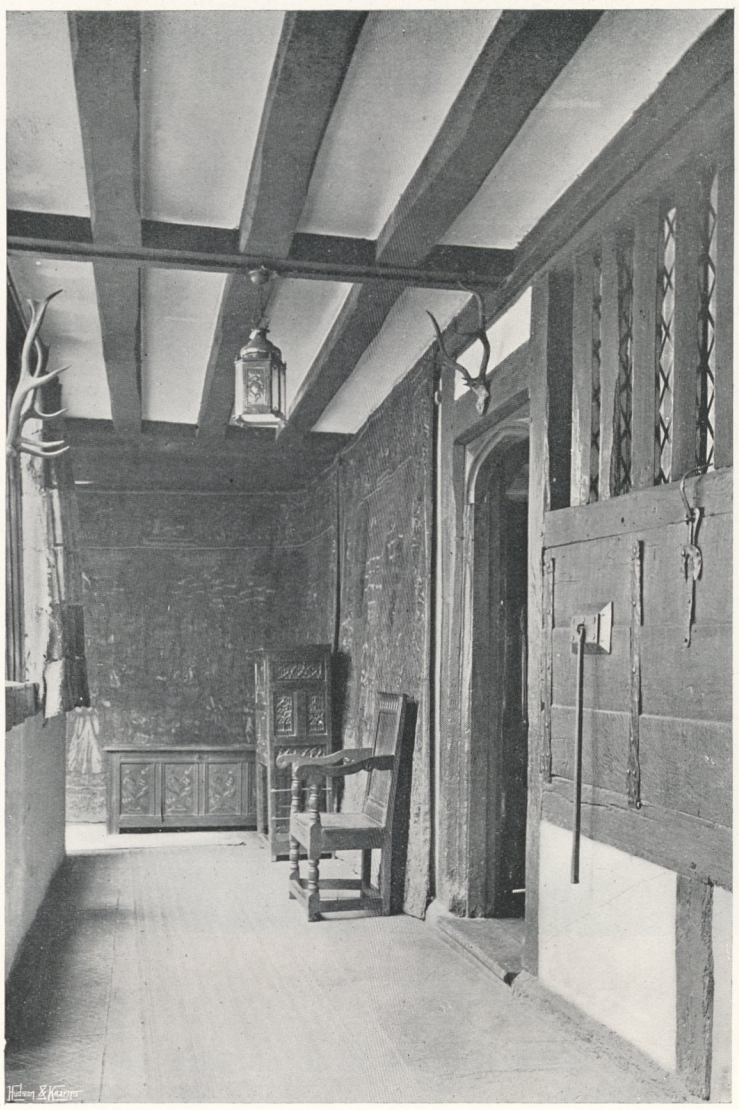


STAINED GLASS—THE HALL WINDOW

been described. Mr. Stephen Leach, when a boy at Eton, some years ago, made sketches of the house, and took so great a delight in it that he determined to buy it and restore it if he ever had the opportunity. Mr. W. H. Grenfell was at that time the owner, and the house was leased to a tanner of hides, and was in rather a deplorable condition, both from want of repairs and some horrors added by the tenant. When it was put up to auction Mr. Leach bought it, and committed to Mr. F. B. Wade the very interesting but also most difficult task of restoring it. To Mr. Leach the credit is due of having preserved one of the most interesting houses in the country, and to his architect of destroying nothing and sparing everything. Mr. Leach eventually sold it to the present owner, Mr. Edward Barry, who has continued the work so well begun, introducing no jarring note, but making it the beautiful abode we depict. A wing has been added on the north side in absolute harmony of style, and now Ockwells is one of the most delightful of all the earlier houses of England.

The Great Hall is still the most interesting feature of the old structure, and perhaps nothing in it is so interesting as its wonderful old armorial glass, some of which we illustrate. The Royal associations of the builder are exemplified, for



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