DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE FAMILY OF HALES, OF COVENTRY, AND THE FOUNDATION OF THE FREE SCHOOL.

JOHN HALES, descended of a younger branch of the family of Hales of Woodchurch in Kent, [a] is a name deserving of the commemoration of posterity, as the Founder of the Grammar School of Coventry. He was himself a learned man, and an author, and some account of him and his works will be found in the Athenæ Oxonienses of Anthony Wood. He was Clerk of the Hanaper to Henry VIII.; and "having," as Dugdale says, "accumulated a great estate in monastery and chantry lands," he established a Free School in the church of the White Friars of Coventry. He died in 1572, and was buried in the church of St. Peter le Poor, in Broad Street, London. [b]

The estates of John Hales, Esq. descended principally to his nephew John, son of his elder brother Christopher, [c] by Mary, daughter of Thomas Lucy, Esq. of Charlecote, Warwickshire.

This John built a mansion at Keresley, near Coventry, where he resided. In 1586, he married Frideswede, daughter of William Faunt, of Foston, in Leicestershire, Esq. and widow of Robert Cotton, Esq. She was buried in a vault on the north

[a] There were three Baronetcies in this family, all of which have become extinct within the present generation: Hales of Woodchurch in Kent, created 1611, extinct with the sixth Baronet in 1829; Hales of Beaksbourne in Kent, created in 1660, extinct with the fifth Baronet in 1824; and Hales of Coventry, also created in 1660, extinct with the eighth Baronet in or shortly before 1812. See Courthope's Extinct Baronetage, 1835, pp. 92, 93: Burke's Extinct Baronetages, 1841, pp. 232, 235, 236: and fuller accounts in Wotton's English Baronetage, 1741, vol. I. p. 219, vol. III. pp. 96, 162. The article upon the Coventry branch is not enlarged or corrected in its earlier descents in the Baronetages of Kimber or Betham.

[b] See his epitaph in Stowe's London. His father, Thomas, had been an alderman of Canterbury.

[c] Mildred Hales, called in her husband's epitaph "of an antient family, in Kent," and in the pedigree, "daughter of ——— Hales of Coventry," was the wife of Thomas Docwra, of Puttridge Bury, co. Hertford, Esq. She died 18th Oct. 1596, aged above 70 years, and was probably therefore a daughter of Christopher. Clutterbuck's Herts, iii. 83, 89.

side of St. Michael's church, Coventry, where a monument still remains to her memory. About 1600, he married a second wife, Avis; who in 1634 was living at the Whitefriars, a widow. His will is dated Aug. 30, 1607; a copy of which is here appended, transcribed from the original: and it appears that he died in 1609. He had four children, John, Mary, Jane, and Bethany.

[d] John succeeded his father in 1609. In 1613, he married Dorothy Croker, daughter of John Croker, Esq. of Battyford, Gloucestershire. On her decease, in 1623, he married Christian, daughter of John Fulwood, of Ford-hall, in Wotton-Wawen, co. Warwick, Esq.[e]

Christopher, his son, in 1645, married Jane Purefoy, daughter of George Purefoy, Esq. of Wadley, Berkshire; and it is probable died in 1658, leaving John his son and heir.

John succeeded his father; and by an inventory taken by his mother Jane, in 1658, the annual value of his property in and near Coventry was 148*l.* 4*s.* Some of the principal items are annexed to this article. He was created a Baronet, Aug. 28, 1660, by Charles II. when the fees paid were 113*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*[f]

In 1668 he married Ann Johnson, daughter of Alderman Johnson, of London. He died in 1677; Ann, his widow, was living in 1684, but died before 1713. They had five children, Christopher, Edward, Robert, George, and Ann.

[d] This generation is omitted in the Baronetages.

[e] Dugdale's Warwickshire, 1656, p. 606,

[f] As the terms of receipt from the Exchequer for the sum paid for a Baronetcy are not of frequent occurrence, the following is transcribed from the original acquittance:

"In Magno Rotulo de Anno Decimo-octavo Domini Regis nunc Caroli Secundi, in Civitate Coventre.

"Civitas Coventre.—Johannes Hales de civitate Coventre predicta Barronettus, de M^l. iiij^xx. xv*li.* pro tantis denariis per ipsum Domino Regi nunc Carolo Secundo generoso et liberali animo datis et concessis versus expensas servandi, manutenendi, et supportandi xxx^tl homines in Cohortibus suis pedestribus in Regno suo Hibernie, per spatium trium annorum pro defensione ejusdem Regni, et precipue pro securitate Plantationis Ultonie in dicto Regno Hibernie, sicut continetur in quibusdam literis dicti Domini Regis nunc Caroli Secundi patentibus sub magno sigillo suo Anglie confectis, gerent' datum xxviij^o die Augusti, anno regni xij^o, eidem Johanni Hales Barronetto concessis, in originali Rotulo in Thesauro, liberavit xv^o die Februarii, anno Regis nunc Caroli Secundi xx^mo pro eodem Johanne Hales Barronetto, secundum tenorem literarum Domini Regis patentium sub magno sigillo Anglie. Dat. xxviij die Augusti, M^o clx^mq. Quietus est."

Sir Christopher, the second Baronet, represented Coventry in Parliament in the years 1696, 1698, 1701, 1702, 1710, and 1713. He died unmarried Jan. 19, 1717.[s] He was succeeded by his brother

Sir Edward, who disposed of the whole of the property at Coventry to pay his brother Christopher's debts, and afterwards resided at Lincoln, where he died Sept. 7, 1720.

The following are Extracts from various Deeds and Evidences belonging to this Family: to which are also added, and arranged chronologically, other extracts from the Abstract of the Title of Sir John Hill, Bart. and Rowland Hill, Esq. to an Estate at Whitmore Park, near the City of Coventry.

1537. 29th Nov. 29 Hen. VIII. Wm. Wall, Master of St. John's Hospital, Coventry, and the Brothers and Sisters, granted to Stephen Hales by indenture, (which had been let unto Julian Nethermyll, late Alderman and draper of Coventry,) the place called Smercoite, at Bedworth, Warwickshire, with the lands, from the feast of St. Andrew next, for the term of 41 years, paying yearly 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* "This indenture now witnesseth, (32 Henry VIII.) that, whereas the woods which were reserved to the Hospital are in part very old and now felled, it be now lawful for Stephen Hales, to grub and root up trees, &c. except in Colewood, in Smercoite, containing seven acres."

1540. June 6. Richard Morisyn, gent. sold to John Hales, for 500*l.* the mansions, towers, houses, stables and gardens, and site, lately belonging to the Prior of the new Hospital of St. Mary without Bishop Gate, London, lately dissolved.

1544. 27th Aug. Henry VIII. granted to Sir Ralph Sadler, the White Friars, &c. with stone, lead, &c. for the sum of 83*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*; and also the church of Suldern, Oxfordshire, belonging to Eynesham monastery, Oxfordshire. These Sadler sold to John Hales, Dec. 16, 1544, for the same sum.

1547. 3rd June, 1 Edw. VI. By a grant of the King reciting, *inter alia*, that the late King Henry VIII. by an indenture under the seal of the Court of Augmentations of the Revenues

[s] Courthope. Jan. 7, 1716-17, Wotton.

of the Crown made between the King of the one part, and Michael Cameswell, gent. of the other part, bearing date at Westminster, 10th Oct. 31 Henry VIII. (1539), did, by the advice of his Counsel, grant and to farm let to the aforesaid Michael, from Michaelmas last, for 21 years, paying annually to the King 15*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* all that Grange, called Whitmore Grange, with the houses, edifices, lands, and soil to the same belonging, lying within its precincts; and also 181 acres of land belonging to the Grange; and 4 acres of meadow in the park, called Whitmore Park; all of which lately belonged to the monastery of the Blessed Mary in Coventry.

King Edward VI. granted to Sir Ralph Sadler, *inter alia*, the reversion of all the said premises and the rents, &c. reserved out of the same (for certain considerations) to hold to the said Sir R. Sadler and his heirs for ever, *in capite*, by the service of the twentieth part of a knight's fee, rendering for the said Whitmore Grange 24*s.* per annum.

1548. 2d July, 1 Edward VI. Indenture of bargain and sale enrolled in Chancery, between Sir Ralph Sadler, Knt. and John Hales, gent. of Coventry. By which it appeared that Sir R. Sadler, having received 250*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* from John Hales, sold him Whitmore Park and Grange, lands, commons, &c. paying to the King yearly 24*s.* 10*d.*

1550. Jan. 4. John Hales, of Coventry, sold to his brother Stephen, Stoneley Grange, Warwickshire, for 500*l.*

1554. 2nd Philip and Mary. An inquisition of Hales's lands was now taken.

1558. Feb. 2. 1 Elizabeth. Thomas Docwra, of Temple Dynesley, Hertfordshire, sold to John Hales, sen. of London, Esq. the manor of Winhall, Warwickshire.

1565. Sept. 18. John Hales, of London, gives to Ralph Sadler, Bart., Thomas Docwra, and Wm. Fleetwoode, Esqrs. Stephen Hales, and Thomas Cotton, gent. the sites of the Monastery and St. John's Hospital, with the lands and tenements belonging to both. Also Whitmore Grange and the park, with lands, &c.; also other lands in Foleshill, Astley, Bedworth, Keresley and Baginton, and the Rectory. &c. of Offchurch, in trust, as his attornies, &c.

1568. Sept. 6. Deed of John Hales, sen. of London, gent.

"Know that I the said John have given and confirmed to Thomas Lucye, Knt. Thomas Docwra, Esq. Wm. Fletewod, Esq. Stephen Hales, gent. and Thomas Cotton, gent. my capital messuage, &c. called Hales House, in Coventry, with the lands in the said city, lately belonging to the Brother Carmelites: and the site of the lately dissolved monastery in the said city, &c. and the site of the Hospital of St. John Baptist, in the said city, &c.; and all the messuages, lands, reversions, liberties, franchises, &c. existing in the city or suburbs, which lately belonged to the monastery and hospital; and also the late monastery of Kenilworth, &c. to have and to hold the said messuage, &c. for the purposes specified in the indenture, dated this 2nd of August, between me the said John on one part, and Roger Amyer, o London, Esq. and Robert Clarke, draper, of London, on the other part, to hold, &c.: and I constitute Wm. Sewell, yeoman, and Richard Rogers of Coventry, yeoman, my attornies."

1572. 5th March. An indenture tripartite states that John Hales's executors, Thomas Docwra and Bartholomew Hales, sold to the Mayor, &c. of Coventry, the site of the house and church of St. John's Hospital, in Coventry, and all the lands, houses, &c. in the precinct and in the city, belonging to the Hospital. Also, all the houses, lands, gardens, &c. in Coventry, which belonged to the monastery in Coventry; and all houses and lands in Coventry, lately belonging to the monastery of Kenilworth. Also the White Friars, Bastill, and Hill mills (the Bear Inn, in Coventry, being reserved to the executors). Also St. John's Hospital, value 40*l.* per annum, and more. These John Hales gave in trust, that the executors should assign the hospital and premises to the Mayor, &c. for ever, to the maintaining of one perpetual FREE SCHOOL, within the city, and to no other purpose; and which school was begun to be erected in the lifetime of John Hales, within the precinct of the said hospital. It was then agreed by the executors and the Mayor, &c. that the latter would employ all the rents, &c. according to John Hales's intention, viz. to a discreet and learned schoolmaster from time to time to be provided and appointed by the Mayor, &c. to teach grammar in the said school, 20*l.* per annum, to be paid by even portions at Michaelmas and Lady Day, together with the house in which the late master of the hospital dwelt, and the yard and close adjoining, without payment of rent;

also to a learned usher to be appointed by the Mayor, &c. to teach the scholars within the school, 10*l.* per annum, to be paid at the same Feasts, and a house on the site to live in without payment of rent, &c. To a Music Master 52*s.* per ann. &c. (See further on this subject in the Collectanea Topogr. et Geneal. vol. II. p. 159.)

1579. 22d December. Indenture between Bartholomew Hales of Snitterfield, Warwickshire, Esq. and John Hales, of Grayes, Middlesex, gent. witnesseth, that whereas John Hales, Esq. late deceased, was seised in his demesne as of fee of the manor of Winhall, near Coventry; of Whitmore Grange, together with the parks of Whitmore, and a close called Twenty Land, and a meadow called Three Hedge, near Coventry; and did, by his deed, dated Dec. 18, 15th of Elizabeth, demise unto Bartholomew Hales and Thomas Dockray the manor of Winhall, with lands, &c. Whitmore Parks and Grange, and Twenty Land and Three Hedge, for certain years, as expressed in the will. Bartholomew then gives his right of the years to come, to John Hales, on consideration that John relinquishes all actions, &c. heretofore had against Bartholomew.

1586. 18th Sept. Indenture between Anthonye Fawnte of Foston, Esq. George Purefoy, of Drayton, Esq. and Humfrey Purefoy, of Barwell, all of Leicestershire, Esq. of one party, and John Hales, of Coventry, Esq. on the other party, witnesseth, that John Hales is possessed of Hales House, Keresley, with lands valued at 20*l.* per annum, and also other lands of the total value of nine-score pounds per annum; that John Hales, in consideration of a marriage to be solemnized between him and Frideswed Cotton, widow of Robert Cotton, gent. and sister of Anthony Fawnte, in consideration of a reasonable sum of money, and of an annuity of 50*l.* which she has during her life, he agrees to assign to her for life, the abovementioned messuage and land.

1592. March 20. John Hales lived at Keresley: Robert More lived at the White Friars, gent. and had a lease of it from this John Hales.

1604. 25th March, John Hales, of Keresley, let the White Friars on a lease to Michael Smith, mercer, of Coventry, for 7 years, at 22*l.* 12*s.* per annum. It had been previously occupied by Robert Brincknell, gent.

1607. John Hales died on January 1, his son John being under age. A valuation of the manor, &c. was now made in consequence of Hales's death; among other items, appear "A capital messuage, called New House, alias Hales House, and orchard, with adjoining curtilages, and lands, purchased by John Hales of Richard Over, in Keresley and Radford," &c. &c. Total rental 41*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*

1613. 9th May, 11 James I. Indenture between John Hales, of Keresley, Esq. and John Croker, Esq. of Battyford, Gloucestershire. John Hales to marry Dorothy, eldest daughter of John Croker, to receive 1000*l.* as a marriage portion. Hales possessed the manor of Whitmore, with the appurtenances; 6 messuages, 8 barns, 4 gardens, 8 orchards, 400 acres of land, 60 acres of meadow, 300 acres of pasture, and 40 acres waste, with the appurtenances, in Whitmore, and the parishes of St. Michael and Trinity, within the city of Coventry.

1613. 17th May, 11 James I. Indenture between Sir Walter Cope, Knt. Master of the King's Court of Wards and Liveries, and Sir Roger Wilbraham, Knt. Surveyor of the same Liveries, on behalf of the King; and John Hales, Esq. son and next heir of John Hales, Esq. deceased; the King grants a special livery of and in all the lordships, &c. to John Hales, which property descended to him from his father John Hales, as son and heir.

1620. Charles Hales, of Newland, near Coventry, sold Harnall Grange to Simon Norton.

1623. 2d May, 20 James I. Indenture between said John Hales, of Keresley, and Sir Edmund Hampden, Knt. and W. Purefoy, Esq.; John Hales to marry Christian Fullwood, daughter of John Fullwood, Esq. and to receive 700*l.* portion. (They lived at the White Friars.)

1624. 6th July, 22d James I. Sir Richard Barnabie, Knt. of Coventry, purchased by deed of John Hales, of Keresley, Esq. for 1138*l.* New House, or Hales' Place, and the lands there.

1634. Feb. 9. Wm. Woodley, son of W. Woodley, tailor, late of Tanworth, Warwickshire, bound apprentice to John Hales, Esq. of the White Friars, for seven years, to learn the art and trade of a cook.

1645. 20 Charles I. Oct. 10, 11. Indentures of lease and

release, between John Hales of the White Friars, in Coventry, and Christian his wife, and Christopher Hales, gent. son and heir apparent of the said John Hales, of the first part; and George Purefoy, Esq. and Jane Purefoy, one of the daughters of said George Purefoy, of the second part; and Sir John Francklyn, Knt. and Sir Richard Skeffington, Knt. Thomas Fettiplace, Esq. and John Barnard, Esq. of third part. Christopher Hales, the son, to marry Jane Purefoy, and to receive with her a portion of 2000*l.*

1668. 20th January. Indenture between Jane Hales of the White Friars, widow, and Sir John Hales, of the same place, Bart. eldest son of the said Jane Hales, of the first part; Knightley Purefoy, Esq. and Wm. Daynes, gent. of the second part; and George Lulls, gent. of the third part; respecting discharge of entails that Sir John Hales should be seised of the whole property, &c.

1668. March 19, 20. Sir John Hales, Bart. to marry Anne Johnson, daughter of Robert Johnson, Esq. deceased; her portion was 7000*l.* This Anne was a widow in 1684.

1696. Sept. 24. Indenture between Anthony Sambach, Sir Christopher Hales, of the White Friars, in the city and county of Coventry, Bart. (eldest son and heir of the said Sir John Hales, deceased, by Dame Anne his wife), Edward Hales, gent. one of the executors of John Hales deceased, Robert Hales, merchant, George Hales, gent. and Anne Hales, spinster, surviving younger children of the said John Hales by the said Dame Anne, and the same Dame Anne Hales, of the one part; and the Right Hon. Francis Lord Guildford, Brook Bridges, and John Larryon, gent. of the other part. Sir Christopher borrowed 4000*l.* from Lord Guildford, to pay his brothers' and sisters' fortunes agreeably to indenture made in 1668.

1713. May 27. Indenture of bargain enrolled between Sir Christopher Hales, Bart. of city and county of Coventry, (eldest son and heir of Sir John Hales, Bart. deceased, by Dame Anne his wife, also deceased,) of first part; and Francis Heatley, gent. of second part; and W. Williams, gent. of third part.

1715. July 8. Sir Christopher Hales, in consideration of 3500*l.* granted, released, and confirmed, unto Benjamin Wodnoth and his heirs, estates at Willenhall, in the county of Warwick.

WILL OF JOHN HALES, OF COVENTRY, ESQ. 1607.

In the name of God, on the thirtithe day of August, Anno Dñi 1607, in the yeres of the raigne of our Soveraigne Lord James, by the grace of God Kinge of England, Scotland, Fraunce, and Ireland, Defender of the Faythe, &c. viz. of England, Fraunce, and Ireland, the Fifth, and of Scotland the One and Fortithe, John Hales of the Newhouse, als Haleshouse, in Carseley, in the county of the cyty of Coventry, esquier, being infirme in body, but of good and perfect memory, thanks be given to God therefore, waieinge and considering with myselfe the mortallyty of all flesh, and of the uncerteyne tyme of the dissolution thereof, and much desireing to sett my house and famyly in some good order, for the better and quieter agreement of my wife and children, as also for the better discharge and satisfieng of my lawfull and just debtes after yt shall please the Almighty to call me out of this wreched world, have made and constituted this my last will and testament in manner and forme followeing, hereby renownceing and revoakeing all my former wills whatsoever: Firste, I humbly bequeathe and render up my soule into the hands of God that gave yt, trusteinge that the same, with this my nowe weake body, at the greate and generall day of judgement shalbe made partaker of that glorious and heavenly kingdome which, by the death and passion of my blessed Redeemer and Saviour Jesus Christe, he hathe prepared for me. And secondly, as for my body, my will ys the same to be buried in the church-yard of the parishe churche of St. Michaell th'archangell, in Coventry, on the northe side of the same church, neere the tombe and monument of my late deere wife Friswith, and here to be intombed at the charge of my executors, not in costly or sumptuous manner, but decently and according to my degree and callinge. And thirdly, as for the disposall of my lands and tenements, my will ys, that firste, in regard that by the lawes and statuts of this Realme that the third parte of all my lands and tenements ought at least to discend unto my heire, that the King's Ma^tie and other Lords may not be deceaved or defrauded of those duties to them belongeinge, I the sayd John Hales doe leave and freely and cleerly suffer to discend to John Hales the younger, my lovinge sonne and heire, all that my house at Whitmore Graunge, with the grounds here-

after named, viz. the ground aboute the sayd house, one close or pasture there called the Moores, one other close or pasture called Walden's feyld, one other close called the Stripe, one other close called Locker Lane feyld, one other close called Bennetts feyld, one other close called Middle Broome feyld, one other close called Gibbans feyld, one other close called Joiner's feyld, one other close or pasture called Scott's feyld, situate, lyenge, and beinge in the sayd county of the cyty of Coventry; together with my land and tenements in Cownden, in the county of Warwick, which said house, closes, or pastures and land in Cownden, are the full and juste third parte of all my lands and tenements. Also my will ys, and hereby I doe devise and bequeathe unto my lovinge daughters, Mary, Jane, and Bethany, for there better advancement and bringing up, all my parke of Whitmore and the meadowes, grounds, and pastures conteyned within the same, or knowne or commonly taken as parte or parcell of the same parke, beinge all my lands and tenements here not devised or otherwise disposed by conveyance or acte executed by me in my lyfe tyme, to have and to hold the said parke, meadowes, ground, and pastures unto the sayd Mary, Jane, and Bethany, and to there executors, administrators, and assigns, for and duringe the space of five yeres from my deathe and decease fully to be compleat and ended, yeldinge and payeing therefore to my heires and assignes at the feast of St. Michaell th'archangell, yerely, one pepper-corne, yf yt be lawfully demaunded. And I give to my welbeloved wife all her owne apparrell and juells, coache and coache mares, and the third parte of the houshold stuffe and furniture of my house wherein I nowe dwell and inhabite, excepting my silver basen and yewre. And I doe hartely desire my said wife, that in regard I have assured the house wherein I dwell unto her for parte of her jointure, and thereby disapoynted my sayd sonne and heire of a convenient house for him when yt shall please God he shall advance himself with a convenient marriage, therefore, and for that I have delt lyberally with my sayd wife, bothe in her jointure and in this my legacie, as farr forthe as my poore estate will give me leave, I earnestly desire my sayd wife, that yf yt chaunce my sayd sonne shall marry, that then shee willbe content to deliver up her estate in the said house, he alloweing her for the same some resonable consideration in money or

grounds. And fyftly, I doe hereby ordeyne and constitute my sayd daughters, Mary, Jane and Bethany, my full and lawfull executors of this my last will and testament. And further I doe make my welbeloved cosins George Purefey, of Drayton, and Thomas Purefey, of Barwell, in the county of Leicester, esquiers, overseers of this my last will, desireing them, as they would expect the like courtesie when my present case shall become there owne, to have a care of the performance and execution thereof, and to take paynes therein, my sayd executors fully satisfienge them for there travell and defrayeng there lawfull expenses and charges in or about the same. And in consideration thereof, I will and bequeathe to eache of my sayd overseers, one horse or mare at there choice. Item, I will and bequeath unto my deere and most lovinge sonne John Hales my silver basen and yewre, trusteinge and nothing doubtinge but that he will be forward and willinge in the performance of this my will, as also make good, inasmuche as in him lyethe, one lease made to his sisters for there advancement and raiseinge of there portions accordinge to the contents of the same, which lease beareth date the thirtith day of August, Anno Dñi One thowsand sixe hunderd and seven, in the yeres of the raigne of our most gracious Soveraigne Lord James, by the grace of God, Kinge of England, Scotland, Fraunce, and Ireland, Defender of the Faythe, &c. viz. of England, Fraunce, and Ireland the fyfte, and of Scotland the one and fortithe. Lastly, my will ys, that yf within three monthes after my sayd sonne and heire John Hales the younger shall accomplishe his full age of one and twenty yeres, he with two sufficient suertyes doe tender and offer to become bound unto my sayd executors in the some of one thowsand pounds of lawfull money of England, with condition thereon endorsed for the juste and full performance and execution of this my laste will and testament in all and every parte thereof, that then my sayd executors shall surrender and deliver up unto the sayd John Hales the younger, all the remainder of my goods and chattells whatsoever, and shall also release to my sayd sonne all there tytle of executorshippe of this my last will, he then giveinge unto them a sufficient release and acquittance for the same. In witnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and yere first above written.

Published, sealed, and subscribed by me, the sayd John Hales, as my last will and testament, in the presence of these persons whose names are under written,

JOHN HALES.

Thomas Purefey,
Ra. Downes,
Richard Smythe.

(Proved at the Episcopal Court of Lichfield.)

ANNUAL RENTS of Lands and Houses in and near Coventry, belonging to John Hales, Esq. in 1658.

	£.	s.	d.
Thomas Greatbach the elder	73	0	0
Thomas Shakespeare	14	0	0
Job Mathewes	8	0	0
Christopher Judd	6	0	0
Mr. Norton, of Fosehill	8	10	0
Robert Brierly	24	0	0
Robert Brierley, for his garden	2	0	0
Mr. Abraham Gibbens	2	0	0
Mr. Abraham Bown	0	6	0
Goseford-street Howses.			
Mr. Cowley's	4	0	0
John Smith	3	0	0
John Skears, for his garden	0	10	0
Much Park-street Howses.			
Goodwife Perkins	0	5	0
Goodwife Rawbons	0	5	0
Mr. Shaw for the garden	0	3	0
Howses at Newgate.			
Goodman Fish	0	12	0
Goodman Dixe	0	8	0
Roger Skears	1	5	0
	£148	4	0

Taxes, &c. paid.

	£.	s.	d.
For 3 months for Jordan Well Ward, ending Septbr. 29, 1658	0	16	0
For 3 months for Fosehill, ending Septbr. 29, 1658	0	9	7
To the Minister of Fosehill for herbage, due for a year, ending Septbr. 29, 1658 . .	3	12	0
For drums and coulers at Fosehill, 1660 (probably on account of rejoicings at the Restoration)	0	2	5
Given to John Woolrich, Mayor of Coventry, 1660 (probably on account of the Restoration)	1	0	0
A month's tax for the Lord Liuetenant from Fosehill	0	2	6
For the herbage of the grounds at Lecester Causway to the citty of Coventry, the yeare .	0	8	9
Paid the first Pole money . . .	10	0	0
Paid at the review of the Pole bill . .	4	0	0
The sum totall of the Taxes and Pole money from 1658 to 1663 . . .	66	14	8
Then follows a long list of disbursements paid by Mrs. Jane Hales, during the minority of her son John Hales, which amounted to the sum of	1484	12	7

The *Church* of the Whitefriars, at Coventry, was purchased by Pollard and Flammock fram Henry VIII. and they sold it to the Corporation in 1542. Sir Ralph Sadler purchased the *Monastery* from the King, and sold it to John Hales, Dec. 16, 1544. It appears that Hales received a very lucrative grant of monastic lands, on condition that he should found a free school in Coventry, but, owing to a dispute with the Corparation, he very imperfectly executed it during his life, and did not endow it till his death. He finally removed his school to the church of St. John's Hospital, where it still remains. It had been *originally* placed in the choir of the Whitefriars' church.

The preceding abstracts were taken from the original Documents by

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