

John Robin, Esq., sent a Roman British Vase, found at West Kirby, Cheshire. This Vase will be more fully described in a future number.

The Rev. G. Clayton, of Warmingham, sent for exhibition, a Rubbing of a very curious Brass of the 15th Century, in the Church of Wyke, Hants, remarkable as having above the inscription the figure of St. Christopher, carrying the Saviour in the way usually represented. This Brass has been figured in the Arch. Journal, vol. III, p. 83.

Mr. Clayton also presented to the Society, a Rubbing of a Brass in the Church of Warmingham, of which the following is the Inscription:—

HERE WILLIAM LINGARDS BODIE LYES LATE
PARSON OF THIS PLACE, WHOSE SOVLE IN
ABRAHAMS BOSOME RESTS, THROUGH
CHRISTS MERITS & GRACE, AMONGST HIS GOOD DEEDS
MANIFOLD, ENGRAVE THIS ON THIS STONE, WHAT COSTE
& CHARGES HE WAS AT VPON A NEIGHBOURS SONN
FIRST AT THE SCOOLE THEN AT CAMBRIDGE
THEN WITH HIS PEOPLE HERE, WHERE
HE HIM KEPT GODS WORD TO PEEACHE
THE SPACE OF SIXTEEN YEARE, THEN
FVLL OF DAYES & OF THE AGE OF SEAVENTI
YEARES & FOVR, WAS HERE INTERRD WHEN
CRVELL DEATH WOVL D LET HIM LIVE NO
MORE, VIZ AVGVST XVIII TH 1620.

The Rubbing was accompanied by the following paper:—

SOME NOTICE OF A MONUMENTAL BRASS TO THE MEMORY OF
MR. LINGARD,* IN THE PARISH CHURCH OF WARMINGHAM,
CHESHIRE.

It will be seen from the above copy of the inscription on this Brass, that there is little to admire in the poetry of the inscription, but there is something very pleasing in the mention of the care taken of a "Neighbour's Son," and of the parishioners also. The chief interest seems to arise from the following notice written on the inside of the cover of the Tithe

* He became Curate 1570, was made Rector 1595, and died August 1620, he was therefore for 25 years Curate and 25 years Rector, and he was under the rule of eight Bishops.

Account Book, by one of Mr. Lingard's successors. This Book is thus entitled :—

“ Liber Decimarum Parochiæ de Warmincham
 “ als Warmingham in Comitatu et Diœcesi
 “ Cestriæ ; Compositus ; per Danielem Apelford*
 “ Artium Magistrum ; qui legitimè inductus
 “ Erat in ejusdem Ecclesiam ; nono Die
 “ Decembris, Anno Domini Millesimo Ses-
 “ centesimo Octogesimo 1680 ”

Beneath this in very small character is the following :—

“ Be sure to take care of preserving the booke of parish dues, viz. Mr. Lingard's, which I was forced to sue for before the parish would let me have it ; they pretended that it was given to Ralph Hassall, and so the parish concealed it from me a long time, but for all their pretences you will find by Mr. Wood's† writing in it that he had y^e booke ; and I suppose it was stole away when Mr. Wood was persecuted by the parishioners and his house plundered, as it was often in y^e war time, and he poor man cruelly used by his parish (as John Berrington, a faithful servant to the church, as well as to his master, Mr. Wood, told me, and because he had suffered so much and yet layd obscurely in Warmingham ; when I came to y^e parish I bestowed that grave-stone‡ upon him,) and then this booke of his own writing was also stole away, and we had in all likelihood been in y^e darke as to our parish dues, if it had not been for honest John Berrington Clarke, who going accidentally into a house at Namptwich, in y^e war time, where some of his master's plundered goods were ; and seeing this his

* He was Rector from 1680 till Oct. 1714.

† Andrew Wood became Rector 1628, died Jan. 1645.

‡ It does not clearly appear upon whom the grave-stone was bestowed, one would imagine either on Mr. Wood or on John Berrington—*tradition* however asserts that the brass and stone to Mr. Lingard was laid down by Mr. Apelford—the character of the letters and the spelling seem in part to favour this idea. There is however no stone to be found to Mr. Wood or John Berrington, but the Church having been most miserably rebuilt in 1797, possibly the stone in question may have been destroyed.

master's booke of church dues, he stole it away from thence* and restored it again to me and y^e church; tho he lost his master. Be careful I say of y^e parish bookes for I know by experience, that your parishioners would have you ignorant as to your dues."†

Above the title of the Account Book, before given, a small slip of paper, evidently of later date, has been affixed, on which the following is written :—

" Pray deliver, or cause to be delivered safely, to my successor, the two Bookes relating to the Easter Roll ; of the parish of Warmingham ; namely Mr. Lingard's and also Mr. Wood's bookes‡ : (as for Mr. Wigley's§ papers thereof I finding them not only indigested but erroneous ; I passed them by always as uselesse,) and deliver also all my loose papers containing the Easter Roll, but part not with this parchment cover'd booke|| of my observations unlesse some particular respect and civility *shall move* you thereunto. Daniel Apelford, Rector of Warmingham."

J. J. Moss, Esq., exhibited 1.—A Pane of Glass from Whitby Abbey, bearing Or, a fret azure. 2.—A fine Medal of Charles the Second. 3.—A fac-simile of the Signet Ring worn by Mary Queen of Scots.

* This word seems "theirs," but is much blotted; but is of little consequence either way.

† It is painful to perceive in this passage (and throughout the Book) the sad spirit which seems to have existed with regard to the payment of tithes between the rector and his parishioners,—but without descending to the vulgar proverb, that "the Parson is fair game," there was at the date mentioned in the text a very valid reason; the rectors were staunch Royalists, the parishioners for the most part with the Parliament.

‡ Notwithstanding all Apelford's care and anxiety these books are, apparently, lost, which is to be regretted as they may have contained matters of history connected with the times.

§ He was rector from 1653 to 1680: there is a stone in memory of him in the Chancel.

|| This "parchment cover'd Booke," is the one from which this extract is made, and it is strange that none of the books or papers which were to be delivered to D. Apelford's successors are extant, and that the one not to be parted with, except on certain conditions, is the only one handed down to the present day.