PARISH OF PORTMOAK.

THIS PARISH, containing the villages, or rather hamlets, of Kinnesswood, Scotland Well, and Balgedie, is on the east side of the County. It is bounded on the west and north by Loch Leven and the parishes of Orwell and Strathmiglo, on the east by Strathmiglo, Falkland, and Leslie, and on the south by Ancsterderran, Ballingry, and Cleish. Its extreme length from north-west to south-east is nearly six and a half miles, and its greatest breadth, which is on the south border, is three and a half miles. Its form is very irregular, being nearly cut into two portions by the indentation of Loch Leven on the west, and a detached section of Ballingry on the south-east. The total area is about 10,000 acres, nearly three-fourths of which is arable; about 600 are under meadow and wood, and what remains is chiefly hill pasture. The soil of most of the arable land is light, early, and very fertile. The Bishop Hill is in the Parish, and occupies a large portion of the area in the north-east, rising in beautiful undulations on the north-north-east, and breaking precipitously at the opposite end. It extends in a ridge whose summit-line is from one and a half mile to two and a fourth miles distant from the east side of Loch Leven, and it attains an extreme altitude of 1150 feet above the level of Loch Leven, or 1492 feet above the sea. A large portion of its fine braes is under cultivation. Benarty Hill, very similar in form, and attaining an elevation of 1167 feet, runs its summit-line along the southern boundary. Those portions of the Parish not occupied by these hills consists of narrow hanging plains at their base; and the whole surface is a "rich landscape of braes, crags, meadows, fertile fields, and thriving plantations, reflecting their beautiful surface from the mirror of Loch Leven." Limestone occurs in great abundance, and is wrought to the extent of several thousand tons a year. Wells of pure water are numerous on the west side of the Bishop Hill, and in one place near the village of Scotland Well there are three not far from each other, which emit as much as, with a suitable fall, would drive a mill.

The Parish is traversed by the road from Leslie to Milnathort, and by that from Scotland Well to Gairney Bridge. The Fife and Kinross Railway skirts the northern border, and the Kinross-shire Railway touches the south-western section of the Parish.

The hamlets of Scotland Well, Kinnesswood, and Balgedie, are all on the road leading from Leslie to Milnathort. Kinnesswood was the birthplace of Michael Bruce, the bard of Loch Leven. A neat monument was erected to his memory in Portmoak Parish Church, in 1842. Andrew Winton, the chronicler, was a native of the Parish; and the Rev. Ebenezer Erskine, one of the founders of the Secession Church, was its minister during some of the years of his connection with the Established Church. Scotland Well may be styled the capital of the Parish.

Parish, as there the Parish Church and the Free Church are situated. Portmoak itself was, previous to the drainage, on the margin of the lake, and consists of nothing more than a farm steading, and a deserted burying-ground surrounded by a few trees. Here once stood a religious house of a very ancient order, according to Keith, taking its name from St Moak, and having the adjunct of Port, from the spot being the landing-place from the Priory of St Serf, which has been already noticed in the introduction to the County.

The Parish Church, which was built in 1840, contains 850 sittings. There are also a Free Church at Portmoak, and a U. P. Church at Balgedie. Besides the Parish School, which is at Scotland
Well, there are a Free Church School at Wood-march, and a Subscription School at Kinnesswood.

For Postal Arrangements see Kinross.

BLACKSMITHS.

Finlay, William, Greenside

Reid, Thomas, Balgedie

BOOT & SHOEMAKERS.

Dunn, William, Kinnesswood

Malcolm, Nathaniel, do

CARRIERS.

McCathie, Alexander, from Kinnesswood to Kirkcaldy, every Monday and Friday

Wallace, Ebenezer, from Kinnesswood, to Kirkcaldy, every Thursday

Young, Robert, from Leslie, by Kinnesswood, to Milnathort, &c., every Monday and Friday, and to Glasgow, every Monday

CARTERS & LAND LABOURERS.

Low, William, Channel of Pittendreich

Rintoul, James, Kinnesswood

Ritchie, Thomas, Scotland Well

Thomson, Walter, Balgedie

Wallace, George, Kinnesswood

Wright, Andrew, Scotland Well

Young, David, Balgedie

CLERGY.

Mackelvie, William, D.D., U. P. Church, Balgedie
Steel, John, Parish Church, Portmoak
Swinton, James, Free Church, do 1

DRESSMAKERS.
Fingies, Miss Jean, Kinnesswood
Law, Miss Margaret, Balgedie
Stewart, Miss Maria, Kinnesswood

FARMERS.
Arnott, David, Portmoak
Arnott, John, East Bowhouse
Arnott, John, Newlands
Arnott, Robert, Kinnesswood
Arthur, James, Kinnesswood Muirs
Barclay, David, Pittendreich
Beath, Alexander, Arnot Mill, by Leslie
Beath, James, Kinnesswood Muirs
Beveridge, John, Esq., Kinniston
Beveridge, Thos., East Brackly, by Kinross
Cuthbert, Francis, Arnot Mill, by Leslie
Dickie, Alexander, Grahamston
Dickie, John, Levenmouth
Forrest, George, Greenhead
Greig, David, Manorlees
Heggie, George, Scotland Well
Heggie, James, Kilmagadwood
Henderson, Robert, Wellburn
Kempie, James, West Bowhouse
Paterson, James, Finny
Reid, John, Kirkness Scott, Walter, Peal
Skinner, James, Balgedie
Stobie, Thomas, Esq., Balnethil
Tod, Wm., Esq., West Brackly, by Kinross
Wallace, Peter, Balgedie Muirs
Wilson, Andrew, Butterwells
Wilson, David, Scotland Well
Wilson, James, Lochend Young, David, Balgedie

GENTRY & PEOPLE OF INDEPENDENT MEANS.

Arnott, Mr David, Scotland Well
Arnott, Mr Robert, Kinnesswood
Beveridge, John, Esq., Kinniston
Miller, Mr David, Kinnesswood
Scarlett, Mrs Robert, Scotland Well
Stobie, Thomas, Esq., Balnethil
Tod, Wm., Esq., West Brackly, by Kinross
Wilson, Mr Andrew, Lochend
Young, Mr David, Balgedie

GROCERS.
Beath, William, (& Temperance Refreshment Rooms) Kinnesswood

Drummond, John, do

Patterson, Robert, do

Ritchie, Thomas, Scotland Well

Scott, Mrs, do

Scott, John, Balgedie

Scott, Thomas, Kinnesswood

Semple, Haggart, (& Druggist) do

Wilson, Thomas, Scotland Well

JOINERS & WRIGHTS.

Finlay, James, Greenside

Law, Henry, Balgedie

Malcolm, Andrew, Scotland Well

Normand, Andrew, Blacknowes, by Kinross

Scott, Thomas, Kinnesswood

LIBRARY.

Portmoak Library, open daily, Mr Thomas Malcolm, Scotland Well, Librarian

SOCIETY.

Portmoak Total Abstinence Society, David Sime, Sec.

TAILORS.

Howie, John, Kinnesswood

Young, Thomas, do

TEACHERS Si; SCHOOLS.
Clark, Duncan, (& Collector of Poors' Rates) Free Church School, Woodmarch
Forrest, Simon, (& Registrar) Parish School, Scotland Well
Law, Miss Margaret, Female Industrial Department, Free Church School, Woodmarch
Small, John, (& Inspector of Poor) Subscription School, Kinnesswood

VINTNERS.
Horne, William, Balgedie Toll
Low, Andrew, Scotland Well
Miller, Stewart, Kinnesswood
Rintoul, James, do
Ritchie, Thomas, Scotland Well

WEAVERS' AGENTS.
Drummond, John, Kinnesswood
Malcolm, Thomas, Scotland Well
Paterson, James, Kinnesswood
Paterson, Robert, do

MISCELLANEOUS.
Beath, David, Auctioneer, Arnot Mill, by Leslie
Cochrane, James, Manager of Gas Works, Kinnesswood
Cuthbert, Francis, Corn, Flour, & Barley
Miller, Arnot Mill, by Leslie
Fernie, Peter, Keeper of Sluices, Sluicehouse
Greig, William, Rabbit Catcher, Blacknowes, by Kinross
Hay, Thomas, Builder, Scotland Well
Miller, Stewart, Draper, Kinnesswood

Paterson, Hugh, Tea Dealer, do

Reid, David, Jun., Wire Fencer, Scotland Well

Syme, John, Grazier, West Balgedie

Wishart, John, Temperance Refreshment House, Auchmoor Bridge, by Leslie

Wright, Andrew, Sexton, Scotland Well

Young, James, Church Officer, Portmoak