

missioners in the reign of Edward VI., when they went about the country to claim for the use of the king all plate, jewels, and articles of value, leaving only such things as they thought necessary for the continuance of public worship. Here, however, the commissioners had been forestalled in their work of plunder, for they had to report that there had been "stowlyn out offe the Church, aboute the moneth of May," three years before, "some

Saunder, Esquiors, Comissioners of our Soveraigyn Lorde the King, among other to that effect these, persel of Church goodes here after ensuing.

"Imprimis a chalice poiz X oz iiij grt.

"A cope of old red sattin and a Aulter cloth of Satin of Bridges (Bruges?) for the Communion table.

"Also remaining in their charge to the King's use iij belles in the steeple."



OLD TOOTING CHURCH. (From a Drawing by Harding, Engraved by Cook, 1827.)

crosses and candlesticks"; and they further added, "all other thynges that were in the Church att that tyme was (*sic*) taken away."

The report continues thus:—"Wyllym Hodson and Thomas Borhum were churchwardens of the said parishe Church off Totinge Graveney" at that time; and they appear to have been in office five years. But the next year there were fresh wardens, for Richard Kingston and Roger Marshall were wardens. That was not long before the poor young king's death. There was "delivered unto the Wardens there (Toting Graveney) xix day of May, Anno regni, regis Edw. VI., VII. (1553), by Sir Thomas Caswarden, Sir Thomas Saunder, Knightes, John Scott Nicholas Leigh and William

The parish registers begin in 1555, but the entries are not original until the time of James I.

In almost every neighbourhood the old "Grange," or "Manor House," if lonely and dull, is sure to be associated with a ghost; and if it has a moat or any other trace of antiquity, then the popular imagination is sure to conjure up a subterranean passage. Tooting is no exception to the rule. The "subterranean passage" here is supposed to have led from the church to a moated building in a field close by, which may have served as a home for a small colony of Brethren of the Holy Cross, at the time when the church was "served" by the Priory of St. Mary Overy, in Southwark.