

Making Biblical Scholarship Accessible

This document was supplied for free educational purposes. Unless it is in the public domain, it may not be sold for profit or hosted on a webserver without the permission of the copyright holder.

If you find it of help to you and would like to support the ministry of Theology on the Web, please consider using the links below:



https://www.buymeacoffee.com/theology



https://patreon.com/theologyontheweb

PayPal

https://paypal.me/robbradshaw

A table of contents for the *Transactions of Congregational Historical*Society can be found here:

https://biblicalstudies.org.uk/articles congregational-historical-society-1.php

Editorial

TEN years have now passed since our Society commenced operations, and it is proper to glance over what has been actually accomplished. In one aspect the review is disappointing; with a membership which has never exceeded 200 it was impossible to do many things which were eminently desirable, e.g., to reprint treatises of any considerable bulk, or to pay for adequate clerical and other assistance in research. All that we have been able to do as a Society is to publish Transactions, of which the present is the 28th issue; to reprint Penry's Aequitie and (for the first time in England) Browne's New Year's Guift and the newly discovered remains of Barrow and Greenwood. The various papers in the Transactions embody a large amount of gratuitous research, not without important results. Especially is this the case with the labours of Messrs. Burrage and Cater, which enable us for the first time justly to estimate the protagonist of English

Congregationalism. But while our corporate action has been less fruitful than was hoped for, much has been done by individual members, to whom the Society has afforded a welcome stimulus. First and foremost must be named the monumental work of the Rev. G. L. Turner: Original Records of Nonconformity under Persecution and Indulgence; wherein the whole of the Conventicle Returns of 1660 and the documents relating to the Indulgence in 1672 are reproduced literatim from the originals and elaborately classified. less noteworthy is the Rev. W. Pierce's carefully edited and annotated edition of Martin Marbrelate; wherein the whole of these renowned satires are for the first time rendered accessible to The Rev. B. Nightingale's work on The Ejected the general reader. of 1662 in Cumberland and Westmoreland is far more comprehensive than its title would suggest. Other important works by members of our Society, produced within the decade, are the late Rev. B. Dale's Yorkshire Purilanism and Early Nonconformity; the late Rev. W. H. Summers's Lollards of the Chiltern Hills and History of the Congregational Churches in Berks, South Oxon, and South Bucks; the Rev. Dr. Powicke's History of the Cheshire Union and Life of Robert Browne; the Rev. E. E. Cleal's History of Surrey Congregationalism; the Rev. T. Gasquoine's John Penry, and other Heroes of the Suffering Church; the Rev. Dr. Brown's Colonial Missions of Congregationalism, and several other brief historical treatises, in a popular style, but full of reliable information; the Rev. F. Bate's monograph on The Declaration of Indulgence; and local memoirs and concise biographies too numerous to specify. Nor must we omit the valuable service done by Sir Alfred W. Dale in editing his honoured father's Congregational History; in which, more than in most books of the kind, there is a constant endeavour to represent ecclesiastical facts in their due proportion, and in relation to the national history at large. It is not too much to say that more has been done by members of our Society within the last ten years towards elucidating the history of Nonconformity in general and Congregationalism in particular, than had been effected in all England in thirty years preceding.

We may also claim to have given an impetus to similar studies in other sections of the Church. The Friends' and Baptist Historical Societies have followed in our footsteps, and the former has in

some respects surpassed us.

Several of our members are engaged in research or editorial work of which it would be discourteous to give premature indications. But there is still much land to be possessed. The Evans MS. in Williams's Library ought to be printed in its entirety; and there is much valuable matter among the Morrice, Jos. Thompson, and Walter Wilson MS. that needs to be brought to light. There is also among the records in the Registrar-General's department at Somerset House a huge store of information that needs to be sifted about the meeting-houses that were licensed between 1690 and 1740. Who will help in this laborious but needful work?

Another useful task awaits a capable and willing investigator—the classification of the "hard cases" recorded in Walker's Sufferings of the Clergy. There is every reason to believe that Dr. John Walker, though naturally biased in favour of his own communion, made honest use of the materials which he collected; albeit the material was not always trustworthy. But there is great need that his clerical sufferers should be grouped on some such lines as these:

1. Clergymen sequestrated.

(a) for scandalous conduct.

(b) for ignorance and incompetence.

(c) for anti-protestant teaching.

- (d) for "malignancy"; that is, active opposition to the popular cause.
- Pluralists, who were deprived of one or more benefices, but allowed to retain others.
- Those who voluntarily forsook their parishes during the Civil War, and were deprived in consequence.

4. Those who were victims of mob violence; for it is notorious that, in times of civil disorder, hooligans eager for mischief or plunder will attach themselves to whatever party may be locally in the ascendant; but no party can be held morally responsible for the ill deeds of such undesirable allies.

There should also be compiled, for each county, a list of all sequestrated or evicted incumbents who were restored to their benefices in 1660-61. Only thus can we know with certainty which of the Puritan clergy were ejected in 1660-1-2 absolutely for Nonconformity, and which merely for defect of legal title.

Smith the Se-bablist and the Pilgrim Fathers: Helwys and Bablist Origins, is the clumsy title of a really valuable book by W. H. Burgess. Much of the contents, indeed, may be found substantially in R. Barclay's Religious Societies of the Commonwealth; but this, always costly, is now out of print, and Mr. Burgess's book exhibits. besides, a good deal of original research. For example, he has ascertained that John Robinson was a native of Sturton-le-Steeple, about 5 miles S.S.W. of Gainsborough, that his father was a yeoman of the same name, and that his wife belonged to the same parish. Still more interesting is the evidence of gracious influence exercised on Smith by the Mennonites, whereby he was led to abandon several of his erratic notions; which abandonment was declared by Helwys to be an unpardonable sin against the Holy Ghost! But the most valuable part of the book is the reproduction of Smith's Confession and Retraction; which indeed Barclay had reprinted from the unique copy in the library of York Minster, but which is now for the first time made easily accessible to the general reader. In this we see the difficulties and inevitable stumbling of a pathfinder; we are brought face to face with a man of transparent sincerity, who dared to acknowledge his own mistakes; and we are enabled to appreciate the first advocate of unrestricted religious Browne had asserted the right, and duty, of the Church to effect its own Reformation without Tarying for Anie; but only if the civil magistrate refused or neglected to reform it. But Smith wrote, only a few weeks before his death: "The magistrate is not by virtue of his office to meddle with religion, or matters of conscience, to force and compelmen to this or that form of religion or doctrine; but to leave Christian religion free to every man's conscience, and to handle only civil transgressions, injuries, and wrongs."

We understand there is some hope that the deacons of Guildhall Street church, Canterbury, may shortly arrange for the printing of

their ancient Church Book, commencing 1645. Very few documents of the same kind, of equal antiquity, are extant, and the publication would be cordially welcomed by all students of early Nonconformist history.

We regret to hear of the recent decease of another of our old members, J. A. Clapham, Esq., of Bradford. His family have long been known as sturdy champions of Congregationalism; and nearly eighty years ago his father compiled a Sunday School Hymn Book which, in successive editions, continued in use fully fifty years. Mr. Clapham was secretary of the Bradford Historical and Antiquarian Society; and was deeply and practically interested in several religious and educational institutions.

The Excommunication of Robert Browne and his Will

IT by bit the true story of Robert Browne's life is steadily emerging from the welter of misrepresentation and misjudgement which submerged it for nearly three centuries. The latest (are they the last?) corrections to be made and facts established are given to us by the Rev. R.M. Serjeantson, M.A., F.S.A., rector of St. Peter's, Northampton. On New Year's Day he published a learned interesting volume intitled A History of the Church of St. Giles, Northampton (Mark, Northampton, 7/6), which reveals an amazing industry and patience of research. As Robert Browne was buried in St. Giles's, and his name appears in the first burial register of that church, Mr. Serjeantson devotes some fourteen pages (pp. 188-202) to him and gives a sketch of his life which is at once the best brief account and the completest yet printed. For Mr. Serjeantson has given us for the first time the story of the years 1631-1633, has solved the vexed question Browne's excommunication, and found his last will and testament.

The point of interest is Browne's excommunication. Dr. Dexter had placed it in 1586, Mr. Champlin Burrage "about June 1616." The present writer denied it altogether (on the absence of evidence); while Dr. Powicke ably argued for placing it in 1633, and by Bishop Lindsell—very near to the now established date.

By searching the Instance Books at Peterborough Registry (unknown to and therefore unexamined by the present writer) Mr. Serjeantson is able to continue the story of Browne's appearances for nonconformity before the ecclesiastical courts (The Later Years of Robert Browne, Congregational Historical Society Transactions, vol. 3, pp. 308-312). That account ended abruptly with the entry dated February 17th, 1630/31. It appears, however, that Browne was again cited on October 17th. 1631, to appear and shew cause why he should not be deprived of his benefice, also on November 3rd, November 17th, and December 2nd. December 15th the Instance Books state that "Robert Browne stands ex-communicated." He was still excommunicate on March 15th; and on April 5th, 1632, on the petition of Allen Greene and Robert Dust he was cited to appear "in the Lady Chapel of Peterborough Cathedral on May 29th next between 9 and 11 a.m., or 1 and 4 p.m., to be removed, deprived and inhibited from his Rectory of Achurch for nonconformity" (propter eius inconformitatem).

Mr. Serjeantson's next paragraph is important because it throws light upon Browne's whereabouts at this time. "May 31st, 1632, Roger Mason an apparitor appeared before Mr. Anthony Wells, Surrogate, at Stoke Doyle, and proved that he had personally cited Robert Browne at Achurch on May 26th, 1632. Robert Browne was then called three times but did not appear. It was then suggested that he should be pronounced contumacious, but the bishop (Wm. Piers), who heard the case in person, decided that Browne should be again cited to appear at a court to be held in September.

The page on which the proceedings were to be entered is left blank in the Instance Book, but the living was evidently sequestrated and Wm. Durte,

Nicholas Blackwell and Wm. Fesant were appointed sequestrators. On December 7th Greene and Durte applied for their expenses incurred in the prosecution of Robert Browne, and they were duly paid on January 24th. At a court held on March 14th, 1633, the sequestrators produced their accounts. A fortnight later, on March 28th, R. Woodruffe and Thomas Saunders appeared before the court and stated that Mr. Browne, the sequestrated rector, had been suspended and excommunicated by the Rev. Father in God, Wm. (Piers), late Bishop of Peterborough, and that the fruits and tithes of the said rectory had been sequestrated by the same bishop into the hands of certain parishioners; also that the sequestration should continue while the force of this suspension and excommunication had effect.

At first Mr. Lewis, late curate of Achurch, and then Thomas Aspin, M.A., were appointed to serve the cure of souls and to perform other divine offices during the suspension and excommunication of Browne; and the sum of 40 marks a year was assigned to him as stipend to be paid out of the fruits and profits of Achurch rectory by the sequestrators. After the necessary expenses of managing the estate had been met, the residue was decreed to be given to Mr. Robert Browne for the sustentation of (a) himself, (b) his wife, (c) his children.

Evidently he had a number of friends in the parish who shewed their continued devotion to him by making things as awkward as possible for the sequestrators. In August, 1633, eight persons were excommunicated for violating the sequestration of the rectory; this they did by carrying away tithe hay, apparently on behalf of Browne. The eight were John Hartwell, Wm. Browne (Robert's second son), Marie Lovell, Eleanora

Conington, Hugh Treves, John Browne (Robert's youngest son), Robert Kinge of Pilton, and Mr. Bottomley of Pilton. Hartwell was charged that he "did carry away some tithe hay notwithstanding that he was formerly forbidden so to do by the said Sanders" (one of the sequestrators). Kinge confessed "that he did carry some halfe a dozen loades of haye," while Bottomley admitted "that he did pitch the cart one the behalfe of Mr. Browne and by that manner did violate his Lordship's sequestracon." Marie Lovell also pleaded guilty "to raking after the cart."

This valuable new material corrects the traditional account of Browne's excommunication given by Jeremy Collier, it consigns to limbo the much pondered theories of Dexter, Mr. Burrage, Dr. Powicke and the present writer, and enables us to reconstruct in some particulars the story of

Browne's last two years.

He was excommunicated, but by Bishop Piers, not Lindsell, and while resident at Achurch, not Northampton, some time in 1631, and for nonconformity. Further he was contumacious and we cannot accept the statement that "he submitted himself to the Bishop, desired to be absolved, and being absolved accordingly and readmitted into the Church, never after left it." We are fairly safe in saying that Robert Browne died a nonconformist.

We must also revise our estimate as to the length of his residence at Northampton (in gaol or out) prior to his death. The above recorded violations of the sequestration were apparently undertaken by his friends and sons for his benefit: if so, that would indicate his residence in Achurch, or more probably Thorpe Waterville, up to and during hay harvest of July or August 1633. Greene his "ungracious godsonne" had been his prosecutor in

1632, and probably the incident of the blow which led to Browne's arrest took place after July, 1633. Fuller says: "To Northampton gaol he is sent, where soon after he sickened and died." As he was buried on October 8th, 1633, he probably was in Northampton for only a few weeks.

We are glad to know that his widow did not leave the poor old man to be buried without some of the usual observances. Doubtless the following item in the churchwardens' accounts for that year refer to the tolling of the bell at his funeral:

"1633 Received of Mrs. Browne of Ayechurch

for ye great bell 0. 1. 0."

Browne's will would seem to indicate that he and his wife were reconciled in his last years; though his terms of reference to her are difficult to understand when we remember that in 1618 she was "presented" before Sir John Larner on a charge of adultery. True, the case was not proved, but Browne refused to live with her, and in 1623 she unsuccessfully sued him for a restoration of conjugal rights. The following is a copy of the nuncupative will which was exhibited and proved in April, 1634 (administration had been granted on October 19th, 1633, to Elizabeth Browne, widow of Robert Browne, clerk. . .).

"Memorandum that upon or about the First daie of October in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand sixe hundred and thirtie and three, Robert Browne, late of the Parish of Thorpe Atchurch in the County of Northton, clerke, deceased, haveing an intent to delare his will nuncupative whoe should have and enjoy those temporell goodes which God in Mercie had blest him withall, exprest his will therein in manner

and forme followeinge.

Vidlt I doe give and bequeath all my goodes, chattles and estate whatsoever unto my deare and

loveinge wiefe Elizabeth Browne, who hath ever bine a most faithfull and a good wiefe unto me. And I will, and my mind is, that none of my children shell have or enjoy any parte of my said estate, and to thet end I have securitie to shewe from some of them. But if anye person shell thinke or saie that I have not delt like a Father with them I doe hereby lett such knowe that I have heretofore myself advanced, preferred and given unto each of them more then their due, and proportionable part of and out of all my said These wordes or verve like in effecte were spoken by the said Robert Browne beinge in perfecte mind and memorie in the presence of us whose names are hereunder written. Willelmi Brown, John Coles."

Mr. Serjeantson's account of Browne is illustrated with several plates including a good view of the parish church at Achurch. We take one more gleaning from this interesting volume. In a footnote to p. 194 there appears a quotation which confirms the theory that Browne resided in "the old chapel home" at Thorpe. Bishop White Kennett, whose historical collections were made about the year 1720, says: "The tradition goes, as reported by Dr. Sanderson, the present incumbent, that he (Browne) was 40 years parson of Achurch, and yet never lived in the Parsonage house, but at Thorp Waterville, a village belonging to the parish, in a poor sort of cottage, run up without any flat roof, because as he pretended, he was not worthy to live under any roof. He kept only the Pidgeon House or Dove Cote at Achurch in his hands, which his heirs claimed as their property till recovered by Dr. Sanderson. Lansd. M.S., 1029 f. 43, dorso."

F. IVES CATER.

T is generally known that in 1771 a few clergymen of doubtful orthodoxy made an unsuccessful effort to obtain release from their legal obligations to subscribe the Thirty-nine Articles. On the defeat of this project it was more reasonably urged that, while subscription was properly required from those who enjoyed the emoluments of the State Church, it was unjust to require it from avowed dissenters. Accordingly a bill was introduced into Parliament early in 1772 to relieve dissenting ministers from the modified subscription required by the Toleration Act. This was twice passed by the House of Commons and rejected by the Lords; but at length, in 1779, a harmless declaration was substituted for the offensive subscription.

On the first introduction of the Relief Bill, in 1772, petitions in support were presented from a large majority of the dissenting ministers in England and Wales. There can be little doubt that it is to this movement we owe the valuable Survey of English Non-conformity in 1773, known as *Thompson's List*, which is among

the MS. treasures of Williams's Library.

The MS, is a thin folio volume bound in vellum, with clasps. Its contents—arranged by counties—are threefold: (1) A list, as complete as laborious enquiry could make it, of the Dissenting Congregations then existing in each county of England and Wales; (2) A number of brief statements as to the origin, history, and then present condition of various congregations, mostly Baptist; (3) A list of those ministers in each county who signed or signified their concurrence with the petitions for relief in the matter of subscription.

The compiler of the MS., the Rev. Josiah Thompson, was a retired Baptist minister in London; which accounts for the prominence given in the MS. to matters relating to Baptists. In the first or general list is shewn, opposite the name of each town or village where nonconformity was represented, first the whole number of local dissenting congregations and ministers of all denominations, exclusive of Quakers, and then the number of those which are Baptists. In a few cases the number of attendants is stated; in a few others the letters G and P distinguish "General," i.e., Arminian,

from "Particular," i.e., Calvinistic, Baptists; very seldom are Presbyterian and Independent congregations distinguished from each other.

Summaries are given for England and Wales respectively. But unfortunately the county numbers for England in the summary differ from those in the local lists in the proportion of about one case out of six; while the totals of both differ from the totals stated in the MS. These totals range between 1,063 and 1,092 congregations, and between 1,011 and 1,057 ministers. Possibly the discrepancies may be due in part to cases where one minister served two churches, or one meeting-house served for two villages, these being sometimes counted as one and sometimes as two. Another cause of discrepancy may probably be found in the numerous unexplained cancellations. In the lists of petitioning ministers a name sometimes appears as resident in a place where no minister is located in the general county list. These are in all likelihood either retired ministers or pastors living at some distance from their meeting-houses.

The summary was quoted, not quite correctly, in Bogue's History of Dissenters, but the MS. has never been printed. We therefore reproduce in this present and following issues (1) The general list of dissenting churches in each county, and (2) the list of ministers who in 1772 joined or concurred in the application to Parliament for relief in the matter of subscription. A few of the notes are added, some of them in a condensed form; but only such as throw light on the actual state of the churches in 1772-3. Many of the historical memoranda are interesting; but most of them relate to Baptist congregations.

Apart from selection and condensation of notes the only editorial liberty that has been taken in the county lists is to insert an intermediate column (in a different type) shewing the number of Paedobaptist, i.e., Presbyterian and Congregational, churches and ministers. These, added to the Baptist figures, are of course equal to the totals. But the General Summary has been thoroughly revised, so as to agree with the county lists; the numbers of petitioning ministers are indicated; and for the purpose of comparison the number of churches in 1716 is given from Evans's list. For this the editor is alone responsible.

BEI	OFORDSHIRE.			Chur.	Min.	Р.	В	
I	Bedford (800)	•••		2	1	1	I	1
2	Blonham (350)			I	1		I	I
	Biggleswade (200)				1		ľ	1
4	[Cotton End] (can	celled)	• • •	1	ί		I	I
	Carlton (600)	• • •		1	I		1	I
6	[Charleywood &)	(กลา		*			т	
7	Chippenfield] \(\int \)	cance	lled) *				

				Chur.	Min.	P		В	3.
8	Cranfield (50)	•••	• • •	I	1			1	1
9	[Eversol and Ridgn		160)	I	I			I	1
_	(names cancelle	d)							
10			•••	I	I			1	1
11	Luton (500)		•••	1	1			1	I
12	Leighton and Duns	table (8o)	I	1			1	1
13	Malden (180)	•••	•••	1	1			1	I
14	Market Street (40)		•••	I	I			I	I
15	Stevington (300)	• • •	•••	I	1			I	I
16	Shambrook (120)	• • •		I	1			1	I
17	Southall (100)	• • •	•••	1	1	1	1	I	1
18	[Sutton and Gamlin	ngay] ((cano	elled .	"in Camb	bridg	seshire!	")	
19	Thorn (80)		•••	I	I			1	1
20	Storton (400) Mr. I	Emery	•••	I	I			I	I
				19	17	2	1	17	16
	(A	dded)	Caro	lingto				,	

Ministers who joined in the application to Parliament for relief from an obligation to subscribe the Thirty-nine Articles (1772).

H. Field, Southhill Wm. Coles, Malden W. Butterfield, Thorn David Evans, Biggleswade Ebenezer Keach, Cranfield Thos. Marshall, Cardington Wm. Pike, Ridgmount Thos. Pelley, Luton Thos. Thomason, Blonham Will Woster, Dunstable

BE	ERKSHIRE.			(Church	Min.	P			В.
1	Abingdon	•••	•••	•••	2	2	1	1	I	Ι
2	Aston	•••			I		1			
3	Farringdon	•••	•••		I				1	
4	Maidenhead	(very	small)	• • •	1		1			
5	Newbury	••••		• • • •	3	3	2	2	1	1
6	Oakingham	•••	•••	•••	I	Ĭ	1	1		
7	Reading	• • • •			3	3	2	2	1	1
8	Tadley	•••	•••		I	ľ	1	1		
9	Wantage	•••	•••		I	I			. 1	1
					14	ΙΙ	9	7	5	4

¹ Abingdon. The Baptist congregation is toilerably large, the presbyterian small.

² Aston. A very considerable congregation, but at present no settled minister.

³ Farringdon. No settled minister, but occasional preaching in ye Evening by the minister of Coat or Wantage. The numbers that assemble are considerable at present, being a new thing.

⁶ Oakingham. The interest here was sunk very low, but has revived considerably under their present minister, who has been about 4 or 5 years among them.

⁹ Wantage. The Paedobaptists have a meeting-house, but are not a distinct congregation. They meet with the Baptists for public worship, tho' not at the Lord's Table.

Petitioning Ministers

John Moor, Abingdon
Danl. Turner, do
Francis Lewis, Newberry
David James, do.
James Merchant, do.

James Briggs, Wantage Edward Armstrong, Reading Thos. Noon, Reading Richd. Davis, Oakingham.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE			Cl	urch	Min	1	Ρ.	1	в.
1	Ailsbury		٠.	2	2	1	1	1	1
2	Agmondesham Gre	en .		1	1			I	L
3	Buckingham			1	1	1	1		
4	Beaconsfield			I	I	1	1	_	
								G	P
5	Chesham .		••	3	3	1	1	2	2
6	Chalfont St. Peters	š.	••	I	I	1	1		
7	Colnbrook		••	r	Ŧ			1	1
8	Cheney		••	I	1			1	1
									G
9	Ford near Ailesbur	· ·	••	I	1		_	r	1
10	Great Marlow		••	1	I	1	1		
11	8		••	2	1	1	1	1	
12	Newport Pagnel .		•••	2	2	1	1	1	1
13			••	2	I	1	1	1	
14	Princes Risboroug	h	• -	2	2	1	1	τ	I
									G
15	Stoney Stratford .	••	••	1	r			I	1
16			••	Ι	1			1	1
17	Woodrow near W	icomb .	••	1	I			1	1
_									G
18	Wendover		••	I					1
				25	22	10	10	15	12

⁵ Chesham. The first pastor of the now Independent church at Chesham was Mr. Robinson, a Presbyterian. It is not certain that he was one of the ejected ministers. His immediate successor was the late Dr. King, who removed to London. He was succeeded by Mr. Sims, and he by Mr. Spooner.

Petitioning Ministers

Wm. Silk, Ailsbury
Fran. Sleep, Princes Risborough
Jos. Rees, do.
Ab^{m.} Derby, Beaconsfield
Rees Price, Chalfont
Sam Sleap, Chesham
Thos. Sexton, do.
Caleb Cook, do.

John Whiting, Chesham
— Spooner, do.
— Smithson, High Wickham
Thos. Crumwell, Cheneys
John Drake, Olney
Wm. Broughton, Buckingham
Wm. Bull, Newport Pagnell
John Newson, do.

CAI	MBRIDGESHIRE			Church	Min.		P.		B.
1	Burwell	•••	•••	I	1	1	1		
2	Cambridge	•••	•••	3	3	2	2	Ι	1
3	Cottenham	•••	• • •	1	Ι	1	1		
_	Catlidge	•••	•••	1	1	1	1		
4 5 6	Eversden and B	arrington	•••	1	1	1	1		
ő	Fenny Stanton		•••	1	1			I	1
7	Gamlingay	•••	•••	I	1			1	1
7 8	Gransden	•••	•••	I				I	
9	Linton	•••	•••	I	I	1	1		
ΙÓ	Isleham	•••	•••	1	I	1	1		
11	March	•••	•••	1	Ι			I	I
12	Milbourn & Fulb		• • • •	2	I	1	1	I	
13	Soham and Ford	ham	• • •	1	I			I	1
14	Willingham	•••	•••	1	.1	1	1		
15	Wisbich	•••	•••	2	2	1	1	I	I
				19	17	11	11	8	6

Petitioning Ministers

СН	CHESHIRE		CI	Church		P.	В.
1	Allostock	•••		1		1	
	(Suppl. froi	n North	wich)				
2	Bollington	•••	•••	1	I		I I
. 3	Bressie Green	•••		I			1
4	Chester	•••		2	2	2 2	
5 6	Congleton			1	1	1 1	
Ó	Deein Row			1	I	1 1	
7	Duckingfield	•••		I	I	1 1	
8	Hale		•••	1	1	1 1	
9	Hyde	•••		1	I	1 1	
10	Hatherlow			I	I	1 1	
11	Hill Cliff	•••		ĭ	1		I 1
12	Kingsley		•••	I	I	1 1	
13	Knutsford		•••	I	I	1 1	
14	Lymm	•••		I	I	1 1	
15.	Macclesfield		• • • •	1	I	1 1	
16	Nantwich			1	1	1 1	
17	Northwich			I	I	1 1	
18	Partington \			1	I	1 1	
19	Cross Street			I		1	

			24	21	21	19	3	2
	[Altrincham] (cancelled)	•••	0					
22	Whillock	•••	I	1	1	1		
2 I	Tingtwissel on Tinsel		ĭ	1	1	1		
20	Stockport	•••	2	2	2	2		

"The Revd. Mr. Chidaw writes, July 24th, 1773, that yo Dissenting interest in this county in general is in a very declining languishing state, & some of yo Congregations likely to drop very soon. Congleton and Wheelock are at this time without a minister, and likely to be so, as there are very few to minister to."

The meeting-house at Nantwich was originally Baptist, but the society became extinct. In 1773 Mr. Radcliff, minister of "Whillock," preached there on alternate Lord's days, and at Leek in Staffordshire.

Petitioning Ministers

John Chidlaw, Chester Wm. Brocklehurst, Dean Row Jos. Booth, Stockport John Boult, Congleton R. Lord, Knutsford Geo. Checkley, Hyde Robert Harrop, Hale James Green, Northwich Geo. Booth, Tintwistle John Parmer, Macclesfield R. Hodgeson, Nantwich W. Buckley, Duckinfield James Burgess, Hatherlow

CO	CORNWALL		C	Church I		P.		В.		
I	Chase Water		•••	1				I		
2	Falmouth	•••		2	I	1	1	I		
3	Loe		***	I	I			1		I
4	Lescard	•••		1	1	1	1			
<u>.</u>	Truro	•••		2	2	2	2			
ő	Penzance	•••	•••	I	I	1	1			
				8	6	5	5	3		_ I

Petitioning Ministers.

Tho.	Morgan,	Lescard
Peter	Kells, T	ruro 💮
Peter	Sampso	n, Truro

Thos. Howel, Falmouth John Pearce, Penzance

CU:	CUMBERLAND		C	hurch	Min.	P.		В		•
1	Alston Moor	•••	•••	I	I	1	1			
2	Branston			1	I	1	1			
3	Blennerhasset	•••	•••	I		1				
4	Carlisle		•••	I	I	1	1			
5	Cockermouth	•••	•••	2	2	2	2			
6	Great Broughton	1	•••	1	I				1	1

7	[Haltwistle] cancelled : "Northumb."	Ι	I	1 1		
8	Hudlecough	1	I	1 1		
Q	Reswick (sic) i.e., Keswick	1	I	1 1		
	Penrith	r	I	1 1		
11	Penruddock	1	ï	1 1		
12	Workington		1	1 l		
13	Wottonridge and Oulton	I	1		x	1
14	Whitehaven (one a seceder)	2	2	2 2		
		16	15	14 13	2	2

[&]quot;I have not added to this list Plimton (sic, i.e. Plumpton) and Great Salkeld; as these 2 Places are now allmost deserted having only occasional service."

Petitioning Ministers

Tho. Lowthion, Cockermouth Is. Dickson, Blennerhasset Wm. Thompson, Workington Jon. Honeyman, Penrith A. Dean, Huddlescough James Bigger, Keswick^e Rob. Potts, Brampton Rob. Milne Timothy Nelson, Alston Moor

211

DEI	DERBYSHIRE			hurch	Min.	P.		В	
1	Ashford in yo Pe	ak, occ. si	up.	I		1			
2	Alfreton	•••		1	1	1	1		
3	Ashbourn			I	1	1	1		
4	Buxton	•••	•••	1	I	1	1		
4 5 6	Belper		•••	Ĭ.	I	1	1		
	Charlesworth	•••	•••	I		,	_		
7	Chapel-le-frith		•••	I	I	1	1		
8	Chesterfield	•••	•••	I	I	1	1		
9	Chelmerton	•••	•••	I	£	1	1		
10	Derby	•••	•••	I	2	1	2		
ΙΙ	Duffield \ (supp	lied by y	В	1		1			
12	Findern Minist	er of Derl	oy)	1		1			
13	Heague (once a			I		1			
14	Hartington in	y° Peak, (do.						
15	Hucklow and Br	oad Peak	•••	I	τ	1	1		
16	Ilkeston	•••	•••	2	ŗ	1	1	I	
17	Loscoe near Hor	nor	•••	C	I	1	1		
18	Lea near Matloc	k	•••	I	ı	1	1		
19	Milborough	•••	•••	I	1	1	1		
20	Melbourn once a	fortnight		2	2	1		Į	2
2[Norton near She			1	1	1	1		
22	Pentridge	•••		1	1	1	1		

		C	hurch	Min.	P		В.	
23	Ripley		r	1 .	1	1		
24	Stoney Middleton		I	ī	1	1		
	Warksworte		I	I	1	1		
26	[Packington] (cancelled)	"Le	icestei	rshire"				
	Little Allum near Ilkeston						1	
			27	21	24	19	3	2

[&]quot;Mr. Williams the presbyterian minister at Nottingham preaches there and at likeston alternately once a fortnight." (Derbyshire in MS. comes after Durham)

Petitioning Ministers

R. Kelsill, Hucklow and Bd. Peak Wm. Harrison, Chapel-le-Frith

I

1

I I

J. Malkin, Alfreton T. White, Derby

Kingsbridge

Kingskerswell

23

J. V G	J. Wilding, do. W. Hawkins, Ashborn G. Buxton, Buxton D. Lowe, Norton			Jos. Orrel, Belper Francis Smith, Melbourn Thos. Perkins, Do. Danl. Taylor, Melbourn						
DEV	ONSHIRE		C	hurch	Min.	P			В.	
ĭ	Appledore	•••		I	1	1	1			
2	Ashburton	•••		I	I	1	1			
3	Axminster	•••	•••	I	1	1	1			
3 4 5 6	Bovey Tracey	•••	•••	\mathbf{I}					I	
5	Bampton	•••	•••	I	1				1	I
	Beer	•••	•••	Ι		1				
7 8	Budleigh	•••		1	I	1	1			
8	Bideford	•••	•••	1	1	1	1			
9	Barnstaple			I	I	1	1			
10	Branton	***		I		1				
ΙI	Carffwood	•••	• • •	I					1	
12	Collumpton	•••	•••	2	2	1	1		I	1
13	Collyton	•••		I	1	1	1			
14	Chulingley (i.e.	Chulmley	7)	1	I	1	1			
15	Crediton	•••	• • •	I	I	1	1			
16	Chudleigh		•••	1	I	1	1			
17	Dartmouth	•••		I	T	1	1			
18	Exeter	•••	• • •	4	6	3	4		Ι	2
19	Ford or Stoken	ham	•••	I	1	1	1			
20	Honiton	•••	• • • •	2	I	1	1		1	
2 I	Hatherleigh &	Oakhamp	oton	1	1	1	1			
22	Ilfracombe	• • •		I	I	1	1			

			CI	burch	Min.	P		В.	
25	Lympston (300)	•••	•••	I	1	1	1		
2 6	Luppit	•••	•••	I		1			
27	Longhood	•••	•••	1	I			1	I
28	Moreton Hamste	ad	•••	2	2	1	1	1	Ι
29	Modbury	•••		Ι	I			I	Ι
30	Newton Bushel	•••	•••	Ι	1	1	1		
31	[Oakhampton]	•••		I		1			
~ر	(name cancelled	!)							
32	Ottery St. Mary	***	• • •	I	1	1	1		
33	Plymouth	• • •		3	3	2	2	I	1
34	Plymouth Dock	•••	• • •	I		1			
35	Prescot	•••	•••	I	1			1	1
35 36	Puddington	•••	•••	1	1	1	1		
37	Sidbury	•••	•••	1	I	1	1		
38	Sidmouth	•••		. I	1	1	1		
39	South Moulton	•••		1	I	1	1		
40	Topsham	•••	•••	I	I	Ţ	1		
41	Thorviton		•••	I	I	1	1		
42	Torrington	•••		1	I	1	1		
43	Tavistock		•••	Ι	1	1	1		
44	Totness	• • •		1	I	1	1		
45	Tiverton	• • •	•••	3	3	2	2	1	I
46	Uffculm	•••	•••	2	2	1	i	1	1
47	Upottery	•••	•••	1	1			1	I
				58	51	43	38	15	13

4 Bovey Tracey: a Baptist Meeting supplied in turns on Lords Day Evening by Mr. Orchard and Mr. Fabian.

9 Barnstaple: two Meeting-houses, tho' but one congregation. Mr. Badcock preaches at one in yo morning and the other in yo evening, owing to some endowments settled upon each.

11 Carffwood; a Baptist Meeting of ye Methodist Cast.

26 Luppit was served by the late Dr. Harris the Historian; but since his death the few people who were left attend at Honiton.

31 Oakhampton. Supplied once a month by Mr. Castle of Hatherleigh.

Petitioning Ministers

Stephen Towgood, Exeter Thos. Clark, Lympson Mic. Towgood, Thos. Jarvis, do. J. Finnimore, Thorverton do. Ab. Tozer, do. Joseph Britland, Geo. Heath, Honiton do. Henry Mugg, Jos. Cornish, Colyton do. Hen. Moor, Modbury Tho Twinning, do. Joseph Twinning, do. John Pool, Chulmleigh Thos. Lewis, John Reynel, Plymouth do. Rob. Bartlett, Sidbury John Parr, Moreton hampstead John Reynell, Totness John Collier,

Petitioning Ministers continued

John Kiddle, Tiverton John Follett, John Berry, Crediton Geo. Waters, Ashburton Geo. Castle, Hatherleigh John Hogg, Sidmouth S. Morgan, Collumpton J. Perry Bartlett, Topsham Thos. Edwards, Tavistock Wm. Lamport, Uffculm Chris. Mends, Plymouth Sam. Lavington, Bideford Sam. Buncomb, Ottery Richard Evans, Appledore Francis G. Stevens, Axminster John Rippon, Tiverton Don. Sprague,

Joel Orchard, Chudleigh Hen. Baynham, South-Moulton Peter Fabian, Newton-Abbot Wil. Watkins, Puddington Sam. Leat, Budleigh Jos. Boller, Barnstaple I. Short, Sam Badcock, do. Jos. Follet, Ilfracomb Wm. Evans, Kingsbridge Josh. Wood, Prescott John Adams, Dartmouth Wm. Edmunds, Modbury W. Wykes, Kingsbridge Henry Baynhone, Totness Michael Hook, Branton (via Northam)

DO	RSET		С	hurch	Min.	P			в.	
I	Beaminster .			I	I	1	1			
2	Bere Regis .			I	I	1	1			
3	Black Down .		• • •	1	1	1	1			
3 4 5 6	Blandford		• • •	1	I	1	l			
5	Bridport	•••		2	2	2	2			
6	Cerne	• • •	• • •	ľ	τ	1	1			
7 8	Dorchester	•••	•••	1	1	1	1			
8	Charmouth		• • •	I	I	1	1			
9	Lyme Regis	•••	•••	2	2	1	1]	[F
10	[Nether Compton	·]	••	I	I	1	1			
	(cancelled)									
ΙI	Over Compton	•••	• • •	1	I	1	1			
12			•••	2	2	2	2			
13	Shaftesbury .	٠.		1	I	1	1			
14				2	2	2	2			
15	3		• • •	Ţ	I	1	1			
16	Sandwich [i.e., Sv	vanage]		I	1	1	1			
17	Wareham .			ſ	I	1	1			
18	Weightown or l	Netherbi	ury	I	I	1	1			
19	Weighmouth or	Melcom	ibe	I	ĭ	1	1			
20	Winburne .			I	1	l	1			
2[Langhwood near	Axmins	ter	I	I			1	ſ	ſ
				25	25	23	23	2	?	2

5 Bridport. The two congregations were formerly one; that which is called ye independent separated from ye presbyterian; the latter continues at

ye original place.

Nether Compton, upon enquiry, will be found not deserving of a place in ye list of our Congregations. The fact is Mr. Young, an old man whimsically inclined, having taken it into his head that none of ye dissenting churches are right either in point of doctrine or discipline, preaches to any he can get to hear him in his own house, which he has licensed for that purpose. At the other Compton is a new built house, and well attended, where Mr. Giffard preaches. It stills retains ye name of Compton, as the meeting was formerly in that village; but it has been newly erected at some distance from it, in ye road between Sherburn and Yeovil.

15 Stalbridge. The present minister, Mr. Grey, also preaches at Temple

Combe in Somersetshire.

Petitioning Ministers

James Rooker, Bridport
Mic. Pearson, Lyme Regis
John Lewis, Sherburn
Thos. Henderson, Charmouth
Rowld. Col. Marven, Weymouth
John Bryant, Beaminster
Abel Edwards, Dorchester
John Prettyjohn, Bridport
Mat Anstis, Weyton
Geo. Waters, Bridport
Jos. Wilkins, Weymouth
Wm. Grey, Stalbridge

Peter Gifford, Compton Wm. Evans, Sherbourn John Morrison, Sandwich Hen. Field, Blanford John Howell, Pool David Jones, Beer Regis Nat Phillips, Shaftsbury Wm. Miller, Pool S. Reader, Wareham Mich. Hook,* Branscombe James Pyne, Lyme Joseph Paul, Blackdown

*" Barnston" is written as a correction above "Branscombe." Query, is this the same Mr. Hook as appears in Devon.

DU	RHAM		C	hurch	Min.	F	Ρ.		В.
t	Cotherston [?	Yorkshire	∍]	I	1	1	1		
2	Durham			Ţ	1	1	1		
3	Darlington			1	I	1	1		
4	Hamsterley			2	2			2	2
5	Noreham (An	tiburgher	Sec.)	I	1	1	1		
6	Spittle near B	erwick		1	I	1	1		
7	South Shields			I	1	1	1		
-8	Sunderland	• • •		4	4	3	3	1	I
	(one cong	g. is Burgh	her Sec	;.) [`]					
9	Stockton	• • • • •		I	1	1	1		
10	Swallwel			I	I	1	1		
11	Weardale	•••	•••	Ι	I	1	1		
				15	15	12	12	3	3

		Petitio	ning							
	irew Blackie, Stoc		James Vaugh, Sunderland							
	n Somerville, Sun	derland		Ja	mes Kid	ld, Sp	ittle			
Wi	l. Young,	do.								
ES:	SEX		С	hurch	Min.	P		1	B.	
I	Brentwood	•••	•••	2	2	2	2			
2	Billericay		•••	I	I	1	1			
3	Baddow	•••		1	I	1	1			
4	Burnham			I	1			I	1	
5	Braintree		•••	2	2	1	1	I	I	
6	Colchester			3	3	2	2	1	1	
. 7	Chelmsford		•••	2	2	2	2			
8	Coggeshall		• • • •	2	2	1	1	1	I	
9	Clavering		•••	2	2	1	1	I	1	
IO	Dedham			I	I	1	1			
11	Dunmow		•••	I	I	1	1			
12	Eppin(g)	•••	•••	1	1	1	1			
13	Hatfield Heath o	r Broad (Oak	1	1	1	1			
14	Heddingham		•••	1	1	. 3	1			
15	Halstead			2	2	1	1	I	I	
16	Harlow			I	I			I	I	
17	Langham			I	I			I	I	
18	Malden			2	2	2	2			
19	Rumford and Ha	vering		1	I	1	1			
20	Rookwood hall			1	I	1	1			
21	Ridgewell			1	1	1	1			
22	Rochford		•••	1	I	1	1			
23	Ongar	•••		I	1	1	1			
24	Stratford			I	I	1	1.			
25	Stanburn	•••		1	1	1	1			
26	Stebbing	•••	•••	T.	I	1	1			
27	Stanstead			1	1	1	1			
28	Tarling		• • •	2	2	1	1	Ţ	1	
20	Thaxtead			1	1	1	1			
3ó	Walthamstow	•••	• • •	I	2	I	2			
31	Weathersfield			1	Ţ	1	1			
32	Walden	•••		2	I	1		Ţ	1	
33	Waltham Abbey	•••		1	1			1	I	
34	Wenden			I	I	1	1			
JT	,								~	

Haveril [Mr. Milway Witham [Mr. Case] Potters Street [Nottage]	 I	ī	Ī	ĩ	,	т
Isle of Mersey	 Ī	I			ī	I
	50	50	36	36	14	14

Petitioning Ministers

John Somerset, Ongar W. H. Hallam, Stambourn Milway, Haveril Jones, Baddow James Kemp, Brentwood Wm. Ford, Castle Hedingham Isaac Henly, Hatfield Broad Oak Charles Parman, Crouch Green John Slaughter, Braintree David Wilkin, Halstead Wm. Hallowbread, do. Rob. French, Coggeshall

GLOUCESTERSHIRE		- C	hurch	Min.	P	.	. В	;.
1	Bristol		6	11	3	5	3	6
2	Burton on the Wat	er	I	I			Ĭ	I
3	Blakeney in yº Fore	st of Dean	1		1			
	Cirencester		2	2	1	1	I	I
4 5 6	Cheltenham		1	I			I	1
6	Cam		I	1			I	I
7 8	Chalford		2	2	1	1	I	I
8	Fish Ponds		I	ø			I	
9	Fairford		2	2	1	1	1	1
io	Forest Green or N	ailsworth	I	I	1	1		
II	French Hay		I	1	1	1		
12	Grittleton		I	1			I	Ι
13	Gloucester		2	2	2	2	-	
14	Hanham		Ι.				. 1	
15	Hilsley		I	1			Ι	1
16	Horsly		I	I			: E	I
17	Hampton		I	1			1	1
18	Kingstanly		1	I			I	I
19	Kingswood		I	1			I	I
20	Mitchel Dean		Ι		1			
21	Matchfield		1	I	1	1		
22	Natton (Seventh D	ay Bapt.)	1	I			I	1
23	Newport		1	1	1	1		
24	Nailsworth		I	I	1	1		
25	Painswick		2	2	1	1	I	I
26	Rangery [i.e., Rang	[eworthy]	I	I	1	1		
27	Sodbury		1	I			1	1
28	Stow supplied from	n Burton	1				I	
29	Stroud		2	2	1.	Į,	\mathbf{I}	Ι
30	Tetbury		2	2	1	1	1	I
31	Tewxbury		2	2	1	1	1	I
32	Thornbury		2	2	1	1	1	1
33	Wotten under Hed	ge	2	2	1	1	1	I
34	Westmancote		1	1			I	I
			49	49	23	23	26	26

Petitioning Ministers

Josh. Dikenson, Gloucester Josh. Parry, Cirencester Joseph Stennet, Cirencester John Davis, Fairford Thos. Davis, do. Ricd Piercy, Chalford J. Morley, Painswick I. M. Moffatt, Nailsworth James Davies, Wooton under hedg Ricd. Tippin, do. do. Thos. Jenkins, Tedbury Joseph Burchell, Tedbury Wm. Billingsley, Cam Benj. Francis, Horseley Saml. Dunscomb, Cheltenham John Haydon, Tewkesbury Thos, Hiller,

Richd. Harrison, Tewkesbury Wm. Hitchman, Hilsley Llewellin Peters, Newport Saml. Thomas, French-hay David Evans, Marshfield Wm. Richards, Bristol Thos. Wright, do. Wm. Estling, do. do. Peter Jillard, Hugh Evans, đo. Caleb Evans. do. John Tommas, đo. James Newton, do. John Needham, do. Wm. Foot, do. Saver Walker, do. Geo. Powell, Rangery

HA	HAMPSHIRE		(Church	Min.	Р.		1	В.	
1	Alton			I		1				
2	Andover			I	I	1	1			
3	Basingstoke			1	Ţ	1	1			
	Broughton	•••	•••	I	1			I	1	Ĺ
4 5 6	Christchurch	•••	•••	1	1	1	1			
6	Fareham	•••	• • •	I	1	1	I			
7 8	Fordingbridge	•••	•••	I	I	1	1			
8	Gosport	•••		2	I	2	1			
9	Havant		•••	I	1	1	1			
10	Limington			2	2	1	1	1]	I
11	Lockerly			I				1		
12	Newport I. of W	J.		2	2	1	1	I]	I
13	Portsmouth			2	2	1	1	I]	Ι
14	Portsmouth Cor	nmon	•	2	2	1	1	1	.]	I
15	Ringwood			2	1	2	1			
16	Southampton			1	I	1	1			
17	Tadley			1	I	1	1			
18	Rumsey			2	2	1	1	1		1
19	Winchester			1	1	1	1			
2Ó	Whitchurch			2	2	.1	1		. 1	I
				28	24	20	17	8	3	7

Note 15. Ringwood. The two Societies are now united under Mr. Crisp, who is removed from Colchester and succeeds Mr. Wright.

Petitioning Ministers

John Cumming, Andover
John Morgan
Thos. Wren, Portsmouth
Rob. Rice, Limington
Wm. Kingsbury, Southampton
James Watson, Gosport
Thos. Porter, Rumsey
Peter Good, do.
Isaac Stradling, Lymington
Wm. Johnston, Christchurch
Joseph Woolmer, Ringwood
Wm. Gregory, Rumsey
.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

Elias Atkins, Newport, I. of WJohn Sturch, do.
James Walker, do.
John Mills
Ben Axford
John Lacey, Portsmouth
Dan Borman, Winchester
Nat. Rawlins
E. Holden
Thos. William, Fordingbridge
Israel Llewellin, Ringwood

HE	REFORDSHIRE	C	Church Min.			Р.		
1	Bromyard		1	1	1	1		
2	Hereford	,	I	r	1	1		
3	Ledbury		I	1	1	1		
4	Leominster		2	2	1	1	1	Ţ
5	Long Town		I				I	
	(suppl. from Aberga	venny)						
6	Ross	•	2	2	1	1	I	ſ
7	Weston under Penyar	d	I	I			1	1
			9	8	5	5	4	3

Petitioning Ministers

Joseph Gummer, Hereford Lewis Hopkins, Bromyard John Stokes, Ledbury

HERTFORDSHIRE		Church		Min.	P.		в.			
I	St. Albans			2	2	1	Į		T	1
2	Box Lane			1	I	1	1			
3	Bishop Stortfor	d		I	1	1	1			
4	Cheshunt			1	ı	1	1			
5	Hartford			1	1	1	1.			
6	Hitchin			2	2	1	I		1	1
7	Hempstead	• · ·		I	I				1	I
8	Bendish			1					1	
9	King's North			ſ	I	1	1			
10	Market Street			I	1				1	1

11	New Mile near	Tring	• • •	I	1	•		1	I
12	Royston		• . •	1	1	1	1		
13	Redhill and Bra	ughing	• . •	1	I	1	1		
14		th] (canc	elled)						
15	Ware	•••		1	1	1	1		
ıŏ	Watford			1				1	
17	Barkhamstead		• • •	1				I	
				18	15	10	10	8	5

[Notes explain that there was a division at Hertford, but reunion probable if a minister should remove; also that Sawbridgworth was discontinued.]

Bendish is supplied from Luton once a month; as is Redhill and Braughing by Mr. Copperthwaite every other Sabbath.

Petitioning Ministers

Jon. Angas, Bishop Storford	Job. Hyrons, St. Albans
Jon. French, Ware	J. Gill, do.
Wm. Lister, do.	Saml. James, Hitchin
Robert Wells, Royston	James Young, Tring
John Griffiths, Hitchin	- Cock, Berkhamstead

HUNTINGDONSHIRE		Ci	nurch	Min.	P. .		B.		
1	Fen Stanton		• • •	I	I	1	1		
2	Great Gransden			2	2	1	1	I	I
3	Hail Weston			2	2	1	1	1	Ι
4	St. Ives			1	I	1	1		
5 6	Kimbolton			1	1	1	1		
ð	Needingworth			2	2	1	1	r	E
7	Ramsey			2	1	1	1	I	
8	Spaldwick (The minister a Congregation I			2	2	1	1	I	1
9	[St. Neots] (can	celled)	,						
				13	12	8	8 .	. 5	 4

Fen Stanton has no regular settled Church. A Baptist minister has been preaching there about a year; the few people that at present meet are a mixed multitude.

Petitioning Ministers

Panting, St. Ives
 Ladson, Needingworth

221.

KENT		(Church	Min.	Р.			B.	
τ	Ashford			2	2	1	1	1	1
2	Bessels Green			2	3		_	2	
3	Chatham			2	2			2	
4	Cranbrook		٠	2	3	1	1	1	2
4 5 6	Canterbury			2	3	1	1	I	2
ŏ	Deal and Sandy	ich		3	3	2	1	1	2
7	Dover	• • •	.	I	2			1	2
7 8	Debtford (sic)			2	2	1	1	1	1
9	Eythorn		.	1	I			I	τ
IÓ	Folkestone			I	1			1	1
11	Biddenden		. 	1	I			I	ľ
12	Headcorn		.	1	1			1	1
13	Gravesend			1	I	1	1		
14	Hythe			I	2			1	2
15	Margate			1	I			I	1
16	Maidstone			3	3	2	2	1	1
17	Rochester			ī	I	1	1		
18	Ramsgate			2	2	1	1	I	1
19	Rolvenden			Ι	1			I	1
20	Sandhurst			1	I			I	1
21	Sevenoaks			I	1			I	I
22	Smarden			2	3			2	3
23	Sydenham		• · •	I	ĭ	1	1		,
24	[Sandwich] (can	celled)							
25	Staplehurst `	′		2	3	1	1	I	2
26	Stelling			I	ī			1	1
27	Tenterden			I	2	1	2		
28	Woolwich			1	1			I	1
29	Wingham			I	1			1	1
30	Tunbridge Well	S		3	4	2	2	1	2
31	Yerlden			I	i			I	r
32	Atham Mr. Knot	t		I	I			I	I
	Greenwich: mix			3	?	?	3	?	?
				46	55	16	16	30	39

Deal and Sandwich should have been joined together, as they both make one and ye same church. The people are so situated as to make it necessary for Mr. Fenn, their minister, to preach in the Afternoon at Deal and in ye Evening at Sandwich, 5 miles distant; they have no morning service.

Petitioning Ministers

Cornelius Hancock, Tenterden Lawrence Holden, do. T. Gillibraud, Ashford J. Sheldon, Canterbury T. Oldfield, do.

Jon. Murrel, Staplehurst Dan. Austen, do. Edw^{d.} Love, Headcorn Jon. Boorman. do. Joseph Heaton, Smarden

Phil. Chapman, do. Samps. Kingsford, Canterbury Rob. Noyce, Cranbrook James Fenn, Deal Steph. Gowland, Sandwich Wm. Ashdown, Dover Jonath. Clark, Hythe James Hosmer, do. Rob. Pyall, Frittenden John Austen, J. Week, Maidstone Wm. Huzlett, Maidstone Thos. Meremoth, Rochester S. Neal, Chatham Sam. Wilcocke, Gravesend Jacob Chapman, Staplehurst

Josiah Lewis, Dan¹ Dobel, Cranbrook Ben. Dobel, Ed. Merrell, Loose Geo. Emerson, Deal James Milnes, Sandwich Wm. Johnston, Tunbridge Wells Sale, Sevenoaks Saunders, Sevenoaks Joseph Haynes, Tunbridge Wells Henry Arnold, John Igglesden, Bessels Green John Stanyer, do. James Saunders, do. Steph. Philpot, Stelling

[To be continued]

Martin Marprelate

THERE is a proverb that "All things come at length to him who can wait." The bold Elizabethan satirist known to the world by his assumed name of Martin Marvrelate has waited long for a capable and appreciative editor; and after 330 years of waiting the need is at last supplied. To most ears the name of Marprelate suggests merely a witty but coarse pamphleteer; who assailed the contemporary bishops, and the episcopal system in general, in terms more vigorous than polite; and who was closely connected, if not identical, with the Welsh patriot John Penry. As to the justification, or lack of justification. there was for his hard words and often spiteful gibes, men are apt to judge very much as their own predilections are in favour of episcopacy or There was so much of the heroic in against it. the spacious days of great Elizabeth as to cast a kind of glamour over the mind of the average Englishman: who, thinking only of national triumph over Pope and Spaniard, ignores the fact that the despotism of Gloriana, if less cruel, was little less absolute than that of Paul IV. or Philip The fact is that, in spite of some constitutional forms, the rule of the Tudor sovereigns was despotic alike in things civil and ecclesiastical.

The English Reformers were of two schools: the Protestantism of the more conservative amounted to little more in principle than renouncing the Pope and denying Transubstantiation; while the

more progressive desired to reconstruct the Church. as nearly as possible, on the New Testament model. Both parties were represented among the martyrs, both among the refugees, in the days of Philip and Mary: and both hailed the accession of Elizabeth with rapturous loyalty. Several of the earlier Elizabethan bishops were of the progressive party, with leanings to what later was called "Puritanism"; and they accepted the imposition of vestments, ceremonies, etc., reluctantly, in the hope that these things merely represented a transition stage of reformation. But it soon became evident that Elizabeth was otherwise minded; and either coward fear of her wrath, or (as we would prefer to think) superstitious dread of the "divinity that doth hedge a king," made even liberal minded prelates like Parker and Grindal the submissive tools of her autocracy. Not till it became evident that queen and bishops would effectively block all further reformation did Puritanism assume a combative attitude. But in 1572 Field, Welcox, and Cartwright assailed the whole system, and-with their followers claimed exclusive Scripture sanction for Presbytery; and ten years later Browne ventured to assert the right of Congregational independence. Both were alike intolerable to Elizabeth, who discerned even in the most strictly guarded Presbyterianism a democratic element more irreconcilable with despotic monarchy than even the pretensions of the Pope. She therefore took good heed that thenceforth her bishops should be not merely submissive tools, but eager allies in the work of stamping out Puritanism. Yet such was her craft that, to the last, the Puritans very generally believed that the bishops were the persecutors, and that the queen, if only she knew the facts, would grant them relief!

Between 1564 and 1587 at least fifty publications, large and small, were issued in advocacy or defence of more or less advanced Puritan principles, To these in the year last named John Bridges, D.D., Dean of Salisbury, offered a general reply in a ponderous tome of above 1,400 pages, entitled A Defence of the Government established in the Church of England. It was this which evoked the caustic satire of Martin Marprelate. Argument, Supplication, Remonstrance, all had failed; Martin would try Ridicule. It is only when these facts are borne in mind that we can justly appreciate the barbarous jokes, the unsparing personalities, and the violent denunciations of the Epistle and the

Epitome.

Of the seven tracts no library possesses a complete set. Of the Minerals indeed the Lambeth copy is the only one known; and this, with the Theses, the Just Censure, and the Protestation, have never until now been reprinted. A heavy debt of gratitude is therefore due to the Rev. W. Pierce for the complete and convenient edition now before us; to which (with the historical Introduction published two years ago) he has devoted the leisure of about nine years. tract he has prefixed a brief introduction, every title page is given in facsimile; and there are copious notes which explain—with scarcely an exception—every personal allusion in the satires. and amply justify many of the most startling assertions. As to the authorship, Mr. Pierce maintains his belief that for the most part Martin is Job Throckmorton: but that the Theses be in great part the work of Penry. He still recognizes, however, the possibility that Throckmorton may have acted as a mask for an author as yet unknown and unsuspected. In one respect Mr. Pierce's work will evoke criticism. He has

not only corrected the punctuation, but modern. ized the spelling. As a matter of sentiment we should be inclined to sympathize with the purists. but in view of practical utility we think he has exercised a sound discretion. We think he has also done wisely in excluding the spurious Dialogue printed (it is supposed) at Rochelle in 1589, which has the name of Martin on the title page. To this he has only one casual allusion in a note on pp. 185-6. The *Dialogue* is certainly by a different author, and though sufficiently pungent shews neither the literary ability nor the racy humour of the genuine tracts, from which it is largely borrowed. Yet we wish Mr. Pierce had given the Dialogue in an appendix. As he has not done so we hope before very long to embody it in our Transactions.

There are a few misprints, but of no great importance; none of them affect the sense. The publishers have done their part well; and the result is a handsome volume which will scarcely be supplanted, even if at some future time the originals should be reproduced in facsimile.

Early Nonconformity in Nottinghamshire

TWO records belonging to Commonwealth times are interesting as shewing to what extent Puritanism had established itself in the parishes of Nottinghamshire, during the years of the great Protector. One of these, though it bears no date, must be referred to 1654 or 1655. It is the earliest document existing in the records relative to the High Pavement chapel in Nottingham, and was evidently framed in response to the attempt to establish Presbyterianism in England. document bears 32 signatures, among them Samuel Kendall, ejected from the parish of Widmerpool in 1662, but who afterwards conformed, Whitlock and Wm. Reynolds, the ministers of St. Mary's, John Barrett, minister of St. Peter's, and four ruling elders, Richard Hawkins, Arthur Stevens, Stephen Garner and Samuel Gillingham.

The preamble of the document is as follows:

"Forasmuch as we judge it is the will of Christ there should be a communion of churches (as well as of particular saints) for the furtherance of the Gospel; for the more pure, due and orderly administration of all gospel ordinances; for the mutual help and strengthening of one another in the Lord's work; and for the full discharge and exercise of that power and trust which Christ hath put into our hands: We, therefore, whose names are here subscribed, do associate and are agreed upon the points following, viz., And then follow four rules to the effect that the ministers and elders should advise one another in cases considered difficult; that they meet once a month to consult about matters of rule and government; that nothing be determined as to government except in the presence of three ministers at least, and as many

Early Nonconformity in Nottinghamshire 228

ruling elders as possible, provided that at least one elder be present, and that anyone in the congregations represented shall have liberty to appeal to the Association.

This association met regularly until the Restoration: minutes of its meetings are preserved in the High Pavement chapel records, the last date being May 4th, 1660. In these minutes many ordinations are described, and many of the ministers afterwards ejected are mentioned either as being ordained or as ordaining others.

Another interesting record is in the registers of the parish church at Selston. It is as follows:

"Ye church of Christ, ye officers, members thereof that continue breaking of bread and walking in ye apostles' doctrine, associated and retained into church fellowship within ye prescints of Selston, which are the persons hereafter written--

Charles Jackson, pastor of ye church at Selston.

Lancelot Coats, ruling elders.

Ffrancis Brunt,

Charles Shephered,

Will Fellow, George Flint,

Chrystopher Clark,

Thomas Rawson, junr.

and the names of twenty others, members."

Records of the Boards of Triers are found in several of the parishes. Among them is Mansfield. A parliamentary enquiry held at the shire hall, Nottingham, in 1650, reported that the living of Mansfield was vacant. The benefice was supposed to be worth £175 per annum, and of that sum Sir Thomas Blackwell, Kt., received £105, Rowland Rand, £20, and Mrs. Annie Wagstaffe, £50, thus absorbing the whole of the living. However, £30 was set aside for the vicar, and in 1654 the Board of Triers inducted the Rev. John Firth, M.A. The order for the presentation to the living is dated Whitehall, May 9th, 1654, and was attested by ten persons. It sets forth the presentation of John Firth, Master of Arts, to the vicarage of Mansfield, made to him by his Highness Oliver, Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, together with a testimony on behalf of the said John Firth, of his holy and good conversation.

Although he was appointed under such circumstances, Mr. Firth was not one of the 2,000 ejected ministers. The present vicar has written that Firth found himself far too comfortable at Mansfield to run the risk of ejection on Black Bartholomew. In those days Mansfield, not being a corporate town, became a resort for ejected ministers, as many as forty of them living there at the same time. Mr. Firth seems to have been charitably disposed towards them. The late pastor of the Old Meeting-House has placed in the chapel a brass plate, in memory of the conscientious sacrifices and Christian labours of these ejected ministers, who found in Mansfield "a little Zoar, a shelter and sanctuary."

There are several more such references to Puritan government in Nottinghamshire parishes. despite such facts it does not seem that Puritanism had laid any firm hold upon the country. It is true that Mansfield offered an asylum for the ejected ministers, that Kneesall is spoken of as a place noted for Puritans, and that during the Civil War that sturdy Independent Colonel Hutchinson had held the castle in Nottingham against the king. But it is to be noted that the great majority of the inhabitants of Nottingham, and particularly the more wealthy among them, were on the royalist side. Perhaps this fact, coupled with the remembrance that the population of the county at that time was very small, and that many of the places to be mentioned were but the merest villages, may account for so small a proportion of

the ejectments being followed in after years by Nonconformist causes strong enough to endure. The population of the city of Nottingham itself at the time of the Restoration did not exceed 6,000. Puritanism in the city resulted in the establishment of two Nonconformist meetings: the Presbyterian at the High Pavement, now a Unitarian

church, and our own church at Castlegate.

Black Bartholomew in 1662 saw the ejectment of 41 ministers in the county of Nottingham. these eleven afterwards conformed. Of the eleven we may make special note of two: Samuel Kendall, of Widmerpool, who was one of the readiest in Commonwealth times to embrace Presbyterianism, whose name appears as one of the Nottingham association, and who had signed many of the records of its meetings as "Moderator pro tem."; and Charles Jackson, of Selston, already mentioned. Jackson seems to have been a man who kept his eve on the main chance. In the Selston register, dated 1641, is an entry to the effect that Wansley Hall and Selston Hall are to pay, besides all other small dues, tythe calf in kind, besides hemp, flax, bees, hops, apples, pears, plums, cherries, all kinds of fruit in orchards, and pigs, chickens, turkeys, geese, eggs-two for every hen: Witness, Henry Denham, vicar. It was ten years later that Jackson came to the living. He then overhauled the entry, and added a line-hemp, flax, hops, ducks-and signed it himself. He evidently resented opposition in his parish, for when Elizabeth Hooton, of Skegby, the first woman preacher of the Friends, was passing along, "he abused her, beat her with many blows, knocked her down, and afterwards put her into the water." This was in 1660. In 1654, in entering the baptism of his son in his register, he "Samuel Jackson, ve son of Charles Jackson, a sinner and preacher of the word of God." A fairly full account is given in Calamy of most of the ejected ministers. Besides those who afterwards conformed thirty ministers were ejected from twenty-eight parishes. The list is as follows:

7	rom—		
	Eakring	Matthew Thompson	Rector
	Arnold	John Crompton, M.A.	Vicar
	Beeston	William Cross	Vicar
	Bleasby	John Jackson	Vicar
	Blodworth	Thomas Rose (or Ross)	Vicar
	Bridgford (West)	Samuel Coates, M.A.	Rector
	Calverton	John Allot	Vicar
	Claworth	John Cromwell, B.A.	Rector
	Collingham (South)	John Pindar	Rector
	Cotgrave	John Clark, M.A.	Rector
	Cromwell	Joseph Truman, B.D.	Rector
	Flintham and Sutton	John James	Vicar
	Greasley	Robert Smalley	Vicar
	Hawton	Mr. Turner	Vicar
	Kirton	William Herborn	Vicar
	Kneesall	Turner	Vicar
		also Bosworth	Vicar
	Linby	John Leighton	Rector
	Mattersey	William Aspinwall, B.A.	Vicar
	Nottingham (St. Mary	r's) John Whitlock, M.A. and	Vicar
	•	Wm. Reynolds, M.A.	Lecturer
	(St. Peter's)	John Barrett, M.A.	Rector
	Radcliff	John Penn	Vicar
	Rolleston	Thomas Ogle	Vicar
	Saundby	Joseph Rock	Rector
	Sibthorp	George Cook	
	(or Flintham)		
	Southwell	Thomas Mowbray, B.D.	Vicar
	Sutton in Ashfield	Lemuel Tuke	Chaplain
	Thorp	Henry Featly	Rector
	Thrumpton	Ferdinando Pool	Chaplain
	also John Woodhouse	e, Chaplain to Lady Grantham.	
,	53	3 01 13	

The majority of these men left the county after their ejectment. Their movements are described in Calamy's *Nonconformist Memorial*, and many interesting notes are added as to their character and attainments. Time will not permit of such detailed notice in this paper, but some of the facts are of such interest as to warrant a brief mention.

232 Early Nonconformity in Nottinghamshire

The present vicar of Arnold tells me that John Crompton, who had been appointed vicar in 1659. left the vicarage in 1662, but continued for some time to preach in the parish church when no one could be obtained. He subsequently removed to Mapperley (in Derbyshire), and died there in 1669. He was buried at West Hallam. Mapperley and West Hallam are only just across the border in Derbyshire, being both less than ten miles distant from the city of Nottingham, so that in all probability Crompton kept in touch with his old parish Two Independent conventicles until his death. were reported in Arnold in 1669, and a licence was granted for the house of Thomas Fillingham in Arnold in 1672, but Evans's list does not include Arnold. The present Congregational church in that place is of comparatively recent date.

John Jackson was ejected from Bleasby. I take the following note from a lecture delivered by the

late vicar of Bleasby in 1897:

"John Jackson was the son of a well known and holy man of Puritan sympathies, who had, however, conformed to the services of the Church of England. John Jackson, good man as he was, had not conformed, and was intruded into the office of vicar without episcopal ordination, and no doubt did not use the services of the Church of England. It is curious to notice that within a few days of the restoration of Charles II., whilst the air must have been full of rumours of change, and he must have been expecting the time to come when the services of the prayer book would be restored and the unordained ministers ejected, a child was born at the vicarage, and the following entry made in the register: 'Wait Still, the son of John Jackson and his wife, was born the 1st day of June, 1660.' It meant that though he discerned the cloud of coming danger, he would wait still upon God."

Jackson retired to Morton, where he taught school. There is record of a licence granted him there for his own house. He afterwards moved to Kneesall, where Calamy tells us he preached when he was allowed. The list of conventicles of 1669 includes Kneesall, the house of James Jackson,

preacher, the said James Jackson. Jackson died in 1696.

Buckland's History of Woodborough gives some very interesting information concerning John Allot, who relinquished the living in 1662. The Woodhorough registers were very ill kept between 1640 and 1660, but it seems that the parliamentary survey had ordered that the parishes of Woodhorough and Calverton should be served by one In 1654 Thomas Ogle, of St. John's College, Cambridge, offered himself and was approved. His approval is told by a certificate dated from Whitehall, June 7th, 1654. But this certificate did not secure him a salary, and he went next year to Rolleston, whence he was ejected in 1662. Henry Walker was vicar from 1655 to 1659; and then the two livings being again vacant John Allot offered himself. Another aspirant was that same John Jackson who, we have seen, settled at Bleasby. Unfortunately, while the parish of Culverton favoured Allot, Woodborough wanted Jackson. Trial sermons were ordered, and both men preached in each parish. The result was the election of Allot. Allot was described as laborious and useful preacher, who after his ejectment moved to London, where he exercised his ministry among a few private friends. He was only young when he died.

John Pindar was ejected from Collingham, and according to Calamy removed to London. There is a Baptist church at South Collingham which claims to date from 1670, but the church is not mentioned in Evans's list. In the list of conventicles in 1669 the house of Matthew Shepherdson is reported as a Presbyterian meeting-place; the same house was licensed May 29th, 1672, as a Congregational meeting-place, and the house of William Hart as a Baptist meeting-place. Whatever may

have been the case as regards Matthew Shepherd. son's house, there seems no reason to connect the congregation meeting at William Hart's house with any following of John Pindar's from the parish church. Mr. Nichols Moore, of Harpenden. whose family has been long connected with Collingham chapel, writes me that "the church was a relic of the times of persecution in the seventeenth century, and was built in consequence of the passing of the Five Mile Act by adherents of Nonconformity at Newark, Newark being a little over five miles from Collingham." William Hart mentioned above bequeathed some land at Collingham to provide an income for the education of a certain number of poor children. The trust, known as the Collingham Charity, is still administered by Baptist trustees. courtesy of Sir Joseph Bright, of Nottingham, one of the present trustees. I have been able to see the original trust deed. The deed, however, throws no light at all on the beginnings of the church at Collingham.

There is no record in the Linby registers of the John Leighton who was ejected in 1662. The Linby registers, however, are very incomplete, though other records help to amplify them. In the original MS. of the parliamentary enquiry in 1650—MS. now in Lambeth Palace—there is this note:

"Linby, Worth £40 per annum. Richard Walker, clerke, present incumbent, receives proffites to his own use, being preachinge minister, but he is a drunkard and a common swearer.

Richard Walker is not mentioned in the registers. We know that Leighton was preaching at Basford in 1669, that he was licensed for Nottingham, and that his house at Newthorpe was licensed in 1672.

Thomas Ogle was ejected from Rolleston. He is the same man who we have previously seen was vicar of Colverton and Woodborough, 1654-1655.

His name is not included in the list of vicars in the Rolleston register, the name of Mr. Dan Harding appearing as vicar from 1648 to 1676; but the present vicar tells me that at Morton, a mile or so away from Rolleston, is a tombstone with lettering very much obliterated, but certain words are plain. The name is erased, but following the place where it was are the words: "He . . minister of God. Buried 1st April, 1689." The vicar tells me that the tomb is supposed to be that of the minister who was put in during the Commonwealth period.

Mr. Tuke, ejected from Sutton-in-Ashfield, is described as "an ancient blind man, Congregational in his judgment." He seems not to have left Sutton after he relinquished the living. An entry in the church register tells us that he was buried June 19th, 1670. Evidently then the Mr. Tuke, licensed in Norwich in 1672, was another man of the same name. There was no conventicle reported in Sutton in 1669, nor was any licence granted under the Indulgence of 1672, yet the Congregational church there dates from 1651. The Rev. J. Stephenson, in his Story of Independency at Sutton-in-Ashfield, says that:

"Mr. John James, who had been lecturer at Newark until the Restoration rented a farm at Flintham, preached in his own house, and occupied the pastoral office from 13 to 15 years. For some years he was pastor of the three congregations of Sutton, Flintham, and Nottingham, and a house in Bridlesmith Gate, in Nottingham, was licensed for him in 1672. Many walked from Nottingham to Flintham, a distance of 12 miles, to hear him preach, and on his rare visits to the town people would assemble for worship in a rock cellar at 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning."

In a report made by the vicar of Flintham to the archdeacon of Nottingham, Mr. James was described as "a dangerous seducer from the Church of England." The vicar wrote: "The pride of a schismaticke I find impenetrable, nor will any of them promise me to forbear their meetings." The Castlegate church book described Mr. James as:

"A person of great holiness and ministerial abilities, who did press and promote holiness from gospel principles, with real clearness and efficacy. He was persecuted and often imprisoned, but still he kept on his work when at liberty; and when under restraint he manifested his care and faithfulness to Christ and the Church, as appears by the many letters he wrote to establish and encourage them in the ways of God, notwithstanding the sufferings they did and were like to meet withal."

There is no reason to suppose that these two accounts are inconsistent. After two imprisonments, one of six years' duration in Newark gaol, Mr. James continued preaching, and further information being laid against him, his goods were seized under warrant. This was so cruelly done that his children were severely frightened, and one of them died a night or two after. Mr. James was a broken man, and to the great grief of his people retired to London, where he ministered to the church at Wapping.

The Castlegate church at Nottingham gathered, according to the church book, about 1655. There had been Independents in town before that date; among them may be mentioned Colonel Hutchinson, Hooper the castle engineer, Laurence Collin the master gunner at the castle. A descendant of this Laurence Collin, Abel Collin, endowed the Collin's almhouses that now stand in Carrington Street. There is no evidence that these Independents formed themselves into a church earlier than 1655. The Presbyterians were by far the stronger body, and they, equally with the Episcopalians, insisted on conformity. coming of Charles II. the little church was scattered, and their pastor driven from them. It is conjectured that this pastor was Mr. Thomas Palmer, who had been a minister in the town as

early as 1643, but at that date took service in a troop of horse raised for the Commonwealth. If by 1659 he was back in the pastoral charge in Nottingham, he may have been the minister referred to. The account of him given in Colonel Hutchinson's memoirs presents a very unflattering picture. He is described as a wrangler, a man who must have been a considerable trouble to the cause he championed. He is not mentioned as a minister in the town after his return from military service, though in the book he published in 1659—A Little View of this Old World—he described himself as "pastor of a Church of Christ at Nottingham." He may have been the minister driven away at the Restoration, but it is not certain.

What is certain is that for a time the little congregation was scattered. As has been related above, they joined themselves to the ministry of Mr. James, minister of Flintham and Sutton; but it was only the young and strong who could tramp out the twelve miles to Flintham. When the foundations for the present Sunday school buildings were being dug, caves with their roof eleven feet below the street level were found. It is possible that in these caves the meetings of the church

were held during the years of persecution.

John Gibbs became minister in 1678. He was a man of holy life and beautiful spirit, but his ministry was closed by death after four years. These four years were years of peace, but afterwards persecution broke out afresh, and the little church was sorely tried. Better times, however, came with 1688, and Mr. John Ryther became minister. And now the first meeting-house was built. It was a plain, unpretentious building, and its total cost was £322 10s. 10d. Mr. Ryther remained pastor until his death in 1704. He lived on terms of great friendliness with his Presbyterian

brethren, and very pleasant testimonies remain of the cordiality with which the two congregations and their ministers laboured together. Mr. Richard Bateson succeeded him and held the pastorate for thirty-four years. Mr. Bateson's ministry was exercised during the years of the High Church revival. The State made tremendous efforts to compel conformity, and to heap insult on the dissenter. The Independent congregation in Nottingham must have experienced, along with other Nonconformists, all the difficulties of this period, and yet we find that during Mr. Bateson's ministry the chapel had twice to be enlarged, once at a cost of £87, and again at a cost of £193.

Before turning away from this notice of the early days of Castlegate, it will be interesting to recall the name of Dr. Philip Doddridge. Mr. Bateson was advanced in years and in declining health, and the question of an assistant for him was being considered. Doddridge was then minister at Kibworth, a little village in Leicestershire. The Castlegate book contains the following, under date Nov. 20th, 1728:

"At the call and desire of the congregation, he, the said Mr. Doddridge, did come and preach amongst us, with general approbation, and gave encouragement that he would come to us. But at the same time he did design and endeavour to get himself fixed into the High Pavement meeting, which when it came to light, he left the town in some confusion."

Another extract, a year afterwards, tells us that a second effort was made to secure Mr. Doddridge for Castlegate. The second is:

"At his return he came again over to Nottingham and preached with us, and gave us all the encouragement we could expect, that he designed to come and settle with us as an assistant to Mr. Bateson, but declined giving a full and final answer till he had been with his friends again at Harborough and Kibworth, and then would send his final answer and determination in a post or two, which accordingly he did, and therein was contained a positive denial of our repeated

invitations, and his determination not to come to us, which was

indeed very surprising."

The historian of the High Pavement church says that the people there were anxious to secure Mr. Doddridge as assistant to Mr. Whitlock, who was then in a very precarious state of health. The society there was in a very unsettled condition. A number of gentlemen had preached as candidates, and as a consequence opinions were much divided. Among the favourite candidates was a Mr. Hughes, who was Doddridge's intimate friend. A fear lest they should become rivals and their friendship be interrupted determined Mr. Doddridge to withdraw his name, and to decline any further efforts on his behalf. Doddridge, in a letter to the Rev. Samuel Clark, Jan. 21st, 1728, wrote:

"I had a proposal privately offered me of a settlement with Mr. Hughes and Mr. Whitlock at the Great Meeting [i.e. High Pavement], on terms which, I thought, would have been a means of uniting the breaches among them, which are now grown wider than ever. In these circumstances I declined the invitation from Mr. Bateson's church, which I should not indeed have accepted had no such proposal been made from the others; but the thing now rests in an entire silence, and it is strongly suspected by some who are my very good friends, that the overture from the other congregation was made with a politic design of preventing my fixing with Mr. Bateson, which would have drawn off some considerable

persons from them."

The minister of the High Pavement church, the Rev. J. M. Lloyd Thomas, informs me that there is an autograph letter of Doddridge's still extant, which says that while his own personal desire was to accept the invitation to the High Pavement, he heard that to do so would disappoint Castlegate. and so he declined the Great Meeting rather than give another congregation offence.

In all this it does not appear that Doddridge was formally invited to the High Pavement church, but the many references are so conflicting that it seems impossible to get at the bare facts. Almost immediately after this incident the good feeling between the two Nottingham churches was disturbed by the Arian controversy. The High Pavement church and the church at Mansfield too identified themselves with Unitarian doctrine.

But although these connections between Castlegate and the High Pavement churches have been noted, the story of the origin of the High Pavement church remains to be told. In 1662 John Whitlock was vicar of St. Mary's, Nottingham, and Wm. Revnolds was lecturer in the same church. two men, bosom friends from youth, together at college, together in early ministry, lived together in beautiful friendship for 50 years. John Barrett was rector of St. Peter's. All three were Presbyterians, and as we have seen earlier formed the centre of an attempt to introduce Presbyterian government into the churches of the neighbourhood. Turned from their livings they were harried by persecution from one place to another. They lived at Colwick Hall, outside Nottingham, at Derby and at Mansfield, keeping in touch all the time with their afflicted congregations. At Mansfield in 1672 the house of John Whitlock was licensed, also those of John Billingsley, ejected from Chesterfield, John Cromwell, ejected from Claworth, Notts, and Robert Porter, ejected from Pentridge in Derbyshire. These men had much intercourse together, and strengthened each other in their In 1672 also Whitlock took out a difficulties. licence for the house of Thomas Lupton in Nottingham, and Wm. Reynolds for the houses of Joseph James and John Walker, Robert Barrett for the house of Margery Derry, and Robert Porter for the house of Robert Vincent. It was in 1687 that Whitlock, Barrett, and Reynolds returned again to live at Nottingham. Their flock had been meeting in a dark and secret place on Drury Hill, but now

they came, after persecution had gone, to St. Mary's Gate, near the old parish church, and in 1690 or 1691 was built the first High Pavement chapel. Our previous note has told us how these three men worked happily with brother Ryther at Castlegate.

There is not space within the limits of this paper to give a full account of all the men who suffered in these terrible days. But to conclude, I may quote the following figures: 41 ejectments in 1662, 11 afterwards conformed. In 1669, 45 conventicles reported in 29 towns or villages, viz: 17 Presbyterian, 7 Congregational, 7 Baptist, 12 Quakers, 2 Roman Catholic; and in 1672, 47 licensed meetings in 32 towns and villages, viz: 27 Presbyterian, 13 Congregational, and 7 Baptist. Two or three Presbyterian ministers had general licences, and 5 licences for public buildings were refused.*

Four Congregational churches in Nottinghamshire date from the middle of the seventeenth century: Sutton-in-Ashfield, 1651, Castlegate, 1655,

Moor Green, 1662, and Selston, 1670.

H. F. SANDERS

^{*} These were the Town Hall, "King's Hall commonly called the County Hall," the Free School, and the "Spice Chamber," in Nottingham; and apparently the School House at Blyth.—ED.

Williamson's Spy Book

P. BROWN, in his Life of Bunyan (p. 221), refers to a "Spy Book," arranged alphabetically. When I saw the reference I thought the book would be of great value as casting light on the ministry and movements of active Nonconformists; but on searching the calendars and appealing to the officials at the Record Office, I could find no trace of it. I therefore enquired of Dr. Brown, who told me that he found the book in a bundle, that it was not calendared, and that it was mentioned in Dr. Stoughton's Church of the Restoration (see vol. iii., p. 310, note). But it was still to no purpose that, reinforced with this fuller information, I renewed my search. This was four years ago.

Subsequently, when making transcripts of all the State papers which refer to Nonconformity in the early years of Charles II.'s reign, I came upon a series of informers' reports, 22 in number. One of these, S. P. Dom. Car. II., 88-73, arrested my attention, as its concluding paragraph corresponded substantially (though not formally) with Dr. Brown's citations from the Spy Book concerning Holcroft, Oddy, and Lock. It seemed probable that the informer's paper was the original whence the compiler of the Spy Book derived the notes appended to the three names above mentioned; and that if the book could be recovered, similar information of equal value might be found therein.

This idea was confirmed by an allusion in

Edward Rogers's Life and Opinions of a Fifth Monarchy Man (Lon. 1867), wherein the biographer of John Rogers writes (p. 330): "In 1663 his existence is attested to only by an entry in Secretary Williamson's Spy Book—a list of disaffected and dangerous persons who were watched by the secretary's spies." At the end of the volume is a list of authorities, of which the second of the MSS. is an "Alphabet Book, names of persons in England, what they are, their religion, politics, etc.; or a kind of Spy Book, 1663: in the Public Record Office."

There could be little doubt that the references were to the same MS. Still, no news of it reached me, until one day the superintendent directed my attention to certain bundles which he thought might be of interest to me, not listed in the printed calendar, but enumerated in a MS. catalogue of miscellaneous papers. I applied for bundle 26, and in it found what I at once recognized as the long lost Spy Book. It is a book about six inches square, one inch thick, indented in index form, and evidently intended for extensive use. It has no title corresponding to the names given to it of "Spy Book," "Alphabet Book," or "Informers' Note Book"; it has simply five short lines on the back: "Names—1010—Miscellaneous—26—No 43."

In one respect it far exceeded my expectations; it contains a good deal more than Dr. Brown had led me to hope for. Still, it is far from complete; much contained in the informers' reports for 1663-1665 is not entered up. But what it does contain is a rich historical treasure. 112 names are entered under their several initials, and notes are appended to each, which are at once interesting and illuminating. Of these 112, exactly 50 are accounted for in the one paper [88-73] already referred to as containing the names of Holcroft, Oddy, and Lock;

which contains also the reference to John Rogers. cited by his biographer. I have traced extracts from only seven other papers of the 22 which are preserved: but there are several names and notes which must have been derived from information which has not been preserved among the State papers. One fact about the names which are here annotated should be of special interest to us as members of the C.H.S., viz., that by far the largest number of them are Independents or Congregationalists: a fact, which, I submit, is an unconscious compliment to our denomination. Out of 61 ministers whose names and connections I have traced. 40 were Congregationalists, i.e., just twothirds of the whole. The other third is made up of 8 Presbyterians, 7 Baptists, and 6 Fifth Monarchy About two of the Presbyterians indeed, Matthew Mead and Richard Laurence, it is open to question whether they should not be reckoned as Congregationalists. And all the Fifth Monarchy men are certainly Congregational in their polity; no finer exposition of Independency could be formulated than that of John Rogers in his Bethshemesh, though none of us would endorse the wild polities of those noble men. The six mentioned in the Spy Book are Rogers, Strainge, Skinner, Glasse, Powell, and Helmes. The Baptists informed against are, of course, "violent Anabaptists" of the extremer sort. There is also a group of ten "Scots Ministers" and "Sectaries," who evidently found a home more or less permanent, of whom we should like to know more. They are David Anderson, Caitnesse or Dundas, Macquair, Andrew Robinson, Simson, John Levinson, Robert Trail, John Knave, John Browne, and Garner.

With regard to the geographical distribution of their places of abode, several are mentioned as having found refuge for a time in various places in Holland, though their English connections are also noted. But naturally all detailed information concerns those who are still living in England. though most are "lurking" in as complete secrecy and obscurity as they can achieve. Comparatively few are living in "the countries"-"the provinces" as we should say; and these are all within easy distance of London. The most distant are not more than 60 or 70 miles from the metropolis.

[To be continued]

The Spy Book (S.P. Dom. Miscell. 26)

On Back-Names 26 Miscellaneous No 43 OIOI

- Anderson¹, a Scots minister. Keeps a private meeting wth a people at Branford. Gilberts2 was Pastor to them heretofore dwells at Walton upon Thames, where he was last minister [67. 50].
- ALDEN^{2a}, a Lawy^r in Irel^d, & formerly Advoc^t Gratt in Ludlowe's time there. a familiar of Ludlowe's, & now entertained by ye La Lieutent at a yearly pencon.

ALEXANDER³ meets wth many at Rochester [88, 73].

Auder4 (an assistant to Houlcroft), lives 3 Miles from Royston at Mildred, where are convencons of many hundreds both Independ & Baptists [88, 73].

(over page)

Audey4. An Assistant to 5 Houle Croft & 6 Lock who rides by turne wth ye sd Lock into Harfordshire, Cambridgeshire & Bedfordshire to gather concorse of people to their meetings [88.73].

 Anderson, David; ej. from Walton-on-Thames, see Cal. iii., 307. "Branford" is evidently Brentford.
 Gilberts; i.e. Thomas Gilbert, ej. from Ealing, see Cal. ii., 446-7.
 Alden, Philip; in a letter to Arlington, written two or three years later, the Earl of Orrery says: "At Liverpool the fanatics of Ireland were represented by Lieut.-Col. William Moore, and one Mr. Hlood, and Mr Alden"; and the Duke of Ormond's son called Blood and Alden "two most notorious villains of this country." country."

Alexander, Edward, M.A., ej. from E. Wickham, Kent, see Cal. ii., 358. Licensed in St. Martin's Orgars, 1672.
 Audey, elsewhere spelled Audes; i.e. Joseph Oddy, M.A., ej. fellow of Trin. Col., Cambridge, see Cal. i., 275-6. Licensed at Cambridge and Cottenham, 1672.
 Houlccroft; i.e. Francis Holcroft, M.A., ej. fellow of Clare Hall, Cambridge, see Cal. I.. 259-62. Licensed at Cambridge 1672.
 Lock, Thomas; ej. scholar of Trin. Col., Camb. Licensed at Meldrett, 1672.

r] R BILLINES (Coronett) dwells at Milbanke Westm^r, a dangerous

active Quaker.

CAPT. BROWNE7 at ye Flower de lys in Lumbard Street at a Silke man's house, towards ye upper end neere Grace church Street. a very dangerous person ed Potters.

Brent of Greenwich (Kent) a Major undry Comittee of safety, a violent anabaptist, a plowman, great wth Welden of that 17 Country.

BARKER⁹, Pastor, dwells neer y^e Bridge & meets at Soper Lane, and some times at Mr. Willetts^{21e} house in St. Laurence Lane near Gild hall [88.73].

Bragg¹⁰, (Pastor) meets at Mr. Cobbs¹¹, and sometimes at Mr. Bermonts¹² who dwell in Southwarke [88.73].

Bermont¹², (Pastor) meets at Cobbs, & has meetings at his owner house in Southwarke [88.73].

Brokes¹³ (Pastor) meets at Mr. Shawers, Saile maker in Tower Wharfe, sometimes at one 14 Palmers, 15 Wise & 16 Holmes's who dwell all in ve Fields on ve left hand neer Moregate where ye Quartrs hang, where there is suspected some persons of note lye Dormant, viz, Coll. Danvers¹⁷, Coll. Gladman, Mr. Wollaston. The field is named Phines- \mathbf{r} berry [88.73].

Bartlett (Pastor) often meets wth multitudes at Gravesend [88.73].

Bourne, at Arnheim [Sir J. Williamson's hand]. [85.71].

Bridges¹⁸ hath a Church at Yarmouth & corresponds wth Burton an excepted person.

Browne, Capt.; of the ship, "Rosebush," see Pepys' Diary 31st July, 1662.
 "Ed Potter" must mean that information about Browne was given by him. He was an "Intelligencer," i.e. Spy, living in Garden Lane, Westminster.
 Barker, Matthew, M.A.; ej. from St. Leonards, Eastcheap; see Cal. i., 144-6. Licensed in St. Clements, Eastcheap 1672.
 Bragg, Robert; ej. from All Hallows the Great. See Cal. i., 83, and Walt. Wilson i., 208.

11. Cobb; ? if ejected from St. Thomas, Southwark. See Cal. i., 191.

Bermont; probably Win. Berman, Bearman, or Bereman; ej. Lecturer at St. Thomas, Southwark. See Cal. i., 191.
 Brokes; i.e. Thomas Brooks; ej. from St. Margarets, Fish Street. See Cal. i., 150-3. Licensed in Lime Street, 1672.

Palmer; probably Anthony Palmer; ej. from Bourton-on-the-Water. See Cal. ii., 231-2-and S.P. 67-54. Licensed 1672.

15. Wise, Laurence; ej. from Chatham Dock, Kent. See Cal. ii., 325. A Baptist.

 Holmes, Nathaniel, D.D. (otherwise Homes); el. St. Mary Staining; see Cal. i., 149,
 Licensed in Horse Shoe Alley, Bunhill Row, 1672 (Or query Camshaw Helmes, see note 42 infr.).

17. Danvers; Colonel in Cromwell's army; see S.P. 74-58, S.P. 81-32, and Pepys' Diary, 5th August, 1665,

18. Bridge, Welham, M.A.; ej. from Yarmouth. See Cal. iii., 19.

r

CAITNESSE, a Scotchman, intimately acquainted wth Lawrye ye Merchant (his old maid knowes much of him. he dwells a little beyond Ratcliffe church, hard by Gun Alley next doore to a shoomakers. Broth in law to Mr. Roe¹⁹ (formerly Minister) a Schoole master in Christ Church within ye Cloisters can tell of Caitnesse. Severall of yo Ld. Generalls old Souldiers know Caitnesse. He knowes Lieut Coll. Desborough & Ellison 32.

CHAFFEY, a new England Preacher lives and meets in Wapping [88.73].

CARALL²⁰ Pastor dwells neer yo Bridge & joynes wth yo Independt Church, & meets frequently at Soper Lane21, & some times at Mr. Willetts21a in St. Laurence Lane near Guildhall [88.73].

CALVERT (Giles) at ye West end of Pauls a Booksell sold many of ye 5 mens Speeches (Johnson's Papers) [67.120]. He must have died in 1662-3, for in Oct. 1663, his widow Mrs. Elizabeth Calvert widow, has succeeded to him in the business at the Black Spread Eagle, west end of St. Pauls. [81. 731].

COCKAINE²¹, Pastor. Lives in Soper Laine, & has a meeting sometimes at Mr. Willetts house in St. Laurence Laine near Guild Hall [88.73].

COBB¹¹, (Pastor) dwells in Southwarke & has meetings at his owne house, & att Mr. Bermts 12 who dwells in Southwarke

Causon75 meets at Deale wth one Nicholls22.

CRESSETT²³ hath frequent meetings at Tyballs²⁴ [88.73].

Cole, very high in Holland, wth Kelsey & at Rotterdam (85.71) (Separate paper).

COLE of Southampton & Prescot ye Master of ye Shipp Peter Stoke. Shipped 1000 armes, pretending to consigne them to a Captaine of ye Tower for his Mattes service dev. em as wodd now they lye in Hill in Rotterdam.

Roe; query if John Rowe, M.A., ej. from Westminster Abbey; see Cal. i., 180.
 Carall; i.e., Joseph Caryll, A.M., ej. from St. Magnus by London Bridge; see Cal. i., 186.
 Licensed in Leadenhall Street 1672.
 Cockaine or Cockayn, George; ej. from St. Paneras, Soper Lane; see Cal. i. Several conventicles were held in Soper Lane.
 Willetts; query if the same as described in S.P. Dom. Car. II., 81.44.
 Nicholls; i.e., Charles Nicols, sometime of Adisham, Kent; see Cal. ii., 318. Licensed at Adisham, 1672.
 Cressett, Capt. John; acted as Licence Agent in 1872.
 Tyballs; i.e., Theobalds, between Waltham and Cheshunt.

DESBOROUGH²⁴ in Holland dwells neare Roterdam [85.31], [85.71 'at Arnheim'l.

DUCKENFIELD, they are 3 Brothrs all offices in yo Army.

Coll. Fo. Duckenfield a stout Fellow, now in Ireland 1663 marryed an Exchange woman, commanded ye Foot at Winnington Bridge25 1650 [81.75].

Major Wm. Duckenfield in Ireland, 1663, marryed Franklins26 daughter ov agt Salesbury House an Exchange man

[81.75].

Coll. Rob. Duckensield, marryed Fleetwoods27 sister & hath an Estate at Duckenfield hall in Cheshire [81.75]. All 3 dangerous Fellowes.

DURANT²⁸ meets wth one Ventris²⁹ in & about y^e Citty of Canterbury —members to their Church are &c. vid Lre v (Ventris) [88.73].

DAVID³⁰ (Pastor) at Dover (? Mr. Davis [88.73]).

Coll. Danvers¹⁷ at Newington in Harfordshire & meets at ye Lady Hartups³¹ there [88.73].

DIER³², a preacher in Engl^d a high phanaticke. Mr. Daniel a hatter upon ye Bridge knowes of him.

- 24s. Desborough, Col. John; brother-in-law of Oliver Cromwell.
 25. Winnington Bridge, about a mile from Northwich in Cheshire. But query, is not 1659 an error for 1648?

26. Franklin; query, is this Robert Franklyn, ej. from Westhall, Suffolk; see Cal. iii.. 291-4.
27. Fleetwood, Charles; son-in-law of Oliver Cromwell.
28. Durant, John; ej. from Canterbury Cathedral; see Cal. ii., 321.
29. Ventris, Thomas, M.A., ej. from St. Margaret's, Canterbury; see Cal. ii., 321-3.
Licensed at Canterbury 1672.

30. David; doubtless John Davis, ej. from St. James's, Dover; see Cal. ii., 326.

31. Lady Hartopp; i.e., Elizabeth, daughter of Charles Fleetwood and Bridget Ireton, née Cromwell; wife of Sir John Hartopp, of Freathley (? Freeby), Leicestershire. [There is no Newington in Hertfordshire; Stoke Newington, Middlesex, is intended.

32. Dier; i.e., Samuel Dyer, M.A., ej. from All Hallows on the Wall; see Cal. i., 86.

ELLISON Lieut Coll. dwells in Holland neare Roterdam, frequently wth Desborough 1662.--

Forders³³ formerly a Minister in Glocester, a Scotishman. Caitnes Rawden his wifes mother lives neare Henley upon Thames

wthin towne lodges behind Abchurch goeing into Sherburne lane for Cannon Street upon yo right hand beyond yo Church. his Landlord keepes a Shop in Popes head alley. enquire of Henley Coach where it stands for M' Forbes.

His sister is an Apothecarves & wife ov agt Warwicke house in Holborne & at Mr Johnstons in Gr. Inne lane &c.

Firz34 Coll¹ is at Roterdam wth Kelsey &c. [85.71]

33. Forbes, James, M.A., ej. from Gloucester Cathedral; see Cal. ii., 249-51. Licensed at Gloucester and Stinchcombe, 1672.
 34. Fitz; probably Col. Thomas Fitz, commandant at the Tower in 1659.

G

GOODWIN³⁵ (Dr.) dwells about Bunhill [88.73]

Mr. Goda^Rsson³⁶ dwells usually at Egerton hall wthin 6 miles of Canterbury, lodges in Hansdon house neare Drs Commons. direct yo Lettr to be left at yo 3 Kings at Whetstone in Canterbury. [? 69.38]

Greenhill³⁷, Pastor of yo Independ Church & meetes wth Meade³⁸ in Ratcliffe & Stepney twice a weeke [88.73]

GRIFFETH³⁹, Pastor. Lives in Broad Street, & meets at Mr. Wittells in St Lawrence Lane neer Guild Hall, [88.73]. Also mentioned by R. Th. [67.120].

GLIDE, a Layman, an Elder to Samuell Bradleys Church, who broke from him by Straying, & meets wth Minse to at Redriffe & Horsley downe (Southwarke) [88.73].

Tho: Goodwine 35 (Pastor) dwells in yo fields on yo left hand neere Moregate, where ve Quartrs stand, & meetes often wth Dr. Owen vid. (O) [88.73]

GLASSE⁴¹ (Pastor) a Layman meetes often neer ye Beare Garden called Maiden Lane [71.48]

GLADMAN meets frequently at Tyballs [88.73]

Gromes, CAPT. at Rotterdam [79.99] [85.71].

35. Goodwin, Thos. D.D.; sometime President of Magdalen College, Oxford; see Cal. i.,

36. Godarson; i.e., Daniel Gotherson. Letters of his are in S.P. Dom. Car. ii., 79-101 and

37. Greenhill, William; ej. from Stepney Rectory; see Cal. ii., 468-70. 38. Meade, Matthew; ej. from Shadwell Chapeiry; see Cal. ii., 461-7, and C.H.S. Trans., v., 116-21.

Griffeth; i.e. George Griffith, A.M., ej. from St. Bartholomew's Exchange; see Cal. i., 107-9. Licensed in Addle Street, 1072.
 Minse; probably Francis Mence; see Cal. iii, 515.
 Glässe; a Fith Monsrchy man, closely associated with Vernon, Strange, Skinner, and Danvers; see S.P. Dom. Car. ii., 449.33.

Helmes¹², a violent projecting Comonwealth's man. acquainted intimately wth Forbes & Palmer4. hath a great influence upon ve gathered Churches.

Horwood⁴³ (vid. K)

HEBRON (Major) an old Army man, dwells at Waltham upon Thames [67.120]

Paul Hobson, lodges at one Washburnes a Salter in B^{ps}gate street

neare ye Cath, wheele Inne 1663.

Helmes a meets at his house, one Shawes a Sailemaker in Tower Wharfe at one Wise¹⁵ and Palmrs¹⁴, who dwell in ye feilds on ye lefthand neer Moregate, vide Lre B (Brookes) [88.73] [67.54]

Hamon dwells in or neare Arthersden [? Bettersden [88.73]

HARTUP. The Lady Hartup³¹ lives at Newington in Hartfordshire F88.787

HAILES⁶⁹, lives at Brikendenbury⁴⁴ near Harford [88.73]

CAPT. HEATH. A Mile & 1/2 from Hartford [88.73]

Houleraft lyes at Widdow Haukes att Barly in Harfordshire who hath meetings of 300 at a time. The sd Houldcraft meets win many hundreds at Cambridge [88.73]

HAUKS⁴⁵. Widdow Haukes dwells at Barly in Harfordshire. [88.73]

Mrs. Homes,

Mrs. Homes att ye red Lyon a Grocers Shop in St Laurence Lane. is ye great Patronesse of yo worst of People now in London & Ewell in pticular.

Mrs. Holond Corn 658 his wife & Mr. Sheldon Prisoner in ye

Tower who married Hollands 45th Daughter.

Mrs. Homes now or lately paid & discharged ye Rent for ye house web Thomas Goodwin lives in, att Bone Hill beyond ye Artillery Ground near Cherry Tree Ally. She has a greate Estate & spends it among those yt lie in waite to disturbe ye Peace of ye Kingdome. She is a frequent visitor of ye Prisons, & encourages & confirmes those that are in greatest opposicon to ye Government. Her chëife Serve is called Browne who 'tis thought was one of ye Rump Parliam^t. Her Cash Keeper confessed in six months after her Husband died she gave away 8001—tis no wonder, for she gaines win her money severall from ye Church dayly, & under prence of Charity corrupts many & wanting people.

Helmes; probably Camshaw Helmes, ej. from Winchcombe, Glos.; see Cal. ii., 256.
 Horwood; really Harwood, a merchant at Mile End. By mistake the account is inserted under letter K.

44. Brickendenbury is usually spelled Brickenden Bury. Brickenden or Brickendene is a township in the parish of All Saints, Hertford.

township in the parish of All Saints, Hertford.

45. The Hawkes were a considerable family of yeomen, of whom Stephen Hawke, as patron, presented the eminent Puritan, Andrew Willet, to the benefice of Reed in 1613. Barley is at the N.E. corner of Herts. Query, was "Widow Hawkes" Catharine widow of James Hawkes, whose daughter Grace married John Day, of Barley, about 1631. See Friends H.S. Tr. viii., 109.

45a. Holond, Corn. is evidently Cornelius Holland, M.P. for Wendover in the Long Parliament. One of the king's judges, attainted as a regicide 1660, escaped abroad, and "died peaceably in his bed." See Rogers's Life and Opinions of a Fifth Monarchy May.

Monarchy Man.

IOHNSON49, a late Chaplain of yo Usurpers. dwells 1662 at yo further end of Grayes Inne lane upon ye right hand in a rowe of New buildings ye second doore, a great acquaintance of Mr. Sprigs, & knowes where he lives. vid—Johnstons Exam.

JESSEY meets often at one Tho. Goodwines & Dr Owens in ye fields neer to Moore Gate where ye Quartre hang (Pastor) The sd Jessey meets also at ye Lady Hartups31 at Newington. [88.73] Harfordshire dead 1663 (80.101) [died Sep 4, 1663].

[OICE49, who tooke ye K. fro ye Isle of Wight, is in Holland [85.71]

Johnson, Francis (N.B. not Johnston); ej. from the mastership of University College, Oxford; see Cal. i., 257. Licensed in Gray's Inn Lane, 1672.
 Jessey, Henry, M.A., ej. from St. George's, Southwark; see Cal. i., 129-135, and B. Dale, Yorkshire Puritantsm, 227-30.
 Joice; no doubt Cornet Joyce, who escorted the king from Holmby to Newmarket; so the note in the text is incorrect.

HARWOOD. Jo. a merch^t at Mile end Green, a factious and dangerous Independ & ye comon Factor for all ye Merch trading, especialy to N. Engl who uses constantly to cov & disguise ye Shipps Goods & persons of those of yt opinion, in their voyages & passages, so as ye Offices of ye Customes &c at Gravesend & othe places are by his interest & mony corrupted to slipp ye Oaths, web otherwise ought to be tendered to all persons going out &c Mr. Scott.

Knowles⁴⁹, an Anabaptist Minister, a good Scholl¹, & a trading man, now in Amsterda maintained by ye Churches, & one Thibalds (his Elder) in Tow street correspondeing wth him (to him Mr. Riggs was recomended by Theobalds) Knowles dwells in Wapping (86.71) (Peter Crabbe, Aug. 28, 1663.

Kentish⁵⁰ Pastor of ye Independent Church dwelling in Wapping, & meets often there [88.73]

Kelsey in Holland wth Desborough &c 1663 at Rotterdam [85.71] [79.99]

N.B.—In 88.78 we have also Mr. Kiffen, pastor

49. Knowles: i.e. Hanserd Knollys, the eminent Baptist confessor; see Neal, History of the Puritans iii., 382-5.
50. Kentish, Richard; ej. from St. Katharine's in the Tower; see Cal. i., 138 and iii., 512.
Licensed in Wapping, 1672.

LAWRYE, Mercht in Sherbourne lane, intimately acquainted wto Caitnesse (Dundasse) corresponds with Dundasse from Rouen & wth ye Ld Warriston 50a when abroad Rob. Th.

Light 51 An assistant to ye Independ Church converses wth Slater 52

& Kentish⁵⁰, meets in Wapping. & dwells in Thames

Street, right agt Beare Key, [88.73]

Laurence⁵³, heretofore President of ye Usurpers Counsell who hath frequent meetings in Chason⁵⁴ [? Cheshunt] at ve-

Nonnery⁵⁴ [88.73].

Lock⁶. Assistant to Audes⁴ who take turnes to ride into Harfordshire, Cambridgeshire at Hitchkin & Pauls Walden, and at Bedford, at Shefford, & Romney & at Bedford at Shefford, & Romsey [88.73]

LIVESEY at Arnheim [85.71] ('Sir Mich. Livesey' 'in Arnam'

[80.17]).

- Lawrence⁵⁵ a Minister, is employed by ye Congregated Church at Yarmouth, frequently into Holland [85.71].
- 50a. Sir Archibald Johnstone, Lord of Session by the title of Lord Waristown, was a zealous Covenanter, a Scottish Commissioner at the Westminster Assembly, resolute against Erastianism, Lord Clerk Register of Scotland under Cromwell, and a member of Cromwell's House of Lords. Charles II. seems to have hated him with exceptional malignity. It seems likely that the information here summarized led to his arrest and execution; see Wodrow's Sufferings of the Church of Scotland, bk. 1, sect. 4.
 51. Light, John; ei. from some unspecified place in Dorset; see Cal. ii., 175. See also Original Records. The text fills an important gap in his history. Licensed in Thames Street. 1672.
 52. Slater, Samuel; ej. from St. Katharines in the Tower; see Cal. ii., 137-8. Licensed at Walthamstow, and "in any licensed place," 1672.
 53. Laurence; query if Edward Lawrence, ej. from Baschurch, Salop; see Cal. iii., 139-40. Licensed 1672 as a "General" Presbyterian teacher.
 54. "Chason" must be Cheshunt. "The Numery" was beside the western loop of the river Lea.

river Lea.

55. Lawrence; evidently a different person from 53; probably Richard Lawrence, ej. from Trunch, Norlolk; see Cal. iii., 15.

MACQUAIR^{55a} a Scotsminister banished dwells at Leyden in Holland.

MEADE³⁸, Pastor of ye Independ^t Church, meets twice a Weeke wth Greenhill at Ratcliffe & Stepney, [88.73]

MINZE a Layman & Elder to Sam. Bradleys Church who broke from him by reason of Strainge, & meets wth Glide at Redriffe & Horsley Downe [88.73]
CORNETT MEDLICOTE⁵⁶ dwells in ye fields neere Moorgate where ye

Quarters hang (Nunnery Cheshunt Herts)

MASTERS⁵⁷ meets at Theobalds. [88.73]

56. This is evidently a misreading or misunderstanding of the passage in S.P. 88,73-Medlicote dwelt at the Nunnery, Cheshunt, where Helmes, Palmer, etc. met. They, not he, dwelt near Moorgate.

57. Masters; probably Joseph M., who in 1672 had a general licence as a Baptist teacher.

N

- NEEDHAM⁵⁸ (Mantenout) practizes Physicke in St. Thomas Aples, holds no great caball wth y^c disaffected, tho' much courted to it, is not very zealous, but only despaires of grace fro y^c K.
- Nicholls²² (Pastor) who hath multitudes y meet wth him at severall times & places in Adsham, Deale, Dover, Sandwich, Wingham, Nonnington [88.73]
 (Maunsfield in ye Minories' (85.74)
- Needham; Marchmont Needham, M.D.: a pamphleteer renowed for his politica versatility.
- D^{R.} Owen⁵⁹ (Pastor) dwells in ye Fields on ye left hand neer Moregate where ye Quarters hang, & meets often wth Goodwine [88.73]
- Owen, John, D.D.; see Orme's Life: The informer did well to link his name with that
 of Goodwin; they were the twin stars of Congregationalism.
- ED. POTTER8 in Garden lane, in Westminr, in Petty France, (Intellig.)
- Palmer¹⁴ (Pastor) meets often at one Shawes Sailemaker in Tower Wharfe, and likewise at Palmers¹⁴, Wise¹⁵, & Mr. Helmes⁴² who all dwell in ye fields on ye left hand neer Moregate where ye Quarters stand where there are severall noted persons supposed to lurke vide Literam B. (Brokes) [88.73 & first on this partor]
- Powell an Elder to Vanisser Powell⁶⁰ meet often together at Darford in Kent [88.73]
- POLTER meetes at Deale wth one Nicholls22. [? Potter [88.73]]
- Powell; query if Thomas Powell, ej. from St. Sidwell's, Exeter; see Cal. ii., 35. He was
 described in 1669 as preaching in Cherry Tree Alley, Bunbill, and as "a very
 factious man."

R

P

- RAWDEN formerly employed in ye Posthouse for ye Island letters, dwells in Devonshire about Exester, knowes Forbes & Caitnes, of great intelligence both in Citty & Country, a favourite of Desborough
- ROBINSON⁶¹ (Andrew) a Scotts Quaker, dangerous young fellowcarryes less between London & Edinb. comes frequently to Mr. Lawryes [67.120]

Riggs⁶² Mr. (A Minister, &c) his wife dwells on ye backeside of ye Falcon on ye bankeside but in all searches for him Wee must not search there but elsewhere in Holland now [?i.o. Edw. Riggs alias Rich. Smith [74.99] at Rotterdam Aug. 28, 1663]

[slip of paper, stuck to left hand page]

Mr. H (or N)arson⁶³ Mr. Toll

Mr. Cox64 pastors joyne together*

Hars meetes att his owne house & in Bunhill feilds.

Cox in thames streete soper-brig Mr Toll chepeside. seaven starres.

Rogers (Pastor) of a Church, dwells in St. Mary Madlens Parish, practiseth Physicke. & meets often at his owne house [88.73]

RIFFEN65 (Pastor) meets often at Coale Harbour in Thamestreet

[88.73 Kiffen]

D^{R.} RICHARDSON⁶⁶ engadged in ye disturbance of Yorkshere 1663 In Custor in temestreete Mercht is his Broth

61. Robinson, Andrew; probably the A. R. of Edinburgh mentioned in Fox's Journal, who finally emigrated to New Jersey.
62. Riggs, Edward; sometime chaplain to Admiral Blake; silenced at St. Margaret's, Thanet; see Cal., Cont. 547, and Palmer, N. M. ii. 340.
63. Harson or Narson; query if Thomas Harrison, licensed as a Baptist in Petty France, Bishopsgate, 1872.
64. Cov. Green W. Green Postitute on New Medicans iii. 411.9

64. Cox; query if Benjamin Cox, Baptist; see Neal, History of Puritans, iii., 411-2.
65. Riffen must be an error for Kiffen, the eminent Baptist captain, merchant and pastor.
66. Richardson, Dr.; probably Edward Richardson, D.D., ej. from Ripon; see Cal. iii., 445-6.

r

S

Sprig, a Minister & great creature of ye late Usurpers. Mr. Johnson knowes him intimately Sprig was a great acquaintance of Sr Hen. Vanes, & Ludlowes (Vid. Johnson)

Simson⁷⁷ a Scottish Minister banished, dwells at Leyden in Holland

[67.54 1]

SABERTON (Capt) an active discontented old Souldier now Steward to ve Ea. of Pembroke [67,120]

SLATER⁵² Pastor of ye Independant Church, dwelling in Wappin,

& meets often there [88.73]

Sprigge dwells with the Lady Say at Crawford within 2 Miles of Darford in Kent, & persons of quallity meete at her house & (Mr. Strainge)

STRAINGE⁶⁷ meetes at ye Lady Hartups³¹ at Newington in Harfordshire [88.73]

CAP^T Spencer hath frequent meetings at Tyballs [88.73]

 $\mathbf{C}_{\Lambda \mathbf{P^T}}$ Strainge⁶⁷ an Assistant to Brickendenberry⁴⁴, at Goodwine, Hailes⁶⁹, on Sunday & meets 2 or 300 at a time, & ye other Sunday meets at Mr. Youngs house at Rush green or at Capt Heaths a mile 1/2 this side Harford [88.73] In London 71.48

STEELE is att Roterdam-63 [85.71]

67. Strainge: Fifth Monarchy man; closely associated with Vernon and Glasse; see note 41.

68. Skinner, Captain; also a Fifth Monarchy man.

69. Hailes, Goodwin. S.P. Dom. Car. ii., 99.7 reports a Baptist conventicle of 500 persons at the house of Heales at Brickington Bury. In 1694 a licence was sought for the house of Joshua Hailes, in the liberty of Brickenden; see Urwick, Nonc. in Herts., p. 539.

CAPT TAVERNER 70 meets at Deale wth one Nicholls 22 [88,73]

THEOBALDS an Elder in Tow street, corresponds wth Knowles

TILER [85.71 'hath within 6 weekes last brought armes into England from Holland &c']

THORNE⁷¹ once Minister at Weymouth, frequently employed by those at Roterdam. Tiler &c [85.71]

 Taverner, Capt.: evidently Samuel T., reported in 1669 as teacher in a Baptist conventicle at Dover. His house was licensed in 1672, with Richard Hobs, Baptist, as teacher.

71. Thorne, George; see Cal. ii.; 161-4. Being outed from Weymouth in 1660, he was presented to Radipole, and ejected thence in 1662. Licensed at Weymouth in 1672.

r٦ Venning⁷² (Pastor) meets at Cobbs & Bermants house Southwarke [88.73]

VENTRIS²⁹ (Pastor) meets frequently in & about Canterbury wth one Durant²⁸ (Major Broadnax, Capt Munnings, Capt Mascall, Capt Lee Hatter, Mr Scot Esq⁷⁷³) are members to their Church [88.73].

72. Venning, Balph, M.A., ej. from St. Olave's, Southwark; see Cal. i., 174-5. Licensed 1672 in St. Clement's, Eastcheap.
73. All these are reported in 1669 as "abettors" of an Independent conventicle at Canterbury. The last four, though laymen, were licensed as "general" teachers in the convention. bury. 1672.

WILLIAMS (Luke, Capt) a furious Comonwealths man formerly in White chappell, now in Southwarke [67.120 R.T.]

Welden Ralph of Kent, an implacable enemy to his Matys Governmt a Comonwealth's man cunning, industrious, sober &c.

Wise¹⁵ Meets often at his owne house & at one Wises¹⁵ & Helmes's⁴² in Morefields and at one Shawes at Tower Wharfe [88.73]. vide Lērr B. Brookes

Wollaston meets frequently win great Company at Tyballs. [88.73]

WHITE Coll. at Rotterdam in Holland 63 [85.71] N.B.-In 88.78 'Mr. Ward' is mentd. c 'Coll Danvers &c. as meetg. at Lady Hartup's.

Scotts Sectarves

In Holland 166 att Rotterdam

M² Io. Levinston⁸⁰ ROB. TRAIL⁸¹ Io. Knave⁷⁹ Jo. Browne⁸² — GARNER⁸³

ejected themselves & malicious sectaryes

James Smeson⁷⁷ ROB. MACKWAIR 38 at Utrecht ejected themselves

Disaffected persons in Holland

Jo. Levengston⁸⁰ ROB. TRAIL⁸¹ Ino. Knave⁷⁹ Io. Browne82

Scots Menesters in Rotterdam

- 79. "Knave" is John Neve, also called Nevey and Nevey, etc.; banished in December, 1662, for refusing to abjure the Covenant; see Wodrow, Sufferings, etc., as above.
 80. "Levinston" and "Jo. Levengston" doubtless stand for John Livingston, "the mightiest evangelist Scotland ever saw"; banished in April, 1663, died at Rotterdam 1672.
 81. Rob. Trail, the elder; chaplain to the first Duke of Argyle; banished December, 1662,
- for refusing the oath of supremacy, but permitted to return; died at Edinburgh,
- 82. Jo. Browne must be John Brown of Wamfray; banished in December, 1662, and died at Rotterdam.
- 83. Garner is probably James Gardiner, minister of Saddle, who with the other banished ministers settled at Rotterdam.

JAMES SIMPSON⁷⁷ in Utrecht ejected Scots Ministers ROB. MACWAIR⁷⁸ MAJOR BOURTON head of ye Brownists church at Roterdam

77. Simson is James Simpson, minister of Airth in Stirlingshire. Arrested, imprisoned, and banished in 1680, settled at Utrecht, and died in exile in Holland. See Wodrow's Sufferings of the Church of Svoltand.
78. Macquair is Robert McWard, first editor of Rutherford's letters; one of those who ordained Richard Cameron—whose violent death he is said to have forefold in detail. Died at Rotterdam 1681; see Wodrow's Sufferings of the Church of Scotland, i., 207-8, 213-14.

Young lies at Rushgreene neare Harford

[on slip of paper] Waltham ---

GODARSON36 in Towne

Riggs in Holland in Cumberland

ALDEN is in ye Philipps

Meeting places

Between little Moorfields & Moorlane at a house in MOORFIELDS. ye middle of a Garden belonging to one Samson, a Hamborough Mercht is a meeting. one way goes out of Tenter alley, & anoth way goes to Otway Garden

London

M ^R SLATER ⁵²	Helmes ¹⁶	Nicholls ²²
M ^R Kentish ⁵⁰	Danvers ¹⁷	Taverner ⁷¹
Light ⁵¹	GLADMAN	Cawson ⁷⁵
CHAFFEY	Wollaston	Potter
CARALL ²⁰	GOODWINE ³⁵	Davis ⁸⁰
Barker ⁹	$\mathbf{D^{R}~Owen^{50}}$	Danvers ¹⁷
COCKAYNE ²¹	JESSEY ⁴⁷	LADY HARTUP
GREFETH ³⁹	GLASSE ⁴¹	CORNETT MEDLICOTT ⁵⁶
Bragg ¹⁰	POWELL ⁶⁰	HELMES ⁴²
Совв ³²	Sprigge	Palmer ¹⁴
Bermont ¹⁸	BARTLETT	Lawrence ⁵³
${f V}$ ENINGS 78	ALEXANDER ³	COLL. GLADMAN
$G_{\rm LIDE^{74}}$	Hamon	Cresset1 ²⁸
MINZE ⁴⁰	Durant ²⁸	WOLLASTON
Rogers	VENTRES ²⁰	SPENCER
Brookes ¹³	M unnings ⁷⁸	Skinner ⁶⁸
Palmer ¹⁴	Mascall ⁷⁸	Hailes ⁶⁹
$\mathbf{W}_{1}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{E}^{15}$	$ m Lee^{78}$	Young
	Scott ⁷³	Неатн
		⁵ Houlcraft

HOULCRAFT⁵ WIDDOW HAUKES44 Audey4 $\left\{egin{array}{l} {
m AUDEY}^4 \ {
m Lock}^6 \end{array}
ight\}$

^{74. &}quot;Glide" must be Calamy's "Mr. Glyde" (iii., 309), ej. from some unspecified place in Surrey.

Cawson, Thomas; either T. C. senior, ej. from St. Bartholomew Exchange (Cal. i. 250-3); or T. C. junior, son of the former, licensed in Westminster 1672, died 1677.

Congregationall Ministers & Teachers

DR GOODWIN³⁵
DR OWEN⁵⁹
MR JOHNSON⁴⁶
PALMER¹⁴
BROOKES¹³

ministers

Kiffin⁶⁵

COCKAIN²¹

Anderson² a Scotts minist²

GRIFFITH³⁹ preacher at ye Charterhouse

Gutter feignes himself & ted by allowance of yo King
Mr Proyes July 3 66) & is frequent Edmd Squibb &c
Geo. Philipps & so calls himselfe is our friend, & to be heard of
at yo little Red lyon in Fetter lane or at Roger
Houldsworths at Rickmansworth neare Roore* parke
Pierre certain als Sr A. Doeharus 66

Inside cover at end

Meeting places Z London Sectaryes Z Scotts in Holland X Disaffected in Holland X

^{*} Query if error for Moor Park.