

with oak and supported by pillars of the same material, which was erected in the year 1766. On the south side of the church is a small aisle or chapel dedicated to St. Katharine."

This is the chapel spoken of above as having been rebuilt by William Heydon, and which contains the tablets of the Heydons for many generations. The inscriptions are now mostly effaced; and the new organ placed there within a year or two occupies this chapel, and so nearly fills it—a margin of only three or four inches remaining around it—that it is impossible now to examine the Heydon monuments. The chapel on the opposite side is occupied by the monuments of the Earls of Essex.

Our visit to Watford was in May, 1877, when, by an introduction obtained through our good friend Dr. Charles R. Coffin of London, we were kindly allowed by Lord and Lady Clarendon to view every portion of their fine estate and mansion, "The Grove"; and at the vicarage were kindly received and shown through it by the Rev. R. L. James, the present incumbent, who also placed the records of the parish before us, and added from his own knowledge a number of interesting facts to our information. The inscription in the church here, now covered by the organ, is, according to Weaver, as follows:—

"Here lyeth John Heydon of the

GROVE ESQUIRE,

who died 1400—

"Here lyeth William Haydon of New Streete Esquire and Ioane his mother, who buylded the South Isle of this church and dyed Ann. 1505

"Here lyeth William Heydon 1500."

When Mr. John Weaver copied these in 1631 the remainder of the inscriptions had already become effaced.

CHAPTER V.

THE DEVON LINE.

1. Thomas de Heydon of Norfolk. 2. William Heydon of Heydon, same line, the father of the first of the Devon line, who was,
3. John de Heydon, younger son of above, and younger brother of the William who is the third of the Norfolk line, "Judge in this