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LONDON:
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PREFACE.

The Registers of Clyst St. George from 1567 to 1812 are contained in three volumes. The first measures 12 in. by 8½ in., and is written on thirty-one parchment leaves, and contains entries of Births, Marriages and Burials from 1567—1702.

It is lettered on the outside "Register Clistwic—Nono Elizabethæ—A.D. 1702," and was rebound in 1831 by order of the Rural Dean. The then Rector, Rev. H. T. Ellicombe, is stated to have written the following lines in the fly leaf:—

"Hic puer octatem, hic vir sponsalio noscat
Hic decessorum funera quisque sciat.
No flattery here, where to be born and die
Of rich and poor, is all the history;
Enough, if virtue filled the space between,
Proved, by the ends of being, to have been."

H.T.E. from Notes & Queries, vol. vii, p. 257.

March 25, 1853.

Two or three pages of this volume would seem to have been lost previous to rebinding, for the late Mr. Matthew Lee, of Ebford, in the Parish of Woodbury, making extracts, about the year 1761, of such names as interested him in the Register of that Parish (beginning 3 Philip and Mary, 1556), included also some from the

Register of Clyst St. George, then evidently beginning 5 and 6 Philip and Mary, 1558. The book into which Mr. Lee copied his extracts from both Parishes was called "The Malt Book," that is to say a record for the purpose of taxation, of the amount of malt to be contributed by the several householders for the keeping up of the Parish Church, and for other Church purposes. (See *Oxford English Dictionary* under "Church Ales.") This book was, in 1854, in the possession of Mr. Lee's grandson, Col. B. W. Lee.

Mr. Lee appended to the Woodbury entries a numerical analysis of the Woodbury Register and prefixed to the Clyst St. George entries, extending through the first 144 years of the first Register book, a like analysis for that Parish, which is worth inserting here:—

"Groups of 50 years, taken together, produce yearly:—

1558-1607.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Males.	2 $\frac{2}{5}$	Females.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Marriages.	3 $\frac{2}{5}$	Burials.
1607-1657.	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	3 $\frac{1}{5}$	"	2 $\frac{2}{5}$	"	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
1657-1701.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	6	"

The whole 144 years from 1558-1701 inclusive, produce yearly:—

3 $\frac{1}{2}$	Males.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Females.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Marriage.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Burials.
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This is a proportion in the Births of about 25 Males to 21 Females, or nearly 5 to 4. The great disproportion of the Marriages to the Burials is occasioned by this Church having been much frequented for weddings the last 40 years by people from Exeter, Topsham, Woodbury, &c. It was also made use of by many Woodbury people for Baptisms during the Civil War."

The few entries given by Mr. Lee from the missing leaves are as follows:—

- 1559. John Coade, buried.
Thomas Suxpyche, born.
- 1560. Thomas and Elizabeth Suxpyche, married.
- 1561. Robert Suxpiche, born.

1562. Thomas Suxpyche, buried.
 Roger Suxpiche, born.
 George Gybbe, buried.
 1565. John Gibbe and Cecilia, married.
 1566. Thomas Suxpiche, born, son of Thomas.
 1568. Margaret daughter of John Gibbe, born.

Volume II. contains entries of Baptisms and Burials from 1702 to 1812, and of Marriages from 1702 to 1754. It is written on 54 leaves of parchment, and measures 13 in. by 7½ in., and is bound in whole calf.

Volume III. contains entries of Marriages from 1754 to 1811, and Banns of Marriages from 1754 to 1822. It is the usual printed book, on paper, and measures 15 in. by 9½ in., and is bound in rough calf.

The following list of Rectors is taken from the Rev. H. T. Ellicombe's "History of Clyst St. George," being a paper read by him before the Exeter Diocesan Architectural Society, and published in the *Transactions* of that Society, vol. I, 2nd Series, Appendix ii:

LIST OF RECTORS FROM DR. OLIVER AND THE BISHOPS'
 REGISTERS.

- Admitted.
 — David "persona de Clistune" in Hilary Blund's deed.
 John Brintot, Resigned.
1258. Aug: 29. Vincent, admitted to the Church of Clystwick, on the presentation of the Abbot and Convent de Valle Sanctæ Mariæ in Normandy.
1297. John de Glascensia or Glasney. Same name and patrons. Died 1322.
1322. May 27th. Philip de Cestria, on the presentation of the Prior and Convent of Merton to Clystwick.
1343. April 25. William Steel, collated by the Bishop, per lapsum temporis, to Clyst S. George.
1349. March 15. William Ward. Patrons, Prior and Convent of the Blessed Mary of Merton.

- Benedict Maydeston, a regular Augustine Canon of the Priory of Cumbwell in Kent, and exchanged for Cheffield in the Diocese of Lincoln, with
1384. December. Richard Wing.
- John Vincent; shortly before his death, some person had entered his house and glebe and carried off "Blada ejusdem rectoris, capones, et nonnulla dona." Bishop Brantyngham on 12th November ordered sentence of excommunication to be pronounced against them.
1390. November 22. John Allar resigned. He died Custos of the house or Chapel of St. Gabriel's, Clyst Bridge, 1407. Died 1407. *Stafford's Register*, vol. ii, fol. 95.
1406. August 10. John Burell, on resignation of Allar. Patron, Prior and Convent of Merton.
1410. June 10. William Zoksale, on resignation of Burell. Same patrons.
1411. April 4. Thomas Twyford, on Zoksale's resignation. He exchanged the Rectory of Luccombe in diocese of Bath and Wells, with
1413. March 23. Thomas Polton. Resigned.
1416. September 24. William Knyght. Resigned.
1433. May 14. Thomas Wadham. Died 1445.
1445. October 3. Thomas Storm. Died 1476.
1476. January 26. John Tabyn, on death of Storm. Died 1487.
1487. July 5. Walter Barr, M.A., on death of Tabyn. Died 1513.
1513. April 6. Nicolas Henshaw, on death of Barr. Resigned.
1514. Robert Flemyng, B.A.
- Nicholas Smale. He was Rector in 1536, and his living rated at £17 - 16 - 8 - per annum.
- Richard Tomlynson.
1542. September 7. William Gybbe. He was admitted by Thomas Bredwood, acting on the Bishops' commission to "Clyste Sancte Marie," rendered vacant by the death of Richard Tomlynson, on the presentation of Henry VIII., hac vice John Cotton, gent., and John Wadham, and Johan, his widow, heiress of William Tyl, alias Tylley. Died 1571.

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1571. November 14. Robert Buckland. Patron, Thomas Prideaux.
He held the living 56 years. Died 1625.
1625. February 7. Gideon Edmunds, B.A., on the death of
Buckland. Patron, Sir Thomas Prideaux, Bart., and
Jane his wife. Died 1638.
1638. September 28. Robert Parr, M.A., on death of Edmunds.
Patron, John Parr, of Exeter, merchant. Died 1664.
1664. October 25. William Clare. Patron, Sarah Parr, relict, by
grant of John Parr of Exeter.
- 1694-5. March 2. John Hammett. Patron, Bartholomew Parr,
gent. Died 1695-6.
- 1695-6. Theophilus Eades. Patron, Elizabeth Parr, relict of B. Parr.
Died 1705.
1705. November 10. Francis Pease. Patron, John Parr, gent.
Died 1738.
1738. September 2. James Walker. Patron, Nicholas Roe, of
Totnes, gent. Resigned.
1739. 27 December. Nicolas Roe. Patron, Catherine Roe,
widow. Died 1792.
1792. May 17. Richard Rous. Patrons, John Andrew, P. D.
Foulkes and J. B. Cholwich, Trustees under will of
the relict. Died 1810.
1810. 24 November. William Rous Ellicombe, on death of his
uncle Rous. Patrons, J. Blackall and H. M. Ellicombe,
Trustees. Died 1849.
1850. February 8. Henry Thomas Ellicombe, Brother to the last
Rector. Patrons, the same as last. Died 1885.
1885. November. John Lomax Gibbs. Patron, William Gibbs,
of Tyntesfield, co. Somerset. Resigned 1897.
1897. Mortimer Drury Buckingham, present Rector. Patron,
Antony Gibbs, of Tyntesfield.
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