

YPS. GREGORY.

Mrs. Gregory, who restored Bridge Church at her own expense, was not, as we believe, a native of the village, or even of Kent, but was born in Congleton, Cheshire in or about 1766, being Mary, one of the three daughters of Nathaniel Maxey Pattison, of West House, by Helen, youngest surviving daughter of Roger Cumberbatch, Procurator of the Palatine of Chester, that is ~~being~~ Chief Clerk or officer of the County. Her father was a silk manufacturer and the grandson of Nathaniel Pattison of London, who in partnership with John Clayton of Stockport, established the first silk mill in Congleton in 1735.

Unfortunately no account of the daily life and works of this generous lady has come down to us, but that she was held in high regard is evident from the laudatory remarks in the obituary notice of her in the "Kentish Gazette", which says:-

"Full of years, mature in wisdom, animated by Christian faith, ceasing with benevolence and abounding in good works and aims deeds which she did, Mrs. Edward Gregory was beloved and honoured by all, both rich and poor, around her. This city (Canterbury) and neighbourhood will long mourn the loss irreparable which they have sustained. A sincere friend, a judicious counsellor, a benevolent benefactress, has been removed from our midst, but her bright instructive example must ever live before our eyes."

Mrs. Gregory died after a short and sudden illness at Bridge Hill House, where she had lived for most, if not all, of her married life, on 27th March 1867, aged 79 years, and was buried on 3rd April with her husband in the imposing Gregory family vault in Lower Hardres churchyard. She had no children to whom to leave anything of her fortune of nearly £60,000.

The Rev. Edward Gregory, Mrs. Gregory's husband, although a man with a strong local connection, was not actually of Kentish ~~an~~ extraction but was descended from the Lincolnshire branch of a Nottingham family. Born in or about 1789, he was the younger son of Daniel Gregory, of Park Street, Grosvenor Square, London, and grandson of George Gregory of Harlaxton, near Grantham, in the Parts of Kesteven. On the female side, however, he was very much a local man, since his mother was Elizabeth Catherine, the younger daughter of Stephen Beckingham, of Bourne Park, which estate Stephen had got with his second wife, Catherine, daughter of John Corbett, LL.D. Through this connection the Rev. Edward Gregory was thus also a first cousin of Mrs. Edward Taylor, of Fifrong. It is worth noting in passing that Mrs. Beckingham's grandfather, Sir Anthony Auner of Bishopscourt, first baronet, had no less than nine sons, not one of whom left issue, and the title died with Sir Hewitt, the youngest of those sons. This is a striking example of the strange fact that when a man has an incredibly large number of sons it is often a sign that his line is doomed to extinction. ~~ZM~~ The Oxenians of Broome Park provide another local instance. Sir Henry, the seventh baronet, had seven sons, but the family became extinct on the death of his grandson Percy.

Educated at Trinity College, Oxford, where he took his M.A. degree, tho' he appears to have entered at Magdalen in 1807, Edward GREGORY petitioned in 1812 for Letters Dismissory to receive Deacon's Orders to enable him to become Curate of Uptonchurch, to which he was duly licensed in February 1813. In September of the same year he was ordained Priest and in October 1815 he became curate of Lower Hardres where he remained until April 1829. This was his last church appointment. Why he relinquished it has not been ascertained, nor anything known of his subsequent activities.

Adjoining in the Five Colours half-mile, is a large detached residence, with substantial stonework, good, comfortable, including fully fitted kitchen and service rooms, a large dining room, library and drawing room, a large conservatory, and every other convenience for a large family. The whole is well-situated, with a fine lawn, and a large house for farm-labourers, gardeners' lodges, &c., &c. The house is held with a leasehold of 99 years, with a rent of £100 per annum, and stocked with trees, various, forming a large grove, and occupying an area of nearly eight acres. It is well situated, commanding a position on a hill, commanding extensive views over the town and surrounding country.

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Ingress room 12 by 18, 6, library 20 by 21, dressing room 10 by 19, opening into a conservatory, cloak room, with water-closet, laundry, &c., excellent domestic offices, including lofty kitchen, scullery, larder, servants' hall, house-keeper's room, butler's pantry and bell-tower, with extensive cellars, and every other convenience for a large family. The whole amply supplied with spring and soft water, sheltered by eight horses' coach-houses for four carriages, gardener's lodge, fine flat pleasure grounds, laid out with great taste, ornamented with a great variety of choice shrubs and evergreens, excellent kitchen and fruit gardens, planted and stocked with trees, various forcing and geranium houses, the whole occupying an area of nearly eight acres, which will be sold with the advantages of possession on completion of the purchase. The neighbourhood of Cheltenham is eminent for the salubrity of its climate, the picturesque beauty of its scenery, and as the centre of the meets of the celebrated Berkeley hounds, in addition to which the resources of the town for occupation or amusement render it most attractive for a permanent residence. May be viewed by appointment only. Particulars, with plan and elevations of the residence may shortly be had of Messrs. Davy and Farrer, solicitors, 66, Lincoln's Inn Fields, at the Mart, and with cards to view of Messrs. Norton, Twiss, Watney, and Co., 62, Old Broad-street, Royal Exchange, E.C.

Preliminary Advertisement.—The Bridgehill House Estate, a beautiful Freshfield property, situate close to the picturesque village of Bridge, about three miles from the city of Canterbury, on the high road to Dover, comprising a capital residence, surrounded by delightful pleasure grounds and lawns, with undulating park-like meadow land, comprising altogether nearly 30 acres, with houses in, &c., &c.

MESSRS. NORTON, TRIST, WATNEY, and CO.
have received in trust from the Executors of the late Mr. Gregory to offer for SALE, at the Mart, in Tuke's-horse-yard, near the Bank of England, early in July, the beautiful EURELLA PROPERTY, distinguished as Bridge-hill-house, situated fronting Farningham-town, close to the pretty village of Bridge, about three miles from the old city of Canterbury, on the high road to Dover, from which it is 12 miles and only a mile and a half from the Faversham Station on the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway, and within two hours by Railway of London. It comprises a very comfortable residence, judiciously placed at an agreeable distance from the road, from which it is approached by a carriage drive, and commanding extensive and novel views of the surrounding picturesque country, including a fine view of the Cathedral and Bish's Church. It is entered through a spacious conservatory with feruary at one end, and contains 10 principal and secondary bed rooms, two dressing-rooms, sitting room, water-bas, and a suite of rooms for service.

eset, and a suite of rooms in wing, consisting of a large bed room, small room, dressing room, sitting room, and water-closet on the ground floor; entrance hall, excellent dining room, drawing room, communicating with a library, and so on by folding curtains with a verandah conveniently arranged domestic offices, detached servants' hall, laundry, washhouse, two men's rooms, stable for four horses, coach-house, brewhouse, granary, and other useful outbuildings, large walled kitchen gardens, two greenhouses, and viney ; beautiful pleasure grounds, lawns, and ornamental flower beds, intersected and surrounded by long rustic walks through shrubberies, leading to two compact cottages, together with pleasantly adulating and thickly timbered park-like meadow land, the whole containing about 30 acres. This desirable property is situated in a very environs neighbourhood, surrounded by the estates of gentlemen and gentlemen, including Nitron, the property of the Marquis of Huntingdon; Bourne-park, belonging to M. Hill, Esq.; and the residences of the Rev. Hughes, Hudcote and Capt. Winter, and in addition to its incidental attractions; portions of the meadows, having a frontage of July 1700 feet to the high road from Canterbury to Dover, might be vantageously appropriated to landing purposes without any interference whatever with the residential enjoyment of the remainder, or be viewed by caravans only. Particulars with plans will be ready early, and may be had at the principal hotel, Canterbury and Dover; Messrs. Purley and Caloway, solicitors, Canterbury; at the Mart; and of Messrs. Norton, Trist, Watney, and Co., 62, Old Broad street, Royal Exchange, E.C.

Kensington, Addison-road.—Long Leasedhold Property, suitable either
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M. R. HEDGER will offer for SALE by AUCTION,
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The Freehold Building is located at 1000 W. Main Street, in the heart of the city. It is a large, modern, well-constructed building, designed to accommodate a variety of business needs. The building features a spacious lobby, a large conference room, and several smaller meeting rooms. It also has a fully equipped kitchen and a breakroom. The building is accessible via a secure entrance, and has ample parking available on-site.

PROFESSOR HUMBERT has been instructed by the projector to submit his report at the Lesser Antilles Hotel, West End, on Tuesday the 1st of January, 1911, at 11 a.m. and it will be privately delivered to him by private messenger. The following are invited and expectors of PREMIERSHIP: BISHOP, DR. J. T. COOK, DR. W.

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French baron found peace at Bridge



Charles Louis Secondat, Baron de Montesquieu, who was born in 1749 and died at Bridge in 1824.

East Kent Diary

— edited by
McGregor O'Neill

AN oil painting, said to be of Irish descent, Miss Anne McGregor O'Neill, has come to light in a Paris apartment of the Baron de Montesquieu and with its discovery comes a fascinating insight into the French nobleman and how he came to settle in Bridge, where he died in 1824.

The painting was discovered in the Paris apartment of the present baron. Born Charles Louis de Secondat, in 1749, the nobleman apparently fought in the American War of Independence and was decorated by George Washington with the Cincinnati Medal.

After the war he returned to France but was so disgusted by the horrors of the French Revolution in 1789 that he fled to England in 1790 and married a woman

of Irish descent, Miss Anne McGregor O'Neill.

He took no part in the French Revolutionary Wars and after the Restoration Louis XVIII appointed him a lieutenant general. But as the Restoration lasted only a short time he returned to Bridge, where he died in 1824.

He was the grandson of famous French philosopher and lived at Bridge Hill House just off the main road and near the present Highland Court.

He left no immediate family and all his property went to his nephew, whose descendants still live in Chateau Labreade, near Bordeaux.

This isn't the first time the Kentish Gazette has reported on the baron. In July, 1824, we printed the notice of his death.

It read: "Died on Sunday morning, Charles Louis Secondat, Baron de Montesquieu, of Bridge Hill House, in this county, and of the Chateau de Labreade, near Bourdeaux, South of France."

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"The Baron settled in this county after the calamitous revolution of France and has been justly revered for his unaffected manners and great hospitality."

The baron's connection with the village has been researched by Mr John Williamson, of Beechmount, Conyngham Lane, Bridge, who has lived in the village for 20 years and become its unofficial historian.

He now corresponds with the family of the present baron, who sent him our photograph of the oil painting.

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(Kentish Gazette, July 19, 1824.)