CHURCH PLATE IN SUFFOLK.

DEANERY OF BLACKBURNE.

THE Communion Plate of this Deanery includes a considerable number of pieces of some importance, from their connection with the owners of property in the district; but as regards form and ornament, there is nothing special to record, and the plate-marks are of no unusual variety. There are eleven Elizabethan Cups, and The Hopton Cup is a good specimen, and one paten. must have belonged, at one time, to Hardingham, in Norfolk. Five parishes have plate with armorial bearings, and four others have donors' names, without arms. There is one Norwich piece. The copper-gilt service at Euston is a fine show set, of some historical interest; and the silver at Bardwell, and Thorpe-by-Ixworth worthily represents the families of Read and Crofts.

Diss Rectory, Norfolk. C. R. Manning, f.s.a.

BARDWELL. SS. PETER AND PAUL.

CUPS: a pair, height 7 inches; diameter of bowl 3\frac{3}{4} inches; a circular boss in the stem. Inscription: BARDWELL * IN SUFFOLKE * Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark G.R., linked in shield; court hand N for 1650; lion passant.

PATENS: (1) BARDWELL on the rim.

Diameter 51 inches, with a foot. Marks same as on the Cups.

(2) inscribed BARDWELL on the foot.

Diameter 91 inches, with a foot. Mark one only, R N crowned. FLAGONS: a pair tankard shaped, with lids and handles.

Height $9\frac{3}{4}$ inches. In front, a coat of arms in mantling, with helmet, [Gules] on a bend [Argent] three ducks, [Sable] beaked and legged [of the first].—A crescent for difference.—Crest: a duck, sable. Read. Thomas Read, of Wrangle, co. Lincoln, married Nov. 22. 1642 Bridget, daughter and co-heiress of Sir Charles Crofts, K^{nt} of Bardwell. (See Thorpe-by-Ixworth.)

Marks: leopard's head crowned, black-letter small a in shield for 1678, maker's mark R N crowned, repeated on the handles; lion passant.

ALMS DISH: plated. Diameter 1 foot.

BARNHAM. S. GREGORY.

CUP: Elizabethan, a band of foliage on the bowl, no boss in the stem. One mark, a fleur de lis.

Height 61 inches; diameter of bowl 31 inches.

PATEN: inscription on the rim:—În honorem Dei Et in usum Ecclesice de Barnham, D.D.D. Icobus Devereux Hustler, S.T.B. Rector, 1832.

Rev. J. D. Hustler died Nov. 5. 1849, buried in Euston Churchyard, where there is M.I.

Diameter 9 inches, with a foot, I.H.S. in rays in the centre.

Marks: leopard's head not crowned; maker's mark R G under crown; lion passant; small Roman q for 1831; head of Victoria.

FLAGON: height I foot, I.H.S. in rays on front.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; small Roman u in shield, for 1755; makers' mark W S, W P (for William Shaw and William Priest, as in Cripps under 1759); lion passant. Inscription as on the Alms dish.

ALMS DISH: inscription:—Ecclesice Sancti Gregory de Barnham,

D.D.D. Ar. Kynnesman, Rect. A.D., 1756.

In the Chancel of this church is a lozenge-shaped slab to Rev. A. Kynnesman, Rector, who died 10th July, 1770, aged 88.

Diameter 103 inches. Marks: I. S. in circle, the others defaced.

BARNINGHAM. S. ANDREW.

CUP: Elizabethan, a circular band of strap foliage round the bowl. Height 6 inches; diameter of bowl 3½ inches.

Marks: a fleur de lis, and a stamped letter B without shield.

PATEN: diameter 4½ inches, no foot. Marks: as on the Cup. There is a circle in the centre, and the piece was probably re-made out of the old plate.

FLAGON: tankard shaped. Height 8 inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark F. C. in square, for Francis Crump (as in Cripps under 1769), black letter capital G in shield for 1762; lion passant.

EUSTON. Original dedication, S. GENEVIEVE.

CUP: inscription underneath: Presented to Euston Church by George Henry, Duke of Grafton, 1833.

Height 8 inches; diameter of bowl 33 inches.

Marks: leopard's head not crowned; lion passant; I.H.S. in rays on the bowl; small Roman r in cornered shield for 1832; head of Victoria. Maker's mark R. H. in square.

PATEN: with a foot; I.H.S. in the centre. Diameter 5½ inches.

Marks: the same, except that the date letter is n, for 1828. The

same inscription underneath.

ALMS DISH: diameter 9½ inches. I.H.S. in the centre.

Marks: the same except that the letter is e for 1820; and the maker's mark is R.S in script hand, in square. The same inscription.

FLAGON: tankard shaped. Height 9½ inches. I.H.S. on front.

Marks: as on the cup: the same inscription underneath.

The donor of this set was 4th Duke of Grafton, K.G., born 14 Jan. 1760; died 28 Sept. 1844.

There is also here a magnificent set of copper-gilt Communion

Plate: viz.,-

A Pair of CUPS with COVERS: Height 9½ inches; diameter of bowls 5½ inches. The bowls are half-spheres, the stems have a straight boss, and the bases are hexagon in form, spreading to 6½ inches in diameter. The covers are flat, with a knob of foliage. On the bowls, the covers, and the feet, is a plain shield, surrounded by the Garter of the Order, with its motto, and surmounted by an Earl's coronet, viz.:—Gules, a bezant between three demi lions rampant, couped, Argent. Bennet: impaling, Quarterly, 1st & 4th. Or. a lion rampant, Gules, crowned Azure. Diets: 2nd & 3rd Azure, semée of billets, a lion rampant, Or. Nassau.

PATEN: with a foot. Diameter 1 foot 1 inch. Height 4 inches.

The same arms in centre.

ALMS DISH: diameter 1 foot $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The same arms in centre. FLAGONS: a pair tankard shaped. Height 10 inches. The same arms on the sides and on the lids.

There are no marks on any of these pieces, being copper. The armorial bearings on this fine set, which is better suited for ornament than use, are those of Sir Henry Bennet, second son of Sir John Bennet, Knt of Dawley, co. Middlesex, by Dorothy, daughter of Sir John Crofts, Knt of Saxham, co. Suffolk; and brother of the first Baron Ossulton. He was raised to the Peerage, and created Baron Arlington 14. March, 1664; and Viscount Thetford, and Earl Arlington, 22. April, 1672, having become Knight of the Garter, 15. June, 1672. He purchased the Euston estate from the family of Fielding. He married Isabella, daughter of Lewis de Nassau, Lord of Auverquerque, Holland, and Count of Nassau. He died s.p.m. 28 July, 1685, aged 67, and was buried at Euston.* Their only daughter and heiress Isabella married (at the age of 4 years) 1 August, 1672, Henry Fitzroy, illegitimate son of King Charles II., 1st Duke of Grafton (at the age of 9 years).† The Plate must therefore have been presented after 1672, and perhaps by

^{*} He rebuilt Euston Church on its present site in 1676.

[†] A complete Peerage, by G. E. C., vol. I., p. 131.

the Earl before his death in 1685; or by his daughter, the Duchess of Grafton, who married a second husband, Sir Thomas Haumer, 3rd Bart. in 1698, and died 7. Feb. 1723, in her 56th year. The engraver of the arms has erroneously reversed her mother's coat. The impalement should be Nassau quartering Diets, and not Diets quartering Nassau.

FAKENHAM MAGNA. S. PETER.

CUP: straight-sided bowl, plain. Inscription:—Poculum sacrum Magni Fackenham. Height $6\frac{3}{4}$ inches; diameter of bowl $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark obscure, perhaps two letters linked, and small italic m for 1629 or black letter m for 1689; lion passant.

PATEN: corded edges with a foot; diameter 6½ inches.

Marks: Britannia; maker's mark Ti., star below in shield, for Robert Timbrell (as in Cripps under 1699); court hand H for 1703; lion's head erased.

FLAGON: tankard shaped, plated. Height 10 inches. ALMS DISH or second PATEN: with a foot, plated. Diameter 7 inches; height 43 inches.

HEPWORTH. S. PETER.

CUP: Elizabethan, circular band of foliage on the bowl, one mark, a fleur de lis. Height $5\frac{3}{4}$ inches; diameter of bowl $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches. (See Vol. VIII., 389.)

Paten: diameter 51 inches, I.H.S. in rays in centre.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark W.B. in square and small Roman b in shield for 1817; lion passant; head of George III.

ALMS DISH: inscription on the rim:—Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. On the back of the rim, To the memory of Olivia, the beloved wife of Walter More Molyneux, married July xiii, died August x, 1868, aged xx years; this was presented by the late Rev. H. G. Hand, Rector, and his family, in memory of Mrs. Hand's brother's wife; cross floriated in the centre; diameter $10\frac{7}{8}$ inches.

Marks: leopard's head not crowned; maker's mark G. H. and small

black letter n for 1868; head of Victoria; lion passant.

FLAGON: a cross on the lid, tankard shaped. Height 10 inches. Marks: leopard's head not crowned; small black letter f for 1861; maker's mark G. F. in quatrefoiled square; head of Victoria; I.H.S. in rays on the side; lion passant.

(Presented by the late Rev. H. G. Hand, Rector, who died August

12th, 1887, at Godalming. See Vol. viii., 407.)

HINDERCLAY. S. MARY.

CUP: plain, with thick stem. No marks. Probably c 1680. Height 6 inches; diameter of bowl $3\frac{3}{8}$ inches.

PATENS: (1) plain; diameter 5 inches. One mark, a cinquefoil. (2) or ALMS DISH: on a high foot, i.h.s. in the centre; plated. Diameter 7 inches.

FLAGON: glass, bottle shaped, with plated mount.

Flagon: pewter, tankard shaped, with lid and handle. Height 1 foot. PLATE: pewter; diameter 5½ inches; Marked S.H. with a star below.

HONINGTON. ALL SAINTS.

CUP: Elizabethan, circular band of hyphens on the bowl, reeded moulding on the foot. Height $5\frac{2}{3}$ inches; diameter of bowl 3 inches. No marks.

PATEN: without foot, circular inscription in the centre :—Eliz Rushbrook, Oct. 7, 1733, Æt. 69. Diameter 7 inches. Elizabeth Rushbrook Widow, was buryed Jan. 3, 1738.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark R. L. star above and below, in a circle; capital Roman V in plain shield for 1735; lion passant.

FLAGON: tankard shaped. Height 8 inches. Same marks as on

the Paten.

ALMS DISH: pewter; diameter 91 inches. Marked W ; "MADE.....LON....."

HOPTON. ALL SAINTS.

CUP: Elizabethan. Parcel gilt. A circular band on the bowl, inscribed:—"♣ THIS ♣ CUP ♣ IS ♣ FOR ♣ HARDYNGAM."

Height 5 inches; diameter of bowl 4 inches. No marks; some lines scratched underneath the foot have been thought to be meant for "1844." Nothing is known at Hardingham, Norfolk, of the cup having ever been there.

PATENS: (1) a plate without foot; diameter 8 inches.

Marks: leopard's head not crowned; maker's mark J.S., A.S. in square; black letter capital D for 1839; lion passant; head of Victoria.

(2) plain, with a foot; diameter 6 inches.

Marks; leopard's head not crowned; makers' mark S.B., F.W. in quatrefoil; capital Roman Q for 1891; lion passant; head of Victoria. (Presented by the Rev. G. T. Dennis, Rector.)

FLAGON: tankard shaped. Height 10 inches, I.H.S. on the front. Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark S. H. linked; small black letter i for 1686; lion passant.

IXWORTH. S. MARY.

CUPS: pair; circular bands on the bowls in imitation of those of Elizabethan date. Height $6\frac{3}{4}$ inches; diameter of bowls $3\frac{7}{4}$ inches.

Marks: leopard's head not crowned: maker's mark E.B. & J.B. in quatrefoil; black letter capital T for 1854; lion passant; head of Victoria.

PATEN: with a foot, a circular band on the rim; diameter 7 inches. The same marks.

FLAGON: ewer-shaped. Height 1 foot, with similar band.

ALMS DISHES: a pair plated; diameter 10 inches.

(3) Large brass, handsomely embossed: subject of centre the crucifixion with S. John and the Virgin standing under the cross. Round the rim:—Freely ye have received: freely give; also I. H. S. in oval, and A and Ω separate in ovals. Diameter 1 foot.

KNETTISHALL. ALL SAINTS.

This Parish is in the County of Suffolk, but the benefice is consolidated with that of Riddlesworth in Norfolk, and therefore belongs to the Diocese of Norwich, and the Deanery of Rockland.

CUP: very small Elizabethan. Height $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches; diameter of bowl $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches. A circular band on the bowl, with hyphen ornament.

One mark, a six-pointed star.

PATEN: a similar band of hyphens on the face, probably a copy

of an older paten. No foot; diameter 3\frac{5}{8} inches.

Marks: leopard's head not crowned; maker's mark H. H. in double oval; small black-letter k for 1865; lion passant; head of Victoria.

FLAGON: pewter. Height 7 inches.

ALMS DISH: pewter. Diameter $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

LIVERMERE, GREAT. S. PETER.

CUP: height $6\frac{3}{8}$ inches; diameter of bowl $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark H. C. in square; Roman capital O for 1809; lion passant; head of George III.

PATEN: plain without a foot. A Norwich piece. Diameter

63 inches.

Marks: Norwich castle and lion; maker's mark A. H. conjoined, in shield; Arthur Heaslewood, c. 1690; a rose in shield; a crown in shield; inscription on the back: Livermore Magna.

ALMS DISH: or second PATEN, without a foot, corded edge.

Diameter 5 inches.

Marks: leopard's head not crowned; maker's mark R. P. in square; small Roman h for 1823; lion passant; head of George IV.

FLAGON: plated. I.H.S. in rays on the front. Height 9\frac{3}{4} inches.

LIVERMERE, LITTLE. SS. PETER AND PAUL.

CUP: Elizabethan. A band of foliage round the bowl. Height $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter of bowl $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. No marks.

PATEN: with a foot; diameter 65 inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; lion passant; black-letter capital N for 1769; maker's mark F. K. in script letters in shape; inscription on the foot: Livermere Parva.

SAPISTON. S. ANDREW.

CUP: height 6½ inches; diameter of bowl 3¼ inches.

Marks: maker's mark S. R. in square; leopard's head not crowned; black-letter capital I for 1844; lion passant; head of Victoria.

PATEN: with a foot; plated. Diameter 8 inches; height 5 inches.

FLAGON: plated. Height 11 inches.

ALMS DISH: plated. Diameter 9 inches.

STANTON. ALL SAINTS.

CUP: I.H.S. in rays on the bowl; a boss in the stem.

Height 81 inches; diameter of bowl 37 inches.

Marks: leopard's head not crowned; maker's mark G. I. in square; black letter capital H for 1843; lion passant; head of Victoria.

PATENS: (1) with a foot; I.H.S. in centre; diameter 7 inches.
Marks: leopard's head not crowned; black-letter capital F for 1841;
maker's mark B. ; lion passant; sovereign's head.
J. w.

(2) I.H.S. in centre. Diameter 8 inches.

Marks: same as on other Paten.

FLAGON: tankard shaped. I.H.S. on front. Height 12½ inches.

Marks: same as on Patens. Inscription underneath:—Presented to the Parishes of Stanton All Saints and Saint John Baptist for the Communion Services of those Churches, by George Bidwell, Clerk, M.A., Rector, Easter, 1844. Rev. G. Bidwell died Oct. 1865.

STANTON S. JOHN has no separate Plate.

THELNETHAM. S. NICHOLAS.

CUPS: (1) in shaped shield. Height 8 inches; diameter of bowl

4 inches; depth 41 inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark R. B. script letters in shaped shield; lion passant; small Roman i for 1744. Inscription underneath:—The gift of Edmund Tyrell to the Church of Thelnetham, 1744.*

(2) plated. Height $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter of bowl $3\frac{5}{8}$ inches; depth $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

PATENS: a pair; diameter 8 inches. Waiters on three feet, with

gadrooned edges.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; small Roman h in shaped shield, for 1743 on one; on the other, i for 1744; maker's mark R. A. in double oval; lion passant; same inscription on the back.

FLAGON: tankard shaped.

* A branch of the family of Tyrrell of Gipping had the manor of Market Weston in succession to the Bokenhams. Thomas Tyrrell, Esq., was Patron of Thelnetham in 1734, and Edmund Tyrrell was Patron of Market Weston in 1747.

Marks: same as on the Cup, and same inscription on the edge underneath, with Thelnatham for Thelnetham. Height 10½ inches.

KNIFE AND FORK: Knife with curved steel blade, and silver handle re-curved at the bottom: the fork with two steel prongs, and similar silver handle. Mark: lion passant on each handle.

THORPE BY IXWORTH. ALL SAINTS.

CUP: height $8\frac{2}{3}$ inches; diameter of bowl $5\frac{2}{3}$ inches; depth $5\frac{1}{3}$ inches. Marks: leopard's head crowned; date letter obscure, probably black-letter capital L for 1676; maker's mark I. S. in cipher, within a beaded oval; lion passant; a coat of arms on the bowl, with mantling, and knight's helmet, viz.: Quarterly, 1^{st} & 4^{th} [Gules] on a bend [Argent] three ducks [Sable] beaked and legged [of the first]: $Read: 2^{\text{nd}}$ & 3^{rd} [or] three bulls' heads couped [Sable]; Crofts: impaling [Gules] a chevron engrailed between three owls, close [Argent]; a crescent for difference. Hewitt. Crest a duck [Sable]. Sir Charles Crofts Read, grandson of Sir Charles Crofts, K^{nt} married in 1674 Mary, daughter of Sir Thomas Hewitt of Pishiobury.

PATEN: with a foot; diameter 95 inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark R. N. crowned, in shield; small black-letter a for 1678; lion passant. The same arms in the centre.

FLAGON: tankard shaped. Height 101 inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark W. S., pellet below, and a flat object above; small black-letter a for 1678; lion passant. The same arms on the side, with the crescent in the Hewitt arms omitted. The thumb-piece of the lid has a heart-shaped piercing. (See Bardwell.) A fine set of the period.

ALMS DISH: pewter; diameter 91 inches. Marked underneath C. X.

TROSTON. S. MARY.

CUP: inscription underneath, Troston, Suffolk. Height 7½ inches; diameter of bowl 3¾ inches. On a thin stem. I.H.S. in rays on the bowl. Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark W. H. in oval; small

Roman c for 1778; lion passant.

PATEN: with a foot. I.H.S in rays in the centre. Diameter 41 inches.

Marks: the same. Inscription round the rays: "E $\Gamma\Omega$ EIMI O APTO Σ O Z Ω N, EAN TIE Φ A Γ H EK TOYTOY ZH Σ ET AI EI Σ TON AI Ω NA."

FLAGON: I.H.S. in rays on front, tankard shaped.

Height 13 inches. The same marks as on the Cup and Paten.

Inscription below the monogram:—This Flagon was Given and the rest of the Communion Plate New cast by the bounty of Mrs. Susanna Edwards, who bequeathed £25 to the Parish of Troston for that purpose, 1778. Coat of arms in a lozenge, with light festoon above:—Argent on a fess between three martlets Sable, a cinquefoil Or, Edwards.

ALMS DISH: I.H.S. raised in the centre. Inscription on the rim:—DEO et ecclesiæ de Troston humillime consecrat Johannes Batteley, Rector, Dec. 25, 1715. Diameter 9 inches.

WALSHAM LE WILLOWS. S. MARY.

CUPS: (1) Elizabethan, bell-shaped bowl with a circular band of inscription:—— WALSHAM IN THE WYLLOVES. Reeded moulding in the stem. One mark, a fleur de lis.

Height $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter of bowl $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

(2) plated. Height 7\frac{3}{8} inches; diameter of bowl 3\frac{3}{4} inches.

PATENS: (1) with a foot, I.H.S. in rays in the centre. Plated. Diameter 7 inches.

(2) plated, I.H.S. in the centre. Diameter 8 inches.

FLAGON: plated, I.H.S. on the side. Height 14 inches. A Pewter Flagon and Plate in the chest.

WATTISFIELD. S. MARGARET.

CUPS: a pair Elizabethan.,

- (1) inscription on the foot:—WATTISFLID. Height 6 inches. Diameter of bowl 3½ inches. Reeded moulding on stem and base. No marks.
- (2) electro-plated, good shape, with boss in the stem. Height 8½ inches; diameter of bowl 4½ inches.

PATEN: on a high foot, electro-plated. Diameter 8 inches.
Inscription:—In Memoriam Cassandra Williams, the Beloved Wife
of Henry Bird. Dr. Henry Bird and his wife Cassandra were the
parents of the Rev. G. G. Bird, late Rector.

A plain Latin cross in the churchyard is thus inscribed: Henry Bird Born Septr 13th 1811 Died January 26th 1892. Cassandra Bird Born April 21st 1800 Died January 20th 1884.

The son Rev. George Gamons Bird, M.A., is now Vicar of Hollinwood near Manchester.

FLAGONS: electro-plated, ewer-shaped. Height 1 foot. A pair of Pewter, tankard shaped. Height 11 inches.

ALMS DISHES: (1) a pair electro-plated. Diameter 8 inches. (2) two brass.

WESTON, CONEY. S. MARY THE VIRGIN.

CUP: Elizabethan; a circular band of foliage on the bowl; reeded moulding in the stem and base. Height 6 inches; diameter of bowl 3 inches. No marks.

PATEN: with a foot, very thin; in the centre, I.H.S. 1678. Diameter 4½ inches.

WESTON, MARKET. S. MARY.

CUP: Elizabethan, circular band on the bowl and reeded moulding below. Height $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches; diameter of bowl $3\frac{3}{8}$ inches. One mark, a fleur de lis.

PATEN: nearly flat, without a foot. Diameter $6\frac{3}{4}$ inches. Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark T.A. with mullet below in a heart; (as in Cripps under 1669); capital black letter D for 1661; lion passant.

FLAGON: tankard shaped. Height 9 inches; thumb piece pierced with a heart.

Marks: Britannia; maker's mark C. O. crowned, in a circle for John Cory, as in Cripps under 1700; court hand D for 1699; lion's head erased. On the front, a coat of arms in cartouche, Sable, a chevron between three mill picks, Argent, Crest, out of a mural crown, a demi lion rampant holding a mill pick in the dexter paw. Moseley of Ousden in Suff., I.H.S. below, and inscription:—Ex dono Mauritij Moseley hujus Ecclesiae Rector, primo die maij. 1705. By an inscription in the church, the Rev. Maurice Moseley married Susan, daughter of Mr. Arthur Higham, youngest son of Sir Clement Higham, of Barrow Hall, and died 1 May, 1705, aged 68 years.