

THE
STATUTES
OF THE
HOSPITAL AND SCHOOL
At GUISBURN.

To the Inhabitants of the Parish of Guisburn.

THE Statutes of the Hospital in this Town
having some time ago fallen in my way,
I thought it a duty incumbent upon me to pre-
sent them to you in the following form, that
you may be able to judge from thence how this
Institution is and ought to be conducted.

RALPH DUNN.

STATUTES, &c.

OF THE HOSPITAL AND SCHOOL AT GUISBURN.

No Person to be Warden except they dwell in Guisburn in Cleaveland.

IMPRIMIS,

THAT no person be chosen or admitted warden in the said school and alms-house or hospital, except he dwell and inhabit within the parish of Guisburn beforesaid, or within Cleaveland; and that no person shall be chosen, or admitted to be master of the scholars of the said school, except he be sufficiently learned and exercised in grammar, honest in conditions and living, and a priest in orders at the time of his admission, and no Scot, or stranger born; but if a priest cannot be gotten within reasonable time at every vacation, then a layman, keeping unmarried, and of such qualities and conditions as is before said, may be chosen and admitted to the said office, but if after his admission he do marry, then immediately his said office shall be void, and the said wardens shall remove and utterly put him from the same for ever; and that no person under the age of threescore years, or that is married, or that has not dwelt in Cleaveland three years, shall be chosen or admitted to any room or place of the poor people in the said corporation, and the poor people dwelling within the parish of Guisburn always first, and especially to be preferred, and admitted according to their need, all partiality set apart, wherein I do charge, as much as in me is their conscience, that he or shall be assigned to elect or admit the said poor people; and if any of them after their admission do marry, then immediately the room shall be void, and the said wardens shall remove and utterly put them from the same for ever: And further by the authority aforesaid I ordain and establish by these presents, that the aforesaid Roger Tockets of Tockets, and George Conyers of Pinchingthorp, and their heirs, and the wardens of the corporation for the time being, with the master of the school, or the major part of them, shall yearly at the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, or within twenty days next after, elect and nominate two such persons as is before said to be new wardens of the said corporation; and if they do not elect and nominate within the said twenty days to them limited, then

then the wardens of the parish church at Guisburn, the dean of Cleaveland, the two parsons of the parish church of Lofthouse and Easington in Cleaveland, for the time being, and their successors, shall, by the way of lapse, elect and nominate for that course and time, and also at every course and time when the beforesaid electors do make default in the premises, each two new wardens as is beforesaid, within thirty days next after the twenty days before limited to the before named electors, be expired; and likewise the said Roger Tockets and George Conyers and their heirs shall have the donation and giving of the said schoolmaster's office, and of all the rooms and places of the said twelve poor people to elect, nominate, and present such persons to the same as is before said, within twenty days next after the said office, rooms, or any of them, be void by death or deprivation, or otherwise; and if the said Roger, George, and their heirs, do not give the said office, rooms and places, and elect, nominate, and present such persons to the same as is before said, at every vacation, within the days and times to them before limited, then the two new wardens of this corporation shall, by the way of lapse, have the donation and giving of the said office, rooms and places, to elect, nominate and present such persons to the same as is before said, for that time and course, and every other time and course, when the said Roger, George, and their heirs or any of them, do make default in doing the premisses, so that the said wardens give the said office, rooms and places, and elect, nominate and present persons to the same within twenty days next after the twenty days before limited, to the said Roger, George, and their heirs, be expired; and if the said wardens do not give the said office, rooms and place, and elect, nominate and present such persons to the same as is before said, within the days to them before limited, then Robert Rokeby of Marsk in Cleaveland, Gent. and his heirs, the dean of Cleaveland, the before said two priests at Lofthouse and Easington, and their successors, shall have the donation and giving the said office, rooms, and places, to elect, nominate, and present to the same within thirty days next after the twenty days before limited to the said wardens be expired, this order and course touching the said office, rooms, and place, and electing, nominating, and presenting meet persons to the same, shall be observed, continued, and kept, and be returnable from the last givers and electors unto the first again, from one to another, in order and course before declared and described, for ever reserving always unto me the said Robert, during my life natural. authority to elect and nominate all and every person that shall be received or admitted into

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the said corporation, any thing in these presents contained to the contrary notwithstanding: And every other person authorised by these presents to elect and nominate any person to be admitted into the said corporation, shall, within the days to them before limited, publish and express the name of the person that they have elected and nominated, openly in the school-house of this corporation, in the presence of them that then be of the said corporation, and of two other honest men of the said parish of Guisburn, or else their said election shall be void or of none effect; and the next electors shall have authority by these presents to elect and nominate other persons to the office and rooms that be void, in order and course to them as before prescribed, any thing in these presents contained to the contrary notwithstanding: And further, the electors of the said schoolmaster, or one of them, their deputies or assigns, shall present the person that they have elected to be master of the scholars to the archdean of Cleaveland or his official, if they be then within the said archdeaconry, and in their absence to the dean of Cleaveland, to be examined by one of them touching his learning and living; and after his examination and allowance, the wardens of this corporation, or their assigns, shall admit him to his office; and when any of the said twelve poor people so elect the said wardens, with the schoolmaster, or their assigns, shall admit them to their room or places: Provided always that no person shall be received or admitted into the said corporation, nor have any interest, nor take any benefit, profit, or commodity, in or by the same corporation, until he have openly in the said school-house, in the presence of them that then be of the said corporation, and of two other honest men of the same parish of Guisburn, made and taken a corporal oath upon a book, to keep and observe this foundation, and the ordinances and statutes of the same, every one for his part; the which oath shall be administered to the new-elect wardens yearly, by them that were wardens the year before, and by the master of the scholars, or one of them shall admit the said new wardens to their office; and likewise it shall be ministered to the master of the scholars, and to the twelve poor people, by the wardens for the time being, or their assigns, in manner and form following: "You that now be chosen to be wardens of the corporation of Jesus here in Guisburn shall not fraudulently, maliciously, nor willingly, on your part, break the foundation of said corporation, nor any ordinance or statute made or to be made concerning the same, but truly keep them, and never consent, grant, or agree to any alteration or putting away of any lands, tenements, rents, profits,

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“or other thing, that doth belong or appertain, or that hereafter shall belong or appertain to the said corporation, nor challenge any property therein, nor take any profit thereof, to your own use, nor by any manner of means practise or go about to alter or change the said foundation, or any part thereof, or any ordinance or statute therein declared, or do any act or acts, thing or things, to the derogation, disturbance, hinderance, or damage of the said corporation, as God shall help you, and the holy contents of this book.” Then they or one of them that doth minister the said oath shall say, in the name of the residue of the said corporation, these words following: “Now we do admit you to be warden of the before said corporation, according to the ordinances, rules, and statutes of the same.—I A. B. elected to the office of master of the scholars of this school of Jesus, so long as I have or occupy the said office, shall not receive or take any service, yearly wages or stipend of person or persons, which may be prejudicial, hurtful, or hinderance to the diligent teacher and godly bringing-up of the said scholars; nor fraudulently, maliciously, or wilfully, of my own part, break the foundation of the before said corporation, or any ordinance or statute made concerning the same, but truly keep them, and never consent, grant or agree to the alteration or putting away of any lands, tenements, rents, profits, or other things, that do belong or appertain, or that hereafter shall belong or appertain to the same corporation, nor by any manner of means practise or go about to alter or change this foundation, or any statute or ordinance therein declared, nor do any act or acts, thing or things, to the derogation, disturbance, hinderance or damage of the said corporation, as God shall help me, and the holy contents of this book.” Then one of the said wardens, or their assigns, shall put the said master in possession of his said office, by delivering into his hand a hasp or key then belonging the lock of the school-house door, saying, in the name of the residue of the said corporation, these words: “Sir, we do now admit you into the corporation of Jesus erected here in Guisburn, and to be master of the scholars of this school of Jesus, to teach all scholars coming to the same, grammar, honest manners, and godly living, assuring you that this is and shall be to you an office of perpetual continuance, upon your honest conversation and devout doing the same, according to the ordinances and statutes of the said school, you to be chosen one of the poor people in the corporation of Jesus, shall not deceitfully, maliciously, or willingly, of your part, break the foundation of this said corporation,

“poration, or any ordinance or statute concerning the same, but truly keep them, and never consent, grant or agree to any alienation or putting away of any lands, tenements, rents, profits, or other things that do belong or appertain, or that shall hereafter belong or appertain to the said corporation, nor by any manner of means practise or go about to alter or change this foundation, or any statute or ordinance therein declared, nor do any act or acts, thing or things, to the derogation, disturbance, hinderance, or damage of the said corporation, as God shall help you, and the holy contents of this book.” Then he that ministreth the said oath shall say, in the name of the residue of the said corporation, “We do here admit you into the room and place of one of the poor of this corporation of Jesus, and to have such sustentation and relief therein as is or shall be assigned for you by the ordinances and statutes made or to be made in that behalf, assuring you this is and shall be to you a room of perpetual continuance, upon your honest behaviour, and duly doing accordingly in the said room.”

And by the authority aforesaid, I the said Robert do ordain and establish by these presents, that the said two wardens, their successors, or any of them, shall in no way challenge or claim to themselves, or any of them, any interest or property or right to their own use, in or to any lands, tenements, rents, reversions, goods, chattels, or any other thing whatsoever they be or hereafter shall be, obtained, purchased, gotten, bequeathed, or by any other way and means come or appertain to the said corporation of Jesus; neither shall they have, take, convert, or apply to their own use, any of the premises, or any profit or commodity coming or arising thereof, but do their diligence that all the said premises may be truly employed, converted, and put to the only use of the master of the scholars and poor people and their successors for ever, according to the effect of the queen's said letters patent, and of this my plain intent and meaning, and in such order, manner, and form as in these presents shall be assigned, expressed, and declared: And further, by the authority aforesaid, I do ordain and establish by these presents, that the said wardens and their successors shall continue no longer in their said office than one whole year, except at the end of the said year they or any of them be chosen new again, entering always to their said office at the feast of St. Michael the Archangel; and they shall receive all rents, revenues and profits appertaining, or that shall appertain to the said corporation, and yearly pay over all the same again to such persons and use as in these presents

sents is and shall be assigned and appointed; and at the end of every year, within twenty days next after the said feast of St. Michael, they shall make their accounts of all things by them received and paid, upon declaration thereof in the presence of two new-chosen wardens, the master of the scholars, and two other honest men of the said parish of Guisburn, they shall deliver up all such sums of money as by their said accounts shall appear to remain in their hands, immediately to be put, by them and others before here named, into the common chest of the said corporation; and they shall cause the said accounts yearly to be written in a register book which is prepared for that purpose, and the same shall be kept in the said common chest: And by the authority aforesaid I do ordain and establish by these presents, that the said master of the scholars teach freely in the free-school of Jesus all scholars coming to learn in the same, in such order, manner, and form as hereafter in these presents shall be assigned and declared; and that he shall make and have a register-book, and therein note the names of all his scholars, with the day and year of their first coming and admission into the said school, taking therefore of every scholar only at his first coming and admission eleven pence, and never after any thing of duty, but if any of the parents or friends of the same said scholars give him any thing of their free will, he may take it thankfully; and the master of the scholars shall have for such wages, and likewise his successors, yearly, truly paid, out of the lands, tenements, and rents of the said corporation, by the hands of the said wardens, twenty-five pounds of lawful money of England; and the said wardens shall pay the same twenty-five pounds yearly to the said master and his successors at four terms in the year, that is to say, at the feast of the Nativity of our Lord God, the Annunciation of our blessed Lady the Virgin, the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, and St. Michael the Archangel, by even portions, for ever; and the said master and his successors shall have for his and their lodging the two chambers over the said school-house; and he nor his successors shall not abscond themselves forth of the parish of Guisburn, or from their said scholars, above twenty days in every one year, to be taken all together or at divers times, except the said wardens, upon reasonable cause, give them licence; and every work-day, betwixt the feast of the Annunciation of our blessed Lady the Virgin, and St. Michael the Archangel, he and his successors shall be present in the said school-house, together with their scholars, at six of the clock in the morning, and then begin and continue teaching to eleven of the clock, and then go to their dinners, and at one of the clock be
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in the said school-house again, and there continue teaching until six of the clock at night; and from the feast of St. Michael the Archangel to the Annunciation of our Lady, they shall be present in the said school-house at seven of the clock in the morning, and continue there unto eleven of the clock, and then go to their dinners, and be in the school-house again at one of the clock, and continue their teaching until half an hour past four of the clock; at the said hours and times the said master nor his successors shall not use of custom or often to absent themselves from their said scholars, but only for honest, necessary, and reasonable causes; but the said master and his successors may every year cease their teaching in the school-house from the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle before Christmas unto the morrow after the Epiphany of our Lord, and from the Wednesday next before Easter unto the eighth day after Easter, and from Whitsun even unto the morrow after Trinity-Sunday. And if the said master or any of his successors happen to be so visited and molested with sickness, or otherwise lawfully called, that they cannot be able themselves to teach their said scholars, then during the time of sickness or lawful let they shall substitute, assign, and leave in their place, at their proper charge, one honest person, being unmarried, sufficiently learnt in grammar, diligently to do their office and duty in teaching within the said school-house; and if the said master or any of his successors determine with themselves to depart from their said office, then he and they shall give warning thereof to the said wardens four months before their departure, except the said wardens will be content to take a shorter warning, and in the mean season after warning given the said master to do his duty diligently in his said office, or else to lack so much wages as should have been due to him for the said four months service; but if the said schoolmaster be a common drunkard, dicer, carder, or do use any other evil or notable vice, or be negligent in teaching and well-ordering his scholars, then three several admonitions shall be given unto him by the said wardens to amend his misdoings, and betwixt each monition to be twenty days at the least; and at the third monition given, the said wardens shall desire the wardens of the parish church to be present, as witnesses thereof; and if he do not then amend his faults, the said two wardens of this corporation shall remove and utterly put him from his said office for ever; and to the intent the said scholars of the said school may be placed in seemly order, whereby they may the more quietly apply to their learning, the said school shall be divided into four several forms, and in the first form shall be placed young beginners, commonly called

called *petits*, until they can read perfectly, pronounce also, and sound their letters and words accordingly; the master himself shall not be bound to teach the said young beginners so long as they continue in this first form, but only assign, in order and course, daily or weekly, by his direction, any of his scholars placed in the third and fourth forms, as may suffice to teach the said young beginners; and he himself to bestow, every week, two hours in teaching them to pronounce and sound their letters and words accordingly. In the second form shall be placed such scholars as can read and pronounce their words as is before said; and the master himself shall teach as well in this second form as in the third and fourth forms, all scholars placed therein, taking to help him in teaching this second form so many of the scholars of the third and fourth forms as he shall think needful; and he shall teach the scholars of the second form the Introduction to Grammar, commonly called the Eight Parts of Speech, as they are set forth and generally used in this realm, and in teaching the same he must give his scholars divers examples of every declension of nouns, and conjugations, and verbs, for exercising them therein, not only that they can orderly decline their noun and verb, but every way, forward and backward, by cases and by persons, that neither case of noun nor person of verb can be required, but that, without stop or study, they can perfectly tell it. When they have thus learned every part, not by rote but by reason, and be more cunning in understanding the thing than rehearsing the words, then shall he teach them the concords of grammar and Latin speech, to know the agreement of parts among themselves, with like way, mean, and diligence as is before described; and when they know these concords well, he shall teach them the Verses on Manners, made by William Lily, beginning thus, *Qui mihi discipulus*, and the Precepts of Cato, with such other little books, wherein is contained, not the eloquence of the tongue only, but also good plain lessons of honesty and godliness, whereby they may be induced also to perfect pronunciation. In the third form shall be placed all scholars that have profitably passed through and learned the premisses before prescribed; and the master shall teach unto them the Latin grammar as it is set forth and generally used in this realm, Terence, also Æsop's Fables, Virgil, Tully's Epistles, or so many of the said books as he shall think expedient for the capacity and profit of his scholars in this form, and every day he shall give them English to make into Latin; as he shall perceive they profit in learning, he shall place them in the fourth form, and teach unto them there placed, Sallust, Ovid, Tully's Offices, the Com-

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mentaries of Cæsar, *Copia Verborum & Rerum Erasmi*, and so many of the said books, or other, as he shall think expedient for their capacities; and shall teach also the art and rules of verifying, if he himself be expert therein, to such scholars as he shall perceive apt to learn the same, and the art of numbering by arithmetic: And the practice of the scholars in the fourth form must be daily to turn and translate sentences from English into Latin, and so, contrary, from Latin to English; and at certain times to write epistles one of them to another, and the master to peruse the same over, and amend the faults that he findeth therein. The scholars of the second and third forms shall every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, being work-days, first in the morning, say over one of the Eight Parts of Speech; and upon Friday *Sum vel fui*, with the compounds, as the master shall appoint, and upon Saturday they shall repeat such things as they have learned the week before; and when Saturday is holiday, the same upon Friday: And every Friday after dinner the scholars of the second and third forms shall exercise themselves only in writing, the master instructing them therein until they can handsomely write their own letters and lessons; and no scholar shall be suffered to continue in the said school over one month, except he have books necessary for his form, or else daily write his lessons with his own hand. The scholars of the third and fourth forms shall speak nothing within the school-house but Latin, saving only in the teaching of the lower forms. And if any scholar will not be ordered in all lawful and honest causes concerning his learning, honest living, good manners, and reasonable correction, or wilfully disobey, or refuse to observe the statutes of the school concerning him, then the said master, with the consent and assistance of the said wardens, shall expel and put him from the said school, and not to be admitted again until he have obediently submitted himself to his schoolmaster, promising to abide his order and correction for his faults before committed, and from thenceforth to amend the same, and pay also four-pence for his new admission into the said school.

And by the authority aforesaid I ordain and establish by these presents, that the said master of the scholars, every day in the morning before he begin to teach, and in the evening before he depart from the school, shall, together with his scholars, keeping on their knees, say such psalms and other prayers as I shall hereafter appoint, written with my own hand; and the said wardens and master shall cause the said psalms and prayers to be set upon a table, in such place of the school as they shall think meet. By the authority aforesaid, I the said Robert ordain, as-

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sign, and establish by these presents, that every one of the before said twelve poor people, and their successors, shall have for their sustenance and relief twelve-pence every week, and that the said wardens shall truly pay the same unto every one of the said twelve poor people, every Sunday, in or at the said alms-house, for ever. And further, the said wardens, every year, at the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, shall truly bestow forty shillings equally amongst the said twelve poor people, first in repairing and mending their beds, and then in such apparel as they have the most need of; and whensoever the room and place of any of the said poor people is void by death or otherwise, during the vacation thereof all such sums of money as shall have been paid to the person or persons that were before in the said room or rooms, shall be equally divided amongst the residue of the said poor people, and also paid to them every Sunday by the hands of the said wardens; and to the intent that the said wardens shall not be charged to pay the sum of money before here assigned to the said poor people, of their own goods, before they have received the rent appertaining to the said corporation, I have therefore delivered presently unto them the sum of seven pounds of lawful money of England, to pay the poor people weekly withal, in the mean season; and I ordain, assign, and establish by these presents, that the said wardens every year, at the making of their accounts, shall deliver the said sum of seven pounds so remaining in their hands to the new-chosen wardens, to and for the use, intent, and purpose before said; and the said new wardens and their successors, every one after other in continual order and course, to do in like manner for ever, and every year they make a remembrance and note of the deliverance of the said sum of seven pounds remaining as is before said, in the book wherein their yearly accounts be registered, at the end of their said accounts; and as the lands, rents, or other profits of the said corporation do increase, even so the said wardens shall equally divide the said increase amongst the said twelve poor people, and pay the same unto them every Sunday at the place before appointed, for payment of their weekly relief; and also, whensoever the office of the master of the scholars is void by the space only of six months or a less time, the said wardens during that only space of vacation to the time thereof, shall put before assigned to that office into the common chest of the said corporation, for the repairing and upholding of the before said school-house and alms-house; and if it happen the said office to be void any longer space than six months, the said wardens during all that time of vacation, how long soever it be, shall divide the said wages equally

equally amongst the said twelve poor people, and pay it to them accordingly; and the said twelve poor people shall have for their lodgings six rooms within the said alms-house, that is to say, every two of them together one chamber, having several beds for every one of them; and the beforesaid six women shall have for their lodging three of the said rooms, which be in the west end of the said alms-house; all the which rooms, with the school also, and the two chambers over it, shall be repaired with wages assigned to the office of the said schoolmaster, during the vacation thereof the time before limited for this purpose, and with other profits, commodities, and casualties coming or appertaining to the said corporation, as hereafter in these presents shall be assigned; and every one of the said twelve poor people shall occupy themselves in prayer in the parish church of Guisburn two hours at least every day, one hour before noon, and another hour at afternoon; and none of them shall absent themselves out of the said parish over or above thirty days in any one year, to be taken together or at sundry times, except the said wardens, upon some reasonable cause, give them special licence: And every one of them shall help each other in time of their sickness or impotence, and especially the six poor women to be diligent in so doing. And the said poor people shall sweep the school-house at such times and in such order and course as the master of the scholars shall assign and command them; and if any of the said twelve poor people, men or women, become scolders, thieves, brawlers, or do use any notable vice, three several monitions the said wardens shall give unto them, in such order and manner as is before assigned, touching the master of the scholars; and if the said misdoers do not then amend, the said wardens shall remove and put them forth of the said alms-house for ever. And if hereafter any well-disposed person do give any lands, rents, goods, cattle, or things, especially to or for the only augmentation of the said master, of the scholars' wages, or especially to or for the only augmentation of the relief of the said twelve poor people, over such gift, shall be put wholly and applied to the proper and only use it is given for, or to any thing in these presents contained to the contrary notwithstanding. And further, by the authority aforesaid, I the said Robert ordain and establish by these presents, that the said corporation shall by no means, policy or device, demise, grant, or let to farm to any person, any lands or tenements appertaining, or that hereafter shall appertain to the said corporation, above twelve years from the day of making the lease, nor grant any reversion so long as any old or former lease is not fully ended, without the special licence

cence and consent of me the said Robert, testified and declared by the subscription of my name with mine own hand, and setting of my seal to the said lease; nor enhance or raise the rents, nor engross the same, nor take any fines or gressoms for any lease, to be made for twelve years, but only one year's rent. And whereas I have provided one chest with three divers locks and keys, to be the common chest of the said corporation. By the authority aforesaid, I ordain and establish by these presents, that the said chest shall be set in the said schoolmaster's chamber, and that in the said chest shall be put the queen's highness letters-patent, giving licence to make this foundation and erection; and one part of this tripartite made concerning the foundation and ordinances of this corporation, with all evidences and other writings appertaining to the same, the common seal also of this corporation, and all sums of money as remain of the rents and other profits appertaining to the same corporation, after the necessary charges and duties be thereof deducted, there to be kept for the repairing of the said school-house, and for other necessary causes concerning the same. And one of the said three keys I will and assign always to be in the keeping of the said wardens, another in the keeping of the said master of the scholars, and the third in the keeping of me the said Robert, and after my decease in the keeping of the before said Robert Tocketts and his heirs for ever. Finally, forasmuch as man's reason cannot so presently provide and foresee all things requisite to be remembered in making of statutes, but that divers things necessary may be omitted, and sometimes all such devices as at the first sight seem to be profitable, by practice afterwards may prove contrary, by the authority therefore aforesaid, I the said Robert do reserve unto me by these presents, authority as well to change, correct, and amend, during my life natural, all the ordinances and statutes by me before made and delivered in these presents, as also to change and remove the said wardens and master of the scholars from their said offices, and place others in the same, when and as often as I think it good so to do, any thing in these presents contained to the contrary notwithstanding. And to the intent the ordinances and statutes in these presents contained may be better kept of every one whom they concern, the said master of the scholars, or one of the scholars by his assignment, every year at the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, or within eight days next after, shall openly in the said school-house, in the presence of them that then be of the said corporation, and of two other honest men of the said parish of Guisburn, read all the said ordinances and statutes, omitting only the statute made concerning the

the order and manner of teaching and placing the scholars in their forms, because the said statute is daily in practice and use in the said school: In witness whereof, and that this my foundation and erection, with ordinances and statutes concerning the same, may the better and more safely be kept, continued, and had in perpetual remembrance, I the said Robert with my own hand have written this tripartite thereof, and have also subscribed my name, and set my seal to every part of the same, the before said eleventh day of August, and third year of the reign of our said sovereign lady queen Elizabeth, and in the year of our Lord God 1561. And one original part of this said tripartite I will and assign by these presents to remain and be kept continually in the before said common chest of the corporation; the second part to remain with the two wardens of the same corporation, and their successors; and the third part to remain with me the said Robert during my life, and after my decease with the said Roger Tocketts and his heirs for ever.

*Sealed and subscribed the day and year } per me subscribed
above written, in the presence of } ROBERT PURSGLOVE.*

WM ROKEBY, *Archdeacon of the East-Riding.*
ROGER TOCKETTS, Esq.
GEORGE CONYERS, Esq.
ROB. TRISTRUM, Gentleman.
OLIVER GRAFTON, *Parson of Easington.*
GEO. WHITE, *Priest.*
WM ALLON, *Priest.*
ANTHONY WICLIFF.
WM NETHERWOOD.
JOHN BLANCH. With many others.

" In the Chancel of Tyddeswell Church in Darbyshire is the Pourtrayture of a Bishop in Brass in his Habit, and at his Feet this

INSCRIPTION:

*UNDER this Stone as here doth ly, a Corps sometime of Fame,
In Tyddeswall bred and born truly, Robert Pursglove by Name,
And there brought up by Parents Care at Schoole and Learning trad,
Till afterwards by Uncle dear to London he was had :
Who William Bradshaw hight by Name in Paul's which did him
place,
And there at Schoole did him maintain full thrice 3 whole Years space ;
And then into the Abbeye was placed as I wis,
In Southwark call'd, where it doth ly, Saint Mary Overis :
To Oxford then, who did him send into that Colledge right,
And there 14 Years did him find, which Corpus Christi hight :
From thence at Length away he went a Clerke of Learning great,
To Guisburn Abbey streight was sent, and plac'd in Prior's Seat ;
Bishop of Hull he was also, Archdeacon of Nottingham,
Provost of Rotheram Colledge too, of York eak Suffragan :
Two Gramer Schools he did ordain with Land for to endure,
One Hospitall for to maintain twelve impotent and poor.
O Guisburn thou, with Tiddeswall Town lement and mourn ye may,
For this said Clerke of great Renown lyeth here compact in Clay :
Though cruel Death hath now down brought this Body which here
doth ly,
Yet Trump of Fame stay can he nought to sound his Praise on high.*

*Qui legis hunc Versum crebro reliquum memoreris
Vile Cadaver sum, tuque Cadaver eris.*

Round the Verge of the Stone is this :

*+ Christ is to me as Life on Earth, and Death to me is Gaine,
Because I trust through him alone Salvation to obtaine ;
So brittle is the State of Man, so soon it doth decay,
So all the Glory of this World must pass and fade away.*

*This Robert Pursglove, sometime Bishop of Hull, deceased the
2d Day of May in the Year of our Lord God 1579."*