

PARISH OF KEMBACK.

THIS PARISH, containing the villages of Blebo Craigs, Blebo Mills, and Kemback Mills, is situated in the Stratheden district of the County. It is bounded by the parishes of Dairsie and Leuchars on the north, by St Andrews and Ceres on the east, by Ceres on the south, and by Ceres and Cupar on the west. Its length east north-eastward is three miles, and its breadth seldom exceeds one and a half mile. All the northern border is bounded by the Eden. The surface at the western portion is nearly level, with a gentle declination towards the Eden; but about the centre it rises into Kemback Hill, which is finely wooded, and beautifully varied and picturesque. Dura Den, a sweet, romantic glen, intersects the Parish, beginning at Pitscottie Mills, and ending a little below Kemback Mills. The Kame, or as it is more commonly termed, "Ceres Burn," winds through its centre. The rocks here, and indeed generally throughout the Parish, belong to the old red sandstone formation ; and being exceedingly rich in organic remains, form a favourite haunt of the geologist. The chief branch of industry, other than rural, is flax spinning, there being no fewer than three mills, driven partly by water, and partly by steam power. There is also a saw-mill at Kemback Mill. There were formerly some corn and barley mills, but they have given way to flax machinery. There are some excellent freestone quarries on Kemback hill, a portion of which are in the Parish.

The entire area comprises about 2200 acres, of which about 1800 are in cultivation, and the remainder in wood and natural pasture. The soil exhibits every variety-clay, black loam, light sandy soil with a dry bottom, and thin gravel, and is upon the whole very fertile. The Parish is well supplied with good roads, and the Dairsie station of the Edinburgh, Perth, & Dundee Railway, is only about a mile from Blebo Works and Kemback Mills. The Parish Church is beautifully situated at the foot of Kemback Hill, about three miles east from Cupar. It is a plain building, erected in 1814. There is a Preaching Station, in connection with the Free Church, in Dura Den, which is supplied with sermon once a month, by the neighbouring dissenting ministers. The Parish School, which is near the Church, is an old building, belonging to the type of School-Houses in general use half a century ago. There is an Adventure School, and a Female Industrial School at Blebo Craigs, and a School in Dura Den, in connection with the mills at Blebo Works.

The POST TOWN is Cupar, with a Sub-Office at Dura Den, David Hain, Sub-Post Master.-
Letters from all parts arrive about 10.30 A. M., and are despatched at 2.20 P.M.

BLACKSMITHS.

Paton, David, Blebo Craigs

Stewart, Robert, Kemback Bridge

BOOT & SHOEMAKERS.

Adamson, Thomas, Blebo Craigs

Fisher, William, Kemback Hill

Walker, Andrew, Blebo Craigs

BUILDERS.

Buttercase, David, Jun., Hillhead, by Blebo Craigs

Dowie, Meldrum, (& Freestone Quarry) Blebo Craigs

Thomson, James, Kemback Hill

CARTERS & LAND LABOURERS.

Dunn, William, South Flisk, Blebo Craigs

Fisher, John, Blebo Craigs

Lumsden, Andrew, do Melville, Bethune, do

Robertson, Thomas, do

Wishart, R., South Flisk, Blebo Craigs

DRESSMAKERS.

Barclay, Miss, Blebo Craigs

Harvie, Miss, Dura Den

Swan, Miss Margaret, Hillhead, by Blebo Craigs

Wallace, Miss Jessie, Blebo Craigs

FARMERS.

Anderson, James, Blebo Mills

Bethune, Alex., Esq., Home Farm, Blebo

Bruce, James, Greenside of Blebo

Clement, John, Milton of Blebo

Cunningham, T. D., Newbigging of Blebo

Dalgleish, R. B., Esq., Home Farm, Dura

Forret, Robert, Blinkbonny, Blebo Craigs

Fyall, Robert, Morton of Blebo

Gibb, Andrew, Little Dura, by Cupar

Hepburn, Peter, Kinnaird

Thorns, Alexander, Esq., of Rungally

Walker, Peter, Blebo Mains

GARDENERS.

Paterson, Alex., (Jobbing) Blebo Craigs

Rattray, John, Blebo House Garden

Scott, John, Kemback Garden

GENTRY & PEOPLE OF INDEPENDENT MEANS.

Bethune, Alexander, Esq., of Blebo

Dalgleish, Robert B., Esq., of Dura

McLaren, Rev. R. A., D.D., Minister of Parish, Kemback Manse

Small, John, Esq., Kemback House

Thoms, Alexander, Esq., of Rungally

GROCERS.

Balsillie, Andrew, Pitscottie

Blyth, Betsy, Blebo Craigs

Forret, Miss Agnes, Blebo Craigs

Honeyman, Mrs Alexander, Kemback Mill

Morris, James, Dura Den

Rodger, Miss, Hillhead, by Blebo Craigs

JOINERS & WRIGHTS.

Adamson, John, Blebo Craigs

Adamson, Robert, do

Boyd, John, do

Wallace, John, do

LAND SURVEYORS.

Dandie, David, School-House, Kemback

Louden, James, Blebo Craigs

TEACHERS & SCHOOLS.

___ ____, Female Industrial School, Blebo Craigs

Dandie, David, (& Registrar) Parish School, Kemback

Martin, John, (& Inspector of Poor) Blebo Works School

Thomson, Thomas, Adventure School, Blebo Craigs

VINTNERS.

Balsillie, Andrew, Pitscottie

Keddie, David, (Ales) Blebo Craigs

MISCELLANEOUS.

Blyth, Alexander, Saw-Miller & Wood Merchant, Kemback Mill

Burns, Thomas, Contractor, Blebo Craigs

Doig, George, Tailor and Clothier, do

Watson, Alexander, & Son, Flax Spinners, Blebo Works

