

PARISH OF BURNTISLAND.

THIS PARISH, containing a town of its own name, is situated on the south- west coast of the County. It lies opposite Granton, and is bounded on the south by the Firth of Forth, by Aberdour on the west, and by Kinghorn on the east and north. Formerly this Parish was called Western Kinghorn, but eventually it took the name of the town, which was anciently called Bertland or Bertiland, the modern name, Burntisland, being a corruption. It is two and a half miles long from north to south, by about two and a quarter in breadth. A plain extends inwards from the sea for about half a mile, when the ground becomes hilly and the soil of an inferior quality. The shore is rocky to the west and sandy to the east of the town. To the north the hills exhibit marks of volcanic action, Dunearn, which rises to the height of about 700 feet, being like an extinct volcano, the crater of which has been converted into a small lake. On the north side of the hills are basaltic columns, and on their tops are cairns and tumuli of great size.

There is a quarry of excellent freestone, and a great extent of the Parish abounds in limestone of the finest quality. Starlyburn, on the west boundary, produces stalactites and incrustations of moss and wood, and falls over a high rock into the sea, amid luxuriant foliage, forming a fine cascade. Rossend Castle, on an eminence at the west end of the town, was built in the fifteenth century, and was long a military stronghold ; and though much altered by modern additions, still forms a striking feature in the rich scenery of the district. The ruins of the original Parish Church, bearing marks of great antiquity, stand at the village of Kirkton, at a small distance from the town, and around them there is a small burying-ground. There is a very extensive distillery at Grange, about half a mile north of the town.

The town of Burntisland is a sea-port and a Royal Burgh, governed by twelve councillors, including a provost, two bailies, a treasurer, and a dean of guild, and unites with Kinghorn, Kirkcaldy, and Dysart, in returning a member to Parliament. It stands at the Fifeshire terminus of the E. P. & D. Railway, four and a half miles north from Granton. It is screened by hills in the form of an amphitheatre, which shelter the harbour from the north and east winds. The town consists of two streets running parallel to each other, with some lanes running of the main streets.

The chief street is the High Street, which is broad and spacious ; and there are a number of handsome cottages for summer visitors toward the east. The town was fortified during the reign of Charles I., and was beseiged by Cromwell during the Commonwealth, the inhabitants being zealous Covenanters, and only surrendered to him on the condition that he should repair their streets and harbour, which condition he honourably fulfilled. Part of the old wall and east port still remain. The harbour is reckoned the best in the Forth, being both capacious and of great depth of water. It has also a dry dock, and a light-house stands at the entrance to the haven. It has acquired an increased importance of late years, from its being made the terminus of the Railway, which has greatly extended the trade of the harbour, especially in the export of coal and pig-iron, and the shipping business is still steadily increasing. Upwards of twenty years ago, the late Sir

John Gladstone, of Fasque, erected a substantial and commodious low-water pier, making Burntisland the principal Ferry station between Fife and Mid-Lothian. The pier with the right of ferry was sold to the Railway Company on their obtaining their Act of Parliament, and has been worked by them, in connection with the Railway, ever since. A breakwater has lately been erected, which protects the harbour and pier from the west and south-west winds, the only winds to which the harbour is exposed. From the excellent position of Burntisland as a sea-port town

secure from the north and east winds, its excellent bathing ground, and its contiguity to Edinburgh, it has become a fashionable summer residence, and to that, next to the opening of the Railway, its present prosperity is due. For the purpose of accommodating strangers, many of the inhabitants have built and furnished suitable houses, which they let out during the season to summer visitors, and our Directory comprises a list of those that do so ; but we would recommend strangers in quest of lodgings to consult Mr Alex. Blaikie, Wine Merchant & Grocer, Waverly Buildings, who can at all times supply information as to parties whose apartments may be still unlet, and the nature of the accommodation each is able to furnish.

The Parish Church, which was erected about the end of the sixteenth century, is a commodious and venerable edifice, overlooking the sea. There is also a United Presbyterian Church, a Free Church, and an Episcopalian Church. In addition to the Burgh School, which is also the Parish School, there is a Free Church, an Episcopalian, and several Private Schools.

A number of the inhabitants of the town are employed at the engineering works connected with the Railway, and on the locomotives and ferry-boats, and other duties connected with the harbour. The fish-curing establishments also employ a number of hands, and the remainder pursue the occupations of shopkeepers and tradesmen. In the country, the lime quarries at Newbigging, the distillery at the Grange, and agricultural pursuits, furnish the chief employments.

POST OFFICE, Burntisland, Andrew Bousie, Post Muster.-Letters from Edinburgh and the south arrive about 7.10 A.M., and 4 P.M., and are despatched at 8.30 A. M., and 4.30 P.M. Letters from Dundee, Perth, and the north, arrive at about 8.35 A. M., and 4.50 P.M. and are despatched at 6.50 A. M., and 3.30 P.m.

BAKERS.

Balderstone, John, High Street

Bread Society, do James Wilson, Salesman

Cook, George, High Street

Paterson, Alex., do Strachan, Thomas, do

BANKS.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND. Alexander Kidd, Agent

SAVINGS' BANK. Alexander Kidd, High Street, Treasurer. Open every Friday evening from half-past seven to half-past eight

BLACKSMITHS.

Arnot, David, Shore Calley,

Alexander, Lothian Street

Calley, Andrew, Kirkton

Turnbull, Thomas, High Street

BOOKSELLERS.

Paterson, Alex., High Street (Subscription Library)

Wood, David, High Street (Circulating Library)

BOOT & SHOEMAKERS.

Cowan, James, & Son, High Street

Donaldson, John, do

Henderson, David, Harbour Place

Leitch, Peter, High Street

Moyes, David, do

Moyes, John, Kirkton

Robertson, David, High Street

Wilson, Archibald, Kirkton

CARRIERS.

E. P. & D. Railway

Christie, William, to Kirkcaldy and Kinghorn, Tuesday and Friday

Shoolbred, John, to Inverkeithing, Aberdour, Kirkcaldy, &c., Tuesday & Friday

CARTERS.

Christie, Andrew, High Street

Christie, William, Shore Lane

Gaines, Alexander, Back Street

Hay, Archibald, High Street

Morton, Archibald, Quality Street

CHINA MERCHANTS.

Campbell, Lawrence, High Street

Cowan, Andrew, do

Stewart, Mrs, do

CLERGY.

Couper, David, Free Church, Craigholm Crescent

Crawford, D. G., U. P. Church, Quality Street

Forbes, G. H., Episcopalian, Parsonage

Robin, J., Parish Church, Cromwell Road

Stewart, Wm., (Residenter) James' Park

DRAPERS.

Morison, Alexander, High Street

Paterson & Duncanson, do

DRESSMAKERS.

Those marked thus * are also Milliners.

Christie, Miss Grace, Kirkgate

Eadie, Miss Isabella, Thistle Street

* Geddes, Misses A., & J., Harbour Place

Hutchison, Miss R., High Street

* Kennedy, Misses J., & C., do

McArthur, Miss, Craigholm Crescent

Nelson, Miss Jane, High Street

Swinton, Misses M., & E., do

FARMERS.

Beveridge, George, & William, Orrock

Bruce, William, High Street

Jackson, David, Thistle Street

Muckersie, Henry, Balbie

Smith, W. D., Back Street

Spence, David, Craigmally

Young, James, High Street

Young, Joseph, Esq., Grange

FISHCURERS.

Laird, Matthew, Back Street [

Methven, James, do, Donald Davidson, Manager

Simpson, Robert, & David, Castle Street

Smith, William D., Back Street

FLESHERS.

Brown, Robert, High Street

Thomson, William, do

FURNISHED LODGING-HOUSE KEEPERS.

Abercrombie, Miss, Gladstone Terrace

Anderson, Miss, Craigholm Crescent

Bell, David, Greenmount Villas

Blaikie, Mrs, Buccleuch Place

Bousie, Andrew, Buccleuch Place

Cameron, Mrs Esther, High Street

Connel James, Craigholm Crescent

Doig, Miss, James' Park

Eadie, Mrs, Cromwell Road

Fyall, Miss, Craigholm Crescent

Fyall, Miss E., Gladstone Terrace

Gourlay, John, Greenmount Villas

Hardie, Miss, Lammerlaws

Harris, Mrs T., Gladstone Terrace

Hume, James, Lammerlaws

Inches, Mrs, Gladstone Terrace

Inglis, Mrs, Rose Street

Jones, Mrs, Gladstone Terrace

Kellock, Mrs Elizabeth, Greenmount Villas

Kelly, Miss, Gladstone Terrace

Leitch, John, Greenmount Villas

McArthur, Mrs, Craigholm Crescent

McKay, George, Baths

McOmish, Mrs, Lammerlaws

Milne, James, Craigholm Crescent

Orrell, Mrs Thomas, Lammerlaws

Page, William, Craigholm Crescent

Paterson, Alexander, Greenmount Villas

Paterson, George, Lammerlaws

Paterson, Miss, Gladstone Terrace

Reekie, Mrs, Buccleuch Place

Reid, Alexander H., do

Robertson, George, Craigholm Crescent

Salmond, Robert, Lammerlaws

Shanks, Miss, West Park

Stenhouse, Mrs, Gladstone Terrace

Symon, Mrs, Lammerlaws

Wemyss, Miss Jean, High Street

Wilson, Mrs David, James' Park

Young, Miss Francis, Westbrae

GARDENERS.

Bell, David, (Jobbing) Greenmount Villas

Ferguson, William, (Market) James' Park

McIlroy, John, (Market) South Hill Street

Morgan, Nicol, (Jobbing) Quality Street

Paton, John, (Jobbing) Lundie's Close

GENTRY & PEOPLE OF INDEPENDENT MEANS.

Anderson, J. D., (Provost) Cromwell Road

Bennet, William, Greenmount Villas

Beveridge, Mrs Capt. Wm., Gladstone Terrace

Boosie, Mrs, Greenmount Villas

Boyd, Mrs Waddel, Nellfield

Cooper, Miss, Gladstone Terrace

Cooper, Mrs Major, Kirkbank

Curror, John, High Street

Dewar, Dr. Andrew, Little Dean

Higgiuson, Mrs, High Street

Hutchison, Alexander, do

Jervis, Mrs, Craigholm Crescent

Kerr, Miss Mary Ann, High Street

Kirk, Robert, Esq., of Greenmount

Kynnier, Misses, Rose Street

Laurie, Wm. A., Esq., of Rossend Castle

McFarlane, Miss, Back Street

McGlashan, Mrs, Whinnyhall

Morrison, James, High Street

Peters, Mr Moffat, Gladstone Terrace

Salmond, Mrs, Kirkgate

Seivewright, Mrs, Young's Place

Speed, James, High Street

Stewart, Thomas, Kirkton

Watt, Miss, Gladstone Terrace

Watt, Robert, Craigholm Crescent

Wemyss, Misses, Leven Street

Williamson, S., R. N., Gladstone Terrace'

Wright, Mrs Mary Ann, Young's Place

Young, Mrs R., Colinswell

Young, Joseph, Esq., of Dunearn, Grange

Young, Misses, Young's Place

GROCERS.

Those marked thus * are also spirit dealers.

* Beatson, David, High Street

* Blaikie, Alexander, Waverly Buildings

* Do., Harbour Place

* Cameron, Mrs Esther, High Street

* Cant, Henry, Rose Street

Edgar, Mrs, High Street

* Honeyman, Peter, do

* Hutchison, Thos., do

* Little, John, do

* Marshal, Mrs M., do

Mollison, Mrs A., Kirkton

* Pearson, John, High Street

* Reid, Miss J., do

Roper, Inglis, Harbour Place

Salmond, Robert, High Street

Stevenson, Robert, do

*Sutherland, John, do

Syme, Alexander, do

* Wilson, Mrs Isabella, Links Place

HOTEL KEEPERS.

Clarke, Mrs, Forth Hotel, (Posting) Forth Place

Laidlaw, Robert, George Hotel, (Posting) Harbour Place

INSURANCE AGENTS.

Blaikie, Alex. ,Merchant, Scottish National

Bousie, Andrew, Writer, City of Glasgow

Connell, James, Shipping Agent, Minerva

Duncanson, J., Merchant, United Kingdom Provident

Fuller, T. G., Druggist, Monarch

Hutchison, James, Writer, Caledonian

Kidd, Alexander, Banker, North British, do., Edinburgh, do., Scottish Plate Glass

McDonald, John, Spirit- Merchant, Scottish Union

Paterson, A., Bookseller, Standard

IRONMONGERS.

Blaikie, Alexander, Harbour Place

Brownlie, Robert, High Street

Pittilo, Robert, do

JOINERS & WRIGHTS.

Those marked thus * are also Cabinet- Makers.

*Beveridge, Robert, High Street

*Ferguson, George, do

*Harcus, Alexander, do

Young, Thomas, do

MASONS.

Hoag, Robert, Cromwell Road

Grant & Pitkethly, High Street

Penny, Peter, Kirkton

Philip, Henry, & Son, High Street

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS.

Christopher, Wm., M.D., Lochies

Williamson, J., M.D., High Street

PAINTERS & PAPER-HANGERS.

Dewar, James, High Street

Scott & Mitchell, do

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, SOCIETIES, &c.

Burntisland Golf Club, Dr. James Williamson, Sec. [Sec.

Burntisland Funeral Society, David Wilson,

Burntisland Music Hall, Thistle Street, Alex. Harcus,

Burntisland Young Men's Christian Institute, David Wood, Sec. [

Manager Public Baths, Links, Mrs Clarke, Forth Hotel, Manager

Reading & News Room, Railway Station

SHIPMASTERS.

Gibson, Andrew, High Street

Hutchison, Thomas, Leven Street ,

Kilgour, Robert, Young's Place

SHIPPING AGENTS.

Connel, James, Shore, for Lochgelly Iron Co.

Grieve, G. J. P., Shore, for Donibristle Coal Co.

SLATERS.

Alexander, James, Leven Street

Mitchell, Thomas, High Street

TAILORS.

Those marked thus * are also clothiers.

Deally, Thomas, High Street

Gibson, John, do

Melville, John, do

Melville, Robert, Kirkgate

* Paterson & Duncanson, High Street

* Wilson, Thomas B., do

TEACHERS & SCHOOLS.

Brown, John, Episcopal School, Leven Street

Davidson, Mrs John, (Boarding) Music, &c. Craigholm Crescent

Fraser, Mary, Infant School, Leven Street

Inches, Miss, Private School, Reading & Music, Gladstone Terrace

Low, David, Burgh School, Mount Pleasant

McLaren, A., F. C. School, Leven Street

TEMPERANCE COFFEE-ROOMS.

Beveridge, James, High Street

Blyth, William, Harbour Place

Melville, John, High Street

Watson, Janet, do

TINSMITHS & GASFITTERS.

Brownlie, Robert, High Street '

Moyes & Carnegie, do

TOY MERCHANTS.

Graham, William, High Street

McCall, Mrs, do

VINTNERS.

Bruce, John, Rose Street

Fyall, Andrew, Harbour Place

Heigh, John, Kirkton

Kinnell, William, High Street

Pearson, Alexander, do

Steadman, Mrs Janet, Harbour Place

WRITERS.

Bousie, A., (and Assessor for the Burgh) Quality Street

Hutchison, J, (and Notary and Town Clerk)

MISCELLANEOUS.

Allison, James, Saddler, High Street

Anderson, Andrew, Letter Carrier, do

Blaikie, Alexander, Distributor of Stamps, Waverly Buildings and Harbour Place

Boosie, Andrew, Cattle Salesman, Craigholm Crescent

Brown, John, Supervisor, Kirkton

Carron Iron Co., Lime Quarry Owners, Newbigging

Chalmers, Thomas, Contractor, High street &c., Craigholm Crescent

Connel, J., Shipping Agent, Danish Vice-Consul for Burntielsnd and Aberdour

Fuller, Thomas G., Chemist & Druggist, High Street

Garvie, John, Manager, Gas Works, Thistle Street

Hutchison, James, Principal Coast Officer, Custom House, High Street

Logan, David, Freestone Quarries, Starlyburn

McArthur, James, Architect, Craigholm Crescent

McDonald & Co., Wholesale Spirit-Merchants, Kirkton

McFeely, Daniel, Sheriff Officer and Keeper of Town Hall, High Street

Melville, William, Inspector of Poor and Collector of Poores' Rates, Kirkgate

Nicolson, Robert, Manager, Locomotive Department, E. P. & D. Railway

Paterson, Alex., Registrar, High Street

Pendrich, Andrew, Watchmaker, do

Robertson, George, Miller, (Corn & Flour) Ged's Mill, Kirkton

Stewart, Miss, Ready-made Boot & Shoe Shop, High Street

Walker, James, Harbour Master and Collector of Shore Dues, Shore

Walls, John, Farm Overseer, Grange

Wood, David, Letterpress Printer, High Street

Young, Wm., & Co., Distillers, Grange

ADD

Beattie, Miss, Teacher, Infant School,

Cant, Mrs, Summer Lodgings, West Lochies

Duncan, John, Manager, Corn & Flour Mill, Gedsmill

Gellatly, David, Managing Partner, Grange Distillery

Gilmour, R., Ship Chandler, Harbour Place

Gow & Fowler, Slaters

Kay, Miss Barbara, Grocer, Kirkgate

McBain, Miss, Teacher, Episcopal School, Leven Street

McConnochie, Archibald, Tinsmith & Gasfitter, High Street

McFarlane, Miss, Grocer & Spirit Dealer, High Street

McKay, George, Public Baths, Links

Melville, John, Vintner, High Street

Murray, Miss, Dressmaker, do

Sivewright, C. R., Esq., Young's Place

Walker, William, Ship Chandler, Harbour Place

Walls, John, Grocer & Spirit Dealer, Harbour Place -

DELETE

Alexander, James, Slater, Leven Street

Blaikie, Alexander, Ironmonger & Grocer, Harbour Place

Brown, John, Teacher, Episcopal School

Fraser, Mary, Teacher, Leven Street

Geddes, Misses, Dressmakers

McIlroy, John, Market Gardener

McOmish, Mrs, Summer Lodgings

Melville, John, Temperance Coffee-House

Moyes & Carnegie, Tinsmiths, &c.

Salmond, Mrs, Kirkgate

ERRATA.

For Nelson, Miss, Dressmaker, High Street, read Buccleuch Place

For Shanks, Miss, West Park, read James Park