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LONDON:
PRIVATELY PRINTED FOR THE PARISH REGISTER SOCIETY.
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PREFACE.

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The Register Books of the Parish of St. Nicholas, Ipswich, are, from their commencement in 1539 to 1812, four in number.

Volume I. contains entries of Marriages from 1539 to 1710, Baptisms from 1539 to 1709, and Burials from 1551 to 1710. It measures 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches long by 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide and is of parchment, and at the commencement has the following memorandum,

"This Register book was bought and provided by Henry Piper and Edward Langley, churchwardens, in Anno Dni. 1607, for Mariages, Christenings and Burials." It was bought in accordance with the 70th Canon of Convocation of the first year of King James I, wherein it is stated, amongst other particulars relating to Parish Registers and their preservation, that "in every parish church . . . shall be provided one parchment book . . . wherein shall be written the day and year of every christening wedding and burial . . . since the time that the law was first made . . . so far as the ancient books thereof can be procured, but especially since the beginning of the reign of the late Queen." [Elizabeth].

This first book of the Parish Registers forms the present volume, and it is hoped that the succeeding books will make their appearance in similar form.

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The following are the particulars of the other registers of the parish previous to 1813:—

Volume II. is of parchment and measures $13\frac{3}{4}$ inches by $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and contains 23 leaves, with entries of Baptisms, Burials and Marriages from 1710 to 1731.

Volume III. is also of parchment, and measures $15\frac{1}{4}$ inches by $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and contains 43 leaves, with entries of Baptisms from 1732 to 1793, Burials from 1732 to 1792, and Marriages from 1732 to 1754.

Volume IV. is of parchment, and measures 13 inches by 9 inches. It has 27 leaves, and contains entries of Baptisms and Burials only, from 1793 to 1812.

Copies of all the mural inscriptions within the church and those on the grave stones in the churchyard, have been printed in a very valuable monograph on the parish written by B. P. Grimsey, Esq., F.R.Hist. Soc. in 1889, in which will also be found many other interesting details relating to the church and parish of St. Nicholas.

The manuscript from which this Register was printed was verified with the original by E. P. Youell, Esq., J.P.

 INCUMBENTS.

Although the Incumbent is known as the Vicar, the living may be better described as a Perpetual Curacy, being in the gift of the Parishioners, the majority determining in case of a poll.

There are no early entries of consecutive institutions to this living to be found in the Bishop's Registry, and St. Nicholas being a donative, little information is derivable even from the Visitation books as to who were the Incumbents; but the following is the most perfect list that can be formed from the above-mentioned sources and from Tanner's MS., and from entries in divers hand-writings on the last sheet in the oldest register-book belonging to the parish.

Tho: Bakuler, cap: par: -	-	1555
Simon Wrenche, Curatus -	-	1604
John Daye -	-	1612
Jonathan Clarke -	-	1616
Nathaniel Smart, Lic: Cur: -	-	1617
William Fenner, in the time of Chas. 1st	1625-59	
Richard Raymond -	-	1633
William Kerrington, Lic: Cur: -	-	1635
Alexander Reignolds -	-	1637
Nathaniel Smart Jun: -	-	1642
William Clarke -	-	1646
Roger Young -	-	1653
— Roberts -	-	1664
— Elsdon -	-	1666
Thomas Holborough -	-	1670
George Raymond -	-	1684
William Reeve -	-	1725
Robert Hudson, Ad: pr: the Parishioners		1755
James Coyte -	-	1785
Mileson Gery Edgar -	-	1812
Charles Ward -	-	1853
Samuel Green -	-	1896

