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1900.

It is with the deepest regret we have to record the fact that the author passed away on November 8th, 1900, before his work was issued from the press; he was able, however, to correct the sheets up to the 127th page, and we can only trust that the remainder has been carried out as he would have had it done.

Rev. J. A. WADMORE, } *Joint Hon.*
F. WERE, } *Secretaries.*

The grateful thanks of the writer are tendered to the Rector of the Parish, the Rev. Henry Vaughan, for access to the valuable "Gorges" papers, left in his custody by the late Rev. Frederic Brown, and for much varied information; to The Lord Aldenham, for allowing reproductions to be made of privately engraved plates in his possession; to the Rt. Honble. Sir Edward Fry, Antony Gibbs, Esq., F. Were, Esq., C. E. Kempe, Esq., Mr. John Price, and other friends, for their valuable and kindly assistance; and to W. Hill Budgett, Esq., and the Rev. W. A. Woodward, for excellent photographic illustrations, to which reproduction has done but scant justice.

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WRAXALL CHURCH (EXTERIOR).

From a Photograph by W. H. HERBERT, Esq.

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for transparency and accountability, particularly in financial matters. The text notes that without clear records, it becomes difficult to track expenses, revenues, and other key financial indicators, which can lead to misunderstandings and disputes.

2. The second part of the document addresses the need for regular communication and reporting. It states that stakeholders should be kept informed of progress and any challenges that arise. This involves providing timely updates and ensuring that all relevant parties have access to the necessary information. The text suggests that consistent communication helps build trust and ensures that everyone is on the same page.

3. The third part of the document focuses on the importance of collaboration and teamwork. It highlights that achieving the organization's goals requires the collective effort of all team members. The text encourages a culture of open communication and mutual support, where team members are encouraged to share ideas, resources, and expertise. This collaborative approach is seen as a key factor in driving innovation and achieving long-term success.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the role of leadership in setting the vision and direction of the organization. It notes that effective leaders are those who can inspire and motivate their teams, while also providing clear guidance and support. The text emphasizes that leaders should be transparent in their decision-making and open to feedback, as this helps to foster a positive and productive work environment.

5. The fifth part of the document addresses the importance of continuous learning and improvement. It states that the organization should be committed to staying up-to-date with the latest trends and technologies in its field. This involves investing in training and development for employees, as well as regularly evaluating and refining processes and procedures. The text suggests that a commitment to learning and improvement is essential for maintaining a competitive edge in a rapidly changing market.

6. The sixth part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining strong relationships with external stakeholders, such as customers, suppliers, and partners. It notes that these relationships are crucial for the organization's success and growth. The text emphasizes that organizations should strive to build long-term, mutually beneficial relationships based on trust, integrity, and excellent customer service. This involves listening to the needs and concerns of external stakeholders and responding in a timely and effective manner.

7. The seventh part of the document addresses the importance of maintaining a strong financial position. It notes that sound financial management is essential for the organization's long-term sustainability and growth. The text emphasizes that organizations should carefully monitor their budget, control costs, and ensure that they have sufficient resources to meet their obligations. It also suggests that organizations should explore various financing options and investment opportunities to support their strategic goals.

8. The eighth part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining a strong ethical and legal framework. It notes that organizations should be committed to high standards of ethical conduct and legal compliance. This involves establishing clear policies and procedures, as well as providing training and support to ensure that all employees understand and adhere to these standards. The text emphasizes that a strong ethical and legal framework is essential for building trust and maintaining a positive reputation.

9. The ninth part of the document addresses the importance of maintaining a strong environmental and social responsibility (ESR) profile. It notes that organizations should be committed to minimizing their environmental impact and promoting social and environmental sustainability. This involves implementing green initiatives, such as reducing energy consumption and waste, as well as supporting community development and social causes. The text suggests that a strong ESR profile is essential for attracting and retaining top talent, as well as for building a positive reputation.

10. The tenth part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining a strong brand identity and reputation. It notes that a strong brand identity is essential for differentiating the organization from its competitors and building a loyal customer base. The text emphasizes that organizations should invest in branding and marketing efforts, as well as consistently deliver high-quality products and services. It also suggests that organizations should be proactive in managing their reputation and addressing any negative feedback or incidents.

WRAXALL.

Of the etymology and meaning of this place, anciently written 'Werococsale,' I have no explanation to give.

The parish, an extensive one, bounded on the North by Portbury and Easton in Gordano, on the East by Abbot's Leigh and Long Ashton, on the South by Flax Bourton and Backwell, on the West by Tickenham and Nailsea, includes a large and varied area, extending over the brow of the hills on the North, and the rich meadow land of the broad valley on the South. A block of the Parish of Portbury, invading it on the North, interferes somewhat with the line of its proper boundary at Failand Hill. The prospects it commands include the Bristol Channel to Monmouthshire and the Wye, with the Cotswolds and intervening Gloucestershire country, the mountains of Wales, the wider expanse of sea towards the West, with the Holmees, Worle Hill, and Woodspring, the villages and churches of Dundry, Barrow-Gurney, Flax-Bourton, Backwell, Chelvey, Congresbury, Yatton, Worle, Uphill, Kenn, Kingston-Seymour, Nailsea, Tickenham, and Clevedon, with the Mendips on the South. Its picturesque, irregular limestone slopes are clothed with indigenous yews of fantastic growth, and coppices of hazel, while its meadows produce mighty elms. It is intersected on its higher ground from East to West by the high road from Clifton to Clevedon, and along its lower level by a branch of that from Bristol to Weston.