THE ARMS OF SIR ROBERT NAUNTON.

Through the courtesy of the Ex Libris Society, the achievement of the author of Fragmenta Regalia, who resided at Letheringham, has been added as a frontispiece to this year’s Proceedings. The book-plate as well as an autobiography of Sir Robert Naunton, written in Latin verse, was discovered by Mr. Carnegy Johnson. The autobiography was published in the *Athenæum* for Aug. 18th, 1900. The readings of the arms, as appear in the Ex Libris Journal, Vol. x., part 7, are given; and to these readings further notes have been added by Mr. Percy C. Rushen. Sir Robert Naunton was allied to the Wingfield family, and the shield in the illustration, with its many quarterings, bears a close resemblance to the shield in Letheringham.

1. Naunton. *Sa., three martlets arg.*
2. Boiville. *Quarterly or and sa., in the first quarter a lion pass gu.*

   The chief should be *az.* not *sa.*, the coat being that of Glanvil of Suffolk, not of Oxford, the heiress of the former marrying Boivile, whose heiress married Naunton. *P.C.R.*

   This is not the coat of Warren, but of Busiard (Or., an eagle displayed gu. in an orb of torteaux). The heiress of Busiard married Sir Robert’s great grandfather. *P.C.R.*
6. Burdet. *Az., two bars or.*

   The bezants are *or.* *P.C.R.*
11. Grentismainel. *Gules, a pale or.*
   Richard, 2nd Earl of Chester. The field is *gu.* and was so blazoned in the glass formerly in Letheringham Church. P.C.R.
17. Ranulph "de Briscasard," Earl of Chester. *Or., a lion rampant, his tale erected gu.*
20. Cantelupe. *Gu., three fleurs-de-lis or.*
22. Milo, Earl of Hereford. *Gu., two bends, the upper one or, the lower arg.*
24. Brewer. *Gu., two bends wavy or.*
25. Azure a griffin segreant or.
   This coat is, I think, intended for Riparis or Rivers, Earl of Devon, whose daughter married Brewer. Hawes in his MS. History of Loes Hundred, Suffolk, 1712, so identified these arms, which then appeared in the glass and on the monuments in Letheringham Church, but neither Burke nor Papworth give them. P.C.R.
26. Marechal, Earl of Pembroke. *Per pale or. and vert, a lion rampant, gu.*
29. McMurrough. *Su., three garbs or.*
30. *Semée of nails(?), a lion rampant.*
31. *Arg., a cross engrailed sa., between four ermine spots.*
   This and the former were certainly both brought to Sir Robert by his mother, the heiress of Ashby of Loseby, co. Leicester, for they appear with her other quarterings impaled by Naunton upon the monument to her formerly at Letheringham, and also appeared at Loseby. At the latter, No. 30 is impaled by Illingworth, and must, I think, be arg., *semée of cross-croslets fitchée, a lion rampant gu.* for Brett, and may have been brought to Ashby, either by the marriage of Wm. Ashby with Agnes Illingworth, or by that of Thos. Ashby with Cath. Brett. At Loseby the field appeared to be *semée of tau crosses,* and at Letheringham, according to Hawes, the field was *semée of mallets,* but in all cases the tinctures were as in Brett. No. 31 is Pollard, and appeared at Loseby impaled separately by Burdet, Zouch, and Ashby, and the heiress of Burdet (who had married the heiress of Zouch), married Ashby, but which match brought the coat to Ashby I do not know. P.C.R.
32. Naunton, as 1.
   The 8th quarterings in Sir Robert's super libros, reproduced in the *Ex Libris Journal* for June, 1899, is of course not Brewse (Braose), No 21 in the book-plate, but that I suppose to be Brett. P.C.R.