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A Topographical and Historical Account of the Parish of St-Mary-le-Bone: Comprising a Copious Description of its Public Buildings, Antiquities, Schools, Charitable Endowments, Sources of Public Amusement, & c. with Biographical Notices of Eminent Persons.

RECTORY

“The Church of Marybone (or Tybourn, as it was then called), was appropriated in the reign of King John, by William de Sancta Maria, Bishop of London, to the priory of St Laurence de Blakemore, in Essex, with the reservation of a competent maintenance for a Vicar, whereby it seems to have been then made presentative of a Vicar, though it became afterwards a Donative or Curacy, in the disposal of the aforesaid Priory; the said approbation was confirmed by Roger Niger in the 7th year of his consecration, and also about the same time by the Dean and Chapter of St Paul’s, Godfrey de Lucy being the Dean.”

On the suppression of that Priory, which took place in the year 1525, the King gave the Rectory to Wolsey, with licence to appropriate it to the Dean and Canons of Christchurch; who, at his request granted it to the master and scholars of his college at Ipswich. When the Cardinal fell into disgrace, the King seized his Rectory as part of his property, and it continued in the Crown till the year 1552, when it was granted to Thomas Reve and George Cotton, in common soccage. It came into the Forset family, then proprietors of the Manor, before the year 1650, and both Manor and Rectory have since passed through the same hands. The Rectory continued an impropriation until the year 1821, when according to the Provisions made by an Act of Parliament passed in the 57th year of the Reign of George III intituled “An Act for ratifying the Purchase of the impropriate Rectory of the Parish of St Mary-le-bone, in the County of Middlesex,” the Government purchased the right of presentation of the Duke of Portland in whose family it has been vested for nearly a century. A grant of a portion of Crown land in the neighbourhood of His Grace’s seat at Welbeck, of the value of 40,000l., having been made, by way of exchange.

In the year 1511m the Minister’s salary was only 13 shillings per annum, paid by Thomas Hobson, then a lessee under the Priory of Blakemore. In 1650, the impropriation was valued at 80l per annum, the Minister was then paid 15l per annum; at the time the whole of the emoluments could be scarcely double.

List of Names of Persons who have been Ministers of the Parish Church.

Francis Barton	11 July, 1582
Thomas More	5 July, 1583
John Payton	January, 1585
Robert Powell	10 June, 1587
Griffin Edwards	18 Dec, 1598 (also curate of the Church of Dadington in 1640).

Thomas Swadlin, D.D. He was Minister of this Church, during the Civil War, was of St John’s College Oxford; and had the living of St Botolph’s Aldgate, where for his eloquent preaching, he was much followed by the orthodox party; but in the beginning of the troubles he was seized and imprisoned, first in Gresham College, and afterwards in Newgate, he was sequestered, plundered, and his wife and family turned out of doors. Upon his liberation he retired to Oxford, where he was created Doctor of Divinity, anno 1646, about which time and after, he obtained a subsistence by teaching in the neighbourhood of London. Upon the Restoration of Charles II, he was reinstated in his preferment, and in 1662, he was presented to the Vicarage of St James’s, Dover and the Rectory of Hougham near that place by the favour of Dr Juxon, Archbishop of Canterbury. About the year 1664, he was presented to the Rectory of All-Hallows in Stamford, Lincolnshire, by Edward, Earl of Clarendon, Lord High Chancellor of England. He published in 1661, a volume of Sermons on the anniversary of King Charles’s death.

Edmund Price	1664
John Crosbie	1669
William Rogers	
George Allen	30 May, 1672. Also Rector of Stanford-le-Hope and Vicar of Mucking, in Essex in 1700.
Matthew Brailsford	1711
Randolph Ford	1711 (Curate)
Daniel Boote	1754
Thomas Dyer	1760
James Parent	1760
Thomas Foster	1765
Stephen Deguthon	1767
J Baker	1768
Sambrook Russell	1768

The Hon and Rev John Harley, Bishop of Herefore, Dean of Windsor, Rector of Presteign in Radnorshire, and Minister of this Parish. He died in 1788.

Sir Richard Kay, Bart LLD, died 1809.

Luke Heslop BD Archdeacon of Bucks, who died 1825.

* The above List is taken from Newcourt's Repertorium, and the remainder from the Parish Registers.

THE OLD CHURCH.

The Church of Ty-bourn, being dedicated to St. John the Evangelist, seems to have fallen into ruin and decay through some cause now unknown, and from its lonely situation, became subject to dilapidation without control, the ornaments, bells, &c. having been repeatedly stolen. Robert Braybroke, then Bishop of London, granted a licence to the inhabitants, upon their petition, (dated Oct. 23, 1400,) to take down the said Church, which stood on or near the site of the present Court-house, and to build a new one, of stones or flints, near the place, where, by his licence, they had lately erected a chapel, which chapel might in the mean time be used. The Bishop claimed the right of laying the first stone; it was also stipulated that the old churchyard was to be preserved, but the inhabitants were allowed to enclose another adjoining to the new edifice.

It is uncertain at what time the old cemetery ceased to be respected, but its site is clearly identified by the number of human bones which were dug up while preparing the foundation for the Old Court House in 1727, and for the New Court House in 1822.

Upon the erection of the New Church, as above-mentioned, it was dedicated to the Virgin Mary, and stood till May 1740, when, being in a very ruinous condition, it was taken down. The interior of this building is shown in one of the plates of Hogarth's Rake's Progress. The monuments are represented as they then existed, and some ill-spelt lines, pointing out the vault of the Forset family, were actually copied from the originals :—

THESE:PEWES:VNSCRVD:AND:TAN:IN:SVNDER
IN:STONE:THERS:GRAVEN:WHAT:IS:VNDER
TO:WIT:A:VALT:FOR:BVRIAL:THERE:IS
WHICH:EDWARD:FORSET:MADE:FOR:HIM:AND:HIS

The inscription denoting the church to have been beautified when Thomas Sice and Thomas Horn were Churchwardens, was not fabricated for the purpose of ridicule (though it might have served that purpose, when contrasted with the ruinous appearance of the Church), but proves to be genuine.

" The Rake*s Progress, a Series of Eight Plates, appeared in 1735. Plate V. The Rake is here exhibited embracing the happy opportunity of recruiting his wasted fortune by a marriage with a deformed and superannuated female, ordinary even to a proverb, and possessed but of one eye. As this wedding was designed to be a private one, they are supposed to have retired for that purpose to the church of St. Mary-le-bone, (which at that time was denominated a small village, in the outskirts of London), but as secret as he thought to keep it, it did not fail to reach the ears of an unfortunate young woman whom he had formerly seduced, and who is here represented, entering with her child and mother, in order to forbid the solemnization. They are however opposed by the pew-opener, lest, through an interruption of the ceremony, she should lose her customary fee, and a battle consequently ensues. A manifest token of the small regard paid to these sacred places. By the decayed appearance of the walls of this building, the torn belief, and cracked commandments, our author would humorously and effectually intimate the great indifference shown to the decency of churches in country parishes."

"The only thing further to be noticed, is that of the poor's box, whose perforation is humorously covered with a web, where a spider is supposed to have been a long time settled, not finding so good a resting place before; and it is probable she might have continued there much longer, had not the overseer, in private, 'searched the box, with a view of abstracting its contents.

Hence are we given to understand, that dissipation so far prevails as to drive humanity from the heart; and that so selfish are we grown, as to have no feeling for the distresses of our fellow-creatures; a matter which, while it disgraces the Christian, even degrades the man."

Adverting to this incident, as also to the cracked commandments, and the creed destroyed by the damp of the church, Mr. Ireland observes: "These three high-wrought strokes of satirical humour, were perhaps never equalled by an exertion of the pencil; excelled they cannot be."

This Church was replaced by another, erected on the same site, which was opened for Divine Service in April 1742 * It is an oblong square brick building, with a small bell tower at the west end, it has a gallery on the north south and west sides, the altar occupying the east end. Several of the monumental slabs which were in the former church, are preserved, and transferred to the walls of the present building, the inscription relating to the vault of the Forset family, is preserved with great care, the letters are raised in wood on panel and placed in front of a pew directly opposite the altar. The entrance to this church was formerly at the east and west ends, but upon its being converted into the Parish Chapel in 1818, by Act of Parliament, 51 Geo. III. cap. 151, § 39, some judicious alterations were made, the entrance at the east end was blocked up, that at the west only remaining; the pulpit and reading desk were separated, and removed near the east wall, and some different arrangement made in the pews. The organ is placed in the west gallery. This chapel is a curacy in the jurisdiction of the diocese of London, but in the patronage of the Rector of the parish. The present incumbent is the Rev. Richard Henry Chapman, M. A. Rector of Kirkby Wiske, Thirsk, Yorkshire.

The following inscriptions are on the exterior wall at the east end, near the top of the building:—

Rebuilt In year 1741.

Walter Lee – Churchwarden

John Deschamps –

Converted into a Parish Chapel
By Act of Parliament, LI. George III.
on the IV. Feb. MDCCCXVII.
The Day of Consecration of the New Church.

* There is a Blank left in the Register of burials, between May 7, 1740, and April 4, 1742; and the following entry inserted-

** In this interval the Parish Church was rebuilt.*^

The two first lines of this Inscription are the originals, the two last were restored in 1816, at the expense of the Rev. Mr. Chapman, the Minister. The Vault is now occupied by the Portland Family.

FUNERAL MONUMENTS

In the extensive range of antiquarian science there is no one subject more truly interesting, or deeply affecting, than that of sepulchral monuments.

Whether considered as evidences of the art of sculpture, as memorials of history, or as tangible records of greatness and worth, they present irresistible claims on our feelings and fancies. They awaken and animate all the best sympathies of human nature; by inspiring reverence and adoration for merit and virtue, detestation and contempt for folly and vice. To the historian they impart facts, and convey instruction; whilst the antiquary and artist resort to them as witnesses to verify the progress of art, the fluctuation of customs, the changes of fashion, the vicissitudes of the human race. In all ages, and in all countries, they manifest the glorious ambition of man to live "beyond the grave." The Christian religion produced, amongst its great improvements and changes a complete revolution in the moral and physical habits of mankind. It was not till some centuries after the Christian Advent that interments were allowed within the walls of churches, or any thing like monumental record was adopted. The first instance we meet with of burying within a Church, is that of Archbishop Cuthbert in Canterbury Cathedral, about the middle of the eighth century. This most dangerous and injurious practice, once begun, was eagerly followed by the powerful, proud, and infatuated Christians. It became a source of great revenue to the priesthood, and is still continued, to the disgrace of Protestant as well as Catholic Churches.

Monuments were anciently erected agreeably to the quality of the deceased that every one might discern of what degree the person was when living.

Noblemen had their effigies carved in stone, or engraved on brass, and this was intended to bear a likeness to the deceased person; upon the same were usually inscribed their titles, marriages, issues, and employments. Gentry, and persons of lower condition, were interred under a flat stone, inscribed with their name and time of their decease; and these particulars were sometimes engraved on a brass plate. It was not till after the Reformation that monumental slabs began to be placed against the walls of Churches. The following monuments are at present existing in the old Church in High Street. Biographical notices of the more eminent persons will appear under a separate head.

MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

East Wall.

Here lyeth interred the body of SIR EDMVND DOUCE,
of Brovghton, in the Covnty of Sovth : Kt - who
was Cvp-Bearer to Ann of Denmark, Queene to
Kynge James, and to Henryetta Maria of France,
40 yeares a constant Servant in his place, never
maryed. At the writinge hereof he was aged three
score and three yeares in Anno Dni. 1644.
Mors mihi lucrum.

Arms. — Or, a fesse checky Az. and Arg. between three greyhounds courant Sable.

The following inscriptions are on a black marble slab in two compartments.

In this Vault Neere this Monvment lyeth the Body of
ELIZABETH ROBERTS, the Wife of Thomas Roberts,
Esq. Son and Heire of Sir Walter Roberts of Glassen-
bury, in the Covnty of Kent, Kt & Barronett, by
whom she had issue two Sons & one Davghter. She
was the onely Davghter & Heire of Sr Mathew How-
land of Stratton in the Covnty of Svrry, Kt- by Dame
Frances, Davghter of Edward Forsett, Esq. Lord of
this Mannor; She secondly Married Hvmphrey Scott
of Havckhvrst in the Covnty of Kent, Esq. by whom
she had 3 Sons & two Davghters. She liv'd desir'd
and dyed Lamented on the Leaventh of December,
Ao- Dni. 1658.

Left Compartment.

In the Vavlt neere this Monvment lyeth interred the
body of Dame FRANCEES HOWLAND, the mother of
ye said Elizabeth Scot & Relict of Sr Mathew How-
land of Stretham in the Covnty of Svrry, Kt one of
ye Davghters of Edward Forcett of Maribone in ye
Covnty of Midde. Esq. who departed this life at Step-
ney, the third day of May in the yeare of ovr Lord,
1668, and about the Seventy- Seaventh yeare of her age.

For whose piovs memory the Lady Howland
her Loving Mother erected this Monvment
and intendes to be heere also bvried.

Arms. — 1. Arg. three bars Sab. in chief, three lions rampant of the second. — Howland, impaling. Or, a lion rampant Sab. over all a bend gobony Arg. and gules. — Forset. 2. Az. on a chevron, Arg. three mullets Sable, impaling Howland. 3. Arg. a cross croset, fitchee Sable. — Scott, quartering, Az. three conger's heads erased Or. — Conghurst and impaling Howland.

THE OLD CHURCH.

Beneath this place resteth the Body of
DEBORAH CHAMBERS,
Wife of Richard Chambers, of the City of Yorke,
Merchant, and Daughter of Edward Mesenden, Esq.
who died Oct. 30, 1680, Aged 63 years.

Arms, — Or, a fesse Az. between three conies Sable, impaling ; Or, a cross engrailed G. in the first quarter a Cornish chough, proper. — Messenden.

Near this place lies the Remains of
Lieutenant-General RICHARD PRESCOTT,
of the 7 th Regt. of Royal Fusileers,
Obiit 19th October, 1788, AEtat. 68 years.

Sacred to the Memory of
ELIZABETH, Wife of Captain TOWRY, R. N.
Obiit 19th Dec. 1806, AEt. 28.
Exemplary as a Daughter, a Wife, a Mother, and a
Christian!
Reflection dwells with melancholy Pleasure on the gentle
Virtues which adorned her Life;
While Feeling embalms her beloved Memory
with a Husband's Tears.

In a Vault of this Church are deposited the Remains of
General Sir GEORGE BECKWITH, G. C. B.
Second son of Major Gen. John Beckwith, of Bluerly in
The County of York, and of Janet, Daughter of the
Rev. Dr. George Wishart, Dean of the Chapel
Royal Edinburgh.
Who departed this life, March the 20th, 1823,
In the 70th year of his age.
Also Brig. Gen. Ferdinand Amelia Fairfax Beckwith,
(Their third son)
Who died Oct. 14, 1805, aged 40.

Also Jessie Philadelphia Beckwith, (Eldest child of their fifth son, Maj. Gen. Sir Thomas Sidney Beckwith, K. C. B. and of Clementina, daughter of Thomas Loughnan, Esq.) who died July 8, 1822.
Aged 19 years.

In Memory of
MRS. ELIZABETH HODGINS CARGILL,
of Nottingham Place, whose Remains are deposited in
the ground adjoining this Chapel.
She died March 19, A. D. 1821, aged 80 years.

North Wall.

Near this place lyeth ye- body of GRACE LEE, late wife
of Thomas Lee, of this Parish, {yeoman) who died
March ye- 24th 1724, aged 56 years.
Also the body of ye abovemention'd Thomas Lee, who died May ye
27th 1726, aged 55 years. They were tender parents,
kind Neighbours, and serviceable Parishioners.

Underneath lie the Remains of
JAMES GIBBS, Esq.
Whose skill in Architecture, appears by his Printed
Works as well as the Buildings directed by him.
Among other Legacys and Charitys, he left One Hun-
dred Pounds towards Enlarging this Church.
He died August 5, 1754, aged 71.*

To the Memory of WILLIAM LONG, Esq.
This Monument is erected by his brother, Rear Admiral
Long, A. D. 1762.

Arms. — Sab. semee of cross croslets and a lion rampant, Argent.

* Posterity is indebted for the preservation of this Inscription to Sampson Hodgkinson, Esq. an ardent lover of antiquities, and Sidesman of the parish Church, who at his own expense, had these letters repainted in 1816 ; but no satisfactory account of the expenditure of the bequest mentioned on the monument, can be discovered in the Vestry Minutes. The above gentleman, who has resided in the parish from his infancy, possesses a fund of genuine entertaining biographical anecdote, an excellent collection of minerals, and a curious and splendid library, which in the most kind and obliging manner it rendered accessible to those who require local information.

To the Memory
of WILLIAM THOMAS, Esq.
who dyed the the 30th of Nov. 1764, aged 88 years.
Also Mrs. Mary Thomas, Relict of the above, who dyed
April 7, 1768, aged 77 years.
Also Mrs. Margaret Morgan, Sister to William Thomas, Esq. who
died March 26, 1794, aged 82 years.
Also Mrs. Anne Thomas, Sister to William Thomas, Esq.
died July 9, 1781, aged 83 years.

To the Memory of ELIZABETH,
Wife of Edward Thornhill of Sunbury in this County,
was the only daughter of Francis Tredgold, (late of
this Parish) by his wife Mary ; she died on the 17th
day of May, 1766, in the 26th year of her age, and
lies interred in her Father's vault in this Churchyard.
Francis Tredgold, the only child of the above Edward
and Elizabeth Thornhill, who died Oct. 11th 1762,
aged 13 months, is buried in the same Vault.

Near this place lyeth the Body of Mrs. ANN LLOYD,
Widow of William Lloyd, late of the Parish of St.
James's Westminster, Gentleman ; and also Relict of
the late Mr. Humfrey Wanle, Library Keeper to the
Rt. Hon. Robert and Edward, Earls of Oxford, &c.
she Dyed March the 9th 1767, aged 70 years.

To the Memory of The Rev. EDMUND HODSHON,
Late Rector of Spennithorne, in the North Riding of
the County of York,
Who departed this life, the 29th of July, 1778,
AEtat 42.

Arms, — Per chevron engrailed Or. and Az. 3 martlets counterchanged.

Beneath this Monument
Rest the Remains of RALPH SMYTH, Esq.
Late of Field Town in the County of Westmeath in the
Kingdom of Ireland, who departed this life
at his House in Charles Street, Cavendish Square, on
February the 23d, 1782, aged 65.

Here lies the body
of LADY MARY WEST,
Wife of the Hon. George West, and Daughter of the
Fourth Earl of Stamford.
She died March the 1st, 1783, aged 43.

Arms, — Arg. a fesse dauncettee Sab. impaling, Barry of six Arg. and Az. in chief three torteauxes
— Grey.

Near this place lies interred
ANNE FOSTER,
who died January 10, 1786, aged 92 years.
Also Alice, the wife of John Yarker, Esq. who died
November 24, 1812, aged 85 years.
Also John Yarker, Esq. of Leyburn, in the County of
York, who died July 17, 1813, aged 84 years.
Also Anne Yarker, only daughter of the above John and
Alice Yarker, who died October 29, 1818,
aged 62 years.

Sacred to the Memory of the late
Sir George Collier, Knt. Vice Admiral of the Blue,
who departed this life, April 6, 1795, aged 65 years,
the principal part of which was devoted to the
Service of his Country.

Sacred to the Memory of
CHARLES BRIETZCKE, Esq. late of the Secretary
of States Office, who died June 5, A. D. 1795, Aet. 57.
Also to the memory of his second son,
Lieutenant Charles Ware Brietzcke, of H. M.S. Hannibal,
who survived his father but a few months, having
fallen a victim to the ravages of the Yellow Fever in the West Indies, Oct. A. D. 1795, iEtat 20.

To the Memory
of BARBARA, Countess of Scarborough,
who died 22d day of July, A. D. 1797, aged 62 years.
The well-merited affection of her Children,
Has placed this Monument in pious Sorrow, and
grateful Veneration.

Sacred to the Memory
of SAMUEL ESTWICK, Esq. whose Remains are
deposited in his Family Vault, in the Ground belonging
to this Church.

He was born the 22nd of Jan. 1770, Married, the 15th of
July, 1793, the Hon. Cassandra Julia Hawke, eldest
daughter of The Right Hon. Lord Hawke; and
died the 23d of February, 1797.

Near this place are deposited the Remains of
ELIZABETH STANLEY,
Sister and heir at law to the late Sir William Stanley
of Hooton, in the County of Cheshire, Bart.
and Wife of Charles Haggerston Constable Stanley
of Upper Seymour Street, Esq.
who has erected this Monument to her Memory,
She died the 23d of June, 1797, aged 47.

Sacred to the memory
of Mrs. JANETTE TAHOURDIN,
Wife of Peter Tahourdin, of Argyle street, Gent, who
died suddenly on the 12th day of June, 1800,
in the 35th year of her age.

In the Vault No. 3, are deposited the Remains of
ELIZABETH SMITH,
wife of Adam Smith, Esq. of the Island of Jamaica; who
died after having given birth to a Son, on the XXX day of November, MDCCC. aged XXIX.

Near this place lieth interred GRACE,
the Wife of Lieut.-Colonel Frederick Philipse Robinson,
who died the 27th of May 1806, aged 36 years,
also two of their children.

Near this place lie the Remains of
JOSEPH JONES, Esq.
Many years a Banker in the City of London,
He died at his bouse in Cavendish Square, on the
XXVIIth Day of November, MDCCCXI.
Aged LXXIII years.

Near this place lie the Remains of
WILLIAM ORAM, Esq, of this Parish, who departed
this life the XXXI st of November, CCXIII.
Aged LIV.

To the Memory of ELIZABETH,
Wife of Thomas Hart Davies of Madras, in the East
Indies, Esq., who died on the 29th day of May, 18 7.,
Aged 44 years.

West Wall.

Jacet
JOHANNES CROSBIE,
Westmorlandiensis

Ortoniae Prog-
Candaliae Discipuli-
Oxoniae Alum-
Londoni Patroci-

Artium Magister
Ecclesiae Minister
Ortus Aprilis 13, 1591
Sepultus, 30 Junij, 1669,
-Etatis suae 72.

In Memory of
ELIZABETH, their beloved Daughter,
Taken from them in the Eleventh year of her age.
Her afflicted Parents, Charles and Judith Mellish,
Have placed this marble,
A pledge of their affection for a dutiful child,
Born April 27, 1771. Died March 28, 1782.
Buried under the first and second pew opposite.

Sacred to the memory of MARY CURTIS,
Wife of John Curtis, Esq. of Manchester Square,
Obiit Nov. 20, 1794, Aetat. 33.

Near this place are deposited the Remains of
SIGNOR GIOVSEPPE BARETTI,
A native of Piedmont in Italy, Secretary for Foreign
Correspondence to the Royal Academy of Arts, of
London ; Author of several esteemed Works in his own
and the Languages of France and of England.

Near this place are deposited the Remains of
John Broomhead, Esq.
who died the 21st of January, 1794, aged 58 years.
Also of John Broomhead, his son,
who died the 19th of April, 1807, aged 37 years.
This tribute of respect is erected to their memory by
filial duty and affection.

Near this place lye the Remains of
Peter Oliver, M. D.
Son of the Hon. ANDREW Oliver, late of Boston,
New England,
who died April 6, 1795, aged 45 years.

In memory of
A life devoted to the Study of Musical Science, and
shortened by Unremitted application and anxiety in the
attainment of its object,
This marble is inscribed with the Name of
STEPHEN STORACE,
whose professional talents commanded publick applause,
whose private virtues ensured domestic affection.
He died March 16, 1796, aged 34, and is interred under
this Church.

Silent his lyre, or wak'd to Heavenly strains,
Clos'd his short scene of chequer'd joys and pains,
Belov'd and gratefull as the notes he sung.
His name still trembles on Affection's tongue.
Still in our bosoms holds its wonted part.
And strikes the chords, which vibrate to the heart.

This marble is put up by a tender mother, and
an affectionate sister.

In Memory of
JOHN PURLING Esq. late of this Parish,
who departed this Life on the 23d day of August, 1800,
in the 74th year of his age,
and lies interred in one of the Vaults belonging
to this Church.

To the Memory of
Colonel John TOTTINGHAM,
who died June 3, 1802,
aged 63 years.

In a Vault near this place are deposited the Remains of
WILLIAM AUTHER CROSBIE, Esq.
late of this Parish,
who departed this Life, February the 19th, 1804,
aged 50 years.

Sacred to the Memory
of STEPHEN HAVEN, Esq.
who departed this Life, the 17th of March, 1805, aged 44
He was a Native of Ireland,
But passed the greater part of his life in America and the
Bahamas, in which last place he filled many Offices of
Trust and Honour, and was universally respected.
In his private Character
He was eminently distinguished for his Philanthropy
and Benevolence to the Friendless of every description.
He has left a Widow and three Children
to lament the loss of an affectionate Parent and
kind Protector.

Sacred to the Memory of
MARTHA, Widow of the late John Dymoke, Esq.
The 'Honourable the King's Champion,
of Scrivelsby Court, in the County of Lincoln,
who died August 9, 1811, aged 77,
Her remains are deposited in the private Dormitory
of this Church.

Sacred to the Memory of
ABRAHAM HOLDEN TURNER, Esq.
Late of this Parish, who died the 28th of December, 1811,
in the 53d year of his age.

Sacred to the Memory of
Mr. EDMOND TURVILLE TURNER,
Son of the above Abraham Holden Turner,
Died the 27th of October, 1816,
aged 16 years.

On this wall was formerly a monument of lead, gilt, with figures in alto-relievo, to the memory of some children of Thomas Taylor of Popes, in Hertfordshire, by Sarah, Daughter of John Wells, of Marybone, 1689, &c. But, on the alteration of the Church in 1816, this monument was stolen; and it is difficult to find words adequate to express the indignation excited in the minds of the lovers of antiquity, at the commission of such an act of Sacrilege. It is also equally surprising, that no proper investigation was set on foot to discover the real delinquent.

South Wall

Near this Place is interred the Body of
THOMAS TAYLOR,
Late of Kensington in the County of Middlesex, Esq.
who departed this life, the 17th Nov. 1716, aged 80.
Also is here interred the body of
Mrs. Sarah Taylor, Wife of the said Thomas Taylor,
who changed this life for a better,
the 7th Oct. 1746, aged 80.
Preserve me O God for in thee have I put my Trust.
Psalm xvi. ver. 1.
Open me the Gates of Righteousness that I may
Go into into them and Give Thanks unto the Lord.
Psalm cxviii. ver. 19.

Arms. — Arg. on a Chief Or, two boar's heads erased,
Az. (a mullet for difference), impaling. Or, a lion
rampant Azure.

Near this place are interred the Remains of
MRS. SARAH KIMBER,
who was born at Dover, A. D. 1720, and died
Oct. 13, 1768.
What ! tho' no pompous Titles grace her Name,
Nor Wealth, nor Honours, dignify her Fame :

A mild and Cheerful Temper, lively sense.
True friendship, and humane benevolence ;
These Graces of the Mind, by time improved,
Made her, wherever she was known, belov'd.

Near this place lieth the body of
CHARLOTTE MEYNELL,
Youngest Daughter of the late Godfrey Meynell, Esq.
of Derbyshire deceased, and Frances his wife,
She died the 2d of September 1769, aged 12 years.
Torn from her weeping Friends ere yet in Bloom
She fell too early Victim for the Tomb,
On Earth her Prudence, Innocence of thought.
Good Nature, Piety, availed her Nought,
Omnipotence unwilling seem'd to spare
The Virgin longer to a Mother's care.
But call'd her forth such Virtues to employ
In happy Mansions of eternal Joy,
Her tender Mother holds her Mem'ry dear,
And pays the last sad Tribute of a Tear.

Sacred to the memory of
Gilbert Fane Fleming, Esq.
who was interred in this Church, Dec. XXVIII.
MDCCLXXVI.
This monument is here placed by his ever affectionate
and most truly grateful wife.
Lady Camilla Fleming.

To the memory of
Wastel Briscoe, Esq.
who departed this Life, the 10th day of November, 1796,
Aged 85.
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To the Memory of
John Allen, Esq.
Son of the Rev. George Allen, sometime Minister
of this Parish.
He was Apothecary to the Households of King George
the First, Second and Third ;

and having employed a long life, and ample Fortune,
in Acts of Benevolence and Charity,
Liberal to others, Frugal only to himself. He was
released from his Labours, and called to his Reward
March 17, 1774, in the Ninety-first year of his age.
By his Will he gave large Benefactions
To his Relations, Friends and Servants. To Poor
Clergymen's Widows and Children. To Poor House-
keepers, and the Charity Children of this Parish,
of St. Paul Covent-Garden, and of St. James's
Westminster. To St. George's Hospital,
of which he was a Governor from the first institution,
and to the Company of Apothecaries,
of which he was a most respected member.
Providence seems to have protracted the life of this
excellent man, as an example to show
how useful a private person may be with a mind
so disposed.

Near this place lies interred the body of
DANIEL M'GILCHRIST, Esq.
Late of the Island of Jamaica, who died at his house
in Portland Place, on the 6th of March 1783,
aged 64 years.
On the 14th of July 1772, he was married to Ann,
fourth daughter of the Hon. Thomas Fearon
of Clarendon in the said Island,
who erected this monument in grateful remembrance
of him.

JOANNI MONTAGU,
Armigero Antiqua Montacutorum
Ac
Trevorum Stirpe
Orto Viro Pio Probo Benevolo.

Arms. Montagu and Morthermer quarterly, not blazoned .

In a Vault in the Neighbouring Churchyard
lie the Remains of
Mrs. ELIZABETH PARK,
Wife of James Park, Esq. late of Sloane Street, Chelsea.
She died on the 3d day of May, A. D. 1793.
aged 68 years.

Sacred
to the Memory of
GRAINGER MUIR, Esq.
Colonel in the Service of the East India Company.
He went to India, Anno 1747. He was a Captain, and
led the advanced guard at the Battle of Plassey.
He commanded the army employed against the Maratta
Chief Madajee Scindia, and by his judicious conduct
Negotiated a Peace with that Chief in 1781,
and thereby laid the Foundation of the General Peace
concluded with the Maratta States in 1782.
With a delicate sense of Honor, he had all the ardour of
his profession as a Soldier,
He was amiable in his manners, Generous in his
Dispositions, Affectionate and steady in his Friendships.
He returned to England in 1785,
and departed this Life the 3d of August, 1786,
aged 52 years.

Sacred to the Memory of
CAROLINE WATSON,
Engraver to Her Majesty, who died 9th June 1814, Aged 54.
If Taste and Feeling, that with goodness dwell,
And teach the modest Artist to excel;
If Gratitude, whose voice to Heaven ascends,
And seems celestial to surviving Friends ;
If charms so pure a lasting Record claim.
Preserve, Thou faithful Stone ! a spotless Name !
Meek Caroline ! receive due Praise from Earth
For Graceful Talents join'd to genuine worth !
God gave thee gifts, such as to few may fall.
Thy Heart, to Him who gave thee devoted all.

Erected by John Eardley Wilmot.

W. Hayley.

Here lies the body of
EDWARD ELTON, Esq.
formerly of Clifton in the County of Gloucester, and
Late of Greenway, in the County of Devon,
and of Gloucester Place, New Road, in this Parish ,
Obiit XX Die Septembris, MCCCXI,
Etat LXIX.

Sacred to the memory of
Mrs. MARY ANN PRICE,
of this Parish, who departed this life,
on the 12th day of April, 1820,
Aged 30 years.

In a Vault belonging to this Church
(In the full assurance of a blessed Resurrection)
are deposited the respected Remains of
Mrs. BETTENSON STAUNTON,
Eldest daughter and Coheirress of Thomas Staunton, Esq.
of Sibton Park, in the County of Suffolk,
And Annadowne Castle, Ireland,
and grand-daughter of Gilbert, Viscount Barnard, of
Raby Castle, who departed this Life February 12, 1811, AEtat 74.
In the blameless life of this excellent Woman was
Pourtrayed the beautiful character of a sincere Christian :
She was religious without Austerity ;
Pious without Enthusiasm ; Charitable without
Ostentation ; Patient and resigned under great Sufferings,
Firm in Faith and pure in Heart ; " Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven,"
This votive Tablet, sacred to the memory of one so
Justly loved and so deeply lamented. Is affectionately
Reared by the Gratitude and Weeping Friendship
Of her faithful and adopted Child,
Anna Maria Bentley.
In the same Vault rest the Remains of her half sister,
Elizabeth Catherine, wife of James Cumberland Bentley, Esq.
who died March 10, 1810, AEtat62.

Here lie the mortal Remains of
Mrs. MARY MARSHALL,
Wife of Capt. Josiah Marshall
Bom 3d October, 1781. Died 17th January, 1808.

In Memory of
MRS. MARY ARNOLD,
Who departed this life, the 23d day of August, 1807,
Aged 65 years.
By active Exertions in the Service of her Friends and
Neighbours, and of all in Poverty or Distress, she
rendered her Life extensively useful ; for when unable
to afford assistance or relief herself, she cheerfully
condescended to solicit the aid of others.
"Go and do thou likewise."

In a Vault in this Church are deposited the Remains of
ANN HEWITT,
The Child of William Kellitt, and Deborah Hewitt,
Of St. Elizabeth, Jamaica, who departed this Life on the
14th of November, 1806,
Having on that day completed her Seventh year.
As with despair thy Parents saw disease.
With'ring a form by Nature made to please,
Hope glanced to Britain with reviving smile
And promis'd health in Britain's happier Isle.
Alas ! this Marble, but records how vain,
Their anxious hopes, and speaks their heartfelt pain.
They long will mourn, yet happy who like you,
In life's pure morn shall bid the world adieu.

The following Inscriptions are on Flat Stones on the
Floor of the Church,

Here lies the Body of
HUMPHREY WANLEY,
Library Keeper to the Right Hon. Robert and Edward
Earls of Oxford, &c.
Who died on the 6th day of July, MDCCXXVI,
In the 55th year of his age.

Here lies the body of
RICHARD LLOYD, Esq.
Son of Sir Richard Lloyd, Judge of the Admiralty,
and Brother of Sir Nathaniel Lloyd,
1742.

Here lies the body of ROBERT FRANCES,
Late of this Parish,
Who departed this Life on the 22d of Feb. 1766.

Here are deposited the Remains of
Mr. William O'Brien,
Who died November the 7th 1766, aged 44 years.

In Memory of
HENRIETTA MARIA,
Second daughter of Sir Charles Asgill, Bart.
Who died April 1790, aged 22.

In Memory of
DANIEL M'GILCHRISTE,
of this Parish,
Died March the 16th, 1783, aged 64.

To the Memory of
Josias Calmady, Esq. of the County of Devon,
Who died in 1756, aged 95.

Here lies interred the body of
The Right Hon. LADY ABIGAIL HAY,
Fourth Daughter of the Right Hon. George Earl of
Kinnoul, who departed this Life, July 7, 1785,
aged 60.

There is a long Latin inscription on a flat stone, in the
western entrance, to the Memory of

EDWARD GWYNN, Esq.
Of the Family of Gwynn, of North Wales,
Deputy Custos Brevium of the Court of Common Pleas,
Died 1649, aged 75.

The following Inscriptions are in the Churchyard,

Samuel Ellis	1678
Claudius de Crespigny, Esq. a French Refugee	1695
Maria de Vierville, his wife	1708
Betsey, wife of Philip Champion Crespigny	1772
Mr. Robert Knight	1719
As i was, so are yea and as i am So shall yea be	
Frances, Wife of John Stanesby, aged 70	1720
Elizabeth Barefoot of St. Martin's in the Fields	1721
John Aubrey Hill	1729
Anna Head	1740

On entering the Churchyard by the gate on the South side, a large altar tomb will be observed on the left hand, erected to the memory of the Family of Deschamps, one of whom, viz. John Deschamps, was Churchwarden of this Parish in 1741*

John Liddiard	1741
John Dowyer, Carver	1741
Captain James Desmarette	1743
John Towers, Esq	1744
Joan, Wife of Edmund Stouel, aged 77	1745
Frances Pennington	1745
George Hume Cordwainer to Geo II	1748
Mrs. Frances Wagg	1749
Ormond Tomson, Esq. Capt. R. N	1758
Elizabeth Adams	1752
Elizabeth Hurley	1765
Mrs. Ann Nugent	1766
Rev. Nicholas Robert, a native of France	1766
Lieut. Peter Foubert	1766
John Riddell, Surgeon	1767

*The Reader will scarcely be able to repress a smile when he is informed, that this Churchwarden's memory is perpetuated by contributions from various tenants of this abode of frail mortality; a number of old tombstones having been cut up and used for the foundation of this Tomb: parts of several different inscriptions are still legible.

James Ferguson, F. R. S. " who blessed with a fine natural genius by unwearied application (without a master), attained the sciences of Astronomy and Mechanics, which he taught with singular success and reputation. He was modest, sober, humble, and religious, and his works will immortalise his memory, when this small monument is no more. He died Nov. 16, 1776, aged 66."

Isabel, his wife	1773
James their eldest son, aged 24	1772
Christopher Nettleton, aged 56	1775
Rev, Francis Lawrence Cowley	1777
Mary, Wife of Richard Shadwell, Esq	1777
Adam Smith,	1778
Joseph Burgess, Gent.	1779
Frances, Relict of the Rev. George Arrowsmith	1786
William Kingsbury, Gent, of Bungay	1788
The Rev. Charles Wesley aged 80	1788
Mrs. Eleanor Williams	1791
Elizabeth Baroness O' Brady	1791
William Martin	1794
Thomas Browne	1794

Frances Blair	1800
Scipio Lowry,	1801
John Cable	1803
Louisa Loveday	1806
Elizabeth Loveday	1807
Ann, First wife of William Child	1807
Maria, Second wife of above William Child	1808
Henry Matthews	1810

Diana Gertrude Wilson, Daughter and only Child of Sir Giffin Wilson of Stratford Place, and Woodburn House, Bucks, one of the Masters of the High Court of Chancery, who died the 11th of June 1827, in the 22d year of her age. Also Harriet, Lady Wilson, Mother of the above, and the Wife of the above Sir Giffin Wilson, and youngest daughter of the late Lieut. Gen. George Hotham, of Binfield, Berks, who died on the 30th of April, 1828, aged 52 years.

Valentine Howell, Principal Watch – House Keeper 24 years. This Stone erected as a tribute of respect, by the Serjeants and Watchmen of this Parish, Feb. 13, 1829.

Mrs. Christian Brown, (the Mother of Nicholas Brown Esq. Commissioner of His Majesty's Victualling Office) who died Dec. 15, 1799, aged 75. Also the Remains of the said Nicholas Brown, who died on the 10th day of June 1830, aged 70 years.

In the Crypt or Vault underneath the Church are Deposited the Remains of several Members of the Portland Family including WILLIAM HENRY CAVENDISH BENTINCK, The late Duke, Who departed this life, October 30, 1809, aged 71.

The population of this parish having progressively increased during a period of 50 years, in consequence of the extension of building ; it became a matter of serious necessity to do something in aid of the accommodation demanded for the services of the established religion. The Church, erected when a few straggling houses constituted the whole of the habitations in the Parish, was

insignificantly small, and totally inadequate to the wants of the parishioners; it was, however, situated not very distant from the centre of the parish. Its insufficiency had been a topic of general remark, and various designs and proposals had been made for the erection of a structure correspondent with the number and wealth of the inhabitants.

About the year 1770, the late Mr. Portman, offered to present the Parish with a piece of ground on the North side of Paddington street, gratuitously, on condition they should build a church on it, but if they did not build it, they were to pay him £3000; and the late Sir William Chambers, at the desire of the Select Vestry, made a design for the building, which possessed great merit ; but after much deliberation and controversy, it was determined that their funds at that particular juncture, would not warrant the expenditure of so large a sum as would be required for this purpose; the design was therefore abandoned, and the £3000 paid to Mr Portman for his land, which was consecrated for the purposes of burial, in 1772.

The late Duke of Portland about the same time liberally offered £5000. towards building a Church on the site of Upper Harley Street, and this offer was also lost to the Parish. The increase of Chapels in the Parish ; some erected with the consent of the Duke of Portland (the patron), others without it, more or less varying from the forms of the Church of England, seemed imperiously to call upon the Vestry to use some exertions to provide more efficient religious accommodation ; but the various opinions which agitated the individuals composing that body, defeated every attempt at magnificence of design, while the necessity of providing a burial ground (situated at St. John's Wood), which had been purchased of Henry Samuel Eyre, Esq. pursuant to an Act passed 46 Geo. III., and enclosing it, erecting a minister's and sexton's houses, and a chapel on the spot, absorbed a large portion of the money raised by way of Church rate, the following Letter which appeared in the Gentleman's Magazine for July, 1807, at a time when the population amounted to above 70,000, will exhibit the real necessity which existed for the erection of a New Parochial Edifice.

To THE EDITOR

July, 1807.

Sir, — " I was lately called upon to visit a parish church towards the North-west end of the town. It is a very small edifice, much smaller than chapels of ease generally are ; I believe I may say it is the smallest place of worship attached to the Church of England, in the metropolis. Small, however, as it is, it is the only church belonging to the largest and most opulent parish in this capital, or in any part of His Majesty's dominions — a parish which, on the lowest computation, contains 70,000 souls. There is no font for baptism, no room for depositing the dead bodies on tressels, after the usual way, no aisle to contain them. They are placed in the most indecent manner on the pews.

At the time I visited this scandal to our church and nation, there were no fewer than five corpses placed in the manner described; eight children, with their sponsors, &c. to be christened; and five women to be churched; all within these contracted dimensions.

A common basin was set upon the communion-table for the baptisms, and the children ranged round the altar; but the godfathers and godmothers in pews, in so confused and disorderly a manner, that it was impossible for the minister to see many of them, or address and require them to make the responses, which the Rubrick directs. Not to mention the danger of the dead and the living being thus confined together, and the peculiarly delicate situation of women immediately after child-birth ; all reverence for the sacrament of baptism ; all solemn and awful reflections from hearing one of the finest services ever composed, and on an occasion the most interesting to the heart that can be imagined, are entirely done away, and the mind filled with horror and disgust.

A Constant Reader."

The following article also appeared in the British Review, May, 1813, art. 21, p. 375.—" It is indeed affecting, when we view the metropolis from a neighbouring eminence, to observe that portion of it inhabited by the greatest number of legislators the greatest number of the wealthy and the well-educated, that part which is inhabited by those who hold the highest offices in church and state wearing the appearance of a quarter appropriated to persons under sentence of excommunication: the city rich in ecclesiastical structures ; the west end of the town presenting a tiresome length of street, with scarcely a single edifice appropriated to religion ascending from amidst the vast mass of inhabitation."

In the arrangement of the Crown land in Mary-le-bone Park, the late Mr. White (architect to the Duke of Portland) had previously suggested a site for a spacious and dignified parochial edifice ; the necessity of which had in 1810 appeared so urgent, that Mr. Nash, in the plan made by him, described a building of that nature ; and chose as a situation, the centre of a circus to be constructed at the end of Portland Place ; and the Vestry having received a 'communication*' from the Secretary to the Treasury

Treasury Chambers Aug.23, 1811

* Sir, — I have received Mr. Perceval's directions, in consequence of the communication you had with him, this morning, to acquaint you, that it is his intention to recommend to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, to make a gift to the Parish of St. Mary-le-bone of a piece of land, in Harley Field, of sufficient extent to build a chapel of as large dimensions as may be deemed necessary for the accommodation of the Parish in that part of it. I have the honour to be, Sir, Your very faithful humble Servant, , GEORGE HARRISON. To the Rev, Dr. Heslop.

and believing that there was an intention to confer upon them this site, together with five acres of land to surround their projected building, applied for and obtained an Act of Parliament for the diversion of the New Road; no sooner however were their efforts attended with success, but difficulties were interposed and new portions of land pointed out. An Act was however passed in the Session of 1810-11, intituled "An Act to enable the Vestrymen of the Parish of St. Mary-le-bone, in the County of Middlesex, to build a new Parish Church, and two or more Chapels; and for other purposes thereto," by which all the former acts were repealed, and new powers given to the Vestrymen and their successors (who derive their authority from an Act of the 35th of Geo. III.) to purchase lands not exceeding ten acres, for the above purposes; and in which there was a Clause, " providing that no sum shall be given for any one site for the said Church or Chapels exceeding £6000.

About the end of 1812, Mr. White, Jun. the District Surveyor of the Parish, presented the Vestry with a design for a double church, upon a new principle, having for its object the accommodating a large number of persons, and at the same time admitting a magnificence of exterior; which design was meant as an accompaniment to his father's plan for the improvement of Mary-le-bone Park.

Shortly after the delivery of the design above mentioned, the Vestry offered premiums by public advertisement to architects, as they had done in the year 1770, for plans and elevations of a parish church : but about a fortnight previous to the time of receiving such plans and elevations from the artists, they gave public notice that the designs were not to be proceeded with ; it should appear, on account of the difficulties which had arisen in obtaining the ground which the Lords of the Treasury had proposed to grant them. A triangular piece of ground was, however, granted to the Parish by the Treasury, on the south side of the New Road near Nottingham Place, and the Vestry proceeded to erect a Chapel capable of containing a considerable number of persons ; the foundation was laid on the 5th of July, 1813, and the fabric was proceeded with nearly to its completion. At that period, however, the work was stopped, and the Vestry came to a resolution to convert the intended chapel

into a parochial church. This occasioned a considerable alteration to be made in the original design, and particularly in regard to the exterior of the building. The principal front, next the New Road, underwent a very important change, a more extended portico and a steeple were substituted for the former design (which consisted of an Ionic portico of four columns, surmounted by a group of figures and a cupola) ; and other alterations were made in order to give the edifice an appearance more analogous to the character of a Church.

THE PARISH CHURCH.

This church is one of the handsomest structures of the kind in the metropolis. It was designed by the late Thomas Hardwicke, Esq. who in this, and other of his works, has proved himself a worthy disciple of his master, Sir Wiilliam Chambers.

The north front, which is extremely rich and elegant, is seen from York Gate, Regent's Park, the church being situated on the south side of the New Road. This front consists of a handsome winged portico of the Roman Corinthian order, surmounted by a tower. The portico is composed of eight columns, six in the front and two in Hank, raised on a flight of steps, and sustaining an entablature and pediment, the architecture after the Pantheon ; within the portico are three lintelled entrances, surmounted by cornices and two arched windows; above the central doorway is a panel, bearing the following inscription : —

This Church was erected at the Expencc of the Parishioners,
And Consecrated IV. February, MDCCCXVII.
The Rev. Archdeacon Heslop, D. D. Minister.
The Duke of Portland & Sir James Graham Bart- Churchwardens.
George Allen & John Russell – Sidesmen

Above this is a long panel designed for sculpture, which has never been set up ;* the ceiling of the portico is panelled, each panel containing an expanded flower. The wings have no windows on their northern front, the angles are guarded by pilasters, and the flanks are enriched with two colums.

* It Is to be regretted, that the appropriate bas-relief, which was proposed to represent the Entry of Our Saviour into Jerusalem, should not have been placed in this panel ; 'as an ornament of that kind well executed, would have added much to the grandeur of this front.

The entablature continued from the portico, and surmounted by an attic and balustrade constitutes the finish to the entire building. The tower is in three stories ; the first is rusticated, and forms a plinth to the elevation, it is finished with a cornice, and has a dial in each face ;* it supports a circular story, which has a peristyle of twelve (Dorinthian columns, sustaining an entablature, upon which rises the third story, a circular temple raised on a stylobate of three steps, and pierced with arched openings ; to the piers between the arches, are attached eight caryatidal statues of angels, supporting an entablature and cornice which is broken in the intervals between the statues. The elevation is crowned with a spherical dome, and finished with a small pedestal, sustaining a vane.

* A curious error has been made by the artist who painted the dial plate, which faces the south, the Numerals indicating the hour of Nine, being transposed, two Elevens are consequently exhibited.

The east and west sides of the church are uniform; they are made into two stories by a plain course; each story has five windows, the lower are slightly arched, the upper lofty, with arched heads, besides one window in the returns of the wings. The south front consists of a centre, flanked by two wings, which project diagonally from the building, being

formed at the angles, which are cut off. The wings contain windows corresponding with the church, in their sides and the eastern niche a doorway, and has in its front, wings; they are guarded at the angles by pilasters, and the central division has a Venetian window.

The Interior is approached from the north front by a circular vestibule, formed in the basement story of the tower, and two lobbies at the sides of it, which contain stairs to the galleries, and by an entrance in the south-eastern wing. The sides and north end are occupied by two spacious tier of galleries, with panelled fronts, supported by slender iron columns, having reeded shafts, and leaved capitals ; to those of the lower tier are also attached modillions ; the shafts are bronzed, and the capitals gilt The altar, which is at the south end of the church, has a mahogany screen, enriched with four Ionic pilasters, between which are the usual inscriptions, and a painting of the Holy Family by West, presented by the artist to the parish; a gallery above, contains seats for the charity children, and the organ. As originally constructed, there was an arched opening in the centre of the instrument, occupied by a transparency on canvas, a copy of one of the painted windows in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, from the design of Mr. West ; the subject, " the Angel appearing to the Shepherds ;" the principal figure in the angelic group had the face of a child, with the thigh of a giant. The greatest absurdity, however, consisted in the erection of private galleries at the sides of the organ, which were fitted with chairs, and fire-places, and in their openings to the church, so exactly resembled the private boxes which look upon the proscenium of our theatres, that the spectator might almost suppose he was in a building which originally had that destination.

In the summer of 1826, some judicious alterations took place ; the organ was reduced to the customary form and size, the transparency being removed ; the galleries were made to sweep round to the instrument, thus causing the destruction of the private boxes, the space formerly occupied by which, being filled with seats for the children of the National School; the theatrical appearance is in consequence removed, and the building partakes more of the sacred character to which it is appropriated. The ceiling is curved at the sides, the horizontal portion made into panels by bundles of rods bound together with ribbons; in the centre is a large expanded flower. The pulpit and desks are constructed of mahogany, and are situated on opposite sides of the area of the building. The former is elegantly carved; it rests on a single pillar, which spreads at the capital, and is finished with a group of cherubim heads. In front of the upper northern gallery, are the royal arms and supporters of George IV. neatly carved in oak. The font, which is placed beneath the northern gallery, is a handsome circular basin, of veined marble, standing upon a pillar of the same material. The portico and tower, together with the cornices, attic, &c. are stone; the walls are brick, covered with stucco.

The cella or body of the Church, is 86 feet 6 inches in length, and 60 feet in breadth. Its exterior height, to the coping of the balustrades, is 52 feet 5 inches: its breadth to the middle of the flanking columns is 96 feet. The expence of the building, furnishing, &c. was nearly £80,000. The congregation accommodated, including the charity children, is between three and four thousand persons.

The present Rector is the Rev. J. Hume Spry, D. D. a Prebendary of Canterbury, who was instituted by the Crown in 1825, on the death of Luke Heslop the late Rector.* appointed by the Crown the 19th of August, 1826, on the resignation of Reynier Tyler, Esq., who was one of the Poor Knights of Windsor, and had been originally appointed to that office by His Grace the Duke of Portland.

Curates : — The Rev. Bryant Burgess, M. A.
The Rev. John Moore, M. A.
Clerk and Sexton, Mr. William George Paux+

* The following anecdote of the liberality of the present Rector has come to the knowledge of the compiler of this volume. There being no Rectory House, The Rev. Dr. Spry, at the commencement of the year 1632, offered to purchase a splendid mansion situated in York Terrace, on the Crown estate (which had then lately become vacant), and to present it to the Parish, to be used as the residence of all future Rectors, provided the Crown would concede the ground rent. The Government, however, did not consider itself justified in acceding- to this proposal.

+This gentleman is the first Parish Clerk who has personally officiated, during the last 70 years, the situation having been generally presented to the Duke of Portland's Steward, whose duty was done by Deputy.

Against the side walls are sculptured memorials on tablets of white marble, many of which are neatly, and even classically designed; having the arms beautifully emblazoned.

List of Persons, to whose Memory Tablets are erected in this Church.

North Wall.

Richard Cosway, Esq. R. A. Principal Painter to H. R. H. George Prince of Wales, - 1821

William Fairlie, Esq. formerly of Calcutta, - 1825

The Rev. Doctor John Vardill, Regius Professor of Divinity in King's College, New York, - 1811

Urban Vigors, Esq. Lieut.-Gen. in the Hon. East India Company's Service, - 1815

Thomas Warre, Esq. - - - 1824

Claud Russell, Esq. formerly Member of Council of Fort St. George in the East Indies, - 1820

Charles Clarius Fitzgerald, - - 1822

East wall.

Benjamin Oakley, Jun. - - 1815

He was interred in the Church of Tooting Graveney, in Surrey, and removed thence (by a Faculty from the Bishop of Winchester), and deposited in the* Family Vault beneath this monument, 15th Feb. 1817.

Colonel Hugh Henry Mitchell of the 51st Regt. of Foot, who married 3d July, 1804, Lady Harriet Isabella Elizabeth Somerset, Daughter of Henry 5th Duke of Beaufort, and died April 20th, 1817

Margaret, Countess of Clonmell, Relict of John, Earl of Clonmell, Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, 1829

Hobert Powney, Esq. - - 1817

John Bebb, Esq. of Gloucester Place, - 1830

Joseph Fernandez Madrid, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Columbia to His Britannic Majesty 1830

Major Arthur Balfour, of the East-India Company's Bengal Service, - - 1817

Clementina, Wife of Vice Admiral Sir Pulteney Malcolm, K. C. B. and Daughter of the Hon. Fullerton Elphinstone, - -1830

Isabella Mary Fairlie, died 23d January, 1830, abo John Fairlie, her infant son, died January 3, 1829

Benjamin Howton, Esq. upwards of 60 years a resident of this Parish, - - 1819

Anna Maria, Wife of George Carrington, of Missenden Abbey, in the County of Bucks, - 1829

Edmund Alexander Howard, Esq. of York Place, 1827

Lieut. Gen. William St. Leger, who served his Country many years in America, Europe and Asia, - - - 1818

Lieut. Gen. Robert Nicholson of the Hon. East India Company's Service at Bombay, - 1821

William Gordon, who died Nov. 1, 1809, and Charles Mackinnon, who died April 14, 1824, both sons of the late Stephen Haven, Esq. and Lydia his wife.

Rachel, wife of Col. I. B. Taylor, - 1814

Augusta Elizabeth, Wife of John Kirkland, Jun. Esq. of Baker Street, Portman Square, and eldest daughter of Major General J. A. Vesey, - 1824

Charlotte Frances, Fourth daughter of Maj. Gen. J. A. Vesey, who died 3d July, 1824, and Margaret, youngest daughter of John Kirkland, Esq. of Glasgow, who died 26th Feb. 1823.

Dona Maria Brigida de Faria e Lacerda, Wife of of Sir John Campbell, K. C. T. S., Lieut. Col. in the British and Maj. Gen. in the Portuguese Service, who died Jan. 22, 1821.

Also John Dayid Campbell, son of the above, who died 28th May, 1824, aged 3 years and 9 months.

David Lyon, Esq. - - 1827

Colonel Thomas Matthias Weguelin, of the Hon. East India Company's Service, Bengal Establishment, 23d May, 1828. Also George St. Clair, 3d Son of the above.

West Wall.

Elizabeth Mary Booth, - - 1820

William and Martha Joachim, who were many years Resident in this Parish, and whose Remains are deposited beneath a tomb in the cemetery on the South side of Paddington Street, (without date).

Sir James Sibbald, Bart.

Edward Ravenscroft, Esq. of Portland Place, 1828

Lettice, Second Daughter of the late Thomas Patten, Esq. of Bank Hall, - 1817

John Cotton, Esq. late of the Bengal Civil Service, 1828

John M'Camon Esq. late of Gloucester Place, 1808

Emma Catherine Bampfylde, only Child of Sir George Warwick Bampfylde, Bart, and Dame Penelope his wife, - - 1825

Lieut.-Colonel Richard Fitzgerald, of the 2d Life Guards, who fell in the 43d year of his age, in the Field of Waterloo ; and of Georgiana Isabella Simha D'Aguiar, his Widow, who died 2d Dec. 1821, aged 63.

Gilbert Hall, Esq. formerly a Surgeon in the Service of the Hon. East India Company, at Calcutta and late of Manchester Street, - 1820

Sir William Fraser, Bart. F. R. S. one of the Elder Brethren of the Trinity House, and formerly a Commander in the Hon. East India Company's Naval Service, - - 1819

James Sutherland, Esq. formerly of Bombay, 1828

Alexander George Mackay, of Bagthorpe Hall in the County of Norfolk, - - 1827

Mary Swinney, Spinster, - - 1826

General Robert Morse, late Inspector General of Fortifications, Jan. 28, 1818. Also his Wife, Sophia, daughter of Peter Godin, Esq. of Southgate, who died Jan. 11, 1818.

Maria Mackenzie, - - 1821

Mrs. Martha Udny, widow of Robert Udny, formerly of Teddington, Esq. and Sub-Governess of Her late Royal Highness, The Princess Charlotte of Wales. In the midst of jarring interests, she secured the respect and affection of her Royal Pupil, and the approbation of His Majesty. She was born in 1761, and died 1st of Sept. 1831.

In the Vestry

Rev. Luke Heslop, D. D.
Archdeacon of Bucks, and Rector of St. Mary-le-bone,
Died 23d of June, 1825, aged 86 years.

In the spacious Vaults underneath this Church, are deposited the Remains of many of the Nobility and Gentry among whom are the following Eminent Persons.

Matthew Montagu, Baron Rokeby of Armagh in the Kingdom of Ireland, and a Baronet of Great Britain, who died Sept. 1, 1831.

Augusta, Countess of Glasgow, Daughter of James Hay, 14th Earl of Errol. Her Ladyship was married on the 4th of March, 1788, to George Boyle, Earl of Glasgow, and died on the 23d of July, 1822.

The Hon. Augustus Phipps, Brother to the Earl of Mulgrave.

A Child of the Earl of Munster.

Lord Viscount Kelhume.

James Sutherland, 5th Baron Duffus, in the County of Elgin, in the Peerage of Scotland, and a Baronet of Nova Scotia. The title was restored to His Lordship by Act of Parliament, in 1826, the Peerage having been forfeited by the attainder of Kenneth, 3d Lord, in 1715. His Lordship died on the 30th of Jan. 1827, when his honours devolved on his distant kinsman, Benjamin Dunbar, the present Lord.

John Henry Upton, Viscount Templetown.

The Viscountess Templetown. This Lady was daughter of John Montagu, 5th Earl of Sandwich, and was married Oct. 7, 1798, to John Henry Upton, Baron Templetown, who was created a Viscount, March, 1806. Her Ladyship died 4th of Oct. 1824.

The Right Hon. Sir Geo. Warrender, Bart, of Lochend, East Lothian, N. B. was born 5th Dec. 1782; and inherited the title, as the fourth Baronet, at the decease of his father, in June 1799.

Brownlow Bertie Mathew, Esq.

Algernon Percy, first Earl of Beverley. His Lordship was the 2d son of Hugh, first Duke of Northumberland (who was created Baron Louvaine of Alnwick, County of Northumberland, in the Peerage of Great Britain, with remainder to Algernon Percy, his 2d son, and the heirs male of his body). He succeeded the Duke his father in the Barony, in 1786, and was advanced to the dignity of Earl of Beverley, County of York, in 1790. His Lordship was born 21st Jan. 1750, and died 21st Oct. 1830.

General Cowell.

Dowager Lady Mary Knightley

John Hugh, eldest son of John Gibson Lockhart, Esq. and Grandson of Sir Walter Scott, Bart. He was a favourite child of the late lamented Baronet, who dedicated his "Tales of a Grandfather" to him, under the title of Hugh Little John, Esq. He died at his father's house in the Regent's Park, in his 11th year*

Lieut. General Malcolm Grant.

Admiral Isaac Prescott.

Two Children of Sir Robert Sheffield.

Sir Henry Chamberlain, Bart. This gentleman filled the situations of Consul-General and Charge d'Affaires in Brazil, and was created a Baronet 22ci Feb. 1828. He died July, 31, 1829. .

Sir Murray Maxwell, Bart. Capt. R. N.

James Northcote, Esq. R. A.

Here is also the Family Vault of Catherine, Countess of Pembroke and Montgomery ; in which are deposited the Remains of her Father, His Excellency the late Count Simon Woronzow, who died in 1832.

In the vestibule on the east side is the following inscription : — Thomas Verley, late of this Parish, gave £50.
the Interest to be given in Bread, viz. Twelve Penny Loaves to the Poor, every Sabbath Day for ever, 1692.

The Rectory district is bounded on the south, by Oxford Street from Vere Street to Orchard Street ; on the west, by and including the east sides of Orchard Street, Portman Square, Baker Street, and Park Road ; on the north, by and including the south side of Primrose Hill Road; and on the east, in part by the parish of St. Pancras, and by the south-east quadrant of the circle in the Regent's Park, formed by the roads running southward and eastward from the said circle ; and continuing southward includes the west sides of Devonshire Place, Wimpole Street, and Vere Street.

Acts of Parliament relative to the District

Churches.

By the provisions of an Act of Parliament, passed April 6, 1821, the Vestrymen were empowered to agree with the Commissioners acting under the Acts 58 Geo. III. c. 45, and 59 Geo. III. c. 134, both Acts for " Building and promoting the building of additional Churches in populous Parishes," and they accordingly agreed with the said Commissioners to procure sites for four District Churches, and to pay the sum of £20,000. towards building such Churches ; and the Lords of the Treasury having granted a site for the building of a District Church, on the east side of Regent Street, the said Vestry purchased a site in Wyndham Place, of Edward Berkeley Portman, Esq. ; they also purchased another site situate at the corner of Stafford Street, and Great. James Street, all in the said parish of St. Mary-le-bone. By this Act, they also agreed to provide another site in the eastern part of the parish, to be approved of by the Lords Commissioners, and the Lord Bishop of the diocese. It was also enacted that the Parish should be under the jurisdiction and Visitation of the Lord Bishop of London, and of the Archdeacon of Middlesex for the time being (the same having been hitherto extra-episcopal). It was also provided that the Parish of St. Mary-le-bone should remain one entire and undivided Parish, for all civil and other purposes, save and except as regarding Ecclesiastical purposes. It was likewise stipulated that five thousand pounds should be paid to the Commissioners within twelve months after the foundation of each District Church should be laid. The Commissioners with the consent of the Bishop, were to assign a particular District to each and every one of the District Churches, which was to be confirmed his Majesty in Council, and such division on strict to be under the immediate care of the respective District Minister, with respect to his Ecclesiastical duties, excepting the burial fees which are made payable to the Vestrymen of the said Parish, in like manner as burial fees at the Parish Church. All tithes, and other emoluments to continue and belong to the Incumbent of the Parish Church, as if no such division of District had taken place, or as if this Act had not passed.

The Vestrymen, with consent of the Bishop, to fix pew rents. Each District Minister to appoint clerk and pew-openers to his own Church, and to remove the same as he may think fit, subject to the approbation of the Patron. Commissioners, with consent of the Bishop of London, to assign proportion of pew-rents to the Minister of each District Church. To appoint salary to clerk. If stipend to Minister does not amount to £500. then Vestrymen to make up the same to that sum. Distinct account of pews to be kept. Right of Presentation to District Churches vested in the Crown. Each District Minister to pay yearly £200 to the Rev. Luke Heslop, D. D. the present Minister of the Parish, as long as he shall continue to be the Incumbent, and after his death the said payment to cease, and from thenceforth the sum of £100/. per annum to be paid by each District Minister to the Incumbent Rector to be thereafter appointed. The District Ministers are also prohibited from publishing Banns, or the Solemnization of Marriages and Baptisms, the same being directed to be performed at the Parish Church, and the fees for the same to be paid to the Incumbent Rector. The Parish from the date of passing this Act to be deemed a Rectory, and the Incumbent Minister thereof shall be deemed a Rector.

By an Act passed July 5, 1825, the Four District Churches were to be named severally, St. Mary's ; All Souls ; Christ Church, and Trinity, in the Parish of St. Mary-le-bone ; the District assigned to each Church was to be called a District Rectory, and the Incumbent Ministers respectively to be styled District Rectors. They were also empowered to publish Banns, Marry, and Baptize in their several Districts, and to perform all other parochial functions of a Minister, in the same manner, as the Incumbent Rector of St. Mary-le-bone, and also to take all fees for the same respectively, save and except with respect to burials.

By an Act passed, June 14, 1827, the Vestry- men were empowered to alter the boundary of the Parish, so as to include the whole piece of ground purchased for the site of Trinity Church, of the Vestrymen of the parish of St. Pancras. His Majesty having granted two slips of ground on the east and west sides of the Church, for improving the appearance of the same, the said land to be vested in the Vestrymen of the said parish, and their successors, for ever. By this Act it was also declared lawful for the Commissioners of Woods, Forests and Land Revenues, for and on behalf of His Majesty, to appoint from time to time one Churchwarden of the said Parish, a Sidesman, and likewise one of the Beadles.