

## COMMUNICATIONS

### ARMS AND EPITAPHS

#### WOODCHURCH

THE following should be added to the "Notes on the Parish of Woodchurch" which appeared in these *Transactions* in 1901 (liii. 177):—

The Arms over the board commemorating Mary, eldest daughter of Robert Lenard of Tervin, late wife of George Ball of Irby, were inadvertently omitted. They are: *Crest*—Out of a ducal coronet or, a cubit arm vested argent (?) cuffed or (?), holding in the hand a star (?) or flame of twelve points gules. *Arms*—Gules, a human leg bowed and couped at the thigh and erased at the ankle argent, transfixed through the calf from dexter base by a falchion or curtil axe of the last hilted or. Impaling—Or (?) on a fess gules three fleurs-de-lys of the first (?). The board is faded, and the star is no doubt intended for a fireball. Ormerod (ii. 658) calls the falchion a plough coulter, but elsewhere (ii. 522), in quoting the monument, a sword blade.

Vincent Ashfield King, merchant, was admitted a freeman of Liverpool 1st January 1834, by servitude to Thomas Moore, merchant. George King's marriage allegation at Chester reads as follows: "1809. Apl. 14. George King, of the parish of Liverpool, merchant, 21, batchelor, and Catherine Ashfield of same, spinster, at St. Ann's, parish of Liverpool—Robert Welsh of Liverpool, bondsman." That of Hugh Burches is also at Chester: "1669. Oct. 23. Hugh Burches of Chester, clerk, and Mary Oldfeld of Manchester, spinster, at Manchester, Davenham, or Namptwich."

The *Cheshire Sheaf* (N.S. i. 119) states that the Rev. M. Smith, curate in charge, died 11th February 1775, when the advowson and reputed manor were advertised for sale.

F. C. B.

#### HAMPSTEAD

The following epitaph of a Liverpool man is inscribed on an upright gravestone at the north-west

corner of the churchyard of St. John's, Hampstead:—

Here lies the ashes of Mr. John  
Hindley of Stanhope Street,  
Mayfair, London, originally  
of King Street, Liverpool, who  
under peculiar disadvantages  
which to common minds  
would have been a bar to  
any exertions, raised himself  
from all obscure situations  
of birth and fortune by his  
own industry and frugality  
to the enjoyment of a moderate  
competency; he attained a  
peculiar excellence in  
penmanship and drawing  
without the instruction of a master,  
and to eminence in arithmetic,  
the useful and higher branches of  
the mathematics by going to school  
only a year and eight months.  
He died a bachelor on the 24th  
day of October, 1807, in the 55th  
year of his age; and without  
forgetting relations, friend or  
acquaintances bequeathed one  
fifth of his property to public  
charities.

Reader,  
the world is open to thee:  
go thou and do likewise.

EDW. A. HEFFER.

#### GREENFIELD

The following inscription was noticed at Greenfield Abbey Farm, near Holywell, in May 1904.

It is cut upon a tablet said to have been found in the ruins of Basingwerk Abbey :—

JESVS \* P \* MARIA

HERE · LYETH · Y<sup>E</sup> · BODY · OF · GEORGE · PE  
 TRE · LATE · OF · GRENEFYLD · IN · FLINT  
 SHIRE · ESQ · SOÑE · TO · W<sup>M</sup> · LORD · PETRE  
 BARON · OF · INGLESTON · IN · ESSEX · &  
 MARRIED · AÑE · Y<sup>E</sup> · RELICT · OF · IOHN  
 MOSTON · ESQ · BEING · Y<sup>E</sup> · DAUGHTER  
 OF · HENRY · FOXE · ESQ · WHO · FOR · Y<sup>E</sup> · RO  
 MANE · CATHOLIQUE · FAITH · & · LOYAL  
 TY · TO · HIS · MA<sup>TIE</sup> · LEFT · HIS · COVNTREY  
 & · SPENDING · HIS · TIME · W<sup>T</sup> · GREAT  
 EDIFICATION · OF · HIS · NEIGHBOVRS  
 DIED · AT · WEXFORD · Y<sup>E</sup> · 26 · DAY · OF · SEP  
 AN · DÖ · 1647.                      AGED · 34.

J. P. R.

### TATHAM

The following is engraved on a brass plate, about 12 inches by 9 inches, fixed upon the south chancel wall of Tatham Church :—

JOHANNES CANSFIELD ARMIGER

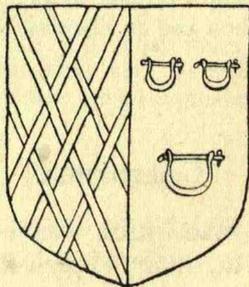
obijt 29<sup>o</sup> Augusti 16 . .

ELIZABETHA ejus relicta obijt

19<sup>o</sup> Februarij 1680

Corpora dum tacitâ defuncta morantur in urnâ

Archia sanctorum spiritus alma tenent.



From the registers it appears that John Cansfield was buried at Tatham, 31st August 1671, and his wife Elizabeth [Anderton] on 2nd March 1680-1. The word *archia* may be intended for *ἀρχαία*, princely dwellings :

Though in the silent urn their bodies dead remain  
Their souls the lovely palaces of saints contain.