

Chaplains. In A. D. 1382, Archbishop Nevill, then legate, gave the papal authority to this Establishment: from whose constitution it appears that the Master was endowed with the Rectory, and the Chaplains with the several Chantries then existing in this Church.^a It was valued in the total, in the 26th Hen. VIIIth, at 82*l.* 14*s.*; in net income, at 40*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* per annum; and was granted, 6th Eliz., to William Grice and Anthony Foster; but their title being litigated, and it being proved that this College had never been

confirmed by the Crown, nor the Master and Fellows never had a common Seal, the Church was adjudged to be still rectorial and parochial.^b

Willis, in his List of the Principals of Religious Houses, in Tanner, gives the following Names of MASTERS or WARDENS of THIS COLLEGE:—GILBERT BOWET, first Custos in 1382. THOMAS EAGLESFIELD, circa 1440. THOMAS BOURBANK, about 1499. WALTER REDMAS, 1508. JOHN WHELPDALE, LL. D., occurs in 1525.

College of Kirk Oswald, in Cumberland.

THIS was a College of Twelve Secular Priests,^c founded, 20th Hen. VIII., by Robert Threlkeld. About the time of the Dissolution Lord Dacres was accounted founder or patron; and 26th Hen. VIII., it was valued at 78*l.* 17*s.* per annum in the total, and 27*l.* 17*s.* per annum in the clear value. One ROWLAND THRELKELD was the

last Warden of this College, the surrender of which, in the 1st Edw. VIth, is noticed in Collier's Ecclesiastical History, vol. ii. p. 240. The possessions of this House were granted in the 30th Eliz. to Edward Downinge and Miles Dodinge, gent.^c

College of Axminster, in Devonshire.

KING ATHELSTAN is stated to have founded here a Minster for seven Priests to pray for the souls of those who were slain in a battle which he fought against the Danes at Bremal Down near this place. No mention of it, however, occurs in the Domesday Survey. Tanner says, This Minster was in after ages altered from seven to two Priests, for whom a portion of land was allotted, known by the name of Priest Aller, which with the Parsonage belongeth to two Prebends in the Church of York.^d It was, during the Va-

cancy of the Archiepiscopal See, temp. Hen. III., alienated to the Church of Newenham, but restored, 21 Edw. I., to the Prebendaries, and continues at this time part of the endowment of the Prebendaries of Grindal and Warthill. Oliver, in his Historic Collections relating to the Monasteries in Devon, p. 59, mentions various passages in the Registers of the See of Exeter, relating to the claim pretended by the Abbey of Newenham to the Church of Axminster.

College of Chulmleigh, in Devonshire.

THE following is the notice of this College which the Messrs. Lysons have made in their Magna Britannia:—Having spoken of the Rectory, they say, "It is probable that Chulmleigh was formerly a Collegiate Church, for there are still in this parish five Prebends, the advowsons of which (as well as that of the Rectory) are in the representatives of the Rev. Adam Hole. The institution to these Prebends is separate from that of the Rectory, and they had been held by different persons till of late years. The present Rector holds them all, as did his predecessor. They are called the Prebends of Higher Hayne, or Higher Line; Lower Hayne, or Lower Line; Pennels, or Pendlies; Dennis, or Denes; and Brokeland. It appears by the Chantry Roll of 1547, in the Augmentation Office, that these Prebends were founded by certain persons, then unknown, 'for the better ministry of God's service within the quire;' but it seems that some of them had been diverted to other uses.

The Prebends of Dennis and Pennels were then applied to the maintenance of two children who had no other means of support; and that of Higher Hayne was held by one Whithalf, an old serving-man in London. Lower Hayne was held by the Parson of Kenne. The endowment of Higher Hayne was then valued at 5*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* per annum; Lower Hayne at 5*l.*; Pennels at 5*l.*; Denys, or Dennis, at 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; and Brokeland at 4*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*"^e

Tanner says, "The Church of St. Mary Magdalene here was Collegiate; consisting of four, or, as others, of seven Prebendaries, founded, as the tradition here goes, by the lady of the manor for seven children, whom she saved from being drowned by their own father, who thought himself not able to maintain them.^g It was of the patronage of the Courtneys, earls of Devonshire,^h and probably founded by some of that family before the time of King Edward the First."ⁱ

Collegiate Church of Crediton, or Kirton, in Devonshire.

HERE is said to have been a Collegiate Church in the Saxon times, which was made the Cathedral of the Bishops of Devonshire either immediately upon the division of the Diocese of Shirburn, made by King Edmund and Archbishop Plegmund about A. D. 905, or, at least, shortly after; and though the Episcopal See was removed to Exeter A. D. 1050, yet in the Church here (dedicated to the Holy Cross) remained a Chapter, under the peculiar jurisdiction and patronage of the Bishops of Exeter."^k

The Collegiate body here consisted, originally, of eighteen Canons or Prebendaries, and eighteen Vicars; which number, having been reduced, was restored by Bishop Bronscombe in the thirteenth century. Bishop Grandison appointed four Choristers and four singing-men or lay Vicars. Three of the Prebendaries, being the principal dignitaries of the Church, bore the titles of Precentor, Treasurer, and Dean. The latter, who had the cure of souls, was called also perpetual vicar.

^a Burn and Nicolson's Cumberland, vol. ii. pp. 362, 363. Tann. Notit. *Cumberl.* vi.

^b *Ibid.*

^c See Tann. Notit.

^d So Risdon, vol. i. p. 24.

^e See Tann. Notit. Monast., who mentions Cart. 31 Hen. III. m. 3. Confirmatio manerii de Axminster, monachis Cisterciensibus, ex dono Regin. Mohun., and Pat. 9 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 24. Perampla Exemplificatio cujusdam Placiti et Judicii inter Regem et Abbatem de Newenham, et quibusdam deceptionibus et contemptibus Regi factis, ad requisitionem Roberti de Valoins et Johannis Clifton prebendariorum prebendarum de Grendall et Warthill, in Eccl. Ebor. quibus dicta Ecclesia annexa fuit.

^f Lysons, Mag. Brit. *Devonsh.* P. ii. pp. 409, 410. See also Oliver's Historic Collections relating to the Monasteries in Devon, p. 150.

^g Thus Mr. Risdon, vol. i. p. 97.

^h Pat. 21 Edw. I. "Præbenda de Overheghene in Eccl. de Chulmeley, Exon. dioc. in præsentat. dom. Regis, ratione custodiae terrarum Hugonis Courtney defuncti." Another of the Prebends granted by the King, "ratione terrarum Margarete nuper Comitiss Devon." Pat. 15 Ric. II.

ⁱ Notit. Monast. *Devonsh.* ix.

^k Tann. Notit. Monast. *Devonsh.* xvi.