

Rev. J. H. Timins, Vicar of West Malling, an original member of this Society) in 1908 he resigned the living of Boughton-under-Blean, to which he had been appointed in 1887 by the Archbishop, and retired to West Malling. He was Rural Dean of Ospringe from 1897 to 1906.

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AN interesting discovery has been made in the north transept of this church, said by Hasted to be St. Giles' Chapel. It belongs to Barham Court, and when the rest of the church was drastically restored some years ago the then owner of the Court refused to allow any alteration to be made in the mean deal seating with which it was filled, underneath which was the Dering vault. The Court has now passed by purchase to Mr. Stainton. He has allowed the organ to be moved into it. It was known from Hasted that there were in his time brasses in this transept, and amongst Fisher's drawings in the British Museum is a drawing of one. It was uncertain whether they were under the seats or not, so Mr. Stainton took the opportunity when the work of fixing the organ was proceeding to direct a thorough search to be made on the floor to see if any brasses remained. The search was rewarded by the discovery of the brass, drawn by Fisher, and also of the remains of a large figure of a civilian.

The latter is somewhat damaged and the head has gone, but it is of early date, *circa* 1375, and of extreme interest. No figure of the same date and style is remaining in Kent, and it is a notable addition to the fine series in the county.

The other brass consists of a man in armour and his widow, and both the effigies are in good preservation and afford points of detail of interest. It was suggested by the Editor of *Fisher's Drawings*, recently published, that it might be for John Digges, Sheriff 1464 (4 Edw. IV.), and his widow, but a careful examination of the details of the armour would well warrant the assignment of a somewhat earlier date. The widow's effigy is very like the fine figure of Agnes Molyngton, 1454, still remaining at Dartford. The inscriptions and shields of arms are missing, and it is vexing that

the only part of the effigy of the male figure which is wanting is part of the crest of the helmet on which his head rests. If that had been there it would have afforded a certain guide to the correct ascription of the brass. Luckily, however, part of the crest remains, consisting of expanded dragon's wings.

In Dr. F. W. Cock's valuable *Philipot MS. Church Notes* is drawn a dragon's head between wings expanded, and this is expressly noted as the crest of the Digges. It is then almost certain that one, and possible that both the brasses are for members of the Digges family, who began buying property in the neighbourhood as early as *temp.* Hen. III.

As the slats had to be covered again, the brasses were removed from the floor and are now mural in the transept.

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No Congress of the Associated Archæological Societies was held in 1916. Although the printing of the Indexes for 1911-12 is deferred until the next Congress takes place, the Annual Report of the Committee on Ancient Earthworks will be issued for 1915-16, as usual.