

hundred, and is rich in early printed works, by Caxton, DeWorde and others. The Library also contains numerous antiquities, among the rest several Roman Altars, found at different periods, in the counties of Durham and Northumberland. And a cabinet of coins and other curiosities, collected chiefly in Greece and the Holy Land. In this cabinet is preserved the original matrix in brass of the obverse of the seal used by the convent from the foundation to the dissolution.

Bishop Cosin was the most distinguished of the numerous munificent prelates of which Durham can boast, and author of an admirable manuel of devotions for the hours of prayer; compiled by him at the desire of King Charles the Martyr. It is recorded that this good Bishop did on Candlemas day, 1628, busy himself from two o'clock in the afternoon until four in climbing long ladders to stick up wax candles in the Cathedral, the number of the candles burnt that evening to the honor of our Lady was two hundred and twenty, besides sixteen torches, sixty of the tapers and torches standing upon and near the High Altar.

The Cathedral Vergers exhibit the rich Copes and Robes which were worn on Sundays during the Communion Service, by the officiating prebendary and minor canons, until 1755, the restoration of the use of these vestments is much to be desired. And as the session of the convocation of canterbury was opened last February on the festival of the Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin (Candlemas day) in Saint Paul's Cathedral with the ancient formularies