

## NOTES.

During the cleaning of the walls of Gislingham Church last September (1928), various traces of inscriptions were found under at least four coats of colourwash and other matter.

(1). Over the South door a table of the Commandments with fragments of a border, "his oxen nor his affe nor anything."

(2). In the recess between the South door and the Chancel arch powdery fragments of other letters.

(3). To the right of the Chancel arch a table of Commandments with a double border, the only letters decipherable being, "God" at the top and "bear falfe . . . . . eighb . . ." the bottom border being level with the top mark where the rood screen once was fixed in the masonry of the arch.

(4). Between the pulpit and the botanie window where the armorial bearings of a former rector stand out—"struction . . . . the man that heareth . . . . findeth"—"PROVERBES"—"LORD?" shows the text to have included Prov. VIII, 33—35 and probably vv. 32 and 36. The armorial bearings had apparently been superimposed later.

There were fragments of letters in block type "d" over a large area above the north door but they were only powdery remains, impossible to recover owing to a coating of limewash which had rendered everything brittle. There are stick dials, initials and merchants' marks cut in the Chancel arch. Two double circles by the south door appear to indicate where the consecration marks stood and there were traces of a black ornamental dado on the walls, but no traces of pictures.

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## DEBENHAM CHURCH.

In the Domesday Survey, 1086, mention is made of the existence of two churches within the town of Debenham, St. Mary's and St. Andrew's. It is difficult to state what was the site of the latter church, it may have been that of the chapel of Ulveston Hall; or, what is more probable, the church may have been that of St. Andrew's, Boyton, in the Wilford Hundred, for the 30 acres of demesne land mentioned as belonging to Debenham, but stated as lying in another hundred, were granted together with the church of St. Andrew's, Boyton, to the Priory and Convent of Butley, in the year 1356. This grant of 30 acres, held at the time by Matilda, wife of Stephen Gerald, was the foundation of Abbots Hall, Debenham. The addition of the Rectory of Debenham and of