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PREFACE.

THE Account of the Executors of Thomas de Bitton, Bishop of Exeter, which forms a portion of this volume, was discovered in 1867 by Mr. Stuart Moore among the archives of the city of Exeter, when he was employed in arranging those very interesting treasures. Happening to see it, I at once thought it deserved to be made public, and I wrote to my friend the late Mr. Bruce about it, and he soon informed me that the Council of the Camden Society would admit it amongst their issues if I would undertake the editorship.

Finding that the document contained a number of words of very obscure and doubtful meaning, I wrote to my friend the late Archdeacon Hale asking him to work it up, as he would have more ready access to Lexicons of all sorts than I could have in the country. He most kindly assented, telling me at the same time that he had lately found a very similar document of nearly the same date among the archives of S. Paul's, viz. the Account of the Executors of Richard de Gravesend, Bishop of London, who died 1303, six years before Bishop Bitton. This roll is twenty-six feet in length, written on one side. He thought the two would make a most interesting volume, and, upon bringing the matter before the Council of the Society, the proposal was accepted with great pleasure, and we were left to carry out the publication.

PREFACE.

After this the Archdeacon went into the two accounts most heartily and with much enjoyment: fortunately he had finished the Introduction just before his death on November 27, 1870, so that there was very little left for me to finish of what his family handed over to me for that purpose; I cannot therefore claim much merit for my work as joint Editor.

I hope the Members of our Society will accept it as it is, and pardon the long delay in its publication, which, from various circumstances beyond my control, has been unavoidable.

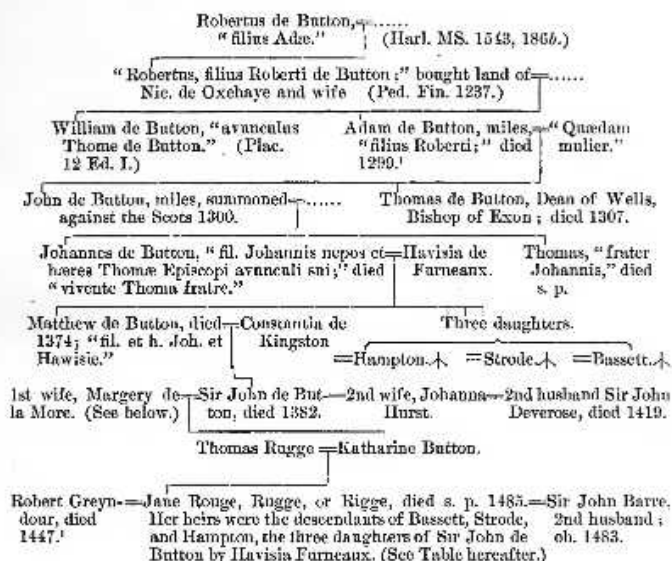
I can truly say of Archdeacon Hale:—

Multis ille bonis febilis occidit,
Nalli febilior quam mihi.

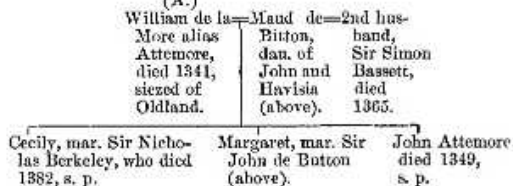
H. T. ELLACOMBE.

Clyst St. George,
January, 1874.

PEDIGREE OF BITTON, DRAWN FROM RECORDS.



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¹ An original rent-roll of his demesne in the parish of Bitton, &c., is in my possession.—H. T. E.