DENNINGTON CHURCH NOTES.

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After some study I have been able to decipher the obscure passage in the Dennington book, which I left unread in Vol. vii., part 2, p. 1, of our Proceedings. It reads:

"The billes declaryng the "p'cess and repayment of the xx1.ichurch-money and the x marks yerday money."

In the same "coofer" were the following, of which the first is of more than local interest:

"Oon Invētory made by Doctor Colett p'sone of Dennington of the Stuffe of the sayd p'sonage."

Oon booke covered with pchement and certayn billes in it declaryng the p'cess and accöpte of the ——— money

a? x xvij. Oon lytell purse and xiijs. in it, w? a bill declaryng h. viij. xijs. xd. the recepte of the same.

w? the increase Oon other p'se of lether in golde and sylter of vj/i. & ijd. vj/i. xiijs. iiiijd.

And in oon other p'se of lether xxxiijs. iiijd. in syluer ix/i. viij. And in oon lytle p'se of lether in golde ix/i.

Sm of the money fownde in the sayd cofer in dyvers p'ses

Md that the x xiiiijth daye of December A° xxxvj. H. viij. there was taken out of this ix/i. viij. xli. vijs. viijd.

(The three sums named in the body of the page amount exactly to £18 Os. 8d., but how to manipulate the "book-keeping by double entry" in the margin, so as to get the balance of £10 7s. 8d. is quite beyond my powers.)
This is followed by

Detts owynge to the xxli. money and stokke

\{ffurst Mr. Anthony Rous Esquyer as for the dette\} iiiij.

\{of his father\}
Willm Alred - - - xls.
Robert Bagote - - - xxxvs.
Johane Goodale widowe - - - xxxvs.
John Harsant for Henry Colles - xiijs. iiijd.

The money for the lights late p'teynynge to Seynt Margaret frst Mr Anthony Rous Esquyer xli.

\{for the dettel of his father\}
Robert Pavys - - - xiijs. iiijd.
Thomas Borett - - - xiijs. iiijd.
Wydowe Elyote - - - xiijs. iiijd.
Willm Smythe - - - xiijs. iiijd.
Robert Bagote - - - xiijs. iiijd.
Theexcutors of Raydon - - - xiijs. iiijd.

xvij? die Januarij a°

xxxvj?o h. viij.

Detts owynge for Seynt Margarett's money Robert Bagote for vij yeres ended

at Seynt Margaret a° xxxvj?o h. viij. at xijd. the\{yer for the Increase of xiijs. iiijd.\} vijs.

Robert paveys for as many yeres - - - vijs.
Thomas Boreth - - - vijs.
Willm Smyth - - - vijs.
widowe Elyote - - - vijs.
Mr. Anthony Rous Esquyer for v yeres for iij m'kes xvjs.

Ma tht it is aggreed by the hoole townschypppe that at the feast of Seynt Margarete next ensuynge eu'y oone of thes p'sones shall not only brynge Inne the Stokke but also the Encrease and then to laye in obligacons for the some of the hoole too receyve it agayne

(in paler ink)
taken out of the longe purse the xijth of July a° xxxvij?o } xxvj.

h. viij. to paye the subsydie

After this come nine blank pages, and then commence the accounts for 1568.

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