

1613 (no college entered in University Subscription Register). B.A. from Magd. Hall 2 July, 1616. M.A., 9 July, 1619. B.D., 16 Apr., 1629. Dean of Arts, 1628, 1629. Bursar, 1631, 1635. Resigned 1639, having been presented to the vicarage of Findon, Sussex, 24 Nov., 1638 (*Ledger M*, f. 265). A namesake, who is confounded with him in Foster's *Alumni Oxon.*, was vicar of Shorne, Kent, in 1617; rector of Flowton, Suffolk, in 1624; and vicar of St. Margaret, Rochester, in 1625.

Holt, Thomas; Oxon. Demy, 1622; *Dem. Reg.* ii. 42. B.D., 7 July, 1627. Had six months' leave 12 Feb., 1627. Resigned 1628. One Thomas Holt was preb. of Combe Secunda at Wells in 1641, and of Lytton in 1665, and Chancellor 1660; his will (dated 13 Apr., 1688) was proved 18 Apr., 1689 (Foster's *Alumni Oxon.*). If he is to be identified with our Fellow, who was fifteen years old when matriculated in 1611, he was then aged 93 at his death. He was D.D. when appointed Chancellor of Wells, and it appears from Weaver's *Somerset Incumbents* that he held at various times the following livings: vicarage of Weston Zoyland, 1638; rectory of Lamyat, 1641; rectory of Batcombe, 1666; and rectory of Wraxall, 1686.

Smith, Ralph; Bucks. Demy, 1613; *Dem. Reg.* ii. 43. Had a year's leave of absence 1 Nov., 1621; again, 18 Sept., 1622, and 2 Oct., 1623. B.D., 7 July, 1627. Resigned 1629. Rector of Milton Keynes, Bucks, on the presentation of his mother, in succession to his father, Ralph Smith; instit. 2 June, 1638. He was buried there 3 March, 1657.

1617. **Stonehouse, Walter**; London. Scholar of Wadham College, 1613. Matric. June, 1614. B.A., 25 Feb., 1617. M.A., 11 Dec., 1619. Incorp. at Cambridge, 1621. Licensed to preach 3 Dec., 1628. B.D., 16 Apr., 1629. Prael. of Logic 1619-20. Resigned 1629. Pres. by the University to a rectory in the diocese of Canterbury 7 March, 1631, which he resigned before the end of the year, apparently on being presented to the first mediety of the rectory of Darfield, Yorkshire, by John Savile, of Methley, Esq., to

which he was instituted 3 Oct., 1631. Hunter (*South Yorkshire*, ii. 116) says that he was held in great esteem by the Savile family, and by Sir John Jackson of Hickleton, who was the centre of a literary circle in which Stonehouse was included, and in which Lightfoot, Sir Henry Wotton, and Bishop Morton were sometimes found. He 'was an early student in natural history, and one of the first Englishmen who made any collection of coins and medals. They were purchased after his death by [Thomas] Lord Fairfax, and eventually formed the basis of that department of the very curious museum formed by Thoresby in his house at Leeds.' Hunter's statement is derived from a note in the Catalogue of the MSS. in Ralph Thoresby's Museum, p. 87, part ii of the second edition of *Musaeum Thoresbyanum*, edited by Dr. T. D. Whitaker, and attached by him to his *Ducatus Leodiensis*, fol. 1816. In this collection there was a MS. of Stonehouse's, entitled 'Nummorum antiquorum Thesaurus.' Hunter adds, 'He has a poem in the collection of verses to the memory of Sir Rowland Cotton of Bella-port in Shropshire,' which was published under the title of *Parentalia* in 1635. Walker (*Sufferings of the Clergy*, 373) says that he was forcibly ejected from Darfield by the Parliamentary Commissioners and imprisoned. He died 17 July, 1655 (*Sixth Report of Hist. MSS. Commission*, 1877, p. 420), aged 58. On 8 Sept., 1621, he gave to the Bodleian Library a fine copy of King James's *Essayes of a Prentise*, 4°, Edinb., 1585 (in which sheet C is now unhappily wanting); shelf-marked, 4°, L. 66 Art. Two MSS. written by him are known to be in existence, and probably more may be found; of the two the one is in the College Library, and the other in the library of the late Philip B. D. Cooke, Esq., at Owston Hall, Yorkshire. The former is a folio volume containing nineteen of his sermons, very neatly written, in double columns, within ruled red lines. This was seen by me many years ago in a catalogue of the late well-known and well-read, but somewhat eccentric, bookseller of Bristol, Mr. Kerslake (whose catalogues were

always interesting, and of whose own curious antiquarian pamphlets I possess many which he gave me), priced at £4 14s. I immediately communicated with Dr. Bloxam, who happily secured it for our library*. On the title-page is an engraved label of an eagle fastened to a stand with a scroll bearing the words, 'Servus natus theologus.' The volume begins with a long bidding-prayer, in which Stonehouse's two Colleges are commemorated, and the subsequent contents are as follows. Three sermons on Conversion, on St. Luke vii. 37, 38, the first preached in College, the others at St. Mary's, Oxford. On Baptism, on St. John iii. 5, with a preface to Mrs. Anne Cheiney, dated, 'from Bersteede in Kente,' 1 Jan., 1625. On the Gowrie Conspiracy (Ps. lxii. 4, 5), at St. Martin's, Oxford, 5 Aug., 1623. At President Langton's funeral (Ps. xlix. 10), with a preface to Mrs. Mary Langton, the widow, who is addressed as being his cousin, preached in the College 23 Oct., 1626. (From this some extracts are given in the account of Langton, pp. 114-5, *supra*.) Three at St. Mary's, of which one was on Easter Monday, 14 Apr., 1623. Two at College, the second on St. John Bapt. Day, 1629. One at Paul's Cross, 7 Aug., 1631. At the Archdeacon of York's visitation at Rotherham, 14 June, 1633. At the Archbishop of York's [Neile's] first visitation at Doncaster, 15 Oct., 1636. And, lastly, four at Darfield, on the first Sunday in Lent and Easter Day, 1636, and on the first and third Sundays in Lent, 1639. The other MS. is 'Turcarum Historia generalis' to the year 1613, written while he was a young undergraduate, in 213 pages. At the end he adds this memorandum: 'Ista

* In like manner I was fortunately the means of the recovery for Buckingham parish Church of a fine MS. Latin Bible, given to it in 1471, which had been in Browne Willis' library, from the price of which Mr. Kerslake offered to make a liberal deduction if bought for the purpose of restoration. Of this I informed the then Vicar, Rev. H. Roundell, who at once gladly availed himself and his church of the offer. A large mass of the original MSS. of Handel which are now in the Royal Library at Windsor Castle came from Kerslake's; they were offered at, I think, forty-five guineas, their genuineness not having been then ascertained, were bought by Mr. V. Schœlcher, and were eventually sold by him to Windsor for £1000.

collegi Gualterus Stonehouse, Coll. Wadham. scholaris anno 1613, aetatis meae anno 16'; and subjoins subsequently, in 1631, a very useful piece of parochial history (affording an early example of research in a direction which even now needs to be pressed in many places as one of importance) in 'Ordo successionis Rectorum medietatis ecclesiae parochialis de Darfield in comitatu et dioecesi Eboracensis ab A.D. 1228 ad an. 1631' (*Sixth Report of Hist. MSS. Comm.*, ut supra).

His only daughter Anne became the wife of the eminent and laborious ecclesiastical historian, Dr. William Cave (Nichols' *Leicestershire*, ii. 773). The Walter Stonehouse, born in 1630, who was elected Demy in 1645, was probably a son.

Williamson, Robert; Northamptonshire. Demy, 1613; *Dem. Reg.* ii. 43-46. He had frequent leaves of absence, but held office as Praelector of Theology from 1630 until his death. On 8 Feb., 1638, he was collated to a prebend in Peterborough Cathedral, which was vacant by the resignation of his father, Dr. Robert Williamson, whom he appears also to have succeeded in the rectory of Tichmarsh, Northants. In 1636 he was appointed one of the delegates for reformation of the University Statutes. He was one of the few Fellows who submitted to the authority of the Parliamentary Visitors on 3 May, 1648, and consequently retained his fellowship. Pres. Wilkinson appointed him and Dr. Pelham, with the Visitors' consent, on 12 May to receive all moneys due to the College from tenants and others; but Anth. Chibnall, the Bursar, refused to obey an order to deliver up to them the necessary registers and books (Burrows' *Register of the Visitors*, 1881, p. 83), for which he was ordered to be detained in custody until he did so (*ib.* p. 88). He was one of twenty delegates appointed by the Proctors as a standing Council on all matters relating to the University (*ib.* p. 102 n.). He died 12 Apr., 1652. The inventory of his goods, taken the day following, is in the Univ. Archives. In money he left £273 18s. 6d., and £50 were due to him upon a bond; a horse and harness were valued at £9;