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X REPORT OF THE SOCIETY.

The information given in this volume is of an unusually

interesting character, for with apparently only one exception there is not a parish or township in Lancashire which is not referred to and of which an account more or less full is not given. By virtue of an Act of Parliament passed on the 8th of June, 1649, entitled "An Act for the Providing, Maintenance of preaching Ministers, and other pious uses," Commissioners were appointed in each county to report upon the state of each parish, and to forward their reports to London.

The subjects upon which they were to collect information were as follows: "The number of parsonages, vicarages, churches, chapels, or other ecclesiastical benefices; the yearly value of each of them; the name of the incumbent, proprietor, or possessor; the name of the person who supplied

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As the Editor remarks in the Introduction: "The Commissioners for Lancashire were men of undoubted position in the county, as for the most part were those who were called upon to give evidence upon oath, and their testimony as to facts must be accepted; but perhaps where the evidence is given merely as a matter of opinion, some allowance should be made for, the strong party feeling existing, and the statement taken cum grano salts.

The result of the Survey may be summed up as follows:

"There were in Lancashire in 1650, 63 parish churches and 118 chapels, of which no less than 38 were without minister, chiefly for want of 'maintenance.' Many of the parishes were very large, and the Commissioners wisely recommended their subdivision; whilst some of the chapels were so far from their mother-church that it was thought desirable that they should become parish churches. In either case the proposed new boundaries were clearly defined, and, in many instances, the names of the householders in the district are given; thus furnishing valuable genealogical evidence not to be found elsewhere. The name of the minister of each

church or chapel is always recorded, and as a rule an opinion follows as to his fitness or otherwise for the office he holds."

pp.43-45.

Parish of Bury

WEE also find and psent that there are two Chappells within Tottington, vidzt, Holecome and Edenfield, Holecome ton beinge distant from the pish Church of Bury five myles and vpwards. And Edenfield distant from the said pish Church six myles and vpwards, and th'one Chappell distant from th'other two myles and three quarters; And that the moytie or one halfife of the tyths of the said Towneshipps, together with the moytie of the tythes of Musbary [Musbury], Cowpe [Coupe], Lenches [Lench], Newhall Hey, Duerden Clough, and Graine, anciently belonginge to the Rectory of Bury, were by an order from the Comittee of Plundered Ministers granted and conferred to the Ministers that should bee noiated to officiate the cures of the said Chappells, which said moyety of tyths amount to Thirty pounds p ann, save that the some of five pounds p ann is allowed out of the same vnto Dorothy the wyffe of Peter Traverse; the other movetve of all the before menconed Tyths was given by John, sometymes Duke of Lancaster, To the Church of Prestwich, which is distant from Holecome tenn myles or thereabouts, And from Edenfield Eleaven myles; And that Isaac Allen, late pson of Prestwich, did lease the same to John Grenehalgh, Escf, dureing his life, and that Richard Holte of Ashworth, Esq. receiveth them as in Right of the said John Greenhalffe, his ffather in lawe. That there is noe Minister nor Ministers for the psent at the said Chappells for want of mainteynce; wee psent that all the lower end of Tottington beneath the Stabbinge [Stubbings], with all that pte of Walmersley neare ad ioyneinge to Holecome Chappell, vidzt, from the Bost [Bass] Lane to Hardenbrooke, are ffit to bee annexed to Holcome. And the same to bee made a Parishe. That there are certen donacons of money belonginge to Edenfield Chappell amountinge to the some of twenty pounds or thereabouts, which is in the hands of Will Kay of Cobbas and Martin Kay of Littlewood, six pounds nyne

shillings six pence, as by theire bond appeareth; James Hartley and Richiard Taylor, Both of Walmersley, five pounds one shillinge; John Gregory and Andrewe Hey, both of Haslingden, two pounds fourteene shillings, as by theire bond appeareth; Roger Gryme and John Gryme, both of Scowte [Scout], one pound one shillinge six pence, as by bond appeareth; Francis Warburton of Stabbings [Stubbings], deceased, thirty shillings with out speciality; John Warburton of Stabbings, gent., sixe pounds; and in the hands of Henry Cowvpe, deceased, twenty shillings. Wee psent that all the vpper end of Tottington, from the Stubbings to Balliden, with all Shuttleworth lyeinge and adioyneing neere Edenfield, vidzt, all from Harden Brooke to Duerden brooke with the lower Newhall hey, beeinge pte of the Forest of Rossendale, are fitt to bee annexed to the Chappell of Edenfield aforesaid,

and the same to bee a pishe. That Musbury and the Graine, formerly pte of the said pish of Bury, are adiacent to the Chappell of Haslingden, are fitt to bee annexed to the same; And Cowplenches, Deaneclough, and Newhall-hey, pte of the said pish of Bury, are adiacent to the Chappell of Rossendale and fitt to bee annexed therevnto, saveinge theise houses George Haworth, Robte Haworth, and James Romsbottom.

AND lastly, wee doe psent, declare, and thinke it fit, meete, and requisite that all and every the several Churches and Chappells that may bee divyded from one to another, or made pishes, and are before in theise or any of theise psentm ts menconed, shall be proporconablie sepated, divyded, and severed by mates and bonds to distinguishe the pcinctts and lifeties of the said pishes and Chappellries; And that such towneshipps and hamletts as ly betwixt any two of the said Churches and Chappells shall be divyded soe as the

Inhabitants may be members of such of them as is nearest, and necessitated to travell further for the benefitt of Gods ordinances then is requisite.

Parish of Whalley

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Huslinden [Haslingden], their whole tyths worth p ann Thirtie five pounds, besydes tyth haye for which the Inhiats paye a rent by pscripcqn, and also a donative rent of sixteene pounds p ann, & also Glebe lands worth p ann Twelve pounds; Huncoate [Huncoat], their whole tyths worth p ann foure pounds tenn shillings; Newall hey Booth, Rawtenstall, Okenhead Booth, Constable Booth, pte of Crawshawe Booth, their whole tyths worth p ann Twelve pounds; Pendle, their whole tyths worth p ann Twenty six pounds thirteene shillings eight pence, besydes tythe for which the Inhaits pay a rent by prescripcon, and one Donative rent of Twentie shillings p anfi, and also a tythe worth p ann thirtie three shillings foure pence belonginge to the Inhiats of Weethead with in Roughlie [Roughlee], pte of Pendle aforesd; Goodshawe, their whole tyths worth p ann Twelve pounds Tenn shillings; Whitewell Chappell, their tyth worth p ann Tenn pounds; New Church in Rossendale, The Inhaits of Dedwenclough [Deadwin Clough], Tunsteed [Tunstead], & Wooffendenbooth [Wolfenden Booth], and pte of WoofFenden [Wolfenden], and Bakcopp [Bacup], their whole tyths worth p ann Twentie seaven pounds. And the sd Jurors likewise save, that their is an ould Viccarage house, and thirtie

eight pounds p ann pd to Mr Will Walker, master of Arts, an able & orthodox divine, and now Minister there, beinge his whole sallery. And the sd Jurors further saye, That the sd pishe Doth contayne wth in it selfe thirtie five Townps wch are distant from their pishe Church as is hereafter expressed; viz., Whalley, in wch the pishe Church is scituate; Padiam [Padiham] foure myles, Simonston [Simonstone] three myles, Hapton five myles, Altham foure myles, Clayton sup Mores 1 [le-Moors] foure myles, Read one myle, Colne Tenn myles, Clitherowe [Clitheroe] Six myles, Downham six myles, Accrington vet [Old] Six myles, Accrington nova [New] six miles, Briarcliffe [Briercliffe] cum Extwisle seaven myles; Newland and Reedlehallows [Reedley Hollows] and ffilly Closse [Filly Close], pte of Pendle fforrest affores', five myles; Ightenhill pke [Park] six myles, Burnley seaven myles, Worstorne [Worsthorn] eight myles, Cliviger nyne myles, ffoulrigg [Foulridge], Twelue myles, Trawdon [Trawden] myles, 2 Chatburne [Chatburn] five myles, Worston five myles,

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GOODSHAWE, a Chappell not pochiall, consistinge of aboute seaventye families, hath neither minister nor maynteinance, save only one messuage and a backside worth per ann Tenn shillinges, and are distant from their Parish aboute eleaven myles, desire they may bee made a pishe and competent mainteinance allowed.

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