

STRAY NOTES

MAINWARING OF WINDLE.—Dr. Howard M. Buck of Boston, U.S.A., sends the following note: "William Mainwaring of Windle (and later of Ormskirk), gent., in the Visitation of Lancashire, 1665, was the son of Oliver Mainwaring of Exeter (and later of Windle), gent., by Margaret, daughter and co-heir of William Torbock of Tarbock Hall, gent. Oliver was the seventh son of George Mainwaring of Exeter (Visitation of Devon, 1620), who was the third son of William Mainwaring of Nantwich, fifth son of Ralph (Randle) Mainwaring of Kermincham, third son of Ralph Mainwaring of Over Peover (Ormerod, *Ches.*, iii. 80). Authorities: Recusant Rolls; Foley's *Hist. of English Province S.J.* (i. 653-7, vii. 477-8); Matriculation Rolls of English College, Rome; Chanc. Proc. Eliz. (*Ducat. Lanc.*, ii. 307, 326)—Oliver Mainwaring of Exeter and Margaret Torbock *v.* William Orme, *in re* message at Little Woolton; Harl. MSS. 1535 and 1538 (Spurway pedigree for sons of George Mainwaring); Exeter Dean and Chapter Archives, 2488a—Release by Oliver Mainwaring, jun., of Dawlish, gent., 1665, cousin and heir of Christopher Mainwaring [of Exeter]; Exchequer Depositions under Commission, 18 Chas. II, Mich. term, no. 27 Devon—Deposition by Oliver Mainwaring, jun., of Dawlish, gent. (1666), aged 79 and upwards, son of Oliver Mainwaring of Windleshawe, Lancs., gent., deceased."

ORMSKIRK CHURCH ACCOUNTS.—A number of these accounts, from 1761 to 1778, bound up in a folio volume, were presented to the British Museum some years ago by Mr. E. A. Baldwin Mordaunt. They were found in the ruins of the chapel at Skelmersdale in 1902. Among the items may be mentioned: "10 Dec. 1764—Paid Mr. Lightoller for his trouble of drawing plans for rebuilding the north side of the church, moneys and expenses, £7, 13s. 9d." "Paid for advertising three times in the Liverpool paper, 9s. 6d., and paid expenses at Mrs. Rigby's on attending to take in the estimates, 3s.; 12s. 6d." And in 1774—"Rudhall's bill for casting the 5th bell, £26, os. 1d. Edward Woods carting the same, £1, 1s." Bound in with the accounts are a number of indentures of the parish apprentices from 1726 to 1772. The reference is Add. MS. 36882.

ORM AND ORMSKIRK.—In the last volume issued by the Record Society (*Lancs. Inquests, &c.*, part iii.) is an extract from some ancient record preserved in one of Roger Dodsworth's MSS. (lxxxvii.), stating that the church of Ormskirk was of the gift of a certain Orm de Pouns, who had granted it to Randolph de Carbonel, "now parson of the same." The "now" must refer back to a presentation made before the foundation of Burscough priory (about 1190), for Ormskirk church was then in the gift of Robert de Lathom, and he gave it to the canons. It is interesting to notice that the earliest reference to the name Ormskirk, so far discovered, should connect it with an Orm.

WARRINGTON PRIORY.—In 1539 John Carlell, lately prior of the Austin Friars in Warrington, and Thomas Bee, a friar of the same house, were among those charged with being accessory to the death of one Thomas Penkethman on 9th April 1538. They were acquitted. (Pal. of Lancaster Plea Roll 166, m. 27.)

ST. HELEN'S DAY, 3rd MAY.—In the calendars the 18th August is assigned to St. Helen, but formerly the 3rd May (Invention of Holy Cross) seems to have been called her day, as was not unnatural. Thus in a pleading of 1596 there occurs the phrase, "In festo Inventionis Sancte Crucis vocato *Saint Ellyndaye*." (Pal. of Lancaster Plea Roll 278, m. 18.)

STAVELEY CHAPEL IN CARTMEL.—The will of Mabel Robinson, widow, dated 1592, contains a bequest for this chapel, the earliest record of the existence of the building, as follows: "To Staveley chapel towards the maintaining and setting forth of the word of God 20s., to be put forth and bestowed to the profit and only use of the same, at the discretion, sight and judgment of Christopher Finsthwate, Thomas Barrow, and John Kilner." The will may be seen at the Reference Library, Manchester.

WIGAN CRAFT GUILDS.—Charles Banke, "senior and master of the braziers or potters crafte, facultie, occupation and mysterye within the corporate towne of Wigan," and William Scott the elder, another "senior" of the craft, were defendants in a plea in 1573. (Pal. of Lancaster Plea Roll 234, m. 25.)

MANCHESTER TRADE.—In 1593 one George Wyrall claimed money due from Humphrey Laplove, a Manchester dyer, for dye-stuffs supplied for use in his business, there being named mather, allome, gawles, coperes, fenucreeke and arsnycke, turmericke, potassus, braisill, argall, shumake (Pal. of Lancaster Plea Roll 252, m. 7d.). Laplove was a bylawman for Hunt's Bank in 1596. In another Manchester case in 1593 the following goods are named: Holland cloth, mockadoe, tufted mockadowe, canvas

cloth, thread, anettes, huswyves cloths, lace, purled lace, open lace, coonye skyn, lynnene clothe for lynnyge, frynge, "heir" buttons, a skeyn of thread and spyce. Goods bought at Sturbridge fair near Cambridge became the subject of a plea in 1594, for John Hopwood of Oldham, who had agreed to carry them to Manchester, was alleged to have failed in his contract. The purchaser was George Birch, who had to pay 8s. for carriage. (Pal. of Lancaster Plea Roll 275, m. 22.)

A CORN CONTRACT, 1588.—This was for the supply of "20 seves of oats and four score mettes of barley, good, dry, marketable and well wyndoed corne of and by the accustomed and sealed measure of the towne of Preston . . . at such places of the foote of Wyer and the foote or lower end of Savocke near unto the water or ryver of Ribble." (Pal. of Lancaster Plea Roll 263, m. 9d.)

PETER CARTER, M.A.—In 1573 Richard Urmeston complained that Peter Carter of Whalley, gentleman, having been engaged on 20 May 1572 to be master of a grammar school at Bolton-le-Moors at a salary of 20 marks a year, refused to carry out his engagement. Plaintiff had paid him 12d. down (Pal. of Lancaster Plea Roll 233, m. 19d.). On the other hand, Peter Carter in 1585 claimed £17, 6s. 2d. for arrears due to him for teaching the boys coming to the common school at Wigan. He stated that he had been engaged on 1 August 1579 by William Gerrard, Hugh Forthe, now both deceased, Edward Fleetwood, James Worsley, William Banckes and Peter Marsh, at £13, 6s. 8d. a year (*i.e.* 20 marks) (*ibid.* 257, m. 12d.). In 1588 Peter was described as "of Preston in Amounderness, M.A." (*ibid.* 262, m. 14d.). He was a Cambridge graduate, elected fellow of St. John's College in 1554, and finally became master of Preston school, and was buried there on 8 September 1590. The inscription on his grave is printed in Fishwick's *Preston*, 124. In 1592 Peter Carter, as executor of Peter Carter, deceased, was suing for a debt due to him by bond of 30 May 1589. (Pal. of Lancaster Plea Roll 270, m. 14.)

ROBERT DE LIMSEI, BISHOP OF CHESTER.—The second Norman bishop of Chester, who removed the see from Chester to Coventry, held the see from 1085 till his death in 1117. From the Hertfordshire Domesday Book it appears that he inherited 8 hides at North Mimms in that county, the record stating: "This manor does not belong to the bishopric, but was Rayner's, the father of bishop Robert." Robert was one of the "clerks" of William the Conqueror.

PULLING DOWN "HIGH PLACES."—To the justices sitting in Quarter Sessions at Lancaster in January 1660-1 it was pre-

sented that Thomas Curwen of Beacliffe in Aldingham, yeoman, on 7 Oct. 1660, being Sunday, broke into Aldingham Church and destroyed the pulpit. Afterwards he fixed on the church door a paper, stating that he was "sent from the Lord to pull down our high places."

MIDDLETON OF LEIGHTON.—The following curious entry is found in the Warton register of baptisms for 1602, with "Note this" written in the margin: "George Midleton sonn of Thomas Midleton of Leighton esquire was borne the eight daye of Aprill at the Launde beinge then the Thursdaye in Easter weeke & Sct. Alberts daye Anno Dñi 1602 et Anno Regine 44to. aboute eleaven of the clocke in thãfore noone." The reference to St. Albert is remarkable. He was patriarch of Jerusalem and assassinated in 1214, but his honours as a saint are almost confined to the Carmelites, whose rule he composed. George Middleton fought for the king in the Civil War, was made a knight and baronet in 1642, and died in 1674, leaving a daughter Mary as heir.

BLACKROD SCHOOL.—In Dr. R. R. Sharpe's *Calendar of Wills* proved in the court of Husting, London (ii. 702), is printed an abstract of the will of John Holmes, weaver, dated 18 Sept. 1568. He desired to be buried in the church of Blackrod near his wife. To Anne his wife he left tenements in the parish of All Saints', Lombard Street, for life, charged with the payment of £8 a year for the schoolmaster of a free grammar school in Blackrod, "in the church there or as near unto it as may be deemed right," and £5 for a scholar in Pembroke Hall, Cambridge. He also left £3 for a stone steeple at Blackrod. His chamber, "which lieth ready framed and unset up," with the timber for it, was to be given to the schoolmaster of Blackrod, reserving to the priest of the church the loft of the said chamber, upon condition that the town helped the schoolmaster to build the said chamber and to set it up at the east end of the house.

ST. CHAD'S, CHAIGLEY.—The following reference to this obscure chantry foundation is contained in one of the "deeds enrolled" at the Lancashire Quarter Sessions now preserved in the County Offices at Preston (Roll for 1588, m. 2); it seems to show that the building was still standing or was only then being demolished. Thomas Fleetwood of Penwortham by the deed referred to was *inter alia* to pay Richard Holden of Chaddesley the sum of 15s. "at or in the chapel of Chaddesley called commonly Sayncte Chaddes Chappell or in the place where now the said chapel standeth."

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1915

PRESENTED JANUARY 27, 1916

THE table beneath shows the membership of the Society on January 1, 1916, and bearing in mind the trying times through which we have been passing, it must be a matter for congratulation that our numbers have been so well maintained.

MEMBERSHIP.

	Annual.	Life.	Associate.	Honorary.	Total.
1st Jan. 1915 .	205	10	2	10	227
1st Jan. 1916 .	204	10	1 ¹	10	225
Gain
Loss . . .	1	...	1	...	2

It will be noted that we have lost two members of many years' standing; one by death—I refer to Mr. Thomas Goffey; another by resignation, Mr. R. D. Radcliffe, M.A., F.S.A. Mr. Goffey, who joined the Society in 1893, had served on the Council from 1899 till the date of his decease, which occurred at Blundell-Sands, May 22, 1915. With regard to the services rendered by Mr. Radcliffe, who joined the Society so long ago as 1879, and was during the period 1884-1903 its Honorary Secretary and Editor of its *Transactions*, it is a matter of difficulty to do them adequate justice, since without the strenuous efforts of Mr. Radcliffe some twenty years ago, the Society

¹ 1 Transferred to Annual.