

either side of the head, and beneath it SALVS PVBLICA. On the reverse there is a similar scene, but with the head of Giuliano de Medici looking to the left, with the words IVLIANVS MEDICES, and beneath LVCTVS PVBLICVS. On the ground is the body of Giuliano, struck down by the conspirators, and a group of men armed with daggers are fighting. The author of this medal has been called the precursor of Michael Angelo, for the vigour and correctness of his studies in the nude. Vasari tells us that he was the first artist who practised dissection for the purpose of improving his anatomical knowledge.

The REV. W. G. DIMOCK FLETCHER contributed the following Paper (which was read for him by the Hon. Secretary) on

THOMAS DAVENPORT, MAYOR OF LEICESTER, 1553-4.

THE Will of this Mayor, which is here set forth in full and has not before been printed, is preserved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, and is of some interest. Of his ancestry nothing whatever is known. Davenport is not a Leicestershire patronymic. A family of the name resided at Great Wigston as early as the sixteenth century, being descended from one Richard Davenport, who was living at Great Wigston 1570, served the office of Churchwarden there 1611, and died in 1623. And another family of the name resided at Belgrave about the same time. These were, however, both probably Cheshire families; and there is no proof that the Mayor belonged to either family.

But few facts are known about his life. He was a merchant of the staple of Calais, and resided in the parish of S. Martin, Leicester. The Churchwardens' Accounts of this church show that in the first year of the reign of King Edward VI., A.D. 1547, he purchased of the Churchwardens and other influential persons connected with S. Martin's a tabernacle for the sum of 3s. 4d., two vestments for 6s. 8d., certain altar-cloths for 12s., and an altar-cloth of red velvet and white damask for 17s. He also seems to have secured the consecrated altar-stone, and to have carefully preserved it in his house; for, on the accession of Queen Mary in 1553-4, during his mayoralty, when the pre-Reformation religion was restored, we find that this altar-stone was carried from his house to the church, and again set up in its original position. So that it appears extremely probable that he was one of those persons who secretly during the reign of Edward VI. clung to the form of worship they had been used to from their childhood, and who on the accession of Mary rejoiced at its restoration. (See *North's Chronicle of S. Martin's*, 128-9.) He evidently took a great interest in the affairs of the church, for he was present at every Easter Vestry, except in 1555, from 1547 to 1558. He did not

live to see the reformation brought about by the accession of Elizabeth to the throne; but died somewhere about June 1558, only a few months before the death of Queen Mary, and was buried in the Rood Chapel in S. Martin's before his seat there, when £3 was distributed amongst the poor, and 12s. paid for ringing bells at his funeral.

His wife Mary, daughter of Henry Barnes, of London, survived him, but died in 1564. His children were Henry, Dorothy, Katharine, and Jane; of whom Henry and Jane alone were living and were under age in October 1564. He also had two sisters, Elizabeth and Alice. The latter paid 8d. in 1564-5 to the Churchwardens for ringing bells at Mrs. Mary Davenport's funeral, but was herself buried 10 May 1571 at S. Martin's.

By his Will, he directed his body to be buried in the Rood Chapel in S. Martin's before his seat there; and bequeathed legacies to the mother church of Lincoln, to the high altar of S. Martin's, to amending the bridges and highways about Leicester, to the poor men's box in the new bede-house, to the box in the old bede-house, and to the widows of St. John's. As will be seen, he appears to have left a considerable estate. The extracts from the Parish Registers and Churchwardens' Accounts of S. Martin's appended, with the Will, tell us nearly all that we know about Thomas Davenport.

His name is variously spelt in the Accounts and Registers, Davenport, Davinport, Davynport, Dampart, Damparte, Dampport, Damporte, Damparde, Dompord, &c. But he signed it "Thom's Davenport" in 1555.

APPENDIX.

Churchwardens' Accounts of S. Martin's, Leicester.

1546-7.	Solde to Mast ^r . Daueport ffor a tabernacle ...	iijs. iiijd.
1547-8.	It'm recevyd of Mr. Dauport for ij vestmentes	vjs. viijd.
	It'm rec' of Mr. Dauport for altar clothes ...	xijs.
	It'm rec' of the same for altar clothe of Redd velvet & Whyt damaske	xvijs.
1550-1.	Itm̄ rec' of Mr. Davenport for hys chyld, iij belles	viijd.
1552-3.	Recevid ye xxvj day of May at ye buriall of Mr. Dampartes chylde for iij belles	viijd.
1553-4.	It'm pd. for the carryng of the altar ston for Mr. Mayres house to the churche	iiijd.
	It'm pd. for a busshell of lyme for the alt ^r ...	xd.
	It' pd. for ij me' for beryng ston to ye alt ^r ...	xvjd.
	It'm pd. to rouland Waygh for ij days work about the alt ^r	xvjd.

1553-4.	It'm to Robt. sekerston for iiij days work in the church & about the same alt'	xviij <i>d.</i>
1558-9.	rec' for Mr. Davynport	xijs.
	rec' for iij belles for Mrs. Davportes chyld ...	viiij <i>d.</i>
	rec' for a rynnynng for Mr. Dampport	iijs. iiiij <i>d.</i>
1564-5.	Receved of Misteris Ales Dompord for iij bales	viiij <i>d.</i>

Parish Register of S. Martin's, Leicester.

<i>Burials.</i>	1563.	Aug. 20.	Elizabeth Dixon, servant to Mrs. Ales Davinporte.
	1571.	May 10.	Alice Dampport bur.
<i>Marriage.</i>	1559.	June 26.	Nicholas Englishe & Marye Dam- port.

COPY OF WILL.

In the Name of the high and mooste blessed Trinitie Amen. I Thomas Damporte of the Towne of Leicestr and of the Staple at Callais Marchaunt being in good helthe and hole in mynde and memorye make this my last Wille and Testament in man' and fourme following that is to say: Whan it shall please allmighti God to call me to his mercy I bequeathe my soule to his mercifull goodness beseeching him to receyue it into the nombr of them that shalbe saved and to be one of the partakers of the merites of his blessed passion and my bodie I bequeathe to the erthe and to be buried in the place appointed for burying whenvr it shall please God to take me to his mercye wt'in this Towne of Leicestr. Thenne I wille my bodie to be buried in my Parishe Church in the Rood Chappell in Saincte Martins before my seate here. Item I bequeath for my obsequies and buriall *vli.* wherof three pounds to be geven to poore folke the daye of my buriall at the discreacion of myne executours. Item To our mother Church of Lincoln *xijd.* To the high aulter of Saincte Martins *xijd.* Item I geve towards thamending of bridges and hie waies about Leicestr the whiche to be doon at the sight of myn executours *vli.* Itm I geve to my twoo prentices Harrye and Thomas to evrye of them *xls.* a piece. Item I geve to my twoo sisters Elizabeth and Alice to evrye of them *xli.* apeece. Item I geve to every man s'unte and maid s'unte that I shalhave in my house the daye of my departing *vjs. viij*d.** the pece. Item I geve to the poore mens boxe in the newe bedhouse *xs.* and to the boxe in the old beadehouse *vjs. viij*d.** Item to the Widowes of Saincte Jones I geve *iijs. iiiij*d.** Item I give to Thomas Walker of London Murchaunt of the Staple at Callice one pece of fyne golde called haulf anolde souveraine and the best gowne that I shall have the day of my departing and to eu'ye of his children eu'ye one of them *vjs. viij*d.** a peace. Item

I geve unto my wife in readye monney *cli.* and all my landes that I have purchaced the tyme and so longe as she shall keepe her widowe or unmarried and one yere after she is married and then I will my said landes as followeth that is to saye I give to Harry my sonne the house I now dwell in wt the orchard dove-houses cloase the barne yard kidhouses gardens chambres and howsinges wt all other to the same belonging and also to the said Henrye my sonne I geve in ready money *li.* and thouse at the north side my house in tholding of John Carris wt all the appurtennces to the same belonging And to the saide Harrye one litill house of the west side my house now in my hands somtyme in thands of Thomas Leic' wt all suche leases and tacke that I shalhave at the day of my departing saving my wife to have all such leases so long as she is wedowe unmarried. Item I geve to Dorothee my daughter in ready money *xxxli.* and one house now in the holding of Thomas Leic' Fletcher with all the appurtennces to the same belonging. Item I geve unto Joane my daughter *xxxli.* in ready money and one house now in the holding of William Seymor with all thappurtennces to the same belonging. Item I geve unto Jane my daughter in readye mounney *xxxli.* and one house of the este side of my house in the holding of William Rivett and leased to Maister Mambee with thappurtennces to the said Jane and her heirs of her bodye lawfully begotten. And to the foresaid Henry Dorothe and Katherine and to their heires of their bodies lawfully begotten all the landes to them bequeathed. And if it fortune of any of thaforsaid Harry Dorothee Katherine or Jane to departe this world afore they be marryed or come to lawful age or w^tout heires that thenne their landes and parties of monney to be divided amongsthe rest living. And for lacke of heires of their bodies lawfully begotten to goe to my twoo sist^r and their heires and for lacke of them to the next of my kynne heir male. Item I geve to Maister Barnes of London my father in lawe for a remembrance *xl.* and to Willm Edward and Elizabeth his children evrye one of them *xs.* a peece. Item I give unto John Eyreeke *xs.* and the best jactett that I shalhave at the day of my departing. Item I geve unto Sr Thomas Thorpe in redye money *xxs.* The rest of my goodes my dettis paid my will p^rformed I will to be divided into twoo parties thone half I give unto my wife and thother half unto my children Harrye Dorothea Katherine and Jane saving that all ymplementis of my house as bourdes shelfis fourmes tables stooles leades cesternes and other implementes I give to Harrye my sonne when he shall entre of the house. And of this my last Wille and Testament I ordaine and constitute my father in lawe Mr. Barnes and my wife myne Executors, and Sr Walter Browne and Mr. John Erick Overseers of the same. In witness wherof I have written this wt myn owne hand and subscribed my name and setto my seale the *xiiiijth* daye of Decembr in the yere of our Lorde God M^oV. C. lvi^{to}.

The Will was proved in P.C.C. on 6th July 1558 by Mary Damporte widow and executrix, power reserved to Henry Barnes to administer. Administration de bonis non was granted 20th October 1564 to William Barnes uncle of Henry Damporte and Jane Damporte, children of the testator, during their minority, Mary Damporte the widow and executrix having died.

ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING.

The Annual Summer Meeting for 1886 was held at Lincoln, on Wednesday, the 30th of June, and Thursday, the 1st of July, 1886, when a small party of our members joined the members of the Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Architectural and Archæological Society.

Wednesday, 30th June.

After Morning Service in the Minster at ten o'clock, a Meeting was held in the Chapter House, under the presidency of the Lord Bishop of Nottingham. The Precentor of Lincoln delivered a preliminary lecture on the Architectural History of the Minster, and afterwards conducted the party round the Church. In the afternoon, after luncheon, which was provided in the County Assembly Rooms, various places of interest in Lincoln were visited, including the Roman Portico, Bailgate, the Jew's House, John of Gaunt's stables, the Churches of St. Peter-at-Arches and St. Mary-le-Wigford, the Old Palace, the Vicar's Court, &c. In the evening, after Dinner, a Meeting was held in the County Assembly Rooms, the Lord Bishop of Lincoln in the Chair, when after the President's opening address, a paper by M. H. Bloxam, Esq., F.S.A., on "The Tombs in Lincoln Cathedral," was read for him in his absence, also a paper by the Rev. F. G. Browne, B.D., on "The Pre-Norman Sculptured Stones of Lincoln."

Thursday, 1st July.

On the second day the members left Lincoln at half-past nine, and went by carriage to several Lincolnshire Churches and places of interest, which were well described by the Lord Bishop of Nottingham, whose most interesting description will be found in the *Associated Societies' Reports and Papers*. The first place visited was

CANWICK.

The Church is dedicated to All Saints', and was originally a small Norman structure, consisting of a nave, tower, north aisle, and chancel, of the earlier part of the twelfth century. Of this the aisle, arcade, and chancel arch are the principal remaining features.