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beautiful, both in mind and body;" she died with his only son by her, at Augsburg, of the plague, (some say of consumption), at the house of his friend, Peter Martyr. His second wife, whom he married on the 19th February, 1598-9, was Cecilie, sister of Sir Thos. Wilford; she died on the 5th February, 1610, having been a widow twenty-two years.

On the North wall of the chancel of the Church at Woodham Ferrers, Essex, is a monument of black and white marble, with this epitaph:—

"Cecilie Sandys, daughter of Thomas Wilford, of Crambrook, in Kent, Esqre., sister to ye worthie souldiers, Sir James Wilford and Sir Thomas Wilford, was wife to Edwin Sandys, Archbishop of Yorke, who died in great honour, in the yeare 1588, when he had lived full 70 yeares. She lived a pure maid 24 yeares, a chaste and loving wife 29 yeares, a true widow 22 yeares to her last. She bore him 7 sons and 2 daughters. She led a most Christian and holy life, carefully educated hir children, wisely governed hir familie, charitably relieved the poore, and was a true mirror of a Christian matron. She dep'ted this life constant in Christian faith, ye 5th Feby., 1610. At the rising of the sun hir blessed soule ascended to the consort of the blessed, and hir bodie lyeth heer interred, expecting the joyful resurrection."

On the ground:—

"Cecilie Sandys, wife of Edwin Sandys, Archbishop

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of Yorke, departed this life, 5th Feby., 1610, and under this stone is buried."*

On the right side of the escutcheon:—

Samuel Sandys, Knight,
Eldest Son of the said Cecilie, who, of his love and pietie to his said Mother, hath, at his own cost, erected this monument in the yeare of our Lord, 1619, being then High Sheriff of the County of Worcester."

On the left side of the escutcheon,

"Sir Edwin Sandys Knight, hir 2nd sonne.

Sir Miles Sandys Knight and Bart., 3rd sonne.

William Sandys who died in his youth.

Thomas Sandys, Esqre., 5th sonne.

Henry Sandys, Esqre., 6th sonne.

Margaret, married to Anthony Aucher, of Bourne, in Kent, Esqre.

Ann, his 2nd daughter, married to Sir William Barn, of Woolwich."

Archbishop Sandys was born at Hawkshead, a small market town situated in a vale near the Lake of Esthwaite, at the Northern extremity of the County of Lancashire, where it projects between Westmorland and Cumberland. It is sheltered from the bleak wind by the overhanging fells of Coniston. Being the principal town of Furness Fells, Hawkshead is the centre of that district where all the business is transacted, and the local produce disposed of; and though it has no staple manufacture, or trade, yet, from the

* This stone has been removed to the outside of the Church, under the West window.

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Commander, Colonel Sandys, in his furious onset, broke most courageously, yet very dangerously, into the enemies' left wing, had his cornet killed, and himself wounded, and taken prisoner, and the rest of his troop (too many of them being swearing and ill-disposed fellows) ran away; however, the rest of the Parliament forces, under Brown, kept their ground, and retired over the bridge in good order."

"Mercurius Rusticus," a book published on the King's side, gives also an account of this engagement, particularly of Colonel Sandys, who, it states, "was among the rebels a very considerable man, both for his extraction and quality, and likewise for his estate, to say nothing of his valour and resolution, had they been loyally employed. While he was a prisoner, partly through the violence of his wounds, and partly through vexation, he became delirious, sometimes blaming himself for the part he had taken, and soon after rejoicing in the cause. In this unhappy state of mind he continued some days, and then died."

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(3rd). Richard Sandys, of Downe Hall, near Westerham, in Kent, which estate he purchased. He was a Colonel in the Parliament Army; married Hester, daughter of Edwin, second son of Anthony Aucher, of Bourne, County Kent, and had issue, four sons and three daughters. He died in 1669, and his will was dated, 29th June, 1666; he was executor to his

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brother Henry, and administrator of his father's estate after his mother's death in 1640. He was buried in St. Mary's Church, Downe, Kent, just within the south porch, with the following inscription:—

"Here lyeth the body of Richard Sandys, Esqre., 3rd son of Sir Edwin Sandys, in Norborough (Northbourne), in Kent, likewise the body of Hester Sandys, his wife, daughter of Edwin Aucher, of Hillsborough, in the same County, gentleman. They had issue six sons and four daughters.

"Here also lyeth the body of Mary, daughter of the above-named Richard and Hester Sandys, and relict of Mr. R. Sandford, Vicar of Motham, who died October the First, 1733, in the 90th year of her age."

The other children of Sir Edwyn Sandys of Northbourne are:—

(4th). Robert Sandys.

(5th). William Sandys.

(6th). Sir Thomas Sandys, Knight.

(7th). Francis Sandys.

(8th). Catharine Sandys, married to Gerard Scrimshire, of Aquelate, County Stafford, Esqre.; she died before 1629.

(9th). Elizabeth Sandys.

(10th). Frances Sandys; both died before 1639.

(11th). Mary Sandys, married to Richard, 3rd son of Robert, Lord Spencer, afterwards Duke of Marlborough. She died on the 26th of October, 1675, aged