Brief Potes on the Benaldry of the Glass and othen Memonials in Wells Cathednal.

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OME uncertainty must necessarily attach to several coats of arms described in the following memoranda, partly because of the imperfect manner in which the heraldic colours have been painted in upon the glass, and partly owing to the reckless want of method in which various fragmentary portions of design have been thrust into vacant spaces, without regard to the question of fitness, either of form or position.

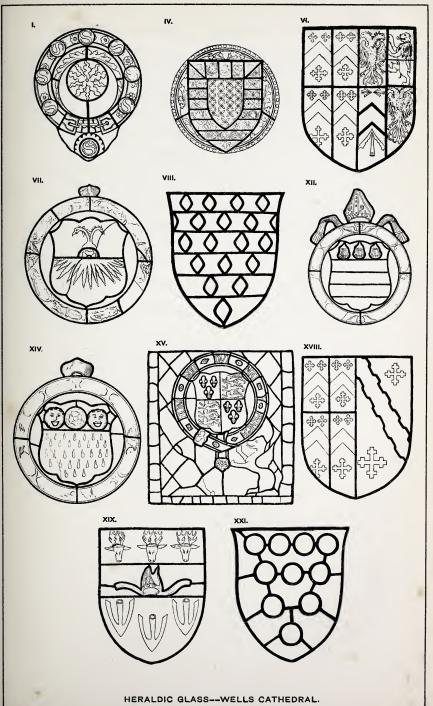
In the case of the majority of the sculptured monuments, and, excepting those of De Clare and St. Barbe, altogether in that of the encaustic tiles, no tinctures are indicated; but where the charges are known, the tinctures can generally be readily discovered, and the arms attributed to the proper owners.

I. (a)—West Window, Chapter House.

In a field or, issuing from a crescent party per pale arg. and az., an estoile of ten points wavy, of the second.

One of the badges of Richard I, John, and Henry III, and of the Lancastrian Princes and their friends, partisans, and dependents.

A collar of "SS," united by a double buckle, with another "S" of a more elaborate character, in an ornamented pendant, encircles the above badge. The collar was worn by persons of both sexes and of various degrees. It appears on the monument of Catherine Swynforde, third wife of John of Gaunt, in Lincoln Cathedral.



(b) East Window of Chapter House.

Quarterly, France modern and England. A label of three points arg., differenced with three ermine spots on each. Borne by John of Gaunt.

This shield has been attributed to John, Duke of Bedford, third son of King Henry IV. But he bore a label of six points, charged with fleurs-de-lis, as well as with ermine, as may be seen on the monument at King's Langley.

II .- MONUMENT, ST. CATHERINE'S CHAPEL.

Erm., on a chief gu., two buck's heads cabossed or. [Three bucks' heads.] JOHN DE DROKENSFORD, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1309—1329.

III.

Quarterly, or and az., four chess-rooks counter-changed. Drokensford.

Attached to a grant by Philip de Drokensford [Droknesford], A.D. 1332, is a round seal, bearing a shield with the following arms:—A cross cantoned with four chess-rooks; in chief over all a label of three points. The seal is in the possession of the Dean and Chapter of Wells.

IV .-- WEST WINDOW, CHAPTER HOUSE.

Az., three bars or; an inescutcheon arg. On a chief of the first, two palets [or pallets] between as many gyrons of the second. MORTIMER.¹

V.—On DEAN GUNTHORP'S TOMB; CHAPEL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.

Attributed to Carrier of Gosport. But that family bore:—Sa., a chevron erm., between three crosses crosslet arg.; whereas the charges on the above shield are crosses bottoneé.

^{(1).} See a beautiful seal of Edmund Mortimer, A.D. 1372, in Boutell's *Heraldry*, p. 418, No. 270.

"... a chevron ... between three crosses patonce ..."
Seal of Matthew de Sothworth, a.d. 1394.

The probability that the above coat belongs, not to Carrier, but to Southworth, is enhanced by the fact that two other examples of the same, or very similar bearings, occur in the south aisle of the choir, both belonging to the family of Southworth.¹

VI.-WINDOW IN SOUTH AISLE OF CHOIR.

Quarterly, 1st and 4th, arg., a chevron between three crosses crosslet sa. Southworth of Sandbury, co. Lancaster, and Somerset.

2nd and 3rd, sa., a chevron between three crosses crosslet arg. Dayes.

Impaling-

Quarterly, 1st and 4th, gu., a double-headed eagle displayed arg. Fitz-Stephen, Norton, co. Devon (?)

2nd, per fess sa. and arg., a lion rampant counter-changed. LLOYD of Oswestry.

3rd, arg., a chevron gu., between two pheons in chief fessways, and one in base paleways, sa. LLOYD.

VII.—North Aisle of Choir.

Per fess or. and gu., a double-headed eagle displayed sa., having on its breast a demi-rose and a demi-sun conjoined in one and counter-changed of the field.

Arms assigned by the Emperor Maximilian, and granted by letters patent, July 14th, 1514, to WILLIAM KNIGHT, Prothonotary of the Apostolic See, and Ambassador from King Henry VIII to the Emperor. He was afterwards made Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1541; died 1547.

VIII .- NORTH-WEST WINDOW OF LADY CHAPEL.

Vert, three bars or, semeé of lozenges counter-changed.
[Barry of six or and vert. Bray, Mowlton, Moygne.]

IX.—PULPIT BALUSTRADE, NORTH AISLE OF CHOIR (WEST SIDE).

Az., on a saltire engrailed arg. four crosses pattée fitchée, points downwards sa. RICHARD JENKYNS, D.D., Dean of Wells, 1845—1854; formerly Master of Baliol College, Oxford.

X.—On Pulpit Balustrade, North Aisle of Choir (East Side).

Erm., on a chevron engrailed gu. three escallops or. TROTH, widow of Dean JENKYNS (No. ix) and daughter and heiress of Jermyn Grove of Moat Hall, co. Salop, Esq.

XI .- EAST AISLE, NORTH TRANSEPT.

Arms of the see of Wells, impaling-

Sa., gutteé d'eau three roses arg. John Still, Bishop of Bath and Wells, A.D. 1593—1608.

XII.—WINDOW, NORTH AISLE OF CHOIR.

Or., two bars az., in chief three escallops gu., surmounted by a mitre with labels expanded, or. John Clerke, Bishop of Bath and Wells, A.D. 1523—1541.

XIII .- EAST AISLE, NORTH TRANSEPT.

On a chevron, between three Cornish choughs, a mitre with the labels expanded. THOMAS CORNISH, Bishop of Tenos (one of the Cyclades), and suffragan to Bishop Richard Fox; A.D. 1504.

XIV .- WINDOW, NORTH AISLE OF CHOIR.

Arg., guttée de sang; on a chief or a rose ppr. between two leopards' faces az. RICHARD WOLEMAN (alias Woolman), Dean of Wells, A.D. 1529—1537.

^{(1). &}quot;The Bishop of Bath and Wells, John Clerk, carried and commended in an oration to the Cardinals the King's book against Luther with much commendation; but being afterwards sent in embassage to the Duke of Cleves, to show the reason why the King renounced his marriage with the lady Ann, the Duke's sister; for the reward of his unwelcome message, was poisoned (as they said) in Germany, and returning with much ado, died in England in February, 1540-1, i.e., 32nd Henry VIII.—Sir Henry Spelman's History and Fate of Sacrilege, ed. 1853, p. 216.

XV.-WINDOW, NORTH AISLE.

Quarterly, France and England.

Shows the Plantagenet alteration of the arms of France; viz., from semée of fleurs-de-lis to arg., three fleurs-de-lis or. A.D. 1405, adopted by the Tudors to A.D. 1604.

The dragon on the sinister side appears as if intended to represent a supporter. This was employed by Henry VII, Henry VIII, Edward VI, and by Mary and Elizabeth; but was discontinued by James I, who adopted the lion and unicorn, which have ever since remained unaltered as supporters of the Royal arms of England. (There is no supporter on the dexter side.)

XVI.—CHAPEL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (NORTH SIDE.)

Arms of the See of Wells, impaling-

Erm., a lion rampant az. ROBERT CREYGHTON, Public Orator and Professor of Greek in the University of Cambridge, Dean; Bishop of Bath and Wells, A.D. 1670; died A.D. 1672,

XVII.—South Aisle of Choir.

Arms of the See of Wells, impaling-

Sa., on a bend between six crosses crosslet fitchée or, a mullet gu. for difference. ARTHUR LAKE, D.D., Bishop of Bath and Wells, A.D. 1616—1626. Brother of Sir Thomas Lake, principal Secretary of State to King James I.

XVIII.-WINDOW, SOUTH AISLE OF CHOIR.

Quarterly, 1st and 4th-

Arg., a chevron between three crosses crosslet gu. [? sa. as No. vi.] Southworth.

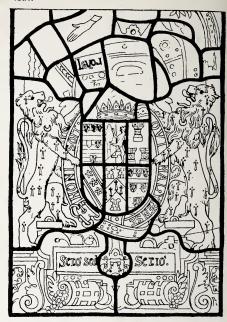
2nd and 3rd, sa., a chevron between three crosses crosslet arg. Dayes.

Impaling—

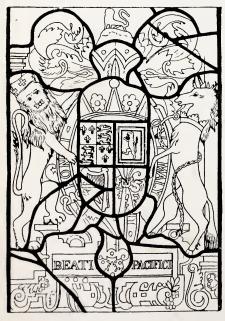
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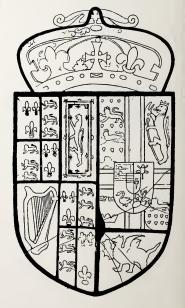
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XXXII,



Gu., a bend crenellée between two crosses crosslet arg. PALESANT.

Henry Southworth of Wyke Champflower married Elizabeth, daughter of John Palesant of London, Merchant. A.D. 1607.

XIX.-WINDOW, SOUTH AISLE OF CHOIR.

Arg., on a fess az., a mitre with labels expanded or, between three bucks' heads cabossed gu. in chief, and in base many pheons sa. Thomas Beckyngton, Bishop of Bath and Wells, A.D. 1443—1443. (His 'rebus' was a beacon on a tun.)

XX.-FLOOR OF LADY CHAPEL.

Or, a chevron gu. between three gouttes de sang. Good-Enough.

Impaling-

Or, a leopard's face az, ensigned with two laurel branches ppr, between two flaunches and two cocks, one in chief and the other in base gu. Cockerell.

Frances, fifth daughter and eleventh child of Samuel Pepys Cockerell, of Westbourne House, Middlesex, Surveyor to the East India Company, married May, 1821, Edmund Goodenough, D.D., Head Master of Westminster School, 1819-28; Prebendary of York, 1824; of Carlisle, 1826 (of which See his father was Bishop), and of Westminster, 1826; Dean of Wells, 1831. He died May 2nd, 1845. She died at Granada, in Spain, August 5th, 1853, and was buried at Malaga.

XXI.—NORTH-WEST WINDOW OF LADY CHAPEL.

Gu., ten bezants—4, 3, 2, 1. DE LA ZOUCHE.

(Wm. De la Zouch was Archbishop of York, A.D. 1340-54.)

XXII.—WINDOW, SOUTH AISLE OF CHOIR.

In a field diapered of cinquefoils or, a white hart, lodged, attired, and chained of the first.

1. Henry of Bolingbroke employed this as the badge of his Earldom of Derby.

- 2. It is borne on the seal of Thomas Holland, Earl of Kent, A.D. 1380.
- 3. Adopted as a badge by Richard II, from his mother's cognizance. It appears on his effigy at Westminster.
- "Among the few friends who attended this unfortunate Prince, after his capture by the Earl of Northumberland, was Jenico d' Artois, a Gascoigne, that still wore the cognizance or device of his master, King Richard; that is to say, a white hart; and would put it away from him neither by persuasion nor threats; by reason whereof, when the Duke of Lancaster understood it, he caused him to be committed to prison within the Castle of Chester. This man was the last (as saith mine author) which ware that device, which showed well thereby his constant heart towards his master."—Hollingshed.

In connection with this note the following memoranda may prove interesting:—

- (a) The seal of Thomas Holland, K.G., Earl of Kent, A.D. 1380, bears England within a bordure arg., having the guige buckled round the neck of a white hind lodged, gorged with a coronet.
- (b) On a slab of marble discovered some years ago at Venice, but now in England, there is a singular collection of heraldic symbols, which are presumed to be intended to commemorate the visit of Henry of Bolingbroke to Venice.
 - 1. The crowned and chained swan of the Bohuns.
 - 2. To the chain is attached a collar of "SS."
- 3. The Royal banner, France (ancient) and England quarterly, without any mark of cadency.
- 4. The Royal crest, a lion statant, guardant crowned, on a cap of maintenance, ensigned with another collar of "SS.," which encircles the helm; which latter is, strangely enough, placed upon the swan so as entirely to conceal the bird's head.
- 5. The white hart lodged within a fence, attached by a chain to the helm—the badge of Henry's Earldom of Derby.

6. On each side of the Royal banner is a scrolled ostrich feather; and one at the sinister side of the helm.

[In his will, A.D. 1376, the Black Prince speaks of "nos bages des plumes d'ostruce," which seem to have been held by him in high esteem.]

XXIII.—ON THE WEST WALL OF THE BUBWITH CHANTRY, NORTH SIDE OF NAVE.

A saltire, between a sword in pale, point upwards, and two keys addorsed, a crozier in pale passing through the saltire; for the See of Bath and Wells.

Arg., a fess engrailed between three sets of holly leaves conjoined, four in each. Blazoned also in the south window of the corridor of the Chapter Library, and sculptured on the external face of the north-west tower of the Cathedral, under a canopy. Nicholas Bubwith, Bishop of Bath and Wells, A.D. 1408—1425.

XXIV.—WINDOW, SOUTH AISLE OF CHOIR.

This shield—of which the second coat is sadly defaced and confused, while the glass surmounting the coronet is broken and badly pieced together, the word "loyal" being absurdly reversed—comprises six coats of arms.

1st and 6th, barry of ten, arg. and az., over all six escutcheons sa., 3, 2, 1, each charged with a lion rampant of the first. Cecil.

2nd, per pale gu., a maunch or? Delamer.

Impaling-

Az., a lion rampant arg.? CREWE.

3rd, . . . three castles arg. CASTEL, or MORGAN?

4th, arg., on a bend cotîsed gu., three cinquefoils or. Cooke.

The mother of Robert Cecil, the owner of this shield, was Mildred, daughter of Sir Anthony Cooke.

5th, arg., a chevron between three chess-rooks ermines, two in chief and one in base. WALLCOT.

Robert Cecil (youngest son of Sir William Cecil, Lord Burghley, by his second wife) was created Baron Cecil, May 13th, 1603; Viscount Cranbourne, 20th August, 1604, at Whitehall, "being the first of that degree that ever used a coronet; created, 4th May, 1605, Earl of Salisbury, at Greenwich. He married Elizabeth, daughter of William Brooke, Lord Cobham.

Motto, "Serò sed seriò." Lord High Steward of the city of Wells.

XXV.—Tomb, St. John the Baptist's Chapel (North Side).

Arms of the See of Wells, impaling-

Gu., a chevron arg., between ten crosses patteé (six in chief and four in base) of the second.

On the chevron a rose, as the mark of cadency of the seventh son. GILBERT BIRKELEY, Bishop of Bath and Wells. 1560—1581.

XXVI .- GUNTHORP TOMB.

Quarterly, 1st and 4th, within a bordure engrailed, a chevron between three hand-guns. Gunthorp.

2nd and 3rd, a chevron between three lions' heads.²
JOHN GUNTHORP, B.D., Dean of Wells, A.D. 1472—1498.

XXVII.—MONUMENT, EAST AISLE OF NORTH TRANSEPT.

On a lozenge-shaped shield, sa., a saltire counter-embattled arg.

Arms on the monument erected to Bishop RICHARD KIDDER and his wife by their surviving daughter.

Bishop Kidder occupied the See of Wells after Ken's deprivation, from 1691 to 1703. He and his wife were killed

Dugdale's Baronage of England, vol. ii, p. 407.
 See No. xxix.

by the falling of a stack of chimnies in the Palace at Wells, on the night of the great storm, November 26th and 27th, 1703.

XXVIII.—TABLET IN CLOISTERS.

Arms of the See of Wells, impaling-

Arg., on a bend engrailed between two cocks gu., three mullets of the field, surmounted by a mitre with label expanded. George Henry Law, Bishop of Bath and Wells, A.D. 1824—1845.

XXIX.—GUNTHORP TOMB.

Gu., a border and bend gobony arg. and az.; on the bend, between two lions' heads erased of the second, three leopards' faces or. John Gunthorp, B.D., Dean of Wells, A.D. 1472—1498.

XXX.-WINDOW, SOUTH AISLE OF CHOIR.

Quarterly—

1st, France and England quarterly.

2nd, Scotland.

3rd, Ireland.

4th, irregular ornament.

The shield is ensigned with the Order of the Garter, and with an Earl's coronet, above which appears to be a rude attempt at a helmet, surmounted by a Royal lion on a cap of maintenance (?). Arms of King James I, with his motto, "BEATI PACIFICI."

XXXI.-FLOOR OF THE LADY CHAPEL.

Erm., two chevrons az. Hon. and Right Rev. RICHARD BAGOT, Bishop of Bath and Wells, A.D. 1845—1854; third son of William, Baron Bagot, of Bagot's Bromley, county Stafford.

(1). See No. xxvi, 2nd and 3rd quarters.

XXXII.—WINDOW, SOUTH AISLE OF CHOIR Quarterly—

1st and 4th, modern France and England quarterly.

2nd, Scotland.

3rd, Ireland.

Impaling the following coats:

A cross gu, surmounted of another arg, being the white cross of Denmark.

In the first quarter into which this cross divides the sinister half of the complete shield—

Or., semée of hearts ppr., three lions passant, guardant, in pale az., crowned or, for Denmark.

2nd, gu., a lion rampant crowned or, holding in his paw a battle-axe arg., for NORWAY.

3rd, az., three crowns ppr., for Sweden.

4th, or, ten hearts ppr., 4, 3, 2, 1; in chief a lion [al. leopard] passant, guardant, az., for JUTLAND.

5th, in base, below the cross, gu, a wyvern, its tail and wings expanded or; the ancient ensign of the VANDALS.

6th, on the centre of the cross an escutcheon of pretence, charged with, quarterly—

1st, or, two lions passant, guardant, az., for Schleswig.

2nd, gu., an inescutcheon, per fess arg. and gu., having a nail in every point thereof in triangle between as many holly leaves, all ppr., for HOLSTEIN.

3rd, gu., a swan arg., beaked sa., gorged with a coronet ppr., for STORMARN, or STORMERK.

4th, az. (gu.¹), a knight armed cap-a-pié, brandishing his sword, his helm plumed, his charger arg., trappings or, for DITZMERS (al. DITMARS).

Over the whole, in an inescutcheon or, two bars gu., for Oldenburg; impaling—

Az., a cross pattée fitchée or, for Delmenhorst.

The whole being the arms of King James I, impaling

(1). Sic in a German "Wappenbuch," with "Stamm-Tafeln," A.D. 1740.

the quarterings of his wife, Ann of Denmark, daughter of Frederick II, King of Denmark and Norway.

XXXIII.—EAST WINDOW OF ST. CALIXTUS' CHAPEL. Sa., four fusils conjoined in fess, arg. GIFFORD.

XXXIV.—WEST WALL OF CHAPEL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.

Arg., a saltire engrailed sa., in fess point a crescent of the first for difference. HENRY HAWLEY, A.D. 1573.

On a plain shield without tincture an inescutcheon, charged with a fess dancettée, between three talbots. Humphrey WILLIS.

XXXV .-- WEST WINDOW OF NAVE.

In the lowest compartment of the southernmost of the three lights on an elliptical shield

1. Erm., a lion rampant az., gorged or.

Crest: a naked arm holding a sword erect in bend sin.

Motto: "God send grace." CREYGHTON, or Crichton.

2. Over this the following shield:

Az., a cross moline or. MOLYNEUX.

In the lower compartment of the northern light of the same window:

3. Az., a saltire, impaling-

Az., a lion rampant, ensigned with a crozier in bend sinister, or. ROBT. CREYGHTON, Bishop of Bath and Wells.

Above this the same shield as No. ii.

XXXVI.—IN THE CLOISTERS REMOVED FROM THE SOUTH AISLE.

Gyronny of eight, or and erm., over all a tower triple towered sa. George Hooper, Bishop of Bath and Wells, A.D. 1704-1727. Previously Bishop of St. Asaph, 1703-4.

On an escutcheon of pretence, the arms of Hooper, as above.

^{(1).} Abigail, daughter of the above Bishop Hooper, became the second wife of . . . Prowse, Esq., of Axbridge, Somerset. Mr. Prowse bore, quarterly: lst and 4th, sa., three lions rampant arg. Prowse. 2nd and 3rd, or, three bends az., within a bordure engrailed gu.

XXXVII.—CLOISTERS.

Sa., three lions passant arg., between four crosses pattée... all in pale. RICHARD BEADON, Bishop of Gloucester, A.D. 1789—1802; Bishop of Bath and Wells, A.D. 1802—1824.

XXXVIII.—FLOOR, CHAPEL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.

Erm., on a chevron between three plates, three garbs or. Grindal Sheafe, d.d., Archdeacon of Wells, and Canon Residentiary, died A.D. 1680.

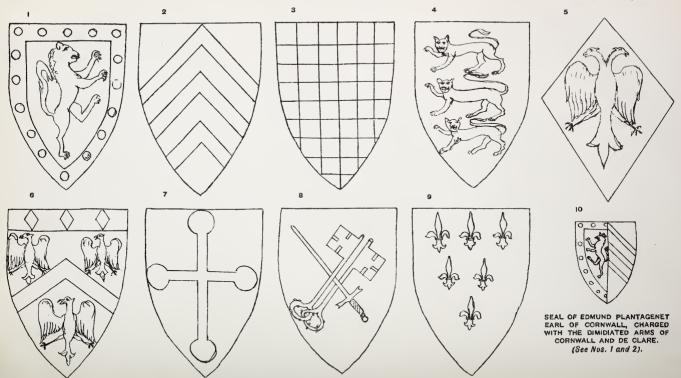
XXXIX.—CHAPEL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

In the Chapel of St. John the Baptist is a small set of encaustic tiles, which, after having been left in a state of neglect and confusion in some external locality, were some years ago carefully collected and fixed on the floor of this chapel near its western wall.

As no tinctures are indicated on encaustic tiles of the age to which these remnants belong, some of the proposed readings of their arms may be considered as conjectural and uncertain; while others are well known coats; and from their connection with each other, we are not likely to err in fixing their owners.

- 1. A lion rampant (contournée), within a bordure bezantée. The arms of EDMUND PLANTAGENET, Earl of Cornwall (son of Richard Plantagenet, 2nd son of King John, and King of the Romans). The lion is not crowned as it is on his seal, and is turned to the sinister side of the shield. The lion is for his father's Earldom of Poictou, and the bordure sa., bezantée, for his own Earldom of Cornwall. He married Margaret, daughter of Earl Richard de Clare, whose arms appear on the next tile, viz:—
 - 2. Or, three chevronels gu. DE CLARE.

On Edmund Plantagenet's seal the dimidiated arms of Cornwall and Clare are united, as in the illustration No. 10. Edm. Plantagenet died A.D. 1300.



ARMORIAL TILES, WELLS CATHEDRAL.

3. Checquy. On some of the tiles the tinctures are arranged arg. and sa.; on others sa. and arg. No dependence, however, can be placed either on the tinctures themselves or on the order in which they are ranged on the shields.

Arms of St. Barbe (arg. and sa.) or DE WARREN—Fitz-Warren, etc. (or and az.)

- 4. Three lions passant guardant in pale. England, from A.D. 1154-1340.
- 5. A double-headed eagle displayed. Arms assumed by Richard Plantagenet (father of Edmund No. 1) as Emperor, or "King of the Romans." [On a lozenge-shaped tile.]
- 6. A chevron between three eagles displayed, on a chief three lozenges.

I have not been able to trace this shield to any satisfactory issue. The only two shields furnished by the late Mr. Papworth's very complete and useful *Ordinary of British Armorials*, are of too recent a date to serve as any explanation of this coat.

7. A cross botonnée or pommée.

I have no doubt that this is designed to represent the arms of the Abbey of Glastonbury, viz., vert, a cross bottonnée arg.

- 8. Gu., two keys in bend sinister, addorssed and conjoined in the bows, or, interlaced with a sword in bend dexter arg.; hilt and pommel of the second. BATH PRIORY.
- 9. In another part of the same chapel, on the edge of a sort of foot pace, are these arms, on an encaustic tile:

Six fleurs-de-lis-3, 2, 1.

- (a) France, ancient (before 1405). The French Kings changed this to three fleurs-de-lis as early as A.D. 1364.
- (b) Arms borne by Sir John Giffard, A.D. 1348. (In Bower Gifford church, Essex).
 - (c) Az., semée of fleurs-de-lis. MORTIMER.