

# Appendix.

## SYNOPTICAL HISTORY OF YORKSHIRE CHURCHES, &c.

### ALLERTON.

(CONGREGATIONAL.)

From early times there had been many godly persons in this village, accustomed to worship first at Kipping Chapel, afterwards at Horton Lane, Bradford. A separate sanctuary was, however, imperatively required. It was erected 1814. The pastors have been—

1815. Rev. JOSEPH HARRISON (from Bury). He had often preached at Allerton whilst the congregation was being formed, and had promoted the erection of the new chapel. Ob. Feb. 8, 1821.

1821. Rev. JONAS HINCHCLIFFE (Northowram Acy., from Booth and Haslingden). Resigned 1823, and became minister of the General Baptists, Bradford. Ob. 1833.

1827. Rev. THOMAS HUTTON (Airedale Coll., from Pocklington). Greatly respected. Relinquished the pastoral office in 1857, and still survives.

1858. Rev. JOSEPH MASON CALVERT (Airedale Coll.), from Dronfield. Resigned 1867, and is now settled at Stainland.

The pulpit is vacant.

### ALVERTHORPE.

(SEE WAKEFIELD.)

### APPLETON-WISKE.\*

(CONGREGATIONAL.)

The congregation at Appleton-Wiske was founded in 1835. Mr. Trowsdale, a man of wealth and long a member of the church at Whitby, came then into the possession of an estate on which was a chapel which he fitted up for congregational worship. It has usually enjoyed the benefit of the services of students (from Pickering and elsewhere), though sometimes the church has had a pastor for a short season.

1838. Rev. JOHN BOYD.

1850. Rev. GEORGE SWANN.

1854. Rev. — GAUKROGER.

After Mr. Trowsdale's death his widow continued the generous sustentation which her husband had begun, and practised great economy that she might serve with greater liberality the cause of God. She died 1866.

### ATTERCLIFFE.

(SEE SHEFFIELD.)

AYTON—CLEVELAND.†  
(PRESBYTERIAN, NOW CONGREGATIONAL.)

The lack of authentic records

\* Communicated by Rev. J. Atkinson.

† Communicated by Rev. J. Brierley.

renders the records of this ancient church very incomplete. Tradition says that, on account of the religious troubles in Scotland about two centuries ago, several natives of Scotland left their country and settled in this vicinity. One of them became Lord of the Manor, and the first meeting-house was built by him on his land. An imperfect account, kept by a John Jollie (who appears to have been an elder), amidst items of business matters, supplies the following facts:—

“Mr. Porteous preached his last sermon at Ayton Feb. 8, 1746-7, from Phil. i. 27, ‘Only let your conversation,’ &c.” His address then follows: “Rev. Mr. Porteous, Nuneaton, near Coventry, Warwickshire.” (The ministry of Mr. Porteous, at Nuneaton, was regarded as having a tendency to Arianism.) Again, “The Rev. Mr. Brown came March 30, 1747.” Again, “The Rev. Mr. Blakey came to our house June 4, 1748. Paid him £1 14s.” It is not said in what capacity these ministers were engaged, whether as pastors or only as occasional preachers. Again, “Mr. Simpson’s last sermon at Ayton, 26th day of August, 1758, from the words (1 Thess. iv. 1), ‘Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren,’ &c.”

Rev. — LOGAN. Ob. 1812 or 1813. During the latter years of Mr. Logan’s life the congregation became Unitarian. After his death Mr. Hinners obtained the use of the chapel, preaching in it and at Guisborough alternately. He at length removed from Guisborough.

1826. Rev. W. HINNERS (from Guisborough and Stokesley). Ob. 1846.

An interval; during which no settled minister.

1852 Rev. J. ATKINSON (from Free Church). An Independent Church was now formed, and the chapel was rebuilt. Removed Dec., 1855, to Felling, Newcastle.

1855. Rev. H. HUSTWICK. Removed to Honley, 1859.

1859. Rev. THOMAS DAVISON (from Stockton). Resigned Nov. 24, 1859.

1862. Rev. JOHN KAY. Resigned in 1863.

May 15, 1864. Rev. ISAAC BRIERLEY (Pickering Acy., from Mixenden). The present minister.

### BARNSELY—SHEFFIELD ROAD.\*

(PRESBYTERIAN.)

The records of the early history of the Barnsley Church are few. An old Dissenting Meeting-house near Church Street was endowed by land at Beeston. The first minister mentioned is Rev. SAMUEL ROBERTS, whose death (1708) is recorded in the Northowram register, which characterizes him as “a brisk, active young man—had preached about six or seven years.” Other ministers were WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE and SAMUEL MIDGELEY, “a plain, pious man,” who died here.† “The chapel,” we are then told, “went to decay, and was taken possession of by a John Deakin, who converted the same into three dwelling-houses, called ‘Chapel-hill’ to this day” (1833). “The land, by some means, fell into the hands of Mr. Mills, of Wakefield.”

\* Aided by Messrs. Shaw and Wilson.

† Scales MSS.—Mr. Scales mentions a tradition he had received from Mrs. Briggs, that some tradesmen of Barnsley had once, in a drunken frolic, brought the pulpit out of the chapel, and put it in the public stocks.

The next chapel was begun in 1777, and was finished in 1778, chiefly through the liberality of the Messrs. Walker, of Rotherham. It had a large burial-ground. The successive ministers have been—

1777. Rev. WILLIAM ENTWISLE. He remained here in honour and usefulness for ten years. Died at Barnsley, 1787.

1787. Rev. ROBERT ELLIS. Died in 1832, after a ministry of 45 years. For many years before his death the congregation was in a very declining state. The chapel was diminished by the appropriation of part of it as a minister's house. After Mr. Ellis's death there was no regular pastor, except for a few months, when the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. T. Tully Crybbace. Very few remained of the original congregation.

During the year 1866, at the instance of several members of Regent Street Congregation, a new trust-deed was prepared, and new trustees appointed:—Dr. G. W. Smith, Messrs. S. Simpson, J. W. Wilson, Henry Rhodes, John Smorfit, Edwin Byggate, and J. J. Huntley. The recent deed is in entire accordance with the preceding one, which prescribes the Westminster Confession as a standard of doctrine. It was designed, after repairing the building, to form a church and congregation, and to incorporate in it the small remains of the original body. The person, however, who resided in the house, and had been put in possession of the property by the previous trustees, and who had latterly officiated as minister, refused to admit the new trustees even to view the premises, though possession had not been demanded. Many fruitless attempts having been made in the way of amicable adjustment,

a formal notice was served on the part of the trustees. At length an order of the Vice-Chancellor was obtained, and the resisting occupier was ejected. (1867)

It is intended to use the building for Evangelistic purposes.

## BARNSELY—SALEM CHAPEL.

(CONGREGATIONAL.)

In the absence of all efficient teaching in the old chapel, the Revs. Dr. Bennett and T. Smith, with the co-operation of the students of Rotherham College, attempted, about 1824, a new movement. After contending with difficulties of no common kind, a plot of ground was purchased, and a building, called "Salem Chapel" was erected. It was opened March 16, 1825; the preachers being Revs. Dr. Raffles, R. W. Hamilton, and E. Parsons, junior, of Halifax.

A Church was formed in 1826 by Revs. Mark Docker, of Sheffield, and John Orange, of Rotherham College.

1828. Rev. JOHN ORANGE became the pastor. The congregation increased till the removal of Mr. O. to Newcastle, Dec., 1832.

1834. Rev. JOSHUA ARMITAGE (Airedale Coll.). After upwards of six years of faithful service, Mr. A. retired to Elswick, Lancashire, where he still labours.

1843. Rev. BENJAMIN BEDDOW (Rotherham Coll., from Burley). During Mr. Beddow's ministry a new chapel was erected in Regent Street, calculated to accommodate about 750 hearers. It was opened Sept. 25, 1856, by Revs. G. W. Conder, Dr. George Smith, and Dr. Alexander, and the congregation removed thither.

## BARNESLEY—REGENT STREET.

(CONGREGATIONAL.)

This commodious and beautiful chapel was erected at a cost of £6,500, and upwards of £1,000 have been since spent in providing additional school accommodation, an organ, &c.\* The ministers of Regent Street have been—

1856. Rev. BENJAMIN BEDDOW (Rotherham Coll., from Burley) Removed to Newbury, May 6, 1861. Now at Wanstead.

1862. Rev. JOSEPH ODDY (from Dogley Lane). Removed to Whitworth, 1867.

1868. Rev. JAMES BROWNE, B.A. (London U., from Bamford).

## BATLEY.†

(CONGREGATIONAL.)

Heywood makes mention of a Mr. Smallwood, formerly minister here, whom he calls "an eminent minister of God." He died 1667, at Flanshaw Hall.

A chapel was built here in 1839, largely through the influence of the late Rev. A. Clarkson, formerly of

\* A handsome mural tablet has been erected in the building, bearing the following inscription:—

"To the memory of William Shaw, Esq., who was born at Norsbro'-Dale (near Barnesley), and died at Stanley Hall, Nov. 29, 1859, in the 55th year of his age, and was interred at the Cemetery, Wakefield.

"Having in early life professed his faith in Christ, and through the Divine blessing being greatly prospered in business, he habitually and cheerfully contributed to many benevolent and Christian objects, and towards the close of his life he presented, as a thank-offering to the Lord, more than half the cost of this building.

"The congregation worshipping here have erected this Tablet as an abiding record of his munificence and their gratitude."

† Communicated by Rev. J. Rae, M.A.

Bingley, but then residing at Healey, near Batley. He received hearty assistance in this work from a small, but earnest band of Christians in Batley, members of the congregation worshipping in Upper Chapel, Heckmondwike. Mr. Clarkson, though never recognised as the minister, preached usually once a month, and acted in many respects as the pastor to the church.

The ministers have been—

1845. Rev. JOHN HOTHAM. Now in Australia.

1854. Rev. JAMES RAE, B.A. (Cheshunt), the present minister. Mr. Rae, is Co-Secretary to "The West Riding Provident Society."

A handsome new chapel was built in 1856, and plans are under consideration to enlarge it, so as to provide 300 additional sittings and to build a minister's house. Large day and Sabbath schools, with lecture and class rooms, were erected in 1860, at a cost of more than £2,000. The day schools are on the voluntary principle, and for several years the attendance has averaged 250.

## BAWTRY — (WITH RANSKILL).\*

(CONGREGATIONAL.)

Bawtry may justly claim to be remembered in the annals of Independency, since in its immediate neighbourhood the church presided over by Clifford and Robinson was formed. After their emigration, however, the neighbourhood remained very destitute of Evangelical preaching till the Sheffield Itinerant Society sent the Rev. R. Richards, of Attercliffe, to preach in a temporary place hired for the purpose. This building was opened in 1819, and was afterwards

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