HUNTINGDONSHIRE CHURCH NOTES.

So little has hitherto been published respecting Huntingdonshire, that some extracts from a collection of Church Notes in that county, taken about a century ago, cannot fail to be appreciated. The MS. volume which contains them is now in the library of Mr. Nichols. The communication by any correspondent of the result of a modern survey of these or other churches will be acceptable.—EDIT.

BRAMPTON.

Dedicated to St. Mary.

Taken by Mr. John Clements, and reviewed by the Rev. Robert Smyth in 1746.

AT the upper end of the south aisle, upon a monument of white marble, having his effigy at top:

"H. S. E.
JOHANNES BERNARD, ROBERTI[a] F. BARONETTUS,
Vir ingenio, eruditione, beneficentiâ
vitæque sanctitate singularis;
a Comitatu Huntingtoniensi in Parliamentum lectus
in eo munere integerrime versatus est,
Juris legumq. consultissimus.
Ex uxore Elizabethâ Oliverii S[t]. John F.
Filium unum Filiasq. octo suscepit;
quâ defunctâ,
in secundum matrimonium duxit Gratiam
Richardi Suchburgh Equitis Aurati F.
Vixit annos XXXVIII menses VII.
Natus Novemb. M.DC.XXX. Mort. Jun. M.DC.LXXIX.
Uxor superstes marito optimè de se merito
Monumentum hoc ponendum curavit
honoris pietatisq. causâ."

Arms: Ar. a bear saliant sa. muzzled or, Bernard; impaling, Sable, a chevron between three mullets ar. Shuckburgh.

[a] The epitaph of Sir Robert Bernard, the first Baronet, and a Serjeant-at-Law, will be found, under Abington, in the first volume of Baker's Northamptonshire, p. 16, together with a pedigree of the family.—EDIT.

In the chancel, on the floor, a black marble in capitals:—

"Here lyeth the body of JASPER TRICE, Gent. who departed this life the 27th day of Octobr. Anno Dom. 1675."

Arms: Erm. on a chevron sa. a lion rampant or, on a chief gu. three mullets pierced of the third, Tryce; impaling, 1. and 4. Azure, ten billets or, on a canton of the last a raven sa. Blundell; 2. and 3, Ar. on a pale sa. a lucy's head or, Gascoyne. Also, Or, a pale between two lioncels rampant sa. Naylour.

At the foot of the altar, on a black marble, in capitals:—

"Here lyeth the body of CONSTANT SYLVESTER, Esq. who departed this life the 2d Septemr 1671."

Arms: Per pale indented ar. and gu.—otherwise, Party per chevron sa. and or, three doves counterchanged. [a]

In the middle of the chancel, upon a large plain stone:—

"Tumulus reverendi viri BENJ: BURNEBYE, Rectoris de Whitwell in comitatu Rotl. Qui obiit 24o die Maii Anno Dñi 1716. Ætatis q. suæ 53."

Arms: A lion ramp. impaling a chevron between three owls.

Against the south wall of the chancel, a monument of plain stone, with cherubs and foliage; on a diamond slate of black:—

"In memory of JOHN MILLER, Gent. who dyed Novembr 11th, [16]81. And of THOMAS MILLER his son, Barrister at Law, who dyed Nov. 12th, [16]83."

On a hatchment aside, these arms: Or, a bend engrailed az. between two cottises sa.; impaling, Ar. an eagle displayed gu.

Within the rails, upon a slab of white marble, on the north side of the altar:—

"Honorabilis EDWARDUS CAVENDISH, Gulielmi et Catherinæ Marchionis et Marchionessæ de Hartington filius natu secundus, Gulielmi Ducis Devoniensis nepos; novem tantum menses natus obiit 24o Maii 1722."

Upon a large plain freestone, on the south side of the chancel:

"Here lyeth the bodye of HUMFREY SYLVESTER, whoe departed this life on the 25th of March 1673, beinge the second sonne of Constant Sylvester Esquier."

In the windows are these arms:

Quarterly; 1 and 4, Checky or and sa. a fess ar.; 2 and 3, Ar. a cross between four barnacles sa. Bernack. [*Thus corrected by Mr. Smyth.* In a north window in the chancel: Quarterly;

[a] So differently blasoned in two places of the MS.

1 and 4, Checky or and *gu.* a fess ar.: 2 and 3, Ar. a cross *gu.* between four *water-bougets* sa. [a]]

Azure, three ducal crowns or.

Quarterly: 1 and 4, Ar. a fess az. [gu.] in chief three torteauxes; [*no* 2 *or* 3 *mentioned;*] impaling, 1 and 4, Ar. a maunche gu.; 2 and 3, three bars, each charged with as many martlets. [Devereux impaling Hastings and Valence.]

On a hatchment by the monument, these: Quarterly, 1 and 6. Bernard; 2. Gu. three fishes naiant in pale proper within a bordure engr. ar. Lilling; 3. Az. within a bordure bezanty gules a canton ar. [Daundelinge]; 4. Or, fretty of six, sable [Champayne]; 5. Or, five fusils in fess gu. [Pinkeney.]

In the south aisle another achievement of Bernard, consisting of the six former coats, and impaling as follows: Quarterly, 1. Ar. on a chief gu. two mullets or, St. John [b]; 2. Ar. a fess between six cinquefoils gu. Umphraville; 3. Az. a bend ar. cottised or between six martlets of the last, Delabere; 4. Erm. a fess compony or and az. [Turberville [c]]; 5. Ar. three chevronels gu. [Gestyn ap Gwent]; 6. Erm. on a fess az. three crosses patée or, Paveley.

A third, Bernard, impaling, Ar. a cinquefoil gu. on a chief of the second a demi-lion rampant issuant of the field, armed and langued az. Weldon. [d]

A fourth, Or, three birds sable; impaling, Bernard.

CATWORTH MAGNA.

Dedicated to St. Leonard.

Taken by the Rev. Robert Smyth in 1746.

Against the south wall, on the right hand of the entrance, a free-stone, on an oval in the middle this:

" Near this place was interred Dr. JOHN LAWTON, and Mrs.

[a] This coat appears to be really Louvaine quartering Bourchier, of which the right blazon would be, Gules, a fess ar. between ten billets or, Louvaine; quartering Ar. a cross engrailed gu. between four water-bougets aa. Bourchier.— EDIT.

[b] See the marriage with St. John mentioned in the epitaph, p. 113.

[c] This should be Chequy or and azure, a fess erm.—EDIT.

[d] Sir Robert Bernard the third Baronet, M.P. for co. Huntingdon 1688, married Anne, daughter of Robert Weldon, Esq. of London. She was afterwards the second wife of Thomas first Lord Trevor.—EDIT.

Rose Driden his second wife. He was a pious man, and learned both in Divinity and in Phisick, and diligently improved both studyes to the glory of God, and the good of his neighbourhood. She was daughter to Erasmus Driden, son of Sr Erasmus Driden, of Canons' Ashby in Northamptonshire, and Mrs. Mary Pickering his wife, by whom he had 14 children; the eldest was John Dryden, Esqr. the Laureat of his time, who married the Lady Elizabeth Howard, daughter to Thomas Earl of Berkshire. By whom he had 3 sons, Charles, John, and Erasmus, who all died fine young gentlmn. The 2d brother to Mrs. Lawton is the present Sr Erasmus Dryden, of Canons' Ashby, by lineal descent an antient Baronet. She was very beautifull and pleasant in her youth; always good and charitable allmost beyond her power, in which she followed the rare example of her excellent mother. Mrs. Lawton lived in this town near 40 years, and died lamented Decem. 26, 1710, in the 77th year of her age. Having first buryed her only child, Erasmus Lawton, on whom her Brother wrote these lines:

" Stay, stranger, stay, and drop one tear;
She allways weeps that laid him here;
And will do till her race is run,
His father's fifth, her only son.

" This was placed here by a relation of hers, whose friendship reaches beyond the grave."

Hereon Dryden's arms.

Within the altar, against the south wall, a square of blue stone:—

" In nomine Jesu.
Pœnitens et Fidelis
Resurrectionem expectans
beatificam
Elizabetha uxor Thomæ Brudenell

filii natu maximi Thomæ Brudenell de Stonton Brudenell in comit. Leicest. armigeri; Filia item et sola relicta Nathanielis Humphrey, nuper de Barton Segrave in com. Northam. armigeri, sub hoc terræ gremio jacet sepulta. Obiit ultimo mensis Augusti die itidem Sabbatis in Anº. ætatis suæ 36º annoq. Christi 1656."

Arms: Ar. a chevron gu. between three morions az. a crescent for difference, Brudenell; impaling, Quarterly: 1. A cross

botonée or patonce [charged with five escallops] Humphrey; 2. A bend between four leopard's heads; 3. a lyon passant between three annulets or roundles; 4. two bendlets engrailed.

Upon a stone in the floor, near the south wall, at the foot of the rails:—

"M. S.
ELIZABETH BRUDENELL.
Morior ut videam."

Against the wall, on the north side of church-yard, at the back of the chancel, a small piece of marble, thus inscribed:—

"ANNE, daughter of S[r] VILLIERS CHERNOCK, Bart. and wife of W[m] BUNBURY, Cl[k]. 1737. Watch and pray also, for ye know not when the time is."

CHESTERTON.

Dedicated to St. Michael.

At the upper end of the south aisle, within an iron palisade, is a very handsome monument of white marble, veined, with two urns at top, and, on a sheet in the middle, between two fluted pillars, adorned on the sides with foliage, &c. this:—

"M. S.
JOHANNIS DRIDEN, Arm.

F. natu secundi Johannis Driden de Canons-Ashby in agro Northampton, Bart[i]. ex Honora F. et Cohærede e tribus una Robert Bevile, [a] Bart[i]. unde sortem maternam in hac vicinia de Chesterton et Haddon ademptus, prædia dein latè per comitatum Huntingdon. adjecit; nec sui profusus, nec alieni appetens; a litibus ipse abhorrens, et qui aliorum lites æquissimo sæpe arbitrio diremit. Vivus adeo amicitiam minime fucatam coluit, et publicam patriæ salutem asseruit strenuè, ut illa vicissim eum summis quibus potuit honoribus cumulârit, lubens sepiusq. senatorem voluerit. Vel moriens, (honorum atque beneficiorum non immemor, maxime vero religiosæ charitatis

[a] "Fil. fuit Rob[ti] et sor. et cohær. Rob. utriusque Mil. Baln. hon. Bar[ti]. Mend. sculpt." (It would seem that this note was engraved on the monument itself. —EDIT.)

intuitu,) largam sui census partem, ad valorem xvi millium plus minus librarum, vel in locis ubi res et commercium vel inter familiares quibus necessitudine cum eo vivo intercesseret, erogavit.

" Marmor hoc nepos et hæres viri multum desiderati Robertus Pigott arm̃ P.

" Obiit cœlebs III non. Jan. anno Dom. M.DCC.VII. Æt. LXXII."

Hereon are the arms of Dryden, Az. a lion rampant or, armed and langued gu. and in chief a sphære between two estoiles of six points of the second.

In the north aisle, about the edges of a tombstone, under an arch in the wall, is this memorial for the rebuilder of the Church, who died 1483, in Saxon letters [black-letter] :—

" Orate ꝑ aĩa Willmi Beville g̃nosi qui obiit anno regꝭ Richardi tertii 1°. Cujus anime ꝓpicieꝰ deus."

At the east end of the north aisle is an old monument of freestone, erected for one of the Beviles, having thereon, Gules, a chevron or between three bezants; but no inscription. It is divided into two parts, or arches, between two pillars; under the former of which are the effigies of two persons, man and wife, she kneeling behind him at a desk, their hands conjoined upon their breasts. Under them the figures of three sons and seven daughters, all kneeling upon cushions. Under the other arch the effigies likewise of two other persons, baron and femme, the wife of each kneeling behind him, all on cushions, with their hands joined in a posture of prayer; the men both in armour. On the frieze below, on the one side the figures of two sons and six daughters; and on the right hand of three sons and five daughters, all likewise kneeling on cushions behind each other. Arms at top without colours, Bevile; on a shield placed on the right, these, Quarterly: 1 and 4, Arg. on a chevron sa. between three mullets gu. a crescent, Dency; 2 and 3, Az. three garbs, two, one, or, Beaumes; impaling, a chevron between three crabs or scorpions? sa. Cole. On the left are the same arms, impaling, Arg. a cross ragulé gu. on a chief of the last a lion passant guardant or, Laurence of St. Ives.

Upon an oval piece of white marble, against the south wall in that aisle.

" M. S.
RICARDI EDWARDS,
Qui (si quis alius) antiquis fuit moribus,
animo verè liberali et ingenuo,
fidelis, prudens, justus,
in uxorem comis,
in consanguineos mitis et benignus;
rem sedulo curavit,
honestè auxit:
scivit quò valuit nummus
et QVI dedit:
Vivens, rectè usus est; moriens, rectè disposuit.
v. libras ultimo testamento legavit
in pauperes hujus parœciæ erogandas;
cx. libras distribuendas viduis quibusdam
pauperibus de Brosley in com. Salop:
et (quod maximum est benevolentiæ testimonium)
ut juniorum mentes bonis moribus imbuerentur
Scholam apud Niend-Savage in com. prædict.
cccc librarum impensis fundavit,
in qua xx pueri instituendi sunt;
illos vero, quorum parentibus res est satis ampla,
prudenter non admittendos jussit.
Vitam bene actam
morte verè Christianâ claudens,
obdormivit
vi Julii anno Dom. M.D.CC.XXX. Ætat. LXIII.
In piam patrui memoriam
RICARDVS et IOHANNES EDWARDS
fratres
hoc marmor posuêre."