

each member remaining as desirable a property as the undivided estate had formerly been.

The eighteen passages which follow are extracted from a MS. in the Bodleian Library (Bod. 297) which is described in Hardy's Catalogue (II., 46) as "a very fine copy of Florence of Worcester, with the continuation to 1131, apparently transcribed by a monk of Bury." The additions to Florence are generally written on the margin; sometimes however they are inserted in the text. The first piece (p. 340) is the charter of Edmund in 945 granting the town of Beodricsworth to the clerks who were then guarding the shrine. This copy seems to be a more perfect one than that which was printed by J. M. Kemble in the *Codex Diplomaticus* (vol. II., p. 258); in the latter the boundaries of the grant are not given, and five signatures, including that of the Queen Elfgyva, are wanting.

B.—Passages from Bod. 297.

The third extract gives the charter of Cnut "In nomine poliarchis," of which the registers contain many copies. The fifth (p. 344) contains the bull of Alexander II. dated in 1171, being the first of the long series of papal favours, by which the convent was taken into immediate dependence on the Holy See, and exempted from episcopal jurisdiction. The sixth (p. 347) is the charter given by the Conqueror in 1081, annulling the claim to jurisdiction which had been set up by Bishop Arfast. The seventh (p. 350) is the Conqueror's letter on the same occasion to the Sheriff of Norfolk. Comparing this with the copy printed by Battely (p. 146) from the *Registrum Sacristæ*, it appears that the latter has a clause which does not appear in the Bodleian MS., and which runs as follows:—*habere debebat, et quod Arphastus episcopus neque successores ejus de præfata ecclesia et villa nihil exclamare debeant.* Some Bury transcriber must have interpolated this clause, as if to make assurance doubly sure.

Except from the ninth extract, we know nothing of the pious prior, Benedict Saxo, who died in 1094. The tenth passage contains some curious particulars about SS. Botulf and Jurmin ("Germin," Malmsb. *Gesta Pont.*, § 74, Rolls ed.). S. Botulf, whose life is narrated in the *Acta Sanctorum* under the 17th June, is there described as the abbot of Ikanhoe, apparently a place in Lincolnshire; but at Bury he was venerated as a bishop. It is difficult to understand why a saint who is closely connected with Boston (Botulf's town) and Lincolnshire should have been supposed to lie at the little Suffolk village of Grundisburgh, near Woodbridge. Jurmin (whom the editor of Malmesbury's *Gest. Pont.* in the Rolls series confounds with St. Germanus of Auxerre) is said in the *Historia Eliensis*¹ to have been the son of Anna king of East Anglia, and to have fallen beside his father in battle with Penda of Mercia at Blythburg (near Dunwich in Suffolk), in 653 or 654. The epithet "clito" given both here and in Herman's narrative (p. 88) implies that he was a prince.

The eleventh passage dates Abbot Baldwin's death in 1097; and this is very early testimony. The date is the same in Florence, Symeon, and Hoveden. On the other hand Harl. 447,² and the "Hist. de St. Denis" quoted by Dr. Liebermann at p. 203 of his work, place the death on the 4th January 1098.

The thirteenth passage, as is sufficiently explained in the notes on p. 353, describes the ineffectual attempt of Herbert de Losinga bishop of Norwich to extend his jurisdiction over the convent.

The sixteenth passage completely explains the misleading entry in the index of the Lakenheath Register, which induced Battely to believe that the second abbot Robert, having been consecrated by St. Anselm in 1107,

¹ Liebermann, *Anglo-Norm. Geschichtsquelle*, p. 278, note.

² *Ibid.*, p. 130.

IX.

p. 397, in marg.:

[A.D. 1094.] Religiosus prior S. Eadmundi Benedictus, qui ^{Life and character of prior Benedict.} Saxo dicebatur, circa hunc annum obiit, et in capitulo fratrum tunc temporis sepultus est. Erat enim primitus capellanus Eadighe reginæ Eadwardi regis, et tali honore a rege habitus est, ut, [si] ei curæ esset, pontifical[es] honor[es] profecto adeptus fuisset. Post ipsos autem vita extractos religiose conversatus est cum canonicis qui habitabant apud sanctum Johannem Beverlaccensem. et factus est eorum decanus. Exinde, abbate Baldwino invitante, apud S. Eadmundum monachus et dein prior loci effectus, p . . . mos¹ annos in sancta conversatione vitæ transeuns. Cujus vita quantum fuit Deo accepta satis claruit, dum post plus[quam] XXX. annos, tempore abbatis Ans[elmi], in loco quo prius fuerat cap[itulum] pararetur claustrum infirmorum, [et] placeret removeere cum et ju[xta] pa[rietem] ecclesie recondere. Et [cum] in remo[ti]one sarcophagi cooperculum motum esset, apparuit ipse jacens pæne incorruptus, et cuculla ejus pæne to[ta], atque tanta suavitas [ama]bilis odoris de corpore ejus [mana]vit, ac si illic [omnia] odorum genera congesta sint; et sic post multorum conspectum in loco quo decretum fuit conditus est.

X.

ibid. ad calcem paginae:

[A.D. 1095.] Venerabilis abbas Balduinus monasterii S. ^{Baldwin's new church:} Eadmundi, destructa ecclesia quam condiderat gloriosus rex Cnutus & ejus regina Emma, simplici facta schemate, nec sic artificialiter ut quædam construuntur hoc tempore, monitu senioris regis Willelmi artificiosem & pulchriorem jactis fundamentis inchoavit, columnari, testudinali, marmorali opere fabrefacta, qua multi qui viderunt speci[osi] orem et delectabiliorem nunquam se vidisse testati sunt. Et ut perducta sunt ad perfectum ædificia presbyterii, anno ab incarnatione Domini MXCV°, a passione S. Eadmundi CCXXV°, III° Kal. Maii, presente jam dicto abbate B., et monachis ^{the beauty of its architecture.} ejus disponentibus, digno cum honore beatus martyr die Dominica transfertur a Walchelino Wintoniensi episcopo & a ^{Translation of St. Eadmund into it.} Ranulfo tunc regis capellano postea Dunhelmensi episcopo in

¹ plurimos? Locum hunc usque ad finem, tinearum injuria depravatum, pro posse restitui.

præparatam sibi basilicam, astante innumerabili caterva cleri populique, et retro magnum altare decenter reconditur. Tunc, cum tanta esset aeris siccitas ut uredo et aurugo solis inclementia germinantia quæque pessum dederit, et pæne tota periclitaretur Anglia, populus ab episcopo monitus, quatinus Deum per sanctum suum invocaret sibi misereri, tertia supplicatione Kirrieleison; statimque viderunt pluviarum copiam terram madefacere, atque diu sic temporaneam fuisse, ut præmarcida sata viverent, et quod minitabatur in germine non expleretur in propagine, quia seriem multorum annorum tunc frugum incrementa proven

Cujusdam etiam militis brachium in exitu illis parieti vi multitudinis ut abrasis carnibus pæne nuda facies ossis pateret, et statim sanum et incolume est repertum solacatrice ad testimonium veritatis permanente.

Also of St.
Botolph
and St.
Jurmin.

Translati sunt nihilominus cum rege beatissimo et reliquiis multis sanctorum corpora duorum sanctorum, videlicet Botulphi¹ episcopi et Jurmini clitonis Christi, amboque, ut percipimus, illo delati sunt tempore Lefstani abbatis. Corpus namque beati Botulphi episcopi primitus apud quandam villam Grundesburc nominatam humatum est; cujus translatio cum obscura nocte fieret, columna lucis super feretrum ejus ad depellendas tenebras protendi visa est. Corpus vero beati Jurmini similiter apud villam quandam Blihteburc primum jacuit; in cujus plumbea theca in qua delatus est tale ephithaphium inscriptum continebatur: Ego Jurminus commendo, in nomine Trinitatis sanctæ, ut nulla persona audeat deprædare locum sepulturæ usque in diem resurrectionis; sin autem, remotum se sciat a sorte sanctorum.

XI.

Death of
abbot Baldwin.

p. 400; in textu:—
[A.D. 1097.] Eximiæ vir religionis monasterii S. Eadmundi abbas Baldwinus, genere Gallus, artis medicinæ bene peritus, IV. Kal. Januarii die dominica feria III. in bona senectute decessit,* & in medio choro principalis ecclesiæ sepultus requiescit.

¹ duo verba exinanita sunt.

* A marginal note here adds, in a hand of the same century, "annos | " [ætat]is, ut putabatur, plusquam
" triginta duos a sumpta abbatis, | " octoginta."