

Castle Cary Churchwardens' Accounts, 1628 to 1699.

BY THE REV. A. W. GRAFTON.

Vicar of Castle Cary.

THE earliest churchwardens' accounts of Castle Cary still extant are dated April 27th, 1628. They witness to the ringing of the curfew, the preaching of a lecture, and the possession in the church of a chained copy of Bishop Jewel's works.

- “Item paid to William Gibson for a quarter's wages dewe at Michaellmas for keepeinge the clocke & for ringinge the Bell to Curfey & to lecture v^s
- “Item paid to Peter Eton for the preacher's dyett for this yeare ix^s iiij^d
- “Item paide to Christopher Wadman for the mending the chaine to fasten Bishopp Jewells workes to a deske ij^d”

In 1633, the next complete account remaining, forty shillings appears as the annual payment to an organist. The “preacher” for the lecture is also still provided for. The payment for playing the organ is repeated till 1643, and is then discontinued.

- “Item, paid to William Younge for Michaellmas and Christmas, Being two quarters wages for playeinge upon the Organs xx^s
- “Item, paid for the preachers Dyett for this yeare past the some of xvij^s”

Broad cloth, with silk fringes, for the Pulpit and Communion Table was provided at an expenditure of £2 13s. for the former, and £3 for the latter, including making up. A