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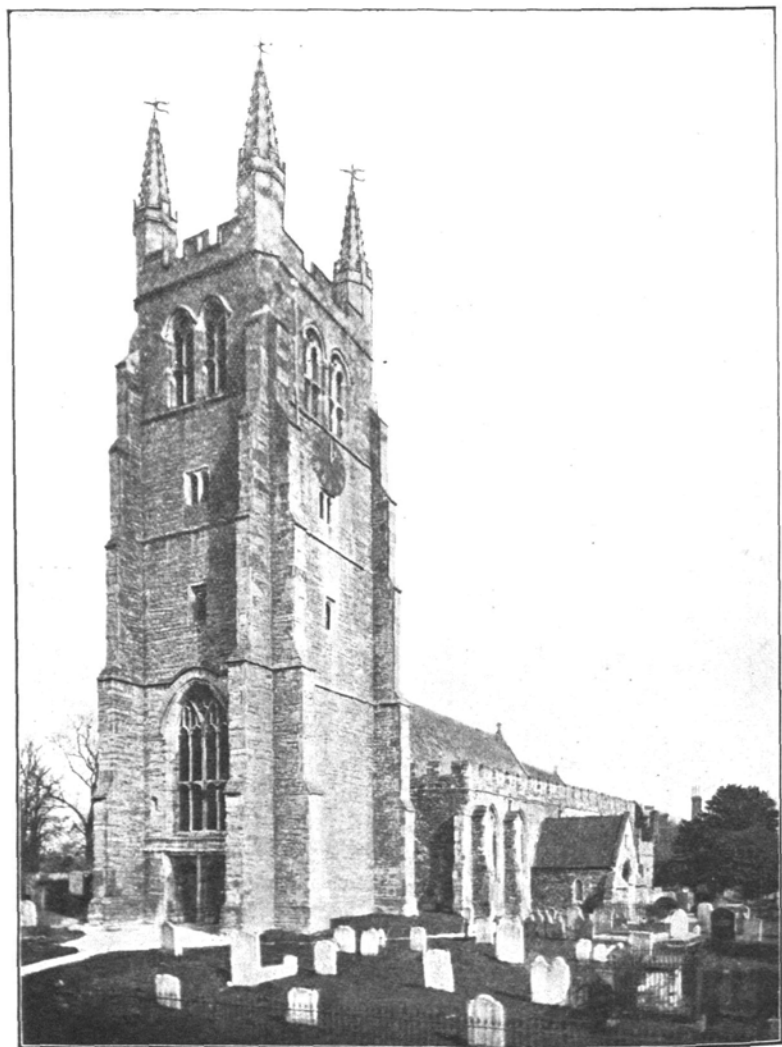


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[*Alex. Ridley, Tenterden.*

THE TOWER OF TENTERDEN CHURCH.

THE RECTORS AND VICARS OF
ST. MILDRED'S, TENTERDEN.

WITH AN APPENDIX.

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THE Church of St. Mildred the Virgin at Tenterden—one of only four¹ which bear this dedication in the county of Kent—is a building of much interest. The lofty and beautiful tower at the west end has the uncommon feature of a double doorway, and has been carefully restored within the last few years. It was erected during the second half of the fifteenth century. This tower, or rather one that preceded it, is well known in connection with the legend of Tenterden Steeple being the cause of the Goodwin Sands. The purpose of this paper, however, is not to give a history or description of the building, but to give a list of those clergy who have ministered in the church at Tenterden for over seven hundred years. The earliest name on record is that of—

HUGO NORMAN, clerk, temp. Henry II. and Richard I.,

Who is stated² to have been presented to the Church of Tenterden by the Abbot (Roger de Lurdingen) of St. Augustine's, Canterbury, in the time of King Richard I. (1189—1199). At a visitation by the Archdeacon in the year 1240, he is said to have been Rector for sixty years and more,³ and, because he had held it for so long a time, the right of patronage had come to be in doubt. On the decease of Hugo Norman the Pope (Innocent IV.) nominated

HENRY DE WYNGHAM, clerk, c. 1252,

To the Church of Thendwardenne. His appointment is alleged

¹ The others being the churches at Preston near Wingham, Nurstead by Gravesend, and one in the City of Canterbury.

² Year-books of the reign of Edward III., year xvii (1342-3), 509.

³ Hist. Angl. *Scriptores*, x., 1652, Chronicle of William Thorn of Canterbury.

to have been the cause of an affray and disturbance¹ which led to the death of Henry de Smaleide, who, "coming with armed force to the Church of Tentwardenn, attacked sundry persons and was wounded by them, whereof he afterwards died. . . . The King has already pardoned the said wounding and death." This took place about the year 1252. Henry de Wingham was a native of the parish of that name in East Kent and became much in favour with Henry III., who bestowed on him various Kentish livings. He ultimately became Lord Chancellor of England, and in 1259 Bishop of London. Died at his manor house at Stepney 1262, and was buried in Old St. Paul's.

In consequence probably of the trouble before mentioned, the right of presentation to this church was vested as follows:—

5 Kal. June (28 May) 1255, at Naples. Grant (by Pope Alexander IV.) to the Abbot and Convent of St. Augustine's, Canterbury, of the Church of Tentwardene in that diocese, of their patronage, to take effect on its voidance without the consent of the Diocesan or Archdeacon; a portion for the Vicar being assigned, and the rights of the Diocesan preserved.²

Sir WILLIAM, capellanus, ob. 1259.

In the year 1259 Archbishop Boniface issued a mandate to his official, Hamon Doge, to enquire concerning this vicarage. The result of the enquiry³ shewed that the Church of "Tendyrden" was vacant "per mortem domini Willielmi capellan' qui ultimo fuit vicarius in eadem."

JOHN, c. 1300-1,

Who, with sixteen other Kentish Rectors and Vicars, was excommunicated and imprisoned at Canterbury⁴ by Archbishop Winchelsey during the controversies between him and the Abbey of St. Augustine. "Johannes, Vicarius Ecclesiæ de Tenterdenne" (together with the others), was released from prison by order of the King, who directed a writ to the Sheriff of Kent, dated from Lincoln 18th Feb., 29 Edward I., for that purpose. And on August

¹ Cal. Pat. Rolls, Henry III. (1247—58), 169. See also Furley's *History of the Weald of Kent*, ii., 31, 32.

² Cal. Papal Letters, i. (1198—1304), 322.

³ Thorn's *Chronicles in Decem Scriptores*, 2100.

⁴ *The History of . . . the most illustrious King Edward I.*, etc., by William Pryne, Keeper of the Records (1670), 905. Also Cal. Close Rolls, Edward I. (1296—1302), 427.

14th, 1302, from Westminster the King directed a further order to the Sheriff to "cause all lay or armed force to be removed from the Church of Tenderdenne (and others) in the County of Kent."

Dñs JOHN GLADEWYNE, presb., 131½—1318,

Is the first Vicar of Tenterden whose name is to be found in the archepiscopal registers at Lambeth. He was admitted by the Archbishop at his manor at Teynham on 24th February 1311-12; the record being as follows:¹—

M^oCCC^{mo}XI^o. "Tentredenne. Itm. eodem anno apud Tenh'm vj Kaln Marcii admisit dñs Johem Gladewyne p'sbrm ad p'petua' Vicari' ecclie de Tenterdenne Cant. dioc. vacantem & ad p'sent'oem Abbis & Co'vent Sⁱ Augustini Cant.," etc.

JOHN SCRYP, presb., inst. 1318,

Succeeded and was admitted by Archbishop Reynolds at Lambeth² on the 2 Id. Junii (12th June) 1318.

JOHN PIKARD, late Vicar, 1323,

Was the next, but the date of his institution does not appear to be entered. He is mentioned as late Vicar in 17 Edward II. Almost at the end of the Archbishop's register³ may be found the record of a prohibition, by writ of consultation,⁴ on behalf of John Pikard, late Vicar of the Church of Tenterden. Edward, King of England, etc., to Walter, Archbishop of Canterbury, greeting, etc. Restraining the Archbishop from impleading "Johem Pikard vicari' ecclie de Tent'denne," we being ready to render to you and to all others full and speedy justice in our own court. Witness, etc., at Notingham, xiiii die Nouemb. anno R. n'ri deci'o septi'o.

Three weeks later, by a further writ dated "Ravenesdale vii die Decemb. anno R. n'ri deci'o septi'o," this prohibition was withdrawn. The King was unwilling to hinder matters appertaining to the Ecclesiastical Court, and gave leave to the Archbishop to proceed against the Vicar of the Church of "Tant'denn" in a Court of Christianity, for not residing on his vicarage, and for other offences.

RALPH DE CLYFFTONE, presb., 132¾—1327.

Admitted "ad Vicariam ecclie de Tent'denne" by Archbishop Reynolds from his manor at Otford,⁵ 7 Kal. Feb. (26th January) 132¾.

¹ Reg. Archbp. Winchelsey, fol. 169.

² Reg. Archbp. Reynolds, fol. 23.

³ *Ibid.*, fol. 308^a, 308^b.

⁴ The statute of the Writ of Consultation, relating to Ecclesiastical Courts, was made in 24 Edward I.

⁵ Reg. Archbp. Reynolds, fol. 251^b.

WILLIAM DE CASTELLO, Diac., 1327—1333.

Admitted "ad Vicariam ecc'ie de Tentrden" also by Archbishop Reynolds (who at the time was at the manor of Orsett in the diocese of London)¹ on the 14 Kal. Oct. (18th September) 1327. Six years later he exchanged benefices with John de Bourne, of St. Martin's, Canterbury, which is recorded on the Patent Roll as follows:²—

26 November 1333. Clarendon. Presentation of William de Castro, King's clerk, Vicar of the Church of Tenterdenne, to the Church of St. Martin without Canterbury, in the diocese of Canterbury in the King's gift by reason of the voidance of the see, on an exchange of benefices with John de Bourne, King's clerk.

JOHN DE BOURNE, King's clerk, inst. 1333.

The third Rector of St. Martin's, by exchange, became Vicar of Tenterden, and was instituted to this benefice by the Prior (Richard Oxenden) and Chapter of Canterbury—the see being vacant³—on 22nd December 1333, on presentation by the King. In 1334 the Abbot of St. Augustine's received from the Pope a ratification of grants made of various possessions, including the Church of Tenterden.⁴ John de Bourne appears as Rector⁵ of Snargate 1320—1324, and he is perhaps the same who became Provost of Wingham College, which he held at the time of his decease in 1351.

Dñs JOHN DE BRADWEY, c. 1342.

In the year 1342 an action was brought by Sir Michael de Ponynges, John de Seagrave of Folkestone and others,⁶ against the Abbot of St. Augustine's in respect of a presentation to the Church of Tenterden. In connection with these proceedings⁷ we have the name of "dominum Johannem de Bradwey Vicarium ecclesie de Tentwardene." The patronage was claimed as being part of the inheritance of the Barony of Averanches, but judgment was given in favour of the Abbot, who produced the grant made by Alexander IV. John de Bradwey afterwards appears to have been Rector of

¹ Reg. Archbp. Reynolds, fol. 265.

² Cal. Pat. Rolls, Edw. III. (1330—1334), 480.

³ *Sede Vacante*, Reg. Q., fol. 177.

⁴ Cal. Papal Letters, ii., p. 401.

⁵ *Arch. Cant.*, XIII., 425.

⁶ Year-books of Edw. III., year xvii. (1342-3), pp. 189, 501.

⁷ *Thorn's Chronicles in Decem Scriptores*, 2080.

Trottescliffe, from whence he exchanged to Itchen, near Southampton. The right of patronage does not, however, appear to have been definitely settled, according to the following presentation:—

WILLIAM MOGGE, pres. 1346,

Concerning whom the following is entered¹ on the Patent Roll of Edw. III.:—

22 December 1346. Eltham. Presentation of William Mogge to the Church of Tenterdenne in the Diocese of Canterbury, in the King's gift by reason of his late custody of the lands and heir of Agnes, sometime the wife of Thomas Poynges tenant in chief. William Mogge was no doubt followed by—

JOHN GILBERT, exch. 1347,

But at what date I cannot ascertain. He exchanged to the living of Trottescliffe as may be seen from the following:—

JOHN EVERYNG, 1347—1349.

1 January 1347. Eltham. Presentation of John Everyng, Parson of the Church of Trottesclyve in the Diocese of Rochester, to the Vicarage of the Church of Tenterdenne in the Diocese of Canterbury, in the King's gift by reason of the temporalities of the Abbey of St. Augustine, Canterbury, being in his hands, on an exchange of benefices with John Gilbert.² John Everyng had been Rector of Trottescliffe³ since 1341; but he did not remain at Tenterden very long.

Dñs ADAM DE LILLYNGSTON, inst. 1349,

Was presented by the Abbot and Convent of St. Augustine's to be Vicar of the Church of Tentwarden, and owing to the see being vacant,⁴ the Archbishop-elect (John de Ufford) having died a week previously, he was instituted to this living by the Prior (Robert Hathbrand) and Chapter of Christ Church, Canterbury, on 28th May 1349. A month later, the 27th June, Adam "Lyvingstan," Vicarius de Tenterden, with other neighbouring clergy,⁵ appointed proctors to parliament and convocation.

Dñs JOHN TAILLOUR, exch. 1390.

The date of his institution to this vicarage I have not found.

¹ Cal. Pat. Rolls, Edw. III. (1345—48), 227.

² *Ibid.*, 217.

³ *Arch. Cant.*, XX., 188.

⁴ *Sede Vacante*, Reg. G., fol. 122^b.

⁵ *Cant. Sede Vacante*, Scrap-book, p. 303.

On the 18th May 1390, at Croydon, Archbishop Courtenay¹ sanctioned an exchange of benefices between "d'nm Joh'em Taillo' p'petum Vic' eccl'ie p'och de Tentwardyn Cant. dioc" and "Thoma' Newman p'pet. Vic' eccl'ie p'och de Middelton Cant. dioc." Within three months John Taylor again exchanged, this time to the Vicarage of St. John in Thanet (Margate Parish Church).

THOMAS NEWMAN, 1390—1394,

Formerly Vicar of Middleton (Milton Regis), now became Vicar of Tenterden. He remained here four years, when he obtained leave to exchange into the West of England. On the 6th December 1394, at Maydeston, Archbishop Courtenay and Henry, Bishop of Worcester, agreed to "Thoma' Newman Vicarium eccl'ie p'och de Tynterden Cantuarien dioc." and "Rob'um Noreys Vicarium eccl'ie p'ochis de Stonehous Wygornien dioc." exchanging benefices.²

ROBERT NORREYS, inst. 1394,

Previously Vicar of Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, then in the Diocese of Worcester, by exchange became Vicar of this parish, but how long he remained here is not shewn.

WILLIAM DERWENT, exch. 1404.

His institution to this vicarage has not been found. On the 26th October 1404, at Coventry, Archbishop Arundel and Edmund, Bishop of Exeter, permitted an exchange of benefices³ between "Will^m Humberston, Rectorem eccl'ie p'och de Schokebrok sue Exonien. dioc." and "Will' Derwent, Vicar'm ecc'ie p'och de Tent'den Cant. dioc."

Dñs WILLIAM HUMBERSTON, 1404—1407,

Formerly Rector of Shobrooke near Crediton, Devon, held this vicarage for three years only, resigning in 1407.

Dñs WILLIAM ACHECOTE or AYSSHCOT, cap., 1407—1436.

Archbishop Arundel,⁴ on the 26th June 1407, at Lambeth, admitted "d'ns Willm. Achecote, cap^{us} ad p'petuam Vicariam ecc'ie

¹ Reg. Archbp. Courtenay, fol. 276^a.

² Reg. M.D.B.C., Courtenay section, fol. 219.

³ Reg. Archbp. Arundel, fol. 298^b.

⁴ *Ibid.*, fol. 315^a.

p'och de Tenterden Cantuarien' dioc. p. lib'am resignacionem d'ni Willi' Humberston ultimi Vicari ejusdem vacantem." He remained Vicar of Tenterden for nearly thirty years, and resigned in 1436.

Dñs NICHOLAS WIDMERE, cap., 1436—1443,

Succeeded. His admission to this benefice is thus recorded:¹—

"Vicar' de Tendirden. Duodecimo die mensis Septembris anno dni cccc^cxxxvi^o in manerio suo de Maydeston. Admisit dominum Nicholaum Widmer capellanum ad Vicariam p'petuam eccl'ie p'ochialis de Tenterdenne sue dioc. p. liberam resignacionem domini Will^m Aysshcot ultimi ibidem vicarii vacantem," etc. Seven years later he exchanged into the diocese of Chichester, being admitted, on the presentation of John, Duke of Norfolk, to the Rectory of West Grinstead near Horsham, on the 6th July 1443, by the Bishop (Richard Praty) of Chichester at his house at Amberley.²

Dñs WILLIAM COVENTRY, 1443—c. 1459.

Previously Rector of West Grinstead, Sussex. He is stated to have been presented to Tenterden by the Prior and Convent of Christ Church, Canterbury, on an exchange with the last. William Cok of Tenterden, by will³ dated 15th May 1449, made a bequest of 3s. 4d. to Dom. William Coventri. On 24th November 1458, at Westminster, a pardon of outlawry in the hustings of London⁴ was granted to William Coventry of West Grenested, Sussex, *alias* of Tenterden, co. Kent, clerk, for not appearing before the justices touching a debt of 40 marks, and another of 40 shillings.

He probably held this living about fifteen or sixteen years, the next of whom we have record being—

JOHN HENTON, clerk, c. 1460—1464,

Who was Vicar of Tenterden in 1461, his name appearing as a witness to the will of Henry Esteagh of Tenterden, dated 31st October in that year. Like his predecessor, he also received a pardon of outlawry,⁵ dated 18th April 1464, at Westminster, "for not appearing before the Justices of the King's Bench to answer

¹ Reg. Archbp. Chicholo, i., fol. 212.

² Reg. of Bishop Praty of Chichester, quoted in Sussex Record Society, vol. iv., 128.

⁴ Cal. Pat. Rolls, Henry VI. (1452—61), 450.

⁵ Cal. Pat. Rolls, Edward IV. (1461—67), 314.

³ Archdeaconry, i., 1.

Walter Stalworth of Westminster, co. Middlesex, "taylor," touching a debt of forty shillings."

A few months later he exchanged into Sussex.

JOHN DEVE, pres. 1464.

Presented by K. Edward IV. to this vicarage, according to the following entry in the Patent Roll:¹—

10 November 1464. Wycombe. Presentation of John Deve, Parson of the Parish Church of Iwerst (Ewhurst) in the diocese of Chichester, to the Vicarage of the Parish Church of Tentwarden in the diocese of Canterbury, on an exchange of benefices with John Henton.

How long John Deve remained Vicar of Tenterden is uncertain. Apparently the living had been vacant prior to the year 1476, as a commission was issued in that year by Archbishop Bouchier to Mag. Simon Hoigges, the official of the Archdeacon, to enquire on the vacancy of the Parish Church of "Tentwarden," and, if found to be still vacant, to admit Mag. Edmund Hovynden to the same.²

Mag. EDMUND HOVYNDEN, LL.B., 1476—1478,

Already, since 1465, Vicar of St. Paul's, Canterbury, was now admitted to this vicarage on the same being found vacant. Archbishop Bouchier's commission of enquiry was issued from Lambeth 22nd March 1476, but in a little over a year he was permitted by the same Archbishop to exchange benefices³ with Will: Pope, Rector of Blackmanstone, the patrons, the A. and C. of St. Augustine's, and Sir William Hawte, Kt., respectively, consenting.

By his will⁴ dated 17th June 1497, Vicar Hovynden desired to be buried in the chancel of St. Mary in the Church of St. Paul, Canterbury. He made many interesting bequests to the Abbey of St. Augustine, and "to my Church of Blakmanston one vestment," but makes no reference to Tenterden Church.

Mag. WILLIAM POPE, 1478—1479,

Rector of Blackmanstone in Romney Marsh, now became Vicar of Tenterden, but he also only held the living a little over twelve

¹ Cal. Pat. Rolls, Edward IV. (1461—67), 353.

² Reg. Archbp. Bouchier, fol. 115^a.

³ *Ibid.*, fol. 118^a.

⁴ Archdeaconry, vii., 9.

months, dying about the end of the summer in 1479. His name occurs as a witness to the will of one of his parishioners, Thomas Sharpey of Tenterden, made 13th January 147 $\frac{8}{9}$.

Mag. JOHN MOEER, A.M., 1479—1489,

Followed. His admission to this benefice is thus recorded:¹—

“Quarto die mens. Octob’r anno d’ni Mill’mo ccclxxix^{mo} apud Maghfeld d’ns admisit magr’m Joh’nem Moeer in artib’s magr’m ad Vicariam p’petua’ S’ce Mildrede de Tentwarden Cant. dioc. p. mort’ mag’ri Willi’ Pope ult^o vicariu’ ib’m vacan’ ad qua’ p. Abb’tem & Conventu’ mon’ S’ci Augustini ext’ muros civitat Cant.,” etc. John Moeer or More, who may probably have been connected with the family of Sir Thomas More, held the vicarage of Tenterden for ten years, dying in 1489. His will, dated on Palm Sunday in that year, is one of much interest, and shews him to have been a man of considerable learning. A brief notice of the same may not be inappropriate.² He desired to be buried in the chancel of St. Mildred of Tenterden, and bequeathed to the repair thereof 10s.; to the repair of the nave 13s. 4d. Bequests to the house of Friars Carmelites at Losenham; the House of Trinitarians at Headcorn; the House of Friars Minors at Winchelsea; the Brotherhood of St. Mary in Tenterden Church; the maintenance of the Chapel of Smallhythe, and to the Chaplain of the same; numerous personal legacies; and a unique list of books which were bequeathed by name to various colleges, etc., and among many of the neighbouring clergy. Those who thus benefited included: the College of Eton; the Students of Christ Church, Canterbury; the Students of St. Augustine without Canterbury; Magdalen College and Canterbury Hall at Oxford; the College of Wye; the College of Ashford; the Ministers of Biddenden, Sandhurst, Chartham, St. George Canterbury, Benenden, etc.; the Church of St. Benedict, Bucklersbury, London; Sir John Gilford, Kt. (a parishioner), and others. In addition to which certain books were to be chained in the eastern part of the choir of Tenterden Church. An interesting bequest is that of ten pounds and some books to Thomas Lynaker, then a student at Florence; this was Thomas Linacre, afterwards known as the famous Greek scholar and physician to both Henry VII.

¹ Reg. Archbp. Bouchier, fol. 122^a.

² For further interesting details see *Books mentioned in Wills*, a paper read before the Bibliographical Society, 19th October 1903, by H. R. Plomer, Esq., to which the writer is indebted for the information regarding the books.

and Henry VIII. The will¹ was proved at Lambeth 16th November 1489.

JOHN HYCHECOKE, 1490—1493,

No doubt became Vicar on the decease of John More, but the date of his institution has not been found in the Archepiscopal registers. His name occurs in wills² of Tenterden folk dated 1490 and 1491. Possibly he died about the end of 1493, his successor being admitted early in the year 1494 to the benefice, being then "Vacant per mortem ultimi incumbentis."

Mag. PETER MARSHALL, S.T.B., 1494—1512.

Archbishop Morton, at Lambeth on the 11th March 1493³, instituted³ "Mag'r'm Petrum Marchall in sacra theologia bachellar' ad vicariam p'petuam eccl'ie p'och de Tentwarden suo Cant. dioc." Mr. Marshall's name appears as witness to many wills of his parishioners. One, Robert Clerk, by will⁴ of 24 December 1495, bequeathed to Magister Peter Marchall, Vicar of Tenterden, as a mortuary 10s., and to the said Vicar, to pray, etc., 6s. 8d. A Chantry in Tenterden Church was founded about this time, which was afterwards known as Peter Marshall's Chantry. Some interesting particulars concerning this may be found in Appendices II. and VII., pp. 238, 243. Mr. Marshall resigned this vicarage in 1512, and his name occurs as Rector of St. Edmund, Lombard Street, E.C., 1510—1516. By his will,⁵ dated 28 July 1518, he bequeathed to the poor of Tenterden 20s., and in works of charity 10 mares, but makes no bequest to the Church or Chantry, whereas his brother, William Marshall, left considerable legacies thereto. Possibly he was not so well off as his brother, as he seems to have needed a retiring pension of twenty marks yearly from the vicarage of Tenterden to be paid by his successor, who was:—

Mag. WILLIAM BROKE, A.M., 1512—1539.

The record⁶ of his institution is as follows: "Nono die mensis Septembris anno d'ni M^o Quingentisimo duo decimo apud Knoll d'ns admisit Mag'r'm Will'm Broke artium mag'r'm ad vicariam p'petuam eccl'ie p'ochialis de Tentwarden Cant. dioc. p. liberam resignationem Mag'ri Petri Marschall clerici ultimi incumbentis." This is the last recorded presentation to the vicarage of Tenterden

¹ P.C.C. Wills. 20. Milles.

² Archdeaconry Wills, Cant.

³ Reg. M.D.B.C., Morton's Section, fol. 156^b.

⁴ Archdeaconry, vi., 5.

⁵ Consistory, xii., fol. 158.

⁶ Reg. Archbp. Warham, fol. 346^a.

by the Abbot and Convent of St. Augustine's, Canterbury. On being instituted by Archbishop Warham, Mr. Broke took the usual oaths touching continuous and personal residence, etc., and also agreed to pay an annual pension of 20 marcs (£13 6s. 8d.) to the aforesaid Mag. Peter Marshall, to be paid at the four quarters of the year in equal portions, namely, on the Sunday which is called *Albis*,¹ on the first of July, the sixth of October and the first of January, during the time of his holding the said vicarage. Mr. Broke appears to have been Rector of Fordwich from 1509 till 1512, when he resigned. During his vicariate of 27 years he appears to have carried out his undertaking and to have resided among his parishioners, his name occurring in many of their wills—in some as witness, in others as legatee. He seems to have found it difficult to keep pace with the times in which he lived, as in 1534 we find Sir John Dudley—who at that time held Kenchill in Tenterden—writing to Lord Cromwell² concerning him: "This day the Vicar of Tenterden exhorted his parishioners to stand on their old fashions and to fly this new learning, etc." Dated at Halden, Sunday afternoon, 11 October 1534. The complainant was one of Cromwell's servants named Brikenden, and Dudley would not have written to Cromwell about it "had he not already been before you," which seems to imply that Vicar Broke had been previously called to account. In the *Valor Ecclesiasticus*, which was compiled in 1534-5, Mr. Broke is named as being Vicar here. The particulars relating to Tenterden will be found in Appendix No. III., p. 240. About the year 1521 there appears to have been made a Grant³ of the next presentation to the vicarage of Tenterden (and two others) to John Rest, Alderman of the City of London, and Thomas Perpoynt. The living not falling vacant, however, for some sixteen or seventeen years after that date, the next presentation was made by Dr. Richard Layton, as shewn later. The date of the decease of Mr. Broke has not been found. Administration⁴ of his goods was granted to "Sir" Robert Idley of Ebony, clerk, kinsman of the deceased, on the ex'or renouncing, 16 Jan. 154⁰/₁. The following item is from the Lydd Corporation records⁵: "Paid in reward unto a Priest of Tenterden when he

¹ The first Sunday after Easter, which is called "Albis" (*Breviarum Sarum*, p. 547).

² State Papers, Henry VIII., vol. vii., 1251.

³ Catalogue of MSS. in ZA in the Library of Cant. Cath., by Rev. C. E. Woodruff (1911), p. 70.

⁴ Archdeaconry Administrations, vol. viii. (1536-47).

⁵ Lydd Chamberlain's accounts (1520-1521), fol. 59.

came to preach on Mid-Lent Sunday . . . 18^d." The name not being given, it is uncertain whether the preacher was the Vicar or the Chantry Priest of Tenterden.

Dñs PETER BAKER, A.M., 1539—1545.

Probably a native of Tenterden or lived there while young, his father being John Baker (who had a business in the town), and grandfather, Symon Baker of Faversham.¹ William Gerwis, Jurat of Tenterden, by his will² dated 1525, bequeathed to Peter, the son of John Baker, 13s. 4d., and also £6 13s. 4d., upon condition that he be a priest. Evidently he was already studying at Oxford, as he took his degree of B.A. there early the following year. His father became Bailiff of Tenterden in 1530, and died in 1539. By his will³ made in 1537, he bequeathed to his son "Sir" Peter Baker a gray gelding, and to his son Xtopher a bay ditto. William Broke the Vicar, dying probably in 1539, Peter Baker was presented to the living by Dr. Layton, and recorded as follows:⁴—

Institutio Vicarie ecclie p'och de Tenterden. "Vicesimo primo die mensis Junii anno d'ni Mill'mo Quingentesimo xxxix^o apud Lambehith d'ns admisit d'nm Petrum Baker artiu' mag'rm ad vicaria' p'petuam eccl'ie p'och de Tenterdem suo Cantuar dioc. per mortem naturalem d'ni Will'mi Broke cl'ici ultimi incumben' ib'm vacan ad quam per M'rm Richardum Layton legum doctorem vigore cuiusdam advocationis ex in hac parte fact hac viro patron', etc."

Mr. Baker, like his predecessor, apparently found it not easy to give up the form of worship in which he had doubtless been trained, and in consequence came under the notice of Archbishop Cranmer. For particulars see Appendix No. V., p. 241.

This Vicar's name occurs in two charters preserved in the British Museum. In the first⁵ he is stated, in conjunction with John Lydyat, citizen and ironmonger of London, to have entered into a bond to pay £3 6s. 8d. to Roger Plat, citizen and merchant tailor of London, at the Feast of the Nativity of St. John Baptist then next ensuing (24 June). This is dated 10 May, 36 Henry VIII., 1544, and bears the signatures of Peter Baker and John Lydyat. The second⁶ is a bond by John Maynard, citizen and mercer of London, to pay Peter Baker, Vicar of Tenterden, by the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula next ensuing (1 August) the sum of £40 in consideration of his having failed to carry out certain agreements

¹ *The Genealogist*, vi. (1890), p. 242.

² Archdeaconry, xvi., 12.

³ Archdeaconry, xxi., 9.

⁴ Reg. Archbp. Cranmer, fol. 367^b.

⁵ Harley Charter, 45 F. 26.

⁶ Harley Charter, 53 D. 27.

relating to the tithes of the Church of Tenterden. This bears date 10 July, 37 Henry VIII., 1545, and has the signature of John Maynard with a seal.

Bp. RICHARD THORNEDEN, D.D., 1546—1555,

Succeeded Peter Baker. He is well known to the student of ecclesiastical history as the second Bishop Suffragan of Dover, to which office he was appointed in 1545. It is unnecessary here to recount the varied incidents of his career, and it will be sufficient to remark that he changed his opinions according to the times, and was rewarded with many lucrative benefices. The exact date of his appointment to Tenterden does not appear to have been recorded, but according to the following entry¹ he compounded for first fruits of that living in 37 Henry VIII.: "Vicesimo die Aprilis xxxvij Hen. VIII. Kanc. Rich'us Thorneden cl'icus intravit comp' sua' prim' Vicar de Tenterden ext ad xxxij^{li} xij^s x^d xma inde lxvij^s iij^d ob. Obligantur idem Rich'us, Johes ffreman et Thomas Batherst, Ald'ri Civit. Cantuar." This may therefore be the year in which he became Vicar of Tenterden. In addition to holding this vicarage, Bishop Thorneden also obtained the valuable livings of Lydd 1540, Bishopsbourne 1544, Wrotham 1546, Great Chart 1555, and Adisham 1557. He died at his benefice of Bishopsbourne² in February 1557, and at Tenterden was succeeded by—

Mag. WILLIAM DARRELL, M.A., res. 1556,

A member of the chapter at Canterbury, being the third Canon in the third prebend, to which he was appointed by Queen Mary in 1554, and which he held till his decease. As in the case of his predecessor, the exact date of his institution to Tenterden has not been found. He was probably a member of the Kentish family of Darell or Darrell of Little Chart, and was an antiquary of some note, writing an account of the castles of Kent and of Dover Castle in particular. He was M.A. of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge; Chaplain to Queen Elizabeth 1560, Sub-dean of Canterbury between 1565—1570, and Chancellor of the Diocese of Bangor. Nominated to the Archbishopric of Armagh in 1567, but, owing to the opposition of Archbishop Grindal, did not obtain the appointment³. He held many and various livings; those in Kent included

¹ Composition Books, Series I. (1536—1660), iii., 85^b.

² *Antiquary*, vol. xxiii. (1891).

³ *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

Little Chart 1546, Milton Gravesend 1549, Upper Hardres 1559, and Nether Hardres in 1561; to the latter he compounded for first fruits 10th July, 3 Elizabeth. Vicar of Monkton 1562, and of Benenden 1563.

At the primary Visitation¹ of Archbishop Parker held at Canterbury in 1560, each member of the chapter duly appeared, and the answer of Mr. Darrell may be of interest: "D'ns Will'mus Darrell; Prebendarius and Vice-Decanus. M^r Darrell saith that the schollers of the grammer schole goe not orderlie in their apparrell; also that Master (Theodorus) Newton, one of the prebendaries, is supposed to be no preste. Also M^r Darrell confesseth that he hath three benefices with cure within the dioces of Canturbery, and hathe dispensacon but for two onlie." Mr. Darrell did not hold the benefice of Tenterden very long, as he resigned it in the summer of 1556. He died in 1580.

The Abbey of St. Augustine having been surrendered on the 31st of July, 30 Henry VIII. (1538), the patronage of the vicarage of Tenterden was bestowed upon the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury,² in whose gift it remains to the present time. "Grant to the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury (among many other rectories and advowsons of vicarages) that of Tentwarden *alias* Tenterden in co. Kent, which belonged to the late monastery of St. Augustine by Canterbury. Dat. 16 May, 33 Hen. VIII., 1541."

JOHN SPENDELOVE, presb., 1556—1560,

Was the next Vicar, and was the first, according to the arch-episcopal registers, to be presented by the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Canterbury, "the true and undoubted patrons thereof." The record of his admission is as follows:³—

"Tenterden Vicario Institutio. Anno d'ni millimo quingen^o quinquagesimo sexto. Vicesimo sexto die mensis Augusti anno predicto apud Lambeth d'ns admisit Joh'em Spendelove p'b'm ad vicariam perpetuam eccl'ie p'ochialis de Tenterden Cantuarien' dioc. et jurisdictionis per liberam et spontaneam resignationem Mag'r'i Willmi Darrell ultimi Vicarii et incumbentis vacan., etc." Mr. Spendelove appears to have been Vicar of Charing in 1554. His name is not found in the Composition Books, although he held the living about four and a half years.

¹ Reg. Archbp. Parker, i., fol. 304.

² Letters and Papers, Henry VIII., xvi. (1540-1), p. 425.

³ Reg. Archbp. Pole, fol. 69^b.

JOHN BENDALL, clerk, 156 $\frac{0}{1}$ —1571,

Was admitted "ad Vicariam p'petuam eccl'ie parochialis de Tentwarden Cant. dioc." by Archbishop Parker¹ at Lambeth, on the 7th of February according to the computation of the Church of England 1560, and compounded for first fruits on the 24th of March following². He appears to have been non-resident at Tenterden, and, according to the presentments made at the Archdeacon's visitations, many complaints were alleged against him, *e.g.*, 1560, The vicarage is in decay. 1563, There is no hospitality kept and nothing given to the poor, and the vicarage and churchyard in very decay by the Vicar's default. The Vicar hath two benefices, by what order they know not. 1564, The vicarage and churchyard is in ruin and decay, but they do provide for the amendment thereof. 1565, Our vicarage is not fully repaired but is in great decay. 1566, We present John Bendall, clerk, our Vicar, for that he is not resident with us, but serveth a cure at Halden,³ two miles from us, and that he hath letten out his vicarage to farm, and hath not reserved any part thereof for his curate, which we think inconvenient in both; and further, what relief he doth give to the poor we know not. At the visitation of Archbishop Parker in 1569, Mr. Bendall was reported to be married; not resident there; has many benefices; not hospitable there; preaches and has license to preach, and is a graduate. His Curate, Mr. Cockes, was also reported to be married; has no benefice; does not preach; has no license to preach, and not a graduate. Householders, 194; communicants, 586.

During Mr. Bendall's absence from Tenterden he had William Cockes, or Coxe, as his Curate here; he resided upon the benefice and acted as the friend and adviser of the parishioners, as he is found drawing up their wills and witnessing them, etc. But eventually he fell on troublous times, it being recorded that on the 18th November 1569 William Coxe, "Curatus de Tenterden," was summoned to appear in the Consistory Court at Canterbury,⁴ and admonished to henceforth observe the injunctions of the Queen's Majesty under a penalty of tenpence.

GEORGE ELIE, M.A., 1571—1615,

Or as it is variously spelt, Eley, Elye, Ely, was, on the 16th April 1571, also admitted by Archbishop Parker "ad Vicaria"

¹ Reg. Archbp. Parker, i., fol. 347^b.

² Comp. Books, vii., 114.

³ His name does not appear in a list of the Rectors of High Halden, compiled by Wynford B. Grimaldi, Esq. (1900).

⁴ Consist. Court Acta 1569.

perpetua' eccl'ie p'ochialis de Tenterden Cant. dioc." on the presentation of Dr. Thomas Godwin, S.T.P., the Dean of Canterbury, and also the Chapter of the same.¹ He compounded on the 24th of the same month.² Mr. Elie was an Oxford man, taking his degree there of B.A. in 1566, and M.A. 1569. He was appointed a Lower Master at the King's School, Canterbury,³ in 1568, in succession to Edward Caldwell, but resigned that on being presented to this vicarage three years later. During his long tenure of this office he was at times non-resident, and at the presentments made to the Archdeacon we find the following: "1576. The clarke George Haffenden doth read in the Vicar's absence, not being licensed." Between the years 1584 and 1604 many further presentments were made respecting the condition of the church and churchyard.

In the year 1599 a curious dispute arose between the Vicar and some of his parishioners concerning the right of the latter to use a small door leading out of the north chancel; the record of the whole matter may be seen in Appendix No. IX., pp. 245—250. Mr. Elie, by his will⁴ dated 13 August 1615, made numerous bequests to his family and appointed as his executor his son Samuel, who, however, failed to carry out some of the provisions of his father's will, as the following is to be found in a list of excommunicated persons⁵ for the period 1628—1639. "Samuelem Elie paroch de Tenterden, Cant. dioc.," for not appearing at the instance of Margaret Ely, legatee in the will of Mr. George Ely, clerk, deceased. Dated 28 September 1631. Margaret was a grand-daughter of Vicar Elie, being the daughter of his son Nathaniel, deceased. Her portion was £6 13s. 4d. at the age of 18 or day of marriage. A few years later a second excommunication is recorded. "Samuelem Elye p'oc. de Tenterden, Cant. dioc.," executor of the will of Master George Ely, clerk, his late father, for not paying ten pounds of lawful money at the instance of [blank] Elie legatee (legatarii) in the will of the said deceased. Dat. 14 January 163½. Shortly after making his will (in which he left twenty shillings to the poor of Tenterden) the Vicar passed away, the parish register recording: "Mr. George Elie Vicar of Tent'den buried 21 August 1615."

¹ Reg. Archbp. Parker, i., fol. 404^a; ii., fol. 66.

² Comp. Books, viii., 243^a.

³ *History of the King's School, Cant.*, by Rev. C. E. Woodruff and H. J. Cape, M.A. (1908), p. 90.

⁴ Consistory Court, 43, fol. 215.

⁵ Liber Shedulorum Excommunicationum, 1628—39.

JOHN SIMPSON, s.t.p., 1615—1619,

Succeeded, and was instituted¹ by Archbishop Abbot on 9 December 1615, "ad Vicariam de Tenterden per mortem naturalem Georgiu' Elie Clerici ultimi Vicarii & incumben. vacan." and compounded for first fruits² on the 9th February following. He was B.A. of Corpus Christi³ Coll., Oxon., 1598, M.A. 1603, B.D. from Lincoln Coll. 1610, and D.D. from Corpus Christi 1614. In the latter year he became a Canon in the seventh prebend at Canterbury. After holding this benefice a little over three and a half years he was collated to the rectory of Aldington with Smeeth, and thereupon resigned this vicarage. In April 1626 the Archbishop gave him the rectory of Sandhurst, which he held by dispensation with Aldington. Dr. Simpson (or Sympson) died in 1630, aged 51, and was buried in Canterbury Cathedral, where his gravestone remains in the south-west transept.⁴

WALTER PARGITER, M.A., 1619—1626,

Followed. He was admitted⁵ "ad Vicariam eccl'ie p'ocibialis de Tentarden predict, per resignac'oem voluntariam Johannis Simpson in Sacra Theologia Professoris ultimi Vicarii et Incumben' ibidem," by Archbishop Abbot on the 1st July 1619, and compounded⁶ on October 1st. Mr. Pargiter was a native of Northamptonshire and matriculated at Magdalen Hall, Oxon., 1600, when aged 15, B.A. of Oriel Coll. 1604, M.A. 1608. He was instituted to the vicarage of Stone in the Isle of Oxney, an adjacent parish, 2nd September 1618, on presentation of the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury, but resigned on being preferred by the same patrons to the vicarage of Tenterden. He was twice married,⁷ first in May 1618, being then described as of the Precincts, Canterbury, and secondly in July 1624. By his will⁸ made the 6th February 1625, Mr. Pargiter desired to be buried beside his wife Marie (his first wife) in the chancel of the Church of Tenterden. He left his study of books to his godson Theodor Pargiter "if he prove a scholar and minister, if not, then to my nephew William Pargiter his brother, that now is student and graduate in Oxford." In the autumn of the year,

¹ Reg. Archbp. Abbot, i., 414^b.

² Comp. Books, xv., 3.

³ Foster's *Alumni Oxoniensis*, ii., 1358.

⁴ *Memorial Inscriptions in Canterbury Cathedral*, by J. M. Cowper, Esq., p. 298.

⁵ Reg. Archbp. Abbot, ii., fol. 315^b.

⁶ Comp. Books, xvi., f. 26^a.

⁷ Canterbury Marriage Licences, Series I. and II.

⁸ Consistory Court, xlvii, fol. 160.

but in the prime of life, Mr. Pargiter died, and is commemorated in the parish register, "Mr. Walter Pargiter, late Vicar of Tenterden, buried 20 October 1626."

ISAAC BARGRAVE, D.D., 1626—1627.

Born 1586. B.A. and M.A. of Clare Hall,¹ Camb., M.A. (Oxon) 1611, D.D. (Cantab) 1622, Prebendary of Canterbury 1622, Dean of Canterbury 1625. Instituted² by Archbishop Abbot "ad vicariam p'petuam eccl'ie parochis de tendarden (*sic*) predict p' mortem na'lem Walteri Pargetter cl'ici ult' Vicarii and Incumb., etc.," on the 12th December 1626, and compounded on the same day.³ Dean Bargrave held this living but a very short time, resigning about the following March. In September 1627 he received the valuable vicarage of Lydd, but held it scarcely as long as he did that of Tenterden. In June 1628 he became Rector of Chartham, which he retained till his decease. Died January 164 $\frac{2}{3}$, æt. 56, and is buried in the Dean's chapel of the cathedral, where his memorial may yet be seen.

RICHARD SEYLIARD, M.A., 1627—1633,

Also admitted by Archbishop Abbot⁴ "ad Vicariam de Tentarden per spontaneam resignaconum Isaaci Bargrave in Sacra Theologia Professoris ultimi Vicari et incumbentis ib'm," on the 13th April 1627, and compounded on the 30th of the same month.⁵ Mr. Seyliard appears to have been a member of, or connected with, the family of that name in the adjoining parish of Biddenden. He was married⁶ at Kennington by Ashford in January 162 $\frac{5}{8}$, when his age was given as 25; according to this he would be but 23 when appointed Vicar of Tenterden. He held the living a little more than six years, dying in 1633 when still a young man. The parish register records, "Richard Silliard, Vicar, bur. 6 Aug. 1633."

JOHN GEE, M.A., 163 $\frac{3}{4}$ —1639.

Instituted by Archbishop Laud⁷ on "Decimo quarto die mensis

¹ *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

³ *Comp. Books*, xvii., 107.

⁶ *Comp. Books*, xvii., 120.

⁶ *Cant. Marr. Licences*. J. M. Cowper, Esq. Series II.

⁷ *Reg. Archbp. Laud*, fol. 308^b.

² *Reg. Archbp. Abbot*, fol. 350^a.

⁴ *Reg. Archbp. Abbot*, fol. 351^a.

Januarii anno d'ni juxta 1633 . . . Johannes Gee cl'icus in artibus mag'ri ad vicariam perpetuam eccl'ie par'alis de Tentarden in com. Kancia . . . per mortem na'lem Richardi Seyliard ultimi vicarii et incumben ib'm." Nine days later, the 23rd of January, he received the rectory of St. Mary's in Romney Marsh, and paid the composition for both livings on the 29th May following.¹ He was born in 1596, being the son of John Gee, Incumbent of Dunsford, Devon; matriculated at Brasenose College, Oxon, 1612, B.A. of Exeter College 1617, and M.A. in 1621. First beneficed in Lancashire in 1622; Vicar of Chislet, 1624—1628; Rector of Old Romney, 1628—1634, and of St. Mary's in the Marsh, 1634—1639. Early in his career Mr. Gee became a member of the Roman Church, and was present at the Fatal Vespers at Blackfriars, 26 October 1623, when many were killed. He escaped unhurt, and shortly afterwards, at the entreaty of the Archbishop and of his aged father, he became re-united to the Church of England in the following year. To prove the sincerity of his conversion, he published a number of pamphlets and works against the Roman Catholic Church, some of which passed through many editions.² He also published a sermon which he preached at Paul's Cross in 1624, entitled "Hold Fast." During his incumbency here, some families emigrated in 1635 from Tenterden to New England in America, members of whom—Hinkley and Tilden—rose to be Governors of Colonies. Mr. Gee as Vicar, together with John Austen the Mayor, and Freegift Stace, a Jurat, each signed their certificates as to their conversation and conformity to the orders and discipline of the Church before they were permitted to embark at Sandwich³. On the inner cover of the parish register at Tenterden, among other matter in a contemporary hand, is this: "John Gee, Vicar of Tenterden in the Countie of Kent, Batchelor of Divinity, beeing Vicar here in Kinge Charles Raighne, 1635, May the 26th." He died at his benefice here in 1639, and according to Hasted⁴ is buried in the Church. From the burial registers: "John Gee, Vicar, was buried y^e 20th of July 1639."

HUMPHREY PEAKE, s.t.p., 1639—c. 1645,

Was the next Vicar, and was instituted⁵ to this living on the

¹ Comp. Books, xviii., 119^a.

² *Dict. Nat. Biog.*, xxi., 107.

³ *Boys' Hist. Sandwich* (1792), pp. 750-1.

⁴ *Hist. Kent*, fol. ed., iii. (1790), 102.

⁵ *Liber Institutionem*, v., Series A. 19,

15th October 1639. The composition books record his payment on the same date.¹ Hasted says he was a younger son of the family of Peake, of Hills Court, Ash-next-Sandwich.² He became Prebendary of Lincoln in 1626, and of Canterbury in 1632. Presented by the king to the rectory of Kingsnorth 1626, to Acrise 1628, and to Lyminge in 1634. By reason of his general neglect of the duties of his office, his harsh treatment of the poor, non-residence, and failure to provide a curate to perform the services, a petition of some importance was presented against him to Parliament in 1641, the full text of which may be seen in Appendix No. X., pp. 250—253. This was considered by Parliament, who ordered him to allow a lecturer the use of his pulpit; in default he was to attend before the House and give an explanation. Dr. Peake died about the year 1645.

NATHANIEL BARRY, c. 1645—1654.

Recommended to the parishioners of Tenterden by the House of Commons in answer to the petition against Dr. Peake. The order³ reads as follows: "Mercurius (Wednesday) 13^o Aprilis 1642. Prayers. The humble petition of the parishioners of Tenterden for . . . (*sic*). Ordered: That M^r Barry shall be recommended to the Parishioners to be their Lecturer to preach every Lord's Day in the Afternoon, and every Friday in the week, and that D^r Peake do permit the said M^r Barry the Use of his Pulpit every Sunday in the Afternoon, and every Friday, without any Let or Disturbance. And if the said D^r Peake shall not forthwith yield obedience to this order, he is then required to attend the House to give an account thereof."

Mr. Barry's name appears as Incumbent of Tenterden at the time of the Parliamentary Survey made in 1649 (see Appendix, No. XI., pp. 254-255). Hasted appears to have mis-read his name in this record, and therefore, in his *History of Kent*,⁴ he states that: "— Barnes was Vicar of Tenterden in 1649." A brief entered in Tenterden register, dated 31 July 1653, is signed "Nath. Barry, Min^r." In the following year he was invited to

¹ Comp. Books, xviii., 30^a.

² *Hist. of Canterbury*, ii. (1801).

³ *Journal of the House of Commons*, vol. ii., p. 524.

⁴ Vol. iii., fol. ed., 102.

become the Minister of St. Mary's Parish Church, Dover,¹ where he remained till 1662. He died in 1675.

GEORGE HAWE, 1655—1662.

On Mr. Barry being chosen as the Minister of the parish Church at Dover, Mr. Hawe was nominated to Tenterden, and, as the record of a presentation made by Oliver Cromwell may prove interesting, it is here quoted in full:²—

“Tenterden. George Hawe, pres. 20 June 1655.

“Know all men by these p'sents that the twentieth day of June in y^e yeare one thousand six hundred ffifty and five. There was exhibited to y^e Commission^{ers} for approbation of publike preachers, a p'sentation of M^r George Hawe, ck., to the Vicarage of Tenterden in the County of Kent. Made to him by his Highness Oliver, Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, &c., the Patron thereof under his seale manuell. Together with a testimony in the behalfe of the said George Hawe of his holy and good conversation. Upon perusall and due consideration of the p'mises, and finding him to be a person qualified as in and by y^e ordinance for such approbation is required: the Commission^{ers} above menc'oned have adjudged and approved the said George Hawe to be a fit person to preach the Gospell, and have graunted him admission and doe admitt the said George Hawe to y^e Vicarage of Tenterden aforesaid to be full and perfect possessor and Incumbent thereof. And doe hereby signify to all persons concerned therein, that he is hereby instituted to y^e profits and perquisites and all Rights and dues incident and belonging to y^e said Vicarage, as fully and effectually as if he had beene instituted and inducted according to any such Lawes and Customes as have in this case formerly beene made, had, or used in this Realme. In wisse thereof they have caused the Com'on Seal to be hereunto affixed and y^e same to be

¹ The following from the Churchwardens' Account Books of St. Mary's, Dover, is kindly communicated by Rev. T. S. Frampton:—

“20 Sept. 1654.

“It is now Ordered that an Answer be given to M^r Barrey of Tenterden to his L^re now read, and he thereby Intreated to preach every Lord's Day in this Parish Church by the space of 6 months, & he to have for his Pains therein 50^{li}, to be levied by way of Assessm^t.”

“10 June 1660.

“A Committee appointed to audite, &c., and to make a sess and to State the Acco^{ts} with M^r Barrey the Minister, and to treat and conlude with him touching his continuance or leaving the s^d Parish as Minister thereof.”

² Augmentation of Livings, etc., 1647—1658, vol. 996, 126.

attested by the hand of the Register by his Highnesse in that behalfe appointed.

“Dated at Whitehall, the 27th day of June 1655.”

In the margin are the names of the Commissioners:—

“George Haw, cert^d afores^d by Ri. Wilkinson.

And: Simpson of Bethersden. W^m Goodrich of Cranbrook.

Step: Man of Woodchurch. Jo: Crawford of Halden.

W^m Hormer of Biddenden. ffra: Drayton of Little Chart.

Jo: Jackson of Harrietsham.”

Mr. Hawe's name appears in the parish register at various dates, and to three briefs, each dated in 1661, is appended, “George Hawe, Viccar.” He was deprived under the Act of Uniformity which came into force on the 24th August 1662, and became the Founder and first Minister of the Presbyterian congregation in Tenterden.

NATHANIEL COLLINGTON, M.A., 1662—1682.

Archbishop Juxon,¹ on the 13th November 1662, instituted “Nathaniel Collington *cl'icus et in Artibus Magister ad vicariam eccl'ie paroch'is de Tenterden in Com. Cantii,*” on presentation of the restored Dean and Chapter. Mr. Collington was “Chaplayne to the R^t Ho^{ble} the Earl of Winchelsey,” and “Vicar of Godmersham wth the Chappell of Challock annexed,” before coming to Tenterden, but resigned these benefices 10 January 1663², and on the same day received a dispensation³ to hold with the vicarage of Tenterden, then “valued in y^e King's Books at 33^{li},” the rectory of Kenardington *alias* Kenarton, which was valued at 12^{li}, “both livings being wthin the distance of six miles each of other.” In 1668 Mr. Collington appointed Mr. Stephen Haffenden (a native of Tenterden) to be his Curate at Kenardington.³ A note on the condition of the parish⁴ in the year 1663, as viewed from an ecclesiastical standpoint, is interesting, but not very flattering:—

Benefice.	Value in King's Books.	Com. Value.	Patrons.	Incumbent.
Tenterden, V.	33.12.11	100.00.00	Ch. of Cant. Imp. and Pat.	Mr. Nath. Collington.*

* A very good man. S^r Ed. Hales, tenn^t to y^e Church of Cant. A Parish much corrupted. Geo. Haw, late Incumb^t Presbyt.; a great seducer. A corporate towne, and not one honest Justice in it. M^r Hulse lives neere, but hath no power there. The town is a member of Dover. The Court there can only protect y^e minister, who is dayly affronted, but Q: of Dover Justices⁵ (*sic*).

¹ Reg. Archbp. Juxon, fol. 139^b.

² Act Book of the Archbishops, i., 34-35.

³ Act Book, ii., 135.

⁴ “A Catalogue of all the Benefices and Promoocons within y^e Diocese and Jurisdiction of Canterbury, with the state of every Particular Parish as it stood at October 1663.” (*Lambeth MSS., 1126.*)

⁵ Q: = quaere = query.

Mr. Collington was twice married,¹ the second time in December 1663, to Catherine Becknam, who survived him. By his first marriage he had a son who bore the same name as himself. This has led to some confusion, as it was the son who held the rectory of Pluckley² for the long period of fifty-nine years, dying there in 1735. He was executor to his father, who, by his will³ dated 5 December 1682, bequeathed to him his house and lands in Thurnham, Kent, and all personal property, etc. Mr. Collington remained Vicar of Tenterden until his decease, which took place soon after he had made his will. His burial is recorded in the parish register: "Mr Nathaniel Collington, Vicar, buried 23 December 1682."

JONATHAN MAUDE, B.A., 1682²—1709.

Instituted by Archbishop Sancroft,⁴ "Decimo tertio die mensis Januarii anno domini (Stilo Anglie) 1682^o . . . Jonathanem Maude cl'icum in Ar'bus Baccalaureum . . . ad Vicariam perpetuam de Tenterden per mortem na'lem Nathanielis Collington cl'ici ultimi Vicarii et Incumbentis ibidem." From some cause or other Mr. Maude's christian name was not clearly understood by those whose duty it was to record such matters. In one place⁵ we read, "Thomas Maud, B.A., exhibited a presentation of himself to y^e Vicarage of Tenterden, in y^e County of Kent, and Dioces, from y^e Deane and Chapter of Canterbury, and prayed Institution, there-upon granted by Fiat, 12th January 168²;" and in another,⁶ "Jacob^s Maude, inst. 13 Jan. 1682."

During Mr. Maude's incumbency the communion table was placed in its present position and railed in; the order of the Consistory Court concerning this may be seen in Appendix No. XII., pp. 255-256. Mr. Maude was chosen to be a freeman of the Corporation of Tenterden⁷ 13 June 1709, but did not enjoy that honour very long, as he died on the 13th of September following, aged 53. From the parish register: "Jonath' Maud, Vic., buried Sept. 17th, 1709."

ROBERT TURNER, M.A., 1709—1723,

Succeeded, and was instituted⁸ to this vicarage on 21 December 1709. He was educated at Pembroke Hall, Camb., and was

¹ Cant. Marr. Lic., Series III.

² Archdeaconry, lxxvi., 24.

³ Act Book, iv., 304.

⁴ Corporation Records.

⁵ *Arch. Cant.*, xxii., 92.

⁶ Reg. Archbp. Sancroft, fol. 399^b.

⁷ Lib. Inst., vol. vi., Series B., 50.

⁸ Act Book, v., 340.

ordained D. 1699, and P. 1700, both by the Bishop of Peterborough.¹ Mr. Turner married at Bethersden, in 1719, Mary the daughter of Rev. Jonathan Whiston, Rector of that parish, but she died two years later, November 1721, and was buried in that Church. Six new bells were placed in the Church tower during Mr. Turner's vicariate, according to an inscription formerly on the tenor: "Richard Phelps made these six bells in 1717." In 1884 the tenor and three others were re-cast.

The note book² of a former Archdeacon of Canterbury, commenced about the year 1715, contains some interesting memoranda on each of the parishes in the diocese. From this source the following notes are taken:—

"Tenterden. Vicarage, value £140.

Patrons. The Church of Canterbury.

Robert Turner, vicar, 17 Dec. 1709. Of good manners, honest, proud. Aged 40. Resides. Parish contains 260 families. Service twice on Sundays, once on Festivals, also on the fourth and sixth days [*i.e.* on Wednesdays and Fridays]. He catechises in Lent. Communion on the Great Festivals, also every month."

Of Mr. Turner's qualifications, the first two apparently outweighed the third, as the following tribute to his memory is recorded in the register:—

"172 $\frac{2}{3}$ March 13th. The Rev^d M^r Robert Turner, Vicar of Tenterden died, much lamented by all his parishioners and those who had any acquaintance with him." From the burial register: "172 $\frac{2}{3}$ March 18, M^r Robert Turner, Viccer."

THEOPHILUS DE L'ANGLE, M.A., 1723—1763,

Of Christ Church, Oxon, B.A. 1716, M.A. 1719. Instituted³ to this vicarage, void by the death of Robert Turner, the last incumbent thereof, on the 10th July 1723. Rector of Goodnestone next Wingham from 1745, and in 1756, being "Chaplain to Elizabeth, Countess Dowager of Essex, and already possessed of the vicarage of Tenterden, of the real value of about £130 p. ann.," was collated to the rectory of Snargate,⁴ of the real value of about £70 per annum.

¹ Act Book, v., 340.

² *Notitia Diocesis Cantuar.* (1715—1758), fol. 22. This MSS. belonged to Archdeacon Thomas Green, who was appointed Bishop of Norwich in 1721, and of Ely in 1723. It has been overlooked for some years, and only recently has been placed in the Cathedral Library at Canterbury (see *Cant. Dioc. Gazette*, April 1915).

³ Lib. Inst., vol. ii., Series C.

⁴ Act Book, ix., 245.

Dated 2 April 1756. Mr. De L'Angle resided at Tenterden about sixteen years (see Appendix No. XIV., pp. 257—260). His curate here, the Rev. John Holland, acted as such for twenty-one years and died in 1760. Mr. De L'Angle died at Goodnestone in 1763, and was succeeded in that benefice by his son, John Maximilian De L'Angle, M.A. (who was born at Tenterden 25 March 1727). By his will,¹ dated 22 May, 27 George II. (1754), Mr. De L'Angle appears to have owned property in the parishes of Chartham, Halden, Cliff in or near the Hundred of Hoo, Gravesend, Ivychurch and New Romney. No reference to Tenterden occurs throughout the will, which was proved in the P.C.C. 6 September 1763. The following, in the handwriting of his successor, appears in the parish register: "1763, June 29th, The Rev^d Theophilus De L'Angle, A.M., died at Goodnestone after he had been Vicar of this parish 40 years. He was an accomplished man and excellent preacher. He resided here about 16 years, and then went to the more easy cure of Goodnestone, near Wingham, from whence he only occasionally came to Tenterden."

MATTHEW WALLACE, M.A., 1763—1771,

A native of Moffat, Scotland, who succeeded the Rev. John Holland as Curate of Tenterden² in 1761, was, on the decease of Mr. De L'Angle, appointed Vicar. He was instituted³ on 10th December and inducted on 26th December 1763. Mr. Wallace was M.A. of Edinburgh University. Ordained Deacon 11 May 1760, and Priest three weeks later, 1st May, in the chapel of Lambeth Palace,⁴ by Archbishop Secker. During the time that Mr. Wallace was Vicar, in May 1768, a riot was threatened⁵ in order to induce the farmers to sell their wheat at £10 a load, and threatening the millers if they gave more. The threats included destroying the mills of such millers who gave more than the above price, and the breaking of the right arm of those who refused to assemble and raise a mob! The Home Office ordered a detachment of soldiers to march to Tenterden to assist the magistrates if required.⁶ Mr. Wallace died in 1771, and is commemorated by a

¹ P.C.C. Wills. Cæsar, 425.

² Parish Register.

³ Lib. Inst., vol. ii., Series C.

⁴ Act Book, iii., 388-389.

⁵ *Gentleman's Magazine*, May 1768.

⁶ Cal. Home Office Papers (1766—69), 896.

tablet¹ on the north wall of the chancel, which refers particularly to his being a Scotsman, while the burial register has the following entry: "1771, November 19, The Rev^d Mat. Wallace, Vicar, A.M., Batchelor, aged 43." On the decease of Mr. Wallace the Rev. William Taswell, Vicar of Brookland since 1764, was nominated to succeed him, but before being instituted to this vicarage, obtained the consent of the patrons, the Dean and Chapter, to exchange to that of Rainham in Kent,² where he remained till 1777, going thence to Aylsham in Norfolk, where he died in 1800.

JOSEPH MATTHEW, M.A., 1772—1795,

Therefore followed Matthew Wallace. He appears, according to an entry in the parish register, to have been "presented to this living by the Dean (Dr. Moore) and Chapter of Canterbury upon the particular recommendation of the Hon^{ble} and most Rev^d Father in God (D^r Cornwallis), by Divine Providence Arch. Bishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England and Metropolitan," and was instituted³ on the 11th June and inducted on the 11th July 1772. Mr. Matthew appears to have been well regarded by Archbishop Cornwallis, as in addition to recommending him for this vicarage, he gave him the Lambeth degree⁴ of M.A. 19th February 1770. Before coming to Tenterden Mr. Matthew had been Rector of Newick, near Lewes. He died in 1795, an entry in the parish register stating: "1795, Nov. 17, The Rev^d Joseph Matthew, many years vicar of this parish, deceased."

JOHN LUXMOORE, D.D., 1796—1800.

Born at Okehampton, Devon, 1756. Eton 1775, D. 1779, B.A. and Fellow of King's College, Camb., 1780; P. 1781, M.A. 1783, D.D. (Lambeth, by Archbishop Moore) 1795. Tutor to the Earl of Dalkeith, afterwards Duke of Buccleuch,⁵ who gave him

¹ The inscription reads as follows: "To the memory of the Rev. Mathew Wallace, son of the Rev. Dr. Wallace, of Edinburgh, Vicar of Tenterden, Doctor of Law, who was born on the 28th of November 1728, at Moffat in Scotland, and died at his Vicarage on the 14th of November 1771, aged 43 years and six days. Agreeable manners, great benevolence, and excellent parts united to extensive learning, pastoral fidelity and discourse, uncommonly elegant as well as instructive, rendered him universally beloved, esteemed, and respected in an English parish, even in times during which the natural prejudices that had formerly subsisted were again attempted to be highly inflamed between the Northern and Southern divisions of Great Britain."

² *Hasted*, fol. ed., iii., 102.

³ *Lib. Inst.*, vol. ii., Series C.

⁴ *Act Book*, x., 293.

⁵ *Diet, Nat. Biog.*, etc.

the rectory of St. George the Martyr, Queen Square, Holborn, in 1782, which he held till 1806. Prebendary of Canterbury, by George III., 1793 till 1800. Vicar of Tenterden 1796; instituted to the same 28th April and inducted on 7th May. Dean of Gloucester 1799 till 1808. "The Dean of Gloucester voided this vicarage of Tenterden 29 September 1800" (*Parish Reg.*). Rector of St. Andrew, Holborn, 1806—1815; consecrated Bishop of Bristol¹ October 1807; translated to Hereford² July 1808; Bishop and Archdeacon of St. Asaph 1815; died at the palace there 21 January 1830. He published a few charges and sermons, and is described as being a man of mild manners and gentle and amiable disposition.³

THOMAS COOMBE, D.D., 1800—1805.

Born in Philadelphia, U.S.A., 12 October 1747; came to England and was ordained D. 1769 and P. 1771 by the Bishop of London; went back to America and ministered for a time in his native town; returning to England became Chaplain to the Marquis of Rockingham 1771, and to the Earl of Carlisle while Lord Lieutenant of Ireland⁴ in 1780; D.D., Trinity College, Dublin, 1781; Chaplain to King George III. and Minister of Curzon Chapel, Mayfair, 1794. Dr. Coombe was made a Canon of Canterbury by the King⁵ in January 1800, succeeding to the stall vacant by the resignation of Dr. Luxmoore, and at the end of the same year he again succeeded Dr. Luxmoore, the Dean and Chapter presenting him to the living of Tenterden, which the Dean of Gloucester had just vacated. To this vicarage he was instituted 29 December 1800, and twice inducted, 24 January 1801 and again (on account of some informality in the mandate) on the 18th July following, each time by the Rev. J. A. Argles, Curate of Tenterden. Dr. Coombe resigned this vicarage on 30th December 1805, on being presented by the Dean and Chapter to the rectory of St. Michael, Queenhithe, E.C., which he retained together with his canonry till his decease. Dr. Coombe formed a magnificent collection of ancient Bibles, thirty-seven in all, and also other books of great value; after his decease they were presented by his sons to the library at Canterbury Cathedral. He was a preacher of

¹ *Gazette Promotions* (*Gentleman's Mag.*, 1807), p. 1053.

² *Ibid.* (1808), p. 943.

³ *Annual Register*, 1830.

⁴ *Misc. Gen. et Her.*; *Novum Repertorium* (Hennessy), etc.

⁵ *Act Book*, xiii., 57.

remarkable eloquence, and was in close friendship with Sir Joshua Reynolds, Dr. Johnson and Benjamin Franklin.¹ He died at his house in Hertford Street, W., 14 July 1822, and a memorial was placed to his memory in Marylebone Church.

JOHN RICHEL COOMBE, M.A., 1806—1830,

Eldest son of Dr. Thomas Coombe by his first wife. D. 1797 by Bishop of Norwich, P. 1800 by Bishop of Dromore. Public Preacher² in the Diocese of Canterbury 1806. Presented to this vicarage on the resignation of his father, instituted thereto 11th January 1806, and inducted on the 22nd of the same month, also by the Rev. J. A. Argles, LL.B., the curate. Mr. Coombe had the old yew tree³ in the churchyard taken down, and himself planted a new one close to the vicarage gates 9th February 1807. He resigned this living on the 25th March 1830, and afterwards lived in the adjoining parish of Rolvenden.

PHILIP WARD, M.A., 1830—1859.

Trin. Coll., Oxon, B.A. 1816, M.A. 1822. Instituted⁴ to this vicarage 10th August 1830, and inducted on the 14th of the same month by the Rev. William Temple,⁵ curate. Mr. Ward married in 1822 Horatia Nelson Thompson, the adopted daughter of Lord Nelson.⁶ She died at Pinner, Middlesex, 6th March 1881, aged 81. One of the principal events of Mr. Ward's tenure of office was the lengthy and expensive lawsuit between himself and the parish in connection with the tithes, which was eventually compromised in 1842. The costs were estimated to be about £6000 on each side,⁷ and much feeling must have been engendered during the progress of the suit; but time, the great healer of most things, did its work here also, and long before Mr. Ward died he became greatly respected and beloved. The churchyard having become too crowded for further interments, an additional burial ground was secured, which was consecrated by Archbishop Howley in 1847; this, however, had to be closed in 1903 and a new cemetery acquired.

¹ From a biographical and obituary notice in an unknown magazine quoted by the late Canon William Beuham (1900).

² Act Book, xiii., 251. ³ Parish Register. ⁴ Lib. Inst., iii., Series C.
⁵ Afterwards, for 48 years, Rector of St. Alphege, and Vicar of St. Mary Northgate, Canterbury, and for 37 years Master of Eastbridge Hospital in that city. Born 1797; died 1887.

⁶ *Notes and Queries*, 1891, i., 153.

⁷ *Furley's Hist. Weald Kent*, ii., 648.

Mr. Ward died on the 16th January 1859, and the parishioners, once so opposed, placed a stained-glass window to his beloved memory in the east wall of the north chapel.

HENRY ROBERT MEREWETHER, B.A., 1859—1884.

St. Alban's Hall, Oxon, B.A. 1840. D. 1842, P. 1843 by the Bishop of Hereford. Having served in various curacies, Mr. Merewether was promoted from that of Latchingdon in Essex (where he had been since 1851) to the vicarage of Tenterden, to which he was inducted on the 9th April 1859. The church was thoroughly restored in 1864, the galleries being removed and the seating rearranged. Mr. Merewether was also instrumental in having the new vicarage house erected in 1872. Chaplain of Tenterden Union 1879—1884. Resigned this vicarage 25th March 1884, on being preferred to that of East Peckham near Tonbridge, where he remained till 1900, when he went to live at Chelsea. Died in London 1904.

SAMUEL CAMPBELL LEPARD, M.A., 1884—1906.

Born 1832. B.A. 1857 and M.A. 1860 at Worcester College, Oxon. His first curacy was at Ashford 1857—1861. Curate of St. Martin and St. Paul's, Canterbury, 1862—1877, Chaplain of H.M. Prison there 1861—1883, Rector of St. Andrew's, Canterbury, 1877—1884. Instituted to this vicarage 29th April, and inducted thereto 17th May 1884 by the late Canon Jefferys, Vicar of Hawkhurst, and R.D. Mr. Lepard was also Chaplain to the Union, Chairman of the Burial Board, and Surrogate for the Diocese. During his ministry many handsome gifts were made to the church: a new clock in the tower in honour of Queen Victoria's Jubilee 1887; a new set of chimes in 1889; new altar rails 1898; new choir seats and screen, chancel screen, pulpit and lectern in 1899—these were dedicated by the late Archbishop Temple on Wednesday, 10th January 1900; while in 1906 the last of a series of handsome stained-glass windows in the north aisle was erected. Mr. Lepard passed away suddenly on 21st December 1906, and is buried in the cemetery.

JOHN ALBERT BABINGTON, M.A., 1907.

Rugby 1858. New College, Oxon, 1864. B.A. and M.A. 1872. D. 1873, P. 1874 by the Bishop of Lichfield. Mr. Babington has

been connected with the scholastic profession for over forty years and, on the decease of Mr. Lepard, was promoted from a mastership at Tonbridge Grammar School to this vicarage. He was instituted on the 16th April and inducted on the 24th April 1907 by the Rev. Canon Bell, Vicar of Cranbrook and R.D. Through Mr. Babington's untiring exertions and unflagging energy, the noble tower of his church was successfully restored in 1909—11 at a cost of nearly £2000. Archbishop Davidson, to mark his appreciation of the successful completion of the work, preached at the Commemoration Service held on the 12th January 1912.

Many useful notes received from my friend Mr. Arthur Hussey, of Tankerton on Sea, have been incorporated into the foregoing list; while the Rev. Claude Jenkins, the Librarian at Lambeth Palace, has very kindly rendered much help in verifying entries in the arch-episcopal registers, etc. To both gentlemen I tender my sincere thanks.—A. H. T.

AN APPENDIX OF ECCLESIASTICAL MATTERS RELATING TO THE CHURCH AND PARISH OF TENTERDEN.

I.

At the visitation of Archbishop Warham held in the year 1511, injunctions concerning which were "Dat. in man^{ro} de Knoll xviiij die mens' Augusti, anno d'ni mill'mo quingen^{mo} undecimo, et trans' anno octavo," the following presentments were made from Tenterden:—

Eccl'ia de Tenterdene.

Compertum est. That Aleyn Blechynden came before the Official and sware upon a booke for a testame't that shuld have be'n provid that it was the true last will and hole will of oon — (*sic*) dede. And after that came wth anothe' and testified the same the which was not true.

Itm. That James Godard wthdraweth from the church xx^{li} the which Thomasyn Piers bequethid.

Itm. That William Gervase wthdraweth lii^s iiij^d of a pece of lond bequethed to the said church by Will^m Piers.

Itm. There is in the hand of John Clerk and John Netter executors to Thomasyne Pyers for a preest to syng divine s'vice in the said Churche by half a yere iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d.

Itm. There is many other somes of money bequethed by the same Thomasyne as may appere more playnly by hir will in the hands of John Netter, that is to say xiiij^s iiij^d.

Itm. That Johane Henley bequethed iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d the which is in the hands of Edward Horden.

Itm. That John Blechenden bequethed to the said churche that Barthu' ffoughill kepith in his hands, xl^s.

Itm. The executors of John William bequethid to the said Churche lxxvj^s viij^d.

Itm. There is in the hands of Jamys Godard and William Hampton executors to John Duneham¹ for a preest to syng divine s'vice by the space of a q'ter of any yere xxxiiij^s iiij^d.

¹ John Dounham, will made 26 March 1505, prob. 6 May 1505. (Arch-deaconry ix., 2.)

- Itm.* There is in the hands of John Hodges executor of the testament¹ of William Tobill for a preest to syng divine s'vice by the space of a yere iii^l vj^s viij^d.
- Itm.* That Alice Raynold was detected of heresy and remayneth unexamyned.
- Itm.* That Kateryn Carder was detected of heresy and not examenyd.
- Itm.* That there is buried in the churchyard of Tenterden oon Agnes Roch which was comenly knowen an heretike.
- Itm.* John ffrank wth div'se other evill disposed p'sons use in the tyme of d'vine s'vice to be in the churchyard comenyng and talkyng, and many other use to sit still in the churche atte procession tyme.
- Itm.* John Gorell of Tenterden kepith not his s'vice in his parissch churche.
- Itm.* William Hornest toke not his eighth this ij yers.
- Itm.* Jamys Godard toke not his eighth oon yere.
- Itm.* Alice the wif of Thomas Sharpe toke not hir eighth by the space of ij yeres.
- Itm.* William Forten toke not his eighth by viii yeres.
- Itm.* Bride ffermer and Kateryn Mannyng are vicious and suspect women of their bodyes.

(Register of Archbishop Warham, fo. 54^a and 55.)

II.

Extract from the will of William Marshall, clerk, Parson of the parish church of Werehorn (Warehorne) in Kent. Dated 21 January 1523-4.

To be buried in the conventual church of the Holy Trinity in the City of London, before the altar of St. Gregory in the said church . . . bequests for masses and to pray for the souls of me and my brother Maister Peter Marshall . . .

“Also I will that two substancial chalyses shalbe made of all my silver plate as well gilt or parcell gilt as not gilt, being in my chamber at Christ Church in London, except ii silver candelsticks. And the one of the said chalises so to be made I bequeth to the use of the said parishe churche of Werehorn, and the other chaley to the

¹ William Tobill, will made 2 June 1501, prob. 10 December 1504. (Arch-deaconry ix., 3.)

use of the Chauntry lately founded in the parish church of Tenterden in the Countie of Kent, there to deserve for the masses to be said by the Chauntry prest as long as it shall endure, and I will that these chalises shalbe delivered by one of my executours as sone after my decease as it may be conveniently doon, to that uses to the custody of the churchwardeyns of either of the said churches of Tenterden and Werehorn there to remayne to the said uses. [A bequest of twenty pounds towards vestments for Warehorne Church is followed by:] And I bequeth and wille that iij^l in like manner to bye a vestment wth th'apparell to be delivered to the Churchwardeyns of the said church of Tenterden to th'use of the said Chauntry prest to say his masse therein in the principall and festyvall daies as long as it shall endure. Also I will and bequeth that ij silver candelsticks which I have in my custody shall by my executours be delivered to the said churchwardeyns of the said church of Tenterden there to remayn, and every principall and festyvall day to be sett at the aulter where the said Chauntry prest useth and shall say his masse and so to deserve in that manner aslonge as they shall endure. . . . *Itm.* I bequeth to pour people in the parishe of Tenterden iij^l vj^s viij^d *Itm.* I will myn executours shall aske, recover, and receyve of George Guldeford, esquier, tenne pounds which he owes me, and then I will that the same tenne pounds be distributed and bestowed by myn executours towards the purchasing, bilding, or making of a convenient house for the said chauntry prest for the tyme being at Tenterden to loige and to teche his scolers accordingly" To Christopher Hales for helping, ayding, and counselling my executours a horse and a silver pott, and if he choseth the said silver pott the same to be deducted out of the bequest made for the chalices

The witnesses include: John, Priour of the said Conventual Church; Master Rowland Phillippe; Mathewe Smythe, principal of the College of Brasenose in Oxford; Xpofor Hales; Peter Hayman; and others.

Prob. in Cath. S. Pauli Lond., xij die mens ffebruarii anno d'ni millmo quingesimo xxij^o.

(*P.C.C. Wills*, 18, *Bodfelde*.)

III.

The survey of ecclesiastical property made in the years 1534-35, and known as the *Valor Ecclesiasticus*, contains the following information concerning Tenterden:—

Possessions of the "Monasteriu' S'ci Augustini extra et prope muros civitat Cantuar."

Tentwarden Rectoria.	£	s.	d.
Rectoria ib'm valet an'ualim ad firma' in denariis	xx	0	0
In decas' redd'us p'tinent ad rectoria' ib'm	0	ij	0
Et reman'	xix	xviiij	0
The Deanery of Charyng.			
Tent'den. The certificat of S ^r Willm. Broke, Vicar ther'.			
First, a house and an orchard cont' one acre of land			
	0	x	0
It'm, one yerd of land	0	0	iiij
It'm, in p ^e diaall p'sonall and other tythes yerly	xxxiiij	x	0
S'ma	xxxiiiij	0	iiij
Whereof to be deducted for p'xies paid yerely to the Archdeacon of Cant'berye. S'ma	0	vij	vj
And so remayneth de claro	xxxiiij	xij	x
X ^{ma} inde	0	lxvij	iiij ob.
Decanatus de Charyng (Summary).			
Tenterden. Vicarius M ^r Willm ^s Broke	xxxiiiij	0	iiij
X ^{ma} inde	0	xlviij	0 ob.

(*Valor. Eccl.*, vol. i., 19, 62, 96.)

IV.

Looking upon the Bible.

Depositions before Edw. Felyp, Bailiff of Tenterden, John Parker and Thomas Austen, Jurats there, 9th December 30 Henry VIII. (1538), concerning the sayings of Sir John Fuller, priest.

Richard Hope of Tenterden, innholder, says that on 8th September last in his dwelling-house he heard Sir John Fuller say, "That as for the looking upon the Bible men should not be the

nere before Domesday;" and one Stephen Cowper said, "Ye do naught to discomfort any man for looking upon the Bible." Chr. Baker confirms this, and says further that the said 8th September Fuller said in the Parish Church of Tenterden, "Well, ye shall see another world shortly." Baker then said, "I would advise you to speak no more thereof, for if ye do it will be to your displeasure." Fuller replied, "In faith if I die I care not, for there will a thousand die more than I." Chapman and Stephen Cowper confirm Hope's deposition. Cowper says he rebuked Fuller, saying, "The King's Grace hath set it out for every man to look upon." Fuller then denied his words, which denial Hope confirms.

(*Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, Henry VIII., vol. xiii., part ii., p. 433.*)

V.

Cranmer and the Heretics of Kent.

Preserved in the Library of Corpus Christi College, Camb., is a MS. volume numbered 128, dealing with the above subject. It has already been noticed in *Archæologia Cantiana*, XXVI., pp. 339—42, except that no reference is made therein to Tenterden. Those portions relating to this parish are as follows:—

Depositions against different clergymen, A.D. 1543.

Sir Humphrey Cotton, Chantry Priest at Tenterden.

"He said that there be heresies in the Bible.

"He said that every Christian man being baptized and holpen by the grace of God is in as full state of free will as Adam was before his fall.

"He hath a book of prophesies."

The Vicar of Tenterden [Peter Baker?].

"He hath not put out of the manual which he daily useth the Bishop of Rome's name, his usurped autoritie and pardon expressed in the rubric and last absolution of extreme unction."

Hugh Cooper of Tenterden.

21 September 1543. On the 18th February last Hugh Cooper of Tenterden said that God was neither pleased with fasting nor discontent with eating. On the 4th March last he preached that neither alms deeds, fasting, nor prayer did help the soul, but faith only; also, that whosoever trusted to have help by the prayers of

any person that ever God made, committed idolatry. He inverted the order of the "confiteor," omitting the name of Mary and All Saints. On the 28th April he preached that God did not regard the prayers but the persons. (Added by Cranmer.) On the 6th May he said, "On Saturday you shall have Whitsun Even; you need not to fast except you will."

These towns are specially to be remembered that in them be placed learned men with sufficient stipends: Sittingbourne, Dover, Folkestone, Ashford, TENTERDEN, Cranbrook, Faversham, Herne, Whitstable, Marden, Maidstone, Wye, and Wingham.

*(Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic,
Henry VIII., vol. xviii., part ii.)*

VI.

Particulars for Sale of Colleges, etc., A.D. 1545.

The Parische of Tenterden.

- i. The ffraternitye called o' ladyes Brotherhood founded wthin the p'ish Church of Tenterden, by whom it is not known:

The yerelie value of the lande	viii ^s
thereto appertaininge	viiij ^d
rent resolute	viij
and remaineth clear	iiij

- ij. Obit rentes there gyven and bequethed by the last wille and testament of Peter Marshall,¹ William Preston,² and Thomas Woode,³ for the keeping of theire sev'all obits wthin the said p'ishe Church of Tenterden for ever.

The same rentes are by the yere xxiij iiij

- iiij. Light rente gyven to the parische Church there by the laste will and testament of Johan Ingeham⁴ to the finding of ii tapers before the high aulter wthin the said church for ever

The same rente is by the yere xvij^d

¹ Peter Marshall, Vicar, ob. 1519.

² William Preston, Bailiff of Tenterden in 1486. Will made 19 Dec. 1493; prob. 26 May 1494. (Archdeaconry vi., 1.)

³ Thomas Wood, Bailiff in 1519 and 1525. Will made 19 June 1526; prob. 31 July 1526. (Archdeaconry xvii., 7.)

⁴ John Ingham, of Woodchurch and Tenterden, temp. Hen. VI. and Edw. IV.

iiij. The Chauntrye called Sheryngton's Chauntry founded (within the Cathedrall Church of Saynt Paule in London) by one Sheryngton to the intent that ij prestes should celebrate Divine Service there for the soule of the founder and all Xten soules for ever.

The yerlie value of the land and ten^{ts} to the same chauntry belonging . . . xx^l
 whereof in rents resolute . . . ij . . . vj
 perpetual tenth
 and so remaineth clear

(*Chantry Certificate, 28, No. 92.*)

VII.

Peter Marshall's Chauntry.

The Chauntry within Tenterden Church called Peter Marshall's Chauntry is worth in yearly rent issuing from land—from a messuage called Dinney in the Parishes of Tentwarden and Woodchurch, and in the tenure of George Sorrell, by the year lx^s

A messuage with appurtenances called "Pypars" and all those lands in Tentwarden upon the Denes of South Sandeherst and Igollynden formerly in the tenure of William Gybbon, now in that of Jeffrey (Galfred) Harynden, by the year vj^{li}

And from a messuage called Blossoms upon the Denes of Mynster and Harrynden, formerly in the tenure of William Pyeres, now in that of John fflowle, by the year xlvj^s viij^d

And also from another messuage of land in Tenterden aforesaid, in the tenure of Thomas Bromefield, yearly xlvj^s viij^d

And also from a messuage and garden with land in Tenterden aforesaid, upon the Dene of Castwysell formerly in the tenure of Richard Pyeres, now in that of John Stace, yearly xij^s

Also from a certain rent charge of xvj^s per ann. issuing from a messuage there called the Woolsack formerly in the occupation or tenure of John Hodgys and for the use and support of a chaplain there, as well for celebrating service in the Church aforesaid as for teaching in the Grammar School. Paid by the year

x^{li} x^s

(*Chantry Certificate, 29, No. 117.*)

VIII.

A Seditious Sermon.

A letter (numbered 243) from the Privy Council dated at "Grenewich the 11th of Maye 1546," signed by Lord Chancellor Wriothesley, the Bishop of Durham; the Bishop of Winchester, and others; addressed to "our assured loving freinde Sir William Petre, Knight, oon of the two principal secretoryes to the Kinges Majeste." Extract: "This daye was also presentid unto us an informacion subscribed by certaine of th'inhabitauntes of Tenterden, Kent, of a mervailous abhominable and sedicious sermone made at Tenterden uppon Easter Wednesdaye, which we send to yow herewith to be signified to the Kinges Hieghnes. In the meantyme we have sente t'apprehende the preacher, and therefore pray you sende again unto us the saide instructions which is the original."

Letter No. 246, dated at "Grenewich the 14th of Maye 1546." From the Council to Sir William Petre, Knight. Extract: "This daye we have also had the men of Tynterden, who affirme that bil, but the prest we have not yet apprehended."

The Privy Council. "At Grenewich the xvij of May 1546," before the Lord Chancellor, the Duke of Norfolk, Lord Privy Seal, Bishop of Winchester, etc.

Four persons were committed to the Tower for their 'erronyous opinions,' and "lykewise a prest for making of a lewde sermone at Tynterden in Kent, was committed to Newgate."

The Privy Council. "At Grenewiche the xixth of Maye 1546," before the Council.

"This daye Sir Rychard Blostoke, the parish prest of Tenterden, was examined before the Counsell, and for his asseveracion before them that in the halowing of Holy Brede and Holy Water there was heresie he was com'itted to warde to be further at more leysour examyned."

The Privy Council. "At Westminster the xxiiijth of Julye 1546, before the Lord Chauncellour, Lord Greate Master, the Lord Pryvey Seale," etc.

"Sir — Bostok, prest, late curate of Tynterden, who by himselfe and a light prest which he mayntained in his parsonage had brought sondry of his parisheners to light opinions concerning religion and therefore committed to the Marshalsie, was this daye,

upon repentaunce of his faulte, with a good lesson dismissed uppon bond of C^{ll} to make his apparence at any tyme within twelve moneths when he shall be called for."

(*State Papers, Henry VIII., Letters, vol. i. Acts of the Privy Council, 1542—1547, pp. 418-9, etc. Also, Letters and Papers, Henry VIII., New Series, vol. xxi., part i., pp. 391, etc.*)

IX.

During the latter part of the reign of Queen Elizabeth a dispute arose between the Vicar of Tenterden and some of his parishioners concerning the right to use the north chancel door of the parish church. The whole controversy is thus recorded :—

6 September 1599.

Before the Archdeacon and his official; appeared personally George Ely, perpetual Vicar of the parish of Tenterden, and Herbert Whitefeild of the same parish, gent., also Thomas Hatche, warden of the same parish, with certain other parishioners and inhabitants of Tenterden.

It was alleged that Martha, the wife of the said Herbert Whitefeild, sat in a certain seat within the parish (*sic*) of Tenterden in a certain place called the north chancel on the north side next to the chancel of the Church, where the said Martha sat at present and her predecessors dwelling in the house of the same Herbert Whitefeild from a time when the memory of man was not to the contrary, and that leading to the seat of the said Martha Whitefeild was a way by a certain door called the chancel door; but George Ely, now Vicar, made objections to the same Martha Whitefeild using that way to the seat, saying that the chancel door of the Church was, and is, the door for the Vicar of the Church to enter and go out of the Church both by right and ancient custom.

Reasons alleaged by George Elie, Vicar of Tenterden, why the Chauncell dore there should not bee common to y^e p'ishoners but private to y^e minister.

Imprimis. It is thought by lawyers and others y^t ye chauncell dores in churches were at y^e firste made and appointed for y^e ease and use of the ministers and if all then this amongst y^e rest.

Item. Ye Chauncell dore at Tenterden is builte on the north side of y^e churche nexte to y^e minister's house as such like dores bee in other parrishes.

Item. This dore is a very little lowe dore by y^e w^{ch} there can but one passe at once far unlike y^e other three dores by w^{ch} y^e p'ishioners do usuallie passe in and oute.

Item. There is noe handsome waye made for ye p'ishioners to go in and oute into ye churche by y^t dore and in winter and fowle weather it is soe fowle and deepe, y^t women wthout some trouble cannot passe that waye except it bee frostie weather.

Item. It can not bee proved y^t ye p'ishe clarke hath at anie time had y^e keepinge of y^e key of y^e chauncell dore to open and shutte upon Sondayes, Holidayes, and other service dayes, as he hath y^e keyes of ye other dores.

Item. Onelye y^e minister of Tent'den hath kepte y^e key of ye chauncell dore, who in favour suffered some other to have keyes to come in y^t way for there ease, as namelie, old M^{rs} Hales whome this gentlewoman y^t now is succeedinge, and findinge a keye of that dore doth many times but not alwayes come in y^t waye wth her famelye. Also there was one olde M^{res} Nethersall y^t had a key to that dore before mye cominge; and theise as they had keyes to open y^e dore so did they diligentlie looke to y^e lockinge of it when they went oute, and soe doeth M^{res} Hales nowe.

Item. Touchinge M^{res} Whitfilde shee never had a key till wthin these fowre yeares, and then shee p'curred it by a sinister and indirecte meanes.

Item. Whereas there are above fiftie houshoulds in Tent'den y^t come in at the same churche gate y^t M^r Whitfld dothe, and might wth as good righte challenge ye benefit of ye chauncell dore as hee, yet none of ye said houshoulders come in at y^e saide dore, nor challenge it for a common dore for ought y^t I heare or knowe, thoughe there seates bee nearer to that dore then anie other.

Item. Whyleste olde M^{rs} Nethersall lived, havinge a keye, she came y^t waye, but not her husbände, and soe now M^{rs} Whitefilde comes that way, but not her husband.

Untruths in M^r. Whitfld's information.

First. It is not trewe y^t M^r Whitfld wth his wife doe usuallie passe into y^e churche by y^e chauncell dore, but shee wthout him.

Secondly. It is untrewē y^t anie other housholders goe usuallie into ye church by y^e chauncell dore beside M^{rs} Hales and M^{rs} Whitfild accompanied wth their famelies excepte they leavunge y^e dore open and unlocked, some boyes and youthes and negligent fellowes cominge late to y^e church, slide in y^t way, fearinge to come in at ye common dores leaste they should be seene and noted.

Thirdlie. It is untrewē y^t latelie I have caused y^e dore to bee kept shutte, but I confesse ye key that was lefte to me by my p^rdecessores I have kepte to my selfe, neither have I used to set open ye dore for others, nor thinck my selfe bound so to doe.

Inconveniēces followinge y^e leavunge open y^e dore in time of divine service.

Imprimis. There is mucche runninge in and oute of y^e church when y^e chauncell dore is left unlocked in time of divine service, to ye offence of manie.

Item. Ye openinge and shuttinge of y^t dore because it makes a greate noise, doth disturbe ye hearers, who finde them selves greeved wth it.

Lastlie. M^{rs} Hales her pew beinge directlie opposite againste y^e chauncell dore and verie neare unto it, y^e winds and stormye weather arisinge oute of y^e northe if ye dore bee lefte standinge open, doth verie greatlie annoie her and those that sit neere unto her to y^e indangering of their healths.

M^r Whitfild and Richard Holman contrary to them selves in this chalenge.

First. As longe as M^{rs} Whitfild's key would open the dore, neither M^r Whitfild nor Richard Holman nor any other that I knowe or heard of did chalenge the chauncel dore to bee common.

Item. Whether in this monthe M^r Whitfild said that his owne mother in her life time had a key of that chauncell dore.

Item. Sithens ye time y^t M^r Whitfild and Richard Holman toulde me in y^e hearinge of John Roberts and Mathew Austen, y^t ye lock should be set on againe conditionallie y^t I would keepe y^e keye to my selfe and lett none come in.

Depositions.

Thomas Harris of Tenterden in the Countie of Kent, black smithe of ye age of lx yeares and more. Confesseth upon his owne knowledge yt he knewe a locke on y^e chauncell dore for fortie yeares agoe at leaste; and to this if hee bee lawfullie caled hee will bee sworn. Confessed in the p'sence of Daniell Pickard and Elizabeth Leedes.

Signum diete
Thomæ × Harris.

Margaret Browne, widow of Thomas Browne, late Bailife of Tenterden, deceased, beinge of the age of three score and ten yeares and upwards, doth well remember and doth confesse y^t one M^{rs} Nethersall had a keye of the chauncell dore aforesaide longe afore M^r Elie's time, and that she used to have y^t key with her dwellinge neare the Churche for feare she should forgett it at home or lose it, or should come afore old M^{rs} Hales and soe bee driven to goe aboute; and this she will affirme upon her oathe if it may bee wthout her trouble or travill. Confessed in the p'sence of Daniell Pickard and Elizabeth Leeds above writte'.

Maye it please your worship, that we whose names are under written are readye to testifie upon our othes y^t the churche doore now in controversie betwene M^r Whitfeld and o'r nowe Vicare M^r Elye, hath bene ev^r since we can remember used as a doore for ev'ryone toe goe in and oute thereof that would, both before M^r Elye his tyme alsoe many yeares since he was Vicare till of late it hath been otherwise restrayned, and that the said doore hath allwayes bene opened and shut by the p'ishe clarke as other the churche doores have bene, and that the parishe hath always kept the reparations of that parte of the chansell and not the Vicare or Parson.

by me John Funnel.
by me Clement Whytfyld.¹
by me Roger Leuknor.
by me James Mede.
by me Peter Wolball.

The Thirde of September 1599.

That yt I can saye touchinge the chauncell dore is this, that about a xxx or xxxi yeares agoe at what tyme I was a scoler in

¹ Brother of Herbert Whitfield,

Tenterden, I do very well remember that one Mr Coxe being then Curate to o'r Mr Bendall had a keye to the chauncell dore, and did also use to unlocke and locke the same at his cominge in and goinge out; this of my knowledge I am able to saye he did, and am readie to justifie the same when so ever I shalbe called thereunto.

By me John Hatche.

The Court ordered :

That, whereas M^{rs} Mary Hales the wife of John Hales¹ of Tenterden, esquier, and the said M^{rs} Martha Whitfeld have had in times past two severall keys to the said chancel door for to pass that way to hear divine service and to receive the Sacraments in the said Church of Tenterden; that when they pass in and out shall lock or cause to be locked the door after them, and lest any damage might happen to the Church goods by reason of these keys, it is ordered that both of them shall yearly pay some gratuity to the parish clerk there, so that every Sunday and Holy day, at night after evening prayer, and at other times, he shall bolt the door from within, so that none can go into the Church by that door before the clerk have unbarred it again.

It is likewise ordered that Mr Elie, now Vicar, and his successors for ever, shall pass that way and have a key to that door as heretofore it hath been used.

(*Archid. Visitat. Comperta, vol. for 1596—1600.*)

[It is unfortunate for the reputation of Herbert and Martha Whitfield that the records shew each of them to have been addicted to expressing their opinions somewhat too freely. Thus we find among the State Papers of James I., on a parchment of letters, grants, and pardons, dated 15 Feb. 1607-8, the following: "A pardon graunted to Herbert Whitfield of Tenterden in the Counte of Kent for certaine misdemeanour and offering of defamacon or slander against some of his neighbours; out of w^{ch} are excepted all contumelious speeches against the word of God, his ma'ty p'son, or any noblemen or Bishops or other of like rancke. Subscribed by Sergeant Phillips and proved by Mr. John Levingsone." And a little further on, another, dated 16 Martii 1607-8, as follows: "A pardon for Herbert Whitfeild, gent., for matter of defamacon

¹ John Hales, the last Bailiff of Tenterden, 1598-99, and first Mayor, 1600.

against John Elyot and others. Which pardon passed before and was stayed at the Great Seale in regard of some over liberall wordes therein conteyned. Subscr: and pruver as above.

J. Wood."

(*S.P. James I., Docquets, 1608-9.*)

Two years later Martha so far forgot herself as to cause a disturbance in church, for which she was duly 'presented.'

1610. Mistress Martha Whitefield, the wife of Mr. Herbert Whitefield, gent., for chiding and brawling in the church with the wife of Mr. Thomas Short, to the offence of the congregation—about the beginning of June last.

(*Archdeacons' Presentments, vol. 75, fol. 20.*)

Martha died in 1613, and her husband at the beginning of 1623, and are commemorated by a stately monument having kneeling figures, erected against the north wall of the north chapel immediately adjacent to the chancel door which was the cause of so much trouble.]

X.

The petition against the Vicar which was presented to the House of Commons, and which is referred to on p. 226 is as follows:—

"To the Right Honourable the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of the Commons House of Parliament: The humble petition of the inhabitants of the Towne and Parische of Tenterden in the County of Kent:

Sheweth—That, whereas the said town and parish, beeing an auncient Corporacion and a very populous place, which heertofore flourished under the teachinge of godlie and paynefull ministers, who, for these forty yeeres last past and upwards, have beene for the most part resident amongst them, and provided for them sermons on Sondayes both forenoone and afternoone to their great comfort. But now of late, Mr Doctor Peake, one of the prebends of Canterbury and parson of Acris in Kent, being presented to the Vicaridge of Tenterden, which is of the yeerely value of two hundred pounds, or neere thereabouts, by the Deane and Chapter of Christ Church, Cant., thereof Patrons, who are also proprietors of the

Rectorie improprie of Tenterden aforesaid, beeing of the yeerlie value of one hundred pounds and upwards; hee, the said M^r Doctor Peake, hath not beene resident, nor will reside himselfe upon the said Vicaridge, nor provide your petitioners a Curat that will preach or catechise on Sondaies in the afternoone. But hee hath given an expresse charge to a late Curat of his not to preach on Sondayes in the afternoone as the said Curat hath reported, nor will the said M^r Doctor Peake, although he have better than five hundred pounds per annum spiritual livings, allowe a Curat competent mayntenance for the serving of the said cure; neither will hee suffer your petitioners (though they have made it their suite to him) to provide and maynetaine at their owne charges a conformable minister to preach ou Sondaies in the afternoone. Neither hath hee at this present, nor hath hee hadd since the beginning of January last, any Curat at all resident amongst them, but sometimes one, sometimes another, such as could or can be gott at the cheapest rate, viz., for a noble, or seaven shillings and eightpence a day at the utmost, are procured to supply the Cure on Sondayes.

And beeesides, the said M^r Doctor Peake hath so much neglected his charge, that at the generall Fast enjoined to bee kept throughout the whole kingdom in July last, the duties befitting so holy and religious a work were to their great grieffe very slightly performed, neither the Curat nor himselfe beeing at all present that day to doe the service, insomuch as hadd it not been for a schoolmaster of the parishe newlie entered into the ministry, the place hadd not beene at all supplied, and as it was supplied, the exercises of the Fast not being continued a competent and convenient time as hath beene heertofore used, a good part of the day was, by the ruder sorte, spent in the ale houses, to the great dishonour of Almighty God.

And moreover he exacteth of the inhabitants of the said parishe many undue and unaccustomed fees, as namelie, twelve pence for the ringing of the great bell at a buriall, a fee never heard of there till now late. And whereas the ancient and accustomed fee to the Vicar there for a marriage hath beene but eighteene pence, hee doth now exact sometimes two shyllings, and sometimes fower shillings, for evrie couple married. Neither will hee suffer his owne Curat, nor any other conformable minister to preech at any buriall unlesse hee (though absent and resident about twenty miles off) may bee paid tenn shillings a sermon if his Curat preach, and

twentie shillings a sermon if a stranger preach, for the hire of his pulpit.

And further also, hee exacteth of poore servants more than their accustomed offerings at Easter; and hath threat'ned, unlesse they will give him his demands, to sue them in the Ecclesiastical court for the tithes of their wages, beeing a tithe never paid, nor scarce ever heard of in the said parishe.

And hee also at Easter communions in the yeere 1640, did disgracefully put back some poore servants of the said parishe from receiving of the holy sacraments, beeing there ready with the rest of the congregation to receive the same, meerlie because they would not pay him twelve pence a peece for their offerings, although they hadd before tendred him their accustomed offerings or more. And, beesides, he threat'ned many more that unlesse they would pay him twelve pence a peece for their offerings it should cost them twelve pence a peece before he hadd done with them, or used words to that effect.

And hee also caused tenn poore servants, or labourers, of the said parishe to be unjustly cited into the Ecclesiasticall Court at Canterbury beeing about twenty miles distant from Tenterden, meerly for vexacion upon pretence that they did not pay him their accustomed offerings at Easter in the year 1640, nor did they receive the holy sacrament then; whereas they did all of them then receive the Sacrament at his owne hands and hadd beefore paid or tendered him their accustomed offerings or more; and, accordinglie they did all of them so depose in the said Ecclesiasticall Court excepting two onlie, who, upon his said citation, fled the parishe and thereupon they were all of them dismissed the said court. But, though the Judge thereof did publikelie manifest his great dislike of such oppression, yet hee neither did, nor could, as was then said, allowe them any costs or charges, though in truth it cost or stood them in about fifteene or sixteene shillings a peece.

By reason of all which doings of the said M^r Doctor Peake, diverse of the said parishe have, and are like to remove their dwellings from thence, which beeing of late tould him, hee, not at all moved therewith, hath given out speeches that though the houses there stood emptie, yet hee is sure he shall find the lands there, or to that effect.

All which your petitioners have thought fitting to represent to this honourable assemblie, humbly intreating that you would bee pleased to take the same into your pious and grave consideracions,

and to give your petitioners such relief therein as in your great wisdoms shall thinke meete.

And your petitioners shall ever pray, etc.

[Here follow eighty signatures, fourteen of whom filled the office of Mayor of Tenterden, in some cases more than once. Their names are marked with an asterisk. The eighth is that of the Town Clerk.]

*Tho. Shorte.	*Jo. Austen.	Thomas Iggulden.
*John Witherden.	Thos. Selherst.	Richard Elphicke.
*Freeg. Stace.	Samuell Wiellcock.	John Sander.
John Reade.	Tho ^s Bedingfield.	Peter Philpot.
*Samuell Curtis.	Samuell Finch.	John Hooke.
*William Plummer.	Tho. Iden.	Nath. Posier.
*Thomas Huckstepp.	*John Finch.	Rob ^t Ashenden.
Jo. Baker.	Thos. Taylor.	*Peter Shorte.
Ric. Keete.	William Stretton.	*George Tilden.
Ric. Scriven.	Tho. Brett.	Thomas Butler.
Nich. Emyot.	George Haffenden.	Tho ^s Simons.
Lewes Clements.	Robert Wolball.	John Crouch.
Daniel Hopper, the elder.	Thos. Haffenden.	James Wide.
Richard Masters.	Richard Haffenden.	Daniel Baytop.
Job Cushman.	Henry Gyrdler.	Abraham Caffinch.
Mych. Keete.	Tho. Baytup.	Anthony Weller.
Richard Lucas.	W ^m Playfer.	Edward Boys.
Clement Widon.	Luke Younge.	Edward Caffinch.
Richard Highestedd.	Geo. Humphrey.	Stephen Neate.
John Fuller.	Aminadab Henley.	John Bear.
Jo. Smith.	Daniel Duncke.	Ric. Swanten.
Jo. Hamper.	Thos. Houlting.	Dan ^l Hopper.
Simeon Dartnell.	James Duncke.	John Gyrdler.
William Gilliebald.	John Scotchford.	Rob ^t Willes.
Richard Seath.	Thomas Tilden.	Sam ^l Bedar.
Sa. Shorte.	W ^m Stretton, jun.	John Wood.
	John Waters.	Thos. Eldredge.

[On the back of the petition is endorsed, by Sir Edward Dering, "1641, 10 July. Petition. Tenterden v. Dr Peake."]

(Proceedings in Kent in connection with the Parliament called in 1640. L. B. Larking, Camden Soc., 1862.)

XI.

The survey of Church property and land in the parish of Tenterden, made by order of Parliament in the year 1649, is as follows:—

The Parsonage of Tenterden.

Decanat Cantuar. } All that close of pasture ground beinge gleabe
S^r Edward Hales. } land conteyninge by Estimacon ffive acres more
or lesse wherein Standeth a large Barne and other outhouses
com'only called the parsonage Barne and all the tythes of Corn
ariseinge and growinge within the parish of Tenterden. And alsoe
severall Rents Issueinge out of lands and Tenements in Tenterden
amountinge in the whole unto the sume of xxvj^s viij^d, received and
taken in right of the Parsonage of Tenterden, Together with all
Wayes, passages, yards, proffitts and advantages whatsoever to the
said p'misses belonging or appertayninge or with the same or any
parte thereof leased, occupied or enjoyed.

Memorandum. All w^{ch} last menconed p'misses were by the
late Deane and Chapter of the Cathedrall Church of Christ, Can-
terbury, by their Indenture dated the second of Julye 1640, demised
unto S^r Edward Hales, Knight and Baronett, to hould from
Michaellmas before the date unto the end of xxi yeares. Payeinge
therefor yearely the sume of xx^{li} vj^s viij^d att the twoe most usuall
ffeastys by equall porcons. But are worth upon Improvement over
and above the Rent reserved, p' ann' C^l. The Lessee to repayre
and mayntaine the Buildings and Inclosures about the p'misses,
and likewise to repayre the Chauncell of the parrishe Church of
Tenterden. And if the Rent bee unpayde xiiij dayes after either
of the saide ffeasts, the Lessee to fforfeite l^s. There was xi yeares
and one quarter of a yeare to come and unexpired of the Tearme
aforesaid att Midsom'er last. The advowson, Right of patronage,
Nominacion and p'sentacon to the Church of Tenterden belonged
to the late Deane and Chapter of the Cathedrall Church of Christ,
Canterburye. The p'sent Incumbent there is M^r Barry.

Returned (amongst other things) into the Regist^r Office the
8th of September 1649,

Ex^d Ra. Hall,
Regist. Deput.

By John Browne, }
Will. Eles, } Survey^{ors}.
Will. Jones, }

Marginal notes:—

Redd. xx^l vj^s viij^d. Entertayn^{mt} coi'bus annis xxxiijs iiij^d.

This is returned in another survey and is apor'coned therein, 25 Nov. 1650.

Tenterden Rectory.

All that Parsonage or Rectory of Tenterden consistinge of one great large Barne, newly erected, togeather with one close of pasture wherein the Barne now standeth, abuttinge to Tenterden Streete on the west, cont' by estimacon v acr. v^{li}. Togeather with the Tythes of corne and other profitts to the said parsonage belonging, all which wee estimate to bee worth coi'bus annis xcv^l.

Memorandum. S^r Edward Hales, Knight, holdeth the said parsonage and Rectory by an indenture from the Deane and Chapter of Christ Church, Canterbury, dated 11^o July 1640, for the Tearme of xxi yeares from Michaellmas before the Date, payeing there fore yearly xx^l vi^s viij^d att the twoe most usual ffeasts by equall porcons. But are now worth upon Improvement over and above the said Rent reserved per ann. lxxvij^l. The Lessee covenanteth to repair the Barne and to provide for the Deane and Officers or pay xxxiijs iiij^d. The xx^l vi^s viij^d reserved on this Rectory ys aporconed, viz^t:—

To bee sold with the lands	.	01 . 00 . 08
To remayne upon the Tythes	.	19 . 06 . 00
In toto	.	<u>20 . 06 . 08</u>

Dat. Nov. 26, 1650.

Will. Webb.

Marginal note:—

Redd. xx^{li} vi^s viij^d ffor enterta'ment xxxiijs iiij^d.

(*Parliamentary Survey of Church Lands,*
vol. aix., 3, 4, 44.)

XII.

Among the records preserved in the office of the Town Clerk at Tenterden is one which seems to merit inclusion here, being a faculty issued by the Consistory Court at Canterbury regarding

the removal of some old seats from the chancel, and placing the Communion Table in its proper position.

“ Decimo Octavo die mensis Junii anno d'ni Millimo sexcentimo nonagimo quarto. On w^{ch} day appeared Peter Gleane, Notary Public, and exhibited this proxie for John Holman and Jeremiah Curtis the p'sent Churchwardens of Tenterden in the Diocess of Canterbury, and alleaged that it is the desire and request of the said Churchwardens, as also of Mr Jonathan Maude the p'sent Vicar there, and divers others of the Cheife Inhabitants of the said parish, that they may have leave to place the Com'union table of the said Church of Tenterden at the East end of the Chauncell of the said Church, and to raile in the same for the more decent and com'odious administracon of the Sacrament to the Parishioners there; and that they may have leave and license to amove and take away some old seates now standing in that part of the said Chauncell which is designed to be railed in, they being of little use to the parish, none sitting there but some poore antient people whom the said Minister and Churchwardens will take care to seate in some more convenient part of the said Church, and that the said Gleane did exhibit a certificate of what he prayed as to the amooing the said seats under the hands of the said Minister, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the said parish. Whereupon the Judge inspecting the said certificate did interloquendo order and decree that the said churchwardens have license and leave to amove and take away the said old seats and to place such persons as usually sett there in some other convenient place of the said church; and that they have leave to raile in the Com'union table of the said church in such manner as may be for the most convenient and decent administracon of the Lord's Supper to the parishioners there, the said Gleane accepting thereof, etc.

Jo: Stockar, Surr: Pa: Lukins, Reg. Dep'tus.”

18 June 1694.

(*Corporation Records, Tenterden.*)

XIII.

Visitation of the Diocese of Canterbury. Articles of enquiry were addressed to the Incumbents by the Archdeacon (Dr. J. Head), dated Canterbury 17 May 1750.

Tenterden Church.

- i. The North and West doors to be repaired.

- ii. Provide a new bason for the font, and the ceiling and Pews in the North Chancel to be repaired, and the walls plaistered and whitewashed.
- iii. Nil.
- iv. Provide a carpet for the Communion Table.
- v. Make an inventory of the church goods and return a copy into Court.
- vi. Nil.

The Churchyard.

The rubbish to be got from the church walls, and the wood to be removed from the churchyard.

The two broken bells by an order of the vestry are to be new cast as soon as the roads are passable.

Everything else is done according to the above orders.

Witness our hands: Theoph: De L'Angle, Vic^r.

Thos: Winder. Tho. Paine.

The minister and churchwardens are to certify of the performance of these Injunctions at next Easter Visitation.

(*Lambeth MS., No. 1134.*)

XIV.

In 1758 Archbishop Secker held his primary visitation of the Diocese and Peculiars of Canterbury. Printed letters of enquiry were addressed to all Incumbents, etc., dated from the Deanery of St. Paul's, 1 May 1758. Signed, "your loving brother Tho: Cant."

The record as it concerns Tenterden is as follows:—

- i. Extent of parishes, houses, population, etc.

The extent of the parish from East to West is about four Miles, from North to South about five Miles. It is divided into five Boroughs. There are about 260 Houses. There are no families of Note.

- ii. Number, if any, of Papists.

There are no papists in the parish.

iii. Any Presbyterians, Independents, Anabaptists, Methodists, or Moravians.

There are about 300 Presbyterians, no independents, about six anabaptists, no Methodists or Moravians. There is a Presbyterian meeting house. I have enquired of the Teacher and others, but cannot get any certain Information whether it be duly licensed¹ or not. The Presbyterian Teacher's name is Hancock, who tells me that he himself is properly qualified. The number of Dissenters has rather lessened than increased of late years.

iv. Any Quakers, and do they pay their tithes.

There are about six quakers in the parish; they have no meeting house in the parish. They pay their tithes regularly without compulsion.

v. As to attendance at Church.

The parishioners in general go regularly either to church or meeting house every Lord's Day.

vi. As to your residence in the parish, if not, where and why.

I did constantly reside in this cure sixteen years, when my health would permit me to stay no longer. I now reside on my donative, or, as my Patron calls it, Royal Peculiar of Goodnestone, where I do the duty, though I still spend some part of the year here. I have a curate who lives in the Vicarage house, his name is John Holland,² A.B., he was ordained priest on my title, he has served this cure ever since I have had my Diocesan's leave to be absent, I allow him forty Pounds a year with other Perquisites, he serves no other cure.

vii. As to services in your Church, any other Chapel in the parish and distance from the Church, and catechising.

There are two sermons preached every Sunday in this Church,

¹ At the General Quarter Sessions held at Tenterden, 9 May 1760, "The house . . . which for severall years last past hath been and now is used as a Presbyterian Meeting House, is Certified to this Court by the Reverend M^r Cornelius Handcock . . . to be an house fit for the Exercise of Religious Worship therein . . . Recorded accordingly." (*Corporation Records*.)

Mr. Handcock was the minister of this congregation (founded by Rev. George Hawe, 1662) for thirty years, 1744—1774. He is buried in the churchyard of St. Mildred, where his tombstone may still be seen. "1774 May 24. The Rev. Cornelius Hancock, widower, 84." (*Parish Reg.*)

² Buried in the churchyard. His tombstone bears this inscription: "Here lieth interred the body of y^o Rev. John Holland, aged 56 years. He was Curate of this parish 20 years. Died 30 of April 1760."

and Prayers read there on Wednesdays, Frydays, and all Holy Days. There is a Chappell¹ in the parish about two miles from the church. The Chaplain's name is Thoresby. The children are instructed in the Catechism on Wednesdays and Frydays in Lent. I do not know that any unbaptized Persons frequent Publick Worship. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is admistred on the first Sunday in every month, there are usually about 150 communicants at the monthly sacraments, and on the great Festivals near 200.

viii. Any Free School, Hospital, or Almshouse.

There is a Grammar School. One Hayman gave a house for the use of the Schoolmaster. Mr. Reginald Mantle² gave 200 pounds to the Schoolmaster. This money is laid out in land which now lets for ten pounds a year, and one William Marshall, clerk, gave ten pounds³ a year to the School Master with which the estate of Sir Edward Hales, Bart., is now charged. The Mayor and Corporation of Tenterden are trustees, and see these several sums annually paid to the School Master for whose use they were given. There is no hospital or alms-house in the Parish.

ix. Any voluntary or charity school.

There is no voluntary charity school in the parish.

x. Any lands, tenements, tithes or pensions for the poor.

Lady Norton gave 50 pounds a year to be equally divided between the parishes of Tenterden and Hollingbourne. This she has ordered to be divided into seven divisions; four parts to be applied in putting out apprentices, the children of parents having no parochial relief; the other three parts, twenty shillings to the Ministers of each of the said parishes for two annual sermons to be preached in each of their respective churches on the first day of January, and the first day of November, the residue of the three parts to ten poor widows, one year in money, and the second year

¹ Smallhythe Chapel. Richard Thoresby, chaplain, 1736—1766. (*Arch. Cant.*, XXX., 185.)

² Reginald Mantell was elected Mayor of Tenterden on the 29th August 1710, but refused to serve, "Whereby he hath forfeited the sum of forty pounds." At a Common Hall held on the 13th October following, the amount was reported "now paid." Refusing also to serve as J.P. for the Borough, was fined £20, but this was remitted. (*Corporation Records.*)

³ See extract from his will, p. 239 *ante*.

in black and white cloth, and so alternately for ever, such persons having no parochial relief and hearing the said sermons in their respective churches.

xi. As to disposal of the Offertory.

The money given at the offertory is disposed of by the Minister to those poor who attend the Sacrament, or are confin'd by sickness.

xii. Are there any other matters.

I know of no other matter relating to my parish of which I can give your Grace any information.

Theoph: De L'Angle,
Vicar.

(*Lambeth MSS., No. 1134, IV., 234.*)

XV.

Extracts from the wills of Tenterden folk relating to their Parish Church; being bequests towards the building of the fabric, its repair and maintenance, the provision for church furniture, lights, and altars, and other matters of interest.

Many parishioners of Tenterden during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries bequeathed money and goods towards the building and edifying of their parish church.

A selection from their wills, indicating such purposes, is here given:—

i. Thomasine Adam, widow. 20 April 1519.

To the use of the church, my tablecloth "myled" or mixed with blue thread, to adorn the high altar in times requisite and on festival days. To the buying of one candlestick to serve before Our Lady of Pity, 5^s. (A. 14, 1.)

ii. Richard Aylonde, y'oman. 14 November 1513.

I wooll and bequith to the Church of Tenterden to th' use of the same church ij Kyne to be lettyn out by the yere at a resonable pryce, and I wooll that xiiij^d of the rent of the same Kyne comyng and growing be gyven unto xiii poore men of the same p'isshe ev'y good ffryday for evermore yf they wooll receyve hit or

ells to be dysposed unto other poore folkys . . . Itm I wooll that the mony of a cloth that Petur Maister bought of me be bought with all a payer of orgonnes to do s'vyce in the church foresayd. (P.C.C., 8, Holder.)

iii. Richard Baker. 8 April 1504.

To the reparation of one spring called the Churchewell in Tenterden, 2^s. (A. 10, 3.)

iv. John Baker. 1 October 1537.

To the maintenance of the Light of St. Nicholas, 3^s 4^d. (A. 21, 9.)

v. William Bate. 31 May 1463.

To the reparation of the parish church of Tenterden, 6^s 8^d. (A. 1, 6.)

vi. William Beche, of Smalhithe. 12 January 1518-9.

To the reparation of the church of Tenterden, a cow. (A. 14, 2.)

vii. Garard Beryngham, of Smalhithe. 8 January 1527-8.

To the light of Our Lady in the church of Tenterden, 12^d, and to the reparation of the same church, 6^s 8^d. (A. 18, 1.)

viii. Robert Brekynden, senior. 11 November 1482.

To be buried in the Chapel of St. Mary in the parish church of Tenterden . . . For an image of St. Mary in the chapel of the same, a silver "cheyne." (A. 3, 26.)

ix. William Brickenden. 18 September 1628.

And whereas there hath been speech of building a gallerie in Tenterden Church I do will that if there shall be a gallerie builded there within one year after my death, that then my ex'or shall pay to the Mayor and Jurats of Tenterden towards the building thereof, the sum of ten pounds, but if the same shall not be builded within one year after my death, then I will the same gift and legacy of ten pounds to be void. (Con. 48, 257-60.)

x. Thomas Bishoppynden. 4 February 1511-12.

To the buying of a pair of organs to serve in the church, 12^d. (A. 128.)

xi. Robert Bosshopynden. 7 April 1523.

A taper of one pound of wax before St. Peter in the church, every year to be renewed against the feast of St. Peter. (A. 15, 10.)

xii. Lora Blossom, widow. 6 March 1532-3.

To the making of a new cover for the font in Tenterden Church, 20^d. (A. 19, 15.)

xiii. Thomas Blussh. 23 January 147 $\frac{3}{4}$.

To the reparation of the church my best cow, and that 3^s 4^d which is in the hands of Robert P'syt. (A. 2, 12.)

xiv. William Borne. 30 September 1509.

My ex'ors at my cost and charge shall cause the "revestrie" of the church of Tenterden to be well and workmanly sealid (ceiled). Certain lands to be sold, and from the money thereof—To the church, 10 marcs (£6 13s. 4d.). (A. 11, 3.)

xv. Robert Bregges. 15 April 1484.

To the light of St. Katherine in the church of St. Mildred, 3^s 4^d. (A. 4, 1.)

xvi. Laurence Brodestret. 5 April 1525.

To the light of St. Erasmus, 2^d, and the light of St. Clement, 2^d. (A. 16, 13.)

xvii. Thomas Carpynter. 21 April 1498.

To the work of St. Mildred's Church, 6^s 8^d . . . and if daughter Joan die before she is married, then 10 marcs for an ornament to serve in the church. (A. 7, 2.)

xviii. Kateryn Carpenter, widow. 3 October, 1510.

To the use of the church my best diaper towel . . . a taper of three pounds of wax to burn before the image of St. Mary in the same church. (A. 11, 7.)

xix. John Castelyn. 8 January 150 $\frac{3}{4}$.

To the reparation of the nave of Tenterden Church, 20^s. (Con. 9, 65.)

xx. Katherine Castlyn, widow. 17 January 1510-11.

To the lights of the Holy Cross, St. Mary, St. Mildred, and St. Katherine, two pence each. (A. 11, 7.)

xxi. Joan Caston, widow. 4 May 1512.

That Richard Piers shall pay that £3 he owes unto me, unto the church of Tenterden, to the buying of a Crismatory of silver and gilt. (Con. 11, 41.)

xxii. Richard Castewesill. 1 September 1477.

To the church, for one coverlet to be bought to serve in the same church, 6^s 8^d. . . . To the reparation of the church, 6^s 8^d. (A. 3, 11.)

xxiii. William Claidich. 22 April 1505.

For making an image of St. Katherine in the church, 12^d. (A. 10, 1.)

xxiv. Robert Clerk. 24 December 1495.

To the lights of St. Mary, St. Mildred, St. Nicholas, the Calefecary, and the Torches in the church of Tenterden, 8^d each. (A. 6, 5.)

xxv. William Cok. 15 May 1449.

To the reparation of the church, 6^s 8^d. To the making of the new bell tower there, 5 marcs (£3 6s. 8d.). To the lights of St. Nicholas, St. Christopher, St. Mary, and before the Cross on the north side of the church, 20^d each. To the light of St. Mildred, 3^s 4^d. To the brotherhood of St. Mary, 20^d. (A. 1, 1.)

xxvi. Thomas Cok. 20 April 1473.

For the whole of a new window in the west part of the new tower of Tenterden, viz.: 'glasyd' and with other work in the same, from my goods as my ex'or shall think best to be done. (A. 2, 6.)

xxvii. Stephen Couper. 10 February 151 $\frac{2}{3}$.

To the buying of one new pair of organs to serve in the church, 3^s 4^d. To the gilding of the image of St. Mark in the church, if so be that there be no new image of St. Mark there made, 20^d. To the making of one new image of St. George to serve in the church, 20^d. To the use of the church two kine, price twenty shillings, upon a condition that the Wardens yearly distribute to poor people on Good Friday. (A. 12, 8.)

xxviii. William Cowper. 4 October 1518.

That my ex'ors at my cost and charge within a year after my death make one convenient parclose or "seelyng" behind the High Rood or Crucifix in the church, betwixt the arches dividing the nave and the high chancel. Also that they do make, prepare, and substantially set up, one convenient window, mullioned and glazed, with all other work necessary and expedient, upon and in the roof

on the south side of the church next to the said Rood and Crucifix, as it can be thought most necessary by the Curate and other honest men of the parish. Also that they do prepare and make ready in as short time as they conveniently may, all and every such altar cloths and curteyns as I of late did put to painting to one paynter of Hedron, which I will and bequeath to the use of the church, and so to be hanged there about and upon the altar where the Mass of Jesus is used to be celebrated. To the buying of one pair of laten candlesticks continually to stand upon the said altar, 6^s 8^d. To the buying of one convenient white cope to serve in the church to one white "sute" there now, being most necessary, £13 6^s 8^d. To the Brotherhood priest 20^d yearly, and for two tapers to be renewed twice yearly, 2^s. (Con. 12, 174.)

xxix. Stephen Cowper. 10 October 1551.

My bodye to be buryed in the churche porche of Tenterden, and I will to the Churche of Tenterden xl^s to be buried at the sought (south) dore in the waye. (P.C.C., 28, Bucke.)

xxx. John Crotehole, senior. 3 December 1496.

To the church, a torch of the price of eight shillings. (A. 6, 7.)

xxxi. John Davy. 1 March 1467-8.

Itm. lego ad rep'acionem eccl'ia de Tentyrden vj^s viij^d. Itm. ad rep'acionem magne cruce apud le north frith in eadem eccl'ia vi^s viii^d. (P.C.C., 25, Godyn.)

xxxii. Denis Davy, widow. 12 August 1520.

To the use of the church of St. Mildred, my best towel. (A. 14, 10.)

xxxiii. John Donnyham. 26 March 1505.

To the lights of St. George and St. Christopher, a taper of 1½ lbs. (A. 9, 2.)

xxxiv. Henry Esteagh. 31 October 1461.

To the work of the new tower, twelve pieces of my best timber, which the wardens of the same work or the parishioners there shall choose, standing and growing at Botford in a certain wood there, near the garden called Botford garden. (A. 1, 11.)

xxxv. Margaret Finch, widow. 1 April 1483.

A piece of my land in Tenterden shall be sold . . . and from

the money a processional cross shall be bought for the church, 5 marcs. (A. 3, 26.)

xxxvi. Thomas Finche. 6 March 1504-5.

To the work of repairing or new making of the Rood loft in the church of Tenterden, by the advice of the Bailiff and most honest men of Tenterden, £3 6s. 8d. (A. 9, 2.)

xxxvii. John Flecher. 20 August 1510.

To the buying of a cloth of velvet to hang before the high altar, 16^s 8^d. (A. 17, 1. Con. 11, 44.)

xxxviii. William Foughill. 17 November 1496.

Five marcs to the use of the church. (A. 6, 9.)

xxxix. Katherine Foule, widow. 12 October 1519.

To the use of the church a coverlet. To the buying of one pair of silver candlesticks to serve in the church, 6^s 8^d. (A. 15, 3.)

xl. William Gemyn, of Smalhith. 5 December 1501.

To the buying of one new chalice for the church of Tentreden, 40^s. (A. 8, 9.)

xli. Joan Gerves. 11 December 1504.

Towards a certain new slab for the high altar, 13^s 4^d. (A. 10, 1.)

xlii. William Gerves. 18 April 1525.

To the making of a new covering for the "Founte" in Tentreden Church, 20^s. (A. 16, 12.)

xliii. Thomas Gybon. 20 March 1495-6.

To the work of the nave of the church, 20^d. (A. 8, 1.)

xliv. John Godday. 10 September 1471.

For a new bell for the tower of Tenterden, £10. (A. 2, 3.)

xlv. Alice Godard, widow. 17 May 1521.

Two tapers of wax, one of 2 lbs. to set and burn before the Blessed Sacrament, another of 1 lb. before the image of Our Lady of Pity, to continue for 12 years, renewed every year. (A. 14, 11.)

xlvA. Edward Gilford (Guldeford) of Rolvenden. 16 October 1448.

"Also y bequethe to y^e high auter of Tenterden, iii^s iiiii^d." Prob. 21 September 1449. (Lambeth Will. Reg. Abp. Stafford, fol. 175^b.)

xlvi. Sir John Guldeford, Kt. 20 March 149 $\frac{3}{4}$.

My body to be buried in the church of Saint Mildred of

Tentirden before the Image of the same where the resurrection of our Lord is made.¹ To the high auter of the seid church for tithes forgote, xx^s. (P.C.C., 29, Doggett.)

xlvi. Margaret Harryes, of London, "wedowe." 5 July 1490.

"I bequeth vj torches to the parisshe church of Tentirden in Kent where ynne I was cristened; in the said church to serve to the laude and p'ysing of allemighte God and his saints as longe as they maye endure thereto." (P.C.C., 38, Milles.)

xlviii. Agnes atte Hille. 11 May 1472.

For wax candles to burn before the images of St. Mildred the Virgin, and St. Mark the Evangelist, 2^s. To the work of the tower of Tenterden, the 10^d which Robert Simpcock owes to me. To the use of the church, one coverlet. (A. 2, 3.)

xlix. William Havynden. 21 April 1477.

To the work of the church, 6^s 8^d. (A. 3, 10.)

l. Thomas Hicks. 11 January 1522-3.

To the buying of two images of Crispin and Crispiane for to stand in the church of Tenterden, 6^s 8^d. (A. 15, 7.)

li. William Holme. 17 February 1501-2.

To the repair of the church of Tentreden, 3^s 4^d. To the repair of the spring called Churchewell, 2^d. To the repair of St. Katherine in the church of Tentreden, 6^d. (A. 9, 6.)

lii. John Hoore. 22 September 1469.

To the work of the new tower of Tenterden Church, 12^d. To the light of St. Mary, 6^d. To the light of St. Katherine, 4^d. (A. 2, 1.)

liii. William Iden. 5 May 1476.

For one "chyme" to be made in the tower of Tenterden 5 marcs, to be received from my wood lands at Elnothys, for this purpose to be sold. (A. 3, 1.)

¹ In the Guldeford pedigree (see *Arch. Cant.*, XIV., 4) it is stated that Sir John Guldeford was buried in Canterbury Cathedral. In his will above quoted, in addition to specifying the place of his burial in Tenterden Church, he directed: "Also I will that at my yeres mynde be leyde on me a playne stone and noe tumbre, with suche epitaphe as by me or myne execut^r shalbe devised." There is no mention of Canterbury throughout the will. Sir John was son of the before mentioned Edward Guldeford.

liv. Thomas Ilande. 23 August 1529.

To the mayntenance of Jesus Masse in Tenterden, vj^s viij^d, to be paid xx^d a quarter. To the high awter for tithes and oblacions forgotten, ii^s. (P.C.C., 11, Jankyn.)

lv. John Ingram, of Smalhith. 23 November 1473.

To the work of the church those 19^s which are in the hands of Robert Brekynden. (A. 2, 14.)

lvi. Thomas Jan. 14 May 1470.

To the high altar, 8^d. To the Rector there, 6^d. To the lights of St. Mary, the Great Cross, and St. Nicholas in the church, 6^s 8^d. (A. 1, 12.)

lvii. William John. xxiiij yere of King Henry the viij.

"Also I bequeth unto Saint George and Saint Xpofer iiij^{lb} of wax in Tenterden church; this wille written wth myn owne hand whan I was hoole in harte and mynde." Prob. 14 February 1532-3. (P.C.C., 23, Thower.)

lviii. Edward Jonys, of the Kyngs Chappell. MV^cXI.

"A m^rke for an obite at Tenterden as far as the mony will stretch." Prob. apud Lamehith, 30 April 1512. (P.C.C., 7, Fetiplace.)

lix. John Lilly. 27 January 1504-5.

To the use of the church of Tenterden two cows, the wardens of the church for the time being to distribute yearly on the day called "Godefryday" twelve pence to twelve poor people, and any residue to the church. (A. 10, 1.)

lx. John Lowdewell. 4 September 1534.

For to buy a banner cloth of silk for the cross that is borne in procession every Sunday in the church, 13^s 4^d. (A. 20, 3.)

lxi. William Leuconour, of Tenterden. 7 August 1517.

"My body to be buried in the church yerde of the p'isse church of Saint Margaratt in Bridgestrete beside the Bridge wthin the Citie of London. Itm. I bequeth to the Church of Saint Mildrede Virgyn of Tenterden foresaid vj viij^d. Itm. I bequeth one taper of waxe of the weight of one lb. to be sett before the Image of Saint Erasmus in the seid church of Tenterden." (P.C.C., F. 33, Holder.)

lxii. Richard Lucas. 24 September 1508.

To the light of the Rode, 4^d. To the light of St. Katherine, 2^d. A taper of $\frac{1}{3}$ lb. of wax before the image of St. John the Baptist in Tentreden Church. (A. 11, 2.)

lxiii. John Moer, Vicar of Tenterden. Palm Sunday, 1489.

"Corpus sep'eliri in cancello Sancte Mildrede de Tentwarden p'dict . . . ad rep'acionem eiusdem cancelli, x^s . . . ad reparacionem navis dicte eccl'ie, xiiij^s iiiij^d." (P.C.C., 20, Milles.)

lxiv. Thomas Pedyll. 2 December 1507.

To the fabric of the church, a cow. (A. 9, 10.)

lxv. John Pelland. 30 May 1511.

To the reparation of the said church, 40^d. To buy a new pair of organs for the church, 16^d. (Con. 10, 154.)

lxvi. Richard Pellond. 8 April 1525.

To poor people of the parish every Goodfriday, 40^d, for the space of 16 years. (A. 16, 11.)

lxvii. Thomas Petlesdene (First Bailiff of Tenterden). 1 December 1463.

"Corp' sep' in cancello Sancte Katerine in ecclesia de Tenterdene¹ . . . ad reparacionem ecclesie de Tenterden xx^s. Also I wille that myne oder by quethe that is by hynde of the C. marcs to the stepille of tenterdene yerly be payde of my londes & tenementes rentes and services as longe as it is a werkyng." (A. 1, 6.)

lxviii. John Pett. 4 January 1489-90.

To the fabric of the church, 3^s 4^d. To the maintenance of the chaplain of the Brotherhood of St. Mary in the church, at the disposition of the vicar, my best cow. (A. 5, 8.)

lxix. Thomas Pette. 14 September 1494.

To be buried in the chapel of St. Mary in the parish church of St. Mildred. To the reparation of the nave of the church, 10^s. (A. 6, 3.)

lxx. Joan Pyers. 14 July 1471.

To the work of the new tower of Tenterden Church, 5 marcs. To the repair of the high cross in the same church, 20^s. (A. 2, 1.)

¹ See *Arch. Cant.*, XI., 376-378.

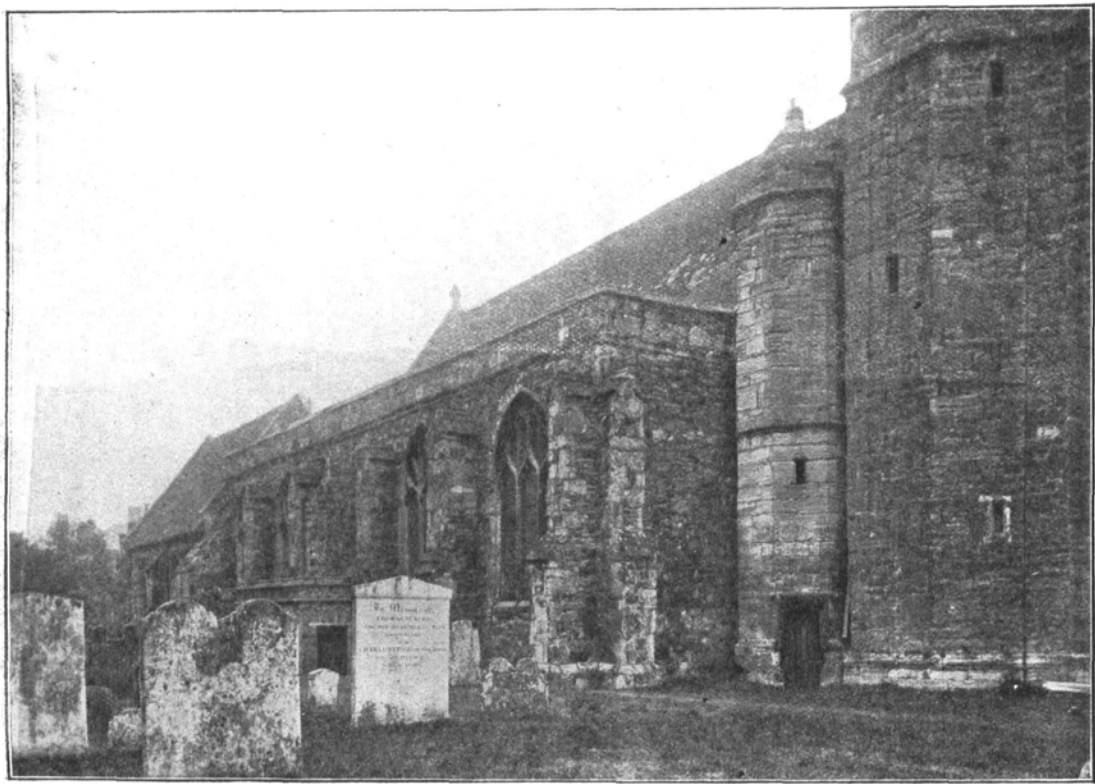


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TENTERDEN CHURCH.

[Alex. Ridley, Tenterden.

The north side, shewing the "Vice" or stair turret.

lxxi. Lawrence Phelipe. 5 March 1510-11.

To the buying of a pair of organs for the church, 6^s 8^d. (Con. 10, 124.)

lxxii. Stephen Philip. 25 June 1523.

The lights of St. Katherine, Jesus, St. Mildred, and St. Mary Magdalene, 4^d each. (A. 16, 2.)

lxxiii. Thomas Sharpe. 19 January 1524-5.

My ex'ors maintain the two tapers of Alice Godard, my mother-in-law. (See will xlv.) (A. 16, 7.)

lxxiv. Stephen Smyth, fuller. 21 January 148 $\frac{2}{3}$.

To the reparation of the north wall of the church, 26^s 8^d. (A. 3, 26.)

lxxv. John Spert. 7 August 1500.

To the reparation of the spring or well called the Church Well, 6^s 8^d. (A. 8, 2.)

lxxvi. Thomas Strekenbold. 20 March 1495-6.

To the reparation of the nave, 6^s 8^d. To the light of the torches, 12^d. Five marcs to the marriage of Isabelle Harold, but if she dies, the money to buy two silver candlesticks for the church. My son John to make or cause to be made and finished within three years next after my death, on the north side of the church of Tenterden, in such place as by the parishioners there can be thought most convenient and behovable, a sufficient vice and stayr inclosed of lyme and stone, and all other things to the same required from the ground up to the ledd in the same north side, with closur and covering, according as to the same unto apperteynyth, as a man may easily go up in the same vice to visett and search the said leed in seasons needful and expedient. And if the said John . . . in making and finishing of the said vice be negligent . . . then my Feoffees shall sell as much of my lands and tenements as will perform the residue of this my will not fulfilled. (A. 6, 5.)

lxxvii. George Strekenbold. 18 March 1524-5.

Ten pounds to the reparation of the church where most needful, by the advice of Master Vicar, Master Bayly and his brethren the Jurats. (A. 16, 12.)

lxxviii. Robert Swoffer. 16 March 1517-8.

To the reparation of the ornaments pertaining to the altars of St. Mary and St. Katherine, 16^d. To the repair of the church those 6^s 8^d which Robert Preston oweth unto me. (A. 13, 10.)

lxxix. John Tilar. 17 September 1471.

To the work of the new tower, 3^s 4^d. For a new set of vestments for the church, £20. (A. 2, 1.)

lxxx. Thomas Wode. 19 June 1526.

To the buying of an ornament to serve in the church as shall be seen most needful and necessary by the most discreet men of the parish, 66^s 8^d. Twenty pounds to be bestowed in the church in or about the new "sealing" in the roof of the body of the church, or in making a new window on the north side of the high altar near to the image of St. Mildred. (A. 17, 7.)

A view of the north side of the church facing the preceding page shews distinctly the 'Vice' or turret before mentioned. Thomas Strekenbold was elected Bailiff of Tenterden for the years 1476, 1481 and 1485.

NOTE.—Extracts from wills proved in the Archidiaconal and Consistorial Courts at Canterbury have been kindly supplied by Arthur Hussey, Esq. Those from the Prerogative Court of Canterbury have been extracted by myself.—A.H.T.