This is the third time members of the Institute have met in the ancient town of Clare. In regard to its etymology, it is believed to be derived from the Latin "Clarus," or French "Clair," as having respect to the beauty of the situation, or the clearness of the stream on which it stands, called by some "Clare flumen."

This place gave the title to the Earls of Clare, and also name to that county in Ireland. From the same source are also borrowed the title of Duke of Clarence, and that of Clarenceux Herald, whilst Clare College, Cambridge, was so named because re-built and endowed by Lady Elizabeth de Clare.

That a church existed here at the time of the conquest appears from the Survey of Domesday. We look, however, in vain for any traces of Norman work.

The present church, dedicated to SS. Peter and Paul, is large and handsome. Tradition assigns its erection to Richard, Earl of Clare, in the middle of the 13th century.

It consists of a nave, two aisles, and a chancel, with a square embattled tower at the west end. There are porches on the north and south sides, with a chapel on the south, and a vestry on the north sides.

The Nave appears to have been re-built in Perpendicular times, on an extended plan, as it encroaches on the porches, which, with the southern chapel, are of older date.

The lower portion of the tower, and the lancet windows are Early English, but the upper part is later, of Perpendicular character.

The west doorway is good. There is a stair turret on each side of the chancel arch, terminating in a spire. These were probably the rood turrets, the doorways remain on either side of the chancel arch.

The priory Chapel, as also the porches, are Decorated.
The Chancel, which had fallen down, was re-built by diverse benefactors in the years 1617 and 1618, and the glass then inserted in the windows contained their names.

A few years afterwards the fabric suffered sorely at the hands of the iconoclast Dowsing, as recorded in his journal of 1643 (Vol. vi., p. 248).

The pillars dividing the nave from the aisles are very lofty, and embattled at the capitals. The string course beneath the six large clerestory windows is richly carved with heads and foliage, the whole being embattled at the top.

The Font is Perpendicular, octagon in form, with good panelling.

Eight bells hang in the tower, the oldest is dated 1579.

There is a good brass eagle lectern, said to have been presented to the church by Queen Elizabeth, as was also the remarkable chalice.

The choir stalls are deserving of attention, also fragments of an old coffin lid, which may have been brought from the Priory. The Cross and general form suggest that it formerly covered the grave of one of the Priors. On the floor of the nave is a stone thus inscribed:—

"Quondam Prior ordinis nostris," &c. Some have considered that this church was also a Priory Church of a different order to the one just visited. Possibly other coffins were brought to Clare Church for interment on the dissolution of the Priory.

Notes on Clare Church, taken Nov. 9, 1805, by H. I. and D. E. Davy.

The Chancel is separated from the Nave by a wooden screen, which also crosses the aisles. The pillars dividing the Nave from the aisles are very lofty, and clustered, 4 in each. The roofs are all leaded.

IN THE CHANCEL. In the East Window are the following coats of Arms, and over them the sun and moon.

1. Vert. a Saltire, or. Crest on a Wreath, a lion seiant, arg. langued, gu. Beneath, Sir George Le Hunt Knt. a good Benefactor to this church 1617.

2. Sa. a fess chequée or. and az. bet. 3 horses heads erased, arg. Crest on a wreath, a horse's head erased, arg. Inscription beneath, Sir John Higham Knight, a good benefactor to this church 1617.
3. Az. a fesse dancettée erm. bet. 6 cross crosslets fitchée, arg. Crest, on a wreath, a bittern or. in bulrushes, legd. and beaked, gu. Ins. Sir Thos. Barnardiston Knt., a good benefactor to this Church 1618.

4. Gu. a chev. bet. 3 mallets, or, a crescent for diffce. Crest broken. Ins. Sir Stephen Soames Knt and Alderman of London, a good benefactor to this Church.

5. Sa. a bend arg. bet. 2 cotises indented, or. Crest broken. Insc. William Clopton Knt., a good benefactor to this church. 1617.

6. Barry nebulee of 6 arg. and az. on a bend gu. a lion pas. guard. or. Crest. a man's head prop. Insc. . . . Haberdasher . . . to this church.

In a square. The windows of this church were repaired a.d. 1690.

Daniel Har . . . . John Raymond ch. wardens.

In the N. window.

1. Or. 2 lions rampant, gu. addorsed. Ins. . . . de Cordes Widow of Erasmus de la Foun . . . glazed this win . . . own costs and charges 1618.

In a Window in the S. aisle : A shield, the arms nearly gone, beneath inscribed Clopton and Barnardiston. Clopton sinister side, a small part remaining.

In another Window in same aisle : Arms, Barnardiston impaled, a coat which is gone. Ins. beneath, Giles Barnardiston glazed this Window cost and charges.

In a third window, is a shield, the arms gone, date beneath, 1618.

In a fourth do. Barnardiston impales Clopton. Ins. . . . Knight glasse . . . this window at his own cost and charges 1618.

In a Window in the Nave, on N. side. Sa. 3 acorns or.

The Chancel rebuilt by diverse benefactions, about 1617.

Further Notes taken 1831.

The Church consists of a Nave, Chancel, Side Aisles, Chapel and Vestry.

The Chancel is 20 ft. 8 in. long, and 23 ft. 8 in. wide covered with lead. The Communion table is raised 2 small steps, and railed round: over it, are the commandments, Lord's Prayer and Belief. In the S. wall, near the E. end, is a cinquefoil-headed Piscina.

Another portion of the Church is considered as part of Chancel, extending to 32 ft. 4 in. which communicates with the aisles on each side by 2 lofty pointed arches, on quatrefoil pillars, over which are 2 clerestory windows, on either side.

The Nave is 73 ft. long, and 23 ft. 7 in. wide, covered with lead. It is separated from the aisles on each side by 7 pointed arches, supported by quatrefoil pillars, and lighted above by 7 clerestory windows on either part.

The Pulpit stands in the N. E. angle, of oak, octagon, modern. The seats are of deal, not painted, regular: in front of the reading desk stands a large brass eagle. There is a Gallery at the W. end, on which is a small organ; and on the front a clock. The Gallery was erected 1822. On the front of this gallery were carvings of figures roses &c. collected from other parts of the Church.
The S. aisle may be considered as consisting of 2 parts; that part wch adjoins the Nave, and that part which adjoins the chancel.

The former part is 74 ft. 5 in. long, and 13 ft. 10 wide, covered with lead, between this part, and the latter is a low wooden screen. A pew near the E. end, is surrounded by a carved oak screen.

At the centre of this part of the aisle, is a chapel, with a raised floor, under wch is a Vault, entered by a trap door in the floor: above is a Pew which appears to belong to the Priory: a small gallery projects in front.

The dimensions of the Chapel E. and W. 14 ft. 8 in. by 9 ft. 6. Adjoining the W. side of this chapel is a Porch 9 ft. 9 in. by 9 ft. 9 in.

The aisle to the chancel, S. side is 34 ft. long, and 13 ft. 10 wide, covered with lead.

The N. Aisle may be considered as divided into 2 parts, as the S. is: that part adjoining the Nave is 74 ft. 5 in. long, and 13 ft. 10 in. wide, covered with lead.

On the N. side of this is another Porch, dimensions 7 ft. 3 in. N. and S. by 8 ft. 9 in.

The aisle to the Chancel is 32 ft. 9 in. long, and 13 ft. 9 in. wide, between this part, and the Isle to the Nave there is a low wooden screen.

The Font stands in the N. W. corner of the S. aisle.

The Steeple is a square embattled Tower of flints, with 8 bells; the dimensions within are 16 ft. 10 in. N. and S. by 14 ft. 2 in. E. and W.

The W. door is a good specimen of the Early English style: having the nail-headed ornament; the pillars supporting the door, round; a band above with 4 foils, and 3 blank shields.

The windows throughout the Church are alike.

The outside of the Church has been repaired in numerous places with red bricks by which the outside has a dull and mottled appearance.

MONUMENTS.

In the Chancel.

In memoriam

ELIZABETHÆ,

Filiæ dignissimi illius generosi HENRICI POULETT Armigeri, fractris prænobilis IOHANIS Dii POULETT, Baronis de HINTON St. GEORGII, eiusdem nominis primi: Nec non ELIZABETHÆ, vinicæ filiæ & heredis GOWEN MALETT de PRESTON Torles, in agro Somerset Armigeri.

Quæ, dum laboravit Gemellis, die Iovis xiv Ianuarij, Ao Salutis MDCLXIII. et ætatis sue xxxiv, obijt.

RICHARDUS CUTTS Armiger, maritus eius vere dolens, possit hanc tabulam Quorum proles (post sex annos & amplius sterilitatis) fiuerunt, POULETT, natus in parochia sancti Clementis dacorum, in Comitatu Midd, paulo post medium noctem die sabbati viii Septemb, MDCLX.
ELIZABETHA, in hac villa nata, inter primam & secundam horas, mane die veneris xxvii decemb, MDCLXI.

RICHARDUS, unus Gemellorum, quem gemens mater, inter quartam et quintam horas mane die obitus sui, peperit:
et Anonimus, alter Gemellorum, qui in vita officina a vita recessit, hunc modo mortuam, morniens mater, in ipso mortuus loco partuvis: et quamvis non in vtero,
attamen in tumulo ad huc gaudet.

Ignarus & invidus, qui virtutem laudare nesciunt, bane vituperent.

On the north side of this church are interred the remains of
the Rev'd JOHN CHARLES COLEMAN, B.A.
fourteen years vicar of this parish,
he died December 22nd 1868, aged 63 years.
to the memory of a faithful pastor and friend
this tablet is erected by his parishioners and friends.

In a Vault under
this stone lies interred ye Body of SUSANNA wife of EDW
JOHNSON of Clare in ye county of Suff Gent, who died May ye 8 1707
And near Adjoining lies ye Bodies of BARNARDISTON EDWARD & KEZIA their
Children who died young.

when ye All conquering Prince who treads down Death
At ye Last Trumpets Sound return our breath
Cloaths these dead cloths with Immortality
To make them subjects for Eternity
May we be rank'd amongst ye saints in Rest
And hear ye Joyfull Sound of Come ye bless't

In Memory of TIMOTHY KEY: Gent:
who died 5th June 1782 Aged 62 Years.
Also of OBADIAH KEY Gent:
who died 30th Sep'br 1786 Aged 61 Years.
And MARY his Wife who died the 27th of June 1811 Aged 85 Years.

Here lye interred, ye bodies, of ELIZABETH, POGLETT CVTTS
his mother, & her infant twinnies, RICHARD, & ANONIMUS CVTTS.

Here are Deposited
The Remains of WILLIAM LAWS Esq.,
Rear Admiral of his Majesties Fleet
an Intrepid Officer: a good Seaman.
after more than 40 Years constant Service, in the Royal navy,
The latter part of His Life was spent in this Parish, ye Place of His nativity,
He died in ye Year 1758 Aged 68 Years.
Near this place are deposited
the mortal remains of MARY,
the beloved wife of JOHN SAYER esquire,
of Wick-house near Worcester,
and daughter of JOHN TAYLOR esquire, of Bordesley,
in the county of Warwick, deceased.
In the affectionate, endearing relations
of wife, daughter, sister, friend,
her was preeminent; a kind, generous, indulgent, mistress
to her domestics; religious, pious, benevolent,
charitable, humane, in manners gentle;
mild, amiable, forbearing, unassuming,
cdescending, never preferring herself to others,
in faith and practice, a sincere and true christian;
she lived beloved, and died lamented,
on the fourth day of July A.D. 1823, aged 72 years.
also in the same vault, with MARY his wife,
lies interred the body of JOHN SAYER, esquire,
barrister at law of Lincolns Inn;
and formerly of Caius College,
in the university of Cambridge.
for many years a deputy lieutenant,
and an acting magistrate, for the county of Worcester.
he was a native of this town,
son of JOSEPH SAYER, esquire, sergeant at law,
and LYDIA his wife;
who both lie buried, with others of his family, in this chancel.
he died on the sixth day of July, A.D. 1831, aged 78 years.

Here Lyeth the Body of
MARY the Wife of JAMES YOUNG Gent;
and one of the Daughters of JOSHUA & ELIZABETH BRISE
who died 20th September 1768
in the 39th Year of Her Age.
FRANCES BRISE;
another Daughter of JOSHUA & ELIZABETH BRISE
who died 18th October 1769 in the 47th Year of Her Age.
ELIZABETH, Second Daughter of
JOSHUA & ELIZABETH BRISE
who departed this life in June 1793 Ætat: 75.
Widow of EDWARD COLDHAM Esq:
Formerly of Bury St. Edmunds.
SAMUEL BRISE Esq: Youngest Son of
JOSHUA & ELIZABETH BRISE
who departed this life 13th July 1827 Ætat 94
In Memory of
FRANCES Youngest Daugt. of
BECKFORD CATER Esq. of Broxted in ye County of Essex and Wife of SHADRACH BRISE Esq., who died ye 29th of Decbr 1765 In ye 25th Year of Her Age. Also of SHADRACH BRISE Esq., son of JOSHUA and ELIZABETH BRISE who died 18th April 1783 Aged 58 Years. Also of HENRY THOMAS, the Eldest Son of THOMAS RUGGLES Esq. & of JANE his Wife who departed this life in May 1786 Aged 5 Years. Also of EDWARD COLDHAM Esq. Formerly of Bury St Edmunds, who departed this life in Octr 1786.

Here lies the Body of JOSHUA BRISE late of this Place Gent. who died 23d May 1750 Aged 74 Years. Also ye Bodies of JOSHUA SHADRACH & JOANNA three of his Children who died Young. And also of ANN RUGGLES his eldest Daun who died 23d Augt 1748, Aged 32 Years. And two of her Children. Likewise THOMAS RUGGLES her Husband Here also lies Interred The Body of ELIZABETH BRISE Widow Relict of the said JOSHUA, who died 20th Septbr 1764, Aged 72 Years.


Beneath this Stone are deposited the Remains of M.S. MARY ANN BANSON Spinster who died October 24th 1813 Aged 58 years.

In the Nave.

In Fraternal Memory of His Royal Highness Prince Leopold Duke of Albany Earl of Clarence KG Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, Past Grand Junior Warden of England,
IN CLARE CHURCH.

Grand third Principal of
Royal Arch Masons of England.
Fourth Son of Her Majesty Queen Victoria
who was born 7th April, 1853.
and died 28th March, 1884.
H.R.H being at the time
Worshipful Master
of the
Royal Clarence Lodge
of freemasons in this town.
No. 1823.

This Tablet is erected by the Officers and Members of the above Lodge,
and other Brethren in the Province of Suffolk.

In the nave of this church
are interred the remains of
ELIZABETH, the beloved wife of
the revd. GEORGE WIGHTMAN, M.A. vicar of this parish:
she died Wednesday the 15th March 1837.
she was the only sister of Sir Fra. WASKETT-MYERS, K.C.S.
by whose desire this tablet is placed
in testimony of his remembrance of her unvarying affection.

In the nave of this church lie the remains of
The revd. GEORGE WIGHTMAN. D.D
who departed this life on the 3rd of August 1854.
In affectionate remembrance of one who faithfully laboured amongst
them; first as curate, and afterwards as vicar, for thirty years; the
parishioners of Clare have raised this tablet, recording thereon, the words
which he himself suggested for his epitaph: "A sinner saved by grace."

Here lies the Body of
ELIZABETH, the Beloved Wife of
The Revd. GEORGE WIGHTMAN. M.A. Vicar of this Parish who died
the fifteenth of March, 1837,
beneath also, are the remains,
of the Revd. GEORGE WIGHTMAN, D.D.
who died on the 34. day of August 1854, aged 57 years.
having had the spiritual charge of this parish,
first as curate, and afterwards as vicar, for thirty years.
"A sinner saved by grace."

Here are Deposited the Remains of
JAMES HUBBARD, (Late of this Place)
who departed this Life Nov. 11th 1796. Aged 56 Years.
A truly Valuable and Sincere Friend, to the Widow & Orphan.
Also of ANN his Wife who died Aug. 8th 1806.
Beneath are deposited the Remains of Anne, the Daughter of James and Anne Ray; who died 23d. March 1817, Aged 45 Years.

Also of the said James Ray, who died January 25th 1827, Aged 81 Years.
And Anne his Wife, who died January 21st 1828, Aged 82 Years.

This tablet is erected in memory of Walter G. B. Gunton, esq., founder, vice-president and treasurer of the commercial travellers' benevolent institution, by the members of the board of management, who desire in this way to show their affectionate respect for what was excellent and worthy in the man, of his disinterested benevolence little mention is needed here.

the institution had in death, as in life, the benefit of his bounty and paternal care. his last acts evinced his noble christian charity and goodness. may he rest in peace.
died at South-Hall, Guildford, 18th January 1864, aged 64.

Near this Place are deposited the Remains of James Harrington Gent. late of this Parish. He died Sept. 16th 1788, Aged 66.
of Sarah his Wife Daughter of the Rev'd. Wm. Greenwood Rector of Darfield in Yorkshire and Relict of John Dalr Esq., of Chesterfield in Derbyshire by whom She had Issue, one Daughter; Sarah. She died June 5th 1797, Aged 78.

To the Memory of their much esteemed Parents their surviving Children Joseph & Jane Harrington in Conjunction with their Sister Sarah Stebbing inscribe this Stone.

Near this place are deposited the mortal remains of Benjamin Pratt, 37 years master of the free school, and vestry clerk of this parish. he died March 7th 1841, aged 68 years.
he was a man of considerable abilities, which were employed more for the benefit of others, than of himself. this tablet was erected by his son Benjamin Pratt of Sudbury, in memory of his affectionate parent.

(Note Mrs. Clubbe was da. of Mr. Jas. Harrington.)
In memory of John Isaacson also of Betsy Isaacson his wife of Clare born 6th July 1784: born 19th January 1799: died 16th July 1870 died 13th September 1883

North Aisle.

No one can be recall'd by tears.


South Aisle.

In the vault beneath are deposited the remains of Charlotte, daughter of John Conyers Esqre of Copped-Hall Essex; and of the lady Harriet Conyers his wife; obt. October 10th 1839, ætate 81.

To the glory of God In pious memory of John Barker of Clare Priory; died 20th Junr. 1837 and his wife Georgiana daughter of Col. Weston of Shadowbush; died 3rd Febr. 1873 also of Col George Barker 16th Queen's Lancers, died 22nd Decr. 1859 and his wife Caroline Julia daughter of Col. Barker of Clare Priory died 20th Octr. 1873

This window is erected by their children 1885.

In the vault beneath are deposited the remains of John Barker, esqre son of the late John Barker, esqre of Clare Priory, and Caroline his wife; obt. August 20th 1837, Etat 37. he married Georgiana, daughter of Col Weston of Shadowbush in this county,
by whom this tablet is inscribed
and whose consolation it is to believe,
that thro' the riches of divine grace,
his redeemed and glorified spirit
is rejoicing in the presence of that Saviour
whom while yet "having not seen he loved."

In the Vault beneath are deposited the Remains
of John Barker Esq.
of Clare Priory in Suffolk,
who departed this life Nov. 27th 1804 Äetat 54.
He Married Caroline Daughter of
John Conyers Esq. of Copped Hall Essex
by whom this Tablet is inscribed.
Not to record Virtues which
have raised a lasting Monument in the Hearts
of all who knew him: but to remind
his Infant Children that the Dutiful Son,
the Kind Brother, the Tenderly Affectionate
Husband, the Fond Parent, the Brave Soldier,
& the pious humble Christian, here lies:
Buried: not Forgotten.

In the same Vault are deposited
the Remains of Caroline, Widow of John Barker Esq.,
youngest daughter of John Conyers Esq.,
and of the Lady Harriet Conyers his Wife.
Devoted to her maternal duties,
and to the exemplary discharge of
every other Christian relation.
She survived her beloved Husband
during a period of 43 years. Passed at Clare Priory;
Where, esteemed and respected by all, and
deeply lamented by her poorer neighbours,
She entered into her rest. January 8th 1848,
In the 80th Year of her Age.

In the Vault beneath
are deposited the Remains of
William Shrive Esq. of Clare Priory
who departed this Life
February the 25: 1803, Aged 61 Years.
This Stone is erected to his memory as a tribute
of gratitude and affection, by His near Relation John Barker Esq.
Here are Deposited the Remains of
The Revd. Mr. Titus Stebbing, Clerk
Rector of Woodbridge Hasketon and Tattingston,
In this County,
who died ye 3d. of August 1772 Aged 38 Years.
In Memory of ROBERT POTTLE Parish, and by strict
who departed this Life attention to the Duties of his Office was
August 29th 1812 Aged 60 Years universally respected.
Upwards of thirty years Also of Amy his wife,
Church Clerk of this who died June 30, 1821, aged 73 years.
Sacred to the Memory of Also of SUSAN his Wife
JAMES YOUNG ESQ who died the 15th March 1803 who died the 25th of Sept: 1792 aged 55.
Aged 71.

In Memory of
MARY NUNN (Spinster) who departed this Life
the 27th of Feb'y 1779 Aged 61 Years.

Here lie the Bodies of Joseph Sayer here lie the Bodies of Joseph Sayer
Serjeant at Law, and Lydia his wife. Serjeant at Law, and Lydia his wife.
He died 18 January 1786, aged 71 years She died 2d April 1766, aged 47 years.
Also the Body of Mary their daughter Also the Body of Mary their daughter
who died March 19 1766, aged 21 years. who died the 15th March 1803
also the Body of Joseph their son also the Body of Joseph their son
who died Jan'y 23d. 1763, aged 11 years. who died Jan'y 23d. 1763, aged 11 years.
Also the Bodies of Edmund their Son, Also the Bodies of Edmund their Son,
Ann their daughter, Sarah their daughter, an a second Anne, their daughter, who all died very young.
and a second Anne, their daughter, who all died very young.

PARISH REGISTERS.

A boke of Regester bought by Willyam Weekes beinge Church wardone in the yeare of Our Lorde God 1599 a regina Elizabeath 41.
written/ by Ambros Hollybreade Clarke under Mr Coult Vicare of Clare
in the yeare of our Lord God 1600 William Netherstret and Gilles
Bambricke beinge then Church Wardens. An. Dom. 1600.

Baptisms.
1602 Williams Coulte Filius Mr William Minester die 9 Jan.
1605 Griszalle Colte filia Mr. Wylliam Colte Minnester 20 Octob.
1607 Sarai Coulte filia to Mr William Colt minister die 15 Dec.
1610 Jane Coult filia Mr William Colte Mynester 4 Dec.
1613 Framcese Covlt filia Mr William Coulte minister of Clare xxiiij
day of Maij.
1618 Anne Joyner filia Isaca Joyner vickar of Clare Bapt mense
Septembris die 23, Anno 1618.
1620 Cisly Joyner dagter of master, Isaac Joyner the xvij August.
1622 Abagall Joyner daughter of Mr Isaac Joyner 29 March.
1623 Nathaniell wilmot sonne of Mr Robart wilmot vicar of Clare the
xvij day of March.
1626 Eleazar wilmot sonne of Mr Robart wilmot vicar of Clare the
14th May.
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1632 Anna Colt daughter of William 22 April.
Roger Cooke sonne of Mr Roger Cooke vicar of Clare 5 November.
1634 Mary Coke daughter of Mr Roger Cooke vicar of Clare 28 October.
1635 John Cooke sonne of Mr. Roger Cooke of Clare 1 March.
1637 Robart Cooke sonne of Mr Roger Cooke vicar of Clare 2 July.
1638 Md. Mr Phillip Haves who kept a barn conventicle in this town did baptize very many in private houses; and therefore their names are not here registered.

B UR IA LS.

1563 Johailus Vicarius sepult fuit die 9 August.
1567 Thomas Rogers sepulta fuit die 7 December.
Elyzabeth uxor Thomas Rogers sepulta fuit die 2 March.
1568 Johannis Whitakers vicaro sepulta fuit die 24 May.
1598 Jacobo Resolde vicario seputus est die 22 January.
1616 Master William Colt vicario de Clare seputus est die the eleauenth daye of Decemberis 11 1616.
1625 Simond Wilmot sonne of Mr Robart Wilmot Vicar of Clare was buried 25 September.
1626 Master Robert Wilmot vicar of Clare was buried at Scrinkfilde in Essex 22 June.
1626 Eleazer Wilmot sonne of Mr Robart Wilmot buried 4 Octr.
1750 Revd Mr Matthew Bell Vicar 9 July.
1784 The Revd John Bell (the Vicar) 17 April.
1790 Revd Abrm Wallett Vicar December 17.
1854 George Wightman D D Vicar of Clare Augst. 10th Oct. 57.
1868 John,Charles Coleman, Vicar of Clare Dec. 29. 63.

Memorandum that on December 6. 1653 Thomas Milles of Clare did then come before me Sr Thomas Barnardiston Kt one of the Justices of peace for Suffolk and did then take his oath to execute the office of Register for the towne of Clare, he the said Thomas Milles being chosen thereunto by the inhabitants according to a late Act.

V ICAR S O F C LARE.

The following list has been compiled from the Institution Books at Norwich. Though Dr. Tanner's, Abstract (fol. 1228) proved useful, reference has been made to the original Registers; other sources of information have also been examined.

1307 John de Stebbynge, instituted, 3 Non. Maij, ad præs. Pr. and Conv. de Stoke. Resigned. (Reg. i. 23.)
RICHARD de SCORDICH, 17 Kal. Apr. ad præs. eorund. (f. 26.)
1343 GILBERT de karliolo, May 30, ad præs. dæi Rx raéne p. emp. Pr. de Stoke. (iii., 70.)
1344  John de Houghton de pua Adyngton Oct. 19, ad præs. dni Rx.  
(iv. 47.)

1348  John Joye (pmut cum S. Mart Orgar, Lond.), July 31.  (69.)

Was parson of S. Martin Orgar, Lond. On July 18 exchanged same with John Adyngton for Clare. J. Joy was afterwards of G. Bealings, and in Sep. 1352 exchanged for V. of Felsted, Essex. Last of all Joy was presented to S. Mary Montaw, Lond., Dec. 3, 1361.  (Newcourt Rep. I., 418.)

1350  Nicholas de Lydgate May 3 (pµut. cum M. Belyng) vacant by res. of Joye.  (122.)

1361  Thomas Porter, Jan. 4, ad præs. Prioris et Conv. de Stoke non est ad damnum si Rx conc. Thomas de Triskeny, et Joi Lens Cler quod ipsi.  (v. 57.)

1388  Richard Clerk, Feb. 12, ad præs. dni Rx rœone temp. de Stoke.  
(vi., 135.)

1390  William Hall, May 3, vac. by resig. of R. Clerk (pmut. cum Hintlesham) ad præs. dni Rx.  (146.)

1394  Walter Cove, Dec. 14 (pmut. cum Newton juxta Sudb.) ad præs. Dni Rx. vac. by res. of W. Hall.  (196.)

1398  William Reed, Nov. 19 (vac. by res. of Cove pmut. cum Tichewell) ad præs. Prioris et Conv. de Stoke test ejus prob. et dat. 1404. Hart. 316.  (240.)

1404  Thomas Custen, Jan. 12, de Cavenham, ad præs. eorum.  (313.)

1432  Richard Pumpey als. Tylney, Nov. 5, Test. ejus extat Brosian 286, sepeliend in Cancello ubi legitur Legenda in introitu chori: ad præs. Decani et Coll. de Stoke juxta Clare.  (ix. 58.)

It is noted by Tanner that Mr. Pumpey was a great Benefactor to this church in Copes, Books, &c., among other things ad fabricationem novæ vultæ ante crucifixum xx mare. ad fabricam novam de le Eelys (fleur de lis) ecclesiæ de Clare xx mare. lego unum pratum jacens in villa præcat juxta.

(xii., 134.)

1467  John Knight, Aug. 21, vac. by res. of John Motton.  (163.)

1468  William Wellys, m.a., Dec. 3, vac. by res. of J. Knight.  (168.)

1470  Robert Colingham, Feb. 18, vac. by res. of W. Wellys.  (169.)

1476  John Wyllis, Sep. 4, vac. by res. of R. Colingham.  (xiii., 50.)

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1566 Nicholas Whitfilde, Jan. 5, vac. by death of T. Rogers, ad præs. dæ R. Lanc. (f. 133.) Resigned.

1569 Francis Watsonne, 5 Feb. (Div. xi., 23, f. 8. Record Office.)


"Robert Ballard, A.B., Rector of Clare," is mentioned among the ministers suspended. Lives of Puritans by B. Brook, i., 46.

1591 James Resould, M.A., Feb. 18, ad præs. dæ Ræ. (f. 204.)
Bu. here Jan. 22, 1598.


1623 Robert Wilmot, M.A., vac minister of Clare. Had a child bap. in 1623.


1690 John Kenyon, Nov. 11, vac. per mort. of J. Ockley ult &c ad præs. Gul. and Mariam Angliæ reg. et Reginam. (xxviii., 86.)
Bu. Oct. 18, 1703.

1703 Oliver Cobb, M.A., Feb. 12, vac. per mort. J. Kenyon ult incum. pat. Queen Anne. b. a. 1688, M.A. 1692. (f. 194.)


1784  **William Lens**, Ap. 28, pat. Geo. III. Mem. This Institution is voided by virtue of His Majesty's Writ. (xxxii., 182.) Formerly of Thurlow; Gent. Mag. 54, 319.


**Tablet in Streatham Parish Church.**

Pastor in pace
Sacred

to the memory of

**The Revp. Henry Blunt, A.M.**

Rector of Streatham.

“Whose faith follow, considering the end of his conversation, Jesus Christ the same yesterday and to day and for ever.”

This devoted minister and servant of God after a lingering illness which he bore with that christian resignation in which he was sustained to the end by those blessed promises he had preached to others, entered into the rest that remaineth for the people of God On the 20th of July, 1843 aged 48 years.

This tablet is erected by her whom he has left widowed and a mourner but comforted by the certain hope that “them which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.”

1854 John Charles Coleman, b.a.; Trin. Coll. Dub., b.a. 1836; Deac. 1837; Pr. 1838; formerly P.c. of S. James, Nottingham; d. 22, bu. 29 Dec, 1868. M.I. Was author of Tracts.

In Churchyard.
The Revd John Charles Coleman, b.a., late vicar of this parish, died December 22nd 1868, aged 63 years.
Anne, the beloved wife of The Revd. J. C. Coleman, b.a., died December 9th 1871, aged 64 years.

1869 Thomas Parkinson, d. 1864; p. 1865; C. of Bardsey, 1864–67; Clapham, Yorks, 1867–69; V. of N. Otterington, 1871; Author: Lays and Leaves of the Forest; Yorkshire Legends and Traditions.

1871 Frederic Samuel Pierpoint Seale, b.a., Trin. Coll. Ox., b.a. 1859; d. 1860; p. 1861; V. of Waterperry, 1863–66; N. Otterington, 1866–71; Eastover, 1876–84; V. of Pitminster, 1884.

1876 Joseph William Collins, b.a., t.c.d.; b.a. 1859; Deac. 1860; Pr. 1861; formerly C. of Stogursey, 1860–67; V. of S. John, Eastover, 1867–76; R. of H. Trin., Ramsgate, 1882. In the churchyard is a cross to “Alice Collins fell asleep 17 January 1881.”


Members having thoroughly examined Clare Church, adjourned to the “Half-Moon,” itself an ancient balconied hostel, where dinner was served. On emerging from the hotel, the company found wagonettes in readiness to take them through the country mapped out for visitation, the first line lying in the direction of Poslingford, but shortly after leaving Clare a halt was made at the Chapel House, which the Honorary Secretary thus described:—