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The grammar school at Chesterfield was founded soon after the Reformation, when the chapel of St. Helen's was converted into a school-house, Godfrey Foljambe, Esq., who died in 1595, gave an endowment of 13l. 6s. 8d. per annum to the master. Mr. Alderman Large, who died in 1664, gave an addition of 5l. per annum; Cornelius Clarke, Esq., in or about the year 1664, gave 15l. per annum to the master, and the same sum for an usher. Mr, James Linguard, fellow of Brazen-nose College, gave 8l. per annum. The upper master's income is now 60l. per annum, besides a house and garden, valued at 20l. per annum. There has been no addition to Mr. Clarke's benefaction to the usher. The school and the master's house were rebuilt in 1710.

Mr. Clarke founded by his will a preparatory-school, called the Pettyschool, to which he gave 5l. per annum. The present salary of the master is 10l. The corporation appoint the masters of both schools. Natives of Chesterfield have a preference (after founder's kin,) for the scholarships and fellowships of Beresford's foundation, at St. John's College, in Cambridge.

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