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PREFACE.

THE whole of these inscriptions were copied with great care, and the same care has been extended to the printing of them; it is therefore hoped that no errors of an important character will appear in any portion of the work.

A short note, descriptive of the style of the monument in regard to its shape or ornamentation, generally precedes the inscription. Where no note occurs, the stone is plain.

Dotted gaps in the inscriptions show where space has been left in the stones for the insertion of other names at a future time.

A short line separates the inscriptions, and each one is comprised within inverted commas.

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BRIGHAM.

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THIS large stone is set about four feet in the ground, as if standing in a pit, and built round about to allow of its being seen and read.

"Sacred to the Memory of John Nawell of Brigham, Mason, who departed this Life the 8th of January 1822, aged 60 years. Also of Nancy his Wife daughter of Thomas & Ann Dixon, who died the 10th of April, 1823, aged 71 years. Also of Joseph their Son who died the 11th of July 1828, aged 33 years. Also of Isaac their Son who died the 18th of January 1832 aged 34 years. Also of Elizabeth his Wife who died the 30th of January, 1831 aged 29 years."

The top ornamented, and on an urn standing on a book is inscribed, "Know thysoif." On the opposite one, "Consider thy latter end"; and on a scroll between, "Do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with thy God."

"Here lies the Body of John Middleton of Brigham. Buried April the 5th A.D. 1733, Aged 39."

"In Memory of..... William son of John and Mary Jane Stockdale who died January 28th 1864 Aged 1 year and 5 months. John their son who died February 4th 1870, Aged 6 months. Sophia their Daughter who died December 17th. 1874, aged 1 year and 11 months."

"Here lies the Body of John Walker of Gillbrow who died the 7th of August 1740 Aged 86... Mary Daughter of John & Mary Walker wife of Daniel Fearon of Ullock died April y* 22th. 1716 Aged 26."

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"In Memory of Martha Penny who died January 22nd 1802 in the 50th Year of her Age."

"In Memory of Joseph Bell who died on the 31st Day of March, 1857, Aged 59 Years. Also of Hannah the Wife of the above Joseph Bell of High Walton, formerly of Brigham Parsonage, who died on the 15th Day of July 1839, Aged 61 Years. William the Son of Joseph and Hannah Bell, who died on the 11th day of February 1831, aged 3 years. Also of Ann their Daughter who died on the 22d of February 1831 aged 6 years. Also of James their Son who died on the 9th day of June 1840, aged 7 Weeks."

"Elizabeth Harding Walker: Born, October 12th, 1852. Died, August 13th, 1857. Sarah Harding Walker Born 24th, October 1858, Died 6th Dec. 1861."

At the back of this last one is an ancient stone trough, into which the upright part of a cross or memorial stone probably once fitted.

The following are placed against the north wall :---

"In Memory of Thomas, the Son of Robert and Mary Blake, of Brigham Vicarage, who died Nov! 23rd 1785 Aged 20 years. Robert Blake died Jan! 5th 1800, Aged 83 years. Also of Mary his Wife who died in the Isle of Man Jan! 2nd 1823. Aged 90 years."

On a red sandstone, surmounted by an hour glass :---

[&]quot;In Memory of Thomas Downs late of Mary-Port, who died the 27th of Sept. 1790 Aged 84 Years. Mary his Wife died the 30th of July 1757 Aged 51 years."

On a red sandstone, built in the wall and set in a trongh :---

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"Here lies y^e Body of Henry Harrison of Seaton who died April y^e 21st 1714 Aged 44 (?) [the latter figure indistinct] years. Also Ann his Wife died March y^e 15th 1714. Aged 35 years."

"Erected by Joseph Harrison their Son."

Portion of a stone fixed to the wall, near the ground :--"...e lies y" Body of Mr. [Ric]hard Head of Brandl..... who died May y" 1749 aged 34 years."

On a fragmentary stone, beantifully cut in large capitals :---

* "HERE LIETH THE BODY OF ALICE-FISHER · WIFE OF RICH[A]RD · FISHER OF MO[ORE]SIDE WHO WAS [BURIE]D THE 30......"

Another similar, but fragmentary :---

*"ROBERT AND IANE CHILDREN OF JOHN LAWRENCE OF BRIGHAM BURIED APRILL THE 3 · 1699."

*"Henry Son of Mr Thomas Crakeplace of Brigham. Born Ianuary the 6th 1718 Buried here March y^e 24 · 1724"

*"THE BODY OF Mr EDMOND HAR-RINGTON BVRIED IAN 6 1697"

* —— "Barbara daughter of Mr Roger Fleming Uicar Born September 27 · 1705 Buried Here August 3. 1717."

NOTE.—All those inscriptions against which an asterisk is placed were probably taken up from the floor during the restoration of the ancient edifice in 1864, and placed outside against the north wall, where they now stand.