

### **Cox's Derbyshire Churches: CRICH**

The vicars of Crich were, of course, appointed by the Abbots of Darley up to the time of the dissolution of the monasteries,

but after that date there was much confusion with respect to the patronage of the advowson, in connection with which there were several lawsuits of interminable length.

The claims were so conflicting that the successive Bishops of Lichfield declined to exercise their right to collate, and the presentation consequently lapsed to the Crown.

There is not a single presentation to Crich entered in the episcopal registers of the seventeenth century, nor is there one of the eighteenth century, until 1793.

At the end of last century the right of presentation was claimed by Sir Wolstan Dixie, and also by Sir Edward Wilmot,

both claiming through the heiresses of John Claye, who is alleged to have obtained it in the time of Elizabeth, from Anthony Babington,

who certainly held the great tithes of Crich through grant from the Crown.

Eventually the Dixie family made good their claim to the advowson, but after two presentations sold it to trustees.

The pre-reformation part of the following list of vicars is taken from the Episcopal registers, and the remainder chiefly from the returns of the First Fruits Office, and the parish register :

. Bricius.

1278. William de Draycote.

1298. John de Whalleye.

1313. William de Baliden. On the resignation of J. de W,

1340. Richard de Radecliff, rector of Nuthall, exchanged benefices with W. de B., vicar of Crich.

1348. Robert de Wakebridge, vicar of S. Mary's, Nottingham, exchanged benefices with E. de R., vicar of Crich.

1349. William de Baliden. On the death of R. de W.

. Rarus de Findern. On the resignation of W. de B.

1345. Roger de Walton, rector of Whittington, exchanged benefices with R. de F., vicar of Crich.

1356. William de Weston. On the death of R. de W.

1393. John Whitlesey. Collated of the Bishop.

. John Bagworth. On the resignation of J. W.

1397. William Bacon. On the resignation of J. B.

. Thomas Hoppeley.

1402. John Osmond. On the death of T. H.

. William Garton, rector of Bulwell, exchanged benefices with J. O., vicar of Crich.

. Peter Trusbut.

1418. Hugo Penyale. On the resignation of P. T.

1441. James Hyton, late chantry priest. On the resignation of H. P.

1451. John Fesand. On the resignation of J. H.

. James Romsore.

**1505. Richard Repyngdon. On the death of J. R.**

(1535.) William Richardson. Valor Ecclesiasticus.

1542. Richard Bankys ; patrons, Robert and Thomas Bradshaw, for this turn, by virtue of an agreement with the Abbot of the lately dissolved monastery of Darley. On the death of W. R.

1629. Thomas Shelmardine ; patron, John Eley, gen.

. Joseph Topham. Parish Registers. Probably he followed T. S. on his ejection in 1662.

. Thomas England, died Feb. 7th, 1730.

1731. John Walker; patron, the King, through lapse of time.

1775. John Mason ; patron, the King.

1793. Samuel Davenport ; patron, the King, by reason of lunacy. On the death of J. M.

1801. Thomas Cornthwaite ; patron, the King. On the death of S. D.

1838. Thomas Carson ; patron, Sir W. W. Dixie. On the resignation of T. C.

1849. G. W. Lewis; patron, Sir W. W. Dixie. On the resignation of T. C.

1855. William Chawner ; patrons, Edward Radford, Henry Anne Norman, Rev.

M. Holmes, John Garton, and William Wathey. On the resignation of G. W. L.

1875. William Acraman; patrons, Rev. Melville Holmes, clerk, Henry Anne Norman, gentleman, and Thomas Bellamy Dale, manufacturer. On the resignation of W. C.