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Scratch Dials, Gloucestershire

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of the church. Only one other example, dating from 1525, seems to be known. The article on St. Peter's church in our *Transactions* (vol. xxxii) by Mr C. E. Boucher is quoted by Dr Taylor. Several of the other seals are referred to.

SIR MATTHEW HALE

In the *Bulletin* of the John Rylands Library for April 1940 (pp. 173-5), is an unpublished letter from Richard Baxter to Sir Matthew Hale (1609-76), one of the great men of Gloucestershire. He died on Christmas Day, 1676. The letter is dated 2 May 1676, and relates to Hale's *Contemplations, Moral and Divine*, published that year. It shows that though Baxter had seen part of the book in manuscript he was not aware of the authorship. He begins: 'The sight of yo^r *Contemplations* moveth me to send you thankes for writing them, whoever deserveth the thankes for publishing them'. The letter is one of extraordinary interest and is in the possession of Mr J. Fairhurst, who allowed the whole of it to be printed in the *Bulletin*. It was marked 'To be left at Marshfield Post paid' and addressed to Sir Matthew 'At Alderly in Gloucestershire'.

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The following scratch dials can be added to the list of those published in *Transactions*, 1928, L, 353-6.

AMPNEY S. PETER. West jamb of south door, 3'; style-hole and four rays stopped, 2".

ASHCHURCH. (1) West jamb of south door, 3' 8"; style-hole plugged and four rays; (2) The same jamb, about 12 inches below the above, three rays, varied lengths.

BARNWOOD. East side of south door, 8'; four rays above hole, 5".

BULLEY. South side of nave, east end, 8'; five rays, 3".