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Modern machine-assisted Musean edition by Mouseia, from Halliwell's 1842 printing. Latin entries and catalogue titles are translated; uncertain readings are marked. In the Original, 'whereof' is normalized to 'of which' in five entries. The 9 December 1579 dream is decoded and respelled, with 'sal' for the cipher's 'shal'; the other decoded cipher reads 'one uppon a hundred'. This edition decodes the remaining cipher passages. Greek follows the source transcription. The editor's preface, footnotes, index and Ashmole's separate list are omitted.

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GAPS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The diary survives in a 17th-century transcript (Ashmole MS); the text follows Halliwell's 1842 printing of it. The original keeps Dee's Latin; both English editions translate the Latin phrases, the Latin titles he cites and the Latin catalogue. Several Latin words in the printing look corrupt or are unattested (for example *inexplissima*, *Mensitam*, *miles*, *Maxima era*, *proleolem*, *Crotoviam*, the entry for 7 May 1588, *super* in the entry for 24 Nov. 1587, *Michaelium*, *legem* in the entry for 29-30 May 1590, and in the catalogue *Maleus* and the ambiguous *Ecclesiasticen*); these are kept in italics with a bracketed note rather than guessed. The Original's existing source normalizations are disclosed in both edition notes: five instances of 'whereof' read 'of which'; the 9 December 1579 dream is decoded and respelled, with 'sal' for the cipher's 'shal'; the other decoded cipher reads 'one uppon a hundred'.

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Year 1554

Aug. 25th, Bartholomew Hikman was born at Shugborowh in Warwikshyre toward evening. My conjecture, from his own report of the circumstances. Oct. 25th, Mr. Daniel Vander Meulen at Antwerp, in the morning at four.

Year 1555

April 22nd, Jane Fromonds was born at Cheyham at noon. Aug. 1st, Ed. Kelly was born at four in the afternoon, as his father left it noted. Oct. 12th, the Lord Willughby was born at seven in the morning, before noon, Lat. $51^{\circ} 30'$, at Wesell in Gelderland.

Year 1557

July 30th, Mr. Arundell of Cornwayle was born about [the hour of] four in the afternoon.

Year 1558

Dec. 14th, Mary Nevelle, alias Mary Lewknor, was born between 11 and noon in the morning, by Chichester.

Year 1560

July 8th, Margaret Russell, Countess of Cumberland, at 2:09 in the morning at Exeter.

Year 1561

Aug. 14th, Mr. Heydon, of Baconsthorp in Norfolk, was born at 11½ at night in the county of Surrey.

Year 1563

March 23rd, Mr. William Fennar after noon, between eleven and twelve at night. June 23nd, Jane Cooper, now Mrs. Kelly, toward evening. Sept. 28th, Mr. John Ask before noon, six miles this side of York; Elizabeth Mownson, about 9 in the morning, sister of Mr. Thomas Mownson and wife of Mr. Brown.

Year 1564

Mrs. Brigit Cooke was born about seven o'clock on Saint David's Day, which is the first day of March, being a Wednesday; but I cannot yet learn whether it was before noon or after. She thinks herself to be only 27 years old, in the year 1593, on March 1st, but it cannot be so. June 20th, Mr. Hudson, at seven before noon. Aug. 21st, Wenefride Goose, between 9 and 10 after noon by Kingstone.

Year 1565

Sept. 12th, John Pontoys, between 9 and 10 before noon near Stony-Stratford; I think rather it was at 8:43. Oct. 17th, Thomas Kelly at four in the afternoon at Wurceter. Dec. 21st, Mr. Thomas Mownson at 11 o'clock in the morning.

Year 1568

July 14th, William Emery was born at Danbery in Essex a little after eleven at night. Sept. 24th, Margaret Anderson in the morning between 7 and 8.

Year 1571

Samuel Swallow was born at Thaxstede in Essex Feb. 15 before noon, between eleven and twelve, perhaps at half past eleven.

Year 1575

July 31st, Simeon Stuard was born before daybreak at 11½ at Shinfelde; his maternal grandfather was Dr. Huyck, the Queen's physician.

Year 1577

Jan. 16th, the Earl of Leicester, Mr. Philip Sidney, Mr. Dyer, etc., came to my house. Jan. 22nd, The Earl of Bedford came to my house. Feb. 19th, great wind S.W., close, cloudy. March 11th, my fall on my right knuckle bone, at about 9

in the morning; with oil of Hypericon it eased within 24 hours, beyond all hope. God be thanked for such goodness in his creatures! March 24th, Alexander Simon the Ninivite came to me, and promised me his service into Persia. May 1st, I received from M. William Harbert of St. Gillian his notes upon my Monas. May 2nd, I learned of one Vincent Murfyn's abominable mistreatment of me behind my back; Mr. Thomas Besbich told me his father is one of the cooks of the Court. May 20th, I hired the barber of Cheswik, Walter Hooper, to keep my hedges and knots in as good order as he said they were then, with at least two cuttings a year, and he to have five shillings yearly, meat and drink. June 10th, about 10, a shower of hail and rain. June 18th, borrowed £40 from John Hilton of Fulham. June 19th, I learned of more of Vincent Murfyn's knavery; borrowed £20 from Bartholomew Newsam. June 20th, borrowed £27 on the gold chain. June 26th, Elen Lyne gave me a quarter's warning. June 27th, showers of rain and hail. Aug. 19th, the *Hexameron Brytanicum* (The British Hexameron) put to printing.

Nov. 3rd, William Rogers of Mortlak, about 7 o'clock in the morning, cut his own throat, at the devil's instigation. Nov. 6th, Sir Umfrey Gilbert came to me at Mortlak. Nov. 18th, borrowed from Mr. Edward Hynde of Mortlak £30 to be repaid at Hallowtide next year. Nov. 20th, two tides in the forenoon, the first 2 or 3 hours too soon. Nov. 22nd, I rode to Windsor to the Queen's Majesty. Nov. 25th, I spoke with the Queen at five. Nov. 28th, I spoke with the Queen at five; I spoke with Mr. Secretary Walsingham. I explained to the Queen her title to Greenland, Estetiland and Friseland. Dec. 1st, I spoke with Sir Christofer Hatton; he was knighted that day. Dec. 1st, I went from the court at Windsor. Dec. 30th, that *inexplissima* [sic; not a Latin word, probably corrupt; perhaps "inexplicable" or "unpardonable"] slander about R. Edward was being denounced against me, most unjustly, from some quarter: some days having already passed, but ... by his wisdom [the verb is missing] me innocent.

Year 1578

Feb. 5th, the betrothal with Jane Fromonds at about one o'clock. April 28th, I caused Sir Rowland Haywood to examine Francys Baily about his slandering me, which he utterly denied. June 13th, rain and in the afternoon a little thunder. June 30th, I told Mr. Daniel Rogers, with Mr. Hackluyt of the Middle Temple present, that King Arthur and King Maty, both of them, conquered Gelindia, lately called Friseland, which he noted at once in his written copy of [Geoffrey of] Monmouth, for he had no printed book of it. July 14th, my sister Elizabeth Fromonds came to me. July 27th, at 9:15 after noon, Francis, Countess of Hertford.

Aug. 5th, Mr. Raynolds of Bridewell took his leave of me as he passed toward Dartmouth to go with Sir Umfry Gilbert toward Hocheleya. Aug. 15, I went toward Norwich with my work *The British Empire*. Aug. 23rd, I came to London from Norwich. Aug. 31st, I went to my father-in-law Mr. Fromonds to Cheyham.

Sept. 1st, I came from Cheyham. Sept. 6th, Elen Lyne, my maiden, departed from this life immediately after midday, when she had been sick a month minus one day. Sept. 12th, Jane Gaele came to my service, and she was to have four nobles a year, 26s. 8d. Sept. 25th, Her Majesty came to Richemond from Greenwich. Sept. 26, the first rain that came for many a day; all pasture around us was withered: rain in the afternoon like April showers. Oct. 8th, the Queen's Majesty had conference with me at Richemond between 9 and 11. Oct. 16th, Dr. Bayly conferred about the Queen's disease. Oct. 22nd, Jane Fromonds went to the court at Richemond. Oct. 25th, a fit from 9 in the afternoon to 1 after midnight. Oct. 28, the Earl of Leicester and Sir Francys Walsingham, secretary, determined my going over for the Queen's Majesty. Nov. 4th, I was directed on my voyage by the Earl of Leicester and Mr. Secretary Walsingham at nine. Nov. 7th, I came to Gravesende. Nov. 9th, I went from Lee to sea. Nov.

14th, I came to Hamburg at three. Dec. 11th, to Franckfurt-uppon-Oder. Dec. 15th, news of Turnifer's coming at eight in the morning, by a special messenger.

Year 1579

A moist March and not windy. June 10th, I showed Mr. John Lewis and his son, the physician, the manner of drawing aromatic oils. At that time my cat caught a fledgling young sparrow which had only a right wing, naturally. June 15th, my mother surrendered the Mortlak houses and land, and had estate given in full court for the term of her life, and to me was also the reversion delivered by the rod, and to my wife Jane through me, and after that to my heirs and assigns forever, to understand, Mr. Bullok and Mr. Taylor, surveyor, at Wimbledon, under the tree by the church. June 22nd, Mr. Richard Hickman and Bartholomew, his nephew, came to me with Mr. Flowr, recommended by Mr. Vicechamberlain Sir Christopher Hatton.

July 6th, Mr. Hitchcok, who had traveled in the flat country for fishing, made my acquaintance and offered me great courtesy.

July 13th, Arthur Dee was born, a boy, in the morning at about 4 hours 30 minutes, or rather 25 minutes, at the very sunrise, as I judge. After 10 o'clock this night my wife's father, Mr. Fromonds, was speechless, and died on Tuesday (July 14th) at 4 o'clock in the morning. July 16th, Arthur was christened at 3 in the afternoon; Mr. Dyer and Mr. Doctor Lewys, judge of the Admiralty, were his godfathers; and Mrs. Blanche Pary of the Privy Chamber his godmother. But Mr. John Harbert of Estshene was deputy for Dr. Lewys, and Mrs. Awbrey was deputy for my cousin Mrs. Blanche Pary.

Aug. 8th, John Elmeston, student of Oxford, came to me for dialing. Aug. 9th, Jane Dee churched. Aug. 16th, Monsieur came secretly to the court from Calays. Aug. 20th, windy, cloudy, rainy. Aug. 26, Monsieur went back again to France. Sept. 10th, my dream of being naked, and my skin all overwrought with work like some kind of tuft mockado, with crosses blue and red; and on

my left arm, around the arm, in a wreath, this word I read—without me you can do nothing: and another the same night of Mr. Secretary Walsingham, Mr. Candish, and myself.

Oct. 3rd, Sir Leonel Ducket's unkind letter for money. Oct. 4th, goodman Hilton requested that his two sons come to my house. Oct. 5th, a raging wind from the West and Southerly, chiefly at night. Oct. 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, great rain for three or four days and nights. Oct. 13th, this day it broke up; the foot boat for the ferry at Kew was swamped and six persons drowned, through the ferryman's negligence in driving the boat onto the rope set there to help, because of the violent and high waters. Oct. 18th, Mr. Adrian Gilbert and John Davys reconciled themselves to me, and disclosed some of Emery's most dishonest, hypocritical, and devilish dealings and devices against me and others, as well as the abominable words and deeds of that outright strumpet; and John Davis said that he might curse the time he ever knew Emery, and had so much followed his wicked counsel and advice. So just is God! Oct. 31st, paid 20s. fine for me and Jane my wife to the Lord of Wimbleton (the Queen), through goodman Burton of Putney, for the surrender made by my mother of all she has in Mortlak to Jane and me, and then to my heirs and assigns, etc.

Nov. 25th, the Lord Clinton came to me and offered Skirbeck by Boston for Long Lednam. Nov. 29th, I received a letter from Mr. Thomas Jones. Dec. 9th, This night my wife dreamed that one cam to her and touched her, saying, "Mistres Dee, you are conceived of child, whose name must be Zacharias; be of good cheer, he shall do well as this does!" Dec. 22nd, I paid Jane 13s. and 4d. for her wages until Michelmas last, for the half year, so that I still owe her 6s. 8d. Dec. 28th, I revealed to Roger Coke the great secret of the elixir of the salt of acetels [cipher decoded; substance unclear], one upon a hundred.

Year 1580

Jan. 13th, I gave my wife money for the month. Jan. 16th, Arthur fell sick, stuffed with cold phlegm, could not sleep, had no appetite for food or drink as he had done before. Feb. 26th, this night the fire, all in flame, came into my maidens' chamber again, between eleven and twelve o'clock; it continued half an hour terribly, as it had done a year before to the same maidens, Mary Cunstable and Jane Gele. May 17th, at the Moscovy house for the Cathay voyage. June 3rd, Mr. A. Gilbert and J. Davys rode homeward into Devonshire. June 7th, Mr. Skydmor and his wife stayed at my house and Mr. Skydmor's daughter, and the Queen's dwarf Mrs. Tomasin. June 8th, my wife went with Mrs. Skydmor to the court. June 12th, Mr. Zackinson and Mr. Cater stayed at my house, having supped at my Lady Crofts. June 14th, Mr. Fosku of the Wardrip stayed at my house, and went the next day to London with Mr. Coweller. July 15th, the Lady Croft went from Mortlak to the court at Otlands.

June 30th, paid Jane 20s. for three quarters' wages, so that all that is due is paid, and all other reckonings likewise are paid her, 6s. 8d.; and Mary Constable was paid all old reckonings, 15s., and my wife had eleven pounds to discharge everything for the next thirteen weeks, that is, until the 5th of November: I delivered Mr. Williams, the parson of Tendring, a letter of attorney against one White of Colchester, for a slander.

Aug. 27th, Arthur was weaned for the first time this night. Aug. 28th, my dealing with Sir Humfrey Gilbert for his grant of discovery. Aug. 30th, Nurse Darant was discharged and had 10s. given her, which was the whole quarter's wages due at a fortnight after Michelmass.

Sept. 6th, Her Majesty came to Richemond. Sept. 10th, Sir Humfry Gilbert granted me my request to him, made by letter, for the royalties of discovery all to the North above the parallel of the 50 degree of latitude, in the presence of Stoner, Sir John Gilbert, his servant or retainer; and thereupon took me by the

hand with faithful promises in his lodging in John Cooke's house in Wichcross Street, where the three of us dined alone together, it being Saturday. Sept. 13th, Mr. Lock brought his son Benjamyn to me: his eldest son, also called Zacharie, came with him at that time. Sept. 17th, Her Majesty came from Rychemond in her coach by the higher way of Mortlak field, and when she came opposite the church she turned down toward my house: and when she was opposite my garden in the field she stood there a good while, and then came into the street at the great gate of the field, where she spied me at my door making obeisance to Her Majesty; she beckoned me with her hand; I came to her coach side, she very quickly pulled off her glove and gave me her hand to kiss; and to be brief, asked me to come to her court, and to let her know when I came there; at 6¼ in the afternoon. Sept. 14th, I began against Vincent Murphyn. Sept. 15th, I wrote to the bishop of London. Sept. 22nd, my declaration against Vincent Murphyn put into the court of Geldhall.

Oct. 3rd, on Monday, at 11 o'clock before noon, I delivered my two rolls of the Queen's Majesty's title to herself in the garden at Richemond, who appointed after dinner to hear further of the matter. Therefore, between one and two in the afternoon, I was sent for into Her Highness's Privy Chamber, where the Lord Treasurer also was, who, the matter having been only slightly touched on then in consultation, seemed to doubt much that I had made or could make the argument convincing for Her Highness's title as I claimed. Whereupon I was to declare to his honor more plainly, and at his leisure, what I had said and could say in the matter, which I did on Tuesday and Wednesday following, at his chamber, where he treated me very honorably on his behalf. Oct. 7th, on Friday I came to my Lord Treasurer, and he, being told that I was outside, and also as I stood before him when he came out, did not or would not speak to me, I have no doubt because of some new grievance he had taken. Oct. 10th, Her Majesty, to my great comfort (at five), came with her train from the court and, graciously calling me to her at my door on horseback, urged me briefly to take my mother's death patiently, and also told me that the Lord Treasurer had greatly commended my doings for her title, which he had to examine, that title in two rolls he had brought home two hours before; she remembered also how

at my wife's death it was her fortune likewise to call upon me. At 4 o'clock in the morning my mother Jane Dee died at Mortlak; she made a godly end: God be praised for it! She was 77 years old. Oct. 20th, I had £100 damages awarded me by my jury at Geldhall against Vincent Murphyn the swindler. Oct. 22nd, with much ado I had judgment against Murfin at Geldhall. A marvelous hoarseness and near speechlessness came upon me, though I was nothing at all otherwise sick. Oct. 25th, Morrice Kyffin departed from me with my leave. Nov. 2nd, the Lord Treasurer sent me a haunch of venison. Thomas Suttle had the bishop of Canterbury's letter for Sir Richard. Nov. 3rd, I wrote to my Lord Treasurer. Nov. 6th, Helen came to my service. Nov. 12th, somewhat better in my voice. Nov. 22nd, the blazing star I could see no more, though it was a clear night. Dec. 1st, news came by Dr. Deny from Ireland of the overthrow of the Italians whom the Pope had sent, the Queen lying at Richemond. Dec. 6th, the Queen removed from Richmond. Dec. 8th, I received letters from Rome, written by brother Laudervicea.

1581 Feb. 9th, I agreed with Mr. Gentle Godolphin to release the swindler Vincent Murphin. Feb. 11th, Harry Prise, of Lewsam, came to me at Mortlak, and told of his dreams often repeated, and upon my prayer to God this night his dream was confirmed, and better instruction given. Feb. 12th, Sir William Harbert came to Mortlak. Feb. 23rd, I made the acquaintance of Joannes Bodinus, in the Presence Chamber at Westminster, the ambassador being by from Monsieur. Feb. 26th, a very fair calm warm day.

March 8th, it was the 8th day, being Wednesday, at the 10th, 11th hour of the night, the strange noise in my chamber of knocking; and the voice, ten times repeated, somewhat like the screech of an owl, but more drawn out and softer, as it were in my chamber. March 12th, all reckonings paid to Mr. Hudson, £11. 17s. March 13th, Elizabeth Kyrton came to my service. March 23rd, at Mortlak came to me Hugh Smyth, who had returned from Magellan straits and Vaygatz; after that, rainy, stormy wind, S.W.

March 25th, Helen was hired at our Lady day for the year for four nobles' wages; she had her covenant penny, and also 6s. 8d. for her pains taken since she came. April 3rd, I rode toward Snedgreene, to John Browne, to hear and see the manner of the doings. April 14th, I came home from Snedgreene. May 25th, I had sight in +crystal+ offered me, and I saw. June 7th, at 7½ in the morning Katharine Dee was born. June 10th, Katharine was baptized at 5½ in the afternoon. Mr. Packington of the court, my Lady Katarin Crofts, wife to Sir James Crofts, Mr. Controller of the Queen's household, Mrs. Mary Skydmor of the Privy Chamber, and cousin to the Queen, by their deputies christened Katharin Dee. June 17th, young Mr. Hawkins, who had been with Sir Francis Drake, came to me to Mortlake. June 30th, Mr. John Leonard Haller, of Hallerstein, by Worms in Germany, received his manifold instructions for his journey to Quinsay, which journey I urged him into, and instructed him fully on the variation of the compass, observing in all places as he passed.

July 6th, my wife churched. July 7th, in the morning at 1¼ after midnight, Mr. Hinde's son was born. July 10th, my right shoulder and elbow joint were in such extreme pain that for 14 days I could not lift my arm outward, not even an inch; the pain was extreme; I used Mr. Larder, Mr. Alles, and Alise Davyes, and about the 25th day I got better. July 12th, about half past ten in the morning, Roger's incredible stubbornness and ingratitude against me, to my face, almost ready to lay violent hands on me; mager [word unclear in the source], Henrik can partly tell. On the same day the Earl of Leicester fell out foully with the Earl of Sussex, Lord Chamberlain, calling each other traitor, whereupon both were commanded to keep their chambers at Greenwich, where the court was. July 19th, Mr. Henrick went to London to visit his wife and children. July 26th, Mr. Haylok came, and goodman King with him. July 28th, Mr. Collens did ride into Lincolneshire.

Aug. 3rd, all the night very strange knocking and rapping in my chamber. Aug. 4th, and this night likewise. Katharin was sent home from nurse Maspely, of Barnes, for fear of her maid's sickness, and goodwife Benet nursed her. Aug. 11th, Katharine Dee was moved to nurse Garret at Petersham on Friday, the next day after St. Lawrence day, being the 11th day of the month; my wife went

on foot with her, and Ellen Cole, my maid, George and Benjamin, in very heavy showers of rain. Aug. 12th, I received letters from Doctor Andreas Hess, a student of hidden philosophy, through the diligence of Richard Hesketh my friend, who was acting at Antwerp, in my affairs; and I received, together with the letters, the *Mensitam* of Mercury [sic; not an attested Latin word, so the meaning is uncertain], or Seal of the Planets. Aug. 26th, about 8½ (at night) a strange meteor in the form of a white cloud crossing the galaxy, when it lay north and south over our zenith; this cloud was in length from the S.E. to the S.W., sharp at both ends, and at the west end it was forked for a while; it was about sixty degrees high, it lasted an hour, all the sky clear around, and fair starshine.

Sept. 5th, Roger Cook, who had been with me from his 14 years of age until 28, of a melancholy nature, picking and devising occasions of just cause to depart suddenly, about 4 o'clock in the afternoon asked me for leave to depart, whereupon hot words rose between us; and he, imagining to himself that he had deserved my great displeasure on the 12 of July and finding himself barred from seeing my philosophical dealings with Mr. Henrik, thought that he was utterly cut off from the goodness intended toward him. Despite Roger Cook's unseemly behavior, I promised him, if he conducted himself toward me during this absence, one hundred pounds as soon as I could spare so much out of my own clear ability; and moreover, if he conducted himself well in life toward God and the world, I promised him some neat alchemical experiments, upon which he might live respectably. Sept. 7th, Roger Cook went away from me altogether. Sept. 29th, Robert Gardner, of Shrewsbury, came to my service.

Oct. 8th, I had news of the chests of books found by Owndle in Northamptonshire; Mr. Barnabas Sawle told me of them, but I found no truth in it. Oct. 9th, Barnabas Saul, lying in the ... hall, was strangely troubled by a spiritual creature about midnight. Oct. 13th, I rode to Sowth Myms. Oct. 14th, to St. Nedes. Oct. 16th, at Mr. Hikman's. Oct. 20th, at Tosseter. Oct. 21st, Oxford, Dr. Cradocke. Oct. 23rd, from Oxford to Wyckam. Oct. 24th, I came home. Robert Hilton came to my service.

Nov. 16th, the Queen removed to White Hall, and Monsieur with her. Nov. 27th, I rode to Greensede. Nov. 28th, to goodman Wykham, 2 miles beyond Chayly by Lewys. Nov. 29th, I made the acquaintance of Mr. George Kylmer for Sir George's books. Nov. 30th, I came home. Dec. 1st, Katharyn Dee's nurse was paid 6s., so nothing is owed to her. Dec. 5th, Elen my maiden fell sick. Dec. 7th, George my man had a great fall from the ladder, about 10 in the morning. Dec. 8th, I sent a letter to Mr. Kylmer. Dec. 22nd, my Lord Chancellor's son, Mr. Bromley, and Sir William Herbert came to me. Helen Cole was paid her wages and reckoning until this Christmas, and so discharged from my service, being newly recovered of her ague. Her desire was to go to her friends.

Year 1582

Jan. 11th, Robert Gardener asked my leave to go and live with Sir William Herbert, at 12 of the clock. Jan. 16th, Mistress Harbert came to Essex. Jan. 17th, Randal Hatton came home from Samuel's father at Stratton Audley. Jan. 22nd, Arthur Dee and Mary Herbert, the eldest of them being only 3 years old, did put on something like a child's wedding, calling each other husband and wife. Jan. 22, 23rd. The first day Mary Herbert came to her father's house at Mortlake, and the second day she came to her father's house at Estshene. Jan. 23rd, my wife went to nurse Garret and paid her for this month ending the 26th day. Jan. 27th, Barnabas Saul's brother came. Feb. 12th, about 9 of the clock, Barnabas Saul and his brother Edward went homeward from Mortlake: Saul's indictment being by law found insufficient at Westminster Hall: Mr. Serjeant Walmesley, Mr. Owen and Mr. Hyde, his lawyers at the bar for the matter, and Mr. Ive, the clerk of the Crown Office, favoring the other side. Feb. 20th, Mr. Bigs of Stentley by Huntingdon and John Littlechild came to me. I received a letter from Barnabas Saul. Feb. 21st, Mr. Skulthorp rode toward

Barnabas. Feb. 25th, Mr. Skulthorp came home. Paid nurse Garret for Katharin until Friday the 23rd day, 6s.; then something still due to the nurse for 3 pounds of candle and 4 pounds of soap.

March 1st, Mr. Clerkson brought Magnus to me at Mortlake, and so went again that day. March 6th, Barnabas Saul came again this day about one of the clock and went to London the same afternoon. He confessed that he neither heard nor saw any spiritual creature any more. March 8th, Mr. Clerkson and his friend came to my house. Barnabas went home again about 3 or 2 o'clock; he was not staying at my house now; he went, I say, on Thursday, with Mr. Clerkson. March 8th, the sky appeared to burn and to redden like blood in various places about the ninth hour of the night, especially toward the northern and western part: but beyond our heads toward the south often *miles* [Latin for "a soldier"; probably a corrupt word in the source] as if bloody. March 9th, Friday at dinner time Mr. Clerkson and Mr. Talbot declared a great deal of Barnabas's wicked dealings toward me: telling Mr. Clerkson ill things about me, that I should make his friend, that I was weary of me, that I would so flatter his friend, the learned man, that I would borrow him from him. But his friend told me, before my wife and Mr. Clerkson, that a spiritual creature had told him that Barnabas had spoken against both Mr. Clerkson and me. The injuries which this Barnabas had done me in many ways were very great. March 22nd, Mr. Talbot went to London to make his journey.

April 16th, Nurse Garret had her 6s. for her month ending on the 20th day. April 22nd, a fine shower of rain early this morning. May 4th, Mr. Talbot went. May 13th, Jane rode to Cheyham. May 15th, at night about the ninth hour a comet appeared in the north somewhat toward the west; with its tail very great, stretching toward the star, and the star itself scarcely six degrees above the horizon. May 20th, Robert Gardener of Shropshire brought me a joyful message of the matter of the stone, divinely revealed to him, of which.... May 23rd, Robert Gardener declared to me at 4½ of the clock a certain great philosophical secret, as he had termed it, of a spiritual creature, and was this day told to come to me and declare it, which was solemnly done, with common prayer. May 28th, Mr. Eton of London came with his son-in-law Mr. Edward Bragden, about Upton

parsonage, asking me to resign it or lease it to his said son-in-law, whom I promised to let know whenever I myself should consent to give it up. June 9th, I wrote to the Archbishop of Canterbury a letter in Latin: Mr. Doctor Awbrey carried it. June 14th, Morryce Kyffin did visit me. June 22nd, Nurse Garret had 6s. for a month ending the 18th day of May; she is to have for a month's wages ending the 15th day of this June. My wife went there this Friday with Benjamin. June 27th, Mistress Stafford arrested me at 11 of the clock: I paid everything. July 3rd, at 12¼ of the clock, Arthur Dee fell from the top of the Water-gate stairs to the foot of them, and cut his forehead on the right eyebrow. Sir Richard brought the rent. July 6th, in fear of resting by Proctor Lewys: from 1 in the afternoon at the Doctor's coming until 9½ at night. July 12th, Proctor Lewys agreed to it. July 13th, Mr. Talbot came about 3 of the clock in the afternoon, with whom I had some words of unkindness: we parted friendly: he said that the Lord Morley had the Lord Mountegle's his books. He promised me some of Doctor Myniver's books. July 16th, Mr. William Pole, whom Philip Simons, formerly barber to the old Earl of Tavistock, knows, came to me and made my acquaintance: he promised to come again within 14 days. Jane my wife went to Nurse Garret's to pay her 12s. for her wages due until Friday last, which was Saint Margaret's day, and brought her 12d. for candle: she went by water; Mistress Lee went with her, and Robyn Jackesbite. Jane this night was sore troubled with a colic and cramp in her belly; she vomited more this Monday, and every night grew stiff in the sole likewise. After noon at 3½ of the clock came Sir George Peckham to know the title for Norombega in respect of Spain and Portugal parting the whole world's shares. He promised me something from his gift and from his patient... of the new conquest, and thought he could get so much of Mr. Gerard's gift to be sent to me with a seal within a few days. July 18th, Bartholomew Knaresburgh's son born at break of day about 3 of the clock. June 19th, Barnabas Saul came to see me at Mortlake: I chided him for his manifold untrue reports. July 23rd, Mistress Franklin's son born at noon. July 24th, Robert Gardener came, and went on the 26th. Aug. 8th, Kate was sickly. Aug. 11th, Mr. Bacon and Mr. Phillips of the court came. Aug. 20th, Katarine still seemed to be diseased. Aug. 25th, Katharin was taken

home from nurse Garret of Petersham, and weaned at home. Aug. 31st, Benjamin Lock told me of his father's mind to send him to Spain within three or four days. Sept. 1st, I devised for Sir John Killegrew the form of protestation to hold him harmless in his composition with the Spaniard who was robbed: he promised me fish against Lent. Sept. 10th, Mr. John Leonard Haller, of Hallersteyn, by Worms in Germany, came again to me, to declare his readiness to set out for Quinsay; and how he would go and stay at Venice all this winter, and from there to Constantinople. I asked Mr. Charles Sted to help him transfer his money to Paris and Nuremberg, to help him with the searcher at Rye to get his horse through, and to help him with Mr. Osborn the alderman for his letters to Constantinople. Sept. 11th, on Tuesday they went to London together, and my wife also about her affairs. Sept. 13th, I wrote to Dugenes de Dionigiis at Venice by Mr. John Leonard Haller. Sept. 17th, I wrote to the Earl of Osmond. Sept. 29th, Anne came into my service from Mr. Harbert. I paid Mr. Lewys £20, so the rest is what I claim for my cost and pains for 37 years for his son John.

Oct. 12th, I rode to Tundridge. Oct. 13th, I rode from Tundridge to Mr. Covert's at Slawgham. Oct. 15th, I came home from Slawgham, and dined at Mr. Holtens's, parson of Oxstede by Tundridge, a physician. Oct. 21st, Jane my wife fainted in the church. Nov. 1st, Mr. Plat, my brother Yong's son-in-law, came to me with a stranger of Trushen, born at Regius Mons: his name is Martinus Faber. The same day came Mr. Clement the sea master and Mr. Ingram from Sir George Peckham. Nov. 8th, hail in the afternoon about the first hour: thunder about the fourth and sixth. Nov. 9th, Mr. Newbury, who had been at Cambaya in India, came to me. Nov. 22nd, E. K. went to London, and the next day was carried by road toward Blakley, to return within ten days. Nov. 24th, Saturday night I dreamed that I was dead, and afterward my bowels were taken out; I walked and talked with several people, and among others with the Lord Treasurer, who had come to my house to burn my books when I was dead, and I thought he looked sourly on me. Dec. 1st, George my man, who had lain out all night, this morning used me very dishonestly, and said he owed me no service. Mr. Bettgran the justice was not at home. Dec. 13th, thunder in

the afternoon and at sunset. Dec. 15th, the 15th day being counted as the 25, 50, 10 days are imagined spent, which have crept in between the day of Christ's birth regarding the place of the sun, and the sun's place not the 25th day of this month, which is a civil equation, but which is to be substantiated mathematically and religiously as the true term of the periods of the sun's annual revolutions since the day of Christ's birth.

Year 1583

Jan. 13th, on Sunday the stage at Paris Garden fell down all at once, being full of people watching the bearbaiting. Many were killed by it, many more hurt, and all amazed. The devout explained it as a deserved plague of God for the wickedness practiced there, and the Sabbath day so profaned. Jan. 19th, Mr. John Leonard Haller went to London and so to go toward Scotland. Jan. 23rd, the Right Honorable Mr. Secretary Walsingham came to my house, where by good luck he found Mr. Adrian Gilbert, and so talk began of the discovery of the North-west Straits. The Bishop of St. Davyd's (Mr. Middleton) came to visit me with Mr. Thomas Herbert. The Lord Grey came to Mr. Secretary, and so they went to Greenwich (?). Jan. 24th, I, Mr. Adrian Gilbert, and John Davis went by appointment to Mr. Secretary to Mr. Beale's house, where only we four were private, and we let Mr. Secretary into the secret of the N.W. passage, and all charts and rutters were agreed upon in general.

Feb. 2nd, Rowland Dee was baptized. Feb. 3rd, Mr. Savile, Mr. Powil the younger, travelers, Mr. Ottomeen his son, came to make my acquaintance. Feb. 4th, Mr. Edmunds of the Privy Chamber, Mr. Lee who had been in Moschovia, came to make my acquaintance. Feb. 11th, the Queen lying at Richmond went to Mr. Secretary Walsingham to dinner; she coming by my door graciously called me to her, and so I went by her horse's side as far as where Mr. Hudson dwelt. Her majesty asked me obscurely about monsieur's state: +I said that he would come to a violent end+. Roland went with his nurse to her house at Estshene. Feb. 18th, the Lady Walsingham came suddenly

into my house very freely, and shortly after she was gone came Sir Francis himself and Mr. Dyer. Feb. 24th, Jane was churched. Feb. 26th, I delivered my book to the Lord Treasurer for the correction of the Calendar.

March 6th, Mr. Adrian Gilbert, John Davis and I met with Mr. Alderman Barnes, Mr. Townson and Mr. Yong and Mr. Hudson, about the N.W. voyage. March 17th, Mr. John Davis went to Chelsea with Mr. Adrian Gilbert to Mr. Radforth's, and so the 18th day from there toward Devonshire. March 18th, Mr. North from Poland, after he had been with the Queen, came to me. I received a salutation from Alaski, Palatine in Poland; a salutation by Mr. North, who had come before to the Queen, and next to me was his message, at 12 of the clock. Nurse Lydgatt at Estshene was paid for 5 pounds of candle, 6 pounds of soap, and the wages due from Rowland's birth.

April 18th, the Queen went from Richmond toward Greenwich, and at her going on horseback, being newly up, she called for me by Mr. Raleigh's putting her in mind, and she said "what is deferred is not taken away," and gave me her right hand to kiss. April 24th, the nurse was paid for Rowland all her wages until Monday the 22nd of this month, 16 pence a week: she had all her candle and soap before.

May 1st, Albertus Laski, a Pole, Palatine of Scrad, came to London. May 4th, Mr. Adrian Gilbert and Mr. Pepler went by water to Braynford, and so to ride into Devonshire. May 7th, E. K. went toward London, and so to go homeward for 10 or 12 days. The fortieth day from Good Friday. May 13th, I became acquainted with Albertus Laski at 7½ at night, in the Earl of Leicester's chamber in the court at Greenwich. This day my lease of the Devonshire mines was sealed at Sir Lionel Duckett's house. May 18th, the Prince Albertus Laski came to me at Mortlake, with only two men. He came in the afternoon and stayed for supper, and after sunset. Nurse Rowland was paid all until the 20th of this month.

June 15th, about 5 of the clock came the Polish Prince Lord Albert Laski down from Bissham, where he had lodged the night before, having returned from Oxford, where he had gone on purpose to see the universities, where he was very honorably received and entertained. He had in his company Lord Russell,

Sir Philip Sydney, and other gentlemen: he was rowed by the Queen's men, he had the barge covered with the Queen's cloth, the Queen's trumpeters, etc. He came on purpose to do me honor, for which God be praised! June 19th, the Lord Albert Laski came to me and lay at my house all night. Nurse Rowland paid her wages ending the 17th day of this month.

July 1st, Master Mills's answer: no hope for my suit at Greenwich. July 7th, George was dismissed from my service and paid all accounts in the presence of goodman Hilton and Mistress Kelly in my study. July 10th, Thomas Hoke of Cranford came into my service, but he went away again the 23rd day of this month. July 30th, the Queen removed on Tuesday from Greenwich to Sion by water; coming by my door... July 31st, the Queen's gift of 40 angels sent by the Earl of Leicester's secretary Mr. Lloyd, through the Earl's speech to the Queen. Mr. Raleigh's letter to me of Her Majesty's good disposition toward me. Aug. 1st, John Halton, a minister dwelling in London with ..., bowed in and looked, and the ..., a Worcestershire man, a wicked spy, came to my house, whom I used as an honest man, and found nothing wrong as I had thought. I was sent to E. K. Aug. 7th, Mr. William Burrow passed by me. Aug. 14th, paid nurse Lydgatt for Rowland for two months ending the 12th day. Aug. 18th, a great tempest of wind at midnight. *Maxima era* [sic; perhaps a misprint for *maxima ira*, "the greatest anger"] E. K. with his wife. Sept. 21st, we went from Mortlake, and so the Lord Albert Laski, I, Mr. E. Kelly, our wives, my children and family, we went toward our two ships waiting for us, seven or eight miles below Gravesend.

Year 1586

July 10th, Mr. William Maynard was born at 12 of the clock at night, or a little after, in London. Sept. 14th, we came to Trebona. Oct. 18th, E. K. departed from Trebona toward Prague, carried by carriage; he stayed here for three weeks. Nov. 8th, the most illustrious prince toward Prague; he set out on his journey at three after noon. Nov. 14th, I wrote back to Victor Reinhold. Nov.

19th, to the glass house. Nov. 21st, Michael began to be weaned. Nov. 22nd, I received letters from James Memschit. Dec. 8th, Monday about noon Mr. Edward Garland came to Trebona to me from the Emperor of Moschovia, according to the articles sent to me before by Thomas Hankinson. Dec. 11th, St. Poloniensis died: born in the year 1530 on the 13th day of January, at 26 minutes past four in the morning, in Transylvania. He died at two after midnight, as I learned from the letters of Lord Lasky, received on the 29th by Alexander. Dec. 19th, on the 19th day (of the new calendar), to gratify Mr. Edward Garland and Francis his brother, Edward having been sent to me as a messenger by the Emperor of Moschovia so that I should go to him, E. K. made a *proleolem* [sic; not a Latin word, probably corrupt; perhaps “projection”] of the stone in the proportion of one ... of heavy sand, upon which the usual oz. and ½ [wording and quantities unclear in the source], and nearly an oz. of the best gold was produced: which gold we afterward distributed from the crucible, and together gave it to Edward. Dec. 30th, E. K. toward Prague.

Year 1587

Jan. 8th, came Nicolas du Haut, a Frenchman of Lorraine, who had been lackey to my friend Otho Henrick, Duke of Brunswik and Lienburgh, seeking a service, having been dismissed by passport from his Lord after his long sickness. Jan. 14th, Doctor Reinholdt of Salfeldt came to Trebona with Abraham. His suit about the salt. Doctor Reinholdt went back toward Prague on the 20th day. Jan. 18th, E. K. returned from Prague. E. K. brought with him from the Lord Rosenberg to my wife a chain and jewel estimated at 300 ducats; 200 the jewel stones, and 100 the gold. Jan. 21st, E. K. again to Prague and so toward Poland. Feb. 5th, I took a journey by myself from Trebon to Newhowse, two miles off, to meet my Lord and confer with him. I took two horsemen of the city with me. Feb. 9th, the most illustrious lord came from Vienna to Trebona. Feb. 12th, the most illustrious lord went toward Cracow. Feb. 19th, E. K. came from Poland about noon to Trebona: I sent word to my

Lord immediately. Feb. 21st, my Lord sending no word yet, I sent another message. March 3rd, from Cremona to Trebona. March 7th, E. K. gave us 300 ducats. We received from the most illustrious lord 3300. March 9th, the royal journey. March 14th, we came to Reichstein. March 17th, return from Reichstein. March 21st, E. K. gave me 170 more, and of the 200 for changing 60 remain. Insults and contempt from Cholek and Schonberg. March 23rd, we came to Trebona. March 26th, the Lord Biberstein, coming from Cranbaw from the Lord Rosenberg, passing by Trebona, sent for me to his inn to make my acquaintance. E. K. rode to *Crotoviam* [sic; not an attested place-name form; perhaps Cracow]. April 4th, the third action began. April 18th, the end of the third action. May 1st, I saw (my doctor pointing it out) Michael the Messenger [*Michaelium Nuncium*; the form *Michaelium* is non-standard, so the reading is uncertain], not Mersael. Praise be to God and to my doctor E. K.! June 14th, the marriage of Mr. Thomas Kelly. June 17th, after this full moon Jane did not have them. June 22nd, Mr. Francis Garland went toward England from Trebona.

July 5th, Sunday, I set the two earths with their water again upon them. July 9th, Mr. Francis Pucci came and brought Chrisan Franken with him, who, he said, had now recanted his wicked book against Christ, of which I was glad. The most illustrious lord had come to Trebona with his Lady. July 11th, a conversation between the most illustrious lord, Mr. E. K., and me, after noon, among the three of us. July 13th, Francis Pucci departed. July 19th, a certain kind of recommendation between our wives. The next day saw E. K. relenting also, at my Lord's entreaty. July 20th, the most illustrious lord departed with his princess toward Cremona. Aug. 13th, in a friendly way with Mr. Edward Kelly about those three vows. Aug. 17th, E. K. with his brother and Ludovico.... Aug. 18th, we learned that E. K. had gone to bed at Badwise, and left there only at noon this day. Aug. 20th, John Basset came to Trebona. Aug. 23rd, Mr. E. K. came from Lyntz fair. Sept. 1st, Tuesday morning, I covenanted with John Basset to teach the children the Latin tongue, and I give him seven ducats by the quarter, the term to begin this day; and so I gave him at once seven ducats Hungarian, in gold, before my wife. God speed his work!

Sept. 3rd, 4th, almost continuous rain throughout these two days. Sept. 4th, Basset's commotion with Mr. T. Kelly. Sept. 16th, the Lord Biberstein came to Trebon, and Cracht with him. Sept. 22nd, my Lord came from Crummow to Trebon with my Lady. Sept. 26th, my Lord went toward Prague. Sept. 28th, I delivered to Mr. Ed. Kelly (earnestly requiring it as his part) the half of all the animal which was made. It is to weigh 20 ounces; he weighed it himself in my chamber: he bought his weights on purpose for it. My Lord had spoken to me before for some, but Mr. Kelly had not spoken. Sept. 30th, T. K. and J. C. went toward Prague.

Oct. 12th, Mr. E. K. toward Prague on horseback. Oct. 13th, in the morning a little before sunrise I observed by the astronomical ray between ... and ... 2 degrees, 22 minutes, and it was ... under Taurus in the same perpendicular line let down before the eye over the horizon, the altitude was barely four degrees. Oct. 15th, hired Nicolas. Oct. 20th, I took up the fittings for the action. Oct. 26th, Mr. Edward Kelly came to Trebona from Prague. Oct. 28th and 29th, John Carp did begin to make furnaces over the gate, and he used my round bricks, and for the iron pot he was content now to use the lesser bricks, 60 to make a furnace. Oct. 31st, Ed. Hilton came to Trebona in the morning. Nov. 8th, E. K., a terrible remonstrance, accusation, &c., at three after noon. Nov. 17th, John Basset had seven ducats in advance for his second quarter's wages, beginning the 1st. Nov. 21st, Saturday at night Mr. Francis Garland came from England to Trebona and brought me a letter from Mr. Dyer and my brother Mr. Richard. Nov. 24th, at the wedding over Critzin [Latin *super*; the sense is uncertain, perhaps "concerning" or "at"] the Grand Captain disdained to come there to supper in the town hall of Trebona [source 'Rad howse'] because E. K. and I were there; and said further that we were.... Dec. 1st to 11th, my Lord lay at Trebon and my Lady all this time. Dec. 10th, Mr. John Carpio went toward Prague to marry the maiden he had troubled; for the Emperor's Majesty, by means of Lord Rosenberg, had so ordered the matter. Dec. 12th, somewhat after noon, Mr. Ed. Kelly's lamp overturned, the spirit of wine long spent too near, and the glass not propped with books about it as was usual; and the glass tilting on one side, the spirit was spilled out, and burned everything on the

table where it stood, both linen and written books—namely the book of Zacharius with the Alkanor, which I translated out of French, for some could not do it by spiritual means; Rowlaschy's third book of philosophical waters; the book called *Angelicum Opus* (The Angelic Work), all in pictures of the work from the beginning to the end; the copy of the man of Badwise's Conclusions for the Transmutation of metals; and 40 leaves in 4^e, entitled Extracts from Dunstan, which he himself extracted and noted out of Dunstan's book, and the very book of Dunstan was only thrown on the bed close by, from the table.

Year 1588

Jan. 1st, about nine o'clock in the afternoon, Michel, going childishly with a sharp stick eight inches long and a little wax candle lighted on the top of it, did fall upon the plain boards in Marie's chamber, and the sharp point of the stick entered through the lid of his left eye toward the corner next the nose, and so pierced through, so that a great abundance of blood came out under the lid, in the very corner of the said eye; the hole on the outside is no bigger than a pin's head; it was anointed with St. John's oil. The boy slept well. God speed the rest of the cure! The next day after it appeared that the first touch of the stick's point had been at the very middle of the apple of the eye, and so (by God's mercy and favor) glanced to the place where it entered; with the strength of his head and the fire of his fullness, I may make some show of it, to the praise of God for his mercies and protection. Jan. 11th, Nicolas was sorely hurt at about 8½ o'clock at night. Jan. 13th, at dinner time Mr. Edward Kelly sent his brother, Mr. Th. K., to me with these words: "My brother says that you study so much, and therefore, seeing it is too late to go today to Cromlaw, he wishes you to come to pass the time with him at play." I went after dinner and played, he and I against Mr. F. Gore and Mr. Rob until supper time, in his dining room; and after supper he came with the others, and we played there two or three hours, and parted on friendly terms. This was after the great and wonderful

unkindness used toward me in taking my man. Jan. 14th, Mr. Edward Kelly rode to Crumlow, having been sent for by my Lord. I received a letter from the Lord Chamberlain. Jan. 18th, Mistress Lidda K. miscarried a girl of 5 or 6 months; she was merry and well until the night before; I helped her to bring forth the dead child within an hour after I had caused myrrh to be given to her in warmed wine, a quarter of an ounce; she was better after she was discharged of the afterbirth, all at once. The woman was strong enough after. Jan. 19th, Mr. E. K. came from Crumlow. Feb. 4th, Mr. Francys Garland and his brother Robert went from Trebona toward England: I wrote to Mr. Dyer and Mr. Yonge. Feb. 8th, Mr. E. K. at nine o'clock in the afternoon sent for me to his laboratory over the gate to see how he distilled sericon, according to what he had heard from me in times past and lately out of Ripley. God lend his heart to all charity and virtue! Feb. 16th, John Carpe came to Trebon after his marriage. Feb. 19th, Mr. E. K. did disclose some, accounted my friends, how untrue they were. Feb. 28th, in the morning a little before sunrise was born Theodoras Trebonianus Dee, Sirius rising in the horoscope, on Sunday. March 1st, Theodoras Dee was baptized at Trebona before noon. March 6th, I went to Newhous and dined at the castle. March 12th, my Lord came to Trebona and my Lady. March 24th, Mr. K. put the glass in dung. March 26th, my Lord sent one of his secretaries with an answer to my letter, and with an offer and promise of anything in which he can oblige me, at about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. March 29th, my Lord and Lady from Trebon toward Crumlow. The midwife's husband's name of Newhowse is David Peregrinus, perhaps of the family of Petrus Peregrinus, otherwise called Peter of Maharncourt, of Picardy. April 3rd, Mr. Pucci disquieted Mr. E. K. about requesting an action, to which he had one of our six-month actions, the term now beginning on the fourth day of this month. The end of our talk was a strange speech from Mr. Kelly to Fr. Puccy: "After fifteen weeks write to me, and I will answer you." April 6th, Edmond Hilton went from Trebona toward Prage with Mr. John Carpe, and so toward England. April 10th, I wrote to Mr. Edward Kelly and to Mistress Kelly two charitable letters, asking at their hands mutual charity. I went to Mr. Captain Chritzin to know whether he was offended with me, who in outward

show used me reasonably courteously. April 12th, my wife was churched, and we received communion. John Carpe brought his wife from Prage to Trebona. April 17th, Doctor Reinholt came to Trebona. April 22nd, at night at 9 o'clock a terrible and false accusation or suspicion, which Puccia announced against D. K. and himself, principles (?). May 1st, Mr. Carpio rode to my Lord to the holy well at the glass house, four miles from Trebona, with my letters of purgation for Puccy's attempts or intents in his letters to my bond and Mr. Kelly, unknown to me. May 4th, Mr. Carpio brought me word of my Lord's displeasure, conveyed and confirmed by cousin Pully in his letters. May God be merciful to him! May 7th, after my great affliction, God had mercy on me! Puccia, on the same day letters from the Prince came to Mr. E. K., **quæ dies declarabat amici sui infamum meum ne dignitatem** [the Latin is corrupt and cannot be translated with certainty; roughly "which day declared... of his friend... infamous... my... lest... dignity"]; but it was not delivered unless—very **præfex** [sic; not a Latin word]—those letters were very unwelcome to Mr. E. K. himself. Great is the mercy of God! Let everything that lives praise God! This is the day that the Lord has made! May 10th, E. K. did open the great secret to me, God be thanked! May 19th, at 10 o'clock with the necessary circumstances. May 22nd, Mistress Kelly received the sacrament, and to me and my wife gave her hand in charity; and we rushed not from her. May 30th, Michael was sick of an ague, and Mr. Kelly likewise. June 4th, the houses burned at Trebon in the morning early on Whit Sunday. June 8th, The Most Illustrious came to Trebona. June 11th, The Most Illustrious left Trebona on Sunday for Prague. My Lord sent Critzin with his compliments to me, and to offer me help, at one in the afternoon. A letter came from T. G. about Mr. Dyer, he being three miles from Trebona, but it was not so. Mr. Dier sent word by Francis Garland where. June 13th, came Francis Garland and Mr. Edmond Cooper, brother to Mistress Kelly, to Trebona. June 16th, Francis Garland went to find and bring Mr. Dier. June 19th, I felt the ague coming on. June 22nd, I plainly came down with the ague, and lay down.

July 7th, Mr. Thomas Sowthwell came to Trebona to visit us. July 17th, Mr. Thomas Sowthwell, of his own courteous nature, did labor with Mr. Edmond Cowper and indirectly with Mistress Kelly to further charity and friendship among us. July 20th, Mr. Dier came to Trebona, July 22nd, after noon at about 10 o'clock, Mr. Edward Dier did me an injury, unkindly. July 23rd, a good reconciliation with Master Dier with words +by deed, E. K. mediating+ Aug. 1st, Mr. Harry Maynard was born at night at about 11 o'clock at Mortlak. Aug. 4th, The Most Illustrious came from Crachovia to Trebon, and there on Friday before dinner came up Mr. Dyer, who lay in my chamber, and entertained him honorably. Aug. 5th, after dinner the little boy, son to the Captain of Rhaudnitz, hurt Arthur's nose with a razor, not in anger but by chance wantonly. Aug. 6th, my Lord and Lady went toward Prague. Aug. 7th, this day I covenanted and hired John Hammond, gentleman, to serve me in his honest services for one year, and to have 30 dollars for his full and all manner of wages. Aug. 9th, Tuesday, Mr. Dyer went from Trebon, having in company Mr. Edmond Cowper, Francys Garland, and his man Rowley. Aug. 13th, Mr. Thomas Sowthwell rode toward Prag from Trebon. He told us of the philosopher (his schoolmaster, as he wrote) whose name was Mr. Swyft, who gave him a lump of the philosopher's stone as big as his fist: a Jesuit named Mr. Stale had it from him. Aug. 14th, Mr. Sowthwell came again. Aug. 24th, I saw the divine water with a demonstration of the magnificent lord and my incomparable friend Mr. Ed. Kelly before noon at three o'clock. Aug. 27th, John Basset (so naming himself) otherwise truly named Edward Whitlok, under pretense of going to Budweiss to buy colors and so to return again, did withdraw himself from my service of teaching Arthur grammar. Sept. 3rd, my lord and lady came to Trebon. Sept. 12th, hope confirmed. Sept. 15th, the Lord Chamberlain came to Trebona, and went away on the 17th. The rancor and dissimulation now evident to me, God deliver me! I was not sent for.

Oct. 17th, Mistress Kelly and the rest rode toward Punchartz in the morning. Oct. 18th, my Lord and my Lady rode toward Ctumnate. Oct. 25th, Mr. Ed. Kelly and John Carpio rode toward Prague: this night to Wesely, two miles. Nov. 5th, I dreamed that the tooth next to my top tooth could scarcely hang in my

head, the tooth on the right side above. Nov. 6th, Mr. Kelly came home from Prague and Mr. Francys Garland, and Edward Rolls with him from Eglis. Nov. 15th, in the forenoon, snow and close cloud. Nov. 16th, the Lord and Lady Rosenberg came from Crummedo to Trebon in the evening. Nov. 20th, this Sunday before dinner the Lord and Lady Rosenberg went from Trebon toward Prague. Nov. 23rd, Mr. Francis Garland and Edward Rowly, Mr. Dyer's servant, went from Trebon toward England. I wrote to the Queen's Majesty, Mr. Dyer, Mr. Yong, and Edward Hilton. Dec. 4th, I gave to Mr. Ed. Kelly my Glass, so highly and long esteemed by our Queen and the Emperor Randolph the second, of which mention is made in the preface to Euclid. The letter of 500,000 ducats required. Dec. 7th, great friendship promised for many, and two ounces of the Thing. Dec. 13th, Mr. Edward Kelly gave me the water, earth and all. Dec. 14th, Edmond Hilton came again to Trebon from England. Dec. 18th, I did understand from Mr. Kelly that my glass, which he had given to my Lord Rosenberg, the Lord Rosenberg had given it to the Emperor. Dec. 23rd, I went to the new-made city Kaiser Radnef Stadt, by Budneis, to oversee what Joachim Reimer had done about the making of my coaches. Radulphus Sagiensis, a French Norman, came to Trebona, a student of chemistry and natural magic.

Year 1589

Jan. 3rd, Rudolphus Sagiensis the Norman departed toward Prague. Jan. 17th, the humming in my ears began. Jan. 19th, at about eleven at night Mistress Lydda, wife of Mr. Thomas Kelly, miscarried of two male children barely six months old, and in the preceding year the same wife miscarried a girl. Jan. 20th, Mr. Kelly showed me the Lord Rosenberg's letter; when he wrote that about me he had heard nothing more of my leaving here, and if Menschik has not done as he instructed him, that if I send him word he will so dispatch me that thereby I shall not need to stay here; as he had confidently warned Mr. Kelly before, so now he asked him to take leave of me at my departure. And then Mr.

Kelly looked and truly confessed that my Jan. 25th, Mr. Mains came to visit us; the Earl of Schwiczenbagh's three sons. Jan. 31st, Tuesday, I sent Edmond Hilton to Prage, and Zacharias Mathias of Buelweiss, to buy 10 or 12 coach horses and saddle horses for 300 dollars. Feb. 4th, I delivered to Mr. Kelly the powder, the books, the glass and the bone, for the Lord Rosenberg; and he thereupon gave me a discharge in writing, subscribed and sealed with his own hand. Feb. 12th, Edmond Hilton came from Prage with nine Hungarian horses bought toward our journey. Feb. 16th, Mr. Edward Kelly rode toward Prage in the afternoon, John Carpio, Edmond Hilton, Henry Garlande, Thomas Simkinson, Lodovik.

March 11th, from Trebon in Bohemia. March 18th, to Nuremberg. March 20th, from Nuremberg. March 26th, to Frankfurt on the Mane. April 19th, to Breme. May 1st, Katharin by a blow on the ear given by her mother did bleed at the nose very much, which lasted for an hour and more; afterward she did walk into the town with nurse; upon her coming home she bled again. May 11th, John of Gloles came to Breme. May 13th, I came to lodge at my hired house. May 17th, the three saddle horses put to grass in the town meadows for nine ducats until Michaelmas. May 21st, the Landgrave of Hesse's letters to me and the city of Breme. May 25th, I sent the Lantgrave my twelve Hungarian horses. June 2nd and 13th, Mr. Duerend and Mr. Hart went toward Stade. They had escaped from the Spanish service in Flanders with Sir William Stanley. June 6th, Dr. Kenrich Khanradt of Hamburg visited me. Mr. Thomas Kelly's wife, Francis Garland, Rolls, from Standen toward England. June 16th, Edmund Hilton toward Prage. June 19th, Hans of Glotz went toward Standen, and so toward England. June 23rd, Mr. Daniel van der Multon came to me. On the last day of this month, about noon, great rains, thunder, hail.

July 6th, Thursday the 26th of June (by the old account and the 6th of July by new account) Mr. Hart, the minister of the English company, and Mr. ... the governor's deputy of the English company at Stade, did visit me at my house in Breme. July 18th, Mr. Yong's and Mr. Secretary's letter. July 30th, Edmond Hilton came from Prage to Breme by Stade. Aug. 2nd, old style, the night following, my terrible dream that Mr. Kelly would by force rob me of my books,

toward daybreak. Aug. 5th, new style, Edmond Hilton went toward Stade, to go toward England, with my letters to disclose the treason of Perkins. There went in this company two English people, Mr. Rolous Tattin and George Losin. Aug. 7th, the first of the seven half fasts. Aug. 14th, Theodor was weaned. Aug. 21st, John Hammond to Stade. Aug. 22nd, William Hazilwood was born in the morning at about the sixth hour, perhaps at 5 hours and 45 minutes, by Maydston in Kent. Sept. 9th, Roger's serviceable letters of the Lord Rosenberg. Sept. 12th, the wind came East after five weeks most part West. Sept. 16th, before noon at 9 o'clock I fell into offenses against A. C., out of ingratitude conceived from the words of my wife, and of Analla Maria. Sept. 22nd, old style, I delivered to Mr. Jacob for England by Embden my letters. Oct. 3rd, Mr. Witischindi's hard dealings with me: he told Mr. Harper the Secretary to give me warning of my house. Oct. 9th, warned out of my house at one in the afternoon. Oct. 14th, John Hanward gave me warning that he desired to travel toward Italy; but first to Master Kelly, from whom he hoped to have good help. Oct. 17th, Mr. Sowthwell and Mr. Gawyne Smyth came to me to Bream. Oct. 23rd, Mr. Sowthwell and Mr. Smyth went from Bream. Oct. 29th, Wenefrida Goose between 9 and 10 in the afternoon. Oct. 31st, letters sent to Stade for Gerwein Greven for her Majesty, Mr. Yong, and Mr. Dyer. Nov. 1st, news of Mr. Dyer sent ambassador to Denmarke. Nov. 3rd, old style, I resolved to go into England, hoping to meet Mr. Edward Kelly at Stade, going also into England; and that I suspected this from Mr. Secretary Walsingham's letters. Nov. 13th, Edmond Hilton and his brother from England, and John a Glotz. Nov. 17th, on Monday I met Mr. Dyer coming to Stade, even in the middle of the town. Nov. 18th, Edmond toward Stade. Nov. 19th, took ship by the Vineyard. Dec. 2nd, we came into the Tems to Gravesende. Dec. 3rd, from the ship to Stratford to Mr. Yong's house. Dec. 19th, at Richemond with the Queen's Majesty. Dec. 20th, agreed for my house with Nicolas Fromonds to occupy as a tenant with better order. Dec. 25th, I lay this night first at my house. Dec. 29th, Mr. Adrian Gilbert came to me to Mortlak, and offered me as much as I could require at his hands, both for my goods carried away, and for the mines.

Year 1590

Jan. 15th, a terrible tempest of wind, South by West. Jan. 23rd, Mr. Thomas Kelly came from Brainford; put me in good hope of Sir Edward Kelly's returning; offered me the loan of ten pounds in gold, and afterward sent it to me in new Hungarian ducats by John Croker the same evening. Jan. 26th, I wrote to Mr. Adrian Gilbert two letters. I resolved on the order to be offered for agreement with Nicholas Fromonds for my house and goods. The 5th of March (by old account) Madinia Newton, my daughter, was christened at Mortlak; godfather, Sir George Cary; godmothers, the Lady Cobham and the Lady Walsingham. March 12th, Mrs. Anne Deny born between 8 and 9 in the afternoon. March 14th, Mr. Dyer came home from Stade. March 17th, Sir Edward Kelly's letter by Francis Garland. March 21st, Sir George Gary came to Mortlak. March 27th, Jane apprehended at five in the afternoon. My children at this Lady Day in Lent began to go to school at Mortlak with the schoolmaster Mr. Lee: I gave him his house rent and forty shillings yearly for my three sons and my daughter. The house rent was almost 4s. yearly for Mr. Fisher's new house. April 7th, John Spenser came to me, newly returned from Venys, and told me of the Venetian philosopher and the goodness of his gold. April 16th, good Sir Francis Walsingham died at night at eleven o'clock. April 19th, I delivered my letters to Mr. Thomas Kelly for his brother Sir Edward Kelly, knight, at the Emperor's court at Prage. Francys Garland was by, and Mr. Thomas Kelly's wife. God send them well there and back again! Mr. Emery had freely disbursed to me, between Shrovetide and this May, £25. May 5th, Mr. Thomas Jack restored to me part of my magnes stone. May 8th, I received 20 marks from Sir Richard Lagney, of Longlernay. May 16th, I gave Mr. Lee the schoolmaster 5s. in part of wages. May 18th, the two gentlemen, the uncle Mr. Richard Candish, and his nephew the most famous Mr. Thomas Candish, who had sailed round about the world, did visit me at Mortlake. May 20th, after dinner, I with my brother, Mr. Justice Yong, went to the Archbishop of

Canterbury at Lambeth, about the parsonages, who used me well. May 21st, I showed my indignation against the Bacchus feast intended at Braynferd; gave the Bishop of London warning, who took it in very good part. Katharyne, my daughter, was put to Mistress Brayce at Braynferd; her mother and Arthur went with her after dinner. May 23rd, I lent goodman Dalton, the carpenter, twenty shillings for a month. May 29th, 30th, good news of the industry of Mr. Richard Candish, with the Queen and the Archbishop and Lord George Carey, concerning the proposal of Eton College, to obtain *legem* [Latin "law"; the sense is unclear]. He sent me a hogshead of claret wine as a gift. The Lady Cobham sent my wife sugar and pepper, etc. June 2nd, I wrote to Sir Edward Kelly by Mr. William Fowler, merchant, dwelling by Ledenhall. June 3rd, I was very sick upon two or three sage leaves eaten in the morning; better suddenly at night; when I cast them up, I was well. The pump taken out and the well scoured. June 5th, Thomas Hankinson and Antony my man came from beyond the seas to Mortlak. June 5th, terrible ill news of Edward Kelly against me. June 24th, £20 of Mr. Candish by Edward Hilton. June 28th, I paid Mr. Hudson for all his corn, and also for the wood till May, received since I came home.

July 6th, Mr. Stockden was fully paid for his wood 40s. I gave the schoolmaster Mr. Lee 5s. in part of wages: he brought me my hammer from Mr. Jak, so he has a quarter's wages of 10s. July 8th, I received Sir Edward Kelly's letters, dated at Prague the 24th of May new style. No mention is made of his brother Mr. Thomas Kelly coming over. July 10th, the executor of Lady Duckett requested the debt. July 11th, I paid nurse Barwik 12s. for two months' wages for Madinia: so she is paid for five months.

July 13th, I went to the Archbishop of Canterbury: talked with him boldly of my right to the parsonages, and of Sir Edward Kelly's treatise of Alchemy. July 14th, Mr. Gawayn Smyth spoke kindly for me to the Queen, and she showed her favor toward me. July 16th, my mind was somewhat bent to deal with my alchemical exercises. July 25th, I wrote a letter of thanks to the Lord Treasurer by Edmond Hilton. I sent the Lord Chancellor his letters from Brunswyk about Conrad Nettlebronner's ill behavior. July 31st, I gave Mr. Richard

Candish the copy of Paracelsus's twelve letters, written in French with my own hand; and he promised me, before my wife, never to disclose to anyone that he has it; and that if he dies before me he will restore it again to me; but if I die before him, that he shall deliver it to one of my sons, the most fit among them to have it. Theoddor had a sore fall on his mouth at midday. Aug. 2nd, Mrs. Stoner's son born at about three in the afternoon. Nurse, her great affliction of mind. Aug. 5th, Rowland fell into the Tems over head and ears about noon or somewhat after. Aug. 8th, I gave Nurse Barwick six shillings, so she is paid for the half year due on Wednesday next. Aug. 9th, I paid Mr. Lee the schoolmaster 5s. Aug. 22nd, Ann my nurse had long been tempted by a wicked spirit: but this day it was evident how she was possessed by him. God is, has been, and shall be her protector and deliverer! Amen. Aug. 25th, Anne Frank was sorrowful, well comforted and stayed, acknowledging God's mercies. Aug. 26th, at night I anointed (in the name of Jesus) Ann Frank's breast with the holy oil. Aug. 30th, in the morning she asked to be anointed, and I very devoutly prepared myself, and prayed for virtue and power and Christ's blessing on the oil for the expulsion of the wicked; and then I anointed her twice; the wicked one resisted for a while. Sept. 1st, I received letters from Sir Edward Kelly by Francis Garland. Sept. 8th, Nurse Anne Frank would have drowned herself in my well, but by divine Providence I came to take her up before she was overcome by the water. Sept. 23rd, Sunday, I gave Nurse Barwyk six shillings for a month's wages to end on Wednesday come a fortnight; Mrs. Stackden was by. Sept. 29th, Nurse Anne Frank most miserably did cut her own throat, in the afternoon about four o'clock, pretending to be in prayer before her keeper, and suddenly and very quickly rising from prayer, and going toward her chamber, as the maiden her keeper thought, but in fact immediately down the stairs into the hall of the other house, behind the door, did that horrible act; and the maiden who waited on her at the stair foot followed her, and missed finding her in three or four places, until at length she heard her rattle in her own blood. Oct. 11th, Mr. Cumber came to me. Oct. 14th, paid Nurse Barwik six shillings for one month ending on the seventh, being Wednesday. Oct. 15th, this afternoon and all the night following a great storm of wind at North-West. One

Prychard who had married Proctor Lewes' widow demanded £24 of me upon an obligation of £64: of which by the very note on the back of the same £48 is paid, so that only £16 remains and not £24, as he unduly demanded: which £16 I claimed for the costs of his son John, who was with me in Mortlak for three years and longer, and had his learning free. Notwithstanding my wife, afraid, paid a pound or two to Mr. Lewys toward that £16, and yet Prichard will go to law. Nov. 12th, the Archbishop of Canterbury gave me £5 in rials and angels at about ten in the morning. Nov. 20th, Her Majesty came to Richemond. Nov. 27th, the Queen's Majesty, being at Richemont, graciously sent for me. I came to her at three quarters of the clock in the afternoon [hour not specified], and she said she would send me something to keep Christmas with. Nov. 28th, Mr. Candish on Saturday gave my wife forty shillings, and on Tuesday after sent £10 in rials and angels, and before that he had sent me £20, £32 in all. My cousin Mr. Thomas Junes came at the end of the term about St. Andrew's Eve. Dec. 1st, Her Majesty commanded Mr. John Herbert, Master of Requests, to write to the Commissioners in my behalf. Dec. 2nd, order taken by the Commissioners for my house and goods. Her Majesty told Mr. Candish that she would send me a hundred angels to keep my Christmas with. Dec. 3rd, goodwife Tyndale paid for Antony's lodging 5s. 6d. for eleven weeks due at his going away, and before that for seven weeks. Dec. 4th, the Queen's Majesty called for me at my door at about 3½ o'clock in the afternoon as she passed by, and I met her at Estshene gate, where she graciously, putting down her mask, said with a merry face, "Thank you, Dee; there was never a promise made but it was broken or kept." I understood her Majesty to mean the hundred angels she had promised to send me this day, as she had told Mr. Richard Candish the night before. Dec. 6th, Mr. Thomas Griffith, my cousin from Llanbeder, came to see me, and lay all night with me, and also Mr. Thomas Jones, and on Monday morning went by water to London, and so the same day homeward. In the afternoon at about 3 o'clock I received from the Queen, my Lady, £50. Dec. 8th, at Chelsey disputing with Doctor Mather, bishop of Bristow; in danger of water at 5½ o'clock I stayed at Chelsey. Dec. 14th, the Queen's Majesty called for me at my door as she rode by to take air, and I met her at Estshene

gate. Dec. 16th, Mr. Candish received from the Queen's Majesty warrant by word of mouth to assure me that I could do what I would in philosophy and alchemy, and that no one should check, control, or molest me; and she said that she would soon send me £50 more to make up the hundred pounds. I gave Mr. Candish the Bishop of Scotland's conclusion with the merchants. Mr. Candish went from Mortlak at four o'clock at night toward London and so into Suffolk. Dec. 18th, Mr. Robert Maynard born at about ten in the morning in London.

Year 1591

Jan. 21st, utterly put out of hope of recovering the two parsonages by the Lord Archbishop and the Lord Treasurer. Feb. 13th, Bartilmew came up. March 2nd, borrowed £20 upon plate and paid this day £19 in Mortlak. March 21st, remember that on Passion Sunday, being the 21st of March by our account, all things were paid to Mr. Thomas Hudson for wood and corn, about £14, at his house when he was sick of the strangury. Also to goodman Bedell was paid £4 for billet, baven, and loose faggot the same day. Paid likewise to goodwife Wesder eight shillings for one month's nursing of Madinia, and 4s. more beforehand. March 26th, Mr. Beale sent me home the first copy in my own hand of the volume of Famous and Rich Discoveries which I had given in 1583 to Andrew Strange.

May 12th, I paid goodwife Welder twelve shillings for seven weeks, ending next from the Wednesday before Easter Day last. May 25th, by the old calendar, Sir Thomas Jones, Knight (unasked), offered me his castle of Emlyn in Wales to dwell in so long as he had any interest in it, whose lease lasts yet twelve years, freely, with the commodities adjoining it; and also to have as much more land for rent as might please me sufficiently. The 27th day he confirmed the same offer again before Mr. John Harbert, Master of the Requests, in his hall at Mortlak; which offers I accepted, and he was glad thereof. May 31st, Bartilmew [Hickman] came up and brought Jane his daughter with him. Mr. R. Ed.'s book and letter. June 8th, William Aspland of Essex and Th. Collen. June 12th,

lent the manuscript *Great Chronicle of Holland*, which Mr. Webb lent me, to Mr. Beale on Saturday. June 14th, Jane Hikman to goodwife Tyndall's to learn. June 27th, Arthur wounded on his head by his own wanton throwing of a brick-bat upright, and not well avoiding the fall of it again, at Mr. Harbert's about sunset. The half-brick weighed 2½ lb. June 30, Madinia was taken home from goodwife Welder.

July 28th, Mr. Dyer sent me twenty angels by Mr. Thomas Webbes. July 30th, reconciliation between Mr. Dyer and me solemnized in the afternoon on Friday, and on Saturday (the 31st) all day until my going by boat, at Mr. Webb's lodging at Rochester House. July 31st, by the old calendar, about eleven o'clock Jane was in London very faint sick, ready to swoon, and in a faint sweat. It was thought that then she quickened. The last of July, Saturday by the old account, Barthelmew came up; he went down on Tuesday, the 3rd day of August, from Mortlak. Aug. 2nd, Monday, Mr. William Diggs's philosophical courtesy all day. Sept. 22nd, Madinia fell from the bed and hurt her forehead about one o'clock in the afternoon. Oct. 15th, after midnight very windy northerly. Oct. 23rd, a storm of wind S.W. in the afternoon. Dec. 3rd, windy S.W. Dec. 14th, I had a very gentle answer from the Lord Treasurer's hand at ten before noon at the court of Whitehall. Dec. 20th, a gentle answer from the Lord Treasurer that the Queen wished me to have something at this promotion of bishops at hand.

Year 1592

Jan. 1st, my daughter Frances born on New Year's Day at sunrise exactly. Jan. 2nd, Bartholomew and his brother Ambrose came this Sunday to Mortlake. Jan. 9th, Frances christened in the afternoon. Frances went with her nurse to Barn Elms. Mr. Edward Maynard born in the morning between 2 and 3 after midnight. Arthur fell into a quotidian gentle ague at 9 o'clock in the morning as he was at the service in the hall. Jan. 24th, Mr. Thomas Oliver became acquainted with me at Mortlake. March 6th, the Queen granted my suit to Dr.

Aubrey. March 9th, the privy seal at night. March 16th, the great seal. March 18th, Arthur and Katharine were bled in London on Doctor Dodding's advice. March 24th, £25 Mr. Tho. Mownson. March 25th, I paid £10 to Nicholas Fromonds a little before sunset, when he most abominably reviled me. March 30th, on Thursday Mr. Saunders of Ewell sent home my great sea compass, but without a needle; it came in the night by water.

April 5th, the Lady Russell robbed a little after midnight of pearls, diamonds, &c. One John Smyth is suspected, a young man of thirty years old, very ingenious in many handiworks, melancholic. April 8th, Richard came to my service, 40s. yearly and a livery. April 9th, 10th, I agreed with my brother Nicholas Fromonds and Mr. Webb, at 8 o'clock on Wednesday night, and 8 on Tuesday night. April 14th, Winifred Goose, wife of goodman Goose of Tuddington, daughter of Harry Wyse, tempted by evil, came to me with her sister. April 16th, +from the treasury+ a box [cipher decoded]. April 27th, the son of Mary Nevell at half past three in the afternoon and rather late near Chichester. May 3rd, Wednesday, at 10 o'clock Arthur was put to Westminster School under Mr. Grant and Mr. Camden. May 11th, I borrowed ten pounds of Master Thomas Smith to be paid at Christmas next. May 12th, great wind at north. May 15th, Marian came again at seven in the afternoon. May 16th, I rode to Harfelde to the Lord Anderson, Lord Justice of the Common Pleas, 12 miles off. May 25th, at six in the afternoon there might have been a quarrel between Mr. Webb and Mr. Morgan, who had one eye, over £4 left unpaid upon a bill. June 16th, Sir John Perrot judged to be drawn, hanged, and quartered.

July 23rd, at Greenwich about midnight following this day began the first evident sign of my grief of kidneys; whereupon Doctor Giffard caused me to have an enema, and so the next day I was eased of my grief. July 29th, Robert Thanet of Rushmere near Ipswich made acquaintance with me: he told me of Mr. Carter, a man of 80 years old in Yorkshire. Aug. 6th, I went to Nonsuch to the court, and the Countess of Warwick sent me word there by Mr. Ferdinando of the Queen's gracious speeches at St. Cross's, and the Lord Archbishop told me the same. Aug. 8th, after the midnight of Monday, being the 7th day, the second fit of the stone in my kidneys did molest me for 6 or 7 hours. Aug. 9th,

the Lord Treasurer invited me to dinner at Mr. Maynard's at Mortlake, where Sir Robert Cecill and Sir Thomas Cisell and his lady were also. The Lord Treasurer also sent me some venison to supper. He invited me to dinner also the tenth day, where the Lord Cobham came also to dinner, and after dinner he requested the Lord Treasurer to help me to St. Cross's, which he promised to do his best in. Aug. 11th, Mr. Kemp of Mitcham, my old acquaintance, about eleven o'clock (almost) before noon, told me of the rare appearance. Aug. 17th, I went to Mitcham to Mr. Kemp. Aug. 21st, I went to the Lord Cobham and the Lady Cobham to London. Aug. 23rd, Mr. Cholmely and his maid before noon at half past eleven. The humor fell so suddenly into the calf of my left leg as if a stone had hit me. Aug. 26th, Mr. Heriot 40s. Auditor Hill, £4. Remember all is paid to our nurse at Barnes for the girl Frances Dee from her birth until the end of her eighth month, lacking 12s., and on Sunday, the 27th of this August, we so concluded, when we gave the nurse ten shillings. The eighth month ended (from New Year's Day morning last) the 12th of this month. Sept. 4th, 5th, 6th, very tempestuous, windy at West, Southerly. Sept. 5th, the Thames very shallow at London. Sept. 6th, goodman Warren of Market Harborough. Robert Web came from Mr. Pontoys's to write, and is to come again within three weeks. Sept. 7th, Robert Charles of Northamptonshire and goodman Warren of Market Harborough in my house at Mortlake promised me to help Bartholomew Hikman with £12 to pay on Michaelmas Day next to discharge the bond for his brother-in-law. This they promised upon condition that I would be bound to them to see them repaid again. I sent a letter to Sir Robert Thanet to Rushmere near Ipswich by the wagoner who is at the inn at the George in Lombard Street. He said that Robert Thanet was at home and well. Sept. 19th, I had on the Sunday about 7 o'clock in the afternoon the cramp most extremely in the very center of the calves of both my legs, and in the place where I had the sudden grief on Bartholomew's Eve last I had pain so intolerable as if the veins or arteries would have broken by extreme stretching, or how else I cannot tell. The pain lasted about half a quarter of an hour. I took my purgation of six grains. I began in

the morning to take the drink for the stone in the kidney. Sept. 28th, Mr. Laiesley promised me ten sheep and four quarters of wheat. Sept. 30th, Elizabeth Denby went from me to Mistress Herbert's to service.

Oct. 13th, I exhibited to the Archbishop of Canterbury two books of blasphemy against Christ and the Holy Ghost, desiring him to cause them to be confuted: one was Christian Franken, printed in 1585 in Poland; the other was of one Sombius against one Carolius, printed at Ingolstad in 1582 in octavo.

Oct. 14th, 15th, a mighty wind at southwest. Oct. 30th, 31st, one of these two days I hurt my left shin against the sharp small end of a wooden rammer about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Nov. 1st, Mr. Ashley, his wife, and their family, did come to my house and remained there. They had my mother's chamber, the maid's chamber, and all the other house. Nov. 9th, Her Majesty's grant of my supplication for commissioners to come to me. The Lady Warwick obtained it. Nov. 22nd, the commissioners from Her Majesty, Mr. Secretary Wolley and Sir Thomas George, came to Mortlake to my house. Nov. 28th, to Richard Walkdyne, 20s. of his wages. Dec. 1st, a little after noon the very virtuous Countess of Warwick sent me word very speedily by her gentleman Mr. Jones from the court at Hampton Court that this day Her Majesty had granted to send me speedily a hundred marks, and that Sir Thomas George had very honorably dealt for me in the cause. Dec. 2nd, Sir Thomas George brought me a hundred marks from her Majesty. Dec. 24th to 31st, at Mr. Lurensey of Tooting all these days, and New Year's Day also, and so came home by coach (as we went) by Tuesday noon, I, my wife, Arthur, Kate, &c. Dec. 31st, at Tooting at Mr. R. Lurensey's house; about three o'clock after dinner the Bishop of Laigham served process upon me for the Nangle, but most unduly.

Year 1593

January, the Lord Treasurer lay dangerously sick in the beginning of this month. Jan. 2nd, I came home from Tooting. Jan. 7th, I received letters from the Lord Lasky from his captaincy in Livonia, and I wrote back in answer. Jan.

10th, this day death seized on him. This day at noon died Edward Maynard just one year old. Jan. 11th, buried this day at 10 o'clock. Jan. 15th, Mr. Ashley, the clerk of the council, his wife and whole family removed from my house in Mortlake to their house in London in Holborn, with all his whole family. He and she had used me, my wife and children, worshipfully and bountifully for our friendship shown to them for the loan of our house and lodgings from Allhallowtide last. Master Maynard also removed his household the 15th and 16th day to London, and my stable delivered up free. Jan. 20th, I sent my letters for the Lord Lasky to be carried in a ship of Danzig called the John of Danzig. Jan. 21st, Sunday, about noon Winifred Goose's son born and died, and she did thereupon, out of old melancholy pangs, destroy herself. Memorandum, my nurse at Barnes had 16s. more besides the last 40s. in the beginning of this month. Feb. 14th, Frances Dee, she came from the nurse at Barnes; the woman very unquiet and unthankful. Feb. 15th, Her Majesty graciously accepted of my few lines of thankfulness delivered to her by the Countess of Warwick at two in the afternoon at Hampton Court, two or three days before the removal to Somerset House. Feb. 21st, I borrowed £10 of Mr. Thomas Digges for one whole year. Feb. 22nd, a sharp anger between me and the Bishop of Leightyn in the Tower, because he would not show his further interest in the Nangle: he said that after I had seen his broad seal of commendation, I had institution and induction to the Nangle. Then I said his lordship was lying. Thereupon he was so moved that he spitefully called me "coniver." I told him he lied in saying so, and that I would try it on his flesh, or with a bastinado, if he were not a prisoner in the Tower. Between twelve and two in the afternoon, my sharp anger with the Bishop of Leightyn in the lieutenant's dining parlor before the Lieutenant Sir Michael Blunt. Mr. Lieutenant Nant and Mr. Blunt are witnesses. March 12th and 13th, these two nights I dreamed much of Mr. Kelly, as if he were in my house familiar with his wife and brother. March 17th, Francis Garland came home and brought me a letter from Mr. Thomas Kelly. I made acquaintance with Sir Thomas Chaloner, Knight, who married Sergeant Fleetwood's daughter; Mr. Thomas Webb was the means. At six after noon received from Mr. Francis Nicholls £15, part of one hundred pounds, of which

the rest, £85, is to be received from Mr. Nicholls within a fortnight after the Annunciation of Our Lady next; and after that in the beginning of June £100, and in July the third hundred pounds: and I am to teach him the conclusion of fixing and tying the moon, &c.

April 3rd, Bartholomew Hikman and Robert Charles came up. Letice came with Bartholomew, and went away again. April 8th, Letice came again from Barnet to my service. I received £50 of Mr. Nichols. April 9th, I gave Bartholomew Hikman £12 in new angels to give and pay to Robert Charles, which he had paid for him at Michaelmas last. I gave him also a double pistol for his courtesy. Little Adolph Webb came to me. April 10th, Bartholomew and Robert Charles went homeward. May 7th, Thomas Richardson of Bisham came to Mortlake to me. May 9th, he and Mr. Laward of the Chandry came. Our court day at Wimbledon. May 11th, in the morning at eight o'clock William Emery of Danbury in Essex became my retainer at Mortlake, commended by Mr. Thanet of Rushmere near Ipswich, born 1568, July 4. I gave Robert Web 10s., Richard 10s., and Elizabeth 3s. in the beginning of this month. May 21st, be it remembered that on this 21st day of May I bargained with and bought of Mr. Mark Perpoint, of Mortlake, that next mansion house with the plot, and all the appurtenances about it for £32, as the said Mr. Perpoint of late had at the last court day bought it, and had surrender of it made to him by Thomas Knaresborowgh for £25 to Midsummer next. About two o'clock after noon, before Jane my wife in the street, I gave him a saffron noble in earnest for a drink penny. Mr. Hawkins, of London, came at that very instant to buy it. May 27th, Mr. Francis Blunt, brother to the late Lord Mountjoy, uncle to the Lord Mountjoy living, and to Sir Charles of the court, came to be acquainted with me, he having traveled as far as Constantinople. June 4th, Bartholomew Hikman came to Mortlake in the morning. June 22nd, I had my copy of Mr. Roger Dale our steward, and had £5 of the fine released by the Lord's bountifulness. I told the steward that I had bought the house of Mr. Mark Perpoint, and he desired to see the note of his copy, and so I did. I told Mr. Perpoint that I had been at London to prepare his money, and I told him that I had seen the court roll for his copy. I went to London to fetch the

£32 for Mr. Perpoint, and so I sent him word. This evening I brought the money, but he was gone to bed. This morning I tendered the money, and counted it at goodman Welder's before Mr. Stockden and goodman Welder, but Mr. Perpoint refused to perform the bargain. May God turn it to good!

July 13th, I gave to Robert 5s. upon his wages this day. July 14th, I gave 4s. to Letice, part of her noble for her quarter wages, ending the 9th day of this month. July 18th, I bought goodman Welder his hovel, which is in the yard of the house next me, which I bought of Mr. Mark Perpoint. I gave him a new angel and five new shillings, and he is to have 5s. more, that is 20s. in all; and if I cannot agree to enter the house, then he is to take his hovel, and to restore it to me. July 21st, I gave to Richard 5s. upon his wages this day. July 22nd, I paid Mr. Childe £7. 13s. 4d. for all his wood, 20 loads and 6. July 24th, the offer for the bargain again on Mr. Perpoint's behalf: this is Mr. Stockden's doing. July 27th, remember that this Friday I paid Mr. Tomson £4 for his master Mr. Herbert, which I borrowed on the 12th of December 1592: and Mr. Herbert sent it again to my further use by Mistress Lee. Aug. 7th, Mistress Twyne and Mistress Banister came to visit me. Mr. Bele and Mrs. Bele, Mistress Plan, Mrs. Perpoint, &c. dined with me. I gave Robert Web 5s.; he sent it to Mr. Homes. Aug. 9th, I dined with the Lord Keeper at Kew. Aug. 17th, my wife and Katharine our daughter and I dined with the Lord Keeper at Kew. Aug. 28th, I was all day with the Lord Keeper. Mr. Webb and the philosopher came. Aug. 29th, Mr. Webb and the philosopher came again. Aug. 30th, Mistress Redhed, mother to Mr. John Pontoys by her first husband, Mr. Gubbens, bookbinder, and his wife, and the same day Mr. Redhed himself, one of Her Majesty's gentlemen ushers, came to me. Sept. 11th, Jane, after a three days' illness, miscarried, in the morning at ten o'clock. Sept. 13th, the house surrendered for me by Mr. Mark Perpoint, Mr. William Walker of Wimbledon, Miles Holland, Mr. John Stockden, the three customary tenants, with promise to bring in his wife at the next court day to surrender. Sept. 18th, Elizabeth Kyrton had 2s. 6d. Sept. 20th, Bartholomew Hikman came to Mortlake, and Robert Charles. I gave Robert Web 5s. by Arthur. Sept. 26th, Mr. Herbert went toward the court, and so toward Waty. Sept. 28th, tempestuous, windy, cloudy, hail and

rain, after three o'clock in the afternoon. Remember that the last day of this month Elizabeth Kyrton, who had served me twelve years, five years upon apprenticeship and seven for wages, five years of which for four nobles a year, and the last two for five nobles the year, was paid her full payment now remaining due: whereupon she received £4. 4s. for her due of wages remaining; and I gave her moreover a new half angel of gold, and my wife another; Arthur half a crown for him and his brother; Katharine half a crown for her and her sister. And so she went from my service upon no due cause known to me.

Oct. 4th, Sir Edward Kelly set at liberty by the Emperor. Oct. 12th, Mr. Cornelio Camaiere came from the Lord Lasky from Livonia. Oct. 15th, Margerie Thornton came to my service. Oct. 18th, before Mr. Perpoint, Miles Holland, Robert Welder, William Beck surrendered my cottage again to me, and I paid him £5, the full £12 as it cost him. To Letice two shillings. Oct. 20th, Mr. Cornelio went toward the fleet of Stade to return. Oct. 24th, Ostend besieged by report. Not true. Oct. 25th, Mr. Gray, the Lady Cumberland's preacher, his wrangling and denying and despising of alchemical philosophers. Nov. 5th, Mr. Francis Nicholls, Mr. Prise, Mr. Nores. Nov. 18th, Jane most desperately angry in respect of her maids. Nov. 20th, Margerie went and Dorothe Legg came for 30s. yearly. Margerie Thornton was dismissed from my service to Mrs. Child, and Dorothe Legg came by Mrs. Mary Revel's sending the same day and hour, at three in the afternoon. Nov. 26th, John, sometimes Mr. Colman's servant, came to me from the Lady Countess of Cumberland. Dec. 3rd, the Lord Willoughby's bountiful promise to me. The Countess of Kent, his sister, and the Countess of Cumberland visited me in the afternoon. The Lord Willoughby dined with me. Dec. 4th, £20 Lord Willoughby. Dec. 5th, the news of Sir Edward Kelly's liberty. Dec. 11th, I gave Robert 20s. at his going to London with my wife. Dec. 22nd, I gave Robert two shillings. Dec. 24th, Mr. Webb committed to the Marshalsea. Dec. 25th, this night Mr. Webb got out, and taken this day (the 26th).

Year 1594

Jan. 3rd, the Lord Keeper sent my wife 20 angels in a new red velvet purse, a little before sunset. Jan. 4th, Dr. Michael Peiserus, Doctor of Medicine to the Margrave of Brandenburg, visited me very kindly. Jan. 5th, a very tempestuous windy night. Jan. 9th, Robert Thickpeny from Sir Richard Martyn, and Miles Holland, bailiff for the Lord of the Manor, sealed up Mr. Webb's chest, and case of boxes. Jan. 19th, the cobbler with the mad woman. Jan. 25th, I sent my letters to Mr. Lording for Mr. Pontoys to Danzig. Jan. 26th, I came to Mr. Webb to the Marshalsea. Jan. 27th, Thomas Richardson came while I was at London, and so I found him at home; and again he promised me his working of forty days. Jan. 28th, Mr. Vander Laen promised on the 26th to begin his work of fixing the moon. Madinia somewhat sickly. Robert Wood, visited with spiritual creatures, had comfort by conference. Jan. 31st, Mr. Vander Laen began his work on the moon, five miles south from Gloucester. Mr. Morgan Treherne told me of Mr. Lawrence of eighty years old. Mr. Thomas Sharp, chief steward to the Lady Russell at Bisham, is master and good friend to Thomas Richardson, as he himself told me. Theodore Dee from the middle of this month had his left eye bloodshot from the side next his temple, very sore bloodshot, above three weeks continuing. Feb. 1st, Mr. John Ask sent me two little double gilt bowls weighing thirteen ounces and a half. Feb. 7th, Sir Thomas Wilks's philosophical offer came to my hands by Mr. Morice Kiffyn. This day the Archbishop of Canterbury inclined at times to the request of dispensation. Feb. 20th, 21st, Theodore fell sick in the Shrovetide week, and so into a tertian ague. March 10th, upon a flight of fear because Mr. Webb sent for me to come to him at the Marshalsea, now when he looked to be condemned on the Monday or Tuesday next. March 16th, Bartholomew Hikman came up. March 18th, Mr. Heriot came to me. March 20th, I did before Bartholomew Hikman pay Letice her full year's wages ending the 7th day of April next; her wages being four nobles, an apron, a pair of hose and shoes. March 23rd, I gave

Bartholomew Hikman the nag which the Lord Keeper had given me. Bartholomew Hikman and William his brother went homeward. Magus disclosed by friendship of Mr. Richard Alred. A sudden pang of anger between M. Nikols [cipher decoded] and me. March 28th, Mr. Francis Garland brought me Sir Edward Kelly and his brother's letters. March 31st, a great fit of the stone in my left kidney: all day I could do but three or four drops of water, but I drank a draught of white wine and salad oil, and after that, crabs' eyes in powder with the bone in the carp's head, and about four o'clock I did eat toasted cake buttered, and with sugar and nutmeg on it, and drank two great draughts of ale with it; and I passed within an hour much water, and a stone as big as an Alexander seed. God be thanked! Five shillings to Robert Webb, part of his wages.

April 1st, Captain Hendor made acquaintance with me, and showed me a part of his policy against the Spanish King's intended mischief against her Majesty and this realm. April 4th, John Stockden came to study with our children. Mr. Thomas Wye came with a token from Mistress Ashley. Removed to Mr. Harding and Mr. Abbot at Oxford about my Arabic book. April 5th, my right eye very sore and bloodshot. April 7th, Mr. Nichols came again out of Northampton. Mr. Barret and Mistress Barret came to visit me. May 3rd, between 6 and 7 after noon the Queen sent for me to her in the privy garden at Greenwich, when I delivered in writing the heavenly admonition, and Her Majesty took it thankfully. Only the Lady Warwick and Sir Robert Cecill's lady were in the garden with Her Majesty. May 18th, Her Majesty sent me again the copy of the letter of G. K. with thanks by the Lady Warwick. May 21st, Sir John Wolley moved my suit to Her Majesty. She granted after a fashion, but referred all to the Lord of Canterbury. May 25th, Dr. Aubrey moved my suit to Her Majesty, and the answer as before. May 29th, with the Archbishop before the Queen came to her house. June 3rd, I, my wife, and seven children, before the Queen at Thisellworth. My wife kissed her hand. I exhibited my request for the Archbishop to come to my cottage. June 6th, supped with the Lord Archbishop. Invited him to my cottage. June 11th, given to Robert Webb at London seven shillings in the beginning of this month. June 15th, £40 of Mr.

Thomas Harward. I should have £60 more. A great fit of the stone in my kidneys. June 20th, Mistress Magdalen Perpoint was sole examined by our steward at the Temple. June 22nd, mortgaged my late purchase to Mr. Richard White for £30, to be received within a few days. June 23rd, I discharged Robert Web of my service, and gave him 40 shillings for a full satisfaction of all things. Thomas Richardson came and offered me his work and labor, and had, as he requested, my letter to Mr. Thomas Sharpe. June 24th, on Midsummer Day Antony Ryve Taylor came to my service, for wages by the year three pounds and a livery. Bartholomew Hikman came. June 26th, I discharged Jane Hikman to go with her father Bartholomew home into Northamptonshire, and gave her ten shillings, and promised her at Hallowtide ten shillings more. Bartholomew Hikman and Goodman Ball with Jane Hikman went homeward. June 29th, after I had heard the Archbishop's answers and discourses, and that he had been the last Sunday at Tybald's with the Queen and Lord Treasurer, I count myself confounded for all suing or hoping for anything that was. And so farewell to the court and courting until God directs me otherwise! The Archbishop gave me a pair of sufferings to drink. God be my help as he is my refuge! Amen.

July 1st, I gave Robert yet more a French crown for a farewell. July 2nd, given to Richard ten shillings upon his wages. July 6th, Michael became distempered in his head and back. July 9th, in the morning began my head to ache and be heavier than of late, and had some queasiness in my stomach. I had broken my fast with sugar sops, &c. I gave Letice my servant 5s., part of her wages: with part of which she was to buy a smock and neckerchief. July 13th, at sunrise Michael Dee did give up the ghost after he said, "O Lord, have mercy upon me!" July 19th, goodman Richardson began his work. Aug. 19th, Elizabeth Felde came to my service: she is to have five nobles the year and a smock. Aug. 26th, Mr. Gherardt, the surgeon and herbalist, [came to me]. Aug. 30th, Monsieur Walter Mallet took his leave of me to go home to Toulouse. He had the fixed oil of saltpeter. Sept. 18th, I sent letters to Sir Ed. K. and T. Kelly, between 10 and 2 after noon taken from the door.

Oct. 3rd, I paid Mrs. Stockden £4 I borrowed of her; I paid her 26s. 8d. for four loads of wood. I remain debtor for a load of hay, and for 400 of billets in forks. Oct. 4th, paid Mr. Childe £3. 10s. for ten loads of loose faggot. Oct. 14th, Mr. Robert Thomas came to my house to dwell. Oct. 28th, at half past six in the afternoon, I wrote and sent a letter to the Lady Skidmore, in my wife's name, to move her Majesty that either I might declare my case to the body of the council, or else under the great seal to have license to go freely anywhere. Oct. 31st, lightning without thunder in the afternoon and in the night following. Nov. 24th, received a letter from Sir Edward Kelly by Rowley. Dec. 2nd, Francis Garland came to England from Prague. Just five years past I came to England from Bremen as Francis Garland came now: but the Stade fleet stayed at Harwich. The 2nd of our cold December, Bartholomew was preferred by me to the Lord Willoughby's service at Barbican, in the presence of the Countess of Kent: and the Lord Willoughby did presently write his warrant to Mr. Jonson in Fleet Street, tailor, to deliver to Bartholomew his cloth and cushions, and so it was to Bartholomew delivered immediately. Dec. 7th, Jane my wife delivered her supplication to Her Majesty, as she passed out of the privy garden at Somerset House to go to dinner at the Savoy with Sir Thomas Henedge. The Lord Admiral took it from the Queen. Her Majesty took the bill again and kept it upon her cushion; and on the 8th day, by the chief motion of the Lord Admiral, and somewhat of the Lord Buckhurst, the Queen's wish went immediately to the Lord Archbishop that I should have Dr. Day's place in St. Paul's. Dec. 22nd, paid seven shillings to Elizabeth Felde, part of her wages. Given to Letice 5s., part of her wages. Paid to Richard 8s., part of his wages; and all other reckonings paid.

Year 1595

Jan. 8rd, the Wardenship of Manchester was spoken of by the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.

Feb. 5th, my bill for Manchester was offered to the Queen before dinner by Sir John Wolly to sign, but she put it off.

Feb. 10th, at two in the afternoon I caught a cutpurse taking my purse out of my pocket in the Temple.

Feb. 18th, Mr. Laward's son Thomas was born at noon or a little after, $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$. First consultation and deliberation with Marmion Haselwood at the end of this month.

March 18th, Mr. Francis Garland came this morning to visit me and had much talk with me about Sir E. K.

March 20th, Mr. Marmion Haselwood, Mr. Dymmock, and Mr. Hipwell came to me at Mortlake.

March 21st, Bartholomew Hikman came to Mortlake.

March 26th, Bartholomew set out for home.

March 29th, Mr. Laward and Mr. Alred came to me.

April 18th, my bill for the Manchester Wardenship was signed by the Queen, Mr. Herbert having offered it to her.

May 4th, I paid Richard 20s. toward his wages, and gave him a further 10s. in full settlement of all odd reckonings of late.

May 5th, Mr. Cave died.

May 8th, a courtesy from the Master of the Rolls, though I had never spoken to him.

May 9th, my cousin John Aubrey came to me, to rest himself for a while.

May 21st, I discharged Letice from my service and paid all dues up to this day, her year ending on April 8th. I gave her, for the month over, 2s. 6d., and for spending money on the journey I gave her 2s. 6d., Robert Charles and my wife being present in my study.

May 25th, 26th, 27th, the Signet, the Privy Seal, and the Great Seal of the Wardenship; £3. 12s. borrowed from my brother Arnold.

June 1st, my young cousin John Aubrey was sent for by his father to London. Mr. Partrich, his brother, was in London; Richard Ward and others came for him.

June 9th, Bartholomew Hikman started for home.

June 11th, I wrote to the Earl of Derby's secretary about Manchester.

June 18th, Anne Powell came into my service; she is to have four nobles a year, a pair of hose, and shoes.

June 21st, the Earl of Derby's letter to Mr. Warren for the college.

June 25th, Dr. Aubrey died at midnight. My cousin Mr. George Broke gave me £50 in gold, at three in the afternoon.

June 29th, Mr. John Blayney, of Over Kingsham in Radnorshire, and Mr. Richard Baldwyn, of Duddlebury in Shropshire, visited me at Mortlake. The great-grandfather of the said John and my great-grandmother on my father's side were brother and sister.

July 1st, the two brothers, the Master Willemots of Oxfordshire, came to talk with me about hiring my house. Master Baynton came with Mistress Katharyn Hazelwood, wife to Mr. Fuller.

July 7th, Mr. Morgan Jones, my cousin, came to me at Mistress Wall's twice.

July 12th, Mr. Goodier, of Manchester, came to me. My birthday.

July 15th, I gave Mr. Morgan Traharn his bill for Mr. Harbert.

July 25th, Mrs. Mary Nevell came.

July 28th, a letter from Mr. Oliver Carter, Fellow of Manchester College. I wrote back to him the same day.

July 29th, Mistress Mary Nevel went to London, and from there into Kent.

July 31st, the Countess of Warwick thanked her Majesty this evening in my name, and on my behalf, for her gift of the Wardenship of Manchester. Her Majesty took it graciously; she was sorry that it lay so far from here, but that some better thing nearer at hand would be found for me, and, if the opportunity of time allowed, she would speak with me herself. I had a bill drawn up by Mr. Wood, one of the clerks of the Signet, for the first fruits granted me by her Majesty.

Aug. 2nd, at Mr. Cosener's table at Greenwich: I said something that greatly pleased Serjeant Oliver Lloyd, who wanted to argue the point again.

Aug. 5th, very rainy all day, with the wind north E. and W.

Aug. 12th, I received letters from Sir Edward Kelly from the Emperor's court, inviting me back into his service.

Aug. 14th, Jane gave birth (by God's will) about four in the afternoon.

Aug. 27th, Margarite Dee was baptized at 4½ in the afternoon. Godfather: the Lord Keeper; his deputy, Mr. Crowne. Godmothers: the Countess of Cumberland, her deputy Mistress Davis; and the Countess of Essex, her deputy Mistress Bele. Bartholomew Hikman came to Mortlake on his own business.

Sept. 2nd, a spider at ten o'clock at night, suddenly on my desk and suddenly gone; a most rare one for size and length of legs. I was deep in thought at my desk.

Sept. 6th, I gave Richard 2s. 6d. toward his wages when he went to his grandfather.

Sept. 13th, I dined with the Earl of Derby at Russell House, Mr. Thymothew and Mr. John Statfeldt, a German, being there.

Sept. 14th, 2s. to Elizabeth Feeld for the tailor.

Sept. 22nd, Elizabeth Feeld left my service. I dined with the Earl of Derby.

Sept. 26th, £6 borrowed from my cousin William Hetherley for fourteen days, to pay for Bartholomew Hikman.

Sept. 29th, Margery Stubble of Hounslow, our dry nurse, began the year of her service starting on Michaelmas Day, and is to have £3 as her year's wages and a gown cloth of russet. Edward Edwards likewise began his year of serving me on Michaelmas Day, and is to have 40s. for his year's wages, and a livery.

Oct. 7th, my anger (at 5 in the afternoon) with Edward, my cook, because of his disorderly conduct.

Oct. 8th, Mr. Richard Western lent me £10 for a year.

Oct. 9th, I dined with Sir Walter Rawlegh at Durham House.

Oct. 11th, 2s. to Edward, part of wages. Mr. Banks lent me £5 until after Christmas. Mr. Emery sent me £3 by my servant Richard Walkedine.

Oct. 14th, 2s. to Anne, part of wages; to Elizabeth Felde I paid the rest of her year's wages, and moreover 2s. 6d. given for the overplus time.

Oct. 19th, the old reckoning between me and Edmond Hilton was cleared. Of the eleven pounds he demanded, I showed him from my old notes that he had received £6. 15s., and after that 25s. from Sted, and the £3 lent him by Mr.

Emery; and I showed him Sted's letter, and Mr. Emery's letter of last month. All these sums make just eleven pounds. I paid nurse Stubble 5s. toward her wages.

Oct. 20th, 12d. to Anne. Richard rode toward Oxford for my Arabic book.

Oct. 25th, Sted asked my help in a lawsuit against his father.

Nov. 8th, my goods sent to me by Peravall toward Manchester.

Nov. 19th, my Arabic book restored by God's favor.

Nov. 21st, goodwife Lidgatt paid her rent for the two quarters ending at the feast of the Annunciation of Our Lady next, 13s. 4d. Goodman Agar was present in my hall at Mortlake.

Nov. 25th, the news that Sir Edward Kelly was killed.

Nov. 26th, Mr. Nicolas Bagwell of Manchester brought me a letter from my brother Arnold. I lent Mr. Laurence Dutton twelve shillings. My wife and children all went by water toward Coventry.

Dec. 10th, Mr. Lok's Arabic books and his letter to me, brought by Mr. Berran's son.

Dec. 23rd, I paid John Norton, stationer, ten pounds in hand, and was bound in a recognizance before Doctor Hone for payment of the rest, £10 yearly, £5 at Christmas and £5 at Midsummer, till £53 more 14s. 8d. were paid. I received £30 in part payment of the one hundred for my house at Manchester, from Mr. Paget.

Dec. 26th, A daughter of the Earl of Derby was born in the morning about four o'clock in London.

Year 1596

Feb. 15th, I came to Manchester at five in the afternoon.

Feb. 20th, installed in the Manchester wardenship between nine and eleven in the morning.

March 14th, public warning given against Thomas Goodyer.

March 21st, public warning given of the license granted to Thomas Goodyer.

April 2nd, Sir John Byron, knight, and Mr. John Byron, esquire, dined with me at the college. I moved the matter of Xyd, an acre of hay ground of his tenants. He promised well.

April 6th, I went to Mr. Ashton of Lester and to Mr. Sherington.

April 8th, Margaret Dee began to be weaned.

May 7th, possession taken in Salford.

May 11th, my brother Aubrey and Richard started for London.

June 3rd, I gave Antony Cowley 20s. and discharged him.

June 4th, Antony Cowley left my house for good; I do not know where he went.

June 14th, Mr. Harry Savill, the antiquary, came to me.

June 15th, by Mr. Harry Savill I wrote to Christopher Saxton at Denningley about the book dwelling at Halifax. I sent my letter to Sir Robert Cecil's house by William Debdell.

June 18th, the commission for the college sent to London to be engrossed in the Duchy office. I sent by Nicholas Baguely of Newton to Mr. Brogreton and to William Nicolson to follow it up this term.

June 21st, Mr. Christopher Saxton came to me.

June 22nd, entered upon great Brereriding in Salford.

June 24th, Bartholomew came.

June 25th, an order taken by the sheriff between me and Raf Holden.

June 26th, the Earl of Derby, with the Lady Gerard, Sir.... Molyneux and his Lady, daughter to the Lady Gerard, Master Hawghton and others, came suddenly upon us after three o'clock. I made them a scholar's collation, and it was taken in good part. I brought his honor and the ladies to Ardwick Green on the road toward Lyme, to Mr. Legh's house, twelve miles away.

June 29th, windy and rainy.

July 5th, Mr. Savill and Mr. Saxton came.

July 6th, I, Mr. Saxton, Arthur Rouland, John, and Richard, went to Howgh Hall.

July 9th, I sent Roger Kay of Manchester with my letters into Wales.

July 10th, the town of Manchester described and measured by Mr. Christopher Saxton. Given to nurse Stubley 10s., part of wages.

July 10th to 14th, occupied with low controversies, as with Holden of Salford and the tenants of Sir John Byron of Faylsworth in the right of the college, sending to..... to the county, and sending for Mr. Tyldesley, or Chester, for counselors.

July 12th, given more to the nurse, when her son John Stubley went from me toward London to be reconciled to his master. I gave him 5s. The young man, Leon the hatter, went with him.

July 14th, Mr. Saxton rode away. The sessions were held at Manchester.

July 19th, Ales came by Mrs. Beston's help into my service. Thomas, my cook, left me.

July 21st, Isabell Bardman from the chamber to the kitchen.

July 25th, thunder in the morning; rain in the night.

July 27th, the Earl of Derby went off toward London; he dined at Curtes' house.

Aug. 10th, Mr. Thomas Jones of Tregarron came to me at Manchester and rode toward Wales back again on the 13th day to meet the cattle coming.

Aug. 13th, I rode toward York. Halifax and Mr. Thomas Jones rode toward Wales.

Aug. 20th, I came to Manchester from York.

Aug. 20th to 27th, much disquiet and controversy over the tithe corn of Hulme.

Aug. 30th, the Crowsall corn tithe obtained by consent, but afterward doubted and half denied; then utterly denied.

Sept. 1st, Mary Goodwyn came into my service to govern and teach Madinia and Margaret, my young daughters.

Sept. 3rd, being Friday, I rode to Sir John Byron's, to Royton, to talk with him about the controversy between the college and his tenants. He pretended that we have part of Faylesworth Common within our Newton Heath, which can-

not be proved, I am sure. We were agreed that James Traves, being his bailiff, and Francis Nutthall, his servant for him, should with me look into all circumstances, and so proceed duly.

Sept. 5th, seventeen head of cattle from my kinsfolk in Wales brought by the courteous Griffith David, nephew to Mr. Thomas Griffith.

Oct. 26th, Mr. Francis Nicols and Bartholomew came to Manchester.

Oct. 29th, they rode for home.

Nov. 22nd, £4. 6s. given to my wife by Mr. Francys Wodcote.

Dec. 3rd, Mr. Palmer came to be curate.

Year 1597

Jan. 19th, I sent £4 to Bartholomew Hikman by Bradshaw the carrier.

Jan. 22nd, Oliver Carter's threat to sue me with process from London was this Saturday declared in the church to the clerk.

Feb. 5th, Rich. Key, curate of Weram, came to me on Mr. Heton's information, and I was to try him three months for 50s. wages.

Feb. 7th, John Morris came to Manchester.

Feb. 11th, £5 borrowed of Mr. Mat. Heton.

Feb. 14th, this Monday John Morris went with my letters to Mr. John Gwyn, and twelve more squires in Montgomeryshire.

Feb. 17th, I delivered to Charles Legh the elder my silver tankard with the cover, all double gilt, of the Countess of Hereford's gift to Francis her god-daughter, weighing 22 oz. great weight, to lay in pawn in his own name with Robert Welsham the goldsmith for £4 till within two days after May Day next. My daughter Katharin and John Crocker and I myself (John Dee) were at the delivery of it and the weighing of it in my chamber: it was wrapped in a new handkerchief.

Feb. 25th, Mr. Heton borrowed Robert Stephanus's *Greater Concordances*. He has also my book *On the Supper* by Doctor Pezelia.

March 7th, Mr. Heton lent me £5 more, and thereupon I gave him a bill of my hand for the whole ten pounds, to be paid at Michaelmas next. The other £5 was received the 11th of February last.

March 17th, Bartholomew Hikman came.

March 19th, I lent Mr. Hopwood Wierus, *On the Illusions of Demons*.

April 10th, a petition exhibited by the parishioners.

April 11th, 12th, troublesome days about Mr. Palmer the curate.

April 15th, I had my Wierus, *On the Illusions of Demons*, from Mr. Hopwood, and lent him *The Scourge of Demons* and *The Cudgel of Demons* [the Latin has *Fustio*, probably a slip for *fustis*, “cudgel”] in 8vo, for the time till Midsummer.

April 21st, I sent Bartholomew Hikman 40s. I sent by Bradshaw many letters to London. I sent by Goodman Thurp of Salford my long letter to the Bishop of Lincoln, and one to Mr. Shallcross.

April 22nd, in the afternoon Sir Urien Legh, knight, and his brother, and Mr. Brown, and Mr. George Booth, sheriff of Cheshire, did visit me. Mr. Booth said that he would yield that to me which he would not yield to the bishop nor any other. Mr. Wortley of Wortley also came the same day at four in the afternoon.

May 2nd, Mr. Hulme and Mr. Williamson came to me in the Lord Bishop of Lincoln’s case for Hulme.

May 4th, I, with Sir Robert Barber, curate, and Robert Talsley, clerk of Manchester parish church, with various men of the town of different ages, went in perambulation to the bounds of Manchester parish: we began at the Leeless Bench against Prestwich parish, and so had a view of the three corn stakes, and then down to Mr. Standysh’s new enclosure on the Low, where we stayed and viewed the stake yet standing in the bank of the ditch, it being from the corn eleven measures of Mr. Standley’s stake then in his hand, and two feet more, which I measured afterward, and it came to, in Kentish feet, 6 inches and three quarters. The geometrical survey of the very circuits of Manchester parish was ended in this, being the sixth day of my work.

May 11th, the way to Stopford surveyed by John Cholmeley and John Crocker.

May 17th, I paid Richard Walkeden 20s. of his wages.

May 20th, the Lady Booth made my acquaintance here.

May 23rd, 8s. 8d. to Isabell Boordman to make up the whole year's wages due at the Annunciation of Our Lady last past. I allowed Mr. Williamson ten days' respite more for his kinsman to bring in his evidence in the process of the proceedings. I paid the nurse 3s. to make up her full payment of her year's wages, ended at Michaelmas last.

May 27th, open enmity with Palmer before Sir Edward Fitton. Sir Edward Fitton told Matthew Palmer to his face that he had known him to be a mutinous man and a.....

June 9th, Thomas Sankinson told me of John Basset's coming to London.

June 14th, the unlawful assembly and rout of William Cutcheth, Captain Bradley, John Taylor, Rafe Taylor, at Newton, against my men, describing the disturbance at Newton.

June 27th, news from Hull of 23 barrels of Dansk rye sent me by John Pontoys.

July 1st, I sent Roger Kay to Vandydes for cattle.

July 4th, the carriers went to Wakefield for the corn.

July 5th, toward evening lightning and little thunder.

July 6th, thunder in the morning.

July 7th, five horse loads of Dansk rye came home.

July 19th, the strange pang of my back opening this morning at 6¼ o'clock. In the church upon Mr. Palmer's disorder against Mr. Lawrence.

July 20th, the last of my Dansk rye, in all 21 horse loads.

Aug. 6th, this night I had the vision and sight of many books in my dream, and among the rest was one great volume, thick, in large quarto, newly printed, on the first page of which, as a title, was printed in great letters "God is known in Judah." Many other books, I thought, I saw newly printed, of very strange arguments. I lent Mr. Edward Hopwood of Hopwood my **Malleus Maleficarum** (The Hammer of Witches) to use till New Year's tide next, a short, thick old book with two clasps, printed in 1517.

Aug. 19th, the Earl and Countess of Derby came to Alport Lodge.

Aug. 21st, the Earl and Countess of Derby had a banquet at my lodging at the college at 4½ o'clock.

Aug. 27th, John Addenstall came from Mr. Emery. I wrote.

Sept. 3rd, Mr. Werall of Lobester, within two miles of Doncaster, came to me to make my acquaintance.

Sept. 9th, very windy from the south and rainy.

Sept. 12th, hail this morning on Monday.

Sept. 15th, lent by Mr. Werall 40s. John Cholmley went with him to give him and others physic; and I repaid John Cholmeley the 40s. again.

Sept 24th, Bartholomew came.

Sept. 25th, Mr. Oliver Carter's impudent and evident misconduct in the church.

Sept. 26th, he repented and some pacification was made.

Sept. 27th, I granted a lease of three lives to Mr. Ratclyf for two houses in Dene Square, both of 7s. rent; fine, twenty nobles.

Sept. 28th, Mr. Yardely of Calcot in Cheshire, about six miles from Chester, came toward the Holt. News about the philosopher Mr. Walder.

Sept. 30th, John Crocker (my good servant) had leave to go to see his parents. He went with Bartholomew Hikman and Robert Charles toward Branbroke, with Arthur Golding, to be cured of his fistula. John Crocker intends to return about Easter or at Whitsuntide next. God speed him! Mr. Humphry Dampport was made our steward.

Oct. 12th, Rafe Holden preferred a bill against Richard Walkeson for entering Brereriding's chase, which I and Antony Ryve..... proved false. The bill was not found.

Oct. 22nd, John Fletcher of Manchester went with my letters to Vanylos this Sunday morning.

Nov. 3rd, Mr. John Cholmeley set out toward London by way of Market Harborough.

Nov. 7th, the fellows and the receiver did not agree with me in accounts. A little after nine in the morning, Arthur's left eye hurt at playing at fence with rapier and dagger of sticks, by a thrust from Edmond Arnold.

Nov. 10th, Mr. Burch's letter from Matthew Palmer.

Nov. 14th, the fellows would not grant me the £5 for my house rent, as the Archbishops had granted; and our foundation requires a house.

Nov. 17th, I sent Ed. Arnold to London on foot with my letters to Dr. Julio.

Dec. 3rd, 10s. to Richard Walkeden in part of wages. To the nurse 10s.

Dec. 9th, I visited the grammar school.

Dec. 13th, I wrote by the carrier Barret to Dr. Cæsar.

Dec. 14th, Mr. George Broke, son to Mr..... Broke of...., came to make my acquaintance, whom I treated most kindly. Mr. Ratclif of Manchester came with him, but Mr. Heton also came on Tuesday afternoon when I had no leisure.

Dec. 17, I lent to Mr. Barlow for his son a Spanish grammar in 8vo, printed at Louvain in 1555 by Bartholomew Gravay, in Spanish, French, and Latin. To R. Dickonson I paid £7. 2s. for the plate and a new bell, made till 1599, January 1st, £66.

Year 1598

Jan. 4th, I wrote to Bartholomew and Charles by Bradshaw.

Jan. 17th, my brother Arnold went to Chester and Vaunlos.

Jan. 18th, Ed. Arnold set out for London with my letter.

Jan. 19th, at two in the afternoon I appeared before the justices against James Shallcross and John Lawrence for misusing my name to deceive Mr. Harrughby.

Jan. 20th, Walter Fletcher, surgeon, came from Bartholomew Hikman.

Jan. 22nd, after midnight the college gate toward Hunt's Hall fell, and part of the wall going down the lane. I received letters from Mr. John Pontoys.

Jan. 24th, Walter Fletcher went with my letters to Bartholomew Hikman and Robert Charles. My bitterness about midnight.

Jan. 28th, the close was hired of Ed. Brydock for three pounds paid beforehand by me, John Dee, to the said Ed. Brydock, being £4 from Candlemas next till Candlemas come a twelvemonth.

Feb. 9th, George Birch's suit was stayed at Chester upon his promise to compound with me for all tithe, hay, and other matter. Thomas Goodyer's suit and excommunication I stayed, without prejudice meanwhile to his own right. Baxter's likewise I stayed at the Chester court.

Feb. 12th, news from Mr. Smyth, of Upton parsonage, came this Sunday.

Feb. 13th, Edmond Arnold went to London; thereupon I sent off speedily.

Feb. 20th, I wrote by Oliver Ellet, the tailor, to Mr. Nicolls at Faxon.

Feb. 22nd, Mr. Nicolls came and wished to meet Ellet.

Feb. 25th, the eclipse. A cloudy day, but great darkness about 9½ in the morning.

Feb. 26th, my bitterness about midnight.

Feb. 27th, Mr. Nicolls rode for home, and met the messenger a little beyond Stopford. I lent Mr. Nicolls, to take home with him, Roger Edward's book, to be brought back to me by Bartholomew Hikman.

March 1st, I received Mr. Thynne's letter about Sted's debt, and Ed. Arnold's letter about the suit from Upton, and about the Lord Archbishop's hard dealing.

March 2nd, I sent the statute staple to London to Mr. George Brok for Sted. I wrote letters by John Hardy and sent them in a box.

March 5th, news of Mistress Mary Nevell's death by William Nicholson: she died the Friday after Candlemas Day.

March 11th, I borrowed 40s. of Mr. George Kenion, of Kersall, to repay again as soon as I conveniently can. Received by Richard Walkeden.

Year 1600

June 10th, I set out from London. Jun. 18th, I, my wife, Arthur Rowland, Mistress Marie Nicols, and Mr. Richard Arnold came to Manchester.

July 3rd, the Commission sat in the Chapter House.

July 7th, this morning, as I lay in my bed, the thought came to me to write a book, "Of Certain Differences of Bodies and Spirits."

July 8th, I wrote to the Lord Bishop of Chester by Mr. Withenstalls.

July 10th, Mr. Nicols and Bartholomew Hikman came.

July 14th, Francis Nicols and Bartholomew Hikman started for home.

July 17th, I told the fellows to come to me by nine the next day.

July 18th, it is to be noted of the great unexpected reconciliations that happened this Friday; for in the forenoon (between nine and ten), when the fellows were in great doubt of my heavy displeasure because of their manifold misuse of themselves toward me, I received them with all mildness, and showed them most of the things that I had brought to pass in London for the good of the college, and told Mr. Carter, going away, that I must speak with him alone. Robert Leigh and Charles Legh were by. Secondly, the great suit between Redishmer and me was stayed by Mr. Richard Holland's wisdom. Thirdly, the organs were admitted upon condition. And fourthly, Mr. Williamson's resignation was granted, for a preacher to be gotten from Cambridge.

July 19th, I lent Randall Kemp my second part of Holinshed's Great Chronicle for two or three weeks. He restored it at Newton.

July 31st, we held our audit, I and the fellows, for the two years last past in my absence: Oliver Carter, Thomas Williamson, and Robert Birch, Charles Legh the elder being receiver. I read and gave to Mistress Mary Nicolls her prayer.

Aug. 5th, I visited the grammar school and found great imperfection in all and every one of the scholars, to my great grief.

Aug. 6th, I had a dream after midnight of my working the philosopher's stone with others. The dream was after midnight, toward day.

Aug. 10th, I, my wife, daughter Katharine, and Mary Nicolls received the Eucharist.

Aug. 30th, a great tempest of strong wind S.W. from 2 till 6, with rain.

Sept. 11th, Mr. Holland of Denby, Mr. Gerard of Stopford, and Mr. Langley, commissioners from the Bishop of Chester, authorized by the Bishop of Chester, called me before them in the church at about three of the clock in the

afternoon, and delivered to me certain petitions put up by the fellows against me, to answer before the 18th of this month. I answered them all at the same time, and yet they gave me leave to write at leisure.

Sept. 16th, Mr. Harmer and Mr. Davis, gentlemen of Flintshire, within four or five miles of Hurden Castle, visited me.

Sept. 29th, I burned, before Mr. Nicols, his brother, and Mr. Wortley, all of Bartholomew Hikman's untrue acts.

Sept. 30th, after the departing of Mr. Francis Nicolls, his daughter Mistress Mary, his brother Mr. William, and Mr. Wortley, at my return from Deansgate, to the end of which I brought them on foot, Mr. Roger Kooke offered and promised his faithful and diligent care and help, to the best of his skill and power, in the chemical processes, and that he would rather do so than be with anyone in England; which promise of his may the Lord bless and confirm! He told me that Mr. Anthony had treated him very liberally and kindly, but he told him that he had given his word to me. In this he valued the faithfulness of keeping such a promise.

Oct. 13th, let it be remembered that Sir Georg Both came to Manchester to visit Mr. Humfrey Dampont, counselor of Gray's Inn, and so came to the college to me; and after a few words of discourse we agreed as concerning two or three tenements in Durham Massy in his occupation: that he and I, with the fellows, would stand to the arbitration of the said Mr. Dampont after his next return here from London. John Radclyf, Mr. Dampont's man, was with him here, and Mr. Dumbell, but they did not hear our agreement; we were in my dining room.

Oct. 22nd, I received a kind letter from the Lord Bishop of Chester on behalf of Thomas Billings for a curacy.

Nov. 1st, Mr. Roger Coke began to distill.

Nov. 4th, the commission and jury found the titles of Nuthurst due to Manchester against Mr. James Ashton of Chaterdon.

Nov. 7th, Oliver Carter his..... before Mr. Birch, Richard Legh, and Charles Legh, in the college house.

Dec. 2nd, college audit. Allowed my due of £7 yearly for my house rent till Michaelmas last. Arthur Dee a grant of the chapter clerkship from Owen Hodges, to be had if £6 were paid to him for his patent.

Dec. 20th, I borrowed of Mr. Edmund Chetam, the schoolmaster, £10 for one year upon plate: two bowls, two cups with handles, all silver, weighing together 32 oz. Item, two pots with cover and handles, double gilt within and without, weighing 16 oz.

Year 1601

Jan. 19th, I borrowed of Adam Holland of Newton £5 till Hilary Day, upon a silver salt, double gilt, with a cover, weighing 14 oz.

Feb. 2nd, Roger Cook's supposed plot, laying to my discredit, was found by chance by Arthur, my son, in a box of his papers, in his own handwriting about noon, and in the afternoon about 1½ it was brought to my knowledge face to face. O God, deliver us from evil! All was mistaken, and we were reconciled in a godly way.

Feb. 10th to 15th, reconciliation between us, and I declared to my wife, Katharine my daughter, Arthur, and Rowland, how things were thus taken.

Feb. 18th, Jane came into my service from Cletheraw.

Feb. 25th, R. K a sacred pact at eight in the morning.

March 2nd, Mr. Roger Coke went toward London.

March 19th, I received the long letters from Bartholomew Hikman at two in the afternoon, by a carrier of Oldham.

April 6th, Mr. Holcroft of Vale Royal made his first acquaintance at Manchester by reason of his friend William Herbert. He treated me and reported of me with great freedom and respect.

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One I had with me, and one I left here, which is noted after.
- 10 The *Anti-Claudian*, in Verse—Hugh of Pushac, Bishop of Durham's *Brutus*, in Verse. Somewhat long format, parchment.
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- ²⁷ Roger Bacon's Two Books of Natural Commonplaces, Divided into Four Sections. Parchment, folio.
In boards, with clasps.
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- 38 John Peckham’s Song of the Poor—John of Wales’s Common Discourse—The Same Wales’s Dietary, Place-Book, and Itinerary—The Same’s Breviloquy—A Treatise Beginning, “Upon Three Crimes”—Aristotle’s Secrets of Secrets. Parchment, quarto.
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- ⁴⁷ Boethius's Consolation of Philosophy, Turned into Greek by Maximus Planudes—Cato's Distichs, with the Scholia of Planudes, etc., in Greek—Aphthonius's Progymnasmata, in Greek. Paper, folio.
I gave this book to the Cracow Library, in the year 1584, July 28.
- ⁴⁸ The Philosopher Porphyry's Introduction to Aristotle's Logic, in Greek. Paper, folio.
- ⁴⁹ The Shipbuilding of a Certain Italian, with Figures. Paper, quarto.
- ⁵⁰ Dionysius Zaccarius's Little Work on the Philosophers' Stone, in French. Paper, quarto.
- ⁵¹ Robert of Gloucester's Chronicle, in English Rhyme. Paper, folio.
- ⁵² The History of the British Princes from King Cadwalader to Leolin, Gathered by Humfred Lluyd, in English. Paper, folio.
- ⁵³ Diverse Compositions of Mercurial Waters and Other Chemical Experiments, in English, Beginning, "He that will make," etc. Paper, quarto.
- ⁵⁴ Various Chemical Experiments, in English, Beginning, "For to make white lead." Parchment, folio.
- ⁵⁵ Albert the Great's Summa of Natural Things, Beginning, "Philosophy Is Divided." Paper, quarto.
- ⁵⁶ Roger Bacon's Notes on Aristotle's Treatise on the Secret of Secrets. Parchment, folio.
- ⁵⁷ Philip Ulstad's Heaven of the Philosophers. Printed, folio.
- ⁵⁸ Certain Geometrical Discoveries. Paper, folio.
My own hand, of Richard Chancellor and Thomas Topely.
- ⁵⁹ Dumbylton's Summa. Parchment, folio.
- ⁶⁰ Bede on the Deeds of the English. Parchment, quarto.

- ⁶¹ Euclid's Geometry—Roger Bacon's Perspective—Aristotle's Problems—Campanus's Theory of the Planets. Parchment, quarto.
- ⁶² Two Large Volumes, in Hebrew, on Astrological Judgments—The Alchemy of Solomon. Paper, folio. 2 vol.
- ⁶³ The Sayings of Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, Beginning, "The Holy Spirit Through the Mouth of Solomon," etc.—The Same's Treatise on the Cessation of Legal Observances—The Same's Treatise on the Moral Eye, together with various others. Parchment, folio.
- ⁶⁴ Isaac the Jew's Logic, with various others of similar subject, in Hebrew. Paper, quarto.
- ⁶⁵ Alhazen's Perspective, etc. Parchment, quarto.
John Davis's spoil.
- ⁶⁶ Raymond Lull's Testament—The Same's Song—The Same's Codicil, or Handbook—The Same's Transmuting Soul—Notes on Raymond Lull's Testament—Raymond Lull's Lapidary—Questions on Raymond Lull's Paulina—Questions on Raymond Lull's Olympiad—An Explanation of Raymond Lull's Tables of the Figure of Five—Raymond Lull's Repertory—A Treatise on the Consideration of the Stone—The Philosophy of a Certain Follower of Lull—John Dastin the Chemist's Dream, or Visions, in English—Raymond Lull's Third Distinction—The Soul of the Art, According to the Copy Found in England—The Apocalypse of the Hidden Spirit—The Art of Turning Mercury and Saturn into Gold and Silver, or On the Waters of Theuthis—Aristotle's Light of Lights—Raymond Lull's Question-Book of the Philosophical Tree—The Question-Book of the Quadrangular Figure—The Question-Book of the Figure of Five—The Third Distinction According to Another Copy—Aphorisms—The Abridgment—The Practice of the Hidden Secret—The Great Work, or Royal Work—Considerations on the Lesser Work—The Song in Catalan, with a Commentary—The Short Art, etc. Paper, folio.

- 67 Raymond Lull's *Mirror of Alchemy*—The Same's *Book on the Fifth Essence*—The Same's *Lapidary, Namely, on Gems*—John Dastin's *Book on the Composition of the Stone*—The Same's *Gift of God*—The *Book of Roots*—The *Book of Administrations*—The Same Dastin's *Mirror of Philosophers*—*Rasis on the Twelve Waters*, etc. Paper, folio.
- 68 The *Medical Practice of Anet, Son of Abraham*—Scarsatus's *Medical Practice*, together with others. Parchment, quarto.
- 69 Ethelred, Abbot of Rievall, *On the Life of Edward, King of the English and Confessor*. Parchment, quarto.
- 70 Robert, Bishop of Lincoln's, *Treatise in the Romance Tongue, That Is, in Old French Rhyme, on the Beginning of the Creation of the World, on the Middle and the End*, etc. Parchment, quarto.
- 71 William of Northfield's *Exposition on the Book on the Difference Between Spirit and Soul*—The Same's *Exposition on Various Little Works of Aristotle's Physics*. Parchment, folio.
- 72 Master Franco's *Musical Rules, with Additions by Other Musicians, Gathered by Robert of Handlo*—Roger Bacon's *Perspective*, together with other geometrical and astrological works. Parchment, folio.
- 73 Walter Burley's *Notes on Porphyry's Predicables and Aristotle's Categories*, together with little books of other notes. Paper, quarto.
- 74 Boethius's *Music*—Hermannus Contractus on the *Construction of the Astrolabe and Its Uses*. Parchment, quarto.
- 75 A *Chronicle of the Emperors, or a Compendium of Histories in the First Monarchy of the Babylonians, to the Year of Christ 1266*—John of Bologna's *Summa of the Roman Popes and Emperors to the Year of Christ 1313*—The *Birth and Deeds of Alexander the Great*. Parchment, quarto.

- ⁷⁶ William Wodford, of the Order of Minors, *Little Work of Certain Questions Against the Dialogue of John Wycliffe, Condemned by Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury—Thomas Palmere’s Treatise on Images, with various others.* Paper, quarto.
- ⁷⁷ *Certain Chemical Collections of Sibert Rhodius.* Paper, folio.
- ⁷⁸ Robert Holcot’s *Questions on the Four Books of Lombard’s Sentences—The Same’s Questions on Astronomy.* Parchment, quarto.
- ⁷⁹ Arnold of Villanova’s *Book on Alchemy, Beginning, “Know, My Son, That in This Book,”* together with other little works of his. Paper, quarto.
- ⁸⁰ *The Philosopher Ethicus’s Cosmography, Turned into Latin by St. Jerome of Stridon.* Parchment, folio.
- ⁸¹ Roger Bacon’s *Three Letters, or Three Writings, to John of Paris, in Which the Wisdom of the World Lies Hidden—King Calid to Morienus—The Chemistry of Geber and Avicenna.* Paper, quarto.
- ⁸² *Euclid’s Ten Books of Geometrical Elements—The Same’s Perspective, etc., in Latin.* Paper, quarto.
- ⁸³ *Alhazen’s Optics, in seven books, in Latin.* parchment, folio.
- ⁸⁴ *A Fragment on the Making of a Burning Mirror.— Urso on the Effects of Primary Qualities.— The Book of the Cow.— Albertus’s Gifts.— Thomas Aquinas on the Essences of Things.* parchment, quarto.
- ⁸⁵ Richard of Hampole’s book, called the *Fire of Love*, in English. parchment, folio.
- ⁸⁶ *Alhazen’s Optics, in Latin.— Likewise Alfraganus, etc., in Latin.* parchment, folio.
- ⁸⁷ *Albumazar on Astrological Judgments.* parchment, folio.

- ⁸⁸ James Faber of Étaples's Conclusions of Physics, etc., drawn from Aristotle. paper, folio.
- ⁸⁹ John Eschuid's English Summary, or Medical Summary. parchment, folio.
- ⁹⁰ Bartholomew the Englishman on the Properties of Things. parchment, a larger folio.
- ⁹¹ Jordanus Nemorarius's Arithmetic with a Commentary.— John of Sacrobosco's Treatise on Whole Numbers.— John of Liniensis's Treatise on Fractions.— Campanus's Theory of the Planets.— Nicholas Oresme's Treatise on the Proportions of Proportions.— Jordanus's Treatise on the Measurement of Heavenly Bodies.— Gervasius's Treatise on Proportions.— Demonstrations of the Conclusions of the Astrolabe.— A Treatise on the Torquetum and Its Use.— The Tables of Alfonso, King of Castile.— Canons of the Tables of Alfonso by John of Saxony.— John of Liniensis's Canons of the Tables of the First Mover.— Jacob Alkindus on the Impressions of the Air.— Roger Bacon on the Utility of Arithmetic.— Campanus's Church Calendar Reckoning.— Jordanus's Demonstrated Algorithm. parchment, folio.

Catalogue of the Library of Manuscripts, 2

- ⁹² Helinand the Cistercian Monk's Chronicles of the World, thirty books; that is, the first part. parchment, folio.
- ⁹³ Francis Cataneus Diacetius's Paraphrase on Aristotle's On the Heavens, etc. parchment, folio.
- ⁹⁴ Isidore of Seville's Book on the Nature of Things, with glosses.— Priscian's Instruction.— Bede's Verses on the Day of Judgment. parchment, quarto.

- ⁹⁵ Treatise on the Figures of the Stars in the Eighth Sphere.— Geber's Nine Books on Astronomy.— Six Abridged Books of the *Almagest*.— Jordanus's Books on Triangles.— Several Abridged Conclusions of the *Almagest*.— Archimedes's Book on Curved Surfaces.— Albeon's Treatise.— Table for the Places of the Planets.— Zaphi Arzachel's Treatise, etc.— Chapters of the Book of the *Almagest*.— Compendium of Music from Boethius.— Euclid's Elements of Geometry.— Geber's Conclusions on Astronomy.— Theodosius's Spherics.— Mileus's Three Books on Spherical Figures and Triangles.— Tables of the Planets on Roots and Motions.— Muhammad of Baghdad's Book of Divisions.— Treatise on the Five Regular Bodies.— Treatise on Burning Mirrors.— Table for the Houses, for the Latitude of Oxford.— Tables of Many Latitudes, according to Bachecumbe.— Thebith's Treatise on Motion.— Treatise on the Proportion of the Circumference of a Circle, etc.— Four Solar Tables. parchment, folio.
- ⁹⁶ Roger Bacon's Treatise on the Virtues and Actions of the Stars. paper, quarto.
- ⁹⁷ Vitellion's Optics. parchment, folio.
- ⁹⁸ Theodosius's Spherics.— Euclid's Data, in Latin.— Archimedes on the Quadrature of the Circle. parchment, quarto.
- ⁹⁹ Haly on the Judgments of the Stars. parchment, folio.
- ¹⁰⁰ Boethius's Consolation of Philosophy with a Commentary.— Writings on Several Books of Geometry.— Jordanus on Mirrors.— Jordanus on Weights.— Archadius's Demonstrations on the Quadrature of the Circle.— Hermann's Treatise on the Astrolabe.— Book on Similar Arcs.— Archimedes on Isoperimetric Figures.— Archimedes on Curved Surfaces. parchment, quarto.
- ¹⁰¹ Avicenna on First Philosophy, that is, on the Cause of Causes, or Metaphysics, in Latin. parchment, quarto.
- ¹⁰² Alhazen's Optics. parchment, quarto.

- 103 Richard de Posis's Summary of Letters (a kind of notarial art) according to the Custom of the Roman Curia. parchment, folio.
- 104 Arzachel's Astronomical Tables. parchment, quarto.
- 105 Chronicle of England, in English, a manuscript. parchment, folio.
- 106 Aristotle's Commentary on Astrology (fragment). parchment, quarto.
- 107 Albertus Magnus's Book of Minerals. parchment, quarto.
- 108 Haly on the Judgments of the Stars.— Book of the Nine Judges in Astrology.— Jafar on Rains.— Messahala on Nativities.— Aristotle's Book on Universal Judgments.— Hani Benhanna's Book of Geometry.— Guido Bonatus on Astrology. paper, large folio.
- 109 Treatise on Whole Numbers with a Commentary.— Treatise on Fractions with a Commentary.— Boethius's Summary of Both Arithmetics.— Arithmetic Compiled from Many Sciences.— Book on the Figures of Numbers.— Practice of Memory.— Treatise on the Burning Mirror according to the Section of Mukesius.— Euclid's Geometry, 15 books, with a Commentary.— Jordanus on Weights with a Commentary.— Euclid on Weights with a Commentary.— Euclid's Book of Data with a Commentary.— Archimedes on Curved Surfaces with a Commentary.— Archimedes on the Quadrature of the Circle, with a Commentary.— Archimedes on Isoperimetric Figures.— Theodosius's Spherics.— Robert, Bishop of Lincoln, on Light, Heat, and the Rainbow.— Vitellion's Optics, four books. parchment, folio.
- 110 Constitutions of Robert, Bishop of Lincoln, for His Diocese, namely on the Ten Commandments, etc. parchment, folio.
- 111 The Perspective of Algazet, perhaps Alhazen. in Latin. parchment, quarto.
- 112 Annals of the Welsh Rulers, from Cadowaladro to the time of Leolin, in the British or Welsh language. paper, quarto.

- 113 Records and Other Things Belonging to Winchcombe Abbey. parchment, quarto.
- 114 Boethius's Arithmetic. parchment, quarto.
- 115 Learned Questions Disputed on Aristotle's Book of Meteorology. parchment, quarto.
- 116 On the Astronomical Years of the Indians and Persians.— Annotations on Martianus Capella. parchment, quarto.
- 117 On the Powers of the Soul.— Aubert of Reims's Philosophy.— Oliver's Philosophy.— Peter Hispanus on Death and Life, and the Causes of the Length and Shortness of Life.— Albertus on Divination. On the Spirit and Inspiration.— On the Signs of Waters, Winds, and Storms.— Raymond of Marseilles on the Course of the Planets.— Alexander of Aphrodisias to the Emperors Antoninus and Severus on Fate.— Questions on the Intellect.— Questions on the Soul.— Hermann the Second on Essences.— Plato's Phaedo, or On the Soul.— Commentary on Plato's Timaeus.— Plato's Meno. in Latin. parchment, folio.
- 118 Book on the Administration of Princes. parchment, quarto.
- 119 Isidore of Seville's Large Fragment of the Etymologies. parchment, folio.
- 120 Astronomical Tables for Ten Years, with Canons.— Demonstrated Algorithm with Fractions.— Alfraganus on Years.— Alcabicius's Astrology.— Tables of Proportional Numbers.— Computus with a Calendar. parchment, quarto.
- 121 Polychronica. parchment, folio.
- 122 Polychronicon. parchment, smaller folio.
- 123 Fragment of British and English History, Written in French. parchment, quarto.
- 124 Guido Bonatus on the Judgments of the Stars. parchment, folio.

- 125 Passional (a book of the sufferings of saints). parchment, folio.
- 126 Fragment of a Certain Little Book of Astronomy, Beginning, “We have received astronomy thus defined from the philosophers.” parchment, quarto.
- 127 A Certain Exposition on the Song of Songs.— The Art of Faith according to the Man of Amiens.— Macrobius on the Dream of Scipio. parchment, folio.
The second tract is cut out, and to be answered for.
- 128 Register, or Catalogue of the Canterbury Library. paper, folio.
- 129 Author on Causes with Demonstrations. parchment, folio.
- 130 A Little Alchemical Book, in English, Beginning, “Take limale.” paper, quarto.
- 131 A Little Chemical Book, in Latin.— Various Treatises on the Chapter of Hermes Called the “Key of the Greater Wisdom.” parchment, folio.
- 132 The Philosopher Sidrach’s Book, in French. parchment, quarto.
- 133 Calendar.— Certain Things on the Ecclesiastical Computus, in Latin and Saxon.— Alphabet of Dreams.— Certain Pious Prayers. parchment, octavo.
- 134 Certain Lectures on Ecclesiastes or Ecclesiasticus [the Latin form is ambiguous]. parchment, folio.
- 135 A Good Commentary on the Definitions of the Fifth Book of Euclid.— Euclid Entire according to the Recension of Campanus.— A Good Exposition of Archimedes on the Quadrature of the Circle. parchment, quarto.
- 136 Cicero on the Nature of the Gods.— Cato’s Book to Varro.— Euclid’s Book with a Commentary.— Precepts on the Canons of Ptolemy.— Treatise on the Double Astrolabe with Its Practice.— Astronomical Tables.— Aristotle’s Letter to Alexander on the Right Course of Life.— Henry the Briton’s Philosophy.— Oliver the Briton’s Philosophy.— The Philosophy of the Man of Reims and Others.— Book on Mirrors, Book on Vision, and Certain Others. parchment, quarto.

- ¹³⁷ Boethius's Arithmetic.— His Books on the Trinity.— His On the Two Natures in Christ.— His On the Hebdomads.— Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, on the Common Art of Calculation.— His Other Treatise, More in Detail.— Thebith on the Almagest of Ptolemy.— Theodosius on the Inhabitable Places.— Theory of the Planets with the Necessary Tables.— Commentary on the Hundred Sayings of Ptolemy.— The Art of Palmistry, in French.— On the Interpretation of Dreams.— On the Meaning of Thunders.— Physiognomy according to Thomas Aquinas.— On the Forecasting of Storms.— On Many Things Necessary for Determining Questions by the Art of Calculation.— Palmistry, in Latin. parchment, quarto.
- ¹³⁸ Astronomy, Astrology, and Arithmetic.— Certain Observations of the Planets and Fixed Stars by Peter of Saint-Omer and John of Lineriis. parchment, quarto.
- ¹³⁹ Astronomical Tables with Canons. parchment, octavo.
- ¹⁴⁰ A Little Book on the Nature of Places. parchment, octavo.
- ¹⁴¹ Ivo of Chartres's Various Ecclesiastical Treatises, and a Volume of Letters from Various People to Various Others, etc. parchment, folio.
- ¹⁴² Boethius's Music.— Simon of Bredon's Exposition on the Two Books of Boethius's Arithmetic. parchment, quarto.
- ¹⁴³ Calcidius on Plato's Timaeus. parchment, long quarto.
- ¹⁴⁴ Marius's Two Books on the Elements.— The Book Called Prenonphysicon [title unclear in the source].— Alard of Bath's Natural Questions.— Physiognomy according to Three Authors, namely Loxus, Aristotle, and Palemon.— Book of Sperm.— Soranus on the Medical Art.— Constantine's Book on Herbs.— Dioscorides on the Virtues of Herbs, in Latin.— Oribasius on the Virtues of Herbs, in Latin.— Odo of Adun's Verses on the Virtues of Herbs.— Isidore of Seville's Books of Etymologies.— Constantine the Physician's Book of Degrees.— Eupho's Experiments.— Adamarius's

- Experiments.— John Melancholicus's Experiments.— The Abbot's Experiments.— Wiscard's Experiments.— Picot's Experiments.— On the Urine of Woman.— Exposition on the Fifth Section of Hippocrates's Epidemics.— John Melancholicus's Book on the Substance of Urine.— Palladius on Agriculture.— Book on Simple Medicine. parchment, folio.
- 145 Albertus Magnus's Natural and True Magic.— The Layman's Book, by Cusanus.— Against the Jacobellians in Bohemia.— Antonius Barsizius's *Cauteriarum*, a Comedy, together with Various Others. paper, folio.
- 146 Aristotle's Eight Books of Physics.— His Two Books on Generation and Corruption.— Four Books on the Heavens and the World.— Four Books of Meteorology.— On Plants, etc.— Three Books on the Soul.— On Memory and Recollection.— The Second and Third Books of the Ethics.— On Death and Life, and Other Works of the Same Aristotle, in Latin. parchment, quarto.
- 147 Serapion on Preparation and Restraint, or Serapion's Servitor. parchment, folio.
- 148 Thomas Aquinas on Theological Truth, seven books. parchment, quarto.
- 149 Albertus Magnus's Treatise on Stones.— Jacobus Alkindus on Rays. paper, folio.
- 150 An English History by an Anonymous Author. paper, quarto.
- 151 Euclid's Optics, Catoptrics, and Geometry, in Latin. Quarto, parchment.
- 152 A theological fragment on Ecclesiasticus. Folio, parchment.
- 153 Treatise on the Astrolabe.— On the Meaning of a Hidden Thing.— On the Disposition of the Air.— A Table for the Almanac.— The Notary's Art.— Aristotle's Letter on the Preservation of Health.— Roger of Hereford's Computus.— The Construction of the Astrolabe.— The Planisphere.— Alfraganus.— Geber on Ptolemy's *Almagest*, Together with Other Works. Quarto, parchment.

- 154 A Defense of the Chemical Art against Cornelius Agrippa's On the Vanity of the Sciences.— On Various Medicinal Oils, Together with Many Others. Quarto, paper.
- 155 Alcabicius.— A Certain Judicial Astronomy.— Zahel's Introduction, with the Judgments that Follow.— The Mathematics of Alexander, the Supreme Astrologer.— Jacob Alkindus on Astrological Judgments.— Albumazar on the Revolutions of the Years of the World.— Selections from Albumazar's Book on the Revolution of Nativities.— Albohali on Nativities.— Albumazar's Book of Flowers.— The Perpetual Almanac of Profatius the Jew.— Thomas Aquinas on the Angels. Quarto, parchment.
- 156 The Lamentations of Mathæolus, in Verse. Quarto, parchment.
- 157 Hippocrates' Aphorisms.— His Prognostics.— His Book on the Regimen of Acute Diseases.— His Book of Epidemics.— His Astronomy of Diseases.— Johannicius's Introduction to Galen's Art of Medicine.— Hippocrates' Secrets.— Treatise on the Construction of the Astrolabe.— Treatise on the Practice of the Astrolabe.— Treatise on the Construction of the New Quadrant.— Campano's Treatise on the Motions of the Planets and on Making the Equatorial Instrument, by Which the Certain Places of the Planets Are Found.— Peter Peregrinus's Treatise on the Magnet.— Jordanus's Book of the Planisphere.— Euclid's Book on Mirrors.— Jordanus's Treatise on Weights.— The Practice of Geometry. Quarto, parchment.
- 158 Roger Bacon's Calendar.— A Table for Knowing Which Planet Rules Every Hour of Any Day.— A Table of Multiplication.— The Book of the Natures of Things, Abridged.— Marbodeus on the Cutting of Gems.— The Book on the Stones of the Children of Israel.— Hippocrates' Signs in the Sick.— The Ointment of Alabaster.— On How to Make Oil.— On Cleansing Waters for the Eyes of the Face and Other Spiritual Members.— On the Depilatory.— So That Hair Will Grow Where You Wish.— On Preserving Wine.— Gregory's First and Second Books of the Dialogues.— The Life of Saint Nicholas.— The Life of Saint Giles. Quarto, parchment.

- 159 The Ecclesiastical Computus.— Bede on Calculation.— Computus. Quarto, parchment.
- 160 William of Conches's Philosophy. Quarto, parchment.
- 161 Questions on the Refutations, and Other Logical Writings. Quarto, paper.
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- 163 Albert of Saxony's Treatise on Proportions, quarto, printed at Rouen.— Jacobus Lupus's Treatise on the Production of Persons in Divine Matters, Following the Mind of John Scotus, quarto, printed.— Together with Other Treatises on Various Questions,— paper, manuscript, quarto.
- 164 Henry Beaumont's Regimen of Health, Together with Various Other Experiments, Written Both in English and in Latin. Quarto, parchment.
- 165 Avicenna on Natural Things.— His Book on Sufficiency.— Thomas Aquinas's Treatise on Essence.— Avendauth on the Five Universals.— The Philosopher Alchindus's Book on the Five Essences, Drawn from Aristotle's Words.— Plato's Timaeus.— Isaac on Definitions, in Latin.— Jacob on the Rational Part of the Soul.— The Philosopher Alexander's Book on the Intellect and the Intelligible, in Latin.— Algazel's Logic.— Alchindus on the Intellect and What Is Intellected.— Amaometh's Introductory Book on the Art of Demonstrative Logic.— Averroes on the Substance of the Orb.— Alfarabius on the Intellect and What Is Intellected.— A Book on the Planets by a Certain Disciple of Ptolemy.— Mercury Trismegistus.— The Philosopher Secundus on Definitions.— Boethius on Unity.— The Book on the Difference Between Spirit and Soul.— The Book of Avicenna's Metaphysics, Which Is Not Complete.
- 166 The Philosophy of Solomon.— Bishop Fulgentius to Calcidius the Grammarian.— Certain Alchemical Experiments.— Cassiodorus on the Soul, Together with Other Theological Works. Octavo, parchment.

- ¹⁶⁷ Boethius's Arithmetic.— Theory of the Planets and Stars According to Alfraganus.— Boethius's Music.— Euclid's Geometry.— Propositions of Ptolemy's Planisphere with Additions.— Maslem the Arab. Quarto, parchment.
- ¹⁶⁸ A Disputation Between a Knight and a Clerk. Quarto, parchment.
- ¹⁶⁹ John Scotus's Questions on Aristotle's Second and Third Books on the Soul.— Anthony Andrea's Questions on Aristotle's Meteorology. Quarto, paper.
- ¹⁷⁰ Isidore of Seville's Book of Differences.— Cicero's Academic Questions.— His On the Nature of the Gods.— His On Divination.— His On Fate.— His Paradoxes.— His Philippic Orations.— A Little Book on Beasts, Birds, and Trees.— Sallust on the Catilinarian and Jugurthine Wars.— Vegetius on Military Matters, etc. Quarto, parchment.
- ¹⁷¹ The Ecclesiastical Computus. Octavo, parchment.
- ¹⁷² Solinus on the Wonders of the World. Quarto, parchment.
- ¹⁷³ The Good Deeds of Mary.— *Maleus* [sic; perhaps *Malleus*, "hammer"], etc. Sextodecimo, parchment.
- ¹⁷⁴ Idle Sorceries. Octavo, parchment.
- ¹⁷⁵ Idle Sorceries. Quarto, parchment.
- ¹⁷⁶ John of Salisbury's Polycraticus, or On the Trifles of Courtiers and the Footsteps of the Philosophers, in Eight Books. Quarto, parchment.
- ¹⁷⁷ The Manual Computus, Together with Sixty-Five Other Treatises by Various Authors on Medicine, Physics, Astronomy, and Other Subjects. Octavo, parchment.
- ¹⁷⁸ Geber's Summary of Alchemy. Quarto, parchment.
- ¹⁷⁹ A Certain Little Book of Hermes on Universal Things. Quarto, parchment.
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- 181 Geometric Propositions of Thomas Bradwardine, an Englishman. Quarto, parchment.
- 182 Macer on the Virtues of Herbs. Quarto, parchment.
- 183 A Little Book of Medicine and Surgery, Partly in Latin, Partly in English, and Partly Also in French. Sextodecimo, parchment.
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- 187 Various Astrological Books, the First of Which Begins, "Postulates from the Lord." Quarto, parchment.
- 188 Certain Alchemical Works by Roger Bacon, Morienus the Roman, John of Vienna, Albert the Great, Hermes, Rasis, and the Hortulanus. Octavo, parchment.
- 189 The Mirror of Secrets, Together with Other Chemical Fragments No Less Worthwhile. Quarto, parchment.
- 190 John Sacrobosco's Sphere.— Johannicius's Little Glosses, Together with Other Treatises.— Works of Roger Bacon and Robert, Bishop of Lincoln, etc. Quarto, parchment.
- 191 A Little Chemical Book, Which Begins, "The Matter of the Stone." Octavo, paper.
- 192 Jacob Alkindus on Rains, Showers, Winds, and On the Changing of the Air. Folio, paper.

- 193 The Book of the Twelve Waters, etc. Quarto, parchment.
- 194 Giles de Wallecer's Computus, On Comets and On Twilights.— Tables of Houses and Ascensions.— Errors of the Calendar.— John Pecham's Common Perspective.— Thirty Arabs, Who Are Called the Masters of Trials.— Treatise on Fractions, Together with Others. Octavo, parchment.
- 195 Abraham the Jew's Book on Judgments of Nativities, Together with Various Others. Quarto, paper.
- 196 Albertus on Minerals, Which Begins, "On Mixture and Coagulation," etc.— Roger Bacon's First Letter to John of Paris.— The Golden Summary, Together with Many Other Treatises. Quarto, parchment.
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- 199 The Amber Apple.— Trotula on the Adornment of Women.— The Philosopher Ascarus on the Signs of Women.— On the Secrets of Women, Together with Other Experiments.— Theophilus the Monk on Colors.— Eraclius on Colors and the Roman Arts.— Certain Medical Experiments, Together with Other Superstitious Ones.— The Construction and Use of the Astrolabe, Together with Others. Octavo, parchment.
[In that part of the Catalogue describing the printed Books, under the title of "Chemical Books, etc., Bound Together," occur the following Manuscripts.]
- 200 Raymond Lull's General Art, with Questions on the Same.— On Medicine and Astronomy by the Same.— The Mirror of Medicine. Quarto.
- 201 Raymond Lull's Great Art with Figures.— His General Art, with Questions.— His Introduction, or Canons of the General Art.— His Work on Principles and the Degrees of Medicine.— His Work on the Regimens of Health and Sickness. Folio.