John Lanye Gentleman, John Smyth of Parkefyld, William Dowsyng, Edmund Brudbancke, William Aldus, William Fyske, John Newson, Edmund Smyth, Thomas Hayward, John Rowse, Lawrence Fylby, William Warne, John Melles, John Smith, junr., Gregory Rowse, The widow Warne, John Olde, Thomas Burrow, Jeffrey Fyske, Thomas Bulwarde, William Grymbell, John Rowse, Rychard Smythe.

John Lanye appears to have given £3, John Keable £2, the others 20*s*., 15*s*., or 10*s*.

I ought to add that the property consists of the Town house with nearly two acres, and two farms containing ninety-one acres and twenty-eight acres respectively.]

[1568.]

Itm^r wasshyng*e* ij surplusses

ij*d*.

[This year a new English translation of the Bible by the Bishops of Exeter, St. David's, Worcester, Winchester, Norwich, Ely, and other learned men was published, and is commonly called the Bishops' Bible.]

[1569.]

It. paid to Brockbancke for the corslet [a light body armour]	vjs.	vj <i>d</i> .
It. paid to Gregory Rowse for makyng a Seate in the Church for the Vicar	vs.	
Itm ^r payed to Godbold and ——— for takyng downe of the Fonte		viiij <i>d</i> .
It. payed for the dynners of the Head boroughes [High Constables]	vjs.	
It. payed unto Austen Goodwyn for irons for the Belles & Vestry door	ijjs.	jd.

[1570.]

Let unto John Smyth Carpenter the Tenement Benselenes for the term of 5 yéars for the sum of £6 13s. 4*d.* by the year; & also to [pay] divers charges of the town at the Sheriffs turn for one man's appearance.

[1572.]

It ^o payde for makyng of y ^e carpet for the Com- munion borde	xij <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ payde for iij nattes [mats] for the Chansell	vj <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ payde to M ^r . Coñsory at the Visitacion	vii <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ payde for the Headborows dynners	vjs. viii <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ payde unto the Constabells for the Quens gesse [geese]	xxvj <i>s.</i>

[As forming a part of the Queen's provisions.]

[1573.]

Itm̄ payde for makyng the chauseles dore keye and for brassyng of An other keye	xij <i>d.</i>
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[The parishioners appear to be careful to assert this privilege, as this entry occurs frequently.]

Itm̄ payde to Thomas Goodwyn for makyng of ankers for the pentysse [lean-to] and other irones	ijs. vj <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ payde to the constabell for a callfe for the Quene	iijs.
Itm̄ payde for makyng of the Pownde	xxxvj <i>s.</i> viii <i>d.</i>

[The power to impound stray cattle still exists, though common pounds are disappearing, for in point of law they are not necessary, since the impounder can put the cattle in his own stable or field.]

[1574.]

Item paid at Peasnell [Peasenhall] before the clarke
of the market ijs.

[There is no account of Peasenhall ever being a market town.]

There was some work done to the Town house, and a feast given, as it appears from the following :—

Item also I have payde for a Bushell of wheat	ijs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item payde unto Willyam Eade for one syde of veale	iijs. viij <i>d</i> .
Item payde for a pynte of butter and a penyworth of white salte	iiij <i>d</i> .

[This year, in order to avoid excess in apparel, which had spread itself all over England, the Queen by Proclamation commanded that every one should within 14 days wear clothes of such a fashion which she herself began to wear in her own Court.

“The shirts of the gentlemen,” a contemporary writes, “are wrought throughout with needlework of silk, and many other knacks besides, more than I can describe; insomuch as I have heard of shirts that have cost some ten shillings, some twenty, some forty, some five pounds, some twenty nobles, and (which is horrible to hear) some ten pounds a piece; yea, the meanest shirt that commonly is worn of any does cost a crown, or a noble at least, and yet this is scarcely thought fine enough for the simplest person that is.”

About this time also sumptuous buildings crept in, as Camden observes, to the great ornament of the kingdom, but to as great decay of hospitality.]

Item layde out unto a woman that gathered for a burninge y ^e xxj st daye of Auguste	vij <i>d</i> .
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[1576.]

It. payed to Thomas clarke for trymming of the chansel dore lock and for makyng of the keye and nailes	vij <i>d</i> .
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It. payed for one boushel of wheate agaynest the reryng of the House	iijs. vijd.
It. payed to Larance Fylby [one of the Church- wardens]	xxs.
It. for one pounce of prennues [prunes]	iiijd.
It. for one pounce of corrans	vd.
It. for greate raysons	iiijd.
It. for halfe an ouns of mace	vjd.
It. for suger and genger	vijd.
It. for too ounce of peper	vd.
It. for hony and greate raysons	iiijd.
It. payed to the carpenter on the reryng of the house	xvijs.
It. payed to the carpenter for heweng of the tember	xvjd.
It. payed for a thousande and halfe of lathe nayle	xxijd.
It. payed for iiij hundred lathe	iiijs.
It. payed to the carpenter for makyng and setting of vj nedles under the newe house	ijs.
It. payed to the smethe of Huntynghelde for makyng of eronnes [irons] for the greate bell	ijs. ijd.
It. payed to Henry Clarke for thakyng of ye newe house	xxjs.

[The first three following items are taken from a loose sheet without date.]

In primis to Butcher & others in consyderaçon of an evyll bargayne taken of the Towne	vjs. viijd.
It. allowed to Fylby that he was constrayned to pay wrongfullye	xs.
It. allowed to Aldowse that he payd to Orford	iijs. iiijd.
It. payd to Gregorie Rowse towarde the help of the poore men that dyd watche	xs.
It. payd to hym for his paynes being Constable a loene [alone] all this busey tyme	vjs.
It. payd to Wyllm Newson for his helpe w th horse & cart to fet home the belle	xvjd.

[*The following are on another sheet, apparently dated 1576.*]

- It. geven to Mr. Browne to the helpe of one of hys
men to maryage xvjd.
- It. payde for halfe an horse skyne [perhaps to be
used about for baldricks for the bells] ijs. ij^d.
- It. payed at the courte to Mr. Raynoldes for the
towne copyes xviiij^d.
- Itm payed to my Ladyes baly for the fyne for the
Towne lande vii.
- It. for takyne downe the organ case iiij^s.

[*These from a fourth sheet, apparently of the same year.*]

- It. for Goodman Filbie and William Newson cargies
when they rid to Sir Francis Boldinge givinge
the account for the colectinge for the pore ijs. viij^d.
- It. paid to John Stannard for the training xxiiij^s. vj^d.

[In consequence of an Act of Parliament passed in 1572.]

- It. paid to John Stannard for the reparing of the
Beakinges [Beacons] xxvs.

[Also in consequence of the above Act.]

In this year there were four communions, April 11th [Easter
day], November 3rd, October 4th, and Christmas day.

[1577.]

- It. payde for the charges before the Comyssiонер for
bowes ijs. vj^d.

[In 1569 the Commissioners were instructed to press the exercise of the bow "which was then much decayed." About this time however, 1577, the bow was getting entirely neglected, on account of the harquebusse or pistol being found to be so much more an effective weapon. In the year following this, there was a County Meeting at Stowmarket, where it was determined, "they should spend their time principally in the shot with the bullet."]

It. for a dayes worke of hewynge bossheys to barrelle*		
wyth meate and dryncke		<i>ixd.</i>
It. for ij dayes caryenge of thornes to Benselence	<i>ijs.</i>	<i>iiijd.</i>
It. for stowynge a horrye of woode & caryenge the same to Anne Orforth		<i>vjd.</i>
It. for our charges at Hensted & for the sowgers	<i>ijs.</i>	<i>iiijd.</i>
It. for gon powder [the first mention of Gunpowder]		<i>vijjd.</i>
It. to the heaye constabele for the traned sowgers	<i>liijs.</i>	<i>iiijd.</i>
It. payde for charges at Blybrowe for carryen the mony for Bathe church		<i>vijjd.</i>
It. geven unto the sowgers at Beckelles		<i>xijd.</i>
It. for our horse charges for ij dayes		<i>xiiijd.</i>
It. for our charges for ij dayes	<i>ijs.</i>	
It. for iij horse to carrye the sowgers to Beckelles		<i>xijd.</i>
It. payde unto the heaye Constabelle for the bylle of repleye		<i>iiijd.</i>
It. paid unto the constabeles for the Quenes botter	<i>xvs.</i>	

[The Queen visited Suffolk in 1560, 1577, 1578, and 1579.]

It. for fettyng the heade peces and the swordes from Beckelles		<i>vjd.</i>
Itm payde unto the heaye Constabelle for setting forth the sowgers		<i>xxxxs.</i>
It. payde unto Stocke of Laxfylde for a pyckes hed		<i>xijd.</i>

1578 [21 Elizabeth.]

It. payde at Blybrowe before the Comyssoners for cappes		<i>xjs.</i>
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[In 1580 there is "payed to the baly for a default of wearing of cappes *ijs.*;" † in 1584 there is "It^o to William Stubberd for wearinge of his cappe *xijd.*," "It^o pd. to the Quenes Balye for rent *3s. 3d.*;" in 1585, "It. pd. to the Quenes Balye for not wearyng

* This name occurs elsewhere.

† In 1582 there is, "Payed to the Balleffe for a mercymnt for all the Townsmen for not wearing their Cappes accordyng unto statute *ijs.*" In 1583 there is, "Item for cappes to the Quenes Baly *ijs.*"

of capps ijs. ; Pd. to the Quenes Balye for rent for the towne iijs. iij*d.* ; in 1586, " Payd to Edmund Brodbank for not weareinge of cappes ijs. " ; in 1588, " for the Quenes Magestyes rente iijs. iij*d.* It. for not warenge of there cappes xij*d.* ; " in 1589 " Payd for the mercymnt of capps xij*d.* ; " in 1592, " for not wearing of capes xij*d.* "

I have placed together, as above, all the entries concerning " cappes." In 1570, a statute was passed for the encouragement of home manufacture, that " if any person above six years of age (except maidens, ladies, gentlewomen, nobles, knights, gentlemen of twenty marks by year in lands, and their heirs, and such as have borne office of worship) have not worn upon the Sunday and holy day (except it be in the time of his travell out of the city, town, or hamlet, where he dwelleth) upon his head one cap of wool, knit, thicked, and dressed in England, and only dressed and finished by some of the trade of cappers, shall be fined $\frac{3}{4}$ for each day's transgression."

The shape of these caps is very familiar to us, because we see it upon the heads of the Blue-coat school boys. They were to be worn at the Manorial Courts, the Queen being the Lady of the Manor here, and it appears the Parish paid their men if they wore them, and were fined by the Bailiff if they did not.]

It. payde unto the constabelle for hys fyne at the assyse	vs.	iiij <i>d.</i>
It. payde unto the constabelle for hys assyze	ijs.	
It. geven in collection to Tomas broven		xij <i>d.</i>
It. for charges at Blybrowe for caryenge the monye for Collynton haven & for Tomas broven		viiij <i>d.</i>
It. payde unto the Constabelles for Cattawaye Brydge	x.s.	
It. payde to the skolemaster for ease of som pore menes chyldren	ijs.	xd.
It. payde to the traned sowgers toward there charges for bryngynge home ther armor	ijs.	v <i>d.</i>
It. payd for iij horse to carrye the traned sowgers to Snape		xij <i>d.</i>
It. payd to John Gylbarde and John Smyth for dryvyngge forth the calves for the Queanes Magestyes house		xd.
It. payd for the losse of the calves to make good the pryse	xvjs.	iiij <i>d.</i>

It. payd to John Sparram for brekyn a tre for Mother Smyth and anne Orforth & for the carrynge the same	iijd.
It. for a quarter of wax	xvd.
It. payd to John Melles for carrynge the Quenes botter	vjd.

1579 [22 Elizabeth.]

It. payd for wrytyng of the verdyte at the busshuppes visitacion	xvjd.
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[Edmund Freake, Bishop of Rochester, translated to this See. In 1584 he was translated to Worcester.]

It. payde to the Constabelles towarde the byldyng of a preson & Borne Brydge	xxxvjs.
It. payd unto the Constabelles for Blybrowe bredge	xs.
It. geven in collection to Tomas ffuller for the Kynges Benche	xvjd.
It. payd to Wyllm Fyske for his charges to Ipsych before the Comyssoners	ijd.

1580 [23 Elizabeth.]

Itm layed out at Eye to the chauncellour	xvjd.
Itm at that time for my dinner	vjd.
Itm geven to Bellward for the putteng oute of or names oute of the chancellors bokes at Norwyche	xvjd.
Itm to Dix for a Boke	viijs.
Itm for a hundered of Springe	ijd.
Itm to the commissioner for bowes and arrowes at Yoxford	xijd.

On a small torn piece of paper, of about this date, I find—

Wyllm Ede, vij moules jd. vj hoddesspyt (?) hedes & starlens hedes iiij cadowes [Jackdaws] hedes pye iiijd. ij happe hedes ijd., and two or three more similar entries. †

John Newson, ij bussardes hede iiij moules ijd.
Robert Meake, a Hegge hogs hede ij moules ijd.

1581 [23 Elizabeth.]

— Itm payed to Grymsby one of the distrybuters for the vermen*		viijs.
It. payed Gregory Rowse for the taxe	xxxvijs.	
Itm payed to Bicker for xij fote of newe glasse in the stepell wyndowe		vjs.
Itm payed to Goodwyn for lengthyng of iij barres for the steppell wyndowe		jd.
Itm payed to Bicker and his sonne for v dayes worke of mendenge of the glasse wyndowes of the churche		vjs.
Itm payed to Gregory Rouse for agreyng w ^t the Comyssonier for the bowes when he was at Laxfeld		ijs. iiijd.
It. payed to Gregory Rowse for the subsidy due to the Quen for the lands of the towne	xxxvjs.	viijs.
It. payed to Mr. Raynoldes for the grauntyng of the land that Edmond Broadbanke occupieth unto the tenant		ijs.
It. payed to Wyllm Clampe for makeyng of ij baldrickes for the belles		xijd.
Itm payed for halfe a horse hyd of whyt leather to make the sayd newe baldrickes (the leather straps by which the clapper was suspended from the staple in the crown of the bell) and to men (<i>sic</i>) the owlde		xxd.
It. payed to John Whissellcrofte for a stabell y ^t was bought by the consent of the inhabitants, & other necessary things belongeng to the said house	xxvs.	
payed to the shollemaster for wrightyng this byll		xijd.
payed for iij horses to Snape bridge		xijd.
payed to Father Stubbard for hys daughter		xd.

* Certain persons were chosen in each Parish about this time "for distrybuting and paying for such noyful fowles and vermen as are taken within the bounds" of the Parish.

The churchwardens receyved one (*sic*) the reconing day of Blobbell *iiij**d.* for the revokyng or refussing of a bargaine made betwyne the towne and hym for the ixchaung of certayne trees which sayd *iiij**d.* was geven by the churchwardens unto Chettellborowe.

1582 [24 Elizabeth.]

It^o payed to Robt Brissingham for the dystribution *xij**d.*
 Itm payed to John Smithe on the corronation day
 (Jan. 13th) for the ringers to be spente of
 victtalls *xvj**d.*

[This is the first notice in these accounts of money given for such an occasion.]

It^o payed to Augustyne Stubbard for his worke in
 the Churche pentysynge and other places neces-
 sary *xviijs.*
 Itm geven to Wyllm Orford when his daughter was
 to be married as he sayd *xls.*

[There is no entry of her marriage in the Register Book.]

It^o payed to Dobbes for carryeng downe the tabell to
 set in the comādemēts *jd.*
 It^o payed to the balleffe for a fynne for certayne lands
 granted from o^r Souaryng Lady the Quene to
 certayn feoffes *xxxiijs. iiij**d.*
 It^o payed to Thomas Goodwyn for nayles to be
 occupied aboute the making the stoles in the
 churche *vij**d.*
 It^o payed for viij yeards of newe Hollond clothe for
 to make a surplus accordyng unto the com^oande-
 ment of the Commissary *xviijs.*
 It^o payed to Martin Eade's wyffe for making of the
 surplus *ijs.*
 It^o payed to the yong on the coronatio^o of the Quen
 to be spent for their paynes in ringyng *xvj**d.*

[The Parliament this year passed very severe laws against the Roman Catholics, wherein, all those who are declared guilty of high treason "who shall endeavour to dissuade the subjects from the religion established in the kingdom, or shall reconcile them to the Church of Rome, as also those who shall be thus reconciled. Those also are fined in 200 marks and imprisonment for a year, who shall say Mass, and they who shall be knowingly present at Mass, are fined in 100 marks with imprisonment also for a year. Moreover they who absented themselves from their Parish Churches on the days appointed for Divine Service, are fined in twenty Pounds a month." It must be observed, that hitherto only one shilling to the use of the poor, had been exacted for absence on Sundays and Holidays. This shows that previously the laws against the Roman Catholics were not very severe, neither is it certain that they were executed with rigour. But the indiscreet zeal of those who would not be satisfied with this state of things was the occasion of further disadvantage to all the Roman Catholics.]

1583 [25 Elizabeth.]

pd for the Roocke neete	ixd.
It ^o for the line for the nets	xd.
It ^o to James Meeke for twelf dayes worke for whitenge and castinge of the curch	xij ^s .
It ^o to his servitur for xij dayes worke	xs.
It ^o for bere when they were workinge in the curch	vij ^s .

[This is the first instance of whitening the church when all the wall paintings were obliterated, and, as the next entry tells us, texts were put up.]

It ^o for Scripture setting upp in the curch	xxij ^s .	vjd.
* It ^o for bread and beer then		4d.
It ^o p ^d for a throughshote gate at Benselens	4s.	8d.

[A through shutting or a swing gate.]

It ^o paid for makinge of 8 dooles	4d.
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[Dool posts were low boundary marks.]

* The mixture of Arabic figures with the old Roman now shows itself.

It ^o for the fram for y ^e staynd cloth	xd.
It ^o for sixe hockes for y ^e staynd cloth	4d.
It ^o p _d to John Sparham for making of staying (scaffolding) for the stayner	3d.

[These three entries inform us when the reigning monarch's arms were first put up in the Church.]

1584 [26 Elizabeth.]

The rent of Rose Larks this year was £10 and of Bensilens £8

It ^o pd to Richard Aldhowse for the burning	viijs.	4d.
It ^o pd to Richard Aldhowse for sixe scarffs for the traynd souldgers	xxiijs.	xd.
It ^o pd to Willm Aldhowse for scarffs for the souldgers	xiijs.	
It ^o pd to Robt Rowse for the Bishopes articles		viijd.

[Bishop Edmund Scambler, translated to Norwich from Peterborough in 1584, died in 1594, and was buried in the Cathedral, on the south side of the nave.]

It ^o pd to Mr. Thurston for councell	ijjs.
It ^o pd to the scolemast ^o for writinge out off the last reckninge	xviijd.
It ^o for a daggerd for the towne corslet	2s. 6d.
It ^o for ingrossinge the towne evidense	5s. 8d.
It ^o pd for the billes indented to the Scribe at Bliburrough	4d.
It ^o pd to Willm Clamp [the clerk] for a swete oðe off Juneper <i>i.e.</i> , a hod of fresh juniper	4d.
It ^o pd for a Bibell for the curch	24s. 2d.
It ^o pd to John Smith for felling & rivinge of 9 seare trees for the poore	xxd.

Memorandū. That the reckninge daye is to be kept from henceforth upon the daye and feast off St. Matthias th Appostle [24 February] by the whole consent and assent of the Townsmen then present.

1585 [27 Elizabeth.]

[From the account of William Aldous, Churchwarden, each of the Churchwardens about this time keeping a separate account.]

It. pd to the constables for the setting forth of the
souldiers xls.

[From the account of Gregory Smyth, Churchwarden.]

It^o pd to John Newson for redemyng of the Lease
from Augustin Stubbard vij*li*.

It^o pd to Wyllyam Aldows the elder for the same
Lease xls.

It^o pd to the Constables for powder and lynt iij*li* xs.

[In this year it was enacted that all Popish Priests should depart the realm within forty days, that those who should afterwards return, should be guilty of high treason, that to receive or harbour them should be felony, &c. This is the severest act against the Roman Catholics in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. But they could only blame themselves, who never ceased plotting against the Queen, and endeavouring to set the Queen of Scots on the throne of England, till at last they carried their zeal to such a height, that the destruction of one of the Queens became necessary for the preservation of the other.]

{ The items relating to the bells in 1585 and 1586, though not transcribed by Mr. Holland, are inserted, as they throw light on the history of bellfounding.

In the return of 1553 there were four bells and a Sance bell at Cratfield. A charge for five baldricks in one item in 1583 seems to indicate that in that year there were five bells, none of which now remain.

The present clock-bell, inscribed :—

+ *Virginis Egregie* + *Vocor Campana Marie*
Prep For The Sole Of William Alys, is in all probability the Sance bell of the 1553 return.

Queen Elizabeth was fond of bells, and the Coronation ringing in her time is marked not only in these accounts, but in Shakespeare's Henry IV., Part II., Act III., Sc. 2.

Bullcalf. "O Lord, sir, I am a diseased man."

Falstaff. "What disease hast thou?"

Bullcalf. "A whoreson cold, sir: a cough, sir: which I caught with ringing in the King's affairs, upon his coronation day."

Shakespeare, as usual, transfers his own times to those of his historical subject.

The present fourth bell at Cratfield bears the inscription:—

Cratfeld. Henry Tospel. R. T. Año Dni 1585.

On this I have noted that it is "the work of Henry Tospel, in 1585, in which year he also made a bell for Hedenham, Norfolk. This the parish sold to Kirby Bedon, when the Hedenham four were run into six in 1838, and it still hangs in Kirby Bedon tower, bearing "Hednam" on it. This placing the name of the parish on a bell is unfortunately a very rare occurrence. Cratfield is on that fourth, and let us hope that it will never show the name in any other tower. The initials R. T., for Roger, the son of Henry, are found on both these East Anglian bells. These artificers are elsewhere unknown save in Sussex, where they turn up working at West Tarring, after an interval of fourteen years. The initials H. T. appear on the second at Bury, Sussex, in 1599, and the names of Henry and Roger on the tenor at Felpham in the following year. "Henry Tapsell, the elder," was buried at West Tarring, October 5th, 1604. Roger went on with his Sussex work some thirty years afterwards. Their bells are of no surpassing excellence. The surname is curious, as denoting a nautical origin."*

Now it was certainly puzzling to find this Sussex man's work here; and the wonder was where his headquarters could have been. It appears that a License was issued by the Consistory Court of Norwich to Henry Toopsell (Tapsell in the margin) of Beccles, Suffolk, Bell founder, and Elizabeth Andrewes, of the same place, singlewoman, on the 8th of November, 1585. The great fire in that town just a year afterwards (29th Nov., 1586),

* *Church Bells of Suffolk*, p. 103.

probably accounts for the removal of Topsel's foundry. The parish book also shows Beccles to have been his temporary centre, and the detail is as follows:—

1585.

It ^o p ^d for carryeng of a pese for a bell stock from fresyngfeld church	xviij <i>d</i> .
It ^o p ^d to the bell founder	vjs. viij <i>d</i> .
It ^o p ^d for a bell stock	xij <i>d</i> .
It ^o p ^d for a pese for the bell frame	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
It ^o for makyng of a baldry for a bell	iiij <i>d</i> .
It ^o p ^d to Symunt Barbar for charges for the bell fownder and godbold	iijs. viij <i>d</i> .
It ^o p ^d to goodwyn for Irons for the new bell	iijs. iiij <i>d</i> .
It ^o p ^d to godbowld for hys worke abowght the newe bell	iijs.
It ^o for fellyng and carryeng of ij peses to laye in the stepell	x <i>d</i> .
It ^o p ^d for the charges when I* was at beckells to speake wyth the bell fownder	iiij <i>d</i> .
It ^o p ^d for a newe Rope	iiijs. viij <i>d</i> .
It ^o p ^d to the bell fownder for the newe bell	iiij <i>li</i> .

1586 (John Stannard, Churchwarden.)

Paid to the belfounder for bringinge hom of the bell	vs. v <i>d</i> .
Paid to William warne for mendinge of the gret bell knepell	vjs.
Paid for plating of the bell whele	ij <i>d</i> .
Paid for spiles for the greate bell wy ^o nge (weighing) toe pound the pryse	v <i>d</i> .

1587.

It. paid to laraunce filby for thomas sparke for bring- ing of the bell from metfild	ijs. }
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* Gregory Smyth, Churchwarden.

1586 [28 Elizabeth.]

[1586. Samuel Eland and Jannet Kennel 24 die Maii Connubio copulati sunt:]

Itm payde unto the clarke of the market at Hallsworth for the defates [default] for not appearance	vjs. vjd.
Itm payde unto John Mells for a cafe [calf] to serve ye Quen	xiijs. iiijd.
Itm payde unto the visitures at the church of Cratfylde	viijd.
Itm payde at Blybrow at the seasyng of the subseyd men for Wyllm Aldous, Gregore Rouse & Wyllm Warnes dynner	xviijd.
Itm payde unto the Constables for a pore man, for the loss of a hundred markes in October	vjd.
Itm payde unto the Constable for brynging downe the prisoners unto Hallsworth	iijs.
Itm to Henrye Wylyams for the town Bybll (<i>sic</i>) that is in the church	vjs.
Itm payde unto Alis Smyth for wayshyng the tabull cloth at "crystide" [Christmas]	ijd.
Itm payde at Crystyde for v pyntes and a hafe of mamsye, fyve pence a pynte	ijs. iiij ^d . ob.
And for the fechyng [probably from Laxfield]	iiij ^d .
Itm paid at ——— for the commnyon for ij pyntes of mamsye and one peny worth of brede	xd.
payde the nexte Sundaye after for one pynte of mamsye and one lofe of whybrede	xvj ^d .

1587 [29 Elizabeth.]

paid to Barbar's wife for their dinners that rode apolloren	xijs.
paid to Gregorye Rouse for that he laid out to Clark the purvar [purveyor] for the carring of the Queines cheis and butter	xvj ^d .

paid to John purtis for that he laid out for the toun for the discharge of theire boucheills [bushels] and theire waytes to the clarke of the market	vijjs.	iiij <i>d.</i>
Paid to Richarde Smithe for a horse for the soldyar to rid on		iiij <i>d.</i>
Paid to Master Bothe [George Booth, the Rector] of Hountingfeild for toe lodes of Strawe	xiijs.	iiij <i>d.</i>
paid to Master Smithe for the bell	v <i>℥</i>	
paid for beiare [beer] at Hountingfilld as they went to Surartors [Sir Arthur Heveningham]		x <i>d.</i>
paid to Lane for playnge of the drome		xij <i>d.</i>
Paid to Wissellcraftes wife for a Capone		xij <i>d.</i>
Item laid out at Hallsworthe for brede and beiare	iijs.	vj <i>d.</i>
Item paid for our soper at Beckells	xijjs.	
Item paid more that nyghte for beiare and for fyer and for other charges	ijjs.	viiij <i>d.</i>
Item paid for carring of the armor	ijjs.	vj <i>d.</i>
Item paid for our sopar at Boungaie	iiijjs.	vj <i>d.</i>
Item paid more at Boungaye for our brekfasts the next daye		viiijjs.
It. paid to larence filby for thomas sparke for bringyng of the bell from metfeld		ijjs.
paid for a daggar to Larence filby		ijjs.
payde at Beckles the nyneantwentye day of February for part of the charges of the trayned sougers, and other charges for mete and drynke, and for our horse mete	xxiijs.	vij <i>d.</i>
payde unto Robard Yonges for carrynge the Colyver to Beckles		xvj <i>d.</i>

[The caliver was a matchlock, or firearm, about midway in size and character between an arquebus and a musket; it was small enough to be fired without a rest or support.]

payde unto Henry Willyems, fyrste, for a head pese	vs.	
payde for a quarter of Gunp ^o der		iiij <i>d.</i>
payde for ij longe gyrdles		xj <i>d.</i>
payde for iiij crampetes [the transverse guard of a sword for a protection to the hand]		iiij <i>d.</i>

payde for a payre of sworde hangers ix*d.*

[A band affixed to the girdle or belt, by which the sword was suspended.]

payde for red cotten and frence for the pyckes ii*d.*

payde for wyre for the clocke ii*d.*

payde for ij lether gyrdles [for the waist] viii*d.*

payde for gunpowder ij*d.*

Itm̄ for a crampet for a gyrdel j*d.*

payde for graye threde j*d.*

payde for ij yards of yellowe sylke lace ij*d.*

payde for halfe a pounce of gunpowder viii*d.*

payde for a sworde vj*s.*

payde vnto Wyllm̄ Warne, younger, for a collyuer xv*s.*

payde more vnto Wyllm̄ Warne the younger for a
dagarde ij*s.*

[All these unusual preparations were caused by apprehension of the Spanish Armada. Every one of the village archers was furnished with a good bow in a case, with twenty-four good arrows in a case, a good sword and a dagger. The Billmen had besides their bills a good sword and a dagger.]

Itm̄ to Symonde Warne for a dayes worke and two
horses for carrynge of stra (*sic*) from Huntinfylde
to the towne Hall xviii*d.*

payde unto Robarde Chapman at the requeste of
Sur Arter hynnygegam's [Heveningham's] letter ij*s.*

Itm̄ payde vnto the constable to spend at blybro
when he carryed forth the rogues xij*d.*

1588 [30 Elizabeth.]

From the account of Edmonde Brodbanke.

It. payde to the constabelles for caryen the henes &
capones to Blybrow vj*d.*

[For the use of the Queen.]

It. payde to Rychard Smyth for caryen the armor to Donwyche	vjs.
It. payde for a bagge for the calyver man	vjd.
It. for xxiiij yardes of red saye [a woollen cloth] at xvj ^d . a yard [for the scarfs, crossed out]	xxxs.
It. for thryde for the scarfes to be hemmed	iijd.
It. for iiij ^d of led & casteng of it into bulletes	viijd.
It. payde unto John Smyth for lynnyng of ij hed peses	vjd.
It. payde to the constabelles for caryng the prysoner to the jayle	vij ^s . ijd.
It. payd for scoryn the corselyt & meate & drynke	xijd.
It. for a sworde	vjs. viijd.
It. for a payer of sword hangars & a gyrdell & crampets	xxijd.
It. for a yarde & a halfe of canvys for Browne a doblet	xviijd.
It. for a yarde of beryng lynyng [Bearers, fardin- gales, are things made purposely to raise up the skirt to what breadth the wearer pleaseth, and as the fashion is]	viijd.
It. for ij yardes of whyte cotten	xxd.
It. for ij dussyn [dozen] of thryde bottens	ijd.
It. for makyn the dublet	xijd.
It. for a quarter of gunpouder for Yonges	iiijd. ob.
It. for nayles for the pycke	ob.
It. for a dagard for Yonges	ijs.
It. for lynnyng clothe for the Hed peces	vjd.
It. for ij ^d of Gunpouder they had to Halsworth	iijs.
It. for halfe a quarter of red cloth	iijd.
It. for halfe a yarde of crymsyn frence	ijd.
It. for nayles and red thryd	jd.
It. for a Proclamacyon for wayghts & mesurs	iiijd.
It. for a quarter of gunpouder for Yonges	iiijd.
Itm payde for the hye constabelles dyner at the Pety Sessyons	xviijd.
It. payde to the cunstabelles for the "kottes" [coats] for the sougers	xvjs.

It. payde for a sheate [winding sheet] for the pore man	ijs. viijd.
It. payde for breade and drynk to them that bare hym to chyrche	xiijd.
It. payde for ij horses to laystede (<i>sic</i>) for Browne. & Yonges	xvjd.

The town this year received from the Queen's purveyor 4/6 for 4 capons, 5 pullets, and 6 hens, for which 8/11 were paid besides the expenses of the carriage.

From the account of John Smyth.

Payde for the towne at the traynyng at Dunwyche	iiijs.
It ^o payde for the towne at the traynyng at Laystof	xijs.
It ^o payde to the cunstable for the cotes	iiij <i>l</i> . xs. viijd.
It ^o payde to the constables for the setting forth of the sowldyers	xviijs. iiijd.
It ^o payde to the cunstable for the charges of the sowldyers at Snape	xxs.

[These preparations, as those in last year, were undertaken in consequence of the threatened Spanish Invasion. "The trained soldiers of those Shires, which lay near the sea coast, had orders to defend those places, and be ready at the alarm to hinder the enemy from landing; but if he did land, then to spoil the country round about that he might find no food; and by continual crying, 'Arm, Arm,' give the enemy no rest, but yet should not give battle, till good store of Commanders were come together."

Fifty-three only out of one hundred and thirty ships returned to Spain.]

1589 [31 Elizabeth.]

From the account of John Smyth of Nethergate.

Receyved of Thomas Artis for the Ashes upon the towne londes	v <i>l</i> i. xs.
Itē payde for one quier of paper for the Register Book	iijd.
Itē payd for powder when the Muster was at Wapole [Walpole]	ij <i>l</i> .
Itē payd when the Muster was at Wapole for bread and beere for the souldiers	xvjd.

Itē payd unto Willm̄ Aldous Senior for a calfe for the
 queen viijs. viij*d*.
 Itē payd unto Richard Butcher for carying the calfe xv*d*.
 Itē payd for caryinge a load of timber for the Quen
 unto Sould [Southwold] viijs. v*d*.
 Itē payd to Willm̄ Alduse Senior for carying the
 Armor to the Muster xx*d*.
 Itē payd for the towne armor carying to Blybrow to
 the trayninge ix*d*.
 Itē payd unto Grimsbye for one crotche setting under
 the Apple tree and for bordes in the Chansell ijs.

This receipt for law expenses now follows :—

Be it knowen unto all men by this presente that I Edmunde Brockebancke of Cratfylde in the Counte of Suffoke, Yeoman, do aknowlege that I have reseved and had the xxvth daye of July, and in the yere of our Lorde God 1590 and In the xxxij yere of our Quenes Magestes rayne Elyzabeth, by the grace of God, of Ingelande, France, and Irelande, Defender of the Fayth, thurtene poundes of lawfull muny of England, of the inabytance and owneares and others dwellinge in Cratfild in consederacyon of a sum of munny that I layde out in the defence of a suite that was betwin John Smyth on the Hill and the Townshipe of Cratfylde in the chauncery corte. I the said Edmunde Brokebanke by the resite of this xiiijth. doo aknowlege myselfe agreed, satesfyed and repayed of the owners being inabitantse and all others dwellinge in Cratfild of all such sumes of munnye as I the said Edmunde Brokebanke have layde out for the sute that was in the chaunsery, and clerely aquite and discharge them their eyares [heirs] exe^otures and admynstraters and in witness hereof have subscribed my name with my own hande the daye and yere above writen

by me Edmund Brodbanke.

Seled and delyvered in the presence of
 Roberede Rowse and John Smyth of nithergat
 and John Smyth.

From the Register.

1589. Robertus Edgar et Margarita Eland 25
 die Sept^r connubio copulati erant

1590 [32 Elizabeth.]

From the account of Gregory Rouse.

It. payed at Bliborowe being before hir maties comissioners for the subsedie	vjd.
Itm paid to surarter (Sir Arthur) Hevenigham the fyrste daye of Jeneuarie for the colection for Christmes Lane	iijs. xiijs. iijd.

[Christmas Lane, in the Parish of Metfield, and in very bad repair when Mr. Holland made the transcript. J. J. R.]

From the account of Edmund Smyth.

Item pd to Samuell Sandcroft for the town corslett	xls.
< Item pd to Symond Warne for the howre glasse	iijd.
- Itm payed to Willm̄ Warne for setting up of the howre glasse	iijd.

[By means of these the length of the sermon was regulated. In several churches hour-glass stands are still to be seen.]

Item pd for ye taxe for the towne londc	xxxvijs.	8d.
Item pd to Willm̄ Aldus for a calfe for the Quene	vjs.	4d.
Item pd to Willm̄ Warne for a combe of wheate for the Quene	xjs.	
Item pd to Meeke for caring of the same wheate	xvjd.	
Item pd to the cheffe constable for the deliverye of the same wheate		vjd.
Item pd for the subsedy for ye towne londs	xviijs.	viijd.
Item pd to John Stanard for a hors for yow to ryd to the muster		vjd.

From the account of William Fyske.

Itm geven unto the souldiers when they were called befor ther Corporalle at Halsworthe	iiijs.	vjd.
Itm payd to Rycharde Bucher and Andrewe Goulden for wearing their mattoxs [mattocks] about the Quens busines		xijd.

[I do not know what this entry alludes to.]

Itm payde to John Noller for heallynge of An Fyske vjs. viij*d*.

[This is the first instance of a doctor's bill being paid by the Parish. In this year it was enacted that no person should build, maintain, or uphold any cottage, unless he lays to it four acres of ground at least. The penalty for building one is £10, and for upholding it 40s. a month.]

1591 [33 Elizabeth.]

From the account of Edmond Smyth.

payd to the good man Rowse [the constable] for the
souldiers wch were taken presoners at portengalle
vjs. viij*d*.

[Soldiers who had accompanied Sir Francis Drake to be in some sort avenged of the Spaniards for their Invasion, and to set Don Antonio on the throne of Portugal, but prevailed not.]

It. pd to the chife cunstablls for the settinge forth of
a soullgar the forthe daye of Apryll vjs. viij*d*.
Itm paid to the cheife cunstables for the settinge
forthe of soldyars out of the Houndred at Ester
tyme xls.
It. pd to Barbars wyfe for makinge of toe shurtes for
Orfor viij*d*.
It. pd to Simond Crispes wife for makinge of toe
shurte bandes [a collar of linen or cambric sur-
rounding the neck] for William Orfor viij*d*.

[The making of the bands cost almost as much as the making of the shirts. These bands may be seen in a reduced form in the bands worn very generally until lately by the clergy.]

It. pd to the chife constables for the seting forthe of
a souldyar xls.
It. pd towe [two] women that gathered for their
Ransom of their housbones iiij*d*.
It. pd to the Constables for the souldars dinars at
Blyborw viijs. viij*d*.

It. pd to Henry Wylliams for Readcloth and fringe
for the peike vj*d.*

[In this year the Queen sent 4,000 English into Normandy to help the King of France to besiege Rouen.]

It. pd to a gatherer at church one Saboth daye viij*d.*

1592 [33 Elizabeth.]

The communions this year were as follow :—

From the account of William Fyske.

pd for a bottell [it contained 4 pints] of wyne for ye Communiene agayne Ester	iij <i>s.</i>
pd for iij pintes & a quarter of a pynte of winne agaynst the Sundaye after Ester	xix <i>d.</i> ob.
pd for breade for ye Communion against Easter	iiij <i>d.</i>
pd for iij pyntes of winne againste Whissonne Sunday	xviij <i>d.</i>
pd to James Falle for fetching of it from Hollsur [Halesworth]	iij <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ pd Mr. Iland [Mr. Eland, the Vicar] for breade for iiij Communions	iiij <i>d.</i>
pd for vj pyntes of wyne agaynste Cristemas	iij <i>s.</i>

[This is also worth recording :—

p ^d Mr. Iland to geve a gatherer that had his goodes burnte at Beccelles y ^e ij day of July	xx <i>d.</i> J. J. R.]
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[Many grievances having arisen from the purveyors for the provision of the royal household, the Queen permitted the several counties to arrange their own composition by commissioners appointed by themselves. The first meeting in this county "about Queen Elizabeth's household" was at Stowmarket, September 12th, 1592. The high constable of each Hundred was empowered to present at sessions those who refused to pay. The accounts in this Parish are missing for the next two years, but in 1595 there is the following entry, "paid to the High Constable for the Queen's house £1 10*s.*" It is also recorded that the fertility of the County was so great that "the oates for her majesty's stable" were also

bought exclusively by the purveyors within its limits. The next entry in the same year, 1595, seems to corroborate this, viz :—paid to the constable for the loss of the oats 15s.

Before this year, 1592, these accounts contain generally various such entries as these. For the loss of 2 weighs of cheese and 1½ barrel of butter, £2 5s. 4d., *i.e.*, the difference in the price for what they gave for the butter and sold it to the purveyors. For the loss of 4 combs of oats, 10s. 3d.; for the loss of 12 hens, 5s.; for the loss of 4½ bushels of wheat, 6s. 1d.; for a calf, 6s. 4d.; for carrying the Queen's eggs and butter, 1s. 4d.; for the carriage of the Queen's Timber, 4s.; for buds and heifers, 20s.; and for almost every other article of provision except, I think, ducks and pigs.]

1593 & 1594 [34 & 35 Elizabeth.]

Accounts missing.

From the Register.

1593. Antonius Hedg et Maria Eland 16 die Maii Connubio copulati erant.

In 1594, at Halesworth, on the feast of the Nativity, commonly called Xtmas day, the weather was so cold that the Rector could not thaw his ink to write down the names of the Communicants.

1595 [36 Elizabeth.]

*From the account of Robart Aldous, Churchwarden.**

It. for powder & linke	<i>vd.</i>
It. paide to Symonde Chrispe for y ^e newe stooles xxxvs.	
It. paide to Symonde Chrispe for lininge of the schoolehouse windowes and the dore of the new stools	xixd.

[I should be inclined to think that these stools are new benches put up in the church and not in the school house.]

* This is the only year in which he served that office.

1596 [37 Elizabeth.]

Itm̄ paid for the high cunstable and for him that had the commession to se the artelary when they cam to this town for the easment of the Town paid for thear diners	xijd.
Item paid to Master Eland for the boke that is comanded by attoryty to be hed in every chirch to pray for the Quens Maiesty	vjd.
— Itm̄ paid to Mycaell Hayward for taking of a pore woman in a cart from town to town	xvjd.
Itm̄ paid to Bycker of Laxfild when hea cam and toke down the glas	vjd.
Itm̄ paid to Henery Willyams for coorslining [coarse linen] cloth for a chaf bed at the townsmens apointment and for thrid to make it	iijs. ix <i>d.</i>
Itm̄ paid for v hūdred brick at Heavingam Hall	vs.
Itm̄ paid to John Grinling of Fresingfild of the sam brick	ij <i>s.</i> vjd.
Itm̄ paid to Bicker of Laxfild for glasing of the chirch and for bording of him and for other worke which hea ded abought the chirtch	xix <i>s.</i>
Itm̄ paid to Manack of Huntinfild for hooks and eies for toe gats at the Toune Hous	xd.
Itm̄ paid to the screner [scrivener, at Norwich] for making of the bond for our asurans for the tuneing of the bell	xjd.
— Itm̄ paid for a brief by the consent of the townsmen that gathered for the ransom of serten men that ly in preson under the Turke	vij <i>jd.</i>
— Itm̄ paid for the charges of burying of a pore man and a pore woman that died in this towne	vs.

[Extract from the Register Johannes Grene 27 Junii sepultus fuit Vidua Grene tertio Julii sepulta fuit.]

From the other Churchwarden's accounts.*

Itm layd out on Sparrams Wyfe for kepene of mother Grene	ijs.	xd.
Itm for sowing of them		vij <i>d.</i>
Itm layd for the Wedow Grene two Rakes of veale, & a showder of veale and a neats toyng & five penner [penniworth] of bread	ijs.	vd.
It. layd out to Spynk's wife & Smyth's wife for kep- ing of Grene and bordinge themselves	vjs.	iiij <i>d.</i>
It ^o layd out to Mother Grene when she was seke		xij <i>d.</i>
It ^o layd out to the Wedowe Swayne for kepen of Grene		xij <i>d.</i>
Itm layd out to mother Grene when she was syck		vj <i>d.</i>
Itm layd out to Thurkell's wife for kepinge of Grene's child		vj <i>d.</i>

[She must have been very troublesome, as no less than five women kept her and her child.]

Itm layd out to the good man Rouse for sarves
for the Quenes shepes xxxvjs.

[The Queen, having advice that the King of Spain was preparing to invade England, fitted out a fleet of 150 ships, and 22 Dutch ships, and 7,000 soldiers. They proceeded to Cadiz, and made themselves masters of the market-place. The garrison and inhabitants retired to the Castle and Town-house, and that day surrendered, paying some say 520,000 ducats, or some say 620,000.]

It^o layd out to the goodman Smyth of Coulsalle
[Kelsale?] for carrying of a soldier to Eipsice
[Ipswich] iiijs.

Itm layd out for powdre for the Toune Mosket vj*d.*

Itm layd out for a sword Gordell & hangers xvj*d.*

Itm layd out to the goodman Rous for the sault peter
man and for carringe of pekes to "Epsy"
Ipswich xxxvjs.

* No name given.

[After the discovery of firearms, nitre was much needed for the manufacture of gunpowder; and it was discovered that the top soil of farmyards, of cattle stalls, and of other places long exposed to the vapours of putrefying matter, as well as the plaister and mortar of old houses, afforded, when mixed with wood ashes, a considerable quantity of nitre. In consequence of these discoveries, the several substances enumerated above were claimed by the Crown, and were granted to individuals and societies, incorporated for the purpose of making saltpetre and supplying the public magazines with it. The rigor of these individuals became burdensome; they claimed the right to enter stables and houses in search of material, and to use the parishioners' carts, without payment, for the conveyance of it to the works. So great did the grievance become, that Parliament interfered, and limited the powers of the Salt-peter-man.]

1597 [38 Elizabeth.]

Laid oute by me, John Smyth, being one of the Churchwardens

Itm̄ paid for the scole m^r his borde xxvjs. viij*d.*,
 wherof I crave xxs.
 I was p^omised a m^oke [mark] at the last rekenig wch
 as yet I never had xxs.

From the account of Larence ffilbie, churchwarden.

— paid unto Phineas Reve the 9th of March for settinge
 of Orfer's leg* xs.
 pd unto the cheaffe constable for the p^ovision of her
 M^ots howshowld the composition this yeere 4*li.*

[Besides this there is charged 16*s.* in the loss of flax, 2*s.* 8*d.* in the loss of the bacon, 5*s.* in the loss of wheat and peas, and several charges for the carriage of the Queen's timber.]

pd unto the balyff ffellows the 4th of Aprill for the
 towne rent [quit rent] 3*s.* 8*d.*
 pd unto the same Baliffe for eggs 2*d.*

[This is the first time eggs form part of this payment, seven in number, as we afterwards learn.]

* This local chirurgeon received 10*s.* more subsequently.

pd for the towne musket	21s.	6d.
and the stringe for the flasket [match-cord or twisted tow with which it was fired] and tuch box		14d.
and a lace for the musket staff [to fasten the musket on the staff or rest]		1d.
and for the chardge fetchinge of it at Ipswich		18d.
pd the 27 of June for the watchinge of Syswell Beacon	5s.	4d.
pd the ffirst of Julye for the Towne to the Bow man	2s.	6d.
pd the 11 of Julye for stoore powder	£3	10s.

[The musket was a very recent introduction from Spain.]

pd the 22 of August toward the watchinge of Syswell Beacon		4s.
also pd unto the chiefe constable the 12 of Septembr for the caryage of a loade of the Queen's tymber from Peasenall to Walderswicke	6s.	8d.
pd at Bungey at my Lord Bishippes [William Redman] visitation for Articles		2s.
Itē pd unto the cheiff constable the 3 of October toward the settinge forth of certeyn soldiers	42s.	
pd for a natt [mat] for the chancell		6d.
pd unto the Cheiff Constable the 19 of Decembr toward the watchinge of Syswell Beacon		8s.

[In the expectation of an invasion from Spain.]

pd for the calfe wch the towne did give unto Sir Arthur Heningham		18s.
pd unto Symond Carter for caryinge of a loade of the Quens tymber to Mettfeld		5s.
pd unto Symond Carter for 2 horses carinng Armour to Beccles		2s.
Payments were also made unto the goodman Rouse for two rates, the one 16s. and the other 25s. which was for the coats, conduct, and press money	£2	1s.

Five pounds fifteen shillings were paid this year for
building a stable "for raising of the house 10s.
what you shall think fit."

[This year an act was passed for the punishment of rogues, vagabonds, and sturdy beggars. All the following persons were to be adjudged rogues and vagabonds:—people that go about begging as poor scholars, or on pretence of losses by fire or shipwreck; fortune tellers, gipsies, fencers, bear-wards, common players and minstrels, jugglers, tinkers, peelers, and petty chapmen, fellows for not working for reasonable wages when they are able, and the like. Their punishment is to be whipped, and sent from parish to parish by the Officer in each; the next straightway to the parish where they were born, or last dwelt, for the space of a whole year.]

1598 [39 Elizabeth.]

The following is a warrant for the payment of the composition for the Queen's household:—

By vartu of warrant from ye lefetenants of this Countye for ye composicion for the p^ovision of her Ma^oties most honorable householde for the some of lxiiij*li*. vs. ther is allotted upon yor towne ye some of iij*li*. vs. towarde the composicion, &c.

Gregory Rouse.

From the account of Samuell Newson, Churchwarden.

Itm payd unto Gregoreye Rowse the xxiiij daye of Marche towerdes the p^oches [purchase] of the jayll and Howse at Bliborow vj*li*.

[This jail for the Division of Beccles was standing, although disused in 1754. The Quarter Sessions, the Annual Meetings of the Clergy, were formerly held at Blythborough. The suppression of the Priory contributed to the decay of the place, which a destructive fire in 1676 completed.]

and payd more unto hem the same daye for wachinge of Siswelle becken xs.

Itm payd more unto hem the xxj daye of Maye for wachenge of the Beckon v muntres viijs.

Itm payd unto the goodman Rowse the xvj daye of Januarie for to paye for Mr. Colbes and for Mr. Wrihtes deneres at Halsworth when they mustered there ijs.

Itm̄ payd more unto the Goodmane Rowse the xxvij
 daye of Januarie for the seteing forth of the
 souldgers to Irland xxxvjs.

[About the end of March, the Earl of Essex sailed for Ireland
 with an army of 20,000 foot and 2,000 horse against the Earl of
 Tyrone, who had risen in rebellion—who surrendered in 1603.]

Itm̄ payd more unto goodmane Willumes for Good-
 mane Rowse the xvij daye of ffebruarie for the
 setenge forth souldgers iiij*l*.

Itm̄ payd unto James Yonges for a horse for caring
 of Bolord to Ipsich when he wase taken for a
 soulder ijs.

Itm̄ paid unto Mother Sparham and Mother Grene
 for helpen of owlde to the ground when he was
 dede vs.

and payd more unto Mother Sparham for a sheet for
 owlde ijs.

and payd unto the Wedowe Barber for vetell owlde
 had of her the Sundaye before he deide ix*d*.

[John Would was buried June 22nd.]

Itm̄ paid unto Thomas Cornish the 1st day of October
 towards the removing of his house £1 os. *od*.

*From the account (elaborately written) of Gregorie Smyth,
 Churchwarden.*

Itē pd unto the knight of the Turne viij*d*.

1599 [40 Elizabeth.]

From the account of Samuell Newson, Churchwarden.

Itm̄ payd unto the Goodman Rouse the xxx day of
 Aprell for the setting forth of the two sheppes
 out of Ipsweiche xlvij*s*.

Itm̄ paid more unto the goodman Rouse the xxiiij
 daye of October for the mustren and trainenge
 at bulcombe [Bulcamp] Heath iiij*l*. *xs*.

and payd more unto hem for the setting forth of
souldgers unto Irelande lvjs.

Itm payd unto Spinck for to helpe Mother Swaine to
the ground when she was dead the xxx day of
Aprill ijjs.

[Mater Swaine 26th Aprilis Sepulta fuit. Register Book.]

Itm payd unto the rengers on the crownation Daye vjs.
and paid for breed and winne for the comūnion the
same daye xixd.

Itm̄ paid unto Mr. Irland [Mr. Eland the Vicar] for
the skoote [scot] that preched hear ijjs.

[This is rather an early instance, and the first recorded in these papers of a Presbyterian or Puritan, for both held the same doctrine, being allowed to preach in the Church. Of the Puritans, four years later, James I. says, in his first speech in Parliament, "They do not so far differ from us in points of religion, as in their confused form of policy and purity, being ever discontented with the present government, and impatient to suffer any superiority, which makes their Sect unable to be suffered, in any well-governed Commonwealth." These godly ministers, as the Puritans called themselves, at length brought about, in union with political relations, the great rebellion, the downfall of the church in her state relations for 20 years, and the murder of the King.]

Itm layd out at Norwich when I was sited thether
for the Church iiijjs. iiijd.

{ I have been unable to find the originals for the first half
of the 17th century, and present them from Mr. Holland's
MS. The Parish book records only receipts and totals of
payments. J. J. R.

1600 [41 Elizabeth.]

Itm paid to old Orford 2s. 3d.

Itm paid to Crisp's wife for beer for the ringers at his
burial 1s. 0d.

Itm paid to "Mystres Ilond" [Mrs. Eland] for Orford 1s. 6d.

Itm paid to Henry Fiske for the carriage of the
timber and for his charges to Ipswich £, 1 15s. 2d.

Itm paid to Nicolas Curtis one of the Churchwardens of Blythborough the 24 October 1600	2s. 10d.
Itm paid for a Register Book	4s. 8d.

[This is the old parchment register Book into which all the Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials were copied from the " Bills indented," *i.e.*, single sheets in each year, from the first entry, 18th day of January, 1539, attested by Gabriel Eland, Vicar, and Henry Fiske and Christopher Brodbancke, Churchwardens. It is pre-faced thus:—Nomina et cognomina liberorum qui Baptizati fuerunt in Parochiali ecclesia de Cratfield, necnon illorum nomina et cognomina qui in connubio copulati sunt, porro nomina eorum et cognomina qui sepulti fuerunt, ab anno Domini Incarnationis millesimo tringentesimo nono et anno regni Henrici octavi Tricesimo hoc registrum non solum rescriptum est sed etiam emendatum in quadragesimo tertio anno regni felicitis dominæ nostræ Elizabethæ nunc regina Beata (1601).]

[Along the margins are often quotations from the New Testament, in the original Greek, *e.g.*, Rom. ii. 29, 1 Cor. vii. 19, &c. J. J. R.]

1602 [43 Elizabeth.]

Itm paid to Batrome's wife of Linstead for keeping of Wright's child 52 weeks	£3 0s. 8d.
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[1602. Elizabeth, daughter of Ann Wright, was baptized by Mr. Richard Sherman, 18 Sept.]

Itm paid to the Queen's Bailiff for rent on the 28 th day of March	3s. 2d.
he did demand 11 eggs but I paid none	
Itm paid to Cady of Hontenfeld for the Widow Green's boy	2s. 0d.
Itm paid to the overseers of Blithborough upon Easter Tuesday for the relief of their poor	£3 10s. 0d.

[In 1603, there is paid at Bury for the matter for Blythborough 5s., which might relate to this payment to the Blythborough Poor.]

Itm paid to the baliff of the hundred for want of a knight at the turn [tourney]	1s. 0d.
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Itm paid to James Aldous the 28th day of November
for the loss in the cheese and butter for her
majesties most honourable household 13s. *od.*

[Part of the taxation of the country was still carried on by plain
old-fashioned ways, in directing each Parish to send in part of the
provisions required for the royal household, the army and navy.]

1603 [44 Elizabeth & 1 James.]

[Francis Eland ye late incumbent of this place was buried the
second day of August, 1602.

“ Elihema ” [Eleanor] Eland the daughter of Gabriel Eland (the
Vicar) and of Elizabeth his wife was baptised the 25 September.]

Paid for a booke for the order of the Service on the
Wanesseday [Ash Wednesday?] 8*d.*

Paid to Mother Sparham for her labour about the
murdered child 1s. *od.*

[The register says a child was put into the water by a wench
who was servant unto Richard Butcher, for which she suffered at
Ipswich.]

Paid to the painter for the King's Arms and for a
prayer £1 0s. *od.*

[Queen Elizabeth died the 24th of March, old style, in the
seventieth year of her age, and the forty-fourth of her reign. The
new King, James I., was proclaimed six hours after the Queen's
death, and crowned the 25th of July, St. James's day.]

Itm paid to Jeremy Baldry for the carriage of Anne
Chittleborough to the jail 7s. 4*d.*

Paid Mr. Stigal for his fee for the wench £1 0s. *od.*

[This was the “ wench ” who murdered the child ; she was about
22 years of age, having been baptised 18 March, 1581, the daughter
of John and Margaret.

The Puritans, on the accession of James I., presented their
petition, signed by 800 persons, that Sundry Articles of the Church
should be reformed. They objected against the Cross in Baptism,
the Ring in marriage, the Surplice, &c., which they considered
superstitious.

In this year there was an examination in the different Dioceses respecting the number of communicants, the recusants, or dissenters, &c.

Archbishop Whitgift's letter to John Jegon, Bishop of Norwich, is dated June 30th. It is preserved, together with the reports of the Archdeacons, in the Harleian MSS. in the British Museum, No. 595, pp. 94—191. From it I find that the inhabitants of Cratfield, as well as of Huntingfield and Cookley were all unanimous, there being 200 communicants in Cratfield, 120 in Huntingfield, and 93 in Cookley, with no recusants in any of the three parishes. There was an impropriation endowed in Cratfield with a vicarage valued at £5 7s. 11d. The "impropriator" or patron of Huntingfield and Cookley, was Sir George Carie, Knt., the eldest son and successor of Lord Hunsdon, who died in 1596, and this Sir George Carie died in this year 1603, leaving one only daughter, who married Sir Thomas Berkeley, and their only daughter Theophila inherited the manors of Huntingfield, Cookley, Cratfield, &c., and married Sir Robert Coke, second son and heir of Sir Edward Coke.]

Itm paid to William Carter for making of a sawing pit	1s.	2d.
Itm paid to William Carter for going to Wissett for sawyers		8d.
Itm paid to the sawyers for sawing the timber for the church stools	£1	4s. 6d.
A note of what money John Williams layeth out the 25 of March. In tobacco		3d.

[This is the first mention of tobacco.]

1604 [2 James.]

Itm paid to Cady's wife for washing the town linen and for making 5 napkins for the communion table board for the communion	1s.	od.
Itm paid to Simon Crisp for making of six stools for the north side of the Church	£1	14s. od.
Itm paid to Cady for filling up of the paments and making clean of the church	1s.	od.
Itm paid to the constables upon warrant of Captain Hewin	£1	5s. od.

Itm paid to Symon Crisp for 8 days work of him and his man	16s.	0d.
Itm paid to Crisp for making a new stool on the south side of the church, & mending the pulpit planskies [planks]	9s.	6d.
Itm paid to Robart Brodbank for carrying 5 loads of timber	6s.	0d.
Itm paid for the Book of Common Prayer	8s.	6d.

[The Book of Common Prayer had the year before been re-printed. The chief things now added were the whole rubric before private Baptism; all the latter part of the Catechism, from the Lord's Prayer to the end; Prayers for the Queen and the rest of the Royal Family; and the Thanksgivings for Rain, Fair Weather, &c.]

Itm paid for a Book of the Cannons for the church	1s.	6d.
Paid to M ^r . Eland for foringrossing the Register	1s.	8d.
Itm for the binding of a Bible & of Erasmuses Epitaphs [Paraphrases?]	7s.	10d.
Itm paid unto Symon Crisp for setting up the King's Arms and other work in the church	1s.	10d.
Itm unto John Cady for bread and beer when the King's Arms were set up		4d.
Itm paid for our dinners, viz: John Rouses, Samuel Newsons, Thomas Borretts, and mine own [Henry Fiske] at Ipswich at ye visitation	2s.	8d.

[The two churchwardens and the two sidesmen.]

Itm paid unto M ^r . Erland the 22 ^d day of April for 5 months towards the relief of Geneva	10s.	0d.
Itm paid unto Jeremy Baldry for a heifer given unto Sir Edward Cooke at Huntingfield	£3	6s. 8d.
Itm for a book of Articles at the visitation at Ipswich		7d.
Itm for writing our verdict and for "exxidition"	2s.	0d.
Itm paid for giving in of our verdict	1s.	2d.

[Bishop John Jegon was consecrated 1602, died 1617, and was buried in the chancel of Aylsham Church]

Itm paid unto Peter Aldred for his Fee for half a
Doe given by Sir Edward Coke to his tenants
of Cratfield 2s. 6*d.*

[Suckling says that the Manor of Cratfield belonged to the Crown, till James I., by his letters patent, dated at Westminster, in 1602, granted it to Thomas, afterwards Earl of Suffolk, and his brother Henry, afterwards Earl of Northampton. This manor, upon a division of the family estates, fell to the Earl of Suffolk, and in 1609, Suckling says, was obtained by Sir Edward Coke, who died in 1634.]

In this year, 1604, October 7th, the King, who was a great enemy to tobacco, as appears by his writings against it, ordered by a Proclamation, that besides the custom of twopence in the Pound it used to pay, there should be an additional Duty of 6s. 8*d.* on every Pound imported into the Realm.]

1605 [3 James I.]

Itm paid to Salter for a Book of prayer for the
proclamation of the King's majesty 10*d.*

[James I. was proclaimed March 24th, 1603.]

Itm paid to Spink and Newson for 37 days work of
a man for pulling down the walls £1 18s. 0*d.*

Itm paid to Camp the carpenter for 12 days work
and a half of him and his man £1 8s. 0*d.*

Itm paid to Camp the carpenter for 16 days work of
himself and 13 days work of his man £1 13s. 0*d.*

Itm paid to the Brick man for a thousand and a half
of brick and tile wanting half a hundred 18s. 8*d.*

[It seems some house, chiefly "mud and stud," was rebuilt this year; but there is no record of any feast having been given at the "rearing" of it.]

Itm paid to William Warne towards the charges of
wood and coal for his majesty's use at New-
market 2s. 0*d.*

Itm paid for ten days work of a man towards the
fying of Upston pond given to Sir John Heven-
ingham 10s. 0*d.*

[In the register for this year we find George Mills was buried the 27th of June, he died within less than one hour after that he was taken out of a foul pond of water nigh his house and adjoining his orchard, into the which he (oh, fearful act) had slid down of his own accord.

This year is famous for the Gunpowder Plot. Baker, writing 70 years after the event, says James, not to be unthankful to God for the deliverance, caused the fifth of November, being the day of the discovery, to be kept holy, with Prayer and Thanksgiving to God, which was then solemnly performed, and hath been since, and is likely for ever to be continued.]

1606 [4 James I.]

Paid to Robert Mowling for the town meadow the 3 rd of October	£36	os.	od.
Itm the same day for the townsens dinners	7s.		4d.
Itm paid to Mr ^r Ligate for making the deed for the Town land		5s.	od.
Mem. that Christofer Broadbank is to pay by the year for Mollings Meadow which the Town purchased 36s. and also he is to pay for the "Rowing" thereof 5s.			
Mem. That William Fiske the now Farmer to Benslins is to pay for the same by the year £14 and to do 30 roods of Ditching upon the premises and to be laid with good spring			
Itm laid out to Mr. Irland the sum of	£5	os.	od.
Itm paid to John Cady for bread and beer to a preacher's drink the 29 th of June			10d.

[These preachers were a new body, unknown to the Church of England before this time.]

Itm for the first quarter's relief towards the building of the churches decayed	2s.		6d.
Itm for the second quarter the relief towards the building of the churches decayed being the 9 th of December	2s.		6d.

Itm laid out to discharge the Court at Blythborough,
 it was presented for want of no Homily Book in
 our Town 1s. 6d.
 Itm paid to Ralf Barrel for a key to the chancel door 8d.

From the Register.

1606. Mary Newport "gentlewoman" the daughter of M^r.
 Edward and M^{rs}. Ann Newport was baptized the 8th day of
 April and was born the 7th day of April.

1607 [5 James I.]

Mem. That William Aldous is appointed farmer to the
 Town house and he to pay for the same by the year £33, and
 to ditch 30 roods every year he dwell in the said house and to
 lay the same with good spring.

N.B. The loose sheets for this year are wanting.

[In this year it was enacted that every person which is drunk
 should forfeit five shillings for every offence, to be paid to the
 Churchwardens of the Parish.

In the beginning of this year was begun a new English transla-
 tion of the Bible, which was published in 1611, and is the same
 as is now in common use.]

1608 [6 James I.]

Itm paid for 5 pints of claret wine and half a pound
 of sugar at such time as my Lords coming was
 expected to our Town 2s. 1d.
 Itm paid for beer at my Lords coming 2d.
 Itm paid for bread and beer when M^r. Cooke preached
 here the 11th of September, 1608 1s. 10d.
 Itm paid to the Glazier for glass and lead and his
 own labour £1 3s. 10d.
 viz:—for 20 quarrels of glass 13s. 4d.; for
 18^{lbs.} of lead 4s.; for 4^{lbs.} of sowder 3s. 2d.; and
 for 2 days of work of the glazier and his men
 3s. 3d.

Damaris the daughter of Gabriel & Elizabeth Eland
was baptised the 11th October born the 29th
September 1607.

[This Christian name, Acts xvii. 34, pronounced with the second
syllable long, is not unknown in the district now. J. J. R.]

Itm. Whereas the King's provisions by reason of the
great prices of things fall short within the Hun-
dred of Blythborough for the composition £12
towards the which there is imposed upon our
town 12s. 0*d.*

Itm paid at the commissary's court being put in by
Mr. Eland for not having a cushion for the pulpit,
and the steple and chancel not repaired for my
Dinner and horse meat 1s. 3*d.*

Itm paid at the commissary's court when Mr. Eland
promised an end should have been at which time
I did think to take my self [John Filby] out of
the court 11*d.*

Itm paid at the commissary's court for taking myself
out of the court being put in by Mr. Eland for
the defaults of the town 2s. 6*d.*, viz:—taking out
1s. 4*d.*, for my dinner 1s., horsemeat 2*d.*

Itm paid the 27th of July at Harlstoue for a tierce of
wine £5 10s. 0*d.*

[A third part of a pipe.]

Itm paid to John Keable for carrying of a tierce of
wine from Harleston to Huntingfield Hall 2s. 8*d.*

1609 [7 James I.]

Itm paid for powder and match and the Muster-
master's pay £1 17s. 8*d.*

Itm laid out for a pound and a half of sugar at ye
Lord's Court 2s. 0*d.*

[This year it appears £5 was given to Mr. Eland by the Parish.]

Itm paid for a neck of mutton for Mother Chittle 8*d.*

paid for bread & wine for the Communion the 13 th August	1s.	6d.
paid to John Smith for going to Huntingfield for to borrow a communion [a word left out] upon the same day		4d.
Itm paid to a breif for " Fosseditch " in Lincolnshire	4s.	0d.

[Commonly called Fosssdyke.]

Itm to a gatherer in Norfolk who Mr. Clayton wrote to the town in his behalf	3s.	0d.
Itm paid to Henry Richardson for hooping of 3 barrels that the gunpowder is in the 12 th of August	1s.	4d.
Itm paid to Richard Aldous for 6 wethers he bought for my " L " [Lord]	£3	4s. 0d.

[Sir Edward Coke, who in 1609 obtained the manor of Cratfield.]

laid out towards the repairing of a church in a " feren shere " [foreign shire]	2s.	6d.
paid the town subsidy £12 in lands the last pay	16s.	0d.
laid out to Crispe the carpenter for the town barn when I was promised that he did his part well in the same	10s.	0d.
paid to George Cole to take and bring up Elizabeth Wright the daughter of Ann Wright according to his bond	£4	0s. 0d.
more towards her apparel	5s.	0d.

From the Register.

Elizabeth the daughter of Ann Wright was baptized by Mr. Richard Sherman the 19 September 1603. 18 th of May, 1609, paid at Beccles upon the inquisition for the Princes' Aid for my charges being out 2 days and 1 night	3s.	2d.
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[The Aid was 20 shillings out of every Knight's fee, and the same out of every 20 pounds worth of lands immediately holden of the King in soccage; and amounted in all to £21,800.]

21 st Sept ^r . 1609, paid to John Smith of Colshall at Beccles upon the inquisition for the Princes' Aid	2s.	8d.
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1st Sept. 1609, paid for our charges at Ipswich when
we went thither about the Princes' Aid 8s. *od.*

[And now the King, according to an antient custom, had aid of his subjects through England, for making his eldest son Knight, which yet was levied with great moderation, and the Prince to shew himself worthy of it, performed his first feats of Arms at Barriers, with wonderful skill and courage, being not yet full 16 years of age. Baker's Chronicle.]

Itm paid towards the composition for the King's
house £3 16s. *od.*

paid more towards the same composition by reason
of the great price of things, so that the Com-
pounder fell short of his account in Suffolk
£135 of which imposed upon our Town 12s. *8d.*

Itm paid towards the watching of the Irish at Ipswich 16s. *od.*

Itm paid at the commissary's court for defaults found
the last visitation and not amended, viz: the
desks of our church not repaired, our Church-
yard fence not sufficiently made, which must be
done before the next visitation, the fees of the
court and my own dinner 3s. *od.*

— paid to the Widow Cady the 5 August who began
then to take the collection weekly 1s. *od.*

Feb. 11th paid to John Smyth the thatcher the same
day he was prayed for 1s. *od.*

[The register tells us that John Smyth, thatcher, an old man,
was buried y^e 6th of July.]

[In December, 1609, a frost began which continued till April
following, with such violence that not only the Thames was so
frozen that carts laden were driven over it as on dry land, but
many fowls and birds perished, as also much herbage in gardens,
especially artichokes and rosemary, were destroyed.]

1610 [8 James I.]

— Imprimis. Given out to certain poor people upon the
reckoning day when the said Gregory Smyth
took his offer of "Churchwarding ship" as
appears by a bill of particulars £3 1s. *2d.*

Itm paid to Henry Newsom for pulling down the cart house and to help to raise the house	1s.	8d.
paid to William Aldous for the raising of the town barn, and for the diet of them that helped to raise the same	£2	0s. 0d.
p ^d for fetching of eleven hurrys [small loads] of straw from Jeremy Baldry's with my own horse and cart and at my own cost and charges, which I think 2s. a load is little "anow"	£1	2s. 0d.
pd to my Lord "Cooke" his keeper for his fee	6s.	0d.

[for ye present of venison at the "banquet."]

pd for 19 Quarts of wine at 8d. the Quart	12s.	8d.
pd for fetching it to John Filbys		8d.
pd to John Filby for that there, certain of the inhabi- tants, had by consent, a "bankitt" [banquet] there at his house, whereat the "vendicine" [venison] that my Lord Cooke gave to this town of Cratfield it was spent, and for his provision it was consented to give him to the sum of	£3	0s. 0d.
pd Henry Williams for 5 ^{lbs.} of sugar spent at the "banket" at John Filbys	8s.	4d.
pd to the constables of the town of Cratfield to carry the poor people that "was" taken in the privy watch and carried to Beccles	3s.	5d.
pd the 29 January 1610 at the Spiritual court for the w th draft of [withdrawal from] their books	1s.	6d.

[This year it was enacted that there should be a House of Cor-
rection erected in every County, to set rogues and vagabonds and
other lewde and idle persons to work.]

1611 [9 James I.]

Itm laid out to Humphry Meen at the last reckoning day before this for the saving the churchwardens and the quest men from losses in respect of faults about the church and churchyard	3s.	8d.
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Itm for charges of the churchwardens and 3 more of the parishioners at the visitation in Bungay by consent	13s.	0d.
Itm laid out the 16 th of June at the visitation, viz : for the church 8 <i>d.</i> & for respect of faults about the church & churchyard 1 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> and for oaths, and to do the visiters drinks 8 <i>d.</i>	2 <i>s.</i>	10 <i>d.</i>
Itm paid to the House of Correction for more charges to be bestowed upon the same	£2	0 <i>s.</i> 0 <i>d.</i>
Itm to John Baldry for inquiry of sheep for my "L"	1 <i>s.</i>	0 <i>d.</i>
Itm to Richard Powys for his pains bestowed about in inquiring out of sheep for my "L"	1 <i>s.</i>	0 <i>d.</i>

[A contemplated present to Sir Edward Coke.]

Itm paid to Richard Aldous for "passports" and charges about the rogues	1 <i>s.</i>	0 <i>d.</i>
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[See Act passed the last year.]

Itm to Henry Williams for 3 yard Carsie at 2 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> the yard for William Brown's daughter going to service	7 <i>s.</i>	0 <i>d.</i>
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[The first instance of giving clothing on going to service, a custom continued almost to the present time in this Parish of Huntingfield.]

Memorandⁿ. that Mr Eland is appointed farmer for the town pyghtle for the yearly farm of 26*s.* 8*d.* William Fiske is appointed farmer to Benslins for 5 years more from Michaelmas 1611, upon a consideration of £20, viz: £13 6*s.* 8*d.* in hand paid, and £6 13*s.* 4*d.* to be paid, £1 6*s.* 8*d.* yearly by equal portions at the usual feast during the said term of 5 years.

Yielding and paying moreover and besides £7 a year and so yearly and every year during the said term of 5 years. £7 by even and equal portions at the usual Feasts. Provided always that if Thomas Fiske or his wife father and mother to the said William shall happen to depart this life

at any time within the said term that then the said William shall pay £10 a year. If both of them happen to depart this life then £13 a year. The said payments of £10 and £13 if they or any of them shall happen then the said William shall begin to pay the first whole half years "farm" next after the decease of either of them or both of them if it shall happen.

[On referring to the Parish Register I find that William Fiske's father was buried Oct^r 21st, 1612, and his mother June 20th, 1613.]

Itm for a pound of White Sugar

1s. 8d.

The 26th day of February An Dni 1610.

Memorandum. That we the Churchwardens and Inhabitants of the town of Cratfield have bargained and sold unto Henry Richardson his heirs and assigns three score and nine Ashes and fifty and five oaks, as they be now marked and scored by the said Henry Richardson for the sum of one hundred pounds; for the which hundred pounds the said Henry Richardson with Robert Brodbanck and Robert Mills have entered an obligation of two hundred pounds for the payment of one hundred pounds as by the said obligation more at large may appear.

In consideration whereof, we the said churchwardens and other the Inhabitants with a general consent do covenant promise grant and agree to and with the said Henry Richardson his heirs and assigns that it shall be lawful for the said Henry Richardson his heirs and assigns to fell cut down convert and carry away all the said ashes and oaks without any let denial molestation or contradiction of the said churchwardens or inhabitants. And also the said Henry Richardson his heirs and assigns to have free ingress egress and regress unto and from any of the lands whereon

any of the said ashes and oaks now stand and be in the tenure and occupation of William Aldous and William Fiske. And the same to convert to his or their own proper uses within the term of three years next ensuing the date hereof. Moreover it is agreed that the said Henry Richardson his heirs and assigns shall dig and make sawing pitts for the converting of the said timber doing as little damage and hurt as conveniently can be with horses carts and carriage unto the said William Aldous and William Fiske.

In witness hereof we the churchwardens and inhabitants have hereunto put our hands. John Smyth, Gregory Smyth, his X mark churchwardens. Richard Aldous, John Filby, John Smyth de Norwood, Henry Fiske, William Fiske, Gregory Smyth, William Newson's mark, Henry Williams, William Aldus, Michael Hayward, John Newson his mark.

From the Register.

Eunice the daughter of Gabriel and Elizabeth Eland was baptized the 15th day of April, born the 4th of April, 1611.

1612 [10 James I.]

Paid to Francis Sandcraft* for making the conveyance for the land that was purchased of Robert Aldous	10s.	0d.
paid to Edwards for going for the said conveyance		4d.
paid for a fine for the land that was purchased of Robert Aldous	12s.	6d.
paid to M ^r Mingaye for the Copy for the taking up of the land that was purchased of Rob ^t Aldous	6s.	0d.

* Of Fressingfield, father of Archbishop Sancroft. He died Feb. 18th, 1648-9, not three weeks after the execution of Charles I., partly from "apprehension of the public calamities." See D'Oyly's "Sancroft," I. 40. J. J. R.

paid unto his man for the same Copy	1s.	<i>od.</i>
paid to Palmers man of Ipswich for bringing of a letter	2s.	<i>od.</i>
paid to Mr. Mingay for a woman's examination	3s.	<i>4d.</i>
paid to him more for writing of the entry	2s.	<i>6d.</i>
paid to his clerk	2s.	<i>od.</i>
paid to the Widow Cady towards the buying of two shirts for her son Eli when he went to dwell at Mr. Cokes	2s.	<i>od.</i>
paid by the consent of the townsmen for Mr. Besweak unto a man that did "tryme" [trim] his eyes and made for to see	13s.	<i>od.</i>
paid unto William Dayye for 14 hundred and a half and 14 pounds of lead at 13/6 the hundred the sum is	£9 17s.	<i>9d.</i>
paid for wharfage		10 <i>d.</i>
paid the porters for carrying it		<i>9d.</i>
paid for bringing from London to Walberswick	3s.	<i>4d.</i>
paid for bringing it from Walberswick	5s.	<i>od.</i>
paid the 17 th of December 1612 to the constables for the inquisition for the Lady Elizabeth's aid	4s.	<i>4d.</i>

Rapin records the manner in which this money was spent:—

For the Palsgrave's diet at his standing house	6,000
For his diet at his installment of the Garter	4,000
For diet at his marriage	2,000
For lodging of his servants	830
To the Wardrobe for apparel for the Princess Elizabeth	6,252
For furnishing her chamber	3,023
Apparel and necessaries for her to my Lord Harrington's	1,829
Jewels and apparels for her servants	3,914
To divers merchants for silks, &c.	995
The Lords' Mask at her marriage	400
For the naval fight of fireworks on the Thames at her marriage	4,800
More fireworks on the Thames at her marriage	2,880
To Sir Edward Cecil as Treasurer, for her journey from hence to Heidelbergh, and for her purse	2,000
For settling her Jointure, and charges to some of the Gen-try to go thither, and to take the assurance	800
The charges of her Journey	8,000
For her transport to Flushing	5,555
Paid over to the Palsgrave's Agent, for her portion	40,000
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	93,278

[This was the King's daughter, married 14th February, 1613, to the illustrious Prince Frederick, Count Palatine of the Rhine. "She was attired all in white, having a rich crown of gold upon her head, her hair hanging down at length, curiously beset with pearls and precious stones, her train supported by twelve young ladies in white garments." The aid amounted to £20,500, but the marriage, &c., cost the King almost four times that sum.

In the Register this year, 1612, is the following entry:—A base child Repentance y^e daughter of Richard Stanard and Ann Cutting was baptized the 30th of May.]

1613 [11 James I.]

paid for the townsmen's dinners at Halesworth when they came from y ^e muster	£1	5s.	6d.
paid unto Henry Richardson for hooping 2 vessels of gunpowder			6d.
paid at the visitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury [Dr. George Abbot] at Bungay the 30 July 18s.			od.
paid to Mr. Payne for the losses that was burned at Newmarket Feb. 22		10s.	od.

In an agreement for the hire of a house and land entered in the Churchwardens' Book, it is stipulated that the tenant should plant 2 crab trees and 7 pear trees.

Sir Edward Coke was made Lord Chief Justice this year.

1614 [12 James I.]

Paid to the chief constable to pay the officers of Sir Arthur's band [Sir Arthur Heveningham]	4s.	od.
Paid to the ringers the 5 th of November	2s.	od.

[This is the first preserved record of the bells being rung the 5th November.]

— Itm to the reedifying of the Town of Dorchester	10s.	od.
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[In the year 1613, on the 7th August, Baker says the town of Dorchester was quite consumed with fire, begun in the house of a Tallow Chandler, destroying all the houses, except a few near the Church, and all their wares and goods, to the value of £200,000, yet not any man or woman perished.]

Itm to Henry Hughes of "Dotchet" in Buckinghamshire brought within the inquisition of Spain	2s.	6d.
Itm paid to Mr. "Eyerland" [Eland] for burying of William Cady		6d.
Itm to Joseph Stubard for ringing of the bell [the passing bell] and making of the grave	1s.	1d.
Itm paid to Thomas Barrell of Huntingfield for a bushel of culm	1s.	0d.

[Two more bushels and a peck of culm (chaff) are bought, probably to make a poor person's bed with.]

And this entry tells us who the poor person was.

Itm paid to Simon Crisp for setting up of a bedstead for Ann Wright 1/10. Her burial is thus recorded in the register Book. 28 December, Widow Wright was buried being excommunicated 12 years and to her end.

Itm paid at the general Court to save the excommunication

2s. 6d.

[Early this year the Register Book records that there was at this time a great and general snow, and of long continuance. Some cattle perished, and many sheep and calves frozen to the ground. Also at the end of the year there was an extraordinary snow which remained about eight weeks, and many sheep died.]

1615 [13 James I.]

The Register Book goes on to say August 18th such hail as neither we ever saw, nor our fathers told of, souring the grass, breaking many glass windows, scattering down birds, and much fruit, &c.

paid to Francis Bressingham for their supper and breakfast, which did watch with Coxe in the time of his trouble

8s. 0d.

Itm paid for their dinners at Blythborough which went with Cox to the Justice & from thence to Blythborough jail

4s. 4d.

Itm for two horses going with him to Blythborough & horse meat	1s.	6d.
Itm paid by William Dowsing to the Surgeon which came to Cox	5s.	0d.
Itm Bryan Dewe his expenses at the Sessions	2s.	9d.
Itm paid to brief of a grecianes [Grecian]	1s.	6d.

[This year Sir Edward Coke was discharged from being Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench.]

1616 [14 James I.]

paid for a breif for repairing of the Hospital at Norwich	2s.	0d.
paid for the charges of carriage of the timber for the King's building at Newmarket	6s.	9d.
paid for 2½ yards of crimson fustian at 2s. a yard for two scarves	4s.	9d.
paid for 1 yard of long fringe		6d.
paid for 2 yards of short fringe for the Caps		8d.
paid for the scarves making		4d.
paid for 2 sword girdles	1s.	0d.
paid for a pair of hangers		8d.
paid for the armour scouring	1s.	0d.
given to W ^m . Keswick in the time of his sickness	2s.	0d.
paid to John Hayward for the grave making & for ringing the bell	1s.	4d.
given to the Ringers at his burial	2s.	0d.
paid to Symon Turner for a Coffin for him	5s.	0d.

[The first mention of a coffin.]

paid to M ^r . Eland for his burial	1s.	0d.
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[Extract from the Register Book:—Wm. Kiswick Schoolmaster was buried the 22nd of May.]

[The King, this year speaking of the recusants says, there are three sorts: the first are they, who, enforced by Law, come now and then to Church; these are formal to the Law, but false to God (the Presbyterians, of whom several made no scruple to be present

at the service of the Church of England); the second sort are they that have their conscience misled, and therefore refuse to come to Church, but otherwise live as peaceable subjects (these were the Papists who were willing to swear allegiance to the King); the third sort are practising Recusants, who force their servants and tenants to be of their opinion, these are men of pride and presumption (these were the zealous and furious Papists).]

Memorandum. It is agreed by the cheif Inhabitants that whereas the farmers [tenants] of the town lands have formerly paid their half years farm [rent] at our Lady and Michelmas that now from hence forward they must pay their half years farm at Christmas and Midsummer within one quarter of a year since then usually they have done.

And it is also agreed that the farmers of the town lands shall not plow without consent aforesaid upon the penalty of 40s. for every acre over and beside their yearly farm, either more or less according to that proportion of 40s. the acre.

paid to John Filby for making the booke of collection for the poor which was given to the Justices

2*d.*

1617 [15 James I.]

(From the Register.)

[1617. Christopher Framlingham was buried 20 Jan^{ry} being slain at his work with timber.]

paid John Hayward for his "wood that was burnt" [firewood] on the reckoning day, and for his pains

1*s.* 0*d.*

paid for a Flagon for the Communion

5*s.* 0*d.*

paid to Richard Harpur of Dunwich towards his loss at the sea

6*s.* 8*d.*

paid to Samuel Newson for the boy for the evidence given to Syr John Bowse's clerk for taking the

9*d.*

account

1*s.* 0*d.*

[At Blythborough, I think.]

	paid for beer when Mr. Brewster preached			4 <i>d.</i>
-	Paid to a brief towards the relief of the burning of a town called Collumpton in Devonshire the 18 Aug, 1617		5 <i>s.</i>	0 <i>d.</i>
	paid to Robert Freston for making the pulpit	£10	0 <i>s.</i>	0 <i>d.</i>
	paid to Samuel Smith for irons for the pulpit		7 <i>s.</i>	0 <i>d.</i>

[The Pulpit was made in 1617.]

[Confirmation about this time was practised after this manner : when the children were eight years old, the ministers were to catechize them, and then the Bishops in their visitations were to bless them with prayer for God's Grace, and the gifts of the Holy Ghost.

In this year King James published the Book of Sports, to signify his pleasure that on Sundays after Divine Service, no lawful recreation should be barred to his good people. The sports specified were dancing, archery, leaping, vaulting, May games, Whitsunales, morrice dances, and the setting up of may poles. Nonconformists and others not attending Divine Service were prohibited from joining in the sports.]

1618 [16 James I.]

	received of Samuel Cady for a pair of weaver's looms bought of the town		16 <i>s.</i>	0 <i>d.</i>
	paid to Edmund Brodbanke upon a warrant from Sir Robert Brooke for the repairs of Bridges		11 <i>s.</i>	0 <i>d.</i>
	paid to Thomas Smyth for writing of the bills of the names of the poor children given in to the Justice			6 <i>d.</i>
	laid out at Halesworth for our dinners and the poor childrens when we were before the Justice		3 <i>s.</i>	5 <i>d.</i>
	laid out at Brisingshams for bread and beer when the bells were carried to Norwich		1 <i>s.</i>	0 <i>d.</i>
	paid to Henry Williams wife for making ready of victuals for the townsmen when they reckoned with Brand [the bell founder]		10 <i>s.</i>	0 <i>d.</i>
	Laid out at Bungay when we were called before the Generalls for the Church windows		2 <i>s.</i>	4 <i>d.</i>

laid out for a Breif to a gunner in a shipp in the year 1588	2s.	0d.
paid to Francis Aldous upon a warrant from Sir John Rous for the soldier's pay	£ 3	6s. 0d.
laid out at M ^r . Elands for M ^r . Commissaries dinner and his Company together with townsmen	13s.	0d.
paid to Jeremy Baldry for a side of mutton for the Townsmen when they reckoned with Brand	5s.	4d.
paid to M ^r . Eland for a horse to ride to Norwich	1s.	6d.

[The fifth bell was recast this year. It bears the inscription :—
If with my fellowes I doe agree,
Then listen to our harmony.

W. D., G. S., Chvrchwardens. W. B. 1618.* J. J. R.]

1619 [17 James I.]

The loose sheets for this year are missing.

Memorandum. The composition for the inhabitants of Cratfield was made with the right Hon^{ble} the Lord Almoner by M^r. George Grene clerk in the Crown office, the said Lord Almoner for the goods of one James Barbor being a *felo de se* which was certified to be remaining in the hands of the said inhabitants the debts being £13 6s. 8d. which was compounded for in the said office, and the roll discharged, and all fees paid for the discharging thereof the tern and year under written

(*sic*)

per Geo. Booth Deput Eleemosynarius [Rector of Huntingfield.]

Term Michaelmas 1619.

[The burial of this *felo de se* is not entered in the Register Book, he having, of course, been buried without funeral rites.]

* The initials of William Dowsing, Gregorie Smith, and William Brend. See *Church Bells of Suffolk*, p. 181.

[The 17th July, one Bernard Calver of Andover rode from St. George's Church in Southwark to Dover, from thence passed by barge to Calais in France, and from thence returned back to St. George's Church the same day, setting out about three o'clock in the morning, and returned about eight o'clock in the evening, fresh and lusty. Baker's Chronicle.]

1620 [18 James I.]

paid to William Mollender the 28 day of September for the muster master	14s.	0d.
paid to Mr. Booth Deputy "Aumer" [Almoner] for discharging the Town of the "Fellon de Sea" [felo de se] James Barber that drowned himself	£3	0s. 0d.
paid to Mr. Eland for providing a dinner for Mr. Trot when he came to visit	3s.	0d.
paid for a shoulder of mutton and a leg of mutton	1s.	10d.
paid for the orders of the Church concerning matri- mony		4d.

[Prescribed by the 99th Canon.]

paid for my charges at Norwich when I did ride for dinner	1s	6d.
paid to Henry Richardson upon his bill for charges of thatching and other reparations	£1	4s. 0d.
more paid to him to help his hard match of timber	£1	6s. 0d.

[This could scarcely refer to the timber sold in 1610 to one Henry Richardson; it must refer to a later sale.]

1621 [19 James I.]

paid to old Butcher for a "nack" of veal for the widow Cady in her sickness		8d.
paid for iii hundred of spring	2s.	0d.
paid for the town land $\frac{3}{2}$ and seven eggs $1\frac{1}{2}d.$	3s.	$3\frac{1}{2}d.$

paid for beer for them that brought up the planks on their shoulders from the nether end of the town Pightle		10 <i>d.</i>
paid for iii bell ropes which weighed 22 ^{lbs.}	7 <i>s.</i>	4 <i>d.</i>
paid to Thomas Brissingham for dinner, and his company when the bells were first rung, for their dinners	£1	0 <i>s.</i> 0 <i>d.</i>
paid the 20 day of June to Dimer [the bell-hanger]	£13	10 <i>s.</i> 0 <i>d.</i>
given to the ringers the same day		1 <i>s.</i> 0 <i>d.</i>
paid to Gregory Mills the 10 th Aug. for a hamper for the Town Armour		4 <i>s.</i> 0 <i>d.</i>
paid for the town land for the subsidy	£1	7 <i>s.</i> 9 <i>d.</i>

[Parliament this year granted the King two subsidies to enable him to defend the Palatinate against the King of Spain.]

paid the 7 th of August unto John Smyth for two briefs the one for 4 captives and the other for 8 captives 6 <i>d.</i> a piece		3 <i>s.</i> 0 <i>d.</i>
paid when the training should have been	£3	6 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i>
paid to Mr. Crossbie for the learning of Simond Brissingham and Thomas Haywarde for one half year ended 23 March 1621		10 <i>s.</i> 0 <i>d.</i>
paid for the subsidy the 7 th day of October	£1	12 <i>s.</i> 0 <i>d.</i>
paid for 11 quarts of sack		11 <i>s.</i> 0 <i>d.</i>
paid for 35 quarts of claret wine	£1	3 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i>
paid to Henry Williams the 2 nd of January for 10 ^{lbs.} of loaf sugar		12 <i>s.</i> 2 <i>d.</i>
paid to Thomas Brissingham for mending of the "Cansye" going over the way into the church- yard		1 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i>
paid unto the Glover of Huntingfield for a bushel & a half of hair		6 <i>d.</i>

[Orders were given this year for sealing up the locks and doors of Sir Edward Coke's chambers in London. He had called the King's Prerogative an overgrown monster.]

1622 [20 James I.]

paid to William Crosse for a casement for a window in the schoolhouse being 20 inches long and 10 inches in breadth	2s. 6d.
paid in behalf of the Town for a Benevolence or Gratuity to the King the sum of	£3 os. 0d.

[This is the first of the Compulsory Loans which in after years made Charles I. so unpopular. A circular Letter was sent by Commissioners into each parish, and the names of those who would lend money to the King were inserted at a meeting duly convened. The Letter concluded with these words, "Nevertheless, if any person shall, out of obstinacy or disaffection, refuse to contribute herein, proportionably to their estates and means, you are to certify their names unto this Board. And so recommending this service to your best care and endeavour, and praying you to return unto us notes of the names of such as shall contribute, and of the sums offered by them." The excuse for this levy of money was the King's pretended resolution to recover the Palatinate by arms.]

f paid towards the relief of the poor french protestants refuged hither for their conscience	£2 os. 0d.
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paid to one John Borrett of Ditchingham in the County of Norfolk and tenant to the Lord Bishop of Norwich [Samuel Harsnet] who besides his brief for the loss of £500 by fire obtained his Lordships letters to the Ministers and Church- wardens within the Diocese	3s. 0d.
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-f paid toward the repairing of a haven belonging to the town of Saltfleet within the County of Lincoln which charges amounted to the value of £1,400 as by the brief appeared	2s. 0d.
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paid to Mother Keswick for wood to make a fire at the last reckoning day	8d.
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paid to James Smith for one days work thatching about Widow Barbers [the widow of the felo de se] house, she being in great distress by reason she could not lie down in her bed and could get no help to do the same	1s. 2d.
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- paid and given to Richard Morlitch a charitable benevolence in the distressed estate of him his wife and children being visited long with sickness towards their relief 10s. 0d.

1623 [21 James I.]

(From the Register.)

- [1623. Susanna the daughter of Thomas Crosbie Clerke and of Alice his wife was baptized the 16 April.]
- paid for a Statute Book for the town 2s. 0d.
- paid to Robert Keable which he laid out in the behalf of the town to excuse their negligence in not working in the ways Anno 1622 4s. 6d.
- paid for 6 combs of rye at 17s. the comb £5 2s. and more for 4 combs of rye at 17s. 4d. the comb £3 9s. 4d. Of this 10 combs there were lost one bushel in measure so received for 9 combs and 3 bushels at 4s. the bushel which come £7 16s. so lost and paid in the 10 combs more than received 15s. 4d.
- given to goodwife Brodbank toward her pains in measureing of the said corn 1s. 0d.
- paid more for 10 combs of rye at 17s. the comb £8 10s. of which one bushel lost in measure and 10s. in price so received but £7 10s. so lost and paid more than received 14s.
- paid to Andrew Edmunds for carrying of the said 20 combs of rye 10s. 0d.

[This was rye sold out to the poor at a reduced price.]

- 8 June 1623. paid for carriage of Material to New Market on the behalf of the King—the charges imposed upon our town £1 6s. 6d.
- paid for the new Binding of the Book of Common Prayer 3s. 4d.

paid to one Ann Coper widow towards the ransom of her son and her brother who were taken captive by the Turks. She had a very large pass under the hand and seal of the Duke of Buckingham.

[Sir George Villiers, the King's favourite, created Marquis of Buckingham in 1617 and Duke this year.]

- paid to 2 Irish men who had a pass under the Duke's hands to travel to Lynn in Norfolk where they had kindred as they say, and the constables and churchwardens should be helping and relieving them in their travel, considering their great loss upon the sea by the cruelty of the Turks who took one of their brothers and 6 of their men and carried them captives who lie in miserable slavery till they have paid the ransome of £50 apiece, as appears by their pass 1s. Od.
- paid towards the distressed state of 2 mariners Francis Anderson and James Browne who lost their whole estate by the casualty of a sudden and strange wind which happened upon Xtmaz day last in which wind their ship split and lost to the value of £2,800 as appeared by a pass under two Justices' hands in the County of Sussex to travel to Wells in Norfolk. James Browne being sick they were driven to get a horse to carry him from one place to another 3s. Od.
- paid at the request of our minister to two distressed soldiers who were taken captive by the Turks and cruelly handled because they would not renounce the gospel, and worship Mahomet, and at last were ransomed by the taxer? of the low country and their pass by the Governor of Gelderland unto England & so to Sussex where they were born 2s. Od.
- paid for a Book which concerned our Minister with directions for "preashinge and cathersissing" [preaching and catechising] 6d.

1624 [22 James I.]

(From the Register.)

[1624. Thomas the son of Thomas Crosbie clerke and Alice his wife was baptized the 16th September.]

paid to a brief which was for fifteen hundred captives taken by the Turks	10s.	od.
paid to M ^r . Moulding Sir Edward Cookes Bailiff for rent		—
paid to M ^r . Brown towards the charges of the soldiers that were kept in the Hundred besides that which allowed the town	£1	19s. od.
paid to the constables the 24 Nov. for the charges of the soldiers that was spent at Brissinghams and at Halesworth	£2	0s. od.
paid the 5 of January for the charges of the Soldiers that was spent at Brissinghams	£1	5s. 7d.
paid more that was spent at Halesworth		4s. 6d.
given to M ^r . Benifilde [Bedingfeld] for Counsel 4 March	£1	2s. 5d.
laid out the same day at Yoxford for other charges	£8	5s. 9d.
laid out at the suit to our Counsel "halfe a pese" and to his clerk for "draying" our declaration 1s. and to his clerk for entering of the order 2s. and his clerk for writeing of it 1s. and then to have his hand to it 3s. and the cryer 1s. in all	19s.	od.

[This half piece given to Counsel was worth 21s.]

and my own charges for my horse and myself	20s.	od.
paid to the Baly [bailiff] that did indite the town for want of a Butts—bond given	4s.	od.

[This entry explains the suit above.]

given to a soldier that came from the Palatinate with a pass	2s.	6d.
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— given to a poor man with a certificate for to gather and ask the goodwill of every town as he did travel being assigned to the churchwardens of every town his losses were lamentable and great —was undone his wife and 7 small children was robbed by the pirates coming on shore in the night, taking all his goods and meat and clothing and burnt his house wherein his children were sore “corch” [scorched] and burnt which made him not able to get a brief as others have [*i.e.*, not able to pay for it] certified by 4 Justices of the peace & the minister of the town next dwelling. Sir Thomas Dreux. Sir William Powlie. Sir Amies Bounsille, and William Walding

	1s. 6d.
paid for 7 bottles of wine for the Court cost	9s. 0d.
more for a pound and a half of sugar cost	1s. 9d.
and for beer that the gentlemen & Mr. Cooke had before dinner	2s. 0d.

1625 [23 James I. 1 Charles I.]

retained back again from Mr. Barron out of the money which was paid towards the making of Toppesfield Bridge & Cossard Bridge

	13s. 0d.
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paid to Mr. Mowling Sir Edward Cooke's Bailiff the 29 March 1625. for our Lady half year past the rent for the town land as followeth videlicet for the town close 7d. for land belonging to the tenement Roose Larks 3s. 2d. for seven eggs 1½d. for shaddowes pightle 1½d. and for Crisps meadow 1d.

	4s. 1d.
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paid to John Hayward [the parish clerk] for making of a grave for Elie Cady & for a poor “boddie” that died at John Crisps

	1s. 4d.
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[Eli Cady was buried the first of February, 1624, and George Brough of Wymondham, a vagrant, was buried the 3rd of March, 1624.]

paid to Thomas Smyth Constable the 18 April 1625
for the third subsidy granted to our Sovereign
Lord late King "Jeemes" £2 8s. *od.*

[King James died the 27th March, in his 59th year. "His spleen was found to be a little faulty, which might be cause enough to cast him into an ague; the ordinary high way, especially in old bodies, to a natural death, after a month's languishing." He was buried the 7th of May, at Westminster.

These three subsidies were granted in order that the King should send troops into the Palatinate.]

paid to Thomas Smyth the Constable the 29th of May
for the charges of carrying the soldiers to
Plymouth and for coats £2 0s. *od.*

[As soon as the deceased King's funeral was solemnised (May 7th,) Charles speedily sent eight thousand men to Plymouth to be embarked for an expedition to Spain. As he had but little money in his coffers, the charge of coat and conduct was ordered to be disbursed by the country, to be repaid out of the exchequer at a more convenient season. This was done after the precedent of former times, though the custom had now been long disused.]

paid to Thomas Smyth the Constable for the charges
of those men which were charged to serve the
King the 8th of June £1 9s. *od.*

[Sent over perhaps to France to conduct the Queen to England. She arrived at Dover June 12th, and the same day came on to Canterbury, where their nuptials were with all possible magnificence completed.]

paid to Salter [the apparitor] for bringing the Book
of Prayer in the time of the sickness 6*d.*

[This was the plague to which Charles in his first parliament, June 18th, thus alluded. "I must entreat you likewise to consider of the time we are in, how that I must adventure your lives (which I should be loth to do), should I continue you here long; and you must venture the business, if you be slow in your resolutions, &c." 35,417 persons died in London.]

paid for a statute Book which M^r. Warner [one of the
Churchwardens] bought 3*s.* *od.*

[A copy of this Book of Statutes still remains in Wingfield Church]

paid to Abraham Ellis the joiner for a Communion Table	12s.	0d.
paid to Matthew Mingaye for making of Cushions for the Pulpit	1s.	0d.
paid him more the same time for feathers for the cushions	1s.	10d.
paid to Henry Williams for 1½ yard of French green "Carsy" [Kersey] for the cushions for the Pulpit	5s.	0d.
paid for 1 ell of blue linen for the Pulpit	1s.	10d.
paid more for fringe tape and thread		7d.
paid more for 3 skins for the cushions	2s.	6d.
paid to M ^r . Mingaye the 9 th of June at the Court for his advice and for two entries of the two sur- renders of the town land wherein were 10 Feoffees	£1	10s. 0d.
paid to M ^r . Purvis for writing of the same entries	5s.	0d.
paid to Henry Williams for 2 ^{lbs.} of sugar spent at the Court and for aqua vitæ [brandy] the same day for M ^r . Mingaye	3s.	2d.
given to a soldier that had Sir John Heigham his hand to a pass	1s.	0d.
paid to M ^r . Mowling (Sir Edward Coke's bailiff) for a fine of one messuage decayed and three acres and three roods of land & meadow	£3	0s. 0d.
paid him more for a fine of seven acres of land	£7	0s. 0d.
paid to a brief for outlandish ministers	4s.	0d.
paid to a brief for two ministers beyond sea	1s.	2d.
paid to Gregory Rouse the constable the 20 Sept ^r for the soldiers' pay, for the officers' pay, for the mustermaster's pay, & for Powder and match	£3	1s. 0d.
paid to M ^r . Stevens the armourer the 28 Nov ^r for trimming of the two town Corslets & the new gorgetts [body armour & defences for ye neck]	£1	7s. 0d.
paid for a quart of wine and a cake for M ^r . Stevens & myself	1s.	3d.

[In this year, Mr. Clement Coke, son of Sir Edward Coke, and member for Aylesbury, when the Commons were deliberating what money to provide for the King, among other invectives said: "It was better to die by a foreign enemy, than to be eaten up at home," for which words he was admonished by the Lord Keeper, &c.]

1626 [2 Charles I.]

(From the Register.)

[1626. Mary the daughter of Thomas Crosbie Clerk and Alice his wife was baptized the 22 June]

paid to John Stannard for 4 days training 4s. 0d.

[There appears to have been twelve days' training this year besides Musters.]

paid to John Stannard for a feather 2s. 0d.

paid for two feathers for John Gouldsmith and John Stannard for the training 8s. 0d.

paid unto the apparitor for bringing of a Prayer Book to the Minister 6d.

It paid the 13 of April for the "leffetennants" & soldiers dinners £2 0s. 0d.

paid the same day more for tobacco 1s. 6d.

paid unto Symon Turner the 4th day of November for soldiers and officers pay and for powder £2 11s. 0d.

paid unto Mr. Stevens [the armourer] for a Pike for y^e town 4s. 8d.

paid unto Loam for tools for the town which were lost at Yoxford 4s. 10d.

paid unto Richard Raydon the 4th Sept^r for the soldiers pay 8d. a day for two days (*sic*) £1 12s. 0d.

paid unto him more for the officers wages 10s. 3d.

paid unto John Stannard the 12th of March for training at Henningham [Heveningham] 1s. 0d.

paid unto Thomas Williams for a quire of paper 4d.

paid to Salter [the apparitor] for citing of the Churchwardens to the Court the 25 day of April 6d.

paid unto Gregory Rouse for giving in of the Churchwardens account the 30th of April 5s. 0d.

paid unto M^r. Trot the 18th day of September for two
Books for the fast [one for the minister y^e other
for y^e Parish clerk] 1s. 4d.

[In order to let people see, it was purely out of necessity that the King made use of very extraordinary methods as the forced loans mentioned below, &c., His Majesty ordered a general fast to be held on the 5th of July, to divert the judgments of God ready to fall on the kingdom, by the pretended invasion it was threatened with. This afforded him a pretence to require the Lord Lieutenants to muster and arm the Militia, &c.]

paid unto Richard Raydon for the watching of two
Beacons the 25 day of June 9s. 4d.

paid unto M^r. Mowling Collector of the Subsidy the
26th day of February [1627] lent to the King
£12 0s. 0d.

[This was a large sum (£12) to extort from such a small parish as Cratfield. Among the instructions to the Commissioners were : That for a good example to others they should themselves lend His Majesty the several sums required ; To go according to the rate at which people were assessed in the Book of the last Subsidy ; That they should treat with every one apart, and not in the hearing of others ; That they should begin with such as are like to shew best examples ; That they should endeavour to discover, whether any by underhand persuasions, or otherwise, go about to hinder the good intentions of others, and if any such be found, to certify their names, qualities, and habitations to the Council ; and lastly, That upon their Faith and Allegiance to His Majesty, they keep these Instructions secret to themselves, and not discover them to any others. The entry following also probably has reference to this Loan.]

paid for Gregory Rouse's charges and my own [Henry
Filby] and for our horses at Bury the 13th day of
August 7s. 6d.

paid unto John Burrows the 21st day of October
which was robbed by the Dunkards 1s. 0d.

[Dunkirk, in Flanders, then under the Spanish Dominion, which was at war with England.]

paid to M^r. Burrows towards watching the Beacons 10s. 0d.

1627 [3 Charles I.]

paid to John Smyth of Norwood y ^e 19 th day of May to pay M ^r . Eland when M ^r . Devericks preach here	15s.	od.
paid to William Fiske for M ^r . White when he did preach here the 16 th day of June	10s.	od.
paid to John Rouse to give to M ^r . Devericks by con- sent of the town the 22 nd day of July [preaching here that day]	£1	os. od.
paid to M ^r . Ginsy (?) the 16 th day of December when he made a sermon here by the consent of the town	£1	os. od.
given to M ^r . Eland the 10 th of February by the con- sent of the townsmen	£2	os. od.

[In 1625, His Majesty recommended to the House of Parliament for the better propagating of Religion, that care may be taken and provision made, that every Parish shall allow a competent maintenance for an able Minister; and that the Vicars, Curates, and Ministers in villages should be allowed sufficient stipend and allowance for Preaching Ministers.]

paid to Edmund Brodbanke [one of the church- wardens] to end a controversy between M ^r . Eland and your self [Henry Fiske the other churchwarden] by consent of Townsmen	£1	os. od.
paid to a "Kyres" woman [Ellen Barry the wife of Philip Barry] the 28 th of March which was robbed by the Dunkards and for his ransom his loss for a hundred and fifty Pounds	1s.	od.
paid to a Kyres woman which had losses by the Dunkards the 26 th day of March		6d.
paid 6 day of March when M ^r . Freston and other overseers did exercise the soldiers for 5 pints of wine	1s.	8d.
paid to Thomas Hideman who had received warrent of the Captains of the trained Bands [Militia] to pay Sergeant Fordom	6s.	od.

paid to James Fryar 11 th of Nov ^r for the soldier's tools last sent away from Yoxford and for conduct and press money	12s.	<i>od.</i>
paid to the chief constable William Barrow for the watching and building of watching houses and repairing of Beacons 7 Feb.	£1	8s. 5 <i>d.</i>
paid to the chief constable ye 7 th Feb. for the reusing of a Magazine of powder match and shell for the defence of the Kingdom	£4	5s. <i>od.</i>
paid to Henry Barrow for the writing of the Lord Chief Justice articles for the constables of Cratfield for to make their presentments	1s.	<i>od.</i>

[Perhaps relating to the forced Loan.]

— paid to Henry Williams for an hour glass		9 <i>d.</i>
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[We read that until the sand of an hour-glass had run down, the orderly members of a congregation, however wearied they might be, made a show of respectful attention; but, if the preacher detained them any longer, they dispersed with hubbub and clatter. It is however recorded of Bishop Burnet, and other highly popular preachers of his period, that when they preached out their hour, their "hummers" would "hum" them into giving them an additional hour.]

paid to James Fryar for the punishing and sending forth of three vagrants	1s.	<i>od.</i>
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[In this year, Sir Edward Coke spoke against the grievance of forced Loans, and said among other things, "Who will give subsidies, if, the King may impose what he will? and, if after Parliament, the King may inhanche what he pleaseth?"]

1628 [4 Charles I.]

Received of William Fyske tenant to Mr. Cooke for certain wood he stowed [bestowed] upon the "tun meer" [town mere] against Benslings belonging to the town		6 <i>d.</i>
paid to the relief of Walberswick	12s.	<i>od.</i>

[The alteration made in the established religion proved highly detrimental to this, as well as to many other towns, on the coast, whose principal support was derived from the fishery; and repeated and destructive conflagrations hastened its ruin. Before 1583, it had suffered severely by fire. In 1633, a great part was burnt; also in 1683; and in 1740, when about one-third of the same town was consumed.]

paid to Matthew Mills who was maimed in the iron mines and 15 of them were slain. He was going to Yarmouth to his friends, and from thence to the Hospital	1s.	od.
to the goodman Hydeman for the foreign soldiers	17s.	od.
to James Ffryer for the foreign soldiers	17s.	od.
to Henry Williams for powder and match for the trained soldiers 9 of them	15s.	od.

[The King of Denmark, uncle to King Charles, was at this period warring for the Protestant Cause in Germany.]

to James Coop for double subsidy	£4	16s.	od.
to James Coop for a subsidy for the town land	£2	8s.	od.
to James Coop for a subsidy	£2	8s.	od.

[The Commons this year resolved that Supply and Grievances should go hand in hand, the Petition of Right was no sooner ready, but they made a further progress in the affair of the subsidies, ordering that the two first should be paid the 10th of July, one more the 12th of October, another the 20th of December, and the last the 1st of March. This Petition of Right, by which forced loans, benevolences, taxes without consent of Parliament, billeting soldiers, etc., were declared illegal, was passed after some delays, in the usual form of words, "soit fait comme il est desire" on the 26th June, 1628.]

1629 [5 Charles I.]

{ On a loose sheet of paper is the following:—
 Vicesimo septimo die Octobris Anno quinto Caroli Regis
 Anno Dom 1629. The day and year above written the quest
 of Official find that in St. James* there is a house called the Guild

* Southelmham S. James. .

Hall and the value of it per annum is 43s. 4d. And how it is holden we know not, neither what rent it payeth, and James Kent is the Tenant unto it, and that one Sad receiveth the afore-said yearly rent.

And likewise in Cratfield we find that there is a house called the Guildhall but how it is holden and what uses and what rent it payeth we are ignorant.

And likewise we find in Laxfield a house called the Guild Hall and that one William Payne is the Tenant unto it and payeth p. ann £iij. And it is holden by copy of Court roll which appeared by a copy showed to us.

And likewise we find that Samuel Knapp is not guilty of the Simony which he is now questioned for.

[Samuel Knapp is not a Cratfield name.]

laid out to Francis Aldous towards the relief of Walberswick	£1	os.	od.
for 12 pints of wine for the Court the 27 day of May	4s.	od.	
for a pound of sugar	1s.	8d.	
laid out to James Mellett which was pressed into the iron mines himself very dangerous hurt, and 13 were slain. He was going to S ^r Bartholomew's Hospital "Londinge"		1s.	od.
to Edmund Milles for making the "Carnsey" [Footpath] on Littlehawe Green	11s.	8d.	
to a poor woman which lay sick in the new stable for her relief			6d.
to Henry Millm for powder and match for 11 soldiers	16s.		6d.
to Edmund Brodbanke for carrying the armour to Saxmundham	13s.		od.
Laid out to Francis Mantell for his apprentice & for his indentures making	£2	2s.	od.
for his suit of apparel	19s.		6d.
for a pair of shoes for him	2s.		2d.
for my two journies to Hallsworth to the Justice for his Indentures in such extreme weather			—
to Joan Brown a very poor distressed woman with 3 small children—her "authority" was very great	1s.		od.

Laid out at Bungay for M ^r . Warner and mine own [Gregory Rouse] for our dinners, our suppers, our breakfasts, and for wine we gave to M ^r . Graye	13s.	8d.
For our horses	2s.	0d.
to Samuel Cady towards the payments of his debts	£2	0s. 0d.
to 3 soldiers, one of them served for England this year, he was much maimed, the rest were gentle- men of "a company they over tranship" to Essex	1s.	0d.
Laid out to Denie Morrow a Scotchman, he was rob- bed by the Dunkirks of £500, had a very large authority	1s.	4d.
for a neck of veal to the Widow Cady		10d.

[Margary Cady was buried June 16th.]

[This year the Council in order to hinder the discontent of the people from turning into rebellion, gave strict orders to have the Militia, both horse and foot, completely armed and instructed in the exercise of arms. Each County was assessed at a certain rate for the pay of a Muster Master.]

1630 [6 Charles I.]

(From the Register.)

1630. John Greene & "Elihenna" [Eleanor] Eland
were married the 24 April.
1634. John Turner was buried the 7th March, slain
with a piece of timber.]
- June 24. Laid out for a prayer for the Prince 2d.

The other Churchwarden's Account is—

- Laid out to M^r. Trot at Yoxford at the Commissary's
Court for fees and a book of Articles & a prayer
for the Queen 4s. 5d.

[This year the King had the satisfaction of having a son called Charles, of whom the Queen was delivered 29th of May.]

Laid out to Erasmus Castiliana Babtista a german minister	1s.	6d.
Sep ^r 8 given to a poor man that was undone by suretyship	1s.	0d.
laid out for half a load of wheat the 7 th of March, 1631	£7	16s. 0d.
laid out for William Warne for carrying of y ^e wheat up into a chamber		6d.

In the other Churchwarden's Account there is—

March 18 paid for a load of wheat for the poor laid out at the Justices' Sitting at Halesworth about corn, for me and my horse	£7	16s. 0d.
laid out for wheat that was sold to the poor	£2	10s. 0d.

[The winter of this year was very severe. We may remark that this year relief was given to the poor in wheat, while in 1623 it was in rye.

The principle of popular interference with the spiritual functions of the clergy began to shew itself, and soon both desk and pulpit were invaded by the people.]

1631 [7 Charles I.]

spent in going privy watch		4d.
laid out the 1 st of August when the Justices sat at Blythburgh about Walberswick peer	2s.	0d.
more the same time for Mr. Haward's dinner	1s.	0d.
the 23 rd day of October for a pass making to Mr. Eland for 6 vagrants		3d.
laid out to an old man sent by pass unto Ireland about the age of three score years		3d.
more unto 4 poor people for supper and breakfast		8d.

[The next few entries are taken from the Constable's accounts.]

Imprimis laid out the 8 th day of June unto one poor Irish woman with 4 small children and her sister all travelling by pass		6d.
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more unto two vagrants taken in the town for their relief, their pass making [by M ^r . Eland] whipping & conveying unto the next constable	6d.
more unto one poor vagrant with a small child, about one month old, with her sister, being her keep in the time of her distress, brought me wandering by pass and gave for her victuals in the evening and the next morning	6d.
given unto 2 poor vagrants taken in the town for their relief, their pass making, whipping, and conveying unto the next constable	6d.
given unto one poor vagrant woman with two small children taken in the town for their relief, their pass making whipping and conveying to the next constable	6d.
more unto one lame decrepid vagrant brought me wandering by pass, and gave for his relief and conveying away	3d.

1632 [8 Charles I.]

laid out at the General at Yoxford in expenses for M ^r . Eland and the Church writings	8s.	2d.
Laid out at Halesworth the 10 th of May when I took bond of Cookley men for the discharging our town of Cullingfield's child		8d.
Laid out to M ^r . Bedingfield the 15 th of May for averages for the muster master	£1	17s. 0d.
laid out to Reuben Talent the 5 th of June being thrown out and lying abroad	1s.	0d.
to a brief for relieving the inhabitants of the City of Lincoln who were much impoverished by the plague	3s.	0d.
for the muster master's pay	9s.	6d.
laid out to Roger Nichols the 31 st of November for rent for 2 years for the lands holden of the Knight & the Release	4s.	8d.

laid out about the 17 of January for a neck of veal
for the Widow Butcher in her sickness 1s. 0d.

[Widow Butcher was buried the 18th June, 1634.]

laid out to Edmund Brodbanks wife for cakes and
beer for fire and wood on the reckoning day 15s. 0d.

laid out to Henry Williams for figs and "allments"
[almonds] 5s. 8d.

[The first mention of figs and almonds.]

laid out to Edmund Brodbank when the Townsmen
met about the making of the Bill for arms 3s. 0d.

laid out for 10^{lbs.} of Gunpowder and 10^{d.} worth of
Match used by the townsmen at the last training
14s. 2d.

1633 [9 Charles I.]

[The newly-built tenement where Henry Richardson did dwell,
was let for £2 10s. yearly to William Newson.]

paid to Mr. Bedingfield by warrant for Charcoal for
y^e King £1 7s. 0d.

[For gunpowder.]

paid to Robert Smith for timber board for to make
desks for the three Books in the Church 5s. 3d.

paid to Robert Bullard for making of them 5s. 0d.

laid out to Walberswick brief the 20 Jan. for a Burning
the loss £3801 15s. 2d. 17s. 6d.

paid to Henry Williams for 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ y^{ds.} of blue linen for
to cover the Books in the Church 2s. 10d.

paid to Mingay for putting on the cover unto the
Books 4d.

paid to Henry Williams for $\frac{1}{2}$ ell of Hampshire Carsye
to make a cushion for the minister's desk and
for a skin [lambskin] to make it withal 2s. 5d.

more for Mingay making of it 4d.

paid for 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. of feathers for the minister's cushion 1s. 0d.

laid out the 30 th May unto M ^r . Eland for diet for M ^r . Crosby and them that "tabled" [dined] with him he preaching here that day	2s.	6d.
laid out the 13 th of August to M ^r . Elland for diet for M ^r . "Deveray" [Drury] and them that tabled with him, he preaching here that day	16s.	0d.
laid out the 9 th Sept ^r . to M ^r . Bedingfield for the muster masters, the captain of the horses, and the officer's pay as appear by warrant	£1	1s. 0d.
laid out the 20 September for a vessel of sack for our Right Honourable Lord Sir Edward Cook	£3	0s. 4d.
laid out the 5 th of December to James Ramsey and John Ramsey Scots who had their houses burnt a son and a daughter slain		6d.
laid out the 4 th of March to a "death Jernme" [deaf German] minister being sent by M ^r . Elland	1s.	6d.
laid out the 6 th of March to Kemp for a Book sent out by the King and is commanded to be taken		4d.

[The Book concerning lawful sports to be used on Sundays. The Puritans, notwithstanding the late King's Proclamation, affecting still to forbid their servants from using any recreations publicly on Sundays after Divine Service, the King renewed and confirmed the Proclamation published by his father in 1618—commanding that the people should not be troubled, or molested in their recreations upon Sundays, after Evening Prayers ended, and upon holy days. And as for our good peoples' lawful recreation, our pleasure likewise is, that, after the end of Divine Service, our good people be not disturbed, letted, or discouraged from any lawful recreation; such as dancing, either men or women, archery for men, leaping, vaulting, or any other harmless recreation, or from having of May games, Whitson ales, and Morris dances, &c., so as the same be had in due and convenient time, without impediment or neglect of Divine Service; and that women shall have leave to carry rushes to the church for the decorating of it, according to their old custom. And likewise we bar from this benefit and liberty, all such known recusants, either men or women, as will abstain from coming to church or Divine Service, that will not first come to church and serve God. And we likewise straightly command, that every person shall resort to his own parish church to hear Divine Service, and each parish by itself, to use the said recreation after Divine Service, &c. Given at our

manour of Grenwich the 24 day of May, in the 16 year of our reign of England France & Ireland, and of Scotland the 51st.

Given at our Palace of Westminster the 18th day of October, in the ninth year of our reign.

Mr. Eland who published this "Book" in church, lived long enough to have seen it burnt, ten years later, by the public hangman.]

laid out the 23 March 1634 for the Book of Martyrs in three volumes	£2 19s. 0d.
laid out the 21 March for a neck of veal for the widow Butcher	10d.

[In this year, October, 1633, the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's as Ordinaries of St. Gregory's Church, which stood near the Cathedral, removed the Communion Table from the middle of the Chancel, to the upper end, placing it Altarwise, for which they alleged two reasons. The first, that in the King's Chapel, and all Cathedrals, the Communion Tables were placed in that manner, and therefore it was fit that other churches should conform to the same custom. The second, that when the Tables stood in the middle of the Chancel, several scandalous indecencies were committed, people leaning thereon in sermon time, or putting their hats on it. The King, approving the act of the Dean and Chapter, gave commandment, that if the parishioners did proceed in their appeal, the Dean of Arches should cast them, and confirm their removal. This sentence given by the King's Sovereign authority, without staying for the judgment of Court, was a fountain of oppression to many Ministers and Congregations, who were not willing to comply with it. There was scarcely a Church in England, except the Cathedrals, and the King's Chapel, where the Communion Table was placed Altarwise, at the upper end of the Chancel. But after this, the like disputes arose in numberless places, and the High Commission had frequent occasions to punish the Ministers, who were suspected of too little zeal for the Church of England.]

1634 [10 Charles I.]

The churchwardens' accounts are missing for this year. In the Register there is "John Turner was buried March 7th slain with a piece of timber."

1635 [11 Charles I.]

19 July 1634. given to 9 poor seafaring men that had their ship cast away at sea and were allowed to pass into the West country by Sir Thomas Glemham and Mr. Lanye of Ipswich	1s.	0d.
paid to Owen Curteis' wife for beer and for wine that Gregory Rouse brought when Mr. Friston exercised the Soldiers on Norwood Green	13s.	0d.
Laid out at Bungay when Mr. Warner Mr. Fiske and myself [Gregory Smith] went to speak with Mr. Eade and Mr. George about the Town business	7s.	0d.
22 October given to the Ringers on the Prayer Day	2s.	6d.
paid to Edmund Brodbanke when the townsmen met to make the Rate for the ship for beer	7s.	10d.
laid out to make up the Rate	£1	3s. 4d.

[This was a most unpopular tax, first imposed 1634, only upon the maritime towns; but in 1635, the King sent his writs for Ship money all over the Kingdom. The pretence of this general tax was, that the Kingdom was in great danger, on account of the league lately concluded between France and the Low Countries. The number of ships to be provided were forty-five.]

1636 [12 Charles I.]

[The year before, Matthew Wren was translated from Hereford to this Diocese. He gave injunctions that the Communion Tables should be restored to the upper end of the Chancels, rails, &c., made. During the Civil War, he was impeached by the Commons, and sent to the Tower, where he lay 18 years without any trial. At the Restoration, he visited his old Diocese, and built a new Chapel in Pembroke Hall, Cambridge. He died 1667. It was in this year that Archbishop Laud, more rigorously than before, pressed conformity to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, which occasioned in the Church many differences about Divine worship. Many were the Books written pro and con of these matters.]

Itm. At the visitation in Bungay. In the morning	1s.	3d.
Itm. For our dinners	£1	3s. 0d.

Itm for Mr. Elands dinner	1s.	6d.
Itm for the making of our verdict	15s.	0d.
Itm to Mr. Trot for our dispensation	£1	10s. 0d.

[Faculty to remove the Communion Table.]

Itm for Canons and 39 Articles	1s.	6d.
At the General at Yoxford. In the morning		8d.
Itm for making our verdict, for the book of articles, and dispensing our oaths	5s.	0d.
Itm for our dinners	2s.	8d.
Itm for a Service Book	9s.	0d.
Itm for bringing home the Service Book		4d.
Itm to Ellis for the desk	£3	12s. 6d.
Itm laid out to William Warner the 16 th day of November for fetching the Desk from Laxfield	3s.	0d.
Itm laid out the 6 th day of September to Abraham Ellis for Setting up the rails in the Chancel	£2	0s. 0d.
Itm laid out for fetching of the rails from Laxfield	3s.	4d.
At our own visitation to E. Br. (<i>sic</i>) for visitation Fees	£2	10s. 0d.
at the same time given to Kempe	1s.	4d.
	1s.	0d.

[Bishop Wren was at Sudbury this year, and it is possible that he was at E. (*sic*)]

Itm laid out for a Brief for the makeing of a Haven at Port Patrick in Scotland which charge amounts to £5,000	3s.	4d.
Itm laid out to Mr. Bedingfield the 23 rd Sept. for the maimed soldiers & Marshalsees for 2 quarters	17s.	4d.
more to him to buy him a pair of Gloves	3s.	4d.
Itm given to Mr. Johnson with a certificate from 30 of the most chief Noblemen Earl of Arundel L. Brafurde (<i>sic</i>) Lord privie Seal. I say given	6s.	0d.

[The Earl of Arundel was this year sent to treat with the Emperor and the Princes for the restoration of the Palatinate to the Palsgrave, King Charles' son-in-law.]

laid out to John Miller for a prayer for the Queen		2d.
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laid out the 2 nd day of May to the tanner for leather for Reuben Tallowin to set him a work on	10s.	0d.
paid to Henry Richardson for posts and rails for the Butts	2s.	0d.
paid to John Bootman of Framlingham the 3 rd of July which had a certificate from the town & townsmen's hands to it, of his house being burnt	2s.	6d.

1637 [13 Charles I.]

Imprimis laid out to M ^r . Warner for charges which he laid out at London & for two loads of straw	£1	18s.	0d.
Laid out the 23 rd March to Gregory Rouse for writing for the Town and for the carrying of the two loads of straw	£1	0s.	0d.
more laid out to M ^r . Aldous for two prayer books for the fast	1s.	6d.	
laid out the same day to John Williams for three pounds of figs and two pounds "raisons" "soles"	1s.	9d.	

[I do not find to what this fast alludes; it was kept it appears by eating figs and raisins at the expense of the parish, for in these Puritan times it was no uncommon thing to assemble at church, and have long extempore prayers, and still longer sermons, and dine together.]

laid out to M ^r . Bedingfield the 27 th day of April towards the carrying of timber for the King's Ship	£2	5s.	0d.
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[This was probably to build His Majesty's ship of war, which was sent out August, 1638, to Scotland, laden with arms, viz, two hundred muskets, and so many pikes, with a small quantity of powder.]

paid the last day of May to M ^r . Mowlling [Sir Edward Coke's Steward] for rent for the town land	4s.	1d.
laid out the same day for 9 pints of Claret wine and 4 pints of Sack for the court, & to William Brodbanck for fetching of it	5s.	4d.

more to John Williams for a pound of sugar for the wine	1s.	8d.
more laid out the 20 of July to Edmond Brodbancke for provision for the saltpetre men when they were here	5s.	0d.
laid out the 23 rd of September to Edmond Brodbancke and Gregory Rouse for carrying of two loads of "licker" [liquor] for the saltpetre men to Hoxne	14s.	0d.
more the same day to Jeremy Cooke for two carts to carry their tubs to Laxfield	4s.	0d.
laid out to Jeremy Cooke the 15 th Nov ^r to a warrant for Composition of oats 4 combs at 8s. a comb	£2	12s. 0d.
laid out the last day of November to Edmond Brodbancke when the rate was made		8d.
laid out the 20 day of Jan ^r [1638] to Jeremy Cooke to the great rate	£5	1s. 0d.

[I think this was ship money towards setting forth of His Majesty's ship of war, in August, 1638.]

laid out to a brief for a burning at Stoke Nayland the loss was nine hundred and fifty pounds and upwards	2s.	0d.
laid out to John Brand of Norwich for new "yooting" the great Bell	£6	0s. 0d.
to William Warren for carrying and bringing the Bell	£1	0s. 0d.
to William Warren for going twice to Huntingfield for his uncle John Warren to come to the bell frames		3d.

[This bell, of fine tone, still hangs in Cratfield Tower, inscribed :—

" Per me fideles invocantur ad preces.

1637. J. B."

These are the initials of John Brend, bell founder, of All Saints' parish, Norwich, son of the William Brend who cast the 5th bell.

The bell bears a grotesque head of an animal, No. 48, in my *Church Bells of Suffolk*, frequently used by some of the mediæval Norwich founders. J. J. R.]

1638 [14 Charles I.]

1638. John Thurton & Damaris Eland were married
the 7th February

[Bishop Montague, this year translated from Chichester to Norwich, in his Articles, pointed his inquiries against the Puritan lecturers, of which he observes three sorts. 1.—Such as were superinducted into another man's cure; concerning which he enjoined visitors to inquire whether the Lecturer's sermons in the afternoons are popular or catechistical? Whether he be admitted with the consent of the Incumbent and Bishop? Whether he reads prayers in his surplice and hood? Of what length, his sermons are, and upon what subject? Whether he bids prayer according to the 55th canon? 2.—The second sort of lecturers are those of combination, when the adjoining ministers agree to preach by turns at the adjoining market town on market days; inquire who the combiners are, and whether they conform as above? 3.—A third sort are running lecturers, where neighbouring Christians agree upon such a day to meet at a certain church in some country town or village; and, after sermon and dinner, to meet at the house of one of their disciples to repeat, censure, and explain the sermon; then to discourse of some points proposed at a foregoing meeting by the moderator of the assembly, derogatory to the doctrine and discipline of the Church; and, in conclusion, to appoint another place for the next meeting. If you have any such lecturers present them.]

laid out the 19th day of May to my [William Fiske]
cousin Sandcroft for the town writeings the sum
of £2 0s. 0d.

[Conveyance of Rose pightle about 2s. 3d. from Widow Broadbank to the Town Trustees]

laid out the 13 day of June for our dinners when the
Visiters were in Town £1 9s. 0d.
laid out for a dismission fee & given to Kemp 3s. 4d.

[A number of the townsmen must have dined with the Visitors, and consulted together about the pulpit and desk.]

laid out to Mr. Trot at Blighborough the 21st Nov. for
a writing under seal [faculty] for the joining the
Pulpit and desk together £1 6s. 8d.

laid out the 12 th Dec ^r to Simon Warne for his work about y ^e pulpit and desk	8s. od.
laid out to John Howell for his work about the pulpit and desk	£2 0s. od.
laid out for timber and boards for the desk and pulpit	8s. 11d.
laid out to William Cross for his work about the pulpit	3s. 10d.
laid out to Matthew Fiske for making iron clasps for the pulpit	1s. od.

1639 [15 Charles I.]

1640. John the son of John and Damaris Thurton
baptized 9th Feb.

[The King was unwilling to call a Parliament to enable him to raise forces against the Scots, but demanded voluntary contributions from the clergy, by means of the Archbishop of Canterbury (Laud), and from the Roman Catholics by means of the Queen. Besides, each County was obliged to find a certain number of troops. The King departed for York the 27th of March, and on the 29th of May he reviewed his army, which consisted of 19,614 men, besides 5,000 on board the fleet, his own guards, and the garrisons of Berwick and Cheshire. On the 11th of June the Scots sued for peace, but it did not last long.]

laid out the 6 th April for a surplice & to Richard Poves for bringing of it to town the sum of	£1 17s. 2d.
laid out the 7 of April to John Smyth of Norwood Constable towards a warrant for the soldiers' pay	£5 0s. 9d.
laid out the 13 of May to M ^r . Bedingfield towards the conducting of Soldiers to Selby in Yorkshire	£4 10s. od.
laid out to Gregory Rouse for his charges at Ipswich with the soldiers there the sum of	£2 14s. od.
laid out to Edmond Broabank for keeping of the "prest" soldiers and for their diet the sum of	£2 0s. od.

laid out the 7 th July to John Smyth of Norwood for relief of the prest soldier; by the consent of the townsmen	10s.	0d.
laid out the 18 July to John Milles Sen ^r . Constable for repairing of bridges, for a load of faggot, billet, "Tale" wood or blocks as appears by the warrant, the sum of	£1	3s. 0d.
laid out to Francis Barrow for his charges at Ipswich with the soldiers	£1	4s. 0d.
laid out the 24 th of September to John Smyth of Norwood his disbursements in the time of his constablenesship	£8	8s. 7d.
laid out the 13 October to Francis Aldus Sen ^r . Constable for the Mustermasters & soldiers pay	£3	6s. 10d.
laid out the 29 October to Francis Barrow for his disbursements in the time of his Constablenesship as appears by his bill	£5	10s. 8d.
laid out the 7 November to Samuel Hudson for a year's rent for Roselarks which was due at Michaelmas last past to the Hundred of Blything	2s.	4d.
Oct ^r 5 given to William Towneson minister who was travelling from out of "hye Garminie" to Flegg in Norfolk		6d.
laid out to John Williams for 22 quarts of powder & for match	12s.	0d.
laid out when M ^r . Bedingfield took the names of the hired soldiers to Edmond Broadbanck for beer		6d.
laid out to Edmond Miles for 3 fines for the close "ye" bought	£1	6s. 10d.
paid to Edmund Broadbank when "ye" made the book for the training for beer	1s.	2d.
laid out to William Aldous for serving in the town Armour	2s.	4d.
paid to William Warren for carrying of the Arm. [armour] to "sippen green" [Sibton Green]	8s.	0d.
paid to Worlish his apprentice for going to get William Warren and his cart for the use aforesaid		2d.

given to many travellers the 10th July sent by Sir
Thurston Smyth 8*d.*

[Sir Thurston Smith lived at Cratfield. He was buried 25th January, 1649. Thomas Smyth, Gent., brother to Sir Thurston Smyth late deceased, was buried 8th of April, A.D. 1654. Died at Huntingfield.]

laid out to my [Robert Smith Jun^r.] brother Aldous
for "pullering" money for dinners 12*s.* 0*d.*

The Register Book tells us that Thomas Cox was buried the 6th July being stabbed with a knife by Edmond Broadbank. This Edmund Broadbank then was the Publican, at whose house the "pullering" dinners were held, and so much of the town business transacted.

laid out for riding to the Justices and my expenses,
and my horsemeat 3 times riding about Finet
Adams 3*s.* 0*d.*

[In this year March 3rd, Sara, a bastard of Finet Adams, was baptized. She was buried 15th March, 1642, and 5*s.* given by the Parish towards her burial.]

laid out for 2 subsidies at Whitsontide Court for the
town £4 16*s.* 0*d.*

laid out the 27th Nov. for one subsidy for the town
£2 8*s.* 0*d.*

given to M^r Banckes the minister 6*s.* 0*d.*

[This was a preacher, Mr. Eland was the minister.]

given to Widow Thurston for healing of Stannard's
son 15*s.* 0*d.*

laid out at Beccles for mansmeat horsemeat and
other charges & for counsel to plead the cause 13*s.* 8*d.*

laid out at Broadbancks on the pullering day a
making and other expenses £2 5*s.* 0*d.*

paid to Cox [the man murdered by Broadbanck] for
two pair of shoes for our soldiers 5*s.* 0*d.*

given to Broadbank for keeping our soldiers £2 5*s.* 0*d.*

given to those soldiers June 8 10*s.* 0*d.*

given to Broadbank the same day for all our dinners	£1	1s.	6d.
laid out for beer to Howell at the Bell frames sundry times and often		2s.	0d.
laid out for a book for the fast and for beer for ye workmen		1s.	6d.
laid out for the x commandments writing for the frame and for the bringing	£1	0s.	6d.
laid out for beer for the workmen in 2 days		1s.	4d.

1641 [17 Charles I.]

1641. John Burrow was buried being slain with a mare 11 June			
28 Feb. 1641. Mr. Crosby appointed Lecturer with a Salary of £20 a year			
1 Jan. 1641. Given to Mr. Eland on New Year's Day	£3	0s.	0d.
laid out to John Stannard of Laxfield for Bread and wine for the three communions at Easter		16s.	0d.
laid out to John Stannard for bread & wine for the Communion at Xtmas		5s.	2d.
laid out to John Williams for raisins, and for "amons" & figs and sugar		11s.	6d.
laid out for a warrant to distrain			6d.

[This may have some connection with the following entries.]

paid to Richard Raydon which he laid out to Mr. William Fiske for delivering possession of some town meadows in Cratfield well fenced and ditched by him the said Mr. Fiske & his father	£1	10s.	0d.
laid out for Robert Smith his expence & mine own [John Rous] at Bliborough at our giving in of Men's names for the Poll money		2s.	10d.

[A Poll tax had been passed by the Parliament.]

laid out to Mr Bedingfield for one Subsidy the 27 Nov.	£2	8s.	0d.
paid unto William Warne for carrying of the armour to two trainings		16s.	0d.
laid out for one of the town's Corslets, colouring & nailing		16s.	0d.
laid out to Thomas Johnson and William Aldous for serving in the town's Arms the 13 th November	3s.		0d.
laid out for the new town Corslet making	£1	6s.	8d.
laid out for 2 subsidies the 13 th of April	£4	16s.	0d.
paid unto John Williams for clothes that Francis Aldous and John Milles did take for the soldiers that were "prest" for the town, and also for nails that John Howell [the Bell framer] did take for the Bell wheels	£2	15s.	0d.
laid out unto Symon Warne for mending of a stool [bench] in the Church where the pulpit stood	1s.		6d.
laid out for 3 yards of diapur for a cloth for the Communion table		17s.	10d.

[In this year occurred the great Irish Rebellion; above 154,000 Protestants were massacred between 23rd Oct., 1641, and March 1st, 1642. It was a trying Christmas and an awful New Year; the strength of the King and Parliament was so balanced that military power was sure to decide the preponderance.]

1642 [18 Charles I.]

(From the Register.)

1642. Damaris Thurton was buried y^e 9th December

[She was 35 years of age.]

[On January 8th the King retired from London to Hampton Court, fearing to be exposed to some affront from the populace, and two days after to Windsor. In March he retired to the North of England, where Sir John Hotham, Governor of Hull, committed the first open act of rebellion, by refusing to admit him into the Town. On the 22nd August, the King set up his standard at Nottingham, and called his loyal subjects around him.

The interesting Paper from the Parish Chest, undated, which I now transcribe, must have been sent to every Parish for signature about the middle of this year. The Parliament had petitioned against the forces mentioned therein, raised by the King, in these words—That if any levies should be made by any commission of His Majesty (not agreed to by both Houses of Parliament) they should be forced to interpret the same to be raised to the terror of the people, and disturbance of the publick peace, and hold themselves bound by the laws of the kingdom, to apply the authority of Parliament to suppress the same.

The paper is this—"I, A. B, in humility and reverence of the Divine Majesty, declare my hearty sorrow for my own sins, and the sins of this nation, which have caused the calamities and judgments that now lie upon it, and my true intention is by God's Grace to endeavour the amendment of my own ways; and I do abhor and detest the said wicked and treacherous design lately discovered, and that I never gave, nor will give, my assent to the execution thereof, but will according to my power and vocation oppose and resist the same, and all other of the like nature; and in case any other design shall hereafter come to my knowledge, I will make such timely discovery as I shall conceive may best conduce to the preventing thereof; and whereas I do in my conscience believe that the forces raised by the two Houses of Parliament are raised and continued for their just defence, and for the defence of the true Protestant religion and liberties of the subject against the forces raised by the King, I do here in the presence of Almighty God, declare, vow, and covenant, that I will according to my power and vocation, assist the forces raised and continued by both Houses of Parliament against the forces raised by the King without their consent, and will likewise assist all other persons that shall take this oath in what they do in pursuance thereof, and will not directly or indirectly adhere unto nor willingly assist the forces raised by the King without the consent of both Houses of Parliament; and this vow and covenant I make in the presence of Almighty God, the searcher of all hearts, with a true intention to perform the same, as I shall answer at the great day when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed." This Document is not signed by anyone.

It was too early in the quarrel between the Parliament and the King for people to commit themselves, either to one or the other. In other parishes, I have seen that some committed themselves unreservedly to the cause of the Parliament, while others, making the reserve, "If I legally may," preferred waiting to see which side would be victorious.]

Imprimis laid out to John Williams for raisins and for almonds and figs and sugar	11s.	6d.
laid out to John Stannard of Laxfield for bread & wine for ye Communion on ye fast day	1s.	6d.
To M ^r . Crosby the Lecturer for one whole year's lecture ended 28 Feb ^y 1642	£20	0s. 0d.
Item given to M ^r . Banks the first of May who did preach upon that Lord's day twice	10s.	0d.

[Mr. Eland was still alive.]

Item at Halesworth for 4 men and their horses that were summoned thither by a warrant for making of the rate	5s.	4d.
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[Enacted by Parliament for levying aids (?)]

given to Ed. Smyth by the advise of the townsmen to search the offices for and concerning felons goods, that he laid out of his purse and his pains	10s.	0d.
to M ^r . Bedingfield that he laid out for the getting of a soldier that was put upon our town as appears by a warrent and his pains	10s.	0d.
to Robert Cary and John Cary who were taken by the rebels and their father miserably used and then slain in Ireland being a Captain as did appear by the ministers hands the 7 th of July	1s.	0d.
to Henry Cary who lost by the rebels as did appear by a certificate £2,000	2s.	0d.
to Robert " Airbert " Herbert, his wife, and sister, and children the 21 July driven out of Ireland and Captain " Hirbirt " their father by the rebels barbarously slain	1s.	0d.
to M ^r . Fyske for our townsmens lands according to the rate and act of parliament as appears by the rate	£2	0s. 0d.
to him that it came unto about 6d. in the pound	14s.	9d.
at Yoxford for 4 mens dinners and their horses when they paid in the money and plate lent to the parliament upon the propositions	4s.	0d.

for 2 nags and a mare lent the parliament upon the propositions	£2	0s.	0d.
for 3 saddles and bridles upon the same		18s.	0d.
to Thomas Leggett [the constable] for his and the 3 soldiers diet at Ipswich as appears by his bill		11s.	0d.

[On the 10th of June, both Houses gave evident proof of their desire for war; for upon receiving advice that the King was actually giving out commissions to levy forces, they published proposals for the bringing of money or plate, at 8 per cent., for the defence of the Kingdom, the Protestant Religion, Privileges of Parliament, &c. This is what the Royalists point to as the Parliament being the aggressor, but it is certain that the King had long taken measures to prepare for war. So ready were the people to comply with the Parliament's proposals, that the sums brought in, including plate, amounted to about eleven millions.]

to Mr. Stebbing for the townsmens lands being the second payment according to the act of Parliament	£3	8s.	2d.
the 10 th December to Thomas Jones whose house was burnt at Bungay and his loss	£30	1s.	0d.
to Gregory Rouse for a Musket rest		2s.	0d.
to William King, a minister, who was driven out of Ireland from his Benefice by the Rebels		2s.	0d.
to the Widow Broadbanck that morning the trained soldiers went first to Yoxford for the 2 town soldiers breakfasts and a horse for one of them & getting the arms together		3s.	6d.

[This Widow Broadbank was the widow of Edward Broadbank, who was hung for stabbing Thomas Cox last July. We find that besides the quarrels of the Cavaliers and Roundheads, there was in that year the new framing of the Bells at a considerable expense, and much more beer given "to all the workmen" than usual.]

laid out to the widow Brodbank for a pike and a sword for y ^e town		13s.	0d.
laid out to the two town soldiers for 4 days training at Peasenhall		12s.	0d.
laid out to John Williams for match for the watchers		1s.	6d.

laid out John Williams for powder and bullets and
 match which every musketeer was to have 2^{lb.} of
 powder 2^{lb.} of bullets and 1^{lb.} of match £2 7s. 7d.

laid out to John Williams for powder and match
 which the soldiers have had to carry to the
 trainings with them every one a quarter of
 powder and some match £1 2s. 1d.

[This year there were three battles fought, one near Worcester, September 25th; the battle of Edgehill, October 23rd, when both parties claimed the victory; and the battle of Brentford, November 12th. In March this year, the Parliament made an ordinance to raise £34,108 13s. weekly. From 1641 to 1647 above 40 millions in money and plate, &c., were raised.]

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