

WOOD, VICAR OF THE PARISH. A new organ, by Conacher & Co., of Huddersfield, placed on the north side of the chancel in 1880, at a cost of £250. The registers from 1590. There are several monumental tablets in the church and the 7 of the Knight Templar before mentioned. The living is a vicarage in the s, with residence and three acres of glebe. The present incumbent is the Rev. Shapland Elliott Cockburn-Hood, M.A., Trinity College, Cambridge. The National School, a brick building in the village, with master's residence, was enlarged by the addition of a classroom in 1881. There is accommodation for 104, and an average attendance of 86. Mr. James Barnard, vicar, master.

Kirkby Hall, the seat of E. H. Courage, Esq., is a modern mansion, built on site of the old house of the Stapletons, near the church. It stands in a well ed park, containing nearly 50 acres. *Fleetham Lodge* is an old historic 3 that formerly belonged to the Conyers family. Here rested for a few days eadless body of Lord Derwentwater, who was executed for treason on Tower n 1716, and was permitted to be buried in the family vault at Dilston Castle rthumberland. The house is the property of the exors. of J. M. Plews, Esq., s at present unoccupied.

Great Fencote is a hamlet in this parish, about 2½ miles from Leeming Lane ay Station. The chapel-of-ease (St. Andrew) was erected in 1847, chiefly e expense of the late Mrs. Lawrence. It is in the Gothic style, and consists ve with porch, and bell turret. It was renovated in 1887, at the expense 3 late J. M. Plews, Esq., of Fencote Hall. The east window of three is in memory of Mrs. Lawrence; there are also memorial windows to the n and Sedgwick families and to Ann Oates. The interior is neatly furnished benches for 180 persons. The churchyard was enlarged in 1877, and has been used for the interments of the whole parish. The Wesleyans have a l in the village, built in 1845. It is in the Bedale circuit.

Little or South Fencote is an adjoining hamlet. Fencote Hall was the residence roperty of the late J. M. Plews, Esq., who purchased it from the trustees of v. Leonard Sedgwick, in 1871. The hall was for a short time the abode of red Tichborne, brother of Sir Roger of the famous lawsuit; and here, four us after his death, was born his son, also Sir Alfred, who was the defendant above suit.

The Stud Farm are the kennels of the Bedale Fox Hounds. The pack ts of forty-five couple, and has been located here since 1885. Capt. W. P. 1-Todd, master; Fred. Holland, huntsman. The farm is the property of borne, Esq., and occupied by Messrs. John and David Linton, the success- eders of Leicester sheep and shorthorn cattle.

ARRIVES.—Leonard Smelt, in consideration of £64 benefaction money, gave in 1712, 19 roads 23 perches of land to the poor. They also receive the interest of £100 left by Tennant in 1856.

Telegraph Office at F. Potts's, Kirkby Fleetham. Letters arrive *via* Bedale at 8-10 a.m., and are despatched, summer at 5-20 p.m., and winter at 4-20 p.m. The Telegraph arment is open on Sundays, from 8 till 10 a.m.

Office at W. Tutin's, Great Fencote. Letters arrive *via* Bedale at 8-0 a.m., and are atched at 5-30 p.m. in summer, and 4-30 p.m. in winter. Postal orders are issued here. 1 *reside at Great Fencote, 2 at South Fencote, and the rest at Kirkby Fleetham, or where specified.*

on Robt., joiner and cartwright
Blakely Isaac, sexton
Mrs. Bouskeld Robert, pig dealer, St. Ann's cross
Burgess Thomas, senr. (T. Burgess & Son),
1-Todd, master; F. Holland, huntsman
corn miller, &c., Fleetham mill

1 Tutin Wm., grocer, draper, and postmaster
1 Tweedy James, shoemaker
Walker Thomas, joiner
1 Walker William, cowkeeper
White Wm., head gardener to E. H. Courage, Esq.
Wildon Geo., cowkeeper and market gardener, Resin hall

Farmers.

Burgess Thos. & Son (and corn millers), Fleet-ham mill
Carr George, Green Gate cottage
Clifford Harry
Hodgson Winter, Friars' garth and Low Fields
Ingledew James, Low Fields
Linton John & David, Brewery farm, Lodge farm, and Stud farm
Little Samuel
Mitchell Robert, Low street
Peacock Septimus Albert, Low Fields
Proctor Thomas
Pybus Henry, Hook house and Broad close
Severs Richard, Angleham
Simpson Richard, Hall farm; ½ Hook Carr hill
Slead Enoch, Fenwell
Strangways Edward & Thomas (yeo.), Low Fields; ½ Leases, Bedale
Trotter John Outhwaite, Holby grange
1 Tutin John, Annagarth house
2 Walker John (yeo.), South Fencote house

M.A., Trin. Col., Cambridge, The Vicarage
Coates William, joiner
Courage Edward Hubert, Esq., The Hall
2 Dodsworth Michael, bsmith
Fryer J. & G., veterinary agents
Fryer George Edward (J. & G. Fryer), Green Gate house
Fryer John (J. & G. Fryer), Fleetham villa
Garrett James Barnard, schoolmaster
Holland Fred, huntsman, Bedale kennels
Hudson John, joiner, Low Salutation
1 Kirk Mrs. Jane
1 Kneegs Mrs. Ann
Linton John & David, brewers, maltsters, and spirit merchants, Low Street brewery
2 MacGee Hy., head gardener at Fencote hall
1 Mallaby Robert, estate joiner
Marsden George, estate foreman
Merrington George, monumental mason
Metcalfe William, vict. Black Horse
National School; James B. Garrett, master; Miss Alice Martin, assistant
Peacock Frank, gamekeeper
2 Peacock Joseph, butcher
Plews John Mackay, Esq. (the late), Fencote hall
Potts Francis, shoemaker and Post office
Potts Mary & Hannah, grocers
Pybus The Misses Martha & Margaret Jane
Sadler Robert, cowkeeper
Severs William, blacksmith
Slater William, shopkeeper

KIRKBY RAVENSWORTH PARISH.

Wapentake and Petty Sessional Division of Gilling West—Electoral Division of Gilling—Poor Law Union and County Court District of Richmond—Rural Deanery of Richmond West—Archdeaconry of Richmond—Diocese of Ripon.

This parish, called also Kirkby Hill, lies north-west of Richmond. It includes the townships of Kirkby Hill, Dalton, Gayles, New Forest, part of Newsham, Ravensworth, and Whashington, containing, according to the rate books, 14,724 acres. This area is exclusive of open moorlands, of which there are upwards of 10,000 acres. The population in 1881 was 1,045. In the western part of the parish extensive moorlands prevail, and the scenery is of a dreary, monotonous character; but in the rest, the surface is pleasingly varied with hill and dale. The soil is generally fertile. Freestone is abundant, and copper ore has been found among the hills.

Skirting the parish on the north east is the old Roman road, called Watling Street, which afforded a means of communication between the stations of *Cataractonium* (Catterick) and *Lavariae* (Bowes), and passed of thence into Westmoreland.

KIRKBY HILL TOWNSHIP, the boundaries of which have been recently re-arranged, contains 235 acres, and is valued, for rateable purposes, at £381. The landowners are Christopher Craddock, Esq., J.P., Hartforth Hall (lord of the manor), and Eleanor, Duchess Dowager of Northumberland. The *village* is seated on an eminence about five miles N.W. of Richmond. The Church (St. Peter and St. Felix) "mounted upon a rock" is an interesting structure, built in 1397, on the site of a former one which, there is reason to believe, dated from Saxon times. It is in the Early English style, and consists of nave, with one

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aisle, chancel, and a lofty square embattled tower, in which are two bells. In 1862, the old leaden roof was removed and a lighter one of slate substituted; the church was also re-seated at the same time, the total cost being about £800. Further repairs and alterations were made in 1884. Several of the windows are stained glass memorials. In the south wall of the nave is the monument of the Rev. Dr. Dakyn, rector of the parish in the reign of Queen Mary. Another slab is to the memory of one Gerardus de Hornbie, and on another is an epitaph of Lucy Robinson, who died in 1667. In the chancel is a tablet to the memory of Thomas Wycliffe, Esq., of Richmond, "the last male descendant of the family which, in the 14th century, produced the Reformer Wickliffe." He died in 1821.

The living is a vicarage in the gift of the Bishop of Ripon, worth £420 a year. Present incumbent the Rev. Ernest Ayscough Stockdale, B.A.; curate, Rev. John Milner Walton, B.A.

Free Grammar School and Hospital.—These two valuable institutions were founded and endowed by the Rev. John Dakyn, D.D., in 1555, "for the instruction of boys and youths, and the sustentation and relief of the poor and indigent." The letters patent ordained that the wardens, schoolmaster, and almspeople should be a body corporate by the name of "The Wardens, Master of the scholars and the poor of the Almshouse or Hospital of St. John the Baptist, of Kirkby-Ravensworth;" and that they should have a common seal, and be capable of holding and receiving any lands, tenements, &c., given for the use of the institution. The endowment, which now produces upwards of £1,500 per annum, consists of about 405 acres of land in East Cowton, with the impropriate rectory and the advowson of the vicarage of that parish; the corn tithes of Thirkleby; a yearly rent-charge of £3 6s. 8d. from the corn tithes of Newton; nearly five acres of land at Kirkby Ravensworth; four dwellings at Sleggill; about 89 acres of land in St. Martin's, near Richmond, given by William Walker, in 1557, for augmenting the number of almspeople; a dwelling-house, with about an acre of land, at Newsham; and 110 acres of land awarded, in 1808, at the inclosure of Hudswell-middlemoor. A portion of the income is also allotted to the schools at Dalton, Ravensworth, East Cowton, and Helwith, and also to the poor of Kirkby Ravensworth and East Cowton.

The reverend founder had been one of Henry's commissioners for enquiring into the income of the religious houses in Richmondshire, and, if we may believe Fox's "Book of Martyrs," he was concerned in at least one of the Marian persecutions. On a screen near his monument in the church are the original statutes which he gave to his foundation. The master, who was to be a priest of unblemished character, was bound by his oath not to read to his scholars any reprobate books set forth at any time contrary to the determination of the universal or Catholic Church, whereby they might be infected with corrupt doctrine, or be induced to an insolent manner of living. He was bound to say mass at least twice every week, and to pray for the repose of the souls of the founder, Philip and Mary, and others.

The school is styled "Free Grammar School;" but as the words "Free" and "Grammar" as here used are generally misunderstood, it may be well to state that, when public schools were first established to give boys higher education, the subject mainly taught was the first and fundamental art—that of language—Grammatica. Hence such a school was called Schola Grammaticalis, or *Grammar School*, and when founded by Royal Charter, it was declared to be *Libera Schola Grammaticalis*, a *Free Grammar School*, i.e., free from all superiority but that of the Crown.

This school is practically FREE to all boys of the parish and neighbourhood who can read well, and are eight years of age. The course of instruction comprises all that is necessary for a thoroughly sound and useful education, including both modern languages and the classics. Boys from this school are eligible for the Akroyd Scholarships; and the trustees contemplate reviving a lapsed scheme connecting the school with Oxford and Cambridge, by the establishment of a scholarship or exhibition. There are at present upwards of 80 boys on the school roll.

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The *Hospital* is a very common-place building, containing 16 rooms, four of which were added in 1803, at which time also the number of almspeople was reduced from 27 to 24—12 of each sex. The statutes ordain that the inmates must be natives of the parish of Kirkby Ravensworth, or have been 10 years resident therein at the time of admission, and that they be of the age of 70 or upwards, but, should they be afflicted with any "continual disease," they may be admitted under that age. In consequence of the age and infirmity of the beneficiaries, nurses are employed to take care of them; at present there are three, but six is the regulation number. The almspeople are supplied with clothing, medical attendance, &c., and receive £1 5s. each per month, but this sum varies yearly, according to the income of the charity. The nurses are paid £1 10s. per month.

The poor parishioners have two acres of land left by John Heslop, in 1606, to which 1½ acres were allotted at the enclosure of Whashton Common.

DALTON, or DALTON TRAVERS, is a township containing 2,648 acres, of which 177 are covered with plantations. A portion of the township is elevated moorland, but the rest is fertile and well wooded. The land belongs to various owners, the principal of whom are the heirs of Col. George Sowerby, Putteridge Park, Luton (lords of the manor); Eleanor Duchess Dowager of Northumberland, Stanwick Park; the trustees of the late W. Lister, Esq., and of Thomas Hutchinson, Esq., and the Trinity College. Gross estimated rental, £2,756; rateable value, £2,487.

The *village* of Dalton (the ton or town in the dale) is situated 2½ miles W. of Kirkby, and seven miles N.W. of Richmond. A small *chapel-of-ease* was erected here in 1839, in which service is held in the morning on the second Sunday of each month, and in the evening on all the other Sundays. The school is a mixed one, attended by about 50 children. It is endowed with £3 a year left by T. Buckton, in 1756, and it also receives its share of the Kirkby School and Hospital Charity, allotted to it by the Charity Commissioners. It is under government inspection, and is taught by Mr. Robert Welbourn Arnott. A *Wesleyan Methodist Chapel* was erected here in 1855,—a very small and very plain building. It is in the Barnard Castle circuit.

Near the village is a field, which is, or rather was, held by a very curious tenure, viz., that of finding a grindstone for ever for the people of the place. To the south of the village, in Garden Plantation, are the remains of a camp, called *Castle Steads*; and further south still is an upright block of stone, called *Stone Man*, where was formerly a large cairn. The stones were carted away to make fences, but a skeleton of a man being found under them, the bones were replaced, and some of the stones built over them into the present irregular structure.* Nearly a mile S.E. of the Stone Man another tumulus was opened, and was found to contain a cist-vaen, or stone chest, and within this was a *kale pot*, which, it is said, contained money.

GAYLES township contains 2,297 acres, exclusive of moorland, and is rated at £1,783. The Duchess Dowager of Northumberland is the most extensive owner, and also lady of the manor, but the Rev. John Shaw and Miss E. Hind have estates here, besides whom there are several small freeholders. The *village* is situated on the Barnard Castle and Richmond road, and is distant about eight miles from the former place, and five from the latter. *Gayles Hall* was long the seat of a branch of the Wycliffe family, but is now occupied by a farmer.

NEW FOREST township, comprising 3,000 acres, including moorland, was formerly part of the great forest or chase which extended westward into Arken-garthdale, and belonged to the earldom of Richmond.

The scenes are desert now and bare,
Where flourished once this Forest fair,
Where doe and roe and red deer good
Of bounded on thro' gay green wood.

* Longstaffe's "Richmondshire."