

At the west end of the churchyard :—

Nicholas Cholwell, late of London, Merchant, and patron of this church, died 24th August, 1726, aged 54. Also Rebekah, his wife, who died 15th June, 1731, aged 44.

On the south side of the churchyard :—

William Fowler departed this life suddenly 22nd March, 1852, in the 63rd year of his age. Ann Taylor, sister of the above, departed this life January 19th, 1863, aged 75. Joseph Taylor, husband of the above Ann Taylor, departed this life August 28th, 1868, aged 80. Charlotte Hester, the devoted wife of William Fowler Taylor, departed this life June 22nd, 1870, aged 69.

There are several other memorials to the family of Fowler close by.

Edward Horn, of Stevenage, departed this life 22nd January, 1870, aged 54.

Arthur Bailey Denton, eldest son of John Bailey and Martha Denton, born 18th June, 1844, died 3rd October, 1872.

Ann, widow of William Chapman, Esq., died 4th February, 1869.

Edward William Kemble, born 13th July, 1854, died 16th June, 1864.

Other memorials in the churchyard are chiefly to the families of Franklin, Parratt, Waby, Pallett, Muncey, Hebbs, Moulden, Green, Read, Folbigg, Titmuss, Smyth, and Cass.

At the south end of the town, on the east side of the high road, is a chapel of ease dedicated to the Holy Trinity, and supplied by curates from the mother church. It was opened for divine worship in April, 1861, and was built on waste land belonging to the manor, to which the late Bishop of London, as lord, resigned his right. The total cost, including the boundary wall, was £1350. It consists of a nave and chancel only, and will accommodate nearly three hundred persons; but on account of its closer proximity to the town than the old church, and the increase in the population, it is now too small for its requirements. The Wesleyans and the Baptists have also places of worship in Stevenage.

THE RECTORY.

This Rectory is in the Diocese of Rochester, Archdeaconry of St. Albans, and Rural deanery of Hitchin.

In the Ecclesiastical Taxation made in the year 1291, by order of Pope Nicholas IV., this rectory was rated at £26 13s. 4d. per annum; and in the general survey made upon the Dissolution of Religious Houses, it was valued in the King's books at £33 6s. 8d. per annum. Tax Eccles.; page 37. Bacon's Lib. Reg. p. 520.

In 1647 the temporalities belonging to the Rectory were valued at £90 14s. per annum, and the timber and wood at the gross sum of £255. Rawlinson MS. No. 240; Bib. Bodl.

The Commissioners appointed by the Parliament, in 1650, to inquire into the state of Ecclesiastical Benefices, reported this to be a Rectory presentative, of the annual value of £300, and then held by Mr. Robert Chester. The present yearly value of the rectory is about £1000, with residence and thirty acres of glebe. Lansd. MS. 459, fol. 104.

The Abbot and Convent of St. Peter's, Westminster, in whom from the time of Edward the Confessor the manor was vested, also held the Advowson of the Rectory until the Disso- Neale's Westminster Ab.; Vol. I.; p. 23.