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## INTRODUCTION

### I

THE documents printed in the following pages have been transcribed from leaves at the beginning and end of two volumes which contain a monastic Breviary, now in the possession of Mr. J. Meade Falkner, Fellow of Hertford College, Oxford, and Librarian to the Dean and Chapter of Durham Cathedral. From internal evidence it will be proved below that the manuscripts were originally written for the Benedictine Abbey of Muchelney where they remained till the dissolution. Their later history is soon told. Like the Muchelney chartulary, which provided the subject-matter of the fourteenth volume of the Somerset Record Society's publications, they passed with the monastery, at the dissolution, into the possession of Protector Somerset and were deposited at Savernake Park. On the extinction of the elder line of the Seymour family, they went with the property to Elizabeth Seymour, wife of Thomas Bruce, 2nd Earl of Ailesbury, and remained till within recent years in the possession of that family. Both volumes have the bookplate of arms of Robert Standish Sievier, who married Mabel Emily Louisa, daughter of Hon. George John Bruce, eldest son of Ernest Augustus Charles Bruce, 3rd Marquis of Ailesbury.

The manuscripts have once before been used for the history of Muchelney Abbey, for there is not the least doubt that they are the "two very ancient parchment books" which were lent by Lord Charles Bruce, son of Thomas, 2nd Earl of Ailesbury, to Thomas Hearne the antiquary. The twenty-one deeds extracted therefrom for the preface to his edition of

Adam de Domerham's *Historia de rebus gestis Glastoniensibus*<sup>1</sup> occur in the volumes now used, in the order in which they were printed by him, and his extracts from the calendar are identical with the entries inserted by later hands in the calendar of the Breviary. Apart from Hearne, however, no antiquary or historian seems to have had access to the volumes. The extracts relating to Muchelney in Dugdale's *Monasticon*<sup>2</sup> have been copied from Hearne's work. The Rev. E. H. Bates-Harbin evidently had not seen them at the time he edited the Muchelney chartulary,<sup>3</sup> and, still more recently, the editors of the *Victoria County History of Somerset* have made no use of the manuscripts in their account of the abbey. In his preface to the *Memorials of Henry V* (Rolls Series, 1854), C. A. Cole has printed<sup>4</sup> Abbot Bracy's adaptation of the *Te Deum* to the praise of the Virgin, from "an ancient MS. belonging to the Abbey of St. Mary at Glastonbury, and now in the possession of the Marquis of Aylesbury." His transcript, however, is identical with No. 6 in the present volume, and it is probable that he took the work at second-hand from Hearne,<sup>5</sup> and that the ascription to Glastonbury is an error caused through the appearance of the printed text in a book otherwise devoted to that abbey.

As will be seen from a glance at the list of contents, the number of additional entries inserted in the two-volume Breviary is one hundred and eighty-two, of which but twenty-one were printed by Hearne. Of the remainder, eight, including chiefly those relating to the manor of Downhead in West Camel, occur also in the Muchelney chartulary; and a few others, about ten in number, which have no special reference to the abbey, have been previously printed from other sources. Apart from these the present volume provides entirely new material for the history of the monastery. Where-

<sup>1</sup> Ed. 1727, pp. xxxiv, lxvii–xcvii.

<sup>2</sup> Ed. 1817, ii, pp. 358–359.

<sup>3</sup> See S.R.S., xiv, p. 2.

<sup>4</sup> Preface, p. lxi.

<sup>5</sup> p. xxxiv.

as the chartulary consists mainly of transcripts of deeds earlier than 1300, the manuscripts here edited relate almost exclusively to the period commencing with the rule of John Henton (1305-1334) and terminating on the eve of the dissolution. The present volume, therefore, supplements, in a welcome manner, the information provided by the fourteenth volume of the Somerset Record Society's publications, and throws new light on what has hitherto been a most obscure period in the history of the abbey.

## II

The body of the two volumes to which the memoranda here printed have been added is a breviary with twelve lessons for Sundays and other double feasts, divided as follows :<sup>1</sup>

Vol. I. (a) Temporale, Advent—25th Sunday after Trinity. A leaf has been inserted after f. 19 containing a *pica* or pie (directions for services) for the third week in Advent. Notes in the hand of Abbot John Scherborne,<sup>2</sup> accompanied by his monogram, occur on this folio and throughout the volume. At f. 45b is a commemoration of the deposition of St. Egwin (30 Dec.), and on f. 62 is the office “In dedicacione ecclesie.” There is no office for Corpus Christi. ff. 1-271.

(b) “Exorzismus salis” (et aque). ff. 271-272.

Vol. II. (a) Psalter, followed (f. 80) by the usual Canticles, Litany, etc. In the Litany are double invocations of SS. Peter and Benedict, and included among the Saints are Decuman, Egwin, Wulfstan and Congar, the last two in the margin. A later (? 15th cent.) hand has inserted “Sancta Anna ij” at the beginning of the Virgins. ff. 1-90.

(b) Commendacio Animarum. f. 90.

(c) Office of the Dead. f. 91b.

(d) Sanctorale, St. Andrew—St. Saturninus. Included

<sup>1</sup> I am indebted to my colleague, Mr. A. J. Collins, for the description of the liturgical contents of the two volumes.

<sup>2</sup> See his signature in Brit. Mus. Royal MS. 7A. ii, f. 3.

are offices for the feasts and translations of SS. Benedict (ff. 145*b*, 193) and Andrew (ff. 98, 167*b*), the feast of S. Decuman (f. 226*b*) and "In commemoratione sanctorum reliquiarum" (f. 252); also collects for SS. Edwold (f. 211*b*), the translation of Egwin (f. 233), Antony of Padua (f. 175*b*), Francis (f. 248*b*), Victor (f. 195*b*) and Theodoric (f. 256*b*). ff. 98–285.

(e) *Commune Sanctorum.* ff. 285–326*b*.

(f) Lessons for the Blessed Virgin, SS. Peter, Paul and Wulfstan. ff. 326*b*–330*b*.

The gatherings are normally of twelve leaves, with catchwords.

### III

The connection of our manuscripts with Muchelney is obvious from a mere glance at the contents of the deeds inserted in them and printed in the following pages. A study of the calendar, which occurs in the second of the two volumes, moreover, shows that the Breviary itself must have been originally written for the abbey. In an essay at the end of the present volume the Dean of Wells has shown its liturgical connection with Somerset, and the entries, in the original hand, of the Commemoration of Relics in October as at Wells, and the dedication of Muchelney on the 7th January enable us to fix the provenance of the manuscripts with certainty. Moreover, a number of non-liturgical additions to the calendar have been made in hands dating from the fourteenth to sixteenth century, which prove that the manuscripts must have remained in the possession of the abbey till the dissolution.

These later entries, if exception be made of the reference to the Battle of Tewkesbury on the 2nd May,<sup>1</sup> fall roughly into three groups: (a) dedications of churches, (b) notices of installations, elections and obits of officials of the monastery and obits of their relatives, (c) obits of benefactors and tenants.

<sup>1</sup> The date is wrongly given as 2 May 1470.

Under the first heading, in hands of the fourteenth century, are the dedications of Ilminster on the 29th January, and of the Chapel at Drayton on the 13th February, of which the former was a prebend appropriated to the abbey, and the latter a chapel annexed to the parish church of Muchelney. The appearance of the dedication of Curry Rivel (18th Feb.) in a Muchelney calendar is easily explained by its proximity to the abbey and by the close relations which existed between the abbots and the De l'Orti family and their successors, Lords of Curry Rivel.<sup>1</sup> The reasons, however, for the insertion of a series of three entries in one and the same hand on the 3rd, 4th and 6th of February is much less obvious. The first of these—the dedication of Ilton near Ilminster—may, as the Dean of Wells suggests, be an indication of a close link between the two small abbeys of Muchelney and Athelney, the manor of Ilton at this time being in the possession of the latter abbey. In support of this contention it may be pointed out that the note is in the same hand as the entry of the “Feast of St. Athelwyn, Confessor at Athelney,” at the date 18th September. Bere, the dedication of which is given as 4th February, may be Beer Crocombe, 5 miles north-west of Ilminster, and Henton (dedication 6 Feb.) is probably Hinton St. George, 5 miles south-east of Ilminster. There may, however, be another explanation of these three entries, as also of that in an earlier hand relating to Neuham (18th April) whose identification is uncertain. The entries read “Dedicacio apud Ilton,” etc., and may refer to some ceremony attended by the Abbot of Muchelney, rather than to the anniversaries of the dedications of the churches named.

The entries relating to officers of the abbey begin with the obit of Abbot William de Gyule, 13th June [1294], but no mention is made of his successor, Ralph de Muchelney. Around John de Henton, however, many entries centre, no fewer than six notices referring either to him or his relatives.

<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., *S.R.S.*, xxxix, pp. 81–84.

Unfortunately two or more persons with the name John de Henton were living in the first half of the fourteenth century,<sup>1</sup> and we have no means of tracing the relationship between them, if any such existed. The mother of John Henton, abbot of Muchelney, who is styled Alice de Bourhenton (of Bower Hinton, near Martock), died 28th January 1312/3. A person of the same name was vicar of Somerton in 1318,<sup>2</sup> and one Thomas de Henton, whose obit is given as 14th September, is styled "capellanus abbatis" in 1306.<sup>3</sup> Doubtless, too, the Elias de Bourhentone, clerk, and Geoffrey de Henton, who are mentioned in the calendar, and Ralph de Henton, who did homage for lands in 1 Edw. II,<sup>4</sup> are all connected in some way or other with the abbot. Evidently the family enjoyed great influence at Muchelney at the beginning of the fourteenth century. As will be seen later, it was during the rule of Henton that the Breviary was used most regularly to register homages performed for lands held of the abbey.

With the rule of Henton's successor, John de Somerton, however, influence quickly passes to members of the family of the new abbot. Unfortunately the only reference to anyone of this name in the calendar is the obit, in a hand of the early fourteenth century, of John, father of the abbot, on 15th August (*s.a.*). Here again difficulty of identification arises through the presence at the same time of more than one person of the same name. Abbot Somerton occurs in our manuscripts as cellararer in 1333 (nos. 118 and 121); he was elected abbot in 1334 and died 1347. But contemporary with him there is another John de Somerton who is closely associated with the affairs of the abbey. At the inquisition into the age of John, son of John de Erlegh, in 1354, this second John de Somerton was stated to be 58 years of age and to have been present at the baptism of John de Erlegh

<sup>1</sup> Another John de Henton was prior of Montacute in 1340 (*S.R.S.*, ix, p. 369).

<sup>2</sup> *S.R.S.*, i, p. 177.

<sup>3</sup> See below, no. 93.

<sup>4</sup> See below, no. 97.

with Abbot Somerton, who had acted as godfather.<sup>1</sup> He was a party to the transactions which ultimately resulted in the grant of Downhead to the abbey of Muchelney,<sup>2</sup> and acted as attorney for the abbey in the suit at the Exchequer concerning its claim to exemption from the payment of the ninth sheaf, fleece and lamb.<sup>3</sup> Later he appears as commissioner of *oyer and terminer* and justice of gaol delivery in the county of Somerset,<sup>4</sup> but, unfortunately, there is no evidence to show his relationship with the abbot.

The connection of the Somerton family with the monastery is not confined at this time to these two persons. One Nicholas, son of John and Eleanor de Somerton, and possibly brother of the abbot, is their contemporary. He was a clerk in holy orders, holding successively the livings of Norton-sub-Hamdon, Kingweston, Puriton and North Petherton.<sup>5</sup> While at Kingweston in 1337 he was granted permission to follow in the service of the abbot of Muchelney for one year,<sup>6</sup> and finally, in 1345, on the presentation of Abbot Somerton, was admitted to the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Somerton.<sup>7</sup> Furthermore, one Sir Robert de Somerton, who was knight of the shire for Somerset in the Parliaments of 1328-9 and 1332,<sup>8</sup> and who died in 28 Edw. III,<sup>9</sup> was a tenant of Muchelney, his possessions at his death including a messuage, 60 acres of land and 5 acres of meadow in Ashwell, held from the abbey, and considerable possessions held from the Dean and Chapter of Wells. His only surviving son Thomas entered the service of the church, being admitted in 1348 to the provostship of the free chapel of St. Nicholas at Stoke-sub-Hamdon.<sup>10</sup> He died *circ.* 1363,

<sup>1</sup> *Cal. Inq. post mortem*, x, no. 198.

<sup>2</sup> See below, nos. 25-29.

<sup>3</sup> See pp. 120-123.

<sup>4</sup> *Cal. Pat. Rolls* (1348-50), pp. 531, 585; (1354-8), p. 461.

<sup>5</sup> Weaver, *Somerset Incumbents*, pp. 119, 152, 171, 415.

<sup>6</sup> *S.R.S.*, ix, p. 301.

<sup>7</sup> *S.R.S.*, x, p. 518.

<sup>8</sup> *List of Members of Parliament*, i, pp. 88, 99.

<sup>9</sup> *Cal. Inq. post mortem*, x, no. 174.

<sup>10</sup> *S.R.S.*, x, p. 579.

when the male line of this branch of the Somerton family came to an end, his heir being Peter de Yevelton, son of Sir Robert's daughter Cecily, who had married Ralph de Yevelton of Yeovilton.<sup>1</sup>

The remaining entries in the calendar relating to officials of the abbey and their families call for no comment, unless it be to note that the entries of the election and installation of John Scherborne are apparently in the hand of the abbot himself.

Passing now from the abbots and their relatives to benefactors and tenants of the abbey, we find that the first two entries relate to female members of the Beauchamp family—Cecily de Beauchamp of Hatch, whose obit is given as 10 Jan. 1320, and Jane de Beauchamp, who died 9 Feb. 1327/8. Of these the former, an heiress of considerable possessions, is by far the better known. She was the daughter of William de Vivonne and Maud de Kyme, one of the heiresses of Mary, wife of Sir John de Meriet.<sup>2</sup> Her husband, John de Beauchamp, died *circ.* 12 Edw. I, seised, among other lands, of 50 acres of arable land, 7 acres of meadow, 9s. 1d. rent of villeins in Ile Abbots, held of the abbot of Muchelney.<sup>3</sup> On her death in 1321, she held lands in Dorset, Wilts, Surrey, Cambridge and Somerset.<sup>4</sup>

Joan de Beauchamp can, in all probability, be identified as the wife of Cecily's son, John de Beauchamp, and it is worthy of note that provision was made by the last-named for an obit to be said in Wells Cathedral for himself, Cecily, Joan, and his son John.<sup>5</sup> Their obits were also noted in the martyrology of Athelney abbey where their anniversaries were solemnly observed.<sup>6</sup>

That the relationship of Abbot John Henton to the Beauchamp family was more intimate than that of feudal lord to tenant is proved by the fact that he was one of the

<sup>1</sup> See below, no. 125.

<sup>2</sup> *Cal. Inq. post mortem*, vii, p. 21; *S.R.S.*, xxxv, p. vi.

<sup>3</sup> *Cal. Inq. post mortem*, ii, no. 537.      <sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, vi, no. 276.

<sup>5</sup> *Cal. Wells MSS.*, i, p. 230.      <sup>6</sup> *S.R.S.*, xxxv, p. 65.

godfathers of Joan's grandson, John de Beauchamp, who was born on the feast of SS. Fabian and Sebastian, 3 Edw. III [20 Jan. 1330].<sup>1</sup>

The entries of the obits of Henry de L'Orti, John de Moyon and Ralph de Middleney can best be studied together owing to family connections between the three persons. The close relationship between the De L'Orti family and the abbots of Muchelney has already been pointed out.<sup>2</sup> Henry, whose obit is given as 14 Sept., without specification of year, is doubtless the husband of the Sybil who was later styled "Lady of Curry Rivel."<sup>3</sup> He can, too, in all probability be identified with the Henry de L'Orti who did homage to Abbot Henton in 1305 for Downhead.<sup>4</sup> Elsewhere the date of his death is given as 10 Sept. 1321.<sup>5</sup> His widow Sybil later, in 1324 or 1325, married Sir John de Mohun of Dunster, who died in 1330. In the Muchelney calendar there occurs at 25 August the entry "*Obiit Dominus I. de Moyon anno domini m°ccc° trigesimo.*" As the earliest writ for the Inquisition post mortem on the death of the above Sir John de Mohun, Lord of Dunster, is dated 31 Aug. 1330,<sup>6</sup> it may with some certainty be concluded that he is to be identified with the I. de Moyon of our calendar.

Sybil, the wife successively of Henry de L'Orti and John de Mohun, died in 1337. Her funeral was attended by Bishop Ralph of Shrewsbury, who made a hurried visit to Curry Rivel from Evercreech for that purpose, the abbot of Muchelney providing hay for thirty-five horses and hackneys for the journey.<sup>7</sup> Her heir was John de L'Orti, her son by her first husband, who had a daughter also named Sybil, the wife successively of her cousin John, son of Sir Ralph de Middleney, and Robert Holm.<sup>8</sup> It was the younger Sybil who, with her

<sup>1</sup> *Cal. Inq. post mortem*, ix, no. 594.

<sup>2</sup> *S.R.S.*, xxxix, pp. 81-84.      <sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 82.

<sup>4</sup> See below, no. 92.

<sup>5</sup> *Proceedings of the Som. Arch. Soc.*, xlvi, p. 43.

<sup>6</sup> *Cal. Inq. post mortem*, vii, no. 297.

<sup>7</sup> *S.R.S.*, xxxix, pp. 81, 82.

<sup>8</sup> See below, note to no. 32.

second husband, suffered the fine of the manor of Downhead at the time of its acquisition by the abbey. Elizabeth, daughter of the elder Sybil, married the above Sir Ralph de Middleney, who died in 1363<sup>1</sup> and whose obit occurs in the Muchelney calendar at 15 June. Briefly stated, then, the entries of the anniversaries of Henry de L'Orti, John de Moyon and Ralph de Middleney are those respectively of the first and second husbands and the son-in-law of Sybil, Lady of Curry Rivel.

The connection of Sir Robert Fitz Payn, whose obit is given as 24 August 1315, with the abbey is much less apparent. He was undoubtedly a person of considerable wealth, with extensive possessions not only in the county of Somerset, but also in Devon, Dorset, Wilts, Gloucester and Surrey,<sup>2</sup> though there is no evidence of his holding land of the abbot of Muchelney. He also took a prominent part in the work of local administration in Somersetshire, acting at various dates as justice of gaol delivery, conservator of the peace, and justice of oyer and terminer, while he also held the office of keeper of the forest beyond Trent.<sup>3</sup> On numerous occasions he was summoned as a baron to the parliaments of Edward I and Edward II<sup>4</sup> and served the latter as steward of the royal household.<sup>5</sup> The appearance of the obit in the Muchelney calendar of a Somerset baron of his standing need therefore occasion no surprise.

The remaining entries concern persons of much less importance, but a connection with the abbey can be traced in every case. William de Staunton (*ob.* 19 April 1311) was a tenant of the house, holding at the end of the thirteenth century 20 acres of land and 9 acres of meadow,<sup>6</sup> in addition

<sup>1</sup> *Proceedings of Som. Arch. Soc.*, xlvi, p. 53.

<sup>2</sup> *Cal. Inq. post mortem*, v, nos. 532 and 607.

<sup>3</sup> See the indices to *Cal. Patent Rolls* and *Cal. Close Rolls*, temp. Edw. I-Edw. II.

<sup>4</sup> *Parliamentary Writs*, i, p. 606; ii, part iii, pp. 867-8.

<sup>5</sup> *Cal. Pat. Rolls* (1307-1313), pp. 153, 154, 207, 213, 291.

<sup>6</sup> *S.R.S.*, xiv, p. 102; cf. *Feudal Aids*, iv, p. 315.

to  $\frac{1}{4}$  knight's fee in North Bradon which was at a later date granted to the abbey in frankalmoign.<sup>1</sup> Robert Matheu of Middleney (*ob.* 5 April 1316) can probably be identified with the person of that name who, in 1312, levied fines of lands in Drayton and Highbrook-next-Somerton.<sup>2</sup> Eleanor de Courtenay (*ob.* 28 Aug. 1329) was the wife of Sir Hugh de Courtenay of Okehampton. One of their sons, John, held land from the abbey in Little Hillegh;<sup>3</sup> the eldest, Hugh, was created Earl of Devon in 1335. Ralph Geffrey of Bower Hinton (*ob.* 24 Jan. 1332) was a native of the village of abbot Henton, possessing also land at Martock.<sup>4</sup> The identity of Thomas de la Fosse (*ob.* 9 August, s.a.) is more obscure, though doubtless he is in some way related to John de la Fosse who appears as steward of Muchelney Abbey, and was also 'of the counsel' of the abbot of Glastonbury.<sup>5</sup> Finally, Robert Davy (*ob.* 11 Sept. 1316) is probably the Robert David who is witness of acts of homage performed at the abbey in 1305 and 1307.<sup>6</sup> That all these entries were made while our manuscripts were in the possession of the abbey there can be not the least doubt.

## IV

The contents of the documents inserted in the Breviary and here printed are of a most miscellaneous nature and it would be difficult to classify them in any strict manner. They occur on twenty-one leaves at the beginning and fourteen at the end of the first volume, and nine leaves at the beginning and twelve at the end of the second volume, and are in many hands, between thirty and forty in number, ranging from the fourteenth to the sixteenth century. The largest class, and the one which throws most light on the history of the abbey itself, consists of memoranda of homages per-

<sup>1</sup> *Feudal Aids*, iv, pp. 314, 373.

<sup>2</sup> *S.R.S.*, xii, pp. 31, 36.

<sup>3</sup> See below, no. 93.

<sup>4</sup> *S.R.S.*, xii, p. 150.

<sup>5</sup> See below, nos. 91, 102; and also *S.R.S.*, xxxix, pp. 20, 24.

<sup>6</sup> See below, nos. 91, 92.

formed by various tenants-in-chief for their lands from the beginning of the fourteenth to the beginning of the sixteenth century. Closely allied with these, and forming a most useful starting-point for the history of the descent of lands as illustrated by these memoranda, is the assessment made (*circ.* 1305) for the scutages of 28 and 31 Edw. I.<sup>1</sup> This document provides us with a complete list of free tenants of the abbey liable for scutage at the beginning of the fourteenth century, and gives an interesting picture of the division of lands of a small monastic house among this class of holder. We see that at this time the amount of land held of the abbey by such free tenants in Ilminster—15 hydes, 1 virgate, 2 ferdels and 5 acres—exceeded that in all the remaining manors of the abbey put together. In Ile Abbots, 1 hyde, 2 virgates only was so held; in Drayton, presumably just under 5 hydes; in Abbots Camel, 2 hydes, 1 ferdel, 6 acres; in Muchelney, 3 ferdels. This gives a total in all of about 3,870 acres, divided between 40 tenants. The largest holding is that of the Wike tenants, consisting of 2 hydes or roughly 1,280 acres, paying 20 shillings for scutage; the smallest is one messuage, apparently without land.

The assessment without doubt dates from the rule of abbot John de Henton who was also probably responsible for the first entries of homage performed which immediately precede it. From the neatness of the early entries and the regularity in which they occur, we may conjecture that it was originally intended to keep here a record of all such ceremonies as they were performed, and during the rule of Henton himself this policy seems to have been carried out. Of the fifty-nine entries of this character, twenty-seven fall between the years 1305 and 1334. On his death, however, slackness is at once apparent and no further entry is made until 1353. Not one addition was made during the rules of John de Somerton and John de Codeworth, two only during that of Thomas de Overton, while no record remains of homages

<sup>1</sup> No. 119.

performed between 1383 and 1414. Not until the rule of John Cherde do such entries recur with any regularity, but there is an apparently complete series for the years 1432–1439, and again later, during the rule of William Wyke from 1490 to 1495. The latest entry of this nature is dated 1528.

The value of these notes is enhanced in many cases by annotations giving the names of later holders of tenements, or indicating reversions to the abbey. With their help, supplemented from outside sources of information, it has been possible to trace the descent of some of the holdings from the beginning of the fourteenth century to the eve of the dissolution.

These memoranda, a few deeds relating to the transfer of lands, grants of corrodies, and extracts from records of law-suits illustrate the temporal side of the history of the monastery. Another group sheds light on its relations with the higher ecclesiastical authorities of the time. Letters of proxy at the provincial chapters of the Benedictines at Northampton, notifications of intended capitular visitations, and a list of visitation articles of the first half of the fifteenth century, however scanty the information they impart, are specially valuable in view of the comparatively small proportion of records of these chapters that have survived. In particular, capitular visitation articles for the English Benedictine order are extremely scarce.

Other deeds illustrating the ecclesiastical rights and duties of the abbey include letters appointing proxies for the house at meetings of Convocation, at one of which their representatives were officials of Wells Cathedral who were simultaneously acting in a like capacity for the Dean and Chapter; letters of abbot John Cherde, as prebendary of Ilminster, appointing John Raynold, subdean, and John Bernard, succentor of Wells, as his proxies at a visitation by Bishop Bekinton; presentations by abbots to vicarages in Wells Cathedral and to the chantry of St. Martin there; an ordinance of Bishop Haselschawe fixing the emoluments of the

vicars of Muchelney ; a grant of confraternity in 1517 to Sir John Speke and his wife ; and finally a list of charges on churches appropriated to the abbey.

The remaining contents of the manuscripts are so diverse in character and purport as to evade classification. For the domestic economy of the house there is an early English dietary, of philological as well as historical interest ; a *regimen* for the preservation of health adapted for monastic use and abounding in quotations from the widely popular *Flos Medicinae Salerni* ; miscellaneous recipes ; and a copy of the shortened form of the famous tract on the plague by John of Bordeaux, which is to be found also in several other monastic books. Devotional and liturgical matters are represented by a list of psalms for special occasions ; a number of collects ; John Bracy's adaptation of the Te Deum as a hymn to the Virgin ; mnemonic verses indicating lessons from the Old Testament to be read between Trinity Sunday and Advent ; a tract, closely allied to the Cautels of the Mass, giving directions to the priest in case of accidents during the consecration of the elements at Mass ; and lastly a metrical version of the ten commandments. Of national rather than local interest are nearly contemporary copies of a letter giving news of the battle of Halidon Hill, and correspondence between Edward III and Clement VI in 1347 during an effort by the latter to bring about peace between England and France. Moral verses in English and a collection of metrical epigrams have the nearest approach to claims of literary interest.

It is in the diversity of their contents as much as in the intrinsic value of any one particular entry that the interest of the manuscripts lies. The blank leaves at the beginning and end of the Breviary were used, apparently, for jotting down anything, of whatsoever nature, likely to be of use for further reference. Viewed in this light, the manuscripts have an added interest as illustrating the many-sided activities of a small monastic house of the later Middle Ages.

## V

In editing the manuscripts, all abbreviations have been extended without indication. Though not an ideal method, it has been found the most practical, in view of the present high cost of printing. The letter I has been used throughout for I and J, the letter U for U and V. The punctuation and use of capitals is the modern one. In some cases headings to deeds and entries have been supplied and printed in italics. Notes to elucidate the text have been added where necessary after many of the articles, in small type, between square brackets, together with a rough indication of the date of the script.

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## ABSTRACT OF ENTRIES IN THE MUCHELNEY BREVIARY.

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## ADDITIONAL NOTE.

SINCE the printing of this text Dr. R. Flower has brought to my notice another and more correct form of the verses which occur in entry no. 69, p. 55. They occur in a manuscript of the Carthusian John Blacman, now in the British Museum (Sloane MS. 2515 ff. 3, 3v), from which it is clear that in their original form they are a compilation of metrical epigrams of two lines each (except those beginning in A and R which have three) arranged in alphabetical order.<sup>1</sup> The Muchelney MS. has omitted the first two epigrams—

Ad regnum celi suspires mente fideli  
Non exalteris quamuis multis domineris  
Nec iam leteris quia forsan cras morietis.

Bis duo sunt que mestificant me nocte dieque  
En morias sed ubi uel quomodo nescio quando—

and also the thirteenth :

Nunc lege nunc ora nunc cum fero labore labora  
Sic erit hora breuis et labor ille leuis—

and twenty-second :

Ymniza monache Christi seclusus amore  
Intus psalle Deo totus tumulatus in eo.

In addition the text printed has a few verbal differences from that of Blacman's MS., which also has instead of "Dampna fleo rerum," etc., for letter D, the following :

Dona Dei recolas uanescant omnia uana  
Forcius ut ualeas mentis perquirere sana—

and for letter P :

Peruigili cura semper meditare futura  
Tempora transibunt er gaudia uana peribunt.

<sup>1</sup> The epigrams in the Muchelney MS. are misarranged.

# MUCHELNEY MEMORANDA

## VOL. I

1. (f. ii) Taxacio spiritualium et temporalium Abbathie de Muchelneye.

[XV cent. Hearne, i, p. lxvii.]

2. (f. iib) *Extracts relating to the possessions of Muchelney Abbey, from Doomsday Book<sup>1</sup> and the Liber Feodorum or Testa de Nevill.<sup>2</sup>*

[In three different hands; XV cent. Hearne, i, p. lxviii.<sup>3</sup>]

3. (f. iii) *Form for appointment of proxy to a General Chapter.*

Forma procuratorii ad capitulum generale.

Pateat uniuersis per presentes quod nos ·N· Abbas monasterii de Muchelny Bathoniensis [et Wellensis] diocesis ex causa sufficienti et clara tali uel tali, que causa procuratorio inseratur, legitime prepediti quominus prouinciali capitulo apud Northampton die tali uel tali proximo post festum tale uel tale, anno domini etc., celebrando poterimus personaliter interesse, dilectum nobis in Christo ·N· commonachum et confratrem nostrum facimus ordinamus et constituimus per presentes excusatorem et procuratorem legittimum ad comparendum pro nobis et nomine nostro in dicto capitulo damusque eidem potestatem in animam

<sup>1</sup> Ed. 1783, i, f. 91.    <sup>2</sup> Ed. 1807, p. 163; ed. 1920, i, p. 86.

<sup>3</sup> After this entry another hand has added the following names: Willelmus Wyke.

Thomas Harrise thesawrarius [*i.e.* of Bath and Wells, 1489; see *Cal. Wells MSS.*, ii, p. 116].

Johnes archipiscopus [*sic*] [*i.e.* John Morton, Abp. of Canterbury, 1486–1500].

nostram monstrandi causam excusacionis huiusmodi quam pretendimus esse ueram necnon tractandi cum hiis qui intererunt capitulo memorato ac consenciendi omnibus hiis que in ipso capitulo fuerint per presidentem seu presidentes et ipsum capitulum salubriter ordinata necnon omnia alia facienda que ad excusatoris officium necessaria fuerint aliqualiter oportuna ; ratum et gratum habituri quicquid idem procurator et excusator noster fecerit in premissis sub rerum nostrarum et dicti monasterii nostri hypotheca.<sup>a</sup> In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Datum apud Muchelney die tali uel tali, mense tali anno domini supradicto.

[This form for the appointment of an Abbot's proxy to a Provincial Chapter of the Benedictine order is verbally identical with that prescribed by the Northampton Chapter of July 1423. It was then ordered, to avoid discrepancy in the forms employed in the future by the several houses sending proxies, that the above form should be publicly read out, and a copy made for reference by those present. It is interesting to note that at this Chapter the proxy of the Abbot of Muchelney was one of six singled out for special reproof, and it was the deficiencies of these in particular which led directly to this attempt at standardisation. That the order, like so many others in the Middle Ages, rather enunciated a pious hope than created an efficient precedent is obvious from a letter of proxy of 1495 printed below (No. 21). The task of examining the forms of proxies at the Provincial Chapter was at this time entrusted to a small committee, which reported thereon to the full Chapter.<sup>1</sup>

The deed seems to have been written at the same time as the following one and therefore after 1434.]

#### *4. Form for appointment of proxy to Convocation.*

*Forma procuratorii ad conuocacionem prelatorum.*

Uniuersis pateat per presentes quod nos ·N· Abbas monasterii de Muchelny, ordinis sancti Benedicti, Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis, dilectos nobis in Christo magistros ·N· presentorem [sic] ecclesie cathedralis Wellensis, ·N· eiusdem loci ecclesie

<sup>a</sup> A later hand has added a letter 'h' before 'hypotheca.'

<sup>1</sup> Wilkins, *Concilia*, iii (1737), p. 421; Reyner, *Apostolatus Benedictinorum in Anglia*, Douai, 1626, Appendix, pp. 172, 173.

etc. coniunctim et diuisim ita quod occupantis<sup>a</sup> condicio melior non existat sed quod unus eorum incepit quilibet eorundem id prosequi ualeat mediare pariter et finire, nostros ueros certos et indubitatos procuratores actores factores negotiorum gestores et nuncios speciales facimus ordinamus et constituimus per presentes; dantes et concedentes eisdem procuratoribus nostris coniunctim et diuisim, et eorum cuilibet diuisim, potestatem tam generalem quam speciale ac mandatum tam generale quam speciale ita quod generalitas huiusmodi specialitatem non deroget nec econuerso pro nobis et nomine nostro ac monasterii nostri predicti, coram reuerendissimo in Christo patre ac domino Henrico<sup>1</sup> permissione diuina Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo tocius Anglie primate et apostolice sedis legato eiusue locum tenentibus seu (f. iii<sup>b</sup>) commissariis quibuscumque si ipsum reverendissimum patrem quod absit impediri contigerit in conuocacione prelatorum et cleri Cantuariensis prouincie in ecclesia Sancti Pauli Londonie duodecimo die mensis Nouembbris proximo futuro cum die adiutorio incipienda et eisdem die et loco cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum tunc sequencium si oporteat et locorum celebranda comparandi nostram absenciam excusandi ac cum dicto reuerendissimo patre eiusue locum tenentibus seu commissariis ceterisque prelatis ac clero inibi congregandis tractandi communicandi ac pro tuicione defensione et conseruacione jurium priuilegiorum et libertatum ecclesiasticorum necnon pro<sup>b</sup> bono statu ecclesie Anglicane et regni Anglie prouidendi suaque consilia impendendi necnon consenciendi hiis que ibidem ad honorem Dei ecclesie Anglicane ac monasterii nostri predicti utilitatem contigerit concorditer ordinari preiudicialibus quibuscumque contradicendi contrariendi et expresse reclamandi prouocandi appellandi prouocationum et appellacionum causas prosequendi appellaciones.<sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> The word ' officio ' (cancelled) follows in the MS.

<sup>b</sup> ' boco ' cancelled and followed by ' bono ' in MS.

<sup>c</sup> MS. has aplos.

que petendi et recipiendi alium uel alios procuratorem seu procuratores loco ipsorum et cuiuslibet eorundem substituendi et substitutum seu substitutos substituendum seu substituendos huiusmodi reuocandi et procuratoris officium in ipsos et eorum quemlibet reassumendi et exercendi quociens et quando eis uel eorum alicui melius uidebitur expedire omniaque alia et singula faciendi exercendi et expediendi que in premissis aut circa ea necessaria fuerint seu quomodolibet oportuna. Et promittimus horum tenore nos ratum gratum et firmum perpetuo habituros totum et quicquid iidem procuratores nostri seu eorum aliquis substitutus ac substituendus ab eisdem uel eorum aliquo nomine nostro seu monasterii nostri predicti fecerint seu fecerit in premissis et quolibet premissorum et exponimus cauciones. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Datum apud Muchelny ultimo die mensis Octobris anno domini millesimo cccc.<sup>mo</sup> tricesimo quinto.

proxis lijs. iiijd.

5. (f. iv) *Articles for a Visitation of Benedictine Monasteries.*

Isti sunt articuli siue inquisitiones in quibus uisitatores monasteriorum possunt inquirere.<sup>a</sup>

Primo utrum monachi omnes ipsius monasterii sunt professi regulam et ordinem Sancti Benedicti.

Item an obseruant obedientiam abbati et suis prepositis sicut religiosi obedire tenentur.

Item si aliqui monachi sint proprietarii in monasterio. Item si continentes uiuunt.

Item si ibi debito modo seruatur silencium in claustro et mensa et aliis debitibus locis.

Item an omnes semper simul in refectorio comedunt. Et an ad mensam legitur.

Item an in refectorio carnes comeduntur. Item an omnes simul in dormitorio dormiunt.

Item an diuinum officium diuturnum pariter et nocturnum

<sup>a</sup> At the end of this line another hand has added the words ' per Wi.....'

ordinate in ecclesia horis competentibus celebrentur. Et utrum omnes continue ad horas ueniunt.

Item si utuntur uestibus uel linthiaminibus liniis. Item si iacent nudi uel induti.

Item si iacent in fisconibus uel culcitris. Item si bene et continue portant habitum mona[chorum ?].

Item si obseruantur bene ieiun[i]a per ecclesiam et secundum suam regulam instituta.

Item si est aliquis uacabundus uel secularibus immissens [sic] negotiis.

Item an fuerint ibi aliqua indebita et contra regulam beati Benedicti.

Item utrum ibi sint capitula frequenter et quid in eis agitur.

Item an scit quod abbas bene peragat officium suum et utrum aliqua faciat uel concedat per simoniacam prauitatem.<sup>a</sup>

Item si scit uel credit aliquid corrigendum uel reformandum circa personam sacriste uel eius administracionem. Item circa personam prioris, camerarii, et sic de singulis.

Item si officiales monasterii rationem reddunt <sup>b</sup> de suis administracionibus, etc.

Item si res et bona dictorum officiatorum bene custodiuntur et administrantur.

(f. iv<sup>b</sup>) Item quot monachi sunt in monasterio preter officiales et qui sunt illi.

Item si sit aliquid emendandum corrigendum uel reformandum in A. Item si in B. Item si in C. Et sic de omnibus aliis monachis sigillatim.

Item quot et qui sunt ibi conuersi. Item si scit uel credit aliquid emendandum corrigendum uel reformandum in A conuersum [sic], uel in B, uel in C, etc.

Postea uero circa temporalia sic interrogabitur.

Item si monasterium est debitibus obligatum et quantum et quibus.

Item si aliqua bona eius sunt alienata uel distracta.

<sup>a</sup> After this article occurs 'Item si sit aliquid corrigendum,' cancelled.

<sup>b</sup> MS. has 'redund.'

Item si abbas tenet ad manum suam omnes possessiones monasterii.

Item an abbas bene procuret et diligenter facit excoli eas.

Item si bona eius mobilia uel inmobilia sunt pignori obligata, et que et quibus.

Item si abbas bene defendit et diligenter iura monasterii sui.

Item in quantum ascendunt communiter prouentus seu redditus monasterii.

Item quot monachi possunt uiuere<sup>a</sup> si bene ministrentur et legaliter.

Item si est ibi solitus numerus<sup>b</sup> monachorum. Item quot sunt ibi modo.

Item si procurantur, ut decet, in uictu et uestitu. Item si prouentus conuertuntur in usibus et necessitatibus monachorum uel in utilitatem ipsius monasterii.

Item si ibi seruatur hospitalitas, et qualis. Item, si sit ibi infirmaria. Et qualiter ibi infirmi procurantur. Item, si monasterium in blado, uino, etc.

Item, si sint ibi libri, uestes, cruces, calices et alia uasa et ornamenta ecclesiastica.

Item si persone aliique suspecte, uel contra honestatem religionis ingrediuntur infra septa monasterii. Item si sint ibi aliqua alia reformanda, etc.

[XV cent. Hearne, i, pp. lxviii–lxxi. These articles of inquiry were probably drawn up for the use of Visitors appointed by one of the triennial Northampton Chapters of the Benedictine order, and so relate to a capitular, as distinguished from an episcopal, visitation. They should be compared with similar lists of articles for the Benedictine and other orders noted by G. G. Coulton,<sup>1</sup> and with those for the Augustinian Canons (*circ. 1400*) printed by the Rev. H. E. Salter.<sup>2</sup> It will be seen that most of them are included, often in identical words,

<sup>a</sup> *sic* in Hearne. The MS. has 4 minimis more than ‘ uiuere ’ requires.

<sup>b</sup> The MS. has one minim too many.

<sup>1</sup> *The Interpretation of Visitation Documents* in Engl. Hist. Rev., xxix, 1914, p. 20, note 15.

<sup>2</sup> *Chapters of the Augustinian Canons* (Canterbury and York Soc., xxix, 1922), pp. 200 sq.

in the longer list last named. The resemblance, and in some cases identity, of the statutes of Black Monks and Black Canons has already been remarked upon.<sup>1]</sup>

6. (f. vi) "Te matrem laudamus te dominam confitemur."

[Hearne, i, p. xxxiv. An adaptation of the *Te Deum* as a hymn in honour of the Virgin. It is a good example of mediaeval Mariolatry. Many versions survive,<sup>2</sup> but no attempt has yet been made to group them according to the different recensions. The original adaptation has been attributed to St. Bonaventura, but his authorship is doubtful and has been rejected by the latest editors of his works.<sup>3</sup> The present version, which the colophon 'Explicit Te Deum ex conuersione uenerabilis dompni Johannis Bracy Mochelnie abbatis in honorem Sancte Marie' seems to indicate to be of the authorship of that Abbot, and so composed between 1470 and 1489, has been printed both by Hearne, as above, and C. A. Cole;<sup>4</sup> it closely resembles, although it is not identical with, an earlier version of the *Te Matrem* which occurs in a Liège Psalter of about 1300.<sup>5]</sup>]

7. (f. vib) "Constitucio domini Roberti Mertok [sic] Cantuariensis archiepiscopi" beg. 'Presbiteri necnon alii sacerdotes stipendiarii.'

[The Constitution of Archbishop Robert de Winchelsey concerning the relation of priests to the rectors and vicars of churches in which they are officiating; issued at the Provincial Council of Merton, 1305. Printed by Wilkins, *Concilia*, ii, 1737, p. 280. The present MS. omits the chapter beg. 'Item, si oporteat tres uel duas missas.]

<sup>1</sup> *ibid.*, p. xlivi.

<sup>2</sup> Most of these are noted in U. Chevalier, *Repertorium Hymnologicum*, Louvain, 1892-1912, ii, pp. 647, 648; iii, p. 593. Five versions are printed by J. Wickham Legg, *Some Imitations of Te Deum*, in *Transactions of the St. Paul's Ecclesiastical Society*, iii, 34-40. My colleague, Dr. R. Flower, has brought to my notice Dutch versions in Egerton MSS. 677, f. 41b; 2903, f. 74 etc. See also Sale Cat. of the Barrois Collection of MSS. belonging to the Earl of Ashburnham, 1901, lot 337; Egerton MS. 2973, f. 1b.

<sup>3</sup> *Doctoris Seraphici S. Bonaventurae . . . opera omnia*, Quaracchi, x, 1902, p. 24, no. 36. In the earlier edition of his works it is printed with the *Psalterium Beatae Mariae Virginis* (*Opera*, Moguntiae, 1609, vi, p. 480 [sic for 490]).

<sup>4</sup> C. A. Cole, *Memorials of Henry V*, Rolls Series, 1858, Preface, p. lxi; cf. pp. lix, 164.

<sup>5</sup> Printed by J. Wickham Legg, *op. cit.*, p. 38.

8. (f. viib) "Hic incipit tractatus perutilis contra morbum pestilencialm quem composuit P. [sic] de Burgalia qui tractatus in 4 partes diuiditur."

*Begins.*—'In qua parte narrat quomodo homo custodiret se tempore pestilenciali ita quod non incidit in illam.'

(f. ix) *Ends.*—'Et quandocumque cadat in illam faceat [sic] sicud dixi in secunda parte et regulet se secundum quod dixi quod tractatum est in isto tractatu et mediante gratia dei recipiet sanitatem si fuerit infirmitatus et si sanus in sanitate conseruetur. Amen.'

[XV cent. The Latin version of the treatise *De Pestilentia* by John of Bordeaux which has been printed by D. Murray from British Museum Royal MS. 13 Ex.<sup>1</sup> Other MSS. of the same work are Sloane MS. 433, f. 47b; Sloane MS. 7, f. 85b; Sloane MS. 405, f. 41b; Oxford, Ashmolean MS. 346, f. 157b; Cambridge, Corpus Christi College MS. 171 [F. 9, T. James 62], f. 393b. The work was apparently an abridgment of a larger work, viz. the *De Pestilentia* of Johannes de Burgundia alias cum Barba, etc., who is probably the same person as John of Bordeaux. English and Hebrew versions of both the larger and smaller works occur in many manuscripts, while a French version of the former has been noted by L. Delisle<sup>2</sup> and a Dutch version of the latter by D. W. Singer.<sup>3</sup> The present text which was unknown to previous writers on the Pestilence has considerable verbal variations from the printed version.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *John de Burdeus . . . and the Pestilence*, Paisley, 1891; cf. D. Murray, *The Black Book of Paisley*, Paisley, 1885, pp. 20, 46, 79.

<sup>2</sup> *Bibliothèque Nationale: Catalogue des Manuscrits des Fonds Libri et Barrois*, Paris, 1888, p. 252. Printed by Mrs. D. W. Singer, *Some Plague Tractates*, in *Proceedings of the Royal Society of Medicine* (Sec. of History of Medicine), 1916, Vol. ix, pp. 200–212.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 173. This work contains the most complete lists published of MSS. of the various versions of the *De Pestilentia*. An hitherto unnoticed copy of the larger Latin version is in British Museum, Add. MS. 39758, f. 283.

<sup>4</sup> John of Burgundy, the author of the treatise on the Pestilence, is generally supposed to be the writer of the original version of *Mandeville's Travels*. On this subject see especially, in addition to the works cited above, G. F. Warner, *The Duke of John Maundevill* (Roxburghe Club, 1889), pp. xxx–xli; P. Hamelius, *Mandeville's Travels* (Early English Text Society), ii, 1923, pp. 1–13; and references there given.

At the end of the treatise (fol. ix) a note is added by the same hand :  
 Nota quod traditum habemus ab antecessoribus nostris quod si quis  
 minuendus fuerit et dixerit Pater Noster et Ave Maria in honore Dei et  
 Sancte Marie et Sancte Moduuenne uirginis abbatisse sine aliquo  
 periculo mortis fleobotomiam suam transibit et hoc multociens expertum  
 est unde uersus :

Moduennam memora minuendi sanguinis hora  
 Ut fias tutus interueniente minutus.<sup>1]</sup>

*9. Appointment by Abbot John Cherde, as Canon of Wells  
 and Prebendary of Ilminster, of John Raynold and John Bernard  
 as his proxies at an episcopal visitation.*

Pateat uniuersis per presentes quod ego Iohannes Cherde,  
 abbas monasterii de Muchelny, ordinis sancti Benedicti,  
 Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis, canonicus ecclesie cathedralis  
 Wellensis ac prebendarius prebende de Ilmystre in eadem  
 dilectos michi in Christo uenerabiles et prouidos uiros magistros  
 Iohannem Raynold subdecanum et Iohannem Bernard  
 succentorem eiusdem ecclesie canonicos et confratres meos  
 coniunctim et eorum quemlibet per se diuisim et insolidum, ita  
 quod non sit melior condicio occupantis sed quod unus eorum  
 incepit ipsorum quilibet per se diuisim id prosequi ualeat  
 mediare et finire meos ueros liberos ac indubitatos procuratores  
 negotiorum gestores et nuncios speciales ordino faceo<sup>a</sup> et  
 constituo per presentes; dans et concedens eisdem pro-  
 curatoribus meis coniunctim et eorum cuilibet ut prefertur  
 per se diuisim potestatem generalem (f. ix<sup>b</sup>) et mandatum  
 speciale nomine meo et pro me necnon canonicatus et prebende  
 meorum predictorum coram reuerendo in Christo patre ac

<sup>a</sup> sic in MS.

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<sup>1</sup> Other forms of these verses occur in British Museum, Royal MS.  
 12 C XII, f. 5b :

Modewennam memora minuendi temporis ora  
 Lambertus minuat uel Stephanus atque Iohannes  
 est Christi sanguis minuendis commemorandus

and f. 91 :

Modewennam memora modewenne [sic for minuendi ?] sanguinis  
 hora.

domino domino Thoma Dei gracia Bathoniensi et Wellensi episcopo aut ipsius commissario seu commissariis quibuscumque ad hoc deputatis<sup>a</sup> seu deputandis in uisitacione sua in ecclesia siue domo capitulari dicte ecclesie sue Wellensis die Iovis proximo post festum translacionis sancti Swithini proximum secuturum uidelicet xvi<sup>o</sup> die mensis Iulii proximi nunc futuri cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum tunc sequencium ut dicitur faciendi et exercendi comparandi et interessendi absenciamque meam personalem excusandi et causam seu causas mee absencie huiusmodi allegandi proponendi et probandi<sup>b</sup> uisitacionem ordinariam dicti reuerendi patris domini Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopi uice et nomine meis debite subeundi et recipiendi necnon ius et titulum quod et quem habui uel habeo in canonicatu et prebenda meis predictis coram eodem reuerendo patre uel suis commissariis huiusmodi seu uno eorundem loco et tempore oportunis exhibendi et ostendendi et terminum aut terminos ulteriorem seu ulteriores si necesse fuerit pro exhibicione iuris et tituli huiusmodi prenominatis meis procuratoribus aut ipsorum uni assignari petendi et optinendi necnon quodcumque iuramentum licitum et in ea parte necessarium in animam meam prestandi et faciendi ceterisque omnibus et singulis que in huiusmodi uisitacione salubriter ordinari contigerint consciendi et generaliter omnia et singula faciendi exercendi et expediendi que in premissis aut circa ea necessaria fu[er]int seu quomodolibet oportuna eciam si mandatum in se magis exigant speciale. Promittens me ratum gratum et firmum pro perpetuis habiturum totum et quicquid per dictos meos procuratores actum seu procuratum fuerit in premissis seu per eorum aliquem in aliquo premissorum sub hypotheca et obligacione omnium bonorum meorum et caucionem expono per presentes. In cuius.

[Several clerics of the name of John Raynold als. Reynold are met with during the 14th and 15th cent. The one mentioned in the above deed held successively the livings of Kingweston, 1410, Egferton

<sup>a</sup> altered from debutatis.

<sup>b</sup> propandi in MS.

als. Fairoake, 1414, Berkeley, 1416, Portishead, 1423,<sup>1</sup> and later Wookey.<sup>2</sup> He is several times referred to as a public notary,<sup>3</sup> was, as Bishop's registrar, appointed prebendary of Combe IV in 1418,<sup>4</sup> became canon and prebendary of Ilton, 1420,<sup>5</sup> sub-dean of Wells, 1424.<sup>6</sup> He was also one of the executors of Bishop Bubwith.<sup>7</sup> On his death in 1450, he bequeathed 20*l.* and a pair of vestments for a prayer for his soul at the daily celebration of the mass of St. Mary in the chapel of All Saints, Wells, for the soul of Sir William Cokeham.<sup>8</sup>

John Bernard also held several livings in Somersetshire. In 1408 he exchanged that of Claverham for Claverton.<sup>9</sup> In 1421 he was appointed to Kelston, and in 1439 resigned High Littleton.<sup>10</sup> On several occasions he was given leave to attend the University of Oxford and other schools.<sup>11</sup> He was made Commissary-General for the Bishop in 1425, succentor of the Cathedral of Wells, 1427, precentor, 1447, and treasurer, 1451.<sup>12</sup>

The date of the deed must lie between 1443, when Bekinton became Bishop, and 1447, when Bernard was promoted to be precentor. The only year between these dates in which the 16 July fell on Thursday was 1444: the deed must, therefore, be of that year.]

. 10. (f. xb) Assisa panis et seruicie [*sic*].

Precepta facta maioribus et balliuis comitatus Suffolcie, etc., qui pro tempore fuerint post festum decollacionis Sancti Iohannis Baptiste, anno regni regis Edwardi tertio [29 Aug. 1275] per magistrum Debm. [?] de Becill et Johannem de Suuyford ad placita marescaudie tunc assignatos sub pena c.li. ad opus domini Regis obseruandum.

Assisa panis secundum quod continetur. . . .

<sup>1</sup> S.R.S., xxix, pp. 13, 182, 268; xxx, p. 427.

<sup>2</sup> Cal. Wells MSS., ii, p. 673; S.R.S., xxxii, p. 225.

<sup>3</sup> e.g. S.R.S., xxix, pp. 90, 285. <sup>4</sup> Ibid., xxx, p. 340.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid., p. 392.

<sup>6</sup> Cal. Pat. Rolls (1422-1429), p. 255.

<sup>7</sup> Cal. Wells MSS., ii, p. 669; Cal. Pat. Rolls (1422-1429), pp. 396, 397.

<sup>8</sup> Cal. Wells MSS., ii, p. 679. <sup>9</sup> S.R.S., xxix, p. 38.

<sup>10</sup> Ibid., xxx, p. 410; xxxii, p. 246.

<sup>11</sup> Ibid., xxix, pp. 18, 50, 115, 145.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid., xxxi, pp. 28, 44; Le Neve, *Fasti Ecclesiae Anglicanae*, i, p. 171.

[XV cent. *Imperf.* John de Swyford *als.* Swyneford, serjeant of the Market, had several commissions during the reign of Edw. I for holding pleas of the market and viewing measures, viz. assizes of bread, wine and ale, bushels, gallons, etc., in several counties.<sup>1</sup> The identity of his associate is not apparent. It may be Matthew or John Besilles *als.* Bezil, both of whom are styled king's yeomen about the date of the precept.]

11. For costynesse.

Take of malowyr vyolet mercury of euery ·ii· partyes, of borage, longedebeffe, rodys ysope of eueryche 1 partye, stycheworte as moche as ye wille, and make<sup>a</sup> yowr potage ther wt, and use capon ys brothe y stryned.

12. 3yffe ye be any thyng to laske.

Take of sorell 1 hanfull, of planteyne, synkefoyle, purceworte or bursa pastorys, rybbeworte of euery ·ii· partyes, and drye roses a quantyte and make yowre potage ther of.

Item, for a lax make youre potage wt water, cassys, borage and hockys; or els take a pese of soepe, make hit smale and putt it yn youre fundament and then rest upon your bed.

13. (f. xi) *Licence from Henry VI for the election of an Abbot to succeed John Bruton.*

Henricus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie dilectis sibi in Christo priori et conuentui de Mochelnye, salutem. Ex parte uestra nobis est humiliter supplicatum ut cum ecclesia uestra predicta per mortem bone memorie Iohannis Bruton, ultimi abbatis loci illius, pastoris sit solacio destituta, alium uobis elegendi in abbatem et pastorem licenciam uobis concedere dignaremur, nos precibus uestris in hac parte fauorabiliter inclinati licenciam illam tenore presencium duximus concedendam. Mandantes quod talem

<sup>a</sup> “y°” (cancelled) follows in MS.

<sup>1</sup> *Cal. Pat. Rolls* (1272–1281), pp. 16, 73; *Cal. Close Rolls* (1272–1279), pp. 69, 84, 90, 167.

uobis elegatis abbatem et pastorem qui Deo deuotus ecclesie uestre necessarius, nobisque et regno nostro utilis et fidelis existat. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Dogmersfeld secundo die Aprilis anno regni nostri decimo [2 April 1432].

[XV cent. Cf. *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 15 April 1432, p. 190, where the King signifies his assent to the election of John Cherde. There is an error in date in E. H. Bates, *S.R.S.*, xiv, p. 19, and in Dugdale, *Monasticon*, ii, 1819, p. 356, in which the dates respectively of the election of Cherde and the restoration to him of the temporalities of the abbey are given as 1433.]

**14. *Grant of wardship of the lands late of Roger de la Slo.***  
**Cammell. Uarda Roggeri Slo.**

Omnibus Christi fidelibus presens scriptum uisuris uel audituris, Iohannes dei gracia Abbas Muchelney, eternam in domino salutem. Nouerit uniuersitas uestra nos concessisse et tradidisse Willelmo de Bere custodiam siue gardam tocius terre que fuit Rogeri de la Slo in manorio de Cammell cum omnibus pertinenciis, tenendam et habendam gardam cum omnibus suis pertinenciis dicto Willelmo de Bere uel eius certis assignatis quousque legitimus et proximus heres ad legitimam et iustum etatem peruererit, adeo libere et quiete sicut dictus Rogerus de le Sloo terram illam cum pertinenciis in uita sua tenuit, saluo tamen per omnia iure heredis ; reddendo inde annuatim dictus Willelmus uel eius assignati nobis et successoribus nostris eundem redditum et seruicia que quidem dictus Rogerus soluit et facere consueuit, preter sectam curie nostre de Cammell nisi fuerit implacitatus. Nos uero et successores nostri dictam gardam cum omnibus pertinenciis suis dicto Willelmo uel eius assignatis usque ad legitimam et iustum etatem heredis contra omnes mortales warentizare tenemur. Pro hac autem warda in pace tenenda et habenda dedit nobis dictus Willelmus xl. solidos sterlingorum pre manibus. Et ut omnia predicta fideliter obseruentur factum est inter partes presens scriptum in modum syrograpphi [sic] sigillis parcium hinc inde signatum. Hiis testibus, Thoma de Parham, Roberto

de B . . . , Iohanne de Molendino, Roberto Cosyn de Sutton, Hugone de Drayton, Dauid fratribus, Ricardo veteri de Bere et aliis.

[XV cent. The above Roger de la Slo is probably the person of that name who witnessed deeds of the Dean and Chapter of Wells between 1247 and 1256.<sup>1</sup> The original deed must therefore date from the rule of Abbot John de Barnewell (1251-1274). The names of William de Bere and most of the witnesses occur in charters of about those dates.<sup>2</sup>]

15. (f. xib) *Old English dietary.*

- Brede. Youre brede schal be made of<sup>a</sup> pure whete wel ylevyd or sourdowyd.<sup>3</sup>
- Drynke. Youre drynke schal be myddyl al, fyne and stale and fresche w<sup>t</sup> sage lyvys, rosemary and roderys,<sup>4</sup> ros<sup>5</sup> wyne; othyr wyle vsyth bote selde<sup>6</sup> wyte wyne; malmesy in the morwe tyre, or rumney<sup>7</sup> at eve.
- Flesche. Ye schal use moton of xii monthys olde or more, pyggysfeyt, leggys of pyions bothe bake and rostyd, uele, kyde, conyng.<sup>8</sup> Leve fresche befe, porke, holde vensoun, hare, pygyun, ynwarde of al bestes save the lyuer of the hen.
- Foul and Bryddes. Ye schal ete hen, chycons, capon, fesant, perteryg, quayl, and maner of comyn bryddes, that byth not fed in water or plaschat,<sup>9</sup> sodun or rostyd. Rostyd ys best.
- Potage. In youre potage usyth sage, borage, longydbefe,<sup>10</sup>

<sup>a</sup> “of ” has been inserted above the line.

<sup>1</sup> *Cal. Wells MSS.*, i, pp. 314, 318, 319; ii, pp. 557, 559.

<sup>2</sup> *S.R.S.*, xiv, pp. 59, 89, 93, 129.

<sup>3</sup> *i.e.* leavened (cf. *New English Dictionary*, s.v. Sour-dough).

<sup>4</sup> *i.e.* probably rowans (cf. roddin, rudd).

<sup>5</sup> rose wine. <sup>6</sup> *i.e.* but seldom.

<sup>7</sup> A sweet Greek wine. <sup>8</sup> old form of cony.

<sup>9</sup> a pool, pond or splash (cf. old French ‘ flache ’).

<sup>10</sup> langue-de-boeuf—a culinary bugloss.

	percely, rod, <sup>1</sup> rosmery, tyme, ysope, sauery, <sup>2</sup> mercury <sup>3</sup> grene and the brothe there of.
Salte water Fysche.	Usyth haddok, marlyng, playse, gurnarde, mylet, dorey, sole, turbut, hake, pylcherd, base, sore, <sup>4</sup> mylet, mylwel, <sup>5</sup> lenge, holybut, husewyfe, <sup>6</sup> cod- lynge.
(f. xii)	ȝe most leue cunger, dogfysche, ray, thornebec <sup>a</sup> <sup>7</sup> frescheryng, makerel, poure, <sup>8</sup> lenger ortrys, <sup>9</sup> almaner bestly fysche, fresche samon and flun- drys.
	ȝe schal use ostrys, cockys, <sup>10</sup> frillys, lympys, frillys, <sup>11</sup> walkys, <sup>12</sup> tender sodyn, <sup>13</sup> the fysche of the crabbe leggys fete and leve the body. ȝe most leue musoil, graueys <sup>14</sup> and loppesteres.
Salt Fysch.	ȝe may use mylwel and lenge dry and wete, ryde heryng, and whyte hake dry and wete. Schalpyn so that eche of ham be wel y wateryd. ȝe most leue salt samoun, stok fysch, elys and lampreys.
Fresch water fysch.	ȝe may use pyke, perche, roche, daces, brayme, sprottes, and maner of menys. <sup>15</sup> ȝe most leue al moddy fysche, as tenche, elys, lochys, trouttys, pridys, <sup>16</sup> lamprys. ȝe most leue al maner wyte metes excepte boter. Usyth egges, rostyd, pochyd, and boyllyd.

a "thornekec" in MS.

<sup>1</sup> *Calendula officinalis*, or culinary marigold.

<sup>2</sup> summer savory.

<sup>3</sup> allgood, or bonus henricus, a pot-herb.

<sup>4</sup> i.e. red herring. <sup>5</sup> cod. <sup>6</sup> perhaps "sprat."

<sup>7</sup> i.e. thornback, the common skate.

<sup>8</sup> probably the same as "power," a Cornish name of a small species of cod.

<sup>9</sup> sic in MS.; perhaps langoustie.

<sup>10</sup> cockles (cf. *N.E.D.*, s.v. cockle).

<sup>11</sup> limpets. <sup>12</sup> welks.

<sup>13</sup> boiled.

<sup>14</sup> crayfish (cf. Fr. écrevisse).

<sup>15</sup> minnows. <sup>16</sup> prides, a species of freshwater lamprey.

ȝoure sause schal be made of<sup>a</sup> sorel, costmary,  
dytayne, peleter,<sup>1</sup> percly, auanse,<sup>2</sup> wt cromys  
of soure brede, temperid wt uyneeger, wt a lytyl  
quantite of salt and pouder of synomome.<sup>3</sup>

[XV cent. This list of articles of food and drink is interesting in that it contains many forms of old English words not found elsewhere. Lists of a cognate nature occur among the various treatises printed by F. J. Furnivall, for the Early English Text Soc., vol. xxxii, 1868 (viz., *John Russells Boke of Nurture*, in part i, pp. 125 sq., 164 sq.; cf. *ibid.*, part ii, pp. 56, 57, etc.); vol. viii, extra series, 1869, pp. 90, 92; vol. x, extra series, 1870, Andrew Boorde's *Dyetary of Helth*, pp. 252-287.]

#### 16. Rules for the preservation of health.

(fol. xiib) Regimen conueniens monachis pro corporibus eorum salubriter conseruandis patet in sequentibus.

Primo de qualitate cibi. Sit cibus uester calidus et siccus ; lacticinia multiplicant fleuma in stomacho et herbe crude ut porricula, sepe crude et omnes fructus crudi ; et tarde bibere et principaliter de potibus simplicibus. Minus<sup>b</sup> profunde studere statim post replecionem, sed tunc conuenit mediocriter in camera uel in claustro deambulare. Non dormire statim post cibum, sed per horam post.

Quantitas cibi et potus fit mediocris ita quod non sint eructuaciones [sic] insipide post primum sompnum, nec extensio laterum post prandium ; unde Auicenna, ȝ Can.<sup>4</sup> :—cibus excedens debitum membra opilat et putredinis causa existit. Fiat sic cibacio quod tanta sit ingenii acuitas post sicut ante.

Peccatum in potu multum nocet et maxime et saltem excessiue sumere uinum. De uino ;—per horam post prandium accipere bonum haustum uini ; permittitur ad confortandum uirtutem digestiuam sed propter potum.

<sup>a</sup> “ of ” inserted above line.   <sup>b</sup> The MS. has one minim too few.

<sup>1</sup> wild thyme.

<sup>2</sup> wood-avens or herb benet, used to give a clove-like flavour to ale, etc.

<sup>3</sup> The editor is indebted to Mr. C. T. Onions for valuable help in identifying many of the articles of diet in the above treatise.

<sup>4</sup> The reference seems to be to Avicenna, *Liber Canonis*, (Venice 1584), Lib. iii, Fen. xiii, tract. i, ch. 36 ; or Lib. iii, Fen. xiii, tract. iii, ch. 8.

Potus est tripliciter, potus alteratius, permixtus, et dilatius. Primus potus competit ante prandium ut siruxi [sic] et potus medicinalis; permixtus debet accipi in prandio, scilicet, modicum comedere, modicum potare, ut fiat permixtio debita; sed dilatius post prandium, facta digestione, et postquam cibus descenderit de stomacho sicut est uinum modicum. Secundum Auicennam portare [sic] post prandium [non] bonum est immo sitim tollerare post prandium est conferens. Ideo excludatur sitis et custodiatur potus mensura et moderancia.

Mane post extensionem brachiorum induat uestimenta et superfluitates secunde digestie et tercie, hoc est per sputum et rastaciones, expellat. Capitis fiat pectinacio, manuum et faciei ablucio, in estate cum aqua frigida, in yeme cum aqua calida. Retineat aquam in ore donec fiat calida; deinde ponatur in manu et cum illa fiat oculorum locio et apericio. Fricet dentes cum foliis coruli, id est necete tres leues. Deinde exercitet bene corpus suum licet usque ad sudoris emissionem eo melius. Et tunc hora consueta cibum accipiat discrete et secundum artem, et recedat a magna diuersitate cibariorum, quia magna diuersitas simul sumpta stomachum nocet, et naturam ad quam cibum digerendum se commitat [sic] reddit confusam propter diuersas cibariorum<sup>a</sup> complexiones. Et grossiora secundum Anglicos primo habent sumi; sed si uoluerit postea sumere subtilia dietet se mediocriter de gressis.<sup>b</sup>

Cruda et semicocta prohibentur tam in herbis quam in fructibus et in omnibus aliis cibariis. Et scietis quod cibus manet in stomacho per hiis<sup>1</sup> horas antequam complete digeratur secundum Auicennam unde ex 2° Amff<sup>2</sup>:

Si peccatum fit in nocte corrigatur per abstinentiam in mane. Sciendum est quod lac et pisces non competit (f. xiii)

<sup>a</sup> MS. has "tibariorum."

<sup>b</sup> sic for "grossis."

<sup>1</sup> sic in MS. The reference is probably to Avicenna, *Liber Canonis*, Lib. iii, Fen. xiii, tract. iii, ch. 8. "Quandoque remanet in stomacho aliquid de cibo usque circiter xv horas in dispositione sanitatis et xii horas."

<sup>2</sup> The meaning of this reference is not clear.

in eadem mensa. Nec uinum et lac quia disponunt ad lefram. Nec accipiatis aliquam confectionem neque dragiam nec talia subtilia immediate post cibum. Et ideo maratrum et anisum et tales species sunt cum discrecione fugiente immediate post cibum.

Et magnus motus post prandium siue equitando siue ambulando et somnus immediate nocet; post horam uel semihoram potest admitti, ita quod somnus noctis non impediatur.

Et secundum Auicennam,<sup>1</sup> sompnus primo fiat super latus dextrum; deinde si necesse fuerit super sinistrum.<sup>2</sup> Et resupine<sup>a</sup> dormire est malum. Quo ad somnum post prandium:—

Aut breuis aut nullus sit somnus meridianus.<sup>3</sup>

Quoad cenam dicitur:—

Nocturna cena stomacho fit maxima pena.

Si<sup>b</sup> uis esse leuis sit tibi cena breuis.<sup>4</sup>

Item egestio et urina expellantur nec aliquo modo retinentur ut idem quod homo appetat illa emittere.

Et non est bonum multum sedere.

Tempus anni considerandum est, quia in yeme possumus grossiora sumere et calidiora; in estate detur cibus subtilis.

De hora comedendi et cibum sumendi sit hora calidior. In estate fit homo maxime temperatus,<sup>c</sup> quia magna caliditas appetitum debilitat.

Consuetudo dietandi licet mala nunquam in aliquo habet subito mutari sed paulatue secundum omnes doctores, etc.

<sup>a</sup> “aut nullus” (cancelled) follows in MS.

<sup>b</sup> “esse” cancelled follows in MS.

<sup>c</sup> “temperata” in MS.

<sup>1</sup> *Liber Canonis*, Lib. iii, Fen. xiii, tract. iii, ch. 9.

<sup>2</sup> See also *Flos Medicinae Scholae Salerni* in Renzi, *Collectio Salernitana*, v, 1859, p. 7, ll. 243-244. Many of the quotations in the Regimen now printed occur in this work, either in identical or closely allied form.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, l. 246.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 10, ll. 337, 338.

Omnis fructus, ut poma, pira non antiqua, sanguinem generant aquosum et corruptibilem. Tamen fructus stiptici commendantur post prandium, nisi homo sit laxus uentre, sicut pira, coctana, poma, licet poma assata in colericis laxant. Ante prandium sumpta tamen cruda sunt stiptica et maxime acetosa.

Pruna et cerea et uue passe siue raseine<sup>a</sup> et ficus debent accipi ante prandium ut dicit Ysaik in *Dietis particularibus*.<sup>1</sup> Cuius appositorum est usus uersus :—

Pruna iejunanti<sup>b</sup> pira pasto poma cubanti.

Cum omni fructu zinziber comedere. Galienus dicit de patre suo quod uixit centum annis quia non comedit fructus.

De nucibus, auellane, id est filberdes, optime sunt pro epate,<sup>c</sup> unde :—

Dicas auellanis epati semper fore sanas.

Nuces alie negantur unde :—

Nux oleum nudumque caput pomum quoque crudum  
Uinum non paucum faciunt super omnia tantum.<sup>2</sup>

Oua et candellum ualent si inuenient stomachum mundum, si autem statim corrumpuntur.

Dicunt doctores ; qui habet stomachum frigidum uitet fabas, pisas et talia uentosa. Tamen brodium pisarum potest accipi cum cumino, unde :—

Allea<sup>3</sup> uina uenus fabe uentus fumus et ignis  
Ista nocent oculis sed uigilare magis.<sup>4</sup>  
Lac nocet stomacho frigido.

<sup>a</sup> The first “ e ” is inserted above the line.

<sup>b</sup> “ prima reminanti ” in MS.

<sup>c</sup> “ opate ” in MS.

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<sup>1</sup> or rather Petrus Hispanus (Pope John XXI) in his commentary on Ishāk ibn Sulaimān (Isaac Judaeus), *Liber dietarum particularium*. See A. Turinus’ *Omnia opera Ysaac*, Lyons, 1515, f. cxiiib.

<sup>2</sup> cf. Renzi, *op. cit.*, v, p. 55, ll. 1929 sq.

<sup>3</sup> For “ balnea ” ?

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, ll. 1923 sq.

Butirum comedatur ante omnia alia cibaria et nunquam post potum sumptum.

Post cenam non comedatur aliqua pinguedo lactis uel cremo (f. xiiib) quia est maxime opilatum et uiscosum.

Similiter rex [*sic*] crude et ostra nocent stomacho frigido. Et notandum mastitacio [*sic*] bona tibi et bona eius et completa assacio et decoccio extra est quasi medietas digestionis ad intra. Iuuenes magis digerunt grossa et dura; senes et pueri humida et liquida; studentes comedant subtilia quia cito conuertuntur.

De pane :—panis pastillorum est malus; et regula quod panis rarus et apertus est bonus. Et alia regula quod cibus adherens digitis cum tangitur dimittatur, quia talis est uiscosus. Nec res assate per noctem retente ualent nec pinguia in fine mense nec prandii. Ibi prohibentur frixa et oleaginosa.

Abstinencia moderato [*sic*] est summa medicina. Notetis quod dico moderata. Tamen fleumatici optime possunt ieunare, ut dicit Auicenna.

Conclusio doctoris unde :—

Potus tarde datus multos facit cruciatus.

Inter omnes species utantur homines specialiter cinamonio quia os facit redolere et ualet contra rena frigidum et preseruat a corrucione humorum. Et ideo dicitur metrice :—

Non morietur homo comedens sepe de cinamonio,

—id est non morietur de corrumpcione humorum. Et hec aliqualiter sufficiunt quoad regimen sanitatis corporalis etc.

Corporeis membris nisi sit medicus tibi uilis

Mensis Septembris frigus caueas et Aprilis.

Dis<sup>a</sup> duo dat moratrum<sup>b</sup> febres fugat atque uenenum

Et purgat stomachum sic lumen reddit atutum [*sic*].<sup>1</sup>

<sup>a</sup> *sic* for “bis.”

<sup>b</sup> for “maratrum.”

<sup>1</sup> For this and preceding line see *Regimen Sanitatis Salernitanum*, ed. J. Ordronaux, 1870, p. 86. They are not given in Renzi's edition.

Si uis post cenam stomacho deponere penam  
 Sta quod sis lassus uel centum dirige passus.  
 Feniculus, rosa, ueruena, celidoma, ruta,  
 Ex istis fit aqua que lumina reddit acuta.<sup>1</sup>

[XV cent. The above set of rules for a healthy life belongs to a class of medical works very common in the Middle Ages, written for the layman as distinct from the medical profession. The most widely copied of them was the metrical *Regimen Sanitatis Salernitanum* or *Flos Medicinae Salerni*, compiled in the 11th or 12th cent., which remained the standard work of this kind throughout the Middle Ages. It will be seen from the footnotes that many of the quotations in the *Regimen* here printed are taken from that source.<sup>2</sup>]

17. (f. xiv) *At the beginning of f. xiv occur the following collects, etc., cancelled by diagonal lines :—*

- (a) Famulos tuos quesumus domine non deserat pietas tua.
- (b) Adesto nobis domine deus noster et quos sancte crucis letari facis.
- (c) Deus qui beato Petro apostolo tuo collatis clauibus regni celestis.
- (d) Deus qui preclaros apostolos tuos Paulum et Andream et Trinitatis gloria sublimasti.
- (e) Intercessio nos quesumus domine beati Benedicti abbatis commendet.
- (f) Propiciare quesumus domine nobis famulis tuis per sanctorum tuorum quorum reliquie in presenti requiescent ecclesia merita.
- (g) Deus a quo desideria recta consilia et iusta sunt opera, da seruis tuis.
- (h) Auxilium tuum nobis domine placatus impende et intercedente beata dei genitrice.

[Early XIV cent.]

18. *Form of writ “de attornatis faciendis.”*

Edwardus dei gracia etc. senescallis uel balliuis talis hun-

<sup>1</sup> For last two lines, see *ibid.*, p. 108.

<sup>2</sup> See also the introductions to *The School of Salernum, The English Version by Sir John Harington*, London, 1922.

dredi, salutem. Quia per commune consilium regni nostri prouisum est quod quilibet liber homo qui sectam debet ad hundreda libere possit facere attornatum suum ad sectam illam pro eo faciendo uobis precipimus quod attornatum quem abbas de Muchelnye loco suo attornare uoluerit ad sectam pro eo faciendo ad hundredum de A. uel B. etc. predicti domini uestri de C. loco ipsius abbatis sine difficultate ad hoc recipiatis. Teste me ipso apud, etc., die tali et mense tali anno regni nostri, etc.

Littera de attornato.

[1st half XIV cent.]

19. *Form for appointment of attorney for doing suit at a hundred-court.*

Pateat uniuersis per presentes quod nos Iohannes abbas Muchelnye constituimus et loco nostro posuimus dilectum nobis in Christo A. de B. attornatum nostrum ad faciendam sectam pro nobis coram senescallo domini A. de B. in hundredo de C. intrinseco uel forinseco. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes sigillo nostro signatas. Datum apud Muchelnye die tali et anno<sup>a</sup> regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi tali etc.

[1st half XIV cent.]

20. *Letter to John de Hampton giving news of the battle of Halidon Hill.*

Sachez qe Lundi le xix iour de Juyl les Escotz vyndrent pres de Berewik apres hure de noune a nombre de lx. mil e cumbaterunt oue nostre seygnour le Roy dngleterre e, honure seyt deux, il furunt tauntost descunfiz, e les cuntes de Morruf, de Ros, de Estrauerne, de Fif, monsieur Erchebaud Douglas, monsieur Will. Douglas e le seneschal de Escoce e tote la chiualerie e grant multitude de people. La croyz noz la vile de Berewik ensemblement oue le chastel sunt renduz a nostre seygnour le Roy dngleterre. E le Roy admaunde apres la chauncelerie de y venir a luy en haste, par le eueske de Wyncestre. Escrit a Neofchastel sur Tyne le xxi. iour de Juyl. Yceste lettre uynt

<sup>a</sup> "tali" cancelled follows in MS.

a Johan de Hamtone a les assises de Hamtone [co. Southt.] le mardi apres le seynt Jake [27 July] par le dit evesque.

[A contemporary copy of an interesting letter, addressed to John de Hampton, giving news of the battle of Halidon Hill, fought 19 July, 1333, and the capture of Berwick by the English forces. The addressee, John de Hampton, was later one of the guardians of the temporalities of the Bishopric of Winchester, on the promotion of John de Stratford, Lord Chancellor, to the Archbishopric of Canterbury in 1334.<sup>1</sup> He also held several commissions of *oyer and terminer* in Hampshire about this time,<sup>2</sup> and was a Justice of Assize there in 1333.<sup>3</sup> Later, he seems to have been appointed by Stratford Steward of the Archbishop's manors.<sup>4</sup>

Of the persons mentioned in the letter Hugh, 4th Earl of Ross, led the reserve of the Scottish army to attack the wing commanded by Baliol, but was driven back and slain ; Malise, 8th Earl of Strathearn, is wrongly stated by Knighton<sup>5</sup> to have been killed in the battle ; both Sir Archibald Douglas and his nephew William "Lord of Douglas" lost their life on the battlefield ; John Randolph, 3rd Earl of Moray, escaped to France.]

21. *Appointment by Abbot William Wyke of John Scherborne as his proxy at the Northampton Chapter of 1495.*

(f. xivb) Proxi anno domini 1495.

Uenerabilibus in Christo patribus et dominis dominis dei gracia capitulo prouincialis ordinis sancti Benedicti nigrorum monachorum in Anglia presidentibus, eorum commissariis aut loca tenentibus quibuscumque, Willelmus<sup>6</sup> eadem gratia abbas monasterii<sup>a</sup> beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli de Muchelney eiusdem ordinis Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis, salutem

<sup>a</sup> "beati Petri" cancelled follows in MS.

<sup>1</sup> A. W. Goodman, *Chartulary of Winchester Cathedral*, nos. 256, 429 ; *Cal. Close Rolls* (1333-7), pp. 247, 261, 270 ; *Cal. Pat. Rolls* (1334-8), pp. 21, 156.

<sup>2</sup> *Cal. Pat. Rolls* (1330-4), pp. 133, 135, 145, 289, 439, 450, 498, etc.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 479.

<sup>4</sup> *Literae Cantuarienses*, Rolls Series, ii, pp. 108, 134, 141.

<sup>5</sup> *Chronicon Henrici Knighton*, ed. J. R. Lumby, Rolls Series, i. p. 468.

<sup>6</sup> William Wyke, Abbot of Muchelney, 1489-1504.

cum omni reuerencia et obediencia tantis patribus debitibus cum honore. Quia nos ex uera et legitima<sup>a</sup> causa prepediti quominus uestro capitulo prouinciali sexto die Iulii proximo futuro cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum tunc sequencium post datam presencium apud Northampton celebrando personaliter poterimus interesse, dilectum nobis in Christo fratrem Iohannem Scherborne,<sup>1</sup> confratrem et commonachum nostrum, excusatorem ac procuratorem nostrum specialem facimus<sup>b</sup> ordinamus et constituimus per presentes, dantes et concedentes [sic] eidem potestatem generalem et mandatum speciale in animam nostram monstrandi causam excusacionis quam pretendimus esse ueram (quia<sup>c</sup> senio adeo confracti uariisque ac frequentibus infirmitatibus nonnullisque aliis senectutis incommodis modernis diebus plus solito irruentibus sumus reuera multipliciter prepediti) necnon alligandi ac proponendi hanc nostram causam fore ueram ac eciā ubiscum uestrisue commissariis seu loca tenantibus et aliis prelatis tunc ibidem existentibus de hiis que ibidem ad honorem dei diuinum cultum et obseruanciam regularem contingit ordinari tractandi et eisdem consenciendi, necnon omnia alia et singula faciendi, exercendi et expediendi que ad excusatoris siue procuratoris officium fuerint necessaria uel aliqualiter oportuna; ratum et gratum habituros quicquid idem procurator<sup>d</sup> noster duxerit<sup>e</sup> faciendum. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Datum apud Muchelney xxiii<sup>o</sup> die mensis Iunii, anno domini millesimo cccc. nonagesimo quinto.

[This form differs from that prescribed by the Provincial Chapter of 1423 (see above, No. 3). On the other hand, it follows closely the letter of proxy of the Abbot of St. Albans to the Abbot of Westminster,

<sup>a</sup> "casa" cancelled follows in MS.

<sup>b</sup> "ordim" cancelled follows in MS.

<sup>c</sup> "seneo" cancelled follows in MS.

<sup>d</sup> "nr" cancelled follows in MS.

<sup>e</sup> "face" cancelled follows in MS.

1471, the main difference being that the latter is throughout in the first person singular.<sup>1]</sup>

22. (f. xv) *Form of appointment of proxy for exercise of prebendal jurisdiction.*

Iohannes permissione diuina abbas monasterii Muchelnye, prebendarius de Illemystre in ecclesia cathedrali Wellensi, dilecto clero nostro 'N' salutem in omnium saluatore. De uestre discrecionis industria fiduciam precipuam optinentes ad audiendum cognoscendum et fine debito terminandum causas, lites et negotia mota et mouenda in iurisdicione nostra prebendali dicta de Illemystre que de iure aut consuetudine ad nostrum spectare dinoscuntur examen, nec non ad inquirendum, corrigendum et puniendum subditorum nostrorum quorumcunque crimina et excessus uobis committimus uices nostras cum cohercionis canonice potestate donec eas ad nos duxerimus reuocandum. Datum apud Much[elney] etc.

[XIV cent.]

23. Mandatum pro uisitacione generali.

Willelmus permissione diuina abbas monasterie [sic] beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli de Muchelney ordinis sancti Benedicti Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis per reuerendos patres et dominos in ultimo capitulo generali apud Northamptun celebrato presidentes ad uisitandum monasteria eiusdem ordinis in diocesibus Bathoniensi et Wellensi ac Exoniensi situata uisitator rite et legittime deputatus, reuerendo in Christo patri et domino domino abbati Glastonie salutem in auctore salutis et fraterne dilectionis continuum incrementum. Quia nos<sup>a</sup> per iniunctum nobis officium huiusmodi studiosius peragendum obediencia excitat et necessitas obsequendi xxx<sup>o</sup> die mensis May [sic] proximo futuro cum con-

<sup>a</sup> altered from "nob."

<sup>1</sup> H. T. Riley, *Registra quorundam Abbatum Monasterii S. Albani* (Rolls Series), ii, 1873, p. 99.

tinuacione et prorogacione si oportuerit dierum et horarum subsequencium uos reuerendos dominum ac commonachos et confratres uestros ac monasterium uestrum memoratum in domo uesta capitulari hora congruente seu conueniente auctoritate dicti nobis iniuncti officii iuxta canonicas sancciones obseruenciasque regulares Deo disponente proponimus actualiter uisitare ; uosque reuerendum in Christo patrem dominum abbatem<sup>a</sup> Glastonie antedictum cum reuerencia debita tenore presencium preminuimus [sic] et per uos preminuri [sic] ac peremptorie citare uoluimus omnes et singulos commonachos et confratres uestros quod compareant, et compareat personaliter quilibet eorum, coram nobis aut nostris siue nostro si tunc nobis legittime impediri contigerit in hac parte commissarii siue commissario die, loco et hora memoratis, et si oportuerit cum continuacione et prorogacione eorumdem siue eiusdem onus uisitationis huiusmodi canonice subituros<sup>b</sup>, inquisituros, certificaturos, facturos, ulteriusque recepturos quod sacris in hac parte congruit institutis et negocii predicti qualitas in se exigit et requirit ; de die uero recepcionis presencium et quid feceritis in premissis seu duxeritis faciendum nos aut nostros commissarios seu nostrum commissarium die, loco et hora supradictis per litteras uestras patentes harum seriem plenius continentis ac nomina et cognomina commonachorum et confratrum uestrorum per uos in hac parte citatorum in quadam cedula uestro certificatorio anectanda sigillo uestro consignata aperte et distincte reddere certiores. Datum apud Muchelney sub sigillo nostro commune [sic] xxiii<sup>a</sup> die mensis Aprilis, anno domini · M° · CCCC° · octogesimo quinto.

[Circ. 1500. A notification by Willian Wyke, Abbot of Muchelney, to John de Selwood, Abbot of Glastonbury, of an intended visitation of his monastery. The addressee, as will be seen from the end of the deed printed above, is requested to acknowledge receipt of the document, by a "certificatorium," to which a schedule (*cedula*), giving the names of the inmates of the house, had to be attached. Below (nos. 38 and 80) are printed copies of such a "certificatorium" (a) from the

<sup>a</sup> "G" cancelled follows in MS.

<sup>b</sup> "certificaturos" cancelled follows in MS.

Abbot of Tavistock on receipt of a notification from John Bracy, Abbot of Muchelney, visitor appointed by the Northampton Chapter of 1474 for the dioceses of Bath and Wells and Exeter; (b) from Thomas de Overtone, Abbot of Muchelney, to Walter de Winforton, Abbot of Winchcombe, visitor in dioceses of Bath, Exeter and Salisbury, *circ. 1359–1371*. Unfortunately no “*cedula*” with list of monks for Muchelney survives, but an original “*certificatorium*” with “*cedula*” for the abbey of St. Alban’s exists in British Museum, Add. Charters 33687 and 34350.<sup>1]</sup>

24–33. *Deeds relating to the manor of Downhead in West Camel acquired by the Abbey of Muchelney in 1359.*

24. (f. xv<sup>b</sup>) Dounheude.

Memorandum de munimentis tangentibus manerium de Dounheude iuxta Westcammel. In primis relaxacio Walteri de Thornhill et Margerie uxor eius facta Roberto Fitzpayn et Ele uxori sue per finem in curia domini regis ut patet in subsequentibus.

Hec est finalis concordia facta in curia domini regis apud Westmonasterium a die Pasche in xv. dies anno regni regis Edwardi tertii a conquestu tercio coram Willelmo de Herle, Henrico Scrope, Iohanne le Bousser et Iohanne Trauers, iusticiariis et aliis domini regis fidelibus tunc ibidem presentibus, inter Robertum Fitzpayn et Elam uxorem eius querentes, per Thomam de Loutteswelle positum loco suo per breue domini regis ad lucrandum uel perdendum, et Walterum de Thornhill et Margeriam uxorem eius deforciantes, de manorio de Dounheude cum pertinenciis, unde placitum conuencionis summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem curia, scilicet quod predicti Walterus et Margeria recognouerunt predictum manerium cum pertinenciis esse ius ipsius Ele et illud eisdem Roberto et Ele reddiderunt in eadem curia, habendum et tenendum eisdem Roberto et Ele et heredibus ipsius Ele de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per seruicia que ad predictum manerium pertinent imperpetuum. Et preterea iidem Walterus et Margeria concesserunt pro se et heredibus ipsius Margerie quod

<sup>1</sup> Cf. also *Registrum Johannis Whethamstede*, Rolls Series, ii, pp. 48, 78, 229; Dugdale, *Monasticon*, ii, 1819, p. 21 (Evesham), etc.

ipsi warantizabunt predictis Roberto et Ele et heredibus ipsius Ele predictum manerium cum pertinenciis contra omnes <sup>a</sup> homines imperpetuum. Et pro hac recognicione, reddicione, warantizacione, fine et concordia iidem Robertus et Ela dederunt predictis Waltero et Margerie decem libras sterlingorum [1329].

[Cf. *S.R.S.*, xii, p. 135; xiv, p. 109. This and the following nine deeds are copied in a mid-fourteenth century hand, probably contemporary with the later documents of the series.]

The above Walter de Thornhill was the second son of Walter de Thornhill of Thornhill and Woolland, co. Dors., and his wife Cecily. He married Margery, daughter and heir of Robert de Boys by Margaret his wife.<sup>1</sup> Their son John occurs in deed below (no. 33). Robert Fitzpayn was a considerable landholder in cos. Dorset and Somerset.<sup>2</sup> On his death in 1354, he left as his heiress his sister<sup>3</sup> Isabel who married Sir John Chidiok. A note in a Glastonbury feodary<sup>4</sup> states that he left his inheritance "cum armis et nomine suis" to Robert de Grey, junior, son of Richard le Grey of Codnor, who henceforth occurs as Robert Fitzpayn, junior; he has not been distinguished from the senior Robert Fitzpayn in the *Pedes Finium* for co. Somerset. Ela, the widow of the latter, and daughter of Sir Guy de Bryan, died in 1356.<sup>5</sup>

This manor of Downhead, in West Camel, is to be distinguished from Downhead near Shepton Mallet.]

25. Postea relaxacio Roberti Fitzpayn et Ele uxoris sue facta Ricardo de Actone et Iohanni de Somerton per finem in curia domini regis etc.

(f. xvi) Hec est finalis concordia facta in curia domini regis apud Westmonasterium in crastino Ascencionis Domini anno

<sup>a</sup> MS. has "œmisi."

<sup>1</sup> Hutchins, *History and Antiquities of Dorset*, iv, 1873, p. 417.

<sup>2</sup> *S.R.S.*, xii, 1898, pp. 37, 79, 90, 93, 120, 121, 134, 135, 164, 226; xvii, 1902, pp. 17, 25, 27, 182; *Cal. Inq. post mortem*, x, no. 175, p. 150.

<sup>3</sup> So in the note in the Glastonbury feodary mentioned below. In *Cal. Inq. post mortem*, x, p. 150, it is stated that Isabel was the daughter of Robert Fitz Payn; but, *ibid.*, p. 249, it is stated that he and his wife died without heirs of their bodies. See also *Som. Arch. Soc. Proceedings*, xliv, p. 212.

<sup>4</sup> C. H. Mayo, *A Feodary of Glastonbury Abbey* (*S.R.S.*, xxvi, p. 32).

<sup>5</sup> *Cal. Inq. post mortem*, x, no. 292, p. 249.

regni Edwardi regis Anglie tercii a conquestu uicesimo octauo et regni eiusdem regis Francie quinto decimo, coram Rogero Hillary, Ricardo de Wylughby, Iohanne Stonford, et Henrico Grene, iusticiariis, et postea a die Sancte Trinitatis in quindecim dies anno regni eiusdem regis Edwardi supradicto ibidem concessa et recordata coram eisdem iusticiariis et aliis domini regis fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus ; inter Ricardum de Acton et Iohannem de Somerton, querentes, et Robertum Fitzpayn et Elam uxorem eius, deforciantes, de manerio de Dounheude cum pertinenciis, unde placitum conuencionis summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem curia ; scilicet quod predicti Robertus et Ela recognouerunt predictum manerium cum pertinenciis esse ius ipsius Ricardi, et illud remiserunt et quietum clamauerunt de ipsis Roberto et Ela et heredibus ipsius Ele predictis Ricardo et Iohanni et heredibus ipsius Ricardi imperpetuum ; et preterea iidem Robertus et Ela concederunt pro se et heredibus ipsius Ele <sup>a</sup> quod ipsi warantizabunt predictis Ricardo et Iohanni et heredibus ipsius Ricardi predictum manerium cum pertinenciis contra omnes homines imperpetuum. Et pro hac recognacione, remissione, quietaclamacione, warantizacione, fine et concordia iidem Ricardus et Iohannes dederunt predictis Roberto et Ele centum marcas argenti [1354].

[Cf. S.R.S., xiv, p. 110; xvii, p. 25. Sir Richard de Acton held considerable estates in Somerset, and was knight of the shire for that county in the Parliament of 1361.<sup>1</sup> His will, dated 16 Nov. 1388, with probate 2 Feb. 1389, directing his burial in the cemetery of Glastonbury Abbey, is preserved at Lambeth.<sup>2</sup> John de Somerton was associated with him in several land transactions during the reign of Edward III.<sup>3</sup> He seems to have been an attorney and must be distinguished from John de Somerton, Abbot of Muchelney.]

26. Scriptum Walteri de Pauely militis qui statum habuit in manerio predicto ad terminum uite sue per concessionem  
<sup>a</sup> " predictis Ricardo . . . ipsius Ele " inserted above line.

<sup>1</sup> *Members of Parliament* (1878), i, p. 167.

<sup>2</sup> Printed in *Notes and Queries for Som. and Dors.*, vii, p. 260.

<sup>3</sup> S.R.S., xvii, pp. 2, 4, 25, 28.

Robertus Fitzpayn quomodo concessit statum suum Ricardo de Acton et Iohanni de Somerton in hec uerba etc.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum peruererit Walterus de Paueli chiualer, salutem in domino. Noueritis me tradidisse, concessisse et hoc presenti scripto meo confirmasse Ricardo de Acton chiualer et Iohanni de Somerton totum manerium meum de Dounheude, cum omnibus libertatibus et pertinenciis suis, quod habui ad terminum uite mee ex dimissione Roberti Fitzpayn, domini de Merschwode, habendum et tenendum dictum manerium cum pertinenciis suis dictis Ricardo et Iohanni, heredibus et assignatis ipsius Ricardi ad terminum uite mee, reddendo inde michi per annum septem marcas ad quatuor terminos principales equis portionibus ad terminum uite mee ; ita uidelicet quod si predictus redditus a retro fuerit per unum mensem post aliquem terminum dictorum terminorum bene licebit michi prefato Waltero in dictum manerium distingere et in dictum manerium reinterrare et illud retinere quounque satisfactum fuerit michi de predicto simul cum arreragiis eiusdem. Et uero [sic] predictus Walterus dictum manerium cum pertinenciis dictis Ricardo et Iohanni, heredibus et assignatis ipsius Ricardi ut predictum est ad terminum uite mee contra omnes mortales warantizabo et acquietabo. In cuius rei testimonium huic indenture tam ego dictus Walterus quam dictus Ricardus et Iohannes sigilla nostra alternatim apposuimus. Hiis testibus, Iohanne Triuet et Waltero Bluet militibus, Simone de Braden, Roberto de Panes, Thoma FitzJemes, Iohanne de Somerton, Ricardo Beuyn et aliis. Datum apud Somerton die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Andree apostoli anno regni regis Edwardi tercii a conquestu xxvi [2 Dec. 1352].

27. (f. xvib) Carta Ricardi de Acton de manorio de Dounheude predicto facta Willelmo Derby et Alexandro clericu.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Ricardus de Acton, miles, dedi, concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Alexandru le Clerk de Westcammel et Willelmo Derby clericu

manerium meum de Dounheude iuxta Westcammel cum omnibus suis pertinenciis, habendum et tenendum predictum manerium cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefatis Alexandro et Willelmo et heredibus ipsius Willelmi libere, quiete, bene et in pace, iure hereditario imperpetuum de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per seruicia inde debita et de iure consueta. Et ego uero predictus Ricardus de Acton et heredes mei totum manerium predictum cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefatis Alexandro et Willelmo et heredibus ipsius Willelmi contra omnes gentes warantizabimus, acquietabimus et defendemus imperpetuum. In cuius rei testimonium huic carte mee sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, Iohanne de Cleuedon, Iohanne de Meryet, militibus; Iohanne de Herlegh, Iohanne atte Sleu, Waltero de Spekyngton et multis aliis. Datum apud Westcammel die Lune proxima ante festum sancte Margarete uirginis anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum tricesimo secundo [16 July 1358].

[Cf. *S.R.S.*, xiv, p. 110. William Derby, one of the above grantees, became later Canon of Wells.<sup>1</sup> Alexander the Clerk is probably the same as Alexander de Cammel who granted to the Abbey of Muchelney a messuage, 10 acres of land and 2 acres of meadow in Ilminster, towards the provision of a wax light and a lamp before the altar of St. Peter, and the like before the altar of the Virgin, to burn during the celebration of Mass.<sup>2</sup>]

28. Littera attornacionis predicti Ricardi ad liberandum predictis Alexandro et Willelmo seisynam in manorio predicto.

Pateat uniuersis per presentes me Ricardum de Acton militem attornasse et loco meo posuisse dilectos michi in Christo Iohannem de Somerton et Stephanum Clerk de Somerton coniunctim seu diuisim ad liberandum Alexandro le Clerk de Westcammel et Willelmo Derby clericu manerium meum de Dounheude iuxta Westcammel et ad ponendum illos in plenam et pacificam seissinam [*sic*] in eodem; habendum et tenendum predictum manerium cum omnibus suis pertinenciis

<sup>1</sup> *Cal. Wells MSS.*, i, pp. 265, 394, 409; *S.R.S.*, x, pp. 756-762.

<sup>2</sup> *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1358-61, p. 507.

prefatis Alexandro et Willelmo et heredibus ipsius Willelmi prout in carta mea inde eis confecta plenius continetur. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum apposui. Datum apud Westcammel die Lune proxima ante festum sancte Margarete<sup>a</sup> virginis anno supradicto [16 July 1358].

29. Relaxacio Iohannis de Somerton facta dictis Alexander et Willelmo de manerio predicto.

Pateat uniuersis per presentes me Iohannem de Somerton remisisse, relaxasse et omnino de me et heredibus meis imperpetuum quietum clamasse Alejandro le Clerk de Westcammel et Willelmo Derby clero et heredibus ipsius Willelmi totum ius meum et clameum que habui, habeo seu quoquismodo habere potero in manerio de Dounheude iuxta Westcammel cum omnibus libertatibus et aliis pertinenciis suis, ita quod nec ego Iohannes nec heredes mei nec aliquis alias nomine nostro in dicto manerio cum libertatibus et aliis pertinenciis suis aliquid iuris uel clamei (f. xvii) de cetero exigere seu uendicare poterimus set per presentes imperpetuum sumus exclusi. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus apposui. Hiis testibus, Radulpho de Middelnye, Iohanne Treuet, militibus, Waltero Corbyn, Waltero de Spekyngton, Iohanne Leddrede, iuniore, Iohanne Mapoudre, Stephano Clerk de Somerton, et multis aliis. Datum apud Muchelnye die Ueneris proxima post festum sancti Petri quod dicitur Ad Uincula anno regni regis Edwardi tercius post conquestum xxxii° [3 August 1358].

[Cf. S.R.S., xiv, p. 110.]

30. Carta domini regis de licencia ut predicti Alexander et Willelmus concedere possint manerium predictum abbatii et conuentui de Muchelnye.

[Hearne, i, p. lxxi; cf. *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1358-1361, p. 116.]

31. (f. xviiib) Carta Alexandri clericu et Willelmi Derby facta predictis abbatii et conuentui de manerio predicto.

[Hearne, i, p. lxxiii.]

<sup>a</sup> MS. has Magarete.

32. Relaxacio Roberti Holm et Sibille uxoris sue, filie et heredis Iohannis de Lorty, qui fuit dominus de Coryryuel per finem factam in curia domini regis de manerio predicto.

Hec finalis concordia facta in curia domini regis apud Westmonasterium a die sancti Michaelis in xv. dies anno regni Edwardi regis Anglie tercii a conquestu tricesimo tercio et regni eiusdem regis Francie uicesimo, coram Roberto de Thorp, Henrico Grene, Henrico de Motelowe et Iohanne Moubray, iusticiariis, et aliis domini regis fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus, inter Thomam abbatem de Muchelnye, querentem, per Robertum Lugh positum loco suo ad lucrandum uel perpendendum, et Robertum Holme et Sibillam uxorem (f. xviii) eius, deforciantes, de manerio de Dounheude iuxta Westcammel cum pertinenciis, unde placitum conuencionis summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem curia, scilicet quod predicti Robertus et Sibilla recognouerunt predictum manerium cum pertinenciis esse ius ipsius abbatis et ecclesie sue sancti Petri de Muchelnye, et illud remiserunt et quietum clamauerunt de ipsis Roberto et Sibilla et heredibus ipsius Sibille predicto abbati et successoribus suis et ecclesie sue predicte imperpetuum. Et preterea iidem Robertus et Sibilla concesserunt pro se et heredibus ipsius Sibille quod ipsi warantizabunt predicto abbati et successoribus suis predictum manerium cum pertinenciis contra omnes homines imperpetuum. Et pro hac recognicione, remissione, quieta clamacione, warantizacione, fine et concordia idem abbas dedit predictis Roberto et Sibille ducentas libras sterlingorum [1359].

[Cf. S.R.S., xvii, p. 44. For an account of the De Lorty family, see Rev. E. H. Bates, *The Family of De Urtiaco*, in *Som. Arch. Soc. Proceedings*, xlvi, pp. 26 sq., and for their connection with Muchelney Abbey, Very Rev. J. Armitage Robinson, in *S.R.S.*, xxxix, pp. 81-84. From the heading to the above deed we can identify the Sibyl mentioned with the daughter and heiress of that John de L'Orty who was the last of the family to be lord of Curry Rivel and who died in 1340.<sup>1</sup> At his death Sibyl was about 22 years old : she married firstly, in

<sup>1</sup> *Cal. Inq. post mortem*, viii, no. 251.

14 Edw. III, John, son of Ralph de Middleney,<sup>1</sup> the date of whose death is uncertain. Sibyl's later marriage to the Robert Holm of the above deed has been hitherto unknown.]

33. Relaxacio Iohannis de Thornhulle facta abbati et conuentui de manerio predicto.

Pateat uniuersis per presentes quod ego Iohannes Thornhull, filius et heres Walteri de Thornhull et Margerie uxoris sue, remisi, relaxaui et omnino de meet heredibus meis imperpetuum quietum clamaui Thome abbatii de Muchelnye et eiusdem loci conuentui et eorum successoribus imperpetuum totum ius meum et clamium que habui, habeo, seu quoquismodo habere potero, in manerio de Dounheude iuxta Westcammel cum omnibus pertinenciis suis, ita quod nec ego dominus Iohannes<sup>a</sup> nec heredes mei nec aliquis alias nomine nostro in dicto manerio cum pertinenciis suis aliquid iuris uel clamii decetero exigere seu uendicare poterimus infuturum, set ab omnimoda accione imperpetuum simus exclusi per presentes. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus apposui. Hiis testibus, Radulpho de Middlenye, milite, Iohanne de Somerton, Waltero Corbyn, Iohanne Mapoudre, Iohanne atte Ok, et multis aliis. Datum apud Muchelnye die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Barnabe Apostoli anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum tricesimo tertio [16 June 1359].

[For John de Thornhulle see note to no. 24 above.]

34-37. (ff. xviiiib-xxb) *Deeds relating to the claim of the Abbot of Muchelney to common of pasture on King's Moor near Somerton.*

[Printed in Hearne, i, pp. lxxiv-lxxxix. Copied in a hand of *circ. 1400*. The documents are:—]

(i) Bill of complaint (*queuela*) of the Abbot to the Chancellor setting forth that, although he had lately recovered common of pasture on King's Moor and had enjoyed possession thereof until the last visit of

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<sup>a</sup> “Dominus Iohannes” inserted above line.

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<sup>1</sup> *Som. Arch. Soc. Proceedings*, xlvi, p. 52.

the Justices in Eyre,<sup>1</sup> when the King had recovered that pasture from the burgesses of Ilchester,<sup>2</sup> the Sheriff of Somerset now prevents him from exercising that right, whence he seeks judgment.

(ii) Notification by Edw. I to the Sheriff of Somerset of the commission of *oyer and terminer* to Ralph Ingho, Henry Hose, Roger Burt and others, for all causes of complaint against the bailiffs, stewards and agents of Queen Eleanor [of Castile], in accordance with her last will. 2 Jan. 19 Edw. I [1291].

(iii) Inquisition taken at Salisbury in the quinzaine of St. Hilary on the Abbot's bill of complaint.

(iv) Judgment at Westminster, one month after the Feast of the Purification, 19 Edw. I, in accordance with the findings of the inquest, in favour of the Abbot, who is awarded damages and expenses amounting to 30*l.*]

38. *Certificate by John, Abbot of Tavistock, to John Bracy, Abbot of Muchelney, acknowledging receipt of notification of an intended visitation.*

Reuerendo in Christo patri ac domino domino Iohanni permissione diuina abbatii monasterii beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli Muchilnie, ordinis sancti Benedicti, Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis uestrisue commissariis seu uestro commissario in hac parte rite et licite deputatis, Iohannes eadem permissione abbas monasterii de Taustoke nigrorum monachorum ordinis sancti Benedicti, Exoniensis diocesis, et eiusdem loci conuentus, salutem in eo qui dat graciam in presenti et gloriam in futuro. Mandatum uestrum reuerendum primo die mensis Iunii recepimus sub eo qui sequitur tenore uerborum:—Iohannes permissione diuina abbas monasterii beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli Muchilnie ordinis sancti Benedicti, Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis, per reuerendos patres et dominos in capitulo generali apud Northampton celebrato presidentes ad uisitandum monasteria eiusdem ordinis in diocesibus Bathoniensi, Wellensi ac Exoniensi situata uisitator rite et legittime

<sup>1</sup> Presumably in 1280. This is the last eyre recorded for co. Somerset before the date of the originals of the above deeds, and the Abbot was awarded damages for 12 years' loss. See H. M. Cam, *Studies in the Hundred Rolls*, Oxford Studies in Social and Legal History, vi, 1921, p. III.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. *Placita de Quo Warranto*, Record Commission, 1818, p. 701.

deputatus, reuerendo in Christo patri et domino domino abbatii de Tauystoke, salutem in auctore salutis. Quia nos propter inunctum nobis officium huiusmodi studiosius peragendum obediencia excitat et necessitas obsequendi octauo decimo die mensis Iunii proximo futuro cum continuacione et prorogacione si oportuerit dierum et horarum subsequencium, uos reuerendum dominum ac monachos et confratres uestros ac monasterium uestrum memoratum in domo uestra capitulari hora congruente et conueniente auctoritate dicti nobis coniunctim [sic] officii iuxta canonicas sancciones obseruanciasque regulares Deo disponenti proponimus actualiter uisitare uosque reuerendum in Christo patrem dominum abbatem de Tauystoke antedictum tenore presentium precipimus et per uos premuniri ac peremptorie citari uolumus omnes et singulos commonachos et confratres uestros quod compareant et compareat personaliter quilibet eorum coram nobis aut nostris siue nostro si tunc nos legittime impediri contigerit in hac parte commissariis siue commissario die, loco et hora memoratis, et si oportuerit cum continuacione et prorogacione eorundem siue eiusdem onus uisitationis huiusmodi canonice subituros, inquesturos, certificaturos, facturos, ulteriusque recepturos quod sacris in hac parte congruit institutis et negocii predicti qualitas in se exigit et (f. xxi) requirit; de die uero recepcionis presentium et quid feceritis in premissis aut duxeritis faciendum nos aut nostros commissarios seu nostrum commissarium die, loco et hora supradictis per uestras litteras patentes harum seriem plenius continentes ac nomina et cognomina commonachorum et confratrum uestrorum per uos in hac parte citatorum in quadam sedula uestro certificatorio annexanda sigillo uestro consignato aperte et distincte reddere dignemini certiores. Datum Muchilnie sub sigillo nostro undecimo die mensis Aprilis anno domini millesimo quadragesimo [sic] septuagesimo quarto. Quod quidem mandatum uestrum ut premittitur per nos receptum in omnibus et per omnia executi sumus et eidem mandato uestro predicto iuxta sui uim, formam et effectum in omnibus obedienter et reuerenter paruimus et in futurum parebimus sicut decet. Nomina uero et cognomina commona-

chorum et confratrum nostrorum patent in cedula huic certificatorio annexa. Datum apud Tauystoke sub sigillo nostro quartodecimo die mensis Iunii anno domini supradicto [14 June 1474].

[15th–16th cent. For note on this document, see no. 23.]

39. *Appointment by Abbot John Bracy of John Sylley, monk of Glastonbury, as his proxy at the Northampton chapter of 1474.*

Proxi.

Uniuersis pateat per presentes quod nos Iohannes<sup>1</sup> permissione diuina abbas monasterii de Mochelney ordynis sancti Benedicti Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis ex causa sufficienti et probabili, uidelicet quia graui corporis inualitudine prepediti quominus capitulo apud Northampton quarto die mensis Iulii anno domini millesimo quadragesimo septuagesimo quarto celebrando poterimus personaliter interesse, dilectum nobis in Christo fratrem Iohannem Sylley, monachum monasterii beate Marie Glastonie, facimus, ordinamus et constituimus per presentes excusatorem et procuratorem uerum et legittimum ad comparendum pro nobis et nomine nostro in dicto capitulo, damusque ei potestatem allegandi, proponendi et in animam nostram iurandi causam huiusmodi quam pretendimus esse ueram, necnon tractandi cum hiis qui intererint capitulo memorato ac concenciendi omnibus hiis que in ipso capitulo fuerint per presidentem seu presidentes et ipsum capitulum salubriter ordinata, necnon omnia facienda que ad excusatoris<sup>a</sup> seu procuratoris officium necessaria fuerint aut aliqualiter oportuna; ratum et gratum habituri quicquid idem procurator et excusator noster fecerit in premissis sub rerum nostrarum et dicti nostri monasterii ypoteca. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Datum in monasterio nostro antedicto uicesimo sexto die mensis Iunii anno

<sup>a</sup> altered from "excusatores."

<sup>1</sup> John Bracy, Abbot of Muchelney, 1470–1489.

regni regis Edwardi quarti post conquestum quarto decimo [6 June 1474].

[In same hand as the preceding deed. The form of this proxy follows closely that prescribed by the Northampton Chapter of 1423 (cf. above, no. 3). Permission for an abbot to be represented at a Provincial Chapter, in cases of necessity, by a monk of an abbey other than his own had been given in 1343 and confirmed in 1444.<sup>1</sup>]

40. (f. 272b) Abbas de Muchelnye debet lxxi.s. x.d. de nona garbarum, uellerum et agnorum regi concessa anno xiii, in uillis de Ile Abbatis, Fifhude, Wescamel, et aliis uillis. Sed non debet inde summam per breue regis quod est inter communia de anno xviii<sup>o</sup> regis huius, termino Pasche, et per processum inde habitum et consilium Baronum annotatum in rotulo placitorum de anno xxviii<sup>o</sup>, uidelicet inter placita de termino Sancti Michaelis; in magno rotulo de anno xxxii<sup>o</sup>, item Somerseta, uidelicet de tempore regis Edwardi tertii.

[XIV cent. This note, which is repeated at the end of the second volume of the Breviary, refers to a suit in the Exchequer court, 28 Edw. III, concerning payments claimed from the Abbot of Muchelney in respect of the ninth sheaf, fleece, and lamb, granted by Parliament in 1340. The pleadings appear in P.R.O. Pleas E 13/79, m. 10, with a copy of the writ of 18 Edw. III and (in a later hand) the extract from the Pipe Roll of 32 Edw. III referred to above; they are printed below as an Appendix on pp. 120-123.]

41. *Powers of attorney granted by John de Somerton, prior of Muchelney, to Ralph Gaillard, clerk; iv Id. June [10 June] 1334.*

[XIV cent. Hearne, i, p. lxxix.]

42. *Order from the Exchequer to the collectors in Somerset of the lay subsidy of  $\frac{1}{10}$ th and  $\frac{1}{5}$ th to stay their demand upon the Abbot of Muchelney in respect of his lands which are liable for payment of clerical subsidies.*

(f. xxii) Edwardus Dei gracia rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie, collectoribus quintedecime et decime nobis

<sup>1</sup> Reyner, *Apostolatus*, Appendix, pp. 138, 164; Wilkins, *Concilia*, ii, p. 726.

a laicis ultimo concessarum in comitatu Somerset, salutem. Constat nobis per insspecionem rotulorum de scaccario nostro quod temporalia abbatis de Muchelnye in uillis de Ile Abbatis et Bradene, in archidiaconatu Tantone, anno regni domini Edwardi quondam regis Anglie, aui nostri, uicesimo, taxata fuerint cum clero archidiaconatus predicti ad vi.l. xii.s. vi.d., pro quibus quidem temporalibus dictus abbas et predecessores sui a dicto anno uicesimo hucusque decimas cum clero archidiaconatus predicti quociens et quando huiusmodi decime nobis seu progenitoribus nostris fuerint concesse; ac tamen graui querela predicti abbatis accepimus quod uos, ad premissa considerationem non habentes, diuersas pecuniarum summas a prefato abbate pro temporalibus predictis ad dictam quintam decimam soluendam exigitis et leuare intenditis minus iuste, in ipsius abbatis dampnum non modicum et status sui depressionem manifestam; super quo nobis supplicauit sibi per nos de remedio prouideri; nos, nolentes predictum abbatem in hac parte indebite onerari, uobis mandamus quod demande quam facitis prefato abbati, pro quibusunque pecuniarum summis ab eodem exactis ad quintamdecimam predictam iam currentem pro temporalibus predictis, supersedeatis omnino; et districcionem si quam ei ea occasione feceritis seu quid ab eodem inde leuaueritis indilate relaxetis eidem; subcollectoribus uestris in uillis predictis dantes in mandatum quod dicte demande supersedeant pari forma; prouiso semper quod si dictus abbas seu aliquis predecessorum suorum aliqua temporalia in uillis predictis post dictum annum uicesimum acquisierit, idem abbas pro eisdem ad dictam quintam decimam iam currentem soluat ut est iustum; taliter uos habentes in hac parte ne clamor dicti abbatis ad nos perueniat iteratis. Teste T[homa] de Lodelowe, apud Westmonasterium ix. die Maii, anno regni nostri Anglie quadragesimo septimo, regni uero nostri Francie tricesimo quarto. Per rotulum de particulis in hauleye taxacionis temporalium cleri auchidiaconatus [sic] predicti in thesaurario existentem et per Barones [9 May 1373].

[In a late 14th cent. hand.]

## 43. (f. xxiiib) De historiis incipiendis.

Post personas tres	<i>Deus omnium.</i>
Libros regum dare debes	
Post Sampsonem sapientem	<i>In principio.</i>
Dic Salomonem	
Post Augustinum doctorem	<i>Si bona.</i>
Iob lege iustum	
Tobiam sanctum	<i>Peto domine.</i>
Post Prothim postque Iacinctum	
Subiunges Iudith	<i>Adonay.</i>
Postquam Laudo [sic] uigilauit	
Post sanctum Cosmam	<i>Adaperiat.</i>
Das historiamque Machabiam	
Post Iudam Symonem	<i>Uidi dominum.</i>
Subiunges Ezechielem	
Post Linum papam	<i>Aspiciens a longe.</i>
Semper pones Ysaiam	

[Mnemonic verses indicating lessons from the Old Testament (with Responds, *Deus omnium*, *In principio*, etc., by which they are known) to be read according to the use of Sarum from Trinity Sunday until Advent (Cf. Proctor and Wordsworth, *Breviarium ad usum Sarum*, i, 1882, col. mccc). The verses commonly occur on the pages containing the Calendar for June–November in Sarum books.<sup>1</sup>]

## 44. Hymn for Ascension Day.

Eterne rex altissime  
 Redemptor et fidelium  
 Quo mors soluta deperit  
 Datur triumphans gracie, etc.

[A version of the well-known hymn for Ascension Day (Chevalier, *Repertorium Hymnologicum*, i, 1892, no. 654), printed in Dreves, *Analecta*

<sup>1</sup> e.g. Proctor and Wordsworth, *Breviarium ad usum Sarum*, i, 1882, pp. viii–xiii; *Missale ad usum Sarum*, Bruntisland ed. 1861–1883, pp. 22\*\*–27\*\*; cf. pp. 15\*\*, 16\*\*. See also *Tracts of Clement Maydeston with the remains of Caxton's Ordinale*, ed. C. Wordsworth (Henry Bradshaw Soc., vii, 1894), Appendices i and ii, especially p. 151.

*Hymnica medii aevi*, ii, 1888, no. 47, and elsewhere. In the present MS. the last verse originally read :

Tu esto nostrum gaudium  
Qui es futurum premium  
Sit nostra in te gloria  
Per cun[c]ta semper secula,<sup>1</sup>

but a later hand has added the verse "Gloria tibi Domine," etc., substantially as it is given by Dreves, *loc. cit.*]

45. *Appointment by Abbot William Wyke of Thomas Harrys, Treasurer of Wells, as his proxy to Convocation.*

(f. xxiii) Forma procuratorii ad conuocacionem prelatorum.

Pateat uniuersis per presentes quod nos Willelmus Wyke, abbas monasterii de Mochylney, ordinis sancti Benedicti, Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis, dilectum nobis in Christo magistrum Thomam Harrys, thesaurarium ecclesie cathedralis Wellensis, nostrum uerum et legittimum procuratorem necnon et nuncium speciale facimus et ordinamus et constituimus per presentes in omnibus causis et nostris negotiis motis seu mouendis coram quibuscumque iudicibus ordinariis aut eorum commissariis, dantes eciam et concedentes eidem procuratori nostro potestatem tam generalem quam speciale, ac mandatum tam generale quam speciale, ita quod generalitas huiusmodi specialitatem non deroget nec e conuerso, pro nobis et nomine nostro ac monasterii nostri predicti coram reuerendissimo in Christo, patre ac domino Iohanne, permissione diuina Cantuariensi archiepiscopo, tocius Anglie primate et apostolice sedis legato, eiusue locum tenentibus. . . . Et cetera sicut in principio libri de eadem forma [cf. no. 4].

[This document is in the late 15th cent. or early 16th cent. hand of the person who wrote the names of Willelmus Wyke, Thomas Harrise and "Ioh[an]nes Archi[e]piscopus" on f. iib of the volume, opposite the formula which is referred to at the end of the above deed and which is no. 4 in the present book. The date of the original must be between 1489 when Wyke became Abbot, and 1500, the year of the death of Archbishop John Morton; probably it can be placed before 1493 when Morton was made Cardinal (cf. below, no. 49).]

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<sup>1</sup> Cf. Dreves, *Analecta Hymnica*, ii, no. 49.

46. (f. xxiiib) *Grant of a corrodij to Ralph Drake, cantor.*

[Hearne, i, p. lxxx. In hand of *circ. 1500*. The corrodij was to consist of 5 marks yearly from the manor of Cammel, seven gallons of conventional beer and seven loaves of old bread (*le old mychys*) weekly, a gown (*toga*) and four waggon loads (*plaustralia*) of wood for fuel to be taken in Ile Abbots. In return, the grantee is bound to be present daily at the Mass of the Blessed Virgin, at High Mass on Festivals and their vigils when the choir is present (*si chorus fuerit*) and copes are worn, and at Vespers; also to teach four boys and one monk of the abbey to play on the organ (*pulsare organa*) and likewise such other monks who may wish to apply themselves to such study.]

47. (f. xxivb) *Presentacio cantarie Sancti Martini in ecclesia cathedralis Wellensis.*

[Early XVI cent. Hearne, i, p. lxxxii. Presentation by Abbot William Wyke to Oliver [King], Bishop of Bath and Wells, of Stephen Biccombe, priest, to take the place of William Brigeman deceased, as chaplain of the chantry in the chapel of St. Martin, founded in the cathedral church of Wells for the souls of Bishop Ralph de Shrewsbury and John de Somerton, formerly Abbot of Muchelney; 5 March 1499 (1500).]

William Brigeman was Rector of Marksbury from 1480 until his death.<sup>1</sup>]

48. *Reuerendissimo in Christo patri et domino Thome, miseracione diuina tituli sancte Cecilie sancte Romane ecclesie presbytero cardinali, Eboracensi archiepiscopo, Anglie primati et apostolice sedis eciam de latere legato, eiusdemque regni cancellario, necnon episcopatus Bathoniensis et Wellensis perpetuus [sic] commendatorii [sic], uestroue uicario in spiritualibus generali aut alteri cuicunque in hac parte iurisdiccionem ordinariam habenti, uestri humiles . . . ut supra.*

[In an early XVI cent. hand. The date of the deed must be between 1518 and 1522, for it was during that period that Cardinal Wolsey, the addressee, held the Bishopric of Bath and Wells in commendam.]

49. *Appointment by Abbot William Wike of John Vowel, Thomas Gylberd and Roger Churche as his proxies to Convocation, 1495.*

(f. xxv) *Pateat uniuersis per presentes quod nos, Willelmus Wike, Dei pacientia abbas monasterii beatorum apostolorum*

<sup>1</sup> F. W. Weaver, *Somerset Incumbents*, p. 276.

Petri et Pauli de Muchelney, ordinis sancti Benedicti, Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis, dilectos nobis in Christo uenerabiles uiros nostros Iohannem Vowel, legum, Thomam Gylberd et Rogerum Churche, decretorum, doctores, nostros ueros et legitimos procuratores, actores, factores, negotiorum nostrorum gestores ac nuncios speciales, coniunctim et diuisim, ac quemlibet eorum per se et in solidum, ita quod non sit melior condicio occupantis sed quod unus eorum inseperit [sic] ipsorum [sic] id liberi [sic] prosequi ualeat mediare pariter et finire, ordinamus, facimus et constituimus per<sup>a</sup> presentes, damusque et concedimus eisdem procuratoribus nostris coniunctim et eorum cuilibet per se diuisim et in solidum potestatem generalem et mandatum speciale pro nobis et nomine nostro ac monasterii predicti quatinus ad nos attinet in hac parte, coram reuerendissimo in Christo patre et domino domino Iohanne, miseracione diuina tituli sancte Anastasie sacrosancte Romane ecclesie presbitero cardenali [sic], Cantuariensi archiepiscopo, tocius Anglie primate et apostolice sedis ligato [sic], ipsiusue reuerendissimi patris commissario aut commissariis, locum tenente seu locum tenentibus ad hoc legitime deputanto [sic] seu deputandis, in convocacio [sic] prelatorum et cleri prouincie Cantuariensis, auctoritate et mandato eiusdem reuerendissimi patris, xix<sup>o</sup> die instantis mensis Octobris, in ecclesia cathedrali sancti Pauli Londoni, cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum sequencium si oporteat et locorum, celebranda, comparendi<sup>b</sup> et interessendi absenciamque nostram quoad personalem comparicionem [sic] excusandi, ac causam et causas absencie nostre huiusmodi allegandi, proponendi, et probandi, et super eisdem si opus fuerit fidem faciendi et iurandi nec non de et super quibuscumque negociis statum, utilitatem, securitatem et defencionem ecclesie Anglicane, ac pacem, tranquilitatem, bonum pupplicum [sic] et defencionem huius incliti regni Anglie concer[n]entibus, cum dictis prelatis et clero tractandi, tractantibusque huiusmodi ibidem faciendi et habendi ac illis que ibidem ex delibera-

<sup>a</sup> “ pre ” cancelled precedes “ per ” in MS.

<sup>b</sup> MS. has ‘ comparendum.’

cione communi prelatorum et cleri inibi ordinari contigerit consciendi, quodcumque insuper iuramentum licitum et honestum in hac parte necessarium seu requesitum [sic] in animam nostram prestandi ulteriusque faciendi quod iustum fuerit ac negotiorum predictorum ut prefertur tractandorum qualitas et natura de se exigent <sup>a</sup> et requirent, ceteraque omnia et singula faciendi, exercendi et exped[i]endi que in premissis et circa ea necessaria fuerint seu quomodolibet oportuna, et si mandatum de se exigant magis speciale; promittentes nos ratim [sic], gratim [sic] et firmum perpetuo habituros totum et quidquid dicti procuratores nostri seu eorum aliquis fecerint seu fecerit in premissis seu aliquo premissorum sub hypotheca et oblacione omnium bonorum nostrorum et in ea parte causacionem [sic] exponimus per presentes. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum est apensum.

Proxi pro conuocacione apud Londinum si episcopus Cantuariensis sit cardinalis.

[The date of this deed lies between 1493, the year in which Archbishop Morton was created a Cardinal, and 1500, the year of his death. The only meeting of Convocation for the Province of Canterbury, summoned as above for 19 October, of which records survive between those years was that of 1495, which made a grant of one-tenth to the King,<sup>1</sup> and it is without doubt to this that the document refers. The proxies chosen were among the most prominent of the secular clergy of the diocese of Bath and Wells:—(a) John Vowel, Doctor of Laws, Prebendary of Combe (15),<sup>2</sup> who at various times held the livings of Cheddar, Kilton, and Lydeard St. Lawrence,<sup>3</sup> and was Canon Residentiary of Wells, Keeper of the Library, Auditor and Baron of the Exchequer there;<sup>4</sup> (b) Thomas Gylberd, Doctor of Decrees, Prebendary of Henstridge, Canon Residentiary of Wells, Vicar-general of Bath and Wells in 1497<sup>5</sup> and later incumbent of Allerton, Kelston,

<sup>a</sup> The letter 'u' cancelled follows in MS.

<sup>1</sup> W. Wake, *State of the Church and Clergy of England*, 1703, pp. 387, 416.

<sup>2</sup> *Cal. Wells MSS.* ii, p. 108.

<sup>3</sup> F. W. Weaver, *Somerset Incumbents*, pp. 53, 385, 395; S.R.S., xix, p. 36; *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1497, p. 139.

<sup>4</sup> *Cal. Wells MSS.*, ii, pp. 106, 116, 125, 127, 133, 147, 165.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 148.

and Lympsham; <sup>1</sup> (c) Roger Churche, Doctor of Decrees, who succeeded Thomas Gylberd at Allerton in 1502, was also at various times incumbent of North Curry, Weston Zoyland, Evercreech and Batcombe. In 1503 he was admitted to a canonry of Wells as prebendary of Combe IV, was Steward of the Bishop in 1506 and 1510-12, and for some time was Vicar-general *in spiritualibus* in the above-mentioned diocese.<sup>2</sup> He is probably to be identified also with the Roger Church who was presented to the living of Sangatte, *dioc.* Thérouanne, in 1497,<sup>3</sup> and with the clerk of that name who was Commissioner *de walliis et fossatis* for part of Somerset in 1505.<sup>4</sup>

It is interesting to note that both John Vowel and Thomas Gylberd were the representatives also of the Chapter of Wells at the same meeting of Convocation, 19 October 1495.<sup>5</sup>]

50. (f. xxviib) *List of sovereigns of England from William the Conqueror to Henry V, with length of their reigns and place of burial.*

[Temp. Edw. III, with additions in later hands. Similar lists occur in many mediaeval manuscripts.<sup>6</sup> The present one is carelessly copied; thus Stephen is stated to have reigned twenty-five years, in error for nineteen years, John twelve instead of seventeen years.]

51. *Charges on churches appropriated to Muchelney Abbey.*

Procuraciones de Drayton	.	.	.	vs.
" Fyffett				xiiii. xid.
" Ille Abbatis}	.	.	.	
Redditus [de Drayton]	.	.	.	iis. iiid.
Redditus ecclesiarum de Fyffett				iiiis. vid.
et Ille Abbatis}	.	.	.	
Denarius beati Petri de Fyffet	.	.	.	viiid.
et Ille Abbatis	.	.	.	xvid.
Ilmystre : denarius beati Petri	.	.	.	vs.

[XV cent.]

<sup>1</sup> *Somerset Incumbents*, pp. 6, 135, 272; *Cal. Pat. Rolls* (1494-1509), pp. 113, 139.

<sup>2</sup> *Cal. Wells MSS.*, ii, pp. 174, 190, 191, 225; *Somerset Incumbents*, pp. 6, 20, 83, 211, 351; *S.R.S.*, xix, p. 108.

<sup>3</sup> *Cal. Pat. Rolls* (1494-1509), p. 85.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 423.

<sup>5</sup> *Cal. Wells MSS.*, ii, p. 142.  
A list of Kings from Edbriht occurs in the Athelney Chartulary; *S.R.S.*, xiv, p. 188.

52. Notandum est quod xvii<sup>o</sup> die Octobris anno regni regis Henrici octauai secundo, Alienæ Brabene,<sup>a</sup> soror Iohannis Boyse defuncti, fecit homagium et fidelitatem domino abbati de Mochelney pro terris nuper dicti Iohannis Boyse quas de domino tenet in la See per seruicium militare ; et soluit pro relevio xvs. coram Ricardo Gurnay, Waltero Dilyngton, Thoma Skott et multis aliis [17 Oct. 1510].<sup>1</sup>

53. (f. xxviiiib) *Ordinance for the Vicarage of Muchelney.*

[Early XIV cent. Hearne, i, p. lxxxiii. Cf. S.R.S., xiv, p. 108. Ordinance of Walter de Haselschawe, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 30 Nov. 1308, fixing the emoluments to be received by future holders of the vicarage of Muchelney. The said incumbents are to have the dwelling-house, buildings and curtilages held by Richard Baldewyne of Martock, then Vicar ; a monk's bread of 6os. weight and two gallons of best conventional ale from the cellarer of the Abbey ; a dish of flesh meat each Sunday and Tuesday, and a dish of eggs or fish on other days, from the monastic kitchen ; 4l. yearly from the sacrist in support of charges ; all Sunday offertories at the church of Muchelney and at the chapel of Drayton thereto annexed ; all oblations at burials, both at first and second mass, and any bequests and money left for masses for the deceased ; all bread, eggs, and other oblations on Good Friday and Easter-day ; oblations at confessions, marriages and purifications. On the other hand, to the Abbot are reserved oblations at the said church and chapel on Christmas Day, Easter, the Feasts of SS. Peter and Paul, St. Peter ad Vincula, St. Catherine and the Purification, and on the Feast of the Dedication ; also all tithes and unspecified receipts. The vicars are to bear all episcopal and archidiaconal charges except procurations of the archdeacon, and are to find a suitable chaplain for the chapel of Drayton. Cf. also S. and D.N. and Q., xix, 169, illustrated.]

54. *Presentation of Thomas de Merkesbury to a vicarage in the church of Wells.*

Uiris uenerabilibus et discretis dominis decano et capitulo Wellensi, eorum concanonicis et confratribus, frater Iohannes, permissione diuina abbas de Much[elnye], et eiusdem loci conuentus, salutem. Ad uicariam in ecclesia Wellensi prebende

<sup>a</sup> sic for " Bradene " ?

<sup>1</sup> After this entry is inserted " Memorandum, anno domini M°CC° nonagesimo fuit anno regni regis Edwardi xxii<sup>o</sup>" [sic].

de Ilem[instre], per mortem Iohannis Suthreye nuper uicarii eiusdem uacantem, et ad nostram presentacionem ratione prebende prediche spectantem, dilectum nobis in Christo Thomam de Merkesbury presbiterum ad eandem uicariam uestre discrecioni presentamus, rogantes quatinus eundem ad dictam uicariam et ad nostram presentacionem admittere dignemini intuitu caritatis et ulterius facere in hac parte quod incumbit secundum consuetudinem et modum ecclesie Wellensis memorate. Datum in ecclesia de . . . anno domini m<sup>o</sup>ccc<sup>o</sup>xx.

[Contemporary copy of the original deed. Thomas de Merkesbury was at one time sub-treasurer of Wells.<sup>1</sup>]

### 55. *Miscellaneous recipes.*

(f. xxix) For the stomake þt is colde.

Take galyngale iii. penwyght, gyngyber xx<sup>t1</sup> penwyght, cynamom xx<sup>t1</sup> penwyght, lycoras xx<sup>t1</sup> penwyght, and make pouder here of and penn put ther to a gode quantite of suger i hondful: and use this<sup>a</sup> pouder wt drynke in the morntyde and at eve last.

Item drynke the jusse of organn<sup>2</sup> wt a litil warm water, and hit wil take a wey the akyng of þe stomake.

Item uerueyn and betayn in potage procurith gretely a appetite.<sup>b</sup>

Colera nigra ; the propriete of þs humor is to make a man heui and sory, angry, fereful, thursty. This humor is colde, salt, and drye, and for somoche þt he is cold a make the stomake cold, and forsomoche þt he is salt a makith a man thursty. The medicyn for þs humor, hote metes, al suete þynges, and moyst thynges.

Item the water þt soure plummes buth soden yn gretely quenchith þurstines.

<sup>a</sup> “ pouder ” is written twice and the first one cancelled in MS.

<sup>b</sup> Between this and the next entry is written “ Ego sum bonus puer quem Deus.”

56. (f. xxixb) Hii sunt psalmi quos sanctus Hillarius episcopus ordinavit ad creatorem suum et saluatorem deprecandum.

Si aliquis est in aliquo negocio dicat hunc psalmum, *In te domine speravi.*

Qui iturus est ad locum in quo timendum sit dicat ter, *Iudica me Deus et discerne.*

Qui uoluerit in tribulacione Deum fieri sibi propicium dicat ante crucem septies deuote psalmum, *Usque quo, domine cum Ad te leuavi.*

Quando de lecto surrexeris dicas ter *Deus in nomine tuo antequam opus facias et transsibis illum diem sine periculo.*

Item si quis in aduersitate fuerit et per deum liberari uoluerit dicat flexis genibus deuote septies *Exaudi Deus oracionem meam et ne despexeris; Miserere mei Deus quoniam conculcauit.*

Si quis cum aduersario debet coram iudice litigare dicat septies deuote genuflexus *Miserere mei, Deus, quoniam in te confidit anima mea.*

Qui bellum debet ingredi dicat decies uel quis pro eo *Eripe me de inimicis meis; Exaudi Deus deprecationem; Exaudi, Deus, oracionem meam cum deprecor.*

Et cum in bello fuerit dicat corde *Qui habitat et hos uersus Dextera domini fecit uirtutem; Non moriar set uiuam et Castigans.*

Qui peccatis est inuolitus dicat *Deus misereatur in uiciis<sup>a</sup> et roget Deum cum lacrimis quod det sibi compunctionem et liberabitur.*

Quando dolor et tribulacio accidit homini tanto maiori deuocione debet Deum exorare et de peccatis suis penitere et dicat *Saluum me fac Deus quoniam.<sup>b</sup>*

Si quis uoluerit rem grandem agere prius diuinum roget auxilium et extendat se ante<sup>c</sup> altarem et quinques dicat *Deus in adiutorium.*

<sup>a</sup> " in uiciis " inserted above line in MS.

<sup>b</sup> " intra " has been inserted above the line after " quoniam " in MS.

<sup>c</sup> " ante " is repeated in MS.

Qui aliquando in se sentit diaboli potestatem dicat ter  
*In te domine sperauit.*

Qui misericordiam Dei uoluerit impetrare ut in bono suam compleat uoluntatem dicat decies per decem dies *Ad te leuaui oculos* et quod petit (f. xxx) et querit inueniet.

Si quis est in magna tristitia die dominica ante corpus Christi dicat *Domine Deus salutis* et *Dominus illuminacio*<sup>a</sup> et auxilio Dei remedium inueniet.

Si quis se turbatum sentit et per Deum liberari uoluerit dicat cum gemitu per decem dies *Domine refugium*.

Si quis ab hostibus circumdatur dicat decies *Exurgat Deus* et liberabitur.

Qui uoluntatem habet peccandi dicat cum lacrimis *Deus misereatur* et oret Deum ut det ei compunctionem et dabitur ei.

Qui grande negocium debet incipere ante crucem uel altarem extensus dicat *Deus in adiutorium*.

Qui in aduersitate ceciderit dicat ter ante crucem<sup>b</sup> genflexus [*sic*] *Deus uenerunt*.

Isti duo psalmi *Usquequo domine, Ad te domine leuaui* si deuote frequenter dicantur multum ualent pro desiderio complendo. Similiter in tribulacionibus et aduersitatibus sunt utiles.

[XV cent.]

### 57. (f. xxxb) *Perambulation of Neroche Forest, 1298.*

[A 15th cent. copy of the perambulation of the Forest of Neroche *als.* Neracchich, etc., by the view of Malcolm de Harleigh and John de Crokeslegh, on behalf of the King, and of Geoffrey de Wroxhale and Hugh de Popham, knights, of co. Somerset, chosen by the said Malcolm and John and associated with them; 19 March, 26 Edw. I (1298). Another copy of the document is in the Liber Albus II of Wells Cathedral,<sup>1</sup> from which it has been printed by Hearne, *Adam de Domerham*, i, p. 188, and by Collinson, *History of Somerset*, iii, 57;

<sup>a</sup> " et Dominus illuminacio " inserted above the line.

<sup>b</sup> " ante crucem " inserted above the line.

a translation is given in Rev. W. H. P. Greswell, *Forests and Deer Parks of Somerset*, 1905, pp. 272-274.<sup>1</sup> A later perambulation, of 28 Edw. I, has been printed by G. I. Turner.<sup>2</sup> In the Muchelney MS. the portion of the perambulation which particularly concerned the abbey has been underlined.]

58. (f. xxxi) *Memorandum of homage of John Bolour.*

Sexto kalendas Octobris anno regni regis Henrici octaui post conquestum Anglie xx<sup>o</sup>, testatur quod Iohannes Bolere armiger, filius et heres Alexandri Bolere<sup>a</sup>, fecit homagium suum Iohanni Scherborne abbatii pro terris et tenementis que tenet de dicto abbatte in manorio de Ilmystre, hoc est in Aschewyll, Cudworthe et Tunshay, et cognouit se tenere predicta terras et tenementa cum pertinenciis de prefato abbatte per seruicium militare, et satisfecit dicto abbatii pro releuio suo vis. viiid. In presentia Ricardi Coscumb prioris, Iohannis Thornei senescalli, Iohannis Sayntelew, Iohannis Pytte, Thomas [sic] Cotyn, Rogeri Wagatte et multi alii [sic]. [26 Sept. 1528.]

[For a note on the Bolour family, see below, no. 78.]

59. *Deed relating to lands in Drayton and Burton.*

[XV cent. copy. Hearne, i, p. lxxxvi. Grant by John de Burton to Yvo de Hambrugge, rector of Wynterbournewast (Winterbourne Monckton, co. Dorset),<sup>3</sup> and Richard Pours of Langport, of a virgate of arable land, 2 acres of pasture, 8 acres of wood, called 'Middelwode,' in Burton, in the fee of Muchelney, tithing of Drayton; 4 acres of meadow, of the fee of the lord of Bere; half a virgate of arable land, half a virgate of meadow and a windmill, of the fee of the lord of Swelle; half a virgate of arable land, of the fee of the lord of La Moure; with the rents and reversions of the tenants Robert le Hounte, Robert atte Naysshe and Alice Godefrey. Dated at Swelle, Mon. aft. F. of Transl. of St. Thomas Martyr 24 Edw. III (12 July 1350).]

<sup>a</sup> "cogno" cancelled follows in MS.

<sup>1</sup> See also Petit-Dutaillis, *Studies Supplementary to Stubbs' Constitutional History* (transl. W. T. Waugh), ii, p. 219.

<sup>2</sup> *Notes and Queries for Som. and Dors.*, vi, 1899, p. 265.

<sup>3</sup> Hutchins, *Dorset*, ii, p. 532, gives his name as Audoenus de Hambrugg. He was instituted to the living on 26 Nov. 1349. The patron at the time was Sir Ralph de Middelney, who witnessed several deeds of the Abbot of Muchelney about the middle of the 14th century.

60. For to make a man hire þt is diue.<sup>1</sup>

Take a grete falsen ele unwayssh and unskynned and roste hym and þen take þe droppyg of hym yn a sawcer and put iii. droppys of hit when hit is cold <sup>a</sup> yn to þe mannys yere or he go to his bedde and yn lyke wise yn þe mornyng iii. or iiii. days contynuelly and if he be not a corpulent man hit shal make hym hir.

61. *Verses against the English.*

Uilla super Twedam flens Anglica te fore predam  
 Gaude per Bedam qui scripsit uerbula quedam  
 Libro de gestis Anglorum scripta potestis  
 Cernere quod pestis erit Anglie litera testis;  
 Predixit Christi uir genti credibus <sup>b</sup> isti  
 Strage dolo tristi mala gens semper studuisti  
 Ebrea gens fidei facte gens ingleuiei <sup>c</sup>  
 Gens perauara rei gens nequam progenie  
 Est tibi uentura gens Francorum nocitura  
 Te subiectura semper sine spe ualitura.  
 Non gens Francorum tantum sed spreta proborum;  
 Gens tibi Scotorum fiat maior dominorum.  
 O gens anglegina nisi sit bona regna cena  
 Edwardi pena tudo <sup>d</sup> festa secuntur amena;  
 Presus <sup>e</sup> rastratus Chutberti pontificatus  
 Pungit ut ingratus Northumbria plange reatus;  
 Uoce uerissona Merlin spem prope pone  
 Scotti cum Britone sternent Anglos in agone.  
 Flumina manabunt de sanguine quem superabunt;  
 Montes planabunt Britones diadena leuabunt;  
 Insula tunc uti sic debent nomina Bruti  
 Quo Scotti tuti uiuent Angli quasi inusi.

[XV cent.]

<sup>a</sup> "when . . . cold" inserted above line.<sup>b</sup> sic for "creditis" ? <sup>c</sup> for "ingluuiei" ?<sup>d</sup> sic for "rude" ? or "tudis" ? <sup>e</sup> for "presul" ?<sup>1</sup> "deaf."

62. (f. xxxiib) *Recipe.*

Take scabiose, fumeterre, sorell, sowethystlyll, dendelion, morsus diaboly,<sup>1</sup> letuse, borage, mowseere,<sup>2</sup> nyneuer that ys y callyd the watercanne,<sup>3</sup> take him that beryȝt the <sup>a</sup> whyte flowre, of eueryche of these erbis i. hanfull. Wachen ham and peke ham clene and do theyme yn a clene<sup>b</sup> ethyn potte and do ȝe ther to a galon of <sup>c</sup> clene rennyng water and a potell of whyte wyne, iii. unce of lyqueryse y brusyd. Let all boyle tyll h<sup>t</sup> be halfe y wastyd a way, then strayne h<sup>t</sup> clene and do ȝe the lycor yn a clene potte aȝan,<sup>d</sup> and do ȝe ther to i. unce of the powder of spygnarde of Spayne, and halfe a ponde of <sup>e</sup> whyte suger of Cypresse, and let h<sup>t</sup> boyle aȝan the space that ȝe may say to tymys the salme "*miserere mei Deus.*" Then take h<sup>t</sup> fro the fyre and <sup>f</sup> kepe ȝe thys drynke yn a clene glasse faste y couerte. ȝe schall drynke here of eueryday yn the mornynge ; and at eue an ix·sponefull at once <sup>g</sup> mylke warme.<sup>4</sup>

[XVI cent.]

63. (f. xxxiii) *Form of absolution.*64. *Note of linen, etc.*

In soytis ix. peyre of x. yerdis

Also v. peyre of xii. yerdis

Also to meteclothis for my tabel

Also to meteclothis for gentelmentabel

Also iii. cobberdis clothys

<sup>a</sup> "wch" cancelled follows in MS.

<sup>b</sup> "dr" cancelled follows in MS.

<sup>c</sup> "che" cancelled follows in MS.

<sup>d</sup> "ad" cancelled follows in MS.

<sup>e</sup> "wyh" cancelled follows in MS.

<sup>f</sup> "ky" cancelled follows in MS.

<sup>g</sup> "me" cancelled follows in MS.

<sup>1</sup> "devil's-bit."

<sup>2</sup> "mouse-ear."

<sup>3</sup> "nenuphar" (*nymphaea*) or "water-can," the common water-lily.

<sup>4</sup> After this entry has been added the maxim: "Quociens dubitas de aliquo utrum sit faciendum uel non ne facies illut quia illa dubitacio significacio in iure est" and "dilexio proximi malum non opera tue."

Also i<sup>a</sup> halcloth

Also i peyre of ix. yerdis

Summa ix<sup>xx</sup> and xiii yerdis and i. selynd.<sup>b</sup>

[Early XVI cent.]

65. (f. xxxiiib) *Recipe for growing and making woad.*

[Hearne, i, p. lxxxvii.]

66. (f. xxxiv) Puluis plumbi usti si supernatet urine infec-tus est. Folia caulis herbe ponatur in urina; si piscule parue in eis appareant signum infeccionis est. Sanguis eius ponitur in panno cerico,<sup>c</sup> aqua torrente lauetur; si granule parue albe in fine in dicto panno remaneant signum infeccionis. Et sunt uerba doctoris quod primum signum in facie, in gracili uoce, in pedibus apparebit; et teribilis [*sic*] est aspectu saltem iuuenibus uideatis bene ibi.

[Circ. 1500.]

67. *Musical notes.*

[Circ. 1500. Four lines of musical notes, in mensural notation, jotted down, without staves, to explain the signatures  $\odot$  (*tempus perfectum, prolatio maior*),  $\textcircled{O}$  (*tempus perfectum, prolatio minor*),  $\textcircled{c}$  (*tempus imperfectum, prolatio maior*), C (*tempus imperfectum, prolatio minor*). These signatures and terms were employed to express the relationship between the 'breve,' 'semibreve,' and 'minim.' Thus "the value of a breve was called 'time' (*tempus*), which was said to be perfect when equal to three semibreves and imperfect when equal to two; the value of a semibreve was called 'prolation' (*prolatio*), which was said to be 'greater' when equal to three minims and 'less' when equal to two."<sup>1]</sup>

68. *Miscellaneous notes and scribblings.*

<sup>a</sup> "ha" cancelled follows in MS.

<sup>b</sup> This last line has been repeated (with "with" for the second "and") and cancelled.

<sup>c</sup> *sic* for serico (from "seria" = a cylindrical earthen vessel). .

<sup>1</sup> Sir J. Stainer's Introduction to *Dufay and his Contemporaries* (Early Bodleian Music), 1898, pp. 20, 21. See also the article on *Notation* in Grove's *Dictionary of Music*.

[At the bottom of f. xxxiv, on the verso of the same, and on f. xxxv occur various notes and scribblings in various hands of the xv and xvi cent., including (a) a list of abbots from John de Henton to John Bruton, omitting Thomas de Overton; (b) "mortuus est Sir William Cleyfe iuxta Londinum, in Ulehestrete, cloke the uller"; (c) "Thomas Whyte debet Iohanni Downe de Moncton xiii.s. viii.d.; Iohannes Gernesy ipse debet xiii.s. viii.d.; Iohannes Halperton petit . . ."; (d) "Ioh. Water de Wellys";<sup>1</sup> (e) "In primis Carlew postea Rob. Gallaoe postea Gyllney"; (f) "Ion Cleue dwellyng in Iuelkestre"; (g) The names of John Benall, William Wyke, John Axbrygg, etc.]

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<sup>1</sup> A person of this name was a monk at Muchelney in 1526 (*S.R.S.*, xxxix, p. 219).

## BOOK II

### 69. (f. i) *Verses in praise of monastic life.*<sup>1</sup>

Cella Dei sedes in qua si tu bene te des  
Hinc cum discedes uictor cum laude recedes.  
Dampna fleo rerum sed plus fleo dampna dierum.  
Quisque potest rebus succurrere nemo diebus.  
Est pax in cella foris extant iurgia bella.  
Si pacem queris hanc<sup>a</sup> rarius egredieris.  
Fallitur insipiens uite presentis amore,  
Sed bene scit sapiens quantum sit plena dolore.  
Gloria natorum dileccio dulcis eorum,  
Cuncta<sup>b</sup> relinquuntur nec post hoc inuenientur.  
Istis iungeris quorum tu facta sequeris ;  
Elige sanctorum consorsia non reproborum.  
Mors iuuenes<sup>c</sup> rapit atque senes, nulli miseretur ;  
Ergo quisque bonum dum tempus adest operetur.  
Qui non assuescit uirtuti dum iuuenescit  
A uiciis nescit discedere quando scenescit.  
Sit tibi lex domini requies caro uictima mundus  
Exilium celum patria uita deus.  
Uiue Deo gratus te a mundo tumulatus ;  
Crimine mundatus semper transire paratus ;  
Zelator morum uis scandere regna polorum  
Tempus tunc redime per luctum nocte dieque.

<sup>a</sup> for " hinc " ?      <sup>b</sup> " cincta " in MS.      <sup>c</sup> " iuuenis " in MS.

<sup>1</sup> At the top of the page is written " In prima uesica sigillat sig . . . ; in secunda uesica sigillat . . ." and " VI° die Decembbris ar regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestum Anglie xxxix. et anno Cherd xxix." Both are in different hands from that which I copied the verses printed above.

- Hiis dabitur uere dominum sine fine uidere  
 Qui carnis misere cupiunt uicosa cauere.  
 Kirie dic Christo quociens auertis ab ipso  
 Obsecro parce michi, me ciuem fac paradisi.  
 Limus [homo]<sup>a</sup> primus sortem mutare nequimus,  
 Unde superbimus quid ego quid tu nisi limus?  
 O quam ditantur qui celica regna lucrantur.  
 Uiuunt iocundi qui spernunt gaudia mundi.  
 Per nullam sortem poteris depellere mortem;  
 Fac bene dum uiuis post mortem . . .  
 Regia magestas, omnis terrena potestas  
 (f. ib) Prosperitas rerum, series longinqua dierum  
 Transiet absque mora mortis cum uenerit hora.  
 Tempore surge cito fugias ima noxia plora  
 Semper obedit, te distrae qualibet hora.  
 Christo deuotum studies te tradere totum  
 Si uis saluari, uerus monachusque uocari.  
 Da domino laudes iocundo tempore lauda;  
 Turbine facture flebiliore deum.  
 Quicquid habet meriti preuent [sic] Christi gracia donat;  
 Nil deus in nobis preter sua facta coronat.

[XV cent.].

70. (f. ii) *Extract from extent of the manor of Martock, Sept. 43 Edw. III [1369].*

[This and the two following documents have been copied in the same XV cent. hand. Printed by Hearne, i, p. lxxxvii. The extract relates to the moor called "Whatmore" of 1600 acres, of which one half belonged to William de Montacute, Earl of Salisbury, lord of the manor, and the other half to the abbot of Muchelney.]

71. (f. ii) *Grant by Hugh de Meriette to the parson and church of Merriott of rights of pasture, etc.*

[Hearne, i, p. lxxxix. *Imperfect.*]

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<sup>a</sup> Blank in MS.

72. (f. iiib) *Grant by Nicholas de Myriett, son of Hugh de Myriet, to the parson and church of Merriott, of a ditch, extending from the moor of "la Slape" to the angle of "la Swage," and rights in his park of Egwood [Eggwood, near Merriott].*

[Hearne, i, p. xc. *Imperfect.*]

73. (f. iii) *Memorandum of homage of Thomas Gourneye.*

Whyke in manerio de Drayton.

Memorandum quod Thomas Gourneye, filius et heres An-cellini Gourneye, fecit homagium et fidelitatem domino Wil-lelmo de Sheptone, abbati de Muchelnye, die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Petri in cathedra, in camera dicti abbatis, in presencia Ricardi de Actone, Thome Marchel, militum, Nicholai Bolour, Willelmi Wyke, tunc selerarii [sic], et aliorum de familia domini, etc., anno regni regis Edwardi tertii a con-questu quinquagesimo, pro terris et tenementis que de domino tenet in Wyke in manerio suo de Draytone, etc. [24 Feb. 1376.]

[This Thomas Gourneye is apparently Sir Thomas Gourneye, of Overwere, son of the Anselm Gourneye who was known as Anselm 'le Fils.' He was the direct descendant of Robert de Gournay of Overwere, the second son of another Anselm, who died 1286 leaving four sons, three of whom founded separate branches of the Somersetshire Gournays. Sir Thomas married twice; by his first wife, Elizabeth de Counteville, heiress of Sir Richard de Counteville, of Alwarton, he had an only daughter and heiress, Joan, who married George de la More. He died before 14 Rich. II, when Eleanor his widow was Lady of Overwere.<sup>1</sup>]

74. *Grant of a house at Ilchester to Ralph Abbeot.*

Yuelcestre.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus presentem cartam cernentibus, Ricardus, deo dante Muchelneye abbas, et eiusdem loci conuentus, salutem in domino. Nouerit uniuersitas uestra nos, unanimi consensu et assensu, concessisse fideli nostro Radhulfo Abbeot, filio Roberti Tryce, et heredibus suis, domum nostram cum pertinenciis suis in Yuelcestre que est ad meridiem gaole,

<sup>1</sup> See D. Gurney, *Record of the House of Gournay*, 1848, pp. 591, 640, 641; J. Anderson, *Hist. of the House of Yvery*, 1742, ii, pp. 531-533; *The Genealogist* (New Series), xii, p. 172.

habendam et tenendam iure hereditario, reddendo inde annuatim duos solidos illi qui pro tempore fuerit susceptor hospitum uirorum religiosorum apud Muchelneye, ad singulos quatuor anni terminos, sex denarios pro omni seruicio ad nos pertinente, saluo seruicio domini regis, ita quod si predictum redditum statutis terminis non soluerit, liceat abbati quicunque pro tempore fuerit, absque contradiccione, eos distingere per catalla que in ipsa domo inuenta fuerint, uel per seisinam ipsius domus si catalla defuerint. Ad maiorem predicto Radhulfo et heredibus suis securitatem presentem cartam sibi fecimus et sigillis nostris roborauiimus. Actum apud Muchelnye anno regni regis Henrici, filii regis Iohannis, xii°; hiis testibus, Thoma de Cirencestre, Willelmo capellano de Muchelneye, Bernardo tunc senescallo de Muchelneye et aliis. [1227-1228.]

[The Abbot's house at Ilchester referred to above may be one of the two tenements which were conveyed, by a deed without date, but of the first half of the 13th cent., to the Abbey of Muchelney, by Adam Galeys of Muchelney, who had acquired them from his wife Matilda, heiress of Geoffrey Kotin of Ilchester.<sup>1</sup> The original county gaol is said to have stood near the old Town Hall.<sup>2</sup>]

75. (f. iv) Copia presentacionis rectoris uel uicarii ad episcopum.

Reuerendo in Christo patri ac domino domino N., Dei gracia Bathoniensi et Wellensi episcopo, uestri humiles et deuoti in Christo filii N. abbas monasterii de Muchelney, et eiusdem loci conuentus, obedienciam et reuerenciam tanto patri debitam cum honore. Ad uicariam perpetuam ecclesie parochialis de Fyffhede, uestre diocesis, per resignacionem domini Iohannis, etc., ultimi uicarii, uacantem, et ad nostram presentacionem spectantem, dilectum nobis in Christo dominum Iohannem, capellananum, uestre paternitati reuerende presentamus intuitu caritatis; supplicantes humiliter et deuoti quatinus dictum dominum Iohannem, etc., ad uicariam predictam admittere et ipsum uicarium instituere canonice in eodem, ac cetera que uestro in hac parte incumbunt officio pastorali peragere dignemini benigniter cum fauore. In cuius rei

<sup>1</sup> S.R.S., xiv, pp. 88, 89. . . <sup>2</sup> Collinson, Somerset, iii, 300.

testimonium sigillum nostrum commune presentibus apposuimus. Datum in domo nostra capitulari x. die mensis Februarii, anno Domini m<sup>mo</sup> cccc<sup>mo</sup> a quinquagesimo sexto. T. Pype.

[XV cent. John Michel was instituted to the living of Fivehead 25 Feb. 1456 in place of John Gornoy resigned.<sup>1</sup> Thomas Pype was Abbot of Muchelney 1463-1465.]

76. (f. ivb) Copia donacionis uicarie de Meryett quam Nycholao Wadham militi pro una uice tantum concessimus.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenit, Thomas, Dei pacienza abbas monasterii beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli de Muchelney, ordinis sancti Benedicti, Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis, et eiusdem loci conuentus, salutem in domino sempiternam. Noueritis quod nos Thomas et conuentus antidicti [sic] dedimus, concessimus, atque tenore presentium damus uenerabili uiro magistro Nicholao Wadham, militi, nominacionem, aduocationem atque liberam disposicionem uicarie ecclesie parochialis de Meriott, nostri patronatus, pro una et proxima uice dumtaxat sub forma uerborum sequenti:—uidelicet, ut quandocunque predictam uicariam uacare contigerit post tempus date presentium tunc bene licebit prefato Nicholao ad eandem uicariam aliquam personam idoniam [sic] nominare et ad nostram presentacionem assignare pro cura animarum parochianorum eiusdem inibi observanda, ut melius uidebitur expedire, et non aliter nec aliquo alio modo. In cuius testimonium sigillum nostrum commune est apensum. Datum in domo nostra capitulari xviii<sup>o</sup> die mensis Decembbris anno domini m<sup>o</sup>cccc<sup>o</sup>xvii<sup>o</sup>.

[Early XVI cent. The church of Merriott was appropriated to the Abbot and Convent of Muchelney in 1383. The next vacancy of the living after 1517 occurred on the resignation of William Martyn in 1520, when John Stacy, incumbent of South Bradon, was appointed Vicar.<sup>2</sup> Sir Nicholas Wadham was successively Captain of the Isle of Wight, and Vice-Admiral to the Earl of Surrey, and was chosen Knight of the Shire for Somerset in the Reformation Parliament. He was grandfather of the founder of Wadham College, Oxford.<sup>3</sup>]

<sup>a</sup> “lvi” cancelled follows in MS.

<sup>1</sup> F. W. Weaver, *Somerset Incumbents*, p. 370. <sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 398.

<sup>3</sup> See *Dict. Nat. Biogr.* under Wadham (Nicholas).

77. *Form for grant to Sir Nicholas Wadham of the right of presentation to a vicarage when next vacant.*

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum peruererit, Thomas, Dei gratia abbas monasterii beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli de Mochelney, ordinis sancti Benedicti, Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis, et eiusdem loci conuentus, ueri et indubitati patroni ecclesie parochialis de N., dicte Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis, salutem in domino. Sciatis nos prefatum abbatem et conuentum unanimi nostro consensu et assensu dedisse et concessisse, prout per presentes damus et concedimus, atque confirmamus Nicholao Wadham, militi, et assignatis suis, aduocationem, donationem, presentacionem et liberam disposicionem cuiusdam ecclesie parochialis predicte pro una uice tantum et proximam uacationem eiusdem cum acciderit: ita quod bene licebit eidem aut assignatis suis, quandocunque eadem ecclesia predicta per mortem, resignacionem, priuacionem, cessionem, dimissionem uel permutationem, seu quoconque alio modo, proxime post datam presentium uacare contigerit, loci ordinario uel diocesano aut alii cuicunque iurisdictionem in hac parte habenti, aliquam idoneam personam, de qua ei uel eis melius uidebitur expedire, ad ecclesiam predictam nominare et presentare, quousque una persona idonea ad presentationem eiusdem aut assignatorum eius ad dictam ecclesiam, ut premittitur, uocetur, admittatur, uicarius uel rector instituatur et inducatur in eadem, uigore huiusmodi nostre concessionis; et quod tunc predicta aduocacio, donacio et presentatio ad nos et successores nostros libere et integre reuertantur, et sic apud nos remaneant in perpetuum; hac disposicione siue concessione hac uice in contrarium non obstante. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commune presentibus est appensum. Datum in domo nostro capitulari.

[The above is probably a longer form of the preceding grant.]

78. (f. v) *Memorandum of homage of Alexander Bolour.*

Memorandum ix. kalendas May,<sup>a</sup> anno regni regis Henrici septimi post conquestum Anglie xvii<sup>o</sup>, testatur quod Alex-

<sup>a</sup> "May" written above line.

ander Boler, armiger, filius et heres Iohannis Boler, armigeri, cognouit tenere diuersas terras et tenementa de Willelmo Wyke, abbate de Muchelney predicta, ut de maneris suis de Ilmystre et de Ile Abbatis que quedem [sic] terre et tenementa iacet [sic] separatim yn Aschewyl, Chubworth et Thynnehay; et pro predictis terris et tenementis prefatus Alexander Boler fecit homagium suum prefato abbate [sic]. Et cognouit se tenere predicta terras et tenementa cum pertinenciis de prefato abbat per seruicium militare; pro quibus terris et tenementis satisfecit dictum abbatem de releuio—vi.s. viii.d. In presencia Iohannis Scherborne, prioris, Ricardi Coscumb, sacriste, Thome Browke, selerarii, uicarii de Muchelney, Thome Scott, Iohannis Carter et multi alii [sic] [23 April 1502].

[Early XVI cent. The lands mentioned above are doubtless those on which Ralph Bolour, of Wood, was assessed for the scutage of 28 Edw. I (see below, no. 119), and which passed to his descendants in direct line to the beginning of the 16th cent. In 1435 one John Bolour, son of Thomas, did homage for them to John Cherde, then Abbot of Muchelney (no. 133). The MSS. of the Heralds' Visitations and all printed pedigrees of the family suppose this person to have been the son of John Bolour (not Thomas) of Lillesdon,<sup>1</sup> who acquired the manor of Cheddington, co. Dors., by his marriage with the heiress of Nicholas Cheddington.<sup>2</sup> This is clearly an error. There is evidence that the John Bolour last named was succeeded at Cheddington by one Thomas, doubtless his son,<sup>3</sup> and the father of the first-mentioned John. In 1468 another John, son of John Bolour, and probably the grandson of Thomas Bolour, did homage for the same lands in Ilminster and Isle Abbots (no. 148). He married Thomasine, daughter of John Orchard. By deeds of 9 Aug. 1468 and 4 Sept. 1483 he made arrangements for the disposal of his lands on his death, which occurred in 1485. The properties mentioned above, which he held of the Abbot of Muchelney, and which consisted of 12 messuages, 60 acres of land, 12 acres of meadow and 20 acres of pasture, valued at 10 marks, in Ashwell, Chubworthy and Twyny, were granted to trustees to the intent that, on his death, one moiety each should be granted in tail to Thomas

<sup>1</sup> The most complete pedigree is given in J. L. Vivian, *Visitations of Cornwall*, p. 56; cf. also F. W. Weaver, *Visitations of Somerset*, 1885, p. 12; Harleian Soc., ix, p. 24; xxii, p. 35; and MSS. there cited.

<sup>2</sup> Hutchins, *History of Dorset*, ii, p. 88.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 89.

and Robert, his younger sons.<sup>1</sup> John, his eldest son, having predeceased him, his direct heir was his grandson Alexander, aged 6 years in 1485, who is the person mentioned above as doing homage for the lands in 1502, though by what right is not clear. He died in 1526,<sup>2</sup> and was succeeded by his son John.<sup>3</sup> In 1503, Thomas and Robert Bolour, who held the lands in tail, as above, likewise did homage to the Abbot (No. 158).]

79. *Grant of confraternity to Sir John Speke and Elizabeth, his wife.*<sup>a</sup>

Sincere discretionis uenerabili uiro magistro Iohanni Speke, militi, et Elizabethe, uxori sue, Thomas, Dei pacientia abbas monasterii beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli de Muchelney, ordinis sancti Benedicti, Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis, salutem in eo qui est uia, ueritas et uita. Deuocionem quam ad ordinem nostrum geritis ut accepimus, affectu sincere caritatis acceptantes, Christoque acceptabilem fore credentes, pia ipsam beneficiorum spiritualium uicissitudine recompensare uolentes, uos ad uniuersa et singula nostri conuentus tam in uita quam in morte recepimus suffragia, plenam uobis tenore presencium participationem bonorum omnium concedendo que per fratres nostri capituli in missis, uigiliis, ieiuniis, abstinentiis, predicationibus et oracionibus, ceterisque diuinis exercitiis operari dignabitur clementia saluatoris; addentes eciam, de gracia speciali, quod cum obitus uestri in capitulo nostro locali fuerint nunciati, id pro uobis devote fiet quod pro fratribus nostris defunctis in communi ibidem fieri consueuit. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commune est appensum. Datum in domo nostra capitulari, penulti-

<sup>a</sup> This deed was later adapted to serve as a copy of a deed of confraternity to "dominus [?Iohannes] Popylwyke," the second person plural being altered to the second singular throughout. Several other unimportant corrections have also been made in the text.

<sup>1</sup> See for these details *Cal. Inq. post mortem* (Henry VII), i, no. 17, p. 9; no. 156, p. 66.

<sup>2</sup> Will in F. W. Weaver, *Somerset Wills, 1501-1530* (S.R.S., xix, p. 249).

<sup>3</sup> See above, no. 58.

tima die menssis [sic] Decembris, anno domini m<sup>o</sup>cccccxvii.

[XVI cent. Sir John Speke, of White Lackington, to whom the above grant was made, was Sheriff for cos. Somerset and Dorset in 1510 and for co. Devon in 1516.<sup>1</sup> He died in 1518<sup>2</sup> and was buried, as was his wife later,<sup>3</sup> in St. George's Chapel, Exeter cathedral, which he had founded.]

80. (f. vb) *Certificate by Abbot Thomas de Overtone to Walter de Winforlon, Abbot of Winchcombe, acknowledging receipt of notification of an intended visitation.*

Northampton

Uenerando religioso uiro domino Waltero, miseracione diuina abbatii monasterii Wynchcombe, ordinis sancti Benedicti, Wygorniensis diocesis, uisitatori in prouinciali siue generali capitulo nigrorum monachorum Anglicane prouincie dicti ordinis Northampton ultimo celebrato a capitulo illo et presidentibus tunc ibidem licite ordinato ad uisitandum omnia et singula monasteria nigrorum monachorum eiusdem ordinis Bathoniensis, Exoniensis et Sarisburiensis diocesum, super et de statu ipsorum monasteriorum, tam in temporalibus quam in spiritualibus, ac obseruancia regulari in eisdem diligenter et salubriter inquirendum, necnon ad corigendum et reformatum ea que in hac parte coreccione seu reformacione uideritis indigere ac omnia alia et singula que ad huiusmodi officium uisitationis de iure uel consuetudine spectare noscuntur inibi exercendum, uestroue commissario seu commissariis in hac parte quibuscumque uestri [sic] si libet, frater Thomas de Ouercone,<sup>b</sup> abbas monasterii de Muchelney, Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis, obedienciam, reuerenciam et honorem. Mandatum uestrum reuerendum xii<sup>o</sup> die mensis<sup>c</sup> Aprilis ultime

<sup>a</sup> " officium " cancelled follows in MS.

<sup>b</sup> " Wills. de Sch (?) " has been inserted above this name.

<sup>c</sup> " Maii " has been inserted above line at this point.

<sup>1</sup> P.R.O. Lists and Indexes, ix, pp. 124, 36.

<sup>2</sup> Will, dated 20 Feb. 1517, with probate 31 May 1518, in S.R.S., xix, p. 189.

<sup>3</sup> Will, dated 18 Dec. 1518, with probate 17 June 1519, in S.R.S., xix, p. 195.

iam elapse recepimus, tenorem continens subsequentem:— Walterus, miseracione diuina, etc. Cuius auctoritate mandati omnes et singulos dicti monasterii nostri de Muchelney commonachos et confratres, quorum nomina et cognomina in cedula presenti certificatorio annexa continentur,<sup>a</sup> fratre Willelmo de Scheptone, commonacho et confratre nostro, qui in studio uniuersitatis<sup>b</sup> Oxoniensis uiget et diu ante recepcionis presencium uigebat dumtaxat excepto, ad comparendum coram uobis uestroue commissario seu commissariis, dictis die, loco et hora citauimus peremptorie, ut mandatur; cui eciam mandato quatenus nos attinet paruimus et ei parebimus in omnibus reuerenter. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus duximus apponendum. Datum in domo nostro capitulari, etc.

[XIV cent. The date of the original deed must lie within the years that are common to the rule of Thomas de Overtone at Muchelney and of Walter de Winforton at Winchcombe, viz. 1359–1371. For a list of Benedictine provincial chapters between these dates, see W. A. Pantin, *General and Provincial Chapters of the English Black Monks* in Trans. of the Royal Hist. Soc., 4th series, vol. x, 1927, p. 252.]

### 81. *Memorandum of homage of Alexander Bolour.*

Nono kalendas May,<sup>c</sup> anno regni regis Henrici septimi post conquestum Anglie xvii<sup>o</sup>, testatur quod Alexander Boler, armiger, filius et heres Iohannis Boler, armigeri, cognouit tenere diuersa terras et tenementa de domino abbati [sic] de Mochelney et de maneriis suis de Ilmystre et de Ile Abbatis, que quidem terre et tenementa iacet [sic] separatim in Aschewylle, Chubworthe et Tennehay, et pro predictis terris et tenementis prefatus Alexander Boler fecit homagium suum Willelmo Wyke, abbati, et cognouit se tenere predicta terras et tenementa cum pertinenciis de prefato abbatte per seruicium militare, pro quibus terris et tenementis accidit dicto abbati de montura patris sui unum equum optimum cum cella [sic] et

<sup>a</sup> Between this and the following line in the MS. has been inserted “W. Grycce et Thoma Brutone commonachis et confratribus nostris.”

<sup>b</sup> “universitatis” inserted above line.

<sup>c</sup> “May” inserted above line in MS.

freno; immo eciam satisfecit dicto abbati pro releuio suo—vis. viiid. In presentia Iohannis Hayron, armigeri, Iohannis Scherborne, prioris, uicarii de Mochelney, Thome Scotte et multi alii [sic] [23 April 1502].

[Cf. no. 78.]

82. (f. vi) *Questions concerning the consecration of bread and wine at Mass.*

Queritur si aperta negligencia de corpore aut de sanguine domini acciderit quod stilla aliqua de sanguine ceciderit super corporalia uel super pannum altaris qualecunque fuerit, si usque ad tabulam peruererit stilla, siue super terram, aut super lapidem, aut lignum, aut super aliquid aliud quam super altare ceciderit, quid fieri debeat secundum casum diuersitates?

Item si post consecrationem calicis, musca uel aranea uel aliquid aliud immundum forte inciderit, quid sacerdos communicaturus facere debeat?

Item si quis, per iniuriam uel ignoranciam, ciseram pro uino ministrauerit sacerdoti ad consecrandum sanguinem Christi et ille sic consecrauerit, quam penitenciam agere debeat qui ministrauerit. Et quam qui consecrauerit?

Primarum questionum soluciones manifeste habentur in Decretis ubi agitur “de consecratione,” distincione secunda, capitulo tali.<sup>1</sup> Si per neglegenciam aliquid de sanguine stillauerit super terram, lingua lambetur, tabula radetur. Si non fuerit tabula uel non conculcetur, locus radetur et abrasio igne consummetur et cinis intra altare collocetur, et sacerdos xl. dies peniteat. Si super altare stillauerit calix sorbeat minister stillam et tribus diebus peniteat. Si super lintheum altaris et ad aliud peruererit, quatuor diebus peniteat. Si usque ad tertium, nouem dies peniteat. Si usque ad quartum, xx. dies peniteat, et lintheamina que tetigerunt stillam tribus uicibus minister abluat, et calice subtus posito, ita quod aqua ablucionis sumatur et iuxta altare recondatur.

De questione de aranea et alio immundo si inciderit, nichil

<sup>1</sup> Decretum Gratiani, pt. iii, *De Consecratione*, dist. ii, ch. 27 (*Corpus iuris canonici*, ed. Lipsiensis secunda, i, 1879, col. 1323).

habemus in Decretis uel in libris theologicis diffinitum. Hoc enim dicit magister Petrus Manducator,<sup>1</sup> quod si ita euenerit ei non sumeret sed pocius in piscina poneret. Et narrat se ita audisse Turonis de quibusdam monachis qui miscurunt [sic] uenenum uino in calice abbatis missam celebrantis; unus autem eorum hoc ei sumpturo indicauit; ipse tamen nichilominus sumsit et obiit. Narrat et de alio qui bibt araneam cum sanguine nec Iesus est, immo postea integra per brachium exiuit. Ego eciam de quodam uerissime audiui cui aranea per maiorem articulum pedis exiuit. Audiui eciam de alio quod dum esitaret de corpore Christi sumendo cum uidisset araneam incidere, apes, per fenestram uitream intrans, eam a calice extraxit et per eandem fenestram asportauit. Sic enim sunt oculta iudicia Dei; uni obfuit quod alteri nocuit. Cum tamen uterque ex magna fide sumpserit, forte huic non expediebat ut amplius uiueret ne malicia mutaret intellectum eius, sicut forte audisti de Eboracensi archiepiscopo qui uenenum in calice ex magna fiducia sumsit et obiit. Alii uero expediebat ut uiueret, et ita utrisque contrario modo ad salutem consultum est. Et recte quid uidetur in tali casu sumendum non esse. Dum enim habet homo quid aliud facere possit per humanum consilium non debet se totum committere Deo quia hoc esset Deum temptare. Ipse autem cum potest uermem tollere non ergo uidetur totum haurire debere; sicut dicitur cum essent gradus in templo per quos poterat de pignaculo descendere, noluit se precipitare quia hoc esset Deum tentare. Si quis tamen ex abundanti fide totum hauriet, magister Petrus eum non iudicat esse dampnandum sed se negat facturum.

De cisera uero loco uini inposita, scias quod ibi corpus Christi non consecratur, quia nec fit conuersio cisere in sanguinem nec eciam panis in carnem; utrumque enim est de substantia sacramenti, panis scilicet et uinum et sine neutro fit consecratio. Si tamen itaque contigerit, in maiori reuerencia debet habere sacerdos, cum cognoverit errorem, oblatam illam panis quam posuerat super altare cum cisera, quam aliam super

<sup>1</sup> alias Petrus Comestor, Chancellor of the University of Paris,  
1164.

qua non sunt uerba illa prolata, licet cum oblata illa sit purus panis adhuc, quia defuit uinum sine quo non poterat conuerti. Est autem <sup>a</sup> consilium episcopi Parisiacensis magistri Mauritius,<sup>1</sup> ut postea sacerdos ponit eam super altare ad consecrationem faciendam sed post consecrationem alterius hostie et sanguinis (f. vib) sumat eam similiter et ciseram.

De penitentia ei iniungenda, nichil certum respondere possumus quoniam ut noscis extraordinaire sunt penitencie et arbitrarie. Si enim ex industria hoc fecerit sacerdos, et ut in heresim introduceret, grauissime puniendus est, ut scilicet ad tempus suspendatur ; et hoc pro modo delicti et motu prelati ei penitencia maior uel minor iniungatur. Si per negligenciam euenerit, quod absit, ut missam cantans panem aut uinum oblitus fuerit, cum hoc cognouerit, si hostia defuerit, assumat illam et mittat super corporale et incipiat consecrationem a *qui pridie quam pateretur*. Si autem uinum defuerit, consecrari debet cum hoc cognouerit ; mittat illut in calicem et incipiat consecrationem a *Simili modo postquam cenatum est* usque in finem. Si cum aqua cantari contigit, cum hoc expertus fuerit, mittat uinum in calicem et ut supra diximus incipiat consecrationem a *Simili modo postquam cenatum*. Si cantauerit cum uino sine aqua, cum expertus fuerit, mittat aquam in uinum et incipiat hic *Oremus precepti salutis moniti*, etc., et dicat oracionem dominicam et *Libera nos quesumus domine*. Si quid sacramento sanguinis Christi ceciderit super corporalia, reponendum est ipsum corporale in locum reliquiarum seruandum. Si palla altaris inde fuerit intacta, recidenda est ipsa pars que intacta est et pro reliquiis, ut supra, etc. Si super casulam uel super albam deguttet, similiter fiet. Si super quodcumque uestimentum, comburenda est ipsa pars et cinis in sacrario reponendus. Si uero in terram ceciderit lingendus, extergendus et radendus est locus ipse, siue lapis, siue lignum, siue terra, et puluis in sacro loco recondendus ; porro si aliquid ipsum sanguinem musca uel aranea uel

<sup>a</sup> "Et ante" in MS.

<sup>1</sup> Maurice de Sully, Bishop of Paris, 1160, ob. 1196.

aliquid tale ceciderit quod uix sine uomitu aliquando non sine periculo corporis sumi poterit igne concremandum est et sanguis sumatur. Quod si fides ipsa ad ipsum quod ceciderit quempiam sumere fecerit, Deo gracias reddamus sed paucis euenit.

[XIV cent. This tract should be compared with the Cautels of the Mass as printed in the *Missale Romanum*, ii (Henry Bradshaw Soc., xxxiii, pp. 372–375, and the *Missale ad usum Sarum*, ed. F. H. Dickinson, Burntisland, 1861–1883, cols. 651–656.] An imperfect copy, dating from the 13th century, occurs in a MS. of St. Mary's, Reading, now in the British Museum;<sup>1</sup> and works of a somewhat similar character are in Arundel MS. 292, f. 68, and Royal MS. 5 A I, f. 33.

83. *Agreement between John de Odecombe, proxy of the prior and convent of Muchelney (abbatia vacante), and James de Kyngestone, rector of West Camel, concerning common of pasture.*

[XIV cent. Hearne, i, p. xci. The terms of the agreement are as follows:—the said rector and his successors are to be allowed common of pasture for all his cattle (*aueria*) on the domain of the Abbey in the manor of West Camel, and pasture for six oxen there, with the oxen of the Abbey, except in the gardens and “la grove”; they are given permission to enclose 8 acres of land between “la Rigweye” and their own court (*curia*), and are promised just and due tithes from the mill of the religious in the said manor. James de Kyngestone, the rector, is allowed pasture for two oxen and one horse (*afro*), in addition to the six oxen aforementioned, but this privilege is not to be conceded to his successors in the living. Dated, London, feast of St. Gregory the Pope [12 March] 1304(5).]

84. (f. vii) *Settlement by Simon de Hilecumbe, on the marriage of his daughter Avice with Robert de Bradeforde.*

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego, Simon de Hilecumbe, dedi, concessi, et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Roberto de Bradeforde, in liberum maritagium cum Auicia filia mea, unam carucatam et dimidietatem terre in Hilecumbe, Chelewerthe, Pusemersch, et Ylleygh, in manorio de Illeministre, cum domibus, curtilagiis, boscis, pratis, pasturis, homagiis, redditibus, seruiciis, wardis, releuuis et escaetis omnimodis, tam liberorum quam uillanorum, et eorum sequelis, et omnibus

<sup>1</sup> Harley MS. 979, f. 73.

aliis pertinenciis suis que mihi quocunque modo accidere poterunt, preter tenementum cum pertinenciis quod Robertus Algar de me tenet in Hulecombe; habendam et tenendam dictis Roberto et Auicie, uxori sue, et heredibus dicte Auicie, de capitalibus dominis meis illius feodi, libere, quiete, iure hereditario, in perpetuum, faciendo inde capitalibus dominis feodi illius seruicia inde debita et consueta, et forinsecum seruicium quantum ad dictum tenementum pertinet, pro omnibus seruiciis et secularibus demandis quibuscumque pertinentibus. Et si predicta Auicia sine herede de carne sua procreato, quod absit, obierit, uolo quod predicta terra cum omnibus suis pertinenciis, sicut predictum est, post decessum predicti Roberti ad me uel ad heredes meos sine aliqua calumpnia, aut inpedimento quocumque, plene et integre reuertatur. Ut autem hec mea donacio, concessio, et presentis carte mee confirmacio, rata et stabilis imperpetuum perseueret, huic carte sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, domino Willelmo, abbate de Much[elney], domino Waltero de Louenye, Hunfrido Cael, militibus, Thoma Munsorel, Ricardo de Dilyngtone, Hugone Euerard, Radulffo Abbe, Iohanne de Wynterheye, Waltero Isaac et aliis quam pluribus.

[The date of this deed is *circ.* 8 Edw. I,<sup>1</sup> in which year William de Gyvele was Abbot of Muchelney. The Hillcombe family had been among the benefactors of the Abbey during the 13th cent.<sup>2</sup> The Simon mentioned above was the son of Eleanor Hillcombe who was living during the reigns of Henry III and Edward I. Avice, his daughter and heiress, married Robert de Bradeforde, of Bradford near Sherborne, co. Dors.,<sup>3</sup> whose lands in Ilminster (probably those brought to him by Avice) were assessed at 1 hyde for the scutages of 28 and 31 Edw. I.<sup>4</sup> Elsewhere the dower of Avice is stated to have been a messuage, 1½ carucates of land, 15 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, 10 acres of wood and 40 shillings rent.<sup>5</sup> Later, at the end of the reign of Rich. II and the beginning of the following reign, this property was the subject of a long-drawn-out suit between Richard Knolle, grandson

<sup>1</sup> S.R.S., vi, p. 251.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, iv, pp. 80, 81.

<sup>3</sup> Hutchins, *History of Dorset*, iv, p. 235.

<sup>4</sup> See below, no. 119.

<sup>5</sup> P.R.O. De Banco Roll, Mich. 22 Rich. II, m. 328.

of one Baldwin, said to be a son of Eleanor above mentioned, and John Straunge, grandson and nearest surviving descendant of Laurence, son and heir of Simon Hillcombe, each of whom claimed to be the rightful heir of Eleanor.<sup>1</sup> As a John Knolle did homage to the Abbot for lands in Ilminster in 1414, and a person of the same name likewise did homage in 1439, it seems probable that the property finally came into the possession of that family.<sup>2]</sup>

85. (f. viib) *Pleadings in suit between the Abbot of Muchelney and Robert de Blaneford concerning wardship of lands of Avice, widow of John Teukesbury.*

Termino Trinitatis anno regni regis Edwardi tercii a conquestu xli<sup>o</sup>., rotulo cclxxxv.

Somersetia. Robertus Blaneforde in misericordia pro pluribus defaltis, etc.

Idem Robertus soummonitus fuit ad resspondendum [sic] abbatii de Muchelney de placito quare cum custodia unius<sup>a</sup> mesuagii, unius carucate terre, decem acrarum prati, uiginti acrarum pasture et quadraginta acrarum boscum, cum pertinencieis in Illeynstre, usque ad legitimam etatem Iohanne, filie et heredis Auicie, que fuit uxor Iohannis Teukesbery, ad ipsum abbatem pertineat, eo quod eadem Auicia predicta mesuagium,<sup>b</sup> terram, pratum, pasturam et boscum de eo tenuit per seruicium militare, et idem abbas in plena et pacifica seisina eiusdem custodie diu extiterit, predictus Robertus, predicta herede infra etatem existente, ipsum abbatem a custodia illa uiolenter eiecit; et unde idem abbas, per Robertum Lough, attornatum suum, dicit quod cum custodia tenementorum predictorum cum pertinenciis, usque ad legitimam etatem heredis predice, ad ipsum abbatem pertineant [sic], eo quod predicta Auicia predicta tenementa de eo tenuit per seruicium militare, uide-licet per homagium, fidelitatem et per seruicium uiginti solu-dorum [sic], ad festa Natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste, sancti Michaelis, Natiuitatis Domini et Pasche, per equales

<sup>a</sup> " unnius " in MS.

<sup>b</sup> " musuagia " in MS.

<sup>1</sup> Pedigrees in *Genealogist* (New Series), xiv, p. 259.

<sup>2</sup> See below, nos. 107 and 140.

porciones, annuatim soluendorum, et faciendi sectam ad curiam ipsius abbatis de Illeynstre quociencumque [sic] inde rationabiliter premunita fuerit, de quibus seruiciis idem abbas fuit seisitus per manus prediche Auicie et per manus uere tenentis sue, et obiit in homagio ipsius abbatis, ac idem abbas in plena et pacifica seisina eiusdem custodie diu extiterit, uidelicet a die Lune proxima ante festum sancti Matthei apostoli, anno regni domini regis nu[n]c tricesimo octauo, usque diem Lune proximam post festum sancti Michaelis tunc proxime sequentem, quo die predictus Robertus, predicta herede infra etatem existente, ipsum abbatem a custodia illa uiolenter eiecit, etc. ; unde dicit quod deterioratus est et<sup>a</sup> ad dampnum habet ad ualenciam centum librarum, et inde producit sectam, etc. Et predictus Robertus, per Robertum Iames, attornatum, nunc uenit et defendit uim et iniuriam quando, etc., ubi predictus abbas per breue et narracionem sua[m] predictam supponit quod predicta Auicia tenuit de eo tenementa predicta per seruicium militare, eadem Auicia tenuit de eo (f. viii)<sup>b</sup> tenementa predicta per fidelitatem et seruicium duorum soludorum [sic] per annum, pro omnibus seruiciis tantum, et sic dicit quod ipsa Auicia tenuit de predicto abbate tenementa predicta in socagio et non per seruicium militare; post cuius mortem predictus abbas seisuit in manum suam tenementa predicta, nomine custodie, ratione minoris etatis prediche heredis, et predictus Robertus de Blaneforde, tanquam propinquior auu[n]culus eiusdem heredis, ipsum abbatem inde amouit, prout ei bene licuit, unde petit iudicium si predictus abbas actionem predictam in hoc casu manutenere possit, etc. Et predictus abbas dicit quod predicta Auicia tenuit de eo per seruicium militare prout per breue suum supponit. Et hoc petit quod inquiratur per patriam. Et predictus Robertus similiter. Ideo preceptum est uicecomiti quod uenire facias [sic] hic a die sancti<sup>c</sup> Michaelis in xv dies,

<sup>a</sup> "Et" inserted above line.

<sup>b</sup> At the head of this folio is written "hic Tewkesbyry, postea Blanford, nu[n]c London."

<sup>c</sup> "sancti" inserted above line.

xii etc., per quos, etc. Et qui nec, etc. Ad recognitionem, etc. Quia tam, etc. Postea, continuato inde processu inter partes predictas hic usque ad hunc diem, scilicet a die Pasche in xv dies, anno regni domini regis nunc quadragesimo primo, nisi iusticiarii domini regis ad assisas in comitatu predicto capiendas assignati per formam statuti, etc., die Lune proxima post festum sancti Gregorii pape, apud Yeuechestr prius uenissent, etc., modo uenit predictus abbas per attornatum suum. Et predicti iusticiarii ad assisas coram quibus, etc., miserunt hic recordum suum in hec uerba. Postea die et loco infra contenta, coram Willelmo de Wychyngham et Edwardo de Chelreie, iusticiariis ad assisas, etc., uenerunt partes infra nominate per attornatos suos; et iurati similiter uenerunt, de consensu parcium ad hoc electi; et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Auicia infra nominata tenuit tenementa infra contenta de abbate infra nominato per seruicium militare, et reddendo eidem abbati et successoribus suis per annum ad festa infra contenta uiginti solidos sicut idem abbas per narrationem [sic] supponit. Et dicunt quod heres infra nominata est etatis quindecim annorum, et assident dampna pro eieccione infra contenta ad tresdecim marcas, si predictus abbas non possit habere predictum redditum uiginti solidorum a die quo electus fuit de custodia predicta usque diem capcionis istius inquisitionis. Et si predictus abbas habere potest de toto tempore quo electus fuit, tunc assident (f. viiib) dampna ad decem marcas tantum. Et super hoc predictus abbas petit iudicium de predictis decem marcis, tam pro custodia predicta quam pro dampno, etc. Ideo considerandum est quod<sup>a</sup> idem abbas recuperet uersus eum dampna predicta ad decem marcas assessa. Et idem Robertus in misericordia, etc.

[XIV cent.]

86. *Deed relating to wardship of Thomas, son and heir of Richard Dillington.*

Come ore tard certeignez debates fueront moeuez parentre e tresreuerent pier en dieu Iohan, abbe de Mochelny, dune

<sup>a</sup> "est quod" inserted above line.

partie, et Maude, nadgairs femme a Richard Dylngton, d'autre partie, pur un freyne cressant en le haut chymyn ioust Ilmynstre, et auxi pur la garde de corps et des terres Thomas, fitz ethierdu dit Richard, et puys la dit Maude ueant le febelesse de son querel et escuant greindre labour et perde qe ent puroit auenir, soy ad mys en a garde et ordinance de William Halle et le consaill du dit abbe en haut et bas de lez querel et materes suisditz ; et a ceo performer la dit Maude est oblige a dit William en c. li. par un obligacion, et sur ceo le dit William emsemblement ouesqe la consaille suisdit, le demenje prochien deuaunt le fest de saint Michel larchangel, lan du reigne le roy Henry quint puis le conquest septisme, a Muchelny, en presence si bien du dit abbe come de dit Maude et Johan Beef, un del consaill du dit Maude, par bon auys et deliberacion emsemblement ouesqe la assent et agrement dez partiez suisditz, ount ordine et a garde a deprimez qe le dit Thomas serra deliuere par la dit Maude a dit abbe come sa garde a Muchelny suisdit, et ceo deuant le fest de seynt Martyne en yuer prochien ore auener, et a donques le dit abbe par deliberacion doira la garde du dit Thomas a dit Maude ensemblement ouesqe lez terres et tenementez qe a luy aparteignent par cause de meindre age du dit Thomas et auoir a dit Maude durant son nonnage. Et qe la dit Maude ferra releuer un fosse ou un hegge quel el ad debatuz pres le dit freyne en Ilmynstre, en preuidice du dit abbe ; et pur ceo qe la dit Maude deuant le dit William et le dit consail ne sauoit mie dedire que le soill oue le dit freyne est cressant est le soille le dit abbe come de droit de sa esglise de Muchelny, ne le (f. ix) couper et enporter de dit freyne, et pur espensez, demages et costages du dit abbe de cestez ditz querelez et de toutz autres trans[gressions] a le dit abbe par la dit Maude faitez deuant cez heures ladit Maude paira a dit abbe xl. marczi mays le dit abbe de xx. marczi de somme suisdit ferra grace et pardoun a dit Maude ; et la dit Maude relessera a dit abbe toutz maneres actions personelx par soun fait enseale, et mesme la fait a dit abbe ferra deliuerere, et ceo deuant le dit fest de seynt Martyne ; et ainz en tenuerance de quel choses si bien le dit William come William

Grene, William Neutone, Nicoll Mottelbury, Robert Ueel, consailli du dit abbe, a y cestes ount mys loures sealx. Done a Muchelny le Demenge prochien deuant le fest de seynt Michel larchangel, lan du regne le roy Henry quint post le conquest septisme [24 Sept. 1419].

[XV cent. For a note on the Dillington family, see *S.R.S.*, xiv, p. 83. Their history from the 13th to 15th centt. is obscure, but apparently the Somerset Dillingtons were the direct ancestors of the Dillingtons of Knighton, I.O.W. At the time of the scutage assessment of 28 Edw. I, Joan, widow of Laurence Dillington was holding  $\frac{1}{2}$  virgate each in La See, Horton and Davidsmill, while the "heirs of Laurence" aforementioned were in possession of 1 hyde in Middle Dillington, and 3 messuages and 5 acres of land in East Dillington.<sup>1</sup> In 1 Edw. II another Laurence did homage to the Abbot of Muchelney,<sup>2</sup> but the relationship of this person to the earlier Laurence is not clear, as, from the Athelney Chartulary, it would seem that the latter's heir was one Thomas Dillington.<sup>3</sup>

One Richard Dillington is found in possession of lands in Ilminster in 1327 and 1346; <sup>4</sup> he is succeeded by his son John, who does homage for his lands in 1353.<sup>5</sup> In 1415-16 another Richard is styled "lord of the manor of West Dillington,"<sup>6</sup> but he died shortly afterwards, and it is probably his widow Maud who comes to the above agreement with the Abbot concerning the wardship of her son Thomas. During the rule of Abbot John Bracy (1470-1489) one Tristram Dillington does homage for the lands,<sup>7</sup> and finally in 1522 the manor of West Dillington is alienated by Walter Dillington to Thomas Kayle, citizen and mercer of London, and thereafter the interests of the family seem to have been transferred to Knighton, I.O.W.<sup>8</sup>]

87. *Grant of land by William de Montacute to Alexander de Lovenay.*

Hylcombe.

Nouerint tam presentes quam futuri quod ego, Willelmus de Monteacuto, dedi et concessi Alexandro de Louenay, pro

<sup>1</sup> See below, no. 119.

<sup>2</sup> See below, no. 95.

<sup>3</sup> *S.R.S.*, xiv, p. 154.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, xiv, p. 83; *Feudal Aids*, iv, p. 336.

<sup>5</sup> See below, no. 124.

<sup>6</sup> *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, 2nd series, i, p. 381.

<sup>7</sup> See below, no. 145.

<sup>8</sup> *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, 2nd series, i, pp. 380-382; *Victoria County History, Hampshire*, v, pp. 161, 183.

homagio et seruicio, terram illam quam ego teneo de ecclesia de Muchelnye, dicto Alexandro et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis, iure hereditario, libere et quiete, tenendam pro v. solidis annuatim soluendis mihi ad festum sancti Michaelis pro omni seruicio. Hec uero terra est illa uidelicet que est a meridie uie sicud grandis uia ducit que est ante potariam de terra de Thoma de<sup>a</sup> Hycombe usque ad diuisam Ricardi filii Waldrici, integre et plenarie predicto Alejandro et heredibus suis habendam, sicud dominus meus abbas de Muchelny et conuentus michi illam concesserunt. Prefatus uero Alexander de recognicione unum baium mihi dedit et fidelitatem et homagium de ipsa terra mihi fecit. Ut autem hec donacio mea rata habeatur et firma sigilli mei appensione et testium subscripcione duxi confirmandam.

[XV cent. The original deed dates probably from the 13th cent. For a note on the Lovenay family, see S.R.S., xiv, pp. 72, 73.]

*The two following deeds are copied in the body of the second volume of the Breviary preceding the Office for the Feast of St. Andrew.*

88. (f. 96) *Grant by Alan, Abbot of Muchelney, to Hugh de Ivonia of lands in Spaxton.*

Sciant omnes tam futuri quam presentes quod ego Alanus, dei gratia abbas Mychalanie, consilio et fauore fratrum nostrorum, concessi Hugoni de Iuonia et heredibus suis uirgatam terre quam ecclesia nostra tenet in uilla de Spechotonia, tenendam tam libere et quiete sicut umquam liberi quieti antecessores eiusdem tenuerunt ab antecessoribus meis, reddendo inde pro ea antedictae ecclesie nostre quatuor solidos per quatuor terminos. Hiis testibus, Ricardo Ryvell, Umfrido, fratre, Rogero, portario, Roberto Cumyn, et ceteris pluribus.

[XV cent. The original of the above deed dates probably from the second half of the 12th cent. Alan occurs elsewhere as Abbot of Muchelney in 1159;<sup>1</sup> and Robert Revel, senior, held Langport, Curry Rivel and other lands in Somerset between 1166 and 1211.<sup>2</sup>]

<sup>a</sup> " de " inserted above line in MS.

<sup>1</sup> Cal. Wells MSS., i, p. 27.

<sup>2</sup> S.R.S., xiv, p. 63.

89. *Lease by Henry VIII to Philip Fulford and John Birt of the fishery of three weirs in Curry Rivel.*

Carta de Powndewere.

Henricus octauus, dei gratia Anglie et Francie rex, fidei defensor et dominus Hibernie, omnibus ad quos presens [sic] litere peruerent, salutem. Sciatis quod nos, de auisamento et assensu dilectorum nobis Iohannis Daunce, militis, unius consiliariorum nostrorum, et Iohannis Halys, unus baronum de scaccario nostro generalium, superuisores terrarum nostrarum, tradidimus et ad firmam dimisimus dilectis nobis Philippo Fulford, armigero, et Iohanni Birt, gentylman, piscariam gurgitum de Poundewere, Laundewere et Newmyll infra dominium nostrum de Cory Revell, parcellam terrarum nuper comitisse Richemond, in comitatu Somerseate cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinenciis ; habendam et tenendam piscariam gurgitum predictam, cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinencis, prefatis Philippo Fulford et Iohanni Birt, executoribus et assignatis suis, a festo sancti Michaelis archangeli proximo futuro, usque ad finem termini uiginti unius annorum extunc proxime sequentium et plenarie complendorum ; reddendo inde annuatim nobis et heredibus nostris ad manus balliui nostri predicti siue ad manus receptoris nostri eiusdem, uel ad manus thesaurarii camere nostre pro tempore existentis, uiginti solidos prout nobis responsum est et uiginti sex solidos et octo denarios de redditu de nouo appreciato per annum, ad festa Pasche et sancti Michaelis archangeli, per equales porciones. Et si contingat dictum annualem redditum uel incrementum predictum a retro fore in parte uel in toto post aliquod festum festorum predictorum quo ut prefertur solui debeant per octo septimanas insolutum, quod tunc bene liceat et licebit nobis et heredibus nostris in piscariam predictam cum suis pertinenciis reintrare et ea[m] in manus nostras resumere et habere, presentibus litteris nostris patentibus in aliquo non obstantibus. Et predictus Philippus Fulford et Iohannes Birt concedunt pro se, executoribus et assignatis suis, reparare, sustentare et manutenere gurgita

predicte piscarie pertinentia in omnibus tocens quo ciens necesse fuerit durante termino predicto, ac eas in fine termini sui dimittere; pro quibus quidem reparationibus sic in forma predicta fiendis concedimus eisdem Philippo et Iohanni, executoribus et assignatis suis, madremium, subboscum et uirgitum, percipienda infra boscos nostros ibidem, per superuisum et deliberacionem auditorum, receptorum, balliuorum, siue aliorum officiariorum nostrorum ibidem pro tempore existentium, aliquo statuto, actu, ordinacione seu restrictione seu aliqua alia re, causa uel materia quacumque non obstante. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium xviii<sup>o</sup>. die Februarii anno regni nostri quartodecimo [1523].

Clerke.

Per billam generalium superuisorum de data predicta auctoritate parlementi.

### Irrotulatur.

[XVI cent. Cf. *Letters and Papers (Foreign and Domestic)*, Henry VIII, vol. iii, pt. ii, p. 1205. Philip Fulford can probably be identified with the person of that name who was the fourth son of Sir Thomas Fulford, of Fulford, co. Devon, and Brompton Ralph, co. Somerset.<sup>1</sup> He died 10 April 1532.<sup>2</sup>

John Birt was of South Petherton.<sup>3</sup>]

90 sq. *Memoranda of homages to Abbots of Muchelney for lands held from them.*

*From this point the entries in the second volume of the Breviary consist in the main of notes of homage performed by tenants holding of the Abbey by knight service.*

*The earlier entries appear to have been copied in several hands from some common source early in the 14th century; the later ones to have been added at the time of, or immediately after, the*

<sup>1</sup> *Cal. Inq. post mortem* (Henry VII), i, nos. 658, 660, 661; Vivian, *Visitations of Devon*, p. 378.

<sup>2</sup> Vivian, *loc. cit.*

<sup>3</sup> *Letters and Papers (Foreign and Domestic)*, Henry VIII, vol. iii, pt. ii, p. 1143.

ceremony to which they refer. In each case additions or annotations between lines or at the side of entries are made to indicate later possessors of some of the holdings. •

90. (f. x). Drayton.<sup>a</sup>

Memorandum quod Baldewynus Bell de Ballesheghe, qui desponsauit Margeriam, filiam Roberti Thome de Draytone antenatam, et unam coheredum ipsius Roberti Thome, die Dominica proxima post festum apostolorum Petri et Pauli, anno regni regis Edwardi, filii regis Edwardi, octauo, et anno domini Iohannis de Henton<sup>b</sup> abbatis undecimo, fecit homagium suum pro se et participibus suis hereditatis predicte; et recognouit tenere<sup>c</sup> pro parte sua hereditatis predicte de dicto abbat per seruicium militare, etc. In presencia domini Symonis, rectoris ecclesie de Chiltone, Ricardi de Loueny, Ricardo le Uenur et aliorum plurimorum de familia domini abbatis tunc apud Muchelnye presencium.

[The date of this deed is 8 Edward II and the 11th year of Abbot Henton. The date of the feast of St. Peter and Paul is 29 June, which in 8 Edward II fell on a Sunday. The date is, therefore, probably 6 July 1315. For the scutage of 28 and 31 Edw. I, the heirs of Robert Thomas were assessed at 5*s.* and 22*d.* respectively for 2 virgates and 3 ferdels of land in Drayton.]

91. Drayton cum Burton.<sup>d</sup>

Memorandum quod quarto kalendas Decembris anno domini m<sup>o</sup>c<sup>o</sup>c<sup>m</sup> septimo et anno regni regis Edwardi, filii regis Edwardi, primo, Alicia, filia Willelmi le Mascon de Dreyton, fecit homagium suum et fidelitatem domino Iohanni de Henton, tunc abbati Muchelnye, in presencia Ricardi de Loueny, senescalli, Iohannis de la Fosse, Willelmi Ruffegrey, Iohannis Mey, Roberti Dauid, Willelmi Ireys, et aliorum de familia abbatis tunc ibidem presencium, pro tenemento quod de

<sup>a</sup> Added in a later hand.

<sup>b</sup> "I. de Henton" inserted above line.

<sup>c</sup> "tenere" inserted above line.

<sup>d</sup> Added in the margin by a later hand.

domino abbate tenet in Dreyton et Burton uidelicet 1.  
ferdellum terre et dimidietatem, et uadiauit releuium suum  
quod pertinet ad tenementum suum, uidelicet ad unum fer-  
dellum terre et dimidietatem, et recognit [sic] se et heredes  
suos teneri dicto domino abbatii et successoribus suis [pro]  
scutagio quando currit; plegius de releuio suo Willelmus  
Ruffegrey [28 Nov. 1307].

[Nothing is known of William le Mascon. It is possible that the lands referred to are those in Drayton on which John le Westere and Alice his wife were assessed at 1½ ferdels for the scutage of 28 Edw. I. William le Mascon is not mentioned in that assessment, nor is John le Westere, or any one of that name, mentioned thereafter.]

92.

Dunhede.<sup>a</sup>

Dominus Henricus de Urtiaco fecit homagium domino Iohanni abbati Muchelnye, anno domini m<sup>o</sup>ccc<sup>mo</sup> quarto, et anno regni regis Edwardi xxxii, pro Dunheueda et recognouit se debere predicto abbati et successoribus suis seruicium duorum [sic] parcium unius feodi militis, unde quinque partes faciunt plenum seruicium militis. In presencia Iohannis de Horsted, senescalli tunc, Roberti Dauid, Symonis, filii Roberti de Draycote, ex parte abbatis, Galfrido de Puttenye, Michaele de Estcote Waste hese, ex parte dicti domini Henrici.

[For the De L'Orti family, see note to no. 32 above and references there cited.]

93.

Illeyghe.<sup>b</sup>

Philippus de Curtenay fecit homagium domino Iohanni, abbati de Muchelnye, anno domini m<sup>o</sup>ccc<sup>mo</sup> vi<sup>o</sup>, et anno regni regis Edwardi xxxv<sup>o</sup>, post Pascham, apud Muchelny, pro tenemento de parua Illegh<sup>c</sup>, et tunc promisit domino I. abbati

<sup>a</sup> "Dunhede" inserted by a later hand. The whole of this entry has been cancelled, and a hand of the second half of the 14th cent. has added between lines "iam in manus domini."

<sup>b</sup> "Illeyghe" is inserted by a later hand, which has also written "Illey" in the margin. Another hand has inserted in the opposite margin "ego habeo."

<sup>c</sup> Over the following words has been written "Relevio xxvis. vid. ob."

unum leporarium et unum arcum de ifo, quos misit dicto domino I. abbati et hoc factum fuit apud Muchelnye in presencia fratris Thome de Hentone, tunc capellani ipsius abbatis, Clemente armigero [sic] dicti Philippi, et aliorum de familia dicti abbatis.

[At the end of the 13th cent., the above lands in Little Hillegh, in Ilminster, were in the possession of one John Courtenay,<sup>1</sup> probably a younger son of Sir Hugh de Courtenay, of Okehampton, by his wife Eleanor, who was daughter of Hugh, Lord le Despenser, and whose obit (28 Aug. 1329) has been inserted in the Muchelney Calendar.<sup>2</sup> John died at an early age, and his lands in Ilminster soon afterwards came into the possession of his brother Philip Courtenay of Moreton, who did homage for them in 1306, and who was slain at Stirling, 24 June 1314.<sup>3</sup> In 1331, homage was done for them by his nephew Sir Thomas Courtenay, 4th son of Hugh, 1st Earl of Devon,<sup>4</sup> who, at his death, left by his wife, Muriel de Moels, a son Hugh, and two daughters.<sup>5</sup> On the death of Hugh, in 42 Edw. III, without issue, his large estates in cos. Hants, Oxford, Somerset and Devon, were divided between his two sisters,<sup>6</sup> the lands held of the Abbot of Muchelney falling to the younger, Muriel, who married Sir John Dinham, of Corton Denham. The lands thence descended to their son Sir John, in 1383,<sup>7</sup> and were still in the possession of this family in 1428,<sup>8</sup> but later reverted to the Abbey, probably on the extinction of the male line in 1501.<sup>9</sup>]

## 94.

Drayton.<sup>a</sup>

Iohannes de Burtone uenit apud Drayton in presencia Ricardi de Loueny et aliorum, in plena curia tenta ibidem, die Mercurii proxima post festum Sancti Dionisii, anno regni regis Edwardi, filii regis Edwardi, primo finiente et secundo intrante (f. x b) et soluit fratri Thome de Stoke, tunc celerario de Muchelnye, xv. denarios pro scutagio suo, uidelicet pro duobus

<sup>a</sup> Inserted by a later hand.

<sup>1</sup> S.R.S., xiv, p. 102.

<sup>2</sup> See below, p. 135.

<sup>3</sup> J. L. Vivian, *Visitations of Devon*, p. 244.

<sup>4</sup> See below, no. 115; cf. also *Feudal Aids*, iv, p. 350.

<sup>5</sup> Vivian, *loc. cit.*

<sup>6</sup> Collinson, *Somerset*, ii, p. 49.

<sup>7</sup> See below, no. 127.

<sup>8</sup> *Feudal Aids*, iv, p. 372.

<sup>9</sup> Collinson, *Somerset*, ii, p. 362; G.E.C. *Peerage*, iv, 1916, p. 378.

For pedigrees and account of the Courtenay family, see J. L. Vivian, *Visitation of Devon*, pp. 243-250; E. Cleaveland, *Hist. of the Family of Courtenay*, 1735, especially pp. 112 sq.

seruiciis in exercitu domini regis Edwardi in Scocia, uidelicet de annis regni regis Edwardi xxviii<sup>o</sup> et xxxi<sup>o</sup> per talliam contra eundem.

95.

Ilmystre.<sup>a</sup>

Laurencius de Dylngtöne fecit eidem domino I. abbati homagium suum in presencia Ricardi de Loueny, Iohannis Silueyn, Iohannis de Miltone, Ricardi Bisschop, Iohannis Mey, et aliorum de familia dicti domini abbatis ibidem presentium, anno regni regis Edwardi, filii regis Edwardi, primo<sup>b</sup>.

[For a note on the Dillington family, see above, no. 86.]

96. Iohannes Maloysel fecit homagium suum eodem die et soluit pro releuio xxv. solidos.<sup>c</sup>

97. Iohannes Cantok, Iohannes atte Mere, Radulphus de Hentone, Thomas de Mere, Iohannes de Winterheye fecerunt homagia sua domino I. abbati Muchelny die et anno supradictis, etc.

98. Memorandum quod die Martis in festo sancte Marie Magdalene, anno regni regis Edwardi, filii regis Edwardi, nono [22 July 1315], dominus I. de Henton, abbas Muchelnye, assignauit Edithe, que fuit uxor Hugonis, filii Baldewyny de Meriet, dotem suam predictam Editham contingentem, de terris et tenementis que fuerunt predicti Hugonis, quondam uiri sui, in la Seo in hundredo<sup>d</sup> de Illeministre, et predicta Editha fecit eodem domino abbati inde fidelitatem. Ete due partes illius tenementi remanent in manibus dicti abbatis, nomine custodie, pro quibus Iohannes de Loueny fecit finem ad illas duas partes habendas, pro xviii. libris, usque ad plenam etatem heredis. Postea die Dominica proxima post festum

<sup>a</sup> Inserted in margin by a later hand.

<sup>b</sup> "anno . . . primo" inserted later but in contemporary hand.

<sup>c</sup> "soluit—solidos" inserted later by a hand which has also written in the margin "Mayloysel iam Bonuell tenet."

<sup>d</sup> Sic for "manorio"?

<sup>e</sup> The rest of this entry has been inserted later at the foot of the page and terminated at the foot of the following page.

sancti Gregorii, anno regni regis Edwardi tertii post conquestum viii<sup>o</sup>, et anno predicti domini abbatis xxx<sup>o</sup> [13 March 1334], Iohannes, filius et heres predicti Hugonis uenit et fecit dicto domino abbati homagium et fidelitatem, et cognouit se tenere de dicto abbate i. messuagium et i. uirgatam terre in la See <sup>a</sup> . . . in presencia Iohannis prioris, H. Caunul, tunc celarii, Willelmi de Craucumbe, Willelmi Ireysh, Willelmi Archer de Cotes, Iohannis Hiltdebraund, Iohannis Cantok et aliorum.

99. Wyke. Willelmus Ruffegrey.<sup>b</sup>

Memorandum quod die Mercurii proxima ante festum conuersionis sancti Pauli, anno domini m.ccc. quinto decimo, anno regni regis Edwardi, filii regis Edwardi, nono, et anno domini Iohannis, tunc abbatis Muchelnye duodecimo [24 Jan. 131<sup>5/6</sup>], Willelmus Ruffegrey de Wyke mortuus fuit, et die Sabbati proxima sequenti sepultus fuit apud Muchelnye, in capella beate Marie uirginis in parrochiali ecclesia. Et eodem die in capella beati Nicholai, in ecclesia conuentuali, Alexander Ruffegrey, filius et heres dicti Willelmi fecit homagium suum et fidelitatem suam dicto domino I., tunc abbatii de Muchelnye. Et dictus abbas homagium ipsius recepit, saluo iure cuiuslibet. Et ipse Alexander recognouit se debere tenere tenementum de Wyke de domino abbatte per seruicium militare; et est releuium eiusdem Alexandri xv.s. vii. denarii obolus.<sup>c</sup> Et fuerunt presentes Iohannes Sylueyn, Iohannes de Chytterne, Iohannes Buzon, Ricardus Barry, Iohannes Mey, Nicholaus de Estebroke, et alii de familia domini abbatis.

[A William de Ruffegrey was holding land in Wick in the manor of Drayton in 1271.<sup>1</sup> He, or a namesake, acquired, 18 Edw. I, 2 messuages, 7 ac. of land, 1 ac. 3 r. of meadow and 4½d. rent in the same manor,<sup>2</sup> and *circ.* 1300 his holdings consisted of 50 ac. of land and 50

<sup>a</sup> The following line has been cut away.

<sup>b</sup> Inserted by later hand.

<sup>c</sup> "et est releuium . . . obolus" inserted above line.

ac. of meadow.<sup>1</sup> He himself does not occur in the scutage assessment of 28 Edw. I, but his lands were assessed together with those of William de Staunton at  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a knight's fee at the inquisition for the feudal aid of 1303.<sup>2</sup> On his death, 1316, he was succeeded by the aforesaid Alexander, who, with his wife Isult, was, 13 Edw. II, querent to a fine of a messuage and carucate of land in Wick.<sup>3</sup> With his death the male line of the Ruffegrey family seems to have become extinct, for, in 1330, his lands devolved on his sisters Christine, widow of John atte Burge, of Shepton Beauchamp, and Alice, wife of Peter de Srengestone.<sup>4</sup> In 1428 the estates were in the possession of John Denbaud.<sup>5</sup>]

100. Die Dominica proxima post festum Annunciaconis beate Marie uirginis, anno regni regis Edwardi, filii regis Edwardi, nono, Iohannes de la Slou fecit homagium et fidelitatem suam domino Iohanni de Henton, tunc abbatu Muchelnye, pro terris et tenementis ipsius Iohannis que tunc tenuit de predicto abbate per seruicium militare in manerio predicti abbatis de West Cammel; presentibus Ricardo de Loueny, Iohanne de la Fosse, Iohanne de Middelton, Iohanne de Mey, et aliis de familia predicti abbatis tunc ibidem. Et recognouit se tenere unam uirgatam terre et dimidiatatem de predicto abbate per seruicium militare [28 March 1316].

[In a note to a deed in the Muchelney chartulary it is suggested that in the reign of Henry III there were two persons with the name Simon de la Slo—one of Slough Court in North Curry, the other of Slow Court in West Camel.<sup>6</sup> At about the same time there is evidence in both localities of a Roger of the same name.<sup>7</sup> One John de la Slou is assessed for the scutage of 28 Edw. I on 1 messuage and 2 virgates in West Camel; another John, as in above deed, does homage to the Abbot of Muchelney for lands there in 9 Edw. II, while a third John performs a like ceremony in 1328. The latter, or a namesake, is a witness to a deed in 32 Edw. III.<sup>8</sup> There is also evidence of persons of the name of John de la Slou holding land of the Dean and Chapter of Wells in North Curry continuously from 8 Edw. I to 29 Edw. III,<sup>9</sup> and in 27

<sup>1</sup> *S.R.S.*, xiv, p. 102.

<sup>2</sup> *Feudal Aids*, iv, p. 315.

<sup>3</sup> *S.R.S.*, xii, p. 80.

<sup>4</sup> See below, nos. 109 and 117.

<sup>5</sup> *Feudal Aids*, iv, p. 373.

<sup>6</sup> *S.R.S.*, xiv, p. 98.

<sup>7</sup> See above, no. 14; *Cal. Wells MSS.*, i, pp. 314, 318, 319.

<sup>8</sup> See nos. 116 and 27.

<sup>9</sup> See *Cal. Wells MSS.*, i, ii, index under this name.

Edw. III, one John atte Slo and Margery, his wife, were querents to a fine of lands in North Curry, West Camel, Milton, etc.<sup>1</sup> Furthermore, a note in a hand of *circ.* 1500, written above the original text of the Muchelney assessment of 28 Edw. I, proves that the land formerly held by the Slou family in West Camel had come into the possession of one William Montague;<sup>2</sup> while in 40 Edw. III, the above-mentioned Margery, then a widow, was one of 6 deforciants to a fine of the manor of Sutton Montague to which Robert Montague and Alice his wife were querents,<sup>3</sup> and, in 4 Hen. VII, one William Montague, probably great-grandson of Richard,<sup>4</sup> the younger brother of the said Robert, died seised, *inter alia*, of the manors of Sutton Montague and of Slo or Slough in North Curry.<sup>5</sup> There is thus strong evidence that the families of Slou of West Camel and of North Curry were one and the same, and that their lands in the two parishes descended together, during the 14th or 15th cent., into the possession of the Montague family of Sutton Montagu.]

101. Eodem die Radulphus Drapparius de Suttone fecit homagium suum pro parte uxoris apud La Strode in Hortone, in manorio de Illeministre, eisdem anno et die.

102. (f. xi) Ilmestre extra Hylcumbe.<sup>a</sup>

Memorandum quod Willelmus de Gryndeham fecit homagium suum<sup>b</sup> domino Iohanni de Hentone, abbati de Muchelnye, die Ueneris in festo sanctorum Nerei, Achillei, Pancracii, anno domini m<sup>o</sup>ccc<sup>o</sup> octauo decimo et anno regni regis Edwardi, filii Regis Edwardi, xi<sup>o</sup>, in presencia Iohannis de La Fosse, tunc senescalli, Radulphi de Seuenhamptone, tunc celerarii, Radulphi de Middelnye, Iohannis Mey, et aliorum de familia abbatis,<sup>c</sup> pro terris et tenementis que tenet de predicto abbatte in capite per seruicium militare<sup>d</sup> in Chelewritte, in manorio predicti abbatis<sup>e</sup> de Illeministre que

<sup>a</sup> Inserted in a later hand.      <sup>b</sup> "suum" inserted above line.

<sup>c</sup> "de . . . abbatis" inserted above line.

<sup>d</sup> "per . . . militare" inserted above line.

<sup>e</sup> "predicti abbatis" altered from "suo."

<sup>1</sup> S.R.S., xvii, p. 23.

<sup>2</sup> See p. 95.

<sup>3</sup> S.R.S., xvii, p. 62.

<sup>4</sup> F. W. Weaver, *Visitations of Somerset*, 1885, p. 52.

<sup>5</sup> *Cal. Inq. post mortem* (Henry VII), i, no. 510.

Uiuianus de Trille eodem tempore tenuit pro dimidiate hyda [sic] terre [12 May 1318].

103. Thomas Parham in Wyke.<sup>a</sup>

Memorandum quod Iohannes de Parham, filius et heres Iohannis de Parham,<sup>b</sup> fecit homagium et fidelitatem domino Iohanni de Hentone, tunc abbati de Muchelnye, die Martis proximo post festum sancti Cedde episcopi, anno domini m<sup>o</sup>ccc<sup>mo</sup> octauo decimo, et anno regni regis Edwardi, filii regis Edwardi, xii, pro terris et tenementis que quondam domina Cristina, relicta domini Willelmi de Staunton, militis, tenuit in Wyke iuxta Langport; et recognouit predictus Iohannes se tenere predictas terras et tenementa de predicto domino abbe in capite per seruicium militare. Et fuerunt presentes dominus I. abbas, et dominus Iohannes de Cote, tunc capellanus, Willelmus de Horsy de Cherleton, Reginaldus Husee, Radulphus de Middelnye, Alexander Ruffegrey, Willelmus Baldewyne, Willelmus Ireys, et multi alii de familia dicti domini I. abbatis, tunc ibidem presentibus [sic]. [6 March 1319].

[For a note on the Perham or Parham family of Wick, in Curry Rivel, see S.R.S. xiv, p. 59. In addition to the lands in Wick, elsewhere stated to be 4 bovates, John de Parham held land in Charlton Mackrell, Charlton Adam, and Langport.<sup>1</sup> The male line of the family seems to have come to an end on the death of John, son of John Parham, in 1332, as Thomasia, his sister, then aged 23 years, is stated to be his heiress.<sup>2</sup> Sir William de Staunton, at the end of the 13th cent., held 20 acres of land and 9 acres of meadow in Wick.<sup>3</sup> He died 19 April 1311.<sup>4</sup> His widow, Christine, was still living in 1317.<sup>5</sup>].

104. Ilmystre.<sup>c</sup>

Memorandum quod quintodecimo die mensis Ianuarii, anno domini m<sup>o</sup>ccc<sup>mo</sup> nonadecimo et anno regni regis Edwardi,

<sup>a</sup> Inserted by a later hand.

<sup>b</sup> "de Parham" inserted above line.

<sup>c</sup> Inserted in a later hand.

<sup>1</sup> Cal. Inq. post mortem, vii, p. 297.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., p. 330.

<sup>4</sup> See the Calendar, p. 131.

<sup>3</sup> S.R.S., xiv, p. 102.

<sup>5</sup> S.R.S., xiv, p. 52.

filii regis Edwardi, terciodecimo, et anno I. abbatis sextodecimo, Ricardus de Loueny fecit homagium suum domino I. de Hentone, tunc abbatii Muchelnye, pro terris et tenementis que ipse Ricardus tenuit in Le See et alibi in parochia de Illeministre. Et recognouit se tenere omnes predictas terras et tenementa de predicto domino abbatte per seruicium militare ; in presencia domini Willelmi de Styntesforde, tunc prioris Muchelnye, et maioris partis tocius conuentus, Iohannis de La Fosse, Iohannis de Middeltone, Iohannis Walraund, W. Ireys, et aliorum de familia domini.

105. Dunpoll.<sup>a</sup>

Memorandum quod uicesimo octauo die mensis Ianuarii, anno domino m<sup>o</sup>ccc<sup>m</sup> decimo nono, dominus Willelmus de Pyllonde, tunc rector ecclesie de Kyngesston, fecit homagium suum domino Iohanni de Hentone, tunc abbatii Muchelnye, de tenementis suis in Donepole in manorio de Illeministre, in presencia domini Thome de Schryuenham, tunc celerarii, Walteri de Loueny, Iohannis de Lodehywisch, Iohannis de Arundel, Radulphi de Middelnye, Her[ueii?] capellani, et aliorum plurimorum de familia dicti domini abbatis tunc ibidem presencium.

[From the scutage assessment of 28 Edw. I we learn that William de Pillaunde *als.* Pyllonde held from the Abbot of Muchelney 2 hides in Dunpole, near Ilminster, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  virgate in the manor of Ilminster, the latter acquired from the heirs of John de Ditton.<sup>1</sup> He was deforcant, at various dates, in fines for lands in Ilminster, Stowey, Sutton, Blackford, Woolston, Broadway, Curry Rivel and Langport.<sup>2</sup> He was admitted to the livings of Kingston, near Ilminster, in 1315,<sup>3</sup> and of Crewkerne in 1332.<sup>4</sup>]

106. Hylcombe.<sup>b</sup>

Item eodem die Walterus de Loueny, filius Ricardi de Loueny, fecit homagium suum predicto domino Iohanni de Henton, tunc abbatii Muchelnye, de tenementis que tenet in

<sup>a</sup> Inserted in a later hand.

<sup>b</sup> Inserted in later hand.

<sup>1</sup> See below, pp. 93, 94.

<sup>2</sup> S.R.S., xii, pp. 42, 54, 179, 185.

<sup>3</sup> *ibid.*, i, pp. 85, 97.

<sup>4</sup> *ibid.*, ix, p. 88.

Hillecumbe, in manerio de Ileministre, presentibus domino Willelmo de Pillonde, et ceteris omnibus proxime suprascriptis.

107.<sup>a</sup> Memorandum quod die Ueneris in festo sancti Mathei apostoli, anno regni regis Henrici quinti secundo, et anno Iohannis Bruton xiii<sup>o</sup>, Iohannes Knolle fecit homagium suum <sup>b</sup> Iohanni Bruton, abbati, in camera dicti abbatis apud Muchelnye <sup>c</sup> pro terris que [sic] tenet in La See infra manerium de Ilmystre, in presencia Iohannis Roucetere, Edmundi Halstede, Thome Walyssch, Philippi Halperton, Iohannis Smyth et aliorum [21 Sept. 1414].

[See above, note to no. 84.]

108. Memorandum quod Ricardus, filius Roberti de Bitellescombe, iuxta Chippstable, fecit homagium et fidelitatem domino Iohanni de Henton, tunc <sup>d</sup> abbati de Muchelnye, pro Wetheghe et Chidecumbe, etc.,<sup>e</sup> que tenet de predicto abbatte per seruicium militare anno domini m<sup>o</sup>c<sup>cc</sup>o xxiiii<sup>to</sup>; presentibus Radulpho de Seuenhampton et aliis.

[This Richard, son of Robert of Bitellescombe, is doubtless of Bittescombe, in the parish of Upton, about 3 miles N.W. of Chipstable. Wetheghe and Chidecumbe are probably respectively Withy and Chitcombe which are in the same neighbourhood. The lands were probably held as of the manor of Chipstable, at that time in the possession of Muchelney Abbey.]

109. Drayton (ego habeo).<sup>f</sup>

Cristina, filia Willelmi Ruffegrey, que fuit uxor Iohannis atte Burghe, de Schepton Bellicampi, fecit homagium suum et fidelitatem <sup>g</sup> domino I de Hentone, tunc abbate (sic) Muchelnye, pro terris et tenementis que ipsa tenet in Draytone per seruicium militare, et recognouit se teneri reddere scu-

<sup>a</sup> This entry has been inserted later at the top of the page.

<sup>b</sup> "suum" inserted above line.

<sup>c</sup> "in camera . . . Muchelnye" inserted above line.

<sup>d</sup> "tunc" inserted above line.

<sup>e</sup> "et Chidecumbe etc." inserted above line.

<sup>f</sup> Inserted in a later hand.

<sup>g</sup> "et fidelitatem" inserted above line. A later hand has also inserted at this point "Releuio xv.s. vi.d. ob. et mountura."

tagium quando currit secundum quantitatem tenementi sui; presentibus Radulpho de Middelnye, Iohanne Mey, Iohanne Tilleneye, Willelmo Ireys, et aliis de familia; die Sabati in festo sancti Clementis pape, anno domini m<sup>o</sup>ccc<sup>o</sup>xxv<sup>o</sup>, et anno regni regis Edwardi, filii regis Edwardi, nono decimo [23 Nov. 1325].

[See nos. 99 and 117.]

110.<sup>a</sup> Memorandum quod die Lune in festo sancti Hillarii anno domino m<sup>o</sup>ccc<sup>o</sup>xxv<sup>o</sup> Iohanna que fuit uxor Iohannis de Wynterhegh uenit apud Muchelnye et reddidit domino Iohanni, tunc abbati de Muchelnye, Hugonem, filium et heredem dicti Iohannis, infra etatem existentem, simul cum quibusdam terris que idem Iohannes tenuit unde dicta Iohanna non fuerit coniuncta; habendum dictum heredem simul cum predictis terris, nomine custodie usque, etc.; coram domino Waltero de Welham, monacho Montisacuti, domino Willelmo de Pyllonde, magistro Willelmo de Tyntehulle, Hugone de Bruges, Hugone, filio eiusdem, Iohanne, rectore ecclesie de Cyselberge [Chiselborough], Iohanne Mey et aliis. [13 Jan. 1325/6].

[At the scutage assessment of 28 Edw. I, a John de Winterheghe was one of several joint tenants of 1 virgate of land in Winterhay, now Winterhay Green, on the west side of Ilminster.<sup>1</sup> A person of the same name, possibly his son, did homage to the Abbot of Muchelney in I Edw. II,<sup>2</sup> and was, in 1313, one of the manucaptors of Edmund Everard, knight of the shire for Somerset.<sup>3</sup> Nothing is known of the later history of this branch of the family, but from a note added at the head of the entry above, it seems that the land held by them reverted to the Abbey before the dissolution. A family of the same name was settled at Winterhay in Chetnoll, co. Dorset.<sup>4</sup>]

### 111. Horton cum Drayton.

Memorandum de terris Willelmi, filii Iohanne de Strode; uidelicet apud Horton de certo redditu ix. denariorum; item apud Wyke i. acram dimidietatem prati; item idem tenet de

<sup>a</sup> At the top of this entry a later hand has added "in manus domini."

<sup>1</sup> See below, p. 93.

<sup>2</sup> *Parl. Writs*, i, p. 88.

<sup>3</sup> See above, no. 97.

<sup>4</sup> Hutchins, *Dorset*, iv, p. 453.

abbate de Athelignye vi. acras terre arabilis; et de Iohanne Stroude v. acras terre arabilis. Postea concessum est Matillidi de Stroude quod habeat custodiam et maritagium dicti Willelmi, filii dicte Iohanne, simul cum terris et tenementis que fuerunt dicte Iohanne, usque ad legitimam etatem ipsius Willelmi pro xx. solidis quos ipsa Matillis soluit pre manibus.

[Little is known of the branch of the Stroud family who were tenants of the Abbot of Muchelney. From the Chartulary of that abbey, we learn that the heirs of one William de Strode held lands in Wyke or Wick,<sup>1</sup> and they were assessed on 1 messuage and 5 acres in Horton for the scutage of 28 Edw. I.<sup>2</sup> But no mention of them is made in the Athelney Chartulary nor is anything known of the relationship of the persons mentioned above. They do not appear to have been in any ways connected with the later Strodes of Shepton Mallet or Somerton.]

### 112. Ile Abbatis iam Boler.<sup>a</sup>

Sexto die mensis Septembris, anno domini m<sup>o</sup>ccc uicesimo septimo et anno domini I. de Henton, tunc abbatis, xxiiii<sup>o</sup>, Thomas Bristowe et Robertus Louecok qui despousauerunt duas filias et heredes Rogeri atte Crosse de Ayschforde, in manerio de Ile Abbatis, fecerunt domino abbati homagium et fidelitatem, in presentia domini Radulphi de Seuenhamp-tone, prioris, Thome de Schryuenham, tunc celerarii, Willelmi de Craucombe, Willelmi Ireys et aliorum.

[Nothing seems to be known of Roger atte Crosse, of Ashford, or of Thomas Bristowe, but the lands acquired by Robert Lovecok, on his marriage with a daughter of the former, were probably those which he and Isabel, his wife, conveyed by fine to Peter de Chubbeworthe in 1337. If so, they consisted of 11 acres of land and 1 acre of meadow.<sup>b</sup> Later the lands of Roger atte Crosse were acquired by the Bolour family of Lillesdon.]

### 113. (f. xii) Horton.<sup>b</sup>

Memorandum quod die Martis proxima ante festum sanc-torum Tiburci et Ualeriani, anno regni regis Edwardi tercii

<sup>a</sup> Inserted later at the foot of the page.

<sup>b</sup> Inserted in a later hand.

a conquestu secundo, Auicia, filia Walteri de Loueny, fecit homagium suum domino Iohanni de Henton, tunc abbati de Muchelnye, pro una hidia terre in Horton, infra manerium de Illemynstre, in presencia Radulphi de Middelnye, I. Mey, Willelmi de Craucombe, Iohannis de Middelnye, et aliorum [12 April 1328].

114. Drayton.<sup>a</sup>

Memorandum quod die Dominica proxima post festum Purificacionis beate Marie virginis, anno regni regis Edwardi tertii post conquestum tertio, Nicholaus Persones de Drayton, filius et heres Isabelle Persones, fecit homagium suum domino Iohanni de Henton, tunc abbati de Muchelnye, pro tribus ferdellis terre in Drayton, in presencia Radulphi de Stokelynch, Edmundi Fraunkeleyn, Radulphi de Middelnye, fratris Thome de Schryuenham, at aliorum, et uadiauit dicto domino abbati iii. solidos viii. denarios quadrantem de releuio pro predicto tenemento.<sup>b</sup> [5 Feb. 1329].

115. Ilmestre.<sup>c</sup>

Memorandum quod die Iouis in festo sancti Ambrosii episcopi, in ebdomada Pasche, anno domini m<sup>o</sup>ccc<sup>m</sup>o tricesimo primo, Thomas, filius domini Hugonis de Curtenay, fecit domino Iohanni de Hentone, tunc abbati de Muchelnye, in aula de Cruket Malerbegh, homagium et fidelitatem, patre suo se onerante, pro Parua Yllegh, in manero de Ilministre<sup>d</sup>; presentibus Iohanne de Fosse, Radulpho de Middelnye, Iohanne de . . . . . [4 April 1331].

[For a note on the Courtenay family see above, no. 93.]

116. Cammell.<sup>e</sup>

Memorandum quod die Dominica proxima post festum

<sup>a</sup> Inserted in a later hand.

<sup>b</sup> In the margin opposite this entry a later hand has written "iam in manus domini."

<sup>c</sup> In the margin opposite this entry; a later hand has also written there "ego habeo" and between lines "Releuio xxvi.s. vi.d. ob. q<sup>a</sup>."

<sup>d</sup> "In . . . Ilministre" inserted above line.

<sup>e</sup> In a later hand.

sancte Lucie uirginis, anno domini m<sup>o</sup>c<sup>cc</sup>c<sup>m</sup>o uicesimo octauo, et anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum secundo, Iohannes de la Sloo fecit homagium et fidelitatem suam domino Iohanni de Henton, tunc abbati de Muchelnye, pro terris et tenementis que idem Iohannes tunc tenuit de predicto domino abbatte per seruicium militare in manerio predicti abbatis de Westcammel. Et per fidelitatem suam recognouit se tenere unam uirgatam et dimidietatem terre; presentibus Radulpho de Seuenhamton,<sup>a</sup> tunc priore de Muchelnie, Radulpho de Middelnie, Willelmo de la Sloo, Willelmo le Iris, et aliis [18 Dec. 1328].

[For a note on the family of De la Slo see above, no. 100.]

### 117. Wyke.

Memorandum quod xvii<sup>o</sup> die mensis Maii, anno domini m<sup>o</sup>ccc. xxx[i]<sup>o</sup>, et anno regni regis Edwardi a conquestu tercii quinto, Cristina, filia Willelmi Ruffegrey, que quondam fuit uxor Iohannis atte Burgh, de Scheptone Bellicampi, una heredum Alexandri, filii et heredis supradicti Willelmi, et Petrus de Srengestone, qui despousauit Aliciam, sororem et coheredem dicti Alexandri, fecerunt homagium domino Iohanni de Hentone, tunc abbate [*sic!*], pro terris et tenementis in Wike iuxta Langport, in quibus Alexander, frater eorum, obiit sesitus in dominico suo ut de feodo; in presencia Radulphi de [Middleney ?], Iohanne, fratre eiusdem, Willelmo de Craucumbe, Iohanne, filio Cristine, Rogero Pollard, Iohanne Marescallo, Willelmo Ireys, et multis aliis de familia dicti abbatis, etc.

[See above, nos. 99 and 109.]

### 118. Ille Abbatis.<sup>b</sup>

Memorandum quod Willelmus Mony fecit domino Iohanni de Hentone, abbati de Mochelney, homagium suum pro terris et tenementis que de eo tenet in Ille Abbatis, die Martis in festo Purificacionis beate Marie, anno regni regis Edwardi tercii

<sup>a</sup> "Seuenhamton" inserted over an erased word.

<sup>b</sup> In a later hand. At the head of the entry, also in a later hand, occur the notes "ego habeo" and "certamen."

a conquestu septimo intrante. In presencia Iohannis de Fosse, tunc senescalli, fratriis Iohannis de Somertone, tunc celerarii, Iohannis de Middelney, Willelmi Ireys, et aliorum ibidem presencium [2 Feb. 1333].

119. (f. xiib) *Assessment for scutage of 28 and 31 Edw. I.*

Scutagium leuandum de liberis tenentibus domini abbatis Muchelnye de anno regni regis Edwardi, patris regis Edwardi, xxviii<sup>o</sup> et xxxi<sup>o</sup>,<sup>a</sup> unde idem abbas habet breue domini regis de scutagio suo<sup>b</sup> leuando, uidelicet pro scuto, xl. solidi.

I L E M I N I S T R E

- x.s. De Finiano<sup>c</sup> de Trill, pro i. hyda terre in Chele-wrthe.
- x.s. De Iohanne Durdent, pro i. hyda terre in Ouere-hillecumbe.
- viid. ob. De Iohanna, filia Iohannis de Stoford, pro i. ferdello terre apud La Putte que fuit Henrici le Warner.
- xx.s. De eadem Iohanna, pro i. hyda terre apud Bolewynesheghe, et i. hyda terre apud Hillecumbe.
- x.s. } De tenentibus tenementi quod fuit Phillipi de Curtenay, pro i. hyda terre in Illeghe et pro i. ferdello. terre quam Rogerus Man, capellanus, tenuit.
- vii.d. ob. } . . . . .<sup>d</sup> terre et molendino que tenet apud La Nywe mulle.
- xv.d. De Agneta la Deueneyse et Rogero de Illeghe, pro dimidietate uirgate terre in Illeghe.
- xv.d. De Ricardo de Loueny, pro dimidietate uirgate terre apud La See que quondam fuit Willelmi Sond.
- xv.d. De eodem Ricardo, pro dimidietate uirgate terre ibidem quam adquisiuit de quodam de Insula de Wyzt.

<sup>a</sup> "et xxxi" inserted later above line. <sup>b</sup> "suo" inserted above line.  
<sup>c</sup> sic for Uuiuanus. <sup>d</sup> First part of this entry has been erased.

- xv.d. De eodem Ricardo, pro dimidietate virgate terre  
quam adquisiuit de Willelmo Engelby.
- xv.d. De Iohanne atte Mere, pro dimidietate uirgate  
terre apud La See.
- xv.d. De Iohanne Contok, pro dimidietate uirgate terre  
ibidem.
- xv.d. De Iohanna de Dilyngton, pro dimidietate uirgate  
terre apud La See.
- xv.d. De eadem Iohanna, pro una dimidietate uirgate  
terre apud Hortone.
- xv.d. De eadem Iohanna, pro dimidietate uirgate terre  
apud Dauyesmulle.
- xv.d. De heredibus Hugonis Baudichon, pro dimidietate  
uirgate terre apud La See.
- x.s. De Roberto de Bradeford, pro una hyda terre in  
Nitherehillecumbe.<sup>a</sup>
- xx.s. De Willelmo de Pyllonde, pro duabus hydis terre  
apud Donepole.
- ii.s.vi.d. De Willelmo Eustaz, pro una uirgata terre in  
Hortone.<sup>b</sup>
- v.s. De Iohanne de Staunton, pro dimidietate hyde  
terre in Hortone.
- iiid. ob.q<sup>a</sup> De heredibus Willelmi de Stroude, pro uno  
messuagio et v. acris terre in Horton.
- iiid. ob.q<sup>a</sup> De Iohanne de Chidiok, pro v. acris prati in  
Maisteresmede et Prattessitte.
- x.s. De Thoma de Mere et Auicia, uxore eius, pro una  
hyda terre in Hortone.
- ii.s.vi.d. De eodem Thoma pro una uirgata terre in Assh-  
wille.
- ii.s.vi.d. De Iohanne de Winterhegh et participibus suis,  
pro una uirgata terre in Winterhegh.
- iis.vi.d. De Iohanne de Bremelham et participibus suis, pro  
una uirgata terre apud Asswille.
- xv.d. De heredibus Iohannis de Ditton, pro dimidietate

<sup>a</sup> Over this entry a later hand has inserted " dominus London."

<sup>b</sup> A later hand has added "nunc Sprill" after this entry.

- uirgate terre in Ileministre quam Willelmus de  
Pyllond nunc tenet.
- x.s. De heredibus Ricardi de Monte Sorelli, pro una  
hyda terre in Estdylyngtone.
- x.s. De heredibus Laurencii de Dylington, pro una  
hyda terre in Midde Dylington.
- xv.d. De eisdem heredibus, pro tribus mesuagiis et xv.  
acris terre et pertinenciis in Estdilyngton.
- x.s. De Iohanne Maloysel, pro una hyda terre in West  
Dylington.
- xv.d. De Radulpho le Bolour pro dimidietate uirgate  
terre apud Ileministre.
- xv.d. De Radulpho le tannere de Bradeweyle pro  
dimidietate uirgate terre ibidem.

## (f. xiii) ILE ABBATIS.

Scutagium de liberis tenentibus domini abbatis anno supra-  
dicto.

- x.s. De domino Iohanne de Bello Campo, pro una hyda  
terre.<sup>a</sup>
- ii.s.vi.d. De Rogero atte Crosse, pro una uirgata terre.<sup>b</sup>
- ii.s.vi.d. De heredibus Thome le Mony, pro una uirgata  
terre in Stiuelegh.<sup>c</sup>

## DRAYTONE.

Scutagium ibidem de anno supradicto.

- v.s. De heredibus Roberti Thome de Draytone, pro  
duabus uirgatis terre ibidem.
- xxii.d. ob. De isdem persones [sic], pro tribus ferdellis terre  
ibidem.
- iii.s.ix.d. De Iohanne de Burton, pro una uirgata et dimidie-  
tate terre in Burton, Draytone, Fyfhyde,  
Andredesi.
- xi.d. q<sup>a</sup>. De Iohanne le Westere et Alicia uxore eius, pro  
uno ferdello et dimidietate terre.

<sup>a</sup> Over this entry a later hand has inserted "Iam Waddam."

<sup>b</sup> "Boler" has been written above this entry.

<sup>c</sup> "Corteney" has been written in a later hand above this entry.

- xi.d. q<sup>a</sup>. De Iohanne atte Bureghe et Cristina uxore eius,  
pro uno ferdello et dimidietate terre.  
 xv.d. De Roberto le Clerk, pro una dimidietate uirgate  
terre in Burtone.  
 xx.s. De tenentibus de Wike, pro duabus hydis terre et  
prati ibidem.  
 . . . . . De Iohanne Loges pro xii acris prati apud Wyke.<sup>a</sup>  
 xv.s.vii.d. De Alexandro Ruffegrey.

## CAMEL.

Scutagium ibidem de anno supradicto.

- v.s. De Iohanne Slou, pro uno mesuagio et duabus  
uirgatis terre apud Cammel.<sup>b</sup>  
 xvi.s. De domino Iohanne de Urtiaco, pro duabus  
partibus unius feodi apud Dounheude.<sup>c</sup>

## MUCHELNYE.

Scutagium ibidem anno supradicto.

- xv.d. De Iohanne, filio Thome Roggeres, pro uno  
mesuagio et xx. acris terre et prati in Thorne . . .  
 vi.d. De Iohanne Bubbe de Horsy, pro uno mesuagio,  
x. acris prati et pasture ibidem.<sup>d</sup>  
 i.d. De Iohanne, filio eiusdem Iohannis Bubbe, pro uno  
mesuagio in Horsy.<sup>e</sup>

Summa tocius scutagii xii.li. xxii.d.

[The above assessment was made in connection with the levy of scutage which followed the feudal summons issued 30 Dec. 1299 for the creation of an army for the invasion of Scotland. It was later made to serve for the scutage levied in connection with the summons of the feudal army to Berwick, 7 Nov. 1302. As no attempt was made

<sup>a</sup> The sum in the margin has been erased and a note inserted with reference thereto "Summa ista est releuio."

<sup>b</sup> "Gillelmus Montagu" has been written above this entry.

<sup>c</sup> "Nunc in manus nostra[s]" has been inserted above this entry.

<sup>d</sup> "Nunc in manus nostra[s]" inserted later above this entry.

<sup>e</sup> "Iam in manus domini" inserted later above this entry.

to raise either of these scutages until 1305,<sup>1</sup> the date of the entry cannot be before that year. The scutage roll of 28 Edw. I no longer exists, but, from that of 31 Edw. I, we learn that a writ *de scutagio habendo* was issued in favour of the Abbot of Muchelney on 5 Nov. 1305, in respect of his lands in co. Dorset;<sup>2</sup> as no mention is made of a like writ for his possessions in co. Somerset, the county may have been wrongly transcribed by the copyist.

From deed no. 94 above we see that the money in connection with these scutages was being paid to the abbot as late as 1 and 2 Edw. II.]

120. *Cypher alphabet followed by the words "Amen" and "Ihs." in cypher, decyphered.<sup>a</sup>*

121. (f. xiiib) *Memorandum of homage of John, son of John de Burton.<sup>b</sup>*

Memorandum quod die Mercurii proximo post festum Inuencionis sancte crucis, anno domini millesimo ccc<sup>mo</sup> tricesimo tercio, et anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum vi<sup>to</sup>, Iohannes, filius et heres Iohannis de Burtone, fecit homagium suum et fidelitatem<sup>c</sup> domino Iohanni de Henton, tunc abbati Muchelnye, pro terris et tenementis que tenet in Burton, Dreyton, Uifhyde, et Andredesi; in presencia domini Iohannis de Somertone, tunc celerarii, Iohannis de Fosse, tunc senescalli, Willelmi Berwardesle, Iohannis Riche, Willelmi Irysh, Iohannis Hildebraund et aliorum de familia predicti domini abbatis [5 May 1333].

[These lands, or part of them, were probably included in those granted by John de Burton to Ives *al.* Owen de Hambrugge, rector of Winterborne Monckton, co. Dorset, and Richard Pours of Langport, in 1350.<sup>d</sup>]

<sup>a</sup> At the foot of f. xiii an entry has been erased.

<sup>b</sup> At the head of the page is written "Homagium factum" and "Bortone, Drayton, Uifhyde et Andresie."

<sup>c</sup> "et fidelitatem" written above line.

<sup>1</sup> For this and other particulars see H. M. Chew, *Scutage under Edward I*, in Engl. Hist. Rev., xxxvii, 1922, pp. 332-335.

<sup>2</sup> *Cal. Chancery Rolls (Various)*, 1277-1326, p. 379.

<sup>3</sup> See above, no. 59.

122<sup>a</sup>. Iohannes, filius Iohannis atte Lane, de Donheuede, habet litteram de domino abbe ut sit libere condicionis, et fecit fidelitatem quod nunquam obstabit domum de Muchelney et ueniet ad proximam curiam de Cammel, et iurabit ipse et pater suus quod nunquam erit contra domum de Muchelney nec contra nullum eam tangentem, etc., per plegium Alexandri, clerici.

123. Henricus, filius Iohannis le Sentere de Cammel, habet litteram eodem modo, et iurabit eodem modo sicut predictus Iohannes cum uenerit ad plenam etatem, per plegium Iohannis Sittoris.

124. Ilmistre.<sup>b</sup>

Iohannes de Dylngton, filius Ricardi de Dylngton, fecit homagium suum domino Thome de Ouerton, abbati, in camera domini abbatis apud Ilemynstre, die Martis in crastino apostolorum Symonis et Iude, anno regni regis Edwardi tercii a conquestu xxvii°, in presencia Reginaldi Pauely, Iohannis atte Fermerere, uicarii de Illemystre, Iordani, capellani de Shepton, fratris Willelmi de Wyke, monachi, Alexandri, clerici de Cammel, et aliorum de familia domini abbatis [29 Oct. 1353].

125. Memorandum quod Petrus de Yeuerton, consanguineus et heres Thome de Somerton, fecit homagium suum domino Thome Ouerton, abbatis [*sic*], apud Muchilney, die Lune post festum sancti Leonardi, anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum tricesimo septimo, pro terris et tementiis que tenet in Asshwell, infra manerium de Illemystre, in presencia fratis Galfridi de Soytenhegh, Iohannis de Modford, monachorum, Willelmi le Blak, Iohannis de Court . . . de Assywyll et aliorum de familia domini abbatis [? 13 Nov. 1363].

<sup>a</sup> At the head of this entry later hands have written "Dounhede," "iam in manus domini" and "reuerende in Christo pater and domine,"—the last erased.

<sup>b</sup> Inserted by a later hand. Another insertion at the head of this entry has been erased.

[The above lands in Ashwell which were inherited by Peter de Yeveton from his uncle Thomas de Somerton seem to have been, at the beginning of the 14th cent., in the possession of Thomas atte Mere, probably of Mere, in North Curry, where he held lands from the Dean and Chapter of Wells.<sup>1</sup> In 1317 they were conveyed by fine to Sir Robert de Somerton and Joan his wife, by Thomas atte Mere,<sup>2</sup> whose widow Avice, in 1328, likewise conveyed her lands in N. Curry to the same Sir Robert and Joan, and to Thomas and Cecily, their children.<sup>3</sup> Sir Robert, who was chosen one of the knights of the shire for Somerset in the Parliaments of 1328 and 1332,<sup>4</sup> died in 1348, possessed of lands in Long Sutton, in addition to those in Ashwell and Mere.<sup>5</sup> At the inquisition on his death in 1354, his heir was stated to be Peter de Yeveton, then a minor, aged 15, son of his daughter Cecily, who had married Ralph de Yeveton, of Yeovilton.<sup>6</sup> This Peter probably inherited not only the above lands from Robert de Somerton, but also the 9 messuages, 12 bovates and 20 acres of land, 26 acres of meadow and 10 sh. rent in Yeovilton, Speckington, Middleton and Somerton which had been conveyed by fine to his parents by the same Robert de Somerton and John de Somerton in 1336.<sup>7</sup> The wardship of the lands in N. Curry gave rise to a suit between Peter and the Dean and Chapter of Wells during the reign of Rich. II.<sup>8</sup>

A note at the end of the above entry indicates that the lands in Ashwell later came into the possession of the Bolour family.]

126. (f. xiv) *Confirmation by Richard, abbot, and the convent of Muchelney, to William, son and heir of Alexander de Loveny, of  $\frac{1}{2}$  hyde of land in Hilcombe and land in Ashwell, which his father held of the abbey [1198–1222].*

[XIV cent. Hearne, i, p. xxv. S.R.S., xiv, p. 109, no. 129.]

127. Homagium Iohannis Dynham, chiualer, ut patet per litteram subsequentem.

A toutz iceux qe cestes lettres uerront ou orront, Iohan de Dynham, cheualer, salutz en dieux. Sachez moi avoir fait homage a William Shepton, abbe de Muchelneie, pur lez terres e tenementz qe ieo cleyme de luy tenir en Illeie de soun manoire

<sup>1</sup> See above, p. 93.

<sup>2</sup> S.R.S., xii, p. 65.

<sup>3</sup> Cal. Wells MSS., ii, p. 595.

<sup>4</sup> Members of Parliament, (1878), i, pp. 88, 99.

<sup>5</sup> Cal. Inq. post mortem, x, no. 174.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid. Cf. Feudal Aids, iv, p. 344.

<sup>7</sup> S.R.S., xii, p. 181.

<sup>8</sup> Cal. Wells MSS., i, p. 288.

de Illemynstre. En tesmoinaunce de quele chose a cestes lettres  
ay mys mon seal. Done a Cryket, le xiiii<sup>me</sup> iour de Mai, la an  
de regne le roi Richard le secunde vi<sup>me</sup> [14 May 1383].

[See note to no. 93 above.]

*128. Moral verses.*

þat I telle hord y maket þt is almes dede,  
Uor ȝyue þe hungrye mete and þe nakede wede,  
To rede þe redlese, þt beþ wyþ oute rede,  
And louye God Almyȝty, and of hym hawe drede.

Ulde ys on me by stole or I hit euere wyste,  
þat I ne may seo me by fore for smyche ne for myste.  
Alas to lytel eyȝe hem stondeþ men of Cryste,  
Do sum goud for Godesluue ne beo þu noȝt to þryfte.

Wanne þe wrecche man is ded and roteþ under molde,  
Men faret myd his gode ase hundes doþ myd holde ;  
þarfore ech man scolde þe wyles þt he myȝte,  
þe godes þt God hem hauet ysend fayre dele indyȝte.

[Early XIV cent.]

*129. Presentation of Jocelin de Snetesham to a perpetual  
vicarage in Wells Cathedral.*

Uiris uenerabilibus et discretis dominis decano et capitulo Wellensi, eorum concanonicus et frater Iohannes, permissione diuina, abbas Muchelney, salutem et debitam obedienciam cum honore. Cum domini H[ugo] de Alresford, perpetuus in dicta ecclesia [*sic*] Wellensi uicarius, et Goscelinus de Snetesham, canonicus et prebendarius in ecclesia collegiali sancti Karentoci, Exoniensis diocesis, sua beneficia predicta certis et legitimis de causis intendant, sicut asserunt, adinuicem canonice permutare; nos, huiusmodi permutacioni quatenus [*sic*] in nobis est consentes, dictum Goscelinum ad prefatam uicariam, ad nostram presentacionem spectantem, optentu dicte permutacionis, uobis presentamus intuitu caritatis; attencius supplicantes quatinus id quod iuxta modum et consuetudinem dicte Wellensis ecclesie uobis incumbit in premissis facere

uelitis, cum gracia, iusticia, et fauore. In felici prosperitate uos diu custodiat clemencia redemptoris. In cuius rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum duximus apponendum. Datum in monasterio nostro Muchelney, ix. Kal. Octobris anno domini millesimo ccc<sup>mo</sup> uicesimo octauo.

[XIV cent. Hugh de Alresford was appointed Vicar at Wells on the presentation of the Abbot and Convent of Muchelney in 1322 (see below, no. 165). He had previously held the living of Tiverton, 1316/7, and was later incumbent of Gotehurst, 1324.<sup>1</sup> As Vicar of Wells, he was appointed steward and overseer of the manors and lands of the Dean and Chapter in 1329.<sup>2</sup> As Sir Hugh is still at Wells in 1340,<sup>3</sup> the exchange does not appear to have been effected.]

130. *The ten Commandments in verse.*

(a) Unum crede Deum, non iuras falsa per ipsum ;  
 Sabata sanctifices, tibi sint in honore parentes ;  
 Non occisor eris, nec fur, nec testis iniqu[u]s ;  
 Non alii nuptam cupias, nec rem alienam.

(b) Sperne deos, fugite periuria, sabata serua ;  
 Sit tibi patris amor et tibi matris honor.  
 Non sis occisor, mecus, fur, testis iniqu[u]s.  
 Congigos [sic] alternas, resque cauento suas.

[XIV cent. Many metrical versions of the 10 commandments occur in mediaeval MSS., e.g. British Museum, Royal MSS., 1 A xvii, f. 415b; 8 D iv, f. 77; 10 A x, f. 93b; 10 A xvii, f. iiiib, etc. The latter of the two versions printed above is the more common.]<sup>a</sup>

131. (f. xv) Ilmistre.

Memorandum quod Edmundus Sprill, filius Willelmi Sprill, die Ueneris proximo post festum Epiphanie domini, anno regni regis Henrici sexti tercio,<sup>b</sup> apud Muchelnye, in comitatu Somersete, in presencia Nicholai Muttelbury, Roberti Ueel, senescalli, domini Willelmi Drue, Henrici Gryndell, Iohannis

<sup>a</sup> At the foot of this page occurs a brief note on the exclusion of bastards, etc., from succession to lands, etc.

<sup>b</sup> "anno . . . tercio" inserted above line.

<sup>1</sup> S.R.S., i, pp. 122, 233.

<sup>2</sup> Cal. Wells MSS., i, p. 223.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., i, p. 535.

Rauf, et aliorum de familia Iohannis Bruton, abbatis de Muchelnye, fecit eidem abbati homagium et fidelitatem pro terris et tenementis que de eo tenet in Horton in manerio de<sup>a</sup> Ilmynstre, et cognouit tenere de eo unum messuagium<sup>b</sup> et medietatem unius<sup>c</sup> uirgate terre, in quibus continentur xl. acre, per seruicium militare, que quondam fuerunt Roberti<sup>d</sup> Eustanz, et cognouit satisfacere pro releuio . . . iii.s. pro eisdem [12 Jan. 1425].

[The above lands were at the scutage assessment of 28 Edw. I in the possession of William Eustaz.<sup>1</sup> In 1494 they descended to William, son of John Sprill.<sup>2</sup>]

132. Memorandum quo Iohannes Irlond die Lune proximo ante festum Decollacionis sancti Iohannis Baptiste, anno regni regis Henrici sexti xi<sup>o</sup>, apud Muchelnye, in comitatu Somersete, in presencia Willelmi Powlet, Edwardi Halstede, et aliorum de familia Iohannis Cherde, tunc abbatis, fecit eidem abbati homagium et fidelitatem pro ii. clausis pasture, que de eo tenet <sup>e</sup> apud Horsy, infra manerium suum de Muchelnye ; et cognouit tenere dicta clausa per seruicium militare ut illa que habet de iure . . . uxoris sue, filie et heredis . . . ; et cognouit satisfacere domino de releuio ii.s.<sup>f</sup> [24 Aug. 1433].

133. Memorandum quod Iohannes Bolour, filius et heres Thome Bolour,<sup>g</sup> die Mercurii in festo sancti Laurencii, martyris, anno regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestum xiii<sup>o</sup>, fecit homagium suum Iohanni Cherde, abbati de Muchelnye, pro terris et tenementis que clamat tenere de dicto abbatte ut de iure ecclesie sue de Muchelnye predicte, in Ile Abbatis et

<sup>a</sup> " Muchelnye " cancelled follows in MS.

<sup>b</sup> " unum messuagium " inserted above line.

<sup>c</sup> " Mes." and " uir " cancelled follow in MS.

<sup>d</sup> Altered from " Willelmi."

<sup>e</sup> " que de eo tenet " inserted above line.

<sup>f</sup> ii.s. inserted later.

<sup>g</sup> " de " cancelled follows in MS.

Ilemynstre,<sup>a</sup> in presencia Iohannis Tyntenyll, tunc celerarii, Thome Mucheldeuere, Edwardi Halstede, et aliorum de familia dicti abbatis.<sup>b</sup> [10 Aug. 1435].

[See above, no. 78.]

134. (f. xv<sup>b</sup>) Borton.<sup>c</sup>

Memorandum quod Iohannes Bule fecit homagium suum domino Iohanni Cherd, abbatii de Muchylney, pro terris que clamat tenere de dicto domino per seruicium militare in Burton, anno regni regis Henrici sexti xiii<sup>o</sup>, penultimo die menssis [sic] Ianuarii, in presencia Thome Cory, capellani tunc abbatis, Edmundi Halste, Rogeri Coke et aliorum de familia. [30 Jan. 1436].

135. Borton.<sup>d</sup> Memorandum quod Willelmus Radewell, capellanus, fecit homagium suum dicto abbati, eodem die, pro terris suis in Burton.

[Sir William Radewell, chaplain, was vicar of Isle Brewers from 1416-1441.<sup>1</sup>]

136. <sup>e</sup> Memorandum quod Iohannes Bayly de Wyke, in festo Purificacionis beate Marie uirginis, anno regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestum Anglie xiii<sup>o</sup>, fecit homagium suum Iohanni Cherde, abbatii, pro terris et tenementis que tenet in Wyke predicto ut de manerio suo de Drayton. In presencia Edmundi Halstede, Rogeri Couke, et plurimorum aliorum de familia, etc. [2 Feb. 1436].

[See below, no. 149.]

137. <sup>f</sup> Memorandum quod Iohannes Launoy, armiger, xii<sup>o</sup> die Iunii, anno regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestum

<sup>a</sup> "Ayssheford et Aysshewell" cancelled follows in MS.

<sup>b</sup> "Bolor" and "Ile Abbatis et Ilemistre" have been inserted after this entry at the foot of the page.

<sup>c</sup> In a later hand.

<sup>d</sup> In a later hand.

<sup>e</sup> "Wyke" and "homagium Iohannis Bayly" have been inserted in a later hand in the margin.

<sup>f</sup> "Hawker, in la See" and "Ilmistre" in margin, in a later hand.

Anglie xv°, fecit homagium suum Iohanni Cherde, abbati de Muchelnye, pro terris et tenementis que de eo tenet per seruicium militare in La See, ut de manerio suo de Ilmynstre. Et hoc factum fuit in parlera dicti abbatis apud Muchelnye predictam, in presencia Willelmi, domini de Botreaux, militis, Iohannis Botreaux, iunioris, armigeri, Edmundi Halstede, Henrici Grenedale, et plurimorum circumstancium [12 June 1437].

138. Hilcombe.<sup>a</sup>

Memorandum quod Willelmus Walerond, duodecimo die mensis Iulii, anno regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestum Anglie decimo septimo, fecit homagium suum Iohanni Cherde, abbati de Muchelny, pro terris et tenementis que de eo tenet per seruicium militare in Hylcombe, ut de manerio suo de Ilmynstre; quod quidem homagium factum fuit in camera dicti abbatis apud Muchelney predictum, in presencia Iohannis Lane, Henrici Grenedale, Rogeri Coke, et plurimorum, etc.; de releuio uidelicet xiis. vi.d., prout de viii<sup>a</sup> parte feodi militis.<sup>b</sup> [12 July 1439].

139. Ilmistre.<sup>c</sup>

Memorandum quod Robertus Brokampton fecit homagium suum prefato abbati eodem die, pro terris et tenementis que de eo tenet in Ilmystre predicta.

140. Ilmistre.<sup>d</sup>

Memorandum quod Iohannes Knolle fecit homagium suum eidem [sic] abbati eodem die, pro terris et tenementis que de eo tenet in Ilmystre predicta.

[See above note to no. 84.]

141. (f. xvi) De homagio Roberti Fitz Payn, militis.

A touz ieceux qe cestes lettres uerront ou orront, Roberd fitz Payn, chiualer, saluz en dieu. Sachetz moi auoir fait mon

<sup>a</sup> In a later hand.

<sup>b</sup> "de releuio . . . militis" in a later hand.

<sup>c</sup> In later hand.

<sup>d</sup> In later hand.

homage a Willeam, par la grace Dieu, abbe de Mochelneye, pur les terres et tenementz qe ioe de lui tener en Horton en son manoir de Ilemynstre, la uoille de la natiuite notre dame, a Mochelney en sa chaumbre, en presence de bones genz. En testimoniance de quele chose, a icestes lettres patentez iay mys mon seal. Escript a Mochelney, la uoyle auantdite, lan de regne le roy Edward tierz puis la conquest qarant noef in fine. [7 Sept. 1375].

**i42. A honourables homs en deux abbe de Mochelney.**

Trescher amy, de ceo qe nous demaundet un homage nous le conisomes bien diewe a uous le a uostre mesone, et qe nous le auoinsfeat a Iohan de Somerton, uostre predecessoure, pur certeyns terres e tenementez apelez Horton, deynz uostre manoir de Ilemynstre, per qei sire, suffrer ueillez, sil uous plest, Iohan de Staunton nostre tenaunt estre en pees, saunz estre destreynt pur le homage susdit ; a Dieu sire qe soit garde de uous.

Par Robert Fitzpayn, seignour de Mersshwede.

**i43. De modo faciendi homagium.**

When a fre man doith homage to his lord of wham he holdith en chief, he shall hold his hondes iointly bitwyne his lordes hondes and shall sey in this wyse :—I bicome youre man fro this day forward of lyue and lyme and of herthly honour, and feith I shall <sup>a</sup> bere you for þe place, etc., þt I hold of you, sauyng þe feith þt I owe to oure souerayn lord þe kyng, and shall kysse his lord.<sup>b</sup>

[This form of homage was copied in identical words in the Muchelney chartulary (S.R.S., xiv, p. 111). It occurs in numerous mediaeval manuscripts.]

**i44. Horton.**

Omnibus et singulis presentes literas usuris uel audituris, Robertus Fyzpayn, miles, salutem in domino. Noueritis me fecisse homagium meum Willelmo, Dei gracia, abbati de

<sup>a</sup> “ I ” cancelled follows in MS.

<sup>b</sup> “ Hic pro homagio ” is written in margin opposite this entry.

Muchelney, pro illis terris et tenementis que de ipso teneo in Horton, infra manerium suum de Ilmystre, in uigilia nativitatis beate Marie, apud Muchelney, in camera sua, in presencia bonorum gencium. In cuius rey [sic] testimonium presentibus literis sigillum meum apposui. Datum apud Muchylney in uigilia antedicta, anno regni regis Eduardi tertii post conquestum quadragesimo nono in fine. [7 Sept. 1375].

## 145. Ilmystre.

Memorandum quod Tristram Delyngton fecit homagium suum abbatи de Mochelnie pro terris et tenementis que de ipso tenet in Delyngtone. Et soluit pro releuio xxvs.<sup>a</sup>

[For a note on the Dillington family, see above, no. 86.]

## 146. (f. xvib) Borton.

Memorandum quod xx<sup>mo</sup> die Aprilis, anno regni regis Edwardi quarti post conquestum vii<sup>o</sup>, Willelmus Forster, filius et heres Iohannis Forster, fecit homagium suum<sup>b</sup> Willelmo Crokern, abbatи de Muchelnye, pro certis terris et tenementis in Burton que de eo tenet per seruicium militare, ut de manerio suo de Drayton, per redditum vii.s. per annum,<sup>c</sup> et per sectam curie ibidem per duas curias, uidelicet termini Hockedey et Michaelis. Et <sup>d</sup> predictum homagium fecit in presencia Thome Cory, subprioris tunc tempus eiusdem loci, Iohannis Benet, monachi, Ricardi Cripse, Willelmi Shirbourn, Iohannis Forster, filii eiusdem Iohannis, Iohannis Burgeys, Ricardi Arkeswurthe, et multis aliis, [sic] etc. [20 April 1467].

[The above William Forster is probably the William Forster, senior, of Nythe, who, with William Forster, junior, of North Curry, husbandman, was deforciant in a fine for lands in Burton, Curry Rivell and Langport Westover in 12 Edw. IV.<sup>1</sup>]

<sup>a</sup> In the margin is written "Iohannes Brasy abbas."

<sup>b</sup> "suum" inserted above line.

<sup>c</sup> "per annum" inserted above line.

<sup>d</sup> "eodem" cancelled follows in MS.

147. Memorandum quod ix. kalendas May, anno regni regis Henrici septimi post conquestum xvii<sup>o</sup>, Alexander Boler, filius et heres Iohannis Boler, fecit omagium, [23 April 1502].<sup>a</sup>

[See above, no. 78.]

148. Hec indentura facta apud Muchelnye xv<sup>mo</sup> die Nouembris, anno regni régis Edwardi iii<sup>ti</sup> post conquestum viii<sup>o</sup>; testatur quod Iohannes Bolour, armiger,<sup>b</sup> filius et heres Iohannis Bolour, armigeri, cognouit tenere diuersas terras et tenementa de Willelmo Crukern, abbate de Muchelnye predicta, ut de maneriis suis de Ilemynstre et Ile<sup>c</sup> Abbatis; que quedam terre et tenementa iacent separatim in Aysshewill, Chubbe-wurth, et Thynnehay. Et pro predictis terris et tenementis prefatus Iohannes Bolour, armiger, fecit prefato abbati homagium suum. Et cognouit se tenere predictas terras et tenementa cum pertinenciis<sup>d</sup> de prefato abbat per seruicium militare, pro quibus terris et tenementis satisfecit dictum abbatem de releuio vi.s. viii.d. In cuius rei testimonium presenti sigillum meum apposui. Datum die anno et loco supradictis.<sup>e</sup> [15 Nov. 1468].

[See above, no. 78.]

149. (f. xvii) Larder.<sup>f</sup>

Memorandum quod primo die Octobris, anno regni regis Henrici septimi sexto, Hugo Lardere fecit homagium suum Willelmo Wykys, abbat de Mochelney, pro terris et tenementis que ipse tenet de eodem abbat in Wyke per seruicium militare; in presencia Iohannis Heyron, Iohannis Preston, rectoris de Shepton, Thome Walton, et aliorum; que quidem terre et tenementa prius fuerunt Katerine Bayly de Wyke predicta, etc., et fecit homagium suum, et soluit pro releuio xv.s. vii.d. ob. [1 Oct. 1490].

<sup>a</sup> This entry has been inserted later.

<sup>b</sup> "Sl" cancelled follows in MS.

<sup>c</sup> "Ile" inserted above line.

<sup>d</sup> "perte" in MS.

<sup>e</sup> "Ilemystre et Ille Abbatis Iohannis Bolor" written in margin opposite this entry.

<sup>f</sup> In different hand from rest of entry.

[The lands held by Katherine Bayly (*d.* 30 April 1488) from the Abbot of Muchelney consisted of the manor of Wike Perham and a messuage, 2 cottages, 24 acres of land, 16 acres of meadow, 1 acre of wood and 4 acres of pasture in Wike, valued at 40 shillings, and also the advowson of the chantry there. She held them for the term of her life with remainder to Hugh Larder and Alice, his wife, who was also her cousin. It is probable that these were the lands for which John Bayly did homage in 1436 (see above, no. 136).<sup>1</sup>]

150. Memorandum quod xvi<sup>o</sup> die mensis Ianuarii, anno regni regis Henrici septimi nono, Willelmus Spryll fecit homagium suum Willelmo Wykes, abbatii de Muchelney, pro terris et tenementis que ipse tenet de eodem abbatte in decenna de Horton per seruicium militare; in presencia Thome Whyte, prioris de Muchelney, domini Iohannis Axbrugge, subprioris, Thome Scotte et multis aliis [*sic*]; que quidem terris [*sic*] et tenementa prius fuerunt Iohannis Spryll, patris sui. Et recognouit soluere domino de releuio iii.s. [16 Jan. 1494].

151. Item Robertus Dobyll, v<sup>to</sup> die Aprilis, anno regni regis Henrici septimi octauo, fecit homagium suum Willelmo Wykes, abbatii de Muchelny, pro terris et tenementis que ipse tenet de eodem abbatte in Est Dylngton, per seruicium militare; in presencia Iohannis Heyron, Thome Scotte, et multis aliis [*sic*]; que quidem terris (*sic*) et tenementa prius fuerunt Thome Geoffrey, quondam de Bourahenton. Et recognouit soluere domino de releuio xii.s. vi.d. [5 April 1493].

152. (f. xviiib) *Table of land measures.*

Memorandum quod decem acre faciunt ferdellum.

Quatuor ferdella faciunt uirgatam unam.

Quatuor uirgate faciunt hidam unam.

Quatuor hide feodum unum faciunt militare quod continet in se vi<sup>c</sup>. et xl. acras terre.<sup>a</sup>

[XV–XVI cent.]<sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Over each of these measures the equivalent number of acres has been written.

<sup>b</sup> After this entry is written “Dum calor est et pulcra dies formica laborat.”

153. Expense clericorum ultima conuocacione Londonii celebrata. In primis pro ecclesiis de Somerton et Mochelney et uicariis eorundem . . . . . ivi.s. viii.d.

[XV–XVI cent.]

154. Robertus de Bradeford tenet unam hydam terre, et soluit per annum xx.s., et ad denarium beati Petri iiiii.d., et hydagium quando currit, quantum pertinet ad totam terram; et facit sectam, et dominus habet custodiam ut invenitur in alio loco.

[For Robert de Bradford, see above, no. 84.]

155. Iohannis Bruton viii<sup>o</sup>, curia <sup>a</sup> Hockedey.

Iohannes Stronge et Iohannes Martyne <sup>b</sup> fecerunt homagium coram domini abbatis [sic] in camera sua apud Muchelney <sup>c</sup> pro tenementis que tenet de domino in presencia multorum.<sup>d</sup>

156. Memorandum quod xxviii<sup>o</sup> die mensis Aprilis, anno regni regis Henrici vii<sup>l</sup>, x<sup>mo</sup>, Thomas Baker, filius Thome Baker, fecit homagium suum Willelmo Wykes, abbatii de Muchelney, pro terris et tenementis que ipse tenet de eodem abate in Muchelney, per seruicum militare; in presencia Thome Watson, clerici, Iohannis Belde, Thome Scotte, et aliorum; que quidem terre et tenementa prius fuerunt Thome Baker, patris sui. Et soluit domino pro releuio viii.s. [28 April 1495].

[The above Thomas Baker was probably a descendant of the Thomas atte-Ayshe Baker to whom Henry de L'Orti, in 19 Edw. II, granted lands in Curry Rivell and Langport Westover.<sup>1</sup>]

157. Memorandum quod xii. die mensis Marcii, anno regni regis Henrici vii<sup>l</sup>, xviii<sup>o</sup>, Thomas Bollare et Robertus Bollare

<sup>a</sup> "curia" inserted above line.

<sup>b</sup> "in la See" is written above the first and "in Horton" above the second of these names.

<sup>c</sup> "aput Muchelney" inserted above line.

<sup>d</sup> After this entry is an extract concerning worldly clerks stated to be from [S. ?] Bernard.

fecerunt homagium suum in presencia domini Fetuzwaryn et domini Hugonis . . . et Willelmi Mallat et aliorum. [12 March 1503].

158. (f. xviii) Drayton. Ad curiam termini Michaelis tentam ibidem, die Iouis proxima post eundum festum, anno regni regis Henrici quarti, secundo, et Iohannis Bruton nuper abbatis secundo, uenit Iohannes Roller et satisfecit domino de releuio pro <sup>a</sup> xl. acris terre et pertinenciis in Wike, vi.s. iii.d.

Nota, inquiratur quis tenet illam terram, etc.

159. Sprille in Horton tenet xl. acras terre, releuium iii.s.

160. Ilmyster.

Memorandum quod xv<sup>o</sup> die Aprilis, anno viii<sup>o</sup> regis Henrici vii, ad curiam legalem ibidem tentam, presentatum fuit quod Iohannes Boneuyle, qui de domino tenuit diuersas terras et tenementa in West Dylyngton per quartam partem unius feodi militis, diem suum clausit extreum unde accidit domino <sup>b</sup> de montura i. equus, i. cella et i. freno [*sic*], precii xxvi.s. viii.d., et quod Iohannes, filius suus, <sup>c</sup> est heres eius propinquior, et etatis xi. annorum et amplius, et remanet in custodia Willelmi Wyke, abbatis. Et ex conuencione facta inter dominum abbatem et Iohannem Hayron, ex una parte, et Iohannem Taylour, clericum, Willelmum Case, nomine Margarete Bonuyle, ex altera parte, testatur quod dominus abbas et Iohannes concesserunt prefate Margarete wardam et maritagium Iohannis, filii et heredis dicti Iohannis Bonuyle, durante minore estate eiusdem Iohannis, pro xxiii.s., et reddendo domino abbati et successoribus suis antedictis, pro capitali redditu terre et tenementorum dicti Iohannis, xxvi.s. viii.d. Et si ille infra etatem decesserit, tunc habebit wardum proximi heredis [15 April 1493].

161. Memorandum quod Iohannes Hayron fecit homagium suum domino abbat per indenturam pro terris et tenementis

<sup>a</sup> "tr." cancelled follows in MS.

<sup>b</sup> "domino" written above line.

<sup>c</sup> Altered from "eius."

que de domino tenet in Chelworthe, per seruicium militare, in presencia Alexandri Neuton, Iohannis Belde et aliis [sic].

[In same hand as preceding entry. John Hayron *als.* Heyron is probably the person of that name whose will, 8 Aug. 1499, with probate, 26 Sept. 1501, is given in *S.R.S.*, xix, p. 3. Among his bequests was one of 10*s.* to the Abbot of Muchelney, and 16*d.* to every brother there, to say the *Placebo* and *Dirige* for his soul. He held land in Chilworthy, Peasmarsh, Illegh, Hilcombe, Donyatt, Buckland St. Mary, and elsewhere.]

162. (f. xviiib) <sup>a</sup> Ther was i. Thomas Walche, gentleman, deullyng at Thorney, the whyche the iii. parte wos hys of the wrylond, the whyche ys y halde be kyntte seruise. There was i. Water Walche that was bayly to Ion Bondeueld and hauteruard to Whylyam Bonueld; the same bayly holdy thyss same lond and mede tho the same Bonuyl, and so the same lord most do yomag and sute to the corte in to maneruisis; i. for the same lond to the corte, anowther ys for Soucherlys-wythbare, for the maner of Stapelton, w<sup>th</sup> uard and rellef.

[XV-XVI cent. Both Thorney and Stapelton are near Muchelney.]

163. Horton. David Langward tenet unum tenementum, xx. acras terre et prati, et inde debet per annum iii.s. viii.d. de auxilio, xx.d. et denarium beati Petri. Summa vi.s. v.d.

Omnis alii tenentes soluunt <sup>b</sup> xii.s. preter Nicholas West et Iohannes Nicholl.

164. (f. xix) Corodia domini regis.

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit, Iohannes, permissione diuina, abbas Muchelnye, et eiusdem loci conuentus, salutem in domino. Noueritis nos, unanimi assensu, ad instantiam domini Edwardi, illustris regis Anglie, dedisse, concessisse, et hoc presenti scripto nostro confirmasse Thome Prester, ad sustentacionem

<sup>a</sup> At the head of this page occurs the note "Fiat breue de iuratis de utrum pro abbate de Mochelney uersus personam de West Cammell pro uno tenemento cum pertinenciis in Dounhead." Other scribblings of no importance also occur.

<sup>b</sup> "soluit" in MS.

suam quoad uixerit, quolibet die, unum panem ponderantem sexaginta solidos de pastu monachali, et unam lagenam ceruisie monachalis, percipiendam de celerario nostro; preterea dedimus et concessimus eidem Thome annuatim, ad totam uitam suam, unam robam de secta famulorum nostorum [sic] qui appellantur gentes de mester, percipiendam quando alii percipient et habebunt. Et percipiet de nobis predictus Thomas pro omnibus aliis necessariis suis, singulis annis, sexdecim solidos communis monete, soluendos sibi in festis Omnia Sanctorum et Inuencionis Sancte Crucis equis portionibus; et unam cameram in uilla in qua poterit morari. Et si contigerit predictum Thomam <sup>a</sup> in seruicio domini regis uel alibi morari, ita quod predictum corrodium uendere uelit uel assignare, nulli uendat nisi nobis sine licencia nostra speciali. In cuius rei testimonium, etc.

[The corody referred to above had, in the first instance, been granted in favour of Peter le Messager, and, on his death, to Thomas Prest *al. Prester*, senior, in 1317.<sup>1</sup> Later, on his death, it was granted to his son Thomas Prest, King's Yeoman, of Twickenham, for good service to Edward III and Queen Philippa.<sup>2</sup> It is not quite clear whether the deed above relates to the grant to the father or to the son.]

165. *Presentation of Hugh de Alresford to a vicarage in Wells Cathedral.*

Uiris uenerabilibus et discretis dominis decano et capitulo Wellensibus, eorum concanonicus et confrater Iohannes, permissione diuina abbas Muchelnye, et eiusdem loci conuentus, salutem in domino, et tam deuotam obedientiam quam debitam cum honore. Ad uicariam in ecclesia Wellensi, prebende de Illeminstre, uacantem, et ad nostram presentacionem, racione prebende predicte, spectantem, dilectum nobis in Christo, dominum Hugonem de Alresford, presbiterum, uestre discrecioni reuerende presentamus, humiliter supplicantes et deuote quatinus dictum dominum Hugonem ad dictam

<sup>a</sup> "Thm." repeated and cancelled in MS.

<sup>1</sup> *Cal. Close Rolls* (1313-1318), p. 452.

<sup>2</sup> *Cal. Close Rolls* (1341-1343), pp. 368, 475.

uicariam admittere dignemini intuitu caritatis, et ulterius facere in hac parte quod incumbit secundum consuetudinem et modum ecclesie Wellensis memorate. Datum in capitulo nostro, ultimo die Septembbris anno domini m<sup>o</sup>ccc<sup>mo</sup>xx<sup>mo</sup> secundo.

[XIV cent. For Hugh de Alresford, see above, no. 129.]

166. *Presentation of John de la More to the living of Chipstable.*

Uenerabili in Christo patri et domino, domino Iohanni, Dei gracia Bathoniensi et Wellensi episcopo, sui humiles et deuoti filii Iohannes, abbas monasterii Muchelney, et eiusdem loci conuentus, salutem, cum obediencia, reuerencia, et honore, debitibus tanto patri. Ad ecclesiam de Chipstaple, uestre diocesis, uacantem, ad nostram presentacionem spectantem, dilectum nobis in Christo magistrum Iohannem, dictum De la More, de Wamberge, clericum, uestre reuerende paternitati presentamus, intuitu caritatis, attencius supplicantes quatinus eundem Iohannem ad prefatam ecclesiam admittere, et rectorem canonice instituere uelitis in eadem, saluis nobis annua pensione uiginti solidorum, et aliis iuribus in eadem ecclesia nobis et monasterio nostro debitibus, ab antiquo ecclesie . . . Altissimus uos conseruet per tempora diurna. In cuius rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum presentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Muchelney in domo nostro capitulari, . . . Marcii anno domini m<sup>o</sup>ccc<sup>mo</sup> uicesimo quinto.

[Weaver, *Somerset Incumbents*, p. 333, wrongly gives the date of the institution of John de la More as 1327. Cf. *S.R.S.*, i, p. 258.]

167. (f. xixb) *The six works of piety.*

Intima sex opera pietatis corde reserua  
Esuriens, nudus, scisciens,<sup>a</sup> eger, peregrinus,  
Carcere coniunctus releuentur ut expedit illis.

168. *Extract relating to the possessions of Muchelney abbey from the Liber Feodorum and the Red Book of the Exchequer.*

<sup>a</sup> For "sitiens."

[XIV cent. The extract from the Liber Feodorum is the same as that in no. 2 above; that from the Red Book is printed in H. Hall, *Red Book of the Exchequer*, i, p. 224.]

169. *Littera de libertate et de manumissione.*

Iohannes, permissione diuina abbas monasterii de Mulchelney, Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis, Henrico, nato talis, salutem in Christo. Fusis per te precibus favorabiliter annuentes ut clericali milicie ascribi ualeas, quacunque seruitute qua nobis tenebaris non obstante, liberam tibi tenore presencium concedimus facultatem, Datum, etc.

170. *Form of presentation to a vicarage.*

Uenerabili patri in Christo ac domino, domino W[altero], Dei gracia Bathoniensi et Wellensi episcopo, sui humiles deuoti filii frater I[ohannes], permissione diuina abbas Muchelney, et eiusdem loci conuentus, omnem obedientiam, cum reverencia debita pariter et honore. Ad uicariam ecclesie de . . . uestre diocesis uacantem, et ad nostram presentacionem spectantem, dilectum nobis in Christo I. de C., presbiterum<sup>a</sup>, uestre reuerende paternitati presentamus, humiliiter rogantes et deuote quatinus eundem I. ad dictam uicariam, ad nostram presentacionem, admittere uelitis, et ipsum perpetuum uicarium instituere canonice in eadem, intuitu karitatis. Ualeat et uigeat<sup>b</sup> uestra sancta paternitas per tempora longiora Datum in capitulo nostro Muchelney, die, etc., anno, etc.

[This deed is copied in an early 14th cent. hand and must therefore date between 1303 and 1309, these years being common to the episcopate of Walter de Haselshaw and the rule of John de Henton as Abbot of Muchelney. It has been found impossible, however, to discover the identity either of the church or the priest referred to.]

171. Somerton. De minutis decimis de uicaria, xx. solidos. Item de la Bordmede, x.s. Item de Northmore et Suthmore, v.s. Item de Willelmo le Frere, i.d. ob. Item de Iohanne capellano, iii.d. ob. Item de Osmundo Uppehull, ii.d. Item de Willehez,

<sup>a</sup> "etc." cancelled follows in MS.

<sup>b</sup> "et uigeat" inserted above line.

i.d. Item de Hugone Cotes, i.d. De Nicholao, i.d. De Roberto Berdeuell, ii.d. Item de Pytteneye, ii.d.

Summa xxxvi.s. ii.d.

[XIV cent.]

172. *Quit-claim by the Abbot of Muchelney to the executors of the office of sacrist.*

[XIV cent. The bulk of the deed is illegible.]

173. *Extract relating to the Abbot of Muchelney's right, in respect of the church of Somerton, to a waggon load of wheat and a waggon-load of hay from the demesne of the king.*

[XIV cent. The bulk of the deed is illegible, but it appears to be essentially the same as deed no. 99 in the Muchelney chartulary, S.R.S., xiv, p. 92.]

174. (f. xx)

Benedicione perpetua benedicat nos Trinitas sancta  
 Precibus sue matris benedicat nos filius Dei patris  
 Angelorum custodia muniat nos Christi misericordia  
 Patriarcharum merita nos ducant ad regna celestia  
 Apostolorum intercessio nos iungat angelorum consorcio  
 Martirum constancia det nobis poli gaudia  
 Sacerdotum confessio nos iungat celi gaudio  
 Chorus sacrarum uirginum intercedat pro nobis ad dominum  
 Sanctorum fides omnium sit omnibus subsidium.<sup>a</sup>

175. Cammel partinet [sic] hundredo de Somerton effusio sanguinis et feleonia et eoutecry.

176. Ilmystre. Iohannis de Somerton nono, Iohannes de Stanton dat domino de fine xl.d. ne dristryngatur [sic] pro secta domini Roberti Fytthpayn ne usque . . .

177. Muchelney. Magna campana in pondus xxv<sup>c</sup>iiii.l. et dim.

Kynggesbyry. Magna campana in pondus xxii.<sup>c</sup>xii.ll.

<sup>a</sup> Various odd liturgical and other notes are scribbled on f. xx after this entry.

178. Somerton parsonatus. Summa acrarum terre ibidem ut patet per anticum [sic] costemarium [sic] cxlix. acre.

179. (f. xxib) *Letter from Clement VI to Edward III, exhorting him to make peace with the King of France.*

Copia littere per papam Clementem V[I]tum regi Anglie misse, anno domini m<sup>l</sup>ccc<sup>m</sup>xlvi., apud Chaleys in obsidione existentem.

Clemens episcopus, seruus seruorum Dei, karissimo in Christo filio Edwardo, regi Anglie illustrissimo, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Si diligenter, fili carissime, tanquam princeps catholicus, consideres personarum, innumerabilium precioso Christi sanguine redemptarum excidia, lapsus [rerum, et]<sup>a</sup> animarum, amarius plangencia pericula, que discensiones et guerre, inter te et karissimum in Christo filium nostrum Phillipum, regem Francie illustrem, suscitate, produxerunt et producunt cotidie incessanter; necnon gemitus pauperum, pupillorum, orphanorum, uiduarum et aliarum miserabilium personarum, que, depredate et derobbat<sup>b</sup>, famisque subiecte angustie, clamant ad dominum, lacrimis desendentibus ad maxillas; necnon destrucciones monasteriorum, ecclesiarum, ac locorum sacrorum, uasorum et aliorum ornamentorum deputatorum diuino cultui, rapinas, sacrilegas, capciones quoque incarceraciones, spoliaciones religiosorum et ecclesiarum et aliarum personarum, ceteraque innumerabilia detestanda et execranda mala, diuine maiestatis oculos offendencia manifeste, in totis precordiis reuolueres, regisque tuis consideracionibus adiectis in hac parte quod ex predictis fides catholica, pressertim in partibus orientalibus, opprimitur, et fideles ibidem degentes, propter discensiones et guerras, auxiliis catholicarum parcium occidentalium destituti, ab infidelibus<sup>c</sup> sic trahatam Christianitatem aspicientibus, diris persecucionibus solito crudelius, quamquam hiis temporibus ad fidem applicandam in ipsis partibus orientalibus existat parata materia plusquam

<sup>a</sup> Illegible in MS.

<sup>b</sup> Altered from "depredate."

<sup>c</sup> "aliisque fidelibus" in MS.

fuerit a multis retroactis temporibus, affliguntur, profecto credimus quod cor tuum emollires et ut tot et tanta mala non [procedant]<sup>a</sup> ulterius, nec tot bona, quot pro dilacione fidei predicte fieri possint, hiis temporibus impediri ualeant, ad pacem et concordiam cum rege reformandam predicto placabilem [diriges] <sup>a</sup> animum et conuerteres. Si enim, fili dilectissime, ridentem fortunam dederit tibi dominus, pocius humiliari quam eleuari tuus debet animus, et reperiri ad pacem huiusmodi magis promptus, ut domino, qui pacem diligit et in uiris pacificis delectatur, placere, ac ad uitanda mala predicta, que ipsum grauiter offendere non est dubium, curabis dirigere studia mentis tue. Deinde miramur admodum quod uenerabili Anibaldo, episcopo Tuschulano, et dilecto filio nostro Stephano, titulo sanctorum Iohannis et Pauli presibtero cardinali, apostolice sedis nunciis, per nos et sedem eandem ad tractandam pacem huiusmodi specialiter destinatis, et pro illa diligenter et fideliter laborantibus, qui ueritatem, iusticiam et equitatem diligunt, et tui honoris zelatores existunt, non dum te, sicut intelleximus, super aliiquid quod ad pacem ipsam posset ad nos apperire quomodolibet <sup>b</sup> uoluisti; quo circa tuam regiam excellenciam deprecamur et per diuinam misericordiam obnixius obsecramus quatinus malis predictis horribilibus, quantum in te est, fidem ponens pietatis et compassionis dulcedinem, ulcionemque indignacionis diuine que posset, ex premissis malis, cum continuarentur, quod absit, ulterius formidari, super uia pacis tractatus te uelis prefatis cardinalibus, saltem secrete, ut tuis in aliquo non derogetur honoribus, ac ad pacem Deo placabilem, mundo desiderabilem, ac tibi dictoque regi perutilem, fideique catholice [uotiuam], <sup>a</sup> inclinare operosis affectibus mentem tuam, ut, ea perfecta et, diuina suffragante gracia, solidata, circa Dei negocia in partibus orientalibus, predicta occurrente materia hiis, ut [premittitur], <sup>c</sup> temporibus multum apta, ad tue salutis ac honoris, et nominis incrementa felicia, uires [tuas]<sup>c</sup> ualeas, sicut te feruenter in uotis gerere audiuiimus, exercere; nobis super premissis [et ea] <sup>c</sup> tangentibus

<sup>a</sup> Illegible in MS.

<sup>b</sup> Illegible in MS.

<sup>c</sup> "quodamlibet" in MS.

tue intencionis propositum rescripturus. Date Auinonie,  
[x]viii<sup>o</sup> kalendas Februarii pontificatus nostri anno quinto.

[XIV cent. Cf. *Cal. of Papal Registers, Papal Letters*, iii, 1342-1362,  
p. 30.]

180. (f. xx) *Reply of Edward III to above letter of Clement VI.*

Tresseyt pierre, monstre nous ouint par lour lettres lez reuerentz pieres en Dieu, Anibal, euesque de Tuschulan et Estuene, du title de seynt Iohan et Poul, prestre cardinal et messagers de court de Rome qe, par le lettres de uostre seyncte a nous auietz signefie qe durement estes a merueyle de ceo com uous dites niessagers furent par de uers nous especialment mandetz pur treter de pees entre nostre aduersare de France et nous qe nous ne signefiames a eaux en especial, au meins en secret, pur uostre honur sauuer, lentencioun de nostre qeor, par quele faire se poit la pees auandite ; en compleynant en ycellez lez mors dez cristienz, pertez de lour bienz, perils dez almes, lez suspirs e lermes de poures, orphamins et ueduez et aultres pitouse personnes, destrucciouns, arsures, robberies dez eglises, et dez aultre mals sanz nombre, et nomement la besance de la foy christiene en partys orientals, qe par la guerre entre nostre dit aduersare e nous sount auenuz et eschuz, si com le dite lettres plu pleynement purportent ; et adiustees ouesqe icelles qe, si Dieu nous ad preste riaunte fortune, qe partant se dust plutost nostre qeor a besser par humilite qe enhauncer, et a bon pees faire encliner e aprocher. Sour ceo, tresseyt pierre, fesoms a sauver a uostre seyncte qe, a toucte lez uoyes qe nous dites messagers ou aultres sount uenuz deuer nous, nous uous offrimes et oncore offroms a checoun uoye de pees resonable a toutez iours declaram[es e]<sup>a</sup> nespécial et oncore nous fesoms, ne mye en secret meaz en apert, qe nous [en]chante que le sache nostre entente eist icele, qe come nostre seignour, qe eit iuge souerayn de lui et de nous, en la dispocissioun de qj toute

<sup>a</sup> Many words in the MS. are illegible through a large stain on the vellum and a hole in the middle of the page ; the deficiencies have been supplied from the text in Robert de Avesbury, *De gestis mirabilibus Edwardi tertii* (Rolls Series) and placed in square brackets.

choses sont mises, nous auoyt ordeyne la corone de France come nostre droit heritage propre, la qele nostre dit aduersare nous ad par tort long temps detenuez, nous la prendroms uolunters par uoye de pees, et oncore nous froms outre de ueers lui et aultres tout cheo qe nous deuoroms par resoun. Et si auoms, al honur de Dieu et la reuerence de uous, en espeir qeil se eeust tret de uers la pees, en aschune bone manere, pur profyt de touz Cristienz, par lour mals suzdites cessaantz, qe par lui e en son tort tout soulement sont escheuz, auoms, tout foyz qe uous mandastes par deuers nous de uant cest houre, assentuz as trewes et suffrances sour certeyn poyns, lez qeles il nous ad enfreynt et toutz iours sourquis sour nous, en aforceant sa neynt dreyturele querele, detenue par toute lez uoyes qils poient, et ne lui suffisoit mye le tort qil nous fit en nostre heritage par de saa, meaz il aforceant pendanz les trewes auantdistes dauer entre en nostre realme d'Engletere et nous aultre terres a tut soun forces [et] ses alliez descoce, et aultre parties, o toute la destruction de nous, noz genz et nous [terres] auantdites. Par qei il conuenoit qe nous en ayde de nous et saluacioun de nos genz et terres, nous defendesoms par droite uoyes countre seon tort, et l'[ui] countroioms de sa meueyse pensoites et meymes nostre querele [en la main] (f. xxii<sup>b</sup>) Dieu, et uenimes de uenor lui pur conquere nostre heritage de France, de qei Dieu nous ad mestre par tout countre lez forcez de lui et ses alliez sa benureit come nous esperoms par [son droiturel jugement et] de sa droit puissaunce la qele tut le soffre il aschune [foit, nous quidons] qe ele ne ouere pas par fortune. Et ceo qil ad fait [deuers] nous, par regard de nostre droit et sanz nous desertz, nous prioms tou iours en humilité de quor, merciant a lui tres deuoutement de iours et nuites qe [nous reconnoissons] qe ceo neyt mye de nostre puissance. Par quoi treisseint pierre, nous prioms uostre seinctete et regeroms tan qe nous peoms qe [uous qe tenetz] le lieu le Fytz Dieu en terre et auietz lez gouuer[nement des] almes de tuz le cristienz et deuietz estre meysne et dreitel [enuers toutz] sanz acception de persone, prenigne bonez enformisons et [uerrietz des] choses susdites, et uoilletz mettre uostre seint meyn en quanqe

[a uous atteint, qe nostre] dit aduersarie reconusse le tort qil nous adfeat en cea, [et qeles soient] par uostre bon ayde adressez et qil en soun tort par nul enforce de uous ne soit forcez ne meyntenuz, qe si en si soit, nous appelloms al iuge tressouereyn de nous, treytous qe soffre aschune foys, pour peches dez homes, lez tors meaz a la fyn lez redresse et ne let nul bien [desguer]donez ne mal neynt puny. Tres homblement Luy requeroms qil nous soit uerais et hastif iuges dez tuz contreres et qil [com]plese de ueer nous ce . . . <sup>a</sup> il ad comence par sa beneureite auxi com en Lui remeynt entiere . . . <sup>a</sup> nostre affyance. Tresseint pier, etc. Done, etc., deuers Caleye le x . . . <sup>a</sup> iour de Mars lan xxi [1347].

[XIV cent. Neither this nor the preceding document is printed in Rymer's *Foedera*. Both however occur in Robert de Avesbury, *De Gestis mirabilibus Edwardi tertii*, ed. E. M. Thompson, Rolls Series, pp. 377-381. It was probably from a manuscript of this chronicle that the letters were copied into the Muchelney book.]

181. *Extract from Plea Roll of the Exchequer, 28 Edw. III.*

[XIV cent. This entry is identical with no. 40 above.]

182. *Memorandum of homage of Thomas, son and heir of John de Stoforde.*

[Temp. Edw. III. The greater part of the entry is illegible.]

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<sup>a</sup> There is a hole in the parchment at this point.

## APPENDIX

*Extract from Exchequer Plea Roll (Mich. 28 Edw. III),<sup>1</sup> relating to  
the Abbot of Muchelney's claim to exemption from payment of  
the ninth sheaf, fleece and lamb.*

Adhuc de xv.<sup>a</sup> sancti Michaelis anno xxviii.<sup>o</sup> regni Edwardi tercii  
post conquestum.

Dominus rex mandauit hic breue suum de magno sigillo suo  
quod est inter communia de anno xviii.<sup>o</sup>, termino uidelicet Pasche,  
in hec uerba :—Edwardus, dei gracia rex Anglie et Francie, et  
dominus Hibernie, thesaurario et baronibus suis de scaccario, salu-  
tem. Cum nuper in quodam parlimuento nostro, apud Westmonas-  
terium tento, inter alia concordatum fuisse quod religiosi et alii  
uiri ecclesiastici qui ad parliamentum nostrum apud Westmonas-  
terium, ad diem Mercurii proximam post diem dominicam in medio  
quadragesime, anno regni nostri Anglie quarto decimo, tentum, ubi  
prelati, comites, barones et communitates eiusdem regni nostri, ad  
idem parliamentum summoniti, nonam garbam, nonum uellus, et  
nonum agnum, nobis, pro expedicione quorundam negotiorum  
nostrorum in partibus transmarinis, concesserunt, summoniti non  
fuerunt nec huiusmodi nonam nobis concesserunt et qui decimas  
nobis per eos prius concessas de temporalibus, spiritualibus suis  
annexis, que ad decimam inter eadem spiritualia, anno regni domini  
Edwardi, quondum regis Anglie, aui nostri, uicesimo, taxata fuerunt,  
soluerunt, de solucione none predicte pro predictis temporalibus  
suis, sic ad decimam taxatis, penitus exonerentur, quodque de  
terrīs et tenementis per ipsos religiosos et alias uiros ecclesiasticos,  
post dictum uicesimum annum adquisitis, eadem nona leuetur ad  
opus nostrum: uobis mandamus quod exaccioni, quam dilecto

<sup>1</sup> P.R.O. Exchequer Plea Roll, E 13/79, m. 10.

nobilis in Christo abbati de Muchelnye, qui ad parliamentum predictum summonitus non fuit, sicut per inspecccionem rotulorum cancellarie nostre nobis constat, et qui huiusmodi decimas pro temporalibus, spiritualibus suis annexis, nobis soluit, ut dicit, pro nona huiusmodi, pro temporalibus predictis, per summonicionem scaccarii predicti, ad opus nostrum fieri facitis supersederi, et tam ipsum abbatem quam assessores et uenditores none predicte, ad idem scaccarium inde exonerari et quietos esse facitis, et districcionem, si quam eidem abbati, ea occasione, fieri feceritis, sine dilacione relaxari facitis eidem. Prouiso quod nona predicta, de terris et tenementis, si que post dictum annum uicesimum, per prefatum abbatem uel predectos [sic] suos, adquisita fuerint, ad opus nostrum leuetur, iuxta concordiam supradictam. Teste me ipso, apud Westmonasteriam, xxvi.<sup>to</sup> die Aprilis, anno regni nostri Anglie xviii.<sup>o</sup>, regni uero nostri Francie quinto.

Et modo ad quindenam sancti Michaelis uenit hic predictus abbas, per Iohannem Londy, attornatum suum, et dicit ipsum grauiter districtum esse per uicecomitem Somersete, pro nona predicta, ac si temporalia sua spiritualibus suis non forent annexa, et petit sibi fieri in premissis quod, etc., secundum tenorem mandati regis supradicti. Et super hoc, scrutatis rotulis, etc., compertum est quod mandatum fuit assessoribus et uendoribus none predicte in dicto comitatu Somersete, per breue regis, eis super computum suum inde allocatum, hic in thesaurario existens, quod demande quam fecerunt prefato abbati pro nona huiusmodi soluenda, pro temporalibus suis, spiritualibus suis annexis, supersederent, etc.

Compertum est eciam in rotulo examinato in Somerseta, Dorseta, quod lxxi.s. x.d. exiguntur de prefato abbatte de Muchelnye de nona regi anno xiiii. concessa, unde xiii.s. iii.d. in uilla de Ile Abbatis, iiiii.s. in Fysshhyde, xvi.s. in Westcamel, xvi.s. v.d. in Muchelnye, xvii.s. in Ilmynstre, vii.d. in Northtouere, et iiiii.s. vi.d. in Chipstaple, sicut continetur in magno rotulo de anno xv.<sup>o</sup> in Somerseta, et in rotulo de particulis computi prioris de Bruton et sociorum suorum, nuper assessorum et uendorum none predicte in dicto comitatu Somersete, hic in thesaurario existente.

Compertum est eciam in rotulis de particulis taxacionis temporalium cleri in diocesi Bathoniensi et Wellensi, que taxacio primo facta fuit anno xx.<sup>o</sup> regni regis Edwardi, cui regis nunc, quod temporalia ipsius abbatis apud Ile Abbatis ad vi.li. xii.s. vi.d., apud Fysshhyde ad xl.s., apud Camele Abbatis ad viii.li., apud Muchelnye

ad vii.li. xiiii.s., apud Ilmynstre ad viii.li. x.s. et apud Chipstaple ad xlvi.s., separatim taxantur, iuxta quas taxas idem abbas et predecessores sui soluerunt decimas et alias quotas cum clero, quociens et quando, etc.

Et hiis uisis, quia non liquet per premissa quod idem abbas ad aliquam quotam cum clero taxatur pro temporalibus suis in Northtouere, quesitum est a prefato abbate si quid habeat uel dicere sciat quare vii. denarii, ab eodem abbate exacti in dicta uilla de Northtouere, de ipso leuari non debent. Idem abbas dicit quod ipse, dicto anno xiiii<sup>o</sup>, nec unquam postea, habuit aliqua terras seu tenementa in dicta uilla de Northtouere, nec ipse nec predecessores sui unquam habuerunt. Et dicit ulterius quod omnia temporalia sua, in singulis aliis uillis predictis, pro quibus assidetur ad nonam predictam, spiritualibus suis sunt annexa, et fuerunt de possessione domus sue anno xx.<sup>o</sup> regis Edwardi; cui regis nunc, et tunc temporis ad decimam cum clero taxata, et ipse et predecessores sui proinde soluerunt decimas et alias quotas cum clero, quociens et quando, etc.: adicioendo ipsum seu predecessores suos aliqua terras seu tenementa post decimum annum xx. in uillis predictis non adquisuisse, nec aliqua bona mobilia ibidem dicto anno xiiii. habuisse, alia quam de terris et tenementis illis, sic spiritualibus suis annexis, exeuncia: et dicit quod Westcamel et Camel Abbatis sunt una et eadem uilla, et non diuerse uille. Et hec omnia pretendit uerificare, etc. Ideo fiat inde inquisicione antequam, etc.

Et preceptum est uicecomiti quod venire faciat hic a die sancti Hillarii in xv. dies, xii., etc., de uisneto locorum predictorum quorum quilibet, etc., per quos, etc., qui nec, etc., ad recognitionem, etc.: et quod premunire faciat prefatos nuper assessores, etc., essendi super ueredito inquisicionis illius, si sibi uiderint expedire. Et predictus abbas habet eundem diem et interim respectum, etc.

Et continuato processu isto usque a die Sancte Trinitatis in xv. dies, anno xxix<sup>o</sup>. regis nunc, sicut continetur alibi in hoc rotulo, inter placita de termino sancti Hillarii, et similiter in rotulo placitorum huius scaccarii de dicto anno xxix.<sup>o</sup>, inter placita de termino sancti Michaelis, quo die predictus abbas per predictum attornatum suum uenit: et uicecomes non retornauit breue: ideo datus est dies eidem abbati ulterius usque a die sancti Michaelis in xv. dies. Et preceptum est uicecomiti sicut pluries quod distringat iuratores, etc. Et preter illos octo tales, etc., et quod premunire faciat prefatos nuper assessores in forma predicta, ita, etc., ad eundem diem

uel interim, coram aliquo baronum huius scaccarii, qui prius, etc., ad certos diem et locum, quos, etc., ita quod inquisitionem illam habeat hic ad predictam xv.<sup>am</sup> sancti Michaelis.

Ad quem diem predictus abbas uenit per predictum attornatum suum. Et Iacobus Husee, baro huius scaccarii, liberauit hic quandam inquisitionem, coram eo, apud Somerton, die Lune proximo post festum sancti Iacobi apostoli, anno xxix.<sup>o</sup> regis nunc, in presencia prefati abbatis, per Iohannem de Somerton, attornatum suum, ibidem comparentis, super premissis captam, per sacramentum Walteri Walyssh, Roberti Hukkelbrigge et aliorum iuratorum, quorum nomina annotantur in panello breuis. Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod dictus abbas seu predecessores sui nunquam habuerunt terras seu tenementa in Northoure, nec aliqua bona seu catalla habuerunt ibidem, anno xiiii.<sup>o</sup> regis nunc, nec unquam postea. Item dicunt dicti iuratores quod omnia temporalia ipsius abbatis, in Ile Abbatis, Fifhyde, Westcamel, Muchelneye, Ilmynstre, et Chipstaple, spiritualibus suis sunt annexa, et fuerunt de possessione domus sue predicto anno xx.<sup>o</sup> regni Edwardi, cui domini regis nunc, et eodem anno ad decimam cum clero taxata, et cum clero semper decimas suas soluerunt, absque hoc quod unquam taxati fuerunt cum laicis, seu aliqua terras aut tenementa in uillis predictis post dictum annum uicesimum adquisierunt, uel aliqua bona mobilia ibidem dicto anno xiiii.<sup>o</sup> habuerunt alia quam de terris et tenementis illis, sic spiritualibus suis annexis, exeuncia. Item dicunt dicti iuratores quod Camel et Westcamel est una et eadem uilla et non diuerse uille. Memorandum quod dicti assessores solemniter uocati non uenerunt. Ideo consideratum est quod predicti nuper assessor<sup>a</sup> de vii.d., de dicto abbate<sup>a</sup> exactis, infra predictam summam lxxi.s. x.d. In rotulo de nona predicta, pro temporalibus suis in Northoure, ubi nichil habet, etc., reonerentur; et regi inde respondendum xxxii.<sup>o</sup> et quod predictus abbas de dictis vii.d., et idem de lxxi.s. iii.d., residuis summe predicte, exoneretur, et quietus existat, pretextu premissorum.

<sup>a</sup> Written above the line.



# The Muchelney Calend.

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## MUCHELNEY CALENDAR.

In printing the Calendar the following rules have been observed :—

- (1) The principal feasts, which in the MS. are in blue and red, as a general rule alternately, are here given in **bold** type.
- (2) Lesser feasts, appearing in black in the MS., are printed in ordinary type.
- (3) Entries which have been inserted by later hands (early fourteenth to sixteenth centuries) are printed in *italics* and placed between round brackets. These additions are discussed in the Introduction to the volume.
- (4) Abbreviated words have been printed in full, extensions being indicated (by square brackets) only for proper names which admit of more than one spelling or reading. As an exception to this rule, the abbreviations Kal., Id., Non., and D. have been used throughout for Kalendae, Idus, Nonae and Dies Ægyptiacus respectively; S. and SS. for Sancti (e) and Sanctorum (arum) respectively.
- (5) The golden numbers have been omitted.

## [JANUARY]

**Prima dies mensis et septima truncat ut ensis.**

- 1 A      Kal. Januarii. **Circumcisio domini. D.**
- 2 b      iiiij Non. Octaua S. Stephani.
- 3 c      iij Non. Octaua S. Johannis.
- 4 d      ij Non. Octaua SS. Innocencium.
- 5 e      Non.
- 6 f      viij Id.    **Epiphania domini.**
- 7 g      vij Id.    **Dedicacio maioris ecclesie de Muchelney.**
- 8 A      vj Id.
- 9 b      v Id.
- 10 c     iij Id.    (*Obiit Cecilia de Bello campo. Anno domini m° ccc<sup>m</sup> uicesimo.*)
- 11 d     iij Id.
- 12 e     ij Id.
- 13 f     Id.    **Octaua epiphanie. S. Hylarii confessoris.**
- 14 g    xix Kal. Februarii. S. Felicis in pincis.
- 15 A    xvij Kal. S. Mauri abbatis.
- 16 b    xvij Kal. S. Marcelli pape et martyris.
- 17 c    xvij Kal. **Hic incipit terminus LXX. (S. Antonii.)**
- 18 d    xv Kal. Cathedra S. Petri. Et S. Prisce uirginis et martyris.
- 19 e    xijij Kal. S. Wlstani episcopi et confessoris. (*cum gloria.*)
- 20 f    xijij Kal. **SS. Fabiani et Sebastiani martyrum.**
- 21 g    xij Kal. S. Agnetis uirginis et martyris.
- 22 A    xij Kal. **S. Uincencii martyris.**
- 23 b    x Kal. S. Emerciane uirginis et martyris.
- 24 c    ix Kal. S. Babilli episcopi cum tribus pueris. (*Obiit Radulphus Geoffrey de Burh[entone] anno domini millesimo ccc tricesimo primo.*)
- 25 d    viij Kal. **Conuersio S. Pauli.** Et S. Preiecti martyris. **D.**
- 26 e    xij Kal. S. Pollicarpi episcopi et martyris.
- 27 f    xij Kal.
- 28 g    v Kal. Octaua S. Agnetis. **Initium xl lune.** (*Obiit Alicia de Burhentone mater J. abbatis anno domini millesimo ccc<sup>m</sup> duodecimo.*)
- 29 A    iijij Kal. (*Dedicacio ecclesie de Illemynster super littera A.*)<sup>1</sup>
- 30 b    iijj Kal.
- 31 c    ij Kal.

**Nox habet horas xvi. Dies uero viii.**

<sup>1</sup> This entry is placed on 30 Jan. with an indication to show that it belongs to the 29th.

## [FEBRUARY]

**Est<sup>1</sup> februi quarta est precedit tercia finem.**

- |      |      |             |  |
|------|------|-------------|--|
| 1 d  | Kal. | Februarii.  | S. Brigide virginis.   |
| 2 e  | iiij | Non.        | Purificacio S. Marie.  |
| 3 f  | iii  | Non.        | S. Blasii episcopi. ( <i>dedicacio apud Ilton.</i> ) ( <i>cum gloria.</i> )  |
| 4 g  | ij   | Non.        | ( <i>Dedicacio apud Bere.</i> ) D.   |
| 5 A  |      | Non.        | S. Agathe virginis et martyris.  |
| 6 b  | vij  | Id.         | SS. Uedasti et Amandi confessorum. ( <i>Dedicacio apud Henton.</i> )   |
| 7 c  | vij  | Id.         |  |
| 8 d  | vj   | Id.         |  |
| 9 e  | v    | Id.         | Octaua Purificacionis. ( <i>Obiit Domina Johanna de Bello Campo anno domini millesimo ccc<sup>m</sup>o uicesimo vii<sup>o</sup>.</i> ) |
| 10 f | iiij | Id.         | S. Scolastice uirginis.  |
| 11 g | iiij | Id.         |  |
| 12 A | ij   | Id.         |  |
| 13 b |      | Id.         | ( <i>Dedicacio Capelle de Drayton.</i> )   |
| 14 c | xvi  | Kal. Marci. | S. Valentini martyr.   |
| 15 d | xv   | Kal.        | Sol in pisces.   |
| 16 e | xij  | Kal.        | S. Juliane virginis. ( <i>Petrus Myryet fuit professus 1530.</i> )   |
| 17 f | xij  | Kal.        |  |
| 18 g | xij  | Kal.        | ( <i>Dedicacio de Coriruel.</i> )  |
| 19 A | xj   | Kal.        |  |
| 20 b | x    | Kal.        |  |
| 21 c | ix   | Kal.        |  |
| 22 d | vij  | Kal.        | Cathedra S. Petri.   |
| 23 e | vij  | Kal.        |  |
| 24 f | vj   | Kal.        | S. Mathie Apostoli. Locus bissextri.   |
| 25 g | v    | Kal.        |  |
| 26 A | iiij | Kal.        | D.   |
| 27 b | ij   | Kal.        |  |
| 28 c | ij   | Kal.        | ( <i>S. Osuualdi Archiepiscopi.</i> )  |

Nox habet horas xii, dies uero xii.

<sup>1</sup> sic for Ast (Cf. R. Steele, *Dies Aegyptiaci*, in Proc. Roy. Soc. of Medicine, Sec. of History of Medicine, 1919, Vol. xii, No. 8, p. 13).

[MARCH]

**Martis prima necat, cuius sub cuspide quarta est.**

1 d	Kal.	Marcii.	S. Albini episcopi.	D.
2 e	vj	Non.	S. Ceadde episcopi.	
3 f	v	Non.		
4 g	iiij	Non.		
5 A	ij	Non.		
6 b	ij	Non.		
7 c		Non.	SS. Perpetue et Felicitatis.	
8 d	vij	Id.	<b>Prima incensio Iune Pasche tempor.</b>	
9 e	vij	Id.		
10 f	vj	Id.		
11 g	v	Id.		
12 A	iiij	Id.	<b>S. Gregorii pape.</b>	
13 b	iiij	Id.		
14 c	ij	Id.		
15 d		Id.	( <i>Hic obiit soror mea.</i> )	
16 e	xvij	Kal.	Aprilis.	
17 f	xvj	Kal.	S. Patricii episcopi.	
18 g	xv	Kal.	<b>S. Edwardi regis et martyris.</b> Sol.	
19 A	xiiij	Kal.		
20 b	xij	Kal.	<b>S. Cuthberti episcopi.</b>	
21 c	xij	Kal.	<b>S. Benedicti abbatis.</b>	
22 d	xj	Kal.	<b>Sedes epactarum.</b>	
23 e	x	Kal.		
24 f	ix	Kal.		
25 g	xij	Kal.	<b>Annunciacio S. Marie.</b>	
26 A	vij	Kal.		
27 b	vj	Kal.		
28 c	v	Kal.	D.	
29 d	iiij	Kal.		
30 e	ij	Kal.	( <i>Obiit Celericus Sacerdos qui dedit . . . s</i>	
31 f	ij	Kal.		
<b>Nox habet horas xii. Dies uero xii.</b>				

<sup>1</sup> At this date the words 'hic obiit' have been inserted.

<sup>2</sup> The first part of this word is illegible. Hearne (I, p. xciv)

[APRIL]

**Denus et undenus est mortis uulnere plenus.**

- 1 g Kal. Aprilis.  
 2 A iiii Non.  
 3 b iij Non.  
 4 c ij Non. S. Ambrosii episcopi. (*Johannes Bracy abbas huius loci hic fuit electus primus.*)<sup>1</sup>  
 5 d Non. (*Obiit Robertus Matheu de Middelny anno domini m° ccc° sexto decimo.*)  
 6 e viij Id.  
 7 f viij Id.  
 8 g vj Id.  
 9 A v Id.  
 10 b iiii Id. **D.**  
 11 c iij Id. S. Guthlaci anachorite.  
 12 d ij Id.  
 13 e Id.  
 14 f xvij Kal. Maii. SS. Tiburci et Ualeriani martyrum.  
 15 g xvij Kal. Clavis rogacionum.  
 16 A xvij Kal.  
 17 b xv Kal.  
 18 c xiiiij Kal. (*Dedicacio apud Neuham.*)  
 19 d xiiij Kal. **S. Aelfegi archiepiscopi.** (*Obiit Willelmi de Staunton anno domini m° ccc° xi°*)  
 20 e xij Kal. **D.**  
 21 f xij Kal.  
 22 g x Kal.  
 23 A ix Kal. **S. Georgii martyris.** (*Obiit Ethelredus rex qui dedit Cammel.*) (*cum gloria.*)  
 24 b viij Kal.  
 25 c vij Kal. **S. Marci euangeliste. Letania maior.**  
 26 d vj Kal.  
 27 e v Kal.  
 28 f iiii Kal. S. Uitalis martyris.  
 29 g iij Kal. (*S. Petri martyris de ordine predicatorum.*)  
 30 A ij Kal.
- Nox habet horas xii dies uero xiiii [sic].**

<sup>1</sup> *hic . . . primus* has been inserted in the left margin through lack of space in the body of the Calendar.

[MAY]

**Tercius in maio lupus est et septimus anguis.**

- 1 b      Kal. Maii. **Apostolorum Philippi et Jacobi.**  
 2 c      vij Non. (*Bellum apud Tewkysbyry fuit hic anno domini m° cccclxx.  
                         1470.*)
- 3 d      v Non. **Inuencio S. Crucis.** S. Alexandri. **D.**  
 4 e      iiiij Non.  
 5 f      iiij Non.  
 6 g      ij Non. **S. Johannis apostoli ante portam latinam.** (*Obiit  
                         Johannes de Ilem[ynster] prior Much[el]nye anno  
                         domini m° cccm° xii.*)
- 7 A      Non.  
 8 b      viij Id.  
 9 c      vij Id. **Translacio S. Andree apostoli et S. Nicholai episcopi.**  
 10 d      vij Id. SS. Gordiani et Epimachi martyrum.  
 11 e      v Id.  
 12 f      iiiij Id. SS. Nerei Achillei et Pancracii martyrum.  
 13 g      iiij Id. (*Obiit Galfridus de Hentone.*)  
 14 A      ij Id.  
 15 b      Idus **Spiritus Sanctus super apostolos uenit.**  
 16 c      xvij Kal. Junii.  
 17 d      xvij Kal.  
 18 e      xv Kal. **Sol in geminis.**  
 19 f      xiiij Kal. **S. Dunstani archiepiscopi et confessoris.**  
 20 g      xiiij Kal. S. Alberti.  
 21 A      xiij Kal.  
 22 b      xiij Kal.  
 23 c      x Kal.  
 24 d      ix Kal.  
 25 e      viij Kal. S. Urbani episcopi et S. Aldelmi episcopi. **D.**  
 26 f      vij Kal. **S. Augustini episcopi.**  
 27 g      vj Kal.  
 28 A      v Kal.  
 29 b      iiiij Kal.  
 30 c      iiij Kal.  
 31 d      ij Kal. **S. Petronelle Uirginis.**

[JUNE]

## Iunius in decimo quindenum a fine salutat.

- 1 e Kal. Junii. S. Nichomedis martyris.  
 2 f iiiij Non. SS. Marcellini et Petri martyrum.  
 3 g iij Non.  
 4 A ij Non. S. Petroci confessoris.  
 5 b Non.  
 6 c viij Id.  
 7 d vij Id.  
 8 e vj Id. S. Medardi episcopi.  
 9 f v Id. SS. Primi et Feliciani martyrum. (*Obiit Johannes de Hentone abbas anno domini m° ccc° xxxiv°.*)  
 10 g iiiij Id. D.  
 11 A iij Id. S. Barnabe apostoli.  
 12 b ij Id. SS. Basilidis Cirini Naboris et Nazarii martyrum. (*Johnnes Bracy abbas hic fuit electus secundus.*<sup>1</sup>)  
 13 c Id. S. Antonii confessoris ordinis fratrum minorum. (*Obiit Willelmus de Gyule abbas Muchelnye.*)  
 14 d xvij Kal. Julii. S. Basilii episcopi. (*cum gloria.*)  
 15 e xvij Kal. SS. Viti et Modesti martyrum. (*Obitus domini Radulphi de Middelnye anno domini m° ccc° lxiii°.*) (*Hic fuit electus Willelmus Wyke abbas.*<sup>1</sup>)  
 16 f xvj Kal. SS. Cirici et Julite et matris eius. D.  
 17 g xv Kal. S. Botulfi confessoris.  
 18 A xijij Kal. SS. Marci et Marcelliani martyrum.  
 19 b xijj Kal. S. Geruasii et Prothasii martyrum. (*Gloria.*)  
 20 c xij Kal. Solsticium.  
 21 d xij Kal. S. Leufredi abbatis.  
 22 e x Kal. S. Albani martyr.  
 23 f ix Kal. S. Ædelthritte uirginis. Uigilia.  
 24 g viij Kal. Natiuitas S. Johannis Baptiste.  
 25 A vij Kal.  
 26 b vj Kal. SS. Johannis et Pauli martyrum. (*cum gloria.*)  
 27 c v Kal. S. Leonis pape.<sup>2</sup>  
 28 d iiiij Kal. Uigilia.  
 29 e iij Kal. Natale apostolorum Petri et Pauli.  
 30 f ij Kal. Commemoracio S. Pauli.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Inserted in left margin.<sup>2</sup> sic in MS. The Feast of St. Leo is celebrated on 28 June.<sup>3</sup> At the foot of this page occurs an entry of which the following words only can be read: 'Memorandum quod hoc instanti die anno undecimo Regis Ricardi . . . W. Shepton Abb.de Moch.sigillum suum apposuit carte sue de alienac . . . terr. in dicta carta. . . .'

[JULY]

## Terdecimus mactat iulii denus labefactat.

- 1 g Kal. Julii. Octaua S. Johannis.  
 2 A vij Non. S. Swithuni episcopi. SS. Processi et Martiniani martyrum.  
 3 b v Non.  
 4 c iiiij Non. Translacio S. Martini episcopi.  
 5 d iiij Non. (*Hic stallatus est Willelmus Wyke abbas.*)  
 6 e ij Non. Octaua Apostolorum.  
 7 f Non. Translacio S. Thome martyris.  
 8 g viij Id. S. Grimbaldi confessoris.  
 9 A vij Id.  
 10 b vij Id. SS. Septem fratrum.  
 11 c v Id. Translacio S. Benedicti abbatis.  
 12 d iiiij Id.  
 13 e iiij Id. S. Mildrithe uirginis.  
 14 f ij Id. Incipiunt dies canicularies. (<sup>1</sup>*Johannes Bracy abbas hic stallatus est.*)  
 15 g Id. Translacio S. Swithuni episcopi. (D.)  
 16 A xvij Kal. Augusti.  
 17 b xvij Kal. S. Kenelmi regis et martyris. (Gloria.)  
 18 c xv Kal. Octaua S. Benedicti.  
 19 d xiiiij Kal.  
 20 e xiiij Kal. S. Margarete uirginis. (*Obiit yne rex qui dedit Ylymystre.*)  
 21 f xij Kal. S. Victoris martyris et S. Praxedis uirginis.  
 22 g xij Kal. S. Marie Magdalene. S. Wandregesili abbatis.  
 23 A x Kal. S. Appolinaris martyris.  
 24 b ix Kal. Uigilia.  
 25 c viij Kal. S. Jacobi apostoli.  
 26 d vij Kal. (*S. Anne matris Marie. D.<sup>2</sup>*)  
 27 e vj Kal. SS. Septem dormiencium.  
 28 f v Kal. S. Pantaleonis martyris et S. Sampsonis confessoris.  
 29 g iiiij Kal. Octaua S. Marie. SS. Felicis Simplicii Faustini  
     (*Obitus Johannis . . . anno domini m<sup>o</sup> . . .*<sup>3</sup>)  
 30 A iiij Kal. SS. Abdon et Sennes martyrum.  
 31 b ij Kal. S. Germani episcopi.

<sup>1</sup> *Johannes Bracy abbas* is inserted in left margin with a cross and words 'super f' to indicate the date.

<sup>2</sup> Inserted over an erasure.

<sup>3</sup> The rest of this entry is illegible.

[AUGUST]

Augusti nempa<sup>1</sup> prima fugat de fine secunda.<sup>2</sup>

- 1 c Kal. Augusti. Ad Uincula S. Petri. D.  
 2 d iiiij Non. S. Stephani pape et martyris.  
 3 e iij Non.<sup>3</sup> Inuencio S. Stephani prothomartyris sociorumque eius.  
 4 t ij Non.  
 5 g Non. S. Oswaldi regis et martyris. (*Dominicus*).  
 6 A viij Id. SS. Sixti et Felicissimi et Agapiti martyrum. (*Super A transfiguracio domini nostri Jhesu Christi.*)  
 7 b vij Id. S. Donati episcopi et martyris.  
 8 c vj Id. Octaua S. Petri. Et S. Ciriaci martyris sociorumque eius.  
 9 d v Id. (*Obiit Thomas de la Fosse.*)  
 10 e iiiij Id. S. Laurencii martyris.  
 11 f iij Id. S. Tiburci martyris.  
 12 g ij Id. S. Eduuoldi confessoris. (*cum gloria.*)  
 13 A Id. S. Ypoliti sociorumque eius. (*S. Radegunde. Cum gloria.*)  
 14 b xix Kal. Septembbris. S. Eusebii confessoris. **Uigilia.**  
 15 c xvij Kal. Assumpcio S. Marie uirginis. (*Obiit Johannes pater J[ohannis] de Somerton abbatis.*)  
 16 d xvij Kal.  
 17 e xvj Kal. Octaua S. Laurencii martyris.  
 18 f xv Kal. S. Agapiti martyris et S. Helene regine.  
 19 g xiiiij Kal. S. Magni martyris.  
 20 A xiiij Kal.  
 21 b xij Kal.  
 22 c xj Kal. Octaua S. Marie. SS. Thimothei et Simphoriani martyrum.  
 23 d x Kal. **Uigilia.**  
 24 e ix Kal. S. Bartholomei apostoli. Et S. Audoeni confessoris.  
     (*Et obiit Dominus Robertus filius Pagani anno domini m° ccc° xv°.*)  
 25 f viij Kal. (*Obiit dominus J. de Moyon anno domini m° ccc° tricesimo.*)  
 26 g vij Kal.<sup>4</sup>  
 27 A vj Kal. S. Ruphi martyris.  
 28 b v Kal. S. Augustini episcopi. (*Obiit Domina Ælianora mater domini Hugonis de Curtenay anno domini M° ccc° xxix.*)  
 29 c iiiij Kal. Passio S. Johannis Baptiste. Et S. Sabine uirginis.  
 30 d iiij Kal. S. Decumani martyris. D.  
 31 e ij Kal. S. Aidani episcopi et confessoris.

<sup>1</sup> sic for nepa.<sup>2</sup> sic for secundam.<sup>3</sup> In the left margin by the side of 3 and 4 Aug. is written 'Hic obiit Thomas Wheuer de lanport frater in capitulo.' It is not clear to which of these dates the entry refers.<sup>4</sup> An entry at this date has been erased.

## [SEPTEMBER]

## Tercia Septembbris et denus fert mala membris.

- 1 f Kal. Septembbris. S. Egidi[i] abbatis et S. Prisci martyris.  
 2 g iiiij Non.  
 3 A iiij Non. Ordinacio S. Gregorii. D.  
 4 b ij Non. Translacio S. Cuthberti episcopi. (*cum gloria.*)  
 5 c Non. S. Bertini abbatis.  
 6 d viij Id.  
 7 e vij Id.  
 8 f vj Id. Nativitas S. Marie uirginis.  
 9 g v Id. S. Gorgonii martyris.  
 10 A iiiij Id. Translacio S. Egwini episcopi.  
 11 b iiij Id. SS. Protii et Jacinti martyrum. (*Obiit Robertus Davy anno domini m° ccc⁹ sexto decimo.*)  
 12 c ij Id.  
 13 d Id. (*Obitus fratris Thome de Hentone.*)  
 14 e xvij Kal. Octobris.<sup>1</sup> Exaltacio sancte crucis. Et SS. Cornelii et Cipriani martyrum. Et S. Æthelwini confessoris.  
 15 f xvij Kal. Octaua S. Marie uirginis. Et S. Nicomedis martyris.  
 16 g xvj Kal. S. Eufemie uirginis et martyris et S. Ædgithe uirginis.  
 17 A xv Kal. S. Lamberti martyr. Sol in libram.  
 18 b xiiij Kal. (S. Athelwyni confessoris apud Athelney.<sup>2</sup>)  
 19 c xiiij Kal.  
 20 d xij Kal.  
 21 e xij Kal. S. Mathei apostoli. D.  
 22 f x Kal. S. Mauricii cum sociis suis.  
 23 g ix Kal. S. Tecle uirginis.  
 24 A viij Kal.  
 25 b vij Kal.  
 26 c vj Kal.  
 27 d v Kal. SS. Cosme et Damiani martyrum. (*cum gloria.*)  
 28 e iiiij Kal.  
 29 f iiij Kal. S. Michaelis archangeli.  
 30 g ij Kal. (S. Jeronimi presbyteri.)  
 Nox habet horas xii dies uero xii.

<sup>1</sup> In the left margin, opposite this date, has been inserted 'Obiit dominus H[enricus] de Urtiaco miles.'

<sup>2</sup> Inserted over an erasure.

[OCTOBER]

**Tercius Octobris gladius decimum in ordine nectit.**

- 1 A      Kal. Octobris. SS. Germani Remigii et Uedasti. (*iii lectiones.*)  
 2 b      vj Non. S. Leodegarii martyris. **Cum gloria in excelsis.**  
                   (*iii lectiones.*)  
 3 c      v Non. **D.**  
 4 d      iiiij Non. S. Francisci confessoris.  
 5 e      iiij Non.  
 6 f      ij Non. **S. Fidis uirginis.** (*xii lectiones.*)  
 7 g      Non. SS. Marci et Marcelli et Apulei. (*iii lectiones.*)  
 8 A      viij Id. S. Demetrii martyris.<sup>1</sup>  
 9 b      vij Id. **S. Dionisii cum sociis suis. In albis.**  
 10 c     vj Id. S. Paulini episcopi. (*Hic fuit electus dominus Johannes Scherborne anno domini 1522.*)  
 11 d     v Id.  
 12 e     iiiij Id. S. Wilfridi episcopi et confessoris. (*iii lectiones.*)  
 13 f     iiij Id. (*Translacio S. Edwardi regis.*)  
 14 g     ij Id. S. Kalixti Pape. (*iii lectiones.*)  
 15 A     Id. **Commemoracio SS. reliquiarum.** (*xii lectiones. Cappe.*)  
 16 b    xvij Kal. Novembbris. S. Michaelis in monte tumba. Octaua  
                   Dionisii. (*Cum gloria in excelsis.*)  
 17 c    xvj Kal. (*S. Ethelheldre [sic].*)  
 18 d    xv Kal. **S. Luce euangeliste. xii lectiones.**  
 19 e    xvij Kal. (*S. Frideswyde.*)  
 20 f    xvij<sup>2</sup> Kal.  
 21 g    xij Kal.<sup>3</sup>  
 22 A    xj Kal. **D.**  
 23 b    x Kal. S. Theodorici martyris. (*iii lectiones.*)  
 24 c    ix Kal.  
 25 d    vij Kal. SS. Crispini et Crispiniani martyrum. (*iii lectiones.*)  
 26 e    vij Kal. S. Amandi confessoris. (*iii lectiones.*)  
 27 f    vj Kal. **Uigilia.**  
 28 g    v Kal. **SS. Apostolorum Symonis et Jude. In albis.**  
 29 A    iiij Kal.  
 30 b    iiij Kal.  
 31 c    ij Kal. S. Quintini martyris. **Uigilia.** (*iii lectiones.*)

<sup>1</sup> 'iii lectiones' has been erased at this date.

<sup>2</sup> From this point the Roman Calendar is in error in the MS. owing to the omission of xiii Kal. At the end iii Kal. is given at both the 29 and 30 Oct.

<sup>3</sup> There is an erasure at this date.

[NOVEMBER]

**Quinta nouembris acus uix tercia mansit in urna.**

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|------|------------|--|
| 1 d  | Kal.       | Novembris. Festiuitas omnium sanctorum. ( <i>xii lec-</i><br><i>tiones. Cappe.</i> )   |
| 2 e  | iiij Non.  | S. Eustachii cum sociis suis. ( <i>cum gloria in excelsis.</i> )   |
| 3 f  | ij Non.    |  |
| 4 g  | ij Non.    |  |
| 5 A  | Non.       | <b>Dedicacio oratorii' S. Marie. D.</b>  |
| 6 b  | vij Id.    | <b>S. Leonardi abbatis. xii lectiones.</b>   |
| 7 c  | vij Id.    |  |
| 8 d  | vj Id.     | <b>SS. quatuor coronatorum.</b> ( <i>Hic stallatus 1522.<sup>1</sup></i> )   |
| 9 e  | v Id.      | S. Theodori martyris.  |
| 10 f | iiij Id.   |  |
| 11 g | ij Id.     | <b>S. Martini episcopi et confessoris.</b> Et S. Menne<br>martyris. ( <i>xii lectiones. Cappe.</i> )   |
| 12 A | ij Id.     |  |
| 13 b | Id.        | S. Bricii episcopi et confessoris. ( <i>cum excelsis.</i> )  |
| 14 c | xvij Kal.  | Decembris.   |
| 15 d | xvij Kal.  | S. Machuti episcopi.   |
| 16 e | xvj Kal.   | <b>S. Edmundi archiepiscopi.</b> ( <i>Hic Thomas Broke fuit</i><br><i>electus . . . anno domini m° quingentesimo quarto.<sup>2</sup></i> )             |
| 17 f | xv Kal.    | <b>S. Hugonis episcopi.</b>  |
| 18 g | xiiij Kal. | Octaua S. Martini episcopi.  |
| 19 A | xiiij Kal. |  |
| 20 b | xij Kal.   | <b>S. Edmundi regis et martyris.</b>   |
| 21 c | xj Kal.    | <b>Oblacio S. Marie uirginis.</b>  |
| 22 d | x Kal.     | <b>S. Cecilie uirginis et martyr.</b>  |
| 23 e | ix Kal.    | <b>Passio S. Clementis.</b> Et Felicitatis martyr. ( <i>Obiit</i><br><i>dominus Walter de . . . miles, anno domini m° ccc°</i><br>. . . <sup>2</sup> ) |
| 24 f | vijj Kal.  | S. Grisogoni martyr.   |
| 25 g | vij Kal.   | <b>S. Katerine uirginis et martyr.</b>   |
| 26 A | vj Kal.    | S. Lini pape.  |
| 27 b | v Kal.     | <b>S. Cunegari confessoris.</b>  |
| 28 c | iiij Kal.  | <b>D.</b>  |
| 29 d | iji Kal.   | S. Saturnini martyr. Uigilia.  |
| 30 e | ij Kal.    | <b>S. Andree apostoli.</b>   |

Nox habet horas xvi dies uero vili.

Aduentus domini sequitur solemnia Lini.

<sup>1</sup>i.e., John Scherborne.

<sup>2</sup>The rest of these entries is illegible.

## [DECEMBER]

**Septimus exanguis<sup>1</sup> uirosus denus ut anguis.**

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| 1 f  | Kal. | Decembris. SS. Crisantis et Darie.   |
| 2 g  | iiij | Non. ( <i>hic obiit vicarius de Muchelney.</i> )                             |
| 3 A  | ij   | Non. S. Birini episcopi. ( <i>xii lectiones.</i> )                           |
| 4 b  | ij   | Non. ( <i>S. Osmundi episcopi.</i> ) (D.)                                    |
| 5 c  |      | Non.   |
| 6 d  | vij  | Id. S. Nicholai episcopi.  |
| 7 e  | vij  | Id. Octaua S. Andree apostoli.   |
| 8 f  | vj   | Id. Concepcio S. Marie.  |
| 9 g  | v    | Id.  |
| 10 A | iiij | Id.  |
| 11 b | ij   | Id.  |
| 12 c | ij   | Id.  |
| 13 d |      | Idus S. Lucie uirginis et martyris.  |
| 14 e | xix  | Kal. Januarii.   |
| 15 f | xvij | Kal.   |
| 16 g | xvij | Kal. O sapiencia.  |
| 17 A | xvj  | Kal.   |
| 18 b | xv   | Kal.   |
| 19 c | xvij | Kal.   |
| 20 d | xij  | Kal. Uigilia.  |
| 21 e | xij  | Kal. S. Thome apostoli.  |
| 22 f | xj   | Kal. ( <i>Obitus Elye de Burhentone clerici anno domini m° ccc° xvii°.</i> ) |
| 23 g | x    | Kal.   |
| 24 A | ix   | Kal. Ulgilia.  |
| 25 b | vij  | Kal. Natiuitas domini nostri Jhesu Christi.                                  |
| 26 c | vij  | Kal. S. Stephani prothomartyris.   |
| 27 d | vj   | Kal. S. Johannis apostoli et euangeliste.                                    |
| 28 e | v    | Kal. SS. Innocencium.  |
| 29 f | iiij | Kal. Passio S. Thome archiepiscopi.  |
| 30 g | iji  | Kal. S. Egwini episcopi.   |
| 31 A | ij   | Kal. S. Siluestri pape.  |

Nox habet horas xviii.

<sup>1</sup> sic for exsanguis.



AN ESSAY ON

# Somerset Mediæval Calendars

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## MEDIÆVAL CALENDARS OF SOMERSET.

The investigation of the calendar of Muchelney abbey affords an opportunity for giving an account of such other calendars of the mediæval period as may reasonably claim to belong to the county of Somerset. The calendars which will come under consideration are the monastic calendars of Glastonbury, Muchelney and Dunster, and the secular calendar of the cathedral church of Wells.

We are fortunate in having two calendars which give us evidence for Glastonbury in the second half of the tenth century, the period immediately following its great revival under St Dunstan. One is a calendar of Glastonbury itself. This has been preserved to us in what is known as the Leofric Missal,<sup>1</sup> a liturgical book written about the year 925 somewhere on the borderland of Lorraine and France, the Arras-Cambray district.<sup>2</sup> The manuscript seems to have come to England soon after 950 and found its way to Glastonbury, where, about 980, a calendar of that monastery was conjoined with it. In later days it came into the possession of Leofric, the bishop of Crediton (1046), who moved his see to Exeter in 1050, and died in 1072. Leofric, who was probably an Englishman, had received his training in Lorraine. He was appointed by K. Edward the Confessor, who also brought over from Lorraine Walter, bishop of Hereford; Hermann, who

<sup>1</sup> Oxford, Bodl. MS. 579: edited by F. E. Warren, 1883.

<sup>2</sup> Lorraine (Lotharingia) was the name given to 'the middle kingdom' (between France and Germany) which fell to Lothair, when by the peace of Verdun in 843 the empire of Charlemagne was divided among his descendants. In the eleventh century it still extended northwards to the mouths of the Rhine and the Scheldt.

was bishop of Ramsbury and of Sherborne, and ultimately settled at Salisbury (Old Sarum) ; and Giso, bishop of Wells (1061-1088).

The other calendar which gives early evidence for Glastonbury is prefixed to the Bosworth Psalter, a manuscript now in the British Museum (*Addit. 37,517*), probably of the last quarter of the tenth century. The calendar is a little later than the rest of the manuscript, and contains the name of St Dunstan, whose commemoration, however, began almost at once after his death in 988. This calendar was made the subject of an elaborate monograph by the late Edmund Bishop in 1908. He showed that its basis was a Glastonbury calendar, closely akin to that which is now found in the Leofric Missal ; and that the chief element of difference is due to modifications designed to adapt it to the use of Christ Church, Canterbury.

A third witness to the Anglo-Saxon form of the Glastonbury calendar is found in a manuscript in the University Library at Cambridge (Kk. v. 32). The calendar appears to be of the very end of the eleventh century, but it contains Anglo-Saxon obits of a much earlier date. It came to the knowledge of Mr E. Bishop after he had written his dissertation on the Bosworth Psalter ; but he expressed the view that it was probably a calendar of Glastonbury. It is fuller than either of the two earlier calendars, and agrees in turn with each of them against the other. Whether it was written at Glastonbury may be doubted ; but its connexion with Somerset is shown by the addition in a very early, if not contemporary, hand of the feast of St Congar on 27 November.

It will be convenient to speak next of the calendar of Wells. There is in the British Museum a calendar of the latter part of the eleventh century (*Vitellius A. xviii*), containing a considerable number of unusual items, which suggest that its compiler had intimate relations with Lorraine. When allowance is made for these, we have in it a calendar of the Anglo-Saxon type ; and a connexion with Somerset is here again indicated by the presence of the feast of St Congar. On these grounds

Mr E. Bishop had little scruple in assigning it to Bishop Giso of Wells. These foreign entries will engage our attention presently ; and we shall also have to consider a yet larger number of foreign entries which have been added to this calendar by what appears to be an almost contemporary hand.

More certain evidence for Wells does not come to us until the latter part of the fourteenth century. It is to be remembered that the great work which Bishop Giso did for Wells was broken up by the removal of the see to Bath under his successor, John of Tours. For fifty years Wells suffered eclipse. The refectory and dormitory which Bishop Giso had built for the canons disappeared, together with the regular life in community which he had established on the pattern of his native land. When in 1140 Bishop Robert began to repair this disaster, he took Bishop Osmund's foundation at Salisbury as his model and founded a chapter consisting of a dean and canons. From the outset the customs of Salisbury were looked to by the new chapter for their guidance ; and, as the liturgical use of Salisbury gradually developed in later times, it was in general adopted at Wells. But Wells maintained a colour-scheme of its own for the vesting of the ministers and the altars on various feast days. A full list of saints-days with their appropriate colours has been preserved, which seems to belong to the last quarter of the fourteenth century. This is nearly equivalent to a calendar ; but it does not as a rule indicate more than the principal item of commemoration which ruled the colour for the particular day.

Beside this colour-list we have a Wells calendar of the fifteenth century (*Brit. Mus. Addit. 6059*), which came into the possession of Sir John Cheke, and later of William Cecil, Lord Burghley, the great minister of Q. Elizabeth, and was used by them, as we might use a Family Bible, to record the dates of events in their own domestic history. It has been torn from the book for which it was written, and the months of March and April are now missing.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The entries made by Sir J. Cheke and W. Cecil, Lord Burghley, referred to above, have been kindly copied for me by Dr. Schofield. It

We come lastly to the monastic calendars of two small Benedictine houses within the diocese—Muchelney Abbey and Dunster Priory. The former calendar is of the end of the thirteenth century, and is printed in full above. The latter (Brit. Mus. Addit. 10,628) is of the end of the fourteenth century, and was regarded by Mr E. Bishop as a practical calendar of the cathedral priory of Bath, with modifications introduced to adapt it to the use of Dunster, which was a dependent cell of that house.

In referring to these calendars it will be convenient to use the following symbols :

- G = Glastonbury calendar in Leofric Missal : c. 975.
- B = Calendar in Bosworth Psalter : end of cent. x.
- g = Glastonbury (?) : end of cent. xi.
- V = Wells (?) : Latter part of cent. xi. (V<sup>2</sup> = additions).
- M = Muchelney : end of cent. xiii.

was he who discovered that the calendar had already been used by William Cecil's friend, Sir John Cheke.

- [7 Jan.]. 1530 decessit magister Petrus Cheke.
- [19 Jan.]. (Exequie domini rede in ecclesia beate marie omnium studentium).
- [24 Jan.]. (Exequie aula trinitatis. iiiid.)
- [22 Feb.]. 22° A 1543. Mortua est Maria Cecilia.
- [6 May]. A°d. MDXLI. Ueni in commeatum apud grayes In.
- [? May]. 1542. Natus Thomas Cecill.
- [16 June]. (hoc die natus sum anno domini 1514.)
- [22 or 23 June.]. (Exequie Roffensis in Collegio Joannis. iiiis. iiiid.)
- [29 June.]. (Exequie in Collegio . . .)
- [8 Aug.]. [v]iii Aug. a° 1541. Duxi in uxorem Mariam Cheke.
- [13 Sept.]. 13° A° 1521/13 H8. hoc die natus sum W. Cecyll a° Dni.
- [21 Dec.]. 21. 1545. Duxi in uxorem Mildre. Coquam.

The entries in round brackets are in the hand of the person who made the entry of his birth as on 16 June 1514; namely Sir John Cheke, the famous Greek scholar, whose sister W. Cecil (Lord Burghley) married : the remainder are in the hand of Lord Burghley.

There seems to be some doubt as to the correctness of the entry as to W. Cecil's birth (13 Sept. 1521); as in Lansdowne MS. 118, also in his hand, the year appears to be given as 1520.

The Bishop of Rochester referred to (22 or 23 June) is John Fisher, who was beheaded 22 June 1535.

D = Dunster: end of cent. xiv.

W<sub>c</sub> = Wells colour-list: c. 1380.

W = Wells ('Cecilian calendar'): cent. xv.

There are two Somerset saints who do not appear, so far as we know, in any English calendar outside the county. These are St Congar (27 Nov.) and St Decuman (30 Aug.). Each of them has a church dedicated in his name. St Congar is the patron of Badgworth, a neighbouring parish to Congresbury. Congresbury itself is traditionally held to be dedicated to St Andrew, the patron saint of the diocese: but there is some evidence to show that at one time it was regarded as St Congar's.<sup>1</sup> St Decuman's church is at Watchet. St Congar is found in g (an early addition), V, M, D, W; though not in G, B, W<sub>c</sub>. His absence from the Wells colour-list (W) need not be taken to prove that in the fourteenth century he had no commemoration at Wells, since we know that he was observed there with honour a century later.

St Decuman is of rarer occurrence. We find him only at Muchelney and in the Wells colour-list. His observance at Wells was doubtless due to the fact that the church of St Decuman was given as a prebend at the end of the twelfth century.<sup>2</sup> The donor was Simon Brito, and an endowment in land was added by Robert Fitzurse. Both these were nearly related to knights who twenty years before had struck down Thomas Becket in his cathedral church at Canterbury.

After these preliminary observations, we pass to the consideration of the Muchelney calendar in particular. We may begin by observing that, as in the Post-Conquest calendars in general, the number of saints commemorated in it is much smaller than in the calendars of the Anglo-Saxon period. The martyrologies still preserved the full roll of the Church's heroes; but the calendars had been severely pruned, so as to serve as practical guides to the liturgical observance of the

<sup>1</sup> See Preb. Bates-Harbin's art. on Somerset Dedications in *Somerset Archæol. Soc. Proceedings* for 1905.

<sup>2</sup> Wells Reg. i, 39 b.

churches for which they were composed. The later 'Glastonbury' calendar (g), at the close of the earlier period, is exceptionally full : it does not occur in a liturgical book, and cannot have been intended for practical use as later calendars were : it might almost be considered rather as a martyrological list than a calendar proper. It has nearly double the number of names that we find in the Muchelney calendar. But it only exaggerates a feature which is found in the calendars from which it has descended.

On the other hand, it is of interest to note that the Muchelney calendar itself is somewhat fuller than the calendar of Salisbury of about the same time. It will be convenient at this point to pursue the comparison of M, the monastic calendar of a small religious house in Somerset, with the secular calendar of the great church of Salisbury : and this for two reasons. First, because we have an excellent table of the Salisbury festivals (*c. 1210*) in the introduction to the Sarum Gradual, edited for the Plainsong and Mediaeval Music Society by Dr Frere, now Bishop of Truro ; and secondly, because, as we have already observed, and as we shall see more fully later on, the usages of Salisbury had a dominant influence in the cathedral church of Wells.

There are 46 items in the Muchelney calendar which are not to be found in the Salisbury calendar (Sal). Six of these we may leave out of consideration, as due to purely local interest (Decuman, Congar, Edwold, Athelwine), or to personal preference on the part of the abbot of the day (Antony of Padua, Francis of Assisi).<sup>1</sup> Let us say then that for purposes of comparison M has 40 items which are not in Sal. On the other hand, Sal has 24 items which are not in M. Two of these may be deducted as having local interest to explain their presence. One is St Melor (3 Jan.), the patron of Amesbury ; a young Breton prince venerated at Lanmeur, who also is patron of St Mylor in Cornwall. The other is St Cuthburga (31 Aug.), sister of K. Ina and foundress of Wimborne abbey.

<sup>1</sup> Both of these are too late for inclusion in Sal (*c. 1210*), but they were not added at Salisbury in the interim.

By way of contrast we will turn to the great monastery of Worcester. Here the evidence is abundant and we are again indebted to Dr Frere, who has tabulated it for us.<sup>1</sup> Not only have we calendars of St Wulfstan's time, the end of the eleventh century, whether of Worcester itself or of the neighbouring Evesham; but also calendars of the thirteenth century, when many commemorations of the Anglo-Saxon period had fallen out of use. We may distinguish the earlier and later periods by the symbols Wo<sub>1</sub> and Wo<sub>2</sub>.

Of the 40 items in M which we could not find in Sal, there are 20 in Wo<sub>2</sub>, and 13 others in Wo<sub>1</sub>. This suggests at once that M has a kinship with monastic Worcester which it has not with secular Salisbury. That indeed is no more than we should expect. But, further, it suggests that remote Muchelney retains in the thirteenth century items which at Worcester have fallen into neglect. And this is borne out when we compare the calendars of Muchelney and Worcester more directly. For M has 26 items which are not in Wo<sub>2</sub>: but 18 of these were in Wo<sub>1</sub>, and have since been dropped.

Muchelney therefore shows a remarkable kinship to Worcester, although it is, as we have suggested, more conservative and old-fashioned in its observance. I do not think, however, that the likeness of the Muchelney calendar to that of Worcester is sufficiently accounted for by their common Benedictinism. For a similar comparison with the Westminster calendar of about the same period shows considerably wider divergence.

But more important than this statistical computation is the fact that Muchelney includes four distinctively Worcester feasts which were not observed at Westminster:

- 19 Jan. Wulfstan
- 28 Feb. Oswald abp.
- 10 Sept. Trans. of Egwin
- 30 Dec. Depos. of Egwin

<sup>1</sup> Introduction to 'The Leofric Collectar compared with the Collectar of St. Wulfstan' (Henry Bradshaw Society), II, 589 ff.

St Wulfstan indeed came into the Westminster calendar later, and he was in the Salisbury calendar already. St Oswald of Worcester had a considerable vogue in the eastern counties, his fame spreading naturally from Ramsey abbey of which he was the founder: he is also in the eleventh-century calendar g. These two feasts therefore would not by themselves challenge attention in any English calendar. But it is quite otherwise with the two commemorations of St Egwin. His name is not often met with outside the ancient diocese of Worcester: indeed he belongs in a peculiar sense to the abbey of Evesham. If therefore we did not know already that ours was a Muchelney calendar, our first impulse would be to ascribe it to Worcester or Evesham.

Here a digression is inevitable. We are fortunate in having an exceptionally adequate account of the Evesham traditions in the Chronicle of that abbey printed in the Rolls Series. From it we learn that St Egwin was bishop of Worcester in 692. Being miraculously warned of the death of Bishop Aldhelm, he came to Doulting in Somerset and conveyed his body thence to Malmesbury, causing crosses to be erected at the seven stopping-places on the way. This was in 709. The next year he resigned his bishopric to become the first abbot of Evesham, where he had founded a monastery. He died on 30 Dec. 717. His bones were translated to a new shrine by Abbot Ælfward on 10 Sept. 1039. These are the two days commemorated in the Muchelney calendar.<sup>1</sup>

But there is more which calls to be said while we are on the subject of Evesham. This Abbot Ælfward, who had been originally a monk of Ramsey, became bishop of London, without however surrendering his abbey at Evesham, which he enriched with various gifts. K. Canute gave him the relics of St Wistan from Repton Abbey in Derbyshire: and he purchased those of St Odulf from merchants in London who had

<sup>1</sup> We may note in passing that Abbot Ælfward's predecessor at Evesham was Æthelwin, who became bishop of Wells (1013-24).

obtained them from Holland. In his last illness, supposed to be leprosy, he was refused admittance at Evesham, but found refuge at Ramsey, to which he brought precious gifts including, it is said, the jaw-bone of St Egwin. There he died in 1044. His successor at Evesham was Abbot Manny, a great artificer, who rebuilt the church and made a shrine for St Odulf, and one also for St Credan, an early abbot of the house, whose name will meet us again. Then came an excellent abbot named Agelwy, who died in 1077. But now times had changed, and the next abbot was Walter, who came from the Norman abbey of Cérisy and had been the chaplain of Archbishop Lanfranc. That stern prelate and drastic reformer had little use for Anglo-Saxon saints, and had cast them nearly all out of the calendars of Winchester and Canterbury. Walter, his disciple, doubted the credentials of St Credan and St Wistan, and by his master's advice put their relics to the test of fire, which however they successfully resisted.

We might leave the history of Evesham without further notice, were it not for a point of contact with Somerset which is at least worth recording, even if it cannot be made to throw light on the problem with which we have to deal. In 1160 Adam, a monk of Cluny, became abbot. In the building of the cloister and the nave of his church he was greatly assisted, we are told, by the generosity of the dean of Wells. This was Richard,<sup>1</sup> who was dean c. 1164-1189. The same benefactor secured for the abbey of Evesham yearly payments from the churches of Ombersley in Worcestershire and Badby in Northamptonshire: moreover, he rebuilt the abbot's hall. He appears once as a witness to an Evesham charter, but there is no corresponding notice of any abbot or monk of Evesham in our Wells records. We are left wondering what was the ground of this intimacy between an abbot of Evesham and a dean of Wells in the second half of the twelfth century. Some Evesham documents may possibly furnish a clue, and may even enlighten us on the further question whether conceivably this dean's devotion to the foundation of St Egwin

<sup>1</sup> Commonly miscalled Richard de Spaxton.

can explain the entry at 30 Dec. in a Wells calendar three centuries later :

Scī Egwini epi cf' ix lc' Well.

which means, as we shall see presently, that the feast of St Egwin, bishop and confessor, was being kept at Wells, with the high grading of ' nine lessons,' although it was unknown to the calendar of Salisbury.

One more curiosity and we have done with Evesham. In the calendar (V), which has been attributed to Bishop Giso at the end of the eleventh century, a subsequent hand has added at 1 Jan. ' Scī Wistani m̄r,' and at 2 Jan. ' Dep. Scī Egwini epi et cf.' Both dates are wrong : for St Wistan's day is 1 June, and St Egwin's 30 Dec. These entries are the more strange since there is no mention in the calendar or amongst its additions either of St Wulfstan or of St Oswald, the two chief saints of Worcester. But this is not all : for at 12 June St Odulf has been added. He occurs on this day in an Evesham calendar (*c.* 1400) : but the Worcester calendars do not mention him, so far as I know, if we except the calendar of Bishop Wulfstan's Homiliary, which some ascribe to Worcester, but others to Evesham. St Credan likewise has been added at 19 Sept., where he is found in the Homiliary and in the Evesham calendar, though not in the Worcester calendars. It is, I fear, vain to seek for an explanation of these unmistakable points of connexion with the abbey of Evesham.

From this digression we return and proceed to examine the more striking items of the Muchelney calendar. We shall find it both convenient and instructive to compare it at various points with the Dunster calendar which, though a century later, presents some of the same peculiarities.

Here for example are five feasts which occur in both these calendars, but were not kept at Salisbury, Worcester or Westminster :

- (1) 18 Jan. Cathedra Petri
- (2) 9 May. Trans. of Nicholas

- (3) 31 Aug. Aidan
- (4) 4 Oct. Francis of Assisi
- (5) 27 Nov. Congar

(i) In the Muchelney calendar the entry 'Cathedra sc̄i Petri' recurs in the same form at 22 Feb., the day on which it is found in the generality of calendars. But the Dunster calendar — herein agreeing with the Martyrologies — distinguishes the January feast 'Cathedra sc̄i Petri in Roma' from the February feast 'Cathedra sc̄i Petri in Antiochia.' I do not know any other English calendar which has the January feast except B, which is, as we have said, a modification of the Glastonbury calendar for use at Canterbury at the end of the tenth century.<sup>1</sup> It may be well to remind ourselves that Muchelney was dedicated to St Peter, and that Dunster, though dedicated to St George, was a cell of Bath, which itself was under the patronage of the Prince of the Apostles. Yet Westminster had not this January feast, nor had various other churches which claimed St Peter as their patron. Was it an antiquated festival handed down from the tenth century in Somerset, and retained for the special reason above suggested in these two remote monasteries? But though B has it, G and g have not. A wider knowledge may produce further examples of its occurrence: meanwhile we must content ourselves with having noted this curious fact.

The history of the two festivals of St Peter's Chair (18 Jan. and 22 Feb.) may be summarized here from a comparison of Duchesne, *Origines du Culte Chrétien*, ed. 3 (1903), pp. 277 ff.; Cabrol, *Dict. d'Archéologie Chrétienne* (1911), s.v. 'Chaire de St. Pierre'; Kirsch, *Jahrb. f. Liturgiewissenschaften* (1926), V, 48 ff.

The earliest notice is in the so-called Calendar of Philocalus (A.D. 354) : *VIII kal. Martias natale Petri de cathedra*. There was on this day, 22 Feb., a pagan family festival (*Charistia* or *Cara Cognitio*), when food was set on the tombs of dead relatives. The Petrine feast is held to have been instituted to take the place of this. That it did not wholly banish it, appears from the canon of the Council of Tours in 567:

<sup>1</sup> B has at 18 Jan. 'Sc̄i Petri cathedra'; at 22 Feb. 'Cathedra sc̄i Petri apostoli in Antiochia.'

' . . . qui in festivitate cathedrae domni Petri apostoli cibos mortuis offerunt.'

In Rome the feast became obsolete—probably because it so often fell in Lent. But it had already passed into some Gallican books, and it returned later.

A like feast is found in parts of Gaul in the seventh century (*Luxeuil Lectionary* and *Bobbio Missal*) on a different day, namely 18 Jan., coinciding with a feast of the Assumption of B.V.M.

Both feasts appear in the Gallican recension of the 'Hieronymian Martyrology'—the earliest recoverable form of this work—made at Auxerre c. 595. The evidence of the oldest MSS. is as follows :

*Eptern.* 18 Jan. Depositio sanctae mariae  
et cathedra petri in roma

22 Feb. Cathedra petri in antiocia

*Wissenb.* 18 Jan. Dedicatio cathedrae sancti petri apostoli  
qua primo Romae petrus apostolus sedit  
[*Wissenb.* is quoted, because *Bern.* has 8 lines  
erased here]

*Bern.* 22 Feb. [erasure] cathedrae sancti petri apostoli  
quam sedit apud antiochiam  
[At the erasure *Wissenb.* has 'Natale']

The distinction between the two feasts (18 Jan. 'at Rome,' 22 Feb. 'at Antioch') was a pure guess of the martyrologist, who thus sought to account for the difference of dates in the sources from which he drew: for it is certain that the feast of 22 Feb. was a Roman commemoration. The 'Roman Martyrology' handed down the two festivals thus distinguished; and in the sixteenth century Paul IV ordered both to be observed. But what ancient calendar shows both, apart from B, M and D?

(2) The Dunster calendar has the Translation of St Nicholas alone; at Muchelney it is preceded by the more common Translation of St Andrew. Both calendars have the usual entry of St Nicholas at 6 Dec. A few other religious houses have his Translation; but they are for the most part small and remote. Salisbury had it at the beginning of the thirteenth century, but seems to have quickly dropped it.<sup>1</sup> The festival recovered popularity at a later date. The event referred to is the coming of St Nicholas to Bari in 1087 (called in one calendar

<sup>1</sup> The Salisbury Gradual (c. 1210) has it in the calendar, but not in the *Sanctorale*.

'Adventus sancti Nicholai'), when he was stolen by the Normans from Myra in Lycia.

(3) The bones of St Aidan with those of St Hilda and the abbot Ceolfrid were said to have been brought to Glastonbury when the North was being ravaged by the Danes. The Anglo-Saxon tract known as 'The Resting-places of the English Saints' tells us that St Aidan and St Patrick rest in Glastonbury. This document was pronounced by Liebermann to be of Wessex origin, 'begun before 995 and completed between 1013 and 1030.' When we look at the Glastonbury calendar (G), c. 970, we find at 31 Aug. :

In glaestonia scī aidani epi

The entry is in B, but without the first two words. But in g it has been displaced by Paulinus (bp of Treves) and Cuthburga. St Aidan is found in V; but in the Wells colour-list (W<sub>c</sub>) he has given way, as at Salisbury and many other places, to St Cuthburga the patroness of Wimborne.

(4) St Francis of Assisi died in 1226. It is of interest to find him thus honoured in Somerset: he did not generally obtain recognition in the calendars of our greater churches.

(5) Of St Congar we have said something already. In his Life he is called Cungar. In M we find 'Cunegarus': in g V D and W 'Congarus.' No other English calendar is known to contain his name.<sup>1</sup>

Next we may notice feasts of the Muchelney calendar which were not observed at Dunster, nor at Salisbury, Worcester or Westminster.

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| (1) | 13 June  | Antony, 'conf., ordinis fratrum minorum' |
| (2) | 21 July  | Victor mar.                              |
| (3) | 12 Aug.  | Edwold conf.                             |
| (4) | 30 —     | Decuman mar.                             |
| (5) | 14 Sept. | Æthelwinus conf.                         |
| (6) | 23 Oct.  | Theodoricus mar.                         |

<sup>1</sup> For an account of him I must refer to an article in the *Journal of Theological Studies* (XX, 97 ff.: Jan. 1919), entitled 'A Fragment of the Life of St. Cungar.'

(1) St Antony of Padua, a disciple of St Francis, who was canonised in 1232.

(2) Victor of Marseilles, over whose tomb St John Cassian built a monastery in the fifth century : a rare entry in English calendars, but found at Exeter (end of cent. xii) and Evesham (c. 1400).<sup>1</sup>

(3) Edwold, the hermit-brother of the martyred K. Edmund of East Anglia, who settled at Cerne in Dorset, and became the patron of the Benedictine abbey afterwards founded there. His name occurs in the thirteenth century calendar of Cerne (Trin. Coll. Camb. 1149), and in what is held to be the ancient calendar (c. 1050) of Sherborne (C.C.C. Camb. 422).

(4) St Decuman, like St Congar, is a Welsh hermit who came from across the Severn Sea. 'Degamanus' has a chapel in Wendron in Cornwall.<sup>2</sup> In the martyrologies his date is 27 Aug. Of his feast on the 30th we have spoken above. His non-observance at Dunster, so near to his landing-place, challenges attention.

(5) Who is St Æthelwin ? The answer comes four lines further down in the calendar, where a later hand has written at 18 Sept. :

Sci Athelwini conf. aput athelney

He is the somewhat mythical patron of the neighbouring abbey of Athelney. The 14th of September, at which his name is entered by the original hand in our calendar, was already occupied by the great festival of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This was now tending to expel the ancient commemoration of the martyrs Cornelius and Cyprian, which Muchelney still retained. We may suppose that the monks of Athelney presently thought it best to move their patronal festival to the 18th ; and a later hand has noted the change in the Muchelney calendar.

When William of Malmesbury was in Somerset, c. 1125, he seems to have visited Athelney. He tells us that there were but

<sup>1</sup> Also in Cant. (6). See *Bosworth Psalter*, pp. 68, 111, 152.

<sup>2</sup> St Decuman is patron of Rhoscrowther, Pemb.

a few monks, and they were very poor ; but they seemed well content, and sang the praises of their patron, St Eielwine, whom they spoke of as brother of Coenwalch the Wessex king.<sup>1</sup> In a part of the Athelney chartulary now lost Collinson would appear to have found the statement that K. Alfred lodged 'in a cottage belonging to St Athelwyne, formerly a hermit here, son of King Kynegilsus.'<sup>2</sup> Cynegils was the king of Wessex (611–643), who was converted by St Birinus : his son, Coenwalch (643–672), at first repudiated Christianity, but afterwards became a zealous champion of it, and the friend of the great abbot Benedict Biscop. He pushed his conquest of the Britons westward as far as South Petherton on the Parret in 658. Accordingly it is not inconceivable that his brother may have settled as a hermit at Athelney, where in later days K. Alfred was to build a monastery. The name of Athelwin does not occur in trustworthy charters of Athelney till the middle of the twelfth century. The earliest is no. 149 in the chartulary : John of Erleigh grants land 'to God and St Peter and the blessed Athelwin' : the gift was offered in the church of Athelney 'on the solemn day of St Athelwin.' The extreme limits of this charter are 1146 and 1162. In the charters of K. Ethelred and K. Canute the patron is St Peter : so also in the Domesday Book.

(6) St Theodoric, a martyr of Antioch, seldom appears in English calendars. But N (Brit. Mus. *Nero A 2*)—described by Edmund Bishop as a calendar of the furthermost Wessex, which 'gives probably the type of calendar existing in Devonshire before Leofric, with his foreign education, took the Church of these parts in hand'—has at this day 'thodorici mar.' And his name is in a Christ Church, Canterbury, calendar (*c. 1220*), which has several foreign entries.<sup>3</sup> This day (23 Oct.) is usually assigned to St Romanus of Rouen.

Before we leave the Muchelney calendar, a few more entries call for notice on various grounds. St Albert, who appears on 1 Mar., is more familiar to us as St Ethelbert of Hereford. St

<sup>1</sup> *Gesta Pontificum*, II, 92.      <sup>2</sup> *History of Somerset*, I, 86.

<sup>3</sup> Referred to above as Cant (6).

Edith (16 Sept.) of Wilton occurs in some Winchester calendars, and also at Sherborne and Cerne. St Amand at 26 Oct. should also be noted. He is commonly commemorated with St Vedast on 6 Feb., as indeed he has already been in this calendar. But his Translation on 26 Oct. is also found in early calendars of the West and South. This is one of the old-fashioned feasts which had largely ceased to be observed elsewhere.

Lastly, there are a few entries by later hands which deserve attention. At 29 Apr. we find Peter of Verona, a Dominican friar, who in 1251 was sent to combat the Manichean heresy in the north of Italy : after a tour of successful preaching he was slain in the next year by the heretics : he was canonised in 1253. St Dominic himself is added at 5 Aug. Possibly it was the presence in the calendar of St Francis and St Antony of Padua that led a later abbot to make these entries. It is in any case interesting to find both Franciscan and Dominican friars thus honoured at Muchelney.

St Radegund of Poitiers (13 Aug.) is commemorated at 11 Feb. in a few Anglo-Saxon calendars—in G, in the Missal of Robert of Jumièges, and in two Worcester calendars of Bishop Wulfstan's time. She then disappears, but is revived in a very few English calendars on the day assigned to her in the Roman Martyrology, viz. 13 Aug. In a calendar supposed to be that of the Augustinian nuns of Lacock she occurs on 12 Aug., the next day being kept, as generally, for St Hippolytus.

The last addition which we need notice is that of St Osmund (4 Dec.), the bishop of Salisbury, who was not canonised until 1456.

At this point we may complete what remains to be said of the calendar of Dunster. It is found in Brit. Mus. *Addit.* 10,628, and is of the end of the fourteenth century. After it comes, as part of the same manuscript, the astronomical calendar composed for Joan Princess of Wales, mother of K. Richard II : ‘ quod sibi composuit quidam frater Minorum in Cornubia, Bodminne Gardianus, ad meridiem universitatis

Oxoniae, anno 1380.<sup>1</sup> The rest of the volume consists of a printed Roman calendar.

The locality of the calendar is at once indicated by the following entries in red :

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| 23 Apr. | Sci Georgii secundum usum ecclesie de dunster  |
| 30 Apr. | Oct. Sci Georgii sec. usum ecclesie de dunster |
| 13 Oct. | Dedicacio ecclesie Bathon.                     |

Besides the five notable entries on which we commented above (p. 152), we may observe in D some old feasts, not in M, which were coming into favour again :

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|--------|-------------------------------------|
| 3 Feb. | Wærburga [of Chester] : found in B. |
| 1 Mar. | David : inserted later in G.        |
| 7 May  | (John of Beverley)                  |

All these were being observed at Worcester, and the last two at Salisbury : the last entry is by a later hand.

Further, we note the following entries as of exceptional interest in D :

3 Mar. Nonita, mother of St David. This, which is added by a later hand, is unique, so far as I know, in English calendars. Non, or Nonna, is commemorated in Brittany, and (on 15 June) in her parish of Altarnon in Cornwall.

16 May. Karentoc. Here again we have a Cornish saint—Carantocus, who has given his name to Crantock. His presence in D is explained by the following passage in Leland relating to Carhampton, the old spelling of which was Carenton : ‘*Carentun Parocha a Mile from Dunster Castella. Carntown* is shortly spoken for *Carantokes Towne*, wher yet is a Chapel of this Sainct that sumtyme was the Paroch Chirche.’<sup>2</sup>

Finally, what at first sight appears a strange confusion of

<sup>1</sup> See MS Reg. 2 B viii, where the author's name is given as Johannes Semour.

<sup>2</sup> See *Som. Archæol. Soc. Proc.*, XXXIII, ii, 97; and p. 182 below.

entries in D admits of an interesting explanation. The entries are as follows—those in italics being in red in the MS.:

- 15 Sept. *Oct. of St Mary*: Lambert
- 16 — *Euphemia*
- 17 — Edith

The normal order is that which is found in the Muchelney Calendar:

- 15 Sept. Oct. of St Mary: Nicomedes
- 16 — Euphemia: Edith
- 17 — Lambert

The festival of St Euphemia was in Sal<sub>1</sub> (*c.* 1250), but it disappeared in favour of St Edith of Wilton. The Wells colour-list has Euphemia followed by Edith; but the later Wells calendar (W) has, like Sal<sub>2</sub>, Edith only.

Now at Dunster Euphemia is celebrated with high honour and stands alone. The reason is that Dunster is a priory dependent on Bath; and from the Bath chartulary now at Lincoln's Inn we may learn that the body of St Euphemia was given to that monastery by Bishop Reginald at the end of the twelfth century.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly at Dunster the ancient feast of St Euphemia, which was falling into neglect elsewhere, not only holds its place against the English feast of St Edith, but is celebrated with special dignity. St Edith is transferred to the following day, displacing St Lambert, who in turn is transferred to the day before.

We may now leave Muchelney and Dunster and pass to the calendar of Wells. The case of V, which has been supposed to be a calendar of Bishop Giso's time, is so unique that its consideration must be reserved till later. We begin therefore with what we have called the Wells colour-list (W<sub>c</sub>), a list of saints-days with no dates prefixed, but enumerated in order of their occurrence and followed by the colour appropriate to each. The Wells colour-list has been preserved in a document

<sup>1</sup> *Bath Chartulary*, S.R.S., vii. p. 154.

entitled *Ordinale et Statuta ecclesie cathedralis sancti Andree Wellensis*, transcribed by order of Archbishop Laud on the occasion of his metropolitical visitation in 1634. The manuscript (Lambeth 729) has been printed page for page and line for line by Reynolds (*Wells Cathedral*, pp. 1-113). Another copy, practically identical, in the Wells Chapter Library, belonged to Robert Creyghton, who at that time was treasurer, and became in turn dean and bishop.

The colour-list occupies pp. 101-103, beginning abruptly with the heading DECEMBRIS. It is probable that it should be read continuously with a more general list of rules regarding colours, which occurs on pp. 95 f., and is headed: KALENDARIVM DE COLORIBUS VESTIMENTORVM UTENDIS ET VARIANDIS PRO UT FESTA ET TEMPORA TOTIUS ANNI REQUIRUNT IN ECCLIA WELLN. This begins: ‘Dominicus primus Adventus domini.’ The close connexion between Wells and Salisbury, of which we have spoken above, makes it natural at once to compare this Wells list of saints with the Salisbury calendar in its later form (Sal<sub>2</sub>).<sup>1</sup>

The following six feasts are found at Wells, but not at Salisbury:

11 Apr. Leo. Pope Leo the Great is observed at Salisbury only on 28 June, and on that day he appears again in W<sub>c</sub>. The April feast is a Translation of relics: it is found in V and many early calendars, though not in G B g.

9 May. Transl. of Andrew. This calls for no comment in a Wells list. Sal<sub>2</sub> has Transl. of Nicholas only.

4 June. Petroc. This we shall find in W. In the colour-list the name comes immediately before Barnabas (11 June), but doubtless by a scribe’s mistake. Petroc is not in G, B, or D; but he is in g M, and as a later addition in V. The church of Timberscombe is dedicated to St Petroc, and, like St Decuman’s, it is a prebend of Wells.

26 July. Anne. The festival was formally granted to England in 1378, and it appears occasionally at Salisbury

<sup>1</sup> I have used the calendar (c. 1445) printed by Chr. Wordsworth in *Salisbury Processions and Ceremonies*.

soon afterwards. It may be a later addition in the Wells colour-list, of which we have but a seventeenth-century copy.<sup>1</sup>

30 Aug. Decuman ('Decomanus'). Of this we have spoken above: but we may add that it is not found in W.

5 Sept. Gabriel (not in W). A late hand has written this name at 24 Mar. in a calendar of St Helen's, Worcester (now at Exeter). That is now his day in the Roman Church; but in the Martyrology he stood at 18 Mar. The date 5 Sept. undoubtedly comes from Exeter. In his Introduction to the *Legenda Exon.* (p. xiii)<sup>2</sup> Canon Dalton writes: 'For special services in honour of Saint Gabriel, his patron saint, Bishop Walter Bronescombe on the 5 September, 1278, appropriated the church of St Beward in Cornwall to the Dean and Chapter. The festival was to be on the first Monday in September, as festum maius duplex, and Bishop Bronescombe's obit was to be kept on the following day. . . . His fine tomb serves as a screen between the Lady chapel and that of St Gabriel.'<sup>3</sup>

On the other hand, W<sub>c</sub> omits the following, which are found in Sal<sub>2</sub>:

5 Feb. Agatha.

28 May. Germanus (of Paris).

These may be merely the omissions of a copyist; for both are found in W. In any case it is quite plain that the Wells colour-list gives us the calendar of Salisbury with but a few modifications due to local usage. If the result is dull, it is not unimportant to the student of liturgical observance. And we shall presently see that absence from the colour-list does not necessarily show that a particular saint had no recognition at Wells.

We come now to W, the so-called 'calendarium Cecilianum.'

<sup>1</sup> The original list can hardly be assigned to the fifteenth century; for David, Chad, John of Beverley, and Winifred, whose commemoration becomes general c. 1415, are not in the list.

<sup>2</sup> *Ordinale Exon.* (H. B. Soc. 1926), vol. III.

<sup>3</sup> For further illustration of this matter, see *Som. and Dors. N. and Q.* for June 1927, 'Links between Wells and Exeter 1260-1340.'

This calendar (B.M. *Addit.* 6059) was written in 1463. We find that the connexion with Salisbury is still maintained, and that new feasts, added at Salisbury since the Wells colour-list was drawn up, make their appearance in due course here. Such are the feast of St Winifred on 3 Nov., recognised in 1415; and the two feasts of St Osmund which date from 1457.

The following entries are of interest for various reasons:

- 9 May. Translacio Scī Well' Andree
- 4 June. Scī Petroci cf' Well' ix lc.
- 16 — Scī Romani
- 1 July. Scī Osmundi epī cf' Sar'.
- 9 Aug. Scī Romani m̄ris
- 14 Oct. Festum Reliquiarum Well' & Scī Calixti Sar'.
- 23 — Dedicacio ecē Well' & Scī Romani Sar'.
- 15 Nov. Scī Machuti cf' 3 lc Well' 9 lc Sar'.
- 27 — Scī Congari cf' Well' iii lc Well'.
- 4 Dec. Depos. Scī Osmundi epī cf' Sar'.
- 30 — Scī Egwini epī cf' ix lc Well'.

The mention of 'three lessons' or 'nine lessons' indicates the grading of the feasts, and shows that Wells had its own use, which sometimes differed from that of Salisbury, just as it had its own system of colours.

In the first entry here quoted the scribe has made a mistake, and he has corrected it, without disfiguring his page, by drawing a very thin line through the word 'Well,' and placing two dots below and two above it.

The Feast of Relics on 14 Oct. takes precedence of that of St Calixtus, though Wells is one of the very few places in England where there is a chapel with this dedication. In the colour-list St Calixtus stands before the Feast of Relics.

The item of greatest interest is the entry on 23 Oct. of the Dedication of the cathedral church. The colour-list mentions the colour for St Romanus on this day, but says nothing at this point of the Dedication festival: that has been provided for in the earlier part of the list.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly we have

<sup>1</sup> Reynolds, *ut supra*, p. 96.

hitherto had no explicit evidence of the day on which it was observed. We know indeed from a charter of Bishop Jocelin that he consecrated the church on the feast of St Romanus. But two feasts of this name were observed at Wells, as also at Salisbury: one, at 9 Aug., of Romanus the soldier-martyr of Rome; and the other, at 23 Oct., of Romanus the bishop of Rouen.<sup>1</sup> Now Bishop Jocelin expressly states that the consecration took place on the feast of St Romanus in *November*.<sup>2</sup> And in fact there was on 18 Nov. a feast of Romanus the martyr of Antioch. This would seem to fix the Dedication festival on that day. But, though it was observed at Glastonbury and is found in G B and g, it was not observed at Salisbury, nor is there any evidence of its recognition at Wells. The date is now placed beyond doubt; and the solution of the problem which has hitherto confronted us must be that, because the 23rd of October was written in the calendars as '10 Kal. November,' the day was described by the bishop (or by the copyist of his charter) as 'the feast of St Romanus in November.'

Before we attack the difficult problem presented by V, we shall do well to recall the few characteristic items of Wells observance which differentiate the calendar of Wells from that of Salisbury on which we have found it to be based.

- 11 Apr. Leo the Great (translation of relics)
- 9 May. Trans. of Andrew
- 4 June. Petroc
- 30 Aug. Decuman
- 27 Nov. Congar
- 30 Dec. Egwin.

Petroc and Decuman might both be accounted for as patrons of prebendal churches. Round Congar had grown

<sup>1</sup> The third feast of St Romanus in W (16 July) I cannot explain.

<sup>2</sup> 'Quam die sancti Romani mense Novembr' anno incarnationis domini mcccxxxix in honore sancti Andreæ apostolorum mitissimi dedicavimus,' R. i. 50 b.

up the legend of a foundation of twelve canons, who ultimately were seated at Wells when, as the story went, the bishop's see was removed thither from Congresbury. Why Leo the Great should have an extra festival at Wells—an old feast dying out elsewhere—we cannot say: and why Egwin should have obtained and held to the very end a position of honour is still more puzzling. These at any rate are the few characteristic entries which we should look for in a calendar which claimed to belong to Wells.

What we are now to concern ourselves with is the usage of the church of Wells in the older period; that is to say before the year 1140, when it made an entirely new start, adopting the constitution and customs of Salisbury. Even the meagre establishment of four or five clerks which Giso found on his arrival in 1061 must have had some kind of calendar to guide them: it may well have been something like N, that calendar 'the furthermost Wessex,' which we have had occasion to notice above. And doubtless in his far-reaching scheme of reforms, which included a life in community after the fashion of the churches of Lorraine, the calendar would be an object of Bishop Giso's care. In a revised calendar of this period we might properly look for the feast of St Congar, unless it could be shown that the traditional link between Congresbury and Wells was the invention of a still later time. St Decuman we should be prepared to miss; for his church was not yet part of the endowment of the canons: and the same may be said of St Petroc and the church of Timberscombe. Nor is there anything to make us sure that St Egwin was commemorated here in the early days. As regards new elements, we should be prepared to see Giso's own hand in the introduction of a few saints whom he had been accustomed to honour in his native land.

When now we turn to V, we find St Congar duly in his place: moreover, St Leo has his feast on 11 April as well as on 28 June. St Decuman is absent: so are St Petroc and St Egwin. But both of these last (as also the Translation of St Andrew) are written in by another hand, though St Egwin is entered

at 2 Jan. instead of 30 Dec. In fact we find as much as we have a right to expect: not enough indeed to guide us to a positive judgment, but enough to encourage us to proceed on the hypothesis that V is a calendar of the church of Wells at the end of the eleventh century.

What then of the foreign element in V? Here we must remark at the outset that this calendar underwent, almost as soon as it was written, a process of enlargement which is perhaps without a parallel. Most of the additions are made by a hand practically contemporary with the manuscript itself—so much so that it often needs close observation to determine what is original and what has been added.

There are some 240 items in V as originally written; and 75 have been added (V<sup>2</sup>), mostly by the hand which is nearly contemporary with the original. Of the original items, 30 or more might be described as ‘foreign entries’; but we will concern ourselves only with 27 which are not found in G B g or N. Of the 75 added items (V<sup>2</sup>) 33 are foreign entries not found in any of the same calendars.

#### *Foreign Entries of V.*

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|---------|--|
| 29 Jan. | Valerius, b. of Treves   |
| 9 Feb.  | Ansbert, b. of Rouen: relics at Blandinium, Ghent  |
| 28 —    | Romanus, abb. of Mont Jura, Burgundy   |
| 1 Mar.  | Albinus, b. of Angers  |
| 17 —    | Gertrude: Nivelle, Belgium   |
| 31 —    | Quirinus m.: (?) of Neuss on the Rhine; comm.<br>at Cologne on 30 Mar.                     |
| 26 Apr. | Richariūs (Riquier), abb. of Centula, near Amiens  |
| 13 May  | Servatius, b. of Tongres   |
| 23 —    | Desiderius, b. of Langres  |
| 14 June | Rufus and Valerianus: for Rufinus and Valerius,<br>of Baroches, dio. Soissons <sup>1</sup> |
| 11 Aug. | Gaugericus, b. of Cambrai  |

<sup>1</sup> These are in the tenth-century calendar (no. 150) in Salisbury Library. Others of this list may be in Early English calendars likewise, and may not have been imported at this time.

- 20 Aug. Philibert : of Jumièges  
 3 Sept. Remaclus, b. of Maestricht (*alias* Tongres: later Liège)  
     Mansuetus, b. of Toul  
 1 Oct. Bavo: of Ghent  
 3 — The Two Ewalds: Northumbrian missionaries in Saxony—in Bede's Martyrology  
 4 — Marsus: Auxerre and Nevers  
 8 — Benedicta: Laon  
 10 — Gereon and Victor: of Xanten, Lower Rhine  
 12 — Gangolfus: of Varennes in Burgundy: relics at Langres  
 15 — Lupus, b. of Angers  
 21 — Eleven thousand virgins in Cologne  
 24 — Columbanus: Irish, founder of Luxeuil and Bobbio  
 26 — Amand, b. of Maestricht: founder of Blandinium  
 3 Nov. Hubert: of the Ardennes; b. of Liège  
 12 — Lebuin: Friesland and Westphalia  
 1 Dec. Eligius (Eloi), b. of Noyon and Tournai  
 14 — Nicasius, b. of Rheims.

*Foreign Entries of V<sup>2</sup>.*

- 3 Jan. Pientia: connected with Nicasius of Rouen (should be at 11 Oct.)  
 13 — Remigius, b. of Rheims  
 17 — Sulpicius, abp. of Bourges  
 19 — Launomar, abb.: Chartres and Blois  
 27 — Julian, b. of Le Mans  
 10 Feb. Austreberta, abbess of Pavilly (founded by St Omer)  
 15 — Silvinus, b. of Thérouanne (relics at St Bertin)  
 5 May Translation of Audoen: Rouen  
 11 — Maiolus, abb. of Cluny  
 18 June Autbert, b. of Avranches (founded Mont St Michel)  
 30 — Marcialis, b. of Limoges  
 1 July Karileff, abb. of St Calais, dio. Le Mans  
 8 — Kilian: Irish, and at Würzburg

- 18 July Arnulph, alleged mart. b. of Tours  
 24 — Pavatius, b. of Le Mans  
 11 Aug. Taurinus, b. of Evreux  
 12 — Quiriacus, Largio and Crescentia : mart. at Augsburg  
 16 — Arnulph, b. of Metz  
 21 — Privatus, b. of Gevaudan (dio. Mende) in Languedoc  
 25 — Genesius, m. of Arles (or of Rome—same day)  
 7 Sept. Evurtius, b. of Orleans  
 13 — Maurilius, b. of Angers  
 18 — Senerius (= Senator), b. of Avranches  
 21 — Laudus (Lô), b. of Coutances  
 23 — Paternus, b. in Brittany ; cousin of St Sampson  
 1 Oct. Piat, presb. and m. of Tournai  
 11 — Nicasius, b. of Rouen  
 — Melanius, b. of Rennes  
 14 — Donatian, b. of Rheims  
 15 — Wulfrann, b. of Sens : retired to Fontanelle (relics at Blandinium)  
 16 — Michael in Monte Tumba (Mont St Michel)  
 22 — Maellon (= Mallonius), b. of Rouen  
 8 Dec. Sirus (= Syrus), b. of Pavia

A glance at these two lists shows that the first contains hardly a single Norman name. Ansbert of Rouen and Philibert of Jumièges are there ; but relics of the one were in Ghent, and the other had a wide renown. The main impression is, as Mr Edmund Bishop observed, that we have to do with one of the bishops whom Edward the Confessor brought over from Lorraine, Hermann of Salisbury perchance, or Giso of Wells. The presence of St Congar seems to point us to Somerset ; and of Giso we know from his own words that he came from the Hasbanian district and from the town of St Trudo, which lies midway between Louvain and Liège.<sup>1</sup>

In the second list Lorraine and N. France are still well repre-

<sup>1</sup> 'Hasbaniensis incola ex vico Sancti Trudonis' (*Ecclesiastical Documents*, edited by Joseph Hunter for the Camden Society, p. 16).

sented : but there are eight Norman commemorations ; three others are from Le Mans, and generally speaking these additions of whatever date they may be have a wider range. But both lists, presenting as they do the uncommon feature of the introduction into an Anglo-Saxon calendar of a large number of foreign commemorations, may possibly be the outcome of the same mind in the periods before and after the political change which so gravely affected the English Church. And we may remember that Giso, appointed by the Confessor, survived the Conqueror.

When we have sorted out the foreign elements from V, what can we say as to the Anglo-Saxon base on which the calendar is built up ? At this point it is necessary to refer to another calendar, which, though it makes no claim to be that of a Somerset church, is ultimately derived from the ancient Glastonbury calendar of which our primary representative is G. This is the calendar of the so-called Red Book of Darley (Corp. Chr. Camb. 422), a manuscript of c. 1050. Its unique commemoration of Wulsin, the bishop of Sherborne in St Dunstan's days, was among the reasons which led Mr. Edmund Bishop to assign it to Sherborne in Dorset.<sup>1</sup> We have already mentioned it as one of the very few calendars which, like M, contain the name of Edwold the hermit of Cerne. We shall find that there is a peculiarly close relationship between this calendar (Sh) and V. But we may add at once that Sh contains none of the 'foreign entries' either of V or of V<sup>2</sup>.

Let us now consider the 19 items <sup>2</sup> of the month of January in V. Of these G shows 12 : g shows 2 others, though it has but 12 in all. N shows one other, having 10 in all. Thus 15 of the 19 are to be found in one or more of these three calendars. If we turn now to Sh, we shall find three more ; so that 18 will be accounted for. The remaining item is *Depositio Valerii*, a 'foreign entry.' We also note that Sh stands, for this month at any rate, nearer to V than any of

<sup>1</sup> *Bosw. Ps.*, p. 61.

<sup>2</sup> Exclusive of 7 great festivals or octaves.

the others : for it has 16 items in common with it, whereas no one of them has more than 12.

An examination of the rest of V leads to much the same result. Apart from its foreign entries V has throughout the whole year but 8 items which are not found in any of the four calendars (G g N Sh).<sup>1</sup> These items we shall consider presently. And there are 8 items in V which are in Sh and not in any of the others :

- |         |                       |
|---------|-----------------------|
| 9 Jan.  | Judoc                 |
| 13 —    | Hilary                |
| 25 —    | Projectus             |
| 3 Feb.  | Blaise                |
| 10 —    | Sotheris              |
| 14 —    | Felicula and Zeno     |
| 15 Mar. | Longinus <sup>2</sup> |
| 18 Apr. | Eleutherius           |

The first five are found in early calendars of Winchester or Worcester. But the entry at Feb. 14 is so far as I know unique. Its full form in Sh and in V is :

Valentinus, Vitalis, Felicula and Zeno.

Valentine is in N and, as an addition, in g ; Vitalis is in G B. But though Vitalis, Felicula and Zeno form a single martyrological group, I do not know of any other calendar in which the last two names are found. This entry by itself would lead us to suspect a close kinship between Sh and V.

The eight items referred to above as in V alone of the calendars in question are these :

- 27 Feb. Julian, m. of Alexandria, afflicted with the gout  
 10 Mar. Agape, m. at Antioch in Syria

<sup>1</sup> No account is here taken of B, as it never stands alone in attesting an item of V.

<sup>2</sup> We may say in a footnote that, while V merely gives the name Longinus, Sh adds : ' qui latus Christi perforavit ' ; and this is also in the Winchester calendar, Arundel 60. In G we find at 22 Nov. ' L. qui latus domini aperuit.' Eleutherius is in the tenth-century calendar in Salisbury Library (no. 150), for which see *Bosw. Ps.*, p. 149.

- 1 Apr. Donatus : G g have a Donatus on 1 Mar.  
 20 — Victor, m. of Nicomedia, connected with legend of  
     St George  
 22 Oct. Hermes, m. of Adrianople  
 1 Nov. Cesarius : at 3 Nov. in Sh : Rom. Mart. has one at  
     both days  
 23 — Felicitas, m. at Rome with her seven sons  
 23 Dec. Servulus : the poor man of Rome.

Cesarius and Felicitas are in early calendars of Winchester and Worcester: they tended to disappear by reason of the greater festivals of All Saints and St Clement.

We turn now to the additions of V<sup>2</sup>. Out of the 75 we have enumerated 33 as 'foreign entries.' There remain 42; and we must repeat by way of precaution that not all are by the same early hand. Of these we find 28 in G B g N or Sh. But 2 only are in Sh alone; whereas 7 are in N alone, and one of these (Euplus at 12 Aug.) is uncommon in calendars.

There are 14 left over, in which V<sup>2</sup> is not supported by any of the other calendars. Four of them only claim attention here: for they are distinctively Evesham commemorations, as we have mentioned at an earlier point:

- 1 Jan. Wistan (for 1 June)
- 2 Jan. Egwin (for 30 Dec.)
- 12 June Odulf
- 19 Aug. Credan

It has been suggested that the calendar must at some date have been taken to Evesham; but against this is the improbability that an Evesham scribe should have made the first two entries at wrong dates.

Lastly we may note the following obituary additions:

- 21 Mar. Obitus herimanni epi
- 25 — Ob. freesendis et Albereda
- 6 Nov. Ob. Wilemus mo[nachus]
- 13 Dec. Odo ob.

As to the first of these I find the following note by Mr E. Bishop : ' This I think can be only Hermann, first bishop of Salisbury. The day of his death is recorded seemingly only in the Peterborough MS. of the A.S. Chronicle, and there at 10 *Cal. Mar.*, along with the death of an abbot of Evesham in the same month.'

If light should ever be thrown on Freesendis and Albereda, we might hope to learn more of the history of this calendar. The last two entries are by a late hand. ' William the monk ' might suggest that the manuscript went with the new bishop John of Tours to Bath, if it did not go to the abbey of Evesham

To conclude : it may be that a careful discrimination of the various hands which have added to the original calendar may reveal fresh items of evidence and help to unravel the story of this puzzling document. Meanwhile we may provisionally accept the view that assigns it to Bishop Giso of Wells. We must not indeed exclude the possibility, which our observation of its affinity with the Sherborne calendar opens out, that we should look rather to Bishop Hermann whose obit has found entry in it. But the presence of St Congar makes it difficult to think that this is not a Somerset calendar.

Of the ancient calendar of Glastonbury, represented by G and in a modified form by B, we have spoken briefly at the outset. For details the student must be referred to Mr Edmund Bishop's dissertation on the *Bosworth Psalter*. But something needs to be said of g, which came to Mr Bishop's knowledge after his dissertation was written.

A comparison of g with these earlier calendars shows that it is based on a Glastonbury calendar such as is presumed to lie behind G and B : it reproduces features distinctive of each of them in turn. But it has a large number of items which are not found in either. There is, however, nothing in these items to suggest a foreign influence, whether Lotharingian or Norman : many of them are found in other Anglo-Saxon calendars, and many seem to have been taken more or less at random from the martyrologies.

Out of 93 items which are not in G or B, 35 are in N or Sh ; and of these N alone shows 5, and Sh alone 18. Thus we are still in the western part of Wessex. If now we take the Winchester calendar of the middle of the eleventh century, *Vitellius E xviii*, we find in it 30 out of the 93 items. Nearly all of these are in N or Sh as well ; but two, which are not there found, point directly to Winchester :

- 23 Oct. Ethelfleda (of Romsey)  
30 — Ordination of Swithun

But, unmistakable as are these signs of Winchester influence ing, it has not the restrained character of a Winchester calendar of the period immediately before the Conquest. It is indeed, as was suggested above, a martyrological list rather than a practical calendar of liturgical observance. In any case its relations are in the main with the further West, and the name of St Congar, added by an early hand, inclines us to claim it for Somerset.

The following items deserve special notice :

9 Jan. Adrian abbot and Brihtwold archbishop. Adrian is the learned companion of Archbishop Theodore, whom he appointed abbot of St Augustine's, and who died in 709. His name is in B. But the entry of Brihtwold is almost unique : it occurs in a late calendar of St Augustine's where he was buried<sup>1</sup>—but where besides ? and why here ? Brihtwold, who was abbot of Reculver, succeeded Theodore at Canterbury (692–731). In earlier days, however, he had been abbot of Glastonbury, and the monks did not forgive his desertion of them. But for all that, it is quite possible that his name might occur in a Glastonbury calendar.<sup>2</sup>

17 June. Nectan. One of the sainted sons of Brychan, the chief of Brecknock in Wales : chiefly commemorated at his foundation of Hartland in N. Devon. He occurs, together with Botulf, in the Exeter calendar (*Harl. 863*) of the twelfth

<sup>1</sup> *Julius D xi.* (cent. xiv–xv).

<sup>2</sup> For his story, see my *Somerset Historical Essays*, pp. 28 f.

century. An altar in Cheddar church was dedicated to him. (S.R.S. xvi, 304: *S. and D. N and Q.* iv, 86, x, 114.)

22 July. Depositio Ini regis Occidentalium. In the Muchelney calendar a later hand has entered at 20 July: 'Ob. Yni rex qui dedit Ilymy(n)ster.' His obit was kept at Wells, but on what day is not known.

17 Oct. Dedicatio ecclesie sc̄i Bartholomei apostoli. This is entered by a later hand: it ought to guide us to the church in which this calendar was used, if not to that for which it was originally written. But with our present knowledge it does no more than cast a doubt on the connexion of the calendar with Glastonbury.

There is another group of entries which ought to enlighten us as to the history of this calendar, if we knew how to interpret them. Some of them are part of the document as originally written, and may have come from the margin of the calendar on which it was based. The rest (here printed in italics) are by another, but apparently a contemporary hand: they may have been added from the same source.<sup>1</sup>

- 6 Feb. *O(biit) Warinus*
- 20 Apr. Hic obiit Æthelsige dux
- 23 May. *Hic obiit Ælfgifu filia Æthelsi*<sup>2</sup>
- 26 — (after Augustine b.) et Eadmund rex obiit *et hic obiit Ælflæd mulier Ælfgari*
- 27 June. Hic obiit Wulfsige monach(us)

The names of Warinus and Wulfsige the monk do not carry us further. But the other names all point to the tenth century, and may have been entered in a Glastonbury calendar of that date.

K. Edmund was buried at Glastonbury. His assassination at Pucklechurch on 26 May 946 had brought Edred his brother for a brief space to the throne. When he died in 955, the youthful Edwy, Edmund's elder son, was chosen 'by both

<sup>1</sup> I am indebted for the distinction of hands to Mr B. F. C. Atkinson, Keeper of Western MSS. in the Cambridge University Library.

<sup>2</sup> After the 'i' a letter has been erased.

peoples'—that is, to the joint rule of Wessex and Mercia. Two years later, Mercia revolted against Edwy's misrule and chose his younger brother Edgar to govern the country north of the Thames. Dunstan, the abbot of Glastonbury, the counsellor of Edmund and Edred, had meanwhile been banished and was sheltering in the monastery of Blandinium at Ghent. Thence he was recalled by Edgar, consecrated as bishop, and set to administer the vacant sees of Worcester and London. In 959 Edwy died, the kingdoms were reunited under Edgar, and Dunstan presently became archbishop of Canterbury.

It is in this troubled period that Duke *Æthelsige* plays a part which can only be imperfectly reconstructed from signatures attached to charters and from historical notices of doubtful value. His signature as duke is attached to charters from 950 to 958. He seems to disappear when Edgar comes to the throne of Wessex. The number of the Wessex earldoms was apparently then reduced from five to two. But the later charters of Edwy, when Mercia had been lost, show Eadmund, *Æthelsige* and *Ælfric* as *duces*, and sometimes *Ælfeah* and *Ælfssige*. Hence we conclude that the earldom of *Æthelsige* was south of the Thames. Professor Chadwick thinks that *Ælfeah*'s earldom was Hampshire and Eadmund's Devon: if so, that of *Æthelsige* must be sought elsewhere in the south, as his signature is found with theirs.<sup>1</sup>

What more can be said of this Duke *Æthelsige*?<sup>2</sup> The anonymous *Life of St Oswald*, the work as it would seem of a Ramsey monk about the year 1003, has been somewhat over-rated as a historical document; but we cannot afford to neglect such evidence as it offers to us. It gives a vivid picture of the good Duke *Æthelwine*, who under Oswald's guidance built the monastery of Ramsey in Huntingdonshire. He

<sup>1</sup> Chadwick, *Studies in Anglo-Saxon Institutions*, pp. 176–80.

<sup>2</sup> An earlier *Æthelsige* (or Ethelsie) signs as duke a charter of K. Athelstan to St Mary's Monastery, Exeter, and another to St Petroc's Monastery, c. 937. Neither charter is trustworthy; but it is interesting to find a 'Duke *Æthelsige*' in Devon charters.

was one of four sons of that Duke *Æthelstan*, who for his great influence was called the 'Half-king,' and who finally became a monk at Glastonbury and was buried there. The account of his four sons, written in this author's pedantic manner, is briefly as follows :<sup>1</sup>

(1) *Athelwoldus*, who 'held the principate of the Eastern kingdom,' married *Ælfritha*, daughter of *Ormer*, duke of the Western Angles. After his death K. Edgar married the widow and had two sons, *Edward* and *Ethelred*.

(2) *Alfwold*, so powerful that he disdained to become a duke : buried at Ramsey and 'positus mausoleo.'

(3) *Athelwinus (sic)*, so powerful that he possessed the authority of a duke and had high honour when he came into the king's presence. He also was buried at Ramsey, having, like his brother, brought much good to the monastery.

(4) *Athelwinus*, who survived them all : he was the builder of Ramsey abbey.

It is plain that there is an error in the text. The *History of Ramsey* (Rolls Series, p. 12) helps us to correct it : for here we find the four brothers named as follows :

'Primus *Æthelwoldus*, secundus *Alfwoldus*, tertius *Athelinus* (so cod. A, cent. xiv : *Æthelsius*, cod. B, end of cent. xiii), quartus *Æthelwynus*'.<sup>2</sup> It would seem then that the writer of the *History of Ramsey* must have read '*Athelsius*' or '*Athelsinus*' in his copy of the *Life of St Oswald*, instead of '*Athelwinus*' as the third of the brothers. The author of that Life, writing nearly half a century after the events, may or may not have known that his brother, who was 'so powerful that he possessed the authority of a duke,' had actually for a time held an earldom. But are we to accept the statement that he was buried at Ramsey ? The writer of the *History of Ramsey* says nothing of this. But the *Ramsey*

<sup>1</sup> *Historians of York* (Rolls Series), I, 428.

<sup>2</sup> On p. 61 a charter is said to have been witnessed by '*Æthelsius filius Æthelstani Aldermannii*' : on p. 75 another charter is 'sub testimonio *Æthelsii avunculi ipsius Aldermannii* [sc. *Ailwini*]'.

Chartulary (Rolls Series, III, 166) says that he died in 987 and was buried at Ramsey. The date seems unlikely and may apply to a younger Æthelsige :<sup>1</sup> in any case the evidence is of the fourteenth century and in a document full of confusions.

If we admit that Æthelsige, the brother of Duke Æthelwine, was buried at Ramsey in 987, it is possible that he was not the duke who indisputably attests charters from 950 to 958, and then passes out of sight. The duke may then have been the *eam*, or maternal uncle of Æthelwine, and therefore the brother of Ælfwen the foster-mother of K. Edgar.<sup>2</sup> As Edgar was born at Edgarley close to Glastonbury, she and her brother Æthelsige may have been Somerset folk ; and this would go well with his Wessex earldom.

On the other names a few notes may be made. Ælfgifu, daughter of Æthelsi(ge), bears a name which occurs among the royal kindred. An Ælfgifu, daughter of Æthelgifu, was wife of K. Edwy ;<sup>3</sup> and we read in charters of the matron Ælfgifu, kinswoman of K. Edgar.<sup>4</sup> As to 'Ælflæd mulier Ælfgari,' it is proper to remark that 'mulier' (i.e. 'concubina') was not necessarily a term of reproach in those days : cf. St Ælfgifu 'concubina regis [Edmundi].'<sup>5</sup> Persons of both these names were connected with the royal family ; an 'Elfgar amicus regis' attests a charter of Edwy in 959.<sup>6</sup> Ælflaed, sister of Æthelflaed of Dorerham, was daughter of Ælfgar, alderman of Wilts : our Ælflaed may have been her mother. All these names point to the tenth century and to Wessex, if not to Somerset in particular. The calendar into which they were first written may have belonged to Duke Æthelsige himself or to some member of his family.

We have done what we can to collect the evidence which in more skilful hands may some day serve to locate this per-

<sup>1</sup> A later Æthelsige signs as 'minister' under Edgar.

<sup>2</sup> See Birch, *Cartul. Sax.* 1128, 1130 : *Hist. Ram.*, p. 11.

<sup>3</sup> B.C.S., 972 : A.D. 956.

<sup>4</sup> B.C.S. 1176, 1189 : A.D. 966.

<sup>5</sup> B.C.S. 979.

<sup>6</sup> *Athelney Chartulary*, no. 63.

plexing calendar. At present we must be content to say that it is descended from an early Glastonbury calendar into which in the tenth century obits were written of persons bearing names of high station and connected with the royal house of Wessex. We may question whether in its present form it can claim to have been written for the abbey of Glastonbury : the frequent mistakes in spelling, the misdating of feasts, and other tokens of ignorance and carelessness make it unworthy of the traditions of a great monastery. But its interest is not easily exhausted, and we may be glad that the name of St Congar links it with our other Somerset calendars.

In conclusion be it said that this study would never have been undertaken but for the stimulus and instruction afforded by the remarkable dissertation of the late Edmund Bishop on the *Bosworth Psalter*, and the free access generously allowed me to notes and collations of his preserved in the Downside Library. I owe a great debt also to Dr Frere, the Bishop of Truro, not only for published work of his to which reference has been made, but also for collations of calendars which he has placed at my disposal. Nor must I omit to say that Mgr Holweck's recent 'Biographical Dictionary of the Saints' has been constantly in my hands and has lightened my work at every stage.

It is inevitable that I should have made mistakes, both in method and in detail, from which a wider knowledge of the whole subject would have saved me. It would have been more prudent to refrain from generalisations and conclusions, which fresh facts may at any moment discredit. But the subject is intriguing, and it is still sufficiently unexplored to challenge adventure. There is moreover a human interest in the story of these ancient calendars ; and, as I hope I may have done something to show, there are fragments of history hidden away in them, waiting to be pieced into their places, and capable of throwing a side-light now and then on periods as distant and as dark as the tenth century.

## ADDITIONAL NOTES.

## I

Since the above was in type the kindness of Mr. Meade Falkner has enabled me to examine a Missal which he acquired from the same source as the Muchelney Breviary. It formed part of the Savernake Collection and has "No. 9 Bruce" on its first page. Its interest for us is indicated by the entry in the calendar at 7 February, which links it with Shepton Beauchamp : *In dedicacione eccl'e de schepton : beuchamp'*.

This is in red letters by the first hand. It is a happy chance that has preserved this note of locality : for, though the rest of the book is in excellent condition, only six months of its calendar remain—Jan., Feb., July, Aug., Sept., Oct.

The calendar, supplemented by reference to the *Sanctorale*, with which it does not always exactly agree, represents a form of the Sarum use modified it may be for parish churches whether within or beyond the Salisbury diocese. There is nothing that suggests modification for use in the diocese of Bath and Wells. It contains indeed the Translation of St Andrew (9 May), and a *memoria* of St Euphemia after St Edith on 16 Sept. ; but these are not unknown in Salisbury books, though they were not commonly observed : the same may be said of the Translation of St Hugh on 6 Oct.

For the question of date the entry on 26 July by the original hand is of importance :

Scē anne matris beate uirgīs nō sar'

The last two words are in red, and the *nō* has been erased : the entry is also exceptional in having no grading. The festival of St Anne, as we have said above, was formally granted to England in 1378, but it was not at once adopted by Salisbury : the erasure here may be an incidental witness to this. Another indication of change is found in the fact that a service for St Anne is given at the end of the *Sanctorale*, which differs from that of the printed Sarum Missal ; whereas the printed service is written in by a later hand at the end of the 'Common of Saints.'

Accordingly we cannot safely suggest a date for the calendar or the book itself earlier than the last quarter of the fourteenth century. On the other hand, it may have been a little old-fashioned for the time of writing, in spite of this attempt to bring it up to date; for it seems to preserve elements which other Sarum Missals of the period had dropped. A few curiosities may be noted here.

After the Octave of St Andrew in the *Sanctorale* comes this rubric :

*Secd' salisb' nihil fit de concepcione scē marie tamen multi  
ali faciunt*

and the text goes on at once to St Lucy. The calendar at this point (8 Dec.) is lost.

At 19 Jan., after St Wulstan's name, is *Sar'*: so also after St Wulfran at 15 Oct. After St Cuthburga (31 Aug.), and after the Translation of St Edward the Confessor (13 Oct.), *nō* has been erased before *Sar'*; but *nō Sar'* stands after St Frideswide at 19 Oct.

There are no obits entered in the calendar; but there are two notes of local interest in the margin beneath the *Memento vivorum* in the Canon :

Orate pro bono statu prosperitate et longa vita  
Magistri Henrici Wogan armigeri necnon et  
pro bono statu Elizabeth Johanne Alenore Alexie  
Johannis et Richardi filiarum et filiorum predicti armigeri

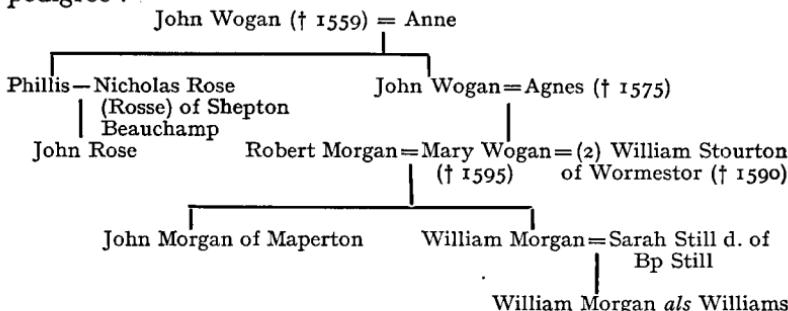
The hand is of the fifteenth or early sixteenth century, and beneath is written, probably by the same writer a little later :

Orate pro anima Amete Wogan defuncta  
parcat deus anime sue Amen Alexie Blake  
Elizabeth Jouhanne Willam etc.

By the aid of two wills to which Dom Ethelbert Horne has called my attention,<sup>1</sup> together with others which I have used in tracing the story of William Stourton of Wormestor

<sup>1</sup> *Abstract of Somerset Wills* (Rev. Frederick Brown); first series (1887), p. 45 : Agnes Wogan and John Wogan.

near Wells,<sup>1</sup> it has been possible to construct the following pedigree :



The will of Agnes Wogan († 1575) shows that among other properties she bequeathed lands at Shepton Beauchamp to John Rose, the son of Nicholas Rose of Shepton Beauchamp. As the boy was not of age she left the lands in trust to Sir George Speake, William Stourton and John Morgan of Maperton, Dorset.

We have thus two points of contact with Shepton Beauchamp ; and it is not at all improbable that the John Wogan († 1559), who heads our pedigree, may have been the John mentioned in the Missal as son of Henry Wogan.

In connexion with the later history of the book it may be noted that the name of St Thomas of Canterbury has not been erased.

## II

In examining the Communar's Accounts of Q. Elizabeth's time among the Chapter muniments, I was so fortunate as to come across a large leaf of parchment used as the cover of a paper book of accounts for 1591. It had been torn, as it would seem, from a Wells Breviary of the fifteenth century. It contains :

The Office (3 lessons) for the Translation of St Andrew (9 May).

<sup>1</sup> 'The Prebend of Wormestor,' *Downside Review*, XL, 132 f. (July, 1922).

The Office (3 lessons) for the Translation of St Thomas the Martyr: obliterated (7 July).

The Collect for St Petroc (4 June)

St Decuman  
St Felix and St Audactus : } (30 Aug.)  
*memoria*

Trans. of St Egwin: *memoria tantum*  
(10 Sept.)

St Euphemia: *sec' usum Well'* (16 Sept.)

St Thomas of Hereford (2 Oct.)

St Winifred (3 Nov.)

St Cungar: *secundum usum Well'* (27 Nov.)

St Egwin: *memoria* (30 Dec.)

Here we have all the characteristic Wells observances of which we have spoken above: they have evidently been added by way of local appendix to the form of the Salisbury Breviary then in use at Wells.<sup>1</sup> Besides these, we have the Translation of St Thomas, which must have been of general observance; St Thomas of Hereford, of whom I find no other mention at Wells; and St Winifred, who is in the 'Cecilian' calendar (W), but not in the colour-list (W<sub>c</sub>).

### III

New light has been thrown on the presence of St Carantoc in Somerset by a pamphlet by the Reverend G. H. Doble, Vicar of Wendron, which forms one of a series of 'Cornish Saints.' The Latin text of the Life (or Lives) of this Saint was printed by W. J. Rees in 1853, in his *Cambro-British Saints*; and more recently by the Reverend A. W. Wade-Evans, as an appendix to the *Church Plate of Cardiganshire* (J. T. Evans, 1914), with a number of valuable historical notes, which Mr. Doble appears not to have seen. We learn that St Carantoc crossed the Severn sea and found his altar, which he had been told to cast in before him, in the land of *Carrum*. Having

<sup>1</sup> The text of these collects may be found in *Journ. of Theol. Studies* (Jan. 1928), pp. 139 f.

been desired by King Arthur to deliver the country from a destructive serpent, he was given land to build a monastery. Afterwards he was bidden to cast in his altar again, and it came to shore *ad ostium Guellit*; i.e. at the mouth of the little river formerly called the Willit, which has given its name to Williton near St Decuman's, as well as to the village of Willet near its source. There can be no doubt that Carhampton is derived from the British *Carrum*, with the Saxon affix *-ton*. Indeed we find it spelt *Carumtune* on K. Alfred's Will. *Carrum* was the scene of the Danish victory recorded in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle at 833 : its identification with Charmouth in Dorset is now repudiated as an ungrounded guess.

Leland was wrong in his derivation of *Carenton* as *Caren-tokes Towne*; but he was right in connecting it with St Carantoc. He says that there was a chapel there dedicated to him, which formerly was the parish church. A document preserved among the Dunster muniments, relating to Carhampton and dated 1311-12, speaks of 'the king's highway which leads to the church of St Karentoc.'<sup>1</sup> To-day the parish church bears the dedication of St John the Baptist. But another Dunster document informs us that 'under an arrangement made between 1290 and 1301 the prior and monks of Dunster used to pay 20 marks a year to the mother house of Bath for the two churches of Carhampton, of which half a mark was due to the chamberlain on the feast of Carentoc.'<sup>2</sup>

'The churches of Karenton' were given, c. 1180, to form a prebend in the church of Wells; and soon afterwards with the donor's consent they passed to the prior and convent of Bath for an annual payment of 100s. to the Wells prebendary—an arrangement which was doubtless convenient to both parties. Only two prebendaries were in fact appointed; for the chapter obtained permission to absorb the annual payment in their common fund, probably for the sake of the new cathedral church which was then in building.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Maxwell Lyte, *History of Dunster*, ii, 390.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> *Cal. of Wells MSS.*, I, 24, 37, 113. A fuller account of the whole matter will be found in the *Downside Review* for 1928.



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Of the balance-sheet we can only refer to our remarks of a year ago. There is only one item which seems to call for special notice :—Sales from Stock, £29 15s. 6d. This has to be set against the heavy item in the 1926 balance-sheet, volumes purchased, £15 10s. 6d. The Secretary regards it as a part of his duties to find as far as he can complete sets for new subscribers, as well as to find purchasers for those subscribers who wish to dispose of their volumes.

The present volume of Muchelney Memoranda has been edited by Dr. Schofield of the Department of MSS., British Museum. For the opportunity of publication and for a generous contribution towards the cost we are indebted to Mr. J. Meade-Falkner, a keen collector of MSS., to whom the two volumes of the Breviary belong. The presence of the Muchelney Calendar has afforded an opportunity of dealing with the Medieval Calendars of Somerset so far as they are known. An appendix relating to them, contributed by the Dean of Wells, will be received by all our subscribers with great interest.

The choice of subjects for future volumes will depend upon the newly extended council. But we have in hand an Act Book of the Archdeacon of Taunton, 1626, the property of the Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society, to which Dr. Jenkins, the Lambeth librarian, has devoted a great deal of time and labour. With other documents of about the same age, it might well form a second volume of Collectanea. Mr. L. Landon has signified his readiness to continue his work upon Somerset Pleas. Another possibility might be found in early Almshouse documents (Bubwith's Almshouse at Wells and the Woburn Almshouse at Yeovil). We should like to see our way to giving some assistance to the Mayor and Corporation of Bridgwater in their laudable project of printing their corporation muniments.

In the meantime, it is good to know that Mr. Holworthy and Miss Shilton are continuing their care for the mass of material in the Bishop's Registry at Wells, and we hope it may not be out of the question to expect some further volume from that source in the near future.

T. F. PALMER,  
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