

Dr. Macpherson, in his work on "Our Baths and Wells," states that the chalybeate spring sacred to St. Blaise was re-discovered in 1756, and recommended to the public.

"It was probably to perpetuate the memory of Ethelbert's conformity to Christianity," observes Mr. Beeby, "that an indulgence was granted to such as should perform their devotions in the oratory adjoining the well. For this reason, and also on account of the medicinal qualities of the

And many a gay and gallant knight,
And many a gentle lady bright,
Implored thy aid divine.

"Where are they now? The warrior's tread,
The orison the sick man said,
The lover's vow to lady fair,
The palmer's reverential prayer,
The poet's lay, the minstrel's shell,
Are silent—all are gone!
Hangs o'er thy desecrated wall
One rugged thorn alone."



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water, St. Blaise's well continued so long in repute."

In a small volume of poems by the Rev. J. E. Newell, many years incumbent of Bromley, occur the following lines on St. Blaise's Well:—

"The morning dew hangs on the flower
Around thy blessed spring,
St. Blaise! untrodden now. The hour
Of thy renown?
Is past away and gone.

"First to thy fount the baron went;
The sandal'd pilgrim lowly bent
Before thy sacred shrine.
The warrior bowed his plumed head,
His hasty prayer the friar said,

The "historical incidents" connected with Bromley Palace are few and far between; one tragical event, however, is recorded. In 1266 Roger Forde, Abbot of Glastonbury, who is described as "a man of great learning and eloquence," was killed here in the time of Bishop Laurence de St. Martin, whilst on a journey which he had undertaken in order to defend the rights of the Church. Archbishop Laud notes in his "Diary" having been here on September 8th, 1623, and "heard of the unfortunate passage between my friends there;" but what this "passage" may have been is by no means clear. On another occasion he records staying here along with good Bishop Lancelot Andrewes.