

## HAZELWOOD.

Hazelwood, formerly included in the parish of Duffield, comprises an area of 1,235 acres; ratable value, £2,679; and population (1891) 398. The principal landowners are the Exors. of George Henry Strutt, Esq., Belper; George Herbert Strutt, Esq., Makeney; Lord Scarsdale; the trustees of Beamsley Charity; and Sir John Gay Newton Alleyne, Bart., Hazelwood. The soil is clay and loam, subsoil clay and ratchel; the land is chiefly in pasture. There is a good stone quarry in the township. Hazelwood is in the hundred of Appletree, petty sessional division, county court district, and poor law union of Belper, and the electoral division and rural deanery of Duffield.

The manor anciently belonged to the Blounts, of Barton Blounts, and, in 1367, Sir Walter Blount granted it to Sir Godfrey Foljambe. This appears to have been only a temporary transfer, as another Sir Walter Blount, a little more than a century later, died seized of this and other manors. There is a hazy tradition of there having been formerly a castle here, but there is no authority for the story other than the traces of the foundations of a large building, and of the moat that surrounded it, on a farm near the Wesleyan chapel.

The village, if houses so scattered can be called such, is 6 miles N.W. from Derby, 2½ S.W. from Belper, and 1 mile from the station of its own name, on the Wirksworth branch of the Midland railway. The church, dedicated to St. John, was erected in 1845, at a cost of about £2,000, raised by subscription, and soon afterwards a district was allotted to it. It is a handsome edifice of stone in the Gothic style, strongly buttressed, and comprises chancel with organ chamber, nave, south porch, and a western bell turret containing two bells. The chancel is separated from the nave by a handsome moulded arch springing from three circular piers on either side. The east window of three lights is filled with stained glass, as also are the windows of the nave—six of which are memorials. On each side of the chancel arch is a marble tablet: one to the memory of the Rev. John Homer Jenkins, first vicar of Hazelwood, the other to Colonel Robert Henry Colville, of Kempsey House, Worcester, to whose piety are mainly due the church, school and vicarage house, the assignment of the district, and the endowment of the benefice of Hazelwood. The nave is spacious, and well furnished with low-backed pews of pitch-pine to seat 290. The pulpit is sculptured stone, and the lectern elaborately-carved oak, designed, made, and presented by Sir John Gay Newton Alleyne, Bart., 1893. The font was given by Julia Colville. The living is a vicarage, worth £200 per annum, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Southwell, and held by the Rev. William Henry Turner, B.A., since 1885. The ecclesiastical district includes part of Shottle, where there is a Mission church.

The *National School*, with teacher's house, is a good building of stone, erected at the same time as the church, at a cost of about £1,000, the greater portion of which was contributed by Colonel Colville. There are two departments, with an average attendance of 88. The Wesleyans have a chapel here, built in 1814, and enlarged and improved in 1890, at a cost of £120.

*Hazelwood Hall*, now a farmhouse, bears unmistakable traces of former splendour. *The Knowle* is a commodious residence, the property of Mr. Percival Hull. *Holmside* is a large stone house, occupied by C. H. Burbidge-Hambley, Esq.

*Chevin House*, the property and residence of Sir John Gay Newton Alleyne, Bart., M.L.C.E., J.P., C.A., is a large mansion of stone, pleasantly situated on an eminence 536 feet above the sea level. In the grounds is an observatory, erected by the present owner, and fitted with a large telescope and other astronomical instruments for observing the "orbs of heaven." Sir John is the third baronet of the family. His ancestor, Reynold Alleyne, was one of the first adventurers to the settlement made in the island of Barbados. He acquired considerable wealth there, and the family subsequently rose to the highest distinction in the legislative assembly of the island.

The district abounds with beautiful scenery, but the only spot we need particularise is a deep narrow ravine, through which a brook flows, hissing and splashing amongst the rocks. The sides are exceedingly steep, and permit only a few alders, sloe bushes, and brambles to find sufficient root-hold; and so deep and narrow is the gorge that the sun scarcely penetrates to the bottom of the chasm. This ravine, known as the *Depth of Lumb*, is much frequented by tourists and pleasure seekers in the summer time, but is seen to the best advantage when the brook is swollen after a season of rain.

**CHARITIES.**—The sum of 11s. is distributed amongst poor widows; 18s. 4d. is received from Gisborne's Charity, and spent in flannel, which is given to the deserving poor; the sum of 50s. is given in sums of 10s. to aged and needy parishioners who are not in receipt of parish relief from the Belper Union.

**SHOTTLE AND POSTERN** form a joint township containing 3,729 acres, in the civil parish of Duffield, but for all ecclesiastical purposes under Hazelwood. The ratable value is £4,801, and the population in 1891 was 432. The Duke of Devonshire is lord of the manor and owner of the whole township, with the exception of about 60 acres, which belong to Messrs. George Hy. and George Herbert Strutt. The district is purely agricultural; the soil is a variable mixture of sand and gravel; the subsoil clay and gritstone. There are upwards of 120 acres of woodland, and the greater portion of the rest of the township is in pasture.

Shottle is an ancient manor, and was given, together with the adjoining manor of Duffield, to Henry de Ferrers by William the Conqueror. Its previous owner was Gamel, and at the time of the Domesday Survey it was held under Henry de Ferrers by one Godric, apparently, from his name, an Englishman. In later times the manor came into the possession of the Earl of Newcastle, from whom it has descended to the present owner.

The village of Shottle consists of a number of widely scattered houses, about three miles W. from Belper, and near the station of its own name on the Wirksworth branch of the Midland railway. A Mission Church was built a few years ago by the Duke of Devonshire, who pays £50 per annum to the vicar of Hazelwood for officiating in it. It is a substantial stone edifice, consisting of a small apsidal chancel, nave (with bell turret), and western porch; but it is not as yet consecrated. The Baptists have a neat little chapel, erected in 1882, previous to which time they held their services in the upper room of an outhouse on Sycamore farm. It is comfortably furnished and well lighted. The school was built in 1824, and will accommodate 50 children. On an old slab, built into the wall, is the following inscription:—"Ralph Dowley, of Shottle, who departed this life on April the 28, 1741, he left to this school 40 pounds ye interest of which to be paid for ever for ye learning of poor children in Shottle, 1745." His widow added £35 to the legacy, and the money was invested in land. Two-thirds of the rent (£6 10s.) is given to the school, and the remaining third (£3 5s.) is, by the bequest of Mrs. Dowley, paid to the Congregational Chapel at Wirksworth. Most of the farmhouses are of recent erection, and possess all modern conveniences. *Lannas*, or more accurately *Lambhouse*, still retains its old-fashioned appearance, but its whitewashed walls are the picture of cleanliness.

*Shottle Gate* is a hamlet about one mile nearer Belper. A Lecture Room was built here a few years ago, in which religious services are also held. *Shottle House* is a large farmhouse with a very imposing appearance, erected by the Messrs. Strutt in 1855. The outbuildings are extensive, and fitted with every modern improvement. A little distance from Shottle Gate, near Black Brook, is Shottle Wesleyan Chapel, erected by Thomas Slater, the pioneer of Methodism in this neighbourhood, and enlarged by his son and daughter, John and Phœbe Slater, in 1816. Mr. Slater was a farmer, but was known throughout the district as Parson Slater; and he is said to have preached three times in one day in towns so far apart as Derby, Nottingham, and Leicester. *Cowers*, a modern corruption of Cowhouse, is a hamlet near Shottle station.