

the two altar-tombs of the Barons de Ros, which were transferred to this Church from Belyoir Priory at the dissolution of religious houses. Each contains a recumbent figure in armour, wearing an S.S. collar of the kind introduced by Henry IV. about 1400, the reduplicated S. being said to be the initial letter of his favourite motto "Soverayne." On the bassinet is inscribed in Old English letters "IHC, NAZARE" (Nazareth). The first of these barons died in 1411, and the barony subsequently became attached by marriage to the Rutland family.

splendid execution, to the memory of Lord Robert de Roos, who died in 1285, and of Isabella, his wife, who was the heiress of the De Albinis.

Two sepulchral brasses, containing effigies of former Rectors, lie on the chancel floor, each being robed in ecclesiastical vestments. One is of John Freeman, who died in 1420. The other is a fine brass, six feet by three, in excellent preservation, of an insculturated figure standing under a triple



ST. MARY'S, BOTTESFORD

Adjoining one of these effigies is a highly interesting figure in Purbeck marble of diminutive size. Its probable date is about A.D. 1230, inasmuch as effigies in armour are not met with on tombs much before A.D. 1200, and very possibly it is commemorative of William de Albini III., a great-grandson of De Toden, standard-bearer to William the Conqueror.

Not far from this curious relic is a slab of freestone which was brought from Croxton Abbey. It bears a Latin inscription in Old English lettering of

canopy and vested in the usual canonical habits of a collegiate foundation. The facing of the cope is richly ornamented with a series of niches, filled with saints. At the four corners of the brass are winged animals, a bird and an angel. The inscription shows that Henry de Jodyngton was Rector of Bottesford and prebendary of "Oxtoun and Crop-hill" in the collegiate church of Southwell, which is now the cathedral church of the diocese of Southwell, and that he died in 1404.

On leaving the chancel, the oak pulpit