

giving an account of its previous history. and of John Haydon's acquiring and rebuilding it, continues, "The Haydons continued at Cadhay many descents; and it is fortunate, in these days, in having fallen into the hands of an owner who takes a laudable interest in the maintenance of his inheritance. The mansion is kept in perfect repair and habitable condition, and if only the bad taste of a bygone generation could be reversed by the careful and judicious restoration of those portions which were unfortunately modernized about the middle of the last century, few houses of its class and antiquity would bear a comparison with it. The quaint quadrangle (or court of the kings, as it is called, from the effigies of King Henry VIII and his three sovereign children, which stand, one over each of the entrances, in the centre of the sides of the quadrangle) is readily shown to strangers, and is well worth a visit." (See plate.)

The present owner, referred to above, is Sir Thomas Hare, Bart., who has inherited it from the person to whom it passed after the Haydons had it, some time in the last century. Although non-resident, he also keeps in repair the Haydon monuments in the church. We visited the old mansion in April, 1877, and were kindly shown through not only the "Court of the Kings," but, as soon as the reason of our visit became known, all the other apartments also, from drawing-room to kitchen. The long picture gallery, the open square court, the large banqueting hall, together with the general plan, arrangement, and style of architecture, reminded us strongly of Haddon Hall, though modified in particulars, and on a much reduced scale. The domain consists of 400 acres.

This John Haydon, second son of Richard, and first owner of Cadhay, died in 1587, and is the first Haydon buried in Ottery Church. Being without children, he left Cadhay to his grandnephew, Robert Haydon, the son of his nephew, Thomas, who was the son of his oldest brother Thomas. Besides his monument, on the north side of the altar, there is also over the south porch, inside the church, a large tablet, bearing a long inscription to his memory, in Latin verse; which Rev. Dr. Bayley, of Palace Gardens Church, London, has very kindly put into English verse for me, as follows: —