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NOTES FROM THE RECORDS OF HAWKHURST CHURCH.

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I.—EXTRACTS FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNT-BOOK, 1515 TO 1714.

THE Churchwardens' Account-Book of Hawkhurst is a thick folio paper book, without covers. It commences with the year 1515, but up to 1547-8 the accounts are very brief, no items of receipt and expense being entered. The first entry is as follows:—

1515.

Accounte made by John Wenard and John Hamon, Wardens of the Paryshe Cherche of Hawkeherst ther by the space of a hole yere endyng, that ys to say, for the fest of Ester in the yere of oure Lorde God a m^l v^c xv, unto the fest of Ester then next ensewyng, whiche is in the yere of our Lorde God m^l v^c vxj, at the which accounte there rested in the hande of the said wardens of assesing of yerye that ben past, xxij^{li} x^s.

Then follows a note, in a hand of the early part of the last century:—

Query whether this was the first accompt that was entered in this Booke, viz. for 1515. I am inclined to think it was not, because the next Leafe is figured 34, and there is no more Acc^{ts} entered till 1523 and 1524. It appeares this Booke hath been very much abused, many Leaves being cutt out and several yeares acco^{ts} missing, particularly from 1560 to 1568, also from 1608 to 1618, besides many others.¹

¹ I think the writer of the above note was a Mr. Courthope, as in the

Vide Folio 78, a Decree made, 1527, by Archbishop Warham.¹

A.D. 1528, 20th Hen. VIII.

Accounts made by Robert Graunte and Harry Castrete, Wardens and Keepers of the Church goods of Hawkherst ther by the space of an hoole yere, that is to say, unto the Sunday after saynt Marke, the yere of our Lord God m^l d xxviiij, and the xxth yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the VIIIth, as in a boke of the particlers Einnes restyng in the treasur house, and so the wardens, all things allowed for this present yere past, restith in ther hands xiiij^{li} xiiij^s vi^d.

A.D. 1529.

And at this present accounts remayneth in the

Church house xx^{li}
And in the hands of Edmund Robert of wax . . . vij^s iij^d

Under Hen. VIII., 25-26, but most likely 31st Hen. VIII., as J. Duke and Wm. Baseden were Churchwardens that year :—

Item Janys Duncke asketh allowance of x^{li} by hym expenyd to the geldyng of the Rode of the biquet of Robert Cryoⁿ, late diseased, by the assignement of the sessers and by honest yeomen of the parysh nowe fynysh[ed] and donne, and is allowed at the accompts made by John D[unke] and Willm Baseden, the xxxjth yer of our sovergⁿ lord [Henry VIII.]th . .

30-31 Hen. VIII.

Hit is agreyd by the pryshons at the same accompte, that two brokyn chalics shall be solde, and the money comyng of them to be bestowed in leede towards the mendyng of the Cherche.

A.D. 1548-9.²

Account made by George Standen and John Andrew, War-accounts of 1549-50 I find a "Q" added in the same hand, and a footnote, in another hand, as a reply to this "Q."—"Mr. Courthope's Q, as above, is easily answered: it is 'P^d for a Book of the New Order, 4^s 2^d.'" There are a few other notes in the same hand.

¹ See a copy of the Decree, page 78.

² [These entries of 1548 are interesting, as showing the activity with

dens and Keprs of the Church goods of Hawkherst, by the space of one hole yere, that ys to saye, from the feast of Penty-cost whiche was in the yere of o^r Lorde God a m^l d^e xlvij, unto the same feast then next ensuygn whiche was in the yere of o^r Lord God a m^l d^e xlix in the hereafter followyng it appereth:—

Of the last accoumpte	xij ^{li} -iiij ^s -viiij ^d
Itm, in the hands of Edmond Robert the younger	xxx ^{li} -xix ^s -ij ^d
Itm, in the hands of Thom ^s Secsle	x ^{li}
Itm, Receyved the xx th day of Maye, a ^o 1548, of	
Will ^m Dewke, for a cove and the Ferme for her	xv ^s -iiij ^d
Itm, of John Donck for the like	xv ^s -iiij ^d
Itm, for a holly water stop ^l of stone of George	
Afford	xij ^d
Itm, of Will ^m Smyth for an olde sepulcre Frame	iiij ^d
Itm, of Thomas Afforde for a lyft carved wod .	ij ^d
Itm, of Thomas Tughnash for Mary Maudelén	
tabernacle	xij ^d
Itm, Thomas Merser for a small lyne	iiij ^d

which the work of the Reformation proceeded immediately on the accession of Edward VI. Cranmer had commenced it in November, 1547, by his great speech in Convocation, exhorting the Clergy "to throw out all the Popish trash which was not yet cast out." In February came the letter of the Council to Cranmer, ordering that all images should be taken down, and commanding him to look to it in his own diocese, and to give injunctions to the Bishops for theirs. Accordingly, in his Visitation of that summer, he inquires whether his clergy have "removed and destroyed all images, shrines, and monuments of feigned miracles, idolatry, and superstition;" and in these "Accounts" we find the result. The items of sale of church-goods begin immediately after an entry dated May 20. The holy-water stoup is first disposed of: tabernacles of saints,—even of the patron St. Lawrence,—albs, altars, and sanctus-bells; carved wood, brass and iron work; stained glass, wax candles, and other not less suggestive property follow in quick succession. From the third item in the expensés of the year (p. 60), we may suppose an auction of some of the "implements" to have taken place. The Visitation itself is mentioned, and immediately follows the destruction of St. Lawrence's tabernacle, as if the Vicar had returned smarting from the Archbishop's rebuke, and had lost no time in obedience. Then follows a large expense in whitewashing, to hide the paintings with which we may suppose the interior walls to have been covered, and in glass,—doubtless a very poor substitute for the departed glories of mediæval art.—T. G. F.]

¹ On the right-hand of the north door is a square recess which doubtless contained a stoup. Another stoup was sold this year for the same price (see below).

Itm, of Thomas Whatman for an old lent cloth . . .	viiij ^d
Itm, of Thomas the bruere for an olde tabenacle . . .	iiij ^d
Itm, of John Godeman for a coffyn and ij lyfts . . .	xij ^d
Itm, of Rich Tolhersts wyff for olde lynyn . . .	viiij ^d
It. of Thomas Mercer, the bocher, for ij small albys	xiiij ^d
It. of John Holmes for a towell	v ^d
It. of Allissander Adams for an albe	vj ^d
Itm, for an olde blok to Thom ^s Mercer	ij ^d
Itm, Received of Robert Standen for a case of an auter table	v ^d
Itm, of George Afforde for ij Blokks	ij ^d
Itm, of Stephyn Philpott for the casse of the old orgayns and a peace of a brace	ix ^d
Itm, of John Slowman for an old barrell and a letell oyle	xiiij ^d
It. of John Robyn for a lytill tabernacle	ij ^d
Itm, of Willm Gybon for the olde organ Frame	ij ^s
Itm, of Stephyn Pynde for a cove and the Ferme ¹	xv ^s -iiij ^d
Itm, of Whitehed for a streiner staffe ²	ii ^d
Itm, of Thomas Mercer for a stayer	vj ^d
Itm, of Willm Gybon For S ^t Nicholas Chappell ³	viijs ^s -iiij ^d
Itm, of m ^r Maye for ij ^c xxxix ^{lb} of leade	xjs ^s -x ^d
Itm, of Thomas Pyndes wyff for a busshell of lyme	v ^d
Itm, of Pet ^r Whitfeld for ij Aulter tables	viiij ^d
Itm, of George Standen for ernest of S. Lau- rence ⁴ tabnacle	xij ^d
Itm, of Thomas Spryngett for Ferme of ij keane ⁵	iijs ^s

¹ See note 1, page 63.

² [The word "streiner" occurs soon in another item, coupled with a holy-water stoup. On Mary's accession, "a holy-water stick" is purchased (p. 69), which was probably the same as the "streiner-staff," the price too being the same, one penny. What was this strainer-staff, or holy-water stick? ("Stremer-staff," *i. e.* flag-staff, has been also suggested for this word, the written strokes admitting of that reading.)—T. & F.]

³ St. Nicholas' Chapel must have stood in the churchyard. It could not have joined on to the church, as the windows are all ancient, and too close together to allow of any building. It may have stood at the church-gate. The present vestry is too small east to west for a chapel, as there is not sufficient space for an altar.

⁴ St. Lawrence is the patron of Hawkhurst.

⁵ "Keane," kine.

Itm, of partrigge of Rye for ij ^c iij quarterns viij ^{lb} of latten at ij ^d le pounde ¹	lj ^s -iiij ^d
Itm, of John Eston for a holy water stopp of stone and ij. streiners.	xij ^d
Itm, of Willm Gybon for stonys	x ^d
Itm, of Pet ^r Wodgate for stonys	xvj ^d
Itm, of bartilmewe Mercer for the high aluter frame	xx ^d
Itm, of Jamys Doncke for olde glas	vij ^d
Itm, of Thomas Mercer for xlvij fote of glasse ²	x ^s
Itm, Received. of Edward Doncke of the biquet of William Byrchett to the hognell purse	iiij ^s
Itm, Received of the Sextons wags for a yere and qu ^r	xv ^s -iiij ^d
Itm, Received of Thomas Whatman for a cowe and the Ferme	xv ^s -iiij ^d
Itm, of John Eston for breaking of the grounde for his moder in the Northe Chancall	vj ^s -viiij ^d
Itm, of Thomas Spryngett for ij keame and the Ferme	xxx ^s
Itm, of Edmond Roberts for Aulter stones	xxv ^d
Itm, of Thomas Mercer ffor Iron and Waxe ³	xiiij ^s -vij ^d
Itm, of John Andrewē for Iron and Waxe	ix ^s -vj ^d

1548.

Expences and charges layde out and expendyd by the said
wardens the year aforesaid as hereafter followeth:—

Ffirst, on Whitsonday, a^o 1548, spent xiiij^d

¹ "Latten," brass.

² [Here we find that some fifty or more feet of the church-glass is sold. Yet Kilburne mentions much good glass as having remained till the Rebellion. It is not impossible that some of this now sold may have been preserved, and so restored to its place under Mary, and not displaced again during the less iconoclastic reformation of Elizabeth. Kilburne's glass, however, was mostly monumental and heraldic, and may well have been spared while portraits of saints were removed. Kilburne has much curious information about this, his own parish, and devotes as much space to it as to twenty other average parishes.—T. G. F.]

³ Kilburne, in his account of Hawkhurst, published in 1658, says, "Several tapers of lights were in this church (called the beam light, the paschall light, Judas eandles, St. James light, and St. Laurences light)." There are many different items for wax sold.

Itm, ther ys allowed to the wardens aforesaid that John Idynden should have payde . . .	ix ^s -iiij ^d
Itm, spent when we solde parte of Churchis Im- plements	iiij ^d
Itm, payde to Thomas Gerves for mendyng the Clok	iiij ^s -vj ^d
Itm, gyvyn to Harry Donck on the counte day .	ij ^s
Itm, payde to Duck for a lode of lyme, and mete and drynke for his catell and hym	xj ^s -viiij ^d
Itm, payde to Willm Gybon for iiij ^l lathe . . .	xx ^d
Itm, for vij busshels and a Tolvett of shreds . .	iiij ^s -ij ^d
Itm, spent when we went to the Visitation . .	xx ^d
Itm, for takyng down of Saynt Laurence taber- nacle	x ^d
Itm, for paper and cole to the paynters . . .	iiij ^d
Itm, payde to Robert Tayler for a yere wags dewe at Easter	xl ^s
Itm, spent at Cranebroke when we bare yn o ^r Inventarye	ij ^s -x ^d
Itm, for a skynne of parchement	vj ^d
Itm, payde for the releyff of Gyles Coucheman .	ij ^s
Itm, payde for ij hooks for the churche gate . .	v ^d
Itm, to Richard Secsle for cuttyng upp the possts and hangyng of the churche gate	x ^d
Itm, payde for the Releyff of brechers wyffe . .	xij ^d
Itm, paide to Petr Wodgate for vj ^{lb} of Tynne . .	iiij ^s -iiij ^d
Itm, for a lb of Rosen	ij ^d
Itm, to Robert Standen for a shovyll and a spade	xiiij ^d
Itm, to the kepyng of brechers chylde	ij ^s -ij ^d
Itm, for a lb and qr. of Rosyn	iiij ^d
Itm, for viij busshells of colys	vij ^d
Itm, to Jamys Doncke for iiij busshells of colys .	viiij ^d
Itm, for George Standens tyme and myn . . .	iiij ^d
Itm, payde to wenne for ix ^{lb} of Tynne	iiij ^s -ix ^d
Itm, gyven to Alyssandr Adams when he and his wyff were sick	ij ^s
Itm, to Willm Gybon for vj ^{lb} of Tynne . . .	iiij ^s -vj ^d
Itm, to Richard Secsle for mendyng of the Deske	i ^d

Itm, payde to Sir Petur ¹ for ij books of Salmes ² and a boke of prayer for peace ³	vij ^d
Itm, payde to Hanric for makynge of the boxe	vij ^d
Itm, to blast for kepyng the doggs out of the churche	ij ^d
Itm, payde to John white for whytyng of the churche and pavyng of bothe porchis	lvij ^s -x ^d
Itm, to Jefferey Nayshe for his part whytyng in the churche	xxxvij ^s -ij ^d
Itm, payde for golde and cotes for Jefferey	xij ^s -iiij ^d
Itm, payde to Blakborne and his fellowe for there whytyng	xj ^s -iiij ^d
Itm, payde to the other paynters for there whytyng	xj ^s -viiij ^d
Itm, payde to harry the glasyer for all his werke	iiij ^{li} -v ^s -j ^d
Itm, payde to Edmonde Robert for prygge ⁴ and nayls	iiij ^s -iiij ^d
Itm, payde to Edmonde Robert for ij chests of glasse contaynyng iiij skore and iiij bouches at xviiij ^d the bouche	vj ^{li} -vj ^s
Itm, payde to Edmond Robert for the boke of the pharaffres ⁵	x ^s
Itm, for ij boks of Serves ⁶ in the Quyr	vj ^s -viiij ^d
Sm ^m to ^{lis} expensarum	xxv ^{li} -xvj ^d

¹ "Sir Peter."—Doubtless the Incumbent. Hasted has not mentioned him in his list of the Rectors.

² [A clause in the Act of Uniformity, passed Jan. 15, 1549, made it "lawful for all men in churches and chapels openly to use Psalms or prayers taken out of the Bible." "This proviso," says Burnet, "was for the singing Psalms, which were translated into verse, and much sung by all who loved the Reformation." But it must also have included the prose version, which did not form part of Edward's books. These two books then may have been prose Psalters, as supplements to the Prayer-book, or Sternhold's first thirty-seven Psalms in verse, published by request of the King.—T. G. F.]

³ [The prayer for peace was probably at the close of this year's harassing campaign against the Scotch, with the prospect of a coming war with France, which indeed began next year with the siege of Boulogne. There were also serious riots at home this winter, caused by the damage done to agriculture by the suppression of the religious houses.—T. G. F.]

⁴ "Prygge," headless nails, or "brads." See the "Rochester Fabric Roll," in Vol. II. p. 116.

⁵ The Paraphrase of Erasmus, placed by Cranmer in every church.

⁶ [Perhaps the new Communion Office, published March 8th, 1548, and

A.D. 1549-1550.

* Accompts made by John Andrewe and Edmunde Hamon, Wardens and Keepers of the Churche goods of Hawkherst, by the space of one hole yere, that ys to saye, from the feast of pentycoste whiche was in the yere of our lorde 1549, unto the same feast then next ensuyng, whiche was in the yere of our lorde 1550, as in the particuler somes hereafter folowyng it doth appere :—

Ffirst, Recyved of Henryck the Joyner for the bough of a box thre	iiij ^d
Itm, of m ^r mercer for the gylt of Saynt Lauranc tabernacle	xxiiij ^d
Itm, of Sir Robt for a kanappe of blewe canvas and an old paynted cloth	iiij ^s
Itm, for xix ^{li} of old yerronne ¹	xv ^d
Itm, for iiij handbells ² wayenge xx ^{li}	iiij ^s -iiij ^d
Itm, for Wyll ^m Byrtchetts Wyll	iiij ^s
Itm, of Thom ^s Seceley for the ferme of x ^{li}	xiiij ^s -iiij ^d
Itm, of John Hyckmote for the ferme of v ^{li}	vij ^s -viiij ^d
Itm, of Wyll ^m Sympson for the ferme of x ^{li}	ij ^s -viiij ^d
Itm, of Edmunde Robt for ferme of v ^{li}	v ^s -iiij ^d
Itm, of Thomas Page for ferme of iiij ^{li}	v ^s -iiij ^d
Itm, of John Keffynche for ferme of xxx ^s	ij ^s

Expences and charges layde out and expendyd by the sayd warden the yere afore-sayd, as hereafter following :—

Imprints, spent upon our accompt day	xij ^d
P ^d to m ^r mercer for a lode of Alders	viiij ^d
P ^d for a boke of the nyew ordre ³	iiij ^s -ij ^d

ordered by Council, March 13, to be in use in every church by Easter. It will be observed that these two last items occur at the end of the Churchwarden's year, *i.e.* Whitsuntide, 1549, and evidently in a general settlement with "Edmond Robert." The introduction of these books into the church must have been many months earlier.—T. G. F.]

¹ Yerronne, iron.

² Probably four small hand "sancte-bells," or "sacring-bells." There seem to have been four altars at Hawkhurst, viz. the high altar, one in the north and one in the south chancel, and one in St. Nicholas' Chapel.

³ ["The first Prayer-book of Edward." The first edition, by Whitchurch, was published in May, 1549. Its price, as fixed by the Council,

P ^d to John Norden for careynge a lode of sand	iiij ^d
P ^d to Stephyn Burges for the yernworke about the poure mens box ¹	v ^s
P ^d for glasyngye belowe in the wyndowe on the south syde	xij ^d
P ^d to James Sloman for iij dayes helpynge the mason	xij ^d
Item, for his boerd then	x ^d
Paid to Gracorn for ij hokes for the Vistorie dore	iiij ^d
Payd to James Boerne for helpynge the mason one day and for his boerde	vij ^d
P ^d to same Sloman for helpynge the mason ij dayes and for his boerde	xvj ^d

was 2s. 2d. unbound, and 4s. "bound in paste, or boordes covered with calves' lether." The second edition, by Grafton, published in June, was priced at 2s. 2d. unbound, 2s. 10d. "bound in forell" (or parchment), 3s. 4d. "bound in shepes lether," and 4s. bound as the first edition. The Hawkhurst copy, then, was bound, the 2d. over being most likely the purveyor's "commission." Shepherd (Com. Prayer, Introd. xliii.) is a little wrong on these two editions and their prices: copies of both are in the British Museum, with the order of Council as to price at the end of each.—T. G. F.]

¹ "Poor Men's Box."—Canon 84. Sandhurst "Churchwardens' Book," under the year 1624, gives an account of a "Poor Men's Box." It contained £24. 3s. 4d., which was lent out in small sums to poor men to purchase cows, etc. Two Wardens were chosen at Hawkhurst for the "Poor Men's Box," in 1556.—See p. 70. [Kilburne (1659) says:—"In this church also is a box fastened upon a post, and called the Poor man's box, which antiently had four locks thereunto (the key of one of which was kept by the present minister; the keyes of two other of them by the two churchwardens, and the key of the other by one of the parishioners), and in this box were kept the moneys given to the use of the poor, and securities taken for moneys lent thereof by the parish to poor parishioners." We may suppose the box to have had one lock when first made, and, a few items below, we shall find the other three added at two different times. Mr. Lightfoot's extract from the Churchwardens' Book of Sandhurst enables us to understand the constantly recurring entries of money received "for a cow and the ferme for her:" they are evidently repayments from poor parishioners, of money advanced by the churchwardens for the purchase of a cow, with interest for the "ferme," or loan. In the receipts of this year, too, are six items of interest only, paid for similar "fermes," leaving the principal still unpaid. With two exceptions, the interest is at the rate of 6s. 8d. for £5 (we may suppose, per annum); which was probably the mode in which it was calculated (£6. 13s. 4d. per cent.). In the remaining two cases it is easy to imagine some set-off.—T. G. F.]

P ^d for ij busshells of lyme	vij ^d
P ^d to Mynnois the mason for his worke in the quyre and paynge in the churche and porches 32 dayes worke	xij ^s
P ^d to Robt Taylers wyff for his boerde	x ^s
P ^d to Hansse for naylle and nayllynge of the poure mens box	ij ^d
Spent by Sir Robt, Andrewe Batcoke, James Donnck, Rychard Daye, and me, when we went to the Visitation ¹	v ^s -iiij ^d
P ^d to Andrewe Batcoke for a lock to the poure menes box	vij ^d
P ^d to Robt Standen for a thymble to the churche gate	ij ^d
P ^d to Robt Tayler above his wages that we could not gadre for mychaelmas halfe yere	v ^s -x ^d
P ^d to Peter Wodgate for Swaderepe [?]	x ^l
Spent by Sir Robt and Edmunde Hamon when they went to Aysforde for the churche bokes ²	ij ^s -vj ^d
P ^d to John Bocher for careynge of the bokes to Caunterburie	vij ^s
P ^d to Hansse for the Communon boerde	v ^s
Spent by Sir Robt, Andrewe Batcoke, and me, for goynge to Ayshford	iiij ^s -iiij ^d
P ^d to Rychard Seceley for fellynge and hewynge of an oke upon the more	xvij ^d
P ^d to Edmund Hamon for careynge to tymber to the stage, and spent by us	vj ^d

¹ [A Visitation was ordered immediately after the passing of the Act of Uniformity, which would take place in the spring of 1549. One of the "injunctions" for it, "that the priests should exhort the people to give to the poor," renders the following item very significant. Sir Robert must be another vicar not mentioned by Hasted.—T. G. F.]

² ["The Council wrote on Christmas Day (1549) a letter to all the Bishops of England, to this effect:—That . . . all clergymen were required to deliver to such as should be appointed by the King to receive them, all antiphonales, missals, grayles, processional, manuals, legends, pies, portuasses, journals, and ordinals, after the use of Sarum, Lincoln, or York, or any other private use." (Burnet, Hist. Ref., Nares' ed. vol. ii. p. 227.) We shall see that two "antiphoners" were sold next year, so that there is reason to fear that the delivery, thus chronicled by the churchwardens, was not so sweeping as was ordered.—T. G. F.]

P ^d to Rycharde Seceley for settinge up part of the benches in the quyre	iiij ^d
P ^d to Joynner for makynge of the seates on the north syde	viijs
P ^d to Robt Taylers wyffe for his boerde	viijs-iiij ^d
P ^d to John Fowle and Robt Spryngett for sawynge of 4 ^e of boerde	v ^s -iiij ^d
P ^d them for sawynge of plancks	viiij ^d
Lent to Henry Donnck, the which the parish gave hym	iijs-iiij ^d
Paid more for ij locks to the poure menes box	xj ^d
P ^d for nayls for the Joynner	iiij ^d
P ^d to Robt Standen for mendynge the rynge of the churche dore	j ^d
P ^d to Robt Tayler for his wages above that we coulde not gadr for o ^r lady day haulfe yere	iijs-iiij ^d
P ^d to John mercer for v dayes helpynge in the church	xvj ^d
Itm, ther ys in the handes of Andrewe Badcoke a yeeres rent and	x ^{li}
Itm, in the hands of Thom ^a s Seceley	x ^{li}
Itm, in the hands of John Hyckmote	v ^{li}
Itm, in the hands of John Sloeman	x ^{li}
Itm, in the hands of Thom ^a s Page	iiij ^{li}
Itm, in the hands of Wyll ^m Sympson	x ^{li}
Itm, in the hands of John Keffynch	xxx ^s
Spent by Sir Robt when he went to Canterbury to delyvr our bokes	ii ^s -viiij ^d

1550 to 1551.

Accompts made by John Andrewe and Edmunde Hamon, wardens and kepers of the churche goods of Hawkherst, by the space of one hole yere, that ys for to say, frome the feast of Pentycoste whiche was in the yere of our Lord 1550, unto the same feast then next ensuyng, whiche was in the yere of our Lorde 1551, as in the pyculer forms hereafter followynge apereth:—

Imprimis, sold to Edmunde Robert ij Antiphoners¹ for

xx^s

¹ The Antiphonal was a psalm-book with the notes, called from the alternations in responses.

Sold to Thomas Robert one c of wax save iij ^{li} for	li ^s -x ^d
Receyved of Thomas Mercer, the bocher, on Witsunday even, for the bequeyth of Byrtchett	iiij ^s
Receyved of James Boerne for wax	ij ^s
Receyved of Edmund Robert, for breakynge of the grounde in the church for his father . .	vj ^s -viiij ^d

1550-1551.

Expences and charges leyde out and expendyd by the said wardens, the yere aforesaid, as hereafter foloweth :—

First to be remembred, that ther ys in the handes of Andrewe Batcoke	x ^{li}
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Then follow the names of nine other persons holding money belonging to the Church.

Item, spent at o ^r last account	xxij ^d
Item, p ^d for ij psalter bokes	iiij ^s -x ^d
Item, p ^d to Alexsaunder Gylberd and John Standen for settinge up of the foermes for ladds before the seates, and for mendynge of seats, for haulfe a day ther wages and meate and drynke, and for ij ^d worth of nayle	xij ^d
Item, spent when we went to the courte	iiij ^s -iiij ^d
Item, p ^d to John Hickmote for my lorde of Canturbures boke ¹	xviiij ^d
Item, spent when we vewed the Vestements in the churche	iiij ^d
Item, p ^d to John Browne for ledther for a bawderyck ²	iiij ^d
Item, p ^d to James Browne for meltyng of wax . .	iiij ^d
Item, delyvered to John Greylen and to Rychard Jansson for their releefe for eyther of them iiij ^s -iiij ^d , facit	vj ^s -viiij ^d
Item, pay ^d to Robt Standen for mendynge of the bell whylls	viiij ^d
Item, p ^d for a Deske and wrytyngs of the quyr . .	ii ^s -iiij ^d

From 1551 to 1554.

Accounts rendered by John Andrewe and Wyll^am Gybbon,

¹ Probably "The Forty-two Articles," published in 1551, and generally attributed, nearly in their entirety, to Cranmer.

² Bawderyck, a girdle.

wardens and kep^s of the church goods of Hawkherst, ther by the space of three years, that ys to say, from the feast of Penticost which was in the yere of our Lorde 1551, unto the same feast in the yere of o^r Lorde 1554, of all the Remayndre that ther apptayned to the church aforesayde, which was xlix^{li}. vj^s.-iiij^d, wherof was lost by reason of the fall of money x^{li}. vj^s.-v^d.

Rest xxxviij^{li}.-xix^s.-x^d

Receyved more of John Benett for iiij yer^s

Rent xij^s

Expenses and chargs leyd out and expended by the said wardens, by the space afore said, as hereafter foloweth :—

Spent at our accompt day an ^o 1551	iiij ^s .-iiij ^d
Spent upon Sharpe the brotherer	ij ^d
P ^d for prygge	j ^d
Paid for ij bell ropes	iiij ^s
Spent at the visitation	ij ^s .-iiij ^d
P ^d for a boke of the newe ordre ¹	iiij ^s
P ^d for Regester boke of paper	x ^d
P ^d to Robert Standen for brodds	iiij ^a
P ^d to Rychard Seceley for makynge of the church gate, the vestorie dore, and for ij ^c of nayll	iiij ^s .-viiij ^d
P ^d to Robt Standen for a payer of keyes to the Vestory dore	ix ^d
P ^d for a locke for the same dore	vj ^a
P ^d to Thom ^s Seceley for the ways to Highgate	iiij ^{li}
P ^d to the glasyer for mendynge of the bell house wyndowe and in the church ^e besids	xiiij ^s .-iiij ^a
P ^d for a key to a lock in the quyre	iiij ^d
Spent at the visitation	iiij ^s .-iiij ^a
P ^d for a nother boke of ordre	
Spent at iiij apparances before the Commissioners at Cranebroke	iiij ^s .-x ^d

¹ ["The New Service," or "King Edward's Second Book," was published in 1552, and ordered to be in use from All Saints' Day. Its price was 2s. 6d. in quires, 3s. 4d. in "forell," and 4s. in leather. Copies of the second edition were 2s., 2s. 8d., and 3s. 4d., respectively. Some "commission" seems as before to have been charged to the churchwardens. A little further on we find them buying another copy, but the price is unfortunately lost.—T. G. F.]

P ^d to Thom ^s Whatman for Communion bread and wyne	v ^s
P ^d to Thom ^s Parck towards men's charges for mendynge of the noysome wayes	xxx ^s
P ^d more to Thom ^s Whatman for Communion bread and wyne	vij ^s -iiij ^d
Spent at a communication when the compt was deferred to a nother day	ij ^s -ij ^d
Spent at the delyvere of o ^r copes at Cranbroke ¹	xvij ^d
Spent the next day ther in delyveringe of an Inventorie of the copes and church goods	vj ^d
P ^d to Master mercer for wrytynge of the same Inventore	vj ^d
P ^d for the pformynge of the saxten's wags at Easter	ij ^s -vj ^d
P ^d to Thom ^s Standen for yerron to amend the clock and for wyer to the same	iiij ^d
Spent when we rode to Charynge	xiiij ^d
Spent at the visitation at Hetcorne	ij ^s -iiij ^d
P ^d more to Thom ^s Seceley for the rest of his charge that he demanded for mendynge of the wayes	vj ^s
P ^d to Thom ^s mercer, draper, for the like	xv ^s
P ^d to Sr. Robert for parshemynt and wrytynge of an Inventorie	vij ^d
P ^d more at sundrye tyme for Communion bread and wyne	xxiiij ^d
P ^d to Rychard Seceley for mendynge of the frame about the great bell	x ^d
P ^d to Wyll ^m Blacknall, for yerron to make the grate to the church gates	vij ^s -iiij ^d
P ^d more for Communion bread and wyne	ix ^d
P ^d to John Awodd for goynge to Battell for bokes ²	xij ^d

¹ [In 1553, a few months before Edward's death, "visitors were appointed to examine what church-plate, jewels, and other furniture was in all cathedrals and churches . . . and to sell copes and altar-cloths, and deliver all the rest of the plate and jewels to the King's Treasurer." (Burnet, Hist. Ref., Nares' edition, vol. ii. p. 345). Cranbrook must have been their head-quarters for this district.—T. G. F.]

² [A very significant item, showing Mary's accession. The church and advowson had belonged to Battle Abbey till the Reformation, when Henry gave it to his new college of Ch. Ch. With the return of the old religion we see it again referred to Battle as its head-quarters. Immediately follows a long succession of purchases of Popish "implements;" two albs

P ^d more to Blacknall for a nother barr of yeron to performe the worke	xxij ^d
P ^d to Robt Gawyn for ornaments pertaynyng to an albe	xiiij ^d
P ^d to Walter Heule for a Masse boke	xij ^a
P ^d to John Benett for workyng of the barres for the grates	iiij ^s
P ^d to John Freeman for fetchyng of a crosse at Hempsted ¹	iiij ^d
P ^d for ij small earthen potts	j ^d
P ^d to Bolt for makynge of viij bawderycks	xvj ^d
Paid for a manuell	iiij ^s -vj ^d
Itm, for ij crwetts	x ^d
Itm, for cloth to make an amys	xj ^d ob
Itm, for dressyng of an albe and a gyrdle	iiij ^d
Itm, for makynge of the Aulter	iiij ^s -iiij ^d
P ^d to Thomas Orglasse for ij vestments	xx ^s
Itm, for iij busshells of lyme	xvij ^d
Itm, for our expences goynge to Ayshford	vij ^s -viiij ^d
P ^d John Hyckmote for ij towells	xvij ^d
Spent at the la st visitation at Ayshford	xx ^d
P ^d for a holi water styck	j ^d
P ^d to Edmund Robert at our laest accompt, for a Cope and a vestement of whyte dāmmaske	xlvi ^s -viiij ^d
P ^d to John Hyckmots wiff for a Corporas cloth ²	xiiij ^d

are mentioned, an amice, a cope, a stole; baldrics, and "corporalia;" a mass-book, a "processional," and two "portasses;" a cross, an altar, and a "holy-water stick." We may date these items early in the spring of 1554, when, Wyat's attempt being suppressed and Mary firm on the throne, the Act repealing King Edward's laws was passed and the old service restored. In Kent at least, Wyat's own Kent, we may well suppose that there would be no unnecessary alacrity for the change.—T. G. F.]

¹ Hempsted is in the adjoining parish of Benenden.

² ["Corporas" (corpores, a few items further), the "corporale," or napkin, with which the sacred elements were covered on the altar. (See Ducange's *Glossarium, ad verb.*) Our own Lanfranc gives some curious orders to the Benedictines concerning the washing of these "corporalia." Brazen vessels were to be kept for this alone; the water was to be thrown into the "sacrarium;" the greatest care to be taken that no dust settle on them while drying. If in the administration of the sacrament any wine fell on the "corporale," it was to be carefully washed, and the monks were to drink the water; then to be washed twice more, and the water thrown into the "sacrarium." Castigations and other penances were ordered for

P ^d to Thomas Standen for new laynge the gudgyn of the great bell ¹	vij ^d
P ^d to John Goodman for halffe a horsse hyd . . .	xvj ^d
P ^d to Thomas Page for a corpores and a stole . .	xij ^d
P ^d to John Robyn for vj dayes worke abowte the grats at the churche gates	ij ^s -iii ^d
P ^d for his meate and drynck vj dayes	ij ^s
P ^d for fetchynge of the yerron from Roberts brydge	vj ^d
P ^d more to James Dounck	vj ^d
Pay ^d more to Thom ^a s Bocher for ij latten candle- stycks	ij ^s
P ^d to tille for his Fees for a sitation and spent w ^t hym then	ij ^s -vij ^d
Layd out by me when we went to Caunterbury . .	xv ^s -iii ^d
Paid more for a payer of porties ²	ij ^s -vij ^d
Spent at the visitation at Cranbroke	ij ^s -j ^d
P ^d to Percey for a sitacion	vij ^d
Layd out by Wyll ^m Gebbon when we went to Caun- terbury for John Robyn, Thomas mercer, James Dunck, and John Andrewe	ix ^d
P ^d more for a prosessione ³	ij ^s
P ^d for an earthen pott	j ^d

A.D. 1556.

The paryshons have chosen wardens for the power mens box, Thomas Secsly and John Godeman, for this yere, and hope to make ther accountps as the wardens doith.⁴

the offender, and certain repetitions of Psalms and Collects for all others present. (Lanfranci Opera. Dacher. Decreta pro ordine S. Benedicti, capp. 6, 10.)—T. G. F.]

¹ ["Gudgeon," the pivot by which the bell is suspended, *teste* H. T. Ellacombe, in 'Notes and Queries,' August 8, 1863.]

² ["Portuis, porte-hois, port-hose, portasse," a breviary. See the extract from the Council's letter to Cranmer, p. 64, note 2. The word is common in pre-Reformation writers.

"In his hand his portesse still he bare,
That was much worn, but therein little read,
For of devotion he had little care."

CHAUCER, *The Shipman's Tale*.

I have never seen it later than Camden.—T. G. F.]

³ ["Procession," "processional," a Litany.]

⁴ There are no accounts of these Wardens in the book.

Accounts of George Scott and Edmond Duke, Wardens from 1558-59.

Itm, p ^d for the payntyng of the Rowde	xxxvj ^s -viiij ^d
Itm, p ^d to Lowys wedow for bred and drynke	iiij
Itm, p ^d for whyte lether for the bells	xv ^d
Itm, for iiij ċ of iiij ^d nayle for the churche	xv ^d
Itm, for ċ v ^d nayle	v ^d
Itm, p ^d Wy ^m Sprynget for y ^t he layd out upon a crossecloth in London	ij ^s
Itm, for goyng twyse to Caunterbery to the curt	x ^s -viiij ^d
Itm, p ^d for a bock of the Artycholls ¹	j ^d
Itm, p ^d to Richard Scesley for makyng of a skaffalld to paynt the Rowde	iiij ^d
Rec ^d for ij thowsande of shingell solde to Boocher the shingler	xvij ^s -vj ^d

A.D. 1559-60.

The accounts made the seventh day of June, 1560, by Edmonde Duche and Thomas Merser, drapper, the wardens, etc., etc.

Itm, p ^d for makinge the banderyckes to freman	xiiij ^d
P ^d for iiij ċ of 9 nayel	ix ^d
P ^d Robert Tayller for the shingler boord	iiij ^s
P ^d to the shingler for shinglinge	xj ^s -xj ^d
P ^d for a Servis boocke ²	v ^s
P ^d John Robert for bringing home the boock	ij ^d

¹ [This is the first intimation of the accession of Elizabeth. Observe that nevertheless the rood is newly painted after this purchase, Elizabeth being well known to be tender of images, and her injunction against them not being issued till the Visitation of the summer of 1559. Later still, Edwin Sandys, afterwards Archbishop of York, remonstrated with the Queen on the crucifix still kept in her private chapel, and seems to have obtained its removal, after some displeasure on her part. (Letter of Sandys, in Burnet's Collection.) The reader of these accounts will not fail to be struck with the significant absence at this date of those continual items of sale and purchase of church goods which crowd the page at the accessions of Edward and Mary, as consistent with the temperate and unrevolutionary spirit in which Elizabeth and her counsellors began their return to the principles of the Reformation.—T. G. F.]

² ["Elizabeth's Book," published May, 1559. Note that it cost more than Edward's books.]

P ^d for a spade for the church	xij ^d
P ^d for expensys at the visitation att Asheforth the frydaye after barthilmewe day ¹	xvij ^s -iiij ^d
P ^d freman for mendinge the north gatte	x ^d
P ^d more for naylles for the gatt	ij ^d
P ^d the someher for his fee	iiij ^d
P ^d the glasyer of Rye for mending the glas wyn- dowes	iiij ^s -viiij ^d
P ^d for wyne to the Communyon	xviiij ^s
P ^d for the bottell	iiij ^d
Itm, for mendinge the Syrples	ij ^d
P ^d for a boocke of Artyckles ²	vj ^d
P ^d for a cheste to kepe the regester book in	ij ^s -viiij ^d
P ^d for makinge fowe bellwhilles	x ^s
P ^d for bred and drynck when they wer sett up	vij ^d
P ^d for makinge clea the church	ij ^s -vj ^d
Itm, for mendnge the clock	x ^d
P ^d freman for caringe the clock to Gouderst	iiij ^d
P ^d for mackinge or accounte book	ij ^d

1560.

Resevyd by the sayed churchwardens of Edmonde Roberte for sertayn stones w ^{ch} were part of the alter stones	vj ^s -viiij ^d
Mone of Thomas Merse, boocher, for byrchetts will	iiij ^s
Re ^d mone of Thomas Newenton for the bequeyeth of Rychard bacheller, and was dewe att ester last past	ij ^s

No accounts between 1560 and 1568; they have apparently been destroyed. See Mr. Courthope's remark at p. 55.

1568.

It. payd Stephan Atken atcordynge to the order made for mayntenunce of the clocke	xx ^s
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¹ [This would be in August, and was, no doubt, the Royal Visitation by High Commission, ordered at the end of June, 1559, to carry out the Queen's mandates as to church matters. It seems to have been delayed so long after her accession by her reluctance to give up the images.—T. G. F.]

² [These must still be the old Forty-two Articles of Edward's reign. The revision was not till 1562.]

It. payd atcordynge to the entent of Byrchetts wyll
 to Thomas Merete iijs-iiij^d, to Stephan bechyng
 and Edmunde Owyn iijs-iiij^d, to Thomas fylpott ij^s-
 vj^d, Edwarde Benett xij^d x^s-ij^d
 Layd out for ij bell roopes iiij^s
 Layd out to Wyllm Sloman for one loode of wood ij^s-viij^d
 Layd out this yere for paper ij^d
 Mem, that Stephen Atken owethe unto the parysh
 of hawkherst, for that he hath nott suffyciently
 repayed nor kept the clock¹ xx^s

1570.

M^d, that the churchwardens do demand the legacie of Richard
 Arvates w^h the Vicar of Bennenden bequethed to this parische.

THOMAS TEUKY.

1573.

It. to Goldsmith for a bell clapper ij^s-ij^d
 It. for a new whyle for the great bell vijs-iiij^d
 Itm, for a book called the Forme of Comon prayer iiij^d

1574.

Itm, for makynge the partycyon of the chauncell lower
 and makynge the Rayles about the place of the
 Comunion table, as aperethe by hys byll liijs-vj^d
 Whereof the sayd churchwarden receaved for sar-
 tayne tymber that was taken downe of the par-
 tycyon, and for fyve square stones solde by the
 churchwardens to Wylliam Playfere vjs-viiij^d
 Itm, for a Settell sould to Rychard Raynoldes xvj^d
 Itm, Receaved for thre seates iijs^s
 Itm, Receaved of others towards the repayryng of
 the chauncell xij^s

1576.

It. Thomas Newington for one year's rent due at
 thannuntiation last, by the will of Rich Bachelor ij^s
 It. Edmonde Woodgat, Edward Badcock, John

¹ The above entry also occurs the next year.

Duke, John Hamon, payd for theyre seats to belong to theyre houses
 It. Goodman Petter for his seate iiij^s

1577.

Thomas Newington for 1 year's rent due at than-
 nunciacion¹ last, by the will of Richard batcheller ij^s

1582.

Yt is to be Remembred that Master Scott, Master boyse, and Thomas Petter hathe eche of them Recevede one keye of the doore and chest where the Composysyon and other the Eviden-
 dence beloungyng to the hole Tennanure of Hawkeherst, whereof Master Scott hath the great keye of the doore and Master boyse and Thomas Petter hath the to smale keyes of the chest and Richerd grenell the other small keye of the cheste.²

1586.

Itm, that the sayd Richard Boyse, gent., chargeth himselfe to have received of Chrystofer Douncke, for a olde clothe of sylke beloungyng to the Church of Hawkherst x^s

1598.

Itm, for a Regester booke of parchment³ xxxvj^s

¹ In 1580, "Annuncyacyon of the blessed Vyrgyn Mary."

² In 1591 is a similar entry to above:—". "three small keys of the chest wherin do lye the evidences belonging to the whole tenants. Thomas Pavyer hath the key of the upper dore, Richard Reynolds hath the key of the lower door." [Kilburne explains this:—"Over the North Porch of this Church is a roome (antiently called the Treasury) wherein were and (1659) still are (laid up in a chest) several antient writings . . . concerning the tenants of the twelve Dens (in and near this Parish) in Wye liberty, and concerning lands and other rights, belonging particularly to this Parish. The Chest aforesaid had antiently three locks, and the keyes of the doore of the roome, and of two of the said three locks, were kept by three Parishioners (tenants of Wye liberty), and the other key of the chest was kept by one of the churchwardens."—T. G. F.]

³ This Register still exists, and is in excellent preservation. It contains the baptisms, marriages, and burials, and begins with the year 1552. The first forty-six years were transcribed from the paper register purchased in 1551-2. (See p. 67 of these Accounts.)

1650.

Received of Butcher, the Brazier, of Cranbrooke,
for the lead of the old font¹ and for old brasse . 13^s/1

1671.

Item, p^d for 3 quarts of wine for two Sacraments . 6^s·6^d
P^d for two quarts of Muskadon² for one Sacrament 5^s·4^d
P^d for two quarts of Muskaden for one Sacrament . 5^s·4^d

1673.

Itm, P^d to W^m Whatman for 8 quarts of Claret
usd att Christmas and Easter 8^s·0^d
P^d W^m Whatman for Ribbon and plumes for y^e
boyes y^t went y^e bounds 5^s·6^d
Allowed Rich Cryer for vittles and beere when we
went y^e bounds 1^s/0
P^d for Clock Ropes y^t wayed nine pounds and a
halfe 3^s/10
Gave to two souldiers y^t ware under y^e Duke of
Monmouth command 6^d
Gave to two seamen y^t were taken by the Dutch . 6^d
Gave to 3 seamen and a woman and child taken by
y^e Dutch 1^s/6^d

1675.

Received by Thankfull Tharpe, Churchwarden in the year
1675, of Richard Sharpe, of Bennenden, the sume of one pound
for shouting of a hare.³

Paid for a houre glass for y^e Church 0^s·7^d

1678.

Paid Wiff Spice for his horse journey ffor M^r Pleydell⁴
to the visitation 2^s·6^d

¹ This font is still preserved, and stands at the west end of the nave; it is Perpendicular, and octagonal. On the sides are shields and the Tudor rose alternately. Three of the shields are charged with a cross, a chevron, and a saltire respectively. The shaft is buttressed, and the base plain, of one step.

² 1693, "Paid for five bottles of Muskadine, 13^s 4^d."

³ The above sum was distributed by the Churchwardens among sixteen poor parishioners.

⁴ Vicar of Hawkhurst. This is a frequent item in the accounts.

August 24. Paid for an Act to bury in Woollen	4 ^d
March 26. Paid for a Book to Register the burials in woollen	2 ^s -6 ^d

1681.

Dec. 30. Paid to relieve Robert Cusen, of farden in Norfolke, upon sight of his certificate, which tes- tified that the sea breake in and drowned five hundred acres of land, and cattell, the losse whereof amounted unto two thousand five hun- dred pounds and upwards	5 ^s -0
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1682.

Paid Phinehas Pankhurst for sixteene bottles of wine and seventeene breads for y ^e Communion	£1-0-1
Received of James Ward, borshoulder for the hun- dred of Sillbrutenden, money that he received of Edward Roades ¹ for drawing beere without Ly- cence, the sum of one pound, in the yeare of our Lord, 1682.	

[Then follow the names of fifteen persons, chiefly widows, to
whom it was distributed.]

A.D. 1686.

Paid for 15 bottles of wine	17 ^s -6 ^d
Paid for 16 breads	1 ^s -4 ^d
Paid M ^r Roberts man for killing a fox	1-0
Paid John Keel for killing a fox	1-0
Paid M ^r Pledell for a Comon Prayer book	9-0

A.D. 1687.

Paid Tho. Russell for a new clapper to the great bell, 55 ^{lbs}	£1-7 ^s -0
Paid M ^r Roberts man for killing 6 foxes	6 ^s -0

A.D. 1689.

Paid the Sumner for 2 books for y ^e fast	4 ^s -0
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¹ In 1689, one Edward Rodes, probably the same man, was fined £1. 10s.
for the like offence, by the Churchwarden, Dan. Collisone.

Paid y ^e Sumner for an order to alter the prayer booke	1 ^s -0
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A.D. 1690.

Paid to relieve 9 dutchmen, ¹ on sight of their certificate	2-0
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Paid to redeem 11 men which had beene slaves in Turkeyon	1 ^s -6 ^d
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1691.

Paid for a book and a proclamation for the discontinuing of the fast	2 ^s -6 ^d
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Paid Mr Wiledish for the surpluss, as his bill at large appeareth	£3-10-0
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Paid Jane Robinsone and her 2 children, who were burnt out of their house in Ireland, upon sight of their certificate ²	2-0
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1694.

Paid the sumner for a prayer booke	0-8 ^d
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1698.

Paid John Clare, who came with a certificate under severale hands and seals, to redeeme Luke Ogly, a minister, who was goeing to New England with his goods and taken by y ^e Turkes and kept as a slave there	3 ^s /6 ^d
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P ^d y ^e Sumner for a Book of Prayers for y ^e fast, y ^e Bishops letter, a proclamation, and a Breife for y ^e french protestants	2 ^s /6 ^d
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P ^d to releive a wounded souldier y ^t came from Flanders w th a pass	0-7 ^d
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1699.³

P ^d Major Cornwell towards y ^e ransom of his son, Mr Rob ^t Cornwell, out of Turkey	2/6
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1707.

Received thirteen shillings and four pence of Tho. Baldey, that

¹ There are many other entries of relief to Dutchmen.

² Many other entries like the above.

³ Many "sufferers by water" relieved this year.

he was convicted for before y^e Justice for goeing with six horses in length, and is disburst by us Tho. Chittenden and Tho. Mitten.

[Then follow the names of eight persons.]

1708.

Aug. 15th. Received of M^r Robert Turley for burry-
ing of Widow Collisson in linnen £2-10^s-0

1708.

May 23. For four bottles of Claret and four loaves
for Whitesunday 8^s-4^d
Oct. 24th. for four bottles of tent wine and four loaves 12^s-4

[Then follow two other entries the same as the last, viz. for wine and bread, Dec. 25th and April 24th.]

1709.

Paid Mr. Sandhurst for writeing the Poor Book . . 2^s/0

1714.¹

Paid for a proclamation to pray for the Prince of
Wales 1^s/-
Paid for a Proclamation to pray for the Issue . . 1^s/-
Paid for a Proclamation to pray for the Unity of
the Church 1^s/-
Relieved a Minister's Widow and four children . . 1^s/-
Paid for a Prockliamtion for a Thanksgiving and
for a new form of Prayer 2^s/-
Paid for a Prockliamtion to be Read against
Swearing 1^s/-
Spent at the Swan a-making of the Book . . . 1^s/6

A DECREE MADE IN 1527, BY ARCHBISHOP WARHAM.

M^d That in the yere of our Lorde mⁱ v^c xxvij, m^r Drien² be-
ynge person, ther rose a contencion betwene the said person and
the parochyans aboute the Fyndynge of a Surples, wher as the

¹ [Accession of George I.]

² [Another Vicar to add to Hasted's list.]

said person would forced the parishe to Fynde for hym or the curate a surples w^t sleeves the whiche the parishe denyed beynge before accustomed to Fynde but onely a Rochett, wherupon the said person denyed the Fyndynge of the Clerck. This matter beynge brought before the bisshope Warrame dyde then determen and w^t the said person and parochyans the bysshope decreed that from thence forth the parishe should ever after fynd the Curate or person one Sleved Surplys, and the person to Fynde continewally every yere for clerks wages fortie shyllings an alwayes the parishe to chose the Clerck. Present at Knoll at this conclusion takyn these persons folowyng:—

George Congeherst, gentleman
 Edmund Robert the elder
 Thom^as Mercer
 Wyll^am Mercer
 John Secsley
 Wyll^am Baseden
 John Norden
 Wyll^am Smyth
 Nycholas Ovene
 John Robyn
 Edwarde Dounck
 Thom^as mercer Jwnor
 Edmund Weaner

II.—THE TREADING OF THE 5 DENNS IN HAWKHURST,
 XXII. HEN. VII., 1507.

From the ancient MS. chartulary belonging to the Parish Church of St. Laurence, entitled "Copie of Divers Patents, Graunts, and other Deeds, etc., touchyng Wye, Hawkhurst, etc."

This is the treadinge of the five Denns within Hawkhurst wthin the Frauncheis of the Abbott of Battell.

First the Denn of Hawkhurst is troden by the tenants of the same denn, first by John Mercer the elder in the name of George and William Basenden, Edmond Congehurst, Robert Frenshe, Laurance Toknashe, tenants of the same denn the xvjth daie of November in the xxij yere of the Rigne of Kinge Henry the vijth.

HAWKHURST.

First the forsaied Tenants have begon to tread them out, first begin at Cokshetebidge,¹ and so take all the strete up to Highgate Crosse, and then from the saied Crosse take the south side of the strete eastward till ye come to a gate of the lands of the heires of John Hensell caled Hawkehurst gate, and then take southwards by the east hedge of the saied lands of the heirs of John Hensell, between the saied lands and the lands of George Mercer from hedge to hedge and gill till ye come to a wood of John Mercer the elder caled Whitdownewood, and then torne westward by the gill deviding betwene the lands of the heirs of John Hensell, George Mercer, and John Mercer, and the saied lands and woods called Whitedowne of the said John Mercer, till ye come to a River w^{ch} River devideth the saied denn and the denn of Witheringhope, and then turne west against the streame of the River till ye come to a baye of John Mercer, and through the ponds of the saied John Mercer as the River runneth till ye come to the said Cokeshetebidge wherat was began first.

WEUERINGHOPE.

The denn of Weveringhope is troden the same daie by John Mercer the elder, John Mercer the younger in the name of Edmond Roberts, John Sesseley, Vincent Cockewell, Thomas, Philpott, Walter Crothall, and Robert Newnam the younger.

First begin at Cockshetebidge and so kepe the River still eastwards till ye come to the streate at Ridsen bridge, and from the saied bridge as the water runneth till ye come to a bridge caled Collett's bridge, and from the saied bridge as the water runneth betwene Kent and Sussex till ye come to the east of a garden of Edmond Roberts under Birslee wood, and there take up northward by the hedge and dike between the saide Edmond and George Roberts as the water runneth down from the ponds at Coodings, and from thence as the water runneth till ye come at the west side of a diehouse of George Roberts, and from the saied little streame directly through the lands and gardens of the parsonage and through the Churchyarde till ye come to a stone that standeth at the north side of the Churchyerd in the waye from the Church to Delmynden,

¹ Now called "Cockshot bridge."

and from the saied stone directly over the moore till ye come to the River that runneth to Cockshebridge.

DELMYNDEN.

This is the treadinge of the denn of Delmynden, troden uppon S^t Clement's daye in the xxijth yere of the Reigne of Kinge Henrie the vijth by Edmond Congehurst and Edmond Standen Bedills, and James Hamond, Thomas Whatman, and Lawrence Sessley.

First begin at North-hale Crosse¹ and so kepe the streete towards the south till ye come to Kentford hedge, and then there take west as the River runneth between Kent and Sussex till ye come to a bridge besids Brooke gate caled Bowldnell bridge, and then turne north by a little water streame at the west side of the strete till ye come to a corner of a pece of land of Thomas Philpott caled^d Downwell, and so by a valley in the same pece katercorner² over the saied pece of land, and so take a little nicke of an other pece of land till ye come directly unto an oake standinge in the streate uppon a x Rodds from Kent stone³ at Sicocks hoth, and then turn east directly from the saied oake unto an other oake standing in the east hedge of the saied pece of land caled Downwell by estimacion iij Rodds from the north east corner of the saied pece of land, and from that oake directly through a pece of land of Robert Sesele that boundeth wth the streete round about, and so from the saied pece of land directly by the midd of the streete till ye come wthin a Rodd of the north side of a barne of the heires of Laurence Luccas, and there take east by the saied north side of the barn and so by the south side of the kitchin of the saied heires and so directly through a garden of the saied heires into the lands of Wiffm Sesseley unto a stone standing in a pece of land of the Abbotts of Battell caled Selmished, and so fro the saied stone over the saied pece of land into a wood of the seied Abbots

¹ [Kilburn mentions five crosses in this parish:—Badcock's Cross, Cook's or Philpot's Cross, Skelcrouch Cross, Highgate Cross, and Pipsden Cross. This document, more than a century before his date, gives us North-hale Cross, Priest's Cross, or Podscrouch, and Virgin's Cross, possibly older names for three of the same.—T. G. F.]

² [Note the use of this old Kentish word. To this day we talk in Kent of "katering" across a field, going "kater-wise," etc. It is a corruption of "quatre," and means "taking the two opposite of four corners," "going diagonally."—T. G. F.]

³ [The county boundary-stone, still standing on Seacox Heath.]

called Littlewood unto a banke by the saied wood wherat ij little stremes meete, and then kepe as the said streame runneth till ye come to the streete caled the Durborn strete, and then turne south as the streete goeth till ye come to Northgate Crosse wherat ye first began.

SESSELEY.

This denn is troden out by John Sesseley sonn of Henry Sesseley in the nams of Stephen Sessely, Wifm Sesseley, John Standen, Wifm Buckhurst, Thomas Newman, Wifm Tolehurst, Robert Amell in the name of Thomas Amell.

First begin at Frenche wherat the streame taketh out of the streete by the east hedge of the lands of Helwyse Standen and so kepe the streete west till ye come to a crosse caled Preist Crosse ats Poddescrouche and so by Virgin's Crosse, and so from the saied crosse take downe the streete sowthwest till ye come where the waye goeth acrossse the strete, and then turne up to the upper stile in the saied strete and there take west by the hedge of Thomas Whatman directly into the hedge of the heires of Thomas Steevyn and so directly unto the hedge of the lands of Edmond Roberts, and unto an oke of the said hedge of Edmond Roberts and fro the saied oke directly over a little meddowe of the heires of Thomas Sprott right into the streete caled little Downboorne by estimacion three Rodds at the sowth side of a great oake in the saied streete, and there at the west side of the saied streete take a little streame that cometh out of a wood caled little wood and kepe the saied little streame till ye come to a banke where ij little water stremes meete in the saied wood, and so fro the saied point directly unto a stone that standeth at the upper side of Selmisham, and fro the saied streame directly through the lands of Wifm Sesseley into a garden of the heires of Laurence Loccas and directly by the south of the kitchin of the saied heires and directly into the high streete by the north side of the barne of the saied heires, and then take west till ye come to a feilde of Robert Sesseley (where the streete goeth rounde about) over the mid. of the saied feilde directly unto an oke that standeth by the west side of the streete in the hedge of the lands of Thomas Philpott caled Downnell, and so to an other oke that standeth by estimacion tenn rodde from Kent stone, and so from the saied Kent Stone Sicocks hoth, till ye come to an other stone

by estimacion ij Rodds and half from the hedge and bank of the heires of Simon Graunt, and so kepe west by the saied hedge along by the saied heth till ye come to a poynt . . cker and then take north by the dike and banke there till ye come to a parke pale of Mr George Guyldford, and so kepe the saied pale till ye come to a place caled gate Huttock till ye come to a poynt of the Heyth, and at the saied poynt leave the parke pale and take east by the hedge and dike there directly till ye come to a stomlett(?) caled Stonehamwood of the heires of Symon Graunt at the south side of the saied Stomlett, and so directly till ye come to a birche standing in the north east corner of a feilde of Stephen Sesseley, and so from the saied birch forsake the hedge and dike and kepe at the south side of the saied hedge and banke directly by the upper side of a valley till ye come to a feilde caled the Redes, and so directly by the upper side of a valley in the saied feild directly to a beeche in the saied feild, and from the saied beeche unto a gate in Soperslane,¹ and so kepe the lane east till ye come to a gate and hedge at Hokeredge and so kepe hedge north betwene little Hokeredge and Watmyns feilde, and so from hedge to dike directly unto the fowrth parte of Trendley ponde and there take the olde watercoorse till ye come to the River that runneth from the Fullingmill in Soperslane, and so from poynt wherat the ij rivers meete take east over an ende of a meddowe of the heires of Henry Newenden directly unto an hedge at the north side of the meddow, and so directly till ye come to the garden of Wifm Tolehurst and by the north hedge of the saied garden into the King's streete and so cross over the streete unto a streme that runneth at the east side of the strete, and so kepe the saied streme by the east side of the burgate hole and garden of Thomas Amell, and so kepe the saied streme till ye come wherat the said streme turneth south into the River, and so kepe fro the turninge of the saied streme by the north side of a meddowe of the said Thomas Amell till ye come to a hedge and dike between Thomas Amell and Laurence Bourne, and so by the same hedge till ye come to the River and then kepe the River till ye come to an hedge between Henherstwood and the land of Thomas Amell, and so kepe the saied hedge from hedge to hedge directly till ye come to Frensch where ye first began.

¹ "Sopers-lane" is N.W. of the parish, in the direction of Bedgebury.

AMBOLDISHERST.

The denn of Amboldisehurst is troden the saied daie that the denn of Hawkehurst is troden, by George Roberts, Robert Graunt, Emond Standen in the name of John Duke, Wiffm Springett.

First begin at the River that cometh to Cockshete bridge and so directly as the stone standeth besides the Churchyerd over the Moore to the saied stone, and fro the saied stone directly through the churchyerde and so through the parsonage garden and meddowe till ye come to a little streme at the west side of a Dyhowse of George Roberts, and so kepe the saied streme as the water runneth till ye come to the river that devideth Kent and Sussex, and so kepe the river that runneth between Kent and Sussex till ye come to a bridge at Kent forde caled turne northwards by the streete as the streete goeth till ye come to a crosse caled north hale crosse, and then take eastward by the hedge and dike betwene Nicholas Pende and James Hamond, and so from hedge to hedge as the foote waye goeth till ye come to a forstall at Swyte, and so take the hedge and dike at Swyte and the northside of the forstall so fro the east ende of the saied forstall directly unto a banke wherat there was sometyne a howse standinge at Swyte, and fro the saied banke directly unto a little valley in the saied feild wherat the saied howse stode, as by the saied little valley as the valley lyeth till ye come to an hedge at the east ende of the saied feilde and then turne northwards by the saied hedge, and then turne east by the hedge and dike unto an ewe tree, and so downe by the banke and dike between north feild and north land to the sowth-est end of the saied feilde directly to a streme that runneth to Cockshetebridge, and so by the saied little streme till that ye come wherat ye first began.

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