

On visiting Norfolk in June, 1877, we find the things written, all confirmed, together with a number of interesting particulars. Heydon Chapel, at Norwich Cathedral, is gone, but its place is given on the old ground plan of the Cathedral, and the marks which its pointed roof made against the outside wall are still distinctly visible.

We looked into the quaint old church, St. Michael's at Pleas in Norwich, where John de Heydon was rector in 1349, and saw some rich old tapestry hangings, placed there in 1573, and attended service both in the Cathedral and in St. Peter's Mancroft, in which latter was buried the William Heydon killed by the rebels in Kett's insurrection in 1549.

On visiting the town of Heydon, we found a beautiful district of country, and were very kindly received at the rectory by Rev. Mr. Shand, who showed us the fine old church, built in what is known as "the perpendicular" or early English style, and introduced us also at Heydon Hall, the residence of Mr. Bulwer. On the way over through the park, he pointed out the site of the ancient Hall, which existed before the present one was built. This one, erected in 1581, is a fine specimen of its kind, filled with paintings, books, and the other usual indications of wealth and refinement.

Baconsthorp is seven miles away to the north. In the church we found a monument of the Heydons, with kneeling effigies, and the old brass plate of Sir John fastened in the window sill.

The ruins of the old hall lie about three-fourths of a mile from the church, in a beautiful grove or clump of trees. The buildings covered about an acre of ground, and were surrounded by a moat, crossed at the entrance by a bridge. The outer wall, to a height of some fifteen or twenty feet, is still standing in its whole circuit. The square enclosure is occupied as a garden. The lower storey of each of the four corner towers is left, though in ruins. The large front tower is standing to the height of two stories, the lower rooms being used as a wood-house and toolroom.

The old gateway, of imposing structure, flanked by two lofty octagon towers, and situated about fifty yards in advance of the tower and bridge, has been converted into a spacious farm-house, and kept in