

SCARSDALE HUNDRED.

Is bounded on the north by Yorkshire, where the north-east point considerably protrudes, and the Shire Oak stands where the counties of Derby, York, and Nottingham converge. A fine thriving young oak occupies the site of the original tree, which is not remembered by any person now living. From this point it has Nottingham on the east. This boundary is very irregular, but very romantic, partly on sandstone and partly on lime, and the south side of this hundred very narrow, where it is bounded by the Morleston and Litchurch hundred, and on the west by the High Peak and the Wirksworth hundreds. It is very extensive, and the most populous hundred in the county, and forms a deeply undulating district, mostly a strong soil, in a high state of cultivation, of which a full proportion is arable. It abounds in coal and ironstone, and has extensive blast furnaces for smelting the ironstone, with foundries and forges for manufacturing bar iron. The northern boundary is partly included in the Sheffield corporation of Cutlers, (which extends six miles around that town,) and is the great seat of the manufacture of scythes, sickles, reaping-hooks, &c. It contains 144,614 statute acres of land. The houses are mostly built with stone and roofed with slate, though some yet remain thatched; and the north-east angle of the hundred is noted for the number of ancient yew trees growing there.

The following table is an enumeration of its 35 parishes, shewing their territorial extent, the annual value, and their population from 1801 to 1851, as returned at the five decennial periods of the parliamentary census.

* The letters after the names signify P for Parish, C for Chapelry, and T for Township.

Parishes.	Acreg	Rate-able Value	POPULATION.					1851.			
			1801	1811	1821	1831	1841	Hses	Males.	Fmles.	Total.
Alfreton, p.	4570	12761	2301	3396	4689	5691	7577	1638	4292	4034	8326
Ashover, p.	9099	8379	2119	2377	2506	2504	2603	577	1220	1225	2445
Dethick and Lea, (a) c.	1403	3105	509	487	492	675	879	185	414	452	866
Ault or Hault Hucknall, p. . . .	4221	3262	492	511	605	618	678	136	375	315	690
Barlborough, p. . .	3268	7580	677	609	675	713	804	177	495	438	933
Barlow Great, p. .	3335	2511	552	5667	652	639	627	128	342	294	636
Beauchief Abbey, (ex par.)	780	850	102	98	97	88	74	24	62	71	153
Beighton, p.	2999	6124	634	717	856	980	1121	241	559	564	1123
Blackwell, p. . . .	1668	1609	420	429	457	432	477	98	217	250	467
Bolsover, p.	4702	4665	1091	1043	1245	1330	1421	357	792	720	1512
Glapwell, t.	739	662	109	103	110	99	91	21	54	45	99
Brackenfield and Woolley, p.	1495	1795	300	322	353	363	459	82	192	207	399
Brampton, p.	7920	10288	2047	2260	2632	3594	3937	971	2202	2207	4409
Brimington, p. . .	1522	4014	503	526	629	759	780	243	560	543	1103
Chesterfield, p. . .	212	18379	4267	4476	5077	5775	6212	1525	3473	3628	7101
Calow, t.	1275	1632	269	327	395	569	536	123	279	292	571
Hasland, t.	1981	7466	560	697	770	889	926	280	595	581	1176
Newbold & Dnn- stan, t.	2915	6112	781	841	962	1140	1527	452	1031	1004	2035
Tapton, t.	652	2171	148	127	149	171	178	37	99	115	214
Temple or North Normanton, t. . . .	498	614	141	151	141	146	132	27	58	49	107
Walton, t.	2326	4170	661	720	783	935	940	227	555	559	1114
Clown, p.	1919	2344	485	515	616	637	677	156	330	330	660

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Dore, p.	3271	2828	375	398	476	527	575	124	317	257	574
Totley t.	1811	1328	206	238	305	351	408	83	228	175	403
Dronfield, p. . . .	2414	6340	1182	1343	1522	1653	1986	515	1336	1133	2469
Barlow Little, t.	486	412	44	51	56	58	59	12	41	27	68
Coal Aston, t. . .	1153	2439	244	260	304	300	352	85	231	190	421
Holmesfield, c.	4552	2887	338	386	499	499	515	112	264	256	520
Unstone, t. . . .	1965	2531	352	439	574	586	688	142	424	352	776
Eckington, p. . . .	6934	18591	2694	2889	3598	3948	4401	1046	2639	2319	4958
Elmton, p. with Creswell hamlet	2772	2256	261	282	352	340	433	80	244	191	435
Heath, p.	1608	1850	378	362	411	382	402	83	201	177	378
Killamarsh, p. . .	1601	3838	576	632	779	774	906	210	543	527	1070
Langwith, p. . . .	1444	1328	156	140	153	165	194	40	100	98	198
Morton, p.	1233	1486	109	136	149	138	187	52	129	128	257
Normanton South p	1879	3722	719	848	1056	1254	1288	266	664	676	1340
Norton, p.	4630	7500	1446	1527	1697	1747	1908	384	957	899	1856
Pinxton, p.	1223	2179	463	548	681	868	889	175	504	439	943
Pleasley, p (b) . .	3193	2877	473	527	529	611	679	126	314	340	654
Scarcliffe, p. . . .	3772	3348	452	454	494	524	582	121	310	262	572
Shirland, p. (c) . .	2493	5342	1008	1197	1205	1212	1381	272	654	614	1268
Staveley, p.	6546	18231	1653	1793	2051	2345	2688	759	2193	1805	3998
Sutton-cum-duck- manton, p.	4302	5435	515	619	685	700	628	110	311	276	587
Tibshelf, p.	2400	2415	661	705	711	759	791	166	406	400	806
Whittington, p. . .	1491	4185	663	627	680	740	751	196	456	418	874
Whitwell, p. . . .	5079	3327	782	707	873	1007	1157	280	700	655	1355
Wingerworth, p.	2907	4310	500	479	459	471	484	95	244	219	463
Wingfield North, p Clay lane or Clay Cross, t.	1451	2952	240	254	290	256	260	139	371	297	668
Pilsley, t.	4381	3352	353	422	465	564	1478	487	1234	1044	2278
Stretton, t.	1554	1474	263	254	284	304	325	77	216	18	403
Tupton, t.	1562	2450	440	390	489	439	482	98	239	226	465
Woodthorpe, t.	719	2209	218	216	202	201	317	58	155	115	270
Wingfield South, p	1020	2210	201	207	211	231	292	53	140	127	267
Total	3269	6646	898	987	1051	1091	1188	245	530	562	1092
Total	144614	241771	38031	41616	48282	53792	61330	14396	35491	33334	68825

- (a) The returns for Dethick and Lea, includes the hamlet of Holloway.
 (b) The townships of Shirebrook and Stoney Houghton are included in the returns for Pleasley.
 (c) The hamlet of Higham is returned with Shirland.

ALFRETON is an extensive parish, 14 miles N.N.E. from Derby, 9½ miles E. by N. from Wirksworth, and 140 miles N.N.W. from London by road, and 138 by railway. It contains the township of *Alfreton*, with the hamlets of *Greenhill Lane*, *Somercotes*, *Pyebridge*, *Swanwick*, *Riddings*, and *Ironville*, but the two latter have been recently made into separate Ecclesiastical districts; consists of 4,510 acres of land, and in 1851 had 1638 house; and 8326 inhabitants, of whom 4,292 were males, and 4,034 females; rateable value, £12,761.

ALFRETON, a township and market town, pleasantly situated on the brow of a hill, consists of two good streets, intersecting each other at right angles in the Market place, and is well paved and lighted with gas. The inhabitants are chiefly employed in the collieries and iron works of the neighbourhood, or in stocking weaving; besides which, here are a few malting establishments in the town, which was anciently noted for its ale. The Market is held on Friday; and Fairs, July 31st, (which is very large for cattle and horses,) and a hiring statute, on November 24th; with smaller fairs on January 26th,

Easter-Tuesday, Whit-Tuesday, and October 6th. Wm. Palmer Morewood, Esq., is lord of the manor and principal owner. Rev. John Wood, Chas. Seely, Esq., Jas Oakes, Esq., Wm. Jessop, Esq., G. C. Hall, Esq., Geo. Wooding, Esq., John Holmes, Esq., and Richard and Thomas Elnor, Esqrs. are also owners. The Church, dedicated to St. Martin, is an ancient building of various styles, apparently built at different periods, consists of nave, chancel, and side aisles, with a handsome tower, and five bells. The *living* is a vicarage, valued in the King's book at £17 8s. 9d., now £153, with surplice fees about £200; it has been augmented with £200 benefactions, and £200 Queen Anne's bounty. Wm. Palmer Morewood, Esq., is the patron, and the Rev. John Chas. Hall Deacon, M.A., the incumbent, who has 12A. of glebe. The Vicarage is a good residence, near the east side of the church. On the north wall of the chancel is a stone slab, into which brass figures of two persons, in a kneeling position, have been inlaid, which, according to a brass tablet are the effigies of John Armond and Joan his wife, who died, the former in 1503, and the latter in 1507. In the north aisle, are beautiful monuments to the Morewood family. The tithes were commuted for £642 9s. 11d.

The National Schools, with residence for the master, are situated on Sheldon road, and were erected in 1846, at a cost of £1,200, raised by subscriptions, aided by a grant of £350 from the Committee of Council on Education. It is a handsome brick building in the Elizabethan style of architecture, capable of accommodating 250 children. It is a mixed school, and the average attendance is about 100.

The Independents have a handsome chapel in Church street, erected in 1850, at a cost of £1000; will seat about 300 persons; the Rev. Alfred Crisp is the pastor. The Wesleyan Methodists chapel, Chapel street, was built in 1809, and with the galleries, will seat about 600 persons. The General Baptists had a chapel here, but which for the last six years has been occupied by the Primitive Methodists, it is situated on the Nesbit road. The Wesleyan Reformers occupy a room in the Red Lion yard.

The Town Hall, a handsome brick building, erected in 1850, by W. P. Morewood, Esq., has a noble room on the floor, 48 feet long by 30 feet wide, and 30 feet high, which is appropriated for public meetings, concerts, balls, &c., underneath which, on the basement story, are the various offices connected with the county court, magistracy, and petty sessions. It is a great ornament to the town, and reflects much credit on the architect, Mr. Benjamin Wilson, of Alfreton.

Petty Session, are held at the Town hall on the 2nd and 4th Friday in the month, and the presiding magistrates are, W. P. Morewood, Esq., G. Turbutt, Esq., William Milnes, Esq., and Alfred Jas. Oakes, Esq.; Mr. Benj. S. Rickards is their clerk.

The Mechanics' Instituton, established in 1856 is held in a room in the Red Lion yard, in connection with which is a small library of about 100 volumes of books. Rev. A. Crisp is the president, and Mr. W. C. Briggs, librarian.

The Savings' Bank, established May, 1845, is at Mr. Samuel Rowbottom's, the actuary, and is open on the first and third Fridays in every month, from half-past one to half-past two o'clock. On the 20th Nov., 1855, the balance due to 466 depositors was £12,724 17s. 0d.

The Lock-up, a substantial brick building, erected in 1844, cost upwards of £800, and consists of four cells, with a residence for the superintendent constable.

The Stamp Office is at Mr. Brudenell Sharp's, Market place.

Gas Works were erected here in 1848, by a company of shareholders. The annual consumption of gas is about 674,000 cubic feet.

County Court.—The New Small Debts' Act, or County Courts. This important act which superseded the Court of Requests, came into operation on the 15th March, 1847. Alfreton County Court is held at the Town hall, monthly, and comprises the following district:—Alfreton, Annesley, Ashover, Bagthorpe, Birchwood, Blackwall, Brackenfield, Butterley, Codnor, Codnor Park, Crich, Felley, Fritchley, Greenhill Lane, Higham,

Ironville, Kirkby, Kirkby Woodhouse, Morton, Newton, Normanton (South), Okerthorpe, Pentrich, Hartshay, Pilsley, Pinxton, Riddings, Ripley, Selston, Shirland, Somercoates, Stretton, Swanwick, Tibshelf, Underwood, Wessington, Wheatcroft, Wingfield (South), Wood Linkin, Woolley Moor. J. T. Cantrell, Esq., *Judge*; Philip Hubbersty, Esq., of Wirksworth, and Michael Jessop, Esq., Alfreton, are *Registrars*; and Mr. Wm. Marsh, Wirksworth, *High Bailiff*.

The Pinxton Canal passes through the parish, and the Midland Railway on its western verge, having a station $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles west of the town. This town, anciently called *Alfredingtune*, is supposed to have been built by, and derived its name from King Alfred, the site of whose palace is still pointed out. Robert, the son of Ranulph, lord of Alfreton, was one of the four knights who murdered Thomas à-Beckett, Archbishop of Canterbury. In expiation of his guilt, he founded the monastery of Beauchief, to which he gave this church. Alfreton, by marriage, afterwards came into the possession of the family of Chaworth, one of whom was a considerable benefactor to this religious house. The rectory of Alfreton, with the advowson of the vicarage, was granted by Henry VIII. to Francis Leake, Esq., whose descendant, Nicholas, Earl of Scarsdale, sold them, in 1673, to John Turner, of Swanwick, gent. The rectorial tithes were sold by auction, about the year 1779, chiefly to the several landowners. The advowson of the vicarage was purchased by Geo. Morewood, Esq. The land is all freehold, and abounds in coal and ironstone.

The manor of Alfreton was given by Wulfric, a noble Saxon, and confirmed by Ethelred II., to Burton Abbey. At the Domesday survey, it was held by Ingham, under Roger de Busli. This Ingram was the immediate ancestor of Robert Fitz-Ranulph, or Fitz-Ralph, lord of Alfreton, who founded Beauchief Abbey. His descendants were denominated De Alfreton. On the death of his great grandson, in 1296, this manor descended to Thomas de Chaworth, his nephew, and Robert de Latham, who had married one of his sisters and coheirresses, to whom a market was granted in 1251. Chaworth purchased Latham's moiety, and was summoned to parliament as a baron in 1296. William Chaworth, Esq., the last of this branch of the family, left an only daughter and heir in the reign of Henry VII., married to John Ormond, Esq., whose heirress brought it to Sir Anthony Babington, of Dethick. Henry Babington, Esq., the grandson, sold it, about the 1565, to John Zouch, Esq., of Codnor. His son sold it, in 1618, to Robert Sutton, Esq., of Aram, in Nottinghamshire, by whom it was sold, in 1629, to Robert Morewood, Esq., in whose family it continued, and was their residence, till the death of Geo. Morewood, Esq., the last heir male in 1792. His widow, who enjoyed the estate under his bequest, married the Rev. Henry Case, who in 1793, previous to his marriage, took the name of Morewood, by the King's sign manual.

Alfreton Park, on the west side of the town has been the seat of the Morewood family for upwards of a century. It contains a large handsome stone mansion, beautifully situated on a good elevation, which is seen to great advantage from the Derby road, In 1855-6, great alterations were made to the mansion from the designs, and under the superintendence of Mr. Benj. Wilson, architect, by its present possessor, Wm. Palmer Morewood, Esq.

Greenhill Lane, is a large, improving, but scattered district, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles S.E. from Alfreton, and half a mile N. from Riddings. The Wesleyan Reformers have a neat chapel here, built in 1854, at a cost of £450, will seat about 300 hearers. In 1749 a labourer found an urn containing about 700 Roman coins here.

Newlands, forming a part of Greenhill Lane, and near to Riddings, consists of several cottages and a farm, the property of James Oakes, Esq., also a good Inn, occupied by Mr. Richard Elnor. The Primitive Methodists have a small chapel here.

RIDDINGS is a considerable village, situated on a new line of road from Nottingham to Manchester, 3 miles S.W. by S. from Alfreton, was anciently a chapelry, but the chapel

has long since been demolished. It is now an Ecclesiastical district, which consists of Riddings, Greenhill Lane, south-east part of Swanwick, Birchwood, nearly all Somercotes and Pye Bridge, with a population in 1851 of 3800 souls; for whom a Church, dedicated to St. James, was erected in 1845, at Riddings, at a cost of £4000; it will accommodate 1000 persons; upwards of 600 sittings are free. It is a handsome stone edifice, in the early English style, with nave, chancel, and lofty spire, with one bell. The commissioners under the late act for promoting the building of additional churches and chapels, furnished £2000 towards the expense, £1000 was raised by subscription, and the remainder from other societies. The *living* is a perpetual curacy of the value of £150. The vicar of Alfreton is patron, and the Rev. Arthur Chas. Pittar, B.A., incumbent.

Handsomely *National Schools*, with a residence for the master, were built in 1845, at a cost of £2000, raised by subscriptions, aided by a Parliamentary Grant of £245; about 64 boys, 45 girls, and 100 infants attend. The Wesleyan Methodists' chapel, rebuilt in 1838, is a large brick building, capable of seating 400 persons. The Independent chapel, erected 1821, was enlarged 1839, and will now seat 400 persons. The Rev. Thos. Colledge is the pastor. The Baptist chapel, enlarged about 1833, is now a good brick edifice which will seat 300 persons.

The Alfreton Iron Works in this liberty, are carried on by Messrs. James Oakes and Company. A Branch of the Cromford Canal, connected with Mansfield by a railway, which passes through it. A market has been established, and is held on Saturday. Riddings House is the seat and property of James Oakes, Esq. The manor of Rydinge was held by the Chaworth family, with Alfreton. In 1817 it was the property of Launcelot Rolleston, Esq., of Watnall; but is now held by Jas. Oakes, Esq.

Ironville, a part of the Riddings manor, together with Codnor Park, a rapidly improving and important district, was made into a new Ecclesiastical District parish, in June, 1850, with a population in 1851 of 2276 souls. It forms the south-east extremity of the parish, and also of the Hundred of Scarsdale, 3½ miles S. E. from Alfreton, having the Cromford Canal, which here enters the Erewash Canal, on the south. The Pinxton Canal also commences here. This forms part of a very busy and populous district, employed in the Iron Works and Furnaces for smelting iron ore. Immense quantities of ironstone are obtained in the immediate neighbourhood, and of Codnor Park, which adjoins Ironville on the south. These establishments formed about 1801, have greatly increased the population, which was, prior to that period, but small, though in early ages Riddings was a place of great consequence. The Church, dedicated to Christ, was built in 1852, at a cost of £6000, by the Butterley Iron Company; it is a handsome stone structure, with nave, transepts, chancel, and tower, with one bell; and contains about 540 sittings, of which 300 are free. An organ was put up at the same time, at a cost of £200 by subscription. In the chancel are three beautiful stained glass windows, in memory of the late Wm. Jessop, Esq. The *living* is a perpetual curacy, valued at £150, in the patronage of Fras. Wright, Esq., and incumbency of the Rev. John Casson, B.A. New *National Schools* for boys, girls, and infants, were also erected here in 1850, by the Butterley Iron Company, aided by a Parliamentary Grant of £490. It is a substantial brick building, capable of accommodating 100 boys, 80 girls, and 250 infants, the average attendance is about 200. In August, 1843, an artisans' and mechanics' library was opened here; it has 61 members, and a library of 600 volumes; Mr. Geo. Cotterell, librarian.

SOMERCOTES, is a large village, on the Nottingham road, 2 miles S.E. from Alfreton, and 14 miles N.W. from Nottingham. A Chapel of Ease to Riddings, dedicated to St. Thomas, was formed here in 1854. It was formerly used as Methodist Chapel, but was purchased by subscription for about £400, and after undergoing the necessary alterations and improvements was dedicated as above. It is now a neat brick and stone edifice, with turret and one bell, and will seat about 600 persons, there is a burial ground attached of about one acre. The Wesleyan Reformers' chapel, situated in Birchwood lane was erected by John Smedley, Esq., of Lea Bridge. It is a handsome building with tower

and one bell. In connection with which is a good school, eligible for all the children in the village. The school-room is lighted with gas and heated with hot water, will accommodate about 200 children; average attendance 125. The Primitive Methodists have a chapel, built in 1839, and enlarged in 1852; and in 1845 a corn mill, called the Alfreton Steam Mill, was erected by Mr. John Chadborn; it is of 12 horses power, and works three pairs of stones. About 1 mile N.W. is *Cotes Park*, a rapidly improving district, containing two extensive collieries and a few farms. J. H. Barker, and Charles Seely, Esqrs. are the owners. To the N.E. of the village is a small district called *Nether Birchwood*, and 3 miles S.E. from Alfreton is *Pye Bridge*, a railway station on the Erewash Branch of the Midland Railway, from whence there are trains to Mansfield, Nottingham, and Derby, three times a day. A Sick Society is held here at the Dog and Doublet Inn.

SWANWICK, a hamlet and populous village on the Derby road, 1½ miles S.W. from Alfreton, 7 miles N.N.E. from Belper. W. P. Morewood, Esq., and Haslam Brothers have collieries here, and are considerable owners. The Wesleyan Methodists' chapel, *Sleet Moor*, built in 1824, was taken down and rebuilt in 1845, at a cost of £350, and will now seat about 400 hearers. The Particular Baptist chapel, *Sleet Moor*, built in 1796, and enlarged in 1828, at a cost of £650, is a large brick edifice, with accommodation for 600 persons; it has a small burial ground attached. The Primitive Methodists have a small chapel built in 1849. A Church is intended to be built here very shortly, subscriptions towards which have already been commenced and for which a site has been given by the Rev. John Wood, who resides at the *Hall*, a neat brick mansion a little south-east from the village. *The Grange*, 2½ miles S. from Alfreton, is a neat modern mansion, the property of G. C. Hall, Esq., and the residence of Wm. Needham, Esq. At the *Grove* half a mile east of Swanwick, is a good free school and residence for the master, founded in 1740 by Mrs. E. Turner; 40 children are educated free.—(See charities). *Sleet Moor*, a district N.W. Somercotes. About 1 mile S.E. of Alfreton lies the *Swanwick Colliery*, the property of William Palmer Morewood, Esq. The superior quality of this coal has induced a number of persons to vend a very inferior article in its name, in places where it has never been introduced. The seam is about five feet in thickness, and is raised to the surface by a small engine of eight horses' power. The works are kept dry by an engine of forty horses' power, which is also assisted in very wet weather by a smaller one. The coal is conveyed by railway first to the summit of an inclined plane, by means of a small engine of eight horses' power, the waggons being attached to a wire rope, about 400 yards long. On the summit is a wharf for the sale of coal, near to which is the Alfreton Old Poorhouse, converted into cottages since the New Poor Law came into operation. The situation of the wharf and poorhouse is called *Sleet Moor*, and about fifty years ago it was a wide common which was used as a race course. The Cromford Canal, at the Swanwick wharf, separates the parishes of Alfreton and Pentrich. The South Wingfield station, on the Midland Railway is distant about two miles.

CHARITIES. *Margaret Reynolde* in 1621, gave a rent charge of 20s. yearly, out of the Leader Close, to be distributed at the feast of St. Thomas, and on Good Friday to the poor.

George Turner in 1641, gave to the vicar of Alfreton 10s. yearly, for preaching a sermon on the 5th of November, and an annual sum of 20s. to the poor on the same day. 15s. is paid from some closes near *Sleet Moor*, and 15s. from some land, the property of the Rev. John Wood. 10s. is paid to the vicar, (though no sermon is preached), and 20s. is distributed, in sums from 1s. to 2s. amongst the poor.

Rowland Morewood, Esq., in 1647, left a rent charge of £5 per annum, issuing out of land called the Drunken Closes, for the benefit of the poor. By indentures, 1736, Samuel Dalton, Esq. conveyed to trustees lands called the Wheat Fields, Over Housteads, in Birchwood, and the Drunken Closes, in Alfreton, on trust for the poor. In 1771, an information was filed by the Attorney-General against George Morewood, Esq., in order to establish the charity by a decree of the court. The defendant, George Morewood, set

forth by his answer, 1772, that the mention of the Drunken Closes in the deed of 1736 was a mistake, that in the year 1659, the sum of £100 had been laid out by his ancestors for the £5 payable out of those closes. In 1774, however, it was decreed that the Drunken Closes were part of the charity estate, which now consists of 27A. 0R. 11P., with a cottage and a barn; the rents, amounting to £39, are distributed in sums varying from 5s. to 15s. There is a bed of coal on the estate, and timber to the amount of £54 has been sold.

John Ludlam in 1684, charged his lands at Newton with the payment of 50s. per annum to the most necessitous poor of Scarliff, 10s. to the poor of Bakewell, and 10s. to poor persons in Alfreton Riddings.

Thomas Hunter in 1735, gave his cottage and lands, near Windmill Hill, on trust for the use of the poor of Alfreton, Kilburn, Horsley, Horsley Woodhouse, Ripley, and Wessington, and 10s. yearly to the vicar for preaching a sermon on the day on which he was buried. The rent of the estate is £12 per annum, of which the share of Alfreton is £3 15s. This is given in sums varying from 1s. 6d. to 2s.

Jane Boot in 1795, bequeathed 20s. per annum out of premises in Alfreton to 20 poor widows, to be distributed at the tombstone of her late husband in Alfreton churchyard.

Adam Parker in 1800, devised his estate at Shirland, on trust, to pay five guineas to 20 poor widows; he also left the churchwardens and overseers 5s. yearly for their trouble. The Shadwell Plots and Park Closes are subject to the payment.

Rev. Francis Gisborne's Charity.—(See *Bradley*.)—The annual sum of £5 10s., received by the vicar, is expended in warm clothing, and given to the poor.

Swanwick School.—*George Turner* conveyed a piece of land, to the intent that a charity school should be erected thereon. Elizabeth Turner, widow, in 1740, conveyed the sum of £457 17s. new South Sea annuities, on trust, to sell the same, and purchase lands out of the rents thereof, to pay £15 for the instruction of 12 children, Swanwick and Greenhill Lane always to have the preference—the surplus to be laid out in such charitable uses as the trustees shall think fit. In 1741, a sum of £500 arising from the sale of the stock, was invested in 43A. 2R. of land in Swanwick, and in 1816 an allotment was made to the trustees of 2A. 2R. 18P. The schoolmaster occupies the estate, and instructs 40 poor children in reading, writing, and arithmetic. About 4A. of the land has been much injured by coal being got under it. Under an ancient grant from Sir John Zouch, in 1618, to the Morewood family, they are considered to be entitled to work the coals in various lands in Alfreton without making any compensation to the owner.

Post Office, at Thomas T. Cutler's; letters arrive from all parts at 2 a.m., and are despatched at 11 p.m. Letters from the north arrive at 6 a.m., and are despatched at 6.54 p.m. *Money Orders* issued and paid from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Saturdays to 8 p.m.

Morewood William Palmer, Esq., *The Park, and Ladbroke hall, Warwickshire*
 Bacon Samuel, licensed to let horses for hire, and mourning coach and hearse proprietor
 Barlow James Charles, carver, gilder, looking glass and picture frame maker
 Birkin James, sinker maker
 Bland Samuel, vet. Surgeon
 Bullivont Charles, surveyor & builder
 Burnham John, board & lodging house
 Case Robert, tobacconist
 Clark Wm., clerk, *Cotes Park Colliery*
 Crisp Rev. Alfred, (Ind.)
 Cutler Thomas Tomlinson, postmaster

Deacon Rev. John Charles Hall, M.A., vicar
 Vicarage
 Eaton Joseph, basket maker
 Elliott Wm. Rowland, clog maker
 Everingham Wm., cooper
 Green Thos. & Geo., curriers & leather cutrs
 Haskins Arthur, inland rev, officer
 Heffield Edward, farm bailiff, *Cotes Park*
 Hill Wm., wheelwright
 Holmes John, gent,
 Houghton William, colliery manager, *Swanwick Colliery*
 Jones Rev. John, Edward, curate
 Langham Thomas, manager, *Cotes Park Colliery*; h. *Pinxton*

Lees John, mining engineer and manager
at the *Highfield and Oakerthorpe
Collieries*
Marsden Saml., butler, *The Park*
Parker Sarah, herbalist
Radford Joseph, bailiff, *Cotes Park Colliery*
Radford Mrs. Mary
Rolling Euphemia, wine & spirit merchant,
and brewer
Rowbottom Samuel, bookseller, printer,
stationer, &c.
Rickards Benj., solicitor
Rickards Benj. Samuel, solicitor and clerk
to magistrates
Rolley John, parish clerk
Seeley Charles & Co., fire brick makers &
colliery owners, *Cotes Park Colliery*
Shelton Mrs. Hannah
Sheppard John, clothes dealer & needle mk.
Smedley John, corn miller
Ward Richard, whitesmith, locksmith, and
bellhanger
Wass Math., cutlery dealer

Academies.

*Mkd. * are Boarding.*
Carey Sarah
* Crisp Emily
National, Wm. and
Mary Ann Balfry
* Slater Eliz. & Sarah
Taylor Eliza

Attornies.

Hall Gervase Cressy,
(& commissioner for
taking acknowledg-
ments of deeds of
married women, and
clerk to the Alfreton
Derby, &c. turnpike
roads)
Jessop Michael
Rickards and Son
Wood John

**Auctioneers and
Appraisers.**

Bacon Samuel
Denham Charles

**Bakers & Flour
Dealers.**

Mkd are Confection-
ers also.*
Clark Samuel
Dawes Thomas
* Hill Charles
* Simpson John Hy.

Bankers.

*Nottingham & Not-
tinghamshire Bank-
ing Co.*, High st.,
(draw on London &
Westminster Bank)
Jas. Carter, agent
Wilson & Son, (draw
on Sir J. W. Lub-
cock, & Co.
Savings' Bank, (open
on the first & third
Fridays in every
month, from half
past 1, to half-past
2 o'clock.) Samuel
Rowbottom, actuary

Beerhouses.

Dunn George
Goodwin Thomas
Hodgkinson Edward
Sleet Moor
Moore Wm.
Radford Edmund
Taylor Jane
Webster Samuel
Wragg William

Blacksmith.

Godber Henry
Wragg John

Boot & Shoe Mkrs.
Cockayne Thomas

Wilson Miss Ann
Wilson Benjamin, architect & surveyor,
land and timber agent & valuer
Wilson John, timber agent and valuer,
Sycamore Cottage
Wilson Miss Sarah
Wilson Wm. Esq., banker

Hotels, Inns, and Taverns.

Angel, Wm. Rolling
Blue Bell, George Radford
Castle Commercial Hotel, Danl. Townsend
George & Dragon Commercial & Posting
Hotel, Samuel Jepson, and licensed to let
post horses
King's Head, S. Webster
Plough, Wm. Fletcher
Queen's Head, John Peach
Red Lion, Thomas Shacklock
Royal Oak, Eliz. Smithurst
Three Horse Shoes, James Kemp
Waggon & Horses, Wm. Sampson

Farnsworth George
Goodall Samuel
Moore William
Pearson George
Winterbottom James

**Braziers and
Tinnors.**

Gibson (Wm.) and
Rawson (Fras.)
Gibson William
Johnson Jph., (& tin,
zinc and iron plate
worker)
Pickburn Willoughby
Wilbourn Joseph

Bricklayers.

Peach John
Sutcliff Stephen

Butchers.

Abbott Samuel
Barratt Samuel
Cupit Henry
Elnor John
Kemp James
Redford Samuel
Taylor Fanny
Webster John
Webster Samuel
Wragg Wm.

Chemists & Drgrts
Coates Samuel
Walters Henry & Son

Farmers.

Abbott Samuel
Annable Mary,
Common
Barratt Samuel
Clark Samuel
Elnor John
Evans Luke, *Outseats*
Holmes John
Jepson Samuel
Nix Thomas, *Outseats*
Oldfield Wm., *Sleet
Moor*
Peach John
Radford Griffin
Sampson William
Smith Hannah
Stanley Thomas
Webster Samuel
White Jph., *Outseats*

Fire & Life Offices.

European (Life) Saml.
Coates
Medical Invalid and
General (Life); Jas.
Haynes
Norwich Union; S.
Rowbottom
Phoenix (Fire); Benj.
Rickards
Wesleyan & General;
J. H. Simpson

Framesmiths.
Gant Peter

Parsons Thos., (and gasfitter)

China, Glass, and Earthenware Drls
Gibson William
Wheatcroft Wm.

Grocers and Tea Dealers.

Blackshaw James
Clark Samuel
Evans Henry
Pym Benjamin
Schofield Alfred
Swindell Samuel.,
High street

Hairdressers.
Cox John
Parsons William

Hosiery Mnfrs.
Brettle Geo. & Co.,
(and *Belper*)
Ward and Co., (and *Belper*)

Hosiers.
Roberts Joshua
Simpson John, (and hatter)

Ironmongers.
Gibson (Wm.), and Rawson (Fras.)
Haynes James, (and dealer in agricultural implements, and oil and grease merchant)
Pickburn Willoughby (& ironfounder)

Joiners & Cabinet Makers.

Bacon Samuel
Lesson Anthony

Linen and Woollen Drapers.

Jackson William
Roberts Joshua
Sharp Brudenell, (and stamp office)
Topham John & Wm., (& silk mercers)

Maltsters.

Jepson John
Radford George
Stanley Thomas
Towndrow Wm., (and flour dlr.)
Williamson Robert

Milliner & Dress Makers.
Farnsworth Ann
Spencer Phoebe

Painters, &c.
Garratt James
Garratt Rowland

Plumbers and Glaziers.
Burnham Septimus & Henry, (& painters)
Clee Samuel
Lauer Francis

Saddlers and Harness Mkr.
Dawes Henry, (late J. England)

Thirkill Emanuel

Seeds Mchts.

Pym Benjamin
Sampson William
Walters Henry & Son, (and ale and porter agents)

Shopkeepers.

Dawes Thomas
Fell Marshall, (and rope maker)
Goodall Samuel
Milward Mary
Smedley Ann
Wragg James, (and fellmonger)

Smallware Drls.
Handbury George
Roberts Joshua
Simpson John

Straw Hat Makrs.
Simpson John
Steer Mary Ann
Wrigglesworth Eliza

Surgeons.
Rickards Henry
Spencer Griffin
Turner John, sen.
Willis Charles

Tailors & Drapers.
*Marked * are Tailors only.*

* Blackshaw James
* Buxton Charles
Inchbold Emanuel
James John

* Wheatcroft William
Wray William
* Wragg Thomas

Tallow Chandlrs.
Evans Henry
Topham George, (and dealer in blasting powder)

Watch and Clock Makers.
Bowen David
Evans John

Wine, and Spirit Merchant.
Rolling Euphemia, (& brewer)

Omnibus.
To Wingfield Station, from the George and Dragon Commercial Hotel, to meet the arrival and departure of trains;
Samuel Jepson, proprietor

Carriers from the Inns.
Belper, Hanh. Smith, Mon. & Sat.
Chesterfield, Henry Handbury, Tu. Th. and Sat.
Codnor Park, G. Radford, daily
Derby, Samuel Bacon, Mon. & Fri.
Mansfield, H. Smith, Thurs.

GREEN HILL LANE HAMLET.

*Marked * are at Newlands.*

Post Office at Henry Neale's; letters arrive from Alfreton at 8.15 a.m., and are despatched at 7 30 p.m.

Belcher, Henry, surgeon
* Chamberlain Henry, farm bailiff
Colledge Rev. Thos., (Ind.)
* Elnor Thomas, gent.
Evans Henry, jun., builder, &c.
Evans Joseph, builder, contractor, and brickmaker
Evans Henry, gent.
Fretwell Wm., stonemason & builder
Kirk Francis, gent
Mather Francis, registrar of births, deaths, and marriages for Alfreton district; wholesale ale and porter merchant, and agent to the Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Fire & Life Office

Neal Mr. Francis
Neale Henry, chemist & druggist, and oil and hop merchant, & agent to the English Widows' Fund.
Nuttall J. W., draper, and *Ripley*
Oakes Thomas, corn miller
Pogmore —, colliery agent
Shaw Wm., plumber & glazier
Slater James, earthenware dealer
Walker Joseph, moulder

Inns and Taverns.

New Inn, Joseph Evans
Newlands Inn, Richard Elnor
Red Lion, John Briddon

Beerhouses.

Langton George
Smith Joseph
* Winson Thos.

Blacksmiths.

Cartledge James
* Hunt Wm.

Butchers.

* Elnor Richard
Evans Luke
Gill Herbert

Farmers.

Briddon John
Briddon John
* Elnor Richard
Evans Henry, jun.
Evans Joseph
Neale Henry
Tomlinson Miss

Grocers.

Evans Luke, (& tallow
chandler)
* Elnor Richard

Maltsters.

Briddon John
Evans Luke

Shoemakers.

Askew Geo., (dealer)
Bakewell Levi
Bryan John
Corbett Wm.
Hickton James
Holden Samuel

Shopkeepers.

Bridgett Wm.

Cartledge Joseph
Gill Hannah
Milward Griffin
Parkin Deborah
Tagg James

Tailors.

Greatorex John
Hollingworth Geo.

Carrier.

Wm. Booth, to *Nottingham*, Wed. &
Sat., and *Derby*,
Friday

IRONVILLE TOWNSHIP.

Post Office, at Abraham Greaves'; letters arrive from Alfreton at 8.30 a.m., and are despatched at 7 p.m. *Money Orders* are issued and paid from 9 a.m., to 6 p.m.

Beresforde John, surgeon, *Albert Terrace*
Bollington Ann, vict., William IV.
Casson Rev. John, incumbent
Clarke George, pork butcher
Cooke George, butcher
Farnsworth John, grocer, baker, & flour
& british wine dealer
Fawcett Mary, infant school

Greaves Abraham, druggist, & agent to the
North British Insurance Co.
Hill Edward S., constable
Miller Sybella, National school
Rhodes Benj., bookseller & news agent
Smithyman Edward, National school
Winson Thomas, shoemaker

Drapers.

Bowne Dorothy
Walters James

Shopkeepers.

Brown Thomas
Elliott Mary

Gill Wm.

Harrison Richard
Taylor Charles
Waplington Nathl.

Tailors.

Hole James
Webster Joseph

RIDDINGS TOWNSHIP.

Post Office at William Thornley's; letters arrive from Alfreton, at 8.30 am., and are despatched at 8 p.m.

Alsop George, joiner
Allsopp Walter, chemist & druggist
Bryan Mr. John
Cowan James, National school
Elson Henry, saddler & harness maker
Fletcher Edward, colliery agent
Fletcher Wm., gent.
Fretwell Ellen, infant school
Godbehere Robert, blacksmith
Haden Miss Eiiiza
Holes James, tailor
Oakes Chas., ironmaster; h. *Hollyhurst*
Oakes Jas., ironmaster; h. *Riddings House*
Oakes James & Co., iron & coal masters

Oakes Thomas, ironmaater; h. *Riddings House*
Pittar Rev. Arthur Charles, B.A., incumbt.,
Parsonage
Platts George, linen & woollen draper
Shaw William, plumber, glazier, gas fitter,
painter & paper hanger
Stimson Thomas, slater, *near Codnor Park*
Swindell Samuel, locksmith
Withers Eliz. Ashley, National school

Inns and Taverns.

Boot & Slipper, Thomas Wagstaff
Seven Stars, William Hunt

Beerhouses.
Kitchen Wm.
Lygo Joseph
Maltby Joseph, New
Inn, and furniture
dealer

Butchers.
Beecroft George

Parsons Richard

Grocers.
Cartledge Joseph
Maltby Samuel, (&
draper)
Thornley Wm., (&
tallow chandler)

Shoemakers.
Bradley Stephen
Holden Peter
Langton John
Lygo Joseph
Parker Frank
Read Wm.
Taylor Thos.

Shopkeepers.
Brentnall George, (&
bricklayer
Hunt Wm.
Scott Robert
Taylor Ann, (and
farmer)

SOMERCOTES HAMLET.

*Marked * are at Birchwood, 1 are at Penny Town, and 2 Pye Bridge.*

* Adams Rev. Benj., curate of Riddings &
Somercotes
* Bakewell John & Co., brickmakers,
Birchwood
Beecroft Henry, wheelwright
Bennett Isaac, nail maker
Bradley Alfred, blacksmith
* Clark Wm., clerk at Coates Park Colliery
Cutler Mrs. Eliz., *Somercotes House*
Gee John, contractor
2 Hollingworth Joseph, currier and leather
cutter
2 Horsley Erasmus Thomas, manager
2 Horsley Wm., corn miller
3 Millington Francis, station master
* Langham Thomas, manager Cotes Park
Colliery; h. *Birchwood House, Pinxton*
Peat Wm. & Brown Joseph, plumbers, &c.
Radford Joseph, bailiff, Cotes Park Colliery
Redgate Joseph, builder

Beerhouses.
Baguley John, (and
baker)
Burgin Thomas
Caslin John
Clark Martha
Clark Wm., (and
joiner)
* Fearn John, *Birch-*
wood
Parks Edward
Robinson Nathaniel
2 Smith Wm.
Sterland Samuel
2 Taylor Peter

Butchers.
Clark Samuel
Lee Joseph
Sterland Samuel
Stevens John

Farmers.
Baguley John

1 Banks George
* Brown Chas., *Birch-*
wood
Bramley John
Cooper John
2 Cutts James
Hardstaff John
Herrod John
Langton Edward
Marple Jas., *Outseats*
Moss Joseph
* Naylor Charles,
Birchwood
2 Rhodes George
Richardson Hannah
1 Smedley Joseph
1 Wilbraham George
1 Wilbraham Matthew

Grocers.
Dupe John
Richardson Hannah
Riley John
Rogers Thomas

Rhodes Alfred, builder, contractor, and
brickmaker
Riley John, machinist, & manfr. of stocks,
dies, and caps
Storer Mr. Jonathan
* Seely Charles & Co., fire brick, and chim-
ney pot makers, and coal masters, New
Birchwood & Cotes Park Collieries
Towndrow & Pendleton, drapers & clothiers
Wheeldon John & Emma, Reform school
Wilbraham Henry, chemist
2 Wood Stephen, bookkeeper

Inns and Taverns.

Black Horse, John Hardstaff
2 Dog & Doublet, John Peck
Rose & Crown, Edward Andrews (& brick-
layer)
Royal Tiger, George Rhodes

Shoemakers.
Orme Richard
Wass Joseph

Shopkeepers.
Brough John
Burgin Thomas
Lee Joseph
Morley James
Parkes Edward
Roe Joseph
Robinson Thomas
Robinson Nathaniel
Slack Rebecca
Taylor Elizabeth

Tailors.
Bingham Jeremiah
Cordon James, (and
agent to the Em-
peror Fire Insur-
ance Society, The
London & Provin-
cial Provident So-

ciety, and the
National Guardian
Assurance Society.

Carriers.
(To Nottingham.)
Askew Ball, Wed. &
Sat.

Railway Convey-

ance.
*The Erewash Valley
Branch of the Mid-*
land Railway Sta-
tion, Pye Bridge.

—There are three
passenger trains to
Mansfield & Not-
tingham, each way
daily, (Sundays ex-
cepted, when there
are only two.)—
Francis Millington,
station master.

SWANWICK HAMLET.

Post Office at William Blounts'. Letters arrive from Alfreton at 8 a.m., and are despatched at 7 30 p.m.

Booth Wm., framesmith
 Bowler George, colliery manager
 Bradley Francis, assistant overseer & agent
 to the Clerical & Medical Life, and to the
 United Kingdom Life Assurance Co.
 Elliott Anthony, framework knitter
 Fidler John, news agent
 Gregory Mrs. Hannah

Needham Wm. Esq., *The Grange*
 Poundall John, farm bailiff
 Walters Joseph, auctioneer & draper
 Wood Rev. John, *The Hall*

Inns and Taverns.

Cross Keys, George Pidcock
 Miner's Arms, Sarah Challoner

Academies.

Machin Joseph
 Stevenson Eliz.

Beerhouses.

Bradley Francis, (&
 butcher)
 Cartledge James
 Hodgkinson Edward
 Renshaw Thomas
 White John
 Willgoose James

Blacksmiths.

Furniss John
 Handbury Thos.

Brick Makers.

Redford John, *Sleet*
Moor
 Walters Joseph

Coal Masters.

Haslam Brothers
 Morewood William
 Palmer

Corn Millers.

Haslam Brothers
 Taylor Geo. Stanley,
Sleet Moor Mill

Farmers.

Bullock Henry
 Bullock Mary
 Cartledge Hannah
 Dawes Samuel
 Daykin Kendel
 England Samuel
 Evans Joseph, *Old*
Hall
 Fletcher Thomas
 Fletcher Vincent

Hall Fredk., *Hill*
Top

Haslam Brothers
 Hunt Joseph
 Limb George
 Machin Joseph
 Pidcock George
 Swain James
 Swain John, *Hill Top*
 Taylor Thos.
 Woodward Thomas,
Grange

Grocers.

Blount William, (and
 agent to the English
 Widows' Fund Life
 Assurance Co.)
 Lomas John, (& watch
 maker)

Shoemakers.

Beresford Wm.
 Fryer Joseph
 Gee Wm.
 Heath Thos.
 Robinson James
 Topham Benj.
 Topham Wm.
 Wildgoose James

Shopkeepers.

Elliott Elizabeth
 Pidcock Charles
 Robinson Mary
 Taylor Edwin, (and
 boilermaker)

Tailors.

Highfield Thomas
 Wheat Thomas

ASHOVER is a large scattered parish, which contains the township of *Ashover*, in Scarsdale Hundred, and the township and chapelry of *Dethic* and *Lea*, with the hamlet of *Holloway*, in Wirksworth Hundred, and together have 10,501A. 3R. 8P. of land, and in 1851 had 762 houses, and 3311 inhabitants, of whom 1634 were males and 1677 females; rateable value, £11,484 17s.

ASHOVER is a romantic and picturesque village and township, situated in a deep narrow valley, watered by a branch of the small river Amber, which rises in the parish, and crosses its whole extent. On the lofty hills in some places barren rocks protrude through the soil, in others they crest the summit, and houses are scattered amongst the projecting crags and verdant slopes. Few villages are better situated for excellent water. The river Amber rises in this parish, and bears that name for ten miles. Ashover is 19 miles N.W. by W. from Derby, 7 N.N.W. from Alfreton, 7 miles S.S.W.. from Chesterfield, and 4 miles N.E. from Matlock, and contains 9098A. 3R. 13P. of land, of which 8,615 are rateable, and has 55 miles of roads, 577 houses, and 2,445 inhabitants, of whom 1,220 were males, and 1,225 females; rateable value, £8,379 14s. 0d. Wm. Milnes, Esq., of Stubbin Edge Hall, is a considerable owner and one of the lords of the manor, the rights of which are divided amongst various persons. John Bright, M.D., Thos. Lee, Robt. Milward, John Hopkinson, John B. Gregory, and Thos. Coleman, Esqrs., Rev. Joseph Nodder, the Trustees of the late Sir Henry Hunloke, Exors. of the late Charles Gladwin, and Chesterfield Corporation, besides several others, are also owners. The Church, All

Saints, a rectory, valued in the King's book £12 3s. 1½d., now £481; the Rev. Joseph Nodder, M.A., is the patron and incumbent. The church is a large ancient structure, in the Gothic style, and is supposed to have been built in 1419. It has a square embattled tower in which are 5 bells, from the centre of which rises a handsome spire, 69 feet high. It was repewed in 1844, at a cost of £500; it contains 600 sittings, of which one-fifth are free. It has two monuments inlaid with brasses, and an altar-tomb with recumbent figures, to the memory of Thos. Babington and Edith his second wife. There are also memorials to the Milnes, Bournes, and Dakeyne families, also a magnificent Gothic obituary window of stained glass, to the Nodder family, placed in the chancel, in 1845. Here is also a very remarkable and ancient font, the base is of stone, the lower part is of an hexagonal form, the basin of the font is cylindrical, and is surrounded by twenty leaden figures, loosely draped, standing in ornamental niches. The Rectory is a pleasant mansion, a little S.E. of the church, near which the rector, in 1846, built a handsome school, of gritstone, for girls, at a cost of £400. The boys' school at Ashover Hill, half a mile N.W. from the church, was erected in 1703; the endowment and subscriptions amount to £22 9s. per annum,—(see charities). Here is 84A. 2R. 14P. of glebe. The great and small tithes were commuted in 1850, for £540 3s. 11d. The Wesleyans and Primitive Methodists have each a chapel in the township, besides which the Primitive Methodists have one erected the present year (1856) at Alton. This manor, *Essoure*, at the Domesday survey, belonged to Ralph Fitzhubert, under whom it was held by Serlo. The posterity of Serlo were called de Plealey, from Plesley, the place where they resided. Serlo de Plesley, his descendant, who died about the year 1203, left two daughters, co-heiresses, married to Willoughby of Lincolnshire, and Deincourt, who possessed the manor in moieties. The co-heiresses of Deincourt married Reresby, of Lincolnshire, and Musters, of Nottinghamshire. Sir Robert Willoughby exchanged his share of Ashover with the Reresby family, for their interest in the Plesley estate. The share of Musters family was subdivided between two sons, from one of whom, Geffry, a portion of the manor passed to Robert Pierepont.

From this time Ashover appears to have been divided into four manors, known by the names of Newhall, Oldhall, Musters', and Pierepont's manors. The Newhall manor, with the advowson of the church, was given, in 1302, by Margaret Reresby, widow, to Adam Roresby, her youngest son, and continued to belong to his descendants, who resided at New Hall, afterwards Eastwood Hall, till the reign of James I., when Sir Thos. Reresby made it over to trustees, and it was sold, in 1623, to the Rev. Immanuel Bourn, then rector of Ashover, who died in 1797, and bequeathed the manor and advowson to trustees, for the benefit of his niece Jemima, the wife of Mr. John Nodder, in whose descendant it is now vested. Eastwood and the site of the old manor was sold, in 1762, to the governors of Queen Anne's bounty, to augment the chapel of Brimington, near Chesterfield. The Oldhall manor was purchased, in 1737, by Roger de Hynfield, of Edelstow Hall, who also purchased the Muster's manor. Edelstow Hall was considered the hall of this manor, and after several changes became the seat of a branch of the Gladwin family, one of whose co-heiresses brought it to Dr. Bourne, who then resided at the Spital, near Chesterfield. It was sold, in 1808, by the widow of the Rev. John Bourne and her daughters, to Mr. John Milnes, of Ashover. Pierepont's manor is in many shares. The Butts estate was purchased by James Milnes, of Ashover, in 1696. Marsh Green Hall, a picturesque mansion, is the residence of the Rev. Jph. Nodder, M.A., and R.D. The township contains many scattered hamlets and farms, and it is divided for parochial purposes into quarters, but keep their poor conjointly. *Ashover Quarter* is situated within one mile from the church, and contains Appletree Knowl on the N., Butts House W., Eastwood Hall E., Hillside E., Marsh Green N.W., Meadow Lane E., and Rattle W. *Mill Town Quarter*, contains Mill Town, a small village one mile S., and the quarter extending S. and S.W. from Ashover, and contains the following villages and hamlets: Butterley, 2½ miles S.S.E.; Gorse Hall, 1¼ mile W.; High Oredish, 2 miles S.; Littlemoor, 2 miles, S.E.

Overton Hall, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile S.W. The family of Hunt, or Le Hunt, were possessed of considerable property in Overton. In the year 1556, Thos. Hunt (son of Christopher), who had removed to Aston-upon-Trent, sold his estate at Overton to Richard Hodgkinson, of Northedge Hall. The daughter and heiress of Wm. Hodgkinson married Joseph Banks, Esq., of Revesby Abbey, Lincolnshire. His son Robert, who took the name of Hodgkinson, died in 1792; on his death, this estate devolved to the Right Hon. Sir Jph. Banks, Bart., and Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath, and President of the Royal Society, who usually spent a few weeks in the autumn at Overton Hall. It is now the property and occasional residence of John Bright, Esq., M.D., who purchased it in 1829. A younger branch of the Hunts resided also at Overton, till 1596, when Wm. Hunt sold his mansion and estate to Robert Daken, of Chelmorton, by whom it was conveyed, in 1600, to Mr. John Gregory. Wm. Milnes, Esq., of Stubbin Edge Hall, in 1828, purchased part of Overton. The family of Crich had for many generations been resident, and had large possessions in Ashover. The last of the family died in very reduced circumstances, at the great age of 101, in the year 1789, and lies buried in Ashover Church. Till within a few months of his death he frequently attended Chesterfield market.

Stubbin Edge Hall, an ancient mansion, $\frac{1}{2}$ miles S.E. from Ashover, formerly belonged to the Crich family, but in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, passed to Richard Daykeyne, who married the widow of William Crich; he had no issue by this marriage, but by his marriage with Catherine Strange, daughter of the Earl of Rothes, he had two sons, John and Arthur; she was the favourite maid of honour to Mary Queen of Scots, and attended her unfortunate mistress to the scaffold; she was largely remembered by her in her will, and was especially recommended to the care of Queen Elizabeth. John, their first son, was born in 1587. He was disinherited by his father, and his senior representative was the late John Deakin, or Dakeyne, Esq., of Boythorpe House, and from a third son of the said John, the Dakeynes of Darley Hall, are descended. The second son of Arthur Dakeyne, enjoyed the Stubbin Edge Hall estate, until the year 1720, when it passed away by a female to the Hopkinsons, of Bonsall, now extinct; there are memorials in the Ashover Church, to the Dakeynes as early as 1537, and as late an 1720. The estate, after passing through several hands, is now the property and seat of Wm. Milnes, Esq., deputy lieutenant. The hall is seated on an eminence, and was modernized and improved in 1821, and now forms a handsome mansion. The farms and houses in the Mill Town Quarter extends from one to $\frac{2}{2}$ miles S. from Ashover. The Upper End Quarter includes the N.W. part of the township, extending from $\frac{1}{4}$ to four miles from Ashover. At Kelstedge, a small hamlet, $\frac{1}{4}$ miles N.W. is the lace-thread manufactory of Mr. William Cartledge, of which Mrs. Cawood is the owner. The Alton Quarter includes the N. and N.E. division.

ALTON or AULTON is a village one mile N.E., and North Edge $\frac{1}{4}$ mile N.N.E. from Ashover. The hamlets and small villages in the parish present a singular appearance and want of uniformity. The soil is very various; in the valley near the village it is very fertile, bearing a rental of from 35s. to 50s. per acre; on the hills and moorlands the value is from 3s. to 35s. per acre, and some good corn is grown. The limestone got here is well adapted for agricultural purposes, and the beds of gritstone for making grindstones. Here are a few framework knitters in cotton, a lace thread doubling factory, a colliery and two lead mines. On the declivity of a hill on Ashover common, is a "Rocking Stone," called Robin Hood's mark, which measures about 26 feet in circumference, and from its extraordinary position, evidently appears not only to have been the work of art, but to have been placed with great ingenuity. About 200 yards to the North of this, is a singularly shaped rock called the Turning Stone, 9 feet in height, and supposed to have been a rock idol. Fairs are held at Ashover, April 25th, Oct. 15th, and Monday before Martinmas day, which is also a hiring statute for servants. Feast is on first Sunday in July.

CHARITIES—Samuel *Sleigh*, by will, 1684, on condition that the inhabitants of Ashover should build a free school, gave £4 per annum out of his lands in Washington Hay for the use of such school, 20s. yearly towards a schoolmaster's wages, and 20s. to the poor out of King's Lant. George Wollatt pays the rent charge out of Washington Hay, and the annuity of 20s. is paid out of the estate of the late Sir Windsor Hunloke. The schoolroom was built in 1703, by George Hodgkinson, and in 1728, it was conveyed to five trustees.

Anthony Storer, in 1705, gave 5s. yearly to the school master, out of George Marsh's cottage and croft upon the Hay.

Richard Hodgkinson left 20s. yearly for the use of the schoolmaster, the amount is supposed to be paid out of a croft the property of Lady Banks.

Sarah Bower, previous to the year 1789, gave £40 to this school. In 1819, the Rev. Francis Gisborne proposed to give certain closes for the better endowment of the school, if the inhabitants would add £60 to the above sum. The amount was accordingly raised, and the £100 was vested at four per cent, in the hands of William Milnes, Esq.

Rev. Francis Gisborne, by indenture, 1819, granted four closes of land containing 6A. 2R. 6P., called the Marsh Flat, and an allotment of 1R. 10P. on trust, out of the rent thereof to pay all expenses in the reparation of the school, and the residue of the clear rents for the benefit of a schoolmaster, and for providing the children with books. The income arising from the above gifts amounts to £21 9s., out of which the master receives £18 for teaching 20 poor children.

Elizabeth Hodgkinson in 1733, gave £60 to be invested in land, out of the produce thereof eight penny loaves to be given every Sunday, and the residue in bread on Chris-mas day, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. In 1786, the amount is mentioned as being vested in the Rev. Lawrence Bourne, and £2 2s. is paid by Miss Jemima Nodder, who is in possession of an estate called Marsh Green, which was formerly the property of the Rev. S. Bourne; £1 from *Sleigh's* Charity, and 6s. is added to the above sum from the poor rates, making in the whole £3 8s., from which a distribution of bread is made to nine poor widows every Sunday.

John Bunting, in 1666, left 15s. per annum to the poor out of land at Peasehurst.

George Bower, of Gorse Hall, left 10s. yearly, issuing out of Stanesley Fees, to be given to 30 of the poorest housekeepers.

Thomas Calton, in 1705, gave 5s. per annum out of Lang Croft, for a distribution of bread. The agent of Lady Banks distributes £1 5s. in money, and bread to the amount of 10s. in respect of Bower, Calton, and Bunting's charities, being 5s. more than the annual amount.

Rev. Francis Gisborne's charity.—(See *Bradley.*) The annual sum of £5 10s. received by the incumbent is expended in flannel, and given to the poor.

ASHOVER DIRECTORY.

Those Marked 1 are at Ashover; 2, Mill Town Quarter; 3, Upper End Quarter; and 4, Alton Quarter.
Post Office, at Henry Taylor's, letters arrive from Chesterfield, at 9, a.m., and are despatched at 4.30, p.m.

1 Bassett John, letter-press printer
 2 Bennett George, nail maker
 1 Biddle Charles, draper
 1 Brown Henry, malster
 2 Bright John, Esq., M.D., *Overton Hall*
 Calladine Joseph, auctioneer
 2 Carlisle James, basket maker
 3 Cartledge William, lace thread, manufacturer, *Kelstedge*
 3 Cawood Mrs. Sarah, *Amber House*

2 Cundy Isaac, cooper, timber merchant, and manufacturer of agricultural implements, and saw mills, *Kelstedge*
 1 Eaton Mrs. Ann
 4 Fletcher & Cheetham, coal masters and brick makers, Alton colliery
 1 Ford Matthew, plumber & glazier
 2 Gregory Mrs. Ann
 1 Haslam Rania, dress maker
 1 Hodgkinson Edmund, gent.

4 Hopkinson John, gent.
 1 Jerrison William, slater
 1 Key John, horse dealer
 2 Limb Samuel, postman
 1 Lowe J., schoolmaster
 1 Marples Thos., saddler
 2 Milnes Wm., Esq., *Stubbin Edge Hall*
 Nodder Miss J., *Rose Cottage*
 Nodder Jph., Esq., *Marsh Green Hall*
 Nodder Rev. Joseph, M.A., *March Green*
 2 Robinson Joseph, mole catcher
 Smith Joseph, nursery & seedsman, Tansley
 and Scotland nursery
 2 Smith Sarah, nursery, &c.
 1 Smith Wm., gardener, *Marsh green*
 Taylor Mr. Joseph,
 1 Thompson Mr. John B.
 Thrup Rev. F., curate, *Rectory*
 1 Turner Job, nail maker

Beerhouses.

2 Allen George, *Regu-
latory*
 1 Marsden Jph
 4 Wilson Thomas

Blacksmiths.

3 Barker John
 2 Maskery Wm.
 2 Mather George
 3 Vanes Samuel
 1 White Henry
 1 White John, (and
 engineer & machine
 maker)
 4 Young Thomas

Boot & Shoemkrs.

3 Beresford James
 3 Beresford Paul
 1 Bower Richard
 2 Buckley William
 2 Buxton John
 2 Gaunt John
 1 Greaves Wm.
 1 Haslam Wm. Hy.
 1 Hole Henry
 1 Holmes Joseph
 1 Hopkinson John
 1 Marriott George
 3 Marsden Benjamin
 4 Parkin John

Butchers.

1 Askew Michael
 1 Bennett William
 1 Clayton Robert
 3 Edge John
 3 Hall William
 3 Marriott Joseph
 2 Stanley Thos.
 1 Tagg John
 1 Towndrow John

2 Tagg John

Corn Millers.

4 Elliott Francis
 1 Else Stevenson
 1 Goodlad Samuel
 3 Robinson James
 4 Young Thomas

Farmers.

2 Allen George
 2 Allen Rd., *Yew Tree*
 3 Adams Jph.
 2 Allen Wm.
 2 Barker Jph
 1 Battison Wm.
 3 Beardow John
 4 Beardow Thos
 2 Beastall John
 2 Bennett Geo
 2 Birks William
 2 Birks John
 2 Bollington George,
Wash-house

1 Bower Ann
 2 Bower Samuel
 3 Bower T. & F
 3 Bown Susan
 2 Bradley James
 2 Bradley Job
 3 Brailsford James
 1 Brailsford John
 2 Brocksop J. G.
 3 Brough James
 3 Brough Wm.
 3 Brown John
 2 Buckley Ann
 4 Buxton Isaac
 2 Butler Samuel
 Clayton John, *Dry-
hurst*
 2 Critchlow Thomas
 2 Davis Thomas
 Drury John, *Hill Side*

1 Twigg John, rope and twine maker
 1 Twilton Jane E., National School
 Wheatcroft Titus, gunsmith

Inns and Taverns.

1 Black Swan, Joseph Holmes
 1 Crispin, Wm. White
 2 Greyhound, Wm. Lofts
 1 King William, Geo. Bennett
 4 Malt Shovel, John Turner
 2 Nelson, Richard Bower
 3 Pig of Lead, Samuel Lindley
 1 Red Lion, Edmund Revell
 3 Red Lion, George Young
 3 Red Lion, Samuel Vanes
 3 Three Horse Shoes, Geo. Callandine
 3 White Horse, William Sims
 1 White Lion, Joseph Gregory
 2 William IV, George Bennett

3 Eaton Joseph
 3 Edge Wm.
 4 Elliott Francis
 1 Else George
 1 Else James
 1 Else Thomas
 1 Evinson Hannah
 2 Fidler Jasper, (and
 baker)
 2 Fox John
 2 Fox Luke
 2 Fox Matthew
 2 Fox Wm.
 1 Francis Thos.
 3 Fretwell Wm.
 2 Garton John
 3 Gill Wm.
 2 Gladwin John
 3 Gladwin Thomas
 2 Goodall Chas.
 2 Goodall Thomas
 Gregory John B.
 2 Gregory Mrs.
 3 Hague Ely
 2 Hadfield John
 2 Hall Elijah
 3 Hall Wm.
 2 Handbury John
 4 Hole George
 3 Hole Sarah
 1 Haslam Geo. & Lot
 3 Hill Joseph
 4 Hill Wm.
 2 Hill Wm.
 4 Hodgkinson George
 4 Hodgkinson Wm.
 3 Hollingworth Jph.
 3 Hollingworth Wm.
 2 Holmes George
 3 Holmes George
 3 Holmes John
 3 Holmes Samuel
 3 Holmes Wm.

Hopkinson Jph.
 Hopkinson Thomas,
Gorse Hall
 4 Keeton Rd. & Paul
 3 Lee Joseph
 3 Lee John
 3 Lee Thomas
 3 Lee William
 3 Lindley Samuel
 3 Ludlam William
 3 Marriott Abraham
 3 Marriott David
 2 Marriott James
 3 Marriott William
 3 Marsden Benjamin
 1 Marsden Jph
 5 Mather Alice
 2 Mather George
 4 Mather Wm.
 2 Mathew Wm., senr.,
 Lattercotes & Knott
 Cross
 3 Mellor George
 4 Mellor Samuel
 4 Mycroft George
 3 Nall Robert
 3 Nightingale George
 2 Nuttall Jph.
 4 Parkes Jph.
 3 Parsons Wm.
 3 Poyser John
 3 Pendleton George
 2 Rhodes George
 2 Rhodes James
 3 Robinson James
 3 Shaw George
 3 Sims Wm.
 2 Smedley Adam
 3 Smith Daniel
 3 Smith George
 3 Smith Thomas
 2 Smithurst Mrs.

1 Stanley Joseph
 2 Swift George
 4 Swift William
 2 Tagg William
 3 Tomlinson Alice
 3 Tomlinson George
 4 Turner John
 3 Turner John
 2 Towndrow Joseph,
Moor Grange
 2 Towndrow Joseph
 2 Towndrow Thos.
 2 Towndrow Wm.
 3 Vernon Benjamin
 4 Walker Wm.
 2 Walker Wm.
 4 Wall Charles
 3 Ward Wm.
 2 Wheatcroft Jabez
 1 White Henry
 1 White Joseph
 4 White Wm.
 3 Wilmott Charles
 3 Wilmott George
 2 Wilmott George
 3 Wilson Paul
 4 Wilson Thomas
 4 Wilson Thomas,
Birkin Lane

4 Wragg James
 2 Wragg Thomas
 2 Wragg Wm.
 2 Woollatt Jonathan
 3 Young George
 4 Young John
 4 Young Thos.

Grocers.

1 Bamford Hannah
 1 Bowler Thomas
 1 Taylor Joseph, (and
 draper)

Gunsmiths.

1 Wheatcroft Samuel
 1 Wheatcroft Titus

Joiners & Builders

1 Revill Edw.
 1 Robinson Samuel
 3 Smith Matthew

Lime Burners.

2 Allen George
 1 Else James
 2 Fidler James
 Lofts Wm., *Ockerley*

Maltsters.

1 Brown Mrs.
 4 Turner John

Shopkeepers.

1 Bamford Hannah
 1 Bowler Fras.
 1 Bowler Jph.
 3 Holmes Anthony
 3 Kirk George
 Taylor Hy, (Exrs of.)

Slaters.

*Marked * are Plstrs.*

*1 Jerrison Joseph
 and William
 * 3 Smith John
 2 Smith George

Stonemasons.

1 Mowbray George
 3 Needham Stephen
 1 Watts Thos.
 2 Wood George

Stone Merchants.

2 Barker John
 1 Lee Thos.
 Tomlinson George &
 Henry *Alleshead*
 4 Young George

Surgeons.

2 Goodall Richard
 1 Skidmore J.

Tailors.

1 Bunting John
 2 Hind Anthony
 2 Hind William
 3 Marriott James
 1 Willows Thos.

Wheelwrights.

2 Mather John
 1 Mellor John
 1 Revell Ed.
 3 Smith Matthew

Carrier to Chstrfld

George Gregory, Tu.,
 Th., & Sat.

DETHIC & LEA form a chapelry, and with *Holloway* a joint township in the parish of Ashover, and the hundred of Wirksworth, containing together 1,402A. 3R. 35P. of land, and in 1851 had 185 houses, and 866 inhabitants, of whom 414 were males, and 452 females; rateable value £3105 3s. *Dethic or Dethwick*, is a small hamlet, 3½ miles S.W. from Ashover, and 2½ S.E. by E. from Matlock, and consists of four farm houses and a corn mill. Thomas Hallows, Esq., of Glapwell, is lord of the manor, principal owner, and patron of the *living*, a perpetual curacy, value £93, has been augmented with £1000 Queen Anne's bounty, and £400 benefactions. The Rev. Nathan Hubbersty, incumbent. The tithe is paid by a small modus to the rector of Ashover. The Chapel is a small neat stone edifice, with a handsome and lofty spire, and one bell, and is dedicated to St. John. It was founded by Jeffery Dethic and Thomas, prior of Felley monastery, in Nottinghamshire, in 1279, and is stated to have been rebuilt by one of the Babington's in 1530. In the reign of Henry III., Dethic belonged to a family who took their name from this place, the elder branch of whom became extinct by the death of Robert Dethic, whose heiress brought this place to Thomas Babington, elder son of Sir John Babington, and brother to Sir Wm. Babington, who was appointed Chief Justice of the King's Bench, in 1423. John Babington, son of Thomas, was killed at the battle of Bosworth Field. Anthony Babington, the sixth in descent from Thomas, was a principal actor in the conspiracy formed against the life of Queen Elizabeth, in 1586, being zealously devoted to the Catholic religion; he had secretly made a voyage to Paris some time before, where he formed an intimacy with Thos. Morgan, a bigoted fugitive from England, and with the Bishop of Glasgow, the Queen of Scots' ambassador at the court of Paris. These parties employed every means to get young Babington to join them in their conspiracy, and having succeeded came to England bent upon the assassination of Elizabeth, and the deliverance of the Queen of Scots. In the prosecution of these views he employed himself in increasing the number of his associates and secretly drew into the conspiracy many catholic gentlemen discontented with the government, but their desperate projects were soon discovered by the vigilance of Elizabeth's

council, and they obtaining intelligence of it, disguised themselves and fled, and concealed themselves in woods or barns, but were soon discovered and thrown into prison. They were afterwards tried, condemned, and executed in September, 1586; John Balliard, a priest of the English seminary at Rheines, and the instigator of the rebellion in England, suffered first, and Babington undauntedly beheld his execution, whilst the rest turned away their faces and fell on their knees. He ingeniously confessed his offence, and being taken from the gallows, and about to be cut up, he cried aloud several times, *parce me domine Jesu*, "Have mercy upon me, Lord Jesus." He is said to have made over his estate at Dethick, previously to his attainder, to a younger brother. It was afterwards, sold to Wendesley Blackwall Esq., and having been divided into severalties, the whole became eventually the property of Samuel Hallowes, Esq., from whom it passed to the present proprietor. The old mansion, which was of considerable extent, has been much altered, and is now occupied as a farm house.

LEA, or DETHIC LEA, is a populous village, 16 miles S. from Dethic, and 2½ from Cromford station. W. E. Nightingale, Esq., T. Hallowes, Esq., Mr. Wm. Walker, and Mr. Saml. Sims, are the principal owners, the former is lord of the manor. Mrs. Ann Wass has extensive lead works here, where about thirty tons of lead are produced weekly. John Smedley, Esq., of Lea Mills, has also an extensive establishment for merino spinning and the manufacturing of hosiery, and here is also a considerable hat manufactory worked by Mr. Wm. Walker. *Lea Hall* is now divided into two dwellings. The Wesleyan Reformers chapel, situate betwixt Lea and Holloway, was erected by John Smedley, Esq., in 1853, and is a handsome stone building with turret and one bell. It is capable of seating 350 persons, and has a burial ground attached. It is also licensed for marriages, Mr. Smedley, (or some one appointed by him,) officiating in both cases free of charge. In connection is a day school for boys and girls which is supported by Mr. Smedley, about 60 attend. The Wesleyan chapel is a beautiful structure, erected by the late Joseph Wass, Esq., at a cost of £1000. In 1856 it underwent considerable improvements at the sole expense of Mrs. Ann Wass. The Unitarians have also a small chapel here. Lea School, built by subscription in 1803, is supported by William Edward Nightingale, Esq., except a small charge of 2d. per week from each of the children. This manor, in the reign of King John, belonged to Robert de Alveley, who left two daughters, co-heiresses; one moiety passed with the elder daughter to Ferrers, of Lockesley, in Staffordshire, and was sold by her son to Geffrey Dethick; it afterwards descended to the Babingtons, and has long been in severalties. The other moiety was sold by a descendant of De la Lea, who married Alveley's youngest daughter, of the Frechevilles, of whom it was purchased in the fourteenth century by the Rollestons. Francis Rolleston, Esq., of the Lea, and his son, were convicted in 1571, for conspiring to set at liberty Mary Queen of Scots, then in the custody of the Earl of Shrewsbury. This manor having passed in marriage to the Pershalls, was sold in 1648 by Sir John Pershall, Bart., to Hodgkinson and Cowley, who conveyed it to Spateman. In 1707, it was purchased of the last mentioned family by the late Peter Nightingale, Esq., and is now under his will the property of William Edward Nightingale, Esq., whose seat is Lea Hurst, a handsome mansion in the Gothic style of architecture. There was formerly a domestic chapel at Lea Hall, founded in the reign of King John, and a chantry was founded in the chapel in the reign of Henry IV., by Roger de Wingerworth. By an inscription on the side of a gothic window, it appears to have been rebuilt in 1478, but there are no remains left of it now.

DETHIC CHAPELRY.—*Francis Allyn*, by will, 1663, gave the yearly sum of 40s. out of his messuage in *Lea*, towards maintaining a minister at Dethic chapel; lie also gave to the poor of Lea, Over-howay and Nether-howay, a sum of 10s. yearly.

HOLLOWAY is a small scattered village and hamlet, standing on a bold acclivity, partly situated in the parish of Crich, and forming the S.E. extremity of the township, 3 mile.

SE. from Matlock, and 1½ miles N.W. from Whatstandwell Bridge Station. W. E. Nightingale, Esq., is lord of the manor and principal owner. The Primitive Methodists have a small chapel here erected in 1854, it is a neat stone building in the old English style of architecture, and will seat about 120 hearers. A neat house, the residence of Mrs. Smedley, was erected in 1844.

DETHIC, LEA, & HOLLOWAY DIRECTORY.

Marked 1 reside at Dethic, 2 Lea, and 3 Holloway.

Post Office at Mr. Luke Stones', *Lea Bridge*. Letters arrive from Matlock Bath at 8.30 a.m., and are despatched at 6.15 p.m.

Post Office at Alice Else's *Holloway*. Letters arrive from Matlock Bath at 9 30 a.m., and despatched at 5 30 p.m.

2 Brocklehurst Wm., slater
2 Buxton Samuel, joiner
3 Clayton Joseph, sen., wheelwright
3 Dixon Miss Frances, *The Poplars*
3 Else Mr. John
2 Farmer John, tailor
3 Higdon John, assistant overseer
3 Hill Edward, lace manufr., *Cottage*
2 Martden George, clerk, *Lea Bridge*
Nightingale, Wm. Edward, Esq., *Lea Hurst*
2 Orme Mr. Edwin, missionary
3 Radford John, blacksmith
3 Radford Sarah, milliner
3 Sims Alexander, wood leader
3 Sims Samuel, stone merchant

2 Smedley John, merino spinner & hosiery
manufacturer, *Lea Bridge*
2 Travis Mrs. —
2 Walker Wm. & Son, hat & cap manufrs.
2 Wass Ann, lead smelter; h. *Green*
2 Wathey Mr. John, *Lea Hall*
2 Wildgoose Robt., clerk, *Lea Bridge*
2 Wildgoose John, wood steward

Inns and Taverns.

2 Jug & Glass, Joseph Radford
Three Horse Shoes, Paul Radford (and
blacksmith)
3 Yew Tree, Joseph Clayton

Beerhouses.

3 Buxton George
3 Young Sarah

Butchers.

2 Platts Richard
2 Stoppard Thos.

Corn Millers.

1 Else Charles
2 White Robert

Farmers.

3 Amat Thomas

2 Bradley James
3 Critchlow Thos.
1 Dickenson George
1 Else Charles
2 Flint George
1 Hole John
2 Lowe John
2 Platts Richard
3 Smith Wm.
2 Stoppard Thos.
2 Taylor Timothy, (&
cattle dealer)
1 Wathey Wm.
2 White Robert

Shoemakers.

3 Brownson Thomas
2 Bunting Wm.
2 Harby Wm.
2 Littlewood George

Shopkeepers.

3 Boden Anthony
3 Buxton George
3 Else Alice
2 Flint Samuel
3 Radford John
3 Smith George

2 Stone Luke (and
draper)

Stonemasons.

2 Goodall John
3 Limb Charles
3 Peach George

Carrier.

Crichley, to *Chester-*
field, Sat.

AULT, or HAULT HUCKNALL parish includes Ault Hucknall, with the manor of Hardwick, the hamlets and villages of Astwith, Harstoft, the manor and village of Rowthorne, the manor and village of Stainsby, which keep their poor conjointly, and contain 4221A. 3R. 26P. of land, and in 1851 had 136 houses and 690 inhabitants, of whom 375 were males and 315 females; rateable value £3262 8s. 3d. The Duke of Devonshire is lord of the manor, and owns nearly all the parish, but here are a few small freeholders. The soil is principally a good strong clay with a portion of limestone and hazle soil.

AULT HUCKNALL is a small scattered village, situate a little S. of the Chesterfield and Mansfield road, 7 miles S.E. by S. from the former and 3½ miles S.W. from the latter. The Church, dedicated to St. John the Baptist, situate at the north-east extremity of the

village, is an ancient edifice with low tower, the interior being neatly fitted up. In 1828 it was repewed at a cost of £334, towards which the Duke of Devonshire subscribed £100 and the late vicar £5, the remainder being raised by a rate. It again underwent considerable repairs in 1850, when the interior was neatly painted and varnished, the cost being defrayed by subscription. In the chancel is a handsome monument, with a Latin inscription, to the memory of Anne, first Countess of Devonshire; she was the daughter and coheirress of Henry Kighley, Esq., and died in 1598; she had three sons, Gilbert, William, and James, and the same number of daughters, Mary, Elizabeth, and Francis; James, the youngest son, lies buried near his mother. William, Earl of Devonshire and Baron Hardwick, and sole survivor of his mother, desirous of preserving the memory of his brothers and sisters, has caused this monument to be erected, dated 1627. Near the above is a plain stone, with a Latin inscription, to the memory of Thos. Hobbes of Malmesbury, the celebrated philosopher and free-thinker, who died at Hardwick, on the 4th December, 1679, in the 92nd year of his age. This well known writer had been tutor to the second and third Earls of Devonshire, and continued to reside in this family till his death. Among his numerous publications was a Latin descriptive poem on the wonders of the Peak, *De Merabilibus Pecci*. A few weeks before his death, the Earl of Devonshire removing with his family from Chatsworth to Hardwick, he insisted on being removed also, and in so doing it was necessary to carry him on a feather bed. The *living* is a vicarage, valued in the King's book, at £6 0s. 5d., now, £113, has been augmented with £200 benefactions, and £800 parliamentary grant. The Duke of Devonshire is patron and impropiator, the Rev. G. H. Arkwright, incumbent, and the Rev. Thos. Stevens, curate. The Church was appropriated to the priory of Beauchief. In 1544, the impropriate rectory was granted to Francis Leake, Esq., but has long been possessed by the present noble family. Here are about 23 acres of glebe land.

The manor of *Hardwick* forms the south side of the parish, and is on the border of Nottinghamshire, from which it is separated by the river Meden or Mayden, which rises at Skegby. On the south, the Erewash has its source near this point in the parish of Kirby-in-Ashfield, here forming a deep indentation on the Derbyshire border. The former stream flowing through a deep romantic glen, bounds the county for some distance to the north; the latter, running south, bounds the county till it falls into the Trent, near Long Eaton. The manor of Hardwick was granted by King John, in 1203, to Andrew de Beauchamp. In the year 1288, Wm. de Stenesby held it of John le Savage, by the annual render of three pounds of cinnamon, and one of pepper. John Stenesby, his grandson, was seized of it in 1330. The Hardwicks afterwards possessed it for six generations. Elizabeth, third daughter, and (after her brother's death) coheirress of John Hardwick, Esq., brought this to her second husband, Sir William Cavendish, from whom it has descended to its present noble possessor. When the hall of the Hardwicks was erected is uncertain, but John Hardwick died here in the nineteenth year of the reign of Henry VIII, and it is said that Cardinal Wolsey lodged one night in the house, on his way from York to Leicester Abbey, where he died, November, 1536. The present house was built in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, by the countess of Shrewsbury. She had been married twice before she became the wife of the Earl of Shrewsbury, namely to Robert Barley, Esq., and Sir William Cavendish.

The situation of *Hardwick Hall* is exceedingly picturesque and beautiful. It stands in a fine park, richly wooded with venerable oaks of the most gigantic proportions. A high ridge commands some extensive and interesting views to the west. The hall, a noble mansion, exhibits a complete specimen of the style of architecture which prevailed during the reign of Queen Elizabeth; it has undergone no alteration since its erection, and appears to have been finished about the year 1597. It is built of stone, and round the top is a parapet of open work, in which the Countess's initials E. S. frequently occur. At each extremity is a lofty tower. The state apartments are specious and lofty, with numerous windows, admitting a profusion of light. The hall is hung with tapestry of

exquisite workmanship, and has long been celebrated for its antique furniture. In the chapel, which is on the first floor, is a very rich and curious altar cloth, 30 feet long, hung round the rails of the altar, with figures of saints under canopies wrought in needlework. The great dining-room is on the same floor, over the chimney piece of which is the date of 1597. The most remarkable apartments in this interesting edifice, are the state room or room of audience, and the gallery; the former 64 ft. 9 in. by 33 ft., and 26 4 in. high; at one end of it is a canopy of state, and in another part a bed, the hangings of which are very ancient. This room is hung with tapestry, on which is represented the story of Ulysses; over this are figures rudely executed in plaster, in has relief, among which is a representation of Diana and her nymphs. The gallery is about 170 feet long and 26 wide, extending the whole length of the eastern side of the house, and hung with tapestry, on a part of which is a date of 1478. It is probable that this as well as many other articles of the furniture of this mansion was removed from the old Hall at Hardwick, or from Chatsworth, when that splendid mansion was rebuilt. Among other interesting portraits at Hardwick, are those of Queen Elizabeth, Lady Jane Grey, Sir Thomas More, Cardinal Pole, Bishop Gardener, the Countess of Shrewsbury, Sir William Cavendish, the first Earl of Devonshire, Colonel Charles Cavendish, and Thomas Hobbes. There are also many good paintings in various parts of the house. The delapidated shell of the ancient hall, which remains near the mansion, appears to have been a very magnificent edifice, and from the style of its architecture could not have been built any great length of time before the erection of the present mansion. it is now in a ruinous state; but one of the rooms remains entire, which is 55 ft. 6 inches by 30 ft. 6 inches, and 24 ft. 6 inches high. It is floored with terras, and the sides are fitted up to a considerable height with oak wainscoting, ornamented with Ionic pilasters, over which are ornaments in plaster, consisting of two rows of arches. Over the large stone chimney piece are colossal figures, one on each side, in Roman armour, reaching to the cornice; from which this room has obtained the appellation of "The Giant's Chamber." The present hall has acquired an interest from the supposition that it was one of the prisons of Mary Queen of Scots, but it was built after the death of that unfortunate princess. The second floor of this mansion is said to have been allotted for the residence of the royal prisoner, and the rooms are shown as retaining their furniture in the same state as when she inhabited them. Over the door of a bed room said to have been appropriated to her use, are the arms of the Queen of Scots, with her cypher. There is a portrait of Queen Mary in one of the apartments, said to have been painted in the tenth year of her captivity. A bed, a set of chairs, and a suit of hangings, are shown as having been the work of the royal captive; it is very probable that they were; she was very fond of needle-work, and employed many hours of the day during her captivity in that occupation. The furniture was probably used by her, and brought from Chatsworth before the old hall of that place was taken down. It is certain, if the unfortunate Mary ever was at Hardwick, it was only during a short and occasional visit of the Earl of Shrewsbury to that place. The Countess being at Hardwick in 1577, several years before the present hall was built, wrote to the Earl, intimating her wish that he would come to Hardwick, if the Queen would give him permission. In the postscript she says, "Lette me here how you, your charge, and love doth, and commend me, I pray you. Yt were well, you sente fore or fyve pieces of the great hangings, that they might be put oup, and some carpets; I wyshe you wollde have thynges yn that redynes that you myght come w^h in 3 or fore dayes after you here from courte." The carriage road to the hall from the Chesterfield and Mansfield road, is about a quarter of a mile east from the village of Heath. Near the hall is a school, built by the second Duke of Devonshire, in 1724, where about 20 children attend. (*See Charities.*)

ASTWITH, is a hamlet and small village, two miles S.W. from the parish Church.

HARSTOFT, a hamlet and small village, on the Chesterfield and Tibshelf road, 2 miles S.W. from the Church. The river Dawley rises a little S.E. of this village, and runs directly north to the Rother, on the north of Staveley. The Wesleyan Methodists have a

small chapel here, built in 1835; it is a plain stone building, and is also used as a Sunday school.

ROWTHORNE a small village one mile E. from the Church, and 7½ S.E. from Chesterfield. The manor of *Rugetorn*, at Domesday survey, was the property of Roger de Bush. It afterwards belonged to the family of Tilly, whose heiress married Savage. Robt. de Lexington, to whom it had been conveyed by the last mentioned family, gave it to the abbot and convent of Newstead, in Nottinghamshire. In the year 1563, this manor was vested in the coheirress of Roger Greenhalgh. In 1583, Lord Chancellor Bromley, acting in it is supposed as trustee, conveyed it to Sir Wm. Cavendish, ancestor of the present noble owner. The last four deaths in this village up to the first of June, 1856, are as follows: Wm. Bromley, aged 88, Rd. Marriott, 92, Richard Shaw, 77, and Wm. Fisher, 95, the four making a total of 352 years.

STAINSBY, a small village 1 mile W. from the church, and 6 miles S.S.E. from Chesterfield. The manor of Stanesby was held at Domesday survey by Roger de Poiton. In the reign of King John it was in the family of Savage, and in the year 1235, William, son of Walkelin de Savage, held it by the annual render of a *sore hawk* (a hawk of the first year). In 1580 or 1581, John Savage conveyed this manor to Lord Chancellor Bromley, by whom it is probable it was again conveyed, about the same time as Rowthorne, to Sir William Cavendish. A feast is held first Sunday in July.

CHARITIES.—*Hardwick School*.—*Thomas Whitehead*, in 1720, gave his dwelling at Moor Heigh, with 20A. of land, then valued at £8 per annum, on trust, and directed 10s. a year to be expended in books, and the remainder to be given to the schoolmaster. The property consists of a good farm house, and 21A. 1R. 9P. of land, let for £23 15s. 2d. per annum, the whole of which is paid to the schoolmaster. The master also receives £2 10s. from Phillips' charity, and an annual gratuity from the Duke of Devonshire. In respect of these sums, all the poor children of the parish are instructed on payment of two-pence per week. The school is kept in a house rented by the Duke of Devonshire, which has lately been adapted for the residence of the master, out of the funds of the charity founded by the Countess and Earl of Devonshire. (See *Edensor*.)

William Derry, 1794, directed his personal property to be converted into money for the use of the poor. In 1797, the sum of £59 8s. 10d. which was laid out in the purchase of £105 18s. 2d. three per cent. console. The dividends, amounting to £3 3s. 6d. are distributed to the poor.

Rev. Francis Gisborne's Charity.—(See *Bradley*.) The annual sum of £5 10s. received by the vicar, is laid out in warm clothing, and distributed among the poor.

Marked 1 are at Astwith, 2 Hardwick, 3 Harstoft, 4 Rowthorne, and 5 Stainsby.

4 Bramley George, wheelwright
 5 Broadhead Edward, joiner
 Brown Jonth., stone mason
 3 Cope Joseph, engineer and machinist
 2 Cottingham John Gregory, agent, and
Chesterfield
 Davenport John, framework knitter
 2 Fisher Ephraim farm bailiff
 5 Fretwell Wm., sen., stone mason
 2 Hallam Henry, schoolmaster
 5 Haynes Wm., woodman
 2 Hibbert George, gamekeeper
 2 Holmes George, gardener

5 Hutchinson Joseph, stone mason
 4 Pearson George, farm bailiff
 Pickard William, foreman brickmaker
 4 Stevens Rev. Thomas, curate
 Swallow Thomas, butcher
 5 Thornally Joshua, colliery owner,
Holmwood Colliery

Inns and Taverns.

2 Hardwick Inn, Joseph Overton
 Shoulder of Mutton, Mary Clay

Farmers.	Fox Joseph	4 Johnson Richard	1 Wilbourn Wm., (& beerhouse)
1 Aivey John	Fretwell —	4 King Thomas	Wilson William
1 Bacon John	5 Fretwell Septimns	Limb Samuel	
5 Bacon Joseph	5 Fretwell William	1 Marriott Frederick	Shoemakers.
4 Bramley Elizabeth,	5 Goodwin Chas. Jno.	4 Metcalf Joseph	1 Bowler George
(cowkeeper)	1 Gregory Joseph	Oldfield Lydia	Fox Joseph
Brook Humphrey	5 Gregory Thomas	2 Overton Joseph	5 Goodwin Henry
1 Brough George	Haslam Wm., (and whitesmith)	4 Rowley John J.	5 Goodwin Thomas
Brown Sarah	2 Hodgkinson John,	1 Saunders Thos., sen.	5 Hardwick Thomas
1 Brunt William	(& regr. of births,	5 Saunders Thos., (& corn miller)	
1 Cartwright Robt.	& deaths for Pleasley district)	Swallow Elizabeth	Shopkeepers.
Clay James	4 Hodgkinson Joseph	5 Swift John	1 Heath Thomas
Clay Mary	1 Hollingworth Mtha.	Taylor Edw., <i>Hagg</i>	5 Pemberton Thos.
Clay Sampson	1 Jepsen John, <i>Holmwood</i>	5 Thornally Joshua	
Davenport Sarah	1 Johnson John	1 Turner Thomas,	Tailors.
3 Davenport Wm.		<i>Bramley Lane</i>	4 Bower William
1 Fisher Ephraim		1 Wass John	1 Heath Thomas
4 Fisher William			3 Pemberton Thos.

BARLBOROUGH, is a considerable village and parish, 8 miles N.E. from Chesterfield, 10 miles S.E. from Sheffield, and 2 miles E. from Eckington station; contains 3,268 acres of land and in 1851 had 177 houses and 933 inhabitants, of whom 495 were males and 438 females; rateable value £7,580. W. H. de Rodes, and E. S. C. Pole, Esqrs., are the principal owners and joint lords of the manor, which is freehold. Here are also several small freeholders. The northern part of the parish is divided from Yorkshire by a small rivulet, that runs into Pebley Ponds, which covers an area of 52 acres, mostly in this county. The turnpike roads from Chesterfield to Worksop, and from Sheffield to Mansfield, cross here at right angles. The Church, St. James', which stands on an eminence in the centre of the village is a large ancient edifice, with nave, chancel, north aisle, square embattled tower and five bells. The *living* is a rectory, valued in the King's book at £10 1s. 5½d., now £750, in the patronage of W. H. de Rodes, Esq., and incumbency of the Rev. Martin Stapylton, M.A., who resides at the Rectory, a; large handsome modern mansion, opposite the church. The tithes are paid by a rent charge. Here are 73A. 2R. of glebe land. In 1795, an act was obtained for enclosing the commons, and the award was made in 1798. The land has a bold undulating surface, with a variety of soils, and wheat and oats are extensively grown. There are several extensive collieries and ironstone mines in the vicinity, and lime burning is carried on to a considerable extent. Mr. Charles Brown, has extensive saw mills here for the manufacture of wood hoops, edge-tool handles, spade, shovel, tool, fork, and other shafts. Axe, adze, &c., and all other kinds of plain or fancy handles, ornamental turning, &c. The *Mechanics' Library*, (at Thos. Lenthall's), established in 1856, by Mr. Charles Brown, contains about 300 volumes of carefully selected books in various branches of literature, which afford the means for social, intellectual, and moral elevation. It is open to all classes, the subscriptions being 4s. per annum, a reading room is about being added, which will be supplied with both daily, weekly, and monthly papers, periodicals, &c. The late Mr. George Boaler left by will, the sum of £50 towards the erection of a Wesleyan Chapel here, but it has not yet been applied for that purpose. There are two schools in the village, both of which are well attended. The village is about to be lighted with gas. Here is an Hospital for six poor persons, founded by Margaret and Mary Pole, in 1752, and endowed with an estate now producing £72 per annum.—(See *Charities.*) Feast, first Sunday in July.

Barlborough Hall, 1 mile N. of the village, and near the verge of the county, is a spacious Elizabethan structure, with a semi-octagonal projection at each corner and in the centre, which being carried to a considerable height, gives it an imposing appearance. A

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beautiful avenue of lofty limes stands in front of the hall, and the noble trees, profusely scattered in the adjoining grounds, add greatly to the picturesque beauties of the surrounding scenery. It is the seat and

property of William Hatfield de Rodes, Esq. The family of Rodes is of great antiquity and has flourished upwards of 600 years in the counties of Lincoln, Nottingham, York, and Derby. They are lineally descended from Gerard de Rodes, a baron who lived in the reigns of Kings Henry II., Richard I., John, and Henry III., and received great favours from each of them, and by King John was sent an ambassador into foreign parts. Balbro' Hall was erected, and became the family seat, from the time of Sir John Rodes, son of Judge Rodes. Sir Francis, his son, who was the thirteenth generation from the above Gerard de Rodes, was, on the 9th of August, 1641, knighted, and five days afterwards was created a baronet. Sir Francis Rodes, the second baronet married the daughter of Grevasse Clifton, of Clifton, in the county of Nottingham, and died in the year 1651. Sir Francis Rodes, his son, married the daughter of William Thornton, of Grantham; he was succeeded by Sir John Rodes, his son, at whose decease in 1743, the title became extinct; his sister, Frances, married Gilbert Heathcote, M.D., whose grandson inherited this estate, and took the name of Rodes, and died in 1768, when his nephew, Cornelius Heathcote, Esq., who took the name of Rodes in 1776, succeeded to the estate, at whose demise, the estate again passed to a nephew, the late Rev. Cornelius Heathcote Reaston, who took the name of Rodes, from whom it again passed to a nephew, William Hatfield Gossip, who has taken the name of De Rodes, and attained his majority in 1785.

Park Hall, is an ancient mansion 2 miles N.N.W. of the village, the residence of Mrs. Middleton. *Knitacre Hill*, a farm, 1 mile N.E. *Pebley Inn*, ¼ miles N., a noted Inn, on the ancient Sheffield and London road, near which is Pebley dam. *Whitebrick Moor*, 1 mile E.N.E., consists of a few scattered farms.

The manor of *Barleburgh* was given to Burton Abbey by Wulfric Spott; at the Domesday survey it was included in the same manor as Whitwell, and there were a priest, a church, and one servant; it belonged to Ralph Fitzhubert; under whom it was held by Robert, most probably ancestor of Robert de Meinell, one of whose coheireses brought Barlborough to Sir Matthew de Hathersage; the coheireses of Hathersage brought it in moieties to Goushill and Longford about the latter end of the reign of Henry III., and was held by those families for several generations. Anthony Wingfield, who had married a coheireses of Sir Robert Goushill, suffered a recovery in 1513. Thomas, Earl of Derby died seized of a manor in Barlborough, which appears to have been this moiety, in 1521, and was held by Edward Stanley, Lord Monteagle, his uncle, in 1523. Sir William Holles, some time Lord Mayor of London, died seized of a manor, which seems to have been this moiety. Queen Mary, in 1554, granted to Dame Ann Stanhope the manor of Barlborough, which had belonged to the Earl of Derby; Sir Thomas Stanhope sold this manor in 1571, to Sir Richard Pype, who died seized of it, with the advowson of the rectory, in 1387. Francis Rodes, Esq., one of the Justices of the Common Pleas, in 1585, purchased of the family of Selioke an estate, described as the manor of Barlborough, which had belonged to the Constables. Sir John Rodes, son of the judge, had a Chancery suit with Humphrey Pype, Esq., son of Sir Richard, who claimed to be lord of the manor, and asserted the estate of the Seliokes was freehold, but not manorial, and it is probable they afterwards purchased Pype's moiety. The other moiety passed with a coheireses of Nicholas Longford, Esq., who died in 1610, to a younger son of the Poles of Wakebridg, Park Hall, in Barlborough, which continued to be the property and seat of this branch of the Pole family till the death of the last survivor of two maiden ladies, in 1755. It then passed by will to a younger son of the Radborne family, and has since devolved to the elder branch. A survey, of the year 1630, describes three parks in Barlborough, containing about 400 acres.

CHARITIES.—*Godfrey Godley*, who died in 1629, left £30, the interest to be given to the poor. Since 1757, the yearly turn of £1 10s. has been paid by the Rodes family.

Christopher Slater, who died in March, 1649, left £1, to be paid yearly on St. Thomas's day. In respect of this charity, 5s. is paid by Mr. Rodes, and 6s. 8d. from another estate.

William Cooke, who died in 1640, left £20, the interest to be given to the poor. There are also various other benefactors, mentioned on a tablet in the church, of which the whole amount is £102, which appears to have been vested in two dwellings, and the Poor's Close, 3A. 2R. 23P., for which, till the enclosure in 1797, the annual rent of £6 7s. was paid. By the award, 15th September, 1798, an allotment was made of 7A. 2R. 3P. on Hollingworth Common, and set to the overseers of the poor, for the above premises; also an allotment was made to the overseers, in lieu of all their interest in the lands, of 3A. 5P. This land is now let for £10 per annum, and given in sums varying from 1s. to 7s.

George Sloter, in 1640, left £1 per annum. The owner of an estate here pays the above sum, which is distributed amongst eight poor widows.

Margaret and Mary Pole's Hospital—By indenture, dated 11th October, 1752, the said ladies conveyed to Francis Bower and six others, a messuage and a piece of ground, to be forever used as an hospital for six poor persons, with various other tenements and lands, amounting to 46 acres, on trust. Out of the estate at Froggatt to pay to each inmate, weekly, the sum of 2s., and provide for each two stack loads of coals, and out of the residue keep the hospital in repair. The Hospital, situate in the village of Barlborough, consists of six dwellings of two rooms each, and a small garden to each. The property now consists of 88A. 1R. 26P. of hand, of which 33A. 3R. 23P. was an allotment to the Froggatt estate, made under the Baslow inclosure act, in 1824, let for some time rent free on condition of the tenant fencing it, but it will make a valuable addition to the charity. The alms people now receive 3s. 6d. a week, and twice in the year a load of coals. Mr. Rodes, in respect of a sum of £25, either given or left by will, by Mr. Heathcote, his half brother, pays 25s. annually to the alms people.

Rev. Francis Gisborne's charities.—(See *Bradley*.) The annual sums of £5 10s., is received by the vicar, and laid out in coarse woollen cloth and flannel, which he distributes to the poor about Christmas.

Woodthorpe Hospital.—Poor persons of this parish are eligible to this hospital as well as those of Staveley.

Post Office, at James Brown's; letters arrive by gig mail from Chesterfield at 8 a.m., and are despatched at 5.45 p.m.

De Rodes Wm. Hatfield, Esq., *The Hall*
 Alderson Miss Mary
 Arthur Robert, saddler
 Barber Miles, contractor and builder, fire
 brick and tile maker, and colliery owner
 Bowdon Mrs. Mary, *Beighton Fields*
 Bradley John, agent to Nottinghamshire
 and Derbyshire Insurance Co.
 Bradley Wm., linen & woollen draper
 Brown Charles & Co., timber, and general
 merchants, and manufacturers of wood
 hoops, edge tool handles, spade, shovel,
 tool and fork shafts, *Barlbro' Saw*
Mills
 Chester Mrs. Mary, *Ash Cottage*
 Froggatt John, gardener, *The Hall*

Goodwin Jph., painter, plumber & glazier
 Hague Samuel, ground bailiff, *Hazlewell*
House
 Mennell John, gardener
 Middleton Mrs.—, Park Hall
 Smith Ellis, engineer, and Ann, dressmaker
 Stapylton Rev. Martin, M.A., *Rectory*

Inns and Taverns.

Apollo, George Hallet Pattinson
 Clock Wheel, William Whitworth
 Dusty Miller, George Walker
 Pebley Inn, Ann Roberts
 Rodes Arms, John Gosling
 Rose and Crown, George Hodgkinson

Academies.

De Rodes's, William
Bates
Endowed, Jno. Parker
(& agt. to North of
England Insurance
Company)
Goodwin Ann

Beerhouses.

Camm William
Haigh Hannah

Blacksmiths.

Godfrey Christopher
Whitworth William

Brick & Tile Mkr.

Barber Miles, (fire
brick)
Gosling John
Woodhead Samuel

Butchers.

Arthur John
Hibbard George
Hibbard Thomas
Hodgkinson Samuel

Coal Masters.

Appleyby Frs. & Co.,
Cottam Colliery
Barber Miles
Gosling John
Wells Rich. Geo. and
Jph., *Park Colliery*

Farmers.

Ancliff Septimus,
Knitacre Hill
Arthur John
Barber Miles
Boaler Robert
Brown James
Camm William
Carr Benjamin
Clark John
Dawes Gervase,
Pebley Grove
Eccles Richard, *Hol-
linwood*
Ellis Henry
Goacher John, *Thros-
tle Hall*
Gosling John
Gould James

Haynes Thomas
Heane Harrison
Hibbard George
Hibbard Stephen
Hibbard Thomas
Hodgkinson George
Hodgkinson Samuel
Kay Godfrey
Mallindar Luke
Morley Joseph, *Park
Hall*
Pattinson George H.
Roberts Ann, *Pebley
Inn*
Rudiforth John
Shaw Robert
Taylor William
Vickers Chas. Gibson
Vickers William
Walker George
Widdowson John,
Common
Willoughby John
Wilson George, *Field
House*

Grocers.

Barber Miles

Bark William
Goodwin Joseph
Lenthall Thomas
Stevenson William
Story Rebecca
Turner George
Turner Samuel

Joiners, &c.

Cumming William
Hibbard Stephen

Lime Burners.

Barber Miles
Gosling John
Hodgkinson George

Shoemakers.

Barber Henry, *Spink
Hill*
Clark William
Oxley George
Turner William

Tailors.

Bark William
Milner John
Unwin Samuel

BARLOW (GREAT) is a large village and parish, situated on a bold eminence, and commanding a most extensive view of the finely cultivated country, 4 miles N. W. by W. from Chesterfield, and 10 miles S. from Sheffield. It includes part of the township of Little Barlow, in Dronfield parish. The parish forms a romantic district of lofty hills and deep ravines, having some extensive and thriving plantations; the soil is of an indifferent quality, and mostly arable. It contains 3335A. 1R. 11P. of land, and in 1851 had 128 houses, and 636 inhabitants, of whom 342 were males, and 294 females; rateable value £2511 1s. The Duke of Rutland is lord of the manor and principal owner, here are also several small freeholder. The Church, a perpetual curacy, valued in the King's book at £6 now £98, has been augmented with £400 and £10 per annum benefactions, £400 Queen Anne's bounty, and £1,300 parliamentary grant. The rector of Staveley is the patron, it having been formerly considered a chapelry in that parish, from which it is separated by the intervention of the parish of Whittington. The Rev. George Shipton, is the incumbent. The Church, situated on an eminence on the S.E. side of the parish, is a small ancient edifice, with a square wooden turret, mantled with ivy, a little west of which is the parsonage, a good substantial stone building, situated within the township of Little Barlow, besides which, several other houses are similarly situated. In the church are monuments and other memorials to the Barlow family, but they are much defaced; one represents a Knight in armour, and is the tomb of Robert Barlow, who died in 1467. The manor of Barlow was held, with Staveley, by the Musards; it was afterwards in the ancient family of Abitot, a branch of which, on settling here, is supposed to have taken their name from the place. The family of Barlow, or Barley, possessed it for several generations. James Barley, Esq., sold it in 1593, to George Earl of Shrewsbury; the Earl of Newcastle purchased it of the Shrewsbury family in the reign of James or Charles I.; having passed by descent to his Grace the Duke of Portland, it was in 1813, exchanged with the Duke of Rutland for the manor of Whitwell. Feast, second Sunday in August.

Bole Hill, ½ mile south of the village, contains a few cottages and a boarding and day school erected in 1677, and situated on a commanding eminence having a beautiful prospect

of the county around. In 1831 a good substantial stone house for the master was erected by the Duke of Rutland for the accommodation of boarders, which has since been enlarged at the sole expense of the present master, Mr. Edward Straw, who has occupied it for the last 36 years; the average attendance of boarding and day scholars is 55. In connection with the school is a library, established in 1830, which contains about 600 volumes. Mr. Edward Straw, is librarian. It was at Bole Hill that Montgomery wrote his poem "Bole Hill Trees." *Barlow Woodseats Hall*, 2 miles N.W. from the church, is an ancient and commodious farm residence, the property of Charles Thorold, Esq., and occupied by Mr. Robert Bradbury. The parish contains many other scattered hamlets and farms which are given in the directory.

CHARITIES.—*Robert Mower*, in 1775, gave a yearly sum of 20s., which is distributed about Christmas. The poor have also the interest of £5 given by John Mellor in 1735.

The interest of £50 given by *Thomas Stephenson*, in 1743, is distributed on St. Thomas's day amongst poor housekeepers.

Susannah Stephenson, in 1752, left 40s. yearly for the instruction of five poor boys. By indenture, 1781, a close in Newbold was conveyed to trustees for the school and the poor, supposed to be in satisfaction of the above donation. The land, about 3 acres, is let for £6 per annum, £2 14s. of which, is paid to a schoolmaster, and the residue is given to the poor. A school was erected many years ago, and in 1817, a house for the residence of the master was built by subscription.

John Crashaw, in 1816, left the interest of £20 to be distributed to the poor.

The poor also have bread to the amount of 10s. per annum from the bequest of *John Bargh*.

Rev. Francis Gisborne's Charity.—(See Bradley)—The annual sum of £5 10s. received by the incumbent, is laid out in warm clothing, and distributed to the poor about Christmas.

Marked 1 are at Little Barlow, 2, *Barlow Grange*, 3 *Grange Wood*, 4 *Joney Gate*, 5 *Moorhall*, 6 *Newgate*, 7 *Oxstone Rake*, 8 *Rumbling St.*, and 9 *Willdey Green*.

Post Office at Owen Featherstone's. Letters arrive from Chesterfield at 9 am., and are despatched at 5.30 p.m.

Cowley Dennis, gent., *Newgate*
Haigae George, wood turner
Harlow Joseph, engineer, *Woodseats Hall*
Holley Mr. John, *Lees*
8 Lings Levi, timber valuer
8 Lings Thomas, timber valuer
Mart Wm., vict., Peacock

Owen John, miller, maltster, & coal owner
Crow Hall
Millington John, cattle dealer
Shipton Rev. George, incumbent
Stevenson John, gardener
Straw Edward, schoolmaster, *Bole Hill*

Basket Makers.
Drabble Edward
Goodlad John, (and parish clerk)

Blacksmiths.
Platts Henry, *Crow Hall*
Turner Wm.

Farmers.
5 Anthony Edward
6 Bargh Joshua, *Newgate*
Bland Henry
Bradbury Robert, *Woodseats Hall*
Brown John, *Grange*
Candwell James *Upper Woodseats*
Dale George

Drabble Edward
Drabble Joseph
6 Ellis Stephen
Featherstone Owen
Goodlad George, *Lees Common*
4 Goodlad Wm.
Gosling George
Gratton Joseph *Brentwood Gate*
7 Hallatt Sampson
3 Hancock Wm.

Hill Joseph & John, *Lees*
Holley John, *jun.*, *Lees*
Holmes George
Holmes John
3 Hopkinson David
Howard William, *Crow Hall*
9 Hyworth, John
Hukin John, *Bole Hill*

7 Littlewood John
 Lomas John, *Brook Lane*
 Margerrison Joseph
 Margerrison Wm.,
Grange
 Mart Wm.
 5 Marples Isaac and
 John
 Needham John, (&
 butcher)
 Needham Thomas, (&
 timber surveyor,)
Oaks lane
 Owen John, *Crow Hall*

8 Pinder Anthony
 Rainforth Benj., *Far Lane*
 Rainforth William,
Broddley lane
 Shaw George, *Grange House*
 Simpson Mary
 1 Simpson Walter
 Stevenson George,
High Lightly
 5 Slack Martin
 1 Swift Edward
 Taylor Thomas,
Grange
 Turner James

1 Turner Joshua, *High Ashes*
 5 Woollen Robert,
Moor Hall

Shoemakers.

9 Dale George
 Stevenson George,

Shopkeepers.

1 Bargh Ann
 Simpson Mary
 Stevenson John

Stonemasons.

Margerrison Joseph
 Wright George

Tailors.

Haslam Mark
 Hodkin Wm., *Grange*

Wheelwrights.

Holmes Wm
 Margerrison Gervase,
 (and builder & contractor)
 Stevenson Jas., *Crow Hall*

BEAUCHIEF ABBEY, an extra parochial liberty, bounded by the parish of Norton, on the W., 4 miles S.W. of Sheffield, and 3½ miles N.W. by N. from Dronfield, contains 780A. of land, and in 1851 had 24 houses, and 133 inhabitants, of whom 62 were males, and 71 females; rateable value, £850. The Church is a small neat edifice, erected about 1660, with reeded windows, double buttresses at the angles, and an ancient tower, which belonged to the abbey that formerly existed here. The *living*, a donative in the presentation of E. V. P. Burnell, Esq., and incumbency of the Rev. J. Cokerton, M.A., of Dronfield. In the church is a monument to Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin Broughton Steade, who afterwards assumed the name of Pegge Burnell, on coming to this estate. On the monument is the figure of an old woman, craving charity at the door of a large mansion, from the steps of which is descending a lady with a dish in her hand, as if in the act to serve her. The poor beggar's stick lies on the steps besides her, seemingly to have been thrown there on the approach of her benefactress. The monument is of marble, and on the head are the arms of the Burnell family. About two years ago, a handsome stained glass window was put up in the church, representing the Resurrection of our Saviour, under which is the family vault of the Burnells.

The ABBEY OF BEAUCHIEF, or De Bello Capite, was situated at this place, in a little valley near the northern boundary of the county. It was founded by Robert Fitz Ranulph, between 1172 and 1176, and opened for the reception of an abbot and canons of Premonstratensian order, about 1183. They were also called white canons, from their habit, which was a white cossack, with rochet over it, a long white cloak and white caps. It was dedicated to Thomas a Becket and the Virgin Mary, and, from the former patron, has been supposed to have been erected in expiation of his murder, by its founder, who has been represented as one of the executioners of the proud Archbishop of Canterbury. Dugdale states, "That Robert Fitz Ranulph, lord of Alfreton, Norton, and Marnham, was one of the four knights who martyred the blessed Thomas a Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury." Bishop Tanner, also says, "Beauchief, an Abbey of Premonstratensian, or White Canons, founded by Robert Fitz Ranulph, one of the executioners of Thomas a Becket." The late Dr. Pegge, the learned antiquarian of Whittington, discountenances this tradition,—his arguments, however, being chiefly founded on the circumstances of the founder's brother being afterwards in great favour with Henry II., does not appear conclusive,—particularly when opposed to Dugdale, Fuller, Bishop Tanner, and others, who have written on the subject. The founder, besides granting land for building of the Abbey, endowed it with the Churches of Norton, Alfreton, Wymondeswold, and Edwaldeston, (Elvaston,) and the mill at Norton, with all the tolls of the business. He also granted lands in various other places. William, the son, and Robert, the grandson of the said Robert, were also considerable benefactors to the Abbey. The advowson of the Church of Dronfield, land in Brampton, and various tenements in Chesterfield, Brampton, New-

bold, Boxthorp, Hasland, and Heath, also formed part of the endowment of Beauchief Abbey.

In 1487, the convent consisted of an abbot and twelve brothers. John Sheffield, the last abbot, surrendered the house into the King's hands, Feb. 4, 1536; at which time the clear, spiritual, and temporal estate of the abbey amounted to £126 3s. 4d. "At its dissolution it was valued, according to *Leland*, at £15 10s. 2d." On the 10th of April, 1537, Henry VIII. granted the site of the Abbey with the estate belonging to it, to Sir Nicholas Strelley, of Strelley, Nottinghamshire, for the sum of £223. The son and grandson of the founder were both interred at Beauchief, and it is most probable that the founder himself was buried here. Strelley Pegge, Esq., of Beauchief, in 1742, married Miss Mary Boughty, and was succeeded in his estate, by his son, Peter Pegge, Esq., who afterwards took the name of Burnell; he married one of the daughters of Wm. Milnes, Esq., of Cromford, but had no issue. He was succeeded by Broughton Benjamin Pegge Burnell, Esq., at whose death the estate passed into the hands of its present possessor, Edward Valentine Pegge Burnell, Esq., who occasionally resides at *The Hall*.

Biggin Miss Eliz., housekeeper, *The Hall*
 Crapper Joseph, shoemaker and farmer
 Hall William, gamekeeper
 Hibbert Robert, shoemaker
 Lomas Joseph, gardener, *The Hall*

Moakes Samuel, farm bailiff
 Sampson Geo., fire brick mnfr., and steward
 to E. V. P. Burnell, Esq.
 Smith Mrs. Mary, *The Hall*
 Smith Wm. Broughton, Esq., *The Hall*

BEIGHTON, is a parish of considerable extent, being situated at the north-east extremity of the Scarsdale Hundred, and of the county, bounded on the east and north by Yorkshire, having the river Rother on the east, and a small stream on the north, which falls into the Rother at the north-east extremity. It is a rich agricultural district, in a high state of cultivation, and contains 2,999A. 1R. 21P. of land, and in 1851 had 241 houses, and 1,123 inhabitants, of whom 559 were males and 564 females; rateable value £6,124 11s. 2½. The parish comprises the township of Beighton and the hamlets of Hackenthorpe, Birley, and Sothal. Earl Manvers is lord of the manor, and owns about two-thirds of the parish; here are also several smaller owners. The parish is intersected by the Midland, and the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire railways, both of which pass Beighton on the east, the latter has a neat station here. The Chesterfield canal also crosses the parish at its north-east extremity.

BEIGHTON is a large village, pleasantly situated on an eminence, 7 miles S.E. from Sheffield, and 11 miles N.E. by N. from Chesterfield. The approach to the village from Eckington is through a massive stone cutting. The Church, dedicated to St. Mary, is a large ancient structure, with nave, chancel, side aisles, and square tower, in which are six bells. In the vestry room, adjoining the chancel, are two flagstones with inscriptions in latin. In Bassano's volume of "Church Notes" is mentioned a monument to Edward Dowsette, who died in 1501. The *living* is a vicarage, valued in the King's book at £6 11s. 3½d., now £312, endowed by the patron in 1732, with £10 per annum, and in 1733 with £200, Queen Anne's bounty. Earl Manvers is patron and impropiator, and the Hon. and Rev. Thomas Erskine, M.A., incumbent. The *Vicarage* is a large and good residence, situated close to the church. The *Reform Chapel* is a small handsome stone building, erected by the Wesleyans in 1849, at a cost of £200, defrayed by subscription; it will seat about 130. The *National Schools* for Hackenthorpe and Beighton, situated about midway betwixt the two villages, was erected in 1854, and opened March 1st, 1855; it is a neat stone building, with a house attached for the master, will hold about 150, the average attendance being 60. The whole were erected at a cost of £800; Earl Manvers gave the site, (one acre), and the government granted £367 towards the cost, the remainder being raised by subscription. Here is an Odd-Fellows Lodge and a Funeral society. At the inclosure in 1800, the common land was exonerated from the tithe, and in 1840 the other was commuted under the act, when £258 9s. 6d. was valued as impropriate corn rent, and £187 0s. 10d. the vicarial.

Birley and *Birley Vale* form the western side of the parish, where, on the Mosborough road, the Wesleyan Methodists have a chapel; and here is an extensive colliery, now under lease to the Sheffield Coal Company, from whence coals are forwarded to all parts of the kingdom.

Birley Spa, 4½ miles S.E. from Sheffield, has long been noted for its great efficacy. These baths were first brought into repute by a lady now resident in the neighbourhood, who taking a delight in bathing, often resorted here in her childhood for that purpose, previous to the erection of the first bath, which took place several years ago. The medicinal virtues of the waters becoming more generally known from numerous well authenticated cures obtained here, Earl Manvers, the owner, empowered a committee of four gentlemen to erect a respectable and commodious establishment, with seven baths, of various dimensions, for the use and comfort of the public generally, which was carried into effect in 1843. It is situated in a sylvan and rural glen, entirely surrounded by romantic hills, tastefully laid out and planted. Tea, coffee, and other refreshments are provided at the Spa lodging house, by the resident manager. The water has been analysed by Professor West, of Leeds, and found to possess properties of a very valuable nature; and many cures have been made since the present baths were opened.

Hackenthorpe is a village 4½ miles S.E. from Sheffield, noted as one of the ancient seats of the sickle manufacture, which appears still to rank high in that trade, about 30,000 dozens being made here yearly. Messrs. Thomas Staniforth and Co., are the most extensive manufacturers in the kingdom, giving employment to the principal part of the village, as well as many others in the neighbourhood, in the manufacture of scythes, sickle, reaping-hooks, &c. The Reformers have a small neat stone Chapel here, erected by the Wesleyans, several years ago, which will seat about 70. The *Hall*, 5 miles S.E. of Sheffield, is a large ancient mansion, erected in 1653, the residence of James Hounsfeld, Esq.

Sothall, a hamlet consisting of a few scattered farms, pleasantly situated on an acclivity, half-a-mile N.W. from Beighton. *Beighton Villa*, a neat residence commanding extensive views, is the property of the Rev. Thos. Mountain, and residence of Mrs. F. A. Moad.

CHARITIES. —*William Jessop*, by will, 1666, left Thorn-Close and a tenement in Sothall, on trust, to apply one moiety of the yearly rent in apprentice fees, and the other for the benefit of poor housekeepers. The property consists of 5A. 0R. 20P. About 1½A. were allotted at the enclosure in 1798. The whole produces a rental of £14 5s. per annum, which is given to the poor.

John Newbold, in 1699, devised certain lands at Handsworth, in Yorkshire, on trust, and directed 40s. yearly to be paid towards the education of four boys, and the residue to be distributed amongst the poor. The land produces an annual sum of £5 15s. 6d., of which £2 17s. 6d. is paid to the schoolmaster, and the remainder given to the poor on St. Thomas's day.

Godfrey Morton bequeathed £40, Richard Worrall, £20, and Seth Shipley, 6s. a year to the poor. The sum of £60 was expended in land called Salter Frith close, and certain lands in the Town Field, altogether containing about 6 acres, producing a rental of £9 per annum, to be distributed to the poor, but which we are informed is not carried out.

Robert Green, in 1712, after several contingencies, gave an acre of land, in the Mean meadow, for the benefit of the poor. By other documents it appears that a part of a close called Davy Gap, in the possession of William Hewitt, was exchanged for the Mean meadow, in 1733. The owner gives stuff for three gowns to poor widows, the expense of which is about 30s. The trustees had no power to make the exchange, but the 1A. 1R. 20P. in Davy Gap ought to be measured, and marked with boundary stones as belonging to the charity.

Rev. Francis Gisborne's charity.—(See *Bradley*.)—The annual sum of £5 10s., sent to the incumbent, is laid out in warm clothing and given to the poor.

George Jessop, in 1768, left 40s. per annum, out of Foulish croft, for teaching poor children to read. The owner pays the amount.

John Newbold left 6s. a year, for the instruction of one boy, out of his messuage and land called Batesquare. Earl Manvers rebuilt the school some years ago, which stood on his land. The master altogether instructs 10 children free.

BEIGHTON TOWNSHIP.

Post Office at Mr. Richard Ashley's. Letters arrive from Sheffield at 1 p.m., and despatched at 4.15 p.m.

Banks Harrison, saddler
 Dennis Charles, blacksmith
 Dickinson Olivia, boarding school
 Draper Thomas, station master
 Erskine Hon. & Rev. Thomas, M.A.,
Vicarage
 Firth Luke, spring knife, &c., manufacturer,
The Manger and Sheffield
 Fewks John, bricklayer, *Sothal*
 Handley Mr. Benjamin, *The Terrace*
 Harrison George, gardener
 Hatfield Mr. Thomas, *The Terrace*
 Hobson John, parish clerk
 Hutchinson George, shoemaker

Butchers.

Rivington Joseph
 Rowbottom Charles

Farmers.

Bates George
 Cousins Geo., *Sothal*
 Dickinson George,
Sothal
 Green Geo., *Sothal*
 Hunt John, *Water-
 thorpe hall*
 Johnson George
 Jubb John, *Drake
 House*
 Morton Charles
 Murfin Thomas

Parker Francis
 Potter Harriet
 Potter Henry, *Field*
 Potter Thomas
 Radley Jarvis, *Manor
 House*
 Rowbottom Charles
 Rowbottom Thomas,
Westfield
 Skelton Geo., *Sothal*
 Stables Wm.
 Tomlinson Wm.
 Turner Elizabeth
 Turner Thos., *Sothal*
 Turton Richard
 Tye Thomas
 Waller Mary

Mood Mrs. F. A., *Beighton Villa*
 Smith Daniel & Emma, National school
 Stacey Mr. George, *Sothal*
 Trippett Samuel, gardener
 Webster Robert, Esq., *Brighton Grange*
 Whitworth Rev. Wm. Hy., M.A., curate
 Youle Mrs. Ann, *Sothal*

Inns and Taverns.

Cumberland Head, Thomas Turton
 George & Dragon, George Schofield, (&
 joiners' tool maker)
 Oak Inn, John Crookes, sen.
 Railway Inn, Thomas Murfin

Joiners.

Crookes John, sen.,
 (& builder)
 Kitchin Wm.
 Murfin George
 Swift Mark

Shopkeepers.

Ashley Richard
 Stacey Ann

Tailors.

Bates Charles
 Hobson Charles
 Wyatt Wm.

**Railway Convey.
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*Manchester, Sheffield
 and Lincolnshire
 Branch*—There are
 4 passenger trains to
 Sheffield and
 Derby, each way
 daily, (Sundays ex-
 cepted.) T. Draper,
station master

Carrier to Sheffield

Lound Keziah, Tues.
 & Sat.

HACKENTHORPE HAMLET.

Post Office at Paul Dawes'. Letters arrive from Sheffield at 11.30 a.m., and are despatched at 5.15 p.m.

Aldam Ann, school
 Bingham Wm., farm bailiff
 Budd Wm., gardener, *Birley Spa*
 Eyre Edwin, tailor
 Hounsfield James, Esq., *The Hall*
 Inkersall Mrs. Mary
 Jenkin Mr. Joseph, *Carter Lodge*
 Linley Elizabeth, beerhouse
 Littlewood Edmund, reg. of births & deaths,
Birley
 Lowe Mrs. Elizabeth
 Moorwood Wm., Esq.

Plant John, agricultural implement maker,
 and agent for all kinds of agricultural im-
 plements, *Birly*
 Sheffield Coal Co., colliery owners, *Birley*
 Shepherd Mr. George
 Staniforth Thomas & Co., sickle hook and
 scythe manufrs.
 Staniforth Miss Mary
 Street James, blacksmith
 Woodhead James, gardener

Inns and Taverns.

New Inn, George Staniforth
 Sportsman, John Booth

Butchers.Marsden Joseph
Ward Wm.**Farmers.**Booth John
Brammall Edwd., (&
cattle dlr.,) *Birley*
Cannall JohnHelliwell George, *The
Cottage*
Linley Peter
Linley Thos., *Birley*
Marsden Joseph
Newton James
Plant John, *Birley*
South Thomas, *Com-
mon side*Staniforth Henry, (&
scythe manufr.)**Joiners.**Littlewood Joseph
Woodhead Wm.**Shoemakers.**

Brammall Thomas

Rowbotham John

Shopkeepers.Booth Thomas
Clayton Sarah
Dyson Elizabeth
Hunt Charlotte
Staniforth George

BLACKWELL, a parish and pleasant healthy village, 3½ miles N.E. from Alfreton, 7 miles S.S.W. from Mansfield, and 16½ miles from Derby, contains 1,668 acres of land, and in 1851 had 98 houses and 467 inhabitants, of whom 217 were males and 250 females; rateable value £1609. The Duke of Devonshire and the Dowager Countess of Carnarvon hold the manor jointly, and are considerable owners. John Slater Wilkinson, George Adlington, Edward Sampson, Henry Rowland, and William Downing, Esqs., have also estates in the parish. The Church, dedicated to St. Werburgh, rebuilt in 1824, is a handsome stone edifice, with nave, chancel, sides aisles, and tower, with three bells, and contains some ancient monuments to the Adlington and Wilkinson families; it formerly belonged to the priory at Thurgarton, Nottinghamshire. In the churchyard is an ancient stone cross ornamented with braids and knotwork. The *living* is a vicarage, valued in the King's book at £5 4s. 2d., now £101, has been endowed with £800 Queen Anne's bounty. The Duke of Devonshire is the patron, and the Rev. Thos. Leeson Carsham, D.C.L., incumbent, who has 1A. 2R. 3P. of glebe. The tithes have been commuted for £101. The lords of the manor, in 1835, endowed a school with £20 per annum, for which 12 children are taught free.

HILLCOTE, is a small village quarter of a mile S. of Blackwell, with a few farm houses and the hall, an ancient mansion half a mile S. of the Church, overgrown with ivy is the property of J. Wilkinson, Esq., whose ancestors have long held the estate, and their seat here, but which is at present unoccupied. The Primitive Methodists have a small chapel here.

NEWTON is a small village, half a mile N. of Blackwell. *Scanderland*, ¾ mile W., and *West House*, 4½ miles W. of Blackwell, are farm houses. The parish is noted for its collieries, which are worked by John Chambers, Esq. The feast is at Midsummer. Gilbert Holles, Earl of Clare, and Sir John Molineux, Bart. were lords of the manor in 1710. In 1742, the Duke of Newcastle's trustees sold their part to the Duke of Devonshire.

CHARITIES.—*John Ludlam's charity*.—(See *Alfreton*).—The annual sum of 40s. received from his bequest, is distributed amongst the poor on Good Friday and Michaelmas,

Samuel Boot, by will, 1736, gave to the minister and churchwardens a close called the Rail, on trust, that they and their successors should for ever, on the day of his death, and no other day, distribute the rents thereof amongst the poor. The close contains 1A. 1R. 13P., and the annual rent, £2 10s., is distributed at Midsummer.

Thomas Strutt, who died about 1790, left by will £25, the rent to be dealt to the poor on St. Thomas's day. This sum was in the hands of Wm. Butcher, a draper at Sutton, in Ashfield, who failed about 1818, since which nothing has been paid.

Rev. Francis Gisborne's charity.—(See *Bradley*.) The annual sum of £5 10s., received by the incumbent, is laid out in coarse woollen cloth and flannel, and distributed amongst the poor about Christmas.

*Marked * are at Newton, and † at Hillcote.*

* Adlington George, Esq.
Ball George Ward, vict., and framework
knitter, Robin Hood and Little John
Boot William, cowkeeper

Boucher John M., wheelwright
* Edge Edward, shopkeeper
Dobb Geo., bcerhouse and shopkeeper
Dobb Matthew, shopkeeper