

PARISH OF NEWBURGH.

THIS PARISH, containing the Royal Burgh of Newburgh, forms the boundary of the County on the north-west border. It is of a very irregular form, a portion of it lying along the margin of the Tay, while the remaining section stretches to the south, across the ridge of the Ochils. The whole has the appearance of an ill-shaped boot, or of the letter L, inverted. The portion which stretches along the Tay is about two miles in length, by scarcely a half in breadth; while the other portion is nearly three miles in length from north to south, by three quarters of a mile in breadth. It is bounded on the north by the Tay, on the west partly by the parish of Abdie, and partly by that of Abernethy in Perthshire, and on the south by Abernethy, Auchtermuchty, Collessie, and Abdie. The northern section is a beautiful level along the shore of the Tay, where the town of Newburgh is situated, and which is finely wooded in various parts of its surface. The southern portion, which occupies the ridge of the Ochils, is an alternate series of hills and valleys; the former in one place, Craigsparrow, rising as high as 600 feet, and in another, the Blackcairn, 800 feet above the sea. The soil of the flat district is a very fertile clay, equal to that of the best parts of the Carse of Gowrie; while that of the upper district is, for the most part, either a loose black loam, or a more compact ferruginous mould; and, although shallow, is very fertile. The prevailing rock is trap. The whole area is about 1100 acres, of which about four-fifths are under cultivation, about 40 acres are occupied as orchards, and the remainder is either pastoral land, or waste, or under wood. The orchards owe their origin to the Monks of Lindores. The Parish enjoys good sea-ward communication through the port of Newburgh; and it is traversed by the turnpike road from Cupar to Perth, and by the Perth fork of the E. P. & D. Railway, which has a station at the town.

The antiquities connected with the Parish are both numerous and interesting. At the north-eastern extremity, in the vicinity of the town, on a gentle rising ground in the midst of the rich clay lands near the Tay, stand the ruins of the ancient Abbey of Lindores. This monastery was founded, in 1178, by David, Earl of Huntingdon, brother of William the Lion, and heir presumptive to the Scottish throne, in commemoration of his escape from shipwreck, and of his having taken Ptolemais from the Saracens, during a crusade in the Holy land. He planted it with monks of St Benedict brought from Kelso; and, in course of time, it became one of the richest and most important Abbeys in the kingdom. The buildings appear to have been grand and extensive; but those shared in the devastations of the Reformation epoch, and after that period, were used as a quarry for erecting or repairing the houses of Newburgh; so that they now retain scarcely a trace of their ancient grandeur. The polished ashlar stones of the walls have been almost all removed; parts of the mere skeletons of the walls, consisting only of small stones and lime matted over with ivy, now form their chief bulk; and the arched entrance to the cloisters is the only part which retains any sort of preservation. The inclosing wall of the precincts, however, is still pretty entire; and, within the inclosure, and in its immediate vicinity, are fine old fruit trees, the relics of the taste and pursuits of the monks. A little to the west of the town stands a curious antiquity called Mugdrum cross. It consists of an upright square stone pillar, fixed into a large oblong stone base. It is supposed, originally, to have had transepts, making it literally a cross; but it long ago lost the transepts themselves, and the marks of their connection with the shaft. It exhibits the mutilated figures of animals carved on its eastern face. The southern and the western faces have been so injured by time, that no carving can now be traced on them; and the northern face exhibits only such ornamentation as is common in very ancient standing stones. It is altogether a

remarkable monument, though nothing is known of its origin or history. A still more interesting relic of a by-gone age is the remains of Macduff's cross, situated on the high grounds to the south-west of the town, and near the site of the old road leading across the hills to Auchtermuchty. The site of this object of antiquity is a hollow in the face of the hills, commanding an extensive prospect of the lower part of Strathearn; and, when in a complete condition, must have been seen at a great distance. All that now remains is a mass of freestone, measuring about three feet square, resting on a summit of earth. From its appearance it is impossible to say what was its original figure, but tradition asserts that it was of considerable height, and covered with a rude inscription. In early times this cross was a sanctuary, or place of refuge, to any person related to Macduff, Thane of Fife, within the ninth degree; and who having committed homicide without premeditation, obtained a remission of his guilt by flying to this cross and paying a certain fine, and performing certain penances. Such at least is the account generally given by our old historians. There are some tumuli around the pedestal, which are said to have been the graves of those who, having claimed the privilege of the law, and failing to prove their relationship to Macduff, were instantly executed. At what period the law of Macduff ceased to be recognisable, is not known.

The only mansion-houses in the Parish are Pitcairly and Mugdrum. The former is the residence of Robert Cathcart, Esq., and lies in a glen among the hills, near the turnpike road from Newburgh to Auchtermuchty. The latter is a large heavy-looking building, erected in 1786, but is beautifully situated near the Tay, amidst extensive and very fine old woods.

Newburgh, the capital of the Parish, a seaport and a Royal Burgh, is ten miles north-west of Cupar, about eleven south south-east of Perth, and seven and a quarter north-west of Ladybank. A great number of the houses are of recent erection, and even the oldest existing parts have been nearly all rebuilt within the last seventy years. The body of the town consists of one well-built street, about half a mile in length, of a range of houses fronting the harbour, and of some lanes leading down to the shore. A modern suburb on the south, called Mount Pleasant, is within Abdie parish. Both the shops and principal dwelling-houses indicate considerable taste and prosperity on the part of the owners. Its situation on the Tay is exceedingly pleasant; and, both from its appearance with garden and fruit trees among the houses, and from the rich, romantic, gay appearance of its environs, it presents a fine picture to observers, when viewed either from the Tay or from the railway. The principal building is the Town-House, with a Spire, erected in 1808.

Newburgh has made extraordinary strides, both in wealth and importance, within the last eighty years. Previous to 1780 the trade and manufactures of the town were comparatively limited; but, since that period, the linen trade has made astonishing progress, which at present may be said to have reached its maximum, the manufacturers not only supplying almost all the looms in the district, amounting to upwards of 550, but also agents in many of the neighbouring towns and villages. A considerable trade in grain is also carried on, and a weekly market is held on Thursday for the sale of corn. The harbour consists of a long pier, parallel to the river, and four jetties at right angles to it. There are always here considerable bustle, and not a little real business. There are 20 vessels belonging to the port, of the aggregate burden of 1256 tons; and one packet is regularly engaged in conveying raw material and manufactured produce between the town and Dundee. The principal other exports consist of lime, grain, and potatoes, and the

imports of timber, coal, and miscellaneous goods. Although Newburgh is a Royal Burgh, it does not exercise the privilege of returning a Member to Parliament; and, so far as parliamentary rights are concerned, it forms merely a part of the County : other-wise it has all the privileges of a Royal Burgh. It was originally a Burgh of Barony, under the Abbots of Lindores, and was first erected into a Royal Burgh in 1456; and in 1631 its ancient privileges were confirmed by Charles I. It is governed by two bailies and fifteen councillors, with a town-clerk. The royalty extends a mile and a half to the south and west of the town, but excludes the harbour and extensive suburbs.

The places of worship are, the Parish Church, a handsome building, erected in 1833, and containing about 1000 sittings, and two U. P. Churches. There is a Free Church for Newburgh and Abdie, but it is situated at Burnside, in Abdie parish, about half a mile to the east of the town. Besides the Parish School, there are a School in connection with the U. P. Church, a Madras Female School, and two Female Industrial Schools.

The POST OFFICE for the Parish is Newburgh, Alexander Craighead, Post Master.- Letters from and by Perth arrive about 7 A.M. and 3.20 P.M., and are despatched at 8.30 A.M. and 5 P.M. Letters from Edinburgh and the east arrive about 8.30 A.M. and 5 P.M., and are despatched at 6.45 A.M. and 3.10 P.M.

BAKERS.

Bonnar, Guthrie J., High Street

Ferguson, Mrs John, do

White, George, do

Wilson, Robert, & Son, do

Young, A., & T., do

BANKS.

CENTRAL BANK OF SCOTLAND. Lyell & Chrystal, Agents

COMMERCIAL BANK OF SCOTLAND. Alexander Laing, Agent

SAVINGS' BANK, open every Monday evening from 7 to 8, Alexander Laing, Manager

BLACKING MANUFACTURERS.

Baker, George, High Street

Dron, James, do

Wilkie, David, do

BLACKSMITHS.

Jackson, John, Mason Road

Marr, John, East Port

BOOT & SHOEMAKERS.

Allan, John, High Street

Batchelor, George, do

Findlayson, Robert, do

Fowles, David, do

Henderson, John, do

Higgie, Andrew, do

Laing, Robert, do

Manners, George, do

Paton, John, do

Robertson, George, do

BARBERS & HAIRDRESSERS.

Cochrane, Andrew, High Street

Cochrane, Matthew, do

Clow, Alexander, do

BUILDERS.

Bett, John, High Street

Philp, John, Woodrife Road

Robertson, Thomas, High Street

CARRIERS.

E. P. & D. Railway Co., Station at Newburgh, John Inglis, Agent
Scott, John, from Freuchie, Auchtermuchty, &c., every Monday & Thursday
Smith, James, from Kirkcaldy, Auchtermuchty, &c., every Saturday
Williamson, Andrew, West Port, to Perth, every Tuesday and Friday

CARTERS & LAND LABOURERS.

Davidson, John, High Street
Ellis, David, Shore
Hunter, John, West Port
Muir, Thomas, High Street
Napier, James, do

CHINA, STONEWARE, & RAG MERCHANTS.

Blyth, William, High Street
McCann, Mrs Eliza, do
White, John, do
Wood, William, do

CLERGY.

Anderson, John, D.D., Parish Church, Manse, East Port
Russell, Archibald, 2d U. P. Church, Mount Pleasant, Newburgh
Young, John, 1st U. P. Church, Mount Pleasant, Newburgh

COAL MERCHANTS.

Cameron, John, East Shore
Muir, Thomas, Railway Station

Matthew, Andrew, do

Nairn, George, do

CORN MERCHANTS.

Balmain, J., High Street

Cameron, John, Tay Grove

Guild, William, Taybank, Newburgh

DRAPERS.

Morgan, Robert, & George, High Street

Webster, Lindsay, do

Wilson, John, do

DRESSMAKERS & MILLINERS.

Lessells, Miss Betsy, High Street

Lyell, Miss Christina, do

Lyell, Misses, do

Paton, Miss Catherine, do

Pitkethly, Miss Jessie, (& Furnishing Shop) High Street

Salter, Misses, High Street

Thomson, Misses, do

FARMERS.

Anderson, Thomas S., Lindores Abbey

Blyth, Andrew, West Port

Blyth, William, do

Cathcart, Robert, Esq., Pitcairly, by Auchtermuchty

Curr., William, Craigmill

Fotheringham, William, High Street

Higgie, Thomas, Newburgh Muir

Honeyman, James, High Street

Storror, George, Easter Lumbenny

GARDENERS.

Baillie, David, (Jobbing & Market) High Street

Coventry, Wm., (Jobbing) High Street

Hall, James, Mugdrum House

Laing, John, Pitcairly

FLESHERS.

Blyth. John D., & James D., High Street

Small, Andrew, West Port

Speedie, Robert, High Street

GENTRY & PEOPLE OF INDEPENDENT MEANS.

Adamson, John, Esq., High Street

Anderson, D. B., Esq., of Cullalo House, Newburgh

Anderson, Mrs Thomas, High Street

Anderson, Mrs William, Cullalo House, Newburgh

Arnot, Mr Alexander, Backhill, Newburgh

Cathcart, Robert, Esq., Pitcairly, by Auchtermuchty

Duncan, Misses M., & E., High Street

Guthrie, James, Esq., M. D., East Port

Hay, D. B., Esq., Mugdrum House

Henderson, Mr David, Shore

Lyell, Mrs David, High Street

Miller, Mrs Walter, do

Patterson, Peter Hay, Esq. ,of Carpow, Mugdrum

Simpson, Mr Alex., High Street

Simpson, Mr Walter, do

Thomson, Miss Elizabeth, Shore

GROCERS.

Baker, George, High Street

Batchelor, George, do

Dron, James, do

Elder, Mrs, Cornhill Street

Greig, James, High Street

Lawson, David, Co-Operative Store, High Street

Miller, Mrs Margaret, High Street

Paton, John, do

Wallace, Mrs Thomas, do

Wilkie, David, do

Wilson, Mrs Thomas, do

Wishart, Andrew, do

GROCERS & SPIRIT DEALERS.

Brabner, William, Mount Pleasant

Byars, William, High Street

Ferguson, William, High Street

Hepburn, David W., High Street

Lyell, James A., do

Lyell, John, do

Melville, George, West Port

Milne, Andrew, High Street

Milne, Miss Lucy, do

Smith, Alexander, do

Storer, James, (& Commission Agent, and Farina Manufacturer) High Street

INNKEEPERS, See also Vintners.

Fenton, James, West Shore Inn

Hogg, James, Crown Hotel

Hutchison, James, Star Inn, High Street

Inglis, Mrs, Mid Shore Inn, Shore

Lawrie, John, Commercial Inn, (& Posting) East Port

Nicol, Mrs Alex., George Hotel, East Port

INSURANCE AGENTS.

Cameron, John, Corn Merchant, Edinburgh, life

Chrystal, William, Banker, Insurance Co. of Scotland, fire, Standard, life

Henderson, David, Corn Merchant, Insurance Co. of Scotland, fire, City of Glasgow, life

Laing, Alexander, Banker, Northern, fire, Scottish Equitable, life

Lyell, John, Banker, Caledonian, fire and life

Nicol, Jas., Scottish National, fire and life

Storer, James, Merchant, Scottish Provincial, fire and life

Wood, James, Bookseller, Caledonian, fire and life

Wilson, John, Draper, Life Association of Scotland

IRONMONGERS,

Hepburn, David W., High Street

Smith, Alexander, do

Storer, James, do

JOINERS & WRIGHTS.

Blyth, William, High Street

Marshall, William, East Port

Nairn, David, High Street

Wallace, Thomas, Clinton Street

LINEN MANUFACTURERS.

Anderson, William, & Sons, High Street

Anderson, William, Jun., & Co., do

Byars, William, Railway Road

Wilkie, James, Jun., High Street

MANURE AGENTS & DEALERS.

Cameron, John, Taygrove

Guild, William, Taybank

Henderson, David, Mid Shore

Nicol, James, High Street

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS.

Lyell, David, M.D., High Street

Lyell, John, M. D., do

Peters, Robert, do

PAINTERS & PAPER-HANGERS

Clark, Robert, High Street

Hay, David, do

SHIPOWNERS.

Anderson, J. F., Mount Pleasant

Barlow, Joseph, High Street

Buchanan, David, do

Cameron, John, Taygrove

Cowperthwaite, James, Shore Road

Dickman, John, Mason Road

Edwards, Messrs, Newburgh

Guild, William, Taybank

Lyell, Alexander, Clinton Street

Muckarsie, John, High Street

Pitkethly, John, Cornhill Street

Speed, George, High Street

Thomson, William, do

SOCIETIES & CLUBS.

Abdie Curling Club, William Guild, President, John Pitcairn, Sec.

Caledonian Lodge of Oddfellows, James Fenton, W. G. M., George Miller, Sec.

Lindores Lodge of Freemasons, John Honeyman, R. W., George Booth, Sec.

Newburgh District Gardening Society, James Fenton, President, William Chrystal and John Lyell, Secs.

Newburgh Friendly Society, James Nairn, President, George Booth, Sec.

Newburgh Curling Club, Thos. Robertson President, John Honeyman, Sec.

STRAW-BONNET MAKERS.

Lyell, Misses, High Street

Nairn, Misses I., & H., do

TAILORS.

Batchelor, Charles, High Street

Bruce, John, do

Craighead, Alexander, do

Fotheringham, Alexander, Railway Road

Norrie, John, Cornhill Street

Simpson, George, High Street

Watson, James, do

Wilson, Wm., (& Clothier) do

TEACHERS & SCHOOLS.

Barron, Miss Margaret B., Madras Female School, Newburgh

McDonald, John, Adventure School, Shore Road

Millar, Thomas, Parish School, High Street

Storrar, David, 1st U. P. Church School, Clinton Street

Wallace, Miss Nicholas, Female Industrial School, High Street

Wilson, Miss Georgina, Female Industrial School, High Street

TINSMITHS & GASFITTERS.

Galloway, And., (& Plumber) High Street

Summers, William, do

VINTNERS, See also Innkeepers.

Baker, George, High Street

Donaldson, John, Shore

Muir, Thomas, High Street

Ramsay, Margaret, do

Robertson, Mrs Jane, do

Smith, Thomas, do

Smith, David, Oddfellow Tavern, High Street

WEAVERS' AGENTS.

Buchanan, David, High Street

Peat, James, Railway Road

MISCELLANEOUS.

Anderson, J. F. Clock & Watchmaker, High Street

Barlow, John, Skipper, Dundee and Newburgh Trader "Albion," High Street

Beveridge, George, Superintendent of Burgh Police, High Street

Christie, Robert, Manager, Gas Works, Newburgh

Chrystal, William, Notary Public, Depute Sheriff Clerk, and Town-Clerk, High Street

Clow, David, Cabinet-Maker & Upholsterer, High Street

Crichton, Thomas, Maltster, High Street

Curr, William, Corn & Flour Miller, Craigmill
Davie, Robert, Millwright, High Street
Dunn, John, Salmon Fisher & Fish Agent, High Street
Fenton, James, & Sons, Shipbuilders, West Shore ,
Forrester, Wm., Molecatcher, High Street
Ireland, Thomas, Reedmaker, High Street (Robert Peat, Manager)
Laurie, David, Sexton, and Keeper of Cemetery, Newburgh
Lyell, John, Sub-Distributor of Stamps, and Sub-Collector of Assessed Taxes, Newburgh
Lyell, Miss Christina, High Street, Agent for Pullar & Sons, Dyers, Perth
McDonald, Alexander, Cooper, High Street
Miller, David, Letter Carrier, do
Miller, David, Manager, Farina Works, Shore
Millar, John, Chemist & Druggist, and Inspector of Poor, High Street
Miller, John, Turner, do
Miller, Thomas, Registrar of Births, Marriages, & Deaths, High Street
Munro, Thomas, Saddler, do
Norrie, Henry, & Edward, Slaters, do
Patton, James W., Town & Sheriff Officer, and Keeper of Town-Hall, High Street
Peat, Mrs James, Midwife, Railway Road
Robertson, George, Collector of Poores' Rates, & Treasurer to Parochial Board, High Street
Robertson, James, Plasterer, High Street
Wallace, David, & John, Lathers, do
White, David, Candlemaker, do

Williamson, Geo. S., Confectioner, do

Wilson, Robert, & Son, Brewers & Maltsters, High Street

Wood, James, Bookseller, Binder, Printer, & Stationer, and Keeper of Circulating Library, High Street

Yule, John, Wood Merchant & Saw-Miller, East Shore