

PARISH OF ABDIE.

THE PARISH OF ABDIE, which contains a suburb of the post-town of Newburgh, (Mount Pleasant) is situated on the north-west corner of the County among the Ochil hills. It is bounded on the west by the parishes of Newburgh and Abernethy, on the north by the Firth of Tay, and on the east and south by the parishes of Flisk, Dunbog, Monimail, Collessie, and Auchtermuchty.

Two portions of it are separated from the main body by the intervention of the parishes of Newburgh and Dunbog. The whole, if compact, might form an area of about six miles by four. The surface is a varied succession of hill and dale, containing about 8000 acres, three-fourths of which are under cultivation, and the remainder consists of wood and coarse waste pasture, extensively covered with heath and furze: the best land is rich alluvium along the Tay. The highest ground is Norman's Law, "the hill of the northern man," situated in the eastern isolated portion, rising to the height of 850 feet above the level of the sea, and commanding a fine view of the vale of Eden, the Firth of Tay, and the Carse of Gowrie. The Loch of Lindores, near the centre of the Parish, is a beautiful sheet of water, nearly a mile in length, covering about seventy acres, and fed by a small stream called Priest's Burn, which never freezes, and never dries up, and discharges its waters by a rivulet of about two miles in length, into the Tay, a short way below Newburgh. The Lake abounds in pike, perch, eels, and aquatic fowls; and the stream which flows from it drives several valuable Mills- saw-mill, bone-mill, and corn mills. The most remarkable mansion is Inchrye House, a Gothic structure, with turrets and battlements, situated a little to the east of the Loch of Lindores, and figuring conspicuously in some of the finest views of the Parish. The house of Lindores is also a picturesque object. The village of Lindores, near the foot of the Loch, is a place of great antiquity, and it contains some vestiges of a castle, which is said to have belonged to McDuff, the first Thane of Fife. Balfour relates that, in the vicinity of this castle, a battle was fought between the Scots under Wallace, and the English, in June, 1300, in which the latter sustained a loss of 3000 killed, and 500 prisoners; and Blind Harry states that, after the battle, Wallace and his companions retired to the castle. There is also a village called Grange of Lindores. Mount Pleasant, the suburb of Newburgh, has almost been wholly built since 1831; its inhabitants are chiefly weavers, engaged in the linen manufacture. In the rest of the Parish the inhabitants are either employed in agricultural pursuits, or tradesmen who are employed by those engaged in agriculture.

The Parish is traversed for a short way by the Perth fork of the Edinburgh, Perth, and Dundee Railway, and enjoys ready access to communication by that railway, and by the Tay steam boats. There is a station for coal, lime, &c., at Glenburnie, and the railway station for Newburgh is also in the parish.

The Parish Church is a plain building, with a pillared belfry, overlooking the Loch at Lindores; there is also a Free Church for Abdie and Newburgh. In addition to the Parish School, there are Private Schools at Mount Pleasant and Lindores.

POST TOWN, Newburgh, with a Sub-Office at Lindores, Thomas Cairns, Sub-Post Master.- A runner leaves Newburgh about 9 A.M. for Dunbog, and delivers on the way at the villages of Glenburnie, Grange, and Lindores. The runner leaves Dunbog at 1 P.M., and delivers and receives on his way back to Newburgh.

BLACKSMITHS.

Brown, Thomas, Grange

Clunie, Thomas, do

Edmeston, Robert, Ayton

Edmeston, James, (& Veterinary Surgeon) Lindores

Gibb, John, Burnside

BOOT & SHOEMAKERS.

Gairns, Thomas, Lindores

Moncrieff, George, Glenburnie

CLERGY.

Duncan, John, Parish Church, Abdie

Harris, David, of Fearn, Mount Pleasant

Murray, John, Free Church, Lindores

Russell, Archibald, 2d U. P. Church, Newburgh, Mount Pleasant

Young, John, 1st U. P. Church, Newburgh, Mount Pleasant

DRESSMAKERS.

Anderson, Mrs, Mount Pleasant

Gray, Alice, Grange

FARMERS.

Angus, William, North Grange

Buist, George, Ormiston

Buist, James, Braeside

Ballingall, George, Ayton

Beckett, John, Woodhead

Cunningham, George, Carneyhall

Cunningham, George, Woodmill

Christie, William, Mains of Lindores

Cockburn, John, Braeside, Inchrye

Dun, George, Grange

Duncan, John, Denmill

Gardner, James, Lumbenny

Gray, Mrs John, Lindores

Jackson, James, Woodmill

Main, John, Whitefield

Pitcairn, John, Kinnaird

Russell, A. W., Parkhill

Tod, James, Dunmuir & Blinkbonny

Wilkie,----- Lochmill

GENTRY & PEOPLE OF INDEPENDENT MEANS.

Buist, A. W., Greenbank

Buist, Henry, Berryhill

Edmeston, David, Lindores

Lawson, James, Mount Pleasant

Maitland, Lady, Lindores House

Wilson, Captain James, Inchrye

GROCERS.

Those marked thus* are also Spirit Dealers.

Brabner, William, Mount Pleasant

Clunie, Thomas, do

Clunie, Thomas, Grange

Dougal, James, Glenburnie

Forbes, Mrs D., do

* Gardner, Henry, Glenburnie

Lockhart, Robert, Lindores

Sinclair, Margaret, Mount Pleasant

Wylie, Peter, do

JOINERS & WRIGHTS.

Kellock, Alexander, Lindores

Patterson, James, Grange

LAND LABOURERS.

Pottie, Alex., Brewrie, Mount Pleasant

Wilkie, David, Lindores

MILLERS.

Craig, Robert, (Corn) Newmill

Curr, Wm., (Flour & Corn) Craigmill

Duncan, John, (Corn) Denmill

TEACHERS & SCHOOLS.

Black, Mrs, (Music) Mount Pleasant

Cameron, John, Parish School, Grange

Sowes, Catherine, Lindores

TAILORS.

Those marked thus* are also Clothiers

*Blyth, David, Lindores

Wood, W. I., do

MISCELLANEOUS.

Birkett, James, Molecatcher, Abdie

Boyd, David, Coal Agent, Glenburnie

Becket, Wm., Land Surveyor, Woodhead

Kellock, Alex., Auctioneer & Appraiser, Lindores

Kirkcaldy, Wm., Wood Merchant & Saw-Miller, Glenburnie

Laing, Henry, Thatcher, Lindores

McQueen, Mrs, Milliner, Mount Pleasant

Pringle, James, Millwright, Glenburnie

Smith, Henry, Mason, Lindores

ADD

Carrachan, John, Excise Officer, Mount Pleasant

Storrar, Henry, Farmer, Lumbenny

DELETE

Gardner, James, Farmer, Lumbenny

ERRATUM.

For Sowes, Catherine, Teacher, Lindores, read Catherine Soues

