



DRURY HELMET. HAWSTEAD CHURCH.

In 1857 a pair of gauntlets hung beneath, but these have disappeared. Weight of helmet (iron) 7½ lbs., height 10 inches. The greyhound is carved in wood.

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Mr. G. Milner-Gibson-Cullum has drawn my attention to the existence of a helmet with crest in Hawstead Church, which belonged to Sir William Drury, temp. Queen Mary, and it bears the grey-hound of the Drury crest. He informs me that it was given away in the 60's to a collector, but subsequently restored to its original place in the nave of the church. Sir William Drury was Privy Councillor to Queen Mary, and played a conspicuous part in Suffolk affairs during her reign. In 1542 he had accompanied the Duke of Norfolk, with the Suffolk levies to the Border (Vide "Victoria History of Suffolk." 1907. Vol. II., pp. 182-4). His death is recorded in the following lines from an inscription on his tomb:—

The Leventh of frosty Janyver the yere of Christ I fynd,
A thowsand fyve hundred fyfty seven his vytall thryd untwind.
Who yet doth lyve and shall do styll in hartis of them yt knowe hym
God gravnt ye slyppes of such a stok in vertues to ensue hym."

This helmet with crest, by the kind help of the Rev. Leslie Mercer, is to be photographed for these Proceedings.