

ARCHDEACONS DEPRIVED UNDER QUEEN ELIZABETH

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THE LIVES OF THE LAST CATHOLIC BISHOPS of the ancient sees of England after that 'by too severe a fate' they were 'fallen from their high estate', have been written by Fr. Phillips of Ushaw College. The present writer in the pages of the *Downside Review* for 1910 gave some account of the last Catholic Deans, which will be hereinafter referred to as 'Deans'. In the following pages an attempt will be made to tell the story of the last Catholic Archdeacons in this land.

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JOHN BLAXTON, B. Can. L. Oxon 1532-3, Archdeacon of Brecknock, 1554, Treasurer of Exeter, 1558, Prebendary of Salisbury, (Bedminster, and Radcliffe) 1555, and Incumbent of Bracton, Worcestershire 1554, was deprived in 1559. In a letter from Scory, the Bishop of Hereford, to Cecil dated the 17th of August, 1561 (S.P. Dom. Eliz. XIX, 24, quoted Gee p. 161), we read 'Mug, Blaxton, Arden, Gregory, Ely, Havard, that were driven out of Exeter, Worcester and other places, have been so maintained, feasted and magnified, with bringing them through the streets with torchlight in the winter, that they could not much more reverently have entertained Christ Himself.' Besides our Archdeacon, the persons to whom Scory alludes can be confidently identified by the aid of S.P. Dom. Add. Eliz. XI, 45, as :— Walter Mugge, Prebendary of Exeter ; Thomas Arden, Prebendary of York, Worcester, and Hereford ; Friar Gregory Basset, B.D., Vicar of Sowton, Devon, formerly one of the Oxford Franciscans ; William Ely, President of St. John's College, Oxford ; and Thomas Havarde, Incumbent of Llandilo Fawr in the diocese of St. David's; all of whom, with the exception of William Ely had been already deprived of their preferments. In S.P. Dom. Add. Eliz. XI, 45, Blaxton and Mugge are referred to thus :— 'Two stubborn parsons ; divers processes being sent for them, are so supported in Herefordshire that the same cannot be executed against them, and reported to be maintained by Mr. J. Skydmore, Mr. Pie, and one William Lusty, a prebendary of Hereford.' The Mr. J. Skydmore above mentioned may be John Scudamore of Holme, Esquire, one of the Council of the Marches of Wales, J.P., Custos Rotulorum, High Steward of Ufching Field, and Steward of the City of Hereford, as to whom see 'Letters of the Bishops to the Privy Council, 1564 (published in *Catden Miscellany* IX, vol. 53 of the and Series) at p. 12, and *Strype Mem.* II, ii, 162, but it is more probably John Scudamore of Kenchurch, Esquire, J.P., as to whom see 'Letters of the Bishops,' pp. 12, 19. He was in the Fleet from the nth of February to the loth of March, 1577 as a Catholic (S.P. Dom. Eliz. CXXX, 43). Mr. Pie I have not identified. William Lusty is clearly William Luson or Lewson (see 'Letters,' etc. pp. 19, sqq.) who was Archdeacon of Caermarthen, Treasurer and Prebendary of Hereford (*Le Neve* I, 313, 490, 504), and Rector of Exminster, Devon (*Oliver Eccl. Ant.* II, 25) and died holding all these offices in 1583. In the 'Letters' Bishop Scory complains :— 'There be also in this

diocese and county of Hereford divers fostered and maintained that be judged and esteemed some of them to be learned, which in Queen Mary's days had livings and offices in the Church, which be mortal and deadly enemies to this religion. Their names be Blaxton, Mugge, Arden, Ely, Friar Gregory, Howard, Rastall of Gloucester, Jonson, Menevar, Oswald, Hamerson, Ledbury, and certain others whose names I know not. These go from one gentleman's house to another, where they know to be welcome.' Howard is clearly Havarde above mentioned; Rastall of Gloucester is John Rastall, M.A., ex-Fellow of New College, and Jonson is Henry Johnson, clerk, late parson of Broadwas in Worcestershire. The remaining four I have not been able to identify. Perhaps Ledbury is Saunders' Richard Ludby, Prebendary of Hereford, whose name does not occur in Le Neve; perhaps Menevar is Thomas Mynevere, O.S.B., a Hereford man, one of the Monks of Westminster ejected with Abbot Feckenham, possibly the Roland Mynnyver whom Kirby records as entering Winchester College in 1539, aged twelve from Hertford (Qu. Hereford ?), but as to Oswald and Hamerson I can make no conjecture. John Blaxton had been Vicar of Chudleigh, Devon, from some time after 1536 to 1541 (Oliver Eccl. Ant. I, p. 25.)

JOHN BOXALL, Archdeacon of Ely. See 'Deans.'

MATTHEW CAREWE, Archdeacon of Norfolk, signed in 1559, but by 17 July, 1563 had fled beyond the sea. (Birt's Elizabethan Religious Settlement, p. 380).

WILLIAM CARTER, D.D. Cantab., 1544, Archdeacon of Northumberland 1558, was deprived in 1559. He had been Rector of Bishop's Wearmouth, Durham, from 1546 to 1548. In 1562 he was restricted to within ten miles of Thirsk, Yorkshire, where he still was in 1570 (S.P. Dom. Add. Eliz. XVII, 72). In 1570 or 1571 he escaped to the continent and arrived at Douay in 1571, where he lived at the English College at his own expense. He died at Mechlin in 1578. Gillow I, 413.

WILLIAM CHEDSEY, D.D. Oxon, 1546, Archdeacon of Middlesex 1556, President of Corpus Christi College, Oxon. 1558, Prebendary of St. Paul's (Chiswick), 1554, Christ Church (6th stall) 1554, and Exeter 1556, Rector of Thakeham, Sussex 1554, Canon of Windsor 1554, Rector of all Hallows, Bread Street, London 1554 (see Hennessey), and Vicar of Shottesbrooke, Berks, in the diocese of Oxford 1558, was deprived of all these preferments in 1559, and committed to the Fleet on August the 6th, 1562, where he remained till his death, which apparently took place after 1574 (Oxford Hist. Soc. XXV, 104). Gillow I, 484, is in error both as to the date of his imprisonment and of his death. See D.N.B, X, 174, Cf. C.R.S. I, 18, 20, 41, 43, 48.

THOMAS DARBYSHIRE, D.C.L., Oxon 1556, ordained Sub-deacon in London, March, 1555-6, Archdeacon of Essex 1558, Principal of Broadgates Hall 1556, Prebendary of St. Paul's (Tottenham) 1543, and Rector of Fulham 1558, of Hackney 1554, and of St. Magnus, London 1558, was deprived in the beginning of Queen Elizabeth's reign of all his offices. He went to the Council of Trent and obtained the decree against frequenting Protestant Churches. He was imprisoned in the Fleet in London, 21st Feb, 1560, but escaped

and entered the Society of Jesus at Rome 1st of May, 1563 ; and was sent on special mission to Scotland, and professed of the four vows 1572. He resided chiefly at Paris between 1575 and 1583, and died on the 6th of April, 1604, at Pont a Mousson, Lorraine. He was not succeeded in Principalship of Broadgates Hall till 1564. See D.N.B. XIV, 44. See also C.R.S. I, 48.

ANTHONY DRAYCOTT, D. Can. L. Oxon 1522, Archdeacon of Huntingdon 1543, Prebendary at Lincoln (Bedford Major) 1539, and Lichfield (Longden) 1556, and Incumbent of Winksworth and of Chetley in the diocese of Lichfield, and of Cottingham and Kettering in the diocese of Peterborough, was deprived in 1559 or 1560, and committed to the fleet with William Chedsey on the 6th August, 1562, for the second time, having been before imprisoned there in 1559. He appears to have kept the Rectory of Draycott, Staffordshire, and having been liberated in 1570, probably on account of his health, to have retired thither. He died the 10th of January, 1570-1. See D.N.B. XVI, 8. Gillow II, 105. Willis II, 451. C.R.S. I, 18, 41, 48. Gee, Elizabethan Clergy, 256.

JAMES DUGDALE, A.B. Oxon 1545, Archdeacon of St. Albans , 1557, and Master of University College, Oxford 1558, was deprived in 1560 of his Archdeaconry and a year later of his Mastership. According to Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses* he was Rector of Higham, co. Leicester in 1586, and perhaps Vicar of Alnsford, Somerset from 1590 until , his death in 1594, but quare whether the same. I think he is the ' Sir James Dugdell dwelling at Warcopp' who was saying Mass in March, 1590 (C.R.S. V, 181).

MICHAEL DUNNING, LL.B. Cantab. 1541, Archdeacon of Bedford 1558, Prebendary of Stow Longa, Lincoln 1557, and Rector of North Tuddenham, Norfolk 1557, was deprived in 1558, and died very soon afterwards. See Cooper I, 203.

HUMPHREY EDWARDS, B.D., Oxon, 1554, Archdeacon of St. Asaph's 1554, and possibly at the same time Rector of Llantrillo, Merioneth and Caerwys, Flint (see Foster's *Al. Ox.*) was deprived of his Archdeaconry before 1562 (See Thomas' *St. Asaph*, 237). According to Foley . (Records. S.J. VII, 222, 956) he was a Fellow of All Souls, Oxford. He entered the Society of Jesus and became Professor of Sacred Scripture at Milan, where he died on the 30th of November 1587. (The Humphrey Edwards, Rector of St. Mary Woolnoth, London, in 1549, is another person who died in 1557. See Hennessey, Nov. Rep.)

JOHN FITZJAMES, B.A. Oxon, 1524, Archdeacon of Taunton 1554, and Rector of Chew Magna and Dinder 1554, in the diocese of Bath and Wells, was deprived and succeeded in his Archdeaconry in 1560 and in his Rectory in 1564. He may very possibly be the James Fitzjames, 9lark of Somersetshire who was a fugitive beyond the sea 2Qth of January, 1576. (See Strype *Ann.* II, ii, 596-7.) Sander does not give his Christian name. He died an exile before 1588 according to the *Concertatio*. See also C.R.S. I, 18, 41.

JOHN GLAZIER, LL.B. Oxon., Archdeacon of Hereford 1557, and Rector of Freshwater, Isle of Wight 1549, and Erwarton 1559 in the Norwich diocese, Vicar of New-ington

Bagpath,, Gloucestershire 1556, was deprived and succeeded in his Archdeaconry in 1560 and in his living of Freshwater in 1562.

EDWARD GREGORY, Archdeacon of Bangor 1556, Prebendary of Chester (6th Stall) 1554, was deprived of his prebend , in 1559, and probably of his Archdeaconry at the same time. Compare Ormerod's Cheshire (1882) I, 271; Willis' Cathedrals ; Rymer's Foedera XV, 563.

JOHN HANSOM, M.A. Oxon 1557, Archdeacon of Richmond 1554, and Rector of Rochdale, both in the Chester diocese, was deprived in 1559. In S.P. Dom. Add. Eliz. xi, 45 among the names of those reported to be fled over the seas is that of ' John Hanson, late Chaplain to Dr. Scott.' The Bishop himself was then in the Marshalsea. A John Hanson, M.A., Rector of Thor-ington, Suffolk resigned before the 26th of January 1558-9. This is probably the same person. He died in exile before 1588 according to the Concertatio. He had been fellow of Magdalen, Oxford, from 1538 to 1547. Vicar of Bowdon, Cheshire, in 1556-7.

JOHN HARRISON, Archdeacon of Stowe 1554, was deprived in 1559- As to the Archdeacon's subsequent history I know nothing. Possibly he was principal of the College at Arras in 1591. (Strype Ann. iv, 94). One of this name was Vicar of Poorstock, Dorset, from 1554 to 1559.

JOHN HARPSFIELD, Archdeacon of London, See ' Deans.'

NICHOLAS HARPSFIELD, D.C.L. Oxon, 1554, ordained acolyte in London Feb. 1553, Archdeacon of Canterbury 1554, Prebendary of Canterbury (4th stall) 1558, and of St. Paul's (Harleston) 1554, and Rector of Saltwood, Kent, was deprived of these four preferments early in 1559. He was committed to the Fleet on the 20th or 21st of August, 1559, for attempting to fly the country. There he remained till the 18th of August 1574. when he was liberated with his brother John, and allowed to go to Bath for his health (Dasent, Acts of the Privy Council VIII, 283-4). On the 21st of November, 1575. he was too ill to appear personally before the Star Chamber (ibid IX, 54) : and he died the 18th of December, 1575, probably in some private house in London. D.N.B. XXIV, 431. Gillow II, 134. N. and Q. roth S., I, 224.

OWEN HODGSON, B.D., Archdeacon of Lincoln 1558, and Prebendary of Lincoln (Longford Manor) 1557, was deprived in 1559. He is one of the Archdeacons mentioned in Sander's list, as ' vel vincti vel exules.' He had been Rector of Atherington down to 1555 and held the prebend of Coringham from 1556 to 1557.

ALBAN LANGDALE, D.D. Cantab. 1554, Archdeacon of Chichester 1555, Chancellor of Lichfield 1559, Prebendary of York (Ampleford) 1554, and Rector of Buxted, Sussex, was deprived in 1559 or 1560, and committed to the custody of Lord Montagu, with whom he appears to have lived till his death, the precise date of which is unknown. He was living

in 1584. See D.N.B. XXXII, 94. Gillow IV, 115. Rymer's Foedera XV, 543. C.R. S. I, 18, 41.

JOHN LAWRENCE, B.C.L., Archdeacon of Wilts 1554, was deprived in 1564 though he subscribed the articles of 1562 (Strype Ann. I, i, 489). Probably the John Lawrence who entered Winchester College in 1539 aged eleven from Tisbury, who may be the Fellow of C.C.C., Oxon who supplicated for the B.C.L. degree in 1549, though this letter is described as of Somersetshire. Foster (Al. Ox.) however identifies the Archdeacon with an earlier John Lawrence.

EDMUND MARVYN OR MERVYN, M.A. Oxon 1541-2, Archdeacon of Surrey 1556, Prebendary of Winchester 1554, and Rector of Sutton, Surrey 1554, and of Bramshot, Hants. 1549, was deprived of his Archdeaconry and Prebend in 1559, though he was not succeeded at Sutton till 1563. His name occurs in Sander's list of exiled or imprisoned Archdeacons. He entered Corpus Christi College, Oxford in 1532 from Hampshire (probably from Bramshott whence a Thomas Marvyn entered Winchester College at the age of fourteen in 1535), and became a Fellow in 1536, B.A. in 1537. C.R.S. I, 18, 41.

GEORGE PALMES or PALMER, LL.D., Archdeacon of West Riding, Yorkshire, 1543, Prebendary of Yorks (Wetwing), 1558, Lichfield (Wolvey), 1547, and Southwell, was deprived of all his preferments in 1559 (with the possible exception of his Lichfield prebend in which he was succeeded in 1563). He was probably imprisoned in 1564 for refusal to take the oath which was again tendered to him in that year (see Gee, p. 197). And compare Laderchius, vol. III, p. 199. He died in exile before 1588 (see the Concertatio). On the 23rd of June, 1565, the Archbishop of York writes to incite the Queen to exercise greater severity to Dr. Palmer and Bishop Bonner. S.P. Dom. Add. Eliz. XII, 108. He was Prebendary of Langtoft, Yorks., till 1558. Strype M. III, i, 171.

ROBERT PERSEVALE, B.D. Archdeacon of Chester 1554, Prebend of Chester (4th Stall) 1556, and Incumbent of Ripley, Yorks. was deprived of his Archdeaconry in 1559 and succeeded in his prebend and at Ripley about 1562. His name occurs in Sander's list. According to Ormerod's Cheshire, vol. I, p. 115, he was imprisoned for the Faith,

RICHARD PORTER, Archdeacon of Buckingham 1554, was deprived in 1559. His name occurs as Ricardus Petreus in Sander's list, and in the 'Concertatio' where he is stated to have died in exile before 1588* He is therefore probably to be identified with Richard Petre, LL.B., who held the prebend of Preston, Sarum, from 1547 to 1570 when he was deprived, the first prebend at Peterborough, from 1549 to 1565 when he resigned it, and the prebend of Knaresborough, Yorks., from 1552 to 1571. In connection with this last Willis (Cathedrals I, 147) says: 'He went beyond sea about 1562 for his Religion.'

ROBERT PURSGLOVE, alias SYLVESTER, Archdeacon of Nottingham, 1549, Suffragan Bishop of Hull, 1538, Prebendary of Southwell (Oxten) 1558, and (if he is to be identified with Le Neve's William Sylvester) of York (Wistow) 1541, was deprived in 1559. He died the end of May, 1579. (D.N.B. XLVII, 485.)

JOHN RAMRIDGB, D.D. Archdeacon of Derby. See 'Deans.'

GRIFFITH ROBERTS, M.D. (Siena), Archdeacon of Anglesey, was deprived in 1559. He was in Rome in 1564 (Cath. Rec. Soc. ii, 4), in Milan in 1567 and in 1590, in which latter year he was Cardinal Federigo Borromeo's confessor. He was apparently still alive in 1611, and had obtained a canonry at Milan. Probably the Dr. Robards residing in Paris on the 27th April, 1580. See Cal. S. P. For. n. 279. See D.N.B. XLVIII. 379. Willis, Llandaff, pp. 138-9.

THOMAS ROBERTSON, D.D., Archdeacon of Leicester. See 'Deans.'

JOHN STANDISH, D.D. Oxon 1541. Archdeacon of Colchester 1558, was deprived in 1559. The D.N.B. following Wood Ath. Ox. I, 235-8, says he was at the same time deprived of his prebend of Eadejand in St. Paul's-, but this case is peculiar in as much as, whereas he was deprived of his prebend early in 1558 under Mary and restored to it in 1560 under Elizabeth, he obtained the Archdeaconry of Colchester for the second time the 18th October, 1558, under Mary, and was deprived of it the 13th of December, 1559, under Elizabeth, as is clear from Hennessey's *Novum Repertorium*. See D.N.B. LIII, 473.

THOMAS TAYLOR, LL.B., Archdeacon of Lewes, was deprived in 1559. His name occurs as Taylor, Archdeacon of Chichester in Sander's list.

NICHOLAS WENDON, M.A. Cantab, 1554, LL.D. probably abroad before 1567, Archdeacon of Suffolk 1559, Prebendary of Norwich 1561, Rector of Witnessham, Suffolk, and of Tawstock, Devon, was deprived of his prebend in 1570 for being a layman, but was not deprived of his Archdeaconry till 1575. He had been Vicar of Minster, Kent, from 1557 to 1561, and it appears did not reside at any of his benefices, but lived in 1562 at Lound in Suffolk dressed as a layman with Spanish cloak and sword (Cooper I, 384. Strype. Parker III, 159). He had gone abroad by 17th July, 1563 (Birt's Elizabethan Settlement p. 380). In 1572 we find one Doctor Windham 'a civilian and great papist' living at Bruges (S.P. Dom. Eliz. LXXXIX, 16). In 1575 Mr. Wendon was reported to have gone towards Rome (Douay Diaries, p. 301). His name occurs as Nicholas Wendon in a list of fugitives the 29th January dated 1576-7 (Strype Ann. II, ii, 596). He was ordained at Cambrai 23rd February, 1578 (Douay Diaries, p. 8) and afterwards obtained a Canonry (ibid p. 28) and Archdeaconry (ibid p. 360) there. At the last two references he is called William Wendam and Dr. Wyndham respectively. He was in Rome in 1580 (ibid p. 360). He died 'in castris' (ibid p. 26) i.e. probably in the Spanish Camp in the Netherlands, sometime about December, 1589. See S.P. Dom. Add. Eliz, XXXI. 104-108. Dodd makes two persons of him, viz.: — Nicholas Weedon and William Windham, and confuses him also with Ralph Windon, Fellow of St. John's College, Oxford. This last is possibly the Dr. Wyndham who was in the Fleet February, 1579 (Douay Diaries, p. 149), and on the 22nd April, 1579, and on the 31st July, 1580 (S.P. Dom. Eliz. CXXX, 43), and at Wisbech in October, 1580 (S.P. Dom. Eliz. CXLII, 17) and in 1595 (Camden Soc. and Series, vol. 56, p. 230).

NOTE TO ARCHDEACONS DEPRIVED

(1) According to Hardy's *Le Neve*, JOHN BLAXTON, the Archdeacon of Brecon, was succeeded by W. Downham, and JOHN PRATT, Archdeacon of St. David's, 1557-8, was not succeeded before 1607.

On the other hand according to Dr. Gee, p. 283, Blaxton was succeeded by one Constantine in 1559, and it was the Archdeacon of St. David's who was succeeded by Downham in 1560. If Dr. Gee is right we must add the name of John Pratt to the name of Archdeacons deprived, but a person of this name obtained the Prebend of St. Decuman's Wells in 1561, and the Prebend of Oxten, Southwell in 1563.

One John Pratt, Scholar of B.N.C., was ordained acolyte at Oxford, April, 1557.

(2) According to Dr. Gee, William King, appointed Archdeacon of Northumberland in 1558 was succeeded after deprivation in 1566. But *Le Neve* says he became Archdeacon 1st Jan, 1560-1, and resigned in 1566. Anyhow he was a Protestant and died Canon of Windsor and of Canterbury, 23 Sept., 1590.

LATER ARCHDEACON DEPRIVED

JOHN BRIDGEWATER, M.A. Oxon. 1556. Archdeacon of Rochester 1559, Rector of Lincoln College, Oxon. 1563, Rector of Twyford, Bucks. 1563, Rector of Woolton Courtney, Somerset 1562, Prebendary of Bristol (3rd Stall) 1563, Prebendary of Wells (Compton Bishop) 1572, Master of St. Katharine's College, Bedminster 1570, and Chaplain to the Earl of Leicester (S. P. Dom. Add. Eliz, XXVII, 124) resigned all these preferments in 1574 and went abroad. He was Rector of Yelling, Huntingdonshire 1553. He was alive in 1596. D. N. B. VI, 432. Gillow I, 294. One of this name was Vicar of Anstell and Blaseye, Cornwall 1549-50, and was succeeded after deprivation in 1563. He was also Rector of St. Columb Major, Cornwall 1558, where he was succeeded in 1560.