

NOTES

The Monumental Brass Society.

It is a pleasure to record that this Society, which did much valuable work until the Great War put a temporary end to its activities, has lately been revived and bids fair to eclipse its previous achievements.

The position of Patron has been accepted by Viscount D'Abernon, who, it is interesting to note, is a descendant of Sir John Daubernoun, who is commemorated on the earliest brass (1277) now existing in England. The list of Officers includes well-known names. Mr. Reginald H. Pearson, of 267, High Holborn, London, W.C.1, is Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and will be pleased to hear from any persons who wish to become members. The annual subscription of ten shillings entitles a member to receive a copy of each issue of the Society's *Transactions*.

Roman Burial Ground at St. Stephens, St. Albans.

In our 1933 *Transactions* a hope was expressed that Dr. Norman Davey would publish a full account in the present volume. He has, however, thought it advisable to postpone his report for a year as he, with other volunteers, will continue the work of excavation during the Summer of 1935.

The Mayor of St. Albans and Parliament.

Friday the 29. [1642].

"The Maior of Salisburv, the Maior of Saint Albones,¹ and the Maior of Hartford were all brought before the Commons upon their knees, for reading of the Kings Declarations against the Order of Parliament. And it was ordered that they should be all committed to Prison, one to the Fleet, another to the Gatehouse, and the third to the Kings Bench."

(*A Perfect Diurnall of the Passages in Parliament*: From the 25 of July to the 1 of August, 1642.)

Prisoners from Naseby at St. Albans.

(Extract from a long account of how the Cavaliers taken prisoner at the Battle of Naseby were brought to London.)

"Upon the Lords day, June 15, The Prisoners taken of the Enemy were brought into Northampton, where they were esteem'd by those imployed for the telling of them, to be about 4,500. Monday they came to Newport Pagnel; after this they

¹ William New (*ob.* Aug. 6th, 1657) was the Mayor. He "was thrown into the Fleet Prison . . . and in his account he charged all the expenses he incurred while there, but the items were surcharged. It seems that he had to pay on entering the Fleet 3s. 6d.; the use of linen cost him 2s., plate 1s., attendance 3s.; the Warden's fee was £3 8s. 6d.; he paid the minister 2s. 6d., the scavenger 1s., the porter 2s., and the clerk for making out his discharge 2s. 6d." (*Corporation Records of St. Albans*, by A. E. Gibbs, p. 275.)

lay at Luton, where they endeavoured to fire a Barn; Thursday they were brought to St. Albans, and were kept in a Church in that Town, where they behaved themselves very rudely and uncivilly, pulling up the Pews, and making a great noise: Friday they set forth from St. Albans, and came to Barnet, and thence to London on Saturday last. The Convoy which attended them in their passage were Colonel Fines with his Regiment of Horse, the Suffolk Horse, and the Hertfordshire Trained Bands, who marcht in severall Divisions, as might be the safest for the bringing up their Charge."

(*The Kingdomes Weekly Intelligencer: sent abroad to prevent mis-information.* From Tuesday the 17 of June, to Tuesday the 24 of June, 1645.)

St. Albans and the Restoration.

Wednesday, June 27.

" This day the Mayor of S. Albans,² accompanied with Mr. Foxwist the Recorder, and some of the principal Burgesses his brethren, as the Representatives of the said Corporation, made their humble Address to his Majesty, the Recorder making a short and pithy speech by way of congratulation of his Majesties happy restoration to his Royal throne, and assurance of their loyalty and allegiance to his Majesty, and presented him with a resignation of the Feefarm rent purchased by the Corporation in his Majesties absence, and the arrears incurred in the mean time, being 100£ in gold. Which his Majesty was pleased graciously to accept, and to express his kind acceptance thereof, and that the Corporation should, as occasion required, participate of his Royal grace and favour."

(*The Parliamentary Intelligencer, Comprising the Sum of Forraign Intelligence, with the Affairs now in Agitation in England, Scotland and Ireland. For Information of the People.* From Monday, July 2, to Monday, July 9, 1660.)

Letters Patent for Repairs to the Abbey Church.

" Information having been given that several Sums of Money, Collected by Vertue of His late Majesties Patent for the Repairs of St. Alban's Church in the County of Hertford, are yet remaining in the Hands of several Parsons, Vicars, and Curates, and other Ecclesiastical Persons, their Registers, or Officials, not yet paid to Mr. Child Goldsmith at Temple-Bar appointed Receiver of the same, nor otherwise Accompted for; These are to give Notice, That unless the Persons concern'd in detaining such Monies do pay the same to the Receiver aforesaid before the End of this next Michaelmas Term, there will be Proccesse of Law issued against them to answer the Premises."

(*The London Gazette.* From Monday, September 26 to Thursday, September 29, 1687.)

Theft at St. Albans.

" Stolen the 4th. instant, out of the House of Mr. John Cole,³

² John New was then Mayor.

³ Archdeacon, and Rector of the Abbey Church.

Minister of St. Albans in Hertfordshire, a Silver Watch in a black Case, studded about the Edges, and one studded Flower on the back of it, having a Minute motion, and the figures of the Hours and Minutes twice over on the plate, going with String or Chain, made by Edward Clough near Grays-Inn-Gate in Holborn: Whoever brings it to Mr. John Cole aforesaid, or to Mr. Thomas Dalton at the Black-Boy in Cornhill, London, shall have a Guinea Reward."

(*The London Gazette*. From Monday, October 6 to Thursday, October 9, 1690.)

Sacrilege at St. Albans.

An Advertisement.

"Stolen out of the Parish Church of St. Peters within the Town of St. Albans on our Lady-Day last in the Evening, one Pulpit Cloth with this Coat of Arms (viz.) Argent and Sable, a Fesse imbattelled 3 Roe bucks Counterchanged;⁴ one Surplis and Hood; a Damask Communion Cloth, and a Red Serge Desk Cloth. Who-ever shall discover any of the said Things, or the Persons that stole them, to Mr. Dissell at the Oxford Armes in Piccadilly, shall be well Rewarded."

(*The London Gazette*. From Monday, March 28 to Thursday, March 31, 1698.)

Escape of a Prisoner.

An Advertisement.

"Henry Field, middle-siz'd, aged about 27 years, black brown smooth Hair, an old Hat with a little silver Edging, a brown Coat, blue Wastecoat, and grey Breeches and Stockings, and broad Toe Shooes, with strong Fetters on, Broke the Liberty Goal at St. Albans the 24th of June at night, where he was Committed for Felony. Whoever secures him, so as he be brought to Justice, shall receive a Reward of 5£ of William Morris, Goaler of St. Albans, and Charges."

(*The London Gazette*. From Monday, June 27 to Thursday, June 30, 1698.)

A Local Windmill.

"On Ridge Hill in Hertfordshire, a very large and good Windmill is to be Let at Midsummer next, just by the great London Road, 5 miles from St. Albans, as many from Barnet, and 15 from London. It is very proper for one that is both a Miller and a Meal Man. Further enquiry may be made of Mr. Ralph Briscoe at Coloney in Hertfordshire, within 3 miles short of St. Albans on the great Road."

(*The Post-Man and the Historical Account, etc.* From Thursday, May 18 to Saturday, May 20, 1704.

⁴ These are the arms of the Robotham family, who were Lords of the Manor of Newland Squillers, their residence occupying the site of the present Marlborough Almshouses.

Review at St. Albans.

“ London, May 5. Thursday 7-Night the Hon Brigadier General Churchill's Dragoons quarter'd at St. Alban's were all new cloath'd and review'd; and on Saturday they march'd from thence to Hounslow, in order to be review'd by his Majesty on Hounslow-Heath the 12th of May.”

(*Read's Weekly Journal, or British-Gazetteer.* Saturday, May 5, 1733.)

A Tragedy at St. Albans.

“ The Beginning of last Week, a Servant belonging to the Saracen's Head at St. Alban's, going to clean a large Vessel, made on purpose to hold about 36 Barrels of Beer, and being let down at a Door at the Head of the Vessel, was immediately suffocated to Death by the strong Smell, &c. therein, and taken out quite dead in a few Minutes after he went in.”

(*The Country Journal: or, the Craftsman.* Saturday, November 15, 1735.)

When Rents were Low in St. Albans.

“ To be Sold by AUCTION,

“ By MR. PHIPPS and SON.

“ On Saturday the 22d. instant, at the White-hart Inn, at St. Alban's, at twelve o'clock at noon precisely, A FREEHOLD dwelling House, situated in St. Peter's-street, St. Alban's; late in the occupation of Mrs. Beach, at the yearly rent of sixteen pounds; and consists of three handsome parlours wainscoted, and a kitchen, four bedchambers and three garrets; a good cellar, a convenient washhouse, a wood house, stabling for three horses, and other convenient out houses, a coach yard, and a garden, in which is a summer house. The premises are exceeding pleasantly situated and have been much underlett. The house may be viewed any day to the time of sale, and printed particulars had at the White-hart, at St. Alban's, and of Mr. Robert Phipps and Son, upholders and auctioneers at the Ship, in Leadenhall-street.”

(*The Gazetteer and New Daily Advertiser.* Friday, June 14, 1765.)

QUERIES

The Society of Antiquaries inform us that they wish to have copies of our *Transactions* for 1905/6, 1907/14 and 1924 (three volumes in all) in order to complete their set. Can any of our members supply these?

We are anxious to ascertain the whereabouts of a MS. roll of Swan-marks entitled *The Standard of all the Gamesters of the Game of Swanes uppon the River Colney, with the Members thereof, in the Counties of Hertford, Midd. & Buck. with their several Markes, Anno Dom. 1629.* It was exhibited before the Society of Antiquaries in 1847 and may have been sold between that date and 1883.

REVIEWS

A Short History of Totteridge. By Stanley G. R. Barratt.
Demi 4to., pp. 153, London: Elliott Stock, 1934.

Totteridge, only ten miles from London, still retains much of its old-world charm, though its more progressive neighbours are stretching out their tentacles towards it, and ere long it is likely to be completely hemmed in by streets of houses. It seems fitting, therefore, that the history of the village should be recorded, and this has been ably accomplished in this well-produced volume.

Until 1892 Totteridge was a detached chapelry of Hatfield parish, being an outlying portion of the possessions of the Bishops of Ely, who were lords of the manor of Hatfield. The *Victoria County History* states that the first mention of the village is dated 1248, but Mr. Barratt has found in the Public Record Office a deed of 1219 relating to "Taterigg."

The *V.C.H.* mentions six different spellings of the name Totteridge, between the 13th and 17th centuries, but the book under review quotes deeds in which thirty-four variations appear. It is interesting to note that of these thirty-four no less than thirty begin with Ta—, one with Th—, and one with Ti—. The present spelling first appears in the will of Isabell Mabbe, dated 30th May, 1597, and does not re-appear until we find it in the will of Margaret, Countess of Manchester, dated 20th September, 1652; in fact the first vowel did not change from a to o until comparatively recent times.

This well-documented volume must have entailed a wide search of public records, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Barratt's example will prove an incentive to others to record the history, often full of interest, of the smaller parishes in our county.

The Natural History of the Hitchin Region. Ed. by Reginald L. Hine, F.S.A. Med. 8vo., pp. 256, with map and transect chart. Hitchin: District Regional Survey Association, 1934.

To Mr. Hine's very valuable series of books on Hitchin and the neighbourhood has now been added this volume, dealing with the Geology, Meteorology, Botany, Zoology, and Archaeology of that part of the county, each section being the work of a different authority. The illustrations are excellent and the whole forms a record of much interest, though we would gladly have seen more space devoted to archaeology.

