

### THIRD DAY.

*Thursday, August 6th, 1857.*

From Bruton the members proceeded to the Church of Shepton-Montague, which contains two beautiful specimens of early English corbels, and a font of the same period. The inscription over the church door none of the members present could decypher; the modern appearance of some of the letters produced a strong impression that, in the course of recent restorations, the ancient inscription had been re-chiselled, and the shape of some of the letters altered.

Cadbury Castle was the next point of interest. The extensive fortifications of this extraordinary place were examined, under the able guidance of the Rev. F. Warre, who pointed out and explained the characteristic features

of the earthworks. Traces of a stone wall were observed on the interior rampart, and several interesting fragments of Romano-British pottery, with a few sling-stones, were picked up. These are now deposited in the Museum.

Passing by Sutton-Montis Church, where the Norman chancel arch was greatly admired, the company visited the Church of North Cadbury, a remarkably fine specimen of the perpendicular period.

The next object of interest was the Church of All Saints, Castle Cary, which has recently been restored. It is a handsome structure of the perpendicular style, consisting of a nave, two aisles, a chancel, and at the west end a tower and spire. It belongs to the perpendicular period, and was probably built about the reign of Henry VI.

After the company had partaken of refreshments at the Town Hall, the Rev. Prebendary Meade read a paper on "Castle Cary," which will be found in Part II.

The Rev. W. A. JONES, M.A., F.G.S., presented a transcript he had made of a parchment document in the Archives of the corporation of Bridgwater; being an inventory of the vestments of St. Catherine's Ile, in the church of that town. This will be found in Part II.

The Rev. F. WARRE, on behalf of the Society, expressed their sense of the favour conferred upon them by Dr. Guest, of Caius College, Cambridge, and the Rev. J. Earle, late of Oriel College, Oxford, who had attended the meeting and taken part in its proceedings.

The usual votes of thanks having been passed, the proceedings of the annual meeting were formally closed.

The site of the Castle, and the remains of the earthworks and fortifications on the heights above, were afterwards explored, under the guidance of Mr. Warre and Mr. Meade.