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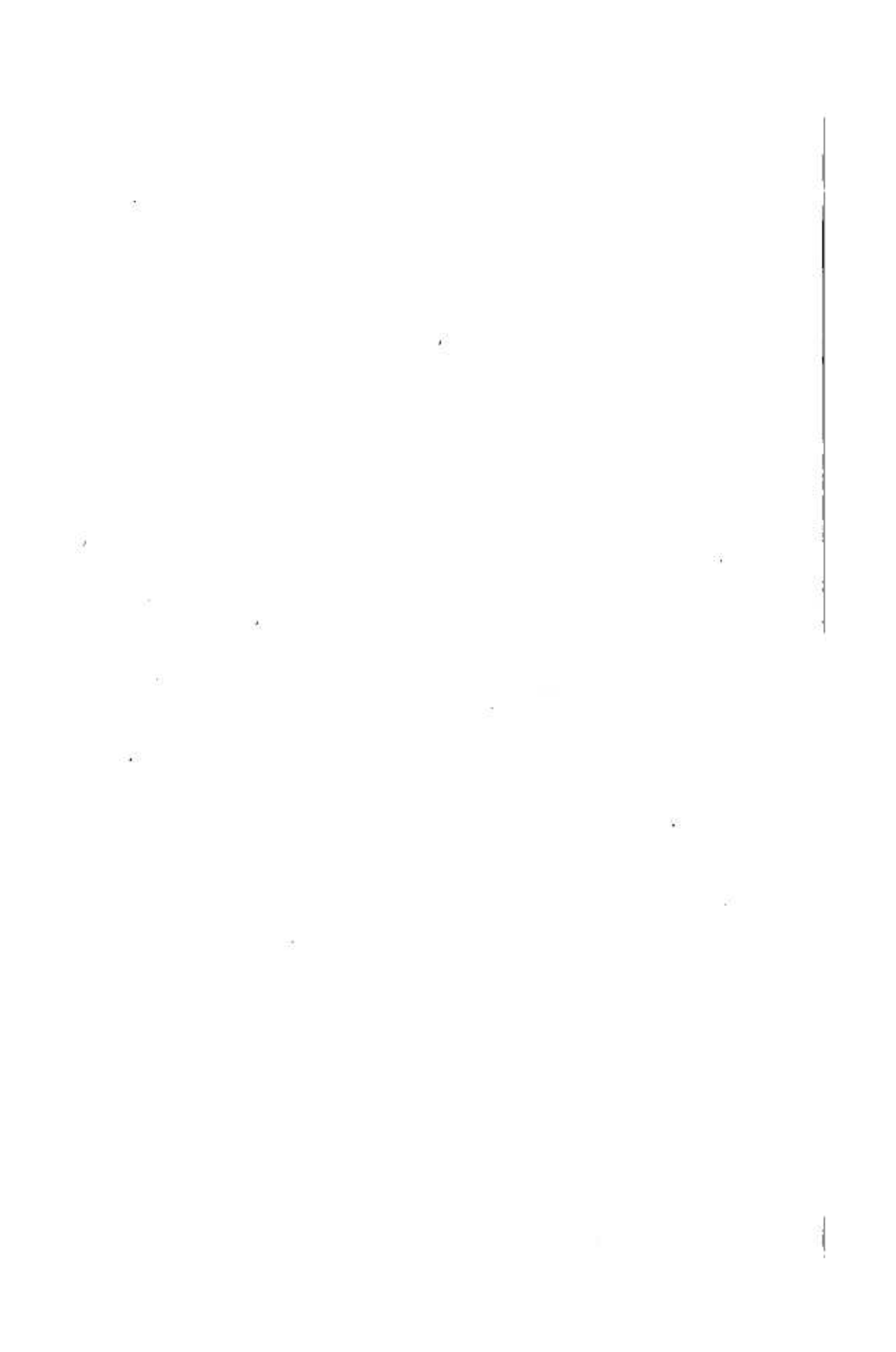
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**The Register of
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Hopton Castle Registers.

THE Parish Register Abstract, 1831, gives the following return of the Hopton Castle Registers:—"Hopton Castle R. Nos. I., II. (Parchment) Bap. Bur. 1538—1812. Marr. 1538—1754. No. III. Marr. 1755—1812." The same three Registers are still in existence.

The 1st bound together Register Book of Hopton Castle begins at 1538 and goes to 1733, and consists of 59 leaves besides the cover. It is parchment and in excellent condition, though many entries at the beginning are much faded and have had to be restored. They are now quite perfect. The entries are in Latin (with a few exceptions) up to 1654. The Volume contains two, if not three, original Register Books:—1—1538 to 1580; 2—1580 to 1668; 3—1669 to 1733.

There is a gap between October, 1570, and November, 1575, owing, evidently, to the leaves being lost when the others were bound up in the Second Register Book of 1580 to 1668.

There are no entries in the Register for 1644 to 1651.

The cut cover of this volume is still in its place.

Between July and December, 1681, two leaves have been cut out, and again one leaf from 30th July, 1720, to 6th October, 1721.

Register Book No. 2, beginning 1734 and ending 1812, has 17 leaves besides the thick cover, and is in perfect order.

The third volume contains Marriages from 1755 to 1812. It is of paper, in the usual printed form. Inserted in this volume are a number of receipts for moneys collected on Brieis, of considerable interest.

It should be noted that Hopton Castle is one of six Shropshire Registers which are known to begin in the year 1538, the others being Chetton, Pontesbury, Rushbury, Shipton, and Stoke-upon-Tern.

The following is a list of the Rectors and Clergy of Hopton Castle named in the Registers:—

1542.	Richard Newporte; buried 5th May, 1542.
1578.	Thomas Sbery; buried 3rd August, 1578.
1579.	Richard Heathe.
1580—1611.	Thurston Tilston; buried 18th January, 1611.
1609—18.	Henry Gosden; buried 22nd July, 1618.
1618—29.	Edward Smith, B.D., Fellow of Christ's College, Cambridge; buried 1st July, 1629.
1629—51.	Lucas Sutton, M.A.; buried Kal. Mart. 1651.
1652—53.	John Rivet, M.A., of Emmanuel College, Cambridge; removed to Broughton, Hants.
1653—86.	Richard Peake; buried 31st July, 1686.