

SOUTH WRAXALL MANOR, WILTSHIRE.

THIS most ancient and interesting manor house has long been known to architects as one of the best examples of mediæval domestic construction. It stands some three miles north of Bradford-upon-Avon, and is supposed to have been built about the thirteenth century. The external features of the house are certainly early, although it is permissible to doubt whether much of the structure can date from a period so remote, and obviously the house has undergone great modification in the course of the centuries. Much of it belongs to the fifteenth century, but it is of several different dates, and was partly reconstructed and enlarged in the reign of James I.

The manor was anciently part of the posses-

sions of the baronial family of Hungerford, but before the year 1433 had been transferred to the Longs. Leland says: "Mr. Long had a little maner about a mile from Munketone Farley at Wrexley (Wraxall). The original setting up of the house of the Longes cam, as I learnid from Mr. Bonehom, by these meanes—one Long Thomas, a stoute felaw, was sette up by one of the old Lordes Hungerford, and after by cause of this Thomas was callid Long Thomas; Long after was usurped for the name of the family. This Long Thomas had some lande by Hungerforde's procuracion. Then came one Thomas Long, descending of the younger brother, and could skille of the law, and had the inheritances of the aforesaid Longes.



THE RALEIGH ROOM.