Memoranda 13-10—cont.

finish his enquiry at visitation within a week. The dean in chapter shall correct and punish the crimes and excesses of the canons, vicars, chaplains, clerks, ministers and others dwelling within the close of the church, and he shall take the counsel of the two chosen canons in the corrections of canons but not in the corrections of others. The dean at his visitation shall not compel the canons to exhibit their titles to benefices or letters of orders. When present in the church or city of Lincoln he shall commit the corrections of canons and others to a canon residuary only, and if he be absent for three days continuously the chapter shall have jurisdiction of correction by the sub-dean or by another of the chapter in his absence, as also in the case of his negligence for three days after a third requisition from the chapter. The dean shall pay to the chapter a moiety of any pecuniary penalty inflicted on canons, and keep to himself the other moiety and also the whole of such penalty received from others. He shall visit every three years prebends and prebendal churches of the church of Lincoln within the diocese, except prebends in the city of Lincoln, and the clergy and people of the same, without the episcopal reverence of bellringing and procession, and receive reasonable procurations, but shall not compel canons residuary to appear before him but shall expose the defects in their prebends to them in chapter, and the visitation of prebends shall not exceed a quarter of a year. The dean and the provost of the canons shall visit and reform the churches and other places of the commons of the church. The profits of wills within the close of Lincoln and of vacancies of prebends shall pertain to the dean and chapter in common, and the dean if present shall have a third part of fees of inductions. The dean shall exercise by himself all things attributed to the dean without mention of the chapter in a composition made between Boniface, archbishop of Canterbury, and Master Robert de Mariscis, sometime dean, and the chapter of Lincoln concerning episcopal jurisdiction and power at the vacancy of the see of Lincoln, and in his absence the sub-dean, and in the absence of the latter the president. The dean shall use his own decanal seal in letters and processes emanating from him except in the corrections of canons, for which a new seal shall be made with the inscription—sigillum decani et capituli Lincolniae ad correcciones canonicorum—to be kept by the clerk and scribe of the chapter. This clerk shall take an oath here specified on assuming office, and the canons, vicars, chaplains and other ministers shall also take specified oaths on admission. As to the collation of the chantry of the altar of St. Peter in the church of Lincoln the arbitration of Simon, archbishop of Canterbury, and John, bishop of Lincoln, shall be observed; but before collation of other benefices the president and chapter shall announce the vacancies to the dean if present within the diocese and allow time for him to come or send a canon as proctor. The dean and chapter shall hear and decide in common principal cases of appeals and complaints to them jointly, and the dean alone appeals to him alone.

The dean and chapter then asked for an interpretation of certain ambiguities; and the bishop added that the two chosen canons should take oath not to reveal anything detected in enquiries, and should not exact procurations. The dean should prove wills, absolve administrators of goods, and admit and install canons in the name of himself and the chapter, and if present he should have a moiety of the fees of inductions. Offences should be held to include excesses