

Sir Philip Sidney evidently looked upon him as a worthy craftsman.¹ Sidney had begun a translation of his friend De Mornay's treatise *A woorke concerning the trewnesse of the Christian religion*, and just before leaving England for the fatal field of Zutphen, he requested Golding to complete the work ; Golding accepted the task and published the book a few months after Sidney's death. A writer in *Notes and Queries* has added to the scanty details of Golding's life the fact that he was a member of the Elizabethan Society of Antiquaries : " I have a copy of Weever's *Ancient Funerall Monuments* which once belonged to William Burton, the historian of Leicestershire : on a fly-leaf at the end of the volume is the following list in the autograph of that celebrated antiquary, etc."² The list is entitled : " Antiquarii temp. Eliz. Reg." and the twenty-first name is that of ' Arthur Golding.'

Evil days seem to have come upon Golding after 1595, in which year as we have already seen he disposed of the last of his property in Essex. In dedicating to Lord Cobham, the Warden of the Cinque Ports, his translation of Jaques Hurault's *Politicke, Moral, and Martial Discourses*, he refers in the opening sentence to the troubles he has suffered : " Forasmuch as being unknowne to your good Lordship, otherwise than by report, yet notwithstanding I have tasted of your goodness and favour, to my great comfort in my troubles, of the which when God wil I hope I shall be well discharged." This epistle, which contains a long patriotic exposition of the blessings of England and the virtues of the Queen, is dated January 27, 1595.³ We have a rather ambiguous reference to Golding in Dr. Dee's *Diary* under date of September 30th, 1597 : " John Crocker, my good servant, had leave to go and see his parents. He went with Barthilmew Hikman and Robert Charles toward Branbroke, with Arthur Golding to cure of his fistula. John Crocker intendeth to returne about Easter or at Whitsuntide next. God be his spede."⁴ What-

¹ Mr. Sidney Lee and Mr. Rouse say that he was a friend of Sidney but I have found no evidence of the fact. *V. Dict. Nat. Biog.* s.v. "Golding," and the reprint of the *Metamorphoses* (1904) p. vi

² *Notes and Queries*, Series I, vol. v, p. 365

³ A copy is in the Bodleian Library.

⁴ *Dr. Dee's Diary*, Camden Society, p. 60.