

1369. Safe conduct to certain artificers, clock-makers, to exercise their craft within this realm. They were probably Germans.

1415. Henry Barton, the King's valet, appointed keeper of the clock in the Palace of Westminster, with a fee of sixpence a day.

1375. m. 31. It was necessary to procure the Royal licence to embattle the towers of churches.

1382. John Evesham, one of the King's valets, appointed Keeper of the Lions, and one of the Valets at arms, within the Tower of London, during the King's pleasure. His predecessor was Robert Bowyer; but the office is of higher antiquity.

1408. A Royal warrant to arrest all conjurers, fortune-tellers, &c.

1451. For delivering a large cannon, called "Mile-end," to Sir John Stanley, for the siege of Hornby castle.

1415. Petition for payment to Gerard Sprong for a cannon, weighing 4480lbs, and for gun-powder.

1437. Grant of two hogsheads of wine yearly to Joan Astley, the king's nurse.

1445. The same to Mother Fosbrooke, the king's dry-nurse.

1441. License to John Schiedame to export tin without custom, on account of his having invented a method to make salt at Winchelsea. E. M. S.

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BENEFACCTIONS.
The following statement of Benefactions is taken from the Tables fixed up in different parts of the Church;

42 Edw. III. m. 15. Salv. conduct. pro certis operatoribus horologiorum, venientibus infra annum, utendi artificio suo.

1 Hen. V. 2 p. m. 7. H. Barton valetus regis habet custodiam horologii in Palat. Westm. pro vita sua cum feodo 6 den. per diem.

42 Edw. III. m. 31. De campanili de Harpham kernellando.—3 Ric. II. 3 p. m. 14. "Kernellare et castrum inde facere."—13 Edw. IV. m. 10. "Imbattellare de turres facere."

5 Ric. II. m. 16. J. Evesham, &c. custos Leonum ac valetus armor. Regis infra turr. London.—15 Edw. III. 2 p. m. 3. Rob. Bowyer custos Leonum.

7 Hen. IV. m. 22. De arrestando sortilegos, maleficos, incantatores, negromanticos, divinatores, ariolos, et phitones, infra dioces. Lincoln.

29 Hen. VI. m. 5. De conducendo quend. cannonem vocatum "Mile-end," &c.

2 Hen. V. Petitio Gerardi Sprong pro solutione pro cannon ponderant. 4480lbs, et pro pulvere bombardico.

15 Hen. VI. Pro Johanna Astley, nutrice Reg. de concess. 2 doliorum vini annuatim.

23 Hen. VI. Pro matre Fosbrooke nutrice sicca Reg. idem.

19 Hen. VI. Pro J. Schiedame de concess. traducendi stannum sine custodia, intuitu inventionis salis faciendi juxta Winchelsea.

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but the arrangement has been changed, for more easy reference; and a few verbal alterations made, not changing the sense.

1. A School House and Free School.

At the East end of the Church-yard in Audley is erected a School-house, which I guess will hold a hundred boys, or more.

Edward Vernon, preacher of the Gospel, rector of Welford, co. Gloucester, did in his life-time, at his own proper charge, erect a School-house in Audley, wherein to teach the children of the said parish.

The Benefactors in The Endowment of the Free School were,

1. The same Edward Vernon; who, out of zeal for God's glory, and his love for learning, in his life-time gave 120*l.* to purchase land for the maintenance of a Schoolmaster, who should freely teach the children of the parish of Audley for ever.

2. Richard Vernon, (brother to the said Edward Vernon), parson of Hanbury, in Worcestershire, gave 40*l.* to the parish of Audley. One moiety of the use thereof to be given to the Schoolmaster, the other to the poor of the parish for ever.

3. William Johnson, of Jamage within the hamlet of Talk upon the hill, by his last Will gave 100*l.* for the use above said.

Which monies (of the above three Benefactors) were employed according to the Wills of the Testators, Anno Domini 1611. And the land so purchased lieth in Upper and Nether Teane, in the county of Stafford, to remain for the use of the Free School of Audley for ever.

4. John Stanier, of Bignal end, in the parish of Audley, bachelor, did, in his last Will and Testament, 1663, give to the Free School of Audley aforesaid, the sum of 60*l.*

5. Thomas Lovatt, of Eardley end, yeoman; and

6. John Middleton, of Bignal end, yeoman, both in the parish of Audley, did, each, give the sum of 50*l.* for the use of the said School.

The land purchased by the donations of the three last named benefactors, amounting to 160*l.* Jan. 4, 1671, lieth within the lordship of Knutton, near Newcastle under Lyme, co. Stafford, to remain for the use of the said free School of Audley for ever.

Additional Provision for the Instruction of Poor Children.

7. Daniel Poole, cler. among other his pious gifts, did by his last Will, bearing date the 16th day of July, 1714, give the sum of 50*l.*; the interest or profits thereof to be employed for ever, to teach poor children of the parish of Audley (whose parents are really poor) to read and write, and to be instructed in the Catechism of the Church of England. He (Dan. Poole) was born in the parish of Woolstanton, but obtained his learning at the Free School of Audley, from Mr. Joseph Whishaw, vicar and schoolmaster of the same. He died at Oswestry, in 1716, in his 41st year.

8. George Boughey, late of London, gent. by his last Will and Testament, gave to the parish of Audley 50*l.*; the interest thereof to be given yearly to a writing-master, to teach twelve poor boys to write and cast accounts; which is to be paid by Mr. George Boughey, of Audley, nephew and sole executor to the above-said George Boughey, of London, deceased June 13, 1711.

Books.

Edward Vernon, above named (No. 1.) gave Twenty-four books to be kept in the School-house built by him, for the use of the Master and Scholars for ever.

II. Relief to the Poor in Bread.

John Middleton, (No. 6. above) late of Bignal End, in this parish, did, by his last Will and Testament, out of his pious and charitable intentions,

give and bequeath the sum of 72*l.* to and for the use of the poor inhabitants of this parish; 52*l.* whereof was to be employed, and the interest thereof to be distributed by the Church-wardens and Overseers of this parish, in twelve penny loaves every Lord's day for ever, among twelve poor widows, and antient people, being good liveries and inhabitants of Bignal End, Halmer End, Knowl End, Park End, and Eardley End, within this parish, and such persons as should come every Lord's day to the Church, and hear divine service, unless hindered by sickness or some other lawful cause.

9. William Abnett, of Audley, gent. (see Monumental Inscriptions, p. 114.) did leave by his last Will 18*s.* paid out of a field at Winbrooke, called Up-Smith Hill, to be dealt in great loaves by the Church officers on Good Friday for ever, to twelve poor people, who are no common beggars, of the several parishes of Audley, Betley, Keel, and Woolstanton.

10. Mr. Thomas Twiss, late of this parish, left by Will the sum of 50*s.*; the interest thereof to be given in twopenny loaves to the poor inhabitants of Audley and Bignal End on St. John the Evangelist's day, yearly, for ever.

11. Mrs. Mary Twiss, relict of the aforesaid Mr. T. T. left by Will the sum of 10*l.*; the interest thereof to be given in great loaves to the poor inhabitants of Audley township and Bignal End, on St. John the Evangelist's day, yearly, for ever.

12. John Viggars, late of Halmer End, in this parish, left by Will the sum of 5*l.* for ever; the interest thereof to be dealt in twopenny loaves every St. John's day, among the poor inhabitants of Halmer End, and Knowl End. He died April 24, 1729.

III. Relief to the Poor in Clothing.

John Middleton (6.) willed the remaining twenty pounds out of the seventy pounds (see above) to be employed by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of this parish; and the interest thereof to be disposed of by them for the buying of clothes, of such poor aged inhabitants of this parish who have lived in honest fame and good repute, as they, the said Churchwardens and Overseers, shall think meet; and the said

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