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PREFACE.

The following particulars are written at the commencement of the Register and will serve for a Preface, it being only necessary to add that the size of the Register as now bound measures fourteen inches long by seven inches wide.

The remaining Registers to 1812 are contained in other volumes, and it is hoped that at some future time they will be printed uniformly with the present volume.

There is a separate set of Registers relating to the two Chapelries of Hanham and Oldland, formerly in the parish of Bitton, each of these Chapelries now constituting a separate parish.

P. CARLYON-BRITTON,

"This book was bound in the year 1824, when the Rev. H. T. Ellicombe was Curate, and Aaron Cole and Hy. Pedlingham were Churchwardens.

"Counting the original parchment covers, which are bound up with it, it consists of eighty-nine leaves, or one hundred and seventy-eight pages. Some are paper, but most are parchment. It contains an account of Christenings, Marriages and Burials performed at the Mother Church of Bitton.

"The Christenings are from the 30th day of August, 1572, to the 20th of October, 1674. They appear to have been regularly entered, even all through the troublesome times of Oliver Cromwell,

"Some names are torn off in the year 1664, and the upper corners of this Register seem to have been eaten by the mice. This was before the book came into my possession in 1817.

"The account of Weddings is from the 26th of June, 1571, to the 5th of April, 1674 (the first leaf of this account is bound up in the wrong place, being among the Baptisms), and appears to be regularly kept.

"The account of the Burials is from the 9th of July, 1572, to the 20th of March, 1668. There appears to be some irregularity in the entries in the year 1643. (This is the year in which there was a Battle on Lansdown).

"On the other side of the parchment leaf for 1642 is a record relating to the payment of certain sums to the Mother Church of Bitton by the Hamlets of Hanham and Oldland.

"Seventeen persons are registered as buried, on a piece of paper, smaller than the other pages, bound up at the end. The year does not appear.*

"Burials from August, 1677, to March, 1681, are bound up with the oldest Chapel Baptism Register. Being on a different sized paper was the cause of not putting them in this book.

"Witness my hand this twenty-first day of December, One thousand eight hundred and twenty-four.

"H. T. ELLICOMBE, Curate."

* This leaf and the opposite one, with the corresponding leaves at the end of this book, are not included in the number eighty-nine.

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