

## MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

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### A LAMBARD RELIC

Early in 1954 the Rector of Ightham received an anonymous letter together with a small rectangular piece of brass inscribed *Ecce Venio Velociter*. The writer explained that he had removed it from Ightham

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church many years ago and having come across it recently his conscience had led him to return it. The Rector asked me to identify the monument, if possible, from which the brass had been taken.

Identification was easy. In the corner of the church behind the font is a memorial gravestone to Jane, daughter of George Multon of St. Clere, in Ightham, and first wife of William Lambard, the author of the *Perambulation of Kent*. Jane Lambard died in 1573, and the inscription, now much defaced, was also entered by her husband in his diary, and so has been preserved in its entirety. The words *Ecce Venio Velociter* form part of the inscription and the fragment recovered fits perfectly into a recess carved for it in the stone.

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