

## LORD HARINGTON AND CONISHEAD.

THE memoranda printed below are copied from Additional MS. 38133 in the British Museum (f. 36d.), which is a sixteenth century collection of pedigrees and miscellaneous notes, formerly attributed to the celebrated Yorkshireman Robert Aske, on account of some law papers connected with him which are contained in the volume. See *N. and Q.* XI, iv, 442.

The following notes are obviously taken from a book once belonging to Conishead Priory, for William (lord) Harington, who died in 1458, desired his body to be buried in the church of that house and bequeathed 100 marks towards covering the choir with lead, a gift that is mentioned here in the conclusion, though its purpose is not stated. His will was printed by the late Mr. Gaythorpe in *Furness Lore*. Margaret, the benefactor's wife, was also buried in the priory. An annual requiem Mass for Lord and Lady Harington and a daily commemoration were to be the monks' return for the gifts recorded; three sets of vestments and copes, the great bell in the tower with the names of the benefactors stamped thereon, two glazed windows in their chapel and a lead roof, an altar there with alabaster reredos and marble image of St. Mary, a missal and a churchyard cross.

The description of the bell is of particular interest as confirming Mr. Gaythorpe's conjecture that the Urswick church bell inscribed

MARIA + WILELMUS DE HARYNGTON DOMINUS DE  
ALDYNGHAM ET DOMINA MARGARETA UXOR EIUS +

came from Conishead Priory. A fresh name also can be added to the list of priors, viz., William Tunstall (? 1457).

The document is full of small mistakes, possibly due to the copyist, and reads thus:

Michaell dñs de Harington

Anno dñi M° CCCC octagesimo septimo in festo s̄corum Fab. et Sebast. obierunt dñs Joh'es Harington parsona de Aldingham et Michi' pater suus et Alicia mater eius.

Obitus dñi Will'i de Harington dñi de Aldingham et Margarete ux' eius et Willelmi Benevill et Elizabeth ux'r sue quorum animabus propicietur Deus. et iste obitus semper servietur in quarta dñica adventus dñi.

Obitus bone memorie prenobilis dñi dñi Will'i de Harington dñi Aldinghamie ac venerabilis dñe dñe Margarete uxore sue quorum memoria annuatim in exigis solempnibus mortuorum et in crastino cum missa de rege (*sic*, for de requiem) imperpetuum observabitur de concessione pie memorie dñi Will'i Tunstall tunc priorum (*sic*) ac concessum om'i confratrum suorum tunc viueom' ac in capello quotidiano decretum est pro se et suis successoribus quod omni die in qua missa dicetur una collecta pro defunctis pro eiusdem animabus imperpetuum, pro diversis emolumentis et iocalibus eidem priori et conuentui collatis: videlicet pro Uno vestimento de damasco nigro pro sacerdote et diacono et subdiacono, Una capa; et etiam pro alio vestimento de blodio welweto super welwetum pro sacerdote diacono et subdiacono, et una capa; necnon pro iij° vestimento de rubio welweto pro sacerdote diacono et subdiacono, et una capa; et pro maxima campana in campanili q<sup>a</sup> except<sup>1</sup> super noi'a p'd̄corum Will'i et Margarete sunt scripta. Et pro factura ij fenestru' lapidiarum et vito [vitro] eorundem in eadem capella in qua corpora eorum sunt humata, ac pro factura cuiusdam altarum in eadem capella. Et pro quadam tabula alabastri super eodem altari posita et pro et pro [*sic*] quadam imagine beate Marie in more [?] marmore] ad

<sup>1</sup> For j<sup>a</sup> *excepta super quam nomina.*

finem tumuli; ac pro coopertura predictæ capelle cum plumbo, et pro uno missali pro eodem altari, et pro factura cuiusdam crucis lapidei stantis in cimiterio, et pro centum marcis eidem priori et conventui collatis in pecunia numerata, in a<sup>o</sup> dñi M<sup>o</sup> CCCC quinquagesimo vij<sup>o</sup> quarum animabus propicietur micericors Deus amen.