

NOTE TO "SOME ARMORIAL HOUSE  
TABLETS IN LANCASHIRE"<sup>1</sup>

ARMS OF ASHHURST

**M**R. BROMLEY, who examined and studied this tablet many years ago, when it was more perfect and the motto could be traced, suggests a more probable identification of the quarterings, viz. that the second quarter is for Orrell of Orrell and Skelmersdale, and the third quarter for Dalton of Dalton. Mr. Bromley adds that the Ashhurst estates included Dalton, Orrell, Upholland, and Skelmersdale, and that these lands passed by purchase from the Ashhursts to the Bootles, and thence to the Earls of Lathom.

According to Foster's pedigree of Ashhurst of Waterstock, co. Oxford, Sir John de Asshehurst, *temp.* Richard II., married Margaret, daughter of Henry de Orrell; their great-grandson, John de Asshehurst, *temp.* Henry VI., married Katherine, daughter and co-heiress of Roger Dalton; and their grandson, John Asshehurst, married, for his first wife, Alice, daughter and heiress of John Orrell. From this marriage William Ashhurst, who set up the house tablet in 1649, was descended.

The Orrell arms, allowed at the Visitation of Lancashire, 1533, were Argent, three torteaux between two bendlets Gules, a chief Sable.

The Daltons of Dalton bore Azure, cruicily and a lion rampant guardant Argent, crowned Or. (Burke's Armory.)

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<sup>1</sup> *Transactions*, vol. lx. p. 156.