

church are most distinguished for the beauty and superior elegance displayed in the ornaments and disposition of the parts. The chancel was begun by one of the Earls of March and completed by Edward IV., (also a Mortimer and Earl of March) who is also supposed to have been at the charge of the north porch, and Edmund the last Earl who died in 1424, is supposed from the arms on the arches to have built the tower. At the time of the Confessor this Lordship belonged to "Wisgar," afterwards to Fitz Gislebert.

PARTS FROM MEIKLEJOHN AND WRIGHT'S "ESSEX."

Fitz Walter Family.

LITTLE DUNMOW; WOODHAM WALTER.

The founder of the noble family of Fitz Walter, to whom belong the tombs in the Church of Little Dunmow, was Robert, the younger son of Richard Fitz Gislebert, the founder of the House of Clare.

He was the steward of Henry I., and to him was granted the Lordship of Dunmow, and that of the honour of Baynard's Castle in London.

The second Fitz Walter was named Walter; he married Matilda, the daughter of Richard de Lucy, the Justiciar of Henry II., and died 1198, being buried at Dunmow. Three tombs in the Church of Little Dunmow are of great interest,—that to the Lady Jugu (the sister of Ralph Baynard, of Messing). This monument consists of a white marble recumbent figure, reposing on a dark grey marble chest. The effigy ascribed to Walter Fitz Walter has suffered much injury, the legs being broken off.

