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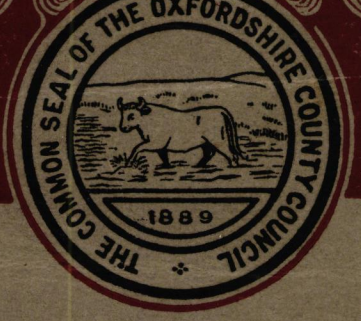

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PREFACE.

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INTRODUCTION.

An Englishman living in a normal rural parish in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, was accustomed to find his life, manner of living, and actions, ordered for him to an extent which, under modern conditions would be held intolerable. What he should eat, what he should wear, his form of worship, his mode of amusement, the course of his husbandry, the disposal of his crops, were all matters which at some time or other called for supervision, for denouncement if he failed to comply with the accepted code, and for punishment should he prove peccant. Infractions of the traditional directions which governed agrarian routine, that is the breaking of local custom, were determined by a local tribunal, the manor court. Penalties for breaking any of the multitudinous rules laid down in the statutes for the guidance of civil affairs, were inflicted by justices of the peace in their sessions. Offences against the rules prescribed for the regulation of religious life and moral conduct were visited by punishment in the ecclesiastical courts.

During the period covered by the documents printed hereafter, the chief ecclesiastical courts were the Archbishop's, which in the province of Canterbury embraced the Court of Faculties, the Court of Arches, and the Prerogative Court; the Bishop's Court, generally presided over by the Chancellor of the Diocese, which took cognizance of ecclesiastical causes pertaining to the diocese; and finally, the most inferior, the Archdeacon's Court. The jurisdiction exercised by the archdeacon in his archdeaconry was usually concurrent with that of his diocesan, to whose court appeals against sentences given in the inferior court lay (24 Hen. viii. c. 12, sec. 5). He could prove wills, grant letters of administration, and hear causes which came within the scope of ecclesiastical law; but in actual practice the court was presided over by a deputy known as the Official, who acted as judge, for the jury was unknown in

ecclesiastical jurisdiction.[1] Rustics however had another name for the court of the archdeacon, less euphonious, but more expressive, descriptive not of its status, but of the character of much of the business determined therein. To them, it was simply 'the bawdy court.'[2]

Within the geographical area presided over by the archdeacon, all churches were not necessarily under his supervision. For purposes of ecclesiastical administration, various parishes or groups of parishes were exempt from his visitation, and hence were known as "exempt or peculiar jurisdictions"; or more simply, "peculiars," their administration being vested in corporations or dignitaries other than the ordinary of the diocese. They might even be in lay hands. The reasons for these various immunities were complex, and had their origin in widely different causes. With regard to the various forms assumed by these anomalous jurisdictions, it may be mentioned that the liberty within which a royal castle was situated often became a royal "peculiar." The seats or possessions of an archbishop gave rise to exempt jurisdictions,[3] as did also the estates of a bishop situated in another diocese. A third type of peculiar was connected with churches, under the jurisdiction of the dean, or the dean and chapter, or the individual prebendaries of a cathedral. Thus the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln exercised jurisdiction over the peculiar of Banbury; that is

[1] See Johnson, *Clergy-Man's Vade Mecum*, 251-2; Blackstone, *Commentaries*, iii. 59 (1768 ed.); R. Burn, *Ecclesiastical Law*, i. 69 (1763 ed.). It should be observed that the Official was far more than a judge. He was an adviser. The churchwardens of Wardington desired information regarding the adjustment of parish finances (p. 315), those of Claydon as to the administration of an estate (p. 234). An Abingdon minister wrote for advice concerning the 'churching pew' (*Archd. papers, Berks*, c. 100, Abingdon 1668). He was also a mediator: women who could not agree had better sit apart in church (p. 233). He was also human. Two individuals presented for fighting in the Church yard and drawing blood, a heinous offence, were dismissed gratis, *quod sunt pueri*. (*Southwell Pec. Liber Actorum*, June 1583).

[2] *Archd. papers, Bucks*, c. 230, 1634, f. 2. "Ester Jeffes for saying that it was well her sonne in lawe Iarvis had money for the bawdy court meaning the court of Mr. Cobb, at Aylesbury."

[3] *E.g.* in Oxfordshire, Newington was a peculiar of the Archbishop of Canterbury. *Valor Eccles*, ii. 510.

for Banbury, Cropredy, which included Great and Little Bourton, Claydon, Mollington and Wardington, Horley and Hornton in Oxfordshire, and King's Sutton, in Northamptonshire. Similarly, the Dean and Chapter held a court for the peculiar of Thame, which embraced Thame, Tetsworth, Sydenham, and Great Milton in Oxfordshire, and Towersey in Buckinghamshire.[1]

This jurisdiction was disputed in the last decade of the eighteenth century. For the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln, it was held that the Lincoln statute *Novum Registrum* exempted the estates of prebendaries from archidiaconal jurisdiction, and the statute *Officio Decani* conferred the rights of triennial visitation of prebendal churches in the diocese of Lincoln, upon the Dean and Chapter. On behalf of the Bishop of Oxford, it was demurred that no names of churches to be visited were expressed, hence it did not follow that the prebendal churches in dispute in Oxfordshire were necessarily those referred to. But of more importance, the statute 31 Hen., viii. c. 9 empowered the king to create such dioceses as he should think fit by letters patent, and in such manner was the diocese of Oxford formed; the foundation charter separating the city and county of Oxford from the authority of the bishop of Lincoln and transferring it to the bishop of Oxford.[2] Moreover as the prebendaries of Cropredy and Banbury were surrendered in 1543 to the crown, and Horley and Thame in 1547, the jurisdiction was dissolved simultaneously, for this could be exercised by the prebendary only; not by the Dean and Chapter. Yet again, there was appeal to the fact of institutions. The Bishop of Oxford could certainly refer to an imposing list of institutions to the peculiar churches in the latter half of the eighteenth century. Nevertheless, the Bishop of Lincoln seems to have instituted up to that time in the

[1] Robert Swan, *Practical treatise on the jurisdiction of ecclesiastical courts*, 111.

[2] The charter is given in *Rymer* vi., parts 3 and 4, pp. 80-82. (Hague ed. 1745.)

majority of cases.[1] There was, however, one fact in favour of the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln. Though their rivals might complain that since the creation of the see of Oxford it had been doubted in which diocese the peculiars lay, they had no such scruples. They had possession.[2]

Finally, some peculiars arose from the connection of parishes with religious houses: churches upon monastic estates not infrequently were exempt from the visitation of the ordinary of the diocese. At the Dissolution it was ordained (31 Hen. viii. c. 13, sec. 23) that the jurisdiction of such churches should belong to the ordinary of the diocese or to such person or persons as the king should appoint.[3] This explains the entry in Bacon's *Liber Regis* "Peculiar Jurisdiction of Dorchester, formerly in the Abbey of Dorchester, now in Robert Fettiplace Esqr." Bensington, Chiselhampton, Clifton, Dorchester, Drayton, Toot Baldon held with Marsh Baldon, Nettlebed, Warborough. (p. 808.) It is to this peculiar, and those of Banbury and Thame, that the documents printed in this volume refer.

Although all parishes were included in some unit of ecclesiastical jurisdiction, how was it possible for the Ordinary, or his Official to have knowledge of those causes which should come before him? How could supervision be exercised over so wide an area as the Archdeaconry of Oxfordshire? The answer is, by working through parochial officers; the churchwardens. In a normal parish two churchwardens[4] were elected annually,

[1] *E.g.* Milton 1693, 1723, 1737.
Banbury 1717.
Horley cum Hornton 1721, 1758.
Thame 1722, 1752, 1761.
} *Spec. Secundum* (*Linc.*) pp. 340–346.

I am greatly indebted to Canon W. C. Foster for providing me with these references.

[2] Documents bearing on this disputed jurisdiction are bound with *Archd. papers Oxon., Misc. papers* c. 157, f. 2 *et seq.* It is not improbable that the proverbial slackness of administration within peculiars had something to do with the Oxford claim. *Cf.* "And so I proceed to consider a second abuse in Church government, which is exempt jurisdictions." H. Croft, *Naked Truth*, p. 117. (Reprinted, with introd. by H. Henson, 1919.)

[3] See Burn, *op. cit.* ii. 139-142. Ollard and Crosse, *Dict. of English Church History*. Art. Peculiars.

[4] They had the alternative title of questmen (*Can.* 89). Colloquially the office was designated by such terms as 'churchmen' (p. 270) or 'church maysters' (*Southwell Act Book*, 24 April 1581).

theoretically by the joint consent of the ministers and parishioners, but failing agreement, the minister chose one, the parishioners the other. Practically, the mode of choice was determined by the custom of the parish, and such customs varied widely.

Churchwardens were responsible for the repair of the church and the church-yard fences, for the decent state of church furniture, and for the cleanliness of the church. They were to ensure that neither the building nor the church-yard were profaned by plays, junketings, musters or court leets. At the expiration of office in Easter week, they had to render their accounts. Yet this was little more than routine work, which men of average ability and tact could accomplish. Not so the burden of seeing "that all the parishioners duly resort[ed] to their Church upon all Sundays and Holy days," and that, having been persuaded to attend, they behaved with becoming seemliness. This was not easy, and so apparently thought the authorities. Hence churchwardens were furnished with assistants, or sidemen,[1] two or three discreet persons, chosen annually in fashion similar to their coadjutors.

There remained yet another task, perhaps the most difficult of all. "If any offend their brethren, either by adultery, whoredom, usury, and any other uncleanness, and wickedness of life, the churchwardens and sidemen shall faithfully present all offenders to their ordinaries." Likewise schismatics, disturbers of divine service, and non-communicants at Easter (can. 109–112). That is, periodically, a report or presentment of all who had offended contemporary standards of morality or decorum, or who refused to contribute to parish dues, or who were in any way suspect of evil life, was handed in to the Ordinary, who caused the delinquent to be cited by one of his officers, the apparitor, to appear before him at the next court. And if nothing worse happened, the party cited lost a

[1] Subsmen, p. 286.

day's work. Little wonder then, that all their duties being considered, the churchwardens and sidemen enjoyed spells of unpopularity and bursts of abuse. At Thame, an officer was called "old rogue," at King's Sutton the churchwardens were "knaves," at Warborough they were "canting officers,"[1] while on occasion these terms could be made to appear mild epithets. At Wolverton a parishioner railed upon the churchwarden "calling of him knave divers tymes and tellinge of him that he was cursed with bell, booke, and candle, and that the child that was unborne was bound to curse him . . . for beginninge of the suits for recoveringe of the levyes."[2] Churchwardens could not be forced to present more than twice a year (can. 116), but they were to make their presentments upon going out of office, and before their successors were sworn. As a general rule, during the first four decades of the seventeenth century, the minister, churchwardens, and sidemen, apparently under the direction of the official, joined in the presentment, but after the Restoration when the church courts again commenced to function, it was the churchwardens alone who presented.[3]

As to why presentments were required, canon 116 is explicit. They were necessary for the glory of God and the reformation of sin, or, as was recorded at Banbury, for the good of the party offending, and that others, seeing due execution done, may fear to offend.[4] This was a high standard, and defaulting churchwardens or sidemen ultimately incurred the censure of the ordinary[5]; the disapproval of the parochial minister could

[1] pp. 85, 189, 283.

[2] *Archd. papers, Bucks.* c. 230, ? 1637. See King's Sutton, p. 285.

[3] The co-operation of the minister was permissive by canon 113. That no excuse might be tendered for neglect, warning was sent as to when, and by whom the presentment should be sent in, p. 268.

[4] p. 200.

[5] Canon 117. Due regard had to be paid to form as well as matter. The churchwardens of Horton were presented in 1633 for not setting their hands to their presentments "nor specifieinge there Townes name nor the daie of the month when they exhibited the same." *Archd. papers, Oxon.* c. 155, f. 23.

come sooner: those who framed a half hearted presentment could be excluded *ipso facto* from the communion table.[1]

So many and various were the faults and derelictions which could be presented, that the churchwardens might unwittingly transgress through errors of omission, even in those days when "men knew the law." As a general rule it was understood that when presentments were framed, the makers were to be guided by the Word of God and the ecclesiastical laws of the realm,[2] but as the King's Sutton churchwardens said in another connection, that "is an uncerteine grounde."[3] To guide them, therefore, canon 119 directed that when churchwardens were sworn, they should be given books of articles for the year following, to direct them in the discharge of their office, and upon which to ground their presentments. That is, various questions were asked in very simple language, grouped under the title of the subject for which information was required. The replies to these questions automatically formed a presentment. Although books of articles are repeatedly referred to in our transcripts, from the very nature of the documents their preservation was doubtful. In 1623 the Benson and Pishill returns shew there were 57 articles, but of their nature it is not even possible to guess.[4] The Clifton replies enable us to arrange the titles; the presentments of Cropredy and King's Sutton indicate with some certainty the nature of the articles in those years.[5]

The writer has in his possession the "Articles of Enquiry Concerning certain Matters of Ecclesiastical Cognizance, Exhibited To the Church-wardens and Side-men of every Parish within the Arch-Deaconry of Sudbury: in the Visitation of

[1] Canon 26. So too, Andrewe's Articles of Inquiry "Whether hath your Minister admitted to the Communion any Churchwarden or Sideman, who hath wittingly and wilfully neglected . . . to present any public offence . . ." Minor Works, p. 115. (Library of Anglo-Catholic Theology).

[2] Stillingfleet: *Of the duties and rights of the parochial clergy*, p. 12.

[3] p. 290.

[4] pp. 29 and 59.

[5] pp. 107 and 108, 248–52, 296–299.

John Spencer D.D. Arch-Deacon of Sudbury." It is dated 1670, and the articles are arranged in seven groups.

1. Concerning Churches, Chappels, with the Ornaments and Furniture thereunto belonging. Six articles.

Questions are asked concerning the roof, windows, floor, seats, the lead, timber, bells, the font, the communion table and vessels, necessary church books, and the surplice and hood.

2. Concerning the Church-yard, the Houses, Glebes and Tythes belonging to the Church. Three articles.

3. Concerning Ministers. Twenty articles.

Is the minister ordained, has he been legally instituted and inducted, and is he resident ? Is he a curate ? Does he read the offices according to the prayer book ? Does he observe holy days and perambulations ; is he licensed to preach ; does he catechize, visit the sick, baptize and administer the communion ? Does he marry out of the canonical hours ? Does he hold conventicles ? Is he of unblameable life ? Does he once a year read the canons and every six months denounce the excommunicate ?

4. Concerning the Parishioners. Fifteen articles.

Are there any who absent themselves from church ; who are guilty of sexual offences ; who are drunkards, swearers, railers, filthy talkers, or sowers of discord ? Do any work, buy or sell on Sundays or holy days ? Do all over sixteen communicate ? Who are excommunicated ? Are any living together not lawfully married ? Are women churched ? Do all pay their church levies ? Is the catechism taught to those required ? Are wills proved and legacies to pious uses bestowed ?

5. Concerning Parish Clerks and Sextons. Two articles.

Is the clerk qualified ; is he paid his salary ; does he do his duty ?

6. Concerning School-masters, Scholars, Physicians, Chirurgeons and Midwives. Two articles.

7. Concerning Church-wardens and Side-men. Four articles.

Are they properly chosen; are the accounts given up; are alms collected for the poor; is bread and wine provided for the communion?

The articles are concluded with a warning that a bill of presentment framed upon them will be required, and the churchwardens are admonished to seek the assistance of their minister.[1]

Among the faults declared in the presentments, many, such as refusal to pay a rate or non-attendance at church, could be regarded as statements of fact. It was not so easy to produce definite proof of personal lapses, even though a good deal of suspicion centred in an individual. But shadowy evidence, or even no evidence, did not prevent an individual from being named; the formula was "presented on a fame" or "vehement suspicion," the onus being cast upon the defendant by a process known as compurgation.[2] In practice a fame was usually synonymous with an accusation of incontinency, and whether the churchwardens acted upon the hint seems to have been largely determined by previous reputation: "wee present them . . . though but a fame she beinge ever reputed a bad member . . ."[3] And it behoved parishioners possessing less tarnished reputations to walk with circumspection: John Pym of Fencoat found that "very often imbracing and kissing" led the way to the Archdeacon's court.[4] Gossip not infrequently provided material for fames. Thomas Hopkins of Claydon was presented for falsely reporting one,[5] and the

[1] For specimens of articles, see:—
Cosin, *Works*, ii. 3–16 and iv. 507–520. Laud, *Works*, v. part 2, 381–395, 401–418. Andrewes, *Minor Works*, 113–123, and 127–140. (All *Library of Anglo-Catholic Theology*.)
Also Gibson, *Of Visitations*, pp. 100 et seq. On page 68 he writes as though in the first quarter of the 18th century the book of articles had gone out of use.

[2] *post*, p. lxii.

[3] p. 276.

[4] *Archd. papers, Oxon.* c. 118, f. 69–70.

[5] p. 235. Also *Southwell Act Book* 28 July, 1577. Agnes Lee stated "That the saide Alice was of naughtie conversacion with John Claye her servaunt. But she sayethe, that she spake the saide wordes not of her knowledge, but upon the reporte of others."

sources of information were at times anything but reputable: "I was told that by a boy that took them."[1] Probably for these reasons churchwardens were cautious when it suited their convenience. Those at Banbury were reluctant to proceed upon rumours emanating from without the town: at King's Sutton it was for the nonce a matter of principle: "as for suspicions we are loath to trouble our consciences with such uncertentyes."[2]

The most cursory examination of the contents of a book of articles reveals the importance of the holders of certain parish offices, in the eyes of ecclesiastical authorities. The minister naturally occupies first place. Whatever may have been standards in the latter half of the seventeenth and through the following century, under Elizabeth and the first two Stuarts there was an ideal for the parish priest. He was to be in the world but not of it. Except for necessity, entering a tavern or an alehouse was prohibited, and in assessing the force of this prohibition, it must be remembered that such houses were then institutions. Ministers were not to give themselves to servile labour, nor to meddle with the occupation of an artificer. They were to eschew cards, dice and tables. Reading the scripture and honest study were to occupy such periods of leisure as were at their disposal. Also, for the worthiness of the ministry, a suitable attire was prescribed. When journeying, a cloak with sleeves was requisite; for ordinary out of door attire, a scholar-like apparel, which meant the donning of a coat or cassock. Fancy night caps or light coloured stockings were uncanonical trappings.[3]

If the mode of the minister's life was subject to supervision so much more was the performance of his office. He must use the prayers set forth in the Prayer Book, neither more nor less (can. 14), he must use a surplice and hood (can. 58), if licensed

[1] p 211. [2] p 299.
[3] Injunctions 1547. Articles 1564. Canons 74 and 75. See W. P. M. Kennedy, *Elizabethan Episcopal Administration*, i. chap. 4.

he had to preach at least once a Sunday, and if not, must read a homily (canons 45 and 46); he must catechize (can. 59) and visit the sick (can. 67). Neither was it seemly that he be too zealous in the performance of private exercises, neither could he maintain a conventicle (canons 72 and 73), nor marry out of lawful hours (can. 62).

The parishioners' ideas of the duties of their minister were necessarily taken from the canons, and in the 17th century at any rate they expected that on the whole, there should be an attempt to live up to them. The minister of Cropredy, except for his failure to catechize, which was often shirked, is the reflection of the model clergyman; the vicar of Banbury "takes more care & paines therein than any one that wee doe know," the minister of Mollington was sober, pious, of right faith and exemplary life.[1] These encomia, or the silence of the presentments, should not prevent us from remembering that there was also a sinister picture: more often than actual commendation a certain querulous note is manifested. At times this took the form of dark hints, "wee haue something to present in relacion to our Minister for w^{ch} we craue tyme to consider of,"[2] but the villagers were usually sufficiently vocal. In some cases it appears that mere slackness is complained of, not wearing the surplice, or absence, not perambulating or catechizing, not doing duty.[3] But more serious delinquencies were reported. The curates of Benson and Sydenham are reputed incontinent[4]; the minister of Towersey, according to the churchwardens with whom he had a feud, was a quarreller, a fighter and a drunkard.[5] It is obvious that many parish clergy needed all the watchfulness of their Ordinary; their inclination was to live the life of a layman, with results which ill

[1] pp. 222, 249, 278.
[2] *Archd. papers, Bucks*, c. 230, f. 2.
[3] pp. 77, 168, 235.
[4] pp. 28 and 164, 195.
[5] Cf. Broughton (Bucks). The minister was presented as scandalous, drunken, "and for making lewd attempts upon women." *Bucks*, c. 230 (1662) no folio no. Penn (Bucks). The vicar frequented ale houses, kept disorderly company, encouraged gaming, set neighbours at variance and did not read the service. *Ibid.* (1662) f. 14.

accorded with the dignity of a spiritual guide. "That about Midsommer last Mr. Garth (vicar of Charlton) and this examinant did play togeather against William Witham and Thomas Preist . . . att football, att which tyme the said Mr. Garth was overtaken wth drinck that hee did sometymes reele, and att that tyme one Mumford a cooper was wrastling there with another and afterwards lying along upon the ground on his back, the said Mr. Garth uppon a wager then offered to be layd did attempt to take him upp. Where uppon the said Cooper catched hold of him that the sayd Mr. Garth fell downe backward and thereby the sleeve of his Ierkin or gowne was torne."[1]

Again, when neither slackness nor ill living can be observed, lack of tact on the part of the minister was responsible for loss of harmony. At Iver, Bucks, the vicar was presented in 1636 "for putting by many of our neighbours from the Communion table this last Easter, without any cause or cryme . . . (He confessed) That he putt by . . . fower of his parishioners . . . in regard they were habitually adicted to the sinne of Drunckenes . . . but since having found them reformed men & temperate he admitted them to the Communion of Whitsunday last."[2] In Nottinghamshire, the vicar of Blidworth, after misnaming words "as Iudas of Nazarethe for Iesus of Nazarethe" and reading the Epistle instead of the Gospel, was asked by a parishioner to explain his aberrations; whereupon he "called the man a scould, and tooke up certen greene wedes . . . and bad him scould at that . . ."[3] Strained relations followed a minister christening a child Sarah after the godparents had named it Barbara, and after a member of the congregation had been saluted with "Curr dogg" the parson "having his surplisse on ready to goe to praiers."[4]

[1] *Archd. papers, Oxon.* c. 118, f. 109–110.
[2] *Bucks*, c. 230, f. 5 (1662).
[3] *Southwell Act Book*, 18 June, 1583.
[4] *Bucks*, c. 230, f. 27 (1633) and f. 1 (1634).

Not content with presenting their minister, individuals were not averse from direct action. In mild cases this took the form of abuse. He was "scurvy vicar," or "base companion," or bidden "goe prate in his pulpitt,"[1] or told the "World was never merrie since priests wear married,"[2] or disturbed by "filthy bawdy songs,"[3] or written to in doggerel rhyme,

"Mr. Ellis
If you thinke you are free,
Shake of despight envy and hate
and caste a stone at me."[4]

A churchwarden of New Windsor seriously annoyed his minister "upon the feast day of the Ascention last past, when one of the morrice dauncers had leaped and daunced in the face of the minister standing before his owne doore, [and] did before a great number of people, revile and abuse the minister, with these reproachfull speeches. Sc. that the morrice dauncers should daunce before his doore and before his face in spite of him and in spite of his teeth and that they should ridd the towne of him; asking him disdainfullie what he was . . . "[5] And to be rid of their minister, certain men of King's Sutton appealed not to their ordinary, but to the Devil: "for sorcery &c. some are suspected . . . such professe they have x^{li} . . . to spend to ridde the minister out of the towne."[6]

Second only in importance to the minister was the parish clerk. His appointment lay with the parson or vicar of the parish, and certain qualifications were essential for the holder of the office. He must be at least twenty years of age, and sufficient in reading and writing, and skilled in singing (Canon 91). There are suggestions that the parishioners might have had some voice in the choice of the clerk. At Cropwell Bishop (Notts), an individual who claimed the office "was not chosen

[1] *Archd. papers, Bucks*, c. 230, 1633, folios 85 and 93. 1634, f. 1.
[2] p. 286. [3] p. 162.
[4] *Bucks*, c. 230 (1633) f. 108.
[5] *Archd. papers, Oxon*, c. 174, f. 199.
[6] p. 294.

either by y^e^ Vicar or the maior part of the Parish."[1]

It is remarkable that the canons do not attempt to define his duties with more precision, but we are not at a loss to ascertain what was expected. The visitation articles of Archbishop Grindal in 1576 shew that the clerk was to be obedient to the parson, vicar or curate, especially in the time of divine service, or of the sacraments, or in any preparation thereunto, and able and ready to read the first lesson, the Epistle and the psalms, with answers to the suffrages as is used.[2] In 1639 the parish clerk of Bramfield (Herts), stated "That he had . . . been required by . . . the rector to perform certain duties as belongeth to parish clerks, viz. to help him . . . on with the hood and surplisse, to say Amen to St. Ambrose his creed, and to say the creed commonly called the Apostles' Creed after the minister with an audible voice, and to answer every verse of the hymns appointed at morning and evening prayers . . . " Another expressed his willingness " to go into the Chancel at Communion times, there to answer to the praises and thanks givings according to the Book of Common Prayer, and to meet the minister at burials with the Service Book at the church stile or gate."[3] In 1579, at Barnet, the clerk in the absence of the minister " doth say the daily service for the day, but [does] not administer the sacraments."[4] This reading of prayers, though sometimes under circumstances unobjectionable, might have led to the performance of duties pertaining to a priest. Bishop Andrewes of Winchester, in his articles of 1619, asked " Whether doth your Clerk meddle with anything above his

[1] 1665. *Southwell Minster. Documents relating to the peculiar.* They are not yet calendared.

In the articles of Grindal, 1576, it is asked whether he " be appointed to the ancient custom of the parish." C. Atchley, *The parish clerk, and his right to read the liturgical epistle*, p. 21. (*Alcuin Club Tracts iv.*) See also Burn, ii. 136.

[2] Atchley, *op. cit.*, p. 21.

[3] W. Urwick, *Nonconformity in Herts*, 491. As a sign of his status, the clerk in some parishes wore a surplice. The Dunham (Notts) churchwardens reported there was " no surplice for the vicare and another for the clerke." *Southwell Act Books*, 13 May 1566,

[4] Urwick, *Ibid.* 260,

office, as churching of women, burying of the dead, reading of prayers or such like[1] ?" At Cropredy, the clerk was presented for reading divine service upon Sunday and holy days having no letters and orders.[2] Other duties which devolved upon the clerk were "keeping the Church clean and decent, in tolling and ringing the bells before Divine Service, and when any person is passing out of this life."[3] At Taplow, the churchwardens thought he should lay out the books on Saturdays in the afternoon, though they failed to carry their case beyond a presentment, after a successful appeal to the canons.[4]

The parish clerk being possessed of a modicum of learning, acted as village schoolmaster where there was sufficient demand for his services, and when it was convenient for him to do so. In some parishes he obtained recompense for this duty from what was virtually an education rate. At Cropwell Bishop (Notts), he received for "everie Oxgange of land—yearly—2 wheat sheaves in harvest," which a parishioner deposed belonged "not to the Parish Clerke, as Clerke : but were antiently given as a gratuity for keeping a schoole & teaching y^e^ Children of y^e^ Parish, & are not otherwise to be payed."[5] That the emphatic "school-masters we have none" from Toot Baldon may not be extended to all rural England in the 17th century, attention may be called to the Cropredy presentments for 1686–88.[6] There is a schoolmaster at Cropredy, while at Bourton, a hamlet within the parish, two schoolmasters and a schoolmistress are rivals. The entry concerning one of them raises doubts as to his fitness to undertake the care of children, and such doubts were speedily resolved by the ordinary, who alone was the arbiter as to the qualifications of instructors of youth. "No man shall teach either in public school, or private house, but such as

[1] *Minor Works*, 119. [2] p. 253.
[3] *Articles of Enquiry . . . within the Arch-Deaconry of Sudbury.*
[4] *Archd. papers, Bucks*, c. 230, f. 7 (1636).
[5] 1665. Documents preserved at Southwell Minster.
[6] pp. 255–6.

shall be allowed by the Bishop of the diocese, or ordinary of the place . . . being found meet as well for his learning and dexterity in teaching, as for sober and honest conversation, and also for right understanding of God's true religion . . . " (can. 77.) That is, the traditional supervision of education by the church was affirmed, and the claim, by reason of the fear of recusants and non-conformists was upheld by the state.[1] The aspirant had first to obtain his licence from the Ordinary, the *sine qua non*, the granting of which by men of education, and reasonably conscientious, was a useful check against charlatans and undesirables exercising important duties. And the utility of these measures was re-inforced by certificates of fitness sent to the authorities, endorsed by men of ability acquainted with the applicant: the mayor, the minister, and five parishioners of Banbury testified to the desirability of a candidate for the required permit.[2]

The church was tenacious concerning its privilege of granting a licence. The canon placed learning and dexterity of teaching first, and of primary importance in the curriculum was religious instruction. " All Teachers of children shall stir and move them to [the] true love and due reverence of Gods true Religion . . . [and] they shall accustom their Scholars reverently to learn such sentences of Scripture as shall be most expedient

[1] 23 Eliz., c. 1, sec. 6. All schoolmasters are to repair to church. They are to be allowed by the ordinary of the diocese. 1 Jac., i, c. 4, sec. 9. Schoolmasters are to be licensed by the ordinary. An unlicensed schoolmaster and his maintainer are to forfeit forty shillings a day for each day offending. 13—14 Car., ii. c. 4, sec. 8. Every schoolmaster to subscribe to a declaration that he conformed to the liturgy of the Church of England. 17 Car., ii. c. 2, sec. 4. Schoolmasters to take an oath that it was unlawful to bear arms against the king, they were to frequent divine service, and to behave decently, under a penalty of £40.

Cox's Case (1700) decided " that there was and never has been any ecclesiastical jurisdiction over any schools save grammer schools . . . ; no jurisdiction in fact over strictly elementary education." J. E. G. de Montmerency, *State Intervention in English Education*, pp. 171-172. The Oxfordshire evidence shews either the verdict or the report to be unsound.

Not until 1779, 19 Geo., iii. c. 44, sec. 2, were dissenting schoolmasters statutorily free to conduct schools, having first subscribed to the declaration against transubstantiation (30 Car., ii. stat. 2, sec. 3), taken the oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy (1 Wm. and M., c. 1, secs. 6 and 7) and made an affirmation of Protestantism and belief in the inspiration of the Scriptures.

[2] p. 218.

to induce them to all Godliness."[1] Neither was any ambiguity permitted in the definition of true religion: it was that now "set forth by publick Authority."[2] Consequently teachers must subscribe to that form. In 1639 the schoolmaster of Hadham Magna (Herts) would not bow "at the name of Jesus . . . affirming it to be unlawful, neither will he do it. Whereupon he is suspended from teaching Scholars or keeping School in the parish of Hadham."[3] Inhibition invariably followed nonconformity: a lukewarm teacher meant colder scholars, and little attention paid to routine church attendance. It is for this reason that a Presbyterian was presented at Banbury: true religion was not to be displaced by schismatical principles.[4]

There was yet another reason why the supervision of teachers should be exercised by the Church. It was more mundane but more practical. "In what Parish Church . . . there is a Curate . . . well able to teach youth, and will willingly so do, for the better increase of his living . . . ; we will and ordain, That a licence to teach youth of the parish where he serveth be granted to none by the Ordinary of that place, but only to the said Curate."[5] At Lambourn, Berks, (1668), the minister and churchwardens protested against an individual being licensed to teach there. He was a schismatic, a vagrant, no scholar, a lying and contentious fellow. "Lastly, the minister is willing (and desired by all) to teach school himself, and therefore according to the canons Ecclesiastical he alone is to be allowed of."[6] The churchwardens of Hornton gave a liberal interpretation to the canon, for in addition to the minister a poor woman taught "petyes."[7] Not so at King's Sutton, where even dame schools were not suffered. The meagreness

[1] *Injunctions of* 1559, Items 41 and 42.
[2] *Ibid*, Item 41.
[3] Urwick, *op. cit.*, 749–750.
[4] p. 224.
[5] Can. 78. This prohibition was not to extend to a parish in which a public school was already founded.
[6] J. Footman, *History of the parish church of Chipping Lambourn*, 121–122.
[7] p. 268.

of the vicar's stipend permitted no opposition, and the women, though obviously the more successful in competition, were displaced, not without a struggle.[1]

It is not difficult to understand why ministers and, to a less extent, schoolmasters, who were concerned with the future state of the parishioners, should be controlled by ecclesiastical authority: it is not so obvious why the seemingly temporal occupations of medical man or midwife should need such supervision. The public ran the risk of suffering in two ways at the hands of unqualified practitioners. The quack doctored his patients with nostrums which harmed the body: he used charms and incantations which destroyed the soul. That was where the church came in. Consequently, to remedy abuses, the government placed the licensing of medical men in the hands of the Ordinary by 3 Hen., viii. c. 11. No person in London or within seven miles was to practise physic or surgery unless licensed by the Bishop of London or the Dean of St. Paul's, on the advice of four physicians, and of persons expert in surgery. Similarly in every diocese, the Bishop or his vicar

[1] pp. 293, 297. The seventeenth century furnishes examples of compulsory education in villages. "That there are only 2 or 3 poore families who by reason of their poverty have not bred up their children to reading and therefore our Minister knows not what to do with them. We have warned them to send in their children to him, but they have not." (*Archd. papers, Bucks*, c. 231. Bradenham, 1664).

The Town Bailiffs of Market Deeping were ordered by the Kesteven [Lincolnshire] Justices in their Summer Sessions 1684, "to pay a Bill of 2*li.* 13*s.* 10*d.* to Willm. Hawkins Schoolmaster there for ye repaire of ye schoolhouse and chamber . . . ' *Kesteven* [*Lincs.*] *Q.S. Minutes Book* 1683-86, f. 44. These are in the custody of the Clerk of the Peace, Kesteven C.C., Sleaford.

The village church was not infrequently the village school. "An Ile belonging to the Church used for a Schoolehouse much out of repare." (*Bucks*, c. 231, 1674, Milton). Cf. "That he did . . . upon one of the dayes in the weeke . . . come to the church where the said Mr. Newell (the minister) was teachinge of children . . ." Potters-pury, Northants, 1657. *Quarter Sessions Records of the county of Northampton*, ed. by Joan Wake. (*Northampton Record Soc.*) An appreciation of this tradition is necessary when discussing the relations of the National Society and the British and Foreign School Society, in the early 19th century.

Not improbably, the ordinary was also expected as the dispenser of licences, to ascertain that endowments were administered in accordance with the intention of the donor. For example, it was presented that at Amersham, a free grammar school provided by Dr. Chalmers, late rector, with an endowment of £20 *per annum*, was not ordered nor governed as it should be. *Arch. papers, Bucks*, c. 230, f. 1 (1662).

general gave their sanction upon the testimonials of chosen experts in the faculties. Eleven years later this statute was amended by 14–15 Hen. viii. c. 5. Physicians throughout the country, saving the properly qualified graduates of Oxford or Cambridge, were to receive permits to practise after examination by the president and three of the elect of the London Society of Physicians, but the surgeons were to be licensed in accordance with the earlier statute. Conversely, there were individuals who compounded salves and lotions from herbs and waters possessing curative properties, and ministered to the poor for piety and charity. And charity, being a religious duty, those who dispensed traditional remedies were declared free from interference by 34–35 Hen. viii. c. 8. It would be of interest to know whether the Sydenham woman presented for practising physic, being unlicensed, came within the scope of this exception.[1]

Burn thought that the office of baptism was the reason which gave occasion to midwives being first licensed by the Bishop, for in emergency the rite had to be performed by them, using a form of words which should have been promulgated by the parish priest at regular intervals.[2] Another motive is revealed in the licence granted to Bridget Kirby of Cropredy in 1726. "You shall swear you will faithfully and truly execute the Office of Midwife in those places where you shall be licenced and authorized, you shall afford your help as well to the Poor for charity as to the Rich for reward, you shall not deliver any privately or clandestinely to conceal the Birth of the Child. If you help to deliver any whom you suspect to be unmaryed you shall acquaint the Ecclesiasticall Court of this Iurisdiction therewith and before you yield your assistance or helpe you shall perswade and by all lawfull means labour with them to declare who is the father of the said Child, this you shall doe ffaithfully and truly. Soe help you God and the contents of

[1] p. 167. [2] Burn, *op. cit.* ii. 47.

this Booke."[1] The withholding of help while the wretched girl was browbeaten makes grim reading. "Uppon the Satterday before Michaelmas day last the articulate Mary Blye being then delivered of a childe wch was unlawfully begotten and at the tyme of the extremitye of her travayle being charged by diverse of the women then present to confesse truly the ffather of the said childe, she the said Mary did ernestly affirme that the said Wm. Smith was the father . . . "[2] On the other hand, the concealment of a birth was marked by ecclesiastical censure. The performance of a penance was the penalty paid by two women, who, alone at another's labour, "being adulterer . . . did conceale and kepe secrett her evill and naughtie doinges from the knowledge of all her neighbors."[3]

If the Church were interested in individuals acting in an official capacity, it was intensely concerned with the private life of each parishioner. A series of articles is found in all books directed towards the elucidation of the question, do individuals take advantage of, and attend the various services prescribed by the ecclesiastical authorities? The thirteenth canon directed all persons within the Church of England to keep the Lord's Day, "in hearing the word of God read and taught, in private and public prayers, in acknowledging their offences to God and amendment of the same, in reconciling themselves charitably to their neighbours . . . in often times receiving the Communion . . . , in visiting of the poor and sick; [and] using all godly and sober conversation." No shops were to be open on Sundays, nor were artificers to go about on worldly affairs,[4] but all parishioners were to resort to their church and remain during the whole time of divine service (Can. 90). And the canons were not merely echoes of ecclesiastical opinion: the same sentiment was affirmed by the state with all the authority of acts of Parliament. By 1 Eliz., c. 2, sec. 14, every person, having no lawful excuse, was bound to resort to his

[1] *Archd. papers, Oxon*, c. 156, f. 25.
[2] *Ibid. Oxon.* c. 118, f. 134.
[3] *Southwell Act Books*, 17 Dec. 1565.
[4] Articles of 1564.

parish church upon every Sunday and other days ordained, while any person lawfully convicted for absence and who still refused to come, forfeited £20 a month.[1] Shoemakers were not to display, with the intent to sell, any boots and shoes upon a Sunday (1 Jac., c. 22, sec. 23); carriers, waggoners or drovers of cattle were not permitted to perform Sabbath journeys under penalty of twenty shillings; a butcher was forbidden to kill or sell upon pain of forfeiting 6*s.* 8*d.*,[2] and tradesmen, artificers or labouring men who followed their callings upon the Lord's day, if over fourteen years of age, could be mulcted five shillings (29 Car., ii. c. 7, sec. 1).

Nor were the recreations of the people allowed to pass without notice. James i. in his *Book of Sports* (1618) recommended archery, leaping, and dancing as suitable amusements after the evening service, but it was subsequently ordered that nothing in the way of inter-parochial games should be permitted: individuals were not to go out of their parish for entertainment. At the same time, circumstances which would give rise to uproar, or undue frivolity were illegal: bear and bull baiting, interludes and plays, were expressly prohibited upon the sabbath (1 Car., c. 1.). The Cropredy folk gave obedience; at King's Sutton the directions of the *Book of Sports* apparently were followed, but the time limit ignored.[3] Yet this was but a peccadillo in comparison with what might occasionally be met with. For instance, in 1670, complaint was made to the Lindsey Justices (Lincs.) that of late years a horse race, with all attendant evils, had been held in the commons of Caistor and North Kelsey, beginning the first Lord's Day before Lammas and continuing divers Sundays after.[4] Could the meeting have originated in the days of the Saints?

Compulsory church attendance was by no means limited to

[1] 23 Eliz., c. 1, sec. 5. This statute was chiefly directed against Recusants
[2] 3 Car., c. 1. Cf. the three butchers presented at Dorchester (p. 119). It is suggested that a presentment at Quarter Sessions explains their contumacy.
[3] pp. 251, 293.
[4] *Lindsey Quarter Sessions Minutes* (*MS.*)

the sabbath : it was extended to Holy days (can. 90), which were to be observed in manner similar to Sunday (can. 13). Almost without exception the presentments are concerned with individuals working, and though evening prayer had concluded, the offence was not palliated.[1] That it was tempting to ignore canons and injunctions cannot be gainsaid. To the working man it seemed hard that the opportunity of earning should be lost : the saint's day was not Sunday ; a Banbury carpenter "being a poor man . . . presumed to proceed that day towards finishing" work he had begun.[2] But more exasperating was the saint's day in harvest, for then serious loss of food stuff might follow the cessation of work though but for a few hours. The Injunctions of 1559 expressly sanctioned labour after the time of common prayer in harvest to "save the thing which God hath sent" (*item* 20), but this concession had little meaning to the agriculturist : "it is a thing never observed so strictly with us . . . in the time of harvest to abstain from labouring about corne."[3] The early part of the eighteenth century witnessed, if literary evidence be reliable, but a casual regard for Holy days : the Elizabethan ideal, with time, receded farther into the background. "If the Clergy have not of late years been so strict in observing . . . Holy Days, it is chiefly to be attributed to the backwardness of the People, who either through false and superstitious Notions, or an immoderate pursuit of worldly profit and pleasure, are not easily drawn to worship God on these days."[4]

If the laymen were under obligations concerning attendance at services, so also was the minister in regard to their performance. He must wear a surplice, and if a graduate, the hood of his university (can. 58). He must not transpose the prayers ; neither could he shorten the service by omitting portions of the liturgy, either from laziness like the Sydenham curate who left out the Nicene Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and

[1] p. 314.
[2] *Archd. papers, Oxon.* c. 155, f. 7.
[3] p. 298.
[4] Johnson, *Clergy-Man's Vade Mecum*, 179.

the Commandments on Palm Sunday, or because of objections to the sentiments voiced, as the minister who "mimed" at Banbury and disregarded the Absolution and part of the Litany.[1] All services had to be performed on "Sundays, festivall days, Wednesdays and Fridays,"[2] at the accustomed or at convenient hours, which seem up to the Civil War period to have been early.[3]

When in church, fitting decorum had to be maintained. Heads must be uncovered, persons were to stand or kneel as directed by the rubric, they were to make due and lowly reverence when the name of Jesus was mentioned, none could leave church without urgent cause (can. 18). Those who behaved rudely and disorderly, or hindered the minister, were to be presented by the churchwardens (can. 111). Thus Joan Cox, of Benson, the bad girl of the parish, was presented for contesting with the minister in the time of divine service, and the churchwarden of Towersey for permitting people to put on their hats.[4] Coming late, that is after the beginning of the confession, was not permitted, neither was standing in the churchyard allowed to count as an attendance.[5] It requires little effort to imagine the cumulative effects of a warm day, a crowded seat, and a dreary sermon. Presentments or no presentments, the tedium often proved too much for human nature. One broke "an addle egge" on the shoulder of his companion; another, presented for "prateinge and playinge in tyme of divine service & sermon" replied "that he sitteth vnder the loft in the church [and] some persons aboue did spitt on his head and he spoke to them to be quiett."[6] Others were

[1] pp. 168, 220. [2] p. 222.

[3] At Water Stratford, morning prayer began at nine, and lasted about one hour and a half. *Bucks.* c. 226, 1623 (no folio number). The vicar of Blidworth, Notts, who served the cures of Blidworth and Farnsfield, was ordered to "begynne the morninge prayer (at that towne which he goethe to firste . . .) at seven of the clock in the morning, and so to do furthe his service, . . . and shall begynne the evenynge prayer, (at the first towne), at three of the clocke in somer, and two of the clocke in winter." *Southwell Act Books*, 19 March, 1567.

[4] pp. 27, 194. [5] *Archd. papers, Bucks*, c. 230, f. 3 (1636).

[6] *Ibid. Bucks*, c. 230, f. 3 (1636) and f. 3 (Chesham Magna) in centre of vol.

destructive. The windows of King's Sutton church suffered in sermon time,[1] while the churchwardens of Mursley, Bucks, went so far as to request that " a great glasse windowe at the west end of the steeple . . . maybe made up with stone so high that it may be out of the Boys reaching who do continually break it."[2]

If sometimes the peace of the church may have been ruffled as a result of perverseness, mischievousness, or ennui, it was often rudely broken as a result of the seventeenth century Englishman's tenacity for his " rights " and his combative spirit should they be invaded. In 1632 Richard Neile, the Archbishop of York, stated " that whilest he was Bishopp of Winchester, noe causes perteyninge to the ecclesiastical jurisdiccion under him were more frequent then broyles about seates,"[3] and so much was this the case, that churchwardens were usually asked through the book of articles, if for this cause there had been any contentions since the last visitation. Normally, a certain number of seats were by prescription annexed to the farm houses in the parish.[4] Time out of mind the occupier of the house had used a particular pew, so that often it bore the name of the holding.[5] But the farm in the seventeenth century was no arable unit. In ownership and size, changes were frequent; land might be almost completely severed from the house, or two holdings might be united. Hence these mutations were a frequent source of trouble. Could an individual, who had acquired two holdings, if he required one seat only, forbid the use of the second seat to whom he would? Not infrequently it was difficult to deter-

[1] p. 288. [2] *Archd. papers, Bucks*, c. 230, 1662 (no folio number).

[3] *Reports of Cases in the Courts of Star Chamber and High Comm.* (*Camden Soc.*) p. 140.

[4] Cf. Marsh Baldon. The "said seat doth belong to the house and estate lately purchased by the said Thomas King," p. 9.

Seats held by prescription were to be maintained by the claimant, otherwise they were repaired as the church, that is, at the expense of the parish generally. Burn, *op. cit.* i. 254–255.

[5] Cf. H. Gill and E. L. Guilford, *The Rector's Book of Clayworth, Notts*, 26–27.

mine the owner with sufficient certainty: the claimant not in possession smashed the lock, the sign of private ownership, and the altercation prompted by rival claims, provided a cause in the court of their Ordinary.[1] Whether individuals held a seat by prescription or not, they were accustomed to occupy the same place each Sunday, and were intensely annoyed if disturbed by interlopers. There is preserved an incoherent complaint on the part of one of the churchwardens of Claydon, who having "wised the minister she did distrouble me" wrote to the Official with a passion which has not evaporated after three hundred years.[2]

By custom, the churchwardens had the ordering of seats,[3] which, interpreted in its simplest form meant appointing places for at least the more humble members of the congregation.[4] But larger powers were sometimes assumed; of giving individuals permission to set up pews in various parts of the church, to the prejudice of those sitting near, with the inevitable result of friction, if not high handed action on the part of the aggrieved.[5] For the purpose of avoiding strife of this nature, it was held that the Ordinary was the competent authority to appoint seats and to license the erection of new ones if found necessary.

When the question to be solved only involved the filling of existing seats, the churchwardens customarily acted on their own initiative. Not in any haphazard fashion, for seat distribution followed a well defined law; the more eligible seats were for the more substantial parishioners. At a glance the

[1] Cf. Marsh Baldon, breaking the lock and key, p. 9. Toot Baldon, breaking up a locked seat, p. 167. Dorchester, putting a lock on a seat and keeping out others, p. 135.

[2] p. 232.

[3] Burn, i. 255.

[4] "The churchwardens haue . . . discreetly ordered and disposed of seates in that church . . ." *Archd. papers, Oxon*, c. 118, f. 96.

[5] The churchwardens of Dorchester put three men in a seat, whereupon Anne Quatermaine, her maidservant and her manservant broke downe the seat "making it unserviceable and useless for anie to sit in . . . and layd it in an Ile on the South Side of the Church . . ," *Oxon*, c. 160, f. 189.

status of the inhabitants lay revealed. The churchwardens of Nettlebed thought " to remove out of the said pew Robert Gomme who formerly had an hundred accers of grounde belonginge to his house, but now is reduced to twelve accers . . . "[1] That this rule prompted the allocation of places is made clear from evidence relating to St. Ebb's, Oxford, where the churchwardens " disposed of seates . . . according to the degrees and qualities of the parishioners there . . . [and] place[d] the Newe comers into that parishe to be housekeepers there higher or lower in the said Church then theire predecessors in such howses did sitt according to theire estates and reputacon, soe soone as convenient roome could be had."[2] Therefore it was necessary to repress presumptuous upstarts who wished to sit above their station. " The articulate ffrauncis Taylor a Cobler and articulate John Mares an Ale bearer . . . did remove themselves . . . out of the seate used by them . . . into a higher seate there not soe fitt for them as theire said former seate because that in showe of the worlde they nowe sitt above their betters . . ."[3]

In another respect did seating arrangements differ from those at present in force. Women were kept apart from men. " That he hath lived att London and in Essex and Berkshier and he hath had occasions of travayle and aboade in other Countreys of England and in all such places to his perfecte observacion the custome was for men to haue seates by themselves and woemen to haue seates by themselves . . . except that in some such Churches men satt wth their wyues or Children . . . "[4] With this exception, it was positively unseemly for the two sexes to worship in the same pew : " Alice Dawson doeth . . . use to sitt in the foresaid seate with the said John Neale at prayer tyme . . . which this examinate thinks to be very unfitt and vndecent (she being the wyfe of

[1] *Archd. papers, Oxon*, c. 160, f. 218 (1663).
[2] *Ibid.* c. 118, f. 96 (1617).
[3] *Ibid.* f. 95. [4] *Ibid.* f. 99.

an other man)."[1] Yet in attempting to avoid indecency, churchwardens simply courted misdemeanours: a spirit of unrest brooded over the female ranks; the eternal feminine was in the ascendant. Presentments of women for "iostlinge and thrustinge" or "Jusselling and pushing" their seat-fellows were common, and vicious nudges were only preliminary skirmishes. It was to be enquired whether "Joana Pearse did not disturbe & thrust the [said] Elizabeth wief of Richard Long on the 8 day of May 1664 at morning prayer in the parish Church of Marsh Baldon . . . & divers other Sundaies then before & the wief of Thomas Pearse lade violent hands on the said Elizabeth Long then & there."[2] The Ordinary then was constantly bombarded with letters and petitions about seats; petitions to erect, petitions to disallow; rights had been invaded, the peace was invaded. How was it possible to describe the source of contention to the authorities? This was simple to those whose land was involved in the tangle of common field cultivation: as they bounded a selion, so they described the site of a pew. There was a place "be hind y^e^ Reading pew buting a pone y^e^ South wall at one end & y^e^ Belfery at y^e^ other end."[3] The churchwardens of Thame indicate a seat by the points of the compass, as though they were dictating a terrier, and speak of the "ingrossing" of seats as

[1] *Ibid.* f. 92.

Cf. *Prayer Book of* 1549. Office for the Supper of the Lord and Holy Communion, commonly called the Mass. ". . . so many as shall be partakers of the holy communion shall tary still in the quire, or in some convenient place nigh the quire, the men on the one side, and the women on the other side."

[2] *Archd. papers, Oxon,* c. 158, f. 293.

Cf. Alicia Maynard presented "for thrusting of Anne Parratt up and downe a seate in the Church of Wing and for pulling of her hatt from her head, and throwing of it unto the end of the other seate in tyme of Divine service upon a Sabeth day." *Bucks,* c. 230, f. 72.

A Nottinghamshire woman alleged "that the . . . said Luce Wentworth did give the first occasion of makinge the disturbance in the churche, for that she would not kepe her place, where she was first sett; but came over her backe and marred her apparell in the stall where she was sett. Wherappon the saide Johanne Halome did pricke the said Lucie with a pynne." *Southwell Act Books,* 6 Feb. 1587.

[3] Oxon, c. 164, f. 72.

they would complain of an individual throwing several strips into one.[1]

The services of the church prescribed for particular occasions or for particular groups of parishioners were full of pitfalls, both for the minister and his flock. Parents who neglected the baptism of their children were not only exposed to censure for their tardiness, but the delay might be interpreted as due to dissent.[2] At the same time the mother had to remember her duties and be churched; then a public and important service. A special seat was reserved in some churches for the occasion, in which the subject of the service sat in state with the midwife, whose skill thus obtained gratuitous advertisement.[3]

Marriages, in accordance with the sixty second canon, were not to be celebrated except by licence obtained from the proper authorities or after the publishing of banns three Sundays or Holy days in time of divine service, the ceremony having to be performed between the hours of eight and twelve in the parish church of one of the contracting parties. Either from complaisance or disregard of ordinances, or for the sake of pecuniary gain, the directions of the canon were broken by the less strict clergy. The curate of Dorchester married a couple in a private house, for which he was suspended, the minister of Ilmer dispensed with banns and licence, the curate of Sydenham was reputed to have performed the service at night. Banbury church had indeed some notoriety: it was the "lawless church," where banns, or canonical hours, or register were of little account.[4]

[1] pp. 186, 192. Cf. 1627. "That which we certefie is that the seate or pewe which was erected in a waste place in the parish church of Digswell . . ." [Herts]. *Lincoln Cathedral*, Misc. papers, 1611–1892.

[2] p. 38.

[3] "I present the wife of William Barnes Tayler for intruding into the pue appropriated for churching Women . . ."

"Woemen refuse to be churched because they have not their right place, and midwives are excluded . . . from their woemen, who always used to sitt together . . ." *Berks*, c. 100, *Abingdon* 1663 and 1668.

[4] pp. 133, 164, 184, 202.

If the minister at times slipped from the path, his people offended more frequently. Very rarely, an adventurous soul married within the degrees, but the relationship was generally both complicated and remote, " his wifes half sisters Daughter by the fathers side."[1] The most common offence took the form of parishioners suddenly appearing with a " wife," to the scandal of the few, to the amusement of the many. One line of action was always adopted by the authorities ; to take it for granted that the offenders were living in sin until a certificate of marriage was produced.[2] If all were above board, what possible reason could a man have for " not signifying . . . the place where and tyme when " he was married ? Occasionally it was discovered after investigation that the ceremony was decidedly disreputable : " one Gabriell Rose a Dairy-Man . . . lately married a Couple in a Publique-House. He is a fellow of loose behaviour . . . and therefore I thought it my duty to let M^r^ Official understand it, least y^e^ Person should goe unpunished and by y^t^ meanes encourage others in y^e^ like falt."[3]

A duty, unpopular on the whole with the clergy, and viewed with indifference by the majority of their parishioners, was the task of catechizing the young for half an hour or more before the commencement of evening prayer every Sunday and Holy day. Parents, masters and mistresses having children or young persons in their charge, were under the obligation of sending them to the service (can. 59). The concluding sentences of the canon make it clear that the responsibility of religious education was meant to be taken seriously : they ordain sharp reproof, suspension or excommunication for the first, second, or third offences of a negligent minister, while the latter censure awaited those parents who persistently refused for a month to send their children for instruction. The presentments suggest that attention was given to the terms of

[1] p. 168. [2] p. 130.
[3] *Archd. papers, Berks*, c. 132, Shrivenham, 1710.

the canon in inverse ratio to the stringency of the penalties. A Sydenham curate did not catechize for ten years ; at Banbury both the vicar and curate were presented for default ; at Cropredy, where the utmost attention was given to ordinances, "the youth do not usually uppon Sundayes or holy dayes come to be catechized for that our minister Mr Holloway doth not call them therunto more than thet he useth yt uppon the Sabbath dayes in lent tyme . . . "[1] In parishes where a school was maintained, the work sometimes fell to the lot of the schoolmaster. "When our parson . . . is absent . . . our schoolmaster doth expound the catechism on the Sabbath day."[2] The presence of a schoolmaster was held to make the neglect of the vicar of Banbury more culpable,[3] and in some parishes so much was left to this lay assistance, that the loss of a master was tendered as excuse when the minister was presented. The rector of Amersham stated that "in respect there was no schoolmaster & the schollers were dispersed . . . none of the rest of the parishioners either children or servants would come to it."[4] And the parents were usually equally apathetic. "Our minister did catechize so long as he could have any to come and when no more came he left,"[5] while the conscientious Kidder (Bishop of Bath and Wells 1691–1713), has left it on record, that when he was a parish priest, in spite of his labour "to bring the youth of the Parish to be catechized," he could not effect his design.[6]

The service for which the catechism was but a preparation, the Holy Communion, though it need only be administered thrice annually, assumed at the feast of Easter an importance beyond that accorded to an act of worship, for then all persons over sixteen years of age not communicating were to be presented to the Ordinary (can. 112). The attitude of a

[1] p. 244. [2] Urwick, 260. [3] p. 201.
[4] *Archd. papers, Bucks*, c. 231, f. 6 (1666).
[5] p 293.
[6] *Life of Richard Kidder D.D.* (*Somerset Rec. Soc.*) p. 8. ed. Amy Armitage Robinson,

parishioner towards his Easter communion was the measure by which his conformity was assessed. At some time previous to the administration, preparatory services, apparently for the younger communicants, were held. Youths were examined " at such tyme as they are to receve the comunyon,"[1] and conscientious but tactless ministers might ply their questions at the very altar rails.[2]

As parishioners communicated, especially at Easter, the churchwardens and the minister were required to note those who had received, with a view to the framing of presentments,[3] but it is obvious that a more perfect check needed to be initiated. It was therefore a reasonable request " that the people give up their names at the Communion."[4] The number who communicated varied greatly, and to some extent reflected the religious sympathies of the people, and perhaps to a less degree the concern of the minister. At Hanslope, Bucks, the round number of three hundred was recorded,[5] the Towersey statement of 118 communicants is without doubt exact, and we may assume in 17th century presentments that when individuals are mentioned by name as defaulters, they were the only absentees. In other parishes a different tale can be told. At King's Sutton half the parish are faulty, at Thame ninety persons are named for remissness, and at Aylesbury in

[1] p. 249. Cf. Edward Barker presented " for coming drunk when he was admonished to come to be instructed before the receaving of the Communion." *Bucks*, c. 230, f. 85 (1633).

[2] Robert Middleton presented for " sitting irreverently when he came to receave the Communion and for not being able to answeare a question in the churche catechism. (He replied) That he was ready and prepared to receave the Communion amongest the rest in the Church of Newport, but Mr Awsten refused to administer it to him because he this respondent tould him he would not then answer a question of Catechizing wch the sd Mr Awsten demaunded of him." *Bucks*, c. 230, f. 85 (1633).

[3] Canon 28. The rubric directed that intending communicants should signify their names to the curate at least some time the day before. At Clayworth, names were taken " at ye Communion table before they recd." Gill and Guilford, *op. cit.* 14.

[4] *Archd. papers, Bucks*, c. 230, f. 45 (1633).

[5] *Bucks*. c. 231, no folio number, (1664).

1664 the greatest number of the parishioners are reputed to have been negligent.[1]

Attendance at the service was not all that was required: "No Minister . . . shall willingly administer . . . but to such as kneel" (can. 27), and the consciences of certain of the scrupulous were stubborn. A curate of Banbury, who was a stickler for convention, refused to pander to the sensitive, and was unpopular in consequence.[2] So real was the objection that a churchwarden and a sideman of Banbury expressly stated their objection to present on this score.[3] "Otherwise very devout and regular" though these people may have been,[4] their obstinancy was bound up with a fanatical hatred to all that savoured of the Roman church: "the custom had beginning from the adoration of the real presence,"[5] and such customs "were the Raggs of Roome."

While the trappings of the "Scarlet Woman" scandalized certain of the faithful, the feelings of some of the more tolerant were ruffled by sentiments which they regarded as emanating from the most vociferous of her opponents. "If he come to church but once a moneth it is enough & y^{t} is Puritanisme to presse the needfullness of Evening prayer."[6] But however greatly the discipline was disliked, to church all had to go; attendance at morning and evening prayer being compulsory both by ecclesiastical and statute law. The task devolved upon the churchwardens and sidesmen of ascertaining whether all obeyed the injunction of duly resorting to their parish church upon all Sundays and Holy days, of admonishing those casually negligent, and of presenting the contumacious (can. 90). None were to be otherwise busied in the time of service

[1] pp. 180, 192, 192. *Bucks*, c. 231, f. 27 (1664).
At Clayworth, the population in 1676 was 401, of whom 236 were of age to receive the communion. That year, 50 communicants received upon Palm Sunday, 37 on Good Friday, and 113 on Easter Day, a total of 200. It should be observed that an Easter Communion need not of necessity be made upon Easter Day. Gill and Guilford, *op. cit.* 14–18.
[2] p. 201. [3] p. 209.
[4] *Life of Richard Kidder*, 19. [5] Urwick, *op. cit.* 109.
[6] *Archd. papers, Bucks*, c. 230, f. 77, (1635).

than in quiet attendance at church,[1] and to catch truants in the act of illicit amusement or employment, it was customary for those responsible "about the midst of Divine Service . . . [to] walk out of the Church, and see who are abroad in any ale house or elsewhere absent or evil employed . . ."[2]

Moreover, it must be observed that it was not only church attendance as such which was required, but attendance at a particular church: "none are to resort to any other parish church than their own,"[3] and the exceptions granted were only by special permission of the Ordinary and the applicant's minister. A Nottinghamshire absentee alleged "that he dothe comme unto his parishe churche att Eastar yearelie and receives the communion there . . . but he goethe no oftner thether, but onlie to Caunton churche, because Norwell is so farre frome his house, viz. aboue a mile, and the old auncient way is stopped so as he cannot goo thether nowe, but in daunger of watter and fooule waie some tymes in the yeare. Unde dominus assignauit ei to gett lycence in writinge of his curett and thynhabytantes there, to goo to Caunton."[4] Quite apart from the necessity of each person having a definite church to resort to, as a means of checking compulsory attendance, gadding about to other places was a symptom of dissatisfaction with the service provided; it was disrespectful to the minister.[5] Should the manner of performing the service be repugnant to any, the correct course was not to abstain from the church, but to present the minister, when genuine grievances would be considered.[6]

[1] Injunctions 1559. Item 38. [2] Andrewes, *op. cit.* 123.
[3] Injunctions 1559. Item 33. Cf. canon 57.
[4] *Southwell Act Books*, 24 July, 1579.
[5] Anthony Nowell, of Sherrington, presented "for absenting himselfe from his owne parish church, and going to Olney or Newport many sundaies in the after noon, many times . . . when we have had two sermons at home." *Bucks*, c. 230, f. 85 (1633).
[6] "They doe not refuse to come to the churche upon any contempte or dislykinge of the service now used: but that thaie have no mynde to come, for that the vicar dothe not come to saie theime service as he oughte; but appointes one Pawle the clerke to reede service, who cannot reade; which is to theire greate grieffe." *Southwell Act Books*, 2 June 1587.

To give larger powers to churchwardens, and more effectively to coerce the population into attending church, churchwardens were directed to levy 12*d.* on all absentees.[1] Later, a justice of the peace "upon proof to him made" by the oath of a witness, could by warrant directed to a churchwarden of the accused's parish, direct the collecting of the fine (3 Jac., c. 4, sec. 27). Churchwardens in the reign of Elizabeth who neglected to make the levy ran a risk of presentment,[2] but in the first third of the seventeenth century, it is questionable how far the statute of 1 Elizabeth was strictly enforced by parish officers. Those at Cropredy excused themselves on the plea that absentees were few, but at Banbury they make the cryptic statement that the fine is not levied "because our Justices doubt of graunting their warrant."[3] Though an interpretation of the statement might be that a civil action was pending, which would have had the effect of a prohibition in the ecclesiastical court,[4] it is equally valid to assume that certain magistrates were averse from a rigid interpretation of the statute.

The consistent absentees from their parish church were naturally those to whom the *via media* of Anglicanism was unacceptable and hence they fell into two well defined groups, separated as the poles in religious outlook and practice. They were the Roman Catholics and the Dissenters. The former, colloquially known as recusants,[5] were consistently harried by whichever party had the upper hand in the state. Persons

[1] Eliz., c. 2, sec. 14. Humphrey Prideaux was of opinion that the mulct could also be taken for not abiding until the service was ended, and for not behaving decently. *Directions to churchwardens*, 5.

[2] The churchwardens of Woodborough, Notts, "for omittinge to take xii denarios of suche as come not unto the churche." *Southwell Act Books*, 21 July 1580.

[3] pp. . 214, 251.

[4] Thomas Slater presented for not coming to church alleged "that he stands bound to answere it at Michaelmas Qrtr. sessions last *unde dominus dimisit etc.*" *Archd. papers, Bucks*, c. 230, f. 17 (1662).

[5] "To be a recusant, doth not necessarily imply the being a papist: . . . but as there were few or no other recusants but papists at that time, (i.e. temp. Elizabeth and James i.) they (the statutes) have regard chiefly to persons of that profession." Burn, *The Justice of the Peace*, ed. 1769, iii., 181–2.

convicted of saying or of hearing mass forfeited respectively 200 marks or half that amount; both suffered in addition one year's imprisonment (23 Eliz., c. 1, sec. 4). All persons over sixteen years of age not resorting to their parish church were to forfeit £20 for every month so offending, but if the sovereign so wished, the penalty could be waived, and two thirds of the lands of the offender held until such time as he should conform.[1] Recusants were barred from the legal and medical professions (3 Jac., c. 5, sec. 8), from acting as magistrates, from holding municipal offices (13 Car. ii., stat. 2, c. 1) or from accepting civil or military appointments (25 Car. ii., c. 2). Finally, they were expressly excepted from the benefits which Protestant Dissenters received from the Act of Toleration (1 W. & M., c. 18, sec. 17). The laws against them were admitted to be many and severe; and an apologist seeking justification refers to those twin themes, sacrosanct by age and use: the danger to the constitution and to the succession by permitting a Romanist the unrestricted enjoyment of his religion.[2]

It was the duty of every minister carefully to inform himself of all recusants over 13 years of age in his parish and to present their names annually to the Ordinary (can. 114), in addition to the churchwardens, who usually recorded absence from the Easter communion. The lists of recusants preserved in our documents at once excite interest through their geographical distribution. In the peculiar of Thame, none are stated to live in either Milton, Sydenham, Tetsworth or Towersey; in the Banbury peculiar there were none in Claydon, Cropredy and Wardington; and it may be inferred that no recusants lived in

[1] 23 Eliz., c. 1, sec. 5, and 3 Jac., c. 4, sec. 8.

[2] Burn, *The Justice of the Peace*, iii., 182.

It was not until 1791 (31 Geo. iii., c. 32), that Roman Catholics, by making a declaration as to their religious convictions, and by swearing allegiance to the sovereign, were legally released from obligations to resort to church, and from various disabilities connected with the practice of their faith. Places of meeting and names of officiating priests were to be registered at quarter sessions.

King's Sutton and Banbury.[1] In the Dorchester peculiar, there were several. Two lived in Benson, two at Nettlebed, and three at Pishill.[2] Before the Civil War period six resided at Clifton, sixteen at Warborough, five at Dorchester, and two at Burcot; while after the Restoration, two lived at Clifton, five in Warborough, eight in Dorchester, and three in Burcot. Care must be exercised to avoid jumping to two conclusions. First, that the decline in the last quoted figures meant that a number of recusants relinquished their faith under pressure during the Commonwealth period. Absentees from church after the Restoration were not necessarily earmarked according to their religious convictions in the presentments. The schedule of 1667 for Warborough records the name of Thomas Bartlemew als Martin as an absentee: Walter Bartholomew alias Martin was a recusant in 1635. It is barely conceivable that the family changed from Catholicism to Dissent in forty years. As a set off against arguing from a decline in numbers, attention should be given to Dorchester where an increase is recorded, while it may not be amiss to observe that new names appear in the later lists.[3] Secondly, let it not be stressed that the persistence of this pocket of recusants was connected with the ci-devant Abbey of Dorchester and the religious who dwelt therein: the fifteenth century picture of that institution effectually arrests such flights of fancy.[4]

And what was the relation of recusants to average villagers? At first sight from the study of the penal code, one might suppose that they lived in isolation: was not Annis Tull, a presented recusant, interred by a woman?[5] But a letter written

[1] For Thame, pp. 155, 165, 170, 195. For Banbury, pp. 238, 251, 316. King's Sutton. Articles 54 and 55, concerning recusants, *vide* Cropredy p. 251, are answered "nothing amisse." p. 294. I think that Banbury would have been too hot to hold many recusants.

[2] pp. 27, 29, 49, 59.

[3] Before 1630. Emma Coldwell, Grace Day, Richard Day, Edward Philpot, and Avis Philpot. After 1660. Thomas Day, Alice Day, Anthony Day, John Prince, Grace Prince, Anne Davy, Robert Day, Richard Davy.

[4] A. Hamilton Thompson, *Visitations of Religious Houses*, ii. 68–83. (Lincoln Record Soc.)

[5] p. 141.

in 1662 by the vicar of Dorchester to the Official of the Peculiar conveys a different impression. "Sir, there is one of our neighbours dead at Dorchester John Day y^e^ elder a Catholicke his sonnes desire that he might haue Xtian buriall which I dare not grant him without your allowance. I haue therefore advised his son to come unto you not doubting but that you will doe him what favour may be done in such a case . . . " This was sent by the Official to his man of business, endorsed, "Pray give this bearer y^e^ sonne of John Day his Answere. I know nothing but that a Catholick may have Xtian buriall, if you doe, pray tell him what is to be done. . . ."[1] Men who, quick or dead, could be written of or treated so, were no outlaws.

If the law pressed heavily upon Roman Catholics, it was, after the Restoration equally severe to Dissenters.[2] The Conventicle Act of 1664 (16 Car., ii. c. 2) prescribed three months imprisonment upon the first conviction, of a person over 16 years of age attending a meeting, other than allowed by the liturgy of the Established Church, where five persons more than the household were present; and unlawful conventicles could be suppressed by justices of the peace. The Five Mile Act, 17 Car., ii. c. 2, prohibited preachers in conventicles from dwelling within five miles of a city, corporate town, or a borough which sent members to Parliament, under a penalty of £40, and five years later (1670), any person sworn by two witnesses before a Justice of the Peace to have been present at an illegal conventicle, was adjudged convicted, the justice having to impose a fine of five shillings for the first offence.[3]

[2] For certain Elizabethan and early Jacobean statutes, see *ante*, p. xli.

[1] *Archd. papers, Oxon*, c. 160, f. 318.
The ninth canon directed that "Whosever shall separate themselves from the . . . church of England; and combine themselves together in a new brotherhood . . . let them be excommunicated *ipso facto*."

[3] 22 Car., ii, c. 1, sec. 1. An unlawful conventicle was a meeting under colour of religion other than according to the form of the Church of England, where there should be five persons assembled besides those of the household, or when more than five persons were assembled if it be in a field or place where no family dwelt.

Persons convicted of preaching at a conventicle were to forfeit £20 for the first offence (sec. 3), and the forfeiture of a similar sum was the penalty for permitting a conventicle in a house or other premises (sec. 4). Here then appears relentless persecution of those who, for conscience sake, withdrew themselves from the communion of the Church of England. There is another explanation. Many of the most active dissenters were old soldiers of the Parliamentary army, "utterely disaffected to the Government."[1] They "bragd of y^e^ time (of their service) . . . adding w^th^ much relish y^t^ those were good daies."[2] They stirred up one another because of the early appearance of the day; they tried to beget evil opinions of parliaments.[3] Their sermons were often semi-political tirades, the tenor of which no Stuart government could ignore. "Speaking in relation to y^e^ King hee said y^t^ although some prayed y^t^ hee might florish like David yet they had rather reason to pray for his over throw. As for ye Hon^ble^ Councell: hee prayed y^t^ a spirit of variance might be amongst them to confound them: . . . but though their enemyes were great, numerous & strong, yet they should at length prevaile."[4] It was to avoid this conclusion that the penal laws against dissenters were enacted, which endeavoured to prevent any sort of meeting,[5] which caused various parishioners of Warborough to be presented to the sessions at Watlington,[6] and which landed Thomas Gilpin in gaol.[7] Any Quarter Sessions records tell of fines, and of imprisonment for the obdurate.[8]

[1] *Hertford Sessions Rolls*, i. 358. [2] *S.P.D. Car., ii.* Vol. 43, doc. 84.
[3] *S.P.D. Car., ii.* Vol. 237, doc. 140. [4] *S.P.D. Car., ii.* Vol. 18, doc. 22.
[5] "The sd. parties being his mother and brother in lawe come to this respondants house sometimes, and there read a chapter or two, & this respondant hath demaunded of them in their reading of them, what was the meaninge of some verses in the sd. chapter." Reply of T. Hornblow, Woburn, presented for receiving conventiclers. *Archd. papers, Bucks*, c. 230, f. 12.
[6] p. 95. [7] p. 85.
[8] *Lindsey* (*Lincs.*) *Q.S. Order Book* (*MS*).

1665 8 men of Haxey fined 5s. each for holding a conventicle in Epworth.
1670 20 persons convicted for holding an unlawful meeting at Mumby.
John Kelsey openly denied the King's authority and power in causes ecclesiastical, and on refusal to find sureties for his good behaviour, it was ordered "that he stand committed until he do so."

Even so, the impression remains that the bark of the statutes was worse than the bite. Parish officers ignored the orders of the justices,[1] and it was whispered that even the magistrates were supine.[2]

It is therefore no surprise to discover that the Dorchester Act Books, the records of the court for that peculiar, indicate but half hearted dealings with recusants and dissenters, as the following examples show :—

Name.	*Parish.*	*Recorded prests.*	*Dates.*	*Action.*
Robert Adkins	Pishill	21 times	Between 1667–86	Excom. 1669.
Thomas Gilpin	Warborough	15	1667–80	Excom. '68 & '73
Wm. Lovegrove	Drayton	15	1671–86	Excom. '81
Thos. Tutty	Warborough	6	1667–78	Excom. '70
Martin Winslow	Toot Baldon	22	1663–80	No trace of excom. Mentioned in Act Book four times.

In the six years 1664 to 1669 inclusive, on an average, just over 60 cases per annum are connected with absence from church, or not receiving the communion : for the six years 1680–1685 the annual average is only eight, while from 1686 to 1690 no such cases are recorded as having come before the Official for consideration.[3]

If proceedings were not systematically instituted against those absent from church, it is not to be wondered that churchwardens became slack in presenting them. Those of Benson in 1683 had nothing to report " but two or 3 dissenters who are

[1] *Ibid.* 1676.

Eleven persons of Marsh Chapel were convicted of holding a conventicle and the fines were imposed. Yet notwithstanding, the constable, churchwardens and overseers of Marsh Chapel refused to levy the penalty.

Cf. *Herts. Sessions Rolls*, i. 348. A churchwarden will never execute any of the justices' warrants.

[2] The magistrates do not put the least check on conventicles. *S.P.D. Car.*, ii. Vol. 225, doc. 131. (1667).

Conventicles multiply and grow bolder ; the justices pretend they have no encouragement from above, and therefore let the fanatics alone. *Ibid.* Vol. 232, doc. 104. (1668).

[3] In 1672, no cases for absence from church appear in the Act Books. This is of course explained by the operation of the Declaration of Indulgence during that year. For the years 1676 and 1677, the Act Books contain no records save schedules of the names of churchwardens.

To discover how far ecclesiastical indulgence may have been influenced by civil activity, the Quarter Sessions files should be examined. Unfortunately I have had no opportunity of doing so.

already presented."[1] Meanwhile the dissenters pursued their way, apparently with few misgivings. Thomas Gilpin had his conventicle in 1667, 1675, and 1677, Stevin Covin kept one in 1675 and 1678, and similarly William Lovegrove was presented in 1675, 1676, 1678 and 1680, although he denied the charge in the last year. The vicar of Warborough, in 1673, had the mortification of seeing a meeting flourishing under his nose, while his own church lay ruinous, "which makes us to be laughed at & jeered by ye Phanatick brood."[2] At Banbury the very church seems to have been for a time a glorified conventicle.[3]

The legalization of that "toleration winked at to some parishioners"[4] was one of the first fruits of the "Glorious Revolution." Dissenters from the Church of England, who at a general sessions of the peace held for the county or place where they lived, could take the oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and subscribed to a declaration against popery, were to be exempt from the operation of statutes which restricted worship to the form authorised by the Church of England (1 W. & M., c. 18). The place of meeting was to be registered either with the Bishop of the diocese, the archdeacon of the archdeaconry, or with the justices of the peace at general or quarter sessions (sec. 19), and at services the doors were not to be locked (sec. 5). An unforeseen result followed at once. Ordinary men took the act to mean that "they were now wholy let loose from all manner of laws relating to Religion"; that they could worship as they pleased: and many chose not to worship at all. Hence "all process of law against such Absenters [has] now for some years last past wholy surceased . . . ,"[5] and the act was in danger of becoming "a shelter and encouragement . . . of Atheism and Profaness . . . "[6] As a check

[1] p. 41. [2] p. 91. [3] p. 220.
[4] p. 221.
[5] H. Prideaux, *A Circular Letter to the Clergy of the Arch-Deaconry of Suffolk* (1692). Printed with *Directions to Churchwardens, op. cit.* 35.
[6] Prideaux, *op. cit.* 3.

to this undesirable state of affairs, ministers and churchwardens were vehemently urged to do their duty ; to present all defaulters from church not registered as dissenters. But there was a horrid alternative. People could now either go to church, or be registered and frequent a conventicle ; any ill timed activity on the part of the ecclesiastical authorities might force a choice, and " it is most likely, that out of spite to us, . . . they will rather chuse the latter . . ."[1] The force of presentments for absence from church was spent.

If parishioners were to attend their church, the necessities for the various services had to be provided, and the fabric maintained in sufficient state of repair that worshippers should not be " exposed to the inclemency of the Weather that they cannot attend divine service . . . " without endangering their health.[2] The attitude adopted by churchwardens to repairs was that of procrastination : the year of office would soon be out ; let their successors incur the odium of calling for a substantial church rate. The towers of Benson, Nettlebed, Stadhampton and Warborough are represented as requiring attention at various times ; the state of the steeple at King's Sutton was alarming, and Banbury church was on the verge of becoming " an heape of Rubbish."[3] Parishioners were extremely averse from church rates, and even in well ordered parishes collections were made with difficulty.[4] Hence necessary work was scamped or postponed until serious structural defects forced the Official to urge churchwardens to perform their duty.[5] As a rule, by the custom prevailing in England, the chancel was repaired by the rector or the impropriator,[6] and normally they required more than ordinary coaxing to do this service. The chancels of the churches of Toot Baldon, Benson, Nettlebed, Sydenham, Thame, Banbury, Dorchester, Horley,

[1] Prideaux, *op. cit.* 37. [2] p. 26. [3] pp. 47, 54, 74, 93, 222, 295.
[4] p. 244. [5] p. 115.
[6] See Injunctions 1547. Proprietaries are always to keep and maintain the mansions and chancels of their churches in good estate,

and Clifton were presented at some time or other : in the case of the three latter churches, the chancels are described as ruinous.

Dilapidations could not remain hidden for a protracted period, but it was possible for churchwardens to shamble along without even the provision of a bare minimum of furniture and ornaments for the building under their charge. Not that they were left to their own devices as to what was requisite ; " the providing . . . depends not upon their own pleasure, . . . there are many express laws, to which they are accountable if they do not."[1] At the expense of the parish, churchwardens were to provide one sure coffer with three locks and keys for the safe keeping of the register (can. 70), a strong chest with three keys for alms for the poor (can. 84), a font of stone (can. 81), a convenient seat for the minister to read the service (can. 82), a pulpit (can. 83), a comely surplice with sleeves (can. 58), a decent communion table covered with a carpet of cloth or other decent stuff, a fair linen cloth for the ministration (can. 82), and a stoup of pewter for the wine (can. 20). The Ten Commandments were to be inscribed at the east end, and chosen sentences from scripture were to adorn the walls (can. 82). The table of prohibited degrees was to be set up in every church (can. 99). Some churches boasted furniture which if not exactly ecclesiastical or ornamental, was held by the parishioners to occupy first importance on the score of utility. " A fire-engine, copper pipe and Long leather do and Suction do with 50 Leather buckets " was proudly inserted into an inventory by the churchwardens of Stony Stratford.[2]

The books which were to be kept in all churches for ecclesiastical purposes fell into three groups as determined by use. As records, were to be kept a special volume to schedule the names of strange preachers (can. 52), a description of the glebe,

[1] Gibson, *Of Visitations*, 23. [2] *Archd. papers, Bucks*, c. 244, circa 1780.

or more technically, a terrier, filed in the Bishop's registry (can. 87), and above all, the parish register (can. 70). For the celebration of the services, the book of Common Prayer, a Bible of the largest volume, and a book of Homilies were to be provided (can. 80), while for uses connected with discipline, or devotion, or apologetics, a book of canons was required, the Paraphrase of Erasmus (Injunctions 1547), and such works as Jewel's Apology.[1] Apparently in 1623 special mention was made of this work in the articles, for in that year the churches of Stadhampton, Chislehampton, Dorchester, and Burcot were found not to possess it. Two years later the church of Toot Baldon was still deficient, and the churchwardens were cited with no immediate result, as next year they sheltered themselves behind the insufficiency of their church stock and the opinion of the curate: "our minister doth thinke that there is no such extraordinary use in him."[2]

The duties of ministers and parish officers, the nature of the services, and attendance thereat were ordained from without the parish, by law, civil or ecclesiastical. There were offences against another body of rules, originating within the parish; against local custom, unwritten and traditional. The vicar who did not provide "breakfast for the ringers on Easter Monday"[3] and the individual who stopped up the church path at Toot Baldon[4] were deemed worthy of presentment, but nowhere is the force of this addition of custom to law more clearly observed than in connection with perambulations and the payments of parochial dues.

The parish being a unit both in civil and canon law, it was necessary for purposes of administration that its precise boundaries should be common knowledge. Generally speaking, in the vast majority of instances, no formal record existed which defined the lines of demarcation: the metes and bounds of a

[1] By the order of Bancroft, his works were to be placed in every church. *Works of John Jewel*, (*Parker Society*) part 4, p. xxviii.
[2] p. 13. [3] *Archd. papers, Bucks*, c. 230, f. 31 (1636). [4] p. 15.

parish were those claimed by usage and tradition. Hence, for the avoidance of disputes, " it [was] necessary that those bounds should be carefully preserved . . . by annual Perambulations."[1] The first question asked when causes were promoted concerning the liability of a certain parcel of ground for the church rates or tithes of a particular parish, was this, What parish includes the land in its perambulation ? " The meade aforesaide lyeth . . . betwene the parishes of Chalgrove Wapsgrave Pyrton Leawknor and Easington and in some parts thereof is adioyning to all or most of the said parishes. Yet notwithstandinge the Minister and parishioners of anie of the saide parishes for . . . tyme beyonde the memorie of man have not in their usuall and yerelie perambulation of their severall parishes compassed in the saide meadow as parte of anie of their parishes."[2]

The Injunctions of 1559 and 1564 ordain that perambulations as heretofore in the days of Rogation should be observed, when the curate with substantial parishioners shall walk about the parish saying or singing in English the two psalms beginning *Benedic, anima mea* (psalms 103 and 104), with litanies and suffrages and with one Homily on Thanksgiving to God.[3] This was the second object of perambulations ; to give thanks to God for the increase of His fruits.[4] A third was called into being by the general method of agriculture, common field cultivation, because of which the land of individuals lay intermixed in small parcels. In the absence of the usual furrows or balks, a post or " mere " stones marked off the property of one from another : it was a heinous offence furtively to alter the position of post or stones ; for a man thereby abridged the produce of his neighbour. Hence, during perambulations this particular sin, a form of avarice, was to be brought home to the hearers, and would-be offenders were denounced with such

[1] Stillingfleet, *Of the duties and rights of the parochial clergy*, 122.
[2] *Archd. papers, Oxon*, c. 174, f. 14.
[3] Items 18 and 19, 1559, and *Articles for the Administration of Prayers and Sacraments*, 1564.
[4] Injunctions, 1559,

sentences as "Cursed be he that translateth the dolles and bounds of his Neighbour."[1]

But parish boundaries run into some miles, and walking over rough land is dry work. Therefore "in most parishes whose circuits are large and longe, the minister and parishioners . . . doe rest at certeine places and have bread and drincke or some other victualls provided for them . . ."[2] The records of perambulations consequently make interesting reading: the seeming incompatibles are successfully amalgamated; "the Vicar read and Thomas Bampton provided. The Vicar read a psalm, a psalm was sung and Ralphe Toune provided,"[3] and as the party progress, the impression received is, that less was thought of worship and more of gustation. The men of Uffington, Berks, were not ashamed to avow their sentiments openly. "Hee hath herd the parishioners saie in their perambulacion, Lette us not liefe our custome, but goe to those places w^{ch} of right are to make us a drinckinge."[4] That is, the day was a holiday. It began with a breakfast, music playing and dancing,[5] and individuals who ventured to ignore custom found that they were decidedly unpopular. "We sent to Henry Tofield to provide for his house according to Antient Custom . . . but he absolutely Refused, so Mr. Batchlor Vicar and the Churchwardens sent him word he must expect to answer his Refusal in the Spiritual Court."[6] At Drayton no specific offence was tendered, but three Wardington parishioners were presented for "not bringinge proviggion," and a like number are in trouble at Cropredy for not having a supply of drink at their mills.[7] But if a pious miller suggested

[1] Cf. Commination Service.
[2] *Archd. papers, Oxon*, c. 175, f. 18.
[3] C. Disraeli, *A Hughendon Vicar and his Perambulation*, (Records of Buckinghamshire, xi. 176).
[4] *Ibid. Oxon*, c. 175, f. 13. [5] Disraeli, *op. cit.* 184.
[6] Disraeli, 184. It should be noted that prohibitions were granted to stay suits in ecclesiastical courts when refreshment was claimed from parishioners "as due of right from any house or lands in virtue of custom." The custom was declared to be against law and reason. Burn, *Ecclesiastical Law*, ii. 133.
[7] pp. 145, 245, 308.

quid pro quo, if he asked the vicar "to reade some parte of the scripture," he laid himself open to a terrible rebuff; "What, shall we saie praiers to a Mill."[1]

The custom of the parish, which was responsible for the supply of provisions at the perambulations touched certain parishioners only: it was likewise custom which determined methods of paying the multifarious dues which at one time or another concerned all. There were incidental payments in connection with marriages, for tolling the bell at the passing of a villager, so much for the minister at a burial, a fee for intra-mural interment.[2] At Easter annually parishioners were directed to reckon with the minister and pay him "all Ecclesiastical Duties accustomably due."[3] Such payments were usually termed Easter offerings, an insignificant sum which might be taken from each communicant or from the head of the household.[4]

The greatest annual charge which many were called to pay was in connection with tithes. Excepting a few individuals, as for example Quakers, whose religious opinions seemed to have made them particularly cross-grained, few as a matter of principle raised objections to this annual charge upon their estates; the payment as such, was regarded as a matter of course. Nevertheless from mediaeval times, the collection of this particular due was the occasion of constant friction.[5] The tithe owner or his representative were slow in coming to view the sheaves, while the farmer fumed at the delay; there was tactlessness on both sides; new owners were suspicious of reputed customary methods of payments and moduses, there was constant recrimination about under payment and over-

[1] *Oxon*, c. 175, f. 8. [2] pp. 42, 131, 160, 303.

[3] Rubric at the conclusion of the Communion Service.

[4] Milton, 1708. The Easter offerings for a man and his family were 2s. for 6 years (p. 159). Towersey, 1707, it was apparently 4d. for a man and his wife *per annum*.

[5] Stratford's Constitutions, 1343. The servants of Ecclesiastics collecting tithes were called rogues and arrested, they were impleaded in secular courts, they were compelled to go a long way round, the tithed sheaves were deliberately trampled upon. Johnson's *Collection of all the Ecclesiastical Laws*,

grasping.[1] The ease with which an incumbent gathered his tithes was an index to the local estimation of his worth. In view of this attitude, the State lent considerable aid to the ecclesiastical authorities. An individual who refused to pay his quota was to be sued in a spiritual court, the sentence of which, in the event of contumacy, and upon the petition of the Ordinary to two Justices of the Peace, could be enforced by the latter committing the defendant to prison until he undertook to abide by the sentence of the court.[2] Those who carried off predial tithes (*i.e.*, grain, hay, wood, or fruit) without setting out the tenth part, or agreeing with the proprietor, or hindered the carrying off of his portion, were, upon conviction in an ecclesiastical court, to pay double the value (2-3 Ed. vi., c. 13, sec. 13). To facilitate the recovery of small tithes under the value of forty shillings and unpaid within twenty days after the demand, upon complaint, two justices of the peace could summon defaulters, and make an allowance, with costs not exceeding ten shillings : contumacy was met by distraint and sale (7-8 Wm., iii., c. 6).

Parish clerks were to be remunerated by "their ancient wages" according to the custom of the parish (can. 91). In some instances the clerk could put forward quite an elaborate schedule of the sources of his wages, as for instance at Cropwell Bishop, Notts, in 1663 :—

Every Oxgage of land—yearly—2 wheat sheaves in harvest.

Everie husbandman or woman having a husbandrie farme At Easter a dinner worth xiid. or xiid. [in money], and 2 loaves Worth ixd. a peece or ixd. and the like at Christmas, and everie May day Lamas Martinmas and Candlemas a loaf worth ixd. or ixd.

[1] Cf. Thomas Rudge, *General view of the agriculture of the county of Gloucester* (1807), p. 62. "A scrupulous exactness, in demanding the utmost which the law allows, and all the jealousy of suspicion, are found on one side ; and, on the other, every obstacle, arising from subterfuge, equivocation, and chagrin." I suggest that the source of a good deal of dissent arose in connection with disputes concerning tithes.

[2] 27 Hen., viii. c. 20 and 32 Hen., viii. c. 7.

Everie Cottager iiiid. at Easter vizt. to everie quarter ut supra 1d.[1]" In Oxfordshire, the rate seems to have been uniformly 4d. a year, levied upon each house,[2] and defaulters owing to the difficulty of making a fuss about a few pence, were given a long run. Benson parishioners had not paid the clerk for nine years, and a Dorchester man sued for eight years default, paid after presentment.[3]

For the upkeep of the fabric of the church apart from the chancel, its furniture and ornaments, the parishioners were responsible. Occasionally a certain amount of land was by custom let to inhabitants and the proceeds placed towards liquidating expenses incurred,[4] but the more general mode was by a rate. The money to be raised by such a rate was levied, at the beginning of the seventeenth century in two ways, by the old style, or by the new ; by indirect, or by direct taxation : and the former was ancient.[5] " There hath bine & is within the said parishe (of Northleigh) an use and custome to this effecte following viz, That all the Coppyholders, or possessors or occupiers of any land in that parishe . . . should or ought to pay yearly towards the reparacions and to the use of the Church of Northly a busshill of Mault for every yard land soe by them possessed or occupied . . . And he sayeth that he did heare his ffather who dyed about L^tie^ yeares agoe and was att his death above LXXX yeares of age and divers other old men of that parishe say and reporte Confidently that such was

[1] *Southwell Peculiar Papers, Southwell Minster* (uncalendared).
A parishioner denied the above statements. The Easter and Christmas dinners worth 12*d.* " are but what every one pleases to give, and for y^e^ loaves given at Mayday Lammas Martinmas and Candlemas, not worth above iiijd. the loafe ; former Clerkes having taken iiijd. in lieu of a loafe . . ." For the sheaves see *ante*, p. xxi.

[2] " That he hath duly payde the Clerke every year 4d. . . . but he (the clerk) alleadgeth That the said Rich. Broadwater ought to pay him as much more for other howses . . ." p. 84.

[3] pp. 42, 133.

[4] As at Claydon. Those " whose names are under riten have horscommons of the towne which money should be paid to the church." p. 236.

[5] From the 14th century at least, rates were levied directly for the repair of the church, in accordance with a man's possessions. Nevertheless, until the early Stuart period, the indirect methods seem to have been more popular and universal to meet ordinary obligations. See Cannon, *Hist. of local rates in England*, pp. 14–16, 24–26.

the custome for the payment of Church Maulte in the parishe."[1] This malt was given "towards the bruing of Whitson Ales"[2] or Church Ales; that is, the beer obtained from the levy of malt was consumed on Whit-monday at a glorious carousal, each paying for what he consumed; business and pleasure going hand in hand, so that "he that sat closeth to it was accounted the godliest of all."

The church ale was not in all places an annual event, "nor in every yeare of necessity to be kept, and when it was kept it was soe kept in the discrecion of the Churchw[ardens] and wth the consent of the parishioners."[3] At Northleigh £7 or £8 was made in this way, and at Thame as much as £26 12s 7d. was gathered in 1636,[4] but strange as it may seem, the vitality of so established a custom was low: in the reign of the first Stuart, church ales were becoming events of the past. "He never knewe any such custome . . . to have bene kept or used (at Wooton) in all theise last 30^{ty} yeares for w^{ch} tyme there were made every yeare att the Churchwardens accompts certaine rates or taxes sometymes of xii^{d}, sometymes of ix^{d} and att other tymes of more or lesse by the yardland for & towards the reparacions of the Church."[5] Why should there thus be a decided break with tradition? Do we stress too much the force of village custom, the continuity of village life at this time? Local gossip provided a clear cut explanation of the phenomenon. "That by the common & credible report of the Cottagers . . . they the said Cottagers were rated by the taxe . . . purposly . . . to breake the custome aforesaid & to drawe the poore Cottagers aforesaid into payments towards the reparacions of the Church there. The customary maulte . . . beinge sufficient to repayre the same without helpe from the said Cottagers . . . [for] none or very fewe of the said cottagers did pay the said taxe . . ."[6] This is not the whole

[1] *Archd. papers, Oxon*, c. 118, f. 138 (1619).
[2] *Archd. papers, Oxon*, c. 118, f. 226.
[3] *Ibid*, f. 141.
[4] *Ibid*, f. 268, and F. G. Lee, *History of Thame Church*, col. 158.
[5] *Oxon*, c. 118, f. 226 (1617).
[6] *Ibid*, f. 268 (1618).

truth. During the reign of Elizabeth, parish officers were receiving training in the art of raising money. They had endeavoured to maintain their poor by subscription, at first voluntary and later compulsory[1]; they then collected sums assessed upon parishioners from without, by the local justices.[2] Lastly they themselves assessed.[3] This was the culminating point; the lesson well learnt served to perpetuate the system until the radical alterations of the nineteenth century Poor Law reform. So by virtue of the example and experience gained in levying poor rates, the antiquated, cumbersome, picturesque system gave way to the newer and more convenient method. Elizabethan statesmen were not only themselves administrators; they trained others to administrate in the particular spheres of society where fortune had placed them.[4]

Rates for the repair of the church were made at a meeting of the churchwardens and parishioners convened by notice given in the church, the majority present binding the parish. The rate was held to be chargeable not upon the land itself, but upon the occupier, even though he dwelt in another parish; and the tenant was liable, not the owner.[5] The only remedy which churchwardens possessed against those who neglected or refused to pay their church rates was through presentment to the Ordinary, with the exception, after 1696, of Quaker defaulters, who upon appeal by the parish authorities to two justices of the peace, if the rate were acknowledged and under £10, could be compelled to pay by distress and sale (7–8 Wm., iii., c. 34, sec. 4). The unit of assessment in Oxfordshire parishes seems universally to have been the yardland, denoting

[1] 27 Hen. viii., c. 25. 5–6 Ed. vi., c. 2. 5 Eliz., c. 3.
[2] 14 Eliz., c. 5. [3] 39 Eliz., c. 3, and 43 Eliz., c. 2.
[4] Tradition lingered into the eighteenth century and sometime asserted itself. Cf. Dorchester, 1713. Elizabeth Day presented for refusing to pay for a May Pole given to the repairs of the church, p. 132.
[5] Burn, i. 268–275. It was contended, in distinction to rates for the fabric, that those made for the supply of the Church ornaments, could only be levied upon inhabitants. Cf. Grey, *A system of English ecclesiastical law*, (1730), p. 71.

in the southern midlands a quantity of arable lying scattered in the open fields of the village, ranging from twenty to thirty acres. The sums levied varied greatly, as low as 3d. in Marsh Baldon in 1624 and as high as thirty shillings at Warborough in 1670. What at first sight may be puzzling is the various sums demanded for the yardland in the same presentment, particularly where an individual's assessment is at two different rates. The explanation is that the varying sums refer to different rates, as may be observed in the Toot Baldon list for 1624.

The sacramental bread and wine, for the supply of which churchwardens were responsible, was not obtained from the proceeds of the church rates, but by special assessments,[1] which an occasional frugal soul sought to evade by " bringing his own peculier wyne in a shepherds lether bottle to y^e^ Comunion table & his peculiar bread for himself & his own household . . . to free himself from the Common charge of the Comunion. . . ."[2]

Neither was the church rate normally applied to preserve in repair the wall, or the hedge, or the bank, or whatever was used in the parish to enclose or mound the churchyard. Theoretically, this burden should have been shared by parishioners generally[3]; but practically, the duty devolved by parochial custom upon a section of the inhabitants. These might be individuals upon whose land a portion of the mounds abutted,[4]

[1] pp. 31, 93. Sometimes the proceeds of land given for the purpose, were applied to the providing of the elements. " Also we had heads as they call them, or greene-sward " given to the church for bread and wine. *Bucks*, c. 230, a loose sheet in the box. (Chearsley, 28 July, 1662).

[2] *Bucks*, c. 230, f. 68 (1635).

[3] See Burn, *Ecclesiastical Law*, i. 244.

[4] Burn, i. 245. In this case an action at common law was permissible to enforce repair " insomuch as this is to charge a temporal inheritance."

or the tenants of certain houses or farms,[1] or the inhabitants of a tithing or hamlet within the parish,[2] or upon every owner of land according to the quantity in his possession.[3] In the three latter cases custom determined the length or location of the mounds chargeable to individuals or groups of individuals[4]; in all cases it defined the manner of repair; traditional types of mound were to be maintained.[5] At times not only the mounds failed, but tradition also; churchwardens were unable to allocate responsibility, and then the policy of drift came home to roost: "we doe not know at p^{r}sent the names of the persons that are to repair the same."[6]

Those who abstained from church or subtracted various dues designed for its support and administration were liable to ecclesiastical censure: all must fit into the ordained religious system. From this attitude it was but a step to that which sought to formulate a moral code for the regulation of those offences which the authorities of a laxer age, while condemning in general, are unable to punish in the particular. Incontinency of every description was presentable (can. 109);

[1] 1745, Stadhampton. The "North East Mound . . . commonly said to belong to the House called Barkers." p. 76.

Cf. A Review of y^{e} Rayles of y^{e} church yard of Eversley [Hants] being made on ye 4th day of Aprill 1601 by severall of y^{e} ancient men of y^{e} Parish. It was by them agreed that the Rayles ought to be repaired at the charges of these tenements following. The East Rayles begining from y^{e} Court Wall of ye Ancient Mannour house. One pannell of pales of about 3 foot in length next ye Court Wall of y^{e} ancient Manner House belongs to John May's tenement now in his own tenure.

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Two pannels of Rayles of about 12 foot in length with y^{e} poasts thereto belonging being ye second and third pannells from ye gate and the next to John Cowdrys belong to Mrs. Taylor's tenement now in y^{e} tenure of Thomas May.

[*et seq.*]

I am indebted for these transcripts from the Eversley parish papers to Mrs. Cope of Finchampstead.

[2] Dorchester. "The Church railes which belonge to Warborowe to repaire are at defaulte." p. 115.

[3] Windlebury. *Archd. papers, Oxon*, c. 118, f. 46 (1618).

[4] A Toot Baldon man was responsible for six feet. p. 17.

[5] "That he hath a dead hedge or fence for a Church mound . . . but not uniforme to the rest of the mounds being made of stone wall." *Oxon*, c. 158, 4 May, 1663.

[6] p. 56.

churchwardens were expected to catalogue all "fames"; it was their duty to perform simple calculations when the baptism of the first born was registered.[1] And there was something far worse than anti-nuptial unchastity; there was bastardy. For the father in the former case was usually in evidence, he was doing his best to support the family[2]; but authors of the latter crime, where were they? That was what churchwardens often wished to know. "Run away" was very indefinite,[3] and so the parish was saddled with another unwanted specimen of humanity. Of course the mother was taken before justices of the peace, and the house of correction awaited her,[4] but as there were pecuniary considerations which would affect the pockets of the churchwardens, being landholders and contributors to the poor rate, they believed in getting as many hooks into their victim as possible. Self interest made this item in the book of articles less formal than others. So there were no bowels of compassion for parishioners in whose house calamities occurred; the very presentments bristle in their alliteration; for "entertaining a woman that was with child in her house & ther she was brought to bed of her bastard."[5] Well was it that the Official tempered justice with mercy. A man presented "for harboringe in his house . . . a fornicatrix," upon alleging "that [she] . . . dyd come into his house by chaunse, and ymmediatlye after her commynge dyd fall in labor of childe: so that he could not put her furthe of his house at that tyme without danger of her lyffe . . ." was dismissed.[6]

Closely connected with incontinence were presentments for defamation. No action lay in spiritual courts for such terms as "thief," concerning which temporal courts alone had

[1] Thame, 1671. Jane Barom presented for incontinency before marriage. "Marryed Dec. 70. Child bapt May 1671." p. 181. See also p. 234.

[2] ". . . theye are now lawfullye married since easter, and have a child, . . . livinge ever since the former acte honestlye, and orderlye together . . ." p. 163.

[3] Cf. Banbury, 1713, p. 224., and Horley, 1610, p. 262.

[4] 18 Eliz., c. 3, sec. 2. 7 Jac., c. 4, sec. 7.

[5] p. 178. [6] *Southwell Act Books*, 23 October 1576.

cognizance, even though presentable words were at the same time spoken. The words complained of must imply that the plaintiff was guilty of an offence which was within spiritual jurisdiction; usually, that immorality had been implied.[1] Evening hours were long, so that when persons did "sit and talke & spend some houres of leasure in talke . . . as it fell out they or ether of them was at leasure & wthin,"[2] the great staple of conversation was often detrimental to the reputation of neighbours: "Ye said Iane tould him y^{t} ould Mother Nutting . . . was a Baud."[3] What was objected to more were accusations of unchastity made vehemently in public places. "That . . . in the wheate market at newberrie in the open market . . . and in the hearing of a great nombre Helen Milton . . . asked . . . Whear is that honest woman . . . that whore and harlotrie yonder, I see her, poynting to Emma Crane."[4] Utterances such as "Base roague, Whitliver Roague, Whoremaster Roague,"[5] positive, comparative, superlative, were little more than peevish ejaculations.

Minor offenders such as drunkards or "great swearers," although required to be presented, but seldom had their names sent in.[6] Still the churchwardens could annoy a troublesome parishioner, though he made but one slip. "He being in conference with the churchwardens aboute the poore of the parishe and being provoked by the said Churchwardens did sweare By God unawares in the Church."[7]

But the loss of character did not seem to have worried the average rustic in the days of James i and his son; the loss of his goods was another matter. He betook himself to the local wise woman who surreptitiously practised in the face of absolute prohibition. "No person shall use charms . . . or any

[1] See Burn, i. 476—478. All defamation which concerned the exercise of the minister's spiritual function was determinable in ecclesiastical courts. Burn, i. 480.

[2] *Archd. papers, Berks*, c. 155, p. 8. [3] *Ibid*, p. 39.

[4] *Ibid*, p. 42. [5] *Oxon*, c. 118, f. 46.

[6] Canon 109. Cf. Warborough p. 79 and Banbury, p. 213.

[7] *Archd. papers, Bucks*, c. 230, f. 49 (1633).

such like Devilish device, nor shall resort at any time to the same for counsel or help."[1] Where the administration of simples ended and the art of incantation began was vague and difficult of determination : " This respondants mother . . . is accompted a cunning Woeman in many cures in man or beast, she is no witch, nor can nor ever did give any pouder or spice or use any sorcery, to produce any loue or to effect any thing . . . "[2]

Those unfortunate enough to be presented to the Ordinary, in due course received a summons by the hands of the general factotum of the Official, the apparitor, to attend the court on a certain day. All exercising spiritual jurisdiction were to appoint such places for the keeping of their courts " as shall be convenient for entertainment of those who are to make their appearance there, and most indifferent for their travel."[3] In our peculiars a local inn served the purpose. At Dorchester, the Swan at one time and the White Hart at another were utilized ; at Thame, the Red Lion ; and the Brazen Nose at Cropredy.[4] Up to the 1670's courts were usually held bi-annually, generally after Easter, in April or May ; and about Michaelmas ; but thence onward the visitation was an annual function, usually held either in June or the following two months.

If a person complained of, between the time of presentment and the court day remedied the fault for which presented, such as not paying a rate or not making a mound, or if in reality a slight omission only had been detected, a caution or admonition was followed by dismissal. On the other hand, especially in some cases of incontinency, unless the parties were taken *flagrante delicto*, although the suspicions of the churchwardens might justifiably be raised, possibility of proof was difficult.

[1] Injunctions 1559, item 32. Cf. " Joane Corffe . . . suspected to use sorcerie and to restore thynges lost or stolen." *Southwell Act Books*, 18 June 1588 and King Sutton, pp. 294, 299.

[2] *Oxon*, c. 118, f. 223 (1618).

[3] Canon 125. The Bishop's approval of the place was necessary.

[4] pp. 131, 185, 258.

Thereupon the accused was compelled by the Judge to declare himself guilty or not guilty, and if the imputation was denied, upon oath, he was given a day on which to appear with a certain number of his neighbours, usually from four to six, prepared to swear to his innocence. This was known as compurgation. An early Restoration statute deprived ecclesiastical authorities of the power to compel compurgation (13 Car., ii. c. 12, sec. 4), nevertheless it was held that in archidiaconal and kindred minor courts, individuals, if they desired, could still offer to purge voluntarily.[1] In reality there was something to be said for the practice : it was especially useful in the event of malicious accusation. In 1718 a Thame girl spread a fame that an inhabitant was the father of her child, " in hopes by that meanes to gaine him for her Husband." Upon his presentment, the vicar, churchwardens, overseers, and twenty-four parishioners sent in a testimonial expressing their conviction of his innocence : "*unde dominus ex gratia exoneravit poenam.*"[2] This, it is true is not compurgation, nevertheless it illustrates the principle of the process. For good or for ill compurgation had gone : but in the earlier half of the eighteenth century opinions were not wanting that it was for the worse. It was, according to those whose Canaan lay behind in past generations, a contributory cause " to that unusual *Boldness* and *Openness* with which lewdness and other Immoralities have since reigned."[3]

The judge having satisfied himself that the individual presented had been guilty of an offence determinable in a spiritual court, inflicted punishment by ordering the performance of an appropriate penance, which ranged from personal humiliation in the case of graver delinquencies, to the formal handing over of a few pence for the atoning of slight faults. Normally unchastity was visited with a public and corporal penance, *ad*

[1] *A system of English ecclesiastical law*, 394. See the interesting case on page 167. It should be observed that the churchwardens, having presented a man for incontinence, later at the court practically act as his compurgators.
[2] pp. 190–1. [3] Gibson, *Codex*, 1089.

agendum penitenciam publicam et corporalem in ecclesia parochiali . . . die dominica proxima juxta tenorem cuiusdam schedule inde conficiende et ei tradende." Early in Elizabeth's reign typical instructions read similarly to the following. "That thaie shall resort unto the collegiate Churche of Southwell appon Sondaie next at the beginninge of morninge prayer he bare headed in his hose and dublet and a sheite about his myddle : and she in her peytcote and a sheite about her myddle : and ther to knele in the queare untill the priest goo to reade the homylie of adultrie : and then to stande before hym (after the maner of penytentes) untill the same be red : and then to goo and knele where thaie kneled before untill service be donne."[1] For adultery, corporal punishment was sometimes, though not uniformally administered, the penitent being "naked from the myddles upwarde" and after the reading of the appropriate homily the apparitor "shall be redye with a birche rod, and shall gyve either of the parties three strypes appon theire bare shoulders . . ."[2]

The orders for a public penance usually directed that the performer should stand in a prominent part of the church, in the middle aisle, or upon a form, with bare feet and legs, clad in a white sheet, and holding a taper or a white rod.[3] As distinguished from the Elizabethan penances the orders contained in later schedules give anything but a passive rôle to the penitent, who had to recite his fault, to express contrition, and crave forgiveness. Occasionally the confession, when couched in such terms as incriminated a member of the congregation, provoked more activity than the Ordinary had intended. A certain William Hudson burst out "in the church (at the time of divine service when Ellenor Grover performed her pennance

[1] *Southwell Act Books*, 4 Feb. 1563.

[2] *Southwell Act Books*, 28 January 1566.

[3] See the schedule in the case of John Applegarth of Benson, *post* p. 32. I have not met a penance possessing such elaborate formulae as that indicated by J. Wickham Legg, *English Church Life, from the Restoration to the Tractarian Movement*, p. 257. But see pp. 278–280. Also H. Hall, *Some Elizabethan penances in the Diocese of Ely*. Trans R. H. Soc., Third Series, Vol. 1 (1907), p. 263.

. . . and confessing he was the onely father of her childe), God refuse me body and soul, it is false, thou art a damed whore."[1]

But a penance performed in the church was not regarded in the days of Elizabeth as sufficient : a notorious crime demanded a notorious expiation. Therefore a market day in a market town was chosen, upon which to declare to the world at large the weakness of the flesh. She is " also to come to Newarke uppon the next market daie after christenmass next ; there to goo about the market barelegged in her peticoate and a sheete about her mydle, with a kirchiffe louse uppon hir heade . . . the apparitor to go before her, with a whyte rod in his hand and to showe y^e^ people whye she dothe the same."[2]

The penance bestowed in cases of defamation was invariably confession of the offence by the guilty party, either in court for ill natured tittle-tattle, or in the church if the words spoken were serious reflections upon the character of the plaintiff. Likewise minor offences such as misbehaviour in, or absence from church, were similarly punished by the acknowledgement of the offence by the offender before the congregation.[3] Finally, pecuniary payments were frequently ordered by way of penance for petty failings like talking in church ; they were also incurred in addition to the public penance enjoined for incontinency. The sums varied from a few pence payable for the former, to several shillings for the latter. All payments had one feature in common : they were to be made *ad pios usus :* for the repair of a church, for the relief of the poor, to provide maintenance for a necessitous scholar, for the relief of poor

[1] *Archd. papers, Bucks*, c. 230, f. 90 (1633).

[2] *Southwell Act Books*, 17 Dec. 1565.

[3] For being in the ale house in time of Divine service. To come into the church at morning prayer Sunday next " and their confesse his offence before the parishe."

For laughing in church. " That appon Sundaie next at morninge praier, she shall stand before the curett when he redes the homily, and the curet shall desire the people in hir name, to take no evill example at her rude doinges but to let hir be a warninge unto theime, that thaie offende not in lyke matter." *Southwell Act Books*, 30 June 1581 and 24 May 1570.

prisoners, for repairing a market place, or for mending the highways.[1] The mud bespattered villager could reflect with satisfaction that his parish was as famous for its morals as its mire.

Public penance, to say the least, was an ordeal, and as such, was the giving of satisfaction to the congregation[2]; a reparation due for the scandal evoked. The man of credit who had hitherto appeared to lead an exemplary life might well have regarded it with trepidation. "He hath bene ever heretofore accompted & esteemed to be a man of honest life & conversation, & never detected of any such faults or cryme (adultery) till now, And that if he should be compelled to do publique & corporall pennance for this his fault it would tend to his vtter discredit and undoeing."[3] To ease such, who "either for some great value or dignity of person, or for fear of some desperate event that will follow in the party that should be put to open shame,"[4] penances could be commuted for a monetary consideration. The "Official did decree and appoint that the sd x*li*. into which summe the sd . . . pennance was & is comuted should be disposed & laid out for and towards the charges of the erecting & making of a place in the Lady Ile in the Church of Alesbury wherein the Courts of the Commissary & Official of the Archdeaconry of Buck. hereafter should be kept (there then being no place convenient for keeping of the sd Courts) . . ."[5] Some were of the opinion that the money derived from commutations could be applied to any ecclesiastical purpose, but ordinances lay emphasis upon its bestowal

[1] E.g. an adulterer was to pay to the churchwardens of North Muskham 20d. for repairing the church, 3s. 4d. to be distributed among the poor of the parish where most needed, and to deliver towards the exhibition of Thomas Wylson "being a poore scholler at Cambridge iijs. iiijd."

Robert Noddell, for incontinency, paid the parish officers 3s. 4d. for mending the highway between Beckingham and Saundby.

For fornication, an individual had to pay "*xx solidos ad usus pauperum et reparacionem mercati de Southwell.*" *Southwell Act Books*, 24 July, 1573, 4 March 1588, 4 May 1584.

[2] See King's Sutton, p. 294.

[3] *Archd. papers, Bucks*, c. 230, f. 16 (1634). Bound with 1633.

[4] *A system of English ecclesiastical law*, 398. [5] *Bucks*, c. 230, *ut supra*.

to charitable uses,[1] to ensure which, in theory, none of the money could be disposed of without the directions in writing of the Ordinary, and similarly, for the prevention of abuses, the consent of the Ordinary was required to any proposal that a penance should be commuted.[2] In practice it seems that such admonitions were generally ignored : officials dispensed commutations freely, which critics regarded in the light of bribes, and in the absence of vigorous control by the authorities, the ease with which public penance might be evaded, strengthened the arguments of those who, in the early eighteenth century were opposed to the exercise by the Church of any effective discipline.

Commutation was then the refuge of those who for an interested or other motive wished to be reconciled to the Church, while at the same time escaping the inconvenience of a public penance. Some sought to escape by a cheaper but more elementary process : through declining to perform it. Others did not get as far as the schedule of penance : they ignored in the first instance the Judge's citation. To coerce the contumacious, the Church had recourse to excommunication or the " suspension out of the company of Christ's flock " of all such offenders, who " ought to be taken of the whole multitude of the faithful as an Heathen and Publican . . . " ,[3] in fact, denounced " to the devil and all his angels."[4]

There were two grades of excommunication, *excommunicatio major*, which deprived an individual from the benefits of the divine offices, of the sacraments and of the conversation of the faithful ; and *excommunicatio minor*, by which the use of the sacraments and the privilege of attending divine service was

[1] Burn, ii. 145. Cf. canons of 1640. " All such moneys (shall) be disposed of to charitable and publick uses, . . ."

[2] Burn, *op. cit.* [3] Articles 1552.

[4] Fletcher, the chaplain of the " Golden Hind," incurred Drake's displeasure during a crisis in the Pacific. Drake sat in judgment upon him before the ship's company, and pronounced sentence as follows, " Francis Fletcher, I do here excommunicate thee out of the church of God and from the benefits and graces thereof, and I denounce thee to the devil and all his angels." J. Corbett, *Drake and the Tudor Navy*, 322.

forfeited. A valid sentence had to be published from a document bearing the seal of the court pronouncing the censure, at divine service, by the minister of the parish wherein the offender lived.[1] From that time onward, until absolution was granted, any who talked to, or employed one under greater excommunication ran the risk of presentment.[2] On the other hand, thinking that they were about as deep in the mire as it was possible to go, and that an extra presentment or two could make little difference, those denounced often endeavoured to come to church[3]; they positively haunted communion services. Two communicated at King's Sutton with the connivance of the minister[4]; indeed the tone of the presentments prompts the belief that from the very anxiety displayed, the unfortunates had some sort of idea that reception at such times possessed a peculiar potency.[5] If overtaken by death, there was naturally no Christian burial for those under the greater sentence.[6] "For bringing his wife into the church yard and burying of her in the night time, she standing excommunicate," a Marlow man was in trouble: the churchyard was to be no resting place for the unrepentant.[7]

These disabilities may appear to be of little consequence in

[1] Johnson, *Clergy-Man's Vade Mecum*, 168.

[2] Edward West presented "for sitting and conversing with Marjory Burges and keeping company with her . . . at Mr. Youngers house at Little Brickhill she being then an excommunicate person." *Archd. papers, Bucks*, c, 230, f. 60 (1635). Cf. post p. 216. Also "John Warner being excommunicated is entertayned at woork with Simon Wattes" etc. p. 284.

[3] p. 252. Canon 85 particularly warned churchwardens to keep them out.

[4] p. 290.

[5] King's Sutton. An excommunicate, by arrangement with the owner of the house, was at a private communion. p. 294.

Note (1) That in distinction to this eagerness, half the parish are described as faulty with regard to communicating.

(2) That the private communion was not presented as it should have been in accordance with canon 71.

Cf. p. 164. Also, "Francis Page (presented) for pressing in amongst the communicants of Wootten and receiving the communion unawares to the minister being excommunicated the same time." *Bucks*, c. 230, f. 108 (1633).

[6] Canon 68. But note Burn's remark that the rubric makes no distinction. The Office is not to be used for any that die excommunicate. Burn, ii. 548.

[7] See p. 204. Also "Quare qua auctoritate Anna Gamon uxor ffransisci Gamon de Warborow persona excommunicata existens sepulta fuit in ecclesia parochiali de Benson . . ." *Oxon*, c. 158, f. 332.

real life, but practical inconveniences lurked to catch the unwary. The excommunicate could not be a witness; if a plaintiff, he might find his case adjourned *sine die* unless letters of absolution were produced, and if under the greater sentence he was unable to make a testament.[1] To keep the names of the Church's outcasts fresh in memory, the minister after a three months grace, was to denounce them bi-annually (canon 65).

Beyond excommunication and denunciation, the judge of an ecclesiastical court could not go, nevertheless means existed to compel obedience to the injunctions of a spiritual tribunal. Forty days after publication of a sentence of excommunication, the Bishop of the diocese could, upon certifying the excommunication to Chancery, procure a writ, *de excommunicato capiendo*, directed to the sheriff of the county, who was required to attach the offender, and lodge him in the county goal until such time as he obtained absolution.[2] This was formidable, and might intimidate, but practical difficulties in ordinary cases prevented the measure from becoming effective. Average causes which came before the court were after all not of great moment, and of many the secular law took cognizance. Absence from church, bastardy, drunkenness, cursing and swearing, desecrating the sabbath were offences more efficiently dealt with by justices of the peace.[3] The civil arm could be readily, and was frequently invoked to enforce the sentences of spiritual courts in regard to tithes. Was it then worth while to incur the considerable expense of procuring a writ out of Chancery to bring the immoral, the trifler in church, the worker on a saint's day, to book? The question hardly required thought. Of course the Judge could, and did threaten. In 1610 ten

[1] Burn, i. 547–8.

[2] Burn, i. 548–9. 5 Eliz., c. 23 ordered the procedure in the event of the sheriff returning *non inventus*. Heavy penalties could be inflicted for the individual endeavouring to evade the subsequent *capias*.

[3] For absence from church and bastardy, see above pp. xli., lix. Tippling in ale houses, 1 Jac., c. 9, 4 Jac., c. 5, and 21 Jac., c. 7. Cursing and swearing, 21 Jac., c. 20. Offences on the Lord's Day, 1 Car., c. 1 and 3 Car., c. 1.

Banbury folk were pronounced excommunicated, mostly for incontinency, and having to be denounced from six months to six months, look like old offenders. The minister was pathetically entreated "to signifie publiquely in the Church that because . . . they are but poore I [*i.e.*, the Official] will discharge them of all the fees of the court if they will orderly performe such penaunce . . . as hath been injoyned them . . . ," but, that if the offer were contemned, "further measures as the law doth direct" would be used. At least four of the "lewde livers" went their way heeding nothing, and in 1612 they are noted as standing "auncientlie excommunicated." Again they were offered free pardon; again they were threatened.[1] By 1620, divers were excommunicated, but of whom the churchwardens professed to be ignorant; three years later they become positively curt; "whose names you knowe better than wee doe."[2]

The obstinacy of those who refused to be reconciled to the church was to a large extent influenced by the manner in which their churchwardens regarded presentments. None could be obtained from Banbury in 1616, neither would the churchwardens of King's Sutton do anything.[3] Active dislike to the official directions and to the manner of framing charges accounted in some measure for the opposition of parish officers. Churchwardens and sidesmen in London, 1640, complained of the articles of visitation and of the oath of presentment extracted from them.[4] But criticism of form cannot account for all neglects. Lack of unanimity among the churchwardens and sidesmen of Banbury must have emboldened those unfavourably disposed to the prescribed practice of the Church,[5] an easy going tolerance at King's Sutton encouraged belief that offences could be winked at; "the other churchwarden George

[1] *Archd. papers, Oxon*, c. 157, f. 117 and 137.
Cf. King's Sutton, 1622. Mr. John Leake has stood excommunicate for two years, not accepting absolution though tendered by the Ordinary. p. 296.
[2] pp. 215, 218. [3] p. 211.
[4] W. A. Shaw, *Hist. of the English Church* 1640—1660, 8. [5] p. 209.

Jennings is a good fellowe & will not willingly present any thinge,"[1] and self interest operated powerfully to conceal things amiss. "The churchwardens (*sic*) have refused to confeire with me abowt presentments, as beinge the towne miller lothe to offend any of them . . ."[2] It is clear that the policy of the normal churchwarden was to let sleeping dogs lie. A presentment was regarded by those unfortunate enough to be mentioned, as a personal injury; a churchwarden served but for a year, and when his victim took office the paying off of old scores was not unnatural. Thus although the vicar of Cropredy urged the presentment of those who worked on a saint's day "yet this seemeth to be concealed, whereby y^{t} resteth an encouragement to dyvers to comytt like defawltes[3]; " and a Buckinghamshire minister was unable to move his churchwardens to report "those that do rudely depart from the Church, before the sermon and praier is ended . . ."[4] Suspicion is aroused that the naive "we cannot define a blasphemer swearer or drunkard "[5] cloaked an unwillingness to bring neighbours into trouble.

Some churchwardens neglected to bring in a bill at all,[6] but the majority preferred to preserve a show of compliance: with tongue in cheek they wrote "All well." Even the personal appeals of the Archdeacon availed nothing at the end of the seventeenth century. "It hath been my constant practice in all Visitations to examine the Church-wardens one by one . . . Whether there be any in their Parish that absent themselves from the Church, . . . And I have frequently extorted from them the Confession, that there are several such in their respective Parishes, yet have always found them so obstinately bent against putting them into their Presentments, that notwithstanding what I said to them about Oath or

[1] p. 288. [2] p. 162. [3] p. 246.
[4] *Archd. papers, Bucks*, c. 230, pinned to folio 45 (1633).
[5] p. 294,
[6] The churchwardens of Dorchester had not brought in a bill for the last two visitations; those of Warborough for the last. *Oxon*, c. 81, f. 17 (1667).

Duty, I have not yet been able to prevail."[1] To the conscientious there was something terrifying about the situation. An explicit oath, which concerned the honour of God and religion, which if broken would bring evil consequences to the violator, was systematically ignored in a Christian nation. It was astonishing and unaccountable.[2] Presentments, contrary to express directions of the canon, were not carefully considered reports : they were written in a disorderly manner at the very place of visitation : they were a farce, a " form and ceremony."[3]

But wholesale condemnation of churchwardens does not furnish the entire explanation of their attitude. The authorities themselves received blame for their casual treatment of cases presented : a presentment " as things now stand (1709), will do no man any great hurt, and that neither he (the churchwarden) nor the offender will scarce ever hear of the thing after the Paper is put into Court."[4] And this state of affairs was directly attributed to class legislation. The poor could " pass with impunity, tho' they have been duly presented."[5] From humble folk the fees due to the Court could not easily be obtained : the correction of moral offences was desirable ; to cover the cost of the proceedings was even more desirable. Hence " in regard they are very poor people, the officers of the Ecclesiastical Courts take no notice of them."[6] With regard to the more able such considerations were of no consequence :

[1] H. Prideaux, *A circular letter to the clergy of the Arch-Deaconry of Suffolk*, 1692. (p. 35 of *Directions to Church-Wardens*, 1704.)

[2] Gibson, *Of Visitations*, 90–91.

[3] Gibson, *op. cit.* 75. For support of this statement cf. :—

Burcot, 1680. " Nothing to present but what was presented last Court," and Drayton, 1682–3. p. 151. Note the manner in which the form of the Thame presentments deteriorates after 1683–4. Only two churchwardens instead of the four, sign. No signatures are appended in 1685. Observe the dialect in No. 188.

[4] Johnson, *Clergy-Man's Vade Mecum*, 1709 ed. 276. E.g. Women were presented for having had bastards at Benson in 1759 and 1761–65. There are no relative entries in the Act Book.

[5] R.E.G. Cole, *Speculum Diœc. Lincolniensis*, 1705–23. (*Lincs. Rec. Soc.*) 180.

[6] Cole, *op. cit.* 180.

There was a temptation for the churchwardens also to be indulgent. " If he is prosecuted he will run away, and leave his Family to the Parish." Johnson, *op. cit.* 274.

a penance was demanded, or, it was hinted, a commutation would not be unfavourably considered. And heavy sums, as much as £20, were asked; for though "I writ to a certain Person to be content with Five pounds . . . nothing could be abated."[1] Moreover an obscurity veiled negotiations for commutations, which was disliked; the "court keeps us in ye Dark about all such matters."[2] The result of these oscillations between the neglect and the rapacity with which ecclesiastical judges were accused, was held responsible for the low esteem in which the jurisdiction was held: churchwardens were discouraged from making presentments: the pious were offended.[3]

With such opinions prevailing, it is not to be wondered that those who framed presentments against parishioners were liable to some degree of unpopularity. "Because it is not easie to bring the Churchwardens who are old men to a right understanding of their duty I send you the enclosed presentment" wrote the minister of Shrivenham in 1713. "Yet I beseech you Sir, let the churchwardens have no trouble because their presentment was not made as it ought to have been. If they have any trouble on that account I shall have a great deal of clamour about my ears . . ."[4] That is the explanation of a good deal of the indifference complained of. By the beginning of the eighteenth century an increasing number were becoming intolerant of presentments made to ecclesiastical courts. There was "not a Spirit in the English people to put the Penal Laws against Vice in execution . . . and if a set of the Primitive Fathers were to rise from the dead, and sit Judges in the Bishops' Consistories, yet how could they exercise Discipline without evidence or Information[5]?"

[1] Cole, 179. [2] Cole, 181.

[3] Cole, 180 and cf. *ibid*, 182, "I see no encouragement . . . for ye Churchwardens so solemnly to oblige themselves to do it (i.e. present). In my parish, both Incest & Polygamy, tho' duly Presented, have pass'd to all appearance unpunished."

[4] *Archd. papers, Berks*, c. 132, Shrivenham pres., 1713.

[5] Johnson, *op. cit.* 274.

Following the perfunctory presentments, and the literary evidence, it is not an illogical deduction that ecclesiastical discipline was a thing of nought by the eighteenth century. Yet it is easy to over emphasize its decay. If excommunication was not "deemed a real curse,"[1] why should penance have been performed at Dorchester in 1746, why should a Benson woman as late as 1772 acknowledge her error in the traditional manner, why should a Lincolnshire man in 1721 when enjoined a public penance have been "almost craz'd about it ?"[2] It is suggested that the mental condition of the penitent might in some cases supply the answer; the ultra conscientious, the over anxious, the sub-normal, could be intimidated or induced to submit.

The fact remains that an ecclesiastical censure could still inspire respect: it was still a force where applied with some vigour. In the peculiar of Southwell, which embraced seventeen Nottinghamshire parishes, it was being fully exercised in the middle of the eighteenth century. Between 1750 and 1754, at least ten penances were performed; from 1760–1769 the number was thirty-four; in the next decade twenty-one, and during the period 1780–1789, six.[3] Between 1760 and 1769, not less than twenty-one penances were performed in a white sheet, but the next decade witnessed only six such manifestations of penitence. The remaining fifteen were performed in "usual apparel," and could not be described as public, being before the minister, and the churchwardens or two substantial inhabitants. In nine instances the penance was performed in a private house. During the period 1780–1789, the only public penance enjoined was commuted.[4]

[1] J. Johnson, *A collection of all the Ecclesiastical Laws*. Courtney's Constitutions, 391, Note e. Discussing *Ipso facto* excommunication he says, "this was a Point of great moment, while excommunication was deemed a real curse."

[2] pp. 46, 136. Cole, *ibid*, 183.

[3] From schedules of penances preserved at Southwell Minster. All save one were ordered for incontinency.

[4] The last white sheet in this peculiar appears to have been at Woodborough, 1778.

Here is a state of affairs in violent contrast to that prevailing in the Oxfordshire peculiars, or, as a matter of fact, to conditions in the archdeaconries of either Oxfordshire or Berkshire. Is it explicable only by reference to ancient rights and ancient immunities? For the peculiar of Southwell was an entity not only in religious but as regards civil administration, and the particularly intimate connection which had existed for centuries between the two forces was sufficient to make the mandate of the Vicar-General a reality indeed in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and to maintain the effectiveness of ecclesiastical jurisdiction in the eighteenth century. It was then a tradition that penances were performed in the peculiar, and so far as can be discovered, from the point of view of the inhabitants, this was no anomaly and prompted no resentment. But how far was this condition, or that of the Oxfordshire peculiars abnormal? That is a question which cannot be answered until the records of various jurisdictions have been individually examined. This we can say with some amount of certainty, that by the closing years of the eighteenth century the correction of scandals by the ecclesiastical authorities was expiring: by the early Victorian period, for practical purposes it was dead.[1] In 1845 the inhabitants of a certain village were affronted by the incestuous intercourse of a man and

[1] Results of some interest might be obtained by a development of the thesis that the rise of the clerical justice of the peace reacted unfavourably upon the continuance of ecclesiastical discipline in the eighteenth century.

The statutory limitation of ecclesiastical jurisdiction as noted by F. Makower, *Constit. History of the Church of England*, 451–6 should be observed. E.g.

27 Geo., iii. c. 44 (1787). Suits in ecclesiastical courts for anti-nuptial fornication abolished, if the offenders were lawfully inter-married. No suits could be commenced for incontinency or brawling at the expiration of eight calendar months after the offence committed.

53 Geo., iii. c. 127 (1813). Excommunication for all cases except in definite sentences or interlocutory decrees, having force of definite sentences, and pronounced as spiritual censures for ecclesiastical cognizance, shall be discontinued (sec. 2). That is, excommunication ceased to be a punishment for contumacy or contempt.

20–21 Vict. c. 77 (1857). Jurisdiction of ecclesiastical courts in testamentary causes and probate transactions transferred to civil courts.

Ibid. c. 85. Jurisdiction in matrimonial matters concluded.

31–32 Vict., c. 109 (1868). Compulsory church rates abolished.

woman. In despair the churchwardens presented the case to their archdeacon, who "forwarded the presentment to the bishop, who replied "that the law must take its course." The archdeacon advised the rector to consult his Official . . . as to how he should proceed. The rector did so, and reported thus to the archdeacon : "He says he cannot advise us how to proceed. Modern alterations in the law have rendered it impracticable, if not altogether impossible legally to convict even the most notorious offenders." And so the case ended."[1]

[1] *English Church Canons*, with notes by the Rev. C. H. Davis, 135.

A few public penances were performed in the second third of the nineteenth century, some of which were duly chronicled for the gratification of the curious. Cf. *Annual Register*, 80 (1838), 165. "A woman did penance at Walton Church by order of the Ecclesiastical Court, for defaming the character of her neighbour. The white sheet, however, was not enforced. It is many years since such an occurence took place."

Notes and Queries.

5th series, xii, 58. A white sheet at Liverpool, 1840.

Vol. 27, 405. Penance performed at Ditton, near Cambridge, 1849.

Vol. 49, 58. Penance at Tirling, Essex, *circa* 1850.

7th series iv, 469. A man performed penance for a libel at Wakefield, 1850.

5th series, xi, 377. A penance at Chester, 1851.

6th series, vi, 166. A public penance at All Saints', East Clevedon, 1882. This latter case from whichever side it is examined, presents curious psychological problems.

CHURCHWARDENS' PRESENTMENTS

FOR THE

DORCHESTER PECULIAR.

MARSH BALDON.

Bodleian Library. Oxfordshire Archdeaconry Papers. Oxon. b. 64.[1] *Folios* 4 *and* 5 *incomplete.*

6. March Balden.
Presentment made the vith of March Ano dni : 1622. nothinge amisse.
Humfrey Hunte Thomas Adkines.

7. Anno Domino [*sic*] 1623. marche the 2.
We whose names are heare under written do present Mr. John young gentleman for three Ratements for three yeard lands ocupying of M^{r}. John Attertons land one Ratement at xii^{d} the yeard lands one more at iij^{d} the yeard lands and one more at iij^{d} the yeard lands which some in iiij^{s} vj^{d} presentted the 2. of march by me ffrancis Quatermayne
and Antony bond his marke Churchwardens.
(*Endorsed* In Dorchester March balden presentment.)

8. A presentment made by the Churchwardens of March Baldon y^{e} 4th of Octob^{r} 1623.
Imprimis concerninge the 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9. Articles all things be well.

[1] The presentments are written on papers which naturally vary considerably in size. They have been mounted on guards and bound, though occasionally the order is not strictly chronological. In a few instances a presentment referring to one parish has been inserted with those relating to another parish. "When a new Archidiaconal registry was built in Oxford, the whole mass of Archidiaconal papers was transferred with the consent of the Archdeacon of Oxford to the Bodleian, in 1878." *Summary Catalogue of Western MSS. in the Bodleian Library, v.* 157. I am indebted to Dr. H. H. E. Craster for this reference, and also for the following information. "The churchwardens' presentments then transferred to Bodley are for parishes in the archdeaconries of Oxfordshire and Berkshire only. The Buckinghamshire archdeaconry records were transferred from Aylesbury to this Library in 1914."

concerninge 10 : and so to the 28th likewise.
concerninge the 29 and so to the 46 we finde nothinge amisse.
concerninge the rest of the Articles all things in good order.
Anthony Bond ffrancis Quatermayne Churchwardens.

9. March Balden Anno domin 1624 maye the 29.
We whose names are heare under written do present Mr John Young gentleman for three yeard lands that ocupieth of Mr Attertons land lying within our parish of Marsh ballden for fower severall Ratements (to our Church —*int.*) the on at xiid the yeard lands and the other at xviijd the yeard lands which some cometh to ixs.
Anthony Bond and ffrancis Quatermayne.

172. Dat decimo quarto die Maii 162. . . . rch balden.
Wee present that all things are well concerning the Church and Church yarde. Soe likewise concerning the Clergie. And concerning Ecclesiasticall Courtes. And concerning Schoolemasters we have none. ffor a Clarke we have one sufficient. And for our parishioners they live orderly and well.
ffrancis Quatermayne and Anthony bond.
Churchwardens.

11. March Baldon. presentment made ye eight of July 1623.
All is well as farre as we knowe.
Antony bond churchwarden. Thomas Adkines churchwarden.

10. At the visitacon 3° die Novembris : Ano dni 1625.
Wee the church wardens of March Balden doe present Mr. John (Younge—*int.*) for refusinge to paie Ratemts for three yearde lands, twoe, or three yeres, wch money cometh to Nine shillings.
Also I the said ffrancis Quaterman doe present John Beenam for not paying for the woolls of Thirtie sheepe Tith.
Also I present Willm Beenam for refusing to paye (tith—*—del.*) for one tithe lambe & half a score of Sheepe.
ffrancis Quatermayne Anthony Bonde.
(*Oxon. Archd. papers. Oxon, c.* 158. *Liber Actorum, Dorchester.*
f. 5. 26 Nov. 1625. John Beenam makes affidavit that he has paid, whereupon he is dismissed.

f. 23. 15 May 1626. Francis Quaterman appears and states that Beenam has satisfied him. 3s. 6d. paid.)

12. The presentment of March Baldon the 4th day of May 1663.
Imprimis we present Simon Barnes & William Sharpe for not paying the taxe rated upon him 3s. [for ye repaires of ye parish Church made April last . . . *indec.* . . . land sithin . . . of tythes soe rated—*added in another hand.*] Item we present John Walker for not repayring his mound of the Church-yard. Item wee present Richard Tramplat for not Receiving the Sakrement And wee present An tramplatt for not Receiving the sakrement. Easter last videliz. Eius examinacio capt. 6 junii 1663.
Henery Waker and William Long Church wardines.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 293. 14 Dec. 1663. Simon Barnes and William Sharp cited and did not appear. Case continued.
f. 288. 4 May 1663. John Walker says "that he hath not made a wall or mound unto the Church yard at Marsh Baldon belonging unto him & the land in his occupacion uniforme to the rest of the mounds there." Is given to Pentecost next to make the repair.
f. 291. 24 Dec. 1663. Richard Tramplat was warned on 5 June last to receive the sacrament in the parish church of Marsh Baldon at the feast of Pentecost following and to certify the same.)

13. 10 Junii 1663. This is to Certify that Richard Trumplet & his wife received the Communion in March-Baldon-Church on Whit-Sunday last being the 7th of June 1663.
Ita test. John Huxtable Minister ibid.

14. The presentment of the Church-wardens of March-Baldon Sep 30. 1667.
Wee present William Walker & Anne his wife for not coming to Church.
Item wee have sufficiently repaired the Church according to order.
John Huxtable Rector ibid. Henry Walker Samuell Howse.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 316. 30 Sep. 1667. William Walker and his wife cited, but not appearing, were pronounced contumacious. William Walker excommunicated.)

15. The presentment of the Church Wardnes of March Ball[den]. May the 17th 1669.

William Wallkar[1] and his Wife[2] for not receiveng the Communion : goodwife Cllevar[3] the wife of John Cllevar for Not receving the Communion.

Henery Oakley[4] for not receving the Communion. William[5] fferyman for not receving the Communion.

Thomas Pearce John Wakar.

Emanavit citatio 1.2.3.4.5. Septembr. 1669°.

16. The presentme [*sic*] of the Church Wardines of March Balldwin : September the 13th 1669.

Wee Present William Wakar and An his Wiffe for Not coming to Church.

And wee Present The Wiffe of John Cllevar for not Coming to Church.

Thomas Perc and William Long. Church Wardens. (*Oxon. Archd. papers. Oxon. c.* 160. The wife of John Cleever excommunicated.)

17. The presentment of the Church-wardins of March Baldon. April 14. 1670.

Imprimis we present William Walker[1] and his[2] wife for not comming to Church & receiving the Communion at Easter.

Item we present Jone[3] Cleaver for not coming to Church & receiving the Communion at Easter.

Thomas Pearse William Long. Church-wardens.

Emanavit citatio 1.2.3. 1° Octo. 1670°.

18. 10 October 1670.

Wee present William Walker & his wife Anne Walker for not comming to Church.

Wee present John Cleaver for not coming to church.

John Huxstable Minister. William Long John Cleaver Church wardens.

19. 26 May 1671.

Imprimis we present William[1] Sharpe for not paying the taxe to the Church being six shillings. Item we present Joane[2] Cleaver for not comming to Church.

Emvt. cio. 1.2. 26 Augusti 1671°

John Huxtable minister. William Long John Cleaver Church wardens.

20. 11 September 1671.
Wee present Joane Cleaver for not coming to Church nor receiving the Communion at Easter nor any other time.
John Huxstable minister. William Long And John Clleaver Church Wardenes.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 337. 11 Sep. 1671. Cited, and not appearing, excommunicated.)

21. 18 April 1672.
Wee present Jone Cllevar the wife of John Cllevar for Not Coming to Church.
John Huxtable Minestor. William Long and John Cllevar.

22. 19 September 1672.
Wee present Jone Cllevar the Wife of John Cllevar for Not Coming to The Church.
Thomas Perc and William Long Church Wardines.

23. 13 October 1673.
We present Jone Cllevar[1] Wife of John Cllevar for Not coming to Church And for not receving the Holly Comunen At Estar last past.
Thomas Perce and William Long Church Wardines.
Emanavit citatio 1 : 11 Aprilis 1674°

24. 18 May 1674.
Wee have Nothing to present our Church is in good repaier And all things are very well at the present. We present Jone Cllevar for not receving the Comounion at Estar last.
William Long Thomas Pearce.
Emt cio 5° Septemb. 1674°.

25. 14 September 1674.
Wee present Jone Cllevar for Nott Coming to Church And for not receving the Comunion and wee have Nothing Elc to present at the present.
Henery Wakar And William Long. John Huxtable Minister.
(*Oxon. Archd. papers. Oxon. b.* 81. *f.* 27. 14 Sep. 1674. cited.)

(*f*)

26. 26 May 1675.
Wee present Jone Cllevar The wife of John Cllevar for Not Coming to Church And for Not receving The Holly Comounion at Estar last.
Henery Wakar and William Long Church Wardines.
Emanavit citatio pro 1.

27. 27 September 1675.
We present Jone Cllevar the wife of John Cllevar for not coming to Church And for not receving the Holly Comounion.
Henery Wakar and William Long. Churchwardins.

28. 8 May [? 1676.]
We present John Hoare, Joane Cleafer (the wife of John Cleaver—*int.*) for not Comin to Church.
Henery Walker Church warnes [*sic*].

29. 9 October 1676.
Wee present John Hore for not Coming to Church & we present Joane Cleafer for not Commine to Church.
Henery Walker Jeames Poulter Church warnes.

30. 30 May 1677.
March Balden presentments by y^e^ Church wardens of y^e^ Parish made at the visitacon held at Dorchester.
We present Joane Cleaver the wife of John Cleaver for not coming to Church.
We present John Hoare & his wife for not coming to Church.
We present Robert ffisher for not comeing to Church.
We present for not receiving ye Sacrament at Easter last nore since all ye persons above named.
Joseph Bampton. Rector. Henry Wakar James Poulter Church Wardens.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 390. John Hoare and his wife cited, and not appearing, were excommunicated.
f. 390. Joan Cleaver and Robert Fisher cited. Case continued.)

31. 23 June 1679.
Imp^r^ Wee present John Hoare and Elizabeth his Wife, Robert ffisher and Joane Cleaver wife of John Cleaver for not coming to Church for these 12 Moneths last past & for

not receiving the Sacram^{t} at Easter last.
Thomas Pearce James Poulter Ch. Wardens.

32. 22 June 1680.
Wee present John Hoare & Elizabeth his wife for standing Excommunicated for these 6 moneths last past. Wee present Robert ffisher Batchelor Joane the wife of John Cleaver Husbandman for not coming to Church for these 12 moneths last past & for not receiving the Sacrament at Easter last.
Thomas Pearce James Poulter Churchwardens.
Emanavit citatio.
(*Oxon. Archd. papers. Oxon. b.* 81. *f.* 35. 1681. Robert Fisher and Joan Cleaver cited.)

33. The presentment of the Church Wardens of March Balden in the County of Oxon made & Exhibited at a Visitacon held at Dorchester the 20th day of June Anno dni 1681 before the Rt. Wor^{ll} Thomas Bouchier D^{r} of Laws and Official or Comissary of the Peculiar Jurisdiction of Dorchester aforesaid.
Imprimis We present John ffowler for not paying of his Rate to the Church being 1^{s}–03^{d}.
We present Moses State for not paying of his rate to the Church being 5^{s}.
Witness our hands Thomas Pearce James Poulter Churchwardens.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 398 23 June 1682. John Fowler. Case continued.
f. 400. Solvit rat. ex relacione gardianorum.)

34. [*Endorsed in pencil*] An. 1682 June 23.
We present John Hore & his wife for not coming to Church, & for not receiving y^{e} Sacrament.
We present Jone Cleaver y^{e} wife of John Cleaver for not coming to Church, & for not receiving ye sacrament.
We present Robert ffisher for not coming to Church & for not receiving y^{e} Sacrament.
Jo: Bampton Rector. Thomas Pearce James Poulter Churchwarnes.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 400. 5 July 1683. Robert Fisher, case continued.)

35. 5 July 1683.
We present John Hoare & his wife for standing under

the sentence of Excommunication. We have nothing else presentable.

Thomas Pearce. James Poulter. Ch. Wardens.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 407. 30 June 1685. John and Elizabeth Hoare cited. No note of proceedings.)

36. [*n.d.* ? 1685]

We present John Hoare and his wife for not Coming to our paresh Church to heare devine Searvice and (for—*int.*) not receiveing the Sacrament.

We present Mary Cob for not coming to heare (our parish Church—*int.*—*sic*) devine Searvice and for not receiveing the Sacrament.

We present Thomas White and his wife and Richard Wiat and his wife for not coming to (heare devine—*del.*) receive the Sacrament.

(We present Thomas pearce and James Poulter Church-Warden for y^{e} yeare left for not giving in there accounts—*del.*)

We present our seats for (not—*del.*) being soch out repaier.

We present the ten Commandments the Lords prayer and the creed for being Veri dime and out of repaire.

Jos. Bampton Rector. Edmond Pislee John Howse Churchwardens.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 407. 30 June 1685. Richard Wyat's wife cited. Mr. Bampton informs the Judge that she and her husband received the sacrament last Easter and do duly frequent their parish church.

f. 407. Thos. White and his wife cited. No note of proceedings.)

37. 20 June 1692.

Wee present George Atherton ffor that he Refuse to pay fforty shillings to the poore wich his ffather gave by will Wittness our hands.

Will. Cheney. Will. Stacey. Churchwardns.

Emanavit citacio.

(*Oxon. Archd. papers. Oxon, b.* 81. *f.* 46. cited.)

38. 4 July 1693.

Item wee have nothing to present to the best of our knowlidge wittness our hands.

Tho: White Rob. Hawes Churchwardens.

39. 12 July 1695.
Wee present George Atherton for disturbing John Cawdwell Ten^{t} to Mr. Thomas King in the quiet possession of his seat in the Parish Church of March Baldon & for breaking of the Lock & keeping of the said John Cawdwell out of possession of the said seat (for these two moneths last past—*int.*) which said seat doth belong to the house & estate lately purchased by the said Thomas King.
John Cawdwell Churchwardens [*sic*]
In Hosp: 15 July 1695 coram D^{r} Bouchier (? *a word illeg.*) Geo: Atherton whom the Judge did inhibit & admonish not to sit any more in the said seat he having noe right thereto.

40. 4 July 1698. Wee have nothing to present to the best of our knowledge.
John Caudwell Thomas Pearce Churchwardens.

[*From 1699 to 1764 the churchwardens make no presentments in their returns.*]

92. 24 June 1765.
We the Churchwardens aforesaid do present Francis Yateman of Abingdon in the County of Berks. Possessor of certain Lands in the parish of Marsh Balden aforesaid for refusing to pay his just share or Portion to two Church Rates amounting to the sum of Eighteen shillings, and demanded of him the sd Francis Yateman in the year 1765 by the sd Churchwardens.
William Costar Jonathan Martin.

93. 26 June 1766.
Present M^{r} ffrances [*sic*] Yateman for not paying his Church Rates.
William Costar Hugh Wright.

94. 9 July 1767.
The Churchwardens present ffrances Yateman & James Baker for not paying there Rates.
Wm Costar Thomas Barnes.

95. 7 July 1768.
The Churchwardens of the parish aforesaid present that Mr. Frances Yeateman for non payment of 5 Church

Rates pd a Customd to be paid beyond the memory of man for such Portion of Tithe as the said Frances Yeatman enjoys in the Parish of March Balden amounting to £4. 14. 0.
Thomas Barnes.

[*From* 1770 *to* 1798 *the churchwardens make no presentments in their returns.*]

127. 29 August 1799.
Which Day appeared personally the said William Wild above mentioned and did by virtue of his Oath by him taken at his Admission into his office, declare That the parish Church of Marsh Balden as likewise the Chancel and parsonage House and Out-Houses are in good and sufficient Repair, and the Church yard well fenced. That the Cure of the said parish is duly supplied That he does not know any person within the said Parish who is guilty of Incest Adultery Fornication or any other notorious crimes, presentable by the Ecclesiastical laws nor hath there been any public Fame of such notorious Crimes committed within the said parish.
Excepting that Elizabeth Gardner Singlewoman Hath Been (lived—*int.*) in a State of fornication in the said parish and been delivered of two Bastard Children.
Wm. Wild.

[*Nothing was presented from* 1800 *to* 1834 *when the returns cease.*]

TOOT BALDON.

161. . . . *See Warborough.* 1669.

162. *After* 176.

163. [*Blank.*]

164. (*Endorsed* :—Toote Baldon presentment 1623.)
Item Master Yonge of Balden for (not—*int.*) Keeping a suffishante mounde in the Chearch yard in (toote—*int.*) Balden. Im. William Brock for his mound. Im. John Atherton for his mound. Im. the Chearchwardenes for the steile. Im. Henrye Gerame for his mound. Im. the Wedoe Chare for her mound. Im. Richard Coxe for

his mound. Im. [indec.] for a mound. Im. Grigorey Sharpe for his mound.

165. The presentments of Toot balden by ye Churchwardens of ye foresayd parish.

Imprimis wee present Mr Yonge for not comming to Church. Concerning all other Articles we Churchwardens doe finde all well.

William Knapp William Broke Churchwardens.

(*Endorsed* :—Toot balden presentment 1623.)

166. Anno domini 1623. The 4th day of October.

The presentates of Toot Balden by ye Churchwardens themselves.

Wee doe present & complayne that we have had noe prayers nor divine Service uppon Sunday beinge ye eight & twentyeth day of September 1623 (at morning prayer —*int.*) in whom ye fault was we knowe not. Eveninge prayer we had.

We churchwardens doe ioyntly with ye minister present Mr William Allen Parson of Tootbalden for not paying our curat his wages for the last yeare beying at Michaelmas last twelve pounds.

We say & affirme this as our minister certifieth us in wittnes hereof we putt our hands the day & yeare aboue written.

William Knapp William brocke

We having read ye book of articles throughly we could find nothinge presentable in the whole booke.

(*Oxon. Archd. papers. Oxon. c.* 161. *f.* 263.

The complaint of Morris Gryffyths minister of Tootebalden to ye right Worshipfull Mr Doctor Lloyd doctor of Lawes &c.

I am to acquainte your worshippe that Mr. Allen, parson of Tootbalden hath in a contemptible maner called me his servant in the churchyard before ye whole parish. Moreover alwayes when I demaund my wages of him then he forbids me to read prayers, tellinge me before Wittnesses that he is provided of another who will serve for foure pounds per ann.

furthermore I am to certifie your worship that I am constrained of necessity to receive my wages 2.3.5.7.10.6 sometymes by 20s seldome aboue which is a great hynderaunce unto me in dischargınge batles in ye colledge & debts due else where.

Hitherto uppon conditions I forgaue Mr. Allen Parson of Tootbalden xx^{s} which conditions he hath not perfourmed with me wherefore I humbly become a petitionary to crave your worships favoure that you would be pleased to examine him uppon what conditions I forgave him that money.

When I was in Wales last, about two yeares ago hauinge obtained leaue of your registrar in your absence to be away for a certaine tyme which leaue your worshipp confirmed in Wales unto me yourself, being then there, Mr. Parson of Tootbalden in ye mean tyme payes my wages to others without my consent & leaues me behind for a half a yeare when I had indeed contended [*sic*] ye minister that read for me, Otherwise, the minister that read prayers for me had leaue of Mr. Allen Parson of Tootbalden to omitt prayers on ye Sabboth Day and when I came home from Wales he threatned me very much before ye whole parish that I should loose my place, by reason that there was no prayers at such tyme as he in my absent absent [*sic*] dispensed for prayers & bore him company all that day that should read prayers at a feast at Litlemore. Wherefore I become your Worships humble supplicant to reforme & redresse these abuses, if your worship think them soe.

Morris Greffyth.)

167. [1624 *pencilled.*]

We the Churchwardens of Toot Baldon having perused the booke of Articles doe find nothing therin worthy of presentment save only M^{r} Youngs seate w^{ch} was lockt (by him—*int.*) is broken up & by whome wee knowe not but we imagine that the Clarke can give some information.

William Knapp William Brooke Churchwardens.

168. [*Blank.*]

169. [1624 *pencilled.*]

Wee present one seate being locked up by M^{r} Young being in controverse betweene Mr. Younge and William Allin the dore of it was poled up by whome we knowe not.

Wee present one mound ether M^{r} Athertones or Robert Spindler but which of them shoulde make it, we know not.

170. Toot Balden the third of November 1625.

We the Churchwardens of Toot Baldon doe answere & make our presentment unto the booke of Articles as followeth viz,

Concerning our Church and Churchyard.

Imprimis we present unto you that our Church our Chancell & our Churchyeard are in sufficient reparacons. Mr. William Allen is our Impropriat parson. our Church is not prophaned, Church books sufficient we have except Bp. Jewells works which we will provide, Church Ornaments we have, Userpers we have none.

Concerning the Clergie.

Item we present unto you that we have prayers duely read, fastings warned, Children are Catechised when they are sent, lectures we have none, Conventicles none & unto the rest of the fifteene articles we say all well.

Concerning the Ecclesiasticall Courts we know nothing to the contrary.

Concerning Schoolemasters we have none.

Concerning the parish Clarke we have one sufficient & all things well.

Concerning the parishoners & others of the layty being 26 articles we knowe nothing to the contrary & therefore we say omnia bene.

William Knapp William Brocke Churchwardens.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 8. William Knapp and William Brocke cited for not providing the works of Bishop Jewell.)

171. (*Endorsed* :—Dorchester presentments prohibited [*sic*] 15 May 1626.)

Wee the Churchwardens of Toot Balden according to a booke of Articles delivered unto us and having read over the said booke doe finde nothing therein to be presented. but whereas we are bound to have B. Jewells works, we desire earnestly, that we may be freed a little longer untill such time, as our Churchstocke be better increased, & our minister doth thinke that there is no such extraordinary use in him, and that he is contented for a time & so we say omnia bene.

William Knapp William Brocke Churchwardens.

172. [*Inserted after f.* 9.]

173. The presentment of Toot Baldon the 4th day of May 1663.

We present Martin[1] Winceter for not paying (William Lewis the parish Clark—*int.*) the Clarkes wages (being 4d a yeare for 12 yeares last past sm. the whole 4s—*int.*)

We present the said Martin Winceter (and lettice his[2] wief—*int.*) for not coming to Church (to heare divine prayers—*int.*), we present the said Martin & Lettice (his wief—*int.*) for not receaving the Sacrament at Easter last past nor since.

Signum Thomas Adkins Signum Guiliellmi Milleship.

Emanavit citatio 1.2. 28 Novembris 1663°

(*Lib. Act. f.* 293. 14 Dec. 1663. Lettice Winslow excommunicated.

Martin Winslow cited. Case continued.

f. 294. 13 May 1664. Martin Winslow cited and did not appear. Judgement reserved.)

174. 30 April 1666.

Imprimis wee present John[1] Hitch (& Martha—*int.*) his[2] wife for . . . Church (to heare devine prayers and for . . . last nor since—*int.*)

Item wee present Anne[3] . . . servant for not receiving the Sacrament at Easter (last past nor since—*int.*)

Item wee present George[4] Knappe & his wife[5] for not comming to Church (and for not receiving the holy Communion at Easter last nor since—*int.*)

Item wee present Martin[6] Winslowe & his wife[7] for not coming to Church (to here devine prayers and for not [receiving] ye holy Communion at Easter last past nor since—*added in different hand.*)

Thomas [R]oberts Churchwarden.

Emvt [1.2.3]4.5.[6.7.] 24 7mbris 1666.

(*Oxon. Archd. papers. Oxon. b* 81. *f.* 16. 26 April 1667.

John Hitch, George Knappe, Martin Winslowe and their wives cited.)

175. 30 September 1667.

Wee present Martin Winceter & Lettice his wife for not comming to Church.

Item wee present George Knappe & Margaret his wife for not comming to Church.

John Huxtable minister ib. Thomas Winter Richard Sharp.

176. [*n.d.*]

Wee present Marten Wencloe and Letes his Wiffe for not coming to the the [*sic*] church.

Likewise Wee Present Gorg Knape and And [*sic*] Margat his Wife for Not Coming to Church.

Thomas Cllinkard Richard Sharp.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 318. George Knappe excommunicated.)

162. [*n.d.*]

Wee present Martin Wincelow and his Wife as also Margaret the Wife of George Knappe for not coming to Hear Divine service.

William Long Thomas Clinckeard Church-Wardens.

177. 9 April 1668.

Imprimis Wee doe Present Martin Win. . . (and his wife—*int.*) for not Coming to Church and not Reciv . . . The holy Communion (at Estor last Past nor sinc—*int.*)

Itim Wee do Present Gorge Knap and his wife for not Coming to Church and not Reciveing The Holy Communion at Estur Last Past nor sinc.

Itim Wee doe Present Thomas Adkins for shoting up the Law Path that his the way to Goe from Toot baldin to march baldin and the way to goe from March baaldin [*sic*] to Toot baldin That being the Church way.

Thomas Winter and Richard Sharp Church Wardnes.

178. 17 May 1669.

Martin[1] Winceter and his wife[2] for not coming to church and receiving the Communion. George Knappe[3] and his wife[4] for not Comming to Church & receiving Communion. Thomas Kempe[5] for not receiving the Communion.

Thomas Clinkeard Richard Sharp Church-wardens.

Emanavit citatio 1.2.3.4.5 Septemb. 1669.

179. [? 14] April 1670.

Wee doe present Martin[1] Winceter & his[2] wife for not comming to Church & receiving the Communion at Easter.

Item we present George[3] Knappe & his wife[4] for not comming to Church & receiving the Communion at Easter.

Thomas Clinkeard Richard Sharpe churchwardens.

Emanavit citatio 1.2.3.4 1° Octo. 1670.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 330. 14 Apr. 1670. Martin Winchester als. Wenslow pronounced contumacious. Letitia Winchester, case continued.)

180. 10 October 1670.

Imprimis we present Martin Winceter & Lettuce his wife for not coming to Church.

Item we present George Knappe & his wife Margaret Knappe for not comming to Church.

Thomas Clinkeard Thomas Winter Church Wardens.
John Huxtable minister.

181. 26 May 1671.

Imprimis wee present William Walker [and his] wife for not comming to Church. Item wee present Martin Winceter and his wife for not comming to Church. Item wee present George Knappe and his wife for not comming to Church.

John Huxtable minister.
Thomas Clinkeard Jonathan Keate Churchwardens.

182. 11 September 1671.

Wee present William Wallker and Ann his wife for not Cominge to Church.

Wee present Marten Wensloe and Letes his wife for not Cominge to Church.

Wee present George Knap and Margrett his wife for not Cominge to Church.

Wee present John Aingle for not Receivinge The Sacrement.

(The grave of Thomas Wenter beeinge not Covred when wee came from whom—*del.*)

Wee present Elizabeth Winter ye widow of Thomas Winter for not covering the grave wherein y^e^ body of hir said husband which was buried in y^e^ body of the said parish Church of Toote Baldon. (it is since covered—*added.*)

John Huxtable minister.
Tho. Clinkerd Jonathan Keate C. Wardones.

183. 18 April 1672.

Wee present William Walker and Ann his wife for not Comminge to the Church. Wee present George Knap and Margrett his wife for not cominge to the Church. Wee

present Martin Wenslow and Letes his wife for not cominge to the Church.

John Huxtable minster. [*sic.*]

Thomas Clinkerd Jonathan Keate churchwardns.

184. 19 September 1672.

We present Martin Winslow & his wife for not Comin to Church. We present William Waker and his wife for the same. We present George Knap & his wife for the same.

John Long John Knapp Church wardenes.

185. 22 May [1673].

Wee present William[1] Waker & his wife[2] for not Comin to Church. Wee present George[3] Knap & his wife[4] for the same. Wee present Martin[5] Winslow & his wife[6] for the same.

John Long John Knapp.

Emanavit citatio 1.2.3.4.5.6. 16° 7^{mbris} 1673°.

186. 13 October [1673].

We present William Waker[1] & his Wife[2] for not coming to Church. We present Martin[3] Winslow & his wife[4] for the same. We present George Knap[5] and his wife[6] for not comin to Church. We present William Tebats for not repaiereing the church Mound blonging to the Church yard of Toott Balldwin.

John Long John Knapp.

Emanavit citatio 1:2:3:4:5:6:7: 11° Aprilis 1674°.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 344. William Tebats says " That at the ffeast of St Michaell Tharchangell last past the mounds of the Church yard being six foot or there abouts w^{ch} belongeth to this examinate to be repaired and that about three days since it was sufficiently repaired as the Churchwardens of the said parish at this Court did then Testifie quam confessionem eius dominus accepit . . .")

187. 16 May 1674.

We presen William[1] Waker & his wife[2] & Martin[3] Winslow & his Wife[4] & George Knapp[5] and his Wife[6] for not Resevein the Cummunion. We present Elizebeth Clarke[7] for not Reseveing the Communion at this Easter last past.

John Long John Knap Church warles [*sic*]

Emanavit citatio. 1.2.3.4.5.6.7. 5° 7^{mbris} 1674°.

188. 14 September 1674.

Wee present William Wakar And his Wife for not Coming to Church Wee present Martin Winslo and his Wife for not Coming to Church. Wee present George Knape and his Wife for not Coming to Church. Wee present Ellesebeth Cllark for Not receving the Communion.

John Long John Knapp Church Warnes.
John Huxtable Minister.
(*Oxon. Archd. papers. Oxon. b* 81. *f.* 28.
William Wakar, Martin Winslo, Gorge Knape and their wives cited. Eliz. Clark is not mentioned in the citation.)

189. 26 May 1675.

We present Martin Winslow & his wife and Gorge Knapp & Marget his wife for not resevein the Sacriment at Easter last past.

We present the wideo Mary Clark & William Clarke & Eliesebeth Clarke for not Resevein the Sacriment at Easter last past.

Wee present William Tipittes and Ann his wif for not Resevein the sacriment at Easter last past.

John Long John Knapp Churchwarnes.
Emanavit citatio pro 9.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 351. 27 September 1675. William Tippittes cited and case continued. His wife excommunicated.)

190. 27 September 1675.

Item we present Martin Winslow & (Lettice—*int.*) his wife, Gorge Knap & (Margarett—*int.*) his wife, William Tapites & (Ann—*int.*) his wife, for not Reseving the sacriment at Easter last.

John Knapp & John Brock Church Warnes.
Emanavit citatio.
(*Oxon. Archd. papers. Oxon. b* 81. *f.* 29. 1675.
All cited. Ann Tapites excommunicated. William Tapites case continued.)

191. 8 May 1676.

We present George Knapp & Marget his wife for not comin to Church. We present Martin Winslow & his wife for not comin to Church.

John Knapp John Brock Churchwarnes.

192. 9 October 1676.
We present Martin Winslow & Letis his wife for not resevein the Sacrement at Easter.
We present Gorge Knapp & Marget his wife for not resevein the Secrement at Easter.
We present Elezibeth Clarck for not resevein the Sacrement at Easter last.
John Knapp John Brock Church warnes.

193. 30 May 1677.
We present George Knapp & Margarett his wife for not comeing to Church. It Martin Winselow & Lettice his wife. It Willm Tippets & Anne his wife. It Elizabeth Clarke.
We present for not receiving the sacrmt all the persons above named.
John Knapp John Brock C. wardens.

194. 13 May 1678.
We present George Knap & his wife for not coming to Church.
We present Martin Winslow and his wife for not coming to Church.
We present for not receiving y^{e} Sacrament all ye persons above named.
John Brock Richard Clinckard Church Wordnes.

195. 23 June 1679.
Imp. concerning our Church and Church mounds and all other things belonging to our charge wee say that all is well to the best of our knowledge so that wee know nothing at this time presentable.
John Holmes Minister.
Richard Clinkeard John Brock Churchwardens.

196. [We]e the Church Wardens Overseers of the Poore and others of the Inhabitants and Parishoners of Toot Baldon in the County of Oxon Do hereby certify unto whom it doth or may concern That by reason wee have no Minister resident in the said Parish wee are at great charge and trouble to gett one to bury the dead in the said Parish. And when any of the Parishoners aforesd. are sick and in a Languishing Condicion they can have no Minister to Visit and Administer the Sacramn^{ts} to

them by the reason aforesaid So That it is their earnest desire and request That they might have a Minister resident or neer the said place.

Witness our hands the two and Twentieth day of March 1679.

Richard Clinkeard senior John Brock Church wardens. William Long Richard Clinkeard jun. Overseers. Thomas Clinkeard. Thomas Clinkeard jun^{r} John Knapp George Anderson John Bowell Giles ffowler John Scarlett Richard Clinkeard Thomas Adkines.

Mr. Greeneway,

If Mr. Bampton minister of March Baldon desire a Licence to serve y^{e} Cure of Toote Baldon, he performing requisites thereunto Let a licence be made to him for y^{t} purpose.

Martii 27. 1680. Tho : Boucher Official.

197. 22 June 1680.

Wee present Martin Winslow and Lettice his wife George Knapp & Margarett his wife Richard Knapp Baker & [*blank*] his wife John Knapp Batchelor for not coming to Church for these 12 moneths last past & for not receiving the Sacrament of the Lords Supper at Easter last.

Phanuel Bacon Minister.

Richard Chincott [*sic*]. John Brock.

(*Oxon. Archd. papers. Oxon. b* 81. *f.* 15. All cited.)

198. 20 June 1681.

Imprimis Wee present John Yates Butcher & Richard Knapp Baker & John Knapp husbandman for not coming to Church to hear divine Service for these 6 Moneths last past & for not receiving the Sacram^{t} at Easter last.

Phan : Bacon minister.

Richard Sharp George Anderson Church Wardens.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 398. 23 June 1682.

John Yates cited and not appearing, excommunicated. Richard and John Knapp appear. " Gardiani doth allege the said Rich. doth now come duely to his parish Church unde Dominus dimisit eum ab officio et " *ends.*)

199. (1682. June 23—*pencilled.*)
Wee present Henery Rushill for not Receveing the Sacrament the last yeare.
Phanuel Bacon Curate.
George Anderson Richard Sharp C. wardens.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 400. 5 July 1683. Henry Rushill cited and case continued.
f. 403. 23 June 1684. Appears and acknowledges the presentment to be true. Warned to receive the sacrament at the feast of Easter next, and to make certificate of the same.)

200. 23 June 1684.
Wee have nothing presentable within our Parish to the best of our knowledge.
John Clarke. Thomas Adkins C.W.

201. 15 July 1690.
Item our Church and Chansell and Church Mounds are in good Repaire and wee have nothing nothing (*sic*) to present.
John Knapp Richard Sharp C.warens.

202. 29 October 1690.
Wee present Mr. Richard Jennens of Long Wittenham in the County of Berks Esq[r] Impropriator of the Parsonage of Toot Baldon aforesd for not provideing an able Licenced Minister to supply (& serve—*int.*) the Cure there which has not been duely served for these severall Moneths Last past nor by any Licenced Minister since Mr Bacon went away which is about a year & a halfe since as wee beleive. Witness our hands
Richard Clinkeard George Anderson Churchwardens.

203. 20 June 1692.
Wee present John Napp and Richard Sharp that they Refuse to Repaire the Church R[ailes] witch belongs to them to Repaire it, . . . lands.
Rich. Clinkerr George Anderson Church wardens.
(*Oxon. Archd. papers. Oxon b* 81. *f.* 46. cited. 1693.)

204. 4 July 1693.
Item wee present Andrew Baker for not Repareing his mound in ye Church yeard of Tootbalding wee haue

nothing else to present to our knowledge wittnes our hands.
Ed. Wise William Mount Church wardens.

205. 4 July 1698.
Wee have noething to present to the Best of our knowlidge.
William Long Rob. ffeneymoore. Churchwardens.

206. 27 June 1699.
Nothing presentable. William Long Robt. ffenimore.

[*From* 1700 *to* 1721 *the churchwardens make no presentments in their returns.*]

223. 16 July 1722.
We present Mr. Yeatman if he doth not mend ye Chancel Windows before Mich^{s} next.
William Clarke Richard Sharp.

[*From* 1723 *to* 1764 *the churchwardens make no presentments in their returns.*]

256. 25 June 1765.
We present the Chancel and Church in bad repair.
Thomas Cox John Cox.

257. 9 July 1767.
The Church wardens of the parish aforesaid present that all is well except that there have not been any duty done in the parish Church for these Twelve Month but that the Souls of the Parishioners there are wholly neglected and that the Impropriator is Mr. Francis Yateman.
Witness our hands John Wild.

258. [*Blank.*]

259. 7 July 1768. [*Nothing presented.*] John Fruin.

260. 27 July 1769.
The Church Wardens of the Parish aforesaid present that we have had no (Church—*del.*) service. Nothing more presentable.
Richard Clinkard John Foster.

261. [*Blank.*]

262. 8 July 1771.
The Church Wardens of the parish aforesaid present that We have not any Duty done at our Church.
Jos. Athearton Robert Field.

263. 6 July 1772.
The church wardens of the parish aforesaid present that there has not been any duty done in the Church of Toot Baldwin for these three years last and upwards.
John Cox.

264. 13 July 1773.
The churchwardens of the parish aforesaid present that there is no duty done.
John Cox.

265. 11 July 1775.
[The churchwardens present] that the Duty of the Parish is Totally Neglected.
Thomas Welch.

266. 8 July 1776.
[The churchwardens present] that we have no Clergyman and all other things are well.
John Fruin.

267. 4 July 1777.
[The churchwardens present] that we have no Suers Don in the Parish of Toot Balden.
William Fruin

268. 14 July 1778.
[The churchwardens present] No Duty at our Chapel.
John Foster.

269. 8 July 1779.
The church wardens aforesaid present that all is well except no minister.
Richard Clinkard.

270. 5 July 1780.
The church wardens aforesaid present that the Chapel

is in a Rewinus Cease and no Regeler Minister.
James Reeves.

271. 9 July 1782. All well. William Clinkard.

272. [*Blank.*]

273. 9 July 1783.
The Church wardens aforesaid upon their oaths present that the [*sic*] have no Duty.
Wm Clinkard.

274. [*Blank.*]

275. 8 July 1784. [*Nothing presented*] John Fruin.

276. [*Blank.*]

277. 28 July 1785. [*Nothing presented*] John Fruin.

278 [*Blank.*]

279. 28 June 1787. [*Nothing presented*] John Fruin.

280. 3 July 1789.
The church wardens aforesaid upon his oath present [*sic*] that no duty in the Church the mound Round the Church yard out of repare an windows of the Church.
Richard Clinkard.

281. 30 June 1789.
The churchwardens aforesaid upon his Oath present that All as Wells.
William horzlay.

282. 1 July 1790.
[*Nothing presented*] Wm. White.

283. 4 July 1791. All is well. Wm. White.

284. We do Alow and Nomitiate Jon Tanner to Bee Clark toot Balden
Richard Arthur Church warnd.

William White William Horsley Ruth Fruin William Fruin Richard Clinkard.
April 23rd 1792. the said John Tanner took the Oths of allegeance Supremacy and office before he was licenced before me.
J. Cox Surr.

285. 26 June 1792.
The Church Warden aforesaid upon his Oath presents that The Chancel Out of Rebare [*sic*].
Richard Arthur.

286. 27 June 1793.
The Church Warden aforesaid upon their Oaths Presant that we have no regelear Parson.
Wm Fruin the hold Church Warden.

287. 25 June 1794.
The Churchwardens aforesaid [present] upon their Oaths that alls Well Church want a few Tills.
Giles Broadwater.

288. 2 July 1795.
The Church warden upon his Oath presents that Chansel end out of Repare.
Giles Broadwater.

289. 12 July 1796.
The church warden upon his Oath presents That no minister.
Richd. Clinkard.

290. 22 July 1797.
The Church Warden upon his Oath presents That the Roof of the Chancel is fallen down, the Body of the Church is in the same repair it has been for some Years past, and all other things are well except part of the Mound of the Church Yard which is out of repair.
Wm. Fruin.

291. 5 June 1798.
The church warden aforesaid upon his Oath presents That Wee have No Regular Minister and that the Chansell Is Very Much out of Repair a few tiles off the body

of the Church and the mounds are out of repair and are begun [*sic.*] repairing.
William Fruin.
In a month admonished in writing. [*added*]

292. 16 July 1799. All is well. Richard Arthur.

293. 9 July 1800. All is well. Richard Arthur.

294. 7 May 1801. All is well. Richard Arthur.

295. 29 March 1802.
The churchwarden upon his Oath presents that the Parish Church of the said Toot Balden is far from being in a proper state of repair to answer the purposes of public worship—particularly in the Winter. Roof being ill covered—and the congregation being consequently so much exposed to the inclemency of the Weather that they cannot attend divine service there without endanger-their health. The Church is not likewise well provided with a Surplice [*or*] linen Cloth for the communion Table —nor a convenient reading Desk and Pulpit—& likewise a few rails around the Churchyard.
Richard Arthur.

296. 22 June 1803.
The Church Warden upon his Oath presents That the Church and Mounds be in Repaire (ing—*added in another hand*).
Richard Arthur.

[*From* 1804 *to* 1813 *the churchwardens make no presentments in their returns.*]

307. 16 August 1814. [The *4* has been deleted and *7* substituted in pencil.]
All well—*deleted*
The Church Wardens upon their Oaths present William Gardner the Church Warden for the year 1812 who refuses to make up his accounts as Church Warden and to deliver up the Parish Book. All other things are well.
Wm Fruin William White.

[*From* 1815 *to* 1834, *when the presentments cease, the churchwardens certify annually "All is well."*]

BENSON.

324. *Mutilated.*

325. We the Churchwardens of Bensington doe present unto you William Carpenter uppon suspition of a fame of Adulterie with Joane Coxe of Bensington. caetera bene.
The Inke of John Brasier the Inke of John Jacob.
Robert Greyson.
Wee farther presente the Chapter of Christchurch for not repairing of the Chancell of Bensington w^ch^ now lies ruinous & ready to fall unlesse some speedye course be forthwith taken. [*circa* 1620]

326. These are to Certefye you that there was no seate erected in our Church of Bensington but a Deske onlye & that by the appointed [*sic*] of the minister & twoe questmen in the absence of the churchwarden, who when he sawe it stand in a decent place gave his consent likewise.
Jo: Shurlocke minister. John Tabot Thomas Wiggin s^r^ questmen for Bensington. [*circa* 1620]

327. [*n.d. circa* 1620.]
A presentment made of the minister & Churchwardens of Bensington concerning the parrishioners & others of the layetye.
Imp^r^mis we present Richard ffoster for workinge on the Saboath dayes.
Item we present Thomas Phelp & Sislye Adames, Edward Nubery & Ann Adams for Committing incontinencye before their marriages togeather.
Item We present Thomas Mayowe the elder for a recusant & Thomas Buckland & [his] wife for not receiving the comunion at Easter.
Item we present Joan Coxe for not taking her pennance & contempt of our Minister in Contesting with him in time of Diuine prayers.
John Shurlock minister.
John Quelch Symon Browne Churchwardens.
Raph Quelch Tho: Holecrafte Sydemen.

328. [*n.d. circa* 1625].
A true presentment made by the Churchwardens of Bensington according to the booke of Articles.

Imprimis we present Joan Coxe for a Double act of incontinencye : Article 34.

(We present William Clark for delivering of our church goods—*deleted.*)

We present Humphrey Benson our Clarke for washing Sheepe on Snt John Baptist day 1622 as alsoe on that daye the yeare following.

We present Ralph Quelch for keeping the Churchland in his hand wth out any account made for ? ij yeares past.

Jo : Shurlock Curat.

The Incke of Jo : Brasier John Cotterill Churchwardens of Bensing.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 19. 14 March 1625.

Joan Coxe confesses " That she hath had a childe unlawfully begotten of which Mr. John Shurlock the Curat of Benson is the father whoe had the carnall knowledge of her body once only and that about three weeks before Michaelmas last was three years by the fires syde att her mothers howse in the night tyme when her mother was gone to bed, she concealed him hitherto, to be the father of her childe thoughe she was divers tymes examined thereuppon In regard that he the said Mr. Shurlock before and after the childe was begotten promised to marry her but he durst not doe it untill his father was dead. Dominus iniunxit ei penitentiam et monuit eam ad peragendam eandem iuxta formam schedulae ei nunc traditae et ad certificandum iuxta &c. Penitentia peragenda est die dominica proxima xix° die instantis Marcii &c. Deinde 25 die eiusdem mensis Marcii comparuit dicta Joanna et prestito per eam iuramento de peragendo &c. dominus eam absolvit.

f. 21. Officium domini contra Iohannem Shurlocke Curat de Benson . . . That there goeth a publique fame att Benson [and] att other parishes adioyning of incontinency betweene him and Joane Cox of Benson. fassus est huiusmodi famam laborare et obtulit se ad purgandum se ipsum in hoc casu et petiit se ad statim admitti ad probandam huiusmodi suam purgacionem et statim induxit Thomam Freman, Georgium Penny, Johannem Quelch et Johannem Cotterall vicinos dicti Shurlock habitantes apud Benson et petiit eos eius in hac parte compurgatores admitti quod dominus decrevit. Tunc prestito [*sic*]

per dictum Shurlock se nunquam carnaliter cognovisse predictam Joannam Cox, dicti sui Compuragtores iurati de eorum credibilitate &c. eundem Shurlock purgaverunt et desuper [dominus] eum sufficienter et pristine fame restituit quantum in eo est et desuper decrevit litteras testimoniales &c. et monuit eundem Shurlock quod abstineat ab eius consortio &c.

f. 27. 15 May 1626. Joan Cox. Dominus monuit eam ad peragendam dictam penitentiam die Iovis proxima et ad certificandum prox. post &c.

f. 33. 13 June 1626. Joan Cox, not appearing, was excommunicated.

f. 50. 28 September 1626. Comparuit dicta Joanna et petiit beneficium absolucionis &c. unde dominus eam absolvit &c. . . .)

329. 4 octobr. 1623.

A presentment veewyd by the Churchwardenes and Seidesmen of benson.

1 all is well 2 all is well 3 all is well. [*and so on to* 17.]

18 we present the Church for not being sufficientlie repayred.

19 all is well [*and so on to* 57.]

We present Thomas ffreman for receauinge certaine monies be it more or lesse being gathered to [the] Churches use one a Midsomer ale and we desire a trewe accounte.

We present Richard Wat wever for not payinge the rent of Cowpath due to the Church which is 2s.

John Cotterill Richard tuttie Ralph Quelch Edward Costord.

330. (19 May 1624—*pencilled.*)

We the Churchwardens of Bensington doe here present all those wose names are under written.

Imprimis Thom : Freeman, Edward Mountecute, Go. Quelch, Richard Parker & his wife & Edward Costard for not receiuing the Communion at Easter.

We present Georg Pennye for a recusant papist According to the 45 Article.

We present Richard Waterer for carrying a load of hay on newe years daye last Article 27 (*added*—also Hugh Surr on the sayd default and Art: 27:)

Richard Tuttye John Cotterell.

Wee present Joane Moore[5] for haueinge a Bastard (child and doth charge ffrancis Crooke[6] of our parish to be the father thereof—*added.*)

[Wee pres]ent John Aplegate[7] & Katherine Baker[8] for lyinge In bed together (three nights—*deleted*) (as common fame & report goeth—*added*)

John Arnold Edmond Prickett Churchwardens.

[Emanavit citatio 1.2.3.] 4.5 [?6.7.8] 13 Sep*bris* 1667°.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 316. Joan Moore, ffrancis Crooke, John Aplegate and Katherine Baker cited. Case continued. (30 Sep. 1667.)

f. 318. 9 April 1668. The above being cited and not appearing, were excommunicated.

f. 321. 14 Sep. 1668. John Applegarth denies " that he ever had Carnall Copulacon of the body of Katherine Baker widow and that he is innocent and guiltlesse." His compurgators, John Price butcher, Adam Larkin and Francis Mills victuallers, and William Cutler refuse to take their oaths to the matters subscribed. Whereupon he is pronounced deficient in his purgation and enjoined to perform a public penance in the parish church of Benson the 11th of October next.

Misc. Papers. Oxon. Archd. papers. Oxon. c. 160. *f.* 223.

To the Minister & Churchwardens of Bensington in the Countie of Oxon w*th*in the peculiar & exempt Jurisdicon of Dorchester in the said County of Oxon.

Whereas your parishioner John Applegath being detected upon suspition of fornication with one Catherine Baker widow & was called before me the Official of Dorchester and enjoyned his purgacion according to order of Law with fower of his honest neighbours and fayling in the same his purgation is taken as one convicted in the law and soe to be punished. These are to signifie unto you, that I have enioyned the said John Applegath open pennance to be donne in your parish Church of Bensington upon Sonday being the Eleaventh day of October next ensewing the date hereof in manner and forme following vizt. the said John Applegath shall come into the body of the said Church at the beginning of the confession at morning prayer the same day read where he shall stand in the middle alley or passage of the said Church where

he may well be seene & heard of the Congregacion having a large white linnen sheete round aboute him hanging from his shoulders to his ancles and a white rod in his hand bare legged bare footed & open faced shall pronounce and say immediatlie after the reading of the Epistle & Gospell at the said morning prayer, after the Minister as followeth vizt.

Good people I doe hereby before god and you all present acknowledge and confesse that for suspicion of fornication with Catherine Baker widow I was orderlie called and enjoyned my purgation according to order of Lawe and fayling in the same, and therefore am now worthily punished as a person by Lawe convicted of the same crime, I am now hartilie sorrie, that by my loose life and behaviour I have given cause, to this offence and scandall. And do desire God to forgive me, and you all heere present to take example by me, not to offend in the like, Saying as our Saviour Christ hath taught us Our father which art in heaven &c.

And the performance of this order is to be certified as well by thoath of the said John Applegath, as also under the hands of the Minister and Churchwardens of Bensington above named the next Court day then following at the usuall place & houres of the peculiar & exempt Jurisdiccon of Dorchester above named togeather with these presents dated the ffoureteenth day of September 1668.

Concordat cum Actis Curiae
Johannes Halloway Regestrarius.

[*Endorsed.*] Oct. 26: 1668:

This is to certifie that this order was read unto y^{e} therein named John Applegath (& it was by himselfe alsoe read) the fifth day of this instant, by one of ye Churchwardens of Bensington, & y^{t} y^{e} saide John Applegath did peremptorily refuse to yield obedience theronto: Given und^{r} o^{r} hands y^{e} day & yeare aboue written.

John Breech Curate John Jennings Edward ffreman Churchwardens.

f. 324. 7 May 1669. Katherine Baker performed her penance on the 25th of October 1668.

f. 325. 7 May 1669. John Applegath having refused his penance upon the 11th of October 1668, was excommunicated.

f. 327. Sentence of excommunication read in Benson Church 20 June 1669.)

334. 30 September 1667.

Impr. wee present Thomas ffreman & Allis ffreman wiffe to Edward ffreeman for a fame of Liveinge in content (*sic*).

It. we present the said Thomas ffreman and Margreat Allison wiffe to Henry Allison for Affame of liveinge Incontent.

John Jennings Edmond Pricket Churchwardens
Emanavit citatio 21 Martii 1667.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 319. 9 April 1668. Margaret Allison appears and denies, "yet notwithstanding this examinate confesseth that there is a common fame of incontinencie betweene this examinate & the said Thomas ffreman within the parish of Bensington & neighboure Townes thereunto adjoyning wch this examinate deenieth to be true et submisit se &c. Quam confessionem dominus accepit quantum &c. et iniunxit purgacionem canonicam cum 4 manu parochianorum virorum honestorum."

f. 321. 14 Sep. 1668. No compurgators appearing, she is pronounced deficient and a public penance enjoined.)

335. 14 September 1668.

We present Robert Hill[1], Robert Thorpe,[2] Roger Browne,[3] John Aplegath,[4] and Katherne Backer & John Trett[5] for not comeing to Church.

John Jennings Edward ffreeman Churchwardens.
Emanavit citatio 1.2.3.4.5/ 8 Maii 1669.

336. April 1668.

Imprimis Wee present Katherin . . . to John Aplegath for not . . . & for not receauing the . . .

It we present Robert Hill[3] for not . . . Church & for Not receauing the sacramt.

It we present Robert Thorp[4] for not comeinge to Church & for not receauinge the sacrament.

It we present Roger Browne[5] for not comeinge to Church & for not receauinge the Sacrament.

It Wee present Bridgett Blackalt[6] (& William Newman[7] —*int.*) for haveinge for haveing [*sic*] A Bastard Childe.

John Jennings Edmund Prickett Churchwardens.

Emanavit cio 1.2.3.4.5.6.7. 2 Septemb. 1668.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 322 14 Sep. 1668.

Bridgett Blackalt and William Newman cited. Case continued.

f. 328. 13 Sep. 1669. both excommunicated.)

337. 17 May 1669.

I present our Parish Church & y^e^ mounds of the Churchyard to be in good repaire.

I present John Applegath for not coming to our parish-church upon Sundayes and holy-dayes to heare Divine Service, & for not receiving the holy Sacrament at Easter Last past.

I present Katherin Baker for the like. I present Robert Hill[1] for the like.

I present John Bennet[2] for the like. I present Robert Thorp[3] for the like.

Edward Freeman.

Emanavit Citatio 1.2.3.. Septemb. 1669°.

338. [*Blank.*]

339. 13 September 1669.

Imp^r^ : we present Robert Hill[1] for not receiving ye holy Sacrament at Easter last nor since, & for not coming to his parish Church to heare Divine Service upon Sundayes & other holy-dayes.

It: we present John Bennet[2] for y^e^ same. It: we present Robert Sharp[3] for y^e^ same.

Edward Freeman Ralph Gibbs.

Emanavit citatio 1.2.3. 8 Martii 1669.

340. 14 April 1670.

Imprimis wee present John Bennet[1] for not receiving the Sacrament at Easter last, & for absenting himselfe from the Church upon Sundayes & other holy-dayes (for the space of twelue monthes last past—*int.*)

It: wee present Rob: Thorp[2] for the like. It: we present Roger Browne[3] for the like. It: wee present Rob: Hill[4] for the same.

Ralph Gibbs Edward Freeman Churchwardens.
Emanavit citatio 1.2.3. 1 Octob. 1670.

341. 10 October 1670.

Wee presente the widdowe bakear and John Apelgate here sarvante for not Cominge to Curch and for not Receuing the Sakrement at Easter (last past—*added*).

Wee present John Connote for not Receiuing the Sakriment a [*sic*] easter (last pase—*added*).

Wee present Robert Hill for not Coming to Curch & for not Receing the sakriment at Easter last past.

Ralph Gibes Edward Freeman.

342. 26 May 1671.

Imp: wee present Joane y[e] supposed wife of John Applegath for haveing a child before she was married, of which child she was delivered (as we remember) Januarie last.

Wee present (ye said—*del.*) John Applegath & Joane Baker for liueing together as husband & wife, haveing not showne any sufficient proofe that they are married.

Wee present Rob: Hill[1], Roger Browne[2], Rob. Thorp[3], Will: Martin[4], & his wife[5] for not receiueing y[e] Sacrament Easter last, & for not coming to Church upon Sundayes & other holy dayes.

Ralph Gibbs Edward Freeman Church-wardens.
Emanavit citatio 1.2.3.4.5. 26 Augusti 1671.

343. 2 September 1671.

Wee present Will: Martin & his Wife ; Thomas Penie, Rob: Thorp and Rob. Hill, John Applegath & Joane his wife, for not receiving the Sacrament att Easter last & for not coming to their Parish-Church upon Sundayes & other holy dayes.

Edmunde Stampe Griffin Harris Church-wardens.

344. 18 April 1672.

Impr: Wee present the Chuch [*sic*] of Bensington & all things belonging thereunto to be in good order & repaire.

It. wee present Rob: Thorp, Rob: Hill, Will: Martin, & Marie his wife, Kather: Baker ffor not coming to

Church upon Sundayes & other holy-dayes, and for not receiving the Sacrmt at Easter last.
Edmund Stampe Griffin Harris Church-wardens.

345. 19 September 1672.
Wee present the Church & all things thereto belonging to bee in good repaire.

Wee present Rob: Hill, Will: Martin & Marie his wife, John Bennett for not coming to Divine service upon Sundayes & other holy-dayes & for not receiving ye Sacrament Easter last.
William Barrett John Butler.

346. 13 October 1673.
Imp: wee present the Church & Church-yard & all other things thereto belonging to bee in good repaire & order.

It. Wee present Roger Browne[1], John Bennett[2], & Will: Martin[3] and Bartholmew [*sic*] for not coming to ye Church upon Sundayes & other holy-dayes & for not receiving ye Sacrament att Easter last, nor since.
William Barrett John Butler Church-wardens.
Emanavit Citatio 1.2.3. 11° die Aprilis 1674.

347. 14 September 1674.
Wee present the Church, Church-yard & all other things therto belonging to bee in good order & repaire.

Wee present Will: Martin, John Bennett & Roger Browne for not coming to Divine Service upon Sundayes & other holy dayes & for not receiving the Sacrament att Easter last nor since.
John Butler William Barrett Churchwardens.
(*Oxon. Archd. papers. Oxon. b.* 81. *f.* 28. 1674. *All cited.*)

348. 26 May 1675.
Impr. Wee present the Church of Bensington & all things there belonging to bee in good repaire.

It: wee Present Roger Browne, Rob: Hill, Rob: Thorp, John Bennett, John Applegate & Katherin Baker, and Will: Martin & his wife, for not receiveing the Sacrament att Easter, nor coming to Church, upon Sundayes nor other holy-dayes att the tyme of divine Service.

It: wee Present Solomon Collins & his wife Jane for Incontenancie before Marriage.

John Butler William Barrett. Church Wardens. Emanavit citatio pro 7.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 351. 27 Sep. 1675. Solomon Collins case continued. Jane Collins not appearing " Dns pronunciavit eam contumacionem sed ex gratia reservavit poenam in prox.")

349. 27 September 1675.

Impr. wee present our Church of Bensington & all things therunto belonging to bee in good repaire.

It: wee present John Arnold for not sending his Child to the Church to bee Baptized, & if it bee baptized for haueing it done by a non-conformist.

It: wee Present (Da. ffaukner &—*del.*) Eliza Arthur for a ffame of incontenencie.

It: wee present Thomas Embres for not baptizing his sonn.

It: wee present John Bennett, Rob. Mill, Roger Browne & Rob. Thorpe for not coming to Church upon Sundayes & other Holy-dayes & for not receiving the Sacrament att Easter last.

Barthol: Symes Richard Prickett Church-wardens.

350. 8 May 1676.

Wee Present the Church and all things therto belonging to bee in good repare & order.

Wee Present Tho: Embris & his wife, Will: Martin & his wife, John Bennett, John Smyth, Rob: Hill & his wife, Rob: Thorp & his wife, Roger Browne, Edw: Costord ffor not coming to the Church upon Sundayes & other holy-dayes & for not receiueing the Sacrament of ye Lords Super neither Easter last nor any tyme this yeare.

Barth: Symes Richard Prickett Church-wardens.

351. 9 October 1676.

Impr. wee Present our Church & all thing therto belonging to bee in good repaire.

It: wee present John Bennett, Roger Browne, Robert Hill & his wife, Robert Thorp & his wife, Thomas Embers & his wife for not Comeing to the Chur [*sic*] to Divine

Service & for not receiving the Sacrament att Easter last nor since.

Barthel Symes Richard Prickett Churchwardens.

352. 30 May 1677.

We present Robert Thorp, Rober Hill [*sic*], John Stevens, John Benett, William Martin, Thomas Embers &c. for not receiving the sacrament att Easter last, & for not coming to Curch in time of Diuine service ; We do likewise p[r]esent James Medes for cutting downe a (timber —*int.*) tree off the Church Land.

Richard Prickett Bartholomew Sims Church Wardens.

353. 14 May 1678.

Wee present Will: Martin & John Stevens for not baptiseing their children.

Wee present Roger Browne for a basterd Child begotten of y[e] daughter of Robert Thorp of Beake.

Wee present Tho: Emrise, John Bennett, Will: Martin, John Steevens, Roger Browne, Robert Hill and Robert Thorp for not frequenting Divine Service upon Sundayes & other holy-dayes & for not receiueing the Sacrament Easter last nor since.

Wee present y[e] Church & all things therto belonging to bee in good order & repaire.

Robert Pleasance Robert Hester Church-wardens.

(*Oxon. Archd. papers. Oxon. b.* 81. *f.* 33. 1679. Will. Martin, John Stevens and Roger Browne cited. *Lib. Act. f.* 390. Emriss, Bennett, Stevens, Hill and Thorp. Case continued.)

354. 23 June 1679.

Wee present for not coming to heare Divine Service on Sundayes & other holy-dayes & for not receueing the Sacrament Easter last nor since, Robert Thorp, John Thorp ju: John Bennett, Roger Browne, Will: Martin alias Bartholomew, John Steevens, [*blank*] Emries.

Wee present the said Roger Browne for not baptizing a Bastard Child which hee had by a whore whom hee keeps in his house as his wife.

We present the said Will: Martin alias Bartholmew John Steevens & [*blank*] Emeries for not baptizing their children.

Wee present Elizabeth Wheeler for having a bastard child.

Wee present y^e^ Church to bee in good repaire.

Robert Hester Robert Pleasance Church-wardens.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 372. 22 June 1680. Roger Browne in impregnando filiam Rob. Sharpe. Cited and not appearing, excommunicated.)

355. 22 June 1680.

Impr. wee present the Church and all things belonging to bee in good repaire & order.

It: wee present Will: Martin als Bartholomeu & John Stevens for not Baptizing their children. [*Marginal note* stands excommunicated.]

It: wee present Roger Browne, Robert Thorp, Thomas Martin als Bartholmew for not receiueing the Sacrament att Easter last nor since & for not coming to the Parish Church att the time of Divine Service upon Sundayes & other holy dayes.

Robert Hester. John Turner.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 372. John Stevens cited and not appearing, was excommunicated.)

356. 20 June 1681.

Wee Present the Church & all things therto belonging to bee in good repaire & order.

Wee Present Roger Browne, Robert Thorp, Thomas Martin als Bartholomew, John Bennett, (John Stevens—*int.*) & John Emrie for not coming to Divine Service upon Sundayes & other holie dayes & for not receiueing ye Sacram^t^ upon Easter last nor since & for not Baptizing their children, as to the last thing John Bennet is excommunicated : viz: Bapt. of Children.

John Turner Will: Gibbs. Church Wardens.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 398. 23 June 1682. John Stevens cited and not appearing, excommunicated.

Roger Browne, Robert Thorpe, Thos. Martin, John Bennett, John Emrie case continued.)

357. 23 June 1682 .

Wee present the Church & all things therto belonging to bee in good repaire & order.

Wee present Roger Browne, Rob: Thorp, John Steevens & Tho: Emrie for not baptizing their children & for not

frequenting y^e^ Church in y^e^ time of divine service & for not receiveing the Sacram^t^ Easter last nor since.

Wee present John Bennet for not receiueing the Sacrament Easter last nor since.

John Turner Will: Gibbs Church Ward.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 400. 5 July 1683. Browne, Thorp, Steevens and Emrie case continued.

f. 403. 23 June 1684. Roger Browne cited and not appearing, excommunicated.

Oxon. Archd. papers. c. 160. *f.* 61.

R. Thorpe excommunicated. [*Added*] mort. est.

J. Stephens excommunicated. [*Added*] conforms.

T. Emrie excommunicated. [*Added*] gone out of the Jurisd.)

358. 5 July 1683.

Wee have nothing presentable within our parish & wee know of but two or 3 dissenters who are already presented.

John Whicheloe Willm Gibbs.

359. 23 June 1684.

Wee present our Church & all things belonging to it to be in good order & repair.

Wee present Roger Browne for not coming to heare divine service nor sermon, sundayes nor other holy dayes; for not receiueing ye Sacrament of y^e^ Lords supper; for not haueing his children baptized; for clandestine marriage & incontinencie before marriage.

John Braysher John Franklin Church Wardens.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 407. 30 June 1685.

The wife of Roger Browne cited and not appearing, excommunicated. Roger Browne cited. *No note of proceedings against him.*)

360. [*Blank.*]

361. 20 June 1685.

We nothing presentable (*sic*) within our parish to the best of our knowledge.

Unsigned.

362. 5 July 1686.

. . . . . *illeg.* all things belonging unto it to bee in good repare & order. Roger Browne & [*blank*] his wife

(for clandestine marriage and for incontinence before marriage also—*del.*) for not . . . Sundayes and holy dayes & for not . . . the Sacrament Easter last nor since.
John Brasher Rich. P. . . . Churchwardens.

363. 4 July 1687.
Imprimis All is well & nothinge to present.
James Costard Thomas Emery.

364. 15 July 1689.
We presente our Church & church mounds in good Repayre and wee have nothing to present.
John Phelp Jeames Costard.

[*To* 1704 *the churchwardens have nothing to present in their returns.*]

373. 10 July 1704.
Imprimis. Wee present Tho: Emery of Preston Cromish for not paying the parish Clark his dues for ringing the Bell for his wife lately dead being 1^{s}.
Wee present Thom. Thorp of Roak Taylor for not paying the Clerk his wages for seauen yeares past being 2^{s} 4^{d}.
We present Tho: Potter of Roak for not paying the clark his wages for Nine yeares being 3^{s} 8^{d}.
Wee present Robt. Hill of Roak for not paying the Clark his Wages for these Nine yeares last past according to custome being 3^{s}.
Wee present Ann Meads for haveing a base Child & P [*blank*] Payne of Wallingford sonn of Richd. Payne for being the ffather thereof as is famed & reported within the parish of Benson & other places thereunto adjacent.
Witness our hands the day & yeare above written.
Edmunde Stampe Richard Prickard Churchwardens.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 450. Thos. Emery case continued. 15 July 1705.
Oxon Archd. papers. Oxon b. 81. *f.* 55. 1705. Thorp, Potter and Hill cited.)

374. 16 July 1705.
Wee present [*blank*] Wadsden of Berwick (in the parish of Chalgrove—*int.*) singlewoman for being delivered of a Bastard Child about two Moneths since.

We likewise present Tho: Hutchins als Gibbs of Benson for being the reputed father of the sd Child as the sd Wadsden hath made Oath before a Justice of peace & soe much was & is publickly famed & reported in the parish of Benson and other places thereunto adjacent.

Edmund Stampe Ch. Warden.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 450. 15 July 1705. Thomas Hutchins cited. Case continued.

f. 454. 27 June 1707. Cited. *No note of proceedings.*)

375. 15 July 1706.

Wee have nothing presentable within our Parish to the best of our knowledge.

Edmund Stampe. Thomas White Ch. W.

376. 27 June 1707.

Wee present Sarah King for haveing a bastard child (for which she hath done penance) and Edward Willings a Coachman for being the father thereof as the said Sarah hath made Oath thereof before Mr. Jennings of Shiplake one of her Majesties Justices of the Peace for the County of Oxon who then declared upon her oath that the said Child was got at Benson aforesd.

Edmund Stampe Thomas White Ch: W:

(*Lib. Act. f.* 453. 23 *Nov.* 1706 [*sic*]. Sarah King confessed. Quam confessionem eius Dns accepit. Public penance enjoined in Benson Church the 24th of November next.

Oxon. Archd. papers. Oxon. c. 160. *f.* 227. Penance performed.

Lib. Act. f. 460. 30 Aug. 1707. Willings ordered to purge himself with four hands at the next court.

f. 463. 14 June 1708. Failing to appear with compurgators, he is excommunicated.)

377 to 382. 1708, 1709, 1711, 1713, 1714, 1715. [*Nothing presentable.*]

383. 23 July 1716.

Wee present that the Roofe of the Body of our Parish Church Wants to be sealed and that the Walls within-side of our said church want to be cleaned & white washed.

Richard Prickett Edmund Stampe

Dominus monuit Guardianos ad reparandum intra festum St. Tho. px. et ad certificandum in proximam curiam.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 490. 19 July 1717. The churchwardens certify the repair of the church.)

384 to 387. 1717, 1718, 1719, 1720. Nothing presentable.

388. To the Right Wor[ll] Thomas Bouchier D[r] of Laws & Officiall or Comissary of the peculiar & exempt Jurisdiction of Dorchester in the County of Oxon or his lawfull Surrogate.

Wee the Minister and Churchwardens & other the Parishioners of Bensington within the said peculiar Jurisdiction finding it convenient to have more seats in the said Church of Bensington for the conveniencie of the Parishioners humbly desire to have leave to erect a Gallery at the West end of the said Church In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names this Eleventh day of June Anno Dni 1722.

Edward Smallwell Min[r]
James Costard Tho: Wilkins Church wardens.
John Phelp sen. Jno Phelp Jun[r]
Wm Rush Henery Meads Edmond Stampe Jon Bacheler sener Jon Pudbery Arthur Goodwin ye mark of will Hakings Robert Hewer William Newberry Robert Plesance Richard Pricket

End. 1722 . . . from North to South 19 foot from East to West 18.

389. [*Blank.*]

390 to 405 [1723 to 1748] Nothing presentable.

406. 3 May 1749.

The Church Wardens of the Parish Aforesaid present Martha Costard and Ann Bulton for being delivered of a Bastard Child each.

James Costard (Dorchester—*int.*) and Wm. Gosford (gone away)

Robert Lovegrove.

[*No entries in the Act Book concerning this presentment.*]

407 to 416. [1750 to 1760] Nothing presentable.

417. 11 June 1761.
The Ch. Wardens of the Parish aforesaid Present Henry Church of the Parish aforesaid for being the reputed Father of a Bastard Child.
Robert Lovegrove.

418. 1 July 1762.
The Church Wardens of the Parish aforesaid Present Mary Hester for having been deliver'd of a Bastard Child.
Robert Lovegrove.

419. 4 July 1763.
The Church Wardens of the Parish aforesaid Present all In Good Repair.
Sarah Adams for haveing been delivered of a Bastard Child.
Mary Brown for having been delivered of a Bastard Child.
Jno Shrubb.

420. 28 June 1764.
The Churchwardens of the Parish aforesaid Present one Bell out of repair. & The Following Women for having been brought to Bed of Bastard Children viz,
Elizth Winter of a Male Bastard Child.
Martha Hutt of a Male Bastard Child.
Jane Hicks of a Male Bastard Child.
Mary Stephens of a female Bastard Child.
Robert Lovegrove.

421. 25 June 1765.
The Church Wardens of the Parish aforesaid Present Mary Hester of Benson for being the Mother of Bastard Child begotten on her Body by a Person not yet named.
Robert Lovegrove. Rich'd Tovey.

422. 26 June 1766. *Nothing presented.* Robt. Lovegrove.

423. 9 July 1767.
The Church Wardens of the Parish aforesaid Present that all is well except Elizabeth Hunt single woman in the said Parish was lately deliv^{d} of a Bastard Child.
Robert Lovegrove.

424. [*Blank.*]

425. All is in Repair. John Wise. Robert Lovegrove.

426. 27 July 1769.
The Churchwardens of the parish aforesaid present Sarah Hester for having lately been delivered of a Bastard Child.
Samuel Long Curate. Robert Lovegrove.

427. 25 June 1770. all Things as usual Robert Lovegrove.

428. 8 July 1771.
The Church wardens of the Parish aforesaid Present that Joseph son of Anne Smith was born a Bastard, and the reputed Father John Clarke.
Taby Daughter of Elizth Langford was born a Bastard.
Robert Lovegrove.

429. 6 July 1772.
The Church Wardens of the Parish aforesaid Present that Sarah Hornblow sp^{r} hath been lately delivered of a Bastard Child.
Robert Lovegrove.
(*Oxon. Archd. papers. Oxon* 81 *b. f.* 94. 1772 cited. Misc. Papers. Oxon. *c.* 160. *f.* 225. Public penance enjoined. "To come into church at the ringing of the last peal for morning service, in a white sheet from her shoulders to her ankles, with a white rod in her hand." Performed.)

430. 13 July 1773.
The Church wardens present that the Tower is not finished.
Edw. Biggs. Timothy Pearce.

431. 11 July 1775.
The Churchwardens present that Ann prise, Jane Langford, Eliz: Bradley, Susannah Cottrel, Eliz: Hayward for bastard Children, and the Tower out of repair.
Timothy Pearce.

432. 8 July 1776.
The Church Wardens aforesaid present that The Church

and Tower out of Repair Sarah Beacon Ann Price Elizabeth Langford Elizabeth Bradley Suzanna Cotteril Elizabeth Howard Jean Leaver for Basterd Children.
Timothy Pearce Edward Butler.

433. 4 July 1777.
The Churchwardens aforesaid present that the Tower is out of repair but shall be done as soon as conveniently may be.
Timothy Pearce Edward Butler

434. 14 July 1778.
The Church Wardens aforesaid present that the Tower remains unfinished.
Thos Harrard Thos Coles [*del.*].

435 to 486. 1779 to 1834. Nothing presentable.

NETTLEBED.

Oxon. Archd. papers Oxon. b. 65.
4. *After* 38.

5. *After* 17.

6. A presentment made by the Churchwardens of Nettlebed.
Imprimis we present our want of morninge prayer everie other Sundaye, and when we have noe prayers we goe eyther to Nuffield or to Bixe both which are within A mile and A quarter or thereabouts.
Item we present Henrie Sharpe for not cominge to Church in A quarter of yeare & upwardes.
Item we present the same Henrie Sharpe for not receivinge the Communion at Easter.
Item we present Joyce Bennett widdowe for not receivinge the Communion at Easter.
Item we present Marie Bennett for not receivinge the Communion at Easter. for other matters all is well.
John Willis Signum Jacobi Meedes churchwardens signum Richardi Rakestraw Sidesman. [*circa* 1620.]

7. A present made by the Churchwardens and Sideman of Nettlebed.
Imprimis we present our want of morninge prayer

euerie other Sundaye and when wee haue noe morninge prayer at Nettlebed wee goe eyther to Bixe or to Nuffeild both which are within a mile or there abouts.

Item for other matters all is well.

John Willis Churchwardens.

Signum Thome Hollowaye sideman.

8. The presentment of Nettlebed.

Impr. we present our want of morninge prayer euerie other sundaye and when we haue noe prayers we goe eyther to Bixe or to Nuffield both which are within A mile or thereabouts.

Itm we present Thomas Greene for the losse of the surplisse, because he received it from our minister & we sawe him noe more.

Itm for all other matter all is well.

Thomas Nolton Signum Richardi Parkins churchwardens

9. A true presentment of the Church of Nettlebed.

It. we have nothing at all to present

All things are in good repare.

Ellis Meere David Gasgooine Church wardens.

10. Nettlebed. Richard Webb Henry Dowglas Churchw: Tho: Weste Sidesman.

To the articles concerninge the Churche wee haue nothing to present that is amisse for ought wee knowe.

To the articles concerninge the Clergie : viz :

To the first we present That our Minister doth not reade prayers unto us each Sunday in the forenoone but every other Sunday, for he serveth twoe Cures every Sunday, and therefore every other Sunday we misse of our prayers soe that wee are compelled to travayle to other Churches to service thus the custome hath bine heretofore, w^{ch} wee desire may be reformed.

To nyneth article our Minister doeth use to preach, but he is not licensed. To the xxth, our Church is impropriated, Mr. William Stoner is our impropriat parson, The parsonage is thought to be worth yearly xx^{li} our Minister renteth it for x^{li} a yeare the rest he hath for his service.

The articles concerning the Layty.

To the 5 wee present that the wyfe of Tho: Eyres hath

abused our Minister Mr. Shepperd in her speeches which she spake of him that he was a divell and not a Minister, and that when he should die, he was such a troublesome man none should be troubled to bury him for the divell would fetch him away.

To the Sixt Jane Cooper wydowe is a popishe Recusant & never cometh to the Church as alsoe Richard her sonne.

To all the rest of the articles we have nothinge to present.

Richard Webb Henrye Duglose Church Wardenes.
Thomas West Sidesmane.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 11. Contra magistrum Richardum Sheppd. curatum de Nettlebed cum Pusell . . . for his excuse he doeth affirme That the use hath bine heretofore the cures being small and the Curats wages as slender, but he further confesseth that divine service being celebrated by him in the said Chappells but every other Sunday morning, the Inhabitants of that place where morning prayers are not read come not to that other Chappell where they are read neither doe they goe (as he beleeveth) to morning prayer that day to any other Church. Dns decrevit ad audiendam voluntatem in prox. et monuit dictum M^rm^ Sheppard ad interessendum in prox. ad videndum ulterea &c.

f. 18. 1626. Dominus monuit eum That from henceforth soe long as he contynueth being Curat of Nettlebed cum Pusill he doe officiat those severall cures duly & orderly according as the Canons and Lawes ecclesiasticall in this behalfe do require or yf he cannott of himself performe the Office of a Curat in both these Churches or Chappells in that due sort as he is bound by Lawe that he relinguishe one of those Cures and he is alsoe monished to appeare the next co^r^te day to certifie his performance of obedience to this order.

f. 27. The Churchwardens of Netlebed and Pusell certify " That the cure of Soules att both those places are now sufficiently discharged according to the order made the last Corte." (15 May 1626.)

f. 10. Contra Martham uxorem Tho. Eyres. Penance enjoined in the church of Nettlebed on the feast of St. Stephen next following, she being warned to furnish a certificate thereof.

f. 18. Not appearing, she was pronounced excommunicate.

f. 48. 28 September 1626. Comparuit et dominus eam absolvit. rec. 4^{s}.)

11. 27 May 1663.

Exhibit 20 Junii 1663.

These are to Certifie all whome it may concerne that we whose names are here under written Church wardens of the parish of Nettlebed in the peculer of Dorchester in ye Countie of Oxon have taken a new and made diligent inquirie of the parsonage of Nettlebed aforesaid.

And find it to be an impropriacion and belongeth to Thomas Stoner Esquier : who hath lett a lease of it to Doctor Tho: Bradley for a tearme of 21 yeares and doctor Bradley hath assigned it unto his sonn in law Daniel Godfrey, the whole parsonage is not worth above fortie pounds per annum & out of that there is paid to the king 3^{l} 14^{s}. a yeare quit rent & twenty pounds a yeare to the Curat. There is a house & some 8 acrs of land & a little tenement that belongs to it. Valued in all to be worth some 8^{l}. per annum. the ground is some of it wood land & some of it grasse ground it is bounded in with Mr Stoners land one the west sid & with a ground one the North west Sid Called busshes that belongeth Mr Warcupp and by the Common wood of Nettlebed one the other side. Mr. Daniel Godfrey liveth in the parsonage house and the tenement is lett to a poore woman at 1^{l} per annum /you must understand that the house & the land goes to make up the forty pound a yeare/

Her. Gibbons Thomas Nayler.

12. 6 May 1667.

the presentment of the Church wardens of the parish of Netlebed.

wee present Thomas[1] Amor and William[2] Coutts for not Receauing ye Communion

Wee present Mr[3] Batssen for reading prayers and teching of Skoole with out orders or lisence as fare as wee know.

John ffisher James Meades.

(Emvt cio 1.) 2.3. . . . 1667°

13. 30 September 1667.

All are well for the Parish of Nettlebed, and presentments are none (& that all things are well within the parish —*added.*)

John Fisher Robert Gomme church wardens.

14. For Nettlebed.

We certify that John Buttler and William Willis his wife did receive the Communion May the 24th 1668.

Ita testamur Robert Gomme Robert Child Churchwardens.

15. 14 September 1668.

The Presentments of the Parish of Nettlebed are none.

Ita testamur Robert Gomme Robert Child Churchwardens.

16. A presentment made by the Church Wardens of the parishe of Nettlbed from May 25th 1668 to May the 17 166 [*blank*].

We present that all things are well the Church in good repaire and nothing amisse as we can tel of.

Robert Gomme Robert Childs Churchwardens.

We present Mr [*blank*] ?Provoth for servinge the Cure of Nettlebed this this [*sic*] three moneths (last past—*int.*) or whether hee licenced or not we knowe not for to doe [*sic*].

the marke R of Robert Gomme

the marke Q of Robert Childs Church Wardens.

17. The presentments of the Church Wardens of Ne[ttlebed] *n.d.*

Impris the church & church yard is in good repare.

Item we have nothinge to present to the best of our knowledge but that all things is well.

Robbart Chalese.

5. [*n.d.*]

Our church is in goode repaire and church mounds, and all the people of our parish come dewley and orderly to Devine service.

Wm. Thomas Minister

Will: Sarney Richard Bond Churchwardens.

19. 1671.

We have read the Book of Articles and as far as wee can find wee have nothing to present for our Church and all things thereunto belonging are all in good repaire and everything in its place are very well and further our Church yard and Church railes are soficiently kept—and nothing annoying or abusing it, and likewise we have noe person in the parish but what doth keepe ye Church as well as any persons under the heavens therefore all is well,

Dauid Gasquone Ellis Meare Churchwardens.

20. 1671.
We have read the Book of Articles and as far as we doe know and can find we have nothing to present for all Inhabitants that are in our parish are constant kepers of theire Church and our Church and all things therin contained vid. the Books Surplis Carpets, and all things without the Church vid. the Church Railes, Are all in good Repair, as far as we doe Know and according to our oaths all is well.
Devereux Bellinger Minister
David Gasquoin Ellis Meare Church Wardens..

21. [*Blank.*]

22. 11 September 1671.
Our Church is in good repaire and all the mounds about it and all things elce as far as we can find anie thing to the contrarie.
David Gaskins Elias Meeres Churchwardens.

23. 19 September 1672.
Willmus Sarney Robertus Brooks Presantant omnia bene.
Guard. de Nettlebed.

18. 13 October 1673.
Church is good repaire with the Mounds thereof and all is well.
Robert Brookes William Sarney Churchwardens.

24. A presentment made by the Church wardens of Nettlebed from the 25 of March 1673 unto May the 18th 1674.
The Church is good repaire [*sic*] with the bounds thereof and the parishioners observe and are Constant to divine Service and receving the Sacrament.
William Sarney Robert Brooks Church Wardens.

25. 22 May 1673.
All things Concerning the Church is well wee have nothing to present
per us The mark of Rob brooks
The mark of Willm Sarny.

26. 14 September 1674. Omnia bene.
John Seamar Robert West.

27. 12 September 1674.
The Church and Church yeard are in good repaire wee have nothing to present at present.
per us Robert West John Semor Churchwardens.

28. 27 September 1675.
Wee present that our Church & Churchyard is in good repaire neither doe we know of anything presentable within our parish.
The marke of Robert West John Seymour his marke Churchwardens

29. 9 October 1676.
Our Church is in good repaire. Recusants—None.
[*unsigned*]

30. A presentment Made by ye Churchwardens of Nettlebed from March ye 25th 1676. to May ye 30th 1677.
Our church is in good repaire and all come orderly to Divine service and ye sacrament for these six moneths last past and all things are well.
William Sarney Richard Bond. Churchwardens.

31. 23 June 1679.
Wee present and say that wee have noe settled Minister with us et al. Omnia bene.
The marke of Ralph Russell. The marke of William Sarney Ch: Wardens.

194. 22 June 1680.
We present our church in good repair with all other things thereunto belonging in good order by us.
Hic.(*sic*) Salesbury Minister.
Ralph Russell Will. Sarney Churchwardens.

32. 17 June 1681.
Wee present William Sarney Kilman for setting upp of a house of Office just against our Chancell Doore which is a great nuzance to the Church & for spoyling the Church yard Mounds wth his Bricks & durt which he throws upp against the Mounds.
Wee present the same William Sarney & Martha his wife for not receiving the Sacrament of the Lords Supper

at any time this last yeare nor since as we know of.
Witness our hands
John ? Wollen The marke of John Lewis. Emt cio.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 398. 23 June 1682. William Sarney cited, and not appearing, excommunicated.)

33. 23 June 1682. Nothing presentable. John Lewis.

34. 5 July 1683. Nothing presentable. John Lewis.

35. 23 June 1684. Nothing presentable. John Lewis William Harding.

36. 5 July 1686.
Imprimis Wee present our Tower for being much out of repaire & desire time may be given to us for the repairing thereof.
Wee present John Tovey for not paying his Rate made about Easter last for and towards the repaires of the Church being 2s. 6d.
Wee have nothing else presentable within our parish to the best of our knowledge.
Witness our hands.
The marke of Zachary Newman Thomas Brooks his marke. Dominus monuit novos Gardianos ad reparandam Turrem citra ffest . . .
(*Oxon. Archd. papers. Oxon.* 81 *b. f.* 41. 1687. John Tovey cited.)

37. 4 July 1687.
Nothing to present. Tho: Brooks Joseph Midgley Church Wardens.

38. 15 July 1690.
Item our church and Chansell and church mownes are All in Good Repayre.
Item wee present Mary Sarney ffor being delivered with A male child and not giveing where shee were maried.
Item wee present Bengamin Moone and Mary Sarney for Liveing together as man and wife and not shewing there sertificate where they wase maried.
Witness our hands Robert James Thomas Wixson.
Emt cio.

4. [*n.d.*] The presentment of the Churchwardens of Nettlebed that they have nothing to present but the Cherch and Chappell is in good repaire and omne bene.
Robert Chillis Ellis Meere.

39. 4 July 1693.
Item wee present John Toovey senr for Refusing to shillings and six pence towards the Church rate.
W[*sic*] have nothing else to present wittness our hands
Robert Barnes churchwardens.

40 to 50. 1698 to 1709. Nothing presentable.

51. 4 July 1710.
We present Andrew Hollyman for not paying his Church rate being (the sume of 3 shillins 0:3:0 *added.*)
The mark of John Lues. Edward Meades.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 472. 23 June 1711. cited, and not appearing, excommunicated.)

52. 28 June 1711.
Nothing presentable. John Luce.

53. 22 June 1713.
Our Church is in good Repere and all other things belonging to our office have been duly executed and wee haue nothing to present.
John Lewis Thomas Steunes Churchwardens.

54. 21 June 1714. Nothing presentable. Thomas Stevens.

55. 12 July 1715.
our Church and All things is in very Good Reper but wee present John Touey for not Paying the Church wardens Reat.
John Lewis. Thomas Steuens. Churchwardens.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 486. 23 July 1716. paid the rate.)

56 to 60. 1716 to 1721. Nothing presentable.

61. 5 September 1723.
We present John Lucy Executor of Ralph Lucy his brother deceased for not putting up a Clock in the Parish

Church of Nettlebed according to his last will & testament.
William Farmer Richard Buckbridge Churchwardens.

62. 30 June 1725.
Nothing to present. Wm. Howse Churchwarden.

63. 14 July 1726.
Wee present our Churchyard Mounds for being very much out of repaire.
Wee also present the Chancill for being much out of repair & Richard Wade for not repaireing the same he being bound by his Lease to Repaire the same.
Wee present the Pulpit & Reading (Pew—*int.*) for being much out of repaire.
Joseph Clarke.
The Judge doth admonish the said Clark to repaire the Ch: Yard Mounds & pulpit & reading pew by the ffeast of all Sts next & to certify thereof at the next Court.

64. 3 July 1727.
Wee present the Mounds of our Church yard for being much out of repaire and that we doe not know at p^{r}sent the names of the persons that are to repair the same but when we doe we will present them for not repaireing their shares or parts.
Joseph Clarke William ? Springe.

[*The following are the only complaints registered by the Churchwardens in their presentments from* 1728 *to* 1834.]

78. 7 May 1746.
The Church Wardens of the Parish aforesaid present James Mead William Butler William Thomas Joseph Addaway William Jonson David Andrews y^{e} younger

	£	s	d		£	s	d
pd James Mead ..	0	1	6	pd William Harman	0	0	4½
pd William Baker	0	3	6	pd William Jonson	0	0	3
pd William Thomas	0	0	4½	pd David Andrews	0	1	6
pd Joseph Addaway	0	0	4½				
					0	2	1½
						5	9
	0	5	9		0	7	10½

for not paying theire Church Rates.
John Holding John Lewis.

88. 14 July 1756.
The church yard gate out of repair.
John Gom Francis Willing.

92. 12 May 1761.
The Church Wardens of the Parish aforesaid present John Seymour of the Parish of Nettlebed aforesaid for being the reputed Father of a Bastard Child and Mary White alias Gillingham.
Robert House.

95. 11 July 1761.
The Church Wardens of the Parish aforesaid present John Seymour of the Parish aforesaid for being the reputed Father of a Bastard Child begotten on the Body of Mary White otherwise Gillingham of the same Place and the aforesaid Mary Gillingham for being the Mother of the said Child.
Wm. Butler Robert House.

94. 1 July 1762.
The Church Wardens of the Parish aforesaid present John Seymour for having a Bastard Child but am not certain whither Maried or not.
J. Mattingly The Mark of Robt Parker.

105. 8 July 1771.
Mary pokoke for Having a Bace Born Child.
Archubald Hunter Henry White.

134. 16 July 1799. The present Minister Mr. Phillips is not Licenced.
Edwd. Sarney David Knight.

165. 22 July 1823.
The Church under a repair. Ralph Willis.

PISHILL.

163. A presentment made by the Churchwardens of Pissell.
Imp^{r} we present our wante of prayers everie other Sundaye and when we have not prayers we may goe eyther to Bixe or to Swincombe both which are within A mile and A halfe or therabouts.
for other matters all is well.
Signum Johnis. Gomme Edwardi Breemer Churchwardens. [circa 1620]

164. A presentment made by the Churchwardens of Pissell.
for the Articles concerninge the Church and churchyarde all is well.
for the Articles concerninge the clergie all is well.
for the Articles concerninge the Ecclesiasticall courtes all is well.
for the Articles concerninge Schoolmasters all is well.
for the articles concerninge the Clarke all is well.
for the Articles concerninge the Parishioners and others of the Laytee all is well.
Signum Johannis Gomme Willelmi Heath Churchwardens.

165. A presentment made by the Churchwardens of Pissell.
Imprimis we present our want of prayers euerie other Sundaye and when we haue noe prayers at Pissell wee goe eyther to Swincombe or to Bixe, both which are within A mile and a half or theraboutes.
Item for all matters all is well.
Signum Willelmi Blackwall Henry Quelch Churchwardens.

166. A presentment made by the Churchwardens of Pusill.
Imprimis we present our want of prayers euerie other Sundaye, and when we haue noe prayers at our owne Church we goe eyther to Swincombe or to Bixe both w^{ch} are a mile off or therabouts.
for all other matters, all is well.
Signum Prett [*sic*] Wright Henry Quelch Churchwardens.

167. The presentment of Pusill.

Impr we present our want of prayers euerie other sabboath daye, & when we want prayers we goe eyther to Bixe or Swincombe, both which are within A mile or therabouts.

for all others, All is well.

Signum Prettie Wright Henry Quelch Churchwardens.

169. [*Blank.*]

170. [*Endorsed in pencil*] 1623.

A presentment made by the Churchwardens of Pissell.

Imprimis we present our want of prayers euerie other sundaye & when we haue noe prayers we may goe eyther to Swincombe or to Bixe, both w^{ch} are wthin A mile and A half or therabouts.

Item for the 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9 and 10th Articles all is well.

[*And so on to the* 57th.]

Signum Edwardi Breemer Willelmi Blackhall.

168. [*n.d. circa* 1663–1665.]

A presentment made by the Minister and Church Wardens of Pusill in the Countie of Oxon.

William Crooke and his wife, John Gomme and his wife [Catharne—*added*] Tho: Hardwaie and his wife, Robert Adkins and his wife [Anne—*added*] these for not Cominge to Heare divine Service (for not receaving of the holie communion at Easter last past nor since & for not coming to church to heare divine prayers on Sundays and Holly dayes for these sixe moneths last past)—[*added in a different hand.*]

Edward Cluer, ffaith Hester, Margerie ffrisbee Recusants.

Tho: Johnson Minister.

Robert Carewe Tho: Cooper church wardens.

171. Pusill May 4. 1663.

The presentments of the parish of Pusill for refusing to Come to Devine Service or to receive the Communion at Easter last past 63.

John Gomme[1] and Kathrine his wife[2], William Croke[3] and his wife[4], Thos: Hardwell[5] and his wife[6], Robert

Atkins[7] and his wife[8], Michaell Phrisbee[9] and his wife[10], ffaith Hester[11] widdowe, Edward Cluer[12].

Tho: Johnson minister.

Robert Blackwell Roger Kibble Churchwardens.

Emanavit citatio 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.10.11.12. 28 No^{bris} 1663.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 292. 14 Dec. 1663.

John and Catharine Gomme, William Croke, Margery the wife of Michael Phrisbee, Faith Hester widow cited and not appearing, were excommunicated.

Anne Crooke the wife of Wm. Crooke, Thomas Hardwell and his wife, Robert Atkins and his wife, Michael Phrisbee and Edward Cluer case continued.

f. 294. 13 May 1664. Thomas Hardwell and Michael Phrisbee cited, and not appearing, were excommunicated.

f. 294. Edward Cluar case continued.)

172. 1667.

We present those following for not coming to divine service and for not receiving holy Communion the last S . . . [indec.]

Imp^{r} William Crooke and his wife, John Gomme and his wife, Tho: Hardwell and his wife, Robert Adkins and his wife, Edward Clewer, Margerie ffrisbee.

Robert Carewe Churchwarden.

173. A presentment made by the Church Wardens of Pusill from March the 25. 1667 to October the 9th 1667.

We present for not Coming to the sacrament these 6 moneths last past and to Divine service

John Gomme Katherine his wife, William Crooke Anne his wife, Robert Adkins Margerie his wife.

John Lewis Richard Ford Church Wardens.

174. 14 September 1668.

We present for not Cominge to the Communo: this last Easter past and to devine Service nor the yeere before.

John Gomme Katherine his wife, Tho: Hardwaie Margrett his wife, William Crook & Anne his wife, Robert Adkines & his wife, Edward Clewer, ffaith Hester, Margerie ffrisbee.

Thomas Cooter Robert Kent churchwardens.

175. 25 March 1668 to 17 May 1669.

We present for not cominge to the Communion the last six moneths and to heare divine Service.

Imp[r] John Gomme and Katherine his wife, William Crook Anne his wife, Thomas Hardwaie Margrett his wife, Robert Adkins Anne his wife, ffaith Hester widowe, Edward Clewer recusant, Margerie ffrisbee.

Tho: Cooper Robert Kent Churchwardens.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 322. 14 Sep. 1668. William Crooke, Thos Hardwaie and his wife, Robert Adkins, Edward Cluer and Joan Gutteridge case continued.

f. 323. Catherine Gomme, Anne Crooke, Anne Adkins, ffaith Hester, Margerie ffrisby and Robert Kent cited, and not appearing, were excommunicated.)

176. 13 September 1669.

We present for not Coming to heare the Divine Service and not receiving the Sacrament

Imp: John Gomme and Katherine his wife, William Crook Anne his wife, Thomas Hardwaie Jane (*sic*) his wife, Robert Adkins Joane (*sic*) his wife.

Edward Clewer, ffaith Hester, Margret ffrisbee Recusants.

Robert Kent Richard Phillips Churchwardens.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 328. 13 Sep. 1669.

Wm. Crooke, Thomas Hardway. Margaret his wife, Robert Adkins, Edward Clover [*sic*], Joan Gutteridge excommunicated.)

177. 25 March 1669 to 14 April 1670.

We present for not Comming to Divine Service, and not receivinge the Communion (at Easter last past—*int.*) nor this six moneths last past John Gomme & Katherine his wife, William Crooke & Margerett his wife, William Adkins Anne his wife, Tho: Hardwaie Marie his wife, Edward Clewer, ffaith Hester wedowe, Magerie ffrisbee wedowe for the like.

We present Joseph Hunt[1] for a fame of incontinencie (and for begetting of a Male Childe on the bodie of the only—*int.*) daughter of Tho: Burneha[rd] of Britwell in the countie of Oxon and upon her deliverie being chargd with it who was the ffather of the same child she did confesse that Joseph Hunt was the only ffather in

the present of sufficient neighbours that were att her travaile.

Robert Kent Richard Phillips Churchwardens.

Emanavit citatio /1/ 1 Oct^{bris} 1670.

178. 25 March 1670 to 26 May 1661 [*sic*]

We present for not cominge to heare divine service and for not receivinge the communion these six moneths last past

Imp^{r} John Gomme Katherine his wife, William Crook Anne his wife, Thomas Hardwaie Margrett his wife, Robert Adkins Marie his wife.

Edward Cluer, ffaith Hester, Margerie ffrisbee Recusants.

Richard Phillips Se: Robert Kent Churchwardens.

179. 25 March 1670 to 10 October [1670].

We present for not comming to the Sacrament and to heare divine service this sixe months last past

Imp. John Gomme Katherine his wife, William Crooke Anne his wife, Thomas Hardwaie Margarett his wife, Thomas Adkins Anne his wife, Margerie ffrisbee, ffaith Hester, Edward Cluer.

Richard Phillips Robert Kent Churchwardens.

180. 11 September 1671.

We present for not comming to heare Divine Service and to receive the sacrament for these six moneths last past

John Gomme and Katherine his wife, William Crook Anne his wife, Thomas Hardwaie Maria [*sic*] his wife, Robert Adkins Marjorie [*sic*] his wife, Margorie ffrisbee, ffaith Hester, Edward Cluer.

Richard Phillips Robert Kent Churchwardens.

181. 25 March 1671 to 18 April 1672.

Impr. we present for not Cominge to the divine Service and the sacrament these six moneths laste paste John Gomme and Katherine his wife, William Crooke and Anne his wife, Thomas Hardwaie and Marie his wife, Tho: Adkins and Joane his wife.

Margerie ffrisbee widowe, Edward Clewer Recusants.

Robert Kent Richard Phillips Churchwardens.

182. 25 March 1672 to 14 September [1672].
We present for not Cominge to divine Service and the sacrament this six months last past
Imp. John Gomme and Katherine his wife, William Crook and Marie his wife, Robert Adkins and Joane his wife.
Edward Clewer, Margerie ffrisbee. ffaith Hester Recusants.
Richard Phillips Robert Kent churchwardens.

183. 25 March 1672 to 13 October 1673.
We present for not Cominge to divine Service and the sacrament this six months last past
John Gomme Katherine his wife, William Crook Marie his wife, Robert Adkins Joane his wife, Margerie ffrisbee, ffaith Hester, Edward Clewer.
John Lewis John Holland Church Wardens.

184. 25 March 1672 to 22 May 1673.
We present for not Cominge to divine Service and the sacrament this six months last past
John Gomme, Katherine his wife[2], William Crooke[3] Anne his wife[4], Robert Adkins[5] Marie his wife[6], Margerie ffrisbee Widowe[7], ffaith Hester Widowe[8], Edward Clewer Recusant[9].
Richard Phillips Robert Kent Churchwardens.
Emanavit citatio 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9/11 die Aprilis 1674.

185. 25 March 1673 to 18 May 1674.
Imp. We present for not Cominge to divine Service and the sacrament this six months last past John Gomme and Katherine his wife, William Crook Anne his wife, Robert Adkins Anne his wife,
ffaith Hester, Edward Clewer, Margare ffrisbee recusants.
We also present John Gomme for refusing to paie towards the reparing of the Church which is six shillings his tax which is yet unpaid.
John Lewis and John Holland Church Wardens.
(*Oxon. Archd. papers. Oxon b.* 81. Parish of Puzey. all cited.)

186. 25 March 1674 to 14 September 1674.
We present for not coming to the Sacrament these sex

moneths last past and to heare divine service John Gomme Katherine his wife, William Crooke Ann his wife, Robert Adkins Margerie his wife.

Margarie ffrisbee, ffaith Hester, Edward Cluer Recusants.

John Leucie [*sic*] Richard Ford Church Wardens.

190. 25 March 1674 to 26 May 1675.

Impr. We present for not Cominge to the Sacrement and to Divine Service these six moneths last past John Gomme[1] and Katherine his wife[2], William Crooke[3] Anne his wife[4], Robert Adkins[5] Joane his wife[6].

Edward Cluere, ffaith Hester, Margerie ffrisbee Recusants.

John Lucie Richard fford Church Wardens.

Emanavit cio pro 6.

187. 25 March 1675 to 28 September 1675.

Item Our Church is in good repaire with the bounds.

We present for not cominge to the sacrament and to heare Divine Service John Gomme Katherin his wife, William Crooke Anne his wife, Robert Adkins Margerie his wife.

John Lucie Richard fford.

188. 25 March 1676 to 30 May 1677.

We present for not comming to the Sacrament and to heare Devine Service this six moneth last past.

Imp. John Gomme and Katherine his wife, William Crook and Anne his wife, Robert Adkins and Margrett his wife.

Margerie frisbee a Popish Recusant.

Rich fford Church Warden Hie: Johnson Minis.

189. 25 March 1677 to 13 May 1678.

We present for not Comminge to Devine Service and to the Sacrament these six moneths last [*sic*]

John Gomme Katherine his wife, William Crook Marie [*sic*] his wife, Robert Adkins Margerie his wife.

ffaith Hester, Margerie ffrisbee Recusants.

our Church is in good repaire with the Mounds and bounds of the Church yard.

Richard fford William Hinde Church Wardens.

191. 25 March 1675 to 8 May 1676.
We present for not Cominge to the Sacrament and Divine Service John Gomme Katherine his wife, William Crook Anne his wife, Robert Adkins Margerie his wife.
Or Church and the bounds of the Church-yard are in good repaire.
John Lewis Richard Ford. Church-wardens.

192. 25 March 1678 to 23 June 1679.
The people do Come to Divine Service and to the Sacrament. The Church is in good repaire and the Mounds and bounds of the Church yard.
William Hinde William Heath.

193. 25 March 1679 to 22 June 1680.
The parishioners Come to Divine Service and to the Sacrament. The Church is in good Repaire with the Mounds and bounds of the same.
William Hyde William Heath Church wardens.

194. *See Nettlebed.* 1680.

195. 20 June 1681.
Wee have nothing presentable within our Parish as wee know of.
William Heath Wm. Hinde Churchwardens.

196. Theise are to certifie whome it may concerne that I Thos Stoner Esqr haue freely giuen and granted unto Edmunde Quelche late Minister of Stokenchurch the Benefice of Pishhill in the County of Oxon in relation to the whole privie and Corne Tyths belonginge to the same unto whom full and entire possession thereof hath bine duely giuen witnesse my hande and seale this 19th of July instant 1681.
Tho: Stonor
David Richards John Kembley.

197. 23 June 1682.
We present John Gomm husbandman & William Crook Brickmaker for not coming to Church to hear Divine Service for these Twelve Moneths last past & for not receiving the Sacrament at Easter last past nor since.
William Hinde ffrancis Clewar

(*Lib. Act. f.* 400. 5 July 1683.
William Crook doth answer and confess the said presentment to be true. Quam confessionem eius Dominus accepit et monuit eum ad frequentandum Ecclesiam suam parochialem diebus dominici . . .
John Gomm. Confesses, and warned as above.
f. 402. 23 June 1684. John Gomm and William Crook not appearing to certify their attendance at church, are excommunicated.)

198. 5 June 1683.
We present omnia bene. William Hinde churchwardens [*sic*].

199. 23 June 1684.
We present Robert Adkins ploughmaker for not comeing to Church nore receiving the sacrament at Easter last nor since.
Robert ffetiplace (*his marke*) ffrancis Cleworth.
Pauper [*added in margin*]

200. 5 July 1686.
Wee present John Gomm & Katharin his wife, Robt Adkins & Ann his Wife, William Crook for not comeing to Church to hear divine Service for these 4 Monethes last past & for not comeing to the Sacram^t^ at Easter last nor since.
Wee have none liueing within the parish that have been marryed since the last Cort as we doe know of.
Richard fford Churchwarden.

[*The only presentments made by the churchwardens of Pishill in their returns from* 1687 *to* 1834 *are these following.*]

222. June 1720.
We present William Toovey as the reputed father of a Bastard Child Begotten upon the body of Sarah Hollice.
John Cluer Wm Ing . . .
(*Lib. Act. f.* 505. 18 July 1721.
Toovey confesses the fame and report within the parish of Pishill and is ordered to purge himself with four hands. Upon refusal, he was pronounced guilty of fornication and ordered to perform a public penance in the parish church of Pishill upon Sunday the 30^th^ of July next.)

228. 14 July 1726.
Wee present our Reading pew out of repaire & likewise that there is no pulpit & the Common prayer book & Bible are very old & out of repaire & we have no Book of Homilyes.
John Nash Noah ? Pitcher.

246. 3 May 1749.
The Church-Wardens of the Parish aforesaid present the want of A Register Book (being wanting—*added.*)
Thomas Addonam Richard Glover.

253. 1 July 1756.
The Church Wardens of the Parish aforesaid present the church yard gate to be out of repair.
Richard Glover Thomas Goom.

254. 17 June 1757.
The Church Wardens of the Parish aforesaid present the church yard gate being out of repair.
Thomas Goom.

270. 8 July 1776.
The Church Wardens aforesaid present that the Church is a little out of repair & orders are given to have it adjusted.
Thos. Gomm Richard Glover

271. 4 July 1777.
The Church Wardens aforesaid present that all is well the Church being about to be repair'd. Orders are given for that purpose.
Thos. Gomm Richard Glover

STADHAMPTON.

Oxon. Archd. papers. Oxon. b. 66.

3. Jon Allen and Thomas Whittinge church wardens of Stadhame.
Imprimis the [1].2.3.4.5 artikels is performed well. [*And so to the* 40*th.*]
It. the 41.42.43 and so all the rest is well.
John Allen Thomas Whittinge.
[*Endorsed in pencil* Mar 2. 1623.]

4. (*Endorsed* 1623 Stodam presentments.)
Wee present that the Belfraye is not as yet repayred.
Peter Wilmot.

5. (*Endorsed in pencil* 1623 Octob.)
Stodhome presentments.
We do answer to the 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8 Art that all is performed to our knowledge.
to the 9.10.11.12.13 we answer that it is performed.
to the 14.15.16.17 we answer that it is performed.
the 18 (and 20 article—*int.*) we present for want of some glaseing and the want of Jewells workes with table of Affinity.
to the nineten we answer it is well.
to the 21.22.23.24.25.26.27.28 we answere al is well.
to the 29.30.31 and so to the 40 we answer all is well.
to the 41 we know none. to the 42 all is well.
to the 43 wee goe accordinge to custome. to the 44.45 and so all the rest all is well.
Jhon Allen and Thomas Whittinge Church wardens.

6. The presentments for Stadhom 1626.
It. wee present that the Church is at fate but wee had A day given by this cort to A mend it by mydsommer next & wee paid for that day 3^{s} 6^{d} & be for that day it shall be Amended.
It. wee present John Walles for that hee did not Receave the communyon at Ester last but hee is A very poor man & saith hee had not clothes fyt to com in company then but now hee kepeth the swyne & hopeth hee shall Earne mony & will prepare him self To Receave the next commonyon.
Robert Broadwater Henry Mann.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 23. 15 May 1626.
Robert Broadwater and Henry Mann cited "for sufferinge the pavement of their church to fall to decay. Comparuerunt et allegaverunt that they could not conveniently in this soomer have the pavement in their Church amended." To be finished before the feast of St. John the Baptist next coming. *f.* 31. 13 June 1626. Ad certificandum de reparacione huius ruinae post festum Johannis Baptistae prox.
f. 36. John Walles cited. Penalty reserved.)

7. Stodham. [*n.d.*]

It. I do present our Church for default of pauement the rest of the articles ar obserued.

Thomas Whittinge Churchwarden

Henrie Mane and Robert Brater Chosen Church wardens of Stadhame by our Minnister and the inhabytants of Stadham.

Emanavit citatio.

8. [*n.d.*] ? 1663.

The presentments of the Church wardens of Stadhome.

Wee present M^rs^ Doyly wid, John Doyley[2] gent for not provideing us a minnister particularly Easter day and last Sunday. Wee have no Minister as yet settled. Thomas Waite was buried the second of December 1662.

Jane Wise the Daughter of Edward Wise was buried the 26th of December 1662. Andrew Patebury the son of Andrew Patebury was Christened about the 15th of November 1662. Noe Weddings since the last Cort.

John Berd Christopher Sheperd Churchwardens.

Emanavit citatio 1.2 28 No^bris^ 1663.

9. Studham 30 April 1666.

Wee present Mr. Robert Doyly for not mending of ye Church mounds which of right doth belong unto him.

Allso wee present Mr. John Doyly for not comeing to our parish Church and for not receveing ye holy Communion at Easter last past nor since.

Simon Shephard Robert Low.

10. Studham Aprill ye 30^th^ 1666.

Wee present M^r^ John Doyly[1] of our Villag for not comeing to our Church of Studham to heare divine prayors for these six Moneths last past upon Sondays and holy days and for not receiveing ye holy Communion at Easter last past nor since.

Wee present [M^r^—*deleted*] Robert Robinson[2] the under Tenant to M^r^ Robert Doyly for not makeing of his mounds of ye Church yard which of right doth belong unto him but what ye quantity of it is wee desire time untill ye 12^th^ of May next: and likewise wee desire time for ye perfecting of our presentment for ye carriing away 4 trees. part of and from our Church yard mound partly by Richard Wilmot and partly by John Bird.

Emanavit citatio 1.2/ 24 September 1666. *unsigned.*

11. 19 April 1666 to 4 O[ctober] 1666.
Our church is in suficient [repair]. Our Church yard Monds are in g[ood] Repare.
Simon Shephard Robert Low Church [wardens].

12. 1667.
Our church and mounds are in good [repair]. Mary y^e^ wife of John Doyley doth refuse to come to church, neither doth shee receiue ye Sacrament at Easter last past.
Robert Morgan [Minister]
Simon Shephard Robert Low Churchwardens.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 316. Mary Doyley cited and not appearing, pronounced contumacious. 30 Sept. 1667.
f. 318. 9 April 1668. excommunicated.)

13. 30 September 1667.
Wee present John Tanner ye servant of Richard Willmott[1] and ffrancis Davies[2] for behaving themselus unseemingly in ye Church in time of divine Service.
Our church and mounds are in good repaire. Wee haue no body that declineth the Church but M^rs^ Mary Doyly whom we have presented.
Robert Morgan minister.
Simon Shephard R.L. [*sic*] Church Wardens.
Emt. civ. 1.2. 21 Martii 1667.

14. [*n.d.*]
Our church and church mounds are in good repaire. Our parish is conformable.
Richard Wilmot Tho: Heasman.

15. 17 May 1669.
A presentment for ye towne of Stadham for ye yeare last past.
The church & mounds in good repare.
Richard Wilmot Tho: Heasman Church Wardens.

16. 13 September 1669.
A presentment for the church of Stadham : our church and mounds are in good repare and all things Else in good order.
Richard Wilmot Thomas Heasman Church wardens.

17. 10 October 1670.
A note for ye church of Stadham. our church and mounds ar in good repare and wee haue nothing Els to present as yet.
Richard Willmot Tho: Heasman Church Wardens.

18. 26 May 1671.
Our church and moundes are in good repare. All thinges in our parish are in good order.
Richard Wilmot Thomas Heasman.
We do present John Keene[1], Robert Robinson[2], Edward Betteridge[3] for not comeing to church.
Emanavit citatio 1.2.3 / 26 Augusti 1671.

19. 11 September 1671.
The presentments of the Church Wardens of Stadham ; our Church and Mounds are in good repare ; I present Robert Robeson [*sic*] John Keene and Edward Betteridge for not Coming to Church.
Thomas Heasman Church Warden.

20. 18 April 1672.
Our Church and mounds are in good repare and all things Els in good order. I present John Keene, Robert Robeson and Edward Bettredge for not coming to Church.
Thomas Heasman Church Warden.

21. 19 September 1672.
Our Church and mounds are in good repare and all Things Els in order only we present Robert Robeson, John Keene and Edward Bettredg for not Coming to Church.
Edward Wise Thomas Heasman Churchwardens.

22. 22 May 1673.
our Church and mounds are in good repare and all things Else in good order : Only we present John Keene[1], Robert Robeson[2] and Edward Bettredge[3] for not Coming to Church.
Edward Wise Thomas Heasman Churchwardens.
Emanavit citatio 1.2.3. 16° 7^{mris} 1673.

23. 13 October 1673.
Our Church and mounds are in good repare and all things Else in good order Only we present Robert Robeson[1], John

Keene[2], and Edward Bettredg[3] for not coming to Church to heare divine prayers on Sundays and holy days and [not] receiving the holy Communion at the feast of Easter 1673°.

Edward Wise Thomas Heasman Church Wardens.
Emanavit citatio 1.2.3. 11 die Aprilis 1674.
(*Oxon. b* 81. *f.* 28 1674 all cited.)

24. 18 May 1674.

Our Church and mounds are in good repare and all things Else in order.

Edward Wise Thomas Heasman Churchwardens.

25 to 27. 14 Sep. 1674, 26 May 1675, 27 Sep. 1675. *Formula as* 24.

28. 9 October 1676.

Our church and mounds are in repare.

Edward Wise Thomas Heasman Church Wardens.

29. [*Blank.*]

30 and 31. 30 May 1677 and 13 May 1678. *Formula as* 24.

32. 23 June 1679.

Wee present and say that our Church mounds are a repaireing & shall be finished against the next visitation Els alr. omnia bene.

Edward Wise Thomas Heasman Church Wardens.

33. 22 June 1680.

Our Church is in good repare and our mounds mended.

Edward Wise Tho: Hensman Church wardens.

34. 20 June 1681. Nothing to present.

Edward Wise Thomas Heasman Churchwardens.

35. 23 June 1682. *As* 24.

36. 5 July 1683. *As* 28.

37. 30 June 1685. Nothing presentable.

Simon Shepard Micael Lucy Churchwardens.

38. The Account of the Church Wardens of Stadham from our Lady Day 1685 to our Lady Day 1686 of all marrages baptisings and beurells, Ann y^{e} datter of John Loder crisned Augest the 2. Ann the datter of Thomas ? Hunt boured Augest ye 12. William Larance and ralfe batton [*sic*] married September the 29. John ffelp and Elizabeth Hutsen maried October the 15. Anthony Winter the sonn of Anthony Winter beured November the 22. Simon Shephard beured Janury the 5. Ann the daster [*sic*] of Edward Wise Crisned Aprill the 5. the widdow walker beured May the 2.

Thomas Heasman William Darter Church wardens.

39. The Presentments of the Church Wardens of Stadhampton : Cristopher Shephard and William Manning Delivered in at the Visitation held at Dorchester June ye 20.

Hanna ye Daughter of John Lucy was baptised desember ye 20–91. Richard Loder & Robert Loder ye sons of John Loder was baptised Aprill ye 18–92. Marey ye daughter of Ralph ockley was Baptised Aprill ye 18–92.

40. July ye 4—1693.

The Presentments of the Churchwardens of Stadhampton William Manning and Christopher Shephard. Our Church is in good Repaiere ; Sinon ye son of Philip Sanders baptised october ye 5–1692. Thomas ye son of Thomas Hunt was baptised october ye 3–1692.

41. 4 April 1694.

Theese Lines are to acquaint youe that wee haue noe minister at Stadham nor haue had none this two moneths.

Christo: Shepherd William Maning Church Wardens.

42 to 48. 1698 to 1704. [*Nothing presentable.*]

49. 16 July 1705.

We present Sarah Polley of Stadham singlewoman for being delivered of a bastard Child about 3 moneths since.

And Mr. Knighton Eeles her master for being the reputed father thereof as the said Sarah hath made Oath before a Justice of Peace and so much was & is publickly famed & reported in the parish of Stadham aforesaid & other places thereto adjacent.

Anthony Winter Churchwarden.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 451. 15 July 1706. Eeles cited and not appearing, was excommunicated. "Deinde comparuit apud Oxon. et dedit Responsum &c. . . . humiliter petiit se absolvi . . . Quam confessionem ejus Dominus accepit . . . et injunxit ei purgaceonem cum 5° manu suorum parochianorum honestorum . . . Et statim dictus Knighton Eeles . . . declinavit beneficium purgacionis . . . unde Dominus pronunciavit eum deficisse in purgacione . . . eumque commisisse ffornicationem sive Adulterium cum dicta Sara Polley Et sic injunxit ei publicam penitenciam peragendum in linteamine in Capella de Stadham vicessimo q(uarto) die mensis Novembris prox. juxta formam schedulae ei tradendae . . . et ad certificandum inde sub manibus ministri et Gardianorum parochiae de Stadham prd. die Juridico extunc prox. sequente &c.)

50 to 56. 1706 to 1715. [*Nothing presentable.*]

57. 19 July 1717.
Wee present the severall parishioners of Stadham for not paying their severall Church Rates made & to be made for & towards the necessary reparacons of the said parish Church of Stadham.
Thomas Wise Edw. Winter.
[*No names accompany the presentment.*]

58. 21 July 1719. [*Nothing presented.*]
Wm. Mearing Jos. Sanders Churchwardens.

59. 18 July 1721.
We the Church Wardens beg leave to present the Tower of the Church of Stadham, that it is very much out of Repair.
Tho. Eeles Will. Manning Church Wardens.
Unde Dominus monuit presentes gardianos ad reedificandum Turrem et certificandum inde in proximam visitaceonem.

60–62. 1723 to 1725. [*Nothing presentable.*]

63. 3 July 1727.
Wee present our Tower for being much out of repaire &

desire that a competent time may be assigned unto us for the repaireing or rebuilding of the same. Witness our hands.

Tho. Eeles Wm. Read.

habere ad reparandum vel reedificandum Turrem citra vel ante proximam Curiam sive visitaceonem.

64. 18 July 1728.

The Churchwardens do likewise present the Tower of ye said Parish of Stadham being very much out of Repair.

Tho: Eeles Wm. Read.

[*There are no other presentments.*]

65. [*Blank.*]

66. 23 June 1730. Nothing presentable. Thos. Eeles. Rob. Wise.

67. 1732.

We the Churchwardens of Stadhampton whose names are under written do present the Tower belonging to the Parish Church of Stadhampton aforesaid.

Robt. Wise Thos. Eeles.

68 and 69. 1734 and 1735. [*Nothing presentable.*]

70. 14 July 1736.

We present our Tower for being out of repaire.

Wm. Read.

The Church Wardens have to the next Court to repair the Tower.

71. 1 June 1743. All well.

Isaac Sanders Henry Towerton.

72. 13 June 1744.

The Church Wardens of the Parish aforesaid present William Burgess, George Allen, William Johnson, Elizabeth Pound, Elizabeth Cooper of Chisleton for non payment of Burial dues to the amount of one Shilling and fourpence each Person.

Isaac Sanders Henry Towerton.

73. 8 May 1745.
The Church Wardens of the Parish aforesaid present the North East Mound of the Church Yard comonly said to belong to the House called Barkers.
Henry Swell.

74 to 76. 1746 to 1748. All well.

77. 3 May 1748.
The Church Wardens of the Parish aforesaid Present Henry Towerton the younger and Anne Hull for Bastardy.
James Jones. Isaac Sanders.

78. 30 May 1750.
The Church Wardens of the Parish aforesaid present The Chancell Tiling very much out of Repair.
Isaac Sanders.

79. 12 June 1751.
The Church Wardens of the Parish aforesaid have nothing to Present. the Chancell wch was presented at the last Visitation will be repaired before the next.
James Jones Isaac Sanders.

80 to 87. 1752 to 1760. All well.

88. 11 June 1761.
The Church Wardens of the Parish aforesaid present That the parish church is not served on Sundays according to the Ancient and Accustomed Method of Duty time immemorial done and performed in the said parish church therefore the Parishioners hope the Reverend M^{r} Official will take the premises into Consideration and make such order therein as shall be agreeable to the Old and Long usage and that he will direct the Curate of the said parish to conform himself thereto. Witness our hands.
James Jones.
James Jones
John Gooday dead } Old Church Wardens.

89. 1 July 1762. Nothing presentable. James Jones.

90. 4 July 1763.
The Church Wardens of the Parish aforesaid Present

Mary Plastar for a Bastard Child. All Things else well.
Thomas West.

91. 23 June 1764.

The Church Wardens of the Parish aforesaid Present The Reverend John Bilstone Clerk Curate of the said parish for not doing the usual and accustomed Duty in the Parish Church of Stadham aforesaid upon Sundays.

We also present Charles Pears Patron of the said parish Church for not repairing the Windows of the Chancel belonging to the said parish Church.

Witness our hands James Jones Thomas West.

I present James Jones and Thos. West Church Wardens of Stadham for a violation of their Oaths, and of the 26 Canon, in neglecting to present publick offences and Enormities, which they knew to be committed in the said Parish. And instead of presenting them; have wittingly and willingly, desperately and irreligiously by such Neglect incurr'd the horrible Sin of Perjury.

John Bilston Curate.

(*Oxon. Archd. papers. Oxon. c.* 160. *f.* 31. Citation of the Churchwardens.)

[*From* 1765 *to* 1834 *the only presentments made by the Churchwardens of Stadhampton in their returns are transcribed below.*]

117. To the Church Wardens of the Parish of Stadhampton in the County of Oxford.

Gentlemen,

Having Received Information that the Windows in some part of the Chancel and likewise the Pavement and Floors In (the Chancel of—*int.*) the Parish Church of Stadhampton require some Repairs, and that a Visitation is to be held for the said Parish in the first day of July instant I hereby request that you will at such time lay this My letter before the Official and assure him of my Intention to have That done which is necessary soon after my arrival in the County.

With respect to what is necessary to the *Fences* belonging to the Church Yard at Stadham As far as concerns D^{r} Peers I am confident that on a proper Representation being made to him—all due attention will be

paid thereto—and I should accordingly mention to him that the gate requires to be repaired.

I am
Gentlemen
Yr most humble Servt,
Robert Peers.

Bedford Square
London.
23 June 1790.

119. 1 July 1790.
The Church Wardens upon their oaths present that The Chancel is out of repair but will be repaired shortly.
Wm. Cibb Jos. Wiggens.

130. 27 May 1801.
The Church Wardens aforesaid upon their oaths present that there is nothing presentable in the said Parish except the Surplice and the Communion Table (the Church yard Rails—*int.*) which will be shortly replaced by new ones suitable to the purpose.
James Moody Joseph Wiggens.

135. 3 June 1807.
All is well except a little tiling on the top of the Church which will be done in a month.
Joseph Wiggins James Webb.

137. 4 May 1809.
Nothing Presentable except the leads of the Church which are to be repaired immediately.
James Webb Joseph Wiggins.

139. 9 July 1811.
The Church Wardens aforesaid upon their Oaths present Joseph Wiggins for a Nucence a Privey Neere the Churchyard.
James Webb John Watson.

140. 5 May 1812.
The Church Wardens aforesaid upon their Oaths present (Joseph Wiggins having a Privey neere the Church yard as a Nuisance—*deleted*).
This Nuisance is Removed this 5th of May 1812. We have nothing presentable.
James Webb John Watson.

144. 26 August 1818.
The Church Wardens aforesaid upon their Oaths present All well except a part of the Church Yard mound belonging to Mr Pears to repair & which will be repaired very soon.
Thomas Randolph.

155. 3 September 1834.
The Churchwardens aforesaid upon their Oaths present That the Mounds round the Church Yard which are liable to be kept in repair by Mr John Richmond as Tenant of Heath's Farm, are in a very dilapidated state.
Edward Webb William Wiggins.

WARBOROUGH.

158. [*n.d.*]
A presentment of Warbrow mad by the Curch warens
Item wee doe present Widow Harbel Harbard [*sic*] (of Long Whitnam—*int.*) for not payen hor taxes To the Curches 0l. 17s. 11d.
Item wee doe present Roberd Leuer (of Mayes ffarme in Nuffield—*int.*) for Refusen to pay to the Taxes to the Curch 0—1—8.
Gorge Pittman James Smeth Chuch warens.

160. *Endorsed* Exhibit 21 May 1621.
Warburrow A presentment.
for Recusants we present Richard Martin and Mary his wife, John Bisley weaver, Thomas Hobbs.
For Common Drunkards. John Martin ye younger, John Hill, Richard Wallis, Thomas Bullie.
(For Christeninge of a child beinge not lawfully called Margret Pickman wife of John Pickman—*del.*)
We present Raph Norton of Shillingford, causing the bel to be tould in mockage for one that was not sicke.

Church wardens	John Webb	John Felpe.
Sidesmen	Richard Butler	William Bartlet.

161. Warborow. A true presentment made the second day of July by the Churchwardens & sidesmen there An Dni 1623.

Imp. we doe present John Bisley & his wife Joane Bisley for absolute recusants and persons excommunicated both for absentinge them selues from the church as also for refusinge to receiue the Sacrament.

Item we doe present Richard Martine & Mary his wife for the like.

Item we doe present Thomas Hobbs & his wife for the like.

Item we doe present Thomas the sonne of William Bisley for absolutely denying to come to the Church or to receiue the Sacrament.

Item we doe present Raph Norton & Mary Norton his wife & John Norton theire sonne for a fame which is that they usually a longe time haue laiyd togeither.

Item we doe present John Norton both for his vnreverent behauiour in time of diuine service, as also for his vnreverent speeches against our minister after.

Item we doe present Walter Martin for refusinge to pay his taxacons towards the repairinge of the church.

Item we doe present William Hobbs for refusinge to pay the last taxacon.

John Phelp John Webb Churchwardens.
Richard Butler William Bartlet Sidsmen.

A true presentment made the same day, by mee John Hatton minister there. Item (we—*del.*) I doe present John Embrisse the younger, William Capon, William Willies, (Thomas Tutty—*del.*) & John Graye, (Richard Broadwater—*del.*) in our (goinge—*del.*) comeinge to Dorchester with a coarse for superstitiously goeinge aboute a crosse with the coarse that is out of the highway as also for contempt, that when I told them I would call them into the courte for it, Embresse did answere mee Doe if I would.

John Hatton minister.

162. 1623. The presentments of the Churchwardens of Warbrow 4 octobr. 1623.

Impr. we present Richard Martin and Mary his wife for not coming to Church nor receaving the Comunion.

It. we present Thomas Hobs and Joane his wife for the same.

It. we present John Bisley and his wife for the same.

It. we present Thomas the sonne of William Bisley for not coming to Church.

It. we present Joane the wife of John Phelpe for the same.

It. we present Walter Martin for not paying his tax October the 5th Anno Dom. 1621 being xvj^{s}. iij^{d}.

It. we present Walter Martin for not paying his tax October 15th A.D. 1622 which is iij^{s}. iiij^{d}.

It. we present William Hobs for not paying his tax October the 13th 1622 which is ij^{s}. iij^{d}.

It. we present Walter Martin for not paying his tax August 24th 1623 which is ix^{s}. ix^{d}.

It. we present William Hobs for the same tax which is vj^{s}. ix^{d}.

William Bartlet John Bartholomew Churchwardens.

163. Martii 2 1623. [*i.e.* 1624.]

Wee, the Minister and Churchwardens of Warborough in the parish of Dorchester Doe present those whose names are hereunder written for absenting themselues from the Church, or Chappell, and from Diuine service according as we are enioyned in the 44 and 45th Articles.

Walter Martin from the 14th of November last past. William Hobbs from St Thomas Day last past. John Wheeler from the 6th of Januarie last past. Edward the sonne of William Hobbs from the first of November last.

Allsoe accordinge to the Articles aboue menconed wee present those hereunder specified for their former and continiall recusancie.

Richard Martin and Marie his wife, Thomas Hobbes and his wife, John Beesly and Joane his wife, Joane the wife of John ffelpe, Thomas the sonne of William Beesly.

Allsoe according unto the 37th Article wee present Marie the wife of Richard Martin for not baptizinge her childe, or causing it to bee baptized in the Chappell of Warborough being deliuered of the same in the parish.

Jo: Shute Curat ibid.

William Bartlat	John Bartholomew	Churchwardens.
John Allyn	John Dunsden	Sidesmen.

164. The presentments of the Churchwardens of Warborough May the 19th 1624.

Want of sermons upon Sabboth Dayes contrary to the 5th Article.

William Hobbes and Agnes Hobbes his wife for recusancie Art. 45.

Joane the wife of John Jeames (alias felps—*int.*) propter idem.

John Wheeler senior propter idem. Walter Martin propter idem (excom. *added*)

John Shute Curat ibid.

William Bartlet John Bartholomew Churchwardens.

165. [*Blank.*]

166. The Presentments of Warborough Nouemb. 3° 1625.

Concerning the Church and Churchyard Art 2.

Impr. the Patronage of the Parsonage belongeth unto the Colledge of Corpus Christi in Oxon.

Concerning the Cleargie Art. 9–20.

The Colledge alloweth their Curate for his stipend xij[l] per Ann.

Concerning the parish Clarke Art. 4.

(The Clark presenteth—*del.*) Wee present William Hobbs & John Beesly for not paying (y[e] Clarke—*int.*) wages and duties belonging unto him which is 4[d] a yeare. (*Added in left margin* This is since payd by W[m] Hobbs.)

Concerning the parishioners & laitie Art. 6.

(Lastly—*del.*) Item wee present for Popish Recusants William Hobbs & Agnes his wife, Thomas Hobbs the sonne of the said William & Joan his wife, Agnes daughter of the said William Hobbs, Walter Bartholomew alias Martin, Richard Bartholomew sonne of the said Walter and Marie his wife, John Beesly and Joane his wife, Thomas the sonne of William Beesly, Joane the wife of John Phelpe.

Item Art. 8[th]. Wee present for not paying their Sessments Walter Bartholomew alias Martin behinde three Taxations & William Hobbs behinde two Taxations.

John Shute Curat ibid.

William Bartlat John Bartholomewe Churchwardens.

John Allen John Dunsden.

[*Lib. Act. f.* 8. 1625. William Hobbs confesses " That of late he hath forborne cominge to Church. Unde dominus monuit eum from henceforth to frequent the church and to conforme himself to the church of England and to certifie such his conformity unto this courte by the next courte after Easter next.

His wife respited until the next Court after Easter. Thomas Hobbs did not appear. *f.* 15. excommunicated.

f. 9. Walter Bartholomew warned similarly to William Hobbs.
Richard Bartholomew, Marie his wife, Joan the wife of John Phelp similarly warned.
John Beesly confessed he goeth not to church. Warned in like manner.
Thomas Beesly case continued.
f. 15. 5 April 1626. William Hobbs and Agnes his wife to certify their conformity in the next court after Easter next.
f. 16. Walter Bartholomew alias Martin to make certificate as William Hobbs. John Beesly to make certificate as above and also that he has paid the wages.
f. 15. Joan the wife of Thomas Hobbs, case continued.
f. 16. Agnes the daughter of William Hobbs, Richard Martin alias Bartholomew, Marie the wife of Richard Bartholomew, Joan the wife of John Phelp, case continued.
f. 10. Walter Baltholomew alias Martin acknowledgeth that he oweth for theise three rates but the church oweth him much more.
William Hobbs comparuit &c. Nescit quid respondeat, the presentment not specifying when, for what, & to what somes the said rates were made.
f. 26. Walter Bartholomew alias Martin cited and not appearing, excommunicated.
f. 31. 13 June 1626.
William Hobbs not appearing, excommunicated.
Walter Bartholomew alias Martin, John Beesly, cited and not appearing, excommunicated.
Thomas Hobbs, Joan the wife of Thomas Hobbs, Agnes the daughter of Wm. Hobbs, Joan the wife of John Phelpe, Richard Martin alias Bartholomew, Joan the wife of John Beesly, Thomas the son of John Bisley excommunicated.
f. 39. Walter Bartholomew alias Martin denounced as excommunicate in the church of Warborough by John Shute, Curate, the 30th of July 1626.)

167. 14 May 1626.
The Presentments of Warboroughe in Com. Oxon.
Imprimis wee present William Hobbs and Agnes his wife and allsoe Walter Bartholomew alias Martin and John Beeslye for Popish Recusants.

Item wee present Richard Bartholomewe alias Martyn for hauing two Children borne in the Parish, and not brought to be baptised in the Church, nor eleswhere in priuate according to the Ecclesticall lawes of this realme.

Item wee present Thomas Holloway for denying to pay the Clarks wages.

Item Richard Broadwater for hauing two houses and keeping Divers seates in the Church, and yet paying but for one.

Item Thomas Beesly Junior of Shillingford for concealing his marriage soe that wee knowe not whether they are married or noe and besides hauing a Childe.

John Shute Cler.

Thomas Roberts	Thomas Germon	Churchwardens.
Ralphe Jacob	Edward Webb	Sidesmen.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 34 13 June 1626. Richard Bartholomew cited and not appearing, was excommunicated.

f. 35. Thomas Holloway warned "That he pay unto Edward Bartlett the parishe Clarke his wages vz j^{d} a quarter."

Richard Broadwater alleges "That he hath duly payde the Clerke every year 4^{d}." Edward Bartlett acknowledges this "but he alledgeth That the said Richard Broadwater ought to pay him as much more for other howses besyde his owne dwelling howse wch he keepeth in his owne hands vz 4^{d} a yeare for house last 6 years [*sic*] but the sayd Bartlett other howses being [*ends*].

Thomas Beesly Junior cited; case continued. Agnes his wife appears and replied "That her husband and she were marryed aboute Midsommer last in the Chappell of Netbed [*sic*] by Licence from the Judge then of last corte [*sic*] as appereth by that Church booke, but she confesseth That they two had the carnall knowledge of the body of each other before they were soe marryed and he did begett her with childe then [*ends*].

f. 41. 1 Aug. 1626. Thomas Beeslie appeared, confessed, and submitted himself. Dns iniunxit penitentiam &c. & monuit eum ad puragendum eandem juxta &c. et ad certificandum &c. juxta &c.

f. 48. 28 Sept. 1626. Not appearing nor making certificate, sentence reserved.)

168. 7 May 1626.

the presentments of Curchwardens & sidesmen of Warbro.

Imprimis wee present Tho. Hobs and Joane his wife for not coming to Curch and Agnes Hobs widow for the like. and present Joane Phelp for the like.

We present Agnes Besly wife of Will. Besly the younger the like. [*sic*]

We present George Arter for the like. We present John Besly and Joane his wife for the Like. We present Elizabeth Moulder wife of Anthony Moulder [*sic*]. We present Edward Hobs for fame of in Contenents withe one margere welles widow late of Wallingford.

We present John Hill for brooling in Curch and Caling the Curchwards and other Ofesers Canting Officers.

We present Mr. Anthony Spree for not paying Taxes for one Yeard Land one at 12^{d} and one at vij^{s} [*sic*].

James Porter Tho Bartellmew Churchwards.
Richard Welles Richard Inns [Sidesmen].

169. 30 September 1667.

Wee present Agnes . . . widow[1], Thomas Gillpin[2], frances Gillpen his wife[3], Thomas Porter[4], Dorothy Porter his wife[5], M . . . Henton widow[6], Ja( ) Kible widow[7], Thomas Perry[8] husbandman, Thomas Bisley the younger[9], John Steevens[10] of Shillingford, Jo(. . .)per[11] the younger, Joane Porter[12] wief of James Porter, Thomas Bartlemew[13] alias Martin, Christ. . . Martin[14] wief of Thomas Martin, James Harrison[15], Agnes Harrison his wife[16] and Alice Butler[17] widow of the village and Hamlett of Warborow for not receaving of the holie comunion at Easter last past and for not coming to the Chappell or Church there on Sondaies and Hollidayes to heare divine prayers for these six moneths last past and upwards and for that Thomas Gillpin and Margaret Henton doe keepe and hold Conventicles at their severall howses upon Satterdayes and Sondays for these six moneths last past and upwards. (This Gilpin for Conventicles have beene once in prison by M^{r} Stone Justice) [*added in different hand*].

Richard Bisley John Phelpe.

Emanavit citatio 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.10.11.12.13.14.15.16. 17. 21 Martii 1667.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 319 9 April 1668. Thos. Bartholomew alias

Martin, Christiana his wife, James Harrison, Agnes his wife, Alice Butler, cited and not appearing, were excommunicated.)

170. 14 September 1668.

A present made by the churchwardens of warbrow those that Absents from the Church.

Imprimis we present Thomas Gillpine and Joane his wife.

Item we present James Harrison and his wif Agnis. Item we present Thomas Porter and Dorrethy his wife. Item we present Joane Porter wife of Jeams Porter. We present Thomas Perye. Item we present John Bisley the younger. Item we present Thomas Bisley the younger. Item we present thomas bartillmew Alis Martine. Item we present the widow hinton. Item we present the widow Kibble. Item we present the widow butler. Item we present Christeon martine wife of thomas martine.

John Phelpe Richard Bisley Churchwardens.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 322. 14 September 1668. Thomas Gilpin, Joane Porter, Alice Butler, Agnes Harrison, cited and not appearing, were excommunicated.

Thomas Perry, James Harrison, Christian Bartholomew case continued.

f. 325. 7 May 1669. Thomas Gilpin, John Bisley, Joan Porter, Alice Butler and Agnes Harrison excommunicated.)

171. . . . churchwardens of warbrow . . . them that absente themself from . . .

. . . robertt bisley[1] for not coming . . . for these 6 moneths last past and not receueing holy communion at Easter. Wee present Thomas Bisley[2] the younger. Wee present thomas pery for the like. Wee present John Bisley the younger for the like. Wee present thomas gillpin and his wife Jone for ye like. Wee present . . . Butler widdow for the like. We present avise Bisley[3] widdow for the like. Wee present Christean martin[4] wife of thomas for ye like. Wee present Ane[5] the wife of thomase hambelton for ye like. Wee present thomas[6] tutty for ye like. Wee present thomas[7] bartlemew alis martin and his wife[8] for ye like. It. wee present James Harrise[9] and his wif for ye like.

Item Wee present William[1] *sic* harforde for the fame of inContenency with Joane Pittman the daughter of Edward Pittman of Warborow for that the said Joane was latlie delivered of a Woman child and have charged the said William harford to be the ffather thereof.

John Phelp Richard Bisley churchwardens.

Emanavit citatio 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.10. 8 Martii 1669.

161. *Oxon. b.* 64.

. . . made by the Churchwardens . . . the year 1669 of them that . . . themselves from the Church.

. . . present thomas[1] tuttye . . . present Joane[2] the wife of James porter . . . present Cristean[3] the wife of thomas martin. [Item] wee present thomas[4] perrye. Item wee present thomas[5] bislye the younger. [Item] Wee present the widdow[6] Aice [*sic*] butler. Iteme wee present John[7] Stevens. Item wee present James[8] Harrisone and his wife[9] avise. Iteme wee present Joane[10] the wife of thomas gillpine. Item wee present thomas[11] Porter & his wif Dorrothy[12]. Item wee present John[13] bisley the younger. Item wee present robert[14] bisley weaver. Item wee present thomas bartillmuw alis martin and his wife[16]. Iteme we present thomas wix and his wife. Iteme we present richerd cowland and his wife. Item we present Widdow bisley. Item Anne Hambleton the wife of Tho: Hambleton.

Imprimus we present allsoe robert[18] leavor for deniing to pay to the Church ratte. Item we present Agusten[19] forde for deniing to pay to the Church ratte. Item we present Andrew[20] gibbens for deniing to pay to the Church ratte. Item we present thomas[21] porter for deniing to pay to the Church ratte. Item we present James Harrisone[22] for deniing to pay to the Church ratte.

John ? Richard Bisley Churchwardens.

Emanavit citatio 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.10.11.12.13.14.15. 16.17.18.19.20.21.22. 1669 Septembr.

[*No name is numbered* 17 *in the MS.*]

172. ? 4 October 1669.

Warbrow. I present Thomas Hambleton of Warborow for not having received the holy Communion at Ester last past nor since & for not coming to the Church to heare divine Service in the Church of Warborow upon

Sundays & holye dayes for ? 6 month together.
by me Robert Coppuck. minist. ibid.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 329. 14 April 1670. Anna Hambleton, Robert Bisley weaver, pronounced contumacious and Anna Hambleton excommunicated.
Thomas Hambleton, Thomas Bisley, Agnes Bisley, and Thomas Tutty of his household, case continued.)

173. *Blank.*

179. 14 April 1670.
Imp^{r} we certifie that o^{r} Church excepting the Tower is in good repaire, & the Church yard wel mounded.
Item we present Anthony Day[1] for not comeing to Church to heare divine Service & for not receiveing the Sacrament at Easter last past.
Item we present Samuel Tutty[2] for not comeing to Church to heare divine Service & for not receiveing the Sacrament at Easter last past.
Item we present Thomas Hambledon[3] for not comeing to Church to heare divine Service & for not receiveing the Sacrament at Easter last past.
John Phelpe Richd Beisly Churchwardens.
Emt cio 1.2.3. 1 Oct^{bris} 1670.

180. *Blank.*

181. 10 October 1670.
Imprimis we present William Beisly jun[1] (y^{e} son of Robert Bisley—*int.*) & Ann Adams[2] for incontinencie (& that the said Ann was delivered of a man Child & have charged him to be y^{e} father—*int.*)
Item. Sam: Tutty for not comeing to heare divine service upon Sundays. Item Thomas Perry[3] for refuseing to pay his rate (of Tenn Shillings—*int.*) to the Church. Item James Harrison[4] for not paying his rate to ye Church (of two shillinges six pence—*int.*) Item Thomas Parker[5] for not paying his rate to ye Church (of two shillinges six pence—*int.*) Item Robert Leaver[6] of Mace farme for not paying his rate to ye Church of Warborow being Thirty (shillings—*int.*) for a yard land that is within our said village of Warbrow.
John Phelpe Richard Bisley Churchwardens.
Emanavit citatio 1.2.3.4.5.6. 13 Maii 1671.

Also we present and say that the Tower of our Chappell of Warborow is not yet covered & repared as it ought to be.

Also we present Thomas Hambleton of our parish yeoman, Anne his wife, Thomas Tuttie their servant for not coming to the Chappell to hear divine prayers on Sundaies & Hollidaies & for not receaving of ye holie Comunion in their said Chappell at Easter 1669 nor Easter 1670 nor since.

John Phelpe Richard Bisley.

182. Wee the Minister & Churchwardens of Warborowe doe present these after mentioned. Imprimis. William Beisley Junior for comitting fornication with —*deleted.*

175. 26 May 1671.

We the Church wardens of Warborowe doe present as followeth Impr. Thomas Porter[1] and his wife[2]. Item Elizabeth Porter[3] and Agnes Beisly[4]. Item Thomas[5] Beisly & Thomas Tutty[6]. Item (Christian Martin—*del.*) Tho. Gilpin[7]. Item Margaret Porter[8] and Joane Porter[9].

all these persons above named wee present for not comeing to heare divine service upon Sundays & holy dayes & for not receiving the Sacrament at Easter last past.

John Phelp Rich. Beisly

Emanavit citatio 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9. 26 Augusti 1671.

176. 11 September 1671.

Wee Present Thomas Gilpin & Joane his wife, Thomas Beisley junior, Thomas Tuttie, Thomas Porter & Dorothie Porter, Margaret Hinton & John Beisly, Jane Keible, Tho: Butler & Mary his wife, Elice Butler wid: Margaret Porter, Elizabeth Porter, James Harris & Agnis his wife, Richd Rowland & Mary his wife, Tho: Weeks & Brig : his wife, John Steevens, all these we present for not comeing to the Church upon Sundayes & other Holy days to heare divine Service &c.

William Harford Walter Porter Ch: Ward.

183. 17 April 1672.

Imprs wee present Tho. Gilpin, Tho. Beisley, Tho. Tutty, Thomas Porter, John Beisley, Sampson Tuttie, Joane Porter, Briget Gill, An Hambleton, Margarett

Hinton, John Stevens, Richard Rowland, Tho. Weekes, Christian Marten, James Harris, Alice Butler, Thom. Butler. All these for not comeing to Church upon Sundayes & other holy-dayes to heare Divine service & for not receiving the sacrament at Easter last &c.

Item we present John Phelpe[1] alias James for not paying his Rate to the Church & bulding of the Tower.

William Harford Walter Porter Churchwardens.

1. Emvt. cio 20 Augusti 1672.

185. 19 September 1672.

We do present Jams hares, Ann Bisley widow, Thomas Bisley sonn of Thomas Bisley, Thomas Porter, Thomas Tutty Requsants.

Walter Porter churchwarden.

186. 22 May 1673.

Impr. wee present Thomas Hambledon[1] & his wife Anne[2] for not receiveing the Sacrament at Easter last past nor comeing to Church to heare Divine Service. Item we present Thomas Gilpin[3] & his wife Joane[4] for not receiveing the Sacrament at Easter last past nor comeing to Church to heare Divine Service. Item we present John Beisly[5] & Margaret Hinton[6] for not receiveing the Sacrament at Easter last past nor comeing to Church to Heare Divine Service. Item we present Thomas Butler[7] & Marg.[8] his wife for not receiveing the Sacrament at Easter last past nor comeing to Church to Heare Divine Service.

Item we present James Harris[9] for not paying his Tax to the Tower.

Robert Coppock Minister.

William Harford Walter Porter Churchwardens.

Emvt. cio. 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9. 16 7^{mbris} 1673.

187. *Blank.*

188. 13 October 1673.

Imp^{r}. wee present Thomas Hambeton & John Beisly for not receiveing the sacrament at Easter last past nor since & for not comeing to Church to heare Divine Service upon Sundayes & holy dayes for these six moneths last past.

William Harford Walter Porter Churchwardens.

Item we present Thomas Hambleton, William Beisly Senior, & ffrancis Gammon for not giveing up theire accounts of what moneys the[y] received of theire Deputies for the breifes for the rebuilding of our Tower &c: of Warborow.

William Harford Walter Porter Churchwardens.

(*Oxon. Archd. Papers* c. 161. *f.* 57.

Aprill 29th. 1673. Warborowe.

Mr Holloway,

I am much ashamed to see our Church lye in such desolatly neglected, and ruinus condition. It lyes like a barne; than a church. There hath beene nothing considerable done to it save the building of the Tower, for which we may thank our neighbours more than ourselves, who now repent their charitie, and crye out shame of us, for letting it lye so, but besides the Tower built (almost all upon or neighbours charges) there hath beene nothing done these 10 yeares & upward. We have 5 good bells lying here and there in the Church, but not so much as a Sts [? *Sanctus*] Bell in ye Tower, so that wee have noe notice when to goe to prayers, but go by anie as well as we can, & hereupon it often comes to passe that prayers are done, when many well-wishers to them, thought to have been at the beginning, and others upon the same account miss both prayers and sermon, and this putts them many times upon goeing to the Barne at Overy and makes us to be laughed at & jeered by the Phanatick brood; and our neighbours are so far from pittying us, that they upbraide us with it too, so that we are become a scorne to all men, and wee shall be more and more contemptible; without some speedie re[med]ie. I have used all the meanes I can to perswade them to putt things in a better order & hang up theire bells, that wee might againe have a church lik our neighbours, and avoyd the shame &c. but after all my patient expectation, there is nothing done, nor nothing like to be done, without force. Therefore to you I make my addresse, craveing the Drs & yor assistance herein, and in order there unto that you would be pleased to tak cognisance of it, and before ye Crt at Easter Summon in to ye Crt then the two Church-wardens Wm Harford & Walter Porter, and Thomas Hembleden one of ye Treasurers

of ye monye collected. I single out him, because as greate a promoter as he is of ye Barne and payes as liberally there, allowing 8^{li} per annum, he is altogether as great a hinderer of o^{r} Church, & nether is willing himselfe that o^{r} bells should be hung up, nor that any other should attempt it, but frifles all motions that way; and besides He hath deputed a very pittifull fellow to collect two considerable Counties, of which he hath given a very slender account, not of above 50^{s} in both counties collected, and that monyes Hambleden is not carefull to demand of him [*word illeg.*] the mans bond is to him & he should recover it from him haveing deputed him & taken his bond for a true discharge and therefore him and ye Churchwardens I would have sumoned in and dealt with according to ye D^{rs} discretion & yors and what lyes on yo^{r} will, I am readie to doe it. Pray present me humblie to ye D^{r} & communicate the summe of this to him and I am S^{r} yo^{r} friend and servant R. Coppock.

Lib. Act. c. 158. *f.* 341.

Officium dni contra Walterum Porter et Willmum Harford Gardianos sive Œconimos Capellae de Warborow in Com. Oxon.

The said church wardens appeared and it was objected to them "that the Bells of ye said Chapell of Warborow have layen upon the ground in ye said Chapell yard & have not been hanged up in ye Tower of the said Chapell for the ffoure or ffive yeares last past & upwards deinde respondent that the obiection made by ye Officiall of this Court is true, unde the said Official doth require and injoyne them to procure or cause to be procured that one of the great Bells be hanged up in a fframe in the Tower of their said Chapell wthin Three Weeks next after ye date of this Court, and that they ye said Church wardens doe likewise procure Timbers to be bought at the charges of ye Parishioners and inhabitants of the Village of Warborowe for ye making of a fframe for the hanging up of all ye great Bells in the said Tower of the Chapell of Warborowe And that they doe certifie unto ye Judge of this Courte within a ffortnight after Michaelmas next under the hands of Mr. Robert Coppuck the Minister there & of the Churchwardens

themselves that they have provided Timber by the time to be assigned for the use and purpose above specified & menconed &c. 14° Septembris 1674°."
The bells are to be hung up before the feast of Easter next following.
Lib. Act. f. 343. 13 October 1673.
Thomas Hambledon and John Beisley for not receiveing the sacrament. They appeared and replied "That they nor neither of them are bound to make anie account or to to give any answeare to that presentment." Pronounced contumacious and were thereupon excommunicated.)

189. 18 May 1674.
Imp^ris we present Thomas Hambleton and John Beisly for totally absenting themselves from ye Church, for theire frequent keeping of conventicles & theire contempt of & denying the Authoritie of your Court.
Item we present Thomas Gilpin for not comeing to Church to heare Divine Service & for keepeing a Conventicle of Quakers every Sunday in his house, he himselfe being theire Speaker.
Item we present John Webb for denying & not paying his customarie due for bread & wine at ye sacrament at Easter last past.
William Harford Walter Porter Church Wardens.
Item I present that our Church is not in good repaire.
Item That ye bells are not hung up in ye Tower not so much as a frame made for them notwithstanding ye orders of this Court that by Michaelmas last past the frame should be made &c. & that in all this time there is nothing done in order thereunto.
Robert Coppock Min^r ibid.

190. [*Blank.*]

191. 14 September 1674.
Impr. we present Thomas Beisly junior & Thomas Perry for not coming to Church to heare Divine Service & for not receiving ye Sacrament at Easter last past nor since.
Item we present John Wheeler for not paying ye Clerk his dues.

Item we present Thomas Hambleden for not paying ye Clerk his dues.

William Harford Walter Porter churchwardens.

177. 26 May 1675.

Wee present Thomas Gilpin for never comeing to ye church to heare divine service & for keepeing a conventicle in our towne.

Wm Harford Walter Porter Churchwardens.

Emanavit citatio.

178. 8 May 1676.

Imp^{r}. we present Thomas Gilpin for not receiveing the sacrament at Easter last past nor since & for keeping a conventicle.

Item we present James Harrison for not comeing to Church to heare divine service Easter last past nor since.

Wm Harford Walter Porter Church-Wardens.

174. 9 October 1676.

Imp^{rs}. we present Thomas Gilpin & Ja(mes) Harrison for not comeing to Church to heare Divine service & for not receiveing the sacrament at Easter last past nor since.

William Harvord Walter Porter Church wardens.

193. 30 May 1677.

We present Thomas Gilpin for not comeing to Church &c. and not receivin the Sacrament at Easter last past nor since & for keepeing a constant Conventicle in our parish.

William Harvord Walter Porter.

184. 13 May 1678.

Imp^{r} we present Thomas Hambledon & Anne his wife, John Beisley juno^{r} and Anne his wife, Thomas Gilpin & Joane his wife, Thomas Beisly juno^{r} & Thomas Tuttie all for not comeing to o^{r} parrish church to heare divine service & for not receiveing the sacrament at Easter last past nor since.

John Webb Wm. Cox Churchwardens.

24 Maii Emvt cio 1679.

192. 27 September 1678.
We Present Thomas Gilpin for not comeing to Church to heare Divine Service, for not receiveing the Sacrament at Easter last past nor since, And for keeping a Conventicle in our Towne.
William Harford Walter Porter Churchwardens ibid.

194. [*n.d.*]
We knowe nothing amisse, but what hath beene presented before.
Robert Beisly ffrancis Gammon Church-wardens.

195. 22 June 1680.
Wee present Thomas Gilpin Mercer for not receiving the Sacrament of the Lords Supper at Easter last.
Robert Bisley ffrancis Gammon Churchwardens.

196. 20 June 1681. [*Nothing presentable.*]
Robert Bisley Churchwarden.

197. 23 June 1682. We present omnia bene.
Thomas Bisley Charles Eldridge Church Wardens.

198. 5 July 1683.
Wee [have] nothing presentable within our parish but some Dissenters who are presented already to the petty sessions at Watlington.
Rich: Bisley Griffin Harris Ch. Wardens.

199. 23 June 1684. [*Nothing presentable.*]
Simon Bisley Abraham Tutty.

200. 30 June 1685.
Wee have nothing presentable within our parish to the best of our knowledge saveing severall persons who are presented at the Coman Law.
Thomas Butler William Wheeler Ch. Wardens.

201. 5 July 1686.
We present that there are some dissenters in our parish who are presented at the Common Law. Et aliter omnia bene.
Thomas Inns Thomas Bartlet Church Wardens.

202. 4 July 1687. [*Nothing presentable.*]
Richard Phelp John Carter.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 415. 15 July 1690. The Churchwardens warned "to take the keys from the poor man that lives in the Ch. Porch & turne him out within 4 days time.")

203. 20 June 1692.
Our Church is in good repaire and the Railes Round our Church Yarde are likewise in good repaire.
William Herbert Wm Coxe Churchwardens.
December 13th 1691. Joane Phelpe of Warborrough was buried and Affidavite was made before Mr Keene of Dorchester according to the act of Parliament.
January 15th 1691/2 John Allen of Warborrough buried and Affidavit was made before Mr Bruch of Bensington.
March 16th 169½ John Carter of Warborrough was buried and Affidavit was made before Mr. Keene of Dorchester according to the act of parliament.
May 8th 1692. Augustine ffoorde of Warborrough was buried and Affidavit was made before Mr. Keene of Dorchester according to the act of parliament.
Mary the Daughter of William Herbert was Baptized August 30th 1691.
Elizabeth the Daughter of Silas Beisly was Baptised ffebruary 28th 169½
John the Sonne of John Beisly was Baptised June 12th 1692.

204. 3 July 1693.
Imprimis Our Church and Railes are in good Repaire.
December 3d 92. William Coxe of Shillingfoorde in ye Parrish of Warborrough was buried & an affidavit made the same day.
Rose ye daughter of Mr William Herbert was baptized January 8 9⅔
Jonathan Buttler the sone of Jonathan Buttler was Baptized March 26 93.
Moses ye son of Moses Coxe was Baptized Aprill 30th 93.
Margret ye Daughter of John Percie was Baptized ye same day.
Mary ye Daughter of John Harris was baptized June 11th 1693.
William Herbert churchwarden.

205. 19 June 1694.
Wee present John Bisley Jun. for not paying his Church rate made the 24th of May 1694 at 1^{s} 6^{d} by the yard land being 4^{s} 7^{d} for his Estate And for another Rate then likewise made for the Estate the Rate being 1^{s} 10^{d}ob.
Abraham Wallis John Alnot
(*Lib. Act. f.* 427. 15 July 1695. Warned to pay his rates, and upon refusal, was pronounced contumacious and excommunicated.)

157. June ye 28th [*circa* 1695].
The Church being in Good repaire Nothing to be presented.
Jonathan Buttler Richard Gosford.

159. [*c. 1695.*]
the Church being in good repare there is Nothing to be Presented.
Richard Innes James Smeth Church warens.

206 to 210. [1698 to 1701]. [*Nothing presentable.*]

211. [*n.d.*]
The presentment of the Curate of Warborow.
I present that the 5th bell is Broken and wants new casting.
Witness my hand Henry Parkhurst.
(*Oxon. Archd. papers, Oxon. b* 81. *f.* 53. 1702.
William Wallis and John Embris, churchwardens of Warborough cited, for not repairing the 5th bell which was presented at the last court.)

212 and 213. 1702 and 1703. [*Nothing presented.*]

214. 10 July 1704.
We have nothing presentable within our parish to the best of our knowledge saving the Death of Tho. Butler & Eliz. Bisley wid.
Richard Gosterd Ch. Warden.

215. 16 July 1705.
Wee have nothing presentable within our parish to the best of our knowledge.
ffrancis Gamon William Wheler.

Memd. there is one great with child. [*? the Official's writing.*]

[*The following are the only presentments made in the returns from* 1706 *to* 1834.]

225. 4 May 1724.

Nothing to present John Bisley.

I Richard Pearse one of y^e^ Churchwardens of y^e^ parish of Warborow above said do present that our Church is out of Repaire in y^e^ Roof in several places & that there is a book of Homilys wanting. Richard Pearse.

226. 30 June 1725.

Wee present the Church and Chancell and the ornaments thereunto belonging to be in good Repaire and that Divine Service is Duely performed therein.

As to scoolemasters Midwives and all other things wee present Omnis bene.

Silas Bisley William Gibbs Church Wardens.

228. 3 July 1727.

We have discharged our office as to Rapairs and necessaries belonging to our office to the best of our Care.

We present nothing. Thomas Gammon. Chris. Newell.

236. 27 July 1736.

We present Jane Lee of our parish for being lately Delivered of a Female Bastard Child.

Signed by us Edward Moulden. John Bartlett.

259. 25 June 1765.

The Church Wardens of the Parish aforesaid Present Elizabeth Lydiard of Warborough for being the Mother of a Bastard Child begotten on her Body by William Baninster of the same.

And we present the said William Bannister for being the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child, and for cohabiting with the said Elizabeth Lydiard in a State of notorious Fornication.

Tho. White. Thos. Cox. Church Wardens.

296. 16 July 1804.
The Church Wardens aforesaid upon their Oaths present That all is well Excepting the North Wall of the Church is damp, the Chancel wall crack'd and some of the seats out of repair.
Jno. Gammon Jas Beisley Old Churchwardens.

300. 12 July 1808.
The Churchwardens aforesaid on their Oaths present B. Tubb For Not paying the Church Rate.
T. S. Beisley John Smith.

CHISLEHAMPTON.

Oxon. Archd. papers, Oxon. b. 62.

3. n.d. (*circa* 1625).
The presentments of Cheeslinghampton.
We doe present that we haue nevere a surpliese our minister occordinge unto former use and coustume allwaies makinge use of Stadham surpliese and beinge contented therwith.
John Barnes Thomas Butler.

4. *Inserted after f.* 33.

5. The presentment made by us the viijth of Julij 1623.
Chesselhampton Churchwardens Omnia bene.
John Barnes Thomas Butler.

6. [*Endorsed* March 2 1623, *in pencil.*]
Jhon Barnes and John Bird of Chillhampton Churchwardens.
Impr the 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.10 artickels all is well.
It. the 11.12.13.14 and so to the 20 artickels all is well.
It. the 21.22.23 and so to the 30 artickels all is well.
It. the 31.32.33.34 and so to the 40 artickels all is well.
It. the 41.42 and so all the rest is well.
John Barnes John Bryde.

7. Cheselhampton presentments. [*n.d.*]
Imprimis 1.2.3.4. are well.
Item Artickells Concerninge the Clergie. 1.2.3.4.5.6.7

are all well and so forth. 8.9.10 are well & soe are all as far as wee knowe.

John Barnes John Burde Churchwardens.

8. [*Endorsed* 1623 *in pencil.*]

Chillhamton presentments.

we answer to the 1.2.3.4. . . [*and so to* 14] that it is performed. to the 15.16.17.18.19 all is well. to the 20 we answer we want Jewels works and the table of affinitie. to the 21.22.23.24.25.26.27.28 all is well. to the 29.30.31. 32 and so all the rest all is well.

John Byrde John Barnes.

162. Chislington.

Item we have nothing to present concerning Articles concluded in the book of Articles but that the ar observed.

John Barnes Iohn Burde Church Wardens.

9. [*n.d.*] The presentments of y^e^ Churchwardens of Chisleton.

We have nothing presentable but what was presented last court.

Robert Morgan minister Paul Barnes Churchwardens.

10. The presentments of Chisle Hamptons Churchwardens. May 4^th^ 1663.

Wee have no settled Minister yet (by y^e^ neglect of M^rs^ Doyley & M^r^ John Doyley for most Sundayes since Bartholomew tide last.)

[*added below the signatures.*]

William Adkins had a Daughter buried the 24^th^ of January 1662.

Thomas Cowper had a Daughter baptised the 18^th^ of ffeb. 1662.

Paul Barnes Thomas Sims Churchwardens.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 291. 14 Dec. 1663. Mr. John Doyley warned to provide a priest before the 1^st^ of January next.)

11. [*n.d.*] The presentment of y^e^ Church Wardens of Chisleton.

We know nothinge presentable in our Liberty.

Paul Barnes John Bennett Church Wardens.

12. [?] 6 May 1667.
Our chappell is in good repare neither do we know anythinge that is presentable.
Robert Morgan minister John Spier churchwarden.

13. 30 September 1667.
Our chappell is in good repair. We have nobody that refuseth to come to church nor anything that we know presentable.
Robert Morgan minister.
Richard Tapster and Ann his wife were married ye 27 of Maye 1667.
Paul Barnes John Bennett.

14. 14 September 1668.
Our church & mounds bee in Good Repeare. Wee haue nothing to present.
John Bennett Paull Barnes Church woardens.

15. 17 May 1669.
We present Mrs Doely[1] for not Coming tow Church and for not receuing of the Communion. wee present Agnice[2] the wife of Tho: Bartlet for not receuing of the Communion. wee present Tho: Simes[3] for not receuing of the Communion. we present Mary Simes[4] for not receiuing of the Communion. we present Ruth Simes[5] for not receving of the Communion. we present Elizibeth[6] the wife of William Stream for not receuing of the Communion.
John Bennett Paul Barnes Churchwardens.
Emvt cio 1.2.3.4.5.6 / Septemb. 1669.
(*Lib. Act.* 13 Sep. 1669. Thomas Sims husbandman and Mary Sims are to receive the communion and to certify.)

16. [*Blank.*]

17. 10 October 1670.
A presentment of the Churchwardes of Chistlehampton our Church and moundes are in good repeare wee have nothing to present as yet.
John Bennett and Paul Barnes.

18. 11 September 1671.
Presentmentes of ye Churchwardens of Chiselton.

Imp. our minister that was constant with us is dead and Sr John Doyley is from home ever since so that wee have not comen prayer nor preaching constantly sence. we have nothing elce presentable as we know.

John Spier Thomas Simmes Churchwardens.

19. 26 May 1671.

Our chappell is good repair. All thinges are in our parish in good order.

Paul Barnes & John Bennett Church Wardnes.

20. 18 April 1672.

Impr. The Church is in good repaire. Comon praire & preachinge wee have duly everey lords day. we have nothing to present all thinges are well so fare as wee know.

John Spier Thomas Simes Churchwardens.

21. 19 September 1672.

Our Chappell is in good Repare. wee haue preaching & Common prayer Constant every Lords Day and all things in good order As fare as wee know.

Tho Simmes John Spier Churchwardens.

22. 22 May 1673.

Our Chappell is in good Repaire. Wee have preaching and Devine Sarvice Constant every Lords Day and all things in good order.

Tho. Simmes John Spier Church Wardens.

23. 14 October 1673.

Imps our church is in good repaire. we have comon praire & preaching euery Lords day as for requsants we we have none al things well so fare as wee know.

John Spier Thos. Simes Church wardens.

24. 18 May 1674.

Our Church is in good repaire & wee have Common prayer and preaching Constant and all things in good order so far as we know.

Tho Simmes John Spier Church wardens.

25. 14 September 1674.

A presentment of the Church wardnes of Chislehampton.

Our Church is in Good repeare wee haue nothing presentable in our liberty.
John Bennett & Paul Barnes Church Wardens.

26. 26 May 1675. Nothing presentable John Bennett and Paul Barnes.

27. 27 September 1675.
We present our chappell to be in good repaire.
John Taylor John Bennett Church Wardens.

28. *n.d.*
We present our chapel to be in good Repaire ; We have noe schismaticks in our parish, But all things in decency & order.
by us John Taylor Willm Attkins Churchwardens.

29. [*Blank.*]

30. 9 October 1676.
We present our chappell to be in good repaire and all other things thereunto belonging. Wittnes our hands.
Will: Aitkins John Tailor Church wardens.

31. 30 May 1677.
We the churchwarnes of Chisellhamton doe signifey to you that our Chapell is in good repeare : and all things very well to the best of our knowledg : haveing nothing presentable so far to you at this time from us
William Adkins John Taylor Church warnes.

32. 1677. [*sic*]
Impremis We present William Waker for not receiuing the Sacrament att Easter last past & for not coming to church in time of diuine service. Our chapell are in good Repaire & all other things ther unto belonging.
by me William Attkins Churchwarden.
Emvt cio 24 Maii 1679 [*sic*].
(*Lib. Act. f.* 390. case continued.)

33. 23 June 1679.
Our Chappell is in good repare. I present William Walker & his wife for absenting themselves from Divine

service. All other things are well by the best of my knowledge.

by me Will. Adkynes.

4. [*n.d. circa* 1680.]

The presentment of Chiswellhampton. Omnia bene [*unsigned.*]

34. 23 June 1684. Chisslehampton.

Our Chappell is in good Repaire & all things belonging there unto.

Thomas Simes his daughter Elizabeth was crisened November the first.

John Harper his daughter was crisened December 18.

Tho: Cooper his son Tho: was crisened November the eight.

And we haue nothing to present according to our knowledge.

Tho: Cooper henery Dryver Church wardens.

35. 30 June 1685.

Our Chappell is good Repaire. Sarah Simes was buried the 27 of September. Tho. Cooper was buried the 5 of . . . Suzana Chapman was buried . . . Tho. Chapman was buried . . . John Taylour child was . . . Nathanniell Loveioy Child was . . . And wee haue nothing p. . .

36. 5 July 1686.

Our Chappell is in good repaire.

Margrett Kirk was buryed August the 3rd. Margrett Emmott was buryed Aprill the 5th. Sara Simes ye daughter of Tho. Simes was baptised the first day of September. Elizabeth Loueioy ye daughter of Nathanniell Loveioy was baptised ye Seventh of ffebuary. Wee haue nothing to present in our Liberty.

Nathanel Lovejoy John Harper Churchwardens.

37. 4 July 1687.

Our Chapell is in good Repaire & wee haue nothing to present sauing wee haue no settelled Minister.

Mary Arnett the dautter of Will. Arnett was buried ye 8th day of January 1686.

Tho. Simes Henery Dryver Church wardens.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 411. 4 July 1687. Dns. monuit [eos] to

wait upon Sir John Doyley & acquaint him that the Judge of the Court doth desire him to nominate a minister.)

38. *See Clifton* 1687.

39. [*n.d.*]
John Wiggen and Mary fooler of our town ware buried since the last Court. Ann Lovejoy ye daughter of Nathanell Louejoy was baptised february ye 4th 1690.
Our Chappell is in good repayre and wee have nothinge to presente since the last Courte.
unsigned.

40. 20 June 1692.
Thomas Louioy the son of Nathanniell Loueioy was Baptized the fourteene day of November. Our Chapell is in good repaire & wee have nothing to present in our Liberty.
Nathanniell Louioy Will. Cox Church wardens.

41 to 47. 1699 to 1704. [*Nothing presentable.*]

48. 15 July 1706.
Wee present John Yates for not paying his Churche rate made the 26th day of June being 5s ojdob Et aliter omnia bene.
John Saunders Robert Jacob Ch: Wardens.

[*The churchwardens make no further presentments in their returns, the last being dated* 1834.]

CLIFTON.

163. [*n.d. circa* 1625.]
Wee the Churchwardens & sidman of Clifton havinge perused the book of Articles doe first present John Prince and Anne his wife for not comminge to the Church.
It. wee present Edward Prince & Mary Prince the sonne and daughter of the sayd John & Ann for not comminge to the Church.
It. wee present Thomas Gammon for not comming to

the Church and not receivinge the Communion at Easter last.

It. wee present Ellen Almonde the wife of Richard Moore upon a fame to be incontinent with her sayd husbande befor the were married.

It. to the rest of the Articles wee say omnia bene.

Zacharye Keane Raph Curwen Churchwardens
William Poter sideman.

164. The presentment of the minister, churchwardens and sideman of Clifton to the Articles Ecclesiasticall In the visitation held at Dorchester the 4th of October Anno Dni 1623.

Imprimis to the 1.2.3. [*and so on to* 20] all well.

To the 21.22. [*and so on to* 30] all well.

To the 31.32. [*and so on to* 40] all well.

To the 41.42.43.44 none.

To the 45 Wee present John Prince and An his wife, Thomas Prince and Jone Prince his wife, Mary Prince the daughter of John Prince, and Thomas Gammon Carpenter for Popish Recusantes and haue abstayned from divine service & from the communion for divers yeares. To the rest all well.

To the 46. [*and so to* 50] all well.

To the 51. [*and so to* 57] wee say the lik.

William Proues mynister.
Henry Barnes George Prince Churchwardens.
John Orpud Sideman.

165. The true presentment of the Churchwarden and sideman of Clifton to the Articles Ecclesiasticall enquirable within the Peculiar iurisdiction of Dorchester. In the visitation held there the viijth day of July Anno Dni 1623.

Imprimis to the first 2.3. [*to* 17] all well. to the 18. [*to* 40] all well.

To the 41 wee knowe noe suppressors of willes or testaments but that Raph Carter latly deceased and it is reputed hee hath made a will & John Orpud is Executor therof or his wife or both ioyntly. to the 42.43.44 all well.

It. to 45 wee present John Prince and An his wife for Recusancie and for not Comminge to Church to the [*sic*] receive the Communion and to heare divine service.

It. wee present Thomas Prince and Johan his wif and

Thomas Gammon widdower for the same.
It. to the 46 [*to* 57] all well.
Johanne Kearne Churchwarden William Porter sideman.

166. 19 May 1624.
Imprimis to the 1. [*to* 20] all well. To the 21. [*to* 33] we say likewise. To the 34 wee present Antony Peeseley upon a fame of incontinency with Elizabeth Benam his servaunt the last yeare past Anno Dni 1623.
To the 35 [*to* 44] all well.
To the 45 wee present for persish [*sic*] recusantes and excommunicated persons Thomas Prince and Joane his wife, Mary Prince, Thomas Gamon, Ann the wif of John Prince and John Prince the sonne of Richard Prince.
It. to the same article wee present Alice Prince the wif of Richard Prince for not comminge to Church & not receivinge the Comunion this last Easter. To the 46. [*to* 57] all well.
William Prowse Curate.
Henry Barnes George Prince Churchwardens.
John Orpud Sideman.

167. Clifton. The presentments of the Churchwardens & sideman of Clifton to the Articles to be enquired of within the peculiar iurisdiction of Dorchester at the first visitation of the Wor^{ll} M^{r} Gyles Swett Commissarye of the peculiar held by him there the third day of November Anno dni 1625.

Articles concerninge the church and churchyard.
Imprimis. Churchyard wee haue none to the rest of the Articles all well. To the 2.3.4.5.6. all well.
Articles concerninge the Clergie.
to the 1. [*to* 12] all well. to the 13. [*to* 20] all well.
Concerninge Ecclesiasticall courts.
wee knowe nothinge to the contrary.
Concerninge Schoolemasters none.
Concerninge parish Clarkes.
To the 1.2.3.4 all well.
Concerninge the parishioners and others of the laitye. To the 1.2.3.4.5 all well. To the 6 we present Thomas Prince and Jone his wife, John Prince and Ann his wife, Thomas Gammon carpenter and John Prince the sonne

of Richard Prince for Popish recusantes, and haue not received the Communion for many yeares last past. to the 7.8. all well. To the 9 wee haue a Chappell of ease wherein wee receave allwayes and ever did in the memory of man. [*sic*]. To the 10. [*to* 20] all well.

To the 21 wee say that Jone Crips hath her husbands will to be proved. proved [*added*].

to the 22. [*to* 29] all well.

John Clanfeild Arthure Loder Churchwardens.
Thomas Cripps Sideman.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 24. 15 May 1626. Excommunication promulgated 10th of April last, of Thomas Gammon, John Prince and Anne his wife, and John the son of Richard Prince,

f. 31. 13 June 1626. Thomas Prince and Joan his wife, Thomas Gammon, John Prince and Anne his wife, John the son of Richard Prince remain excommunicated.)

168. [*Blank.*]

169. 15 May 1626.

Imprimis wee the Churchwardens and sidman of Clifton havinge perused the book of Articles doe present Jone the wife of Thomas Prince, John Prince and Ann his wife and Mary Prince the daughter of the sayd John Prince, and John Prince the sonne of Richard Prince and Thomas Gammon Carpenter to bee Popish recusantes and excommunicated.

It. to the rest we say all well.

John Clanfild Arthur Loder Chur wardens.

170. 16 May 1663.

The Rectory or Parsonage of Clifton in y^e^ County of Oxon wee conceiue to bee worth 85^11^ per Ann. ye cleere yearly value of all the proffitts & Tyths thereto belonging.

Witness George Prince Anthony Sawyers.

171. 30 April 1666.

Wee present Robert Prince,[1] Elizabeth his wife,[2] Thomas Keate,[3] and Anne Prince[4] widow and Ann Prince[5] hir daughter Ja[. . .] Weston widow for not [coming] to our Parish Church to hear [divine] prayers for the space of six Mon[ths] last past nor since nor receiveing ye

Holy Communion at Easter last past nor since.
John Pisley Richard Keate.
[Emvt cio] 1.2.3.4.5.6. 24 7^{mbris} 1666.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 311. 4 Oct. 1666. Robert and Eliz. Prince and Thomas Keate cited, and not appearing, excommunicated.
f. 312. 6 May 1667. Robert and Eliz. Prince and Thomas Keate to certify their conformity under the hands of Brian Holland vicar of Witnam Comites and John Huxtable Rector of March Baldon before the 25th of March. Not appearing nor rendering certificate, they were pronounced contumacious. Penalty reserved.)

173. 9 April 1668.
Imprimis Wee present Robert Prince[1] & Elizabeth his wiffe,[2] Thomas[3] [Keate], [Ann] Prince[4] widd. Ann Prince,[5] [Jane W]eston for not coming to Church these six months last past and not receaueing the sacrament at Easter nor since.
Robert Day Thomas Pope Church Wardens.
[Emvt cio] 1.2.3.4.5.6 2 Septem^{bris} 1668.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 322. 14 Sep. 1668. Thos. Keate, Eliz. Prince, Joane Weston case continued.
f. 325. 7 May 1669. Robert Prince, Eliz. Prince, Thos. Keate failed to render a certificate of conformity. Sentence reserved.)

174. [*Blank.*]

175. 14 September 1668.
Imprimis. Wee present Robert Prince & Elizabeth his wife, Thomas Keate, Anne Prince Widd. Anne Prince spinster and Joane Weston Widd. for not coming to Church in sixe monthes last Past.
Robert Day Thomas Pope Church Wardens.

176. 17 May 1669.
Imprimis. Wee present Robert Prince and Elizabeth his wife, Thomas Keate, Ann Prince widd. and Anne Prince spinster for not coming to Church in six monthes last past and for not Receauing the sacrament at Easter nor since.
Robert Day Thomas Pope Church Wardens.
Stephen Goodwin Preacher.

177. 13 September 1669.
Impr. Wee present Robert Prince & Eliz. his wife for not coming to Church.
Item Tho. Keate for not coming to Church.
Item Anne Prince widdow for not coming to Church.
Item Ann Prince ye daughter of ye foresayd Anne Prince for not coming to Church.
John Barnes John Pisley.

178. 1670.
Imprimis Wee present Elizabeth Prince widd.[1] Thomas Keat,[2] Ane Prince[3] widd. and Ane Prince[4] spinster for not coming to church in six moneths past and not receuing the sacraments at Easter nor since.
John Barnes John Pisley Church wardens.
Emvt cio 1.2.3.4/ 1 Octr. 1670.

179. 10 October 1670.
Impr. Elizabeth Prince widdow for not coming to Church nor receiving the communion at Easter last nor since.
It. Thomas Keate for not coming to Church nor receiving the communion at Easter last nor since.
It. Anne Prince & her Daughter Anne for not coming to Church nor receiving the communion at Easter last nor since.
John Barns John Pisley Churchwardens.

180. 26 May 1671.
Imprimis wee present Elizabeth Prince[1] Widd and Thomas Keate[2] for not coming to Church in sixe moneths last past and for not receiveing the Sacrament at Easter nor Since.
It. Wee present Anne Prince[3] Widd and Anne Prince[4] spinster for not coming to Church in sixe moneths last past and for not receiveing the Sacrament at Easter nor Since.
John Barnes John Pisley Church Wardens.
Emvt cio 1.2.3.4/ 26 Augusti 1671.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 335. 16 May 1671. Eliz. Prince excommunicated.
f. 336. Thomas Keate cited and not appearing, excommunicated.
f. 337. 11 Sep. 1671. Anne Prince and her daughter cited, not appearing, excommunicated.)

181. [*Blank.*]

182. ? 11 *September* 1671.
Imp. Wee present Elizabeth Prince widd. Thomas Keate, Ane Prince Widd and Ane Prince spinster for not coming to Church in sixe moneths last past and for not Receiuing the Sacrament at Easter nor since.
[George Prince presented for not coming to Church ye last halfe yeare & not receiuing ye sacrament of ye Lords supper Easter last—*added.*]
Anthony Pysley John Pisly Church Wardens.

183. [*Blank.*]

184. ? 12 April 1672.
Imprimis Wee present George Prince, Thomas Keate, Elisabeth Prince widd. Anne Prince widd and Anne Prince spinster for not coming to Church in six moneths last past and for not Receiuing the sacrament at Easter nor since April the 18th 1672.
[Item wee present Thomas ffrench and Anne ffrench als Simes his now wife for incontinency by them comitted before marriage—*added.*]
John Pisly Anthony Pisely Church Wardens.

185. 19 September 1672.
Imprimis Wee present George Prince, Thomas Keate, Elizabeth Prince widdow, Anne Prince widdow, Mary Prince spinster and Anne Prince spinster for not coming to Church in sixe monthes last past.
Anthony Pizely Thomas Pope Church Wardens.

186. 11 March 1673.
Imprimis Wee present Thomas Keate[1] and Elizabeth Prince widd.[2] Mary Prince spinster Anne Prince widd. and Anne Prince spinster for not coming to Churche in six monthes last past and for not receauing the sacrament at Easter nor since publiquely.
Steph. Godwin.
Anthony Pisley Thos. Pope Churchwardens.
Emanavit citatio 1.2. 16 7bris 1673.

187. 13 October 1673.
Impr. wee present Widdow Elizabeth Prince and

Thomas Keate for not coming to Church to heare Divine service & for not receiving the sacrament of the Lords supper at Easter or since.

Steph. Goodwin ibid. minister.

Tho: Pope William Beenam Churchwardens.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 342. 13 Oct. 1673. Elizabeth Prince and Thomas Keate cited, and not appearing, were excommunicated.)

188. 14 September 1674.

Imprimis We present Thomas Keate & Elizabeth Prince widow as Popish Recusants and for not receiving the Sacrament of the Lords supper at Easter last past nor since. Et aliter omnia bene.

Thomas Pope John Barns Churchwardens.

189. *n.d.*

Impr. We present Thomas Keate for not coming to Church to hear divine service nor receiving ye holy Communion Easter last nor since.

It. we present Eliz. Prince for not coming to Church to hear divine service nor receiving ye holy Communion Easter last nor since.

Steph. Goodwin Minister ibd.

Tho. Pope Will. Benham Church Wardens.

190. 26 May 1675.

We present Thomas Keate[1] and Elizabeth Prince[2] widdow for not coming to Church to heare Divine Service & for not receiving ye Sacrament at Easter.

Thomas Pope John Barns Church Wardens.

Emt cio pro 1.2.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 351. 27 Sep. 1675. Thos. Keate case continued. Elizabeth Prince cited and did not appear. Dominus ex gratia reservavit poenam ejus in prox.)

191. 27 September 1675.

We present our Chapell to be in good Repaire.

Tho: Poop John Barnes Churchwardens.

192. [*n.d.*]

We y[e] Churchwardens of Clyfton doe present The Wid. Prince, Thomas Keate, Mary Prince, Elizabeth ffrewin, Anne Prince wid, Anne Prince her daughter.

John Barns Thomas Amon Church Wardens.

193. 9 October 1676.
We present nothing. Jo^{n} Barnes Thomas Almond Church Wardens.

160. [*n.d.*]
Our church is in good repaire, and all things belonging thereunto with all decency imaginable, and y^{e} people doe come unto deuine seruice constantly.
Phill: Keene min. John Barnes churchwarden.

161. [*n.d.*]
We y^{e} Church-Wardens of Clifton do hereby Certifie that the Church is in good repair, & that all other things are as they ought to be in the same Towne.
Thomas Pope Edward Stimpson Church Wardens.

194. 22 June 1680.
We present our Chapell in good Repaire & all things else thereunto belonging in good order : by us
Tho: Pope John Pissley Church-wardens.

195. 18 June 1679.
The pepple of the said parish do come to diuine seruice and to ye sacrament. The Chapell also is in good repaire and all thing there belonging.
John Pisley Thomas Pope Churchwardens.

196. 20 June 1681.
We Present our Chappell to be in good Repaire. And all other things therunto belonging to the best of our knowledge. Wittness our hands the day & yeare first aboue written.
Richard Evans Cl. Anthony Sawyer John Pisly Church Wardens.

197. 23 June 1682.
We present our chappell in good repaire & all things else thereunto belonging by us Anthony Sawyer Tho: ffrench churchwardens.

198. [*n.d.*]
We have no persons that do absent themselves from there parish Church from hearing devine service Contrary to law.

And things are in very good order and wee have Meet Monethly to Consider of good Course and Meet order to be taken in the premises according to the articles in that case made & provided. Nothing to present.

per us Antho: Sawyer William Sermon Churchwardens.

199. 5 July 1683.

We present Nicholas Dicker & Thomas Mott for not coming to Church in time of Divine Service & for not receiuing the Sacrament att Easter last past.

by us John Barnes Anthony Bisley Church wardens.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 403. 23 June 1684. Nicholas Dicker and Thomas Mott cited, but no note of proceedings.)

200. 30 *June* 1685—[*endorsed in pencil.*]

Wee prenc the Church in good repar and al things als. In witnes her of wee put ouer hends

Thomas Poope Edwrd Stempson.

201 to 206. 1690 to 1700. *Nothing to present.*

207. 7 July 1701.

Things that are out of repaire at Present shall bee in good repaire within this and the next month.

Antho: Pisely John Barnes Churchwardens.

[*The following are the only presentments made in the returns from* 1702 *to* 1834.]

214. 19 July 1707.

Item We present Mr Anthony Piesly (Impropriator—*int.*) for not (providing a minister every Sunday which has been neclected this half year—*deleted.*) for not—*sic*—taking care that the Church be supplyed more than once in a ffortnight for these 6 moneths last past.

Anthony Sawyer Robeard Wesson Church Warns.

269. 11 July 1775.

The Church Wardens of the parish aforesaid present that (All Well—*del.*) The Church is in a Rewinos State.

John Prickett.

270. 8 July 1776.

The Chapel is in a Rewinus [Cease—*del.*] condition.

John Prickett.

271. 4 July 1777.
The Parish Church of Clifton is in a Ruinus State. John Latham.

272. 14 July 1778.
The Chappel of Clifton in a ruinous State. John Latham.

273. 8 July 1779.
The Chapel of Clifton in a Ruinous state. John Latham.
(*Oxon. Archd. papers, Oxon. c.* 160. *f.* 94.
John Ridge churchwarden of Clifton excommunicated for not repairing or causing to be repaired the parish Church of Clifton which is now in a ruinous condition, and his manifest contempt & contumacy in not beginning to repair the said parish church according to an estimate to him delivered.)

DORCHESTER.

Oxon. Archd. papers, Oxon. b. 63.
4. *n.d.* [*circa* 1620.]
The presentments of the Churchwardens of Dorchester.
Imprimis. we answere to the tenne first articles all is well.
It. to the 7 next we answere all is well.
It. we present [upon the eighteenth—*int.*] that a strange woman was brought a bed at the signe of the George & departed the Parish without doing any pennance for her offence. and another was likewise deliuered in the open feild within our parish & departed in like manner.
It. to the 19.20.21 we answere all is well.
It. upon the 22 article we present that our Church railes which belong to Warborowe to repaire are at defaulte.
It. to the 23. [*to the* 38] we answere all is well.
It. to the other articles to the 53 we answere all is well.
It. upon the 54 article we present Emme Coldwell & Grace Day for recusants.
It. to the rest of the articles to the end we answere all is well.
Will. Winchester Curat.
Roger Brocke Thomas Barker Thomas Whitchellow Churchwardens.
Robert Betteris Edward Johnson sidesmen.

5. 1621.

Impr. to the 36 we present all is well.

It. upon the 37 we present that two from Warborowe [we knoweth not their names—*del.*] [viz . . . May & Thomas Bullie—*int.*] but knowe not who were with them at the buryall were buryed by night in our Church yard.

It. to the 53 we present all is well. It. upon the 54 we present Emme Coldwell & Grace Day for being recusants.

It. to the 65 we present all is well.

Will. Winchester [*Curate*] Robert Betteris Edward Johnson [*sidesmen*]
Roger Brocke Thomas Whitchelowe Thomas Barker Churchwardens.

6. 8 July 1623.

Imprimis to the 1. [*to* 15] we answere all is well.

It. upon the 16 Article we present Roger Brocke & Robert Betteris ffarmors of the Tythes of this our parish for suffering the Chancell to goe to ruine.

It. to the 17 we answere all is well.

It. upon 18th we present that our Church is not sufficiently repayred in glazeing, tileing, seileing, paueing, timber worke in the roofe, nor beautifyed with scripture sentences. It. to the 19 we present it is well.

It. upon ye 20 Article we present that we haue not the two volumes of homilies nor Mr Jewels workes. It. to the 21 [*to* 27] we answere it is well.

It. upon the 28th Article we present Susanna Childes the wife of Luke Childes for not receiueing the Communion at Easter ; and Elias ffeild for the same & Bartholomew Manning for the like. It. to the 29 [*to* 43] we answere all is well.

It. upon the 44 we present Mr John Perrot & William Cherrill of Dorchester for not diligently resorting to our parish Church, but are most sabaoth dayes & holidayes away.

It. upon the 45 Article we present Emma Coldrell the wife of Robert Coldrell & Grace Day the wife of Walter Day for recusancie.

It. to the 45. [*to the* 57] we answere all is well.

Will. Winchester Curat.
Thomas Bromley Clement Cobbe William Dauie Churchwardens.
Will Keene Morice Abbot sidesmen.

7. 4 October 1623.

Imprimis to the first tenne articles we say all is well.

It. to the 11.12.13.14.15 articles we answere all is well.

It. upon the 16 article we present that the Chancell is fallen to decay.

It. to the 17 we say it is well.

It. upon the 18 we present that our Church is not sufficientlie any way repayred.

It. to the 19 we say it is well. It. to the 20 we present that we haue not the two Volumes of Homilies nor Mr Jewels works.

It. to the 30 we answere that all is well. It. to the 40 we answere that all is well.

It. to the 44 article we present Richard Day for not comeing to Church along time.

It. upon the ? 55 article we present Emme Coldrell the wife of Robert Coldrell & Grace Day the wife of Walter Day for recusants.

It. to the rest of the articles all is well.

Will. Winchester Curat.

Thomas Bromley Clement Cobbe William Dauie Churchwardens.

William Keen Maurice Abbot Sidesmen.

8. 19 May 1624.

Imprimis to the 8 first Articles we answere it is well.

It. upon the 9 we present William Barnes and Anne Mortimore for refuseing to be instructed or examined in the Catechisme as other children and seruants are.

It. to the 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20 we answere all is well. [*And so to the* 53.]

It. upon the 54 we present Emme Coldrell the wife of Robert Coldrell & Grace Day the wife of Walter Day & Richard Day the sonne of Walter Day for recusancie.

It. to the 55 [*to the* 65] we answere all is well.

Will. Winchester Curat.

Thomas Bromley Clement Cobbe William Dauie Church Wardens.

Morris Abbot William Keene Sidsmen.

9. *n.d.*

Burcott on the other side. The presentment of the Churchwardens & Sidsemen of Dorchester.

Imprimis upon the first article we present that our

Chancell is much out of repaire in the paueing. It. to the 2 & 3 article we answere all is well.

It. upon the fourth we present that We Have not [Mr—*del.*] Bp. Jewels workes yet for we could not provide them by reason of the dainger of the sicknes.

It. to the fifte article we present that our clocke & chyme is at defaulte.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 20. John Gurden de Dorchester for the reparacon of the Chancell of Dorchester. [He] is but the gatherer of the Tythes &c under Sr Edwarde Clerk. That yf order be not taken by the next Corte for the repaire of the Chauncell The Tythes wil bee sequestred.

f. 10. Will. Cherrell, Adam Lorkin and Barthol. Prince Gard. de Dorchester for not providing Bp Jewells works, [and] for suffering the clock & chymes to fall to decay. Comparuerunt Cherrell et Lorkin et dominus monuit eos That they provide Bp. Jewells works and procure the defects aboute the Clocke and Chymes to be mended citra festum Paschae prox. To certify the same.)

It. upon the sixte article we present that it is well.

It. to the 20 articles concerning the clergie all is well.

It. to the 5 articles concerning the ecclesiasticall Courts we answere all is well.

It. to the 2 articles concerning the schoolemasters we answere all is well.

It. to the 4 articles concerning the parish Clarke all is well.

It. to the first articles concerning the laitie we say all is well.

It. upon the 3 we present that monie was giuen by a Brewer of Mr Dunches house of Little Witnam in the Com: of Berks which Brewer made Edward Buckner steward to the sayd Mr Dunch his executor: the summe the executor himselfe hath confessed to be 50s to the Church & 50s to the poore which monie hath been many yeeres due & we cannot haue it though we haue often demanded it.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 10. cited. No entry of proceedings.)

It. to 4 & 5 articles we answere all is well.

It. upon the 6 we present Grace Day wife of Walter Day and Richard Day their sonne for popish recusants.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 9. 1625. Grace Day case continued. Richard Day did not appear.

f. 17. 1626. Grace Day, case continued. Richard Day excommunicated.

f. 26. 1626. Grace Day excommunicated.)

It. to the 7 we say all is well.

It. upon the 8 we present William Hobbes of Warborowe for refuseing to pay his full taxe. It. to the 9. 10. 11. 12. 13 we answere all is well.

It. upon the 14 we present Marke Manning, Lionel ffoster & ffrancis Escewes Butchers for keeping open shoppes on the Sabbath dayes &c.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 10. 1625. Ordered to confess their fault before the Minister and churchwardens before the next court.

f. 17. 1626. Certificate made of the confession. To pay the fees before the next court.

f. 26. 1626. Cited and not appearing, excommunicated.)

It. upon the 15 we present Elizabeth Pickman Widdow for a fame of incontinencie with a stranger who called his name Richd. Walker.

It. to the 16. [*to* 25] we answere all is well.

It. we present the inhabitants of Warborowe for refuseing the rate imposed upon them v^{li} & the inhabitants of Drayton for the like iiij^{li} & the inhabitants of Clifton for the like iij^{li}.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 10. 1625. Elizabeth Pickman. Ordered to purge herself with four hands.

f. 18. No compurgators appearing, she was pronounced deficient and convicted. To perform penance 19th of March next, and to certify the same into the next court following.

f. 27. 15 May 1626. Excommunicated.)

Will. Winchester Curate.

William Cherrell Adam Larkin Bartholomew Prince Churchwardens.

Richard Tompson William ffellowe sidsemen.

The presentments of Burcoath.

Imprimis We present Edward ffilpot for standing excommunicate.

It. we present Avas ffilpot wife of Edward ffilpot for a recusant.

It. we present Richard Allum for carting on Simon & Judes day.

It. we present Andrew Allum for carting on Bartholomew day.

William Winchester Curate Thomas Bond.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 5. 16 Nov. 1625. Richard Allum sayeth he is hartily sorry for the same & will not doe soe any more hereafter. Warned and dismissed.

Andrew Allum. Similiter ut supra.)

It. We present the inhabitants of Warborowe of our parish of Dorchester for refuseing to pay the taxe at which they were rated towards the reparations of our church vizt at v^{li} for their parte.

It we present the churchwardens of Drayton for refuseing to pay the taxe at which they were rated towards the reparations of our church vizt at iiij^{li} for their parte.

It. we present the churchwardens of Clifton of our parish of Dorchester for refuseing to pay the taxe at which they were rated towards the reparations of our church vizt at iij^{li} for their parte.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 28. 15 May 1626. [The churchwardens of Clifton say] That they have a chappell of their owne which they doe and are bound to repayre and that they never of compulsion did contribute to the reparacion of the Church of Dorchester.

The churchwardens of Warborowe and Drayton cited, and not appearing, were excommunicated.)

10. 30 April 1666.

Edward Trevis, Richard Bishop, Simon . . .

John Cane Inquisitor.

Wee present Thomas Day, Alice his wife, Anthony Day, Robert Day, John Prince, Grace his wife, Anne Day the wife of Richard Day, Elizabeth Day y^{e} wife of John Day of Burcott, M^{rs} Joane Cowdry widow, Thomas Bond his wife, Grace Cherell the wife of John Cherell, Richard Smith the younger, the wife of Richard Smith, Henry Towerton servant to John Tattum for not receiveing y^{e} Holy Communion at Easter last past nor since.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 307. 30 April 1666.

Thomas Day, Alice his wife, John and Grace Prince, Anthony Day and Anne Day, cited but did not appear. Sentence reserved.

f. 308. Robert Day, agricola, and Elizabeth Day cited, and not appearing, sentence reserved.

f. 313. 6 May 1667. Thomas and Alice Day warned

on the 24th November last to certify their conformity, and not appearing nor rendering the certificate, were pronounced contumacious. Sentence reserved.)

Allso we present Margaret Bannister for not paying of her Tax for 3 yard land and a Quarterne at 4s ye yard land being 13s.

Allso we present Mr Thomas Bannister thelder for not paying of his Tax for 4 yard lands and 3 quarters at 2s ye yard land being 9s 6d.

Allso we present Mr Thomas Bannister thelder for not paying of his Tax for 4 yard lands and 3 quarters at 4s ye yard land being 19s.

Allso we present John Cherrell for not paying of his Tax for one yard land being 4s.

Allso we present John Cherrell for not Paying of his Tax for one yard land being 3s.

Allso we present Andrew Allum for not paying of his Tax for 9 yard land at 4s ye yard land being 1li 18s.

Allso we present John Amon for not paying of his Tax for [*illeg.*] yard land at ye rate of 4s ye yard land.

Allso we present John Clay for not paying of his Tax for 3 yard land at ye rate of 4s ye yard land. 12s.

Allso we present William Whitting for not paying of his Tax for 1 yard land halfe Quarterne at 4s ye yardland being 4s 6d.

Allso we present Thomas Bannister ye younger for not paying of his Tax 5 yard lands and a half at ye rate of 4s ye yard land being 1li 2s.

Allso we present Thomas Bannister ye younger for not paying to ye Church ye money which he [?ow]ed being 1li 8s.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 313. 6 May 1667. Thomas Bannister the younger warned on the 4th. October last to pay by next month and certify payment. Not appearing, he was pronounced excommunicate.

Mary Bannister, Thomas Bannister the elder, John Cherrell, John Clay and John Amon as above.

Andrew Allum stated that the land upon which the tax was laid was at Garsington and without the Jurisdiction of Dorchester. Ideo advisare de remedio inde.)

11. [*Blank.*]

172. *Oxon b.* 62.

May 6th 1667. Dorchester peculiar.

Imprimis Wee present Thomas Day and Alice his wife . . . Day, Anthony Day . . . Prince and Grace his wife Requsants Ann Dauey the wife of Rich. Dauey

? Omne bene.

Rich. Bishop Edw. Francis

16 [ ] Dorchester peculiar.

[It] we present Thos Day[1] and Alice his wife[2] Rob Day[3] Anthoney Day John Prince[4] and Grace his wife[5] Anne Dauey[6] wife of Rich Dauey Recusants

[Emanavit] cio 1.2.3.4.5.6.

21 Martii 1667.

Edw Francis Thomas Elton Rich Tompson Church Wardens

12. 1668.

We present Thomas Day & Ales his wife, Anthony [Day], John Prince and Grace his wife, Ann Davie [Rec] usants: Henry Towerton Quaker, and Robert [Day] recusant.

Edward Frewins Thomas Elton Richard Tomson curch warden.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 321. 14 Sep. 1668. Anthony Day and Ann Davy cited and not appearing, excommunicated. *f.* 323. Alice Day, Grace Prince, Henry Towerton and Robert Day case continued.)

13. 13 September 1669.

Imprimis we present Tho: Day & Ales his wife for not coming to Church to heare divine service & for not communicating ye last Easter.

It. Robert Day, Anthony Day, John Prince & Grace his wife for ye same fault.

It. Richard Towerton for a fame of fornication.

It. Joane Kinge for a fame of fornication.

It. John Clerke for a fame of incontinency.

It. Jarvisse Inns for a fame of incontinency.

It. William Tompson[1] for not coming to divine service & not communicating ye laste Easter. It. William Keene[2] jun. for not coming to divine service & not communicating ye laste Easter.

It. Richard Smith[3] of Dorchester for not coming to

divine service & for not communicating ye laste Easter.

It. Timothy Smith[4] of Overy for building upon ye Churchyard & opening a doore into ye Churchyard.

It. Tho: Hambleton for not paying his taxe to ye church rates.

It. Anthony Day[5] for Adam Hobbs land in Overy who denyes his taxe to ye Church rate.

It. Tho: Bisley[6] for not paying to ye Church rate.

It. Richard Bisley[7] for not paying to ye Church rate.

Steph. Goodwin Minister ibm.
Edward Treavis Thomas Elton Churchwardens.
Emvt cio. 1.2.3.4.5.6.7/ 8 Martii 1669°.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 328. 13 Sep. 1669.
Thomas Day, Alice Day, Grace Prince, Robert Day, and Henry Towerton case continued.
Richard Towerton not appearing, excommunicated.)

14. 13 September 1669.

Imprimis we present Thomas Day & his wife for not coming to heare divine Service. Item John Prince for not coming to heare divine service. Anthony Day and his wife and Robert Day for not coming to divine Service.

ffrancis Dandridge Richard Davye Thomas Elton.

15. Easter 1670.

Impr. John Dayes wife for not coming to Church nor communicating last Easter.

ffrancis Dandridge Thomas Elton Richard Dave John Almond.

16. Easter 1670. [*sic*]

Impr. Tho Day[1] and his wife[2] for not coming to heare divine service nor communicating at Easter last.

Item. Robert Day[3] for ye same. Item John Prince[4] and his wife[5] for ye same. Item Anne Davy[6] for ye same.

John Almond ffrancis Dandridge Richard Dave Thomas Elton.
Emvt. cio 1.2.3.4.5.6. 1 Oct^{bris} 1670.

18. 10 October 1670.

Impr. We present Thomas Day & his wife for not coming to church nor receiving ye Communion last Easter or since.

It. John Prince and his wife for not coming to church nor receiving ye Communion last Easter or since.

It. [Ye wife of—*int.*] Richard Davy for not coming to church nor receiving ye Communion last Easter or since.

It. Thomas Bannister Jun. of Overy for a fame of incontinency with Elizabeth Inns of Dorchester.

It. Elizabeth Inns for a fame of incontinency with Tho: Bannister of Overy aforesayd.

Richard Applegath John Millman Richard Jacob Churchward.

17. 26 May 1671.

Imprimis we present Tho: Day[1] & Ales his wife[2] for not coming to divine service nor receivinge ye sacrament of ye Lords Supper at Easter last nor since.

It. we present John Prince[3] and Grace[4] his wife for not coming to divine service nor receivinge ye Sacrament of ye Lords Supper at Easter last nor since.

It. we present Anne Dauey[5] ye wife of Richard Davy for not coming to divine service nor reseivinge ye Sacrament of ye Lords Supper at Easter last nor since.

It. we present John Prince[6] for a fame of incontinency wth Jane Andrews.[7]

Richard Applegath Richard Jacob Churchwardens.
Emvt cio 1.2.3.4.5.6.7/ 26 Augusti 1671.

19. 11 September 1671.

Impr. we present Thomas Day & Alis his wife for not coming to Church nor receiving the Sacrament Easter last nor since.

It. we present Richard Davy & Ann his wife for not coming to Church [to heare divine Service—*int.*] nor receiving the Sacrament Easter last nor since.

It. we present John Prince & his wife Grace for not coming to Church [to heare divine service—*int.*] nor receiving the Sacrament Easter last nor since.

Steph. Goodwin ibid minister.
Giles Markes John Elton John Clarke Churchwardens.

20. 1672.

Impr. We present Tho. Day for not coming to divine service nor receiving ye Sacrament of ye Lords Supper the the last Easter.

It. We present Alice Day for not coming to heare divine service & not receiving ye communion.

It. We present John Prince for not coming to heare divine service & not receiving ye communion.

It. We present Grace Prince for not coming to heare divine service & not receiving ye communion.

Giles Markes John Elton John Clarke churchwardens.

21. 19 September 1672.

Imp. we Do present Thomas Day and Alce Daye his wife, John prince & Grace prince his wife, Ann Dauie wife of Richard Dauie Requesants.

We do allso present Joan King for haueing a basterd Child.

William ffellow Laurence Larkin John Bettridge Churchwardens.

. . . Innes . . am Innes sidsmen.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 338. 19 Sept. 1672. John Prince cited for fornication, and not appearing, was excommunicated. *f.* 340. Joan King cited and not appearing, was excommunicated.)

22. ffrom Dorchester Dated Apr 4 1673.

Mr. Holloway,

Tho. Bannister is resolved now to take off his excommunication at ye next Court. I doe conceive that I may present any person in my parish which is peccant without ye churchwardens.

I doe therefore present William Tompson Barber in ye parish of Dorchester for teaching schoole in Dorchester without any licence.

Unto this I set my hand,

Steph. Goodwin.

Pray give order that he be summoned in at the next court. I doe present William Tompson also for absenting himselfe from Common prayers & not receiving the Communion of ye Lords Supper at Easter last. Unto this I set my hands the day & yeare above written.

Stephen Goodwin.

Emvt cio 1/ 16 Maii 1673.

[*Endorsed* These for M^r^ Holloway Register over against ye Blewbore in Oxon.]

23. [*Blank.*]

24. 22 May 1673.

We present Thomas Day[1] and Alice[2] his wife. We present John Prince[3] & Grace his wife[4]. We present Ann Davey[5] the wife of Richard Davy for not Coming to their parrish Church & receiveing ye Lords Supper ye last Easter [Item we present Will. Tompson[6] for not coming to Church nor receiving the communion at Easter last—*added in a different hand.*]

Steph: Goodwin ibm minister.

William ffellow John Bettredge Laurance Larkin.

Emvt cio 1.2.3.4.5.6/ 16 7^{bris} 1673.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 342. 13 October 1673. William Tompson barber cited and not appearing, excommunicated.)

25. [*Blank.*]

26. 13 October 1673.

Impr. we present Thomas Day for not coming to Church to heare divine service & for not receiving the holy communion Easter last nor since.

Item we present John Prince & Grace his wife for not coming to Church & for not receiving the holy communion Easter last nor since.

Item we present Anne Davy for not coming to Church & for not receiving the holy communion Easter last nor since.

Steph. Goodwin ibid Minister.

Richard Pert Richard Brock Laurence Larkin Churchwardens.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 342. 13 October 1673. Anne Davy cited and not appearing, excommunicated.)

27. 18 May 1674.

Impr. We present Thomas Day & Ales his wife for not coming to Church to heare divine Service & for not receiving ye holy Communion at Easter last nor since.

Item We present John Prince & Grace his wife for not coming to Church to heare divine Service & for not receiving ye holy Communion at Easter last nor since.

Stephen Goodwin Minister ibid. Will. Brock Laurence Larkin Churchwardens.

(*Oxon. Archd. papers Oxon, b* 81. *f.* 28. *All the above cited.*)

28. 1674.

We present Our Church in good repaire & ye church-yard-mounds all up & more we present not.

Richard Whistler Adam Larkin John Cherrill Churchwardens.

John Port sidsman.

29. 14 September 1674.

Imprimis. We present Elinor Luggrove late of the parish of Dorchester but now of Wittenham in the County of Berks for having a base born Child.

Alsoe we present Simon Innes of Dorchester aforesaid to be the Reputed ffather thereof.

Allsoe we present Thomas Day[1] & Alice Day[2] his wife, John Prince[3] & Grace Prince[4] his wife & Richard Davy[5] & Anne his wife[6] for Popish Recusants for not coming to the Parish Church nor receiving the Sacrament at Easter last past.

Alsoe we present John fannell & Eliz. Price of our parish of Dorchester [who live together as man & wife—*int.*] but whither they are married we doe not know.

Tho. Tuer minister.

John Cherril Richard Whistler Adam Larkin Churchwardens.

Emvt cio 1.2.3.4.5.6.

30. 27 September 1675.

Impr. We present Steeven Covin for not comeing to Church upon Sundayes to heare Divine Service & for not receiveing the Sacrament at Easter last past nor since & for keeping a conventicle.

Item We present Timothie Smith Senir for not comeing to Church to heare divine service and for not receiveing ye sacrament at Easter last past nor since.

John Cherril Adam Larkin John Port churchwardens.

Emanvit.

(*Oxon. Archd. papers, Oxon.* 81 *b.* 1676. *Both cited.*)

31. 9 October 1676.

Wee present Thomas Day and Alce his wife and John Prince and Grace his wife and Richard Davy of this parrish of Dorchester—Reccusantts.

We present the Chancell out of repaire.

Will. Innes Richard Applegath Churchwardens.

32. [ ] May 1677.

[We present] Thomas Day and his wife for not coming to Church and for being Popish Recusants.

William Man Richard Moore Churchwardens.

33. 13 May 1678.

We doe present Stephen Coven of this parish for not coming to church and for being a comen Seducer and leader of a Conventicle contrary to the laws of this realm.

Tho: Tuer. Minister.

Will. Innes John Milman Tho: Banister Churchwardens.

Adam Larkin.

The presentment of Burcott.

We doe present Jane Clouch and Frances Hastings each of them for having a Bastard Child.

Tho: Tuer Minister William Mann.

Citentur. Emt cio.

34. To Richard Jacob, Richard Bannister and William ffellow Church Wardens of the parish of Dorchester in the County of Oxon.

Whereas upon the 13th day of May upon a personall visitacon and inspection had of the Parish Church of Dorchester aforesaid by Mr Joseph Woodward Master of Arts and Surrogate of the Right Worll Thomas Bouchier Dr of Laws and Officiall of the Peculiar and exempt Jurisdiction of Dorchester aforesaid It did appeare that there had been lately erected and sett upp a seat in the upermost Rank of seats on the side of the Parish Church aforesaid without any legall authy to the great prejudice & wronge of the seats in the same Ranke.

It is hereby Ordered and enioyned by the Official abovenamed and you the said Church Wardens are hereby admonished & required that immediately after the receipt of these presents You doe pull downe the said seat and put it in the same manner, figure and forme as the said seat formerly was in, as near as possible it may be And you are hereby required to Certify of the due execucon of this Order at the next Visitacon to be holden in the parish Church of Dorchester aforesaid. Dated under the seale of our Office aforesaid the 24th day of May Anno Dni 1678.

35. [*Blank.*]

36. [*Endorsed in pencil, June* 23, 1679.]
[Jacob In]ns parish Clark of D[orchester ? with the ass]ent of the Minister doe present [the perso]ns following for not paying my [wages] John ffellow, James Haselly, . . . ing, Richard Jacob labourer, John Clinch, . . . Pearson.
Jacobo Inns Clarke.

37. [*Endorsed in pencil,* 23 *June* 1679.]
The Church Wardens of Dorchester do present Thomas Brown of the said parish for having a Bastard child.
Richard Jacob William ffellow Churchwardens.
Adam Larkin Thomas Banister Sidesmen.

38. 22 June 1680.
I Thomas Tuer Minister of the parish of Dorchester doe present John Coomb of this parish for preaching at Conventicle. I present him likewise for not coming to Church and receiving the sacrement.
Emanavit citatio Tho: Tuer Minr.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 395. 20 June 1681. case continued.
f. 397. 23 June 1682. He replies that he hath not been at his parish Church nor received the Sacrament as in the presentment is set forth et submisit se &c. Warned to receive the Communion before the feast of St. Michael next coming and to certify the same under the hands of the minister and churchwardens of Dorchester.
f. 400. 5 July 1683. Not appearing nor rendering a certificate, he was excommunicated.)

39. [168]0.
We present Ann Bannister for having a Bastard Child. We present Robert Keen for having a Bastard Child. We present Joan King for having a Bastard Child.
William ffellowes Richard Banister Richard Jacob.
John ffellow, James Hazely, John Clinch, Richard Jacob, Robert Person, John King, Richard Hazeley for not paying the Clark his waiges.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 395. 20 June 1681. Anne Bannister cited and not appearing, excommunicated.
f. 395. Robert Keen and Joan King case continued.
f. 397. 23 June 1682. Robert Keen and Joan King not appearing, excommunicated.)

40. 1681.
Wee doe not know of anything presentable this Court but the reparations that are wanting in the parish Church of Dorchester.
William Quatermain John Davy Bartholomew Innes.

41. 23 June 1682. Nothing to present.
William Quatremain John Davies Bartholomew Innes.
Jacob Innes the Clark of Dorchester doth present John ffelows, Edward banister John Clinch, James hasley, Robert person, William hexe for not paying the Clarks wagis.

42. 23 June 1684.
Nothing presentable John Port Timothy Smithe Joseph Pisley.
Burcot. I have nothing presentable in Burcot aforesaid,
George Almond.
Robert Day the other of the Church warden dyed before the Visitation.

43. The presentments of Thomas Tuer min^{r} of Dorchester for the yeer 1684.
I present Edward Wise now of Little Balden for living with Elizabeth Clerk as with his wife yet unmarried.
I present William Beezly and Deborah Hulins now of Warborough for living together as Man and Wife yet unmarried.
I present Charles price of Dorchester for living wth Ioan Eldridg of Warborough as his Wife yet unmarried.
These persons never brought me any certificate to the contrary Therefore I desire ye favour of the Court not to release them upon proving their Marriage before they have paid me their Dues into the hands of M^{r} Lee.
Thomas Tuer.

44. 30 June 1685. Omnia bene.
Richard Elton Francis Dandridge Robert Day.

45. 5 July 1686.
Dorchester and Burcot omnia bene.
Richard Elton Edward Treavis.
Gilles Markes George Almond Robert Day.

46. 4 July 1687. Omnia bene.
Larance Larkin John Millman Gilles Markes Church wornds.

47. Att ye Visitation kept att y^e^ signe of Swan in Dorchester July 15 : 90.
We y^e^ Churchwardens of Dorchester and Burcot haue nothing presentable, but all things well.
Adam Larkins ffrancis Hillear Nathanell Lewis.

48 to 58. 1692 to 1706. [*Nothing presentable.*]

59. 27 June 1707.
We present Richard Applegath sen. for not paying the Minister his dues for burying his sonn which according to custome comes to 1^s^. as we haue heard.
Witness our hands John Higgs John Elton Ch: Wardens.

60. 14 June 1708. Nothing presentable John Elton.

61. The presentment of the Curate of Dorchester in the county of Oxon made and exhibited at the visitacon of the Right Wor^ll^ Thom. Bouchier D^r^ of Laws & Officiall or Comissary of the peculiar Jurisdicon of Dorchester aforesd held there the 26th day of July Anno dni 1709.
I present John Applegath one of the Exec^rs^ of Richd. Applegath late of Dorchester decd. for not paying me my accustomed dues for burying in the Church yard being 1*s*.
Lezingly widow for not paying my dues for burying her husband in the Church yard being 1*s*. [she has paid 1^s^ to the Curate for burying—*added*.]
Charles Price, John Chapman, Edward Saywell, John Clerk, Timothy Smith of Dorchester for not paying their severall accustomed dues for burying in the Church yard being 1^s^ each.
Phil: Keene Curate.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 453. 14 June 1709. John Applegath warned to appear at the White Hart in Dorchester between two and three o'clock in the afternoon. *f.* 454. Whereupon the Judge . . . admonished the said Applegath to pay the said 1^s^ . . . and also the expences which he taxes in the Acts at 6^s^ 8^d^ at or before the 13^th^ day of July next.

f. 469. 4 July 1710. Applegath appears and replies "That he did cause his father to be buryed in the Church of Dorchester But denys to pay 1s for the same to the curate by reason it is contrary to the custome of the Parish as he is informed."
f. 469. Edward Saywell and John Clark doth deny to pay. T. Smith refuses to pay at present. (Note. He hath since pd. the said summe of 1s. to the Curate.) Charles Price *as T. Smith.*

f. 470. Lazenby widow cited and not appearing, excommunicated.

f. 469. Memd. It is agreed by Mr. Keen on his side & the persons presented on their side that according to the depositions of Mr. Goodwin of Henly in relacon of the Customary dues of 1s &c. Mr Bouchier should determin the controversy &c.

f. 464. Mr. Keen, formerly Curate of Dorchester for 19 years deposes "that he hath received the same dues for burying ever since he hath been Curate of Dorchester. . . .")

62 and 63. 1709 and 1711. [*Nothing presentable.*]

64. 22 June 1713.
Wee the Church Wardens of Dorchester whose names are subscribed have nothing to present, but Elizabeth Day for refusing to pay for a May-Pole which was given for the repair of the Church.
John Betteridge Richard Elton Adam Larkin.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 450. 21 June 1714. Appears and pays the rate.)

65. 21 June 1714. Omnia bene.

66. Know all men by these presents That I Sr Charles ffittiplace Bart doe appoint Thomas Lancaster of Queens Coll: in the University of Oxon A.B. as Curate & Schoolemaster of Dorchester in the county of Oxon as being my sole right and patronage.
In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale this Nineteenth day of ffebry Annno Dni $17\frac{13}{14}$.
Cha: ffettiplace.

67. 23 July 1716.

We present Richard Innes Clarke, Philip Hatchman, George Lasser and Richard Mott for setting up Seats in the Church without Licence of the Doctor.

We present a Strange woman sojourning at the Bull Lying under a scandaluss ffame.

Wee present the Chancell to be much out of repaire.

Will. Elton Richd. Banister.

68. 1717.

The Chancell and the Seats are as they were last year. That Benj. Leasingby hath not paid the Clerk his Dues for eight years and a half or thereabts.

Tho. Lancaster Minister.

Richard Banister John Elton Willm Bannister.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 494. 1 July 1718.

B. Leasingby appears and says "That he believes there may be sixe yeares stipend due to the Clarke from this Respondent unde Dns. monuit eum ad solvendum sum. 6^{s}. . . statim &c. Solvit.")

69. Steadham. 21 July 1718. Nothing presentable.

70. 21 July, 1718.

The Chancel is not yet repair'd ; but Sir Lorenzo Fettiplace hath promised it shall be done in a little Time.

We present M^{r} Tho. Lancaster [Curate of Dorchester—*int.*] for a Rumour of his marrying a Couple clandestinely wthin our Parish. Cetera bene.

Rich. Banister William Bannister John Elton.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 495. 21 July 1718. [Mr. Tho. Lancaster replies] "That on the third day of May last he this Respond^{t} married William Innes and Elizabeth Chirrell both of Dorchester aforesd, between the hours of 10 and 12 in the fforenoon of the same day according to form of the Solemnizacon of Matrimony prescribed in the Booke of Common Prayer by virtue of a Licence first had & obtained from the Officiall or comissary of the peculiar Jurisdicon aforesaid, there being present at the time of the solemnization of the said marriage one Joan Price and noe one else.

Tho: Lancaster.

On the demand of the Official he produced the licence, his confession was accepted, and he was suspended.

29 Jan. 1718. Thomas Lancaster absolved upon the petition of Stephen Nicholls curate of Drayton, Nathaniel Tranter curate of Warborow, Thomas Trongler curate of Stadham, Henry Crearer curate of Bensington, Joseph Bampton Rector of Marsh Baldon, and Sir Lorenzo Fettiplace.)

71. 29 June 1719.
We present John Smith of Dorchester for getting Ann Carpenter his late maid Servant with Child.
William Banister John Elton Rich. Banister.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 500. 21 July 1719. John Smith cited, and not appearing, excommunicated.)

72. 21 July 1719 *sic.* Nothing to present.
Wm Banister Jo. Elton Church Wardens.

73. 28 June 1720.
We present Joel Treavors the reputed father of a Bastard Child begotten upon the body of Sarah Norris servt both of our sd parish.
George Laffan John Cherrill Thomas Saywell.

74 to 78. 1721 to 1725. [*Nothing to present.*]

79. 14 July 1726.
Wee present Richard Moore of Tackley Exec^{r} of the Widow Nutt late of Clifton deced. for not paying [to the Church Wardens—*int.*] 6^{s} 8^{d}. for breaking up the ground in the parish church of Dorchester aforesaid to bury the sd. Widow Nutt being due to the sd Church Wardens according to Custome.
Wee present Mary West for being lately delivered of a Bastard Child.
Francis Cherrill Ralph Whistley John Gregory.

80. 3 July 1727.
We have discharged our office as to Repairs and necessaries belonging to our office to the best of our case.
We present the Church wardens of Burcot for not bringing in their Church Rate.
Ralph Whistley Francis Cherrill John Gregory.
Emt cio.

81. Wee whose names are hereunder written doe certify that a Seat or pew lately erected in the parish Church of Dorchester in the County of Oxon at the proper costs and Charges of Robert Lasford late of the Parish and peculiar Jurisdicon of Dorchester aforesd. grocer decesed, situate and being in the south Isle of the Parish Church of Dorchester aforesd, conteyning in length about six foot and in Breadth about three foot and an halfe may be appropriated to the use of Elizabeth Lasford the widow of the said Robert Lasford deced. and her ffamily to stand, sitt and kneel in, to hear divine service and Sermons without prejudiceing any of the Parishion[rs] or Inhabitants of Dorchester aforesaid And we doe hereby pray and desire that a ffaculty may be granted to the said Elizabeth Lasford and her ffamily for the Quiet Enjoyment of the said Pew or seat soe erected by her said Husband as aforesaid and not have the same pulled down or destroyed for being erected without any authority.

In Witness whereof wee the Minister & Church Wardens and others of the said Parish of Dorchester have hereunto sett our hands this 17[th] day of Aug[t]. Anno Dni 1728.

Tho. Lancaster.

William Wallis John Bettridge John Poort Church Wardens.

Edward Applegath. sen.

82 and 83. 1730 and 1732. [*Nothing presented.*]

84. 7 November 1734.

We Present M[r] [*blank*] Bush for putting a lock upon a Seat in our Parish Church & Excluding other people having right to sit in the same.

We present John Almond for cutting the seats within our said Parish Church of Dorchester.

Thomas Cherrill Edward Applegath William Banister.

85 to 87. 1738, 1744 and 1745. *Nothing presentable.*

88. 7 May 1746.

The Church Wardens (or one of them) of the Parish of Dorchester aforesd. present Mary Everson of the same Parish Widow for having been delivered of a Bastard Child begotten on her Body by John Bettridge of the

same Parish Malster, John Bettridge of the Parish aforesaid for being the reputed Father of a Bastard Child begotten on the Body of the aforesaid Mary Everson—Pennance Performed.

Elizabeth Cox of the Parish of Dorchester aforesaid for the Fame of being delivered of a Bastard Child. Commuted.

Richard Marks and Elizabeth Hatchman for the Crime of Ante Nuptial Fornication. The said Richard Marks & Elizabeth Hatchman being both of the Parish of Dorchester aforesaid. Pennance Performed.

Witness our hands. William Keen.

89. [*Blank.*]

90. 3 June 1747.

The Church Wardens present Hannah Childs and Edward Wise, Sarah Port and James Bettridge for Fornication.

Joseph Blake William Elton Rich. Gosford.

91. 1 June 1748.

The Church Wardens present Susannah Saville Widow for having been delivered of a Female Bastard Child.

Edward Applegath John Bettridge John Higgs.

92. 30 May 1750.

The Ch. Wardens present William Bettridge Glover for the Crime of Adultery with Susannah Saywell of the same Widdow.

Jos. Blake Thomas Banister Robert House.

93 and 94. 1752 and 1753. All well.

95. 21 June 1754.

The Ch. Wardens . . . present Mary Coxe of Dorchester for having been delivered of a Bastard Child and Edward Day the younger on the fame of being the Father of the same.

The Coverins or Roof of the south Isle of our Church as out of Repair.

Edward North Thomas Banister Richard Field.

96. 22 May 1755.
The Church Wardens present John Farmer of Dorchester aforesaid (now of Wheatly) for a Bastard Child begotten on the Body of Ann Beenham now of Toot Baldwin.
James Vick Robt. Hester Robt Applegath.

97. 17 July 1757. All is well.

98. 1 August 1759.
The Churchwardens . . . present Prudent Phillips for having been deliver'd of a Bastard Child.
John Cherrill.

99 to 101. 1760 to 1762. All well.

102. 4 July 1763.
The Church Wardens . . . Present James Costard for having a Bastard. Lucy Travers for having a Bastard.
Vin^{t} Gosford Anthony Banister Robert House.

103. 28 June 1764.
The Churchwardens . . . Present Mary Day of this Parish Single-woman for being the Mother of a Male Bastard Child begotten by a Person not yet discovered.
James Costard of this Parish Widower and Barber for being the reputed Father of a Male Bastard begotten on the Body of Ann Prince of Dorchester Single Woman.
We also present the said Anne Prince for being the Mother of a Male Bastard Child begotton on the Body of the said Ann Prince by the said James Costard, and Elizth Fruin of Burcot in the Peculiar aforesaid Single-woman [for being the Mother of a Bastard Child—*int.*] begotten by a Person as yet unknown.
James Houlden Anthony Banister Richard Banister. Richard Hebb Jno Cripps.
(*Misc. Papers, Oxon. Archd. papers. c.* 160. *f.* 31. James Costar, Anne Prince, Mary Day and Eliz. Fruin cited.)

104. 25 June 1765. [*Nothing presentable.*]

105. 9 July 1767.
The Church Wardens . . . present that Elizabeth

Marks a singlewoman hath been lately delivered of a Bastard Child and all . . . is well.
John Cripes Richd Webb Richard Banister John Higgs.
(*Oxon. Archd. papers, Oxon. c.* 160. *f.* 38.
9 July 1767. Cited.)

106. [*Blank.*]

107. 7 July 1768.
The Churchwardens . . . present that Mary Banister For heving a Barstard Child.
[Stephen Prince for heving a Bastard Child—*del.*]
Vincent Cherrell Widower for heving a Bastard Child Born in his house.
Anthony Banister Robert House.

108 to 112. All well.

113. 8 July 1776.
The Church Wardens . . . present that Jno Higgs and Ann Dixon for a bastard Child.
Vint Gosford Anthony Banister Lemuel Vick Jno. Cripps.

[*The following are the only presentments made in the returns from* 1777 *to* 1834.]

120. 9 July 1783.
The Churchwardens . . . present that the Church yard railing is not in good repair.
John Bush John Hunt.

126. 20 June 1787.
The Church Wardens . . . present that [all] is well the Church is whitewashed & all the Windows are Glazed.
Robert Cherrill Edward Day Henry Swell.

128. 30 June 1789.
The Church Wardens . . . present That Ann Smith was Delivered of a Bastard Child.
V. Cherrill Robt Cherrill Henry Swell.

129. 1 July 1790.
The Church Wardens . . . present that The Church

Yard has been contracted by John Bush Esquire, eighteen Inches or thereabouts by setting the Mounds within the usual distance.

Vint. Cherrill Rob Cherrill Jno Prince.

139. 9 July 1800.

The Church Wardens . . . present that Mr Bush has neglected to pay the Church Rate for the Hamlet of Burcot.

Jno. Prince Peter Cherrill Thos. Latham.

143. 16 July 1804.

The Church Wardens . . . present That the Hamlet of Burcot have refused to pay their proportion of the Church Rate.

P. Cherrill Jno Prince.

145. 3 June 1806.

The Church Wardens . . . present That John Bush Esq. of Burcot in this Parish hath refused to pay his share of a Church Rate made May 3rd. 1805.

Jno Prince P. Cherrill.

BURCOT.

168. *n.d.* [*circa* 1620.]

Richard Barnes thelder for drawinge of Barges with his horses uppon the sabboth daye.

Richard Tull for handlinge of Sheepe uppon the Sabboth daye.

Alice Tull wife of the said Richard for bakinge, washinge and starchinge uppon the sabboth daye.

William Tull for carryinge home of Corne att his backe on the sabbath daye in the time of Devine service.

Edward Philpott Syd: of Burcott.

169. *Follows f.* 191.

170. The present of Burcoate 1621.

Impris we present Annis [Tull] wife of Roger Tull & Annis ffilpot wife of Edward ffilpot for rec[usan]ts.

It: we present Elizabeth Simons for being deliuered

of a Child at her fathers house, and not haueing bene marryed at all.

It: to all the other articles we present all is well.

Will. Winchester.

Andrew Allum Roger Tull.

171. 1623 [*added in pencil.*]

The presentments of the Church Wardens of Burcote.

Imprimis to the 10 firste articles we answere it is well. It. to the 11.12.13.14.15 articles we answere all is well. It. upon the 16 we present that our chancell is in paueing & some otherwise also growen to decay.

It. to the 17 we say it is well. It. upon the 18 we present that our Church is much out of repaire. It. to the 19 we answere it is well. It. upon the 20 we present that we have not M^r^ Jewells workes nor the two volumes of homilies in our Church. It. to the next 10 articles we answere all is well. It. to the next 10 articles we answere all is well. It. to the 41.42.43.44 we say it is well. It. upon the 45 article we present Annis Tull the wife of Roger Tull & Annis ffilpot the wife of Edward ffilpot for recusants.

It. to all the other articles we answere all is well.

Will. Winchester curat.

Robert Butler Thomas Bond the younger Churchwardens.

172. recept. 8 Julii 1623. The presentments of the Church Wardens of Burcoate.

Impr^s^ to the first 1.2.3.4.5. &c to the 28 Article we answere all is well.

It. upon the 29 Article we present Edward ffilpot & John Simons the younger for not receiuing the Communion at Easter.

It. to the 30.31 &c. to the 44 we answere all is well.

It. upon the 45 Article we present Annis Tull the wife of Roger Tull & Annis filpot the wife of Edward ffilpot for being recusant papists.

It. to the other articles from 46 to the end we say all is well.

Will. Winchester Curat.

Roger Tull Andrew Allum.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 4. Edward Philpot admonished and dismissed.)

173. 19 May 1624.

Imp. upon the 54 Article we present Anne ffilpot for recusancie.

It. upon the 37 we present that Annis Tull the wife of Edward Tull was buryed in the Churchyard of Dorchester by Annis More Widdow once the wife of Thomas More of Burcoate & by others more wth her whom we know not.

Item to all the other Articles we answere all is well.

William Winchester Curat.

Robert Butler Thomas Bond Churchwardens.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 7 1625. Anne Filpot to certify her conformity before Easter next. *f.* 26. 15 May 1626. Not having certified, she was excommunicated.)

174. A presentment made by the Church Wardens of burcott may 4th 1663.

Impr^{s} we present Thomas bond & his wife for not frequenting theire parish church and receving ye sacrament in Ester also that for ought we know or can learne their children are not Baptized.

William Whitten and Anne Allom widdowe marryed the 3rd of ffebruary 1662.

A terrier of gleab.

That there is one gleabe land in burcott North feild shooting upon Oxford high way valued at three shillings per annum.

Item there is a parsonage impropriated belonginge to Rich. Alome valued at 50^{li} per ann.

John Allmond John Bley Churchwardes.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 294. 13 May 1664. Thomas Bond not appearing, excommunicated.)

175. 30 Sep. 1667.

Imprimis wee present Elizabeth Day[1] wife of John Day Requsant, Thomas Bond[2] and Anne[3] his wife for not coming to Church for the last six months past.

Tho. Sullwood Wm Webb Church wardens.

Emvt cio 1.2.3/ 21 Martii 1667.

176. 14 September 1668.

Presentment That Elizabeth Day the wife of John Day, Tho: Bond & Anne his wife doe stand excommunicate for not appearing being Popish Recusants. Et aliter omnia bene.

Thomas Selwood William Webb.

177. 13 September 1669.
Impr. we present Elizabeth Day for not coming to divine service nor communicating ye last Easter nor since.
Tho. Bond for not coming to divine service.
John Ammon John Day

178. 27 Maii 1669.
A true presentment made by the Churchwardens of Barcot.
Wee present Elesebeth Day[1] the wife of John Day for an recusant.
We present Thomas bond[2] & Anne his wife[3] for coming not to Church to heare divine prayers & for not receaving of the holie comunion at Easter last nor since.
Made by us William Webb and Thomas Sellwood Churchwardens of barcot.
Emvt cio 1.2.3/ Septemb. 1669.

179. 10 October 1670.
Imp. We present Robert Day for not coming to Church nor receiving the communion last Easter nor since.
It. Tho. Bonde for not coming to Church nor receiving the Communion last Easter nor since.
Richard Moore John Pilsa [*sic*] Churchwardens.

180. 26 May 1671.
Impr. we present Tho Bond[1] for not coming to heare divine Service nor receiving ye sacrament of ye Lords Supper at Easter last nor since. It. we present Robert Day[2] for not coming to heare divine Service nor receiving ye sacrament of ye Lords Supper at Easter last nor since.
Richard Moore John Blay Churchwardens.

181. [*Blank.*]

182. 11 September 1671.
Impr. we present Robert Day for not coming to Church nor receiuing ye Sacrament at Easter last nor since.
Item we present Thomas Bond for not coming to church to heare Divine Service nor receiving the sacrament of the Lords supper at Easter last nor since.
Stephen Goodwin ibd minister.
Rich. Moore John Blea Churchwardens.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 337. 11 Sep. 1671. Thomas Bond and Robert Day not appearing, excommunicated.)

183. 1672 Easter visitation.
Impr. we present Robert Day for not coming to church to heare divine service & not receiving the communion at Easter.
It. we present Tho. Bond for not coming to church to heare divine service & not receiving the communion at Easter.
Richard Moore John Blea Churchwardens.

184. 19 September 1672.
Wee present Robard Day for Not Coming to Church.
Andr. Allam And William Web Church Warden.

185. 22 May 1673.
We present Robert Day[1] for not coming to church nor receiving ye Sacrament of ye Lords Supper on Easter last nor since.
Steph. Goodwin ibid minister.
Will. Webb Tho. Sellwood Church Wardens.
Emt cio 1/ 16 7^embris^ 1673.

186. [*Blank.*]

187. 13 October 1673.
We present Robert Day for not coming to church nor receiving ye Sacrament of ye Lords Supper on Easter last nor since.
Steph. Goodwin ibid minister.
Will. Webb Tho. Sellard Churchwardens.

188. 18 May 1674.
We present Robert Day for not coming to church nor receiving ye Sacrament of ye Lords Supper on Easter last nor since.
Steph. Goodwin.
Will. Webb Churchwardens [*sic*]

189. 14 September 1674.
Imp. We present Robert Day[1] & Mary his wife[2], Martha Nutt[3] wife of John Nutt of Burcott for not coming to Church to heare divine prayers and for not receiving the

Sacrament at Easter last past nor since, Et alr omnia bene.
Signum Guliel. Bannister Thom. Clinch.

190. 27 September 1675.
We present all things well in our Liberties.
William Bannister Tho. Clinch Church Wardens.

191. 9 October 1676.
A presentment then made by ye Churchwardenes of burketts in the parish of dorchester. Wee present Robert Day And Mary his wiffe. Recussantes.
Rich. Moore Will. Mann.

169. *n.d. ? circa* 1680.
We the churchwardens of Burcot in the parish of Dorchester haue nothing to present this Court.
Thomas Banester John Nutt Church wardens.

192 to 196. 1680 to 1685. *Nothing presentable.*

197. 7 June 1699.
Nothing presentable per us we present Ambrose Rogers deceased who made will of what he possest in Burcott.
Will. Webbe. Joseph Nutt. Church wardens.

198. 12 July 1715. Omnia bene.

199. 3 July 1727.
We have discharged our Office as to Repairs and necessaries belonging to [our] office to the best of our Care.
We present John Kent for Adultery.
John Almond Andrew fruing.

[*Burcot presentments end here.*]

DRAYTON.

201. [*n.d. circa* 1625.]
Imprimis we present M^r^ Parrott for laying downe the old custome of procession. Item. we present M^r^ Timothy Doyly for the same. Item we present the widdow

lazonby and her sonne John for the same. And for all other things they are well.

John Dandridge Simon Broadwater.

202. [*circa* 1625.]

We the churchwardens of Drayton doe present unto you the whole farme End of Drayton aforesayd for not maintayninge the Auncient Custome which haue bene fformerlye obserued in the time of perambulation there names are these concerninge the same [& apperteyning thereunto—*del.*] Mr Parrot of Dorchester, Mr Doyleye of Stadyam, Wydowe Lazenbye, John Lazenbye, [John Dandridge, Bartholomew Dandridge—*del.*]

The Inke of John Dandridge Simon Bradwater.

203. [*Octob.* 1623—*pencilled.*]

Imp. to the 1.2.3 we answere all is well, likewise to the 4.5.6.7.8.9.10 that all is performed to our knowledge, likewise to the 11.12.13.14.15 we answere all is well, to the 16.17.18.19.20 all is performed to our knowledge, to the 21.22.23.24.25.26 we answere all is well, to the 28.29.30. 31.32.33.34.35.36 all is performed, to the 37.38.39.40 and soe to the 50 we know nothing, to the 51.52.53.54.55 and so to the rest we answere all is well.

John Dandridge Simon Bradwater.

204. 3 November 1625.

ffor any [thing] that we know or can heare concerning the Articles wee know nothing but that all is well.

Edward Hyde Church warden.

205. 4 May 1663.

We present William Gasie[1] for refuseing to Come to church to heare Comon prayer & other Ordinances of the Church.

We present John Robinson[2] for the same. We present Alice Beckford[3] the wife of Thomas Beckford for the same.

Obadiah Lasonby Richard Pawling Churchwardens.
Emvt cio 1.2.3/ 28 Nobris. 1663.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 293. 14 Dec. 1663. Wm. Gasie case continued. John Robinson and Alice Beckford not appearing, were excommunicated.)

206. 30 April 1666.
Wee doe present Thomas Smith[1] and his wife[2] for not Coming to Church and Refusing to Receiue the holy Comunion att Easter last.
Obadiah Lasonby Churchwarden.
Emvt cio 1.2/ 24 7^{bris} 1666.

207. 6 May 1667.
We present William Gasie for not Coming to Church to heare Comon prayer since the last visitation Court.
We allso present Alice Beckford the wife of Thomas Beckford for the same offence.
John Dandridge Richard Pawling Churchwardens.

208. 30 September 1667.
We present M^{r} John Hitch[1] [& Martha his wife[2]—*int.*] for not coming to Common prayer since the last visitation.
We present William Gasie[3] for not coming to Common prayer since the last visitation.
John Dandridge Richard Pawling Churchwardens.
Emvt cio 1.2.3/ 21 Martii 1667.

209. 14 September 1668.
We present John Hitch & Martha his wife for absenting themselves from Common Prayer for six months last past.
We also present William Gasie for the same.
William Dandridge Richard Willis Churchwardens.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 324. Martha Hitch pronounced excommunicate in Drayton chapel 25 December 1668. *f.* 325. John Hitch excommunicated.)

210. Drayton. Dorsiter hunderd.
the present ments of the Church wardens of Drayton. We present John Hitch[1] And his wife for not Cuming to Church. and Willm Geasey[2] And for not cuming to Churtch.
Emvt. cio 1.2/ Septem' 1669. [*Unsigned.*]

211. [*Blank.*]

212. 13 September 1669.
We present William Gasey[1] for not coming to Comon prayer for six moneths last past.

Richard Willis William Dandridge Churchwardens.
Emvt cio 1. 8 Martii 1669.

214. [*n.d.*]
We present M^r William Louegroue of Drayton for not coming to Church on y^e time of Diuine seruice & for not Receiuing ye sacrament at Easter last past.
We doe likewise present Thomas Smith & Willm Gasie for not Comeing to Church to heare Diuine service & for not Receiuing ye sacrament att Easter. —
William Dandridge William Spier Church wardens.

215. 11 September 16 . .
We present William Lougroue for absenting himselfe from Common prayer since the last visitation. It. we present William Gasie for the like. It. we present Thomas Evans for the like.
William Dandridge Wm. Spier Churchwardens.

216. 14 April 1670.
We present William Casey[1] for absenting himselfe from Comon prayer for halfe a yeare last past & for not receiuing the Communion at Easter last.
We present Thomas Evans[2] for absenting himselfe from Comon prayer for halfe a yeare last past & for not receiuing the Communion at Easter last.
Will. Dandridge Richard Willis Churchwardens.
Emvt. cio 1.2/ 1 Octobris 1670.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 330. 14 April 1670. case continued.)

217. 26 May 1671.
We present William Long[1] [*sic*] for absenting himselfe from Common prayer for the space of six Months last past. Item we present William Gasie[2] for the like.
Item we present Thomas Evans[3] for the like.
William Dandridge Richard Willis Churchwardens.
Emvt cio 1.2.3/ 26 Augusti 1671.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 337. 11 Sep. 1671. W. Casey not appearing, excommunicated. Thos. Evans case continued.)

218. 1 April 1672.
We present William Lowgrove for not comming to Common prayer since the last visitacon & for not receav-

ing the Sacrament. We present Wm Gasie for the like. We present Thomas Evans for the like.

William Dandridge William Spier Church wardns.

219. 19 September 1672.

We present William Lougrove for absenting himselfe from Comon prayer for the space of six monethes. Wee present William Gasie for the same. Wee present Thomas Evans for the same. We present Thomas Smith for the same.

William Dandridge William Spier Cherch wardnes.

220. 22 May 1673.

Imprimis we present William Loovgrove[1] for Absenting hime selfe from deuine serves And not receiuing the Sackrement at ester. It. we present William Geasey[2] for the same. It. we present Thomas evans[3] for the same. It. we present Thomas Smith[4] for the same.

William Dandridge William Spier Church wardnes.
Emvt. cio 1.2.3.4/ 16 7*bris* 1673.

221. 13 October 1673.

Imprimis We present William Lowgroue for Absenting hime sellfe from deuine saruis since the last visitasheon. We present William Geasey for the same. We present Thomas Smith for the same. We present thomas owens for the same.

William Dandridge William Spier Cherch Wardns.

222. [*Blank.*]

223. 14 September 1674.

We present William Lougroue for Absent hime sellfe ffrom deuine saruis sinse the last visitation. We present William geasey for the same. We present Thomas Evines for the same. We present Thomas Smith for the same.

William dandridg William Spier Cherch wardns.
(*Oxon. Archd. papers, Oxon b* 81. *f.* 28. all cited.)

224. Imprimis we present William Lugrove William Gasie, Thomas Smith for not comeing to the Church & not receiveing the sacrement at Easter last past &c.

William Dandridge William Spire Church wardens.
Emvt cio pro 1.2.3.

225. 27 September 1675.

We present Wm Luggrove for not coming to Church to heare divine service, for not receiveing y^e^ Sacrament at Easter last past nor since, And for keeping a Conventicle at his house.

Item Wm Gazy for not comeing to ye Church to heare devine service & for not reciveing ye Sacrament at Easter last past &c.

Item Tho. Smith for not comeing to the Church to heare Devine service &c.

William Dandridge Wm. Spier Church-Wardens.

(*Oxon. Archd. papers, Oxon b.* 81. *f.* 29. all cited.)

226. 9 October 1676.

We present William Lovegrove for not coming to Church in time of diuine seruice; for not receiving ye Sacrament att Easter last, for keeping a conventicle in his house. Wee present Willm. Gazie for not coming to church in time of diuine service & for not receiving the sacrament att Easter last past.

William Spier Beniamin Lazenby Churchwardens.

227. 1677.

We present William Louegroue for not receiuing the sacrament att Easter last, & for not coming to church in time of Diuine service.

We present William Gasie for not receiuing the Sacrament att Easter last & for not coming to church in time of Diuine service.

Benjamin Lazonby John Dandridge Church wardens.

228. 13 May 1678.

Imprimis. We present William Louegroue tobacco-Merchant for keeping a Conventickle att his owne house once euery month: Item, we present William Louegroue aforesaid, for not receiuing the sacrament at Easter last past & for not coming to Church on the sabbath dayes.

Item we present William Gazie & Thomas Smith & John Arnat & Mark Moore & Bartholomew Louejoy for not receiuing the sacrament last Easter & for not coming to Church in time of Diuine service.

by us John Dandridge Ben. Lazonby Church wardens.

Rich. Evans Cler. Emt. cio.

(*Lib. Act. f.* 391. W. Lovegrove case continued. Thomas Smith, John Arnott, Mark Moore and Bartholomew Lovejoy case continued.)

229. 23 June 1679.
We present William Louegroue & William Gasie for not receiuing the sacrament att Easter last past, & for not coming to Church in time of Divine service.
by us John Dandridge Ben. Lazenby Church Wardens.

230. [*Blank.*]

231. [*n.d.*]
We present the Church of Drayton Something out of repair but we are this repairing of it [*sic*].
Witness our hands Richard Pawling John Dandridg.

232. 22 June 1680.
We present & Returne William Louegroue, Thomas Smith, Bartholomew Louejoy, John Arnatt & Mark Moore decreed to be excommunicated :
by us. Richard Evans cler.
(*Lib. Act. f.* 393. 22 June 1680.
Thomas Smith, John Arnett, Mark Moore and Barth. Lovejoy not appearing, were excommunicated.
William Lovegrove answers "he doth not keep a Conventicle in his house once a Moneth as is presented but doth confess that he did not receive the Sacram^t^ at Easter last was a Twelve Moneth and that he hath not frequented his parish Church on Sabbath days as is presented. Quam confessionem eius Dns accepit . . . & monuit (eum) ad frequentandum Ecclesiam suam parochialem diebus Dominicis et ad recipiendum Sacram Euch. citra vel ante ffestum Sti. Mich. px. et ad certificandum inde sub manibus ministri et Gardianorum de Drayton pd. die Juridico extunc prx. sequ. &c."
f. 395. 20 June 1681. William Lovegrove not appearing, pronounced contumacious and excommunicated.
f. 402. 23 June 1684. Bartholomew Lovejoy seeks to be absolved. Dns decrevit eum absolvendum fore Et statim M^r^ Johannes Bench presbyter eum absolvit.)

233. [*Blank.*]

To

J. HAUTENVILLE COPE, ESQ.,
FINCHAMPSTEAD PLACE,
FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.

Dear Sir,

Please send particulars of the work of the Oxfordshire Record Society to the following, who might be interested in its publications.

Yours very truly,

Signed.

234. 20 June 1681.
We present William Louegroue for not Receiuing ye Sacrament att Easter last past & not Coming to Church in time of Divine Service & likewise for keeping of a conventikle in our said parish of Drayton.
By us Rich. Evans ibid.
Richard Willies churchwarden.

235. 5 July 1683.
We present our Church to be in good repaire & all other things therunto belonging. We have nothing else att this time, by us
ffrancis Kirby William Pawling churchwarden.

236. 23 June 1682.
We haue nothing att this time to present besides what we haue formerly presented. All things are well & our church in good repaire.
by us Richard Willies John Dandridge Churchwardens.

237. 23 June 1684.
Wee haue none within our parish that absents theme selues frome deuine saruis except those which eare excomunicated.
William Spicer Cherch warndes.

238. 1686.
We prent William Lougroue, Thomas Smith, John Arnatt, Marke More ffor absentine theme selues ffrom deuine saruice.
William Spier John Dandridge Cherch wardens.

239. 4 July 1687.
We present Omnia bene.
Steph. Nicols Ministr.
John Dandridge Richard Pauling Churchwardens.

240. [*Blank.*]

241 and 242. 1690 and 1692. Omnia bene.

243. 4 July 1693.
Item We doe present that Richard Sharpe, William

Blachurst and William Dandredge dyed and were buried since the last Corte.

And wee doe present that Thomas the sone of ? Rich. Barton, Anne the daughter of John Barton, Elizabeth the daughter of Robert Jurdon, Sara the daughter of ffrancis dandredg, Elizabeth the daughter of davy Leborn were all Baptised since the last Cort and all things else are well an nothings presentable to the best of our knowledge.

Steph. Nicols Curate.

ffrancis Kirby John Andrews Church wardens.

244. 4 July 1698.

Wee present Elizabeth Moore of drayton ffor being delivered of a Bastard Child. Wee have noething Else to present to the best of our knowlidge.

Wittness our hands. William palling.

245. 27 June 1699. Omne bene.

[*The following are the only presentments made in the returns from* 1700 *to* 1834.]

261. 18 July 1721.

Nothing to present saveing the Roofe of the Church & the Windows wich are a little out of repaire.

William Willis Rich Bonnor Church wardens.

Monuit ad certificandum in prox. visit.

291. 1 August 1759.

The Church Wardens . . . Present Jane Didcok for having been deliver'd of a Bastard Child now of Marsh Baldwin.

Abra^{m} Deane.

297. 26 June 1766.

The Church Wardens . . . Present Elizabeth Dandridge Mother of a Male Bastard Child.

Abrah^{m} Deans Francis White.

298. 9 July 1767.

The Church Wardens present that all is well except that Jane Slouch of the said parish Singlewoman has been lately delivered of a child.

Abra^{m} Deans.

347. 7 August 1817.
The Church Wardens present that the Chancel belonging to the Church of Drayton is not in good repair.
John Richmond Wm Betteridge.

353. 22 July 1823.
The Church Wardens . . . present that the Roof of their Church is a little out of repair but shall be put into repair forth with.
John Richmond Wm Betteridge.

356. 12 August 1828.
The Church Wardens . . . present that there are three Bells belonging to the Church at Drayton, and that two of the Bells are cracked.

CHURCHWARDENS' PRESENTMENTS

FOR THE

THAME PECULIAR.

(*Oxon. Archd. papers Oxon. b* 82.)

GREAT MILTON.

4. [*Endorsed* octob. 1611.]
Wee doo present Henrie Bower and Marie fflecher in a fame of fornycacion. Wee Doo present Edmund Kemis and Elinor Parker in a fame of fornycacion.
John Darbee John Andrewes John Inge Nicolas Worldgay.

5. 5 July 1619.
Item we present to the 54 article S^r^ Michaell Dormer of Ascott Knight, William Allcott, Henry Reeues & Anne Whiting his servaunts for not receaving the Comunon & seldome cominge to Church to devine service.
Signum Johis. Andrewes Vincentii ffletcher Churchwardens.
Johne Childe Rogeri Guy.

(*Oxon. Archd. papers Oxon. c.* 164. *f.* 135.
26 Nov. 1641.
Mr. Holloway, my best respects to you remembered Sir. I John Keate Curate of Milton doe present one Richard Milles gent who keepeth a Schoole in the parish of Milton contrary to Law and Contrary to M^r^ D^r^ Tookers Command.
Alsoe I present one Thomas Bullocke of the parish of Sutton Courtney who hath lattely married a wife out of the parish of Milton and refuseth to pay the Church dues to the minister.
ffor these you must send proces by the Apparitor.
Ita est per me Johannem Keate Curatorem ibdm.)

6. A presentment made the 8th of June 1666 for the year 1665.
Imprimis wee Present Mr. Cane [v]icker of Greate Milton for not payinge his Ratt of sixe pence the yard land for two yard lands that was lattly in the Ocupation of Jo: Andrewes and Richard Cadory.
Item we Present Mr Cane for not satisfinge the Church Wardenes for straw and Russhes for sevrall yeares last past dew to [the] Church.
We present lewsey Roberts of litle Milton for not Comming to Church for sixe munths last past and for not Receuinge the sacrament at Easter last past as we are informed by Mr Cane our Vicker.
Jo: Andrewes fforthynando Wiggons Church Wardenes of Milton.

7. The Presentment of great Milton in ye county of Oxon made and exhibited at the Visitation there holden the one and twentieth day of June 1670.
Wee present that our Church with all things there[to] belonging are in good repaire.
Wee present that our [minister] is in all things conformable to the Doctrine and Discipline of the Church of England.
Wee present Joan Frewin wid. lately dd. of a child & Joseph ffrewin brother to her former husband the reputed father, whether married or not we know not.
Wee present that we have nothing more amisse in our parish, to the best of our knowledge & [*word illeg.*]
Witness our hands Thome Nayle Henery ffletcher.

8. 25 May 1671.
Impr. wee present that our parish Church & all things thereunto belonging is in good order & Repaire.
There is noe Popish Recusants in our said Libertie.
There is nothing presentable in our said parish But all things to our best knowledge is in good order.
Wee present Richard Turner and Tho: Nayle late Churchwardens of Milton for not giving the parish a iust accompt in 1668.
We present Tho: Nayle & Henry fletcher not giving the parish a iust accompt in 1669.
Witness our hands *signatures illeg.*
(*Oxon. Archd. papers Oxon. c* 164. *f.* 58.
5 July 1671. Richard Turner Thomas Nayle and Henry Fletcher excommunicated.)

9. [*Blank.*]

10. 10 September 1673.

Imprimis wee present that our Church and all things thereunto belonging are in good and sufficient Repaire and kept as they ought to be.

Item. Wee present that our Minister performes his duty by reading the full service on Sundays.

Item. Wee present that wee have noething else in our parish punishable by his Majties Ecclesiasticall lawes.

Witness our hands Simon Chelle Tho: Prince.

11. Wee the Churchwardens of Milton doe satiffy your worships that their is nothing in our parish presentable as wee noe.

Henry Talbott [Joseph ff . . . *del.*]

Exhibited apud Thame in visitacione &c. 27 Maii 1675 per Henricum Talbot.

12. The presentment of ffrancis Astray & John Smith Church Wardens of the Parish of Great Milton in the County of Oxon made and Exhibited at a Visitacon holden at Thame the 18th day of June Anno dni 1677 before the Wor^{ll} Thomas Bouchier D^{r} of Laws & Official or Comissary of the peculiar Juris. of Thame and Milton aforesaid.

Imp^{rs} wee present W^{m} Dormer of Acott in the parish of Great Milton Esq^{r} for not paying of his Rate to the Church being 17^{s} 04^{d}.

Wee present Richard Wiggin of Little Milton Husbandman for not paying of his Rate to the Church being 6^{s}.

Wee present ffrances ffletcher widow of Chitneys Hurst for not paying her Tax to the Church being 3^{s}.

ffrancis Astrey John Smythe Church Wardens.

13. 18 June 1677.

Wee present of Ascott in the parish of Great Milton W^{m} Dormer Esq^{r} for non-payment of seaventeene shillinges fourepence due upon a Rate to the Church made one Easter Tusday last the Rate beinge eight pence y^{e} yard land.

(*Oxon. Archd. papers, Oxon c.* 162. *p.* 29.

7 June 1680. case continued.

p. 36. Not appearing, excommunicated.)

Richard Wiggin of Little Milton for non payment of six shillinges due upon a Rate to the Church made at the time afore sayd.

ffrancis ffletcher widow of little Milton ffor non payment of seuen shillings eight pence due upon a Rate to the Church made at the time aforesayd.

Wee present those afore wrighten for not comeing to church.

Paul Wildgosse of Little Milton ffor absentinge from Church. Joan White of Great Milton for absentinge from Church. Andrew Wrentch and his wife of Great Milton ffor not comeinge to church nor christeninge thear chilldren.

ffrancis Astrey John Smith Churchwardens.

(*Oxon. c.* 162 *p.* 23. 16 June 1679. Andrew Rench and his wife not appearing, excommunicated.)

14. 16 June 1679.

Imprimis we present the Great Bell being broken and not cast. Item we present Paul Wildgose of Little Milton for not comminge to Church.

Ri. Withington Will. Lawrance Churchwardens.

15. 7 June 1680.

Item we present the Great Bell being broken and not cast. Item all things els are well so far as we know.

John Costare Ri. Withington.

Hugh Eustace Eliz Astrey both of Milton marryed by a Licence Obteyned from Oxon on the 14th of June 1680 in St Folls (*sic*) Church.

(*Oxon. Archd. papers, Oxon c.* 162. *p.* 30. Hugh Eustace and Elizabeth Astrey cited :—That he and the said Elizabeth live together as man & wife it being not known when nor where they were marryed. Respondet et dicit That about the 14th day of June last past this Resdt was marryed unto the sd Elizabeth his now wife in the parish Church of St Aldats als St Tolls in the Citty of Oxon by Mr Walter Cave Curate between the hours of Nine & Twelve in the fore noone of the same day by virtue of Licence first had and obteyned from Dr Alworth Chancellor unto the Bp of Oxford neither this Resdt nor the said Eliz : at any time then before living within the Dioces of Oxford but within the parish and peculiar Jurisd. of Milton aforesd there being then present one Stacy a Baker who gave this Respondents wife in marriage & the parish Clarke Et submisit se &c. He

and his wife excommunicated for being married without the peculiar jurisdiction of Milton, but on the humble petition of the said Hugh the excommunication against them was withdrawn.)

16. 2 May 1681.

our Church is in good repair. our Churchyard is well fenced.

Item our Chancell is in good repair and that all things else in the parish so far as wee know is in good order and repair.

Chrles Withington francise Beale.

17. [*Blank.*]

18. 22 June 1682.

Imprimis wee present the great bell. The curch and curch yard is in good repaire.

Roberd Hedges Charles Withington Church wardens

19. 16 June 1684.

Imprimis wee present our Church & bells & all things belonging to it in very good repaire. Wee have none but what comes to heare divine service. We have nothing presentable in our parish but all things to our best knowledge in very good order.

Tho. Primer Simon Nayle Churchwardens.

20. 30 May 1685.

Item we present M^r^ John Dormer of Ascott in the said parish ffor refuseing to pay the Church dues laid out by the said Churchwardens for his lands where of part is held by himselfe and the rest by certaine tennants as namely Thomas Anderson Thomas Smith and Edward Winton. the sume due for him to pay is 3^l^. 9^s^. 8^d^.

Item we present Thomas Anderson for land that he rents of Madam Dormer in the said parish being money raised by a Tax laid out by the said Church Wardens [towards the repairs of the church—*int.*] the sd Tax due for him to pay for the said land is 1^li^. 9^s^. 4^d^.

Item we present Richard Wiggin of Litle Milton for refuseing to pay the Church dues or Taxe laid out by the said Churchwardens as aforesaid the same due to him to pay is 0^li^. 8^s^. 3.

Item we present Thomas Coles of Little Milton for refuseing to pay the Church dues or Taxe Laid out by the said Churchwardens as aforesaid the sume due for him to pay is 0li. 7s. 4d.

Tho. Prince Symon Nayle.

(*Oxon. Archd. papers Oxon. b* 87. *f.* 38. All the above cited.)

21. 21 June 1686.

omnius banem all is well, and wee haue nothing to present.

Will Eldridge Thomas Smith.

22 and 23. 1687 and 1690. Nothing to present.

24. 23 June 1692.

Milton. Nothing to present Will: Eldridge Hugh Eustas.

Toousey. Nothing to present. Henery Chapman.

Tethsworth. Nothing to present. William Hobday.

25 to 34. 1698 to 1707. Nothing to present.

35. 17 June 1708.

Wee present William Coles of Little Milton for not paying his Easter offerings for himselfe and familie for these six yeares being 2s.

John Wells Wm Talbot churchwardens.

36 and 37. 1709 and 1713. Nothing presentable.

38. 14 June 1714.

Imprimis We present Mr. William Astrey

for not paying	2li.	18s.	9d.
Richard Smith for not paying	1 .	6 .	3
Paul Wells for not paying	2 .	13 .	6
Olivr Withering for not paying		17 .	9
Paul Wildgoos for not paying		16 .	10½
William Wildgoos for not paying		8 .	5½
Hugh Eustace for not paying		7 .	6
Ralph Quaterman for not paying		7 .	6
Joseph Frewin for not paying		18 .	9
Tho. Anderson for not paying	1 .	10 .	0
Thomas Hedges for not paying	1 .	10 .	0

Robert Hedges Junr for not paying 1 . 9 . 4½
Joseph Frewin for not paying 3 . 9
William Eldridg Jun for not paying 1 . 16 . 5¼
John Wells for not paying 1 . 6 . 0
being their respective proportions towards the repair of the Parish Church of Milton afforesd. according to a Rate made the 9th day of Aprill 1714.

Item we present the inside of the sd. Parish Church is much out of Repair the sentences being much worn out & the Church defaced.

Item we present the want of a flagon for the sacramental wine and a fair linnen Cloth for the Communion table at the time of Ministration & a plate to hold the sacramental Bread.

Item we present Wm Eldridge for not paying 6s 8d. for braking the ground in the church.

James Piddington ffrancis Childs Ch. Wardens.

(*Oxon. Archd. papers, Oxon c.* 162. *pp.* 220 *and* 221.
4 July 1715.
William Astrey not appearing, excommunicated.
Richard Smith, Paul Wells, Oliver Withering, Paul and William Wildgoose, Thomas Hedges, William Eldridge junr. and John Wells warned to appear in the afternoon.
Hugh Eustace case continued.
Joseph Frewin and Thomas Anderson sentence reserved.
Robert Hedges cited.
Oxon. b 87. *f.* 13. Ralph Quaterman and Joseph Frewin cited.)

39 to 41. Nothing to present. [1715 to 1718.]

42. 23 June 1719.

Wee present Hugh Ewstace late Churchwarden of Milton for not giving up his Accompt before the parishioners at the goeing out of his Office.

We have nothing Else at present presentable within this our Parish.

James Dandridge Ralph Quatermaine.

[*The presentment for* 1734 *is the last preserved for Great Milton.*]

LITTLE MILTON.

49. 18 August 1616.
We present Mr Ralph Astrey of Little Milton not receaueinge the communion the last Easter. Item we present Mr. Humphrey Mullins for the like. Item we present Anne the wief of Mr. Ralph Astrey for the like. Item we present Margerie Harries the wife of William Harries for a common schould.
Richard Welles Peter Ives gard. de Milton.
Bartholomew Goodmay James Willgose Henrie Buckredg.

50. 2 July 1685.
Impr. wee present that our bells & Church are in good repaire. Item wee present that there is none but what comes to divine service. Item wee present all things to our best knowledge is very good order & repaire.
Simon Nayle Tho. Prince Church wardens.

[*The presentments of Little Milton end.*]

SYDENHAM.

52. 53. *Follow* 67.

54. I Robert Conneye minister of Sydnam doe presente William Baker and Richard Harris of Sydnam in denying to paye any privy tythes these ij yeares together.

55. *Follows* 71.

56. Sydnam the xvjth daye of October.
I the minister of Sydnam doe present Robert Sule for his common contempte of mee his minister, boeth at home and abroade usinge at all tymes and in all places so abuseiuely odious and intollerable skoffinge and chestinge on mee; when he is most in company, most given to abuse mee, I never givinge him any occasion soe to doe: he never receyved the communion since easter nor yet his brother who at all this twelmonth dwellinge with him and

of yeares, nor none of his howse since easter, he beinge now married, and wee havinge a communion on Sundaye last was fortenight: his brother John Sule of xvi or xvij yeares of age and will not be browghte to catachising beinge often tymes warned givinge contemptuos answers when he is called and keepinge ivell rule in the streetes at eleven or xij of the clocke at night and very commonly at ten a clocke in the nighte in lowde strayning out most filthy bawdy songes, and especially on sondaye nightes and holly daye nights, to the the [*sic*] great disturbinge of those that bee well disposed and woold reste. and that allwayes neere the vicaredge and once in my close hardeby my howse. others their names and other matter as occasion is given I will present at the nexte coorte, by me

Robert Cunney minister of Sydnam.

The churchwardens have refused to confeire with mee abowte presentments, as beinge the towne miller lothe to offend any of them, and seeminge boeth of them to take Robert Sules parte nightelye.

57. *Follows* 71.

58. *Follows* 67.

59. Siddenham.

These are to certifie you that within our parish of Siddenham there are no recusantes nor any one party which doth refuse to come orderly unto Church or to be partaker of the holy Communion.

In full Witness of the truth whereof I William Lincke Curat of the said parish have subscribed my name the 10th. day of ffebruary 1605.

William Lincke.

60. 22 May 1606.

There is nothing to our knowledge within our parish worthie presentment.

By me Robert Coosin Churchwarden.
Robert Sule Sidesman.

61. 20 April 1607.

Imprimis we present our Church and Chancell for being at default as touching the pauinge thereof.

But concerning all other articles, we knowe nothinge worthie presentment.

By us John Carpenter John Mundaye Churchwardens.

Robert Sule Sidesman.

62. 19 October 1607.

Imprimis we present unto you John Ewstees for not repairing the parte of his mounde about the Church yeard.

Jhon Carpenter Jo. Mundy Churchwardens.

Robert Sule.

63. 21 April 1608.

Wee the churchwardens and sydemen of Sydnam doe presente William Heifeelde and Ellin higges, the on a bachiler, the other a widdowe, for a fame of adultarye by them within this our yeare comitted : theye are now lawfullye married since easter, and have a childe, abowt a quarter olde. ij poore folkes, livinge ever since the former acte, honestlye and orderlye together, I praye yow shew them what favoure possiblye yow maye.

John Carpenter John Mondaye churchwardens.

William Northe Sydeman.

Robert Conneye minister.

64. Sydnhm. 25 October 1608.

Wee the churchwardens [and syde—*del.*] of Sydnam doe present a defawt in the churche, the breakinge of the church windowe against the pewe and and [*sic*] a communion table which is olde and broken and all together unmeete for the church standinge on olde tressels.

Robert Conneye Minister

William North ffrancis Almand Churchwardens.

65. 8 May 1609.

Wee the churchwardens and sydesman with our minister Doe presente into the peculiar courte of Thame for publicke screme [*sic*] and crime of fornecation, William Stevens and Annis Mondaye boeth unmarried, William Stevens the sonne of Joane Stevens widowe and Annis Mondaye the dawghter of Christopher Mondaye ; the sayd Annis now delivered of a childe this weeke this laste nighte, the seventhe daye of Maye This our presentment made the viijth daye of Maye.

Robert Conneye minister ; and ffrawncis Awman and William north churchwardens and Thomas Gibbens sydesman.

I Roberte Connye minister and Thomas Gibbens Sydesman uppon a comon reporte and publicke fame, doe presente uppon fame and information, John Neighbour of Sydnam for his owne reporte and his fathers reporte that the say[d] John delevred himselfe to his father and others in the parreshe, that the above named Annis mondaye came to his bed over nighte this yeare, he beinge first in bed, and that shee huckled close to him, as yt were to tempte him and he as he affermeth he thrust her owt of his bed, and byd her begone for shame.

Robert Conneye minister and Thomas Gibbens sydesman of Sydnam.

228. [*n.d.*]

Item we presente roberte coney clarke for a wedinge one Whyte monday at nighte last by a fame.

Wyliame Northe and ffrancis Allmane church wardens.

66. 16 October 1609.

Sidenham. Item we present unto you our minister M[r] W[m]: Connie for administring the Communion to Strangers of Buckinghamsheir whether they were execomunicat persons we know not or whether they were denied for unsufficiency.

Item We present the parson S[r] Richard Wenman for want of quarterly sermons.

Item we present John White for a fame of incontinency between himselfe and Martin Tubs wife.

ffrancis Almand Wm. North.

Item we present Master coney for lyeing suspesiously of incontinency betwene one mistres marle and mistres yorke.

67. 25 November 1665.

These are to certifie that whereas I entred Cav[ts] in the Goods of William Allen of Siddenham in the peculiar Jus[on] of Thame decd. If ffrances his relict desireth that Adcon. of his Goods be committed to her : My desire is that the said Cav[t] may be subducted.

Edw. Phillips.

52. [*n.d.*]
A Returne made by the Churchwardens of Siddenham. Our Church is in good repaire. Our Church moundes are sufficient. Wee have nothing to present.
[*unsigned.*]

53. [*n.d.*]
Wee present that our Church and Chansill is in good repaire.
Wee present that our moundes are sufficient. Wee present that wee haue no popish recusantes in our parish. Wee present that the Sabbath is not profaned by any to our knowledge. Wee present that all thinges to our knowledge are well and sufficient.
Wil. Keene Cristopher Steuens Church Wardens.

58. [*n.d.*]
Wee present that our Churchmoundes are in good repaire. Wee present that we haue none exemptors from the Church. Wee present that all thinges are in good order to our knowledge.
Will. Keene Cristopher Steevens Churchwardens.

68. 20 June 1670.
Our Parish Church & all things their unto Belonging are In very good Repaire. Their is nothing in our Parish presentable to the Best of our knowledge. Wittness our hands thafforsaid day
John White William Casmoore.

69. 24 May 1671.
Our parish Church and other things There unto Belonging is in very good Repaire and order. And wee have in Liberty [*sic*] nothing presentable.
William Winlow Nicholas Knapp Churchwardens.

70. 1 June 1671.
Imprimis wee present that our Church Chancell and all things thereunto belonging are in good Repaire.
Item. Wee present that our Minister performes his duty as required.
Wee present all things are in good Order to the best of our knowledge. Witness our hands
Signum Robert Steevens Robert Taylor.

71. 27 May 1675.

Item we present our Church & Church yeard Are in good & sufishant Repaire. Item wee present all things Else are well to the Best of our knowledg.

Robert Taylor Robert Stephens Church wards.

55. [*n.d.*]

A presentment of the parish of Suddenham.

Wee present that wee haue Service in due times.

Wee present that our Church mounds are Sufficient and soe all thinges else they are sufficient to our knowledge.

Robert Stevens Robart Tayler Churchwardens.

57. [*n.d.*]

Wee present our Church is in good repaire. Wee present our Sabbath is not profaned by any to our knowledge. Wee present our Church mounds are sufficient. Wee present that all things belonging to our office are well and sufficient to the best of our knowledge.

Will. North Joseph Seywell Churchwardens.

72. 2 May 1681.

Wee present that our Church is in good repaire. Wee present that our Church moundes are sufficient. Wee present that we haue no dissenters in our Libertie. Wee present that the Sabbath is not profaned by any to our knowledge. Wee present that all things belonging to our office are well and sufficient to the best of our knowledge.

Will. North and Joseph Sewell Churchwardens.

73. 22 June 1682.

We present that our Church is in good repaire. We present that our Church moundes are sufficient. We have none that absent themselves from Church on the Sabbath day. We present John Burnham of our parish for the repute of haueing a bastard Child begotten on the body of Mary Addames both of our parish. We have nothing more to present.

William Stevenson Minister Christopher Sewell John Stevens Church Wardens.

(*Oxon. Archd. papers, Oxon.* c 162. *p.* 51.

14 June 1683. [John Burnham says] That the sd Mary was delivered of a Bastard Child & did take her Oath before a Justice of the peace of the county aforesd. that

he was the father thereof & that thereupon he was forced to provide for the sd Child & that therefore there is a publick fame & report within the parish aforesaid & other places adjacent thereto Et submisit se &c. He is ordered to purge himself and leads in a certain compurgator whom the Judge received, and the said John was declared to have purged himself.)

74 to 79. 1683 to 1693. Nothing to present.

80. 30 June 1698.

Wee doe present Edward belsha and sara wood of our perish for a bastard Child and haue nothing more to present in our perish.

William Stevenson Minister. William White John Wise Church warnes.

Emvt cio.

(*Oxon. Archd. papers, Oxon. c* 162. *p.* 122.

Edward Belcher replies that he is not the father of the said Child nor did he at any time comitt the crime of Incontinency or Adultery with the said Sarah Wood, But confesseth that thereof, there was and is a public fame and report within the parish of Sydenham & other places thereto adjacent and offers his voluntary oath of his innocency which he presently took in the presence of Robert Taylor, Wm White & John Wise Ch. Ward. Whereupon the said Robert Tayler made oath that he believed the said Edward Belcher had taken a true Oath and the said Churchwardens declared that they believed him to be innocent unde Dominus eum ab officio dimisit . . .)

81. 4 July 1700.

Wee doe present our Chansell out of repare.

William North Richard Humfery Churchwardens.

82. 3 July 1701.

Imprimis wee present Christopher paremon and Jane Rite for liueing to gether as man and wife. Secondly wee doe present Jane Right for prictising visicke without a lissence.

William Stevenson Minister.

Richard Humphry and William North Churchwardens.

83 to 85. 1702 to 1704. Nothing to present.

86. 9 July 1705.

Wee have nothing to present to our khowledg [*sic*] but John blee and Ann blee his wife for incontinency before marryage.

William Stevenson Minister.
John Taylor Robert Seywell.

87. 1706. Omne bene.

88. 23 June 1707.

Wee present John Burnham for marryeing with Ann Clarke spinster his wifes halfe sister Daughter by the fathers side. Witness our hands

William Stevenson Minister.
Robert Tayler Gyles Webb.

98 to 92. 1708 to 1711. Nothing presentable.

93. 20 September 1711.

Imprimis. We present the reverend Wm. Stevenson Curate of Sydenham aforesd. for that he hath another ecclesiastical benefice and doth not reside upon the Curacy of Sydenham afforsd.

Item. That the said Curate of Sydenham afforesd doth not observe to give notice of holy days and fasting days nor to read prayers on those days nor the ember weeks, neither hath he given notice of the yearly perambulacon in Rogacon week in the parish Church (as appointed by the rubrick and ecclesiastical Cannons) the Sunday next before. these fiue and twenty years & more.

Item. That He the said Curate hath neglected to instruct the youth of the sd Parish in the Church Catachism these tenn years and upwards neither hath he presented any one of the said parish to be confirmed by the Bishop for above these seaven years.

Item. That he the said Curate hath not in reading prayers conformed to the liturgy of the Church of England, for that he the sd Curate did on palm Sunday last in reading ye morning service neglect or leave out the Nicene Creed, ye Lords prayer and Tenn Commandments, and on Easter day did omitt or leave out the Litany.

Item. That he the said Curate hath for several Sundays

neglected divine service in the said parish Church (especially on Trinity-Sunday last) and hath neither preached or read a homilie himselfe nor procured any other licenced preacher to performe the same in his absence.

Item. That he the said Curate has presumed to marry severall people namely Samu[ll] Worth, Francis Chilton and John Saunders all of the said parish of Sydenham att Bledloe in the County of Bucks and out of the peculiar of Thame afforesaid.

John Stevens Churchwardens [*sic*]
John Wise Gyles Webb Robert Seywell Stephen Munday Edward Seywell.

[*From* 1713 *to* 1723 *when the returns cease, nothing was presented.*]

TETSWORTH.

107. [*n.d.*]

The parish of Tettesworth.

Wee haue not any thing to present at this time but that all things (to our knowledge) are in good order.

John Tanner John Johnson Churchwardens.

108. Techworth. [*n.d.*]

Item wee present that wee have not Anie service buck in our Church but wee desire the time of A month to provide for time Ale things els are well & in good order.

John Watkines Richard dormer ga.
John Simes Edward lane si.

109 *and* 110 *after* 121.

111. 19 October 1607.

Wee haue not anything to present at this tyme, but all things (to our knowledge) are in good order.

John Tanner George Clarke.

112. Wee the churchwardens of Tetsworthe and sidesmen, doe geve your woorsheps to understande that all thinges with us concerninge church matters are or shall shortely bee well: at this tyme, wee are destitute of an incumbent

minister, owre olde minister is latelye remooved from thence.

George Clarke George Cooper Churchwardens.
Water hardewell sideman.

113. Tettesworth. These are to certifie you that we haue no Recusants, nor any on that refuseth to receaue the holy Communion.

Per Will. Johnes Curat ibid.

114. *Follows* 119.

115. 22 May 1606.

We haue not any thinge at this [*sic*] to be presented, but that all thinges are in a reasonable order.

William Clarke John Gregorye Churchwardens.

116. october 1609.

I Richard Dormer the Churchwarden of Tettesworth for my part know of noe fault or misdemaner to be presented unto your worship.

Richard Dormer.

117. 25 November 1608.

We the churchwardens of Tetsworth and Sydeman [*sic*] doe presente that to our knowledge wee knowe nothinge amisse in owr parrishe, but omnia bene.

George Cooper George Clarke churchwardens.
Water hardewell sydeman.

118. 8 May 1609.

Tettisworth parish. Theise shalbe to certifie yo^{r} worshipp that all things are performed in good sort according to the articles for anything that we know.

George Cooper George Clark churchwardens.
Walter Hardway.

119. 20 June 1670.

Our Parish Church and all things theirunto Beelonging is in very good Repayre etc. Their is nothing in o^{r} said Parish to our Best knowledge that is presentable. Wittness our Hands thaforsaid Day,

Augustin Slater George Eustace.

114. 1 June ? 1671.

Imprimis. Wee present that our Church, Church yard and all things there unto belonging are in good and sufficient Repaire.

Item. Wee present that our Minister performes his duty by reading the full service and wearing his priestly habitt.

Item. Wee present Thomas G[u]theridge for sitting in the Ministers Pew in the time of divine service having a convenient seate of his owne and that all things else are well to the best of our knowledge. Witnesse our hands

John Steuens Richard Browne

120. 24 May 1671.

Imprimis we present that our Parish Church & all things their unto belonging is in good order & Repayre.

Their is no popish Recusant in our said Liberty. Their is nothing presentable in our said Parish. But all things to our best knowledge is in good order. Wittness our hands Thaforsaid Day

Augustin Slater George Eustace Churchwardens.

121. 9 September 1672.

Imprimis. Wee present that our Church and Church yard and all things there unto belonging are in repare and kept as they ought to bee.

Item. We present that our Minister performes his duty by Reading the full service on Sundays & holy dayes.

It. Wee Present that we have nothing else in our parish punishable by his Maj^{ties} Ecclesiasticall lawes to the best of our knowledge. Witness of our hands.

signum Georgiis [*sic*] Arthur Robart Allen.

109. [*circa* 1675.]

Our church is in good repaire, our Church yard is well mounded, one of our bells is broke & wee desire some time to repair it in.

Edmund Lane Thomas Worth Cherch warnes.

110. [*circa* 1675.]

We the Church Wardens of the Parish of Tetsworth doe certifie that the Church is in good repaire & the furniture

belonging to the Church are likewise, our church yard mounds are in repaire allsoe all things ellse are well and in good order.

John Stephens Richard Browne Church Wardens.

122 to 126. 1676 to 1681. Nothing presentable.

181. 18 June 1677.

We have nothing to present but that our Church Chancell and Mounds are all in good Repaire for ye 2 yeares Last Past. Omnia bene.

Rich. Scienes. Edw. Cobham Church Wardens of Tetsworth.

127. 14 June 1683.

Imprimis Wee present that our biggest bell is Broken & desire that the same may be speedily amended.

ffra. ffawsett John parker Ch. Wardens.

Md. the New Ch. Wardens did appeare at the Visitacon the day & yeare abovesd about 5 of the Clock in the afternoon & did desire that they might have to the feast of the Annunciacon of our blessed Virgin St. Mary next to new cast the sd Bell & to certify thereof within a Week after.

128. 16 June 1684.

Wee present that the Chancell windows are out of repaire & that the same ought to be repaired by Mr Striblehill of Thame who is the Impriator [*sic*] of the Tythes of Tetsworth aforesd.

Wee have nothing else presentable within our parish to the best of our knowledge.

Robart May Tho Verey Churchwardens.

129. 2 July 1685.

Wee have not presentments within the parish aforesaid saueing onely the death of George Wells & that Mary Wells his mother possesseth the goods.

Thomas Verey.

130 to 132. 1686 to 1690. Nothing to present.

133. 30 June 1698.

Wee present Nicholas lane for not paying his Church

Rate being 1s. 3dob.
ffrancis ffausett Juner.
Mary Wells is lately dead Joan her daughter possesses her goods.

[*The following are the only presentments from* 1699 *to* 1734.]

144. 2 July 1711.
Wee present Alexander Stone for not paying his Church Rate being 3s. 6d.
Witness our hands Thomas Cozens.

145. 1 July 1713.
We present Allixander Stone ffor not paying to the Church rate.
Thomas Eynott Hugh Heley.
(*Oxon. Archd. papers, Oxon. c* 162.
p. 202. 12 June 1712. case continued.
p. 206. 1 July 1713. not appearing, excommunicated.
p. 208. 2 Jan. 1713. Appeared and humbly prays to be absolved. He replies to the presentments made 2 July 1711 and 1 July 1713 and says "That he hath and at present doth refuse to pay the severall Taxes of 3s. 6d. menconed in the sd presentments & made for & towards the necessary repaires of the Church or Chappell of Tetsworth aforesd because as he this Respondent doth allege the only lands now in his occupacon & which he holds of Mr Wm Tipping were and are out of the parish and Liberty of Tetsworth aforesaid and are in the Liberty of Addington in the said County of Oxford et submisit se &c.
The Churchwardens of Tetsworth ordered to appear in the next court to justify their presentment.
p. 215. 1714. Case continued.
p. 219. 1715. The churchwardens produce evidence that such rates have been paid which Stone admits.
p. 225. 1716. Stone not appearing, was pronounced contumacious and excommunicated.)

THAME.

158. A note of Licenses Granted at Thame Since the last courte.

Augustin Jefferyes and Sarah White marryed by Lic. June 22.

William Hadden & Elizabeth Sewell of Sidenham marryed by Lic. 24th of August.

Leonard Burton & Anne ? Weenes were marryed by lic. August 29.

Simon Shrive of Quarnton and Hannah Bigge were marryed by lic. the 23 of Sep.

John ? and Anne Towne were marryed by lic. Octob. 17.

John Stone of Morton & Sarah Onnor marryed by license ye 2 of 9^{ber}.

M^{r}. Thom. Smith & Letitia Horne marryed by license Jan. 13.

Thomas Gibbons & Anne Heybourne marryed by license Jan. 20.

John Taylour & Jane Russell marryed by license ffeb. 12.

Mr. George Burrowes & Phillis Parker widdow were marryed by lic. March 22.

William Trippe & Alice waie marryed by lic. Apr. 10.

Luke Bucknam & Elizab Winlow marryed by lic. Aprill 30.

John Hitchcocke of Quarnton & Joan Webb of Thame were marryed by lic. May 4.

Willm. Bollin & Anne Goddon Widdow were marryed by lic. ye 8 of June.

159. [*n.d.*]

Imprimis we present that the Church & Church mounds are in repare.

Item wee have nothinge to present more but only James Cowden Jn^{r} and Elizabeth Tibbs for a Bastarde Child and Elizabeth Taylor for a Bastard Child.

Item wee present Mary Callcott wido for a bastard child The Repewted ffather Gorge Decon of Henly uppon Thames.

George Ingram William Erles Church Wardens.

160. *Follows* 180.

161. 10 February 1605.

I presente unto you Thomas Edrich of this our parish

for refuseing to come to the Church and also for not receuinge the Communion.

Item I presente unto you Mary Edrich the wife of the said Thomas for refusinge to come to the Church and also for not receuinge the Communion.

Item I present unto you George Edrich the sonne of the said Thomas Edrich for refusinge to come to the church and also for not receuinge the Communion.

Jo. Trinder Vicar ibm.

162. [*Blank.*]

163. 22 May 1606.

Imprimis we present unto you Thomas Edrich for refusing to come to the Church orderly and also for not receuing the Communion.

Item we present Mary the wiffe of the saide Thomas for refusinge to Come to the Church. Item we present unto you Tomsonn Gregorie for refusinge to Come to the Church.

Item we present unto you Margaret ffrancklin for fornication and as the fame goeth by Reynold Curteyce sometime servant to Sir Richard Wennman.

Item we present unto you Thomas Cobbett for not receiving the Communion this last Easter. Item we present unto you Marion Arnolde for not receiving the Communion this last Easter.

Item we present unto you John Greene for refuseing to come to the Church.

Item we present unto you George Haslett for not comming orderly to the Church and also for refusinge to receve the communion.

Item we present unto you M^{r} John Hester, John Stribblehill and Augustine Stribblehill farmers of the parsonage for not repairing the Chancell.

Jo. Trinder vicar ibm.

Richard Pinder William Wethered Thomas West John Howgton Wilyam ff. . . .ll Peeter Wessone.

164. [*Blank.*]

165. 20 April 1607.

Imprimis we present unto you George Haslett for not coming orderly to the Church and also for refusing to receue the Communon.

Item we present Thomas Keene for not receuing the Communion this Easter.

Item we present Moses Clark for fornication with Mary Henman wherof the Court is possest.

Item we present unto you Thomas Keene and Margery Mallam for fornication.

Item we present Mr John Hester, John Striblehill & Augustine Striblehill fermors of the parsonage for not repayring the Channcell.

Item we present John Greene for refusing to come to Church.

Jo. Trinder vicar.
Rich. Pinder William Wethered Walter Jematt
And. Spendler Church wardens
John Howghton Ric. Smith sidesmen.

166. 19 October 1607.

Imprimis we present unto you John Greene of North Weston for refusing to come to the Church.

Item we present unto you John Hester, John Striblehill and Augustin Striblehill farmers of the parsonage of Thame for not repairing the Chauncell.

Item we present unto you Willm Sims who by common fame hath committed fornication with his woman servant.

Jo. Trinder vicar ibm.
Walter Jematt Roger Burges William Heiborne Churchwardens.
Thomas Myneharde Ric. Smith Sidsme.

167. 21 April 1608.

Imprimis we present unto you John Hester, John Striblehill and Augustine Striblehill fermors to the Parsonage of Thame for not repairing the Chauncell.

Item we present unto you George Bedford for fornication with Ales Aston. Item we present Ales Aston for the like offence.

Item we present unto you John Greene for refusinge to come to the Church. Item we present unto you George Haslett for refusinge to come to the Church. Item we present unto you Ellnor Parsloe for not receiving the Communion this Easter. Item we present unto you the wiffe of William Carter for not receiving the Communion this Easter. Item we present unto you the wiffe of William Jesoppe for not receiving the Communion this

Easter. Item we present unto you William Wenlow & his wife for not receiving the Communion this Easter.

Jo. Trinder vicar.

Walter Jemott Roger Burgess William Heiborn Andrew Spindler.

168. 27 October 1608.

Imprimis we present unto you John Greene for refusing to come to the Church.

Item we present unto you James Cowen and Elizabeth Barnes for adultery.

Item we present unto you that John Thomlinson and the wiffe of George Ellis were Lockt into a Rome togither very susspicously by her husbands report.

Item we present unto you that John Hester, John Striblehill and Augustine Striblehill farmers to the parsonage for not repayring of the Chauncell.

Item we present unto you Ellnor Parslowe for not receuing the communion.

Item we present unto you John Tomes & Anne his wife for not coming orderly to the Church and besides Richard Molinex & Peter Willmot the Churchwardens uppon a a search according to their office did finde them drinking with Christopher Waklin of Morton at prayer time.

We present unto you Thomas Chapman and his wiffe for givinge entertainment to Lewde and incontinent persons.

Jo. Trinder vicar ibm.

Roger Burges Richard Molinex William Heyborne Peter Willmonte Church wardens.

Rich. Smith Thomas Myneharde Sydsmen.

169. 8 May 1609.

Imprimis we present unto you John Greene for refusinge to come to the Churche. Item we present unto you George Haslett for refusinge to come to the Church.

Item we present unto you M^{r} John Hester, John Striblehill and Augustine Striblehill fermors to the parsonage for not repairing the Chauncell.

Item we present unto you Nicholas Ginks for not coming orderly to the Church and also because the fame goeth that he is ouer familiar with Elizabeth Philipps the wiffe of Robert Phillipps.

Item we present unto you the same Elizabeth Philips for the same fault.

Jo. Trinder vicar ibm.
Roger Burgess William Heborne Peter Willmont
Rich: Molinex Church Wardens.
Thomas Myneharde Rich. Smith sidsman.

170. [*Blank.*]

171. 16 October 1609.

Imprimis we present unto you John Greene for refusing to come to the Church. Item we present unto you George Haslett for refusing to come to the Church.

Item we present unto you Isabell Gath for intertaining a woman that was with child in her house & ther she is brought to bed of her bastard.

Item we present unto you Barthollmew Druse for begetting his wife Julia Lane with Childe before they were married.

Item we present unto you Mary Sadler that was begotten with Child as she saith by Thomas Cheltam of Thame Parke which woman is brought to bed at the fore presented Isabell Gaths house.

Jo. Trinder vicar ibm.
John Striblehill ffrancis Carter Peter Willmot
Richard Molinax Church Wardens.
Tho Minnhard Richard Smith Sidsmen.

172. [*Blank.*]

173. [Know all men by] these presents that I Thomas Boucher D^r^ of laws Officiall of the Peculiar Jurisdicon of [Thame with the] members thereunto belonging . . . Deane and Chapter of Lincoln . . . . appointed my truly and welle . . . . . colate and appoint . . . . . and Schoole master of . . . . . in Tame aforesaid to be my Lawful . . . . . surrogate to . . . take and receiue . . . . . of M^r^ Robert Boning lately . . . . . usher to the sd schoole to the declaration against ye Covenant according to the late Act of Parliament and so doe all acts and thinges thereunto belonging which myselfe might lawfully doe, if I myselfe were there personall present. In witness whereof I have to these presents put my hand and seal the tenth day of November 1662.

Tho. Bouchier.

174. Thomas . . . [*line illeg.*] Edward Phillipps . . . [*line illeg.*] Whereas the honob[l] James . . . [*line illeg.*] Montgomery . . . [*line illeg.*] Kt have desired Licence to make or procure to bee . . . within the said parish Church of Thame commonly called . . . as a burying place for and by them and theire ffamilies . . . Vault when the same shalbee soe made And forasmuch as . . . . that the Inhabitants of the said parish or a very considerable . . . and desirous that the request of the sayd Gentlemen should be . . . therefore the Officiall and Comissary abouenamed doe by these presents . . . sufficient full power & authority to you the sayd Vincent Barry Esq[r], M[r] Hugh Wild, John Messenger, Richard Rastell, Thomas Baker, Thomas Messenger, Thomas Well, and Edward Phillips or any ffower of you upon some certaine day by you to be assigned and appointed intimacon thereof being first given in your parish Church upon some Sunday or Holy day to meet together in your said parish Church and then and there to take an exact view and Survey of the sayd Isle And if upon such view and Survey had and taken you find this . . part of the sayd Isle may be spared for the uses aforesd. and appropriated to the said M[r] Herbert and M[r] Dormer and theire ffamilyes without prejudice to the right or interest of other person or persons and without obstruccon to any usuall passage That then y[e] certify us or our lawfull Deputy thereof in writing under your hands, and in what part of the sayd Isle such convenient place for the making of the sayd Vault is and the length and breadth thereof at or before the ffirst day of November next ensueing the date hereof, otherwise wee pronounce & declare this Comicon to bee void & of no effect Dated under the Seale of our Office aforesd the Nineth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred sixty ffive.

Reverse. [*The first four lines illegible.*]

. . . in the Church . . . . . September instant take an exact view & survey of the Isle commonly called . . . . . in the presence of the most considerable part of the par . . . . . there . . . convenient place in the sd Isle under the East Window . . . . . & in bredth ten foot to make such a Vault or burying . . . . . William Dormer Esq[r] in the said commission named & . . . . . we also find that it may very well be spared for & imployed . . . the sd Gentlemen And that a Raile may be conveniently

made . . . of any person or persons & without obstruction to any usual passage, and that the . . . onely contented but very desirous that the sd Mr Herbert & Mr Dormer she . . . vault in the place aforesd within the sd Isle & to appropriate the same to them . . . . for a burying place without the gainesaying of any one person In witness wherefore . . . set our handes the eight and twentith day of September in the seventeenth yeare of the reign . . . Sovereigne Lord Charles the second by the Grace of God of England, Scotland . . . King defendor of the faith &c. And in the yeare of our Lord God 1665.

Wm Garry, Hugh Willis vicar, Thomas Baker Church warden,
Edward Phillips sidsman.

175. I present these for not receiuinge the sacrament at Easter last 1670 & for not payinge theire dues & offeringes to their Minister then viz.

Thomas Cox and his wife, Edward Howes and his wife, John Howes his brother, Thomas Corner and his wife, Isaak Waces and his wife The Gardiner, Alexander Burton & his wife, Robert Scrivener & his wife, James Housman & his wife, Richard Lane and his wife, John Hennett & his wife, William Horne & his wife, Widdow Gooderige, John Neale & his wife, Nicolas Barneham & his wife, Thomas Winch & his wife, John Hoe & his wife, Robert Mawne & his wife, John Clarke & his wife, Joseph Munday, Robert Munday, John Mounton & his wife, Mathew Barton & his wife, John Roberts & his wife, Wake Pollard & his wife, Richard Adkins & his wife, The Widdow Ayres sen, The Widdow Ballie, Thomas Smith & his wife, Robert Belson & his wife, Richard Williams & his wife, Willm Cooper & his wife, Willm Hollyman & his wife, Richard Allnutt & his wife, Richard Smith & his wife, Philip Hambleton & his wife, William Whitehead & his wife, William Bennett & his wife, Edward ? Junt & his wife, John Brainch & his wife, Jeffery Hearne & his wife, Richard Ridley & his wife, Edward Junt Jun & his wife, John Laurence & his wife, John Dearinge & his wife, John Moores & his wife, The Widdow Powell, The Widdow Beike & her daughter, Mr. Bankes & his wife, The widdow Parker.

This is the presentment made & given in to ye Courte helde for the Peculiar Jurisdiction of Thame on the 20th

of June 1670.
By mee Hugh Willis Vicar of Thame.

176. 20 June 1670.
Wee present Ann Inott for haueing a Bastard Child. Wee present John Branch for being the Reputed Father of the said Child.
We present Judith Flower for hauing a bastard Child.
Edward Phillips John Harris William Towne Jacob Watson.

177. 24 May 1671.
Item we present an flower for hauing a basterd Chillde. And that our Church is in good Repayre.
Item the Court holden for this Court [*sic*] May the 24th 1671.
Item we present An Inot for hauing a basterd Chillde. Item we present Jane baron the wife of Richard Simmonds Alis Robbinson for in Continency befoer marridg.
John Harris William toune Church wardens.
Marryed Dec 10 Child bapt May 1671 for this see Mr Willis note marriages And Christnings. [*added.*]

178. 1 June 1674.
Impr. Wee present that our Church and all things there unto beelonging are in good repaire. It. wee present that our Minister performes his duty as is requiered. It. wee present that all things are in good [*sic*] to ye best of our knowledge.
Will. Cooke Rich Adkins Jo. Deering Georg Young.

179. [*Blank.*]

180. 27 May 1675.
Wee present John Crosse for the putatiue father of A bastarde Child by Mary Stuchberry.
We y^e^ Church Wardens of the parish of Thame doe certifie that the Minister doth doe his dutye And that the Church is in good repaires And the furniture belonginge to the Church and our Church yeard Mounds and all things else are in good order.
John Dearinge John Mappe Church Wardens.
(*Oxon. Archd. papers, Oxon c.* 162. *p.* 15. 16 May 1678.

John Crosse confessed " that one Mary (whose other name to him is unknown) did report that hee was the ffather of a bastard Childe begotten on her body & that thereupon shee fled away leaving the said Childe behinde her not having charged this Respondent before any Justice of peace to be the ffather of the sd childe, & that when she was soe fled this Respondents wife tooke the sd Childe into his house where it hath lived & beene maintained ever since by this Rondt Unde dominus ex violentissima presumpceone of his keeping the childe pronunciavit eum to be guilty of adultery. . . " Ordered to purge himself in the parish church of Thame and make certificate thereof.)

160. [*n.d. circa* 1675.]
Item we present that the Minister doth his duty that the Church and Church yeard is in good repare.
Item wee present John Crasse & Margat Pime for bastard Children.
Item wee present John Eustes & Mary Parkins for hauinge a bastard.
Hugh Dorrell John Knape Church Wardens.

181. [18 June 1677. Presentment for Tetsworth. Omnia bene.]

182. 16 June 1679.
Ouar Church is in good Repear and the Church mounds and all things Theer unto beelonging all Things are well.
John Crues William ffriar.

183. 7 June 1680.
We present Anne Ladiman for hauing a Bastard Child. We also present Margarett Mabbley for hauing a Bastard Child. We doe testifie there is nothing wanting in our Church & that the Mounds of the Church yard are made good.
William Webb Nich Larence John Young Edward Boier Church Warndes.
(*Oxon. Archd. papers c.* 162. *p.* 38. 2 *May* 1681. Anne Ladiman and Marg. Mabbley case continued.)

184. 2 May 1681.
Our Church and Church yearde is in good repaire. and

for any thinge else accordinge to our knowledge is in good repaire.

Item we present Margrett Pime for beinge deliuered of a Basterd Child.

William Web John Young Mathew Crews William Wheeler.

(*Oxon. Archd. papers c.* 162. *p.* 43. 22 June 1682. [She confessed] that she was delivered of a Male Child begotten on her body by John Crosse of Thame who is the father of the said child & noe one else . . . and that she has likewise since been delivered of another Child begotten on her body by the said John Crosse & doth desire the Excom^{a} against her may be retracted. To perform public penance in Thame Church 16th. July next.)

185. [*Blank.*]

186. 20 June 1682.

Imprimis. Wee present John Crosse of Old Thame Miller for getting two basterds on the body of Margarett Pim singlewoman.

Wee present John Cowley of Old Thame Taylor for a fame of getting a bastard Child on the body of [*blank*] of Hadnam in the County of Bucks Singlewoman.

Wee present Edward Smith of Old Thame Gardner and Hester [*blank*] for living together as man & wife as is famed & reported within the parish.

We present Peter Tomlinson & Margaret his pretended wife for living together as man & wife it being not knowen when nor where they were marryed.

the minister that maried Edward Smith sent me a letter that hee married him and his wife midsumer last was a twelfe month.

our Church and the mounds ar all in good repaire.

Mathew Crews William Wheller.

(*Oxon. c.* 162. *p.* 50. 14 June 1683. John Crosse case continued.

p. 55. 16 June 1694. case continued.

p. 61. 2 July 1685. excommunicated.

John Cowley. *p.* 50. abiit extra Jurn.

Peter Tomlinson. *p.* 50. He says "That he was marryed unto the said Margaret in the parish Church of Ilmer on the 24th day of Aug^{t} 1681 by Mr. William

Lillingston Minister there without Banns being first published or Licence of Marriage obteyned there being then present noe one besides the parish Clerke & Minister aforesaid Et submisit se &c." *ends.*)

187. 14 June 1683.
It. the Church and Church yeard is in good repaire. It. theire is no Bastard Children accordinge to our knowledge and all things are well to the best of our knowledge.
William Pecke . . . Jemmet Church wardens.

188. The Returne of the Late Church Wardens of Thame doe Sartiffie that our leads of our Church are out of Repayre, and for all other thinges of the church and Church yeard are all well and sufficient repayred. Dated the 16th June 1684.
Edmond Smith Edward Cooke Church Wardens.

189 to 194. 1685 to 1693. Nothing presentable.

195. 6 July 1696.
Wee present Thomas Heath Maulster for cohabiteing in an unlawfull manner with the wife of George ffuller of Chinner for the space of Three Weeks about 3 Moneths since haueing bought her of her husband at 2^{d}. q. the pound, William Talbot & John Pricket being present at the paying of the money & Edward Heath of Towersy being present at the bargain makeing. And that thereof there was & is publick fame & report within the said parish of Thame & other places thereunto adjacent.
William Pecke John Eynott John Prickett John Young.
John Young [Anne Young—*int.*] of Thame poss^{rs} of the goods of Rob. Young his B^{r} & [*blank*] Young wid his Mother.
John Ayres of Thame decd. abt 6 weeks since John Ayres nephew Exor of the same neer the Ch. Railes.
(*Oxon. c.* 162.
p. 107. 6 July 1696. John Pricket of Thame maketh Oath that he was not at the bargain makeing but came time enough to see her weighed & the money payd which amounted in the whole to 29^{s}. & ob farthing as he remembers at 2^{d}. q. the pound as he tooke it and the said Heath took the wife of George ffuller away with him from Chinner.

William Talbott of Thame maketh Oath that he being in Company with John Pricket at Chinner he understood that Heath had stayd all night at the house of George ffuller . . . and addeth that when he had bought her he kissed her before her husband and that he heard he brought her to a publick house in Thame & the next morning he carryed her to the White Hart in Benson where he stayed all night.

Page 108. [Thomas Heath replies] " That he did buy the wife of George ffuller in the presentment mentioned at 2^{d}.q. the pound & brought her behind him to a publick house in Thame where she stayed two days and two nights and that he did not see her above one hour in a day whilest she stay'd there (*vizt*) ab^{t} 8 of the clock at night it being in the Moneth of Jan^{ry} last and after that he carryed her to the White Hart in Benson [and from there he carryed her to London and left her with her Brother—*int.*] and that he did sit on the bedside with her bothe here and at Benson but denyes that he has carnall knowledge of her body but he acknowledges that there was and is such a publick fame & reporte as is presented." Ordered to purge himself with six hands.

Page 115. 6 August 1697. Thomas Heath appearing with no compurgators, he was ordered to perform public penance in the parish church of Thame 29 August next. " Deinde apud diversorium vocatur le Red Lyon in Thame comparuit personaliter dictus Thom. Heath et humiliter petiit poenitentiam predictam commutandum fore, unde Dominus ad humilem et instantem peticionem eiusdem Thomae Heath delictum suum huiusmodi plurimum lugentis ac spe melioris vitae per ipsum imposterum deducendae in quandam penam pecuniariam in pios usus et charitabilia opera erogandam et distribuendam commutavit et sic eundem Thomam Heath ab officio et omni ulteriori processu quoad crimen predictum dimittendum fore decrevit et dimisit, decrevitque litteras testimoniales desuper fieri &c.)

196 to 199. 1698 to 1700. *Nothing presentable.*

200. 1701.

Presentments of John Low & Edward Howes Church-

wardens of the parish of Thame As followeth

Imprimis we present John Maund sonne of Robert Maund of Thame for intrudeing and Sitting in a Seate or pew within the body of Thame Church wherein Mr Mathew Wilkins and severall other sufficient Inhabitants usually sitt to heare divine service without any lawfull order or authority soe to doe by which he severall times excluded some of them.

Item we present Samuell Bennett, Thomas Barnes, Jonothan Line, John Knapp, Henry Knapp, ffrancis Webb, Richard Eynott, Daniell Tipson, Thomas King, William Towne sen, Mathew Talboys for intrudeing & sitting in two severall seates or pewes within the body of Thame Church next adioyneing to a new Seate or pew lately erected & sett up by Mrs ffrances Striblehill widdow without any lawful order or authority soe to doe.

Item wee present Anne Murray the wife of John Murray and Mary Hurst servant to George Bulley for intruding and sitting in severall seats or pewes within the body of Thame Church wherein severall sufficient parishioners sitt to heare divine service without any lawful order or authority soe to do.

Item wee present that severall seates within the parish church of Thame want to bee repayred & humbly pray an order from the Official of this peculiar to repayre the same.

Item wee likewise present That severall Servants & other young persons who are not housekeepers doe intrude & thrust themselves into severall seates within the parish Church aforesaid & doe thereby exclude severall parishioners that pay the rates & other dutyes to the Church & poore Soe wee humbly pray an order from the Officiall for regulating thereof.

Item wee present Mrs ffrances Striblehill for ingrossing & makeing two severall seates into One large pew & keeping the same locked up within the body of the parish Church aforesaid for her sole & only use which will hold at least Twelve persons whereby shee has excluded severall Credible and sufficient Inhabitants (who usually sate to heare divine service in one of the said seates) from sitting therein.

Mr Greeneway,

If wee have not putt these presentments in forme & order according to yor method pray correct the same &

send a Summons for all respective persons before named to appeare at our next Visitacon Court to answere the severall allegacons aforesaid which is all from

Yo^{r} Serv^{t}

[*unsigned.*]

(Endorsed :—To M^{r} John Greeneway the Registrar of Thame Peculiar at his office nigh Christ Church in Oxford this with care present.

Thame Churchwardens presentments.)

(*Oxon. Archd. papers, Oxon. c.* 162. *p.* 131. ? 1701.

Petition for the use of a seat near that of Mr. Barry, six feet three inches long and five feet and a half broad for the use of Francis Knollys and his wife, Charles Holt Armiger and his wife, Frances Striblehill widow and Thomas Carter armiger.

Thomas King alleged "That about three or ffour yeares since he did purchase a house in Thame called the Gray house the Inhabitants whereof having sit [*sic*] in the additionall part of the seat (now in controversy) for the space of fforty yeares then before Whereupon the then Church Wardens of Thame did place his wife in the additional part of the said seat." [William Talbott alleged] "That his wife was placed about three years since in the additional part of the said seat (now in controversy) by Nich Lacume the then Churchwarden." The hearing adjourned until two o'clock in the afternoon and the said Thomas King and William Talbott not appearing, a faculty was granted to the petitioners.)

201. 6 July 1702.

Imprimis Wee present Thomas Webb of Moreton for intrudeing and Sitting within a Seate in the parish Church of Thame aforesaid (not being a house keeper) Contrary to the order made at the last Court held for the Exempt Jurisdiction of Thame aforesaid haveing been admonished by the Churchwardens as pursuant to the said Order.

Item wee present Katherine Cope spinster daughter of John Cope of Thame aforesaid for the like offence.

John Low Richd. Leaver.

202. 21 July 1703.

It. wee present The Lady Douager Allington, francis Clarke Esq., Mr. John Ewstace, Richard Leaver, Edward

Curden Gent., Mist. francis Striblihill, these haue facolltys.

Mr. William Clark vicker, Richard Jorden, William Pecke jun., Mathew Wilkins, these four have none.

We present William Simmons for yousing his trad one Sabboth day. Robt. Maund for not paying to the Churchwardens Rate.

Richd. Leaver Samuel Horne Richard Tanner Nathaniel Saywell Church wardens.

203. 1703.

Mr. William Clark Vicker and his family one seate the North side Church, Richard Jorden [? Mrs] Jorden and their family one the North Side. William Pecke and his family one the North Side.

the Seate which Mathew Wilkins built one South Side of the Church. We present Wm Simmons for using his trade one the Sabboth day. Robt Maund for not paying the Churchwardens rate 0–4–9. the persons haue no facultyes for the seats aboue mentioned.

Rich Leaver Richard Tanner Nathaniell Saywell Samuel Horne Church Wardens.

hor. 2° pomerid. qd. Robertus Maund de Thame in non solvendo rationem &c. Citatus personaliter hodie comparuit in hospitio quem Dominus monuit ad solvendum 4^{s} 9^{d} per tax. deinde solvit rationem Johanni Low.

204. 3 July 1704. All things in good order.

205. 9 July 1705.

All things in good order. Item we present Mary Croock for haveing a bastard Childe about our Lady [Day] last and Richard Landsdall a stranger for being the reputed ffather.

Will James Will Phillips Church wardens.

(*Oxon. Archd. papers, Oxon c.* 162. *p.* 164. 9 July 1705.

Richard Lansdell confesses that there was & is such a fame & Oath made as is objected but he doth deny the fact et submisit se &c. To purge himself with six hands, and failing, was ordered to perform a public penance in Thame parish church. Commuted. *p.* 168. 21 July 1706. To be cited, the sentence not being performed.)

206. 18 July 1706.

Item we present all things are in good order according to our Knowledge, saving that wee present Alice Grainge for being lately delivered of a bastard and Charles Wicks of Weston for being the reputed father thereof who now provides for the said Child & soe much is publickly famed & reported within the parish of Thame.

Richard Cotton Thomas Cripps Church Wardens.

(*Oxon. c.* 162. 23 June 1707. Charles Wicks case continued.

p. 177. 17 June 1708. case continued.

Oxon. b. 87. *f.* 21. Alice Grainge cited; "gone to Bostoll.")

207 to 211. 1707 to 1711. Nothing presentable.

212. 1 July 1713.

A Presentments of Thomas Haynes one of the Churchwardens of the parish of Thame made & exhibited at the Visitacon held there the first day of July Anno Dni 1713.

I Present William Lowsley of Thame aforesd. Carpenter for saying I was an old Rogue could not I pull down the Church and build it again and that he would spend five pounds before that I should have my Rate signed.

thomas Haynes. Churchwarden.

(*Oxon. c.* 162. *p.* 210. 1 July 1713. Appeared and confessed. Ordered to appear at the Red Lion between two and three in the afternoon. Not appearing, pronounced contumacious and excommunicated.)

213. 30 July 1713. [*sic*].

Wee present the underwritten for not paying the Church Rate made the 15th day of June for and towards the Necessary repair of the Parish Church of Thame aforesaid.

Richard Plumbridge	0li . 5s . 0d.	Henry Johnson	0li . 8s . 9d
Samuell Bennett	0 . 1 . 3	Edward Higgins	0 . 1 . 10½

unsigned.

(*Oxon. c.* 162. *p.* 214. 14 June 1714. Richard Plumbridge not appearing, excommunicated.

Samuel Bennett cited. *No note of proceedings.*)

214. 14 June 1714.

Wee present Thomas Haynes (late Church Warden of

the sd Parish—*int.*) for not returning the overplus due to the parish (being Churchwarden ending—*del.*) the week after Whitsuntide Anno Dni 1713.

Ricr. Deely William Horward.

215. 16 July 1716. Nothing to present.

216. 17 July 1717.

We the Churchwardens of Thame Do present That John Williams about for or five Yeares ago Did Convey away a Parcell of Lead belonging to the Church of Thame & offered the same for sale.

Edward Jordon John Bowyer.

217. 19 July 1718.

Wee present Mary Towsin late of Thame singlewoman for being delivered of a Male Basterd Child. Wee present Thomas West for being the reputed father of the sd Basterd Child who does now provide for the said Child.

Wee present Ann Simons singlewoman for being lately delivered of a Male Basterd Child. Wee present John Daniell for being the reputed ffather of the said Basterd Child.

Wee present Sarah Ewstace singlewoman for being lately delivered of a female Basterd Child & James Rogers a servant for being the reputed father thereof who does now provide for the said child. And we have nothing else presentable within our parish to the best of our knowledge. Witness our hands

Edward Jordan John Bowyer Church wardens.

(*Oxon. c.* 162. *p.* 239. 23 June 1719. James Rogers confessed he is the reputed father. To perform public penance in Thame parish church 12 July next.

p. 242. We whose names are hereunto subscribed being Parishioners of Thame in the county of Oxon Doe hereby Certifie to all whom it may concern that We are of opinion That the bearer Thomas West of our parish who hath lately been presented for being the reputed ffather of a Bastard Child begotten on the body of Mary Towsen is not Guilty thereof notwithstanding the ffame that hath been spread abroad of his being the ffather thereof And that hee is a very honest person & never Suspected for any Unchastity or Dishonesty (for that hee hath lived in Service in

one place for Twenty yeares & upwardes) till this ffact was discover'd by the said Mary Towsen herselfe who was in hopes by that meanes to gaine him for her Husband hee being a Single Man And that Wee have been informed Shee has been a loose & Scandalous person before & since Shee came to live att Thame. Wm. Clerke Vic. Thomas Hooke Thomas Groom Church wardens.

Mathew Wilkins, Jo. Burnham, Will. Towne, Rich. Deeds, Jane Wollaston, Geo. Burrows, John Robarts, Thomas Haynes, Rich. Gibbard, John Loder Jun^{r}, John Loder Sen^{r}, Tho. Cock, John Rose, Thomas Rose, Richard Burgess, John Clarke, Wm. Talbott, Mathew Loder, Wm. Tripp, Christopher Wakelin, Richard Wakelin, John Chritwell, Wm. Tripp Juner, Tho. Prickett.

Thomas Ewsley, Thomas Standely Overseers.

11 July 1719. West comparuit . . . unde Dominus ex gratia exoneravit poenam.)

218 and 219. 1719 and 1720. Nothing to present.

220. 4 July 1721.

Wee Present Anne Wilson for having a Bastard Child M^{r} Noris Connop being the reputed father.

Item Mary White for haveing a Bastard Child begotten on her Body. Item Hester Taylor for haveing a Bastard Child begotten on her Body. Item Mary Miles for the same John Umphreys Jun^{r} of Maidenhead being the reputed father.

thomas Ewsties Thomas Standley.

221 and 222. 1722 and 1723. Nothing to present.

223. To the Right Wor^{ll} James Bouchier D^{r} of Laws & Officiall or Commissary of the peculiar Jurisdicon of Thame in the County of Oxon. lawfully appointed.

Wee the Minister & Church Wardens of the Parish of Thame above named doe hereby Certify that a Comon Seat on the South part of the Parish Church of Thame aforesaid contayning in length about seven feet and in Breadth about 2 feet 6 inches may be altered & made into two seats & that afterwards one of the said seats may be appropriated to the proper use of Wm. Eustace

to sit, stand and kneel in to hear divine service & sermons without any manner of prejudice to any of the Parishioners of Thame aforesd In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands the Tenth day of June Anno dni 1729.

John Kipling Curate
William Eustace Robart Cotton Church warnes.
John Ewstace Joshua Orey Richd May.

the north end to the midel only. the est side nex to morten seats. the South end to Mr. Gardens seat. the west side to a comon seate.

224. 30 August 1734.

Wee present Christopher Rowell for not paying his Church Rate being Nine Shillings and four pence halfe penny. Wee also present William Simons of Thame for not paying his Church rate 3^{s} 2^{d} farthing Wee also present William Ewstace of Thame aforesaid for not paying his Church Rate being 6 pence.

Edward Phillips Humphrey Eaten.

(*Oxon. c* 163. *f.* 36. 13 Sep. 1735.
Rowell. Sentence reserved. Afterwards paid.
Simons. Appeared and offered to pay.
f. 37. Ewstace. The same is paid.)

Thame presentments end.

TOWERSEY.

226 and 229 follow 238.

228. Sydenham. Inserted after *f.* 65.

230. [*Blank.*]

231. The presentment of Towerseye the 28th of Julye 1603.

Imprimis we prente S^{r} Carye Rawleye parsonne of Towerseye beinge an impropriation lett to farme to Mr. Awdleye at xl^{li} by the yere rente.

It. we presente our Curate haueing alowed him by the yere x^{li}.

It. wee haue in our parishe one hundred and eighteene Communicantes and we have none that refuse to come to

the church or that refusse to receaue the communion.

It. we presente Anne Booltonne haueing a childe (and beinge delivered of the same in the house of Humefreye Boltonne her uncle—*int.*) and not confessseinge anye father, and shee herselfe is gonne awaye, we knowe not whither.

It. we present our Curate for marryeinge of Thos. Hawes and Lewce White in the after noone haueing a lycense from Mr Maunde then beinge officiall.

William Alnate churche warden. Oliver Smythe churche warden.

John thornton sidesman.

232. 22 May 1606.

Imprimis we doe present the Chauncell for that the Windoes be not clased, and the walles whited.

We doe present Xpher Adames Als Byrges for refusinge to paye viijd which he was rated to paye towards the mayntayninge of the church.

All other things are in reasonable order.

John Thornton John Horsman Church wardens.

gregory floyd.

233. 20 April 1607.

Imprimis we present John Long for not paying viijd which was ceassed toward the repayring of the Church.

Itm. wee doe present Mr. Beale and Henry Benson for not repayering the Chancell.

John Thornton Robert Pitcher Church Wardens.

234. 19 October 1607.

Wee haue not anything to present at this tyme for all things (to our knowledge) are in good order.

John Thornton Robart Pither Church Wardens.

Phillipe Barnard.

235. 21 April 1608.

Item we present Mr Jonns our curat, for not wearinge his Surples uppon the sabot day at Evninge prayer at the christninge of a childe. And also upon Esterday, And divers other Sabothe dayes.

John Thornton Robart Pitchert.

Phillip Barnard.

(*Oxon c.* 164. *f.* 185.

Articles against John Thornetone [and Philip Barnard—*del.*] of Towersey 21 Aprilis 1608.

1. Imprimis the sayd John Thornetone hath misuseth me the Curat of Towersy beinge a ministere of the word of god and a bachelere of arts by callinge me iackesauce and welsheroge, and by chalengeinge me to y^e^ fields : and by reportinge to his neighbours that he kept every day in the weeke seruants and slaues bettere men than I.

Item 2. that he hath rayled agaynst me one the 25 day of march callinge me yow saucie pratlere and then disdaynefully at every word because I had takene the reuersione of the wyne that remayned aftere the comunione the sunday before, and I tould him that it was myne by the iniunctiones sett forth and allowed by our gracious kinge, then he replied that if it were soe then was the kinges lawe peeuish and illfauoured.

Item 3. that he on most sundays and holy dayes from christmas to Easter had gamesters playinge at cards in his house and sometymes to my knowledge playinge all eveninge prayere tyme but most comonely they playd there and com not to the churche afore I had read the 2 lessone.

Item 4. that the sayd John Thornetone beinge churchwardene these two yeares hath not provided a carpet for the comunione table, but a peece of paynted cloth.

Item 5. the [*sic*] he hath not such a chest with thre locks such as is prescribed in the booke of the law.

Item 6. that he in the wintere tyme did put one his hatt in the tyme of diuine service and suffered others to doe the same.

Item 7. that his church moundes are not mad accordinge to the lawe.

Richard Johnes curate of Tow^r^sey.)

236. 25 October 1608.

Wee the Churchwardens of Towersye doe presente the absence of owr minister M^r^ Joanes on Saynt lukes even and saynt lukes daye and weddensedaye fredaye and satardaye followinge, all these dayes without service, otherwise omnia bene.

William Loe Roberte Pither church wardens.
Philip Barnarde sydeman.

238. [*n.d.*]

The presentment of the parishe of Toursey by Robert Pytcher & Willm Lowe churchwardens of the same.

1. Imprimis wee present Mr Richard Joanes for not catachizinge the youth of our Towne accordinge to the Canons in that behalf provided.

2. Item wee present Joane Clynkett for that she hath had a childe oute of wedlocke.

3. Item wee present Mr Richard Joanes for his absence Diverse Tymes from his cure and but for the good care of the fermors of the parsonage wee should have byne destitute often tymes of ordenarie service in the Churche.

Item wee present Henry Stephens for that he hath not receyved ye Comunion this last Easter.

By us the Churchwardens of Toresey aboue saide.

Willm Lowe Robart Pitcher.

Philip Barnard.

[*On the reverse side.*]

8 May 1609. Towrsey.

Item we doe present Mr Richard Jones minister to be both a quarreler a fighter and a drunkard in publicke places upon a Common fame.

Item wee present Mr Jones for marrienge a Cupple of Wickam for anythinge we knowe without your Lycence.

William Lowe Robart Pytcher Philip Barnard.

237. 16 October 1609.

Wyllyam Lowe, John Belson churchwardens & Philipp Barnard sydeman and John Collinggridge Curate of ye saide Towne of Tourseye fynde no iust cause at this tyme to present anie thinge to our knowledge but omnia bene.

William Lowe John Belsom Philip Barnard.

Wee the Church wardens aforsaide uppon further notice gyven unto us doe present Wyllyam Meade and his wife as fame goeth had with childe before they weare maried, and as we are crediblie enformed Delivered of the same childe aboute three weekes more or lesse after the solemnization of their mariage.

226. [*n.d.*]

Imprimis we present that our Church and all things thereunto belonging are in good repaire.

Item we present that we have noe recusants in our prish. we farther present that all things els are well.

John Allnat William Alnutt Churchwardens.

229. [*n.d.*]
Imprimis we present ffrancis Bampton for not keeping in repair the Church mounds belonging to his house. It. we present our church to be in good and sufficient repair and that al things els (to our knowledge) are in good order.
Witness our hands John hensman William Allnut.

239. 20 June 1670.
Our Parish Church and all things their unto Belonging are in good Repayre. Wee have nothing in our Parish to our knowledge that is presentable.
Wittness our hands thaforsaid Day,
William White Rich. English.

240 and 241. 1674 and 1679. Nothing presentable.

242. [*Blank.*]

243. 1680.
Item we present our Church and Chancell to be in good repaire and the Church mounds to be in good repaire.
We present all things bellonginge to our office are well to the best of our knowledge.
Richard Hunt Will. Alnote Churchwardens.

244. 2 May 1681.
Item wee present The Church, Chancell, churchyard & the Mounes thereof in good repaire.
Item wee present Mary Edwards the daughter of Edward Edwards for haveing a bastard childe.
Richard Deane John Allnot Churchwardens.
(*Oxon. c.* 162. *p.* 43. 22 May 1682. case continued.)

245. 1681.
Wee present That our Church, church yard & mounds there of are in good repaire & we have Noe dissentors in our parish.
Richard Deane John Allnutt Churchwardens.

246 and 247. 14 June 1683 and 21 June 1686. Nothing to present.

248. 17 July 1690. Nothing to present.

249. 3 July 1693.

It. wee present francis Hasell for not Repaireing the Church Railes which belong to him to Repaire and wee have nothing Else to present to the Best of our knowlidge.

Wittness our hands Thomas Chapman Tho. Deane Churchwardens.

250. 6 July 1696.

Wee present Ralph Lowsley for not paying his Church Rate made at 5^{s} the yard land in the yeare 1695 being 12^{s} 6^{d} he haveing then two yardlands & a halfe in his possession.

William North William Radford Churchwardens.

(*Oxon. c.* 162. *p.* 113. 6 August 1697. Cited, but no note of proceedings.)

251 and 252. 1699 and 1700. Nothing presentable.

253. 6 July 1702.

Item wee present Rich. Hunt who was Churchwarn in the yeare 1699 for not giuen up his Acconts.

Item wee present Oliuer Hunt who married Jane Deane for not paing his Dues to the Minester of Towersey.

William West ffrancis Hasely Church warnes.

(*Oxon c.* 162. *p.* 139. 21 July 1703. Richard Hunt to pay the rates before the next court.

p. 142. Oliver Hunt to pay 3s. 6d. before 21 August next to the Vicar.)

254 to 258. 1701 to 1706. Nothing presentable.

259. 23 June 1707.

Wee present Henry Chapman sen. & Henry Chapman jun. for not paying their Church rates being 01^{li}–16^{s}–9^{d}.

Wee present Ralph Loosley for not paying his Church rate being 15^{s}–01$\frac{1}{2}^{d}$.

Wee present Christopher Hunt for not paying his rate made for & towards the reparacon of the Church being 1^{s}.

We present John Low for not paying his Easter offerings to the minister for himselfe & his wife being 4^{d}.

William North Edward Heath Church Wardens.

(*Oxon. b.* 87. *f.* 20. 4 June 1708. all cited.)

260. 17 June 1708. Nothing presentable.

261. 18 June 1709.
Wee present the Church to be out of repaire and desire time to repaire the same. [William Jones for not coming to Church & paying his Tithes—*del.*]
John Horsman Jeoffery Alnutt Church wardens.
Dominus assignavit et monuit eos ad reparandum Ecclesiam intra 6 menses.

262 to 264. 1710 to 1713. Nothing presentable.

265. 14 June 1714.
Nothing to present saveing one Bell wheel and some Tiles.
John Allnut and John Wheately.

266 and 267. 1715 and 1716. Nothing to present.

268. 17 July 1717.
Item we present John Loe for 6 years offerings 0–2–0.
We present Richard Belson for not paying to the church rate.
Ben. Waineright minister.
Henry Hunt William West Church wardns.

269. 19 July 1718.
Wee present Simon Howlett of Prestend within the Parishe & peculiar Jurisdiccon of Thame aforesaid for not paying his privy Tythes for Three Lambs being 6^{s} due to John Alnot farmer of the said privy Tythes of Towersey and alsoe for not paying the privie Tythes of a certaine ground called Hempets lying in the parish of Towersey aforesaid being Twelve shillings.
Wee have nothing else presentable within our said Parish to the best of our knowledge. Witness our hands.
Henry Hunt William West Emvt cio.

270 to 274. 1720 to 1734. Nothing to present.

CHURCHWARDENS' PRESENTMENTS

FOR THE

BANBURY PECULIAR.

Oxon. Archd. papers, Oxon b. 52.

BANBURY.

3. [*n.d.*]

Banbury.	June	5.	George Gibbs his wif p.a.
		5.	Jno Jackman Eliz. his wife p.a. cott.
	May	30.	Jane Collins Tho. hir bro. p.a. wil progt.
		5.	Stephen Gun.
	May	31.	Jno Tue mary his wife p. anad^{m}.
	June	5.	Mordacai Wise Publeccan his wife p.a.

4. Thomas Bennett am very sore abused In my pew In the Curch In banbury the by [*sic*] Viker and Curchwardnes have translated my pew and set men to seyt ther and put me out of hit by on wesley a shepard and on John Watson a tayler.

Yours In all obaydenc and love
to you and youres Thomas Bennett.

(*Endorsed :—* Banbury a very dire note.) *circa* 1610.

5. [*n.d.*]

Item Wee present Margret heynes for haveing a Childe & not being marryed.

It. we presente Thomas Bratforde & Elizabeth [Parrish —*del.*] his wife ffor in contenencye before marryage.

Item we present John Price & Elizabeth his wif for incontenencye before marriage.

Item we present Thomas Baker & Dorothy his wife for incontenencye before marriage.

Presented by us William Allen Thomas Jackson Edward Beale Thomas Allen Henry Richards.

6. *See after* 28.

7. *Horley. inserted after f.* 25 of Horley presentments.

8. 1605. Presentments made ye xxvith of December.
Itt. we present John Smith uppon a fayme. Itt. we present Phillipe Ward for naminge his childe at the faunte. Itt. we present William Windis for Wourkinge one Saint Andrews daye.
Churchwardens & sidemen. Rychard Vivers, Michell Cartwrytt, Edward Man, John Robins, Thomas Steward, Thomas Harden, Raufe Houghton.
Item we present William Shuggburroe for not payinge his Rent dwellinge on the churche Lande.
Added ? by Official. Pilkinton is suspected with Marie servant to M^r^ Tresson.

9. Febru ye 22^th^, 1606.
S^r^. accordinge to your letter dyrected unto us, we have sent you the names & causes of presentment, of such as are falty amongst us. intreatinge god to dyrectte your harte in y^e^ reformation of them, that you may chiefly respect the gloury of god, the good of the parties havinge offended, and that others seinge due execution done, according to the nature of the offence, may feare to offend, least a worse thing happen unto them. and thus desyringe god to blesse you, remembringe our duties unto you we end.
Yours in the Lord, the mynester and churchwardens of the towne and parish of Banbury.
We present M^r^ Howghton vycar and M^r^ Osbourne assistant for not catechising y^e^ youth of ye parrish.
Robert Hawle sexton for a bloodshed in y^e^ church. Thomas Walsoe for a Recusant and for a notoryouse drunckard. Elizabeth Myles for a fame of incontinency. Edward West for workinge on ye saboth day. Abraham Vyner for a blasphemer of gods name and not Receavinge ye sacrament. Robert Hawle for abuses in ye church. Sexton.
Henry Wright for a fault on y^e^ saboth day.
Raufe Houghton John Pym Edward Wys Jun. John Churchill Richard Wilkyns.
Endorsed :—To the wor^ll^ Mr. Dockter LLoyde geve these Oxon.

10. [*Blank.*]

11. Good Mr Dr: I moste humbly remember my duety unto your Worship / ffarther necessity still moveth mee to troble you; as I heare Mr. Hollton hath moved the churchwardens to present mee for not Catachising on the Sabaothes, where hee neuer requested mee herin, being neyther sicke, nor from whom, nor himself otherwise trobled with preaching, neyther hath the schoolemaister ever beene put to Catachise on the Sabaoths All this ariseth on ill will because they dislike mee for not administring the sacrament to such as will not kneele / I beseech your Worship, let them not presse mee doune, nor impose farther burdens upon mee then belonges to my place; for their drift is to expell mee; thinking that if I bee tyed to such thinges my other place will call mee away. If Mr Hollton neede mee in any thinge; I am at his comaund / It will not put him to greate paynes to doe this, having after noone sermons, and none by him performed. Your Worship shall doe nothing for mee in the way of equity, which I will not requite with thankfullness to the best I can. Thus moste humbly I take my leaue longing to see your Worship in Banbury, this 26 of ffebruary 1606.

Your worshipps moste bounden
William Osborne.

Endorsed:—To the Right Worshipfull
Mr Dr ffloid [*sic*] at his Chamber in all Soales in Oxford theis.

12. [*Blank.*]

13. Wheras in your last courte Mr Woodruffe in the behalfe of the rest pleaded, that ther departure from ther parishe churche was not subiect to any punishment intended by the rule of the canon, and that publykely youe did referr the interpretation thereof to the archbishop therefore they all beleve that canon could not ponishe them, and the rather because the persons styll so contynew without contradiction Therein to make new presentments yt is held are supersticous: Mr. Woo[d]ruffe payethe to me no tythes for a yere paste, as ys thought because I do not demaund them, and as I do not take yt the law requyrethe the breder to tender upp & make knowen the tythe, and he also lettethe his shepe comons to other men,

who must discharge the tythes and himselfe not accomptable nor pleadable therein and as I beleve I may pleade him althoughe the cattell doth belonge to others. I would do what is Justyfyable by law, and to procede in yo^{r} cowrte yt wilbe longe to come to heringe, your courts kept but seldom / Therefoer how to advise myselfe I am very vncertayne / I doubte not but M^{r} houghton at bambury yf he kepeth a registery of thos he marrieth wthout banes, as also at tymes inhibyted by law but that he wilbe accomptable unto you for good score of money : The church by a corious proverbe (bothe in respecte of the gyvinge & ministration of the sacraments as also for nomber of mariges without banes) is called a lawless churche. I could wishe our churches in thes exempt Jurisdictions were so repressed, as that we were not by words in the country / To your wisdom in this your Jurisdiction I commend all, prayinge god that we may agree in one uniforme order, accordinge to our wholsome & good lawes therein appoynted. I humbly take my leave the 23 of february

Your worshipps to command

Thomas Hollowey.

14. [*Blank.*]

15. I present M^{r} William Whatly* for not praying for the Bishopps in his prayer before the sermon.

Item. I present him for not reading divine service nor administring the sacrament of Baptisme.

It. I present him for adminstring the communion to such as wold not kneele.

Itm. I present him for preaching agaynst the Ceremonyes.

By mee Willm Osborne Dated the 6th of Aprill 1607.

Item. I present M^{r} Gee and M^{r} Benboe and M^{r} Shorte for teaching schoole in Banburye without licence. Willm Osborne.

16. 18 October 1609.

We present Edward Walker for a fame of Incontinency with Elizabeth Gulliver a sarvannt to Thomas Kimbell & thereof there is a generall & publyck report in the toune of banburye and to this efect there was another presentment Joyntlye made by the Churchwardens and Sydes-

* Vicar of Banbury.

men at the last cort the 12th of september 1609.
Sidesmen James Allin Thomas Whynge Timothy Kendall.
Churchwardens Thomas Halhed George Mosely George Robins.

17. [*Blank.*]

18. September 1609.
Wee present Edward Jacksonne for a fame of Incontinencye wth ye wife of William Reasinge and Dorithye Blackwell.
Edward Walker for a fame of Incontinencye with thomas Kimbells maide.
John Price for incontinency with the wife of Will higines.
(*Oxon. c.* 157.
f. 276. *Edward Jackson* "This deponent saieth he satt at Reasons doer talking with the wiffe of John Blackwell: Reasons wiffe came wth a Jugg of beare in hir hand, he this Deponent was desirous to drink, & said she should have as much drinke again of him. Reason himselff hearg of it badd this dpont begonn from his doer, As for attempting hir Chastitie he denieth, but saieth he did laye his privie part upon hir hand." Ordered a six handed purgation 17 October 1609. And he saiethe to his knowledg she is in fame of incontinency [*word illeg.*] him & hir.
f. 264. Schedule of penance for Edward Jackson.
f. 276. *Edward Walker.* "This deponent denieth the fame of ill Report against him and the servant of Thomas Kimbell. And saieth he knoweth not hir name neither but only knoweth hir as a made usually milking in a ground he occupieth." To purge himself as Edward Jackson.
John Price. "This deponent saieth he knoweth Higgins his wiffe as his next neighbor, but knoweth no fame of ill behavr betweene them and no fact to have bene comitted by him wth hir." To purge himself as Edward Jackson.)

19. 6 April 1610.
Wee present Mary Dixe & Andrew Haull upon a fame of Incontinency.

Wee present John Tayler & Margaret Gold upon a fame ffornication.

Wee present the executors of widdowe hirone late deceased.

Wee present the executors of widdowe gaskine late deceased.

Wee present Allexander Milles for a fame of Incontinency with the wife of Thomas Baker.

Wee present Nhs. Harmon for practisinge visicke & not being Licenced.

Wee present Robert Horwood for his wife beinge interred in the church yeard & beinge excommunicated.

Churchwardens. George Masely Thomas Halkam George Robins Richard Kimbell John Tayler.

Sidemen. Roberte Turton Timothy Kendall Thomas Whyng William french James Allin John Godwin.

Endorsed. Churchwardens & Sidemen.

Bartellmew Nayler, Lew Spurwodde, John Longe of Nether Cope, Mathewe Wysse of Nether Cope, Christere borman, a[n]drowe vissere, William Stockley de Neth Cope, John Ryleye de Grymbery, John Goodwyn, Orgen nyccolle.

(*Oxon. c.* 157. *f.* 197. To the minister & churchwardens of Banbury or the greater part of them. I have ordered Robert Harwood amongst other things already done, that he shall acknowledge before you that he is sorrie for offending the lawe in interring his wife in the churchyard contrarye unto the Lawe being excommunicate. Dated at Banbury Aprilis 18. 1610.

Oliver Lloyd Commissarye.

f. 137. 1612. Margaret Gold excommunicated.

f. 195. Penance to be performed 8 September 1615. No endorsement certifying performance.)

20. We present Elsabeth Shirwood for defaming the wiffe of Thomas Williamson.

Hugh Shawood Barthelemew Nayler Mathewe West.

21. Right Worshipfull our humble Dutyes remembred, & according as yow willed us, to make readye our presentments by the 10th of this month of March we have sent them unto your worshipp, thus wishing to your worshipp

as to ourselves, we leave you to the protection of the allmightie from Banbury this 9 of March 1610.

Imprimis we present Anthony Hall upon a fame of Suspition of incontinencie with Sara Band.

wee present Wm Cooke for sicking in the Church yeard the 1st of Octob.

wee present James West & John Green for working on St. Micaels Day.

wee present Thomas Tymber upon a fame of suspition of incontinencie with Sarah Band.

wee present Sara Band upon A fame of Suspition of incontinencie with Anthony Hall & with thomas Tymber.

wee present Humfrey Devis for sicking in the Church the 5 of [October—*del.*] November.

wee present Mary Smyth for fornication.

wee present Robart, Servant wth the myller for fornication [with a Womans daughter of Broughton—*added.*]

wee present Epiphan Bird, for unseemly speeches to Bartholomewe Naler Churchwarden.

wee present Henry Glover for making water in the Church.

wee present the Lord Saye for not repayring the Chauncell.

wee present James West & John Greeve for company drincking in their howses on the Saboth Day in tyme of Divine Service.

wee present Alse Higins upon A fame of suspition of fornication.

wee present the wiffe of ffowlk Parish & the wiffe of Humphrey Walker for refusing to be ordered by the churchwardens in their seates.

wee present John Ball for procuring the Bell to be knoled for John Smith in mockery.

wee present the Executors of John Traunter.

[*The formula 'Wee present the Executors of . . .' is omitted in the following presentments of executors.*]

Widow Garland, Richard Shewell, Richard Hewes of Grimsbery, Henry Lockwood, William Clarke, Richard Crosbye, Rowland Hewes, Widdow Clarke, Widdow Lockwood, Nicholas Barrose, Thomas Best of Grimsbury, Mr Phillip Moore Chirurgion.

Hugh Sherwood John Simones Church wardens.
John Longe Andrew Owers.

Endorsed. To the Right Woorshippfull Mr Doctor Loyd in Alsoulls Colleg give this.

(*Oxon. c.* 157. *f.* 137. 1612. Thomas Tymber, Henry Glover and Alice Higgens excommunicated.)

22. [*Blank.*]

23. We present Thomas Pedley for being in the barbors shoopp the xxiijth of September being Sabaoth day in time of Divine Service.

we present Easties Bass for triming Thomas Pedley the xxiijth of September being Sabaoth day in time of divine Service as we suppose.

Hugh Shirwood John Simones Barthelmew Naylor.

Endorsed :—Presentments Banbury Sep 1610.

24. The names of the persons that are presented by the minister & Church Wardens of Banbury. March 16. 1611.

Imprimis we present Anthony Mayo & Anne his wife for fornication before marriage.

Item we present Margarett the wife of John Pinfolde for the same crime.

Item we present Thomas [*blank*] Ostler of the Crowne for a fame of fornication with Julian Deane Widdow.

Item we present the Executors of John Kimble of Neathrup.

Item we present the Executors of John Halhed of Banbury.

Item we present the Executors of Widdow Butler ye elder of Wargueth [*sic*].

Item we present Raph Dixe & Thomas Tomlins & John Price & the sonne of Michel Johnson for playing at cards in time of divine service uppon the sabbath day the 17th of ffebruary 1611.

Item we present those whose names issue for not paying the Clarke his dues. John Price for 2 yeares 8^{d}. William Deane for 2 yeares 8^{d}. Thomas Goodbee for 2 yeares 8^{d}. William Norman for 3 yeares 12^{d}.

Item we present the executors of Katherin Baker.

By me Willm Whately Viccar. Barthol. Nailor Church Warden.

John Simones Hugh Shirwood John Longe.

25. We the Churchwardens & Sidesmen of Banbury being assembled for that purpose doe present those whose names are here under written for the causes specified.

Imprimis we present the Executors of these that follow.

1. Mr George Nicols
2. John Badger.
3. Robbert Newall
4. Widdow Churchill
5. Owen Rookes
6. John Hans
7. Jane Tapertoe
8. John Hall
9. Margaret Smith widow
10. Willm Stockly
11. Margery Slattier
12. Millicent Willcocks
13. Robert Vardam
14. David Harrison
15. Allice Randell.

Item for suspicion of adultery 1. ffrancis Miles & a straunge maide.

2. Ellis Gibbins & Alice Jervis.

Item for not sufficiently repaireing the Chanceill. 1. The Lord Say.

Church Wardens Barthol: Nayler Hugh Shirwood John Simones. John Longe Andrew Viners John Goodwin Organ Nickelles John Rylie John Richards.

26. [*Blank.*]

27. 1 January 1612.

Imprimis we present the Executors of Edward Westonn, George Mosely, Richard Rightonn, Henry Sowtham & of William Bill.

Item we present the wife of Michaell Johnson for digging in her garden uppon the 15th day of December being Sabbath Day in evening prayer while.

Item the wife of Richard Newbee for tarying at home to dry leather at the fire in evening prayer time the same day.

Item we present Edward Basse for that his men did wash fels in morneing prayer time uppon St Stevens day.

By me Willm Whately viccar.

John Walker Thomas Myny Robert Tayler Edmund Smalbonn Churchwardens.

Richard Howse Thomas Kymbell Robart letch William lamprye Sidesmen.

Entred

[*Notes added at the bottom of the presentment.*]

John Hasky (Scrivenor) of Benburie had a little seate

him touchinge fisher. Gelkes came speak of Margarette Glover. Richard fisher and Judith Hasky. Margarette Glover servannte to Tho. Bennette. 4 : Rand [*sic*] mariadges whereof Mr Man hath 3.

28. Right Wopll We haue inquired into the matter you wrote of concerneing our neighbour Richard ffysher Inneholder, & this is all we can finde that one Judith Haskers was sent from his house with childe but whither she went, & whose fault it was that she became with childe we did learn nothing, no not so much as by any fame or rumor here untill we heard it by your letter, wherefore we cannot present him for any such fame, but out of your letter we doe request you to consider of it & take such order as agrees.

Banbury. January 10 1612.
Your wrps to be commaunded.
Willm Whately Viccar.
Henry Sharp, John Walker, Thomas Wyng, Robart Tayler, Churchwardens.
William Calcot.

Endorsed :—To the right Wrpll Doctor Lloyd in All Soules in Oxon these.

6. [*n.d.*]

We present unto you Richard Fysher for having afforded maintenance to one Judith Haskere who was unlawfully begotten with childe, whereof he hath incurred vehement suspicion of incontinency with the saide Judith.

By us Henry Sharp John Walker Thomas Wynge Robart Tayler William Callket.

29. 19 March 1613.

Imprimis we present the Executors of John Heanes of Cawthrup for the proving of his will.

Item we present Allice Jervice of Banbury for fornication with Matthew Palmer shoemaker servannt to John Smith of Banbury shoemaker, which Matthew Palmer we also present for the like offence.

Item we present John Sale & his wife for keepeing disordered company in their house being a victualling house in the time of divine service uppon some on Sabboth day in the months of December or January last past.

By me Willm Whately vicar.

Thomas Wing Edmund Smalboun Seth Pope Churchwardens.
John Kimbell Thomas Kimbell Sidesmen.

30. [*Blank.*]

31. We whose names are here under written do present these whose names follow.

Imprimis we present the Executors of Anne Walker of Banbury.

Item the executors of Thomas Larden of Overthrop. Item the executors of Thomas Wise of Nethercott. Item the executors of John King of Netherup. Item the executors of John Hathway of Banbury. Item the executors of Robert Scott of Banbury. Item the executors of James Allen of Banbury. Item the executors of Joan Pilkintonn of Banbury. Item the executors of Nicholas Austen of Banbury.

Item we present Anne Grasson servannt to John Boreman of Netherup for fornication with Thomas Gardiner servannt to the same Boreman.

Item we present Edward Basse the elder for that his men did pitch pease uppon a ricke uppon the 5th day of September being the Sabbath day.

Item we present Julian Smithsonn servannt to Thomas Kimble of Banbury for sitting at the communion.

Item [*blank*] maide servannt to William Hosiar for the same. Item William Hosiar for the same. Item Christopher Needle for the same.

Item Edward Beale & his wife for not bringing a ring to be marryed.

Item we present the wife of Bartholomew Strong for sitting at ye Communion.

I Willm Whately viccar sett myne hand to all these but onely against them that are presented for sitting I will have none hand.

Churchwardens. John Walker Robart Tayler William Calcott.

Thomas Wynge hath sett his hand to all the presentments saeuing [*sic*] to these that site at the sacramente those I haue no hand in.

Sidesmen. Edmund Smalbonn : but I will have no hand against them that sett at sacrament.

Robert letch John Kimbell William lamprey Thomas Kimble Willm Whittingtonn.

32. [*Blank.*]

33. Wee the minister & Churchwardens of the parish of Banbury present the persons here under written for the causes at their names appeareing.

Imprimis we present the Executors of William Tincocks alias Short.

Item the Executors of Mary Edens.

Item Thomas Middleton & the wife of Richard Crosby for a fame of incontinency.

Item we present Umphry Hake for a fame of having runne away with a straunge woman & having by her two bastards.

Item we present Robert Moreby for fornication with a certaine woman of ffarneborough.

Item the Executors of Anne Dixe. Item the Executors of George Mosely.

Item the Executors of Robbert Withington a straunger that dyed at the Altarstone.

per me William Whately viccar.

Henry Sharp Thomas Wyng Robart Tayler Thomas Kimble churchwardens and sidesmen.

Entred in the book.

[*Notes added at the foot of the presentment.*]

M^res^ Eden of Banburie is dead. A fame of Willm Shiptons wiefe and one Harrison a Mynister of Rockstone —enquire thereof. The inventarie of Alice Booner of Banburie. The Lycense of Mathewe Boutler. The Lycense of John Walker. John Bonner for practisinge surgerie. Wm Whately for Licenses.

34. [*Blank.*]

35. 15 March 1616.

Imprimis we present the executors of John Williams Shoemaker. Item the executors of John Thorp. Item we present the Executors of John Rightonns executour. We present the executors of Thomas Ablestonn vintner. Item we present the executors of William Short minister. Item we present the Executors of George Rainolds. Item we present the Executors of Margery Yeardly widdow. Item we present the executors of M^rs^ Nicholas widdow alias Anne Davis.

Item we present Thomas Allybone of Grimsbury for

incontinency with his maide servannt Anne Williams.

Item we present Cropher Gardiner for fornication with Allice Bull his wife before mariag.

We present the executors of Mr William Downes.

By me William Whately vicar of Banbury.

Henry Halhed William Maunder Organ Nickolls
John Bowaman Roger Foxe Churchwardens.
Anthony Hall William Lardin Phillip Ward.

36. Mr. Price My humble Duty to my good docter this is I can get no presentments from banbury as for king Sutton I was with Mr Creek & he promised me that he would send them in & in the meane tyme he fell sicke coming from Oxford and lay in the fild all night & I sent to him againe & he sent me word he could get the churchwardens to do nothing & is veri sicke at this Instant and for my owen part I have ben and am sicke of an Ague this v weekes that I could not do any thinge all the other proces I haue sent I do much marvell of on thinge the vickar of banbery will never be willing to speake with me when I come & not willing to do any thinge theer was on dwelling in King Sutton which cam to Buckingham and had a lisenc & cam to our doctor and was married by doctor sheppard & Mr Creeke knew not of yt but he that was married saide he had yt at Oxford so yf theer be any haue suche authoritye we know not.

theer is on John Turvye in Buckingham was taken nought with on An warkhowsse which mistris howsse doth know yf she will [*sic*] I was told by a boye that took them that goeth to schoole with me & in my conscienc yt is trewe [*sic*] this I doe of myself & I would not be seene in yt he is worth somwhat.

theeris on willm warkhowse was burned with a whore but by whom wee know not.

entred.

To on John Price Regesterr in Doctor commons geve this with speid.

Endorsed. presentments in March 1616 all entred from Cropredy & Hornton.

37. 27 September 1616.

Imprimis we present Richard Noble for exerciseing the practise of physicke without authority.

Item we present the same Richard Noble for a fame of

incontinency with Elizabeth Hall widdow and the same Elizabeth Hall for the like.

Item we present William Taylor of Nethercott & Jane his wife for suspicion of incontinency before mariage.

Item we present the Executors of Joyce Mosely widdow. Item we present the Executors of Margaret Hawton widdow. Item we present the Executors of Abel Adams. Item we present the Executors of Nicholas Stoakes of Nethercott. Item we present the Executors of Robert Dingley. Item we present the Executors of Henry Johnson.

Item we present Thomas Singer for that his servannt was dressing a sheepe in euening prayer while on the Sabbath day being the first of September last.

Item we present Thomas Burrows & Margery his wife for the suspicion of incontinency before mariage.

Item we present the Executors of John Adkins shooemender.

Item we present Elizabeth the wife of John Williams shoomender for disordring her selfe in the Church the last sabbath day in morneing prayer time.

William Whately vicar.

Henry Halhed Wylliam Mandar Organ Nickolles Roger Foxe Church wardens.

Thomas Penn Phillip Ward James West Sidesmen.

38. 13 February 1619.

Imprimis we present the Executors of Edward Basse Glover. Item the Executors of John Blackwell shoemaker. Item the Executors of John Kimbell of Cothrup husbandman. Item the executors of John East of Grimsbury laborer. Item the Executors of Christian Walsall widdow. Item the Executors of George Haines of Nethrup laborer. Item the Executors of Richard Howse of Banbury grasier. Item the Executors of Ann Westonn widdow.

Item we present the wife of Thomas Niggal for a fame of incontinency before mariage with an other besides her husband who the fame goes did give hire him to marry her, but the mans name wee know not.

Item we present Robert Hall shoemaker for beinge often drunke.

Item we present Andrew Dudley for refuseing to pay his dues for the buriall of his Childe.

Item we present the Executors of Widdow Dudly.

Anthony Hall Thomas Penn James West John Mayowe Churchwardens.

Edward Beale William Potter John West.

39. 17 June 1619.

Imprimis we present the occupyers of the goods of those whose names doe here issue.

1. Thomas Huicke of Nethrup husbandman. 2. William Hopson servannt to Sir Thomas Chamberlaine. 3. Elizabeth Padbury widdow. 4. Henry Perkins laborer sheepe-street. 5. Thomas Nurce shoemaker of Stalding lane. 6. Henry Dudly Tayler. 7. Thomas Euans Mason. 8. Epiphany Kimbel laborer. 9. Richard Newman shoemaker. [10. Henry May laborer. 11. Edward ffardon glaser—*del.*] 12. Raph Dixe Tanner of Sheep street nemo Inventus. 13. Thomas Bigwell servannt to Sir Thomas Chamberlayne of Wickam. 14. Barbara Bull of Nethrup widdow. 15. William ffrench of Grimsbury ploughwrite. 16. Thom. Norman the elder Butcher. 17. Robert Rose carryer. 18. Thom. Campion Tanner nihil.

Item these for suspicion of incontinency before mariage.

James Petiver and his wife, maulster. William Higgins laborer and his wife, Saint Johns. Mathew Smith and his wife, laborer. Thomas Hierons servannt to Mr Hawtens with Elizabeth Dodson, absent. Elizabeth Dodson servannt to Simon Write for the same.

Item. Umfrey Hake & the wife of Matthew Smith for suspicion of living incontinently together.

These are great swearers whose names follow.

Thomas Norman widdower, William Johnson sonne to Michael Johnson, The Maide servannt of Henry Richards, Thomas Nichols tanner, Avery Hall brasier,

Robert Dawkes behaved himselfe incontinently towards the wiffe of M^{r} ffoster Atturney & towards his maide [called Katherin Wady—*int.*] also as is reported [publiquely in the towne of Banbury. the maner was by putting his hand under their clothes & lifting them up to feele their privities—*int.*]

The wife of the said Robert Dawkes doth behaue herselfe troublesomely against the wife of the said ffoster being her seat fellow [by jusselling & pushing her as she goes by her in time of divine seruice—*int.*]

We haue no Terryer of the glebe lands but we woulde

make one if we knew how, because we haue no patterne or example, understand not how to doe it.

We haue not levyed 12^{d} of euery one absent from the Church because our Justices doubt of graunting their warrant.

Our minister liveth orderly & conformeably amongst us, onely because he preacheth twice each sabbath he cannot catechize the youth in this great parish. sometimes also some straungers that happen to ly here on the sunday doe come to the communion, also because our parish bounds are sufficiently knowne & it hath not bene of long time accustomed here to perambulate he hath not done it but sayeth he is ready to doe it if it be thought needfull.

These whose names following refuse to pay their ceasment unto the Church M^{r} Richard Vivers, M^{r} ffoster the Atturney, [Thomas Huckell weaver, John Mumford, Andrew Hill, William Weston the younger—*deleted.*]

Anthony Hall Thomas Penn James West William Lardin William Potter Edward Beal John West William Taylor.

(*Oxon. b.* 61. *f.* 180. 20 May 1619.

James Petiver and his wife, William Higgins and his wife, Matthew Smith and his wife, Thomas Hierons and Elizabeth Dodson, Umfrey Hake, Thomas Norman, William Johnson, Thomas Nichols, Avery Hall, Robert Dawkes, the wife of Robert Dawkes, cited.)

40. 9 September 1619.

Item we present those whose names followe for railinge uppon the Churchwardens & abusinge them with euill termes when thei came to gather the ceasement

the wief of ffoulke Winge, Margaret Heines wief of John Heines, John Barnes, William Windis.

Item we present Thomas Webb laborer & Joane his wief for incontinencie before marriage.

It. we present Matthew Alsopp vintner for a fame of incontinent carridge towardes one of his maidservants named Joane ffisher & for offeringe to go to bed to her in his howse.

We present W^{m} Jarvis for swearinge, & blaspheminge the holie name of god.

We present W^{m} ffoster for refusing to paie his monie to the Church which he was assessed to paie viz : iij^{s} iiij^{d}.

Anthonie Hall William Larden John Mayowe Thomas Best James West Thomas Penn John Write William Potter Edward Beale William Toyle Simon [. . .]

41. 15 Marche 1620.

To the first, second and third articles—omnia bene. To No 4 (*and so to*) 16—omnia bene. To No 17 (*and so to*) 22—omnia bene.

To the 23 omnia bene saving that we want the bible of the last edition but we have it of the former edition and we want the homilies the table of degrees of consanginuiti & affiniti.

To the 24 (*and so to the*) 36 omnia bene so far as we knowe.

To the 37 theire be divers excommunicate persons as Andrew Hall, umpree Hake, Thomas Nicholes, Thomas Daukins, and others whose names we remember not.

To the 38 omnia bene saving that Zachari Bonner & his wife commited fornication before marriage and Margaret Palmer had a child beinge unmarried.

to the 39 we present Jeremy King for a commun swerer.

to the 40 omnia bene so far as we knowe.

to the 41 we present John Sherwood for rayling agaynst one of the sidesmen for the executing of his office, and Jeromy king for drunkenes.

to the 42. 43 omnia bene.

to the 44 omnia bene, savinge that Millicent gulliuer, widow newman, manasses Plumber and his wife, marie Sheerwood wife of Samuell Sheerwood, John Wamesley Junior, Sarah Norman daughter of William Norman, Anne Sharpe wife of Henri Sharpe, the wife of Robt letch, and the wife of William Allen for receiving the sacrament not kneeling.

To the 45, 46, 47, 48 omnia bene so far as we knowe.

To the 49 omnia bene saving that we present the occupiers of the goods of Thomas Haris, Widow Rickets, Thomas Banworth, Thomas Adkins, Joseph Short, Thomas Tomlinson, Thomas Penn junior, Ellinor Elle.

To the 50.51.52 omnia bene.

To the 53 francis vowe, Thomas Hathaway laborer, Thomas Busbee, William Cooper Junior, Robt Smith, William Johnson, Richard Lane, Richard Lakewood servant to M^{r} Daukes, William a servant to Thomas

Udall, William Wright sonne to Joane Wrighte widowe, John Tomlinson servant to Raphe Palmer, Mathew Lumby blackesmith, we present for being absent in time of diuine service and sermon—and ffrancis Collins of Grimsburi for laboring on the saboth day in time of diuine service.

To the 54.55 omnia bene.

To the 56 we want the terier of the gleebe land.

To the 57.58.59.60.61.62.63 omnia bene.

To the 64 omnia bene saving that we found strangers drinking at the house of James West. To the 65.66 omnia bene.

John Scot Andrew Annesley Simon Vintt John Hawton Robert Yoork Churchwardens.

Robte midlebrooke John Long William Calcott Roberte Lampery Sidesmen.

42. [*Blank.*]

43. 7 March 1621.

To the 1 [*and so to the*] 20 omnia bene so far as we knowe.

To the 21 [*and so to the*] 30 omnia bene so far as we knowe.

To the 31 [*and so to the*] 39 omnia bene so far as we knowe.

To the 40.41 omnia bene so far as we knowe saving that Jeremy King doth keepe company with Andrew hall an excommunicate person.

To the 42 we present Robert Drew for commiting Adulterie with one Mari Wells of Breackley and Ursula Piper for committing Adulterie with one John Breedon of Cropredye and Seth Pope & Margaret Gilbert for the same default, and Joane Evans for fornication before mariage with hir now husband [*blank*] Evans of Cropredye. [*This paragraph is underlined.*]

To the 43.44.45.46 omnia bene so far as we knowe.

To the 47 we present William Shipton & his wife Anne for not liuinge together.

To the 48.49.50.52.53 omnia bene so far as we knowe.

To the 54 [*and so to the*] 67 omnia bene so far as we knowe.

To the 51 we present the ocupiers of the goods of these vids. Mr. Thomas ffoster, Margerie Tuncks, Willm White, John Dixe, James West, John Sale, Martin Welles, William Ston, ffrisworth Tonge, Thomas Jenison, Marie Tredwell, The Executors of Mistres Showell, Executors of John Westway of Warkworth.

Andrew Annesley John Scott Simon Vint John

Hawton Churchwardens.
John Long George Robins Sidesmen.

44. [*Blank.*]

45. 17 September 1621.
To the 1 [*and to*] 18 omnia bene. To the 19 [*and to*] 27 omnia bene.
To the 28 omnia bene, but that the booke of homilyes we cannot get.
To the 29 [*and to*] 37. omnia bene. To the 38 [*and to*] 44 omnia bene.
To the 45—we haue divers excommunicate persons but we do not know theyr names.
To the 46 [*and to*] 56 omnia bene. To the 57.58.59 omnia bene.
To the 60.61.62. omnia bene.
To the 63 our minister was at London at the hye comission court.
To the 64.65.66 omnia bene. To the 67 we haue no terier nor neuer had.
To the 68 [*and to*] 80. Omnia bene. To the 82 [*and to*] 93 omnia bene.
To the 81 the greatest part put of theyr hatts.
We present the executors of Thomas Dudley, of Nethrup, and of those following videll. Widow Hathaway, William Bull of Nethercut, Anne Taylor of Nethrup, Renolde Patience of Wickam servant to S^{r} Thomas Chamberlane. Barnabie White of Banburi laborer, William Saunders labourer, John Reade of of [*sic*] Warkeworth husbandman, Widowe Stokes of nethercut.
Andrew Annesley Simon Vintt John Hawton Churchwardens.
Robert Lampery George Robins Robert Midlebrooke Sidesmen.
William Calkut William Lampery.

46. 23 August 1622.
Imprimis the 1 [*to the*] 8 omnia bene so far as we know.
To the 8th our minister doth not use to Chatechise.
To the 9.10.11.12.13 omnia bene save that wee hau no hoode for our minister.
To the 14 [*to the*] 42 omnia bene so far as we knowe.
43. Mathewe Taylor upon A wensdaye in the monthe of

June or Juli last did greevously sweare & Curse.

To the 44.45.46 omnia bene so farr as we knowe.

The 47 theire is a fame that Thomas Densye is Runn awaye from his wife with Ellenor overbury. To the 48 [*to the*] 56 omnia bene.

The 57 we never had any Terryer nor Canot tell [*howe*—del.] where to find anye.

To the 58 [*to the*] 67 omnia bene so farre as we knowe.

To the 51 we present the occupyers of the goods of Randolphe Symms of Banbury Baker. Of Elizabeth Stokes of Nethercutt Spinster. Of Isayah Showell of Banburye.

Thomas Jackesonn William Allen John Turton William Thorpe Edward Bealle Church Wardens.
Henry Richards Georg Drinkewater Thomas Allen Daniell Sherwood George Claridge Sydesmen.

47. 15 March 1623.

1. wee present Will. Barron for mayntayninge of ffreese opyneon [*sic*].

2.3 [*to*] 20 omnia bene.

21. wee present the parson for not reparinge the Cansell.

22.23 [*to*] 39 omnia bene.

40. divores persones stand excomunycatt whose names you knowe better then wee doe.

41.42 [*to*] 67 omnia bene.

Wee present the occupyores of the goods of Roubenne Call, Willyam Weston, Ann Collenes, John Perrenn, Allse pratt. [*The formula "We present" etc is omitted from the last four names.*]

Willm Whately.
William Thorpe Thomas Jackson John Turton Edward Beale Churchwardens.
Henrey Richardes Thomas Allen John Rolands Daniell Sherwood George Clerige Sidesmen.

48. [*Blank.*]

49. Banbury in Com: Oxon.

We whose names are subscribed do certify that Alexander Weekes Batchelor of Arts is of a pious, sober, and unblameable conversation, and that he is one who hath given a good account of his abilities for teaching school. In testimony whereof we have set our hands to these

presents this 21st day of May 1662.
Tho: Robins Mayor. William Allen Nathaniel Wheatly
Samuell Welles Minister there.
John Webb John West W. Hawtayne.

50. These are to Certifie you that I doe not know of any persons that are to be presented within my precinct for the year 1668. Banbury Parish.
June 9th. 69. William lenton Churchwarden.

51. [*The following document is somewhat mutilated.*]
St Stevens Day. Persons present at Divine Seruice. These were especially obserued whose names ffollow viz :—
Richard Wheatly, James West, John Hams, Justices.
Edward Welchman, Ben. Smith, Samuell Renalls, Samll Hall, Henry Stoakes Aldermen. John West Grasier, John West Glasier, John Stoakes Burgs.
The Rest of ye Parish proportionable absint usually: And so Habitually. too Tragious (or Unreasonable) ffor any Church Warden to take notice of, which I hope your Care, by your other officers, And paritors Intelligence May know that the presentments are Rather to Signifye my good will to the Service And Disipline of the Church of England, then Hope I have of Seeing Gods house in More esteem.
I cannot expect from my Neighbour thanks untill 'tis Manefested to them that God is Jealous of his honour And Will Repay the Abuses done in his house when Holyness becometh his house ffor ever Amen.
Mr Samll Wells Relinguishes his Cauling as A Deacon of ye Church [*of*] England hauing Episcopall ordination According to Canon 73.76.54.38.
Mr James Sutton, using the office of A preacher not yett having obtained Episcopall ordination Can: 36.
Mrs Hanna [*sic*] Scoole Mistris Not Comming to Divine service, nor any scollers of hers They being Compelled to the Contrary (as I haue been Informed) hauing a doer into ye Church Yeard (why I know not) but . . . to have one stand sentinell there, that when the parish singing [*sic*] Shee and her trayne Come, (As if they were some Ch. papist).
[Her house beinge now a Conventicle house Mr Samuell Wells speaker—*added in left margin.*]

She underwent Deportment of the People of the Church of Banbury (As A Custome fforsooth) I leave it your Fatherly Care, And your Charitable Dispose [*sic*] of Mee, ffor not Naming the particular persons that the Canons poynt out as Delinquants vist

ffor not hauing Catechisme used in the Church According to Can 59.

ffor not using Surplice & Hood att Baptisme nor att ye Celebration of the sacrament of the Lords Supper Can 58.

ffor suffering who please to be admitted to the Receuing of the holy Communion (sitting—a pretended custome) Can 27.

ffor Miming of prayer, often omitting Absolution and More of the Litany with other rites omitting the Biding of holy dayes Can. 14.15. not having prayers on Wensdays & fridayes weekly being a great towne.

Scoolmasters and scooledames for not teaching the scollers Church Catechisme, scarce one Catechisme Booke found in the scooles I have observed in severall of them. And . . . layd aside and so suffered to be esteemed as an Institution unto papistry not fit for Childrens instruction. . . . By continuance of tyme . . . . have Little Reverence as the older ones have who could . . . were it not for your Infirmitie . . . . . That is to owne as much reverence in the house of God A house of prayer As they would the same before a meaner Justice of the Peace in their towne, As presenting those petitions to God with lesse Reverence then they would doe the same to man, sitting, professing their Christian [*sic*] with as Much Zeal as if they were asleep—sitting. Some with their hatts on att the same tyme. Athenation creed ye Apostles Creed protest [*by*] some half head folks for zeal sake.

But above all their is a special care taken not to ffall on their knees before their Lord and Maker or att the name of God to seeme to bowe or stand Least by soe doing they become papist (to grow Apish for customes sake as is pretended) and have no more Esteeme for the place sett apart for Gods worship then if it were a Barne (God continue to us his house of prayer and to them a Barne that have no more respect). Many more things might have been Noated but two of ye Churchwardens are since dead.

The Dissenters from the Church of England in the parish as are partly known & Confessit are vizt—

Disowne ye paying of any dues belonging either to Church or Minister (The reason given me was that they were not of apostic*all*—*sic*—date.) Many more may have a good reason to keep their monyes to maintain themselves if they that may & they . . . . there is a toleration winked att to some parishioners, before 'twas granted to the parish. What the Improvement of your Court I know not But $\frac{1}{3}$ part Deny to pay their equall proportions to the Repair of the Ch: dues belonging to the Church as you may find their names in the Church Book in an Assessment But of forty pounds being none these three years before, as you may find By not finding any particular account of ye Church Rents Disbursements in any yeare Before which ought to have been kept. Canon 89.

Edward Boman children Two or 3 not Christned though often Incited there to. [*Name illeg.*] John Lemprey children, Nathaniel Viners children, John Stone, John Winges children, James Wagstaff & Sons children, Henry Phitts children, John Gulliver children, . . Gouds children, Andrew Hill, Anthony Gunell and children, Nath. Potter These two per[sons] . . to ye Ch: . . .

present quakers have a meeting place & Buriall place for that end. John Tims ye parator some Children unbaptized And such Men coming to Office may well hinder ye . . . of Christenings so long unpunished. And the whole parish Dismay . . . . . of ye increase of Christian . . . . . Att present nott Butt . . . A pious servant of . . .

John ?Atterton Banbury ye 7th May 1672.

53. Wee the Churchwardens of the Burough of Banbury ffor the Yeare last past, att the Visitation held the third day of June 1682 Doe say that off our owne Knowledge wee have nothinge to present within our Office, and that all things appertaining to our office for any thing we know to the contrary are in good order.

Charles Stokes Richard Crooke John Kenney.

54. Easter 1684 to Easter 1685.

Imp. We present all the Inhabitants of the sayd Towne & parish for their neglect in the making of a levy for the needfull reparations of the sayd Church thereunto belonging which is in great want of much repaire timely notice being given to the Inhabitants thereof.

As for the rest of the Ecclesiasticall Cannons of the Church, soe far as wee know all are presentable. As for Mr John Knight to the best of our knowledge he doth in the performance of his ministeriall office take more care & paines therein than any one that wee doe know in reading of divine service on Sundays festivall days wednesdays and fridays. Administring the Lords supper baptizing & Catechising And the parishioners for the most part doe resort to his ministery not only to hear sermons but divine service allso.

John Bury Dan Style Rich Parkines Richard Burrowes Church Wardens.

55. [*Blank.*]

56. Easter 1685 to Easter 1686.

We present the whole Towne & parishe for not Consenting to the Makeing an Assesment for the necessary Repaires of the Church soe that unlesse tymely prevented is like to become an heape of Rubbishe.

As for other Matters when wee consider the utmost extent of the ecclesiesticall Cannons wee must soe far as we know say, all are presentable : Except Mr Knight who by his constant Discharge of all the duties of his office according to the Rubrike & the Cannons is altogather unblameable.

And as for the parishioners for the Generallity of them doe Resort to his Ministry : not onely to heare sermons but Divine service.

Dan: Style Rich Borrow John Bury Richard Jenkins.

57. 2 June 1694. Nothing presentable.

58. 18 May 1695.

Wee present Margarett London singlewoman for haveing a Bastard Child begotten by Will. London of Aylsbury her Brother as by oath made before the Mayor.

Alice Carter singlewoman for haueing a Bastard Child begotten by William Phillips of Stratton Arley as by Oath made by her before the Mayor.

Mary Euans singlewoman for a Bastard Child as by Oath made before the Mayor.

Thomas Ward Richard Wheatley Edward Towerzedg.

59. 15 May 1703.

ffirst we present Anne Davis singlewoman (who did penance in Banbury Church since the last Court for haveinge a Bastard Childe) who hath since had another bastard Childe she beinge with Child of this last bastard Child when she did penance as aforesaid.

Alsoe we present William Wheatley sonne of Mr Nathaniell Wheatly for keepinge School within the said Borough without Lycence.

Francis Goodwin John Wells Timothy Gibberd Henry Claridge Tho: Taylor.

60. 23 May 1705.

The Churchwardens of the Borough of Banbury in the County of Oxon and the said Parish doe hereby Certifie whom it may concerne. That the Church is in good repaire and that all other things belonging to our office and within our Connizance and liable to be presented at the Court holden this day at Banbury for the Peculiar of Lincolne are answered and duely presented according to the best of our knowledge as the Ecclesiasticall Lawes of this Realme of England direct and appoint.

Henry Clarson William Leaver Roger Tatam Jo: Green.

61. 18 May 1706 All things are in good order.

62. 31 May 1707.

Wee present Josiah Bonnham of Neithrop And Tho. Hudson of Banbury for not paying The Clerk his Easter Dues for one year at 4d per year due at Easter Last past.

John Ham Jonathan Johnson Anthony Keasor Robert Ball William Calcott Church wardens.

(*Oxon b* 61. *f.* 137. 5 May 1708. Both cited.)

63. 3 June 1710.

Wee have nothing to our knowledge presentable at the time. Witness our hands the day and yeare above written Except Mr John Harris one of the late Church wardens of the sd Parish whome wee present for unjustly detaineing in his hands the sum [*of*] Three pounds Thirteen Shillings and ffour pence being collected in the said parish by virtue of the Iniskilling briefs.

John Welchman Will. Walso Tho. Wilson John Magen Church wardens.

64. 13 June 1711.

Wee present John Harris late Churchwarden of the Borough of Banbury for detaining in his hands the summe of ffour pounds four shillings & a penney being money collected by him upon the Eneskillen Breife dated in the yeare 1705.

Rich. Burford John Wyatt Richd. Lindon Tho. Gibbord Robt Gilbert.

(*Oxon. b* 61. *f.* 131. 11 May 1713. cited.)

65. 10 May 1712. Nothing presentable.

66. 6 June 1713.

Impr. We Present Mary Dickenson for haveing a Bastard Child by Thomas Sparcher as was the Comon ffame But since Run away.

Item. We Present Ann Cook for haveing a Bastard Child as was famed by Rich[d] Taylor Now Run away.

Tho. Mander William Wise John Carrick John Lambert Churchwardens.

(*Oxon. b* 61. *f.* 130. 30 May 1714. Mary Dickenson and Ann Cook cited.)

67. [*Blank.*]

68. 12 April 1714.

The presentment of the Vicar of Banbury made & Exhebited at Oxon before the Officiall or Comissary of Banbury April 12[th]. 1714.

Whereas William Glaze late of Hanwell, teaches school publickly at Nethrop in ye Parish of Banbury without License, and being a professed Presbyterian, and refusing to bring his schollars to Church on Sundays & Holidaies, does therein violate the Canons of the Church of England : That the youth of my Parish may not be hindered with Schismatical Principles, I hereby Present the said William Glaze and do by this Presentment desire that he might be speedily discharged from so illegal & pernicious a Practice.

Ben. Loveling.

To Mr Greeneway Register—*del.*

69. [*Blank.*]

70. 22 May 1714.

Impr. Wee present Sarah Wise Alias Coleman of Banbury for haveing a Bastard Child as was ffamed by M^r^ Humphrey Nailor.

Item. Wee present Elizabeth Shurley of Banbury aforesaid for haveing a Bastard Child as was ffamed by William Shaw.

Item. Wee present Jane Bass of Banbury aforesaid for haveing a Bastard Child as was ffamed by Henry Reason of Banbury aforesaid.

Item. Wee present Margaret Austin of Banbury aforesaid for haveing a Bastard Child as was ffamed by Edmond Leaver of Banbury aforesaid.

Witness our Hands. John Carrick Tho. Mander William Wise.

(*Oxon. b* 61. *f.* 74. 28 May 1715. All cited.)

71. 18 June 1715.

We Present Esther Lee of Banbury aforesaid for haveing a Bastard Child as was famed by Richd. Taylor.

John Kening Richd. Hawtyn Tho. Gunn Robt Greenall.

72. 13 June 1716.

Imp. We Present Eliz. Clark for having A Bastard Child fam'd to be begotten by A Soldier unknown to us.

We also present Mary Dickusson for being with Child fam'd to be begotten by Thomas Coling.

John Kening John Gunn Robt Greenall John Lambert.

(*Oxon. b* 61. *f.* 129. 11 May 1717. cited.)

73. [*n.d.*]

Henry Austin and Hanah Essex for incontinency.

Edw. Box.

[*Added at the foot of the presentment.*]

24 July 1724. Cite John Watson of King Sutton son & possr. of the goods of Edward Watson late of the same Cordwayn^r^ decd 1717 to shew &c.

74. 5 June 1717.

Imprimis. We Present Jno Barrett, Humphrey Daukes, Tho Perry, Henry Ward sen^r^, Samll Lambert Sen^r^, Wm Greenhill, Wm Peedle. Absenters from Church.

Tho. Good Jn^{r}, Jno Austin of Nelthorp Absenters from Public Worship.

We Likewise Present.

M^{r} Tho. Owen for being the Reputed Father of a Bastard Child. Mary Druce alias White for being ye Mother of a Bastard Child. Tho. Colin for being ye Reputed Father of a Bastard Child. Sarah Staniford for being ye Mother of a Bastard Child. Jno. Appletree for being guilty of Adultery. Tho. Perry fam'd to Live in the sin of Adultery. Mary Harris fam'd to live in the sin of Adultery.

Bla. Gregory Geo. Robins Edw. Boyer John Gulliuer.

75. 18 June 1718.

Imprimis. We Present Mary White for being ye Mother of a Bastard child.

Item. We Present Sarah Payne for being ye Mother of a Bastard Child.

Item. We Present Jane Harvey fam'd to bee a Lude Person.

Item. We Present Eliz. Welford Daughter of Ben. Welford fam'd to be a Lude Person.

Blagrave Gregory Geo. Robins Will. Calcott Edw. Boyer John Gulliuer.

(*Oxon. b* 61. *f.* 127. 11 May 1719. All cited.)

76. 3 June 1719. Nothing presentable.

77. 18 May 1720.

Imprimis. We present Sarah Standiford of Banbury for haveing a Bastard Child as was ffamed by William Wise of Banbury aforesaid.

Item. We present Ann Lamprey of Banbury for haveing a Bastard Child as was ffamed by Richard Sparks of Neithrop in ye parish of Banbury aforesaid.

Phill. Penny Rich. Kimill Wm Jarvis Tho. Slatter. William Calcott Church Wardens.

(*Oxon. b* 61. *f.* 124. 29 *May* 1721. All cited.)

78. 20 June 1722.

We have nothing presentable within our parish to the best of our knowledge Save Jane Dawks singlewoman for being lately delivered of a Bastard Child.

Joseph Godden Richd. Lambert.

(*Oxon. b* 61. *f.* 122. 8 July 1723. Cited.)

79. 24 July 1723.

We Present William Wyatt of Banbury for being the reputed ffather of a Bastard Child begotten on the body of Anne Davis now decd.

Edw. Box Jno Burrous John Perkins Church Wardens.

(*Oxon. c* 156. *f.* 7. 17 June 1724. Not appearing, excommunicated.)

80. 6 June 1725.

We Present Nathaniel Bloxham Junr (Butcher) for being the reputed Father of a Bastard Child begotten on the Body of Elizabeth Essex.

Mary Essex [*sic*] aforesaid for having a Bastard Child.

James Terry and Elizabeth his now wife for comiting the Crime of Incontinency before Marriage. Witness our hands.

Tho. Stranke Samll Robarts Richard Woodfield Church Wardens.

(*Oxon. c* 156. *f.* 22. 7 July 1725. Eliz. Essex confesses. To perform public penance in Banbury church on the 25th July next.

Oxon. b. 61. *f.* 117. Nath. Bloxham cited.

Oxon. c. 156. *f.* 22. James Terry "was marryed at Mollington abt October last to the sd Eliz. by virtue of a Licence . . . And that before he was marryed . . . they did committ the Crime of Incontinency together." Public penance enjoined. Commuted.)

81. 7 July 1725 [*sic*]. Nothing presentable.

82. 6 July 1726.

Wee present Richard Kimbell of Banbury Carpenter for cohabiting with Jane May Wid° of Banbury aforesd. as man & wife.

Also Jane Dawkes Singlewoman of Banbury for being deliver'd of a bastard Child

Also Thomas Ward of Banbury Garter-Weaver for being the reputed ffather of Jane Dawkes bastard child.

Thomas Stranks Richd Woodfield.

(*Oxon. c* 156. *f.* 31. 27 June 1726. Richard Kimbell says "That he doth live with Jane Mayow . . . as a Boarder & does pay her for lodgeing & necessaryes & not otherwise But confesses that there . . . is a

publick fame . . . that he & the said Jane Mayow doe & have lived together as man & wife for the space of two yeares last past Et submisit se &c. Dns monuit dictum Kimbell to marry the said Jane Mayow or leave living with her as man & wife in Three weeks time & to certify thereof under the ministers hand. *f.* 33. 28 June 1726. Thomas Ward confesses. Public penance enjoined, but no date specified. Jane Dawkes confesses. No note of proceedings.)

83. 28 June 1727.

We present Henry Austin of Banbury Butcher or Slaughter Man for committing Adultery with Hannah Essex. We present Hannah Essex aforesd for committing Adultery.

We present John Burr Garter Weaver of Banbury & Ann Field of the same singlewoman for commiting adultery.

We present George Taylor Lock smith & Catherine Boid both of Banbury for Comitting Adultery.

Witness our hands John Gibberd Thos Bradford Church Wardens.

(*Oxon. b* 61. *f.* 125. 20 July 1728. All the above cited.)

84. 7 August 1728.

Imprimis We present Sarah Essex of Banbury for having a Bastard Child.

Wee present Sarah Charles of Banbury aforesaid for being big with a Bastard Child.

Witness our hands John Gibberd Thos Bradford Will Lambert Church Wardens.

(*Oxon. b* 61. *f.* 117. 14 August 1729. Sarah Essex cited.)

85. 3 September 1729. Nothing presentable.

86. 3 September 1729.

We present Banjamin Folkerd for being the fam'd ffather of a bastard child begotten on the body of Sarah Folkard.

We also present Sarah Folkard Singlewoman for being delivered of a Bastard Child.

Witness our hands Richard Burrows William Lambert John Jarvis Church Wardens.

87. 29 July 1730.

We present Moses Webbster of Banbury for defaming Mary Dingley, Wife of Simon Dingley of Banbury aforesd & Calling her Thomas Powels Whore.

John Timothy and Phebe Wesston both of Banbury aforesd. for committing the Crime of Incontinency before Marriage, and for cohabitting together as man and wife.

Jane Dawkes for lately being delivered of a Bastard.

William Adams Labourer of Banbury aforesd. for being ye reputed [father] of the aforesd bastard Child begotten on the body of Jane Dawkes of Banbury aforesd.

Witness our hands Richard Burrows William Lambert Jno Jarvis Church Wardens.

(*Oxon. c* 156. *f.* 51. 23 July 1731. Jane Dawkes confesses. To perform public penance in Banbury parish church 8th August next.)

88. 9 July 1731.

We present John Pettipher of Banbury Brasier for being fam'd ffather of a Bastard Child begotten on the Body of Ann Grant Singlewoman of Banbury aforesd.

And also Ann Grant aforesd for being deliver'd of a Bastard Child.

We Likewise present John Hemmings an Ostler in Banbury aforesd for being the reputed Father of a Bastard Child begotten on the body of Sarah Essex single woman of Banbury aforesd.

And also ye aforesd Sarah Essex for being deliver'd of a Bastard Child.

We Likewise present Ann Towerzey Widdow of Banbury for being lately deliver'd of a bastard child.

We likewise present Thomas Kimbele of Banbury Carpenter for being the reputed ffather of a Bastard Child begotten on the Body of Elizabeth Benson Singlewoman of Neithrop in this parish. And also the aforesd Elizabeth Benson for being lately delivered of a Bastard Child.

Witness our hands Tho. Terry William Wild Wm Usher Church Wardens of Banbury.

James Adkins Church Warden of Neithrop.

Look on the other side.

(*Oxon. c* 156. 8 Sep. 1730 *sic.* John Pettipher confesses and is to perform public penance in Banbury parish church. Commuted.

f. 51. Eliz. Benson confesses. To perform public

penance 1st August next in Banbury church.

[*Reverse side of the presentment.*]

July 9. 1731. We present James Stewart Senr of Banbury a Taylor [*the*] reputed ffather of a Bastard Child begotten on [*the body of*] Jane Stone Singlewoman of Banbury aforesd.

Also the aforesd Jane Stone for being lately [delivered] of a Bastard Child.

We also present Elizabeth Pettipher Singlewoman of Banbury for being lately delivered of a bastard child.

89. 30 July 1733.

We present John Bull of Grimsbury present Church Warden of Grimsbury aforesd. belonging to the parish of Banbury aforesd. for not being right in his Levy to the Church at 9d in the pound Rent.

Witness our hands Nathll Reason Saml Sansbury
Th. Reynolds Church Wardens.

90. 5 September 1733. Nothing presentable.

91. Banbury 8br 11th 1732.

The Church-wardens of Banbury, desire me to acquaint you that the Grimsbury Churchwardens have brought in their money, and the Church Warden of Neithrop also has Colld. part of his money and will bring it all in, which is all at present.

From Sr Your humble Servt.
Robert Barnes.

P.S. Please to remember to send Hughs Administracon and that to My Ld. Thanet's Bayliffe with Roots Faculty, and the Captains, and as I remember the schedule of penance for Miller of Cleydon never was sent.

For Mr John Greenway.

Living in the Old Butcher Row in Oxon These. Carr pd 2d.

(*Oxon. c* 156. *f.* 71. 5 Sep. 1733.

John Bull admonished to collect & bring to this Court that share of a levy made by the parishioners of Banbury . . . within his district as Churchwarden of Grimsbury within the parish of Banbury.

f. 73. 3 October 1733.

Richard Gibbons confessed that he hath received part of the said assesment (as Church Warden of Grims-

bury) and that others have refused to pay their proportions thereto. The judge admonished him to pay in open court what money he had received & to present all who refused or neglected to pay. At which time upon the adjournment Robert Gilbert payd in to the Court the sum of four pounds sixteen shillings and one penny, all the money he had yet received. John Bull and Robert Gilbert condemned for the expences of this suit & to appear at the next court.

John Bull desired that [?] days might be allowed him to collect the rate and present those who refused or neglected to pay. Whereupon the Judge did decree the said John Bull to be in contempt for not having obeyed the monition & that he shall be excommunicated for the same. The schedule of the excommunication not to be read before the fourteenth of this month of October.)

92. 11 September 1734.

We present Robert Gibberd late Church Warden of Grimsbury for not bringing in the Remaining part of his levy, being Two Pounds Twelve Shillings & Twopence which he keeps in his Hands.

Witness our hands Sam[l] Sansbury Thos Reynolds Nathll Reason.

93. [*n.d. circa* 1685.]

the wife of Mathew Smith for making a disturbance in the Church. Abraham [*blank*] servant to Sam. Bradford for the like.

Not paying the Clarkes dues

Thos Russell	3	year	1[s]
Mr Lukin	4	yr	1 — 4[d]
Nath Abbotts	2	yeares	0 — 8
Sam Sherwood	2	yr	0 — 8
Tho Wise	7	yeares	2 — 4
John Youick of Neighthrop	4	yeares	1 — 4.

Clandestine Mariages.

John Gibbin, Nath Abbs, Edw Charles, John Knight, Tho Lancaster, John Kimbell, Simon Watts.

John West John Tredwell Tho Ansley Churchwardens.

CLAYDON.

95 to 101. [*n.d.*] All is well. [? *circa* 1670.]

102. September 1609.

This is to let your Worshippe to understand of the beginninge of this fame done by frauncis Carter the wife of Peter Carter this misfame the wordes deliuered unto Margret Payes the wife unto Thomas Payes. Then Margret Payes come to deliuered these wordes unto godye Polly Then francis Carter wood haue seme to donie it and said unto Thomas Payes wife will you proue youre selfe a braysen face quene no that I will not I haue spoken no more then I haue spokein before all my neybours Uppon these words I present you frances Carter for slaundring my wife.

I present you for keepinge my mother violentlye out of her seate upon Easter day where you had nothing to doe at all, and that day fornight you keepe me out of my seate where you had nothing to do at all and uppon Whitson Sunday you keepe me out of my seate againe which I being churchwarden I did wise M^{r} Sanderse as he was readinge to beare wittnes that she did distrouble me that I could not come unto my noe seate that hir persumptions was a trouble unto me and unto M^{r} Sandersons both this my nebours will wettnes wth me and for these same seuerall offenses I cod present frances Carter uppon my oathe

I would haue presented it at the first hand and goodman Carter would not suffer me.

Endorsed :—presentment of Carter of Cleydon or Mollington Sept 1609. [*See No.* 120.]

103. [*n.d. circa* 1611.]

Itm. we present Margaret Page the wyffe of Thomas Page the yonger for her euill behavioure in iostlinge and thrustinge in her seate in prayer time.

Itm. we present Ann Hawton the Daughter of Thomas Hawton for the lyke.

Thomas Nicholls Thomas Boreman Church wardens.
Richard Wadye Sydesman.

To the Worshippfull M^{r} Doctor Lloyd at Oxford gyue these.

104. *n.d.* [*circa* 1611.]

Itm. we are to signifie unto you, that Willm Browne is deceased, hopinge your worshipp will take order for that stock of monie which lay in his hands for the poore of our Towne, further more it may please you to understand that Rychard Wadye hath done nothinge accordinge to your Decree at the laste Courte, that is, from the deliueringe of the stock out of his hands into M^r^ Hollwayes hand.

Item we present Humfry welch for harboring a woman got with Child out of wedlock and their was brought to bed.

Itm we present Thomas Hawton for that he will not paye his Levell to the Church, which was dew at the feast of St. Michaell last past.

Edward Gardner Thomas Page Churchwardens.
George Poley Sydesman.

105. [*n.d. circa* 1611.]

Whereas at the last Courte were presented Margaret Page the wyffe of Thomas Page the younger, and Ann Hawten the Daughter of Thomas Hawten, for shouldringe one an other in a seate, wher upon your Worshipp toke order that both of them shoulde refraine and not sit in the saide seate untill they haue ius righte thereunto by the decease of thelder parties, now it may please you tunderstand that the married wyffe hath refrayned accordinge to your Commandement, but the mayden Hawtens Daughter hath presumed synce verye often into the saide seate, and therefore we present her.

Item we present Rychard Wadye and Willm Browne for transportinge the gyfte of Cattell which Web gave unto our towne into money.

Item we present Willm Stacye and Alice his wyffe for incontinencye before they were married.

Edward Gardner Thomas Page Church Wardens.
George Poley Sydesman.

106. February 1611.

We haue not any thinge as yeat to present but the deathe of Willm Browne who hath made a will, and hath apoynted his sonne Edward to be his executor A youthe which is prentize in London, who hath sente downe word that he will not meddle with it. And what is to be don

therein we knowe not till your Worshipp keepe Courte, And then we hope your worshipp will have that Care, for that stock of monye belonginge to our poore, which hath so long remayned in Brownes hand and in his partners hand, that it may not be lost.

William Sanderson minister.
Edward Gardner Thomas Page Church wardens.

107. *Endorsed* Septembr. 1613.

We haue not any thinge as yeat to present.
William Ellis John Stacye Church Wardens.
Simon Barret Sidesman.

108. 4 January 1616.

To the Minister Churchwardens and Sidesmen of Cleydon.

These are to will and require you to consider together of all things fitt to be presented and to deliver the same forthwith to Wm Wackton the Apparitor to be sent unto mee dated the fowerth daie of Jannuarie 1616.

Olivery Lloyde Com^{mis} ibm.

Reverse. We present the death of John Tarron late deceased.

entered. ffraunceys Ward sydesman ffelix Carter Churchwarden.

109. 18 September 1616.

Wee the Churchwardens and Sidesman of Cleydon doe present William Poley of our Towne for a fame and suspicion of incontinence or Adulterie with Catherine the wief [*of*] Randoll Newcombe ; and wee present the said Katherine for the like with the said W^{m} Poley.

Item wee allso present Joane Bushopp the wife of Edward Bushopp for a suspicion of incontynencie before marriadge wth the said Edw : because they weare married about Allhantide and shee brought to bedd and delivered upon the xvijth daie of of [*sic*] Aprill laste paste.

ffelix Carter John Stuckley ffraunces Warder.

110. [*n.d. circa* 1620.]

Itm we have not anythinge at this tyme to present.
John Stockly Richard Cotestocke Churchwardens.
Peter Carter Sydesman.

111. [*n.d. circa* 1620.]
Item we present the deaths of Richard Carter whose will is to be proved. entred in the act booke. ffelix Carter John Stockley Church Wardens.
ffrauncys Ward Sydesman.

112. [*n.d. circa* 1620.]
We haue nothinge at this tyme to present, but the Church yard Movnds which verye shortly shall be sufficientlye repayred.
George Poley Willm Prat Churchwardens.

113. [*n.d. circa* 1620.]
It. we present Rychard Willmore for that his mounde in the Church Yard is not sufficientlye repayred as it shoulde be ; but he is to depart from us now at Michelmas.
Willm Coleman Willm Nicholls Church wardens.
Willm Prat Sydesman.

114. [*n.d. circa* 1620.]
Itm our Church wants pavinge, and some repayringe for the tilinge or slattinge of the same, but we are & haue provided for it which had been done er this, yf the wether had serued to fetch these pauements.
William Prat Willm Coleman Church wardens.
Edmond Poley Sidesman.

Endorsed. Henry Poole late of Ockingham in the Countie of Berks esquier Ad[*min*]isteracon to be granted to Henry Poole his Nephew of Colne Allyns Com. Glouc.

115. For the vicerage of Cledon. Presentments made by William Pratt & William Coleman Churchwardens, and Edmond Poley sidesman of Cledone.
Imprimis we present Jefay Perrey for Keepinge Company with Ales Lasie. Item wee present Thomas Hopkins the servant of Richard ffrenches for reportinge A fame betweene Thomas Carter and Anne pratt.
William Pratt William Coleman Churchwardens.
Edmonde Polly Sidesman.

116. 1610.
Cleadon. felix Carter Jho. Polly churchwardens.
Richard Wady Sidesman.

They answere ther is [not] eny thinge now to be presented in their knowledge.

[*Added*]. Sommone Thomas Peckover at the shute of John garner water fifille as a wytnes. Thomas peckover sarvnte to cressante healeye ffor sayinge that John garner thow yeart a olld suck bedger knaffe.

117. *Endorsed* 12 September 1621.

Item whose names are under riten haue horscommons of the toune which mony should be paid to the church.

William prat on. John Borman on payde. William Clarig on. William Elis on payde. Edmond Poly on. felix stockli on payde. John Robinson halfe a on. francis Ward halfe a on. Anteni Shaw on payde. peter carter on payde.

Richeard ffrench. Richard Catsbrocke. Thomas Webb. John Knibb. Edmend Hatten. Willm Nickos. Willi Carter. John Stacye.

Thomas Borman Peter Carter.

[*Endorsed*. 12 Sep 1621. note concerning duce to the church.]

118. 1619.

I present our Church yard mounds to be out of repayre but by whose defaultes I knowe not, for that I am not acquanted of euerye mans parte.

entred William Sanderson.

119. [*n.d. circa* 1620.]

Itm we present Ann Stocklie for incontinencie which facte of hers was not Committed in our towne and with whome we knowe not. which Ann Stocklie synce the late Statute ordayned for the poore was sent home to our town where she was borne, & hath not as yeat satisfied the lawe for her offence.

2. Itm. we presente Alice Greenwoode for the lyke with one Jackson she saythe, but he is dead.

3. Itm we presente agayne the sayd Alice Greenwoode for the lyke offence Committed as she sayth with Charles Stocklye.

4. Item we presente Thomas Hawton for that he hath not performed his fathers last will, nor hath not broughte in an Inventorie of those his fathers goods which he dyid in possession of.

5. Itm we presente our minister, for that althoughe he

Catechiseth our youthe many times, yeat he hath not Catechised them every Sondaye and holy daye.

ffoulke Stacye Charles Hatton Church wardens.
ffelix Carter Sydesman William Sanderson minister.

120. [*n.d. circa* 1610.]

Item we present Elizabeth Gyldinge and ffrancys Carter and Elizabeth Robinson for a certayne contencon in the Church aboute a righte for a seate.

Item we present Thomas Page thelder for certayne euill abuses in speches used towards Avys Poley.

William Sanderson minister.
John Boreman Peter Carter Churchwardens.
ffelix Carter sydesman.
[*Added*]. To their louinge frend
Oliuer Sauage Register to the
right Worshippfull Doctor Lloide gyue these.

121. Cleydon presentments made and exhibited at the Courte holden at Banbury in the peculiar Jurisdiction of the Right Reuerand Dean of Lincoln by ye Reuerand Doctor Bouchier on the 9th day of June 1669.

Our Church and Churchyard is in good repair. Our minister [*is*] painful in his Calling and for other things we present Omne bene.

John ffreckleton Thomas Miller Church Wardens.

186. 1670.

This is to Certify whome it may Concerne That our Chappell of Cleydon in the parish of Cropreadye is in sufficient Repayre and Wee have noe presentments. Given under our hands Ano Dni: 1670.

Leon: Symons Vicar of Cropredy.
William Martin Thomas Hanslop Church Wardens.

122. 4 January 1678.

Imprimis We present Mr Leonard Simmons vicar of Cropready for that we have diuine Service but once one the Lords day commonly called Sunday.

Item We haue no Catechizing of the youth of our towne.

Item We haue not ye Sacrament of ye Lords supper duly administred.

Item We haue no Holy dayes nor fasting dayes either

bidden in time of diuine service, nor observed by him or a curate one of those dayes.

Item We have no visiting of ye Sick performed.

Item We have not a curate resident wth us now, as formerly we haue had (viz) before M^{r} Simmons was vicar of Cropready.

Will Martin Roberte Nicholls Churchwardens.

123 to 125. 1677, 1683, 1684. Nothing to present.

126. 1688.

A Bill of presentments for Cleydon in the Parish of Cropredy in the County of Oxon.

Our Church, Church yard and all things thereunto belonging are in good and suffitient repaire.

We haue no Popish Recussants within our Liberties. In a word Omnia bene.

Witness our hands Francis Ward William Hatton Church-wardens.

127. 6 June 1690.

Impr Our Minister is Canonically Conformable.

It. Our Church is in good repair, with all Books and Vestments suitable to the Ministry of the Church of England, according to the Act of Uniformity.

It. we have no Popish Recusants.

It. we have nothing presentable according [*to*] the Articles of enquiry. Omnia bene.

Edward Astell Job Knibb.

128. ? 1691.

Impr. Our Minister is conformable to the Canons and Rubrick &c.

It. Our Church is in good repair, furnished with a Large Bible, Comon Prayer book, surplis and other decent Vestments according to [the] Canon &c.

It. We have no Popish Recusants. Nothing presentable according to our knowledge.

Omnia bene Witness our hands

Oliver Stockly John Sheen.

129. 1692.

Impr. Our Minister is conformable, and carefull in the discharge of his Duty.

It. we have all the Books & Vestments requir'd by Canon law to be us'd in the ministeriall Office.

It. We have no Popish recusants, Dissenters nor Absenters within our Liberty.

It. We have nothing that is presentable either by the Canons or the Articles of Enquiry, according to the best of our knowledge witness our hands.

John Knibb Wm Savage Church wardens.

130. 1693.

Our Minister is exactly conformable according to the constitution and Canon Ecclesiastical.

We have no popish Recusants.

Our Church is in good repair & all things belonging therto.

We have nothing that is presentable either by the Canon or Statute Law according to the best of our knowledge.

Witness our hands Rob Nicholes Ed pettifer
Church Wardens.

131. 1693.

Our Minister is sober and regular & acts according to the Canons & Rubrick of ye church of England.

Our church is in good repair and likewise all the pews and Seats.

Our church Vestments & church books & all things belonging thereto are kept in a decent manner & in good order.

All things belonging to the church & churchyard are in good order & good repair.

Our parishioners come very well to the public worship and they are sober & regular.

All things are in good order & we find nothing presentable according to the canons of the church of England.

[*unsigned.*]

132 to 134. Nothing to present. 1697, 1703, 1705.

135. 9 May 1712.

Our Church is in good order & sufficient repair, and the Church yard is likewise in ye same good order & condition, the highways therein being mended and repaired to all Peoples Satisfaction, as was directed & appointed by

ye Court. And there is no Person matter or thing whatsoever at this time to be presented by us.

Robert Nicholes Jo. Wimbush Church Wardens.

136. 25 May 1715.

Itam Wee present John Savage of Cleydon for not Cumming to Church Nor Going to any other Meeting as ye Statute Injoyneth.

Witness our hands William Savage John Collins.

137 to 144. 1716 to 1723. Nothing presentable.

145. 16 June 1724.

Wee present Edward Gyles and Susanna his now wife for comitting the Crime of Incontinency before marriage.

Wee also present Abham Reynolds & Sara Smith his now wife for comitting the Crime of Incontinency before marriage.

Wee also present Mary Wright singlewoman for being lately delivered of a Bastard Child.

Wee also present Ann Hawtyn singlewoman for being lately delivered of a Bastard Child about January last.

John Astell Richard Griffin.

I present Richard Griffin as being the reputed ffather of the said Mary Wright's Bastard Child.

John Astell.

(*Oxon. c* 156. *f.* 21. 7 July 1725. Edward Gyles says " that [he was married] about two yeares since at Woodford by the Minister there who granted him a Licence unto Susanna his now wife and that before they were marryed as aforesd they did comitt the Crime of Incontinency together et submisit se &c." To perform public penance in the chapel of Claydon on the 25th July next.

Alban [*sic*] Reynolds said " That he was marryed unto Sara Smith his now wife at Banbury about two yeares since and that before he and his said wife were maryed . . . they did comitt the crime of Incontinency together." To perform public penance in the chapel of Claydon [*blank*] July next. Mary Wright. *f.* 19. case continued.

f. 23. Ann Hawtyn confesses and is to perform a public penance. Commuted.

Richard Griffin. *f.* 19. 6 July 1725. appeared and denied the fact.

f. 25. 4 May 1726. He said " He was married to the said Anne Hawtin sometime since Michaelmas last in the Chappell of Wickham in the parish of Banbury." He confessed that before marriage they committed fornication together. Public penance to be performed 22 May next in the chapel of Claydon. Commuted.)

146. 1725. Nothing to present.

147. 29 August 1732.
Wee present William Miller Labourer & Sarah Kirby his now wife both of the parish of Claydon for the crime of ante Nuptiall fornication.
John Astell William Marshall.

148 to 150. 1733 and 1734. Nothing presentable.

CROPREDY.

152. [*n.d.*]
Great Borton.
May 28. Mr Edwards Jun. His wife pos: will.
May 28. Matthew Gill. His wife pos: will.
Littel Borton.
May 31. Anne Cleaver wid. Rob. Harris & Simon Cleaver pos. avad.

153. [*n.d. circa* 1620.]
Curch Wardens of Cropredie and Bartonne & sidesmen of the Same.
Item wee present Thomas batcheler deceased.
Item wee present Margere daye shee had a child about three or fore yeares agooe and we cannot tell whether shee haue had the law or not.
Thomas Wyat John Hunt Church war. Henry Broughton Thomas ffrench sidm. Thomas Gyll Richard Gardner Churwar. Xpofer Claridge John Dawson sids. Thomas Hollowaye.

154. [*n.d. circa* 1620.]
Ther is not eny thinge in cropredy Mr. barton to be as yet presented.

Thomas Holeway vycar.
Richard Handley Thomas Palmer
George Wattes Thomas Plant. Church Wardens.

155. [*n.d. circa* 1620.]
the xvij[th] of March. the presentments of Cropredye and Borton.
Item we present the 1.2. [*to*] 33 bene.
Item wee present John Horner and mary his wyfe for in Continencie beefore there marriadge.
Item wee present mary [*blank*] servant at prescot for in Continencie. 35.36.37.38.39.40 bene.
Item wee present widdo wats decessed & Arthur Wats decessed William Wats decessed Joane Wats and Ann Wats decessed.
Item wee present Widdo breedon decessed. Item wee present margret Cox decessed.
Ed. Brouncker.

John Hunt
Thomas Wyat
William Hall
Thomas Plant
} Churchwardens.

Charles Allin
John Lucas
Richard bacheler
Willm Chery
} Sidesmen.

156. [*Circa* 1620.] Cropredy. Church wardens and sidsmen of Cropredy and borton.
Item we present Robert maunfeld for leading on Christs Day in prayer time.
Item we present John Suffolke for not reparing his mound in the church yard.
Item we present that ann Watts the mother of thomas watts is latly desessed.
Matthew plant Richard Crosse Edward Lumkeard.
Thomas Hitchman William Howse Edward Watts.

157. *After* 206.

158. [*n.d. circa* 1620.]
These are to Certifie your Worshipe Mr Dockter that wee haue no presentment but on Jonne Rocke the dauster of Edward Rock of Greate Bartone shee is with

Childe wee cannot tell whether shee bee marrid yea or no.
Church wardens of Barton Thomas Gill John Densee Christopher Hardy sideman.
Thomas Wiat John Hunte Churchwardens of Cropredy.

159. 1606.
The presentments gyuen upp for cropredy and bordon the 13 of february 1606.
Imprimis we do certify that Anne Truss and Judyth robins beinge presented for incontynency haue penytently performed the penaunce in the parishe church of cropredy accordinge to the order therein appoynted.
Item we do certyfy that such repayre to the church & church yeard hath bene done as by the order the laste courte was appoynted.
Item we present Elizabeth Dene for incontynency beinge begotten w^{h} child as shee sayeth by nicholas abery who is since that tyme departed out of our parishe.
Item we present William etherton and gilian herridge who as yt is reported are married, but when or where we know not.
Item we present that Richard clerydge late of borton is deceased but what will he made or where the same is to be procured we know not.
Thomas Holloway vycar.

William Hall Churchwardens.	William plant sydesmen.
Wm lytel	George Cortlowe
George Hopkines	Jefraye Hunt
George Bagley	anthony hunt.

160. [*Blank.*]

161. [*n.d.*]
The churchwardens & sydsmen of cropredy & borton ther presentment.
M^{r} Holloway vycar.
Henry Broughton Tho Doveton W^{am} Gardner Jhon Deasy Churchwardens.
Jho Pare Nicholas Plant Rychard Hychman Sydesmen.
1. To the fyrst artycle we answere affyrmatyv.
2. To the second affyrmatyve.
3. To the thyrd ther is not any pryvatt nor publick-

man to our knowledge usinge the offyce of a mynister, more then our lawfull minister Mr Holloway who precheth every sabboth unlesse by greate occasions of bysynees he be from home.

4. To the forthe we know not eny offender respectinge the artycle.

5. to the fyfthe, we have all things decent in the article mentioned savinge that our byble in certen leaves are rent. we stay the provydinge of a new, for that we understand ther is appoynted by the kings ? authoritie a new shortly to be impressed for the whole realme, when as we shalbe willinge to provyde of that sorte.

6. To the sixt we know no contentions for seates in Church, nor eny hath of many yers bene buylte. Our church & chancell is in reasonable repayre yet some want in dyvers things which we canot amend for that ther is no stocke in money, & some persons refuse to be taxed & make payment for former charges levied for repayre of the church.

7. to the seventh we answere that we have tow men teach children the one is Mr Deane teachinge the free schole at Wanscott the other our clearke William reade, both are of honest conversation, but how they observe the catechesinge of ther schollers we do not perfectly know but we here they do & by who they are lycensed to teach we know not.

8. To the eight we answere that the youth do not usually uppon Sondayes or holly dayes come to be catechized for that our minister Mr Holloway doth not call them therunto more then thet he useth yt uppon the sabboth dayes in lent tyme when as they do attend him.

9. To the nynth we know not eny that have departed out of our parish for eny knowen cryme, but haue fyrst had ponishment But certen men go to [*sic*] ther owne parishe to other place uppon sabbath dayes whose names are in our after presentment.

10. To the tenth we answere that our minister gyveth the communion thryce in the yere but whether all such persons so ofte receveth as are above xvj yeres of age we know not.

11. To the eleventh we know no such offendors.

12. To thes artycles no such offenders.

162. Cropredy Mr Holloway Vycar, Henry Broughton Tho

Doveton & W^{m} Gardner Tho Deasy Church wardens. Sydesmen Tho Pare Nicholas Plant Richard Hytchman.

Imprimis We present M^{r} Hollowey our Vycar for not Catechisinge every Sabboth day.

Item We present M^{r} Robert Woodruffe for that usually every sabbath day he leaveth his parish church both at morninge & eveninge prayer.

Also we present M^{r} Woodruffe for that he payeth not iiij^{s} levyed for charges bestowed uppon the church.

Thes persons followinge do often departe from ther parish church somtymes morninge & eveninge prayer but usually at eveninge prayer for the most parte.

Imprimis Mr Arthur coldwell.

Rychard Kynd Rychard Hadley the yonger Jhon Tompson Rychard Hunt Thomas Vaughan Robert Mancell William Sherwen Rychard Gardner Rychard Andrewes Nycholas Gardner George Gardner Toby Kely

We present Richard Jhonson for that he dyd begat with child one Joane clerydge she hath taken penaunce for the same and is departed from us.

We present M^{r} Arthur Coldwell Rober Mancell and Mr Joseph Palmer for that they do not allow in rogation weeke such charges by drinkinges so called at the severall mylnes in rogation weeke as hath bene before accustomed.

We present the undecoat mounde & decaye of the church yerd by gorge in of hoggs & swyne which is by defect of the mounds & the passages of comon wayes lyinge throughe the church yard.

We present the want of church stocke for repayre of the church & provydinge of books yf eny want, for which we desyre a levy by the yerd lands for such collection.

We present M^{r} Hollowey Tho french & Allece Rose wyddow who receved fortie shillings for the repayre of a causeway, gyven by the testament of Jhon Feres decessed & by his executor payed the charges not yet bestowed.

(*Oxon. c* 157. *p.* 322. Theis shall signifie unto yo^{r} worship that M^{r} Holloway Thomas ffrench and Helene Rose have bestowed the money geven by John ffrench upon the repaire of ye wayes according to ye will of the said John ffrench and your order therein appointed.)

163. [*Blank.*]

164. The Churche warden & Sidesmen of cropredye. An Dni 1610.

John Soffoke Thomas Vassan Churchwardens.
Williame Ames Richard Reade sidesmen.

We presente the executors of William Plante.
We presente the executors of Nicolas Garner.

165. The presentemente by the Vycar churchwardens and sydesmen of cropredy and Borton the xviiijth of august 1610.

Thomas Hollowey Vycar.
Jhon Suffolke Thomas Vaughan Henry Hall Jho Lawrence church wardens.
W^{am} Toms Rychard Wad Thomas Gill Rychard clerydge sydesmen.

We present the death of one Mathew borman who Dyed in our parishe since the last courte in the house of Wam gardner of greate borton.

[We present Wam elkenton of greate borton for that he beinge one of the churchwardens the last yere retayneth in [his] hands the some of six shillings, which is payable to the use of the church & . . [*illeg.*] . . this payment althoughe he hath bene by some of the new churchwardens at dyvers tymes bene demaunded. *del.*] This is discharged.

Wheras I understand ther was certen laborers & worke bodyes uppon saynte James day at they works, and althoughe I haue requyred the church wardens to be redy to make dew enquyry for thes defawltes, yet thes semeth to be conceled whereby yt resteth an encouragement to dyvers to comytt lyke defawltes.

Thomas Hollway vycar.

166. [*n.d. circa* 1620.]

The vijth day of Aprill the churchwardens of cropredy and boreton.

We present William tompson for abusing him selfe first at the ale hows in Drunckenes & then after came in to the Church in the time of prayer & there did vomit up his Drinck to the anying of the congregation being him selfe a communicant.

Richard Handley Thomas Ellerson George Wattes

Thomas Plant Church wardens.
John Clearidge rober rowley sidesmen.

167. Borton. Apud Cropredye ult. Septemb. 1611.
Wee present Thomas Bennett & John Symons of Banburye, for default of payinge of ij^{s} vi^{d} yearlye, by the space of these two yeares last past & more, in liewe of a contribution of strawe yerly, due from Burton to the parish church of Cropredye.
George Wattes Thomas Plant gardiani.
Signum Robert Crowley assisti. [*sic.*]

169. Parish of borton Martii 1611.
Wee present M^{r} fferdinando Poulton for not comming to church nor Receauing the sacrament this yeare & more.
We present M^{rs} Katherine Poulton wif of M^{r} fferdinando poulton for not receauing the communion.
Wee present Elizabeth Martin for the like as M^{r} Poulton
Thom Marsey Tho. Lucas.

168. The presentments for Cropr^{d}y the 9th of January 1611.
Thomas Hollowaye of Cropredye Vycar.
Richard Handlye Thomas Palmer Thomas Plant George Watts Churchwardens of Cropredye.
We cannot present eny matter of cryme neyther of any decessed for probatt of will or admistration so that all things are as yet well.
Thomas Hollowaye
Richard Handlye Thomas Palmer Thomas Plant George Wattes.
Thomas Elderson sydeman.

170. October 1611.
Churche wardens of Boorton.
Wee present Elizabeth Marten ffor Absentynge herself ffrom Churche & Communion.
[*unsigned.*]

171. There is not eny matter to be presented from the last courte Cropredy the 4th of September 1613.
Thomas Holloway Vycar.
Thomas Alderson Wam cattell Thomas unytt Wam Hall Church wardens.

172. Presentments we haue not anie at this time neither in Borton nor Cropredye dated the xith of September 1616.
The names of the Churchwardens of Borton and Cropredye are theise under written.
Charles Allin Thomas Gibbes Andrew Hall John Grieme.
Sidesmen Thomas ffrench Richard Huntt Richard Sabine Christopher Cleridge.

173. Memorandum that on the xxiij of March [being the saboth daye—*int.*] last past John Ethersey was in the howse of Joane Buckingham drinking in tyme of devin prayer he being churchwarden his wyf and tapster and osler ded fetch him hoame this I do of myself allso ffancis curingtons child not yet batesed.
entred [*unsigned.*]

174. The presentment for the towne of cropredy and borton this last of february 1616.
In primis we present the will of Thomas french decessed lately.
Ie. the Will of Jhon Hurtlow decessed.
Ie. we present Mary Robins for fornication.
Thomas Holloway vycar.
Charles Allen Tho Gybbs andrew hall Jhon Gryim Churchwardens.
Richard Hunt Christopher clerydge Rychard Sabon Sydesmen.

175. 1619. church wardones of cropredy.
We haue hard that nathaniell gardner hath accompened with andru halles wiffe as a fame of incontenenci with Elythethe Hall.
Thomas Pargiter Willyam Tomes entred.
(*Oxon. b* 61. *f.* 110. 18 August 1619. Cited :—
Elizabeth Costilowe wiff to George Costilowe for false denonsinge of Elizabeth Haule wiff to Andrew haule of Borton.)

176. Answere by the churchwardens and sydesmen of cropredy and borton to the Boke of artycles gyven in charge by our ordynary doctor Lloyde against his visitation holden in cropredy church the ffyrst of Julii 1619.
1. We answere ther is not eny that holdeth popish

errors or maynteneth eny false opynions more then Jhon hands of lyttell borton who formerly hathe bene presented unto you and now standeth excomunycated.

2. We answere ther is not eny in our parish offenders concerninge eny matter conteyned in that artycle.

3. We know not eny minister [that] hathe thrust himselfe into the ministry but such who are lawfully called.

4. Our vycar hath preached many yers as 40 and more and we think he hath lycense and authoryte so to do.

5. We thinke and beleve our vycar cam by his lyvinge without eny symonichall practyce, the same then beinge in quene elyzabethes gyfte.

6. We haue had and haue every sabbath day a sermon at morninge prayers.

7. We haue no Register booke to wryte in the names of the preachers yf eny do so preach, neyther the preachers are not strangers but are dwellers and such as are masters of arts.

8. Our minister doth not every sabbath day so examyne the youths accordinge to the artycle but onely at such tyme as they are to receve the comunyon.

9. the parents and governors send ther children and servants to be catechised one the sabbath dayes in ?lent when he catachisethe.

10. Our minister bestoweth his greatest tyme in redinge the scriptures and no offender in the other parts of that artycle.

11. Our minister ys knowen to be a modest man in all things and maker of peace not cawsinge dissension.

12. Our minister at all tymes weareth but such apparell as ys befytting his calling neyther ys he frequenter of ale house or taverne.

13. Our minister is marryed, and kepeth servants fyttinge ther bodelye labor and not eny otherwise.

14. Our minister at all tymes useth the surplus in his tyme of devyne servyce and we beleve he hathe subscribed accordinge to that artycle.

15. We know not eny that are mayntenors of schymes and meters in conventycles contrary to our lawes established.

16. Our minister useth no other forme of comon prayer then is in the booke of comon prayer prescribed and useth the Ryttes and ceremonies in servyce and administration of the sacraments.

17. Our minister admytteth to the comnyon no such offendors as are mentioned in the artycles neyther addmyteth any straungers.

18. Dyvers haue bene marryed who uppon the day of ther marryage have not receued the comnyon, but not eny married in pryvatt houses, nor eny but such as whose banes have bene published 4 severall sondayes or festyvall dayes or els marryed as wee beleve by lycense of ye ordynary or his deputy.

19. Our minister at all tymes for the most parte Redeth our devyne servyce and . . . . the sacrament oftener then twyce in the year.

20. Our minister in his owne person or by his deputation visyteth the sycke wth prayers accordinge to the boke of comon prayer.

21. The vycaradge house chauncell and church is kept in good and suffycient repayre neyther hath eny things bene defaced or pulled downe, or spoyle of any wood made accordinge to the artycle but some small portion for necessary repayre of the dwellinge house or vycaredge.

22. Our church is kept in good repayre and church yard mounds kept in good manner.

23. We haue the new boke of comon prayer and all other ornaments fyttinge our ministeriall servyce accordinge to the inquyry in that artycle.

24. Our Register booke is in parchment and sayve kept wherin are wrytten all the names of thos that are baptised married or christened [*sic*], neyther the curatts serve not tow parishes, and such curates in the parish we beleve hath tenn pounds a man by the yere and howses to dwell in.

25. We beleve our minister hath at all tymes performed such deutyes as the artycle enquyreth.

26. Our minister hath tow benefyces cropredy and hampton poyle distant xiiij myles, and as we are advertised he hathe ther a preachinge minister at all tymes.

27. Our minister hath lett no lease of his vycarridge nor of eny parte ther of more then to his neybors every one his owne tythe.

28. our clearke is aged above 30 yers and kepethe all things very decente in the church.

29. we have no scholemaster practisinge eny phisycke or surgery to our knowledge.

30. He [*sic*] hath no dauncers nor other players entred

into our church at eny tyme in any desguise or prophane manner.

31. We haue no dauncinge nor other sportes uppon the sabbath dayes before eueninge prayer be redd, nor eny frequenteth eny alehouse in tyme of devyne servyce.

32. We hau not offendors uppon sabbath or festyvall dayes accordinge to the enquiry of that artycle.

33. We haue no such disturbers of deuyne servyce at no tyme.

34. Our minister gyveth warninge againste the comunion and we receave 3 tymes at the least in the yere neyther is there eny semynary or other straunger that contyneweth in our parish abowte ester tyme nor deryders of our religion now established.

35. Our churchwardens do at all tymes dilegently frequent the church and gyve upp ther accompts at the yeres end when new churchwardens are chosen.

36. The bell ys usually for the most parte tolled when eny are passinge owte of this life, neyther haue we eny Ringinge at all in tyme of comon prayers.

37. We haue had dyvers excomunycated persons by your decree & for the most parte wher they remayne we know not and none such are buryed with us in church or church yeard.

38. such persons has haue bene offendors accordinge to the artycle haue bene presented in your cowrte and receved ponishment accordinge to yor order.

39.40.41.42.43. Ther is no such offendors in our parish accordinge to the enquyrey of all thes artycles.

44. None hath bene admytted to be godfather or godmother but such as before Receved the comunyon and all in the parishe do receve the comunyon reverently kneling.

To the 45.46.47.48.49.50.51 we know not eny that hathe offended in eny thes sayd artycles.

52. Our minister or his substytute kepeth the perambulations in the rogation weeke in singinge phalmes and Redinge accordinge to the artycle without eny superstycious order.

53. Ther is few absent themselves from ther parish church at morninge prayre wherby the xii^{d} a piece hathe not bene demaunded.

54.55. We haue no recusant papist in our parish nor haue had for many yers past.

56. Concerninge the gleebe lands belonginge to the vycaradge, beinge but 4 lands and a smale pece of meddow ground ther hath as yet no tarer benne made in respect the quantyte [is] so lyttell.

57. We remember not eny matter or person vyolatinge our lawes ecclesyastycall wheruppon we are to present for tyme past, but such as then was presented.

58. Our minister redeth the lateny and other prayers uppon the wensdaye and frydayes as also the commination against synners as yt is proscribed.

59. once a yere at the least the cannons are Read in the church.

[60 *omitted in the text.*]

61. Our minister refuseth not to christen accordinge to the order proscribed.

62. There hath bene since the last visytation no contention concerning eny seate or pewes in the church nor eny buylte.

63. Our vyctulers kepe good order in ther houses without games or unlawfull usages, neyther have we marketts or fayres or sale by pedlers in eny such places.

64. We know not but that former Churchwardens have presented all such matter as ther was gyven them in charge.

[65. *omitted in the text.*]

66. We know not eny person excomunycated so dyinge to be buried in eny place of our christyan burialls for that we know not eny with us so dyed.

[*unsigned.*]

178. Presentments Agreed upon the xiith day of march Anno Dni 1620. Cropredye parish. Wee whose names are here under written do present

1. Inprimis Henry Smith & Agnes Smith his wife for incontinencie before maryadge.

2. Item John Tue for committinge of fornication with Agnes Watts.

3. Item John Knibb And Anne his wife for incontinencie before maryadge.

4. Item wee doe present William Cattell of Cropredye for frequentinge of sermons beinge an excommunicate person. Stat. excom.

John ffyfield deceased [his will is to bee proved—*del.*]

Bourton presentments.

1. Inprimis wee present Bartholomew White & Alice white his wife for incontinencie before maryadge.

2. We present John Handes ffor standinge excommunicate.

per me Ludovicum Jones Curatum Ibidem.

Robert Robines Arther Watts Churchwardens of Cropredye.

Edmond Tanner Thomas House sidesmen.

George Gorthon James Batcheler Church Wardens of Bourton.

Richard Clearidge John Warde Sidesmen.

179. 6 October 1619.

Item we present M^rs^ Anne Palton the wyfe of ffrancis Palton ffor that shee hath not Come to our parish church of Borton for the space of one month Last past.

Item we present ydie the maide of M^rs^ Palton for that she hath not come to our Church for the spac of one month Last past.

Item we present M^r^ ffrancis Palton for that he hath not come to our Parish Church for the spac of one month last past.

Deliuered by the Consent Generall of Borton & Borton hole whose names are supcribed.

John Rogers Churchwarden of Borton. Th. Wadsdon sidesman.

Th. Paxton sidesman of Borton hole.

180. Cropredy and Borton.

Church-wardens.	Sydesmen.
Edmond Tanner	Wam Hall
Robert Robins	Wam Lylee
Wam Elkenton at both	Thomas gudden
George Gardner	Jhon guynney.

We present the will and testament of Robert Mole late decessed.

181. Presentments made & a greed upon by the Chourchwardens and Sidesmen of Cropredy and great and litele bortone the vi^th^ of September Anno domi 1620.

In pry we present Williame Read our clarke for readinge deuine seruis upon Sundayes and holy dayes hauinge not his lettors of ordors. Our booke of Cannons is loste but we will presently provid one.

[*unsigned.*]

182. April 1621.
Wee do present John Arlidge and Elisybeth Hall ffor a ffame of incontinencie.
George . . . James Batchler Richard Clearidge James Ward.

183. 24 September 1621. Cropready and Bourton parish.
Imprimis wee doe present John Hands of Little Borton for not coming to his parish church.
Wee present Barbara Jackman for a common scold & sower of discord.
[Wee present Thomas Gardner of Little Borton for not standing at the read—*del.*]
Wee present Thomas Palmer for his hoggs lieing in the churchyard.
Wee present William Plant for his hoggs being in the churchyard.
Richard Crosse Edward Cunibeare Thomas Hitchman Edward Watts Churchwardens.

184. Cropredy and Borton Churchwardens bill for the Ecclesiasticall Court holden at Banbury upon the Ninth day of June Anno dni 1669.
Wee whose names are here subscribed doe Certifie that we haue nothinge to present at this time to our knowledge.
Thomas Checkley John Crosse Churchwardens of Borton.
Edward ffausitt John Warren Churchwardens of Cropredy.

185. 26 June 1677. Nothing to present.

186. [*Cleydon.* 1670. *No presentments.*]

186. [*sic.*]
Cropredy and Borton Churchwardens there bill for the Ecclesiasticall Court holden at Cropready upon the Nineteenth day of September Anno dni 1672.
Wee whose names are here under written doe Certifie that we haue nothinge to present at this time to our knowledge.
John Wyatt Richard Reade Churchwardens of Cropredy.

Richard Borton William Gill Churchwardens of Borton.

187. 8 June 1675. Nothing presentable.

188. 27 May 1678. Nothing to present.

189 to 193. Nothing to present. [1679 to 1683.]

194. 26 May 1684.
We whose names are here under written doe present Sarah Pratt of Cropready for having of a Bastard Child in Witnes there of we haue put our hands the day and yeare aboue written.
Thomas Wiatt George Gardner Churchwardens of Cropredy.
Richard Gill John Coleridge Churchwardens of Borton.
(*Oxon. b* 61. 26 May 1685. cited.)

195 and 196. 1685 and 1686. Nothing to present.

197. 21 May 1686.
To the Right Worshipfull Docter Bouchier Officiall of Cropredy Wee make bold to giue you the trouble of a few lines viz. These are to Certifie you [and Wee present—*int.*] that William Cleuer of Cropredy doth Teach Schoole without authority. secondly he was married without banes or Licence, thirdly doth Refuse to pay me for his marriage and my Wages.
Also Thomas White Jun^{r} was Maried without banes or Licence and Refuseth to pay me for his marriage and my wages.
Edward Reade Clearke.
(*Oxon. b* 61. *f* 87. 30 April 1687. both cited.)

198. 13 May 1687.
We present Sarah Pratt Alies Hunt for hauing a basterd Child borne in Cropredy about a weeke past and is sopposed begotten [by hir mothers husband—*del.*]
Thomas Watten John Gorstelow Church Wardens of Cropredy.
Thomas Churry Thomas Checkley Church Wardens of Borton.

199. 19 January $168\frac{7}{8}$.

Wee present George Hunt who lately did teach School in y^e^ towne of Great Bourton for getting Catherine Hawtin of y^e^ same parish singlewoman with child, who was delivered of a female child about the 31^st^ of December last past, and charged the said George Hunt in her pangs to be the father thereof, and hath likewise made oath before M^r^ George Chamberlain of Wardington on of his Majesties justices of the peace, of the said county, that he was, and is the father of the said child, and no one else, who by order of the said Justice provides now for the said Child & so much was and is famed in the said parish.

Item we present Catherine Hawtin for being delivered of a female bastard Child on or about ye 31^st^ of December last past begotten on her body by y^e^ said George Hunt, as aforesaid.

Francis Stanier Vicar.

Moses Hollaway Thomas Hill Churchwardens of Great Borton and of little Borton in the parish of Cropredy.

200. The presentment of M^r^ George Hunt of Borton made and exhibited at Oxford the 18^th^ day of May 1688 before the Right worshipfull Thomas Bouchier D^r^ of Law & Officiall or Comissary of the peculiar Jurisd. of Cropredy.

I doe present M^r^ George Butler of Barton for teachinge Schoole without Licence.

George Hunt.

201. 19 May 1688.

I doe present Thomas Knock of Borton for his wifes teaching schoole without Licence.

George Hunt.

202 to 204. 1689 to 1691. Nothing to present.

205. 19 May 1692.

Our Church and Bells are in good repare. Our poor are provided for. We have no papists. We have no profaners of the Lords day. We have none refuse to pay dues and Therefore nothing at this time presentable to ye knowledge of

Martin Times Nicolas Tomkins Church wardens.

206. 1 June 1693. Nothing to present.

157. [*n.d. circa* 1690.]
Cropredy Bill for the Court holden in May.
Our Church and Bells are in good repare. All things are in pretty good order. Thefore is nothing at this time presentable by us.
Georg Lamprey Martin Tims John Tayler
Church wardens.

207. 9 June 1693. Cropredy Bill.
Our Church and Bells are in good repare and all things are in good order. We present Millisent Coleman for fornication and having a bastard child.
William Shirley Georg Lamprey Churchwardens.
16 May 1694 Emt cio.

208. 17 May 1694. Nothing presentable.

209. 17 May 1695.
I doe present Mary Mole single woman for having a bastard child.
I doe present Mary Hunt singlewoman for having a bastard child and Croley Hall being the reputed father. I have nothing Els to present.
Edward Reid Churchwarden.

210. 4 June 1697.
Our Church and bells are in good repair and althings in good order only our seat want repairing which shall be done in a short time.
Witness our hands John Eagles.

211. 17 June 1698.
Our Church yard, our church, Bells and windows are in good repair but our seats are out of repare which we will endeauor to have in good repair against ye next Court. Witness our hands,
John Haslewood Edward Mansell.

212. 2 June 1699.
We the minister and the churchwardens of Cropredy doe present John Mander of Cropredy and Sarah Parsons of Cropredy for incestuous marriage, the sayd Sarah Parsons

being the widdow of Timothy Parsons brother to Eleanor Mander mother of the sayd John Mander.

Francis Stanier Vicar Thomas Warren Churchwarden.

(*Oxon. c* 157. *f.* 201. Penance performed by both in Cropredy parish church.)

213. 13 June 1701.

Our bells and windows are in good order and the seats are Reparing and nothing presentable.

John Eagles Thomas weever Church Wardens.

214. Cropredy Bill for the Court holden at Cropredy at ye Brasen Nose in the County of Oxon June the 5: 1702.

Our Curch and bells are in good repare and most of our seats are made in prety good order. Therefore there is nothing presentable according to our knolidg.

Thomas Haslewood Justinian Hunt Churchwardens.

215. 14 May 1703. Nothing to present.

216. 9 June 1704.

Our church, our seats, our bells our windows and leads are in moderate repaire, and we have nothing to present.

Nickolas Tompkins William bloxsom Thomas Checkley.

217 and 218. 1705 and 1707. Nothing to present.

219. The Presentments of John Welch and John Goodwin Churchwardens of Great and Little Borton in the County of Oxon made the 7th day of June 1709.

The said John Welch and John Goodwin present Mathew Gill late one of the said Churchwardens of the said Townes for not giving up his accompts relating to his office & paying the money remaining in his hands to his Successors Churchwardens according to the Custome & usage of the said Townes.

John Goodwin John Welch.

(*Oxon.* b 61. *f.* 78. cited.)

220. 5 June 1713.

We Present Martha Birch for having a Bastard Child.

John Elkinton Thomas Tyer.
(*Oxon. b* 61. *f.* 76. 30 April 1714. cited.)

221 to 224. 1714 to 1718. Nothing presentable.

225. 17 June 1718.
We doe present George Tomkins of Cropready and Anne Bloxham the wife of Thomas Bloxham of Cropredy for the Suspicion of adultery.
Francis Stanier Vicar of Cropredy. Tho. Wyatt Richard Stanton.
(*Oxon. b* 61. *f.* 70. 12 May 1719. both cited.)

226. 13 June 1721.
Wee present Thos. Hawks & Richard Kimbel of Little Borton & Steven Gardner of Great Borton for not paying the Clarke his dues.
William Hunt Thomas Checkly John Boucher Church Wardens.
(*Oxon. b* 61. *f.* 66. 8 March 1723. Thomas Hawks and Richard Kimbel cited.)

227. 23 July 1723. No presentments.

228. 16 June 1724.
We doe present Elizabeth Haselwood of Cropredy for having a bastard Child by Thomas Beauchamp of little Borton in the parish of Cropredy.
Francis Stanier Vicar of Cropredy.
Daniel Haslewood Thomas Blackemore.
(*Oxon. c* 156. *f.* 13. 15 June 1724.
Thomas Beauchamp confessed and a public penance in Cropredy church enjoined. Commuted.)

229. 6 July 1725. No presentments.

230. 1726.
Wee present M^{r} John Stanier of Cropredy for being the reputed ffather of a Bastard Child begotten on the Body of Ann Gilkes of Cropredy aforesd. We have nothing else presentable to the best of our knowledge.
Justinian Hunt Thomas Tysoes Church Wardens.
(*Oxon. b* 61. *f,* 64. 31 May 1727. cited.)

231. 27 June 1727. Nothing presented.

232. 6 August 1728. Nothing presented.

233. 6 August 1728.
The Presentments of the Church Wardens of Borton.
We present Sarah Prue of Great Bourton in the parish of Cropredy in the county of Oxon for being deliver'd of a Bastard Child.
Samuel Bourton Thomas Mole Churchwardens.
(*Oxon. b* 61. 19 August 1729. cited.)

234. 28 July 1729. Nothing presented.

235. 2 September 1729.
Nothing presentable by us. Tho Wyatt Rich Stanton Cropredy Churchwardens.
We present hannah Wats singlewoman for hauing a Bastard Childe.
William Borton Sabine Luckuck Church wardens.

236. 20 July 1731.
Wee present John Wilkinson and Eliz. his now wife for commiting the Crime of Incontinency before Marriage.
Also Hannah now wife of Nathaniell Gregory for being lately delivered of a bastard Child.
Also John Watts and Ann his now wife for committing the crime of Incontinency before Marriage.
Also Mary Allet for being lately Delivered of a Bastard Child.
John Toms Benj. Wilkes Church Wardens.
(*Oxon. c* 156. *f.* 51. 23 July 1731. John Watts says that he was married about four years ago at Horley and that he and his wife did committ fornication before marriage. *No further proceedings noted.*)

237. 29 August 1732.
We Present Nathanil Kimbell of Little Bourton in the parish of Cropredy in the county of Oxon for being the reputed ffather of a Bastard Child begotten on the body of Anne Holloway of Great Bourton Singlewoman.
Also the abovesd Anne Holloway Singlewoman for being lately delivered of a Bastard Child.
We present Mary Enock of Great Bourton for being

lately delivered of a bastard Child. The Famed ffather is John Rowley of Claydon.

We have nothing alse presentable to the best of our knowledge.

Tho. Hall George Gardiner Church Wardens. Emt cio.

(*Oxon. c* 156. *f.* 69. Nathanil Kimbell confessed and ordered to perform a public penance. Commuted.)

238. 4 September 1733. Nothing presented.

239. 10 September 1734.

We Present Mary Allen now wife of Moses Gardner of Little Bourton for having a Bastard Child.

Moses Mansell Samuell Anker John Boucher Tho Holloway.

(*Oxon. c* 156. *f.* 83. 9 September 1735. Not appearing, excommunicated.)

240. 9 September 1735. Nothing presented.

[*Cropredy presentments finish.*]

HORLEY.

Oxon. Archd. papers Oxon. b 53.

4. 5 and 6. *After f.* 18.

7. *After f.* 11.

8. 20 February 1606.

The Answere of the Churchwardens and Sydesman to the Articles geven us in Charge at the Visitacon at Buckingham at Mich: Last as followeth

1. To the Articles Concerning the Clergy we answere that our Minister doth neither negligently nor Wilfully refuse any thing enioyned unto him but doth obserue the Articles in reading and preching the word truly & faythfully amongst us.

2. To the Articles Concerning the Church we answere that our Church is in good repayre, and for all those other

things necessary we haue from tyme to tyme repayred & amended them according as the poore ability of the parish will suffer us.

3. To the Articles concerning the Scholemasters we answere that we haue not any Scholemaster in our parish.

4. To the Articles concerning the Parishioners we answere that we know not any thing worthy to be presented.

William Carpenter Tho. Burt Churchw:
Xpofer Wheeler sydesman.

9. [*Blank.*]

10. 26 September 1609.
We the Churchwardens of Horlie have nothinge to present but all is well. Omnia bene.
William Kinch Robert Wells Robert ?

11. 1610.
We presente An Locke for in contencie with John barby whom hath marryed her.
Thomas Allen William Kynche.

7. 17 April 1610.
We haue nothing to present but that all is well.
gard. Robert Wells William Kinch.
Robt. Lane assist.

12. Horley. The presentments of the Church Wardens and sidemen for the visitacon at which : 1610 : We present Joane Broomefeilde for incontinency with William Smith who being charged therewith by M^r^ Payne confessed the same : And since that tyme is Runne away, shee remayning still in the Parish.
Tho. Allen Wm Kinch Ch: W.
Ed. Basely.

13. September 1613.
Inprimis that our chauncell windowes are out of repayre, that charge belongeth to M^r^ Richard Leight.
Item. deceased since the last visitation Thomas Saul and George Broderton per me Johannem Clarson vicar ibid.
Churchwardens Thomas Burte Robert Law.
entred. Sidsman Richard Bartlet.

14. 29 October 1611.

Wee the churchwardens Thomas Allen & William Kinch haue geuen uppe our Just accounte in the presentes of Henry Goodwin, Robert Nicoles, Thomas Kench, Thomas Burte.

15. 23 March 1620.

Item. we churchwardens haue not any thinge to present senc the last Court to our knowledg.

John Goodwine John Kentch Churchwardens.

16. 7 March 1621.

Inprimis. Our chauncell is still ruinous and much decayed.

Item. that Richard Bartlitt committed incest with Elizabeth Saul, his wiues Daughter.

Item. John Saul died intestate.

Churchwardens William Saul Robert Saul.

17. 11 April 1621.

Item wee present the Chauncill being out of Repaire throughe Mr Richard Light his defaulte & yt Rainethe in very hurtfull.

John Goodwin John Kintche. churchwardens.
Richard pratt sydsman.

18. 1619.

Wee present John Saul for carying of corne uppon Bartholomew day.

Item our Minister sometimes preacheth uppon Sundayes in the afternoone, and Chatechiseth.

Item our minister weareth the surplesse in the time of Divine service.

Item our chancell as yet is not repayred.

Item we haue an English bible of the largest volume, but not that which was lately set forth by his maiestyes authority : but one volume of homilyes, not the table of degrees of consanquinity, nor a cleane standing pot to put in the wine for the use of the communion, nor any almse box.

Item our mariages Christenings and burialls are registered in a fayre booke of parchment, which is safely kept under lock and key.

Item our Clarke is above 20 yeare old, able to read distinctly, but whether approved by the ordinary or not, we churchwardens know not.

John Clarson vicar.
William Nicholes Richard Pratt church wardens.
John Allin sydsman.
(*Oxon.* b 61. *f.* 49. 28 August 1619. John Saul cited.)

4. [*n.d. circa* 1620.]

Item wee haue not any thinge according to the Boke of Articles to present to our Knowledg sed omnia bene.

Item wee present M^r^ Richard Light parson of horlye for the Chauncill being farr out of Repaire & som of the Tymber and on beame is fallen dowen through this Defaulte.

Willm Saule.

5. [*n.d. circa* 1620.]

Inprimis that Thomas Burte by report of Neighbours useth charminge.

Item that our Minister Catechiseth in Lent time only.

Thomas Saul Edward Basely Church Wardens.
Robert Wells Sidseman.

6. [*n.d. circa* 1620.]

Our church is in good repaire & we have divine service every Sabboth in our church & ye people doe frequent ye church.

All ye Churchmounds are in good repair.

Will Wheeler John Varny Churchwardens.

19. The presentments of the Church Wardens of Horley in the County of Oxon made and exhibited at the Visitacon held at banbury the 19 day of September Anno Dni 1672.

Imprimis We present that our Church Churchyard and all things thereunto belonging are in good and sufficient repaire and kept as they ought to be.

Wee Present that our Minister performes his duety by reading divine service twice one Sundays and holy dayes.

it. We present that wee have nothing else punishable by his Maj^ties^ Ecclesiasticall Lawes according to the best of our knowledge.

John Goodwin John Hall churchwarden.

20. 26 June 1677. Nothing to present.

21. 27 May 1678.
Imp. we present John Austin sen^{r} for not receiving the sacrament of the Lord supper at Easter Last nor since.
Item. we present him the sayd John Austin for not paying ye Clarke his Easter Dues.
Item. we present Mary Saul for incontinency.
Item. we present Sam. Blackwell for incontinency.
Steph Goodwin vic. ibid.
Tho. Goodwin Rich. Spicer Churchwardens.
(*Oxon. b* 61. *f.* 156. 21 May 1680. Mary Saul cited.)

22 to 24. 1679 to 1684. Nothing presentable.

25. 13 June 1685.
Impr. We present Simon Judde for disturbing Mr Jones in his seate.
Item. We present M^{r}. John Austin for not paying the clerke his wages.
Item. We present our church and churchyard in Good repair.
Will. Saul Wyll. Buller Church Wardens.

[*Oxon. Archd. papers Oxon b* 52.]
7. 22 May 1689.
Horly. Our church and churchyard in good repaire . . . shalbe so maintained.
Hornton. Our church and churchyard is in good repair so maintained.
Witness our hands Tho. Hix Phip. Simkin.

26. 10 June 1693. All things well.

27. 1694.
Ouer church yerd is well Maunnded in. Ouer church is well in Repare. all Things are in decent order. and we find nothing presentable to our knowledg.
By us John Paull James Claredge Churchwardens.

28. 1704.
Our Church yeard is well mounded. our ffont is in Good Repare. the Leades of our Church are much decaied but wee are desired upon a Spedy Repare of them

Samuel Glaz William Lidyat Churchwardens.
Guardiani monentur semel ad reparandum Ecclesiam citra ffestum Omnium Sanctorum prox. et ad certificandum in in *sic* prox. cur.

29. 1702.
The Church yard is well mounded in and the Church and Chancel is in good Repare.
Samuel Glaze John Kinch Church Wardens.

30. [*n.d.*]
our church is not in very good Repare but wee are a Reparing it with as much speede as wee can. our font is in good Repare and our Church yard is well mounded in.
Samuel Glaze John Kinch Churchwardens.

31. 20 June 1704.
We have nothing presentable in our parish of Horley aforesd. but only y^e^ reparation of our church which we are now in doing & have already done part of it & shall finish it with all possible speede witnesse our hands y^e^ day & year abovesd.
Sam Glaze John Kinch Churchwardens.

32. [*n.d.*]
The Church yard is well mounded in the font is in good repare and according to ouer promis we haue allmoste Set the Church in prety Good Repare.
Samuell Glaze John Kinch Churchwardens.

33. 18 May 1706.
Horly presentments the Church yarde is well mounded in the Church is in Goode Repare only on parte of the ouer [*sic*] Ile the Ledes wante lasting which wee Speedly will Repare.
Samuel Glaze John Kinch Churchwardens.

34 to 39. 1707 to 1712. Nothing presentable.

40. 6 June 1713.
our Church yard is well mounded in. our Church is in Good Repare and all thinges theare unto be Longinge only the Chest which wee desire to haue Nue Soe wee haue Nothing presentable.
Samuel Glaze Samuel Grant Churchwardens.

41. 22 May 1714.
Our Church is in Good Repare only three Sheets of Leade which wee desire two haue laste very Shortly and our Church yard is well mounded in : only on part of one Side which he that ones the mound hath promises two Repare in a Sharte time. So wee haue nothing presentable with in ouer Liberty two the best of our Knolige.
Samuel Glaze Samuel Grant Church Wardens.
[*From* 1715 *to* 1735 '*nothing presentable*' *is returned.*]

HORNTON.

64. [*n.d. circa* 1620.]
Reverse. To the Minister and Churchwardens of Horneton. These are to will & require you to consider together of all thinges to be presented & to deliver the same to [Richard Cole—*del.*] Henry Smith the apparator before the xvith of March to be brought unto me. dat. the xxiijth day of ffebruary.
Oliver Lloyd Com.
Horneton. Item we present Ellen bryan for fornication by us John Palmer and Thomas Crafts churchwardens.
per me Johannem Savadg Curat.

65. *After* 85. 66. *After* 89.

67. [*n.d.*]
It. wee present the Death of Thomas Sharman. [*unsigned.*]

68. [*n.d. circa* 1620.]
Thomas Sharman a comen Drunkard. Harrie Busype wife karyeieth pescotts on the sabboth with her daughter A servant.
Tho. Leach had a mayd begotte with child. [*blank*] Dalby for a fame with his mayde called Annis Shacole.
Endorsed Horneton detectio Enquire of these.

69. [*Blank.*]

70. *After* 92. 71. *After* 92. 72, 73, 74 *after* 92.

75. [*n.d. circa* 1620.]

Inprimis Artycles concerninge the clergy we find no diffect but orderly executed.

Item the Articles concerninge the churche (except the third article touchinge glasinge) all obserued and that alsoe agreed for with the glasier and the glasse redye but not fullye finished, by reason of the late tempest.

Item concerninge Scolemaysters we haue note any besyds the ministre but one poore woman that teacheth petyes.

Item the articles conc: the parishioners & layte all well to our knowledgs voyd of publique Crymes.

Per me Johannem Savage Curat.

Willm mystre Willm Dalbie.

Endorsed To the right worshipfull Docktor floyd deliver thes.

76. 1610.

Inprimis we present unto your knowledge the Dicease of hughe Gemeets departed beinge a poore servant intestate.

Item we present Sible Greene & Jone Miles for vtteringe offensiue speches one to the other as report goeth.

Item we present for brech of the holy daye: Robt Carter, Anne Arne, Ales warde on S^{t} James Daye.

Willm Hyxe & Thomas Greene church men.

Richard Vincent sidsmane.

To Henry Smith parator at the signe of Talbote of Ireland his house deliuer thes with speed.

Endorsed. To the minister, churchwardens & sidesman of hornton These are to require you to make ready your presentments & to confere diligently together touchin the same, & to deliver the same unto Harry Smyth the Apparitor at Banbury to bee brought unto mee whithin sixe dayes after the receipt hereof dated at Oxford 4° Augusti 1610. Oliverus Lloyd Com.

77. presentatio gardianorum de Horton 20 die Martii 1609.

Item we present the death of Robert Tomson of Hornton Sheppard.

Item we present Hercules Saull of Horton to be married without banes And M^{r} John hath for the ffee vi^{s} 8^{d} of a lycence Ja. Smith

[Omnia bene at Horlie but M^{r} Paine—*added.*]

Jhon Howse John Giles gardiani.

78. [*Borton.* 4 *March* 1610. *Nothing to present.*]

79. 17 April 1610.
Whoe have nothinge to presente but that all is well.
John Howse and John Giles Church wardens there.
John Greene suffisen [*sic.*]

80. September 1611.
Item We have Omnia bene.
Thomas Crofter John Palmer Xpofer Syddenham.

81. 1 October 1612.
Horneton. John Gaburne Walter nix Churchwardens Thomas Sharman.
Inprimis we present John Symkyns and Elizabeth Lewes upon a fame of incontinencie as the sayd Elizabeth sayeth.
Item we present Hellen Compton cominge into our towne being great with child, to one Thomas Carpenter howse and their was deliuered.
Item we present William, seruant to S^{r} Anthonie Coope for plowinge on St Mathewes daye last past.

82. September 1613.
Inprimis we certefy that our church mounds with the roofe of our Church are sufficiently repayred.
Item departed since the last visitation Christopher Birde And Richard Andrews the one liued of the almes of [his] child and the other of the townes almes.
Item Edward Turton and Sible Greene for disturbing deuine service.
Churchwardens William Mister Christopher Arne.
John Savadg Curate. entred.

83. 26 February 1617.
Item we present Richard Carter buried the viijth of Maye in the yere of our Lord god 1616.
for any thinge we knowe his sonne in lawe Henry Gryme executor.
Edward Howse and William Wacke Churchwardens.
per me Johannem Savadg Curat.
on Mistris greene of horton do crave processe against on Nathaniell hitchman for mocking and deridinge in tyme of Devine prayer & at your comming yoe shale be paide.

84. 30 June 1619.
We present all well.
Christopher birne Thomas Croftes churchmen.
Will Darbye Sydsman.
John Greene Walter Cookhame churchmen [? *of Horley*.]
John Savadge Curate.

85. 16 March 1620.
We present Ellin byrde widdowe who died the xvth daye of decembre last paste and made her sonne Christopher executor of that shee hadd onely reservinge to hir sonne in lawe Willm Rastalle ij stricks of her Corne, what inventorye he hath made & taken as yet we knowe not.
Item we finde that Elizabeth mistre the wiffe of Willm [*sic*] hath absented her selfe from the church.
per me Johannem Savadg Curate.
William goodwin Walter nycholls churchmen.

65. [*n.d. circa* 1670.]
Hornton parish. Our Church is in very good repaire and our Churchard mounds. Our Towne come to church very well. Wee haue nothing to present at present.
Richard Crofts William Ebborne Church Wardens.

86. The presentment of the Church Wardens of Hornton in the County of Oxon made and exhibited at the Visitacon held at banbury ye 19 day of September Anno Dni 1672.
Imprimis we Present that our Church Churchyard and all things thereunto belonging are in good & sufficient Repaire and kept as they ought to bee.
Item. Wee present that wee have nothing else in our parish punishable by his majtes Ecclesiastical lawes According to the best of our knowledge.
William Hickes Thomas Palmer Churchwardens.

87. 20 June 1677. Nothing presentable.

102. 10 October 1678.
Imp. we present Thomas Hicks jun. for incontinency with one Sarah Hawtin.
Item we present the said Sarah Hawtin for being delivered of a female Bastard about August last begotten

on her body as is famed by the said Thomas Hicks.
Stephen Goodwin vic. ibm.
Thomas Hicks Carpter Gylkes Church war.
(*Oxon. c* 157. *f.* 280. 23 April 1679. [Thomas Hicks says] That one Sarah Hawtin of Horton aforesd was about Midsummer last delivered of a Male [*sic*] child & did charge this Respondent to be the ffather thereof w^{ch} he denyeth to be true but confesseth that thereof there goes a publick fame & report within the Parish of Horneton & other places adjacent thereto et submisit se &c. Ordered to purge himself with four hands, but seeks a commutation, which is granted.)

88. 13 June 1679. Nothing presentable.

89. 5 June 1680.
I present John Haskines for molesting me in my place in the Church.
Timothy Arne John Grimes Church Wardnes.

66. [*n.d. circa* 1680.]
Hornton Bill for the Church.
Item our Church is in good Repair our ffontt is in good Repare Ouer Church yeard is well mounded in all and [*sic*] Things are in decency and order and we doe ffin nothing Presentable to ouer knowledg.
Ambrose Gibbard Richard Banwell Church Wardens

90 and 91. 1681 and 1684. Nothing presentable.

92. 13 June 1685.
Impr. we present . . . Heron widow & francis Jephkins for fornication.
Item we present that our church & churchyard is in good repair.
Steph. Goodwin vic. ibidem.
Tho Hicks Phip Simkins Churchwardens.
(*Oxon. b* 61. *f.* 152. 26 May 1685. Both cited.)

70. [*n.d. circa* 1685.]
Hornton Bill. Ouer Church is in Repair. Ouer ffont is in good Repare. Ouer Church yeard is well mounde in. and all things belonging to ouer Church are in decency and

order to the best of ouer knowledg.
by us Thom Hicks Thom Phillips Church Wardnes.

71. [*n.d. circa* 1685.]
Ouer Church is in Good Repair. Ouer Church yeard is well mounde. Ouer ffont is in good Repair and all thinges are in dececincy and order and I ffind nothing presentable in my liberty to my knoledg.
by us Richard Arne Thomas done Churchwardens of Hornton.

72. [*n.d. circa* 1685.]
Item ouer Church is in good Repare. ouer Chanswell is in good Repare. ouer ffont is in good Repare. Ouer Church yeard is well mounde in and we find Nothing Presentonble to the Best of our knoledge.
Will ffinch Peeter Gilks Church Wardns.

73. [*n.d. circa* 1685.]
Hornton Bill. ouer Church is in good Repare. ouer ffont is in good Repair. ouer Church yeard is well mounded in and all things are in decency and order and we doe ffind Nothing within ouer liberty Presentable to ouer knowledg.
by us Thomas Hicks Carpenter Gilks Church Wardnes.

74. [*n.d. circa* 1685.]
A Bill ffor the Church being in Good orded [*sic*].
Item our Church is in Good Repare. oure Chanswel is in good Repair. ouer ffont is is [*sic*] in Good Repare. ouer Church yeard is well mounded in and all thines are in decency and orded and we doe ffinde nothin presentable to oure knowledg.
John Dauis Carpenter Gilkes Churchwardnes.

93. [*Blank.*]

94. 13 May 1687.
A Bill of the Imprimeses of Hornton.
Item ouer Church is in good Repair. ouer ffont is in good Repair and al thinges are in ouer Church in in [*sic*] decence and order.
wee present Richard Garuis for not paying his leuie

to the Church which is 13^{s} 6^{d}. and we doe ffind nothing more presentable within ouer Liberty to ouer knowledg.
Richard Arne Richard Giles Churchwardens.

[*The following are the only presentments made by the Churchwardens in their returns from* 1688 *to* 1734.]

111. 23 May 1704.
We present Elizabeth Gaskins for inconstan. [*sic.*]
Timothy Arne Richard Hicks.
(*Oxon. b* 61. *f.* 138. 29 April 1706. cited.)

112. A Transcript of all Christnings and Buryals in Hornton since the last visitation.
Hannah Palmer ye daughter of John Palmer was baptized June the 4th 1705.
Hester ye daughter of Rich. Garnar was baptized July the 8th 1705.
Sarah ye daughter of John Giles was baptized July the 15th 1705.
George the son of John Hows was baptized Decem. the 12th 1705.
Thomas the son of Tho: Hicks was baptized Decem. the 26th 1705.
Peeter the son of Thomas Gilks was baptized ffebr. the 25th 1705.
Mary ye daughter of Tho. Done was baptized Oct. the 27th 1705.
Jane ye daughter of Rich. Simones was baptized Sep. the 26th 1705.
Burials.
Elizabeth Denny was Buried June the 2: 1705.
Margaret the daughter of John Perkins was Buried the 3 June 1705.
Mary Clifford was buried December the 23: 1705.
Edward Waldin the Elder was buried Dec. the 27th : 1705.

117. 13 June 1711.
We present Mary Tompson wid. late of Horly & now of Horneton for hauing a Bastard Child & refuseing to discover the ffather thereof.
Thomas Dove John Grimes Church Wardens.
(*Oxon. b* 61. *f.* 133. 29 April 1712. cited.)

122. 13 June 1716.
wee present Ann Cox of hornton for having a Basterd Child as tis famed by A man of Newnum his name is Onn none to us.
Timothy Stone Walter Wells.

MOLLINGTON.

139. [*n.d.*]
The presentment of Molington our Chapell is in good Repair we haue nothing to present.
Richard Pettipher John pettipher Curch Wardons.

[*Presentments* 140 *to* 150 *are undated, but the character of the handwriting and the signatures of sidesmen place them approximately in the decade following* 1610.]

140. Thes are to certify that we haue nothinge toe present accordinge untoe the vertue of our oaths, and our knowledge but omnia bene.
By me John Man minister & precher of the word of god there.
Richard Robins William Russell Richard Robins [*sic*] Church Wardens.
Anthony Smith sidesman.

141. Mollington. All well. By me Ric. Macock Curat.
Richard Robbins Rich Elkington Church wardens.
John Knight sidesman.

142. Mollington. These are toe certifey you that wee haue nothinge toe present by the vertue of our oath but omnia bene.
By me John Man.
Edward Gubbins Thomas Claredge Church Wardens

143. Mollington parish. These are to certifey unto your wor[ll] that wee present Richard Claredge late decessed of Mollington whoe decessed this life and made noe will. noe other things as wee knowe but omnia bene.
John Man minister.
Thomas Claredge Edward Gubbine Church wardens.
Thomas Haynes Sidesman.
Endorsed All entered in a peece of paper.

144. Mollington parish to Cropereadye.
Accordinge to the Articles in chardge wee doe finde nothinge to presente by our Knowledges.
Edward Gubbin Clark.
Thomas Heanes Richard Downes Church Wardens.
Embree Blick sidman.

145. Mollington parish to Cropereadye.
Concerninge the Articles in chardge wee doe finde nothinge to bee presented accordinge to our knoledge.
by us Richard Downes Thomas Haynes Church Wardens.
Embree Blick Sidman.
our minister is not resident with us & therefore we have not his hand to our bill.

146. We haue nothing presetabell in the chappell of molington in the parish of cropredy we fiend as concerning of the church and churchyard and bells.
Ant woodwell Thomas Heynes.

147. These are to certifey you that we haue nothinge too present accordinge toe the vertue of our oths that wee know of but omnia bene, and I hope it will soe continewe.
By me John Man minister.
Thomas Haynes Thomas Linton Church wardens.
Thomas Claredge sidesman.

148. Mollyngton. All the Articles for ye Clergie well. the first Article touching the Church well. for ye Second we present our Church yard mounds not being in sufficient repayre. the rest well. for ye Laytie well.
Ric. Wright Willam Elkington Churchwardens.
Willm. Kilbe Sidesman.

149. Mollington parish. These are toe certifey you that toe our oth which wee haue taken, and toe our conscience, wee haue nothinge worthie toe bee presented which wee knowe of but omnia bene.
By me John Man minister.
Thomas Claridge Edward Gubbins Churchwardens.
entred.

150. These are toe certify you that wee haue nothinge toe

present accordinge untoe the vertue of our oaths, as wee knowe but omnia bene.

By me John Man & preacher of the word there.

Richard Robins William Russel Church Wardens.

151. 1609.

These are toe certify you, that wee present uppon a fame Rich Sandiver & a daughter of on Rich Robbins uppon a fame of incontinencey.

By us Edward Haynes Zachrias Richardsonn Churchwardens.

John Knight Sidesman.

152. 1611.

These are to certifey you that wee have nothinge toe present as wee knowe toe our knowledge by the vertue of our oaths but omnia bene.

By me John Man minister.

Thomas Haynes Thomas Linton Church wardens.

153. 1611.

These are toe certifey unto you that ther hath bine an infamey of fame upon Zacharias Richardson, conserninge fornication with on Anne Harise and therfore wee present them all though but a fame she beinge ever reputed a bad member, but the man ever well thought of with us: & soe hopinge you will deale well with him; we haue presented it unto your wor[1]: the woman is gone from us longe since: but the man is dwellinge with us: you shall knowe more at our Court & the man shall pay you your feyes: noe more but omnia bene.

Thomas Haynes Thomas Lenton Church Wardens.

Thomas Claredge Sidesman.

154. 1610.

Inprimis we present Elizabeth Macocke for a fame of incontinency with Edward Morbey beinge maried to an other.

It. we present Margerey Doy hauinge a Child by Rich Jonnson and hath not yeat don aney penance for the same.

By me John Man Minister.

Richard Downes Tho. Lambe Churchwardens.

Tho. Haynes Sydesman.

John Lambe Church Warden Thomas Henes
Sidsman [*sic.*]

156. 4 August 1610.
To the minister churchwardens & sidesmen of Mollington.
These are to require you to make ready your presentments & to conferre diligently together touching the same & to deliver the same unto harry Smyth the Apparitor at Banbury to be brought unto me within sixe dayes after the receipt hereof. Dated at Oxford 4 Augusti 1610.
Oliverus Lloyd Comm.
These are to signifey unto you that wee have nothinge to present to our knowledge but omnia bene.
John Man Minister.
Richard Downes John Lambe churchwardens.

155. 1620.
Churchwardens. Edward Heynes Zachary Richardson.
Tho. Knight sydesman.
They answere ther is not any thinge in ther knowledge to be now presented.

157. Mollington presentments. on the 25 of march.
It. Executor to M^r^ Edward Odell his death upon William Claridg Executor to his mother. [*sic.*]
Margeri dei for incontinency of a fame.
William Russell Emmery blick Churchwardens.
Edward Childs Sydsman.

158. Mollington in Com. Oxon. et Warw. Mar. 25^th^ 1623.
We haue perused the book of Articles and finde nothinge worthie presentment but as followeth. Impr. Elizabeth grevill gent [*sic*] deceassed. Otherwise Omnia bene. In witnesse whereof we have here unto putt our hands.
Jo. Corbett James Gulliver Churchwardens.
Thomas Claredge Sideman.

159. Mollington presentments made and exhibited at the Court held at Banbury in the peculiar Jurisdiction of ye Right Dean of Lincoln [*sic.*] by the Reuered Doctor Bouchier in the 19^th^ day of June 1669.

Imprimis our Chappell and Chappell yard are in good repair. Our minister Orthodox in iudgment, painfull in his place and for other things we have nothing to present but omne bene.

John Childs and Richard Paines Churchwardens.

160. 19 September 1672. Nothing to present.

161. 26 June 1677.

our minster is a very sober man pious and of a right faith, of Exemplary life and Conuersation. Our church is in suficient repaire the roofes well Coured the Seats well fastned and conuenantly placed as becometh a house of God.

John Bule Joseph Elkington Churchwardens.

162 and 163. [*n.d.* and 1678.] All is well.

164. 4 June 1680.

Imprimis our Minister is a very Pious sincear man. our Church is in good sufficient repaire. the roofes wel couered, the floores well Paued, the Windows well glazed and the seats well fastned and Conueniently Placed And all things so decently ordered as becometh A house of God and all other things are in good order so that we haue nothing at this time to present.

Leonard Symons Vicar John Haines.

165 to 168. 1682 to 1684. Nothing to present.

169. 3 June 1689.

We present Rebecca Bradley of Mollington for hauing a Bastard Child in Mollington, in witness here of Wee haue put our hands the day and year aboue written.

Anthony Robbins John Coleman Church Wardens.

170. [*n.d.*]

Our minister is conformable & carefull in the discharge of his duty. Our church and all things belongin thereto are in good repair. We haue all Books & Vestments required by the canons. We have no popish Recusants. We haue nothing that is presentable either by y^{e} Canon or Statute law according to the best of our knowledge.

William Elkington Edward Pettipher Church Wardens.

171. [*Blank.*]

172 and 173. 1693 and 1694. Nothing presentable.

174. 27 March 1697. by Oxfordshire App.

Tho. Haynes of Mollington for getting his Servant with Child her name is Eliz. Bithell.

Hen. Lucas of Banbury Chirurg. for having a Bastard by Mary Henshaw.

Eliz. Geardon of Banbury for having a bastard child and not telling the father.

Tyms.

[*Reverse.*] Sir,

I received your letter I will take all the care I can to helpe you to your use mony my Tenant promises to helpe in a fortnight time I had my rent I had bine with you before now but I am disipinted very much I hope I shall not make you stay long for it I take all care I can and rest

Your humble serv't to searve you in what I am able

John Ladyman.

Weston March 9th 1696/7.

(*Oxon. c* 157. *f.* 506. Sir acording to yo^{r} desier I haue maid enquiery after those matters you last Rit to me about and ye person that Thomas Haynes of Mollington hath had to do with her name is as I am in formed is Eliz Bithell of that town and the person that henery lucas Chirurgeon hath had to do with as I am informed is Mary henshaw and she hath had two by Report by the say Hen : so leave me to subscribe my selfe

sir yo^{r} most humbel Seruant

banbury May 10 : 97. Tho: Tymes.)

175. The presentment of John Turner church warden (together with John Tewe deceased) of Mollington in the parish of Cropredy, at the visitation held at Cropredy aforesaid on the 12th day of June 1711.

Our Church & Churchyard are in sufficient repair, and there is no Person Matter or thing that I know of presentable at this time by me

John Turner Church Warden.

A true & exact Abstract of the Register of Mollington above-written, of all Marriages, Christ'nings & Buryals

at Mollington from March 25th 1710 to March 25th 1711.

Marriages.

Mathias Butler & Mary Dewey were married on the 18th day of May 1710, The Banns having been Canonically published.

Thomas Smith & Patience Woodhull were married on the 25th day of June 1710, the Banns having been Canonically published.

Christnings.

Thomas Kilbye Baptized the 2nd of April.
Elizabeth Tewe the 5 of November.
Thomas Warr the 26th of December.
Mary Osborne the 7th of January.
Anne Elkiton the 18th of February.
Catherine Sandiford the 5 of November.
Thomas Westcarr the 7th of November.
Elizabeth Clarson the 31st of December.
Alice Osborne the 21st of January.
William Colman the 18th of March.

Buryals.

Catherine Read bury'd on the 30th of June 1710.
Mary Osborne bury'd on the 13th of December 1710.
Anne Wilkins bury'd on the 25th of January 1710.
Anne Clayden bury'd on the 5 of February 1710.

Witness our hands

William Treadwell Bull Curate John Turner Church Warden.

176. 5 June 1713. Nothing to present.

177. 1715.

Our Church with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging are in good repair, only the Porch which we have pull'd downe and are Rebuilding again.

So that we have nothing to present

Richard Stanton Samll Goode Churchwardens.

[*The presentments from* 1716 *to* 1734 *return* '*All is well.*']

NEITHROP.

198. The presentment of the Churchwarden of Grimsbury in the County of North'ton & parish of Banbury 7 July 1725.

Nothing presentable. Robert Ball Churchwarden.

200. Sir,

This may Certify that Robert South of Doddington in the county of Oxford did perform pennance in the parish church of Dodington aforesd. upon Sunday the 24th. day of June 1733 according to the Form of Pennance herein prescribed in the Enclosed.

Witness hereunto Richard Short Vicar.
William Mollieres Will Coles Church Wardens.

201. The Presentments of the Church Wardens of Banbury, Neithrop & Grimsbury in the Countys of Oxford and Northampton. 10 Sep. 1735.

We present Mary Lamprey a Widow for being lately deliver'd of a Female Bastard Child. Also Mary Harvey a Widow for being lately deliver'd of a Male Bastard Child. We present Mary Woodcock a Widow for being lately deliver'd of a Male Bastard Child. We present Joyce Lambert Jun^{r} Singlewoman for being lately deliver'd of a Bastard Child. Also Mary Shurley otherwise Shaw singlewoman for being lately delivered of a Bastard Child. We also present Anne Simkins of Nethercot Singlewoman for being lately deliver'd of a Bastard Child.

[We also present Samuel Sall a Weaver for being the reputed Father of a Bastard Child begotten on the body of Mary Woodcock of Banbury widow—*del.*] He has since comuted.

We also present William Bloxham J^{r} Butcher for being the reputed Father of a Bastard Child begotten on the body of Joyce Lambert singlewoman above mentioned.

Witness our hands W^{m} Greenhall Richd Towersey Wm Howse James Austin Richard May Church wardens.

202. [*Blank.*]

KING'S SUTTON.

205. [*n.d. circa* 1610.]

Thomas Maro for not coming to the Churche. John Adkins for the like and Richard Haddon for not coming to the Church. Braddertonn for a fame, one Widdow Halloway Daughter, John Wyatt the younger for going out of the Church in the time [*of*] Sermon and deuine prayer.

[*Endorsed*] To my verie lovinge brother in law Mr Henry Johnson at King Sutton giue these.

206. [*n.d. circa* 1610.]

Elizabeth Baker of King Sutton for incontynencye with George ffreebodye of Middleton cheynye as the fame goeth. The man is in Nothampton Courte.

Thomas Mydleton and The wife of Crosby a Taylor.

The woman that harboured ffishers mayde hath confessed upon examinacon that hee payed her keeping them. (Note Banbury.)

Quere for one Lawrence Edwards a sheaperd at Birton ; who married a wife out of Goring in Oxfordshire : for either shee was with child or she did not live in Goring.

John Haskey of Banbury can say somethinge to the fauer of Richard fisher : and touching a letter that came from the mayde to him.

entred.

207. [*n.d. circa* 1610.]

We doe present the death of Edward Chambers.

Wee present Richard Phipes of Charlton for refusing not [*sic*] to be swarne sidman being warnd by the parritor.

We present on John Thomas Pennman for being drunk.

We present William Thoms for a Common drunker.

We present John Pillie for the same.

We present Humpry Darbye for abusinge the Church wardens for askeing him for the old bell ropes

We present Edward Mills for disturbing the congregacion in the tim of diuine service. We present Michaell Clemens for the like.

George Jenyngs Henry Johnson Church wardens.
John Rawlins John Haynes Sydmen.
entred in the book.

208. [*n.d.* circa 1610.]
I doe present John Pillie of King Sutton for callinge me the said Henry Johnson knave and manie other ville words and the Widdow welles for the like.
By me Henry Johnson Churchwarden.
entred in a peece of paper.

209. [*n.d. circa* 1610.]
King Sutton.
Inprimis I doe present Richard Maule for coming late to diuine seruice on the saboth dayes and upon the last sondaye being the 22^{d} of September he departed the church at sermon and went to the alehouse giuinge very euill example to younger persons that there kept him company.
2. Item the said Richard, for a defamacon takeing the good name of Ezekiell Summers away saying that he was my man and that he went with me to sermons and that he came drunken home.
3. Item the said Richard for villifying and disgracinge me before a multitude of people the last sondaye but one, saying that I had done denice Capper wronge to present her for disorders in her house on the sondayes charging me that I caryed an enviouse and maliciouse hart, and that I should tell the iustices a lye of her, and of others.
This is the truth and nothing but the truth as I am ready to depose Being cald therto by your Worship. Your worships in all bounden duty and service
John Creek.

210. 1 March 1606.
May it please your worshipp to understant that we the Churchwardens and Sidemen of Kings Sutton do certifie you that the things in default in our parishe stand allreadie presented unto your worshipp And for that belongeth to us to Reforme we promise the performance of it betweene this and your next Court holden, or visitation. Thus kindly commending us unto you, Sutton Regis this ffirst of March 1606.
Yours to use John Leake John Carpenter Churchwardens.
Thom. Stoanie John Wittakers Sidesmen.
Endorsed To the Right Worshippfull M^{r} Doctor Lloyd these at his Lodgin in Allsoules in Oxon be . . .

211. 18 January 1609.

We present Edward Whitbie for being absent from Church the vi of August morning and evening.

We present Whitbie for being absent from Church the xiij of August morning and evening, the xx of August morning & evening, the x of Septem morning & evening, the first of october morning & evening, the viii of october morning & evening, the xv of october morning and evening the xxix of october morning & evening, the v of november morning & evening, the xviij of novem. the xxv of november morning & evening, the x of december morning & evening.

[Mr ddm that Thomas Hool was at Johnsons house—*del.*]

Mr ddm that John Warner being excommunicated is entertayned at woork with Simon wattes; John Leek; Edw. legatt; Richard Phillips.

a shepard died in Robinsons house. Humfry Genings of Sutton dead. Tomkins of Horley dead.

Pynok of Horleton to bee called: and Turton to bee excom. for a cland. mar.

Reverse. Presentatio gardianorum de Sutton Regis 18° die Januarij 1609.

Item we present Oswald Nedle of Sutton for that she [*sic*] had a bastard child among us not being married.

Item we present William Legate for that he had a servaunt departed his house with child.

Item we present Michaell Upstone for not coming to church orderly.

Item we present Mr Robynson for not coming to church orderly.

Item we present Mr. Robynson for not paying his dues to the church—xxvij^{s} iiij^{d}.

Item we present Thomas Robynson for not paying his dues to the church—xvj^{s}. iiij^{d}.

Item we present Thomas Seire for that we had no straw for the church against Christmas [neither at Hallontide nor—*int.*]

[*Added*]. Intelligo Thomas Searce our friend hath given strawe Yors Ja. Smith. si placeat tibi extinguatur.

John Heynes Robert Jeffs Churchwardens.

212. Presentatio gardianorum de Sutton Regis 19° die Martii 1609.

Item we present Humphrie Jenings of Sutton to be dead since the last visitation.

Item we present a sheppard dead at Mr Robbinsons house of Pirson but his name we knowe not.

Item we present ffriswith Robbinson dead with nothing.

Item we present Hugh Rogers of Sutton for railinge & scouldinge with the churchwarden for persoeinge his office.

Item we present Marie Needles of Sutton for Railinge & scouldinge in like manner with the Churchwarden for persoing his office.

Item we present Agnis Chapman of Sutton for Railing and scoulding with on of the Sidsmen and wishing his wiffe beinge now with child maye never be delivered of the said child. This she doth comonly with other neighbours.

Item we present Katherine Phillips for disturbinge hir neighbours in hir seate in time of Divine praiers.

Ther be certaine of our neighbors John Leake, Simon Watts, Richard Philips and William Legett who sett John Warner an excommunicated person on worke but we knowe not whether they be presentable yea or no.

Johannes Haines Robert Jeffs Churchwardens.
Edward Hanly John Rawlins Sidesman.

Endorsed. Examinatio Isabelle Bennett de Sutton Regis completa per me Jacobum Smith vic. de sutton predict. 19 die Martii 1609.

[*Two words illeg.*] dicit she dwelled last in London in crocked lane with Mr. Banister in Saint michaell his pareshe, And that she is with childe beinge not married And that it is begotten by one Richard Mills of Woolfford in the countie of Warwicke husbandman And hath promised hir marriage.

Sig. Isabelle Bennett.

213. 4 October 1609.

We The Churchwardens of Sutton & the Sidesmen do present as followeth. In primis we present Katherine Phillips of Sutton for not paying iiij^{s} dew to the Church by a leuie made &c.

Sig. Johannis Haines Robert Jeffes John Rawlines.

214. 23 June 1610.

We the Churchwardens & sidesman of Sutton Regis in the Countie of Northampton do present Frauncis

Leake of Kings Sutton for strickinge Roger ffrench of the same towne in the churchyard the same night you kept your Court in Banburye.

It. we present Hugo Holland and Deanes Holland his Wiffe for using M^r^ Smeth our Minister uncharitably as bid him kisse his horse under the taile and saithe the World was never merrie since priests wear married And sainge M^rs^ Smith wiffe to the said M^r^ Smith the first night she was married to him gaue hir selffe to the divell.

It. we present the said Hugh Holland for not Recevinge the Comunion at Easter last.

It. we present [*blank*] Castell for not Receavinge the comunion at Easter last.

sig. Eduardi Hanly William Barrett.

(*Oxon. c* 157. *f.* 461. 24 September 1610.

William Sanders aged 23 says; that in the whitsun week last on Thursday as he remembreth, the sayd Mr Smith minister comming along from his own house towards the church in the evening he sawe the sayd hugh holland & denise his wif rayle and use very disgracious words & tearmes towards the sayd M^r^ Smyth & amongst the same, the sayd denise called the sayd M^r^ Smyth reprobate & threwe stones at him & therewith dyd wound him & drawe blood upon his face which he affirmeth to be true . . .

Susanna Eles aged 33, butcher sayeth that about the thursday in the Whitsunweek last . . . the sayd M^r^ Smyth passing along the street . . . the sayd hugh holland and dionise dyd use many reproachfull words as reprobate & bloodsucker . . . & the said Dionise took uppe stones & hurt the sayd M^r^ Smyth and drewe blood on his face herewith & the said M^r^ Smyth desired the neighbours to take notice hereof & to bear wytnesse & soe went away quietlye . . .)

215. 7 March 1610.

We the Churchwardens & sidesmen of the parishe of Kings sutton do present Elizabeth Lambe for ffornication comitted with one [*blank*] Austin of Tadmarton in the countie of Oxford yeoman.

We present Ellen Brassett for Chidinge brawlinge & in words abusinge William Bett the subsman.

Edward Hanly Thomas Swayne Churchwardens.
William Bett.

216. 13 January 1611.
John Bix and [*blank*] Smith churchwardens of [?] Sawcott present We present Item Thomas Hanli and Denis Hill [was—*del.*] maried the second day of october [*added*—for incontinency befoer marriag.]

217. Presentment of the sidesman of Charlton in the parishe of King-sutton the 22 of May 1611.
Item we present John Adkins for not usually cominge to his parishe Church.
Item we present Richard Hardon for not usually cominge to his parishe Church for the space of 6 moneths last.
Item we present John Braileton for a fame of incontinency with katherine Hollowaye.
Item we present John Wiatt of Astroppe for goinge out of diuine pihir [*sic*] before all don to the ill example of others.
Item we present John Goldby for incontinency with his wife before mariade.
William Smyth Robert Glasse sidesmen.

218. 1611.
Imprimis I present Syr Richard Ingollsbee for not paying his levie xviij^{s} at xij^{d} a yeard land.
Item Robert Pargiter for the same ij^{s} a yeard land ij^{s}.
Thomas Riton and Elizabeth Scott for maryinge without a lycense and not asked in the church.
Henry Johnson Churche-warden.
Item I present ffrancis leake for strikinge Roger ffrench in the Church yeard upon a holiday coming from service vidzt giuing him a boxe on the eare.
Item I present George Gennyngs for contemptuously throwinge away the Ordinaries bille to present [and to remove old Skott—*int.*] when it was delivered unto him by the minister upon Sunday in time of diuine service vidzt the xiith of January 1611.
Henry Johnson Church Warden.
(*Oxon. c* 157. *f.* 446. 24 Mar. 1611. ffrancis Leake. A notice of his excommunication.)

219. 22 May 1611.
It. we present S^{r} Richard Ingolsby for not payinge xviij^{s} a church leuie.

It. we present Robert Pargiter for not paying ij^{s} by a leuie due to the church.

It. we present Henry Holcroft for not payinge vj^{d} a leuie due to the church.

It. we present John Pilly for a comon drunkard.

It. we present John Clements & George Toms for breakinge the church windowes the first of december in sermon time.

It. we present William Swift late of Sutton for begetting Susan Patrick with Child.

It. we present widdow Turland dead since the last visitation.

It. we present Edward Witby in matters of usury for extorintge.

George Jenyngs Henry Johnson Church Wardens.

220. [*n.d.*]

A new excon. for John Mamry, John New, Joane New, Agnis Chapman, Tho Clarkson, Margarett Stotusbury, ux Silvester, Lettice Hipkins.

Elizabeth Shaw of Hornton ad Respd. Judic. or L. excon.

A Remembranc to the churchwardens of Buckingham concerning Mamry and New so that Dews kepe them (being excommunicat) companye.

221. 12 June 1611.

I present Henry M^{r} Pargiters man, George Painter, William Toms absent from Divine prayer uppon Whitsonday beinge dauncinge and keping ill rule the said daie in time of divine prayer.

I present Thomas Tims, Thomas Phipps, John East, John Hall absent from prayers uppon Whitsontide daie.

I present John Pillie for suffering his servant to worke on maye daye in time of divine prayer. It. on Symon & Jude daie And for keping ill rule in his howse in time of divine prayer of the Sondaye after St Peters daie.

M^{r} Thomas Robbinson hath not yet paid his old levies.

I present George Genings for seinge John Pillie & others drunk & will not present them.

I present M^{r} Michaell Chambers for not payinge 3^{s} leuied to the church.

Henrye Johnson churchwarden.

The other churchwarden George Jennings is a good

fellowe & will not willingly present any thinge.

I present Deanes Holland of Sutton for a comon scold.

I present Elizabeth Pilly for the like.

I present Elizabeth Lambe for fornication with Thomas Austin of Tadmorton.

I present Richard Harris of Sutton for not paying xii^{d} dew to the church uppon levie.

I present John Newman for not paying xii^{d} of old levis to the church.

I present Robert Jeffs for not paying 3^{s} old levis to the church.

I present goodwiffe Williams for suffering people to drinke on the sunday after St Peters daie in time of devine prayer in hir howse.

I present William Whitwall for drinking on the sundaie after St Peters daie in widdow Coopers howse in time of divine prayer.

I present Deanes Cooper for suffering William Whitwall to drinke in hir howse in time of divine prayer.

I present Thomas Clark of Kings sutton for not paying ij^{s} levies to the Churche.

Henry Johnson.

(*Oxon. c* 157. *f.* 446. Schedule of penance for George Painter, John East and John Hall.)

222. 2 April 1611.

Wee doe present Edward Vint for a fame of incontinency with Ales Spencer als. Clark of Astropp in the parish of Newbottle.

Wee present M^{r} Edward Chambers for not payeing vi^{s} 8^{d} for breaking the church pavement to bury his child, being a custome of longe tyme.

Thomas Swynd Edward Hamlye churchwardens.
William Bett Rich phillips sidesmen.

223. January 1612.

Imprimis I present George Tombes and John Clements for breakinge the Church windowes at time of divine service 17° die decemb: 1611.

Itm Edward Whittbye for beinge a mediator in usurie aboue tenn pounds in the hundred.

Itm William Swifte for fornicacon and begetting a child of Susan Miller in fornicacon. Item Susan Miller for the like.

Item John Pyllie for being usuallie drunke.

Item the said John Pyllie for suspicon of incontinencie with Elizabeth Wells.

Itm the said Elizabeth Wells for the like.

Itm Robte Jeffes for not paying a leuie of xxij^{d}.

Itm M^{r} Edward Chambers for breakinge the Ile in the Church for buriall and not repaireing the same.

Itm Old Scott for lying in the Church porch and keepinge fire there to the annoyance of the people.

Item John Goulbie for begetting Johane Gibbes with childe in fornicacon before mariage. Itm the said Johane Gibbes for the like.

Itm the said John Goulbie for being maried Clandestinely to the said Johane.

Itm the said Johane for the like.

Itm A maide of Mr Thomas Robinsons begotten with childe and concealethe the father.

Henry Johnson Church warden.

224. 27 September 1612.

Imprimis wee present M^{r} Smithe for not reading the lettanie these sixe yeares or thereabouts.

Item we present him for admittinge M^{res} Pitt of Adderburye being excommunicated to devine service and to the communion and to the communion standinge.

Item wee present him for admittinge ffraunces leake being excommunicated to divine service.

Item we present him for not givinge sufficient warninge against communions.

Item wee present him for temerouslye administratinge of the goods of the widdowe Darbye.

Henry Johnson George Jennyngs. Churchwardens.

225. 5 April 1616.

Inprimis we presente M^{r} Thomas Robinson & his wiffe for not Recevinge the Communion this Esster.

We presente John Pyllee for not Ressevinge the Communion this Esster.

John Carpenter Thomas Toms Church Wardens.

John Jenyngs Sydman.

we certify that My Lady ffarmer will not derectly say she will not pay her leve : but she saythe goe on withe the besenes & she wilbe bountenfull. whiche we say is an uncerteine ground.

We presente Mr Thomas Leeke for not payinge his leve to the Churche.

John Carpenter Thomas Toms church wardens. entred.

(*Oxon. b* 61. *f.* 50. 31 August 1616. Thomas Robinson and Lady Farmer cited.)

226. 1 July 1616.

Imprimis we present the Ladye ffermer for not paying to the levie for the church.

Item we present Sr Richard Ingoldesbye knight for the lyke.

Item we present Thomas Robinson the Elder gent for the lyke.

Item we present Thomas Barker gent for the lyke.

Item we present the foresayd Thomas Robinson gent for his absence at Church upon the Saboth dayes.

Item we present Thomas Leek gent for not Coming to Church upon the Saboth dayes.

Item we present Richard Haddon of Charlton for his long absence from our Church on the Saboth daies.

Item we present John Lawrence of Astrop for not Coming to Church on the Saboth daies.

Item we present Robert Glase of Charlton for not Coming to our Church on the Saboth daies usually.

Item we present Richard Phipps of Charlton for not usuall Coming to our Church.

Item we present William Haddon of Charlton for not usuall Coming to our Church on the Saboth.

Item we present Dorathie Haddon & Susan Haddon for seldom coming to our Church.

Item we present John Yeomans for very seldome Coming to our church.

Item we present An Yeomans and Kinborough Yeomans for not usuall Coming to Church. Item we present John Gardner for the like.

Item we present Symon Watts for departing from Church from Sermon and going to the Ale house in sermon tyme and slandring the preacher and his sermon amongst the company there then present.

Item we present John Welche for a comon swearer.

Item we present Denice Cooper for sellinge Ale and entertaining Company to her house in the tyme of dyvine service on the Saboth daye disorderlye.

Item we present Robert Clemence for Departing the Church in tyme of sermon in shewe at discontent with somewhat. [*sic*]

John Creeke minister de Sutton Regis.
Thomas Swayne Churchwarden.
William House Thomas Warner.
All entred in the act booke.

(*Oxon. c* 157. *f.* 460. Robert Glase, Richard Phipps, William Haddon, John Yeomans, Ann and Kimborough Yeomans, John Gardner, Simon Watts, Denice Cooper and Robert Clemence. To perform penance in the church of Kings Sutton the first or second Sunday after the 6th of January 1616.)

227. 16 May 1617.

Imprimis we present the deaths of these partyes whose names are under written Ezekiall Sumers, William West, Richard Harris, Robert Kenwrick Esquire, Richard Phippes, John Hobleye, William Pen, Roger ffrenche, Ralphe Scotte, Anne Gullever, Georg Jenings, Mary Smithe.

Item we present Thomas Robinson thelder gent for not frequenting the parish church. Item we present Thomas Leeke gent for the like.

Item we present Anne Chapman for a Scolde, that wheras the Minister was attentive and waited at the Church Stile to meete a Corps and according to the form set downe in the booke of Common prayer to burye it: she contemptuously raginge, blasphemouslie swearing by the lords wounds and bloud, to his great greafe and the congrations, disturbed him as he was reading Diuine service at the grave. She Caused the men to Carrye the Course from the grave and swore that unlesse he would come into the Church and read prayers to it shee would bury him alive.

John Creeke minister Thomas Swayne.

228. 18 June 1619.

Kingsutton Presentments made by the minister and churchwardens severally according to the booke of Articles giuen them in chardge as followeth.

1. To the first we answer; we present all is well. Likewise we answere to the 2:3:4:5:6 & 7. To the 8th & 9th for catechising; our minister did catechise so long

as he could haue any to come and when no more came then he left; and therefore desire your worships aduice what to do herin for if we present any we must present all the parish.

10. To the 10th: 11th: 12th: 13th: 14th: & 15th we answer all is well. To the 16th: 17th likewise. To the 18th for mariage it is not our order that the maried couple doth receiue the communion the same day.

19. To the 19th & 20th all is well. To the 21 we answere and present the greate neede that we haue of our vestry for the churches use for the safe keeping of all the church goods which are in danger to be lost by reason we haue no place to keepe them in; the said vestry being still a temporall dwelling house which causeth much loathsome and noysome abuse in the Churchyard; not fitt to be so suffred in the places of christian buriall desiring speedy redresse; that the inhabitant may depart it otherwise we can haue no safe order for things about the church.

22. To the 22th & 23th we are repairing the Church and providing locks and keys to our coffers: To the 24th: 25th: 26th: 27th: 28th we answer we present nothing.

29. To the 29th for schooling without licence we haue no man, only women which will cause our minister to giue up teaching our children, their teaching being a hinderance to him that his pay is not halfe worth his laboure desiring to inhibit all women in the parish & for surgeons and phisitians we haue none.

30. To the 30th we know nothing to present. To the 31th for sports upon the saboth before the end of all diuine services for that day: we hope that abuse (if all officers would do their dutyes will be amended.)

32. To the 32th we know not certainly any that buy and sell upon the saboth: the like we say for the 33th article.

34. To the 34th for comunicants thrise a yeare we think halfe our parishe is faulty if they shall be presented, we crave advice.

To the 35 for our predecessors in doing their office, we know not whether they haue don their office or no, or whether they haue presented answering to euery article particularly or not.

36. To the 36th for toleing the bell for the sick there is no allowance or pay for it which we think if there be any fault therein that is it, and for ringing of bells at burialls

the custome is to ring more then two peales. [*sic*]

37. To the 37th for partyes excomunicate we present for so standing Thomas Robinson gent and Richard Swettman and likewise we present John Yeomans of Charlton for receuing an excomunicate knowne person into his house at a private comunion the sayd excomunicate being unknowne to the minister.

38. To the 38th we present Georg Kilbe and Marget House upon a fame of incontinency before mariage. Richard Sowth a shifter from place to place [lately inhabiting and livyng and received at the house of William Whitwell of Sutton—*del.*] the which Sowth is defamed with fornicacon with the daughter of Applin of Crowton : an assistant in bearing the said Sowth out, in impunity (that he might neither purg himselfe nor give satisfaction to the congregation) is Humphrey Justice of Sutton, the said Justice hath ben and is vehemently suspected to be a sower of discord betweene the minister and some parishioners and often together gave the ly to the minister with other bad speeches.

39. To the 39th: 40th: 41th we cannot define a blasphemer swearer or drunkard and therefore craue aduice (how to present such) untill the next Courte.

42. To the 42th for sorcery &c. some are suspected to haue sought to such and to haue entertained such for help in things amisse, which may easily be proued, but that such professe they haue x^{li} and such large summes of mony to spend to ridde the minister out of towne for so ioyninge in presentment. wherfore to answer to this we craue further respite ontill the nexte courte.

43. To the 43th and 44th we know nothing amisse.

45. To the 45th, we present Thomas Darby for departing his wife suspecting him to be gone with another woman liuing (as they say) in London.

46. To the 46th we signifie that Thomas Barker did not penitently revoke his error in dismembring the pew but to our thinking in a kinde of scornfullness causing laughter and sport in the chauncell at the same tyme.

47. To the 47th we know nothing amisse.

48. To the 48th we know of no other usury but ij^{s} in ye pound.

49. To the 49th we know nothing amisse : nether to the 50th only we present the death of michele Chambers.

50. To the 50th:51th:52th:53th:54th:55th nothing amisse.

56. To the 56th for terriers for lands or tyths to the parson or vicar we knowe of none.

57. To the 57th:58th know nothing amisse.

59. To the 59th: we haue no iniuncteons booke but will seeke to provide one.

60. To the 60th for the reading of the Canons he doth and likewise he fullfills the 61th and 62th.

63. To the 63th:64th and 65th we do not know any thinge amisse.

66. To the last we knowe nothing amisse.

Jo Creek.

John Haynes John Wyat Churchwardens.

Simon Watts Sidesman.

Notes. we desire a precept to us to make a levy for the repaire of our church, for people are so untractable we cannot well agree to it.

John Styles de Mollington for sorcery.

230. 1 May 1619.

Impr. we presente Thomas Darby for not painge his levies to the Church.

We presente the saide Darby for living and abidinge from his wife.

We presente Mr John Leake for not painge his Church Levy.

We presente Mr John Robinson thelder and Mr Thomas Leake for long remaininge excommunicated.

Edward Whitbee Edward Williams.

231. 9 April 1622.

Inprimis for the first article to the 26°, for ought we know all is well, and soe we present.

Item to the 26 arle concerning repairing of the churche chancell, steeple, bells &c. for our bells we certifie they are well repaired: and for bording our seats decently under foote they are not done for want of money: But we present dangerous decais about our Steeple top: with the pinacles, some of the steeple being fallen downe and the pinacles ready to fall, which if they doe fall they will beate downe some parte of the body of the church to a far greater charge: and these two next moneths are the time of the yeare to mend them which if they passe; it will be dangerous to come neere the steeple.

Item from the 26° arle to the 45° arle. for standing excommunicate 40 daies we present Mr John Leeke for standing excommunicate allmost two yeares; not accepting of absolucon though it wer tendred by the ordinarie; he was excomunicated for his not appearance at the court upon lawfull warning; being presented for detaining the church stock of mony to the sume of about iij^{li} yet unpaid.

Item to the 45 arle to the 64 arle for absence from Churche on the Saboths: we present Mr. Thomas Leeke for his often times absence and neglegence from Church on the Saboth daies since Easter last 1621.

Item from the 64 arle to the 92 concerning the aparitors office we present William Warton our aparetour for publishing our last presentments in our towne to the presented; and others in the towne before he sent them to our ordinarie, and thereby sett such persons as wer presented, to raile both against us and the minister, before the court came. for which we are much misgrieued, which is the cause we deliver not these presentments now to him.

Richard Adkins Willelm. Price Roger Jeruis Robart Wiat.

[*Reverse*] Right Wor^{ll}.

King Sutton. We haue according to your precept vewed ouer the booke of arles and haue presented all such things as by vertue of them we are charged (being hereunto annexed) desiring your worships fauourable acceptance although breefly written.

232. 10 September 1619.

Presentments duly considered and made by the minister Churchwardens and sworne men of the parishe for this yeare whose names are hereunto subscribed according to the booke of Articles giuen them in chardge upon their oath as followeth.

ffor the first article concerning heresies we haue not any.

for the second; for impugners we present all is well with us.

for the third; for ecclesiasticall [? courts] all is well.

for the fourth: 5th:6° & 7° for preaching: symony: sabaths & preachers all is well.

for the 8° & 9° for chatechising all is well.

for the 10°:11°:12°:13° & 14° for our ministers industry : conversation ; aparell : inocency and decorum in his service we present all is very well.

for the 15°:16°:17°:18°:19° & 20° for Schismes : ministers conformity: Communion: matrimonyes, diuine service: & visiting the sick we present all is well.

for the 21° article concerning Church: Chancell and vestry: We present John Darby and Lettice his wife for not auoyding but holding the sayd vestry from the Church haueing had a years Warning and more: promiseing to the old churchw : and sworne men to haue avoyded the same by our Lady day last, who els had ben then presented for holding it, and when the visitacon was past persisted to hold it ; and still doth make it a dwelling house ; with anoyances to the Church and Churchyard very bad ; besides at the times of holy comunion the Church hath great need of it ; as at all other tymes of the yeare for the well placeing of chests and coffers for the safe keeping of the Church goods, Bookes and ornaments decently to be kept besides other seruices in the yeare for [making fier for the plummer and ffor—*int.*] meetings and making levyes auoyding abuses in the Church and chancell : To which presentment we humbly craue a lawfull and speedy remedy.

ffor the 22°:23°:24°:25°:26°: 27° & 28° we present some defect in and about our steeple in some pinacles which we know not how to help ; besides the Church hath neede of washing or whiteing the plastering being so fowle and unseemly. But for bookes: Registring: processes: our vicredg and parishe Clarke we present all is well.

ffor the 29° article: specified als[o] in your worships precept, concerning Schooleing of Children ; So it is ; our minister, and vicar for the better encreas of his poore liueing, (it being very small) is very willing and desirous to teach and trayne up children as well in the principles of Christes true religion as in the rudiments of schoole learning, and therfore humbly desireth the benefit of the law in that behalf, before any other ; We therfore present Jane Toms of our towne who not hauing licence, ability or fittness to teach so long as our minister will, the said Jane being admonished by the last sworne men to desist (before the last visitacon saue one) and persisting then so to do : the visitacon being past she hath persisted in teaching without licence as aforesaid untill the date herof.

ffor the 30° Article : for misrule in the church or churchyard we have shewed in the 21° article.

ffor the 31° for sports on the saboths before the end of all divine service, since you gave your worships exposition upon the kings Ma^{ties} declaracon all is reformed.

ffor the 32° article concerning buying and selling upon the sabath day or feastivall day : we present a good reformacon for the Sabath day and for festivall days it is a thing never observed so stricktly with us from buying and selling : nor in the time of harvest to abstaine from laboring about corne ; for very few of the parishe but wee think are faulty herin and we pray your worship to direct us to present herein accordingly.

ffor the 33° Article concerning such as hinder or disquiet any in the church or churchyard there present to do service. We present Humphery Justice for disquieting the minister being present in the churchyard attending to bury a corps : the graue being made and the Corps being coming neare to the Church stile the said Justice came like a mad man to the graue and scrabled in the earth with his hands and feet into the graue and filled the graue halfe full of mould, Do what the minister could to resist him, and because the minister did resist him for filling the graue (the corps being at hand) the sayd Humphery shouldered him and abused him untill the Clarke came to stay his fury, for the which the said Humphery departed and went to a Justice of peace with false tales and swore the peace against the clarke and bound him : and prayd the peace against the minister and when the minister came before the Justice the sayd Humphrey was found false, as apeares by the written examinatons of the wor^{ll} Richard Cartwrite Esquire one of his Maties Justices of the peace at Aynoe, hath in keeping besides the testimony of diuers honest neighbours : the sayd Humphery being driuen by his best frends there present, in M^{r} Cartwrits parlour to confesse his fault and ask pardon. who did confesse it and asked forgiunes ; besides before this ; upon Saynt Peeters day past the said Humphery abused the said Minister in the open Street scolding and giuing him often times the ly in a contumelious manner for the which he was presented the last visitacon but not called to answer before now : nether was he pardoned before the justice of peace but upon condicon to answere here in this courte.

ffor the 34 article concerning communicating thrise a yeare There are 300 of the parishe that are faulty herein all whome we cannot name.

ffor the 35°:36°:37°: & 38° for the executing of offices: burialls: persons excomunicated all is well: as for bauds, fornicators and incestuous persons we cannot say certenly we know any. as for suspicions we are loath to trouble our consciences with such uncertentyes.

ffor the 39°:40°:41°: articles for swearers; we know not of any: for railers in the Churchyard we haue spoken before; for drunkards we know not who to call drunkard: therfore dare not present any by that denominacon.

ffor the 42° for witchcraft sorcery charmes for help for people and cattell, we can say some what but for the more perfecting of our presentment we craue time till the next visitacon.

ffor the 43°:44°:45°:46° for baptisme: gesture at comunion: unlawfull mariadges: all is well: and for doing penances none lately have refused it.

for stocks or legacies giuen to godly uses; such we haue but we cannot tell how they are employd: Article 47°.

for 48° for extorsions: all is well. for the 49 concerning Administrators we present the death of Edward Handly, Alice his wife being to take letters of administracon. [*sic*]

for the 50° selling churchgood all is well.

for the 51° for concealing any fame of any crime we know no fault.

for the 52° for perambulacons all is well.

for the 53° for levying xii^{d} for absence at Church: all is well.

for 54°: 55° for papists: and halfe recusants all is well.

for the 56° to 60° for parsonage or vicaradge: violating of laws: prayer weekly on working days & reading Canons all is well.

for 61° for Comunicants, for 62° for Chrestening: 63° for placeing in seats we haue placed some and the rest as soone as we can conveniently we will.

for the 64° for offending in selling ale on saboth day in time of service some ther wer. and wer well punished by the Justices of peace being called by them.

for the two last we know not anything amisse: but all is well.

John Creek vicar
John Haynes John Wyatt churchwardens.
I H S

May it please your Worship. our church custome for straw and hay for the seats is detayned by Mr ffranks and Tho: Hayns now farmers of the parsonage: we beseach you to take order for the restoring of it els we will present it.

234. 24 June 1665.

The presentments of Edward Rousam of King Sutton at ye Court holden theare June 24th 1665 of them that Refuse to pay the Clarkes wages as followeth

It. I present widoe haukins for 12 yeares	0.4.0
It. I present Thomas yeomans for on yeare	0.0.4
It. I present Edward Toolye for on yeare	0.0.4
It. I present Elizabeth Glase for on yeare	0.0.4
It. I present Lennord bradford for on yeare	0.0.4

[*unsigned.*]

235. The presentments of John Clements [one] of the Ch: Wardens of King Sutton in ye yeare 1665 as followeth

The Vicaridg house is allmost quite gone to decay otherwise all things are well.

Eliz Wordsworth practises as a midwife.

Jo. Clements William Wiatt.

See ye 2 papers 1 of Marriages 2d of Burialls.

Cite church Wardens of 1663 Jo. Pargiter & Tho. Pen to giue theire Accounts upon theire sequestracon. Exhibit 20 Julii 1666.

236. [*Blank.*]

237. A presentment by the Churchwardens of King Sutton att a visitation held in ye year 1669.

Imprimis we present that our Church is in very good repaire.

Item. That all things else to our best knowledge are in good order.

William Haddon Edward Williams Church Wardens.

238. Sutton Regis pec. juris. Decan. et Cap. de Lincoln.

The presentments of the Churchwardens of King Sutton within the County of Northon made and exhibited

the 27th day of June 1677 at the Visitacon held at King Sutton aforesaid.

Wee Certifie that our Church & all things belonging are in good and sufficient repaire & that upon due inquiry made wee find not anythinge presentable accordinge to the lawes Ecclesiastical of this Realme.

Witness our hands John Blincow John Harvy.

239. 1672.

Wee the Churchwardns of Kingsutton doo sartifey that wee haue nothing to present witnes our hands John Waltors John Haule.

240. The Presentments of the Church Wardens of Kings Sutton in the County of Northton made & exhibited at the visitacon held there before the Rt Worll Thomas Bouchier Dr of Laws and officiall of the Peculiar & exempt Jurisdicon of Kings Sutton aforesaid the 27th day of May Anno Dni 1678.

Wee present William Harris Labr for not paying his Rates towards the repaires of our parish Church being 2d. (Note. Solvit Rat. in Hospitio.)

Wee present Edward Chandler Mercer for not paying his Rate to the repaires of our parish Church being 1d ob. and for not coming to Church to heare Divine Service on Sundays & Hollydayes for these 12 Moneths last past.

Witness our hands Thomas Phipps Geo. Jennings.

The Ch. W. have to send in a Coppy of their transcript within a Moneth.

241 and 242. 1679 and 1680. Omnia bene.

243. 1 June 1683. Nothing presentable.

244. 26 May 1684.

Wee present John & Charles Butcher for not paying their tax to the Church being 3s.

John Blencowe Robert Jeninges.

245. 12 June 1685.

We present the Spire to be out of repaire. Wee alsoe present Our Chancell Windows for being out of repaire and not well glazed.

John Bett Thomas Grantham.

246. 21 May 1686.

Impr. Wee present Thomas Margetts ffirmar of the Impropr[iacon] of King Sutton for not repaireing the Chancell Windows being very much broken and out of repaire.

Wee present the Spyre to be out of repaire & desire that time may be given for the repaireing thereof.

Wee alsoe present the Parish Church for being out of repaire especially the Porch of the said Church.

Tho. Grantham churchwarden.

for as much there hath been Church Lands & houses belonging to your Church to the value of £10 per Ann. which hath been diverted & turned to the Ease of the parishioners for these ffive yeares last past by which means the sd Church is at this time grown to be ruinous that it cannot be repaired under the summe of £200 at least in Common Estimacon Wherefore the Judge Doth order that the present Church Wardens doe cause a tax to be levyed . . . *illeg.* of £100 and expend the same in the re[paration of the s]aid Church & in such parts as shall be . . . . to Certify thereof the next visit[acon . . .] at peculiar . . .

247. 13 May 1687. Omnia bene.

248. 3 June 1689.

Wee present Dorothy Jennings widow for not paying her rate to the Church being 8^{d} made in June 1677 for and towards the repaires of the church.

Wee present Thomas Watson for not paying his tax or rate being 4^{d} made the same time for the repaires of the Church.

John Bricknell Ch. Warden.

249. 6 June 1690.

Wee present that the staires up to the Bellfery are lately pulled down.

Richard Haddon Henry Clemmence. Ch. Wardens.

250 and 251. 1691 and 1692. Nothing presentable.

252. 9 June 1693.

The Church is in good repaire and wee know of nothing presentable within our parish saving wee present Richard

Gardner & Ann his wife for not paying the parish Clerk his accustomed Dues for being marryed out of the parish being 1^{s}.

Alsoe Wee present John Cooke Lab^{r} & [*blank*] his wife for not paying the parish Clerk his accustomed dues for being marryed out of the parish which said dues do amount to one shilling for the said Cooke & his wife to pay.

Edward Wyatt Richard Mathew.

16 May 1694 Emt cio.

253 and 254. Nothing to present.

255. 17 June 1698.

Wee present M^{r} Thomas Margetts Ten^{t} to the Impropriator for not repaireing of the Roofe of the Chancell being so much out of repaire that it raines in, & for not mending of the Windows.

Wee present Edward Wyatt for not paying of 9 Taxes made towards the repaire of the Church each Tax amounting to 10^{d} in the whole 7^{s} 6^{d}.

John Haynes Charles Wheler.

256. 2 June 1699.

Wee present Robert Taylor for not paying 5^{s} for breaking up the ground in the body of the Church to bury his Daughter.

Wee present Thomas Carpenter for not paying of accustomed dues 5^{s} for breaking up the ground in body of the Church to bury Thomasine his wife.

Wee present Ann Grantham wid for the like summe for burying her husband.

We present Richard Hadden for not paying his dues for burying of his wife in the body of the Church.

Wee present M^{r} Thomas Hester Sen. for not paying of Tenn Levys made for & towards the repaires of the Church amounting to the summe of 10^{s}.

Wee present Wm. Smith for not paying of tenn levys or Taxes made to & for the reparacons of the Church amounting to 2^{s} 6^{d}.

Wee likewise present Thomas Lovell for not paying his ten levys to the Church being 1^{s} 8^{d}.

We present Edward Wyat for not paying his 10 rates being 1^{s} 8^{d}.

We present Mr Thomas Margetts for not paying of tenn Rattes or taxes made for the reparacons of the Church being 1s 8d.

Wee present the widow Swain for not paying her two Rates or taxes being 2s—pauper.

We present Ann Samon for being lately delivered of a bastard Child & hath charged William Dobbins to be the ffather there of upon Oath.

We present the said William Dobbins for being the father thereof.

Charles Wheeler John Haynes.

257. 23 May 1700. Nothing presentable.

258. 13 June 1701.

We present the Chancell to be out of repaire in the leading of the Roofe and Windows. Wee have nothing Else presentable to the best of our knowledge.

William Gosse Robert Jennings.

259. 5 June 1702.

We present Richard Wadnell of Charlton for not paying his marriage dues [being 1s to the parish Clarke —*int.*] & alsoe the dues for the burying of his wife to the Clarke being 1s 2d and as much for his Brother according to Custome.

Wee have nothing else presentable within our parish.

Robert Jennings Wm Goss.

260. 14 May 1703. Nothing presentable.

261. 9 June 1704.

Wee have nothing presentable within our parish to the best of our knowledge saveing some who refuse to pay their Church rates.

Tho. Haynes John Phippes.

262. 22 May 1705. [*As* 261.]

263. 17 May 1706. Nothing presentable.

264. 30 May 1707.

Wee present Joanna Coles singlewoman for haveing a bastard child about a year & a halfe since. And Charles

Butcher labourer for being the reputed father thereof.

Wee likewise present the said Joanna Coles & Charles Butcher for liveing together as man & wife for the space of six Moneths last past it not appearing when or where they were marryed.

We present Tho. Davis for teaching Schoole without licences.

Thomas Hayens John Phillipes.

265. 21 May 1708.

Wee have nothing presentable within our Parish to the best of our knowledge saveing severall persons and land holders within our parish who refuse to pay their Church rates. Witness our hands.

Thomas Haynes John Phipps.

Compl. Mr Margaretts in redibus [*blank*] Maule farm[r] there is a Load of Hay due at Midsummer and a . . . at Mich. & a Load of Straw on St. Tho. day and [?a] Load of straw on our Lady day yearly for the use [? of the] seats in the Church which he promises for the fut[ure] shall be duely delivered or paye accordingly.

266. 7 June 1709.

Wee present the Windows of the Church to be out of repaire which we promise shall be repaired in a fortnights time.

Thomas Hayens John Phippes.

267. 2 June 1710. Nothing presentable.

268. 12 June 1711.

Wee have nothing presentable within our parish to the best of our knowledge (saving some of the parish who at present refuse to pay their Church rates.)

Thomas Haynes John Phipps Ch. Wardens.

269. 9 May 1712. [*As* 268.]

270. 10 May 1713.

Imprimis I present Michael Cole of Asthropp for not paying his Church rate being 4. 13. 4.

Item I present Wm Parish sen of King Sutton for not paying his Church rate being 2[s].

Item I present Thomas Bricklin of King Sutton above-

named for not paying his Church rate being 2s & 10dob.

Item I present George Parish of King Sutton for not paying his Church rate being 5s. 9d.

Item I present Robert Kerby sen. of King Sutton for not paying his Church rate being 9s 10d.

Item I present Thomas Kirby & Robert Haynes for not paying their Church rate being 3s & 10d.

Item I present John Wyatt of Sutton for not paying his Church rate being 1s 3d.

Witness my hand the day & year above written.
Thomas Haines.

[*Oxon. b* 61. 12 May 1713. William and George Parish, Robert Kirby, Thomas Kirby and Robert Haynes paid.)

271. 21 May 1714. Nothing presentable.

272. 17 June 1715.

Wee have considered the Articles given to us last yeare & do thereby finde nothing presentable within our parish to the best of our knowledge.

Witness Robert Kirby Nathll Kinch.

273. 18 May 1716.

The Presentment of the Revd. Mr Nicholas Smith Minister of King Sutt. in the Com. of Northton.

I present Jeremiah Tibbets for not Paying me my dues for the Burial of his Mother & hir ffuneral Sermon.

Witness my hand Nicholas Smith.

274. 12 June 1716.

Wee haveing duely perused the Booke of Articles lately delivered to us doe finde that we have nothing & person presentable within our Parish.

Richard Phillips Tho. Carpenter.

275 to 279. 4 June 1717 to 13 June 1721. All well.

280. 19 June 1722.

Wee present Mary Enock als Gurman of Boddington widow for being now great with a Bastard Child.

We present John Enock of the Parish of King Sutton a shepheard for being the reputed ffather of the said Bastard Child according to publick fame & the Oath

the said Mary hath made before Mr Humphrey one of his Majesties Justices of the peace for the County of Northton aforesaid.

Witness our hands George Clarke Edward Williams

281. [*Blank.*]

282. 23 July 1723.

Wee present Ann Kirby spinster for makeing a disturbance in the Church in time of divine service and wee have nothing else presentable within our parish to the best of our knowledge. Witness our hands

George Clark Edward Williams.

(*Oxon. c* 156. *f.* 4. 16 June 1720.

Ann Haynes als Kirby. The said Ann confessed that she had spoken several words against the minister for such she is sorry & promises for the future not to offend in the like again.

Soloman Heynes et Ann ejus ux. contra Saram Mountford uxorem Ishmael Mountford de Sutton Regis Laborer for strikeing the said Anne with a Bible near [to] the Railes of the Comunion table . . . *no note of proceedings.*)

283 and 284. 1724 and 1725. Nothing presentable.

285. 5 July 1726.

Wee present Martha Baylies singlewoman for being lately delivered of a Bastard Child begotten of her body by one [*blank*] of ffritwell.

Wee have nothing else presentable in this our parish to the best of our knowledge.

Geo. Bennett Joseph Tibbetts.

286 and 287. 1727 and 1728. Nothing presentable.

288. [*Blank.*]

289. 1729. Nothing presentable.

290. 27 July 1730.

Wee present John Lett for not accounting for the money due to Church Accounts for the house he now lies in being 20s. 0 due last Lady day.

Witness our hands Robert Carpenter Thomas Smith.
Solvit sum. 20^{s} Gardianis.

291 and 292. 1730 and 1731. Nothing presentable.

293. [*Blank.*]

294. 23 August 1732.
Wee have nothing presentable within our said parish to the best of our knowledge saveing that Mary Butcher singlewoman of this parish was in May last delivered of a Bastard Child begotten on her by Tho: Larkin.
Robert Carpenter Alexander Wyatt.
(*Oxon. c* 156. *f* 67. Mary Butcher confesses and a public penance is enjoined in the parish church of Kings Sutton the 30th of September next.)

295. [*Blank.*]

296 to 298. 1733, 1734 and 1735. Nothing presentable.

WARDINGTON.

[300 *to* 312 *undated. circa* 1620.]

300. The Church wardens and sidesmen of Wardington. William burrowes William Gardner Churchwardens. William Gill Crescent Wyte sydsmen.
Wee present John ffrenche for absentinge him selfe ffrom the accostomed plase and not bringeinge proviggion for the pressession.
Wee present Thomas ffrenche for the same. Wee present John Gardner for the same.

301. [*Blank.*]

302. The presentments of the minister Churchwardens and sidesmen of Wardington Willscott and Coten.
Wee presente the decease of Thomas Gardiner of Wardington.
John Parry minister.

Thomas ffrench Junior Esaye Mosse Churchwardens.
John Wadie Thomas ffrench of Coten Sidesmen.

303. The presentments made by the Churchwardens and sidesmen of Wardington &c.
Imprimis We present the death of William Eadon de Wardington and his executors to appeare att this Courte. entered in the book of acts & presentments.
Endorsed Cropredie the presentments of Wardington.

304. the Church Wardens & sidesmen of Wardentonn.
Wee present Robert ffifeilde for commitinge ffornication with Elen Kinforde aboute tow yeares agoe he not haueing the lawe, but shee have had the lawe soe for forthe as wee knowe.
William Gardner William Burrowes Churchwardens.
William Gill Crescente White sidemen. entred.

305. Wardenton. Thos. Key Junr Eliz his wife pos. Anad^{m}.
Jo. Harris Eliz his wife pos. a will.

306. Wardington. Marth the xijth.
Havinge Receiued a warrant to consider of all matters needfull to be presented we finde nothinge, but one Alice ffrench wedowe of Coton did decease the Last daye of ffeabruary and for what wee knowe alse wee my returne omne bene.
John Webb Sabyan Coles Church Wardens.

307. Wardenton Bill. June ye 2^{d}.
We have nothing at this time presentable.
John Webb John Langley Church Wardens.

308. Presentments made by the Minister Church Wardens & & sidesmen of Wardenton, Williamscott & Cotton otherways Coats.
Imprimis Thomas Gibbins of Williamscot late deceased.
It. Anice Sabin of Wardenton late deceased.
William ffulidge.
Richard Coates Richard Timcocks Church:
William Burrows Richard Hall Sidesmen. entred.

309. Presentments made by the Mynister, Church Wardens & Sidsemen of Wardenton whose names are underwritten.

Inprimis We presente Thomas ffrench & his wife for that they goe usuallye from there parish Church at eueninge prayer, being warned & likewise enioyned the Contrarye last Courte.

It we presente Thomas Gubbin for the like.

It we presente Tymothye Henrye & his wife of Williamscott for the like.

It we presente Thomas Gardner of the same towne for the like.

It we presente Alexander Hasslewood for the like.

It Thomas Robinson for the like.

William ffulidge minister.

Richard Coale Richard Timcocke Church Wardens.

William Burrowes Richard Hall sidesmen.

entred in the act booke.

310. Wardington and Williamscott and Coates.

Imprimis wee present Peter ffrench and his wife, shee being with childe by him before they were marryed.

Itm wee present the same partyes for not signifying to us the place where and tyme when they were marryed.

Itm wee present Simon Lucas and his wife for the default & offence aforenamed comitted in a higher degree who having Deflowred a maid servant of M^{r} Chambers afterwardes marryed another which is now his wife, being allsoe with Childe and by report delivered before they were marryed.

Itm wee present John Gardner and Elizabeth Taylour weedowe which were taken in adultery comitting the act by the wife of the aforsaide John Gardner as shee affirmeth.

Itm wee present the aforesaide John Gardner for detayning money due to the Church being seaven shillinges two pence.

Item wee present Thomas Morrys for the same default detayning 7^{s} 6^{d}.

Itm wee present Thomas Pargeter for the same default arising to 3^{s}.

Item wee present Rodger Colling for the same default arising to 1^{s}. 4^{d}.

Itm wee present John Gardner aboue named for refusing carriage with his neighbours of Timber for repayring the Church.

Itm wee present Alice Muddin for not receiving the Communion this last Easter. Postremo wee present the whole parish for not aggreeing to repaire the Seates in the church lying undecently and out of order.

By us John Coollman Edward Gyles Church Wardens.

Robt Wyllkins Robert Gardner Sydesmen.

311. The Bill of Presentment for the Chapel of Wardenton in ye Parish of Cropredy.

We have none refuse to come to Church & our Church is in very good repaire ; onlye one seat, which is in dispute, whether the owners or churchwardens ; ought to repair ; which according to your order shall be in good repair against the next Court.

Daniel Fifield John Web.

312. A bill of presentmentes made by the Minister, Churchwardennes and sidesmen of Wardington, Willscoate and Cotes.

Inprimis wee present John Gardiner for the disturbinge of devine service he beeinge excommunicate.

Item wee present Margery Gardiner his wife for givinge out undecent wordes in the Church in devine service againste the Churchwardennes for they executing of theire office.

Item wee present Thomas Gardiner of Wardington of the over end of the towne, for his absence from the church.

John Clarson min.

Clement Hill William Gill churchwardens.

Crescent White Thomas ffrench sidsemen.

313. 7 April 1606.

Imprimis we present Thomas Russell and Barbery Taylor for their mariage without our knowlidge.

Item wee present the sayd Barberry uppon report as being with child befor she was marryed.

Item we present Robert Taylor her father for suffering her (being so famed) before lawe was executed to depart out of his house.

Item we present Alce Cleave lying in Childbedd at Peter ffrench his house in Cotes being reported to be unmarryed.

Robert Chamberlaine minister.

Ed Eyles John Colman [*?churchwardens*] Robert Wilkins Robert Gardner [*?sidesmen*].

314. September 1610.

We doe presente Matthewe Harris for incontinencie with Elizabeth Clarke before marriage.

Walter Calcot Richard Tincocke churchwardens.
John Wadye Edward Helie sidemen.

315. [*n.d. circa* 1610.]

The presentmentes of Wardington agreed uppon by the minister, Churchwardens and sidsemen.

Inprimis wee present John Bull dwellinge in Banbury parish for not payinge a certaine due ij^{s}—viij^{d} belonginge unto us as hee had land in Wardington.

Item wee present John ffifeild the younger for not payinge a due belonging to the Church beeinge demaunded by the Churchwardens.

Item that William Coleman of Wardington bring in his mothers will.

per me Johannem Clarson minister ibidem.
Churchwardens Thomas Gubbin William ffifeild.
Sidesmen Robert Taylor Thomas Collins.

316. [*n.d. circa* 1610.]

The presentments of Wardenton agreed uppon by the minister, church wardens and sidsemen.

Imprimis wee present Robert Baker allias fiffeilde & Ellen Kinford for fornication.

Item wee present Crescent White for working uppon St. Bartholomew day.

Item wee present Ellen Bleeke, John Coleman & William Coleman for not accompanyinge the rest of their neighbours in providing a drinking at the time of our preambution as in former time it hath beene accustomed.

per me Johannem Clarson minister ibid.
Churchwardens Walter Calcot Richard Tincocke.
Sidsemen Edward Helye John Wadie.

317. September 1611.

Wee the Church Wardens of Wardenton & Cotes whose names are underwritten doe presente thexecutors or administrators of John Lambert decessed.

Sabyan Coles John Webb.

318. 30 September 1611.
Wee present Joab Gilkes for a fame of fornication with one Anne Astwell of Shotswell in the Countye of Warwicke.
John Webb gard.
Roger Gardner John Webbe assess.

319. Wardenton. S[r] since the last retourne of our precepts ; we haue nothinge to presente but wee may honestly and iustlye retourne, Omnia bene.
Th. Hill Curatt.
Thomas Gubbin Thomas Gardner Church Wardens.
John ffifild William Kench Sydesmen.
[*Endorsed* April 1613.]

320. 1619.
Item wee present not any thing sence the last Court sed Omnia bene.
William ? Asletche minister.
John Coleman churchwarden.
Clement Hill Albon Bull sydsmen.

321. 22 February 1619.
Richard Haull John Coleman Churche wardens.
We present Thomas Tossell for contendinge in the Churche on the Sabboth dayes about a seat with William Kench, master smithe and Rychard Tymcoke whiche the haue quietly held.
and Sinc the Last Court master Smithe hath inlarged and made two Seats makinge Rome suffiitient for fiue or syxe.
we present Thomas Gubbin the yonger for erecting a Seat for his wyffe a Joyninge to the ministers seat whom Richard homfres claminge the place.
(*Oxon. c* 157. *f.* 205. Thomas Tossell to perform penance the first or second Sunday after 10 March 1620.)

322. Wardington. 7 March 1620.
John Clarson minister.
Richard Timcocke Edward Hely Churchwardens.
Walter Calcot John Wadie Sidsmen.
Wee present the will of Mathew Harris deceased his wife executrix for the probate. Wee present the death of Hawtin intestate.

323. 1620. Wardenton.

Thomas Gubben Wam fyfeld als baker Churchwardens.

Thomas Collins Robert Tayler Sydesmen.

Comparere omnes. They answere ther is not any thinge now to be presented, but that they delyvered unto the parryter Harry Smythe all that was Then to be presented, but a weeke past.

324. Wardinton bill. presentments made by the minester and Churchwardens & sidemen Ano dni 1620.

Wee present Thomas Gubbin the younger for goeinge to carte on mickallmus daye. Wee present Cristover Tidnam for the same. Wee present Phillope Morris for the same.

Wee present Thomas Gubbin the elder for the same but he went not to carte untill after eueninge praier.

Wee present Thomas Russh for not keepinge his parrish Church.

Wee present burde of Williamscott for the same.

Wee present Miles of Williamscott for incontinensie with his wyfe before marriage.

Thomas Norbury Cu:

Clement Hierns Richard Hall William Gardner William Henley.

(*Oxon. c* 157. *f.* 204. Thomas Gubbin the younger, Thomas Gubbin the elder and Miles to perform penance the second Sunday after 30 April 1621.)

325. 16 September 1621.

Wee present M^r^ Thomas Robinson late of Purson for a vehement suspicon of incontynencie with Ales Taylor of Cotten.

Sabyan Coles Clement Hiernes George Calcott W^m^ Corbett.

326. 29 April 1622.

The presentments of the minister, Churchwardens and sidesmen of Wardington, willscott and Coten.

Wee present Thomas Gubbin the elder for disgracing our minister openlie in church afore all the parish at morning prayer upon a Sabbath daye without anie lawfull cause at all.

We present the same Thomas Gubbin for slandering

the ministers which serued heretofore at our parish in saying that some of them were both Drunkards and whoremasters.

Wee present him alsoe for calling the churchmen base fellowes for dischardging there conscience in presenting things amisse.

The same Thomas Gubbin also after all these wrongs offered to our minister by him, soe lightlie esteemed of him that he reported that he did not care a fart for him which our minister taketh more unkindelie then all the wronges that he had done him.

John Parry minister ibid.

327. 1622.

Wee the minister churchwardens & sidesmen of Wardenton whose names are here under written by this o^{r} byll made this six and twentith daye of September do present as followeth

Inprimis we presente those whose names are next underwritten for bringinge in nether bread nor drinke to the perambulation.

Richard Humfris John Coleman Thomas Tossell.

Item we present Richard Humfryes & Thomas Gubbin thelder for refusinge to paye their Leavyes for the church.

Item we present M^{res} Gorstelowe & John Webbe of Wardenton for that betwixt them the church dues are deteined & refused to be payde.

Item we present Thomas Gubbin the elder for charging our minister wrongfallie with false doctrine and for reporting absolutelie that he toulde a lie in the pulpet and for threatening to complaine upon him to the iudge of the assise for these pretended causes.

John Parry minister.

Tho: Gubbin Ju: Robert ffifild Churchwardens.

Robert Tayler Willm Kentch sydesmen.

S^{r}. our last Churchwardens: not executinge their office to gather upp their levyes: notwithstandinge that thee had layde out of their purses xx^{tie} or xl^{s} more then thei had gathered upp : payde themselues out of other monye that did belonge to the parish : being deliuered them by a third man in whose hands yt was. And nether collected the money due : nor presented the parties that were to paye : Now we desyr to be resolued by yo^{r} worshipp

whether it Concerns us: And who herein is to be presented.

328. Wardington Churchwardens bill for the Ecclesiasticall Court holden at Banbury upon the Ninth day of June Anno dni 1669.

Wee Whose names are subscribed doe Certifie that wee haue nothinge to present at this time to our knowledge.

[*unsigned.*]

329. Wardenton Bill May y^e^ 27 at the Court holden at Cropredy Anno dni 1678.

Our church is in good Repair. We have no conventicles within our Jurisdiction nor Papists. All things are in good order and therefor nothing at this time presentable by

John Lord Philip Coleman Church Wardens.

330. Wardenton Bill for the Court holden at Cropredy June the 12th 1679.

Our Church is in good repair. We have no Conventicles nor Papists nor any thing to be presented at this time.

Clement Hirons Thom. Gardner Church Wardens.

331. Wardenton Bill for the Court Holden at Cropredy June the 1^st^ 1683.

Our Church is in good repaire. We have no conventicles nor papists within our liberty nor any thing at this time to be presented by

Thomas Torshell William Healy church wardens.

332. [*Blank.*]

342. 4 June 1697

Our church and bells are in good repair & order onely the seats which are out of repair shall be mended & we have nothing at this time presentable witnes our hands

John Langley John Wady.

343. 2 June 1699.

Our Church & Bells are in good repair only some seats are out of repair but are some of them repairing & the

rest will be repaireing as soon as can be convenient so that we have nothing at this time presentable.

Edward Eden Job Lord Church Wardens.

344. 30 June 1701.

Our Church & bells are in good repair & our seats are repairing and will be repaired before next court.

Our leads & windows are in very good repair & so we have nothing to present.

Edward Woollams Richard Hancock.

345. 5 June 1702.

Our Church & bells are in good repair & most of our seats are made new & the rest shall be repaired very suddenly so that we have nothing at this time presentable.

Philip Coleman Michaell Bayley Church Wardens.

346. 14 May 1703.

Our Church Seats, windows & bells are in good order & we have nothing to present onely Matthew Cox of Williamscott for refusing to pay Richard Short Clark his wages being 4^{d}.

Thos Torshell Matthew Page Church Wardens.

347. 9 June 1704.

Our Church is repaireing & our seats & bells windows & leads are in good repair & we have nothing to present but Hannah Lord of Wilscot for having a bastard child.

Francis Stanier Vicar.

Edward Gyles [*blank*] Hirnos [*sic*] [*Hirons*] Churchwardens.

[*The following are the only items presented from* 1705 *to* 1734.]

365. 12 June 1724.

Wee present Elizabeth Makepeace who never has done penance for have a Bastard & we present John Wilkins for being the reputed ffather thereof.

William Stacey Richard Humphris.

(*Oxon. c* 156. *f.* 19.

6 July 1725. John Wilkins. Case continued.

f. 26. 5 July 1726. quaesit 18 die Junii ult. *No proceedings.*)

367. 5 June 1726.

Wee present William King of Coten for being the reputed ffather of a Bastard Child begotten on the Body of Jane Cooke of Coten, we have nothing else presentable to the best of our knowledge. Witness our hands

Will. Langley John Gardner Church Wardens.

(*Oxon. c* 156. *f.* 26. 5 July 1726. Jane Cooke appeared and confessed. To perform public penance in the parish church of Wardington on the 24 July next.)

371. 28 July 1730.

We present Samuel Gubbin of Wardenton and Elizabeth Pen of the same Committing the Crime of ffornication.

John Coleman Joseph Lord Church Wardens.

(*Oxon. c* 156. *f.* 42. 5 May 1731. Samuel Gubbin confessed. To perform public penance in the chapel of Wardington the 6 of June next.)

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