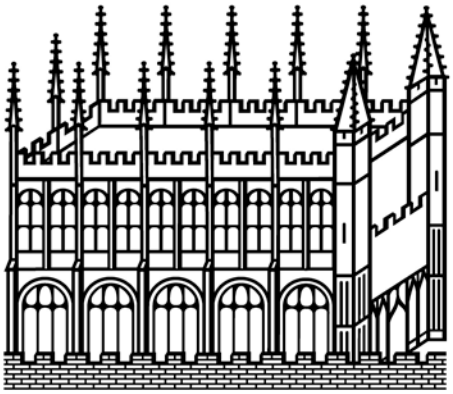


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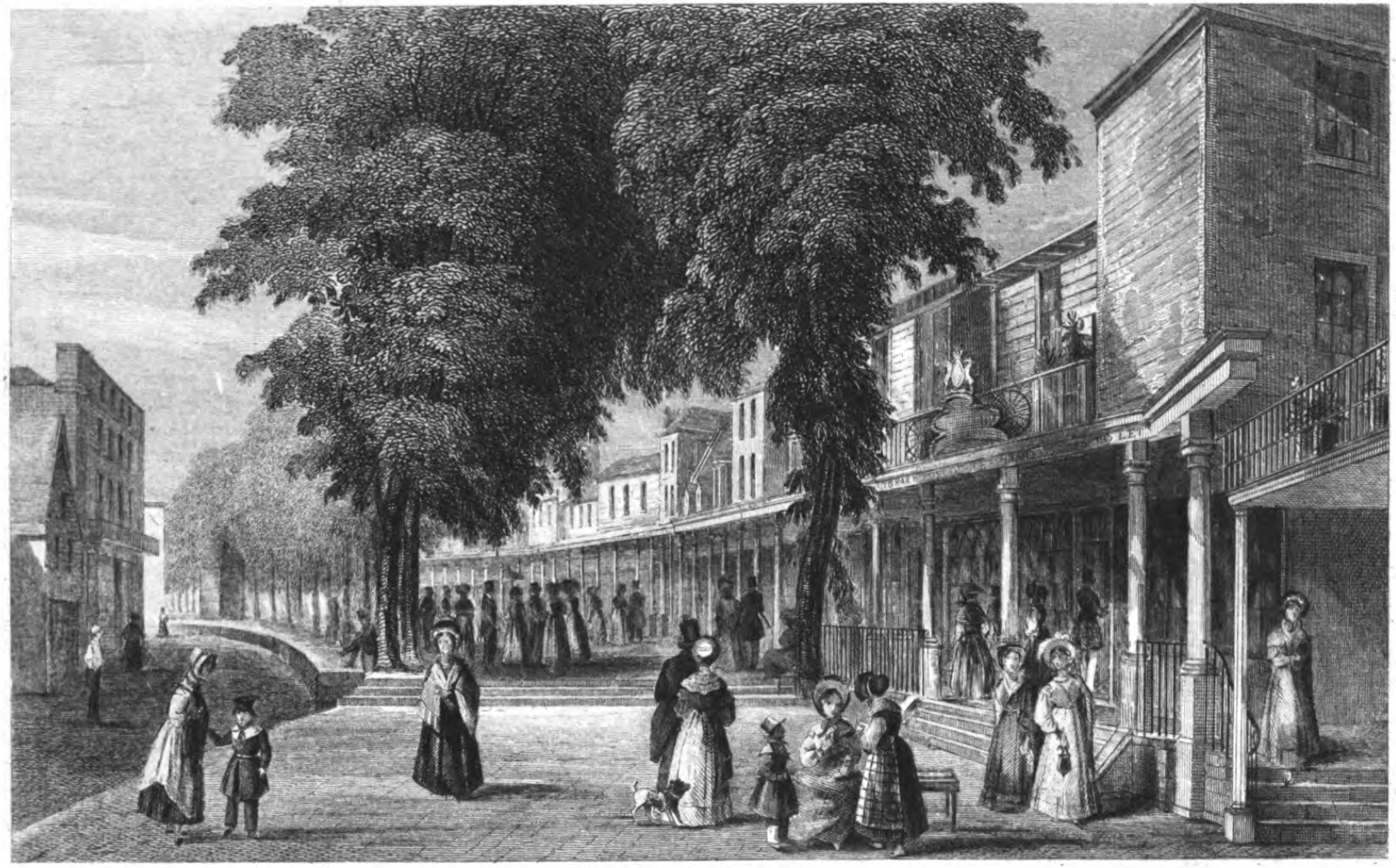

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# TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

**Tunbridge Wells** contains nearly ten thousand inhabitants, and is situated thirty-six miles from London, with the villages of Pembury on the east, Frant on the south, Withyham on the west, and Southborough on the north; and is in three parishes and two counties, the former being Tunbridge, Speldhurst, and Frant, and the latter Kent and Sussex. The alteration made by the opening of the South-Eastern Railway in 1842, has made the distance, in miles, greater, but has shortened the time of performing the journey to little more than one half. Scarcely a century ago it was an inconsiderable village, but it has been since then gradually, and within the last sixteen years rapidly, increasing in size. In the year 1835, it was created a town by the passing of a Local Act for the watching, lighting, and otherwise regulating its affairs. In August 1846, the royal assent was obtained for a second Improvement Act, which includes the management of the highways within the district; and, consequently, the removal of the several turnpikes took place,

which formerly hemmed in and crossed the principal drives.

In the year 1603, Dudley, lord North, was one of the favorites of Prince Henry, the son of King James the first, in whose court he was distinguished for his mental and personal endowments, and, what made him a still greater object of admiration in those times, for his numerous gallantries. In his twenty-fourth year the effect of these were felt in an impaired constitution and every symptom of a consumptive disease. Such indeed was his general state of debility that his physicians deemed it absolutely necessary to remove him altogether from the scenes of gaiety and dissipation in which he was involved, to some part of the country where pure air and peaceful pursuits might tend to invigorate his debilitated constitution. Perhaps no place could have been better selected for the purpose than that which was chosen by his advisers, by whose persuasions his lordship determined upon visiting Eridge House, which is situated two miles from Tunbridge Wells, and was at that period a mere hunting seat, belonging to lord Abergavenny.

This gay dissipated young courtier, thus suddenly deprived of the fascinations of the brilliant scenes in which he had so conspicuously mingled, became weary of a place in which the restorement of health appeared as nothing compared with the loss of those enjoyments which had formed so large a

portion, nay, probably the whole business of his life, at length took a somewhat precipitate departure for London. "Fortunately for him," says Benge Burr, "his road lay directly through the wood in which these useful springs were concealed, so that when his lordship came upon the spot, he could not well pass by, without taking notice of a water which seemed to claim his attention on account of the shining mineral scum that everywhere swam on its surface, as well as on account of the ochreous substance which subsided at the bottom, and marked its course to a neighbouring brook. These uncommon appearances induced him to alight from his carriage, in order to examine it more attentively; and the peculiar ferruginous taste of the water not only convinced lord North that it held its course through some undiscovered mine, contained in the dark cavities of the earth, but also gave him room to fancy that it was indued with some medicinal properties, which might be highly beneficial to the human race. He therefore commanded his servants to bottle off some of the water, in order to consult his physicians upon the subject, as soon as he could get to London.

"They were accordingly consulted upon its virtues, and their judgement so perfectly coincided with lord North's opinion, that they immediately left town to examine it on the spot, and the result of their inquiries proved so favorable to this hitherto neglected

spring, that they hasted back again to publish its valuable qualities, and to give their noble patient sufficient encouragement to try its efficacy on the return of the vernal season.

"Accordingly, (in 1607,) as soon as the warm weather came on, and the roads were dry enough to render a journey practicable, my lord North returned to Eridge to add the power of the water to the purity of the air, and try how far their united force would contribute to restore strength and vigour to his shattered constitution."

The experiment, it appears, perfectly succeeded, and so completely renovated his lordship's health, that his death did not take place until the year 1666, when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-five.

The return of his lordship to court in the full enjoyment of health, when he had quitted it apparently in the last stage of consumption, naturally raised eager enquiries as to the causes which had effected this wonderful change. The virtues of the chalybeate waters were then made known to the higher circles of society, and corroborated as they were by the physicians and others who had analysed them, it became a matter of fashion to visit the spot and partake of the waters which had effected such a wonderful cure in so distinguished an individual.

As the spring which produced these wonders had its rise on the borders of lord Abergavenny's estate, his lordship inspected the spot in person, and commenced clearing

the ground in the neighbourhood of the spring to make a readier and better access to it.

It is evident however, that the mere discovery of the springs, did not establish Tunbridge Wells as a place of fashionable resort, for long after that period we find it in a most languishing condition for the want of proper sources of general amusement to cheer the convalescent, and to attract the healthy.

In the year 1630, the resuscitation of the Wells might be considered to have taken place, for previous to this date there were no dwelling-houses near the springs for the accommodation of the invalids who visited them, if we except a few hovels which were erected near them to afford temporary shelter in unfavorable weather. Tunbridge was the nearest town at which suitable lodgings could be procured, and from this circumstance the Wells took their name, although it has been said, they were originally called *Fant* (Frant) Wells.

In this year Queen Henrietta Maria was recommended by her physicians to try the Wells waters. Her Majesty's delicate state of health would not allow of her residing far from the Springs, therefore as there were no houses erected near them, her Majesty and suite encamped on Bishop's Down, where they remained about six weeks.

Six years after the Queen's visit the first two buildings were erected in the immediate vicinity of the Springs. They were little

better than cottages—one of them for the accommodation of gentlemen, and the other for ladies. It is supposed that these houses were built in "Pink Alley," in a direct line from the Springs, and adjacent to them; one of them is said to have been the residence of Mrs. Humphreys, the original water-dipper. They were both recently pulled down for the purpose of enlarging the adjoining premises. The last that remained, was taken down in 1842.

The next twenty years, from 1640 to 1660, shew but a blank in the history of Tunbridge Wells. But upon the death of Cromwell, and the happy restoration of the rightful monarch, the Wells began to assume a more flourishing aspect.

The year 1664 was probably the gayest among the records of Tunbridge Wells, as it was then visited by Charles 2nd., his Queen, and the greater portion of the distinguished individuals belonging to that licentious court.

The court remained at the Wells about two months, and it is probable that during their residence here many improvements were then commenced; for, about this time, Rusthall could boast of an Assembly Room, a Bowling Green, and other places of public diversion. The site of the Assembly Room is still to be seen on Rusthall Common.

In this year also, when Lord Muskerry was lord of the Manor, he displaced the original wood fencing put up by Lord Aber-

gavenny, and built a stone wall round the Springs. His lordship also re-paved the interior, and placed a basin over the principal spring, and at the same time built a hall for the dippers.

Between the years 1665 and 1670, the place began to assume more of its present appearance than it had hitherto. The Assembly Room at Rusthall was abandoned, and one established at Mount Ephraim House, in a field to the north of which, at the back of Chancellor House, a bowling green was enclosed. A tavern was also built, and called "The Castle." These alterations had been scarcely accomplished, when Mount Sion preferred its claim for a share of that prosperity which now began to shew itself throughout the Wells, and from its contiguity to the Springs, it not only proved a formidable rival to, but speedily eclipsed Mount Ephraim.

In 1670, the place was visited by the Duke and Duchess of York, with their daughters, the Princesses Mary and Anne. From the following passage in the Rev. Dr. Owen's life, it would appear that their Royal Highnesses continued to reside in Tents.—"Being in a very languishing state of health in 1674, he was at Tunbridge Wells when the Duke of York was there. The Duke sent for him, and had several conversations with him *in his tent* about the dissenters and conventicles."

From the great increase of company which now resorted to the Wells, the lord of the

manor of Rusthall, in 1676, thought it advisable to erect shops and dwelling-houses in the immediate vicinity of the springs; and in order to carry his intentions into effect, he entered into an agreement with his tenants to allow them ten shillings a year each, for a fifty year's lease, in lieu of their right of herbage.

In 1687, a fire accidentally broke out at the end of the walks, which totally consumed all the buildings so recently erected. But as good frequently springs out of evil, so the destruction of the whole of those houses led to the building of more convenient ones. An assembly room, shops, dwelling-houses, &c., were erected with a portico in front, precisely, in fact, as the Parade is now seen, with the exception of most of the present houses having been modernised in their appearance.

In the year 1688, so memorable to Englishmen for the "glorious Revolution" that was effected, the Princess Anne of Denmark visited the Wells; and whilst residing here, it is said, sent her equerry, Colonel Sands, to enquire after the health of the new-born Prince of Wales. On the 2nd September, in this year, Archbishop Tillotson preached before the Princess Anne, in the chapel, his famous sermon on the parable of the ten virgins.

During the next ten years the Princess Anne frequently honored the Wells with her presence, and in 1696, gave a basin to the

Spring, which was afterwards called "The Queen's Well." She was also a great benefactress to the place, and in 1698, in consequence of her son, the young Duke of Gloucester, falling, while on the walks, she gave one hundred pounds to "one of the principal inhabitants" to have the walks, &c., paved by the ensuing season. Whoever this inhabitant was, he neglected to fulfil his commission, and the effects of his evil deeds were visible in the conduct of her Royal Highness, who, upon finding at her next visit that no progress had been made in the work, quitted the Wells with strong expressions of disgust, and never visited the place again.

The Princess Anne of Denmark having succeeded to the throne in the year 1702, the inhabitants of the Wells in testimony of the favors that had been conferred upon them by her Majesty, planted a Grove on the Common, which was called "The Queen's Grove." The planting took place without any public ceremony. Whether it was owing to the nature of the soil, or to the birch trees with which it was planted not being suitable for it, the grove does not appear to have flourished.

In 1707, John, Duke of Buckingham, assigned to four Trustees four acres of land, part of Inham's and Waghorn's forests, for the use and benefit of all the inhabitants, and others of Tunbridge Wells, with instructions that the whole should be planted and

preserved as a Grove. This grove lies to the left of Mount Sion.

In the year 1708, Mr. James Long, of Marylebone, Middlesex, went to a considerable expense in erecting a Cold Bath and other buildings at Rusthall. The bath was well supplied with water issuing from the rocks, and the grounds around it displayed water works, fountains and other appropriate devices suitable to the situation, which is exceedingly romantic. This is one of the beautiful spots at Rusthall well worth visiting, for although the fountains, &c., have long since disappeared, there are objects enough still remaining to gratify the admirers of nature.

From 1707 to 1725, but little change appears to have taken place in the affairs of the Wells. But about the year 1735 was the time that the celebrated Beau Nash, the *arbiter elegantiarum* of Bath, made his appearance to give the laws for his new "colony" of Tunbridge Wells. Such was his power and popularity, that his mandates were issued with a kingly authority, and his proceedings described as important historical events. A three-quarter likeness of Nash is placed in the Assembly Rooms.

Their Royal Highnesses the Princess Amelia and the Duke of Cumberland visited the Wells in 1762, and remained for some time.

In the year 1765, we find the first notice of any public proceedings in honor of Royal

Visitors. On a visit from the Dukes of York and Gloucester, who arrived about the middle of September, they were welcomed by a triple discharge of eighteen pieces of cannon, and in the evening the walks were most splendidly illuminated.

From the year 1790 to 1827, scarcely any thing occurred worthy of particular notice. The place gradually increased and improved both in the number of buildings and in population, and was regularly visited by the most distinguished characters in the literary, political, and fashionable world. In the year 1801, when ladies wished to take an equestrian excursion, they were accommodated by being mounted on a pillion, in the good old Darby and Joan manner; but in that year, Lady George Seymour being here, was introduced the custom of riding on donkies, which has continued the fashion ever since.

The most important alterations that the Wells had yet seen were commenced in 1828. These were made on the

**Calverley Estate,** which is the property of John Ward, Esq., of Holwood, in the County of Kent. It would be manifestly unjust to this property, not to notice it more particularly than by giving a mere cursory sketch of it. We shall, therefore, commence with

**Calverley Park,** which comprises twenty-six acres, adjoining to and overlooking twenty acres of meadow and pleasure grounds in front of the hotel, and contains

twenty-four villas, chiefly of the Italian and Grecian style of architecture. The pleasure grounds are tastefully laid out, and afford some very pleasant walks. There is a lodge at each entrance, called Victoria, Keston, and Farnborough lodges. The former is named after her present Majesty, as it adjoins Calverley House (now an hotel), in which her Majesty and her royal mother, the Duchess of Kent were residing when these buildings were commenced. Farnborough lodge, at the entrance to the park from Grove Hill, is a neat rustic building. At the north-west side of the park is the

**Calverley Promenade,** built in the form of a crescent. This row of buildings (seventeen in number) was originally intended for shops, but within the last five years most of them have been converted into dwelling houses. Immediately adjacent to the Promenade is the **Calverley Hotel,** which was opened by Mr. E. Churchill, in 1840; the accommodations here are of the first-rate description, and the situation in which it is placed, commanding as it does an uninterrupted view over delightful scenery, renders it one of the most charming spots in the country.

On the opposite side of the road from the hotel is **Calverley Terrace,** consisting of four double villas with pleasure grounds in front and gardens behind, communicating with the stables, coach-houses, &c. **Calverley Parade,** immediately adjoining, is a

range of twelve houses on a similar scale to those of the terrace, but smaller; and at the back of these are the Calverley Mews, which afford extensive accommodation for horses and carriages. A short distance from the latter is the *Camden Hotel* and the *Town Hall*, originally built for a Market Place, but not succeeding as such, was leased by the proprietor to the town commissioners, who converted it into a Town-hall in the year 1846. On a line with this is **Calverley Place,** consisting of twelve houses and shops. The whole of the buildings are faced with stone from a quarry on the estate; near which waterworks have been erected to supply the inhabitants with excellent water from the celebrated Jack's Wood Spring.

The quarry on this estate is of such repute, that it was one of those chosen with reference to the selection of stone for building the new Houses of Parliament.

Opposite one of the entrances to the park is Baston Cottage, an elegant building in the gothic style of architecture, the property of Decimus Burton, Esq. Immediately adjacent to Baston Cottage, are the *Calverley Nursery Grounds,* in the occupation of Mr. William Piper, which afford a most delightful lounge to visitors, and are well worth seeing. New roads, in the form of crescents, have been opened through these and the adjoining grounds by the proprietor, John Ward, Esq., and large portions of the same are judiciously laid out for

building sites. Near to this, passing Baston Cottage, is more desirable building land, overlooking Calverley Park, to be let or sold in plots of one acre or more each. This land continues along on either side of the Woodsgate road, to *Blackhurst*, the residence of Ford Wilson, Esq., and from its dry and airy position is eminently calculated for first-rate private residences or lodging houses. The views from this land are beautifully varied and extensive.

**Grove Hill** comprises a number of genteel residences and excellent lodging-houses, which are eagerly sought after during the season. The gardens and pleasure grounds in front are tastefully arranged, and kept in good order for the use of the residents on that property. Immediately adjoining this is, "The Grove," noticed at p. 10.

In the neighbourhood of Bishop's Down, a new park has been commenced, called

**Nevill Park,** the situation of which for building, has been happily chosen. It commands a most charming prospect, and its short distance from the chalybeate springs, renders it a particularly desirable residence for those who wish to derive benefit from the waters.

**Mount Ephraim** still continues to be the favorite lounge and drive of the fashionable frequenters of the Wells, and appears to have recovered its ancient renown. It has long been celebrated for lodging-houses and private residences of the first class, possess-



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GROVE HILL, TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

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ing very extensive views of the Kent and Surrey hills. An **Hotel** was erected here in 1834, the prospect from which can be surpassed by few in the kingdom.

**Mount Sion** continues its ancient rivalry with Mount Ephraim. There are some lodging-houses here upon a very superior scale. Many of them are modern buildings, and some of the ancient ones have been renovated. The situation is extremely pleasant.

**Camden Park.**—This is some building land recently laid out by the Marquess Camden, in plots of one acre each, for the erection of a number of first class residences, designed by D. Burton, Esq., architect. The land is approached from Grove Hill Road, near Calverley Park, and is admirably chosen for the purpose, having the advantage of a private park, and yet within an easy walk of the mineral springs and the business part of the town. There are already some excellent residences in the immediate neighbourhood ; among the most recently built is *Oak Field Court,* a beautiful stone-faced mansion, belonging to Demetrius Grevis James, Esq. ; near which are *Chesterfield House,* the property and residence of Captain Bailey, and *Clifton Villa,* the property of Mr. Charles Cripps.

Considerable alterations have been also made in *Jordan Lane* (now called Church road) by the erection of several elegant

private residences and excellent lodging-houses.

But the inhabitants of the old part of the town did not look supinely on, whilst so many new buildings were flourishing around them. Many of the houses and shops, therefore, on the Pantiles,* have undergone a complete renovation; the orchestra has been altered and fresh decorated, and the general improvements of the parade have kept pace with the spirit of the times. Other building improvements have been made and are now making in various parts of the place, more especially in the neighbourhood of the railway station. Near to the remaining part of *Edger Terrace*† is *Albert Place* and *Christ Church*, next to this, on the property of R. W. Blencowe, Esq., is a range of six shops, with dwelling houses attached, called *Grove Terrace*; and a little beyond, other similar buildings are erected, known as *Camden Place*, the property of John Edger, Esq. These improvements fully support in character and name the *High Street*, of which they form part.

Her present Majesty, with her royal mother, the Duchess of Kent, having frequently honored Tunbridge Wells by residing there in the season, chiefly at Calverley

* The Walks were called the Pantiles from their having been originally paved with a sort of baked tile, so designated.

† The larger portion of this Terrace has been taken down to form the railway.

House, the inhabitants were anxious to afford them a proof of their attachment and gratitude. At a meeting of the freeholders of Rusthall Common, in the autumn of 1834, it was considered that the most appropriate record of their feelings would be shewn in planting a grove on the common, adjoining Queen Anne's Grove (now almost extinct) to be called the Victoria Grove. The interesting ceremony took place on Thursday, the 12th of February, 1835. The grove is 550 feet long and 50 feet wide, and consists of three rows of trees, elms, limes, and sycamores—the trees being planted twelve feet apart.

# GENERAL REMARKS

ON

# TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

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"Some account of the air of Tunbridge Wells," says Benge Burr, "will certainly be esteemed necessary to render this work tolerably compleat,"—the same might be said with equal truth of the water, but we do not so far concur with these opinions as to inflict such dissertations upon subjects that must be seen and felt to be properly appreciated. The air is dry, pure, and bracing —strengthening the attenuated frame, and tending much to exhilirate the spirits of the hypochondriac. In summer a gentle breeze prevails, which keeps the air delightfully cool and pleasant, whilst it wafts the fragrance of the wild thyme, the chamomile, and the innumerable sweet herbs that abound on the Common, and in every direction around it.

## THE WATERS.

Not only does the immediate neighbourhood of Tunbridge Wells abound with mineral springs, but they are found at distances of twelve to fifteen miles from it. None of them, however, appear to have attained the celebrity that these have, although experiments have been tried at other springs: one of them about the middle of the last century, at a spot adjoining the gardens of the Sussex Hotel, which was tried by Mr. Todd, then the proprietor of the hotel; but his efforts to attract invalids to it, failed of success, and the spot was christened "The Folly," which cognomen it still bears. This spring, however, is again brought into use. It was analized by Dr. Powell in 1847, and he found it to evince all the well marked chemical and medicinal properties, and nearly identical with that of the Parade; arrangements have accordingly been made in the beautiful pleasure gardens and premises of the hotel, which afford the necessary adjuncts to a pump-room; music is occasionally provided for the promenaders during the hours for drinking the waters. These arrangements have been introduced by, and are under the management of Mr. Gorringe, Chemist, Parade, manufacturer of the Aërated Chalybeate Waters, &c.* Another was tried, about fifty years ago, a short distance on the Pembury road, to the right of which it stands at a farm called the *Burnt House Farm.*

* For a more particular account of the *Mineral Waters*, see the "Invalid's Guide, or Medical Topography of Tunbridge Wells."

This was apparently better attended than that at the Sussex, for a large square stone, which was remaining in 1839 by the side of the spring, was much carved with initials and dates. "The water itself at the present spring is extremely clear and light, its taste is pleasingly steely. In point of heat it is invariably temperate, let the atmosphere be in whatever state it will. When it is first taken up in a large glass its particles continue at rest, till it is warmed to nearly the heat of the atmosphere, then a few airy globules begin to separate themselves and adhere to the sides of the vessel; and, in a few hours more, a light copper coloured scum begins to swim on the surface; after which an ochreous sediment settles at the bottom."* These changes are accounted for in the following manner:—The water as it rises from the spring, contains a solution of carbonate of iron in an excess of carbonic acid—the excess of acid readily escapes in the form of gas, leaving the carbonate of iron in the state of an insoluble precipitate. From the experiments of different chemists, it appears that the component parts of this water are—Iron in its mildest state of solution, being in combination with carbonic acid gas, or fixed air, with a slighter trace of earthy salts than is usually met with in spring water. The quantity of carbonate, or rather proto-carbo-

* Burr's "Historical Account," p. 73.—Mr. Burr appears to have formed his opinion of the waters from the testimonies of Dr. Rowzee and Dr. Linden.

nate of iron in a gallon of water, amounts to about three grains and a half—that of saline substances in combination, four and a half grains, making eight grains of solid matter in each gallon.

The following is an accurate analysis of a wine pint of it:—

| GASES. | Cubic Inches. |
|---|---|
| Nitrogen | 0.59 |
| Carbonic Acid | 1 |
| Slight trace of Oxygen | —— |

| SOLIDS. | Grains. |
|---|---|
| Carbonate of Lime | 0.03 |
| Sulphate of ditto | 0.17 |
| Chloride of Sodium | 0.30 |
| Hydrochlorate of Magnesia | 0.03 |
| Ditto of Lime | 0.05 |
| Protoxide of Iron | 0.28 |

To drink it in perfection, recourse must always be had to the fountain head.

By an Act of Parliament, passed April 29th, 1740, the spring is declared "open and free to the public," but from the first establishment of it there has always been a certain number of females employed as *Dippers*, who attend at the spring with glasses, &c., for the accommodation of the visitors. The present shop over the springs, forms part of the building that was originally intended for baths and a pump room. Previous to this the large circular space round the springs was used by the country people who attended there to dispose of their commodities. There

was a sun dial in the centre of it, and they stationed themselves on the steps which led to the springs. The present portico or piazza over the springs, the cloak room, and earthenware basins were added during the present year, 1847, at a cost of upwards of £400. raised by public subscription. At this time also was introduced, having the recommendation of the medical profession of the town, the following rules and regulations, and a certain number of the inhabitants appointed stewards of the spring, to whom is deputed the general management of the same :—

1. Attendance.—During summer, from the 1st of April to the 1st of November, one Dipper to be in daily attendance from seven o'clock a. m. till six o'clock, p. m.; and two Dippers from seven to nine a. m., and from eleven to one p. m. During winter, from the 1st of November to the 1st of April, one Dipper to be in daily attendance from eight a.m. to five p.m.

2. Cleanliness.—Strict cleanliness to be observed with respect to the waiting room, drinking glasses, basins, and other apparatus. The basins to be well cleansed every morning half an hour before the time fixed for attendance; and the private basin to be protected at night by a suitable cover.

3. Registration.—The Dippers shall keep in a book a correct register of the number of persons drinking the water, and of the period for which they subscribe. This book to be the property of the stewards.

4. Scale of Charges.—One week, 3s.; two weeks, 5s.; one month, 7s. 6d., two months, 10s.; three months, 12s. 6d.; six months, £1; and

twelve months, £1 10s. A double subscription shall entitle any number of members of the same family to drink the waters. Subscriptions to be paid in advance. No demand to be made for tasting the water.

5.—Warming the Water.—The requisite apparatus to be provided free of additional charge, for warming a glass of the water, viz. a clean glass flask, a narrow stemmed thermometer, and a vessel of hot water.

In digging the foundations for the baths, in the year 1802, the workmen by some means cut through the springs, and the next day, being Sunday, the water rushed out in such quantities that nearly all the congregation left the chapel, fearing an inundation. The spring yields about a gallon a minute, exclusive of a considerable quantity of water that rises within the baths and passes off in another direction.

The salubrity of the air, with the efficacy of the water in many complaints, and the easy distance from the metropolis, rendered still more so by the South-Eastern Railway, have naturally rendered Tunbridge Wells a favorite resort of the fashionable world. The appearance of the Common when the furze is in full bloom would of itself amply compensate for the fatigue of a journey from the metropolis. Yet beautiful as this is, it is exceeded by the delightful walks and rides in every direction around the Wells. Previous to introducing the reader to these, we shall notice some of the principal mansions and lodging-houses in the place, that have

not yet been noticed. As you approach the town from the metropolis, on the right is the Culverden property, which formerly belonged to the Countess of Huntingdon, who resided here. The present elegant mansion, the residence of Mrs Fisher, is not seen from the road. In one part of the grounds there is an unique building, having its lower apartments hewn out of the sand rocks. It is called the *Swiss Cottage*, and both the exterior and interior well merit the name.

In another part of the grounds, in a most romantic situation, is a modern-built tower, which overlooks an extensive tract of country, and looks down immediately on a wild glen, which, with the necessary adjuncts of moustachiod faces and high-crowned hats, would have formed a capital study for Salvator Rosa. Proceeding along Mount Ephraim you arrive at *Douro House*, which was occupied by the Duchess of Wellington at the time the battle of Salamanca was fought. *Boyne House* was built by Lord Viscount Boyne, who called it Somerville in compliment to his lady, but it was afterwards named from his lordship. It was the residence of the Queen and the Duchess of Kent the last time they honored the town with a visit in 1835. The cottage at the corner, now called *Somerville Cottage*, was occasionally the residence of the celebrated Rev. Wm. Huntingdon, S.S., and in one of the back rooms of it he died. His peculiarities are too well known to require notice in these pages.

Next to Boyne House is *Wellington Place*, which owes its designation to the illustrious Duke. Sir George Buggin, knight, built the first house on this spot, which now forms Nos. 2 and 3.

*Earl's Court*, the residence of Mrs. Tighe, is said to have been built by Sir Edward King, one of the physicians to King Charles 2nd. *Castle House** was once occupied by Mrs. Johnson, sister of the Bishop of Rochester, where the Lord Chief Justice Mansfield was frequently a guest. *Chancellor House*, stands in some extensive grounds near the Tunbridge-Ware Manufactory. It was formerly the residence of Judge Jeffries. It afterwards became the property of Sir Richard Heron, Bart., who considerably enlarged and improved it.

The house adjoining Nye's, late Fenner's, Repository, called *Ephraim House*, we have already noticed as having probably been the residence of Charles 2nd and his court. It is a large commodious building, and some parts of it have been recently modernised.

*Bishop's Down Grove*, the residence of D. J. Robertson, Esq., was once the property of Sir George Kelly, knight, an eminent physician, from whose descendants it was purchased by Major Yorke, who resided here for upwards of twenty-five years.

On the rival hill, Mount Sion, is *Cumberland House*, formerly the residence of

* This house has been pulled down, and a new one erected, called after the same name, the property and residence of the Rev. T. W. Franklyn.

Richard Cumberland, Esq., whose fame as a dramatic writer, will outlive his reputation as a diplomatist. At Burlington House, lived Sir James Bland Burgess ; and North Grove House, behind Christ Church, was the occasional residence of Lord North. Descending the hill, on the left, is a row of buildings, called *Cumberland Gardens*, and at the end is *Cumberland Terrace*, so named from its having been the favorite promenade of the Duke and Duchess of Cumberland. This terrace is pleasantly situated, and has some excellent lodging-houses. There are fields and gardens in front, with the little stream that divides the counties running between them.

# PLACES OF PUBLIC WORSHIP.

THE CHAPEL OF EASE was opened for divine worship in 1678, under a temporary roof, the building not being then completed. It appears to have been finished in the year 1684. The chapel is dedicated to King Charles the martyr. In 1688, a subscription was commenced for its enlargement, which was continued in each succeeding season for about eight years, and amounted to upwards of nine hundred pounds. The two lists of subscribers are in the vestry room. In the first list is the name of the Princess Anne of Denmark for £10 15s., and in the second, for the enlargement of the chapel, her royal highness's name appears for £53 15s. In 1829, and four following years, the repairs of building turret and flooring amounted to £470 8s. In the year 1846, the organ gallery, schoolroom, and vestry were rebuilt at the cost of £650; and in the present year, a new organ was erected at the cost of £200. In addition to which a new chapel school for boys was erected, in 1845, on a new site, and on a larger scale, at the cost of £807 6s. 4d. The total amount of these improvements, viz. — £2127 14s. 4d. was raised principally by voluntary contributions.

There is no endowment for the clergyman, whose income is derived from the subscriptions of the visitors and inhabitants who frequent the chapel. Occasionally collections are made at the doors of the chapel for the repairs and lighting the same, or for such charitable purposes as may be announced.

The sittings in the chapel are free, and the organist is paid by subscription. Divine service is performed here twice on Sundays—at eleven in the morning, and at half-past six in the evening. The sacrament is administered the first Sunday in every month. The incumbent is the Rev. W. L. Pope; Mr. Thomas Stidolph, organist; and Mr. John Jenner, clerk.

THE DISTRICT CHURCH.—This building was completed in about two years, and on the 3rd September, 1829, it was consecrated. The church is called Holy Trinity. It cost upwards of £12,000. There is no endowment for the clergyman, whose income is derived from the pew rents.

The present incumbent is the Rev. I. N. Pearson. The clerk is Mr. J. B. Hastings, Priory Cottage, near the church, where sittings may be obtained. Divine service is performed on Sundays, at eleven in the morning; half-past three in the afternoon, (in winter at three), and at seven in the evening. The sacrament is administered on the third Sunday in the month.

CHRIST CHURCH is situated in High Street, near the Railway station. The foundation stone was laid on the 9th September, 1835, but the church was not opened for divine worship till the 9th May, 1841, after it had become the property, by purchase, of the present minister, the Rev. Thomas Ward Franklyn. The church is supported entirely by the pew rents.

The services on Sundays are at eleven in the morning, and half-past six in the evening. The sacrament is administered on the last Sunday in the month. Sittings may be taken of Mr. Gardener, Chemist, High Street.

INDEPENDENT CHAPEL.—This chapel is situated on Mount Sion. It was built by voluntary subscriptions, and opened for divine service on the 1st August, 1720, for the use of the presbyterians. From this time, in common with many of the old presbyterian places in England, the congregation gradually decreased and dwindled away until the chapel was nearly deserted. Mount Sion chapel was closed in the year 1814. It was re-opened on the 8th July, 1830, by the independents.

The stated public services in this place of worship are as follow:—on Sabbath days, at eleven in the morning, and half-past six in the evening; on Monday evenings, prayer meeting at seven; and lecture on Wednesday evenings, at seven. The residence of

the present minister, the Rev. Benjamin Slight, is No. 3, Park View, Grove Hill road, facing the Calverley Park. The independents are erecting a new and spacious stone building opposite Calverley Parade, to be called the Congregational Church, which it is expected will be opened for divine worship in the present year, 1847.

THE COUNTESS OF HUNTINGDON'S CHAPEL.—This chapel is situated at the entrance of the town from the metropolis. It is a neat wooden edifice—one small portion only being finished with tiles. It was built by Selina, the celebrated Countess of Huntingdon, who resided at Tunbridge Wells, in 1768, at a house on the Culverden, on the site of which Mrs. Jeddere Fisher's mansion is built.

Previous to building the chapel, the Rev. George Whitefield used to address numerous auditories on a mound of earth, near her ladyship's residence, and which is still remaining in the garden.

Divine service is performed here on Sundays in the morning at eleven, and in the evening at half-past six o'clock, and the sacrament is administered on the first Sunday in the month. There is a prayer meeting on Monday evenings, and a lecture on Tuesday evenings, each service commencing at seven o'clock. The minister, the Rev. John Finley, resides in a house immediately adjoining the chapel; and the clerk, Mr. George Budgen, lives at Ephraim Terrace.

THE BAPTIST CHAPEL.—At what period the congregation of Baptists first assembled in this place is now a subject for conjecture. The first traces of them as a distinct body of worshippers appear to be not earlier than the middle of the eighteenth century, as we find somewhere about the year 1770 a chapel was built for "The General Baptists," by the united exertions of Mr. Matthias Copper and Mr. Joseph Haines, both of whom were preachers in that persuasion, and the latter it appears held the ministry for about thirty years. This chapel was erected immediately adjoining Ephraim House, and was

pulled down about the year 1809. On its site a row of cottages has been built, but the original baptistry still remains. The burying ground, too, though sadly neglected, still marks the spot. About the year 1833, some few serious persons occasionally assembled for worship. belonging to the sect of Particular Baptists, and they commenced the present neat building in Hanover road, on the 14th August, 1834. It is a plain brick building without any architectural ornaments. Divine service is performed here on Sundays, in the morning at eleven, afternoon at three, and evening at half-past six o'clock; and on Monday and Thursday evenings at seven o'clock. The present minister is the Rev. Henry Kewell, who resides in the Grosvenor road. The clerk, Mr. J. Austen, lives in the Windmill Fields.

THE WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—This structure is pleasantly situated at Vale Royal, facing the Common, and adjoining the London road. It is a plain neat building, without architectural pretensions. In 1841 the chapel was added to by new entrance wings, side galleries, &c.; and in 1847, was again considerably enlarged. Divine service is performed here twice on Sundays, viz. at eleven o'clock in the morning, and at half-past six in the evening; and on Thursday evenings, at seven. Prayer meeting on Monday evenings, at seven o'clock.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPEL.—The Catholic church of St. Augustine is situated in the Grosvenor road. It was built by subscription. The foundation was laid in 1837, and it was completed in 1838, in which year, on the 17th July, it was opened with a pontifical mass. The Rev. Mr. Roe is the resident clergyman. Morning service begins at eleven o'clock, and the afternoon at three o'clock.

## MANUFACTURE.

THE TUNBRIDGE-WARE has obtained such celebrity in all parts of the world, that it appears almost a work of supererogation to give it a detailed notice. These toys appear to have been first made at Speldhurst, but the manufacturer's art was then chiefly confined to the making of humming tops and small turnery ware. It is probable that when these articles were first made, one species of wood only was used in their composition; the art of veneering was unknown, and the ambition of the makers appears to have been confined to working such woods as were found in their immediate neighbourhood. Encouraged by their extraordinary success, the art obtained a wider range, and instead of the simple wood, other and more adventurous spirits attempted greater things. This led to the introduction of veneering, and afterwards, from an accidental occurrence, the present mosaic system was acted upon. In the year 1826, the inhabitants presented to her Majesty (then Princess Victoria) a table, beautifully veneered with party-coloured woods from every part of the globe.

The British woods chiefly used in the manufacture of the ware are holly, yew, plum, cherry, stem of furze, broom, white and black thorn, laurel, &c. Many of the dressing-cases, work-boxes, &c. now made contain upwards of forty varieties of native wood, besides foreign.

## PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

The original amusements of the Wells appear to have partaken more of a rural character than any other, for there were frequently balls and breakfasts given *al fresco*, when the fashionable visiters amused and regaled themselves on the upper walks, and the tradesmen with those of a lower class, contented themselves with looking on from the lower walks, which now form the space in front of the Sussex Hotel; and within fifty years it was by no means an uncommon occurrence on ball nights for the windows of the Assembly-rooms to be opened to their full extent, and the tradespeople of both sexes to dance on the Parade to the enlivening strains that were animating their more aristocratic neighbours within.

The admission to the balls was half-a-crown each for the gentlemen, and *one shilling* each for the ladies. They began at *six o'clock* in the evening and ended at eleven. The celebrated Beau Nash first officiated here as master of the ceremonies, and the following gentlemen have successively held the office: — Messrs. Collet, Derrick, Blake, Tyson, Fotheringham, Amsinck, Roberts, Captain Merryweather, and Lieut. Madden, R.M. The latter gentleman resigned at the end of the season of 1836. Since then the office has been dispensed with, and when public balls are now given, certain gentlemen act as stewards for the evening. At present

there are no fixed amusements at the Wells. Balls are given occasionally, but at no certain intervals; and during the season, there are generally concerts at both the assembly rooms. Horse races and cricket matches also usually take place in the month of August. There is a good billiard room on the Parade.

During the fashionable season musicians are engaged, who perform in the orchestra on the Parade three times a day, and a local band is stationed on Mount Ephraim every evening: both these are paid by subscriptions from the visitors and inhabitants.

Hunting and fowling may be enjoyed in the neighbourhood—the former, not in the immediate vicinity of the place, but within a few miles of it; and for the latter, it is the custom to hire the right of shooting over certain property—some hundred of acres of good sporting ground being to let, at a reasonable rent, for the season.

Good fishing may be easily obtained by permission of the proprietors of the small and large streams, in the immediate neighbourhood of the Wells. The watermill pond, through the Hurst wood, and the fish-pond at the Red Lion, Ashurst, are available to the public for a trifling remuneration. Groombridge and Penshurst are also favorite places for the followers of old "Izaak Walton."

## THE THEATRE.

This place of amusement, in consequence of a want of support, has been converted, by

a company of speculators, into a *Corn Exchange*, in which a market is held every Friday. The room on other days is occasionally let on hire for public meetings, balls, sales, and other purposes. The original corn market is held at the Kentish Hotel.

## LIBRARIES, &c.

There are several circulating libraries and reading rooms, which are well supplied with modern productions and the metropolitan newspapers.

There are two literary societies here : one called the *Literary and Scientific Society*, and the other the *Useful Knowledge Institution*. The first society has a library and a small museum, containing, among other things, some specimens of fossils, &c., chiefly of those found in the neighbourhood. The Useful Knowledge Institution is situated in High Street, and, although not long established, has a small but useful library attached to it. There is also an Horticultural Society, which has three or four shows during the year for the distribution of prizes. These generally prove very attractive.

## BATHS, &c.

On the Calverley Promenade there are shampooing and vapour baths, which are

much used, and have been patronised by royalty.

**The Hydropathic Establishment** was opened in 1845, for the cure of diseases by means of water variously applied, both externally and internally, with the aid of fresh air, exercise, and simple diet, and the spot selected is extremely suitable for the successful application of this treatment. There are also some excellent baths at this establishment available to the public.

## INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.

This is a handsome stone building, situated in the Grosvenor road, supported wholly by voluntary contributions. The liberal sum of £3000 was subscribed towards the expenses of the building and fitting it up. Two physicians and three surgeons of the place afford their gratuitous services; and there is a resident house surgeon. Subscribers of one guinea a year become governors of the institution, and can have two patients always on the books. Subscribers of half a guinea a year, one patient.

## THE RAILWAY.

The branch line of the London and Dover Railway from Tunbridge to Tunbridge Wells, was opened to the public on the 19th September, 1845. It is intended to carry on

the line from the Wells to Hastings; and also to form a junction with a projected line from this place to Brighton. The length of the branch from Tunbridge to the permanent station is five miles. The station, opened in September, 1846, is approached by a tunnel about 800 yards long, passing under Basinghall, the high road, and Dr. Thomson's pleasure grounds to the terminus at the foot of Mount Pleasant hill, formerly the site occupied by Bell's brewery; from thence the branch to Hastings passes under the turnpike road and Edger Terrace, through a short cutting, to the tunnel under the Grove, which is 858 feet long, coming out by the southern side of Belle Vue house, lately the residence of A. Akers, Esq.

## THE MANOR AND BOROUGH OF

## RUSTHALL.

The open wastes called Rusthall Common and Bishop's Down, forming together one of the greatest attractions of Tunbridge Wells, comprise about 265 acres, viz., Bishop's Down, or Tunbridge Wells Common, 172 acres; and Rusthall Common, 93 acres.

Rusthall is a very ancient manor, from which the possessors formerly derived their surname. The present lord is Captain Weller.

The freehold tenants, being greatly interested in the Commons, have annual meet-

ings for the purpose of perambulating the boundaries of the manor, and of viewing encroachments, &c.

The generally received opinion is, that the original manor-house stood upon Rusthall Common. About fifty years since, two ancient edifices, one of them a stone building, were pulled down. One of these stood upon Mr. Robertson's pleasure grounds, to the right of the turnpike-road, where there is now an ornamental spire, and the other, some two or three hundred yards below it, on a spot nearly covered with holly.

Whilst we are in this locality, we would point out to the attention of the visitor the singularly shaped rocks which are on the common; one of which is called the *Toad Rock*. It is considered by some persons that the hand of the artisan has been employed to assist in the singular formation of this rock, but the slightest investigation will convince the most incredulous that its shape has been produced by natural causes alone. On the right of the path, approaching this, is another curious rock resembling a lion couchant.



# PLEASANT WALKS.

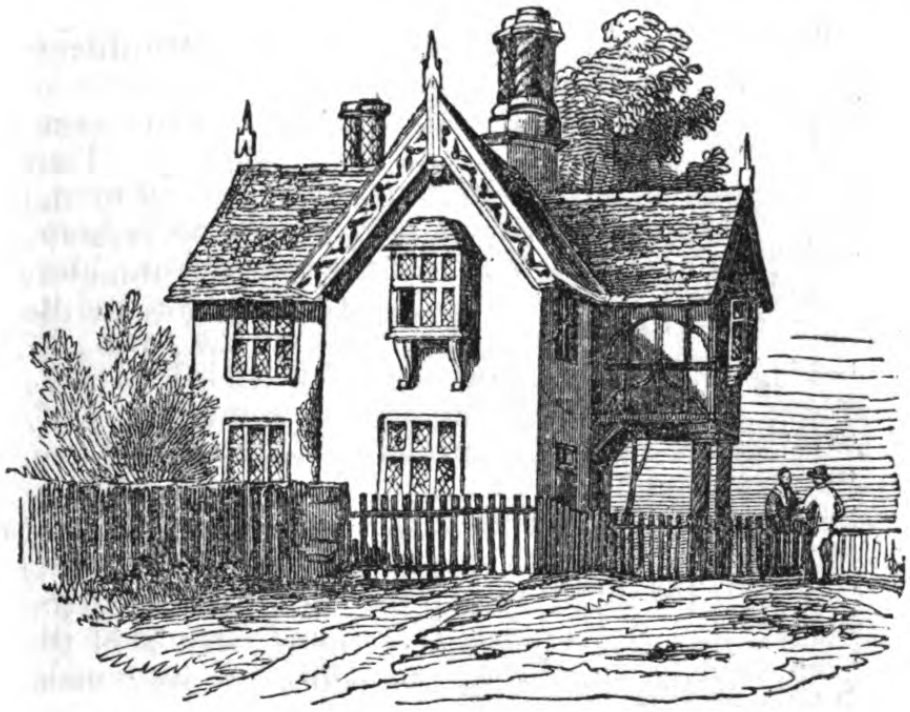
There are many agreeable walks in every direction around the Wells, each of them possessing strong claims for preference, and all boasting of attractions for the admirers of rural and forest scenery. The favorite ramble of pedestrians is across the Common. The singular appearance of many of the rocks here cannot fail to interest the most casual observer. The prospect from the Common is very extensive, and it commands a fine panoramic view of the town; a striking object in the foreground of which is *Romanoff House*, a modern building in the gothic style of architecture. It is occupied by Mr. T. R. Allfree, who has established a classical school here for the education of young gentlemen.

The HURST WOOD affords another delightful stroll. Turning to the right, you pass the old Baptist burying-ground, and *Ashburnham House*, and then proceed down a shady lane through some fields to the wood, which is the property of D. J. Robertson, Esq. It is tastefully laid out in walks, and seats are provided for the accommodation of visitors.

Very delightful rural walks may be taken by going across the fields to *Speldhurst*, either by way of

*Lower Green*, or to *Rusthall Common* down the *Workhouse Lane*. On crossing the stream at the bottom of the fields, going to the Hurst Wood, over a stile on the right, is a footpath that leads past the *Swiss Cottage*, the *Tower*, &c., to *Culverden Down* and the London road. A longer walk can be taken by going across the Down to the *Tanyard Farm*, passing the farther end of the Hurst Wood, the *Water Mill*,* *Broom-hill*, the beautiful villa of D. Salomons, Esq., and leaving *Bentham-hill*, the residence of A. Pott, Esq. on the left, following the bridle road past the *Cross Keys* to the Wells.

There is another pleasant walk from Mount Ephraim across Bishop's Down to Rusthall Common, on approaching which, to the right, passing the Toad Rock, is another rural walk to the



Hurst Wood. To the left of the road leading over Rusthall Common stands a Farm-house, the property of the Earl of Abergavenny. It is in

* Angling is permitted in the mill-pond by applying at the house and making a trifling remuneration.

the style of a yeoman's house of the Tudor times, and the barge boards are very richly carved. To the right of this is the *Toad Rock*, a short distance from which, across the common, is the spot where once stood the assembly-rooms and a bowling green; and nearly opposite the latter is the original cold bath (see p. 10). A short distance beyond this are some *Tea* and *Strawberry Gardens*, which are very pleasantly situated, by the side of a lane leading to the High Rocks. There are also several extremely delightful walks diverging from Cumberland Terrace, across the fields to the *Frant Forest*, *Twenty Acre Wood*, *Hall's Hole*, &c.; also from Mount Sion, Calverley, &c. There are likewise some very pretty walks on leaving the London road to the right, opposite the brewery, through the brickfield to the *Strawberry Gardens*, &c. Another delightful walk will be found on the Eridge road, leaving it to the left at Strawberry hill, by the gate that leads through the park to Frant road, &c.

**Tunbridge Wells Diamonds.** — The transparent substances, apparently pebbles, which are found upon the several paths leading to the common, especially after rain, are actually crystals, rounded and coated by attrition, and the minutest ones are always more accurately formed than the larger ones. They partake of the *Nova Mina*, of Brazil, exactly in quality, where it occurs, both as detached and massive crystals. The rounding by attrition is a clear proof that, at some very remote period, they have been acted upon in some such way as the pebbles of the sea-shore; and they thus afford corroborative evidence to the assumption, that this neighbourhood has, at one time, been an arm of the sea. The natural position of these crystals in the South of England, is in the white or grey marl, found above and below the chalk, but chiefly below it, in their layers. These crystals, when cut and polished, are extremely brilliant, and are introduced into rings, brooches, and other ornamental articles of jewellery.



## THE HIGH ROCKS.

Among the principal objects of attraction to visitors are the High Rocks, distant about a mile and a half from the Wells. The nearest way for a pedestrian is across a new road from the end of the Parade. The greatest altitude of these rocks is about seventy feet, and the lowest is nearly forty feet. They are sand rocks, and the numerous clefts and chasms in them are probably produced by land springs operating upon the softer portion of them, although the width of many of the openings justifies the idea of a separation having been effected by some wild throe of nature. Notwithstanding the natural beauties which these rocks must have presented from the earliest date, it appears they were

not much thought of as a fashionable resort until the year 1670, when the Duke of York (afterwards James 2nd) visited the mineral springs with his duchess; and it is said that his royal highness was the first distinguished visitor who noticed these singular productions of nature; to which he paid such frequent visits, and was so much pleased with them, that they soon became an object of general attraction and resort. Of late years they have been inclosed; a tea room has been erected and various rural places have been built, where refreshments of every kind can be obtained. There is a rock here called the Bell Rock, which, if struck with a stick reverberates a sound similar to that of a bell. At the commencement of the last century, a lady's lap-dog having fallen through the chasm, she had the following quaint conceit inscribed on the rock.

1702.

This scratch I make that yov may know
On this Rock lyes ye beauteovs Bow:
Reader, this Rock is the Bow's Bell,
Strike 't with thy stick and ring his knell.

On a rock leading to the Bell Rock are the following lines:—

Infidel! who, with thy finite wisdom,
Wouldst grasp things Infinite, and dost become
A scoffer of God's holiest Mysteries,
Behold this Rock, then tremble, and rejoice.
Tremble! for He who form'd the mighty mass,
Could, in His Justice, crush thee where thou art:
Rejoice!—that still His Mercy spares thee.

*March* 21, 1831. J. Phippen.

A new public-house has been recently built here, which affords increased accommodation to visitors.

## ERIDGE CASTLE.

This noble edifice is the property of the Right Hon. and Rev. the Earl of Abergavenny, and is situated about two miles from the Wells on the road to Lewes and Brighton. It is an irregular pile of buildings, the greater portion of which is modern, although the original house was of great antiquity. There can be no doubt that there was a large mansion at Eridge from the earliest times, which was used by different branches of the Nevill family until the reign of Charles 1st. From that period they appear to have ceased to inhabit it, until within the last half century, when Henry, the Earl of Abergavenny came to reside here from Kidbrook. The father of the present noble proprietor, about half a century since, directed his attention to the deserted seat of his ancestors, which was then occupied as a farm-house. There were considerable remains, however, of the old buildings. The park was paled, but it had suffered greatly from depredations in the woods.

The castle, as a dwelling-house, may be said to be possessed of much elasticity in its construction. It is calculated to hold a very large establishment. It is situated in a well wooded and watered park containing above three thousand acres of land, surrounded by

an ample demesne of ten thousand acres. Eridge was once a royal chace of very considerable extent.

In a part of the park near Frant, on a lofty knoll, 659 feet above the level of the sea, are the remains of an ancient circular encampment said to be Saxon; the hill is therefore called *Saxonbury Hill*. In 1828, a round tower, chiefly of brick, was erected in nearly the centre of the entrenchment. The original fosse is still perceptible, and incloses about two acres of land, to which there is but one entrance. There are two fine pieces of water in the park, called the Mill Pond and the Furnace Pond.

A short distance from the castle is ERIDGE GREEN, upon which formerly stood a curious piece of old iron ordnance, which tradition reports to have been the first gun made in England. It is preserved in the British Museum, and an account of it, with a plate, in the "Archæologia," vol. x., p. 472, says, "It has always been understood that this mortar was the first that was made in England, and that the first guns were made at Buxted Furnace, about ten miles from Lewes."

## ERIDGE ROCKS.

A short distance from the green are Eridge Rocks, of a similar character to the High Rocks, and which are beautifully romantic and well worth visiting; as are also *Harri-*

*son's Rocks* and *Penn's Rocks;* the former of which are about two miles from Eridge, and the latter a mile further.

## FRANT.

This beautiful village is about two miles from the Wells. It is most romantically situated on the brow of a hill, and the church, which is built on an eminence, "commands the most extensive prospect of any place near the Wells, or in Kent, or perhaps in all England.

A small portion of the parish is in Kent, and the remainder in Sussex. There are several genteel residences here, and the principal part of the village has a remarkably neat appearance. Saxonbury Lodge, the residence of T. Marling, Esq., is an elegant modern villa, in the gothic style. Shernfold Place stands upon an elevated spot in some park-like grounds; the views from which are varied and extensive. It is the residence of the Hon. Percy Ashburnham.

The church at Frant was built on the site of the old one, which it was found necessary to pull down, and the present church was opened on the 14th July, 1822. It is a handsome gothic edifice. The Rev. Sir Henry Thompson, Bart., is the incumbent.

The visitor ought not to quit this pleasant village without making the acquaintance of an ingenious tailor residing here, whose name is *Smart*. His house is much visited in the

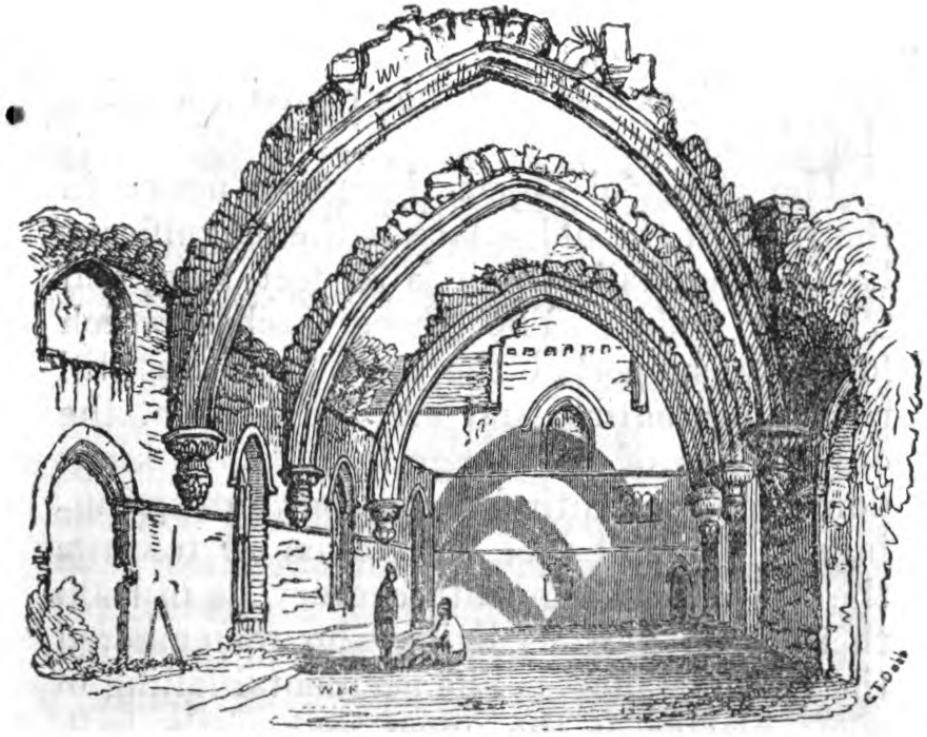
season, and he designates himself "Artist in Cloth and Velvet Figures to his Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex."

The road from the Wells to Frant abounds in diversified views of the most pleasing nature.

## ROTHERFIELD.

The lordship of Rotherfield is of very considerable extent, comprising the whole of the parish of Rotherfield, and the greatest part of that of Frant, within which latter Eridge Castle, the seat of the lord of the manor, is situated. The church is dedicated to St. Denis. The light tapering and lofty spire is a beautiful object in the scenery of the vicinity. It is a large and not unhandsome structure; and has an arched roof of chestnut wood.

About two miles to the right of the church is the manor house, called *Walshes*. But little however of the old building remains, except the entrance porch and some two or three windows.



## MAYFIELD.

This is a remarkably neat and pleasant town in the county of Sussex, about eight miles to the south of Tunbridge Wells. Being situated on the summit of a hill, the prospect from it in every direction is rich and varied. The great object of attraction to visitors are the ruins of the Archiepiscopal Palace, which is said to have been built by St. Dunstan some time in the tenth century. It is certainly probable that St. Dunstan might have built this noble edifice. That he resided somewhere in the place is evident, not merely from traditionary accounts, but from the authority of his learned biographer,

who mentions also that he erected a wooden church here.

The principal object deserving notice in the ruins of the old palace is the magnificent banqueting hall, which is 70 feet long, and 39 feet wide. The three arches which formerly supported the open roof are still remaining entire, and are, we believe, the only arches of this magnitude in the kingdom supported entirely from their own springings. The hall roof was taken off towards the end of the eighteenth century, as in 1800 there were persons living who remembered the circumstance. The accidental falling of some plaster at the upper end of the hall, discovered a mitre formed of roses carved in stone, which is supposed to have been the spot where the archbishop's chair was placed. At the opposite end of the hall are three pointed arches, outside of which was the archbishop's private chapel: the niches in which the holy water was placed still remain. Immediately to the right of this chapel are some steps descending to a doorway, said to have been the entrance to a subterranean passage which led to the church. The grand staircase, leading to what were the principal apartments, is a massive piece of stone work, and leads into a large wainscoted room, wherein are deposited the celebrated *reliques* of St. Dunstan, viz. his sword, an anvil, and hammer, and the very tongs which he applied to the nose of the arch-deceiver of mankind, who tempted his chastity in the form of a

fair damsel. The kitchen, the dining-room, and the kitchen chamber merit particular notice from the antique style in which they are built. In the dining room, which is now used as a hop store, there is an old iron chimney-back, dated "1663." On a chimney-piece in the kitchen chamber is roughly cut a date "1371," and on each side of the door of the antiroom are some armorial bearings, said to be those of the see of Canterbury, or of Sir Thomas Gresham; but they have been so carefully and repeatedly lime-whited, as to have become obliterated. The rooms called Queen Elizabeth's chambers are wainscoted—one with oak and the other with deal. But it is thought by many antiquarians who have visited the ruins that the Queen's chamber was at the back or north side of the building, which is now unroofed. To the right of the principal entrance to the great hall, a stone is let in to the outer wall with the arms of the see of Canterbury engraven on it; and to the left of the entrance is St. Dunstan's well, said to be of the depth of 300 feet. The gate house still remains entire. A large and noble arch, by which access was formerly obtained, has been built up, and a door introduced. It is now a private residence, and the east end of the palace is used as a farm house.

The wooden church, erected by St. Dunstan, and nearly the whole of the village were destroyed by fire in 1389. The present church probably replaced the wooden struc-

ture. It is a large commodious building dedicated to St. Dunstan, and built in the later style of English architecture.

## HEATHFIELD.

Heathfield stands pleasantly situated about three miles from Mayfield, and eleven from the Wells. It was once of importance as a manufactory for cannon. The ordnance cast here was asserted to be of better metal, and would bear higher charges than those of any other foundry in the kingdom. For upwards of 40 years the manufactory has ceased, and the building has disappeared, leaving the proof-bank for cannon, the under banks, &c., as the only vestiges of things that were. A battle was fought here in 633 or 635, between Cadwallo, a prince of the royal blood of Wessex, and Edwin, king of Northumberland. Slaughter Common, near Owlsbury mill, the property of Lady Blunt, is said to have been the spot where this sanguinary action was fought, and which terminated in the death of Edwin and his son Osfrid. Heathfield Park is the residence of Lady Blunt, and in the north-west corner of it is a tower built on an elevation of 600 feet above the level of the sea. It was built of stone in commemoration of the hero of Gibraltar, Lieut.-Gen. Elliott, afterwards Lord Heathfield and Baron Gibraltar, once proprietor of this estate. About a mile from the park is a hamlet called Cade

Street, erroneously said to have been the spot where the notorious Jack Cade was killed by Alexander Iden, or Eden, sheriff of Kent in the reign of Henry VI. A stone pillar was erected some years since by Mr. Newbery (then proprietor of the park), on the spot where he is reported to have been slain.*



## BAYHAM ABBEY.

These ruins are situated about six miles from the Wells. The pleasantest and most

* There can be little doubt but that the whole of this is pure invention. Cade, according to the Kentish historians was killed at Hothfield, near Ashford, in a close belonging to Ripple manor, which has been recently added to the grounds of the Earl of Thanet, at Hothfield House.

direct road to them was formerly through Frant, but a new road has been opened, by way of Frant Forest, which leads to the little village of *Bell's Ewe Green*, from whence there is a delightful drive through romantic woodland scenery to the venerable abbey. The site of Bayham Abbey was originally in two counties, viz.—Kent and Sussex. It was anciently called Begham, or Begeham, and was first occupied in the twelfth century by a society of white canons called Premonstratensians from the chief abbey being at Premontre in Picardy.

The following inscription, on a stone near the spot where the high altar stood, gives the particulars of the foundation of the Priory of Bayham:—

> Ela de Sackville, Davghter of Ralphe
> de Dene, fovnded this Priorie in honovr
> of St. Marie, in the reign of K. Richard
> ye First. The Grovnd was given bye
> Syr Richard de Thorneham.
> The Præmonstratensian Canons of
> Brockley, with those of Beavliev were
> incorporated and placed here, and
> their charters were confirmed bye
> Kyng John, K. Henrie III. and K. Edw. II.
> It was dissolved in the Reign of K. Hen. VIII.

It was used for some time as the burial place of the Sackvilles, and among the benefactors to the abbots and convent of Bayham was Sir Thomas Sackville, who was knight of the shire for Buckinghamshire, in the first and eighteenth years of Richard 2nd.

The canons continued to flourish until the Priory was dissolved in the 17th of Henry 8th, when, in consequence of its being classed with the smaller monasteries, it was amongst the first dissolved, and its revenues, amounting to £152 9s. 4½d., granted to Cardinal Wolsey towards the foundation of his projected colleges at Ipswich and Oxford. After the disgrace of the cardinal, the site of the Priory reverted to the crown, and was granted by Queen Elizabeth to the Montague family. It came into the possession of John Pratt, Esq., afterwards Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench in the year 1714, from whom it descended to the father of the present Marquis Camden, who derived from it the title of Viscount Bayham. About the year 1762, John Pratt, Esq., nephew of Lord Camden, erected the present dwelling-house, which has been considerably improved within the last few years, and is frequently the residence of its noble proprietor.

When the estate came into the hands of Chief Justice Pratt, much of the ruin was in tolerably good preservation, more particularly the church, which was nearly entire. The ruins consist of the nave of the church, the cloisters, and a portion of the refectory, with its offices. At the north-eastern end are the remains of a staircase leading probably to a gallery, which, passing behind the altar, went round the interior of the church, as is frequently found in buildings of that period. Traces of the high altar are still very

perceptible, and in various parts of the ruins are flat stones, thought to be grave stones.

## SCOTNEY CASTLE.

*(Nine Miles from Tunbridge Wells.)*

From Bayham, the most direct road to Scotney, from which it is distant about three miles, is to leave Lamberhurst to the left, and cross the Down into the Hastings road.

Scotney castle was a castellated mansion of considerable extent surrounded by a moat, and from a very early period was occupied by families of some consequence, from whom it was named.

It was a square building, having a round machicolated tower at each corner, with intermediate buildings. One of these only remains—that at the south entrance. The lantern on the top is evidently of modern date as compared with the original building. A portion of the gate-house is still remaining, and also part of an ancient mansion, the latter of which was designed by Inigo Jones. The present proprietor of Scotney, Edward Hussey, Esq., has built a superb edifice in the Elizabethan style. It is at a short distance from the ancient mansion, on the summit of a hill, and, with the exception of a few internal fittings, was finished in the spring of 1843. It is built of stone raised on the estate, and may certainly rank with the most splendid mansions in the county.*

* To prevent disappointment, it is right to observe that neither the mansion nor the ruins are allowed to be seen by strangers.

## STONE CROUCH

is a small hamlet three miles from Lamberhurst, and eleven from the Wells. A short distance from the inn is *Combwell House*, the property of William Campion, Esq., of Danny, near Brighton. This was formerly a Priory of the order of St. Augustine, and was founded by Robert de Thurneham in the reign of King Henry 2nd.

A mile beyond *Stone Crouch* is FLIMWELL, where the direct roads from Hastings and Rye meet; that on the right being the road to Hastings, and that on the left leading to Rye, through Hawkhurst and Northiam.

## HAWKHURST

is a pretty and genteel village fifteen miles from the Wells and the same distance from Rye, to which it is the direct road from the metropolis. It was anciently a market town, but the market has long since been disused. The parish is very populous and one of the largest in the county. There were anciently five crosses or watch-houses, and a beacon here. The church is dedicated to St. Laurence. It formerly contained some fine painted glass windows, very few remains of which are now visible.

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Those who may feel not disposed to extend their ride beyond Scotney, can return by the Hastings and London road to

## LAMBERHURST,

*(Eight Miles from Tunbridge Wells.)*

The late William Cobbett, in his "Rural Rides," says, "This is one of the most beautiful villages that man ever sat his eyes on. I saw what I never saw before, namely—*a gooseberry tree trained against a house.* The height of the highest shoot was about ten feet from the ground, and the horizontal shoots on each side, were from eight to ten feet in length. The tree had been judiciously pruned, and all the limbs were full of very large gooseberries, considering the age of the tree."

The cottage alluded to is now occupied by a person of the name of Hickmott, who still cultivates this extraordinary tree.

Opposite the *George Inn* is a large house, part of which is a farm-house, belonging to Mr. Calverley, of Ewell Castle, near Epsom. It was for many generations in possession of a family of the name of Thomas. Westward from this is the parsonage house; and on the opposite side, on the rise of a hill adjoining the church, is *Court Lodge.* The church, which has nothing remarkable in its architecture, is dedicated to St. Mary. There are some very fine monuments in it, particularly one to the memory of Colonel Charles Morland. The pulpit is of carved oak, and bears the date of 1630.

Persons coming here by the direct road from the Wells through Pembury, will find a

pleasing change in the ride in returning by way of Bayham, which is two miles from Lamberhurst, as from several parts of the road the ruins form a very picturesque object.

A short distance from the village on the right of this road are the only vestiges which remain of the once celebrated foundry, where the iron balustrade that incloses St. Paul's Churchyard was cast. These vestiges consist of a cottage, which was once the counting-house, and stands by the side of a mill-pond; with here and there traces of the foundry walls. The railings and gates for St. Paul's weighed upwards of 200 tons, and cost £11,202 0s. 6d.

## PEMBURY.

This village is situated about two miles and a half east of Tunbridge Wells. The road to it makes one of the pleasantest drives in the neighbourhood, and abounds in magnificent scenery.

Pembury old church stands in a very conspicuous situation, upwards of a mile from the principal part of the village. It was built in the reign of Edward 3rd., and is dedicated to St. Peter. On a very ancient stone in the pavement of the chancel is an inscription in Norman-French, for Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Colepeper, which appears coeval with the above-mentioned reign.

Several memorials and monuments of the Amherst family are also in this church, and a figure in brass, with an inscription for Elizabeth, the daughter of Richard Rowe, Esq., who died 28th Sept., 1607, is near the altar.

Adjoining the churchyard is *Spring Grove*, the property and residence of A. B. Belcher, Esq. A short distance from this, past the water-mill, is a farm called *Hawkwell*, where formerly stood a very ancient moated mansion, belonging to a family of that name, or rather Halkwell, who resided for some generations on this manor. In consequence of the very inconvenient distance of the old church from the populous part of the parish, a new church, or Chapel of Ease, has been erected on a well chosen site near the Camden Arms: the land and building stone was given by the Marquis Camden. The church, which is dedicated to St. Peter, is a very pleasing object, and built in the perpendicular style of Gothic architecture, designed by Mr. Edward N. Stevens, architect, Tunbridge Wells. The cost of it, exclusive of the site and building stone, was about £1700, £200 of which was given by the Incorporated Society for Building Churches, &c. The pulpit, reading desk, font, and reredos are of carved stone.

At the end of the village is a row of neat almshouses, the gift of Charles Amherst, Esq., of Bayhall, in 1702, for six old, blind, or impotent persons of the parish of Pembury.

Immediately after passing the *Camden*

*Arms*, kept by Mr. Pawley, on the right, is a pleasant road through some fields and hop-gardens to Bayhall.

## BAYHALL.

This was one of the most ancient seats of the distinguished families of the Colepepers, "whose demesnes," says Hasted, "spread over the whole face of this county, but more especially the western parts of it." It is now the property of the Marquis Camden; and this, with the adjoining farm of Little Bayhall, is occupied by Mr. Stephen Lansdell.

The present structure was raised by Richard Amherst, Esq., who died in 1664. The old mansion was surrounded by a moat, a considerable portion of which remains, and traces of the whole are clearly perceptible.

## MATFIELD GREEN

is a pretty little rural village about six miles from the Wells. There is a very neat dissenting chapel here, and some genteel residences.

## BRENCHLEY.

In the *Textus Roffensis* this is written Brænceste. It is of large extent, and pleasantly situated on a hill. The houses in general are capacious, and of ancient con-

struction. A short distance eastward is a place called *Broad Oak*, and near it, upon an eminence is a remarkable cluster of trees called Brenchley toll, which, from their elevated situation, are seen at a great distance from every direction round them.

The church is dedicated to All Saints, and there are some good monuments in it belonging to the families of the Courthopes and Roberts's. The churchyard has a very neat appearance, especially the row of well clipt yews leading to the porch. Near the village are the extensive nursery grounds belonging to Mr. Hooker, which are highly deserving of a visit.

## HORSMONDEN.

This village is ten miles from Tunbridge Wells. The church, which is a very handsome building dedicated to St. Margaret, has recently undergone some alterations and restorations, which has much improved the interior and rendered it more commodious. The principal part of the village is situated round the Green, or, as it is termed, *Horsmonden Heath.*

## GOUDHURST.

This is a very pretty village, situated about twelve miles from the Wells. The church, with a great portion of the village, stands on an exceedingly high hill, and the prospect from the churchyard is at once extensive,

rich, and varied; such, indeed, as Kent only can afford. The church is dedicated to St. Mary, and is a handsome building consisting of three aisles and the same number of chancels. At the west end is a low tower, and a smaller one at the corner with a pointed turret and a vane on the top.

There are several very handsome monuments in the church, many of them belonging to the Colepepers of Bedgebury, a very ancient family in the county, but now, we believe, extinct.

There is a low window in the south aisle, in the recess of which is a tomb of Bethersden marble, and upon it the figure of a knight and his lady *carved in wood*, habited in the dress of their times. The knight's armour is richly carved, and the *tout ensemble* is probably superior to anything in the kingdom.

So commanding is the eminence upon which the church is built, that fifty-seven parish churches, it is said, may be distinctly seen from the tower. About two miles from Goudhurst is

## KILNDOWN,

where there is a new district church, erected in the year 1840, chiefly through the munificent contributions of the Viscount and Viscountess Beresford, by whom it is principally endowed. It contains sittings for 320 persons, 220 of which are free. The beautiful painted windows, which were executed at the royal

manufactory at Munich, were the gift of A. J. B. Hope, Esq., M.P. The fine-toned organ was given by Lady Beresford.

## BEDGEBURY.

This magnificent mansion is about 2½ miles to the south of Goudhurst. About the year 1836 it became the property, by purchase, of Viscount Beresford, who has a princely mansion here. The style is strictly Palladian. The whole arrangements of the interior were planned by the noble proprietor. The architectural proportions and embellishments, inside and out, are from the designs of Alexander Roos, Esq., a young Italian artist of great taste and judgement, by whom, also, the ceilings of the principal rooms were painted. The mansion is surrounded by 2,000 acres of woodland, and opposite the east front is a fine lake covering 22 acres.

## GLASSENBURY

was formerly the principal seat of a very ancient family in this county, of the name of Rookherste or Roberts. It is two miles from Goudhurst, and was once of considerable note. The house is surrounded by a moat, and possesses great interest from its antiquity.

## CRANBROOK.

This pleasant town is situated in a valley, sixteen miles from the Wells, and is renowned

for the salubrity of the air. The church is dedicated to St. Dunstan, and is a spacious and handsome edifice, being one of the largest in the Weald of Kent. Cranbrook and Goudhurst churches are considered two of the handsomest, inside particularly, of any in the county.

The Society of Friends have a meeting-house here, and a burial ground, which is a short distance from the town.

It was at this town, in the year 1336, that the Flemings, encouraged by Edward III., established broad-cloth weaving.

In this parish, a mile and a half from the town, is a hamlet called *Milkhouse Street*, where are the remains of a chapel founded by John Lawness, *temp.* Henry 6th, and dedicated to the Holy Trinity. Near this is *Sissinghurst*, or, as it was anciently called, *Saxenherst*, from the owners of this demesne. It was once the residence of the ancient family of the Bakers, and is now the property of the Earl Cornwallis.

## SPELDHURST

is thought to have derived its name from the Saxon words *spele* and *herste*, signifying the gospel, or holy, wood ; but the derivation of it is doubtful. Certain it is that from a remote period it appears to have been a rectory ; and the antiquity of the old church, with the several ancient manors in the vicinity, prove incontestibly that this parish ought to be reckoned amongst the earliest

of which we have any account. Whether for the pedestrian, equestrian, or for a carriage drive, you proceed about half way across Rusthall Common, and turn to the right, which leads you to *Lower Green*. From thence is a pleasant walk through the fields to Speldhurst.

The church is dedicated to St. Mary, and is a modern building, the old church having been destroyed by fire, October 20th, 1791, during an awful storm of thunder and lightning. The old church was a fine structure, and the curious porch to it was built by the Duke of Orleans during the period of his confinement at Groombridge. The Rev. J. J. Saint is the present rector of Speldhurst.

A quarter of a mile north from Speldhurst, at a place called *Bardens*, were formerly a foundry and forge for casting large cannon, and making divers sorts of iron work. They have long since been disused.

About a mile from the village, on the road to Penshurst, is *Pound's Bridge*, where, at the bottom of a hill, is a curious old half-timbered house, with gables, barge boards, &c. The date in the front of it is 1593. Underneath this are the letters, "W. D.," rather fantastically fashioned in wood, and "ETA 69." W. D. are the initials of William Darkenoll, a former rector of Penshurst, who died July 12, 1596.

## PENSHURST.

The village of Penshurst is situated at the north-west of the Wells, from which it is distant between six and seven miles, according to the road taken. The shortest, through Speldhurst, we have already mentioned; there is also another, by way of Langton and Crockhurst Hatch, but the pleasantest is *via* Southborough and Bidborough.

The *Place* at Penshurst being the principal object of attraction to visitors, we shall first enter upon a description of it, but from the recent improvements effected in it and the alterations proceeding with, it is impossible to convey to the reader a correct idea of the original state of this once magnificent building, or its present splendid appearance. It was a place of some importance before the time of William the Norman; and, after being in possession of several dignified families, it was presented by Edward 6th to Sir William Sidney, who was made a knight banneret at the memorable battle of Flodden Field.

Upon the death of Edward at Greenwich in 1552, Sir Henry, overpowered with grief, retired to Penshurst. He died on the 5th May, 1585, at Ludlow, in Shropshire, from whence his body was removed by command of Queen Elizabeth, and buried with great pomp in the chancel of Penshurst church. Sir Philip Sidney, son of the above, and author of the *Arcadia*, was born at Penshurst

on the 29th November, 1554. Being the first of that family born at Penshurst, a tree was planted in the park on the occasion, to which Ben Jonson alludes as

> That tall tree too, which of a nut was set
> At his great birth, where all the muses met.

Sir Philip was killed at the battle of Zutphen in Holland, on the 22nd September, 1586.

In 1649, the young Duke of Gloucester and his sister, the Princess Elizabeth, two of the children of the unfortunate Charles 1st, were consigned to the care of the Countess of Leicester, and remained with her at Penshurst about twelve months. This lady was the mother of Lady Dorothy, better known as the *Sacharissa* of the poet Waller.

Penshurst was also the birth-place of Algernon Sidney, who was beheaded on Tower-hill in 1683, for being concerned in the Rye-house plot.

Robert Sidney, third Earl of Leicester, and brother of Algernon, died at Penshurst in 1674.

The present noble proprietor, created Baron De L'Isle and Dudley in 1835, is the only son of Sir John Shelley Sidney, Bart., who was the second son of the late Sir Bysshe Shelley, of Castle Goring, in the county of Sussex, Bart.

The principal front of this noble edifice extends upwards of 300 feet in length.

The mansion incloses a spacious quadrangle. An inner portal opens into a corri-

dor, where there are three arched doorways, leading to the buttery, kitchen, &c. This is divided from the hall by a screen, over which is a gallery for the minstrels; and from this gallery there were communications with the principal apartments on the north side of the mansion. The fine old baronial hall is 54 feet long by 38 feet wide, and upwards of 60 feet in height. At the upper end of the hall is the dais or raised platform. There are three antique tables now in the hall, which have possibly groaned under the weight of many a feast.

From the hall a stone staircase leads into a saloon, called a ball-room. In the corners and centre of this room are six marble columns—two Egyptian green, two Sienna, and two Scagliola. There are also several tables of mosaic, representing figures and landscapes; a table of Sienna marble, and two of black marble, elaborately inlaid. At the end of the room are some steps leading into a gallery which communicates with the modern apartments. The next room is called the *Pages' Room*, in which are many excellent paintings, &c. Next to this is the *Queen's Drawing Room*, in which are some chairs highly ornamented. A brass cabinet, inlaid with tortoiseshell, is covered with curious and valuable antiques, many of them discovered at Herculaneum. The pictures in this room are chiefly of the Sidney family by Lely, Holbein, Mark Gerard, and Vandyke. In the *Tapestry Room* is an Egyptian

green marble table and ornaments. A small room adjoining this is called the *Second Pages' Room.*

The Picture Gallery is about 90 feet long. In the recess is a table of *lapis lazuli*, inlaid with the arms of the Sydney family, and contains *ninety-five* quarterings. There is a cabinet here, a present from King James 1st to Robert, first Earl of Leicester. The gallery is well filled with paintings, many of which are by the first masters.

Returning to the great hall you proceed into what is called the *Minstrel's Gallery*, which abounds in ancient armour and various relics of the olden times There are some iron shields, a variety of helmets and skull caps, knights' armour, horsemen's boots, partisans, &c. Most of these are of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. To the right of the gallery, through a small room, is an inner room, or cell, which has been used as a prison ; to the left, at the back of the Minstrels' Gallery, is a *suite* of apartments, called Lady Perry's.

The park belonging to this mansion was formerly of immense extent, and reckoned amongst the largest and finest in the kingdom ; being in some places four miles broad, and about ten or twelve miles round. Traces of the boundaries of it are met with at Leigh, to which no doubt it extended, as well as to South Park in the opposite direction. At present it contains upwards of 200 acres, well planted with oak, beech, and chestnut

trees ; and it is watered on the south side by the river Medway. A pleasant walk through the park brings you to a step-stile, upon crossing which, a short distance to the right is the oak already referred to, supposed to be the " Bear's Oak," which is twenty-seven feet in circumference at five feet from the ground. It is quite hollow, and measures inside fourteen feet ; being ample room for ten or twelve people to stand within it. Near this is a fine piece of water called Lancup Well, where, in the forenoon of August 17th, 1799, Philip Shelley, Esq., then in his twenty-first year, was unfortunately drowned, whilst rowing about in an Indian canoe. Just beyond this, and immediately facing the principal entrance to the mansion, from which it can be seen, are some trees called " Lady Gamage's Bower" so named after Barbara Gamage, Countess of Leicester. Nearly adjoining this is a row of trees called " Sacharissa's Walk."

Penshurst church is a venerable looking building, dedicated to St. John the Baptist. From its situation there can be little doubt but that it was once within the extensive park. There are several ancient monuments in the church of most distinguished families.

In the churchyard there is a very interesting memorial in remembrance of two young ladies named Allnutt. Within an iron palisading are planted roses, geraniums, clematis, cypress, &c. ; and on two stones, one at the head and the other at the foot of the grave, are the following lines :—

ON THE HEAD-STONE.

When all the pleasures of the world are past,
And all its little vanities are o'er;
Amidst the silent mansions of the dead,
Where cares torment, and joys delight no more.

Here, side by side, a kindred dear shall rest;
Hence, hand-in-hand before the Almighty rise,
Together quit earth's cold and dreary breast,
For brighter dwellings in Æthereal skies.

For love of parent, husband, wife, and child,
So strongly planted in the human heart,
Inspires the faith that they shall meet again
In realms of bliss, where they shall never part!

Though sweet that faith, yet futile are our cares,
For God has promis'd, and he will fulfil:
And atoms scattered o'er the world's wide space
Shall rise embodied, and perform his will!

ON THE FOOT-STONE.

Spare what thou seest, for spoil will but increase
The bitter anguish of a Father's breast:
Whose greatest joy, is thus to deck the tomb,
And dress the green sod where his Children rest.

These fragrant Flowers, the fairest of their kind,
Restore to memory, for ever dear;
Some sweet bewitching grace of form or mind,
And bloom the emblem of these buried here.

O'er these sad graves, each gentle maid shall sigh,
And sorrowing, raise her thoughts to Heaven above:
Ah! gentle maid, may'st thou be spared to bless,
With fond return, thine anxious parents' love.

At the entrance to the churchyard are some very ancient dwellings, and a remarkably large tree. In other parts of the village there are several genteel modern residences, and some pretty rustic alms-houses. The river Medway runs through the southern part of the parish, and about two miles from the village is a station of the South-Eastern Railway.

Redleafe House is situated at the north-west corner of Penshurst Park. It is the property of William Wells, Esq., who has greatly improved it. The gardens and pleasure grounds are laid out with very refined taste, and the house is adorned with a superb collection of pictures by the most esteemed ancient and modern artists.

## LEIGH

is a small parish eastward from Penshurst. The church is a remarkably old building, and quite diminutive in size. It is dedicated to St. Mary, and has some good specimens of painted glass in the windows. In the chancel there are three brass plates removed from some grave stones, and nailed on the floor of a pew. There is also a brass plate representing the effigy of a woman in her shroud lying in a tomb ; underneath which, on the side of the tomb, is this curious distich, in black letter :—

**Fare well, all ye,**
**Tell you come to me.**

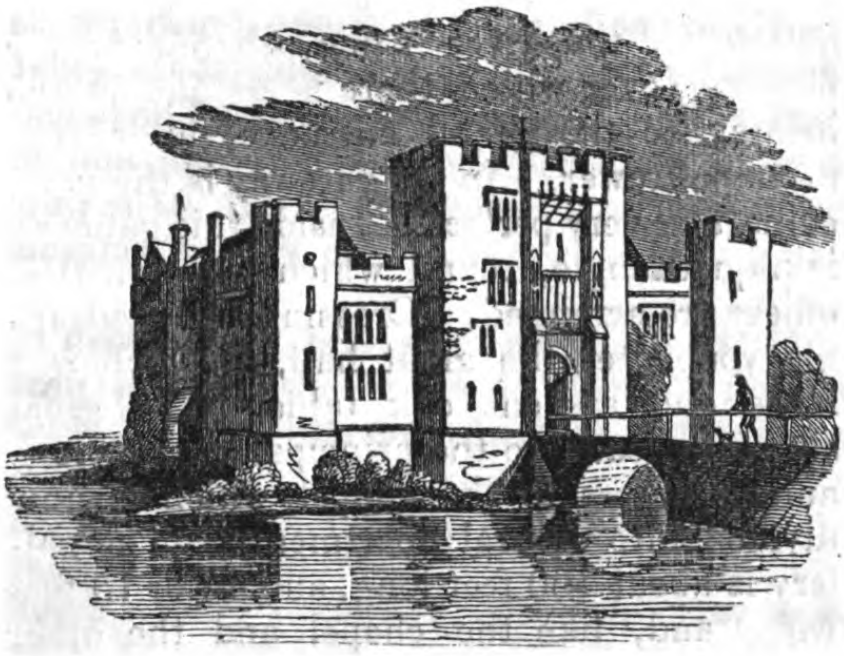
About half a mile from Penshurst is SOUTH PARK, formerly belonging to the great park, from which it was aliented. The house is prettily situated on an eminence, and is built in the castellated style. It is the property and residence of the gallant veteran Lord Hardinge.

If the visitor to Penshurst should wish to extend his ride he will be gratified in proceeding to Chiddingstone and Hever.

## CHIDDINGSTONE

is a very neat and pleasant village eight miles from the Wells. The name of it is said to be derived from a large stone, which now stands in the park belonging to H. Streatfeild, Esq., and was anciently called the "chiding-stone," from its being the place where females addicted to scolding were seated while they were chided by the priest.

The church is a remarkably handsome building, dedicated to St. Mary. The tower steeple at the west end is justly reckoned amongst the finest specimens of architecture to be found in Kent, and it contains a peal of eight richly-toned bells.



## HEVER

is situated about a mile from Chiddingstone, and ten miles from the Wells. The castle is a highly interesting place to visit, not merely from the excellent preservation in which this "domestic fortress" is maintained, but from the many historical reminiscences connected with it. It was at this castle where Henry 8th wooed and won his bride; and many state documents of that period, besides others of a more tender and private nature, are dated from Hever. After the death of Anna Bullen the castle was declared forfeited to the king, by whom it was given to his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves, who remained sometime here after her repudiation.

The castle, which is entire, is a large mass of buildings with buttresses, machicollations, square towers, embrasures, &c. A moat,

formed by the river Eden, surrounds the building, over which there is a stone bridge leading to the grand entrance, under the principal tower. In the gateway is the portcullis, still very perfect. Inside this gateway is a quadrangle, round which the domestic offices are arranged. Crossing the quadrangle you enter the great hall, in which is a large and ancient oak table. The great staircase leads to the principal chambers—among others to the chapel, which is now divided into several apartments. The gallery is about 100 feet long, and 14 or 15 feet wide, and, like the chapel and the other rooms, is wainscoted with small oaken panels. A recess on one side of this gallery, ascended by two steps, contains a seat capable of holding ten or a dozen persons. Over the entrance gate is a drawing-room very tastefully fitted up with all modern conveniences, but in perfect unison with the style of the building. There are some good family pictures in this room, and a small portrait on panel of Queen Anna Bullen, which has been preserved with almost religious veneration by the different possessors of the castle.

The church is at the eastern end of the village, and is a small building with a neat spire. It is dedicated to St. Peter, and bears strong marks of antiquity.

## EDENBRIDGE

is about two miles from Hever, and takes its name from the river Eden, which runs

through here, and joins the Medway at Penshurst. The church is a large and handsome building, and was once celebrated for a crucifix of excellent workmanship. There is a station of the Dover Railway about a mile from the village.

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Proceeding from the Wells to Groombridge you cross Rusthall Common. As you leave this, to the left is the residence of Captain Cooper; a little beyond which, on the same side of the road, is Miss Bowen Harding's. Next to this is *Holmwood*, the property of Dr. Locock. The views on each side of the road to

## LANGTON,

which is two miles from Tunbridge Wells, are extremely pleasant. This small village is studded with several good private residences, and on the left of the road is the estate of Bingham Richards, Esq., the friend of Henry Salt, the celebrated Abyssinian traveller. Adjoining this is

## HOLLONDS,

one of the manors in the parish of Speldhurst. The site of the old mansion has long been lost, but there are appearances near the present house of an orchard and the remains of a garden, which belonged to the ancient dwelling. The estate belongs to the Rev. H. Cholmondeley, who has built here,

"Bosom'd high in tufted trees,"

an elegant modern mansion, called *The Hollonds*. Some short distance beyond, diverging to the right, is *Crockhurst Hatch*, which leads through *Chafford* to *Penshurst*.

## CHAFFORD

is another ancient manor in the neighbourhood, for many years the property and residence of the Rowe's and Rivers's. It derives its name from a ford of early date across the Medway, which is here a considerable stream. The principal object at this place is the paper manufactory of Mr. R. Turner, which is well worth inspecting. Immediately facing the lodge leading to these mills, on the right, is a very ancient house with a porch in front of it, and beyond this is *Spring Hill*, occupied by Mr. Austin.

To the left of *Crockhurst Hatch*, leaving *Ashurst Park*, the property of Mrs. Fowler Jones, on the right, is the road to

## ASHURST,

which owes its derivation to the Saxon word *Ashyrst*, or the wood of ashes. At *Stone Cross*, near this place is a chestnut tree, by the road side, which measures thirty feet in girth. There is a singular old church here, and a large branch of the Medway. This parish was formerly celebrated for its miraculous rood.

The Rev. William Ramsden is the rector, and has a mansion here, called "The

Mount." It is most romantically situated, and is fitted up internally with great taste. The grounds are well laid out, and a communication is formed between them over the road, by a rustic bridge, which produces a pleasing effect.

## GROOMBRIDGE

is four miles from the Wells, and was originally called Gromenbridge, from a noble Saxon named Gromen, who was the proprietor of it. It afterwards became the property in succession of several distinguished families, till it was purchased by Sir Richard Waller, in the reign of Henry 5th. This worthy knight greatly distinguished himself at the ever memorable battle of Azincourt, where he was fortunate enough to take the Duke of Orleans prisoner, and for his bravery on the occasion was allowed by Henry to keep him in honourable confinement at Groombridge. He was at last released by the mediation of the Duke of Burgundy, upon the payment of a ransom of 300,000 crowns,* although strongly opposed by Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester. In gratitude for the generous treatment he met with during his captivity, he rebuilt the old house, which was formerly a square castle occupying the whole space, and inclosing an inner court. The house thus rebuilt by the Duke of Orleans, after passing through several possessors, was again reduced, and

* Dugdale says 400,000 crowns.

rebuilt upon a more contracted plan by John Packer, Esq., Clerk of the Privy Seal to Charles 1st, who also built a votive chapel of ease to the parish church of Speldhurst.

The inscription over the door of this chapel still remains, the prince's crest having been fresh carved. "D.O.M. 1625, ob feliccissimi Caroli Principis ex Hispaniâ reducis Sacellum hoc D.D.J.P." The present proprietor of the *Place* is Mrs. Saint.

About a mile from the village is *Burr's Wood*, the property of David Salomons, Esq., who, a few years since, erected a very elegant mansion in the Elizabethan style.

## WITHYHAM

is a pleasant village in the county of Sussex, seven miles from Tunbridge Wells. The church, dedicated to St. Michael, stands upon an eminence, near the parsonage house, and is a large and handsome edifice, in the style of the 15th century. The original edifice was destroyed by lightning on the 16th June, 1663, and was rebuilt, according to one account, in 1689; but there is a date of 1672 on the porch, which would indicate that the rebuilding took place very soon after the destruction of it. There are some fine monuments in the church, principally of the Sackville family, whose vault is under the mausoleum. There are several other handsome monuments in the church, from the chisels of our best sculptors.

The Hon. and Rev. R. W. Sackville West is the present incumbent.

## BUCKHURST.

A short distance from Withyham church is the only remaining tower of the once magnificent seat of the Sackvilles. From the ground plan it appears to have been an immense pile of buildings, covering an area of 260 feet in front, with a depth of 200 feet. There were eight towers, and in front was the tower gateway, which still remains in good preservation. The site of nearly the whole building can be traced with some little difficulty, and the remains of the ancient hall, which was 55 feet long and 40 feet wide, are now used as a barn. The tennis court was 55 feet long, and the several apartments were in proportion. It originally belonged to the family of Dene, and became the property of the Sackvilles by the marriage of Ela, daughter and co-heiress of Ralph de Dene, with Jordan de Sackville, from whom the dukes of Dorset were lineally descended.

The present mansion, a short distance from the tower, is the property and residence of Earl De La Warr, who married Elizabeth, daughter of John Frederick, third Duke of Dorset, by whom this portion of the Sackville property was inherited. His lordship has added considerably to it. It is in the Tudor style, and stands in a very extensive park, which contains some of the finest beeches probably in the country.

## HARTFIELD

is one mile beyond Withyham. It is a pretty village, and the church, dedicated to St. Mary, stands in a very conspicuous situation. There are some good monuments in it, some of which are very ancient, and there are also several iron slabs, and a few of stone, formerly inlaid with brasses. In this parish is *Bolebroke*, the ancient residence of the Sackvilles, and now belonging to the Buckhurst estate. It is considered one of the earliest brick edifices in the country, having been built in the fifteenth century. Enough of it still remains to trace the original plans, and a tower gateway affords a good specimen of the style of the building. The present incumbent is the Rev. John Jowett.

## FOREST ROW.

Tradition states that this village was built for the accommodation of the nobility and their attendants, when they came to hunt in the great forest of Ashdowne. Adjoining it is *Kidbrook*, the seat of Lord Colchester. It is a building of considerable size, and completely sheltered by the extensive and flourishing plantations around, which effectually exclude it from the road. A new Chapel of Ease to East Grinstead was built in the year 1835. It is a plain Gothic building, with a shingled spire, and contains about 436 sittings.

## BRAMBLETYE.

This was formerly an ancient manor. From the beginning of the reign of Edward 1st to that of Edward 3rd it was held by a family of the name of Audehame; but, at the latter period, John, son of John de St. Clere, was seized of the lordship. In this family it continued many years.

It is supposed that Brambletye House was built by Sir Henry Compton, who was possessed of the manor at the commencement of the reign of James 1st. Sir Henry's first wife was Lady Cicely, the daughter of Robert, Earl of Dorset; and his second was Mary, daughter of Sir George Browne, Knight. It was during the life of the latter lady that Brambletye was built, for over the principal entrance, in stone, is the coat armour of Compton, impaling the arms of Browne.

The remains of this once noble mansion consist of the principal entrance, one square turret, and the portion of another, the upper part of which, together with much of the building has been taken away within these few years by the tenants on the manor, for building purposes. The domestic offices underneath the building are extensive, and display pointed arches. The entrance to them is under an arched passage at the end of the building; the freshness of the masonry of this passage appears but of yesterday, and not of the age of two centuries. Brambletye was attacked and taken by the Roundheads,

in the time of the civil wars, who forced an entrance through the gateway which is still standing, and arranged their forces in the courtyard, now ploughed up.

In this neighbourhood is the celebrated *Forest* of *Ashdowne*, the scenery from which, in every direction, is of the most romantic description, many parts of it more resembling uncultivated wilds than the vicinage of anything civilised.

In one part of the forest is a heap of stones called *Gill's Lap*, which it has been reasonably conjectured was the burial place of some warrior of antiquity.

## EAST GRINSTEAD.

This town is situated on a considerable eminence, near the borders of Surrey. It contains some good modern houses, and respectable inns. It is distant three miles from Forest Row, and fifteen from Tunbridge Wells. The church, dedicated to St. Swithin, is a conspicuous object from many parts of the surrounding country. It consists of a nave, aisles, and chancel, with a noble tower of considerable elevation; and is a spacious and handsome edifice, in a pure style of Gothic architecture. It is a singular fact that the present church is the third that has existed within a century and a half; the first having been burnt down by lightning in 1684. The tower of the second, owing to unskilful workmanship and bad materials, fell down in

November, 1785, and destroyed a great portion of the church.

## SOUTHBOROUGH

is an exceedingly pretty hamlet, situated about half-way between Tunbridge and Tunbridge Wells, on the London road. Immediately after leaving the Wells, you cross the "Loo," as it is now termed, being evidently a corruption of *Lowy*, by which name the Normans distinguished a certain district round their castle or chief mansion. Southborough commences at the *Cross Keys*, a little beyond which is *South Field Park*, the residence of the Rev. G. Goldney.

Southborough, or the borough of South, was formerly the principal place for the residences of the nobility and gentry who came to drink the Tunbridge waters. The church, which is most picturesquely situated on the beautiful common, is a plain, but extremely neat building, containing 500 sittings, of which 286 are free. The present incumbent is the Rev. S. Langstone. Divine service on Sundays at half-past ten and three o'clock, and on Wednesday evenings at a quarter before seven. There have been some Gothic villas lately erected on the property of David Salomons, Esq., and others to the right of Piper's nursery grounds. A short distance beyond the former is

## GREAT BOUNDS,

an ancient mansion, the residence of the Rev. Sir Charles Hardinge, Bart., vicar of

Tunbridge. It had, originally, the same proprietors as Tunbridge Castle, and formed part of the posessions of the family of the Clare's, Earls of Gloucester. The walk through a part of these grounds to Bidborough church is extremely picturesque. In a retired and romantic situation in the *Birch Wood* is a plain monumental column to the memory of Lady Catherine Stewart, sister to Lord Darnley, and wife of Brigadier-General Stewart, now Marquis of Londonderry.



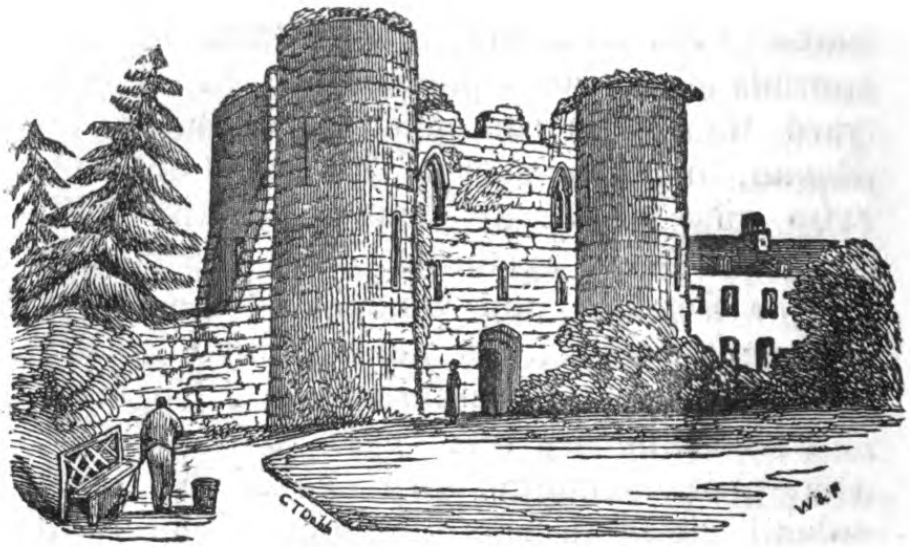
## BIDBOROUGH

Adjoining Great Bounds Park is the ancient little church belonging to this parish, which forms a picturesque object from many parts of the surrounding scenery. It is dedi-

cated to St. Laurence, but contains no memorials of any consequence. In the churchyard there is a sarcophagus, executed by Bacon, to the memory of the Baron de Roll, who died at Great Bounds on the 27th August, 1813, aged 64. The Baron was Major-General, and Colonel of the Swiss regiment bearing his name, which greatly distinguished itself in the service of England.

Proceeding by this *route* to Penshurst, the eye is enchanted with one of the finest inland views in the kingdom. The *coup d'œil* is of the most charming description. Richly cultivated hills and valleys are stretched before you to an almost boundless extent, forming one of those exquisite living panoramas which nature, and nature alone, can produce.

As you proceed down Quarry Hill, towards Tunbridge, on the left is *Mabledon*, the property and residence of John Deacon, Esq. It is a modern castellated mansion, built a few years since by James Burton, Esq., who resided here for some time, but in 1828, disposed of it to the present proprietor, who has since made extensive alterations in it. The elevated situation in which it is placed, renders the views from it particularly delightful, comprising, as it does, much of the interesting scenery already noticed at Bidborough, with striking features of its own in perfect unison with it.



## TUNBRIDGE.

The castle of Tunbridge was a great possession, long held by Richard de Tonebrege and his descendants; and they assumed to hold it immediately of the crown, though the superiority was claimed by the Archbishops of Canterbury; and it seems probable that it had been obtained from Stigand, Archbishop of Canterbury, at the time of the Conquest, when that prelate had fallen under the displeasure of the Conqueror. Richard de Tonebrege was the ancestor of a great family who assumed the name of *De Clare*, and were first styled Earls of Clare, and afterwards, Earls of Gloucester and Hertford. They dropped the surname of Tonebrege, by which Richard, son of Earl Gilbert, was distinguished, and used that of Clare. In 1088, Odo, with others of the nobility, having made defection from William Rufus to Robert his elder brother, the king besieged at Tun-

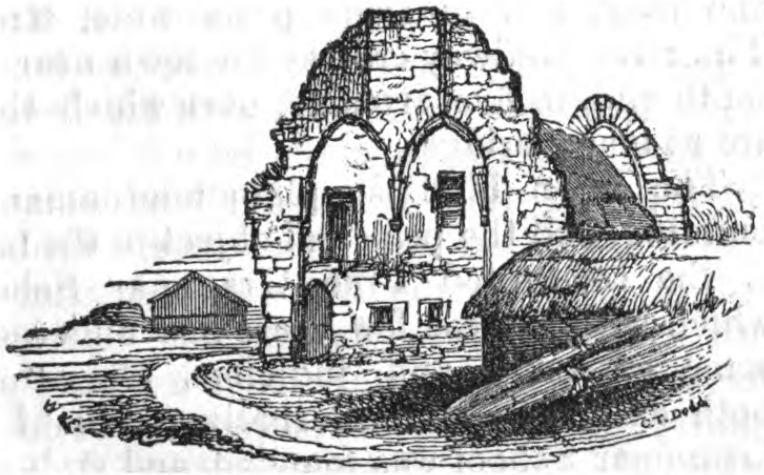
bridge, one Gilbert, then keeper of the castle, and compelled him to yield it. In 1163, (*temp.* Hen. 2nd.) Thomas, the Archbishop, required homage of Roger, then Earl of Gloucester, for his castle of Tunbridge, who, knowing the king to be half angry with the Archbishop, and wholly on his own side, shaped him a short answer, affirming stoutly that it was none of his, but the king's own as a lay fee. It has not been ascertained in what manner this dispute was at that time terminated; but the descendants of the Earl appear to have held the castle long after, though they at length submitted to hold it of the see of Canterbury, and not of the crown; and the claim of Becket seems to have been only of the superiority. Falcacius, a hired soldier, that was entertained by King John during the wars with his nobility (1215), took the castle by force from the Earl of Gloucester, and kept it for a season to the king's behoof. Henry 3rd also, after the death of Gilbert, Earl of Gloucester (1231), seized the wardship of his heir, and committed the custody of this castle to Hubert de Burghe; but Richard the Archbishop (surnamed the Great) being offended thereat, came to the king in great haste, and made his claim, by reason that the Earl Gilbert died in his homage; the king gave answer, that the whole earldom was holden of him, and that he might lawfully commit the custody of the lands to whomsoever it liked himself.

In consequence of the death of this prelate the castle continued as the king had disposed of it, till the minor, Richard, the fourth Earl, arrived at years of maturity, when, according to Lambard, "K. Hen. 3. granted him licence to Wall and Embattel his Town of Tunbridge. Concerning this intended wall at Tunbridge, either the earl did nothing therein, or that which he did is now invisible and come to naught."

Richard dying in 1262, Tunbridge descended to Gilbert the Red, who, having joined the Earl of Leicester in open rebellion against Henry 3rd, that King, having burnt the city of Rochester, turned his arms against this castle, and took it by surprise. Earl Gilbert was one of the first to proclaim Edward 1st on the death of his father, and entertained him with great magnificence at Tunbridge castle, on his return from the Holy Land. This earl being divorced from his first wife, gave up his castle of Tunbridge and other possessions into the king's hands, to secure an alliance with his daughter, Joan of Acre, to whom he was married, and the king then restored all his estates, settled upon her and her issue. Gilbert died in 1295, leaving his widowed princess with a son and three daughters. She soon afterwards clandestinely married a plain country squire called Monthermer, or Mortimer, who was afterwards created Earl of Gloucester and Hertford. The princess died in 1307, and her son, by the Earl of

Gloucester, having been slain at Bannockburn, the castle devolved to Margaret, the second daughter, (who was first married to Piers Gaveston,) and thus by marriage it passed to Audley, in her right, Earl of Gloucester; who, having no sons, it went with his daughter to Ralph, Earl of Stafford, who died in 1373, and was buried at Tunbridge Priory. It continued with his descendants till 1521, when the Duke of Buckingham, then in possession of it, falling a victim to the ambition of Cardinal Wolsey, it came to the crown, and from that time, notwithstanding it has been held by several noble families, it has gradually mouldered away. The ruins, though not of great magnitude, are highly interesting, and the entrance tower is said to be the finest specimen of Norman architecture now existing.

Adjoining the old entrance gate is a stone mansion, the residence of C. Joyce, Esq.



The Priory was founded about the year 1241, by Richard de Clare, first Earl of Hert-

ford, and Lord of Tunbridge, and uncle to Richard Strongbow, for the black canons of St. Augustine, and was dedicated to St. Mary Magdalen. In 1351 a dreadful fire broke out in this priory, and consumed it to the foundation, together with their vestments, ornaments, jewels, and furniture, which loss is said to have been repaired by the appropriation of the church of Leigh; in the instrument for which, the priory is described to have been *edificia splendida et nobilia.* At what time it became disused as a priory cannot be clearly ascertained, most probably when the monasteries were suppressed by Henry 8th.

In April, 1840, the last remaining vestiges of the priory, consisting of the great hall and the chapel, as shewn in our woodcut, were pulled down for the South-Eastern Railway.

Tunbridge Town consists principally of one long, and in some parts wide, street. The river Medway crosses the town near the south end, in five streams, over which there are as many bridges.

The Town Hall is a plain unornamented building, and the principal object in the town is the celebrated Free Grammar School, which within these few years has undergone some extensive and judicious alterations, both externally and internally. This Free Grammar School was founded and endowed by Sir Andrew Judd, who was Lord Mayor of London in 1551.

There is an annual visitation by the Skinners' Company, at which verses, themes, &c., are spoken before them by the senior scholars, and prizes awarded.

The Rev. Dr. James Ind Welldon, of St. John's College, Cambridge, and late second master of Shrewsbury Grammar School, is the present master, and the Rev. Thomas Brown, the second master.

The church is dedicated to Saints Peter and Paul. It is a large building with a square tower at the end. There are several good monuments in it. The vicar is the Rev. Sir C. Hardinge, Bart.

Tunbridge was formerly a borough, with the privilege of sending members to Parliament.

At the entrance to the town from the Wells are some Alms Houses, erected and endowed for seven poor men and women, by George Petley, Esq., in the year 1707. There are also some alms houses just out of the town, on the Hastings road, the gift of Captain Deacon, formerly of Somerhill.

A cattle market is held here the first Tuesday in every month, which is generally well attended.

## SOMERHILL.

This mansion is pleasantly situated on the brow of a well wooded eminence, about two miles from Tunbridge. It originally formed a portion of a large district, having a park

within its boundaries, called the *South Frith*, and was part of the extensive demesnes belonging to the possessors of Tunbridge castle. It was once the property and residence of Sir Francis Walsingham, from whom it descended to his daughter Frances, who married, first, the accomplished Sir Philip Sidney; secondly, the unfortunate Robert Devereux, Earl of Essex; and lastly, Richard de Burghe, Earl of Clanrickard. Upon his marriage, the Earl of Clanrickard commenced the present noble mansion, to which he gave the name of Somerhill, from one of his Irish estates. He died in 1636, and was buried in Tunbridge church. This estate has also belonged in succession to the Dekins, Cave, and Woodgate families, until 1816, when it became the property, by purchase, of the present occupier, James Alexander, Esq. From a turret in the court on the north side of the house are seen the Canterbury Hills near Dover, at the distance, of about fifty miles. The library is a very noble room, executed from the designs of Jeffry Wyatville.

As Tunbridge, previous to the opening of the South-Eastern Railway, was the great thoroughfare from the Wells, not only to the metropolis, but other places, we shall take this as a starting point to some towns and villages not generally noticed—premising that a visit to each or all of them will prove highly gratifying. The ride from Tunbridge to Maidstone, from which it is distant four-

teen miles, is remarkably pleasant. The first village you arrive at is

## HADLOW,

which is four miles from Tunbridge, and ten from the Wells. The church is a small building, with a low pointed steeple, and stands on the east side of the town. It is dedicated to St. Mary. The chief point of attraction here is *Hadlow Castle*, the residence of A. B. May, Esq., by whom it was built. It is a castellated building, and the character of it is well preserved throughout. An octagonal tower, ninety feet high, built partly with stone and partly with brick, has been recently erected by Mr. May, which, from its great height and the level nature of the country around it, can be seen from a great distance. A short distance from Hadlow to the left is *Oxonhoath*, the elegant mansion of Sir William R. P. Geary, Bart.

As you approach Mereworth, on the left is Yoke's Place, originally called Yote's Place, the seat of Viscount Torrington. The mansion is pleasantly situated, and the grounds around it are very extensive.

## MEREWORTH.

Mereworth is two miles beyond Hadlow, The mansion called *Mereworth Place*, was built about the year 1748, after the plans of Colin Campbell, (from the original designs

of Palladio,) for the eighth Earl of Westmoreland. It stands on the site of an ancient embattled residence, surrounded by a moat, and consists of a centre and two wings. The Baroness Le Despencer, who attained her majority on the 24th March, 1843, is the present possessor of this charming property. The church, dedicated to St. Laurence, formerly stood on the spot now occupied by the west wing of Mereworth Place, but was pulled down for the purpose of rebuilding the mansion, by the Earl of Westmoreland, who caused the present elegant church to be built on the plan of St. Paul's, Covent Garden. Near Mereworth is *East Peckham*, the white church of which, standing on the summit of a hill, is easily distinguished for several miles around, and serves, we believe, for a landmark in many parts of the channel. Near this is an ancient brick mansion, called *Roydon Hall*, the property of the ancient family of the Twysdens, many of whom have been distinguished for their extensive learning and unshaken loyalty. On the Maidstone road is

## WATERINGBURY,

a truly delightful village, and well worthy a visit. Alderman Lucas resides here, and has rebuilt a great portion of the village. Most of the houses are of a rustic character, and the gardens are laid out with considerable taste and effect. The whole country

from here to Maidstone abounds in rich and diversified scenery, in many parts of which the river Medway is seen to great advantage.

## SHIPBORNE.

A very interesting ride of four miles from Tunbridge, chiefly through the North Frith woods, the property of Christopher Idle, Esq., brings you to Shipborne or Shipbourn, which is an exceedingly pretty village. The houses are built chiefly round an extensive green, and the whole has an air of comfort and respectability, that naturally creates a feeling of interest in the place. The church, dedicated to St. Giles, is a remarkably neat fabric. About a mile from the village is *Plaxtol*, where there is a great natural curiosity, an immense elm tree, the branches of which are of an amazing size, and spread very widely.

## IGHTHAM

is a very ancient moated house, which has been in the occupation of the Selby family since the latter end of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, when it was purchased by Sir William Selby, of Branxton, in Northumberland. The house is situated in a complete dell, and is scarcely visible from any of the approaches to it, till you are close upon it. But a feast for the antiquary is the chapel, which is entered by an open staircase

from the court, which staircase has balusters painted on the wall in imitation of the real ballusters.

At *Oldbury Hill,* in this parish, are very considerable remains of a Roman intrenchment, the area of which is said to contain 137 acres. It is of an oval form, but so overgrown with wood, that it is difficult to trace it.

## WROTHAM.

This ancient town is situated two miles from Ightham, and fifteen from Tunbrige Wells. It lies at the foot of the well known chalk hills, from the summit of which the views are of the most magnificent description. There are the remains here of an archiepiscopal palace, which was one of the residences of the Archbishops of Canterbury, till the reign of Edward 3rd, when Archbishop Simon Islip, wishing to complete the palace at Maidstone, pulled down the greater part of this residence, and conveyed the materials there. Very little of the palace remains beyond a part of the walls that forms the garden wall of the Bull Inn, behind which the ruins are situated. At the bottom of Wrotham Hills is "the Pilgrim's Road," which was much frequented by devotees, who considered it meritorious either by way of penance, or otherwise, to visit the celebrated shrine of Thomas à Becket, at Canterbury.

Proceeding from Tunbridge to Sevenoaks, about a mile from the former place on the left is *Mountains*, the residence of — Whitaker, Esq. This was once the residence of George Colman the younger, the author of some of our best comedies ; and it was in this house, about the year 1798 or 1799, that he wrote *The Poor Gentleman*, selecting the characters from his friends and neighbours.

Nearly three miles from Tunbridge is *Watt's Cross*, to the left of which is a pleasant road, through the ancient village of *Leigh*, to Penshurst. Immediately beyond is *Oak Hill*, and a mile further brings the traveller to

## RIVER HILL,

the splendid view from which should not be passed over lightly. On the right is a modern built mansion, most picturesquely situated, and the prospect from it in every direction is of the finest description—more particularly from a spot near the Upper Lodge, beyond the 25th mile stone, on the road leading to Fork Common. The *coup d'œil* from River Hill is considered by many to surpass that of Morant's Court Hill, on the other side of Sevenoaks ; but the former wants, what the latter enjoys in perfection, many ancient spots and dwellings that interest the mind, as well as please the eye.

## SEVENOAKS.

This town is situated thirteen miles from the Wells, on the London Road. Just pre-

vious to entering the town, on the left, there are some fields, called "Sole Fields," from a tradition that the engagement between Jack Cade's followers and the Royalist forces, under Sir Humphrey Stafford, in the reign of Henry 6th, took place here.

There is an interesting fact of a more pleasing description, connected with this town. Towards the close of the fourteenth century, an infant boy, deserted by his unnatural parents, was picked up either in the streets of Sevenoaks, or in one of the adjoining fields. He was named William de Sennocke, and was brought up, and apprenticed at the expense of Mr. William Rumsched, a charitable inhabitant of the town. In remembrance of his preservation, he built and endowed thirteen almshouses for the maintenance of aged persons, and a school for the education of poor children. These are on the right, as you pass through the town, neatly built with Kentish rag-stone. In the reign of King Henry the 8th, a Mr. John Potkyns was also a great benefactor to this school; the revenues of which were further augmented, and its several litigated possessions quietly established by Queen Elizabeth in 1560, from which circumstance it was called Queen Elizabeth's Free School. The building, as it now stands, was erected on the old foundation in the year 1727.

Sevenoaks is a populous, well-built, and apparently a thriving town.

There is a large church here, which is a handsome building, with a square tower at the west end. It is dedicated to St. Nicholas, and contains some very fine monuments. At the west end of the north aisle is the monument of Lambarde, the Perambulator.

## KNOLE.

This splendid building is situated on a commanding eminence, in a most extensive and finely wooded park. The area upon which it stands is said to exceed three acres, and notwithstanding the apparent uniformity in the style of the building, there can be no doubt that it has been erected at different periods, and some portion of it at a very remote date. The earliest authentic history of it is in the beginning of the reign of King John, when it was the property of Falcatius de Brent, and afterwards of Baldwin de Betun, who also possessed the adjoining manors of Braborne, Kemsing, and Seale. From these it was successively in the occupation of several noble and distinguished families until 1456, when William, Lord Say and Seale, was necessitated to sell the greater part of his possessions to Thomas Bourchier, Archbishop of Canterbury, who re-built the manor-house, and enclosed the park round it. Archbishop Moreton, his successor in the see, who was also a Cardinal of Rome, and Lord Chancellor of England, resided here frequently, and considerably enlarged

the house. Archbishop Wareham, who died in 1532, was succeeded by Thomas Cranmer, who possessed it at a most inauspicious period, as he was scarcely installed, when he felt himself compelled to resign the most valuable part of his possessions to save the remainder. Knole continued in the hands of the Crown till King Edward 6th, in the fourth year of his reign, gave it to John Dudley, Earl of Warwick, in exchange for other lands. He was created Duke of Northumberland in the seventh year of that reign, and on his attainder and execution, in the first year of Queen Mary's reign, the Queen granted it to Reginald Pole, Archbishop of Canterbury, and a Cardinal of the Church of Rome. He died on the same day that Queen Mary died, November 17th, 1558, when this estate again reverted to the Crown, and Queen Elizabeth granted it to her kinsman Henry Cary, Lord Hunsdon. In the third year of her reign the manor and house of Knole, with the parks and lands, were granted by the Queen to Sir Robert Dudley, afterwards Earl of Leicester, who surrendered it again in June, 1566, and it was then given to Thomas Sackville, Baron Buckhurst, and afterwards Earl of Dorset, who was related to the Queen by inter-marriage of his family with that of Bullen. The Earl came to reside at Knole, in 1603, and continued to reside till his death, at the Council Board, April 19th, 1608, at the advanced age of 81. This Earl was succeeded by his son Robert,

and it has since continued to be the principal residence of the Sackville family to the present time. Richard, the third Earl of Dorset, appears to have lived at Knole in almost regal splendour. After being compelled to part with all his possessions at Knole, reserving only a lease of the house, at an annual rent, he died at the age of thirty-five, March 28th, 1624, and was buried at Withyham, in Sussex.

The chief apartments shewn to visitors are, the Hall, the Brown or Horn Gallery, Lady Betty Germain's Rooms, the Spangled Bed Room and its Dressing Room, the Billiard Room, the Leicester Gallery, the Venetian Bed Room, the Ball Room, the Chapel Room and Chapel, the Drawing Room, the Cartoon Gallery, the King's Bed Chamber, the Dining or Poet's Parlour, the Colonnade, the Guard Room, &c.

No person can fail to be highly gratified by inspecting this mansion, which contains many valuable old paintings and articles of furniture of great antiquity. It is now occupied by the Earl and Countess Amherst. The private apartments, which of course are not shewn to visitors, are, we understand, fitted up with much elegance, and abound with articles of great taste and *virtû*.*

The following places in the immediate neighbourhood of Sevenoaks, are worthy of a visit.

* For a fuller description of Knole, and other places noticed in this little work, see "Colbran's Historical Guide of Tunbridge Wells," published at 5s.

## MONTREAL.

This is an elegant mansion, belonging to Earl Amherst. It is of stone, and was built by Sir Jeffery Amherst, the uncle of the present Earl, after his return from America, where he had greatly distinguished himself in taking Montreal, in Upper Canada, (from which this place is named,) and several other places. There is an obelisk erected in the grounds, commemorative of Sir Jeffery's achievements.

## CHEVENING.

The noble mansion here is the residence of Earl Stanhope. The house is by no means an elegant looking building, but the grounds are laid out with great taste, and there is an armoury here arranged by the first Earl Stanhope. The parish church adjoining is dedicated to St. Botolph, and contains some remarkably fine tombs; among others, one beautifully executed by Chantrey, to the memory of Lady Frederica Stanhope, which alone is worth visiting.

## SUNDRIDGE

is a pretty little village, anciently called Sundrish. The celebrated Bishop Porteus lies buried here, and the village gives the title of Baron to the Duke of Argyle, who was created Baron Sundridge, of Combebank, on the 20th Dec., 1766.

## WESTERHAM.

This is a very extensive parish, remarkable for two distinguished characters who were born here. Dr. Benj. Hoadley, Bishop of Winchester, and, in 1727, General Wolfe, the Conqueror of Quebec ; for the latter of whom a monument is erected, over the south door of the church.

## KEMSING,

now an inconsiderable hamlet, was formerly a place of some importance, and had a castle, which in those days was reckoned impregnable. It is from the range of hills above Kemsing to Tunbridge town that the inhabitants claim the title of "Men of Kent." The church is dedicated to St. Edith, whose image formerly stood in the churchyard ; and in the Catholic times of superstition, was greatly resorted to for the saint's good offices in preserving grain from mildew.

## SEALE

is a very ancient manor and parish, in which is situated the principal country residence of the Marquis Camden, called the *Wilderness*. This is a most delightful spot, and the grounds around the noble mansion are very extensive, and laid out with the most refined taste.

## OTFORD

is a most interesting village, from the historical reminiscences connected with it. A great battle was fought here in 773 or 774, by Offa, King of Mercia, and Aldric, King of Kent, when the former gained the victory, with great slaughter on both sides. There is also a field in this parish still called *Dane Field*, which is reported to be the spot where Edmund Ironsides, in 1016, fought Canute, the Danish King. A few remains of the Archiepiscopal Palace, one of the earliest, probably, in the kingdom, are still to be seen here. The church is dedicated to St. Bartholomew, and contains several singular monuments.

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On the south side of Tunbridge Wells, after passing through the village of Frant, is a pleasant ride to

## WADHURST,

which is six miles from the Wells. On the left of the road, about a mile from Frant, is *Knole House*, built in the Elizabethan style of architecture, and has, from an early period, been the residence of many distinguished individuals.

*Wadhurst Castle*, the property and residence of B. Harding, Esq., stands at the entrance of the village, on the right hand of the road to Hastings, from the Wells.

The church, dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul, is partly in the early and partly in the later style of English architecture. It has a high and shingled spire, with a ring of six bells. There are several monuments in it, but not any remarkable, if we except one to "John Legas, Gent."

## TICEHURST.

This village, situated on a gentle rise, and surrounded by fertile hills and vallies, is distant nine miles from the Wells. The church, which is in the later style of English architecture, is dedicated to St. Mary. Over the porch is a room with a grated window, formerly used as a prison.

At *Highlands*, in this parish, is a most extensive establishment for insane persons, conducted by Mr. Newington.

## BOAR'S HEAD.

Leaving the Wells by Roper's Gate, you proceed across Eridge Green, and thence continue on the Brighton road till you arrive at Boar's Head, which is distant from the Wells about five miles. The village is said to derive its name from a remarkable rock which stands in a garden on the left. Mr. Onely terms it, "A huge high stone capped with another one, like a monstrous head, an hideous frightful figure!—a sort of Druid idol, resembling one of the Rock Idols, or Rocking Stones, in Borlase's History of Cornwall." Two miles beyond is

## CROWBOROUGH,

which stands 804 feet above the level of the sea, and commands a prospect at once grand and diversified; and of that wild and romantic nature, which cannot fail to enrapture, and leave a most powerful impression. Crowborough Hill was one of the spots selected for a beacon, to give alarm in case of invasion, and the place where it stood is still seen, a short distance from the public-house, on the opposite side of the road.

## BUXTED.

This village is situated about five miles from Crowborough, and is celebrated for being the first place where iron ordnance was cast. The Earl of Liverpool has a noble mansion here, called *Buxted Place.* The style of architecture is extremely simple, and it is built of brick.

## COWDEN

is situated about three miles westward from Chafford. The church, which bears every mark of antiquity, is pleasantly situated on the brow of a hill, and commands a very extensive prospect. There is a date in front of the pulpit of 1628, and an hour glass by the side of it, which formerly served to regulate the length of the preacher's discourse. The village is very neat, and is in the highroad between the Metropolis and East Grinstead.

A short distance from Cowden, is *Holty House*, the residence of R. M. Whatley, Esq. Near this is Holty Common, and we can assure the visitor that the ride or walk from this spot, across Blackham Common, and through Ashurst, to the Wells, will more than repay him for any fatigue it may occasion. The views, nearly the whole line of road, are of the most splendid description; probably more romantic and diversified, than any which could be selected within the same distance.

# DISTANCES

*To the Places mentioned in this Guide, with the days on which they can be seen.*

| TO | MILES. |
|---|---|
| Frant | 2 |
| Mark Cross ..... | 3 |
| (Rotherfield 2 miles to the right.) | |
| Mayfield ..... | 3 |
| The Ruins every day. | |
| Heathfield ..... | 3 |
| | 11 |
| Bell's Ewe Green .... | 2 |
| By the new road over Frant Forest; (if by Frant Village, 3 miles). | |
| Bayham ..... | 3 |
| The Ruins every Tuesday and Friday. | |
| Lamberhurst ..... | 2 |
| (Eight miles from the Wells, by way of Pembury.) | |
| Scotney ..... .. .. | 3 |
| Stone Crouch ..... | 2 |
| Hawkhurst ..... | 4 |
| | 14 |
| Pembury..... | 3 |
| (Bayhall 1 mile to the right, every day.) | |
| Matfield Green ..... | 3 |
| Brenchley ..... | 1 |
| Horsmonden ... .... | 3 |
| Goudhurst .... ... . | 2 |
| (To the right, Bedgebury.) | |

| TO | MILES. |
|---|---|
| Glassenbury ..... | 2 |
| Cranbrook ..... | 3 |
| | 16 |
| Speldhurst ..... | 3 |
| Penshurst ..... | 3 |
| Mondays and Saturdays. (Redleafe and Leigh to the right, after passing the Place.) | |
| Chiddingstone .... . | 2 |
| Hever ..... | 2 |
| Every day. | |
| Edenbridge..... | 2 |
| | 12 |
| Langton ..... | 2 |
| (A little beyond to the right is Crockhurst Hatch, the road to Ashurst, Chafford, and Cowden.) | |
| Groombridge ..... | 2 |
| Withyham ..... | 3 |
| (Buckhurst, 1 mile to the left.) | |
| Hartfield..... ... | 1 |
| Forest-row ..... | 4 |
| Bramble-tye, 1 mile to the left, every day. | |
| Eastgrinstead..... | 3 |
| | 15 |

| TO | MILES. |
|---|---|
| Southborough ..... | 3 |
| Bidborough ..... | 1 |
| Tunbridge ..... | 2 |
| The Castle, on Mondays, from 9 till 4 o'clock, by visitors presenting their card at the Lodge. | |
| Hadlow ..... | 4 |
| Mereworth ..... | 4 |
| Wateringbury..... | 1 |
| Maidstone ..... | 5 |
| | 20 |
| Tunbridge ..... | 6 |
| Shipbourne..... | 4 |
| Ightham ..... | 1 |
| (The Moated House to the left, between Shipbourne and Ightham.) | |
| Wrotham ..... | 4 |
| | 15 |
| Tunbridge ..... | 6 |
| River Hill ..... | 5 |

| TO | MILES. |
|---|---|
| Sevenoaks ..... | 2 |
| Knole to the right—every day, from 11 to 5 o'clock. To the left Montreal, Chevening, Sundridge, and Westerham. To the right, Kemsing, Seale, and Otford. | |
| | 13 |
| Frant ..... | 2 |
| Wadhurst ..... | 4 |
| Ticehurst ..... | 4 |
| | 10 |
| Eridge Green..... | 2 |
| Rocks to the right. | |
| Boar's Head ..... | 4 |
| Crowborough..... | 1 |
| Buxted ..... | 6 |
| Uckfield ..... | 1 |
| Lewes..... | 8 |
| | 22 |

# ITINERARY

*Of the Principal Roads from Tunbridge Wells.*

### *To London.*

| | MILES. |
|---|---|
| Tunbridge | 6 |
| Sevenoaks | 7 |
| Dunton Green | 3 |
| Farnborough | 6 |
| Lock's Bottom | 1 |
| Bromley | 4 |
| Lewisham Bridge | 4 |
| London | 5 |
| | 36 |

### *To Rye.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Woodsgate | 3 |
| Lamberhurst | 5 |
| Stone Crouch | 3 |
| Flimwell | 1 |
| Hawkhurst | 3 |
| Sandhurst | 3 |
| Northiam | 4 |
| Rye | 8 |
| | 30 |

### *To Hastings.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Wadhurst | 6 |
| Ticehurst | 4 |
| Hurst Green | 4 |
| Robertsbridge | 2 |
| John's Cross | 2 |
| Battle, by new Road | 3 |
| Hastings, or St. Leonards | 7 |
| | 28 |

### *Another Road.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Woodsgate | 3 |
| Lamberhurst | 5 |
| Flimwell | 4 |
| Robertsbridge | 5 |
| Battle | 5 |
| Hastings | 7 |
| | 29 |

### *To East-Bourne.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Wadhurst | 6 |
| Shover's Green | 2 |
| Burwash Wheel | 6 |
| Brightling Down | 2 |
| Boreham Bridge | 7 |
| Dourne, Sea Houses | 10 |
| | 33 |

### *Another Road.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Mayfield | 8 |
| Cross-in-hand | 6 |
| Horeham | 3 |

| | MILES. |
|---|---|
| Hailsham | 6 |
| East-Bourne | 7 |
| | 30 |

*Another Road.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Uckfield | 14 |
| East-Hoathly | 5 |
| Horsebridge | 6 |
| East-Bourne | 8 |
| | 33 |

*To Margate.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Tunbridge | 6 |
| Maidstone | 14 |
| Penenden Heath | 1 |
| Key Street | 8 |
| Canterbury | 18 |
| Margate | 16 |
| | 63 |

*To Brighton.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Crowborough Gate | 8 |
| Uckfield | 6 |
| Lewes | 8 |
| Brighton | 8 |
| | 30 |

*Another Road.*

| | MILES. |
|---|---|
| Groombridge | 4 |
| Leigh-Green | 2 |
| Maresfield | 7 |
| Buxted | 1 |
| Uckfield | 1 |
| Lewes | 8 |
| Brighton | 8 |
| | 31 |

*To Windsor.*

| | |
|---|---|
| East Grinstead | 15 |
| Reigate | 14 |
| Kingstone | 14 |
| Windsor | 16 |
| | 59 |

*Shortest Road to Southampton.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Brighton | 30 |
| Findon | 10 |
| Arundel | 10 |
| Chichester | 9 |
| Havant | 9 |
| Portsdown | 4 |
| Fareham | 6 |
| Boteley | 4 |
| Southampton | 10 |
| | 92 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| FIRST CLASS. | s. | d. | s. | d. |
| For every full-sized carriage, drawn by two horses, carrying, if required, five persons, exclusive of the driver ..... | 3 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
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| For every sedan or Bath chair ..... | 1 | 6 | 0 | 9 |
| For every saddle horse ..... | 2 | 6 | 1 | 3 |
| For every pony or mule ..... | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| For every goat chaise ..... | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
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| FOR DISTANCE. | 1st Class. | | 2nd Class. | | 3rd Class. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | s. | d. | s. | d. | s. | d. |
| For any distance not exceeding one mile, including the distance from the stand or place from whence the carriage shall be called to the place where the fare shall be taken up ..... | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
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| To the boundary post on the London Road.. | 1 9 | 1 6 | 1 2 |
| To the first mile stone Rusthall Common.... | 1 9 | 1 6 | 1 2 |
| To the boundary post on the Pembury Road. | 1 9 | 1 6 | 1 2 |
| To the boundary post, Eridge Road..... ... | 1 9 | 1 6 | 1 2 |

| FROM THE POST OFFICE. | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
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| | S. D. | S. D. | S. D. |
| To the first mile stone, Rusthall Common .. | 1 2 | 1 0 | 0 9 |
| To any part of Mount Ephraim, as far as Culverden Brewery ..... | 1 2 | 1 0 | 0 9 |
| To Grosvenor Road ..... | 1 2 | 1 0 | 0 9 |
| To the Victoria School and the Town Hall .. | 1 2 | 1 0 | 0 9 |
| To Calverley Field and Calverley Park ..... | 1 2 | 1 0 | 0 9 |
| To Rumber's Hill, Frant Road ..... | 1 2 | 1 0 | 0 9 |
| To Strawberry Hill, Eridge Road..... | 1 2 | 1 0 | 0 9 |
| To the boundary post, Rusthall Common.... | 1 9 | 1 6 | 1 2 |
| To Lower Green ..... | 1 9 | 1 6 | 1 2 |
| To Garden Terrace, London Road ..... | 1 9 | 1 6 | 1 2 |
| To the post placed on the Pembury Road.... | 1 9 | 1 6 | 1 2 |

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# LODGING HOUSES AND APARTMENTS

## TO BE LET FURNISHED

## IN

## TUNBRIDGE WELLS,

*With the names, numbers, and situations thereof; also the names of the owners, or agents.*

*h* Houses occasionally Let in absence of the Residents.

*a* Ditto Let in Apartments.

*c* Ditto with Coach-house and Stabling.

| *Name or Number.* | *Situation.* | *Owner or Agent.* |
|---|---|---|
| Abergavenny Villa .. | Frant-road .... | Neal and Co. |
| Alpha Cottage ....*a* | Grosvenor-road.. | Mr. H. Burrows. |
| " Lodge ..... | Hanover-road .. | — Thomas Gates. |
| Ashburnham House *c* | Bishop's Down.. | — E. Edwards. |
| " Cottage... | " .. | " |
| Bath House 1..... *a* | Vale Royal..... | — Wm. Cramp. |
| " (Great) *a* | " .. | — Thorn. |
| Bedford Terrace ..*a* | Mount Sion .... | Delves and Jull. |
| Belgrove ..... *a* | " .. | Mrs. Moon. |
| " House ....*a* | " .. | Mr. J. Taylor. |
| Berkeley Place, 2.. *a* | " .. | Miss Packham. |
| Blandford House .. *a* | London Road .. | Mrs. Brown. |
| Blenheim Place, 1 .. | Mount Sion .... | Mr.J.Delves, Chap.Pl. |
| " 2 *a* | " .... | Mrs. Field. |
| Bowling Gr. House ..*c* | " .... | Delves and Jull. |
| Bromley Cottage ..*a* | " .... | Mr. R. Standen. |
| Brunswick House .. | " .... | Mrs. Gilbert. |
| Calverley Parade 2.. | Mount Pleasant . | Mrs. Hodgson. |
| " 7.. | " .. | Sawyer and Seamer |
| Calverley Park, 5.... | Hastings-road .. | Mr.J.Delves, Chap.Pl. |
| " 6.... | " .. | Delves and Jull. |
| " 9.... | " .. | J. Delves, Chap.-place |
| " 10.... | " .. | Sawyer and Seamer. |
| " 12.... | " .. | Delves and Jull. |
| " 16.... | " .. | Mr. H. Edwards. |
| " 22.... | " .. | Mr. J. Delves, Ch. Pl. |
| Calverley Place 3 ..*a* | Calverley-road .. | — John Milton. |
| " 6 ..*a* | " .. | — J. S. Brown. |
| " 7 ..*a* | " .. | — C. Veneer. |
| " 8 ..*a* | " .. | — T. Stubbs. |
| Calverley Prom., 1 *a* | Calverley-park.. | Mrs. Thomas (Baths) |
| " 2 | " .. | Rev. G. Neeton. |
| " 3 | " .. | Delves and Jull. |
| " 4 | " .. | " |

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|---|---|---|
| Calverley Prom., 5 *a* | " .. | Miss Goodsir. |
| " 7 *a* | " .. | Mrs. Reynolds. |
| " 8 | " .. | Delves and Jull. |
| " 9 *a* | " .. | — E. Marks. |
| " 10 | " .... | " |
| " 12 *a* | " .... | Mrs. Turnbull. |
| " 13 *a* | " .. | Miss Adams. |
| " 14 *a* | " .. | Mr. F. Golding. |
| " 15 *a* | " .. | Delves and Jull. |
| " 16 *h* | " .. | " |
| Calverley Terrace, 1 *h* | Church Road .. | Sawyer and Seamer. |
| " 2 *h* | " .. | " |
| Calverley Prospect, 1 *a* | Grovehill-road .. | Mrs. Lamb. |
| " 2 *a* | " .. | — Risdale. |
| Cambridge Lodge.... | Camden-road .. | Mr. F. Golding. |
| Clarence Terrace, 1 *a* | London-road .... | Mrs. Reed. |
| " 2 *a* | " .... | " Homewood. |
| " 3 *a* | " .... | " Wicking. |
| " 4 *a* | " .... | " Taylor. |
| Crescent Lodge ....*a* | Mount Sion .... | Mr. John Stapley. |
| Culverden Lodge ..*a* | Ephraim Terr, .. | Mrs. Neal. |
| " Grove ..*c* | London-road .. | Mr. F. Golding. |
| " Lodge .. | Fisher's Farm .. | " |
| Cumberland Villa ... | Cumber, Ter..... | — S. Sawyer. |
| Devonshire Place, 1 *a* | Church-road .... | Mr. T. P. Page. |
| " 2 *a* | " .. | Mrs. Edwards. |
| " 3 *a* | " .. | — Holman. |
| " 4 *a* | " .. | Miss Wells. |
| Dorset House .....*c* | " .. | Delves and Jull. |
| Dorset Place, 1 ..... | " .. | " |
| " 2 .... | " .. | " |
| Douro House .....*c* | Mount Ephraim . | Mr. A. Dickson. |
| Douro Cottage ..... | " .. | " |
| Dudley House .....*c* | " Pleasant-hill | Delves and Jull. |
| Ebenezer Place, 1 ..*a* | Grosvenor-road . | Mr. Smith. |
| " 3 ..*a* | " .. | " Barton. |
| " 4 ..*a* | " .. | " Cox. |
| Eden House .....*c* | Mount Sion .... | J. Delves, Chapel-pl. |
| Elm Lodge .....*a* | " Ephraim . | " Jeffery Seamer. |
| Ely Cottage .....*a* | London-road ... | Mrs. Elliott. |
| Ephraim Cottage ..*a* | Mount Ephraim . | Mr. J. Luck. |
| Ephraim Lodge ....*a* | " .. | " |
| Ephraim Terrace, 2 *a* | London-road. .. | " Spencer |
| " 8 *a* | " .. | " Allday. |
| " 9 *a* | " .. | " Everest. |
| Ephraim Villa .....*c* | Tun. W. Common | Delves and Jull. |
| Ernstein Villa ..... | Mount Ephraim . | Delves and Jull. |
| Exeter Villa .....*a* | opp. Castle Hotel | " J. Simco. |
| Fonthill House .... *a* | opp. Chapel Ease. | " Edward Elliott. |
| Fountain Cottage ..*a* | Mount Sion .... | Mrs. Trice. |
| Garden Cottage ....*a* | Nr. London-road | " Josiah Stapley. |
| " Terrace, 1 ..*a* | High Street .... | " Watson. |

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|---|---|---|
| Garden Terrace, 5 ..*a* | High Street .... | " Waters. |
| " 7 ..*a* | " .. | " Stedman. |
| Gibraltar Cottage.... | Tu. W. Common | Mrs. Edmund Bennett. |
| Gilead Place, 1..... | Mount Ephraim . | " J. Thorpe. |
| " 2..... | " .. | " |
| Gloucester House ..*a* | Parade..... | Mr. F. Golding. |
| Gothic Villa .....*a* | Cumberlnd. Walk | Mrs. Wilder. |
| Grosvenor Cottage *a* | Grosvenor-road . | " Whitley. |
| " Road ..*a* | " .. | Miss Miles. |
| " " ..*a* | " .. | Mr. Pearce. |
| Grove Hill, 1 .....*c* | nr. Great Grove . | — F. Cooper. |
| " 2 .....*c* | " .. | |
| " 3 .....*c* | " .. | |
| " 4 .....*c* | " .. | Mr. F. Cooper. |
| " 6..... | " .. | — F. Golding. |
| " 7..... | " .. | |
| " 8..... | " .. | |
| " 10..... | " .. | |
| Grove Lodge .....*a* | nr. Great Grove . | " Joseph Beale. |
| Grove Place. 2 ....*a* | " .. | " Merry. |
| Grove Villa ..... | " .. | Delves and Jull. |
| Hanover House ..*a* | Hanover-road .. | Mr. William Wren. |
| Hanover Lodge ....*a* | " .. | " G. Burrows. |
| Hertford Place, 1 ..*a* | High-street .... | " Wm. Burrows. |
| " 2 ..*a* | " .... | " C. Baker. |
| High Street .....*a* | " .... | Groves and Son. |
| " .....*a* | " .... | " Hope. |
| " .....*a* | " .... | " Bigg. |
| " .....*a* | " .... | " E. Lewis. |
| Hill Lodge .....*a* | Mount Ephraim . | " Ellsworth. |
| Huntingdon Place, 1*a* | London-road. .. | " Palmer. |
| " 2*a* | " .. | " Hemsley. |
| " 3*a* | " .. | The Misses Elliott. |
| Holly Bank .....*c* | nr. Calverley Ter. | Sawyer and Seamer. |
| Jerningham Place ..*c* | Mount Sion .... | R. Foreman, Esq. |
| Jordan Lodge ..... | corner Church-rd | James Ashby. |
| Jordan Place .....*a* | " | Messrs. Cottington. |
| Kelsey Cottage, 3 ..*a* | Grove Hill-road . | Mrs. Henry Barrett. |
| Kentish Cottage .... | nr. H. Rocks Gate | Sawyer and Seamer. |
| Kentish Villa..... | " .. | " |
| Langham Lodge ....*c* | Mount Ephraim . | Mrs. Edmund Bennett |
| Little Grove House .. | opp. Cumb. Gar. | Delves and Jull. |
| Manor Villa ..... | Bishop's Down.. | Delves and Jull. |
| Mansel House ..... | Ephraim Terrac.. | Mr. Thomas Gates. |
| Marlborough House *c* | Mount Sion .... | Joseph Delves, Esq. |
| Marine House ..... | Cumberlnd. Walk | Mr. E. Edwards. |
| " Cottage ....*a* | " .. | Mrs. Whitwell. |
| Maryan Cottage ..*a* | Mt. Pleasant-hill | Mr. Henry Drake. |
| Mayo House .....*a* | " Ephraim . | Miss Waite. |
| Meadow Hill.....*c h* | Grove-hill-road.. | Delves and Jull. |
| " Lodge..... | " .. | Mrs. Henry Barrett. |

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|---|---|---|
| Melbourne Cottage *a* | High-street .... | — R. Joanes. |
| " Lodge ..*h* | " .. | Miss Burford. |
| Merivale Lodge ...*a* | " .. | Mr. H. Stapley. |
| " House ..*a* | " .. | Miss Newnham. |
| " Place ....*a* | " .. | Mr. T. Sammons. |
| Montague House ..*c* | Mount Ephraim . | — H. Downard. |
| Montpelier Lodge ..*a* | " .. | — Prince. |
| " House ..*a* | " .. | — Spencer |
| Mt. Edgecombe Cot. | Tu. W. Common | Delves and Jull. |
| " House *a* | " .. | Mrs. Chapuis. |
| Mt. Pleasant Ter., 3 *a* | opp. Railway St. | — Jewell. |
| " 4 *a* | " .. | — Rosaspini. |
| " 5 *a* | " .. | — Mead. |
| Mount Nevill .....*c* | Frant-road..... | Delves and Jull. |
| Nevill Lodge .....*a* | SussexPl.,Parade | Mr. E. J. Strange. |
| Nevill Park Lodge .*a* | Nevill Park ..... | — John Homes. |
| Nevill Place .....*a* | Frant-road ..... | — Ninniss. |
| Oldenburgh Cottage .. | London-road ... | — Josiah Stapley. |
| " House .. | " .. | J. and J. Sharp |
| " Lodge *a* | " .. | Mr. Thomas Gates. |
| " Place, 1 *a* | " .. | — Edwards. |
| " 2 *a* | " .. | Mrs. Hands. |
| " 3 *a* | " .. | Miss Jacobs. |
| Parade, 7 .....*a* | nr. Mineral Sprg. | Mr. Edouard. |
| " 14 .....*a* | " .. | — James Friend. |
| " .....*a* | " .. | — Wm. Nash. |
| Park Place, 1..... | Hastings-road .. | — Dallimore. |
| Park View, 1 .....*a* | Grove-hill-road . | Miss Gordon. |
| " 2..... | " .. | Mrs. Dusantoi. |
| " 3 .....*a* | " .. | Rev. B. Slight. |
| " 4..... | " .. | Mr. Groves, Jun. |
| Penang Cottage ..*a* | Chalk Hall..... | — Lucas. |
| Picton House .....*a* | High-street .... | Mrs. Saltmarsh. |
| Prospect Lodge ..*h c* | London-road ... | Miss Whitelocke. |
| Richmond Villa .... | Cumberlnd.Walk | Mr. S. Sawyer. |
| Rock Cottage ..... | London-road.... | Mrs. King. |
| " Lodge ..... | " .. | Sawyer and Seamer. |
| " Place, 1 ....*a* | " .. | Mr. Sanders. |
| " 2 ....*a* | " .. | — Heys. |
| " 3 ....*a* | " .. | Miss Crittell. |
| Rock Mount .....*a* | " | Mr. Wm. Wren. |
| " Villa .....*a* | " .. | — W. Simco. |
| Rose Hill .....*c* | " .. | Delves and Jull. |
| Rosebery House ..*a* | High-street .... | Mr. John Colbran. |
| Rosemont House .... | Mount Ephraim . | " W. Colnett. |
| " Cottage .. | " .. | " |
| Russell Place..... *a* | London-road .. | " Towlson. |
| " .... *a* | " .. | " Razell. |
| St. Helena Cottage .. | Tun.W. Common | Delves and Jull. |
| Sidney Cottage..... | London-road ... | Mr. Snell. |
| Sidney Place .....*a* | " .. | Mrs. Prince. |
| Silwood House ..... | Church-road .... | Delves and Jull. |
| Sion Cottage .....*a* | Mount Sion .... | Mr. Benjamin Field. |

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| Sion House .....*a* | Mount Sion .... | " John Roots. |
| Somerville House.... | " Ephraim . | " John Richardson. |
| " Cottage *a* | " .. | " |
| " Lodge.... | " .. | Delves and Jull. |
| Summer Hill House *a* | London-road .... | Mr. G. Simco. |
| Summer Vale .....*a* | Brighton-road .. | " F. Golding. |
| Surrey Place .....*c* | Mount Ephraim . | Mrs. Edmund Bennett |
| Sussex Villa ..... | Frant Road ..... | Mr. Goodrham |
| Tavistock House ..*c* | Mount Ephraim . | Mrs. E. Bennett. |
| Torrington Place ..*a* | Grove-hill-road. | " Field. |
| Trawlena House ..*a* | London-road .. | " Ranger. |
| Vale Royal, 1 ....*a* | " .... | " George Willia ms. |
| Victoria Place ....*a* | " .... | Mr. J. Bullen. |
| Warwick House ...*c* | High-street .... | Miss Syddall. |
| Wellesley Lodge ..*a* | Grosvenor-road . | Mr. Martin. |
| Wellington Place, ..1 | Mount Ephraim . | Delves and Jull. |
| " ..3 | " .. | " |
| Westby Lodge ....*a* | Jordan Lane ..... | " Bennett. |
| Westminster Lodge *a* | Grosvenor-road.. | " J. Harris. |
| Willow Cottage ....*a* | Mount Ephraim,. | " John Latter. |
| Wilton Place .....,*a* | Grosvenor-road.. | Mrs. Hart. |

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| Beeching, A. J., Esq. | Grosvenor Lodge . | Grosvenor-road |
| Beeching, Mrs& Miss | Bank House ..... | Clarence-road |
| Bennett, Mrs. Edmd. | Gibraltar Cottage. | Mount Ephraim |
| Billing, Miss ..... | Brunswick House. | Mount Sion |
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| Fisher, C. J., Esq .. | Culverden House | Mount Ephraim |
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| Foskett, Captain .. | Wellington House | London-road |
| Franklyn, Rev.T.W. | Castle House .... | Mount Ephraim |
| Felgate, Mrs. ..... | Mr. Stone's House | Mount Ephraim |
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| James, J., Esq., and the Misses ..... | Somerset House.. | Mount Ephraim |
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| Loughnan, Mrs .... | 2, Priory ..... | Church-road |
| Lushington, Miss .. | 1, Sion Place .... | Mount Sion |
| Lutwidge, Mrs. .... | 21, Calverley Park | |
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| Martin, Sir H., Bart. | 8, Calverley Ter. | |
| Meade, Lady Maria. | Bloomfield House | Cumberland Terr. |
| Middlemore, Lt.Gen. | Clarence Villa .. | Clarence-road |

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| Mosley, O., Esq.... | Chancellor House | Mount Ephraim |
| Muggeridge, Mrs.. | 5, Grove-hill .... | |
| Nash, Mrs. and Miss | Cumberland Gard. | Mount Sion |
| Nash, Mr. Robert | Sussex Place .... | Parade |
| Neeton, Rev. G..... | 2, Calverley Prom. | |
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| Offley, Wm., Esq. .. | Forest Prospect . | Mount Sion |
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| Pope, Rev. W. Law . | Claremont Lodge. | Claremont-road |
| Powell, R. H. Esq., M.D. ..... | Gloucester House . | Parade |
| Poynder, Geo., Esq . | 12, Grove-hill | |
| Pratt, Lady G. .... | 20, Calverley-park | |
| Prince, Mrs. ..... | Montpelier House | Mount Ephraim |
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