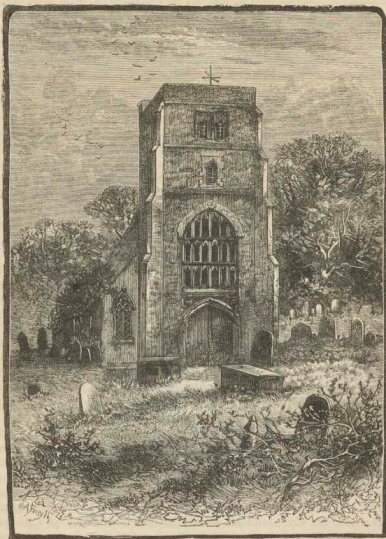


spirits of the departed. The tradition must have been handed down from one generation to another through more than one century, however; the fact being that the portion of the hall which was said to be haunted was internally wrecked by a conflagration soon after the mansion was erected, and

were discovered. The garden in the rear of the house has no longer its large orangery, but in other respects, with its square walks and trim borders, much of it is kept in the same state as when it was trodden by the feet of dainty ladies of the house of Carew.



BEDDINGTON CHURCH, 1840. (See page 191.)

that the apartments in that wing were never restored to their original condition, which accounts for their never having been occupied, or even furnished."

The grounds retained many characteristics of the old school of gardening, among which, towards the east, was a waterfall supplied by the river Wandle, which intersects the park in its course to the Thames. A portion of the park was purchased and converted into a sewage-ground for Croydon, and it was in carrying out the work that the remains of the Roman villa already mentioned

"The Carews, or Careys*—for the name is pronounced either way, and no doubt both forms are at root one and the same—spring from a Saxon stock, which was 'at home' in Somerset, Pembrokeshire, and several other English and Welsh counties 'when the Conqueror came.' So, at least, say Sir Bernard Burke and the heralds; and the assertion is confirmed by the tradition of the family, which says that the Carews are one of the

* See "Tales of Great Families," by E. Walford, M.A. (second series) Vol. II., p. 154.