

12. Richard Haydon of Boughwood and Ebford, who was living there in the 13th year of Henry VIII, 1522. He married Joan, daughter of Morice Trent of Ottery St. Mary, and had three sons— (1) Thomas Haydon of Boughwood and Ebford; (2) John Haydon of Cadhay; (3) George Haydon of Hornesseys, who married Agnes, daughter of Merrifield, and had issue; John Haydon, “Sheriff and Alderman of London, who gave more than £3,000 for the relief of the poor, also money to be let to enterprising young men at a low rate of interest,” besides many other benefactions.

Martha, his widow, gave by will a charity for the relief of the poor to the Company of Haberdashers in London; and in “the Minories,” just to the east of Aldgate, there are now (1877) “Haydon Square” and “Haydon Street,” which possibly may commemorate his administration; but I had not time to inquire the matter out.

This Richard had also a daughter, Joan, married John Coram, of Ottery St. Mary.

John, the second son, “whose genius,” says Prince, “inclining him to the study of the Common Law, he became eminent for his skill and knowledge therein. He was first a member, and after that a bencher, of Lincoln’s Inn. He obtained from Henry VIII a charter for incorporating the parish of Ottery St. Mary in this county (that was on the transfer from the Romanists to the Protestants), and was the first governor of that corporation himself. He procured (1536) that King’s letters patent for the founding of a grammar school in that town also, and was very instrumental in getting it well endowed, — a matter of much greater use and advantage than most may apprehend, there being nothing more beneficial to the commonwealth than to have the youth thereof well instituted in learning and morality; whereby they become the more serviceable to their country, and more useful in their generations.” This school I visited in April, 1877, finding it still in the original building, which has been added to, and in the receipt of its endowment. It is intended to fit students to enter the universities, and has accommodation for thirty scholars. The poet Coleridge was educated here, and his father was head master of the school. The room in which the poet was born was pointed out to me.

This John, continues Prince, “also rebuilt or repaired the porch be-