

CHURCH GOODS IN HAMPSHIRE
(WINCHESTER COLLEGE), A.D. 1553.

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The three documents which are set out below, and which relate to proceedings of the Commissioners for surveying and collecting Church plate, etc., in the last year of the reign of Edward VI., are preserved in the muniment room of Winchester College—Domus drawer, packet No. 27 (according to the late T. F. Kirby's arrangement).

1. A copy of a letter, dated May 29th, 1553, from the Privy Council, directing the restoration to Winchester College of its plate and ornaments. It is indorsed "Copy of the letter for the Comysioners for the church goods":—

After &c. Wheare as you were lately appointed by the Kinges Ma^{tes} comissyon to survey and make sale of certeyne of the church goods within that countye of Southampton, for asmoch as it is fyt that the new colledge of Wynchester wthin the same Countye being a member of thuniversety of Oxforde shuld have and enioy soch libertyes as the saide Universety dothe, His Ma^{tie} is pleased that the said Colledge shall have and enioye stil all their plate and their ornamentes belonging to their church so as they convert the same from monumentes of supersticon to necessãrye and goodlye uses for the better maintenance of the

same Colledge. And, thus &c. From Grenewich the xxix of May 1553.—Yo^r lovinge friendes,

T. Ely, can. ¹	Wynchester. ⁵	Northumbr. ⁹
J. Bedford. ²	W. Northmpt. ⁶	E. Clynton. ¹⁰
G. Cobham. ³	R. Cotton. ⁷	
Jo. Masone. ⁴	Ro. Bowes. ⁸	

[The minutes of the meeting of the Privy Council at Greenwich on May 29th, 1553, at which this letter was written, have not, it would seem, been preserved. See "Acts of the Privy Council," N.S. vol. iv. (1552-1554), where no meeting is mentioned intermediate between those of May 27th and May 30th, 1553].

2. An Indenture, on parchment, dated June 1st, 7 E. VI. (1553), whereby Sir Francis Jobson, Treasurer of the King's jewels and plate, acknowledged the delivery to him by the Bishop of Winchester, Sir John Kingsmill, and Richard Bethell (Mayor of Winchester), of certain plate, etc., which had belonged to "the Cathedrall Church and other paryshes and Chappelles within the saide cytye of Winchester," they being the King's Commissioners for collecting such plate:—

This Indenture made the first of June in the seventh yere of the reigne of our Sovereigne Lorde Edwarde the Sixth by the grace of God King of England Fraunce and Irelande, defender of the faith and in earth of the Church of England and also of Irelande the supreme hede, witnesseth that S^r Fraunces Jobson, Knight, M^r and Threasourer of the Kinges Ma^{tes} Juelles and plate, hath receyvid these parcelles of plate hereafter ensuyng of

¹ Thomas (Goodrich), Bishop of Ely, Lord Chancellor.

² John (Russell), Earl of Bedford, Lord Privy Seal.

³ George (Brooke), Lord Cobham.

⁴ Sir John Mason, Kt., Master of the Posts.

⁵ William (Paulet), Marquess of Winchester, Lord Treasurer.

⁶ William (Parr), Marquess of Northampton, Lord Great Chamberlain.

⁷ Sir Richard Cotton, Kt., Comptroller of the Household.

⁸ Sir Robert Bowes, Kt., Master of the Rolls.

⁹ John (Dudley), Duke of Northumberland and Earl of Warwick.

¹⁰ Edward (Clinton, *otherwise* Fiennes), Lord Clinton, Lord High Admiral.

the right reverent Father in God John¹ Busshop of Winchester, S^r John Kyngsmyll, Knight, and Richarde Bythell, Mayer of the Cytye of Winchester, Commyssioners auctorysed and apoynted by the Kinges Ma^{tie} for the surveyeng collecting and gathering of all the plate and other ornamentes belonging to the Cathedrall Church and other paryshes and Chappelles within the saide cytye of Winchester, That is to saye, two candelstykes of silverguilte, oone monstraunce of silverguilte, oone pyxe of silverguilt, and thre chalyces of silverguilte with ther patens of silverguilte, The same parcelles being nowe defaced, the clere silver and guilte thereof weyng Sixe hundreth twentye and nyne ounces. Item two basons of silver guilte. Item two sensers parcell guilte, two crewettes parcell guilte, oone holywater potte with a sprinkell parcell guilte, two plates of a gospell booke parcell guilte,² and the plate of oone side of an Epystell booke parcell guilte, oone crysma parcell guilte, oone crosyersstaffe with plates of silver parcell guilte, [oone pontyfycall ryng with a counterphet stone, *struck out*], oone crosse parcell guilte, sixe chalyces parcell guilte, foure pomelles of a chaire parcell guilte, The same parcelles being nowe defaced, the clere silver parcell guilt thereof weyng three hundreth and oone ounces. Item two crosses of silverwhite, [two crewettes, *struck out*] of silver, oone belle of silver, oone smale picture of silver, two candelstykes of silver, oone litell shype of silver, oone litell sponne of silver, the plates of two staves of silver, foure litell plates of a Crosse of burrall, two plates more of two staves of silver, and foure litell baulles of silver, The same parcelles being now defaced, the clere silver thereof weyng two hundreth and twelve ounces. Soo the hole sum of the clere silver guilte parcell guilte and white delyverid unto thands of the said S^r Fraunces by the saide Commyssioners aperteyng to the abovesaide Cytye of Winchester amounteth together in all To

¹ John Poynt.

² The Gospel book when bound as described in this inventory was on holy days at High Mass used as a pax. See an entry in the Rites of Durham (Surtees Soc.), p. 7: "When the monks went to say or sing the high mass the gospeller did carry a marvellous fair book, . . . which book did serve for the pax in the mass."—EDITOR.

oone thowsande oone hundreth fourtye and two ounces. And oone Myter garnysshed with silver and guilte sett with counterphet stones ragged and seede peerle undefaced, And oone Ring of silver and guilt sett with counterphet stones and undefaced, whiche Myter with the saide Ring and the other thinges upon the myter weyeth together three score and eight ounces, the myter lacking many stones and peerle. In witness whereof the said Sr Fraunces and the Comysioners abovesaide hath enterchangably to these indentures sette ther handes and seales the daye and yere above wrytten.

M⁴ that ther was brought into the Juelhouse at the delyvery of all the said parcelles a Crosse of burrall,¹ broken somtyme, sightly garnessed with silver, above expressed in the name of iiij littell plates of a Crosse of burrall, The said burrall being as aforesaide broken and of smale value was by the saide Comysioners left in the saide Juelhouse as a thing of no chardge.

[Three seals were, it seems, set to this indenture, but none of them remain, and only the tabs of two seals are now left].

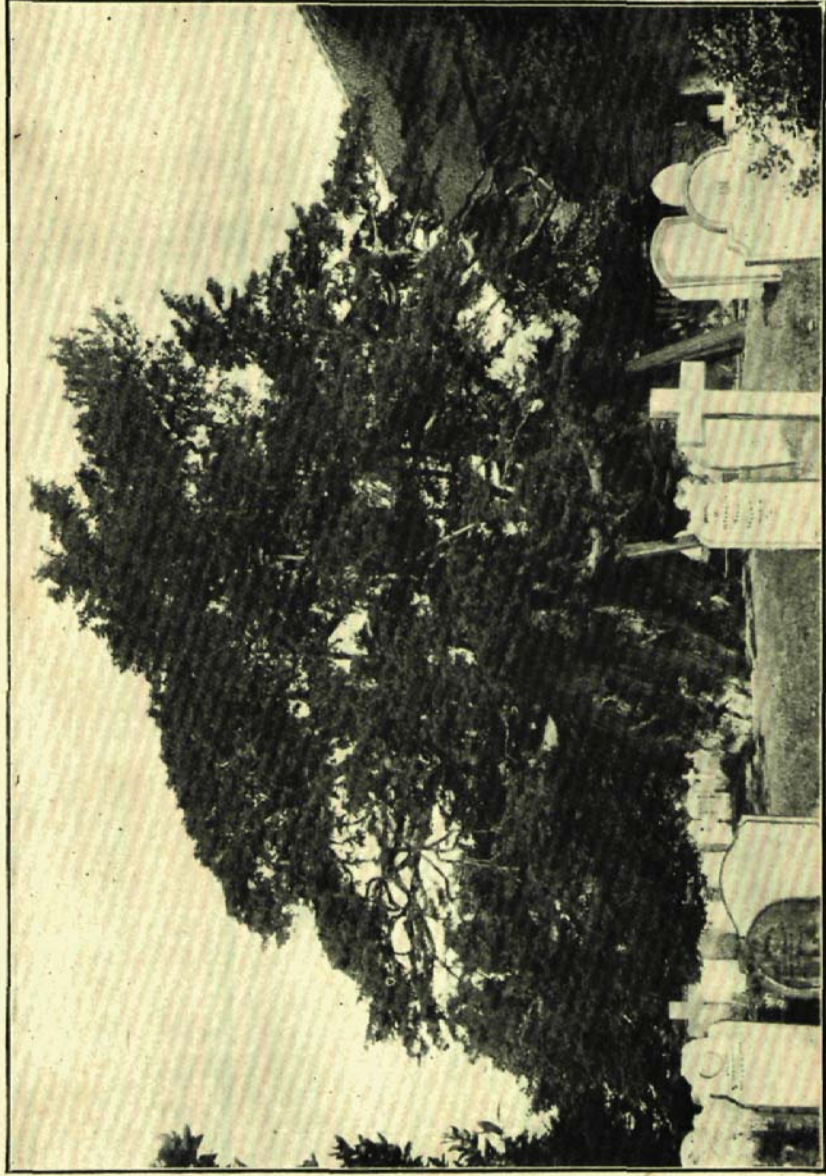
3. The draft of a "bill" expressed to be made on June 11th, 7 E. VI. (1553), whereby Dr. John White, Warden of Winchester College, was to acknowledge the receipt from Sir Henry Seymour of a sum of money (not specified in the draft), being the proceeds of a sale of "church stuff" which had belonged to the College. It is a poorly written paper document, but the handwriting resembles that of Warden White:—

Thys byll made the xith day off June, yn the ere off the rayng off ovr soverayng lord Edward the syxe, off England, Yerland and Fraunce Kyng, defender of the faith, and off the chyrches off England and Ireland supreme hede, the vijth, witnesseth, that y John Whit, worden off the colledge besydes Wynchester, have receved to the usse off the sayd colledge by the handes off Syr

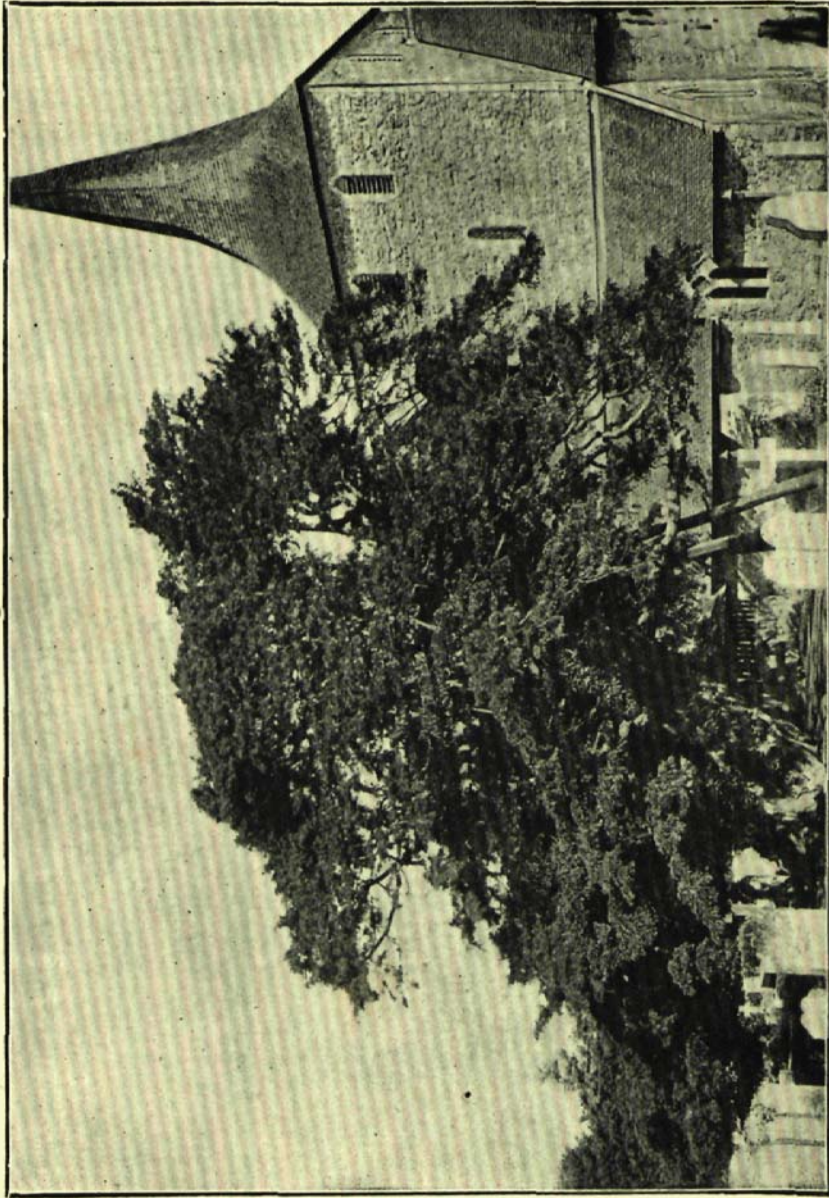
¹ In Cathedrals and Churches where the "Use of Sarum" was followed a cross of burrall (beril) was carried in all processions from Easter morning till Ascension, ". . . sed in tempore pascali portatur crux de (var. cum) berillo usque ad Ascensionem Domini." *Crede Michi*, Tracts of Clement Maydeston, Henry Bradshaw Soc., p. 53.—EDITOR.

Harry Seymor, Knygzth, the sum off [*blank*] for certayn chirche stuff owt off the sayd colledge by the forsayd Syr Harry Seymore, Fraunces Flemmyng, Knygzts, and Wyllyam Kalaway, Esquyer, Commyssyoners from our sayd soverayng lord the Kyng, sold, and after sale so made, by letter off warantye from the Kynges Ma^{tes} counsell to the sayd colledge apoynted and geven, all the w^{ch} sayd sum off [*blank*] yff. our sayd soverayng lord the Kyng schall nevertheless hereafter requyer and demand, y the said Jo. [*Whytte, struck out*] Whyte, warden, bynd my selffe by these presentes to repay and redelyvere to our sayd soverayng lord the Kynges usse, and the foresayd commyssyoners against our sayd soverayng lord save harmless and dyschardge. In wytnesse whiereoff y have hereto putt my name and seale the day and ere above wrytten.

[The College accounts do not disclose any receipt of moneys in pursuance of Warden White's "byll."]



THE YEW TREE IN SOUTH HAYLING CHURCHYARD.
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