Consecration of a Church or Chapel.

Churchwardens or Deputy.

My Lord, [illegible] in the name and [illegible] the rest of the Parishioners of this Parish [illegible] desire and request us to proceed to consecrate this new Church [illegible] to the tenor thereof in this Petition, which I now offer and present to your Lordship.

The Bishop, accepting the Petition, will answer and consent, saying

Sir—If this be your desire, and the desire of the Parishioners, in the Name of God let us begin.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy Holy Name; and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then the Bishop and Clergy entering the Church or Chapel by the west door, and proceeding up the middle thereof towards the east end, repeat alternately (the Bishop beginning) the 24th Psalm.

THE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is; the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

For He hath founded it upon the seas: and prepared it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord; or who shall rise up in His holy place?

[illegible] family, [illegible] his neighbour.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek Him: even of them that seek thy face O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in.

Who is the King of Glory? It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in.

Who is the King of Glory? Even the Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶When the Bishop is seated, he is to have the instrument or instruments of donation and endowment presented to him by the Founder,* or some proper substitute, which he will lay on the Communion Table, and then standing on the North side thereof, and turning to the Congregation, will say,

** If it be a Church or Chapel rebuilt, or if there be no new donation or endowments, this is to be omitted.*

DEARLY beloved in the Lord, Forasmuch as devout and holy men, as well under the Law as under the Gospel, moved either by the secret interpretation of the blessed Spirit, or by express command of God, or by their own reason and sense of the natural decency of things, have erected [illegible] and [illegible] them from all profane and [illegible] [illegible] Mercy, and [illegible] and [illegible] in His [illegible] heavenly [illegible] approve and accept; let us not doubt but he will also graciously

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*Burying Ground is to be omitted if none is to be Consecrated.