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THE present Gazetteer was undertaken to meet a daily increasing want. The great changes in the political and ecclesiastical arrangements of the country, and the revolution effected in locomotion by the construction of railroads, during the last quarter of a century, have rendered former works comparatively obsolete. The census of 1861 and the Ordnance Survey have furnished new statistics both as regards population and area. The progress of manufactures and commerce has created fresh centres of industry, turned villages into towns, and changed the whole face of the country. By the Act of Parliament regulating the boundaries of counties, whole towns and parishes have been transferred from one county to another. Great alterations have likewise occurred in the ecclesiastical distribution of livings. In England numerous new parishes have been demarcated under Sir Robert Peel's Act; in Scotland the Free Church has arisen, and the National Church suffered disruption; and in Ireland great changes have taken place from various causes, among which may be mentioned emigration, the decrease of tillage and the increase of pasture, and other consequences flowing from the operation of the Encumbered Estates Act.

Under these circumstances a careful revision of the topography of the United Kingdom has been considered as likely to meet with public approval. Great exertion has been used to obtain authentic information, many of the more important articles having been contributed by gentlemen personally acquainted with the localities described in them; while, in the majority of instances, even the lesser articles have been revised by persons living in or near the neighbourhood.

To render the work more useful, a series has been added of seventy maps of the counties, drawn from the best authorities, on such a scale as to insure both efficiency and convenience, the railways and railway stations being indicated, and the whole verified on the Ordnance Survey.

For much valuable assistance and information the publishers are indebted to the clergy and landed proprietary, for whose courtesy their acknowledgments are gratefully tendered; while, in offering the NATIONAL GAZETTEER to the notice of the public, they venture to hope that the proportion of inaccuracies inevitable in a work of this nature will not be found to have exceeded an excusable limit.

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[LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS.—par, parish; tnsbp, township; vil, village; hmlt, hamlet; chpry, chapelry; tythg, tything; ext. par, extra parochial; lib., liberty; div., division; hund, hundred; wap., wapentake; bar., barony; prov., province; co., county; dioc., diocese; archdeac., archdeaconry; rect., rectory; vic., vicarage; cur., curacy; perpet. cur., perpetual curacy; don. cur., donative curacy; presb., presbytery; pat., patron; patron., patronage; val., value: the asterisk (*) denotes that there is a parsonage and glebe belonging to the living.]

ABBAS COMBE.

ABBAS COMBE and TEMPLE COMBE, a par. in the hund. of Horethorne, union of Wincanton, in the co. of Somerset, 4 miles S.W. of Wincanton. The living is a rect. in the dioc. of Bath and Wells, val. £398, in the patron. of the Rev. T. Fox.

ABBAS-STOKE. See STOKE-ABBAS.

ABBENHALL, co. of Gloucester. See ABINGHALL.

ABBERBURY, co. of Salop. See ALBERBURY.

ABBERLEY, a par. in the lower div. of the hund. of Doddingtree, union of Martley, in the co. of Worcester. The living is a rect.* in the dioc. of Hereford; val. £249, in the patron. of Mrs. Moillett. The church is dedicated to St. Michael. There is a small free school. The village is pleasantly situated in a valley near the road from Worcester to Ludlow, at the distance of 4 miles to the S.W. from Stourport. There are fine prospects over the Vale of Severn from the hills around, which rise to the height of 800 feet, and on the slopes of which are sheepwalks and plantations. Limestone and good coal are obtained in the district. This village was the birth-place of William Walsh, the poet, a correspondent of Pope and Addison.

ABBERLEY, HIGH, a hmlt. in the par. of Kidderminster, and lower div. of the hund. of Halfshire, in the co. of Worcester, 2½ miles N.W. of Kidderminster, and a short distance from the rivers Stour and Severn.

ABBERLEY, LOW, a hmlt. adjoining the above, 2 miles W. of Kidderminster.

ABBERTOPT, a hmlt. in the par. of Willoughby, in the Wold div. of the wap. of Calceworth, in the co. of Lincoln, at the distance of 2 miles from Alford.

ABBERTON, a par. in the hund. of Winstree, union of Ixden, in the co. of Essex, 4 miles S. of Colchester. The living is a rect.* in the dioc. of Rochester, val. £289, in the patron. of the lord chancellor. The church, which is small and plain, with a brick steeple, is dedicated to St. Andrew. The Wesleyans have a chapel here. It is watered by the river Roman.

ABBERTON, a par. in the upper div. of the hund. and union of Pershore; in the co. of Worcester, near Bromsgrove. The living is a discharged rect. in the dioc. of Worcester, val. £161, in the patron. of W. Laslett, Esq. There is a mineral spring, the water of which is tonic and purgative, and is said to be little inferior to that of Epsom.

ABBERWICK, a tnsbp. in the par. of Edlingham and north div. of Coquetdale ward, union of Alnwick, in the co. of Northumberland, 3 miles W. of Alnwick. It is situated on the river Aine.

ABBEY, or CORCOMROE ABBEY, a par. in the bar. of Burren, in the co. of Clare, and prov. of Munster, Ireland, 2 miles S. of the town of Burren, and extending along the shores of Burren harbour in the bay of Galway. The living is an inappropriate rect. This parish receives its name from an abbey of the Cistercian order, founded, some say, in 1194, by Donald

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O'Brien, King of Limerick; others, by his son, Donough Carbrac O'Brien, in 1200. It was called *Corcomroe*, which signifies "of the fruitful rock;" also, *Gounomonagh*, or "glen of the monks." The abbey was dedicated to the Virgin, and at one time it was connected with the abbey of Suir, in Tipperary; at a later time with the abbey of Furness, in Lancashire. It had a cell annexed to it in the adjoining barony. Among the ruins of the abbey, which are extensive, the chief object of admiration at present is a lofty pointed arch. Another object of interest is the fine tomb of the King of Thomond, who fell in battle near this spot in 1267. The land along the coast is very fertile; but in the interior the ground is hilly and unproductive. There are valuable limestone quarries, and a profitable trade is carried on in seaweed, which is abundant, and is sold as manure. Another source of employment and profit is the great oyster-bed, called the "Red Bank," established some years ago by Mr. Bindon. Finvarra is the principal seat in the parish.

ABBEY, one of the eleven ecclesiastical subdivisions of the par. of Arbroath, in Forfarshire, Scotland. The living, val. £100, is within the presb. of Arbroath, and in the gift of the pew-holders. In the year 1178, a Tyronensian mitred abbey was founded here by William the Lion, whose remains were interred here. The estate is now in the family of the Panmures.

ABBEY, a hmlt. in the par. of St. Dogmells, in the hund. of Keness, in the co. of Pembroke, South Wales. It is not far from Cardigan.

ABBEY, a tythg. in the par. and hund. of Axminster, in the co. of Devon. It is not far from the town of Axminster.

ABBEY, a vil. in the par. of Inishlounaght, in the bar. of East Ifa and Offa, in the co. of Tipperary, Ireland. It is situated on the river Suir, 2 miles to the S.W. of Clonmel.

ABBEY, a small vil. within the lib. and co. of Haddington, about 1 mile E. of Haddington, on the banks of the Tyne. Here are the ruins of a Cistercian nunnery founded in 1178 by Ada, mother of Malcolm IV. It was at this spot the parliament met in 1548 to sanction the marriage of Mary Queen of Scots with the Dauphin of France.

ABBEY, near the vil. of Mottisfont, in the hund. of Thorngate, union of Romsey, in the co. of Hants, 12 miles from Southampton, and 12 from Salisbury. The seat of Sir John Mill, Bart.

ABBEY, near Llanrwst, in the hund. of Isdulas, and co. of Denbigh, Wales. The seat of Lord Newborough. ABBEY, near Hartland, in the par. and hund. of Hartland, in the co. of Devon, 46 miles W.N.W. of Exeter. The seat of Mrs. Orchard, a mansion built on the site of the abbey founded by Githa, wife of Earl Godwin, in the 11th century, and rebuilt by Geoffrey Dinant in 1184: it passed at the Reformation to Serjeant Abbot.