

alms boxes and chests was the natural outcome for the oversight of church funds contributed by the faithful. The chest itself sometimes added to its uses that of a poor box. A slit in its lid conveyed offerings to a till beneath. The obligation to collect Peter's Pence about the parish before the Reformation confuses the issue. Ecclesiologists would like to know a little more about the Communion Vessels referred to on page 25. A pre-Reformation chalice would be a very precious possession.

The few misprints mainly occur in the section on the font. In the first paragraph bays has become bags and in the second "pillar" should read "engaged shaft," Lower down "cut in parts" should be "cast in parts."

W.P.D.S.

Kent Records Society.

THE REGISTER OF DANIEL ROUGH. Transcribed and edited by K. M. Elisabeth Murray, M.A., B.Litt., F.R.Hist.S. Records Branch, 1944.

This notice must necessarily be brief, as Volume XVI of Kent Records, *The Register of Daniel Rough*, was not published in time for it to be reviewed at length in the present volume of *Archæologia Cantiana*.

Daniel Rough was the Town Clerk of New Romney in the reign of Edward III, and his Register, which is preserved in the Library of St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, covers the period from 1353 to 1380. The entries in the Register range over a wide variety of topics and show the diversity of the business with which the 14th century Bailiff, Jurats and Barons of New Romney concerned themselves. In addition to the Register proper, the volume contains an Anglo-French version of the Custumal, instructions for auditing manorial accounts, and a collection of precedents for legal and other documents. Most of the entries are in Anglo-French or Latin, but the Editor has prefixed to each an adequate explanatory note in English.

The Records Branch were fortunate in obtaining the services of Miss K. E. M. Murray, the author of *The Constitutional History of the Cinque Ports*, as special editor of the volume. The editing could not have been in better hands. Her Introduction, which sets the matters recorded in the Register against the wider background of the history of the 14th century town and port to which they belong, is of particular interest.

It is hoped to include a fuller review of *Rough's Register* in volume LVII of *Archæologia Cantiana*.

Kent Archaeological Society is a registered charity number 223382.

© Kent Archaeological Society