

Endowed School (mixed), built, with master's house attached, in 1854, enlarged in 1885 at a cost of £84, and a class room added in 1894; it will hold 72 children; average attendance, 70; & supported in part by endowment of £20 yearly, derived from the rent of two farms,

left by John Ball esq. in 1618; Ephraim Watson, master, Mrs. Martha Watson, mistress

CARRIER.—William Allibone, to Daventry on wed, & sat. returning same days

Haycock Thomas
Marriott Rev. St. Hail L.Th. Vicarage
COMMERCIAL.
Allibone William, farmer & carrier
Beasley Thomas, shoe maker
Branson Thomas, shopkeeper
Butler William, blacksmith

Forster Thomas, Barley Mow P.H
Gilks Ann (Mrs.), farmer
Gilks Edwd. Aris, frmr. & miller(wind)
Gilks George, farmer
Gilks Margaret (Miss), dress maker
Gossage Edward, grocer & baker
Haycock John, butcher

Haycock Richard, wheelwright
Haynes William Walter, farmer
Jones Thomas, farmer
Parker Joseph George, Red Lion P.H
Underwood John, farmer
Willis William, farmer
Winckless Thomas, tailor

HELMDON is a large village and parish, with a station on the Great Central main line and the Northampton and Banbury Junction railways, 7 miles south-west from Towcester, 4½ north from Brackley and about 75 from London, in the Southern division of the county, hundred of King's Sutton, petty sessional division, union and county court district of Brackley, rural deanery of Brackley (second portion), archdeaconry of Northampton and diocese of Peterborough. The church of St. Mary Magdalen is a building of stone in the Decorated style, consisting of chancel, clerestoried nave, aisles, north and south porches and an embattled western tower with pinnacles, containing 6 bells: the chancel retains a piscina and sedile, and in the north aisle is a piscina, found under the floor of the church during the restoration: the tower was rebuilt in 1825 and the church restored in 1875, at a cost of £1,600, under the direction of Mr. Law, architect, of Northampton, when the nave and aisles were new roofed, the interior reseated with open benches, new pulpit and other fittings introduced, organ chamber erected, western gallery removed and other works carried out: the communion table and reredos were presented in 1881 by the late James Fairbrother esq.: there are 280 sittings. In the churchyard is a yew tree of remarkable proportions and beauty, measuring round the trunk nearly eight yards. The register dates from the year 1572. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £260, including 60 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the President and Fellows of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, and held since 1873 by the Rev. Frederick Barnes M.A. of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, who is also rector of Stuchbury. In the porch of the present rectory is a mantelpiece which originally belonged to the old rectory house; it bears the date 1533, the initials "W.R." and other carvings, and is in good preservation. There is a Baptist chapel here. A reading room was erected in 1887 by C. Fairbrother esq. in memory of his parents. There are several old quarries in this parish, which produce a fine freestone called after the name of the village and formerly in great request, but the work-

ing of the quarries has been discontinued. Mrs. Jane Leeson, of Abthorpe, left £1 to the poor of this parish, which is given in money at Christmas. Lace making is carried on here. The Provost and Fellows of Worcester College, Oxford, who are lords of the manor, the trustees of the late James Fairbrother esq. and the President and Fellows of Magdalen College, Oxford, are the principal landowners. The soil is clay; sub sil, freestone. The chief crops are wheat and beans. The area is 1,799 acres; rateable value, £2,584; the population of 1891 was 502 in the civil and 500 in the ecclesiastical parish.

By a Local Government Board Order, March 25, 1885, a detached part of this parish, known as Stocken farm, was amalgamated with Astwell and Falcott.

Sexton, Benjamin Archer.
Post, M. O. & T. O., T. M. O., Express Delivery, Parcel Post, S. B. & Annuity & Insurance Office.—Frederick George Shrimplin, sub-postmaster. Letters are received through Brackley at 8.15 a.m. & dispatched at 4.45 p.m. week days only

A School Board of 7 members was formed February 8, 1878, for the United District of Helmdon, Astwell & Falcott & Stuchbury; Rev. F. Barnes, chairman & clerk to the board; Benjamin Archer, Helmdon, attendance officer

United District Board School, built, with master's residence, in 1853, for 90 children; average attendance, 72; Thomas Herbert Goodwin, master; Mrs. Julia Emma Goodwin, mistress: an infants' school has since been erected from funds supplied by subscription

Police Station, Thomas Templeman, constable
CARRIERS TO:—
BANBURY—James Kelcher & Henry Watson, mon. & thursday
BRACKLEY—Henry Watson, wed. & sat
TOWCESTER—James Kelcher, tues
Railway Station, Northampton & Banbury Junction Railway, George Brown, station master

Barnes Rev. Frederick M.A. Rectory
Facer Capt. W. Manor house

COMMERCIAL.

Adkins George, farmer & grazier
Barford James, corn merchant
Brown Charles, tailor
Bull James, beer retailer & corn mer
Campin James, Cross P.H
Coleman Thomas W. Lim. grocers
Cox Francis, farmer & grazier
Ebdon Thomas, beer retailer

Franklin Ann (Mrs.), shopkeeper
Gascoigne John, blacksmith
Goodwin Thomas Herbert, master of board school
Hearn Samuel, draper & hosier
Hopkins Thomas, boot maker
Howard Henry, blacksmith
Humphrey Benjamin, general dealer
Jeffery Edward John, farmer
Jessett John, farmer & grazier
Kilbey Walter E. farmer & grazier
Morris William, Chequers P.H

Osborn Charles, baker
Pope Frank, coal merchant
Reading Room
Salmon John, farmer
Shrimplin Fredk. Geo. grocer, Post off
Stopp William, farmer & grazier
Taylor Arthur, carpenter
Watson James, farmer & coal merchant
Watts Alfred, carpenter & wheelwright
Woods James, farmer
Wrighton Edwin (Mrs.), farmer

HELPSTONE is a parish 8 miles north-west from Peterborough by the road, 6 by the Syston and Peterborough branch of the Midland railway, which has a station here, and 4 south-south-west from Market Deeping, in the Northern division of the county, liberty, petty sessional division, union and county court district of Peterborough, rural deanery of Peterborough (second portion), archdeaconry of Oakham and diocese of Peterborough. A good supply of water has been obtained at some of the farms, and at the paper mills, through boring, at an average depth of 60 to 70 feet, through rock, clay and sand. The church of St. Botolph is an ancient building of stone chiefly in the Early English, Decorated and Perpendicular styles, with some traces of Norman work, and consists of chancel, clerestoried nave, aisles, south porch and an embattled western tower with octagonal spire, containing a clock and 3 bells; the lower part of the tower is Early Norman and stands within the nave; the upper part, including the spire, is Decorated and was rebuilt in 1864: in the north wall is a chantry door now blocked up, the chantry having been destroyed; the chancel retains altar brackets, a piscina and Early English sedilia on both sides: in the north aisle is an aumbry and in the south

aisle a piscina and altar brackets: the south porch is Decorated: the inner doorway Early English: the door bears the inscription "W. C. fecit, 1798:" near the chancel door is a low side window barred with iron, and some ancient tiles are still extant: the font consists of an octagonal basin on a plain octagonal stem: the west window is a memorial to the Campbell family: in the north aisle, on a slab of blue marble about 9 feet long and 3 feet wide, are the remains of a curious but mutilated inscription in Lombardic characters, temp. Edward I.: the church was thoroughly restored in 1884, at a cost of £800, and has 300 sittings. The register dates from the year 1685. The living is a vicarage united to Etton by Order in Council, 1893, gross yearly value, £110, including 35 acres of gl be, in the gift of G. C. Wentworth-Fitzwilliam esq. and held since 1896 by the Rev. John Thomas of St. Aidan's. The Methodist chapel was built in 1863, and the Primitive Methodist chapel in 1871. A cemetery of half an acre was formed in 1881, at a cost of £400, and is under the control of the parish council. Near the station are the extensive mills of Messrs. Alfred Towgood and Son for the manufacture of air-dried brown paper and leatherboard. The poor's estate now produces about £35 annually and by

direction of the Charity Commissioners 5s. a head is paid on the average attendance of each scholar at the Board school and the remainder (if any) may be used in other ways for the benefit of the children. In the centre of the village is an ancient stone cross 30 feet in height and here also is a monument to John Clare, the peasant poet, son of a farm labourer in this parish and author of "Poems descriptive of rural life and scenery," who was born here in 1793, and died at the lunatic asylum, Northampton, May 20, 1864. The principal landowner is George Charles Wentworth-Fitzwilliam esq. J.P. The master and fellows of Christ's College, Cambridge, are the lay rectors. The soil is various; subsoil, gravel and stones. The land is arable. The area is 1,860 acres; rateable value £9,121; the population in 191 was 616.

Cole William, Rose cottage

COMMERCIAL.

Bellars William Frederick, farmer
Bryan Jas. forester to Lord Kesteven
Butterworth William, Railway hotel
Casswell George, beer retailer
Cemetery (Robert William Lake, clerk to the parish council)
Chapman Thomas, coal dealer, grocer & farmer
Clarke John, farmer, Vicarage farm
Coaten Mark, shoe maker
Crick William, farmer
Crowson Daniel, builder & monumental mason

Crowson Elizh. (Mrs.), parish clerk
Donson Charles, Blue Bell P.H. & blacksmith & wheelwright
Ellis & Everard Ltd. coal & lime merchants; depôt, Railway station
Evison Thos. Exeter Arms P.H. & frm
Fletcher Frederick William, blacksmith & wheelwright
Francis Harry, farmer
Franks William, farmer, Manor house
Frisby William, beer retailer
Garfoot William, farmer
Goodfellow Robt. Jn. butcher & frm
Gregory John, baker & beer retailer
Holmes Arthur, farmer, Heath farm
Housden Robert Rouse, cowkeeper

Parish Clerk, Mrs. Elizabeth Crowson.
Post & M. O. O., S. B. & Annuity & Insurance Office.—George Edward Young, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive by cart from Market Deeping at 8 a.m. & 5.45 p.m. & dispatched at 8 a.m. & 5.45 p.m. The telegraph office is at the railway station
Police Station, Sergeant George Mison, in charge
A School Board of 5 members was formed, April 28, 1892; G. H. Dean, Deeping St. James, clerk to the board
Board School (mixed), built with master's house in 1856 and enlarged in 1893 for 160 children; average attendance, 110; Robert William Lake, master; Mrs. Lucy J. Lake, mistress

Railway Station, Albert Werrett, station master
Kendall & Son, timber dealers
King John, farmer
Oldham William, farmer
Pearce William Wortham, farmer
Quincey Jane (Mrs.), cowkeeper
Savidge Frank, farmer
Savidge Harry, castrator
Snow George, coal dealer, Railway stn
Stephenson John, cowkeeper
Toft Margaret (Mrs.), beer retailer
Towgood Alfred & Son, paper & leather board manufacturers, Arbor-field mill (No. 296) (Wm.P.Porter, mgr)
Woodward Enoch Jn. land surveyor
Young George Edward, baker, draper & grocer, Post office

HEMINGTON is a parish, situated near the borders of Hunts, 5 miles south-east from Oundle and 4 east from Barnwell station on the Northampton and Peterborough section of the London and North Western railway, in the Northern division of the county, hundred of Polebrook, petty sessional division, union and county court district of Oundle, rural deanery of Oundle (first portion), archdeaconry of Oakham and diocese of Peterborough. The church of SS. Peter and Paul is a building of stone in the Gothic style of the 14th century, consisting of chancel, nave, south porch and a western tower containing 4 bells: it was rebuilt in 1666 and restored in 1873 at the cost of the 5th Duke of Buccleuch K.G. when the chancel and porch were added: in the chancel are ten stalls, originally in Fotheringhay Castle; the east window is stained: there are sittings for 100 persons. The register dates from the year 1574. The living is a vicarage, with the rectory of Luddington annexed, joint yearly value £160, derived from 323 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Duke of Buccleuch K.G., K.T. and held since 1891 by the Rev. Henry Moray Hilton M.A. of St.

Hilton Rev. Henry Moray M.A. Rectory
Atkinson Thomas, farmer
Burnham James, shopkeeper

Crawley Strickson
Sanders Saml. Jas.

John's College, Cambridge. The vicarage house, situated near the church, was built by the 5th Duke of Buccleuch K.G. in 1840. The Montagu doles of £1 6s. 8d. are distributed in money to the poor. The Duke of Buccleuch K.G., K.T. is lord of the manor and sole landowner. The soil is mixed; subsoil, clay. The chief crops are hay, barley and wheat. The area is 1,354 acres; rateable value, £973; the population in 1891 was 139.

Sexton, Joseph Sanders.
Post Office.—Samuel James Sanders, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive through Oundle at 9 a.m.; dispatched at 5 p.m.; no Sunday service. Postal orders are issued here, but not paid. Great Gidding, Hunts, is the nearest telegraph office & Oundle the nearest money order office

School (mixed), built in 1883 by the 5th Duke of Buccleuch K.G. & enlarged in 1892, for 70 children; average attendance, 50; & entirely supported by the Duke of Buccleuch K.T.; Miss Elizabeth Dean, mistress; children attend this school from Luddington

& John, farmers
Webb —, farm bailiff to the Duke of Buccleuch, Hemington house

NETHER or LOWER HEYFORD is a parish and village, pleasantly situated in a large green, and watered by the river Nene, and intersected by the Grand Junction canal; it is 2½ miles south-east from Weedon station on the main line of the London and North Western railway, 6 south-east-by-east from Daventry, and 6 south-west-by-west from Northampton, and is in the Mid division of the county, hundred of Nobottle Grove, petty sessional division, union and county court district of Northampton, rural deanery of Weedon, archdeaconry of Northampton, and diocese of Peterborough. The church of SS. Peter and Paul is an edifice of ironstone in the Early English and Decorated styles and consists of chancel, clerestoried nave of four bays, aisles, south chapel, south porch and a western tower containing a clock and 4 bells: the walls of the south aisle and the porch were rebuilt in the reign of Queen Mary: on the wall of the south aisle is a large mural monument with kneeling effigies and arms to Sir Richard Morgan, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, ob. May, 1556, his wife, two sons and three daughters: on the north side of the chancel is an altar tomb, raised a few inches only above the floor, and bearing on the upper slab effigies in brass of a knight in armour, bareheaded, and of a lady: around are five shields of arms and the whole is inclosed by a marginal inscription, now incomplete, to Sir Walter Mauntell kt. ob. 1487, and Elizabeth (Abbott), his wife: there is also a palimpsest brass, inscribed in Norman-French on the obverse, to John Mauntell and Elizabeth, his wife, c. 1400, and bearing a shield of the arms of Heyford; on the reverse are the arms of William de Montacute, Earl of Salisbury, 1343 or 1397: the chancel retains a piscina and ambry; the font consists of a cylindrical basin on low shafts; the stained east window is a memorial to the

Rev. John Lloyd Crawley, 50 years rector of this parish, 1800-50, and to Anne, his wife: the church was restored and reseat in 1851, mostly at the expense of the Crawley family: there are 250 sittings. The register dates from the year 1538. The living is a rectory, tithe rent-charge £150, gross yearly value £170, including 50 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the trustees of the Rev. T. W. Crawley M.A. and held since 1897 by the Rev. Henry Isham Longden M.A. of Keble College, Oxford. There are Baptist and Primitive Methodist chapels here; the latter, a structure of brick, was erected in 1879. Arnold's charity of £77 yearly, left in 1675, by Edmund Arnold esq. a native of Stowe Nine Churches, is for apprenticing poor children. Here are the brick works of Messrs. King and Son. Heyford Hills, the residence of Harry J. Houldsworth esq. stands on an eminence and commands extensive views of the surrounding country. Heyford Manor House is the residence of Francis Chevalier Jeyes esq. Heyford Grange is the residence of Mrs. Judkins. Sir Charles Valentine Knightley bart. of Fawsley, is lord of the manor. The principal landowners are the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy, J. O. Adams esq. and Mr. T. Starmer, of Stowe Nine Churches. The soil is gravelly. The crops are wheat and some land in pasture. The area is 1,181 acres of land and 16 of water; rateable value, £5,356; the population in 1891 was 773.

Post & Postal O. O.—John Eales, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from Weedon at 6.55 a.m. & 4.55 p.m. & dispatched at 11.20 a.m. & 7.10 p.m. week days only. Postal orders are issued here, but not paid. The nearest money order & telegraph office is at Bugbrooke, 2 miles distant