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"—Good ye are and bad, and like to cease,
Some trust, some light, but every one of you
Stamp'd with the image of the King."
The Holy Ghost.

Leicester:
CLARKE AND HODGSON, 5, GALLOWTREE GATE.
1890.
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HATHERN.

SILVER CUP. Weight 13.8 oz. Height 9 in. Diam. of bowl $4\frac{5}{8}$ in.; of foot $5\frac{1}{4}$ in. Height of stem $6\frac{1}{4}$ in. Date 1861.

Birmingham hall marks.

This is an imitation mediæval cup having round the bowl this inscription: "*Ex dono Doæ Mariæ Phillipps de Garendon in Com: Leicester, 1698.*" Beneath which there is an engraved ornament of vine leaves. There is a band of trefoil ornament round the foot.

SILVER PATEN. Weight 4.7 oz. Diam. $6\frac{5}{8}$ in. Date 1861.

Birmingham hall marks.

In the centre of this paten there is a cross within a quatrefoil, and round the edge a trefoil ornament.

SILVER ELECTRO-PLATED FLAGON. Height $12\frac{1}{2}$ in. Diam. of top $3\frac{1}{4}$ in.; of foot $4\frac{1}{8}$ in.

This is a jug-shaped flagon having in front a cross crowned, and on either side the sacred monogram crowned.

In the terrier for 1708 the church plate then here is thus described; "A large silver cup, two large flagons of the best pewter, two salvers of the same; all the gift of Dame **Mary Phillipps**, wife of Sir **Ambrose Phillipps**, of Garendon. The cup weighs about 19 oz."*

* See Sheepshed.

At the time when the church was restored, in 1861, the cup was melted down and manufactured into the present cup and paten at the expense of the rector. The pewter vessels were sold and the plated flagon bought.

LOUGHBOROUGH. ALL SAINTS'

In her will, **Elizabeth Davenport** "of Loughborough, widow," left to cousin **Thomas Alsopp** of Hatherne "my silver watch."

By his will, made 4th June 1683 and proved in Leicester on 6th Aug. 1688, **Bartholomew Hickling**, "of Loughborough yeoman," left to his wife for life two closes in Loughborough Park bought by his late brother **John Hickling** of **Joseph Dawson** draper of London; also half a yard land bought by himself of "cousin **John Hickling** of Loughborough;" charged with the payment of £10 a year towards teaching and clothing twenty poor girls. After wife's death same land to be handed over to trustees who shall devote the income to the same school. That body also to administer the land left for charitable purpose by his brother **John**. To same trustees half a yard land in Loughborough they to spend the income in providing Bibles for a certain number of children in Leicester, Loughborough, Mountsorrel, Woodhouse, Rothley, Quorn, Barrow, Sileby, Seagrave, Walton, Burton, Hatherne, Sheepshed, Belton, and also in Rempston, Sutton Bonnington, and Noman-ton-on-Soar co. Notts. To another body of trustees he left certain cottages in Swan Street, Loughborough, for the benefit of the poor in this town, as they think fit. To his wife for life certain land in Rothley and after her death to trustees for a free school in Rothley for fourteen or fifteen boys. Several legacies to kinsmen. To be buried in Loughborough church in or near grave of son. Wife, **Jane**, sole executrix.†

SHEEPSHED.

By her will dated 15th May, 1731, and proved P.C.C. with four codicils on 17th Nov., 1736, Lady **Phillipps** left sums of money to her daughter in law **Jane Phillipps**† with her children **Ambrose** and **Mary**; to **Elizabeth**, daughter of her son **Charles Phillipps**; to her grandsons **Edward** and **William Lisle**; to these other children of her daughter **Mary Lisle**, £500 each, viz.: **John**, **Thomas**, **Jane**, **Anne**, **Susan**, **Sophia**, **Sarah**, **Frances**, **Richard**, and **Harriet**; to her other grandson **Charles Lisle**, Lady **Phillipps** forgave a debt; to her granddaughter **Catherine Allen**, with her husband **Thomas Allen**, she left a legacy; to the poor of Sheepshed, Hathern, and Dishley, she left £20 amongst them. Her sons **John** and **Charles Phillipps** she appointed her executors and residuary legatees.

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The following clause in the Rev. **Thomas Heath**'s will, made 8th Oct., 1765, and proved on the 21st following P.C.C., reveals the origin of the two-handled cup; "*I give my great silver cup and cover, given by Mrs. Phillips, to the church of Sheepshead; and if its present form is not approved of it may at any time at the expense of the parish be changed for a flagon of the same metal and as near as may be of the same weight.*"

This gentleman sprang from a Staffordshire family owning land at Cheadle. He was the son of **John** and **Hannah Heath**, of that place, and was baptized there on 21st Feb., 1695* He was presented to the living of Sheepshed in 1725, and to that of Hathern in 1732. Mr. **Heath**, who was unmarried, held both livings until his death on 18th Oct., 1765. He was buried in the churchyard of this parish, where a monument stands over his grave bearing a short inscription, in which his life is said to have been spent "in the regular and uniform exercise of all Christian virtues."

He bequeathed £5 to each of the parishes of Sheepshed and Hathern for their poor. His property which he had bought in Dilhorn, co. Staff., he left to his brother **John Heath**: legacies were left to various nephews and nieces; one amongst others to the daughter of his late nephew **William Heath**, of Cheadle.

STONEY STANTON.

Mrs. Sarah Boyer

.....was the

daughter of **Saltor** and **Ann Allday**, of Henley-in-Arden, co. Warwick, and was born in 1761. She married on 17th Sept. 1783, at Wootton Wawen,* **Mr. Edward Boyer**, a substantial yeoman of the "Stints House," Hathern, who was born in the same year as herself. **Mr. Boyer** farmed and owned the land at Hathern, which has been in the possession of his family for many years.† It is now the property of his grandson, the Rev. **Robert Buckley Boyer**, M.A.‡ **Mrs. Boyer** who was left a widow on 20th Nov. 1821, died on Christmas Day, 1843, being buried in Hathern churchyard; over her grave is placed a slate headstone, upon which is inscribed her name and the date of her birth and death: a similar mention being also made upon a mural tablet erected by her son, **Richard Boyer**, to the memory of her husband and herself and other members of the family, inside Hathern church. **Mrs. Boyer** was connected with the parish of Stoney Stanton inasmuch as she was the grandmother of **Mrs. Sankey**, the wife of the late rector of this parish, the Rev. **John Sankey**, incumbent here from 1842 to 1875.

* Parish Register. † William Boyer named in the Enclosure Act, 1777, as a landowner. ‡ Superintendent of Missions to Seamen.

BITTESWELL.

In her will, made 10th Oct., 1872, and proved in Leicester on 28th May, 1875, **Mary Powell** left many legacies to relatives and friends: amongst others, to **Margaret Twining**, daughter of late uncle Rev. **Daniel Twining**; to four daughters of late uncle **Richard Twining**; to cousin Rev. **Edward Smythies**, of Hathern; all real estate in Bitteswell or elsewhere and residue of personalty to cousin **Richard Twining**; to vicar of Bitteswell for time being, Rev. **E. Smythies**, and **R. Twining**, £500 in trust, the interest to be spent in teaching on Sunday as many poor children in Bitteswell, as trustees think well, in principles of Christianity, according to the doctrines of the Established Church of England. Executors: **Richard and Samuel Harvey Twining**.