

ANSWERS MADE TO THE VISITATION ARTICLES OF DR. WILLIS, THE BISHOP OF WINCHESTER, FROM THE PARISHES IN SURREY, EXCLUDING THE PECULIARS OF CANTERBURY, 1724-25.

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THE chief noticeable features of these returns are the very general stagnation of church life : no curate, no lecturer, no school, is a common answer, and the parallel decay of active nonconformity. In 1669 a list was drawn up by direction of Sheldon, then Archbishop, of conventicles existing against the law in Surrey, among other counties. In 1672, after Charles II's Indulgence, licences were given for conventicles in certain places. A comparison of the seventeenth century returns with these shows in the latter an almost universal falling off, in country places, of the numbers of meeting-houses and their congregations. Then in 1669 Godalming had a dissenting meeting of from 700 to 800 people, and 400 Quakers besides. In 1725 there was no meeting-house there, and the dissenters were few and obscure. In Ockley two meeting-houses were licensed in 1672 ; in 1725 there was none—only "several families of Presbyterians and Quakers." In Dorking in 1669 were four meetings of different kinds, of 450 people and "Quakers besides." In 1735 there was one meeting of 300 people, "and Quakers." In Weybridge in 1669 were 100 Presbyterians, in 1725 none. In Betchworth and in Blechingley, meetings were licensed in 1672. In 1725 the return is two families of Presbyterians in each, and one single

Quaker in the former. In St. Mary's, Guildford, 60 to 100 people met in 1669, none returned in 1725. In Esher 40 to 50 met once a month in 1669, 30 once a month in 1725; and so on, except in what were practically suburban parishes. In 1669 the excitement of the Civil War time had not died down, and repression stiffened convictions. In 1725 dissenters were tolerated. The moral is obvious. Some small local storms are revealed, as in Shere, Betchworth, Chaldon, Blechingley and Merton. In general the returns may be left to speak for themselves, with some interesting records of names of inhabitants and incumbents.

ABINGER. Patron, Sir John Evelyn, Bt. Resident gentry, Mr. Loddington, Captain Rouzier. Rector, George Offley [called Robert in Manning and Bray. He was a Prebendary of Durham, and gave land to Okewood Chapel].

ADDINGTON. Patron, Sir John Leigh. Rector, Thomas Hinton. There is no chapel, no papists, no papists, no dissenting meeting. The population is 120. Smith's charity, worth 20s., is distributed, and 20s. a year was left by Thomas Purday to repair the belfry. [Thomas Purday died February 19th, 1645-46.]

ALBURY. Patroness, the Countess Dowager of Ailesford. Rector, Joseph Peters. There is no chapel, no lecturer, no curate, no professed papist, no meeting, no endowed school. The resident gentry are the Countess Dowager of Ailesford and Mr. Allen, a Barbadoes merchant. The charities amount to about £18 *per annum*, the greater part allotted to apprenticing a poor neighbour's child, now and then, to some trade; £1 4s. to bread distributed at the church; the rest disposed of to the poor at the discretion of the parish officers. The population is near 300. [The Dowager Countess of Aylesford was Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Banks, widow of Heneage Finch, first earl. She lived at Albury Park. The "Barbadoes merchant" was Abell Alleyne, who bought the manor of Weston Gomshall in 1723 and rebuilt the house.]

ALFOLD. Patron and Rector, Henry Strudwicke. There is no chapel, no lecturer, no curate, no school, no papists, no dissenters, no persons of note residing. Smith's Charity, £5 a year, is distributed [? in bread and alms]. There are 57 houses and about 335 people.

ASH. Patron, Winchester College. Rector, John Harris. Frimley Chapel is in the parish. There are two Quakers. The only resident of note is the Duke of Roxburgh. [The Duke of Roxburgh was a Lord Justice during the absence of George I in Hanover, and during this time resided as a tenant at Henley Park in Ash.]

Frimley (in Ash). There is a meeting of dissenters. Mr. James Tichborne is a resident gentleman. There are no papists [he was one, really]. Charities, Mr. Woodwards, Mr. Smyths, Mr. Daws. [The Tichbornes were an old Roman Catholic family, were such in George I and are so still. Probably Mr. Harris considered that a gentleman might be of any religion he liked, without impertinent comment. There was no mean Papist.]

ASHTED. Patron, Lady Diana Fielding, lord (*sic*) of the manor.

Rector, Mr. Peter Hamelot. No chapel, no curate, no lecturer, no papist, no school, no meetings of dissenters of no sorts. Population, 200. Smith's Charity is distributed, and since 1712, from a widow gentlewoman named Bond, the income of £500 is distributed to "fit objects and deserving persons" by the Executor, the lord of the manor, and the Minister.

BANSTEAD. Patron, Christopher Buckle, Esq. Vicar, John Edwards. Population, 400. Burrough Chapel is in ruins, there has been no service within living memory. There is no lecturer, no curate, no papists, no meetings. A man and his wife are Anabaptists, a woman is a Presbyterian. The resident gentry are Mr. Harris, Attorney of the Exchequer Office; Mr. Christopher Buckle; Counsel Fleetwood; Mrs. Mary Lambert, widow; Mr. Wilmot, a Spanish merchant. Mr. Justice Tracy honours us with his company frequently, though not an inhabitant. There are two schools. A man teaches to read and write, a woman teaches to read. Charities are Smith's, Lambert's, £30; Wilmot's, £50. The money is invested at 5 per cent., and the income is paid to the poor at the discretion of the Minister and Churchwardens. [Mr. Justice Tracy, who so much gratified Mr. Edwards by his visits, and by subscribing £5 7s. 6d. to the church (see Sir Henry Lambert's *History of Banstead*, p. 232), was an Irish judge who became a Baron of the Exchequer in England, 1700, and a Justice of the Common Pleas, 1702; he died 1735. A Paul Tracy buried an infant child at Banstead in 1638. This Paul Tracy's wife was a daughter of Philip Moyes, of Canons, Banstead. Another daughter married John Lambert of Banstead, and the Tracys clearly kept up connection with the place. A Mr. and Mrs. Tracy were buried at Banstead in 1746 and 1747 respectively. Mrs. Mary Lambert was widow of Thomas Lambert of Garratts, who died 1704. Harris lived at Yewlands, Buckle at Great Burgh, Fleetwood at Tadworth Court, and Wilmot at either Well House or Rooksnest or Banstead Place.]

BATTERSEA. Patron, Lord St. John. Vicar, Nathaniel Gower. There is a small meeting, and two or three families of Quakers. Lord Viscount St. John resides. There is a Free School, endowed with £30 a year by Sir Walter St. John, for 20 boys. There is a Table of Charities in the Church. There are two Almshouses built by the parishioners.

The hamlet of Penge belongs to Battersea. [It is detached.] There are 60 inhabitants in 13 tenements. The Vicar of Battersea pays an acknowledgement to the rector of Beckenham for their spiritual care. They go to Beckenham Church.

[Mr. Nathaniel Gower was also rector of West Horsley, *q.v.* His returns are meagre in both places. It is probable that he was resident in neither, but in Bath, where an inscription in the Abbey Church seems to imply that he was resident for his health. He died there in 1727.]

BEDDINGTON. Patron, Sir Nicholas Carew, Bt. Rector, John [Leng], Lord Bishop of Norwich. Curate, Samuel Ley. Population, 400. There are ruins of a chapel at Wallington, now a barn belonging to Thomas Scawen of Carshalton. There is no lecturer, no papist, no meeting. Two or three families attend a Presbyterian meeting at Croydon. There are no public schools. Two or three persons teach children to read and to sew, to whom we commit poor children and pay for them from offertory money. Charities are Smith's, and ten houses and a little land worth £10 a year given by "a maiden lady"

for the support of the church and the poor. [This charity was not mentioned in the Parliamentary Return of 1786.]

BERMONDSEY. Patron, Mr. William Browning. Rector, William Taswell, D.D. There are 9,000 people. There are 2 Papists, 4 [Non-conformist] meetings, two of them Presbyterian, one Independent, one Baptist. There are Quakers but no meeting. 3,000 of the inhabitants are Nonconformists. The resident gentry are Mr. Thomas Stephens, J.P., Mr. Richard Lewin, J.P., Mr. William Hamley, lord of the manor, Mr. William Browning. There are four Charity Schools. The two first are supported upon the interest of £300; the third has £150 *p.a.* by the bequest of Josiah Bacon. The Master of this has £70 a year, a house and garden. The Usher has £50. The scholars are not to exceed 60, nor be less than 40. The fourth school has £5 a year from [bequest of] John Wright. It is for seven children, and the parish has added five more taught by a Mistress "who is chose and payed by the upper Churchwarden." There are five anniversary sermons in the church, and there is a Table of Charities amounting to £130 a year. [Mr. William Browning was a fellmonger of Bermondsey who bought the advowson, and presented his son a year after this return was made. He has a monument in the church.]

BETCHWORTH. Patron, Dean and Canons of Windsor. Vicar, Hugh Griffith. There is no chapel, no curate, no lecturer, no papist, no meeting. There are two families of Presbyterians and one of Quakers. There is no school. Smith's Charity is distributed. Mr. Andrew Clarke, alderman, left £100, September 30, 1662, for bread to be distributed at the church. "This money is dead above a year, because there is not sufficient security to lay it out." The will says £5 *4s. p.a.*, but it is agreed that the £100, now in the hands of Mrs. Elizabeth Arnold of this parish, is the same money. Mr. Cade also left £20 as a stock to set the poor to work. This seems to have been received about 1669, and spent. Mr. Richard Arnold, died 1660, left £10 *p.a.* from land at Steyning in Sussex, to clothe ten poor persons. Only from £7 to £8 is received now owing to sea floods. Also Mr. Arnold left £40 to buy two acres of land next the vicarage for the benefit of the vicarage. This was never done, nor the money received. [Mr. Griffith was sore about the vicarage house. He got it rebuilt in 1715, and entered the fact in the Registers with the comment *Laus Deo*, not to the Parish.] Mr. Richard Arnold, senior, March 30, 1663, left 30s. from two acres of land in this parish for the use of the poor. Mrs. Mary Arnold, his daughter, left 20s. for the same use. All this is duly paid in bread or money.

BISLEY. Patron, Mr. John Waters. Rector, John Campion. There are no dissenters, no resident gentry. [John Waters should be John Walters who, in 1715, bought the lease of the manor for 1,000 years granted by Charles II to Barbara Villiers, Duchess of Cleveland, from the Trustees of the Duchess, who died 1709.]

BLECHINGLEY. Patron, Mr. William Clayton of Marden, lord of the manor. Rector, Mr. Owen Griffith. Population from 500 to 600, but there are few marriages, sometimes none. There is no curate, no lecturer, no papist, no meeting. There are one or two Presbyterian families, and two single persons are Antipædobaptists. There is a free school founded and endowed by Mr. John Evans, 1633, with £21 *p.a.*, house, garden and orchard, to teach 20 poor boys of the parish

"the grammar" [? Latin], to write and to cast accounts. There are eleven Trustees, of whom the rector is always one, who nominate the master and the boys. But there hath been an unhappy lawsuit in Chancery, for many years about the appointment of the Governors and the Master. Mr. Thomas Jackson the master's salary has been stopped, though he has constantly done his duty. Mr. James Ede, the adverse party has set up another school, with no licence that we know of. £6 *p.a.* were left about 100 years ago by Mrs. Evans "to set the poor to work." Received by the overseers and used as they think fit, £6 are left, "by oral tradition," for the repairs of the Church, which the Churchwardens receive and apply as they please.

BOOKHAM (GREAT). Patron, Mr. Arthur Moore of Fetcham. Rector, John Hyet [he had been instituted in 1668, over fifty-six years before, and had held Little Bookham for forty-eight years. He did not make the return here]. The curate is Mr. Thomas Allen, lecturer of Dorking [where the Vicar also was non-resident, but where there was a curate besides Mr. Allen, the Lecturer]. Resident gentry are Lord Howard of Effingham, his brother, the Hon. Francis Howard, Thomas Howard, Esq., and William Vincent, Esq., son of Sir Francis Vincent, Bt. Charities are Sir George Sheres of £36 *p.a.*, now in Chancery; £10 *p.a.* from George Ballard, and £1 10s. *p.a.* from John Brown, charged upon the estate of Lord Howard of Effingham.

BOOKHAM (LITTLE). Patron, Mr. John Pollen, who lives near Salisbury. Rector, Mr. John Hyett (*sic*). Curate, Mr. Thomas Allen, Lecturer at Dorking [and at Great Bookham]. Charities, Benjamin Maddox, £20 *p.a.* paid at present to the Rev. John Hyett, who has built a new rectory house, till it is paid for. Mr. George Ballard's, as at Great Bookham. [Mr. afterwards Sir Benjamin Madox, Bt., had been patron of the living. Mr. Pollen married his daughter.]

BUCKLAND. Patron, Warden and Fellows of All Souls College, Oxford. Rector, Robert Eyre. Population, about 150. No chapel, no curate, no lecturer, no papist, no meeting. The resident gentry are Ambrose Brown, lord of the manor [he really resided in Betchworth, as a rule], his brother Mr. John, and his sister Mrs. Margaret. There is no school. Smith's charity is distributed, and 30s. *p.a.* from a meadow given by Mr. Lawrence Denton, late of the parish, to such poor people as do not receive parish relief.

BYFLEET. Patron, the King. Rector, Nicholas Braman. The resident gentry are Colonel Cornwall, Mr. Kendrick Edisbury, Mr. Thomas Wethered, Captain Robert Smith. Six or seven acres of land were given formerly to the poor by Lady Bruce. There is a private school kept by a mistress. [The charity was probably left by Magdalene Bruce, Lady Bruce of Kinloss, in the reign of Charles I. But when Manning and Bray wrote the will was lost, and the money was distributed to the poor as the Minister and Churchwardens thought fit. Smith's charity is also distributed in Byfleet, but, as in many others of these returns, it is left out.]

CAMBERWELL. Patron, Mrs. Frances Bowyer. Vicar, Ichabod Tippling, D.D. 1,520 souls. There is one chapel in Dulwich College. There is one meeting of 160 Independents, and one of 20 Quakers. The chief gentry are Lord Thomas Trevor, Henry Cornelison and others. There is a free Grammar School for sons of poor inhabitants, founded in 1618 by the Rev. Edward Wilson, vicar, endowed with seven acres

of land and several houses thereon. There are only ten free scholars at present. There is a second Grammar School of fourteen boys, John Worsley, Master. There is a third Grammar School in Dulwich College. There are two Charity Schools, one for boys and one for girls. There are "two boarding-schools for the accommodation and accomplishment of young ladies, one of which is very eminent. Mrs. Sarah Wynn is Mistress." Charities are, seven acres of land, three small tenements and rent charges on others. Total value, £41 13s. 4d. Mr. Henry Cornelison has lately built houses for the two Charity Schools above.

CAPEL. Patron, Humfrey Parsons. Curate, John Bird. For some time there has been an Anabaptist and Presbyterian meeting. There is a Quaker Meeting House just finished. "Their number is but too many." There are no resident gentry, and no charities. [Capel parish was full of Quakers from George Fox's time. There was a burial ground and meeting at Pleystowe.]

CARSHALTON. Patron, Henry Byne. Vicar, William Hollier. The population is above 600. The marriages are about two a year. There is no chapel, no lecturer, no curate, no papist, no meeting. There are one Presbyterian, one Quaker and one Jew. The chief gentry are Sir Thomas Scawen, alderman; Sir Edward Whitacre, Admiral; Sir William Hammond, Thomas Scawen, lord of the manor, Charles Byne, Edward Fellows and John Cator.

There are no endowed schools. There are three, kept by mistresses, to teach children to read.

Smith's charity is distributed, and £200 were given by Christopher Muschamp, Esq., and laid out in land in the parish bringing in £10 *p.a.*, to place out and apprentice two boys a year, at the disposal of the minister and churchwardens.

CATERHAM. Patron, Mrs. Russell. Rector, Daniell Phillips. Population, 201. No chapel, no lecturer, no curate at present, no papist, no meeting, two nonconformists. There is an English school. Smith's charity is distributed.

CHALDON. Patron was Sir Edward Southcote, a Romanist, who has sold the perpetual advowson, as I am informed, to Mr. Parker, late Vicar of Farnham; and after his decease one Mrs. Grover has become patron, and has advertized the advowson for sale. Rector, Thomas Jackson. Population is about 100, and the lands arable with the few meads (*sic*) 1,000 acres. There is no chapel, no lecturer, no curate, no meeting, no Romanist, no dissenter, no school, "since I myself taught above 30 years." Mr. Nicholas Richardson by his last will, bearing date 1613, gave to the poor of this parish 10s. *p.a.* to be paid to the Collectors in the south porch of the church by quarterly payments, out of the house where his son Benjamin lived in Bassishaw, with power to distrain not only for this 10s. and arrears, but for other 10s. given to the poor for ever (*nomine pænæ*). The half-crown last paid was due at Our Lady's Day, 1660. His son Benjamin paid it, and none hath been received since. But soon after 1666 when the house was burnt [in the Great Fire] Benjamin pleaded poverty, asked forbearance, and soon after absconded and died. The parish were at a loss. When I came to the parish in 1684 they acquainted me with it. They knew not the donor's name, nor the will, nor the house charged by it. I, after 20 years' search in the Commons by others, went myself and by a special good Providence found out all. So that the owner of

the house being a Minor his guardians came to Chaldon and owned all of it to the Parish, but desired they would not seize till the Minor came to full age. The Parish forbore so long, and at length were obliged to sue in the Exchequer, but were weary of the charge when they had but one frivolous answer. I have the copy of the Will by me, and all other evident proofs out of the Churchwarden's Accounts rendered in the parish of St. Michael's, Bassishaw, in London. Smith's Charity is distributed. Mr. Robert Roan, by will of 1672, left out of his manor of Tollesworth in this parish 20s. *p.a.* to the use of the poor, distributed by the Minister and Churchwardens. [The *few* meads means, I take it, the feud meads, meadows held by the lord of the manor of Chaldon. Mr. Jackson died 1726 without the 10s. he had so stoutly fought for.]

CHELSHAM [returned under Warlingham].

CHERTSEY. Patron, the Hon. Brigadier Robert Hunter. Vicar, Philip Cole. There are 250 houses and 3 almshouses. In Lyne Tything are 47 houses; in Bottle Tything, 61 houses; in Addlesden (*sic*) Tything, 57 houses; in Woodham Tything, 70 houses; in Ham Tything, 4 houses [that makes 239 not 250]. There is a Dissenting Meeting of 179 persons and there are 20 Quakers. Two knights and a gentleman reside. A Charity School House was lately built by Sir William Parkins, where 25 boys are taught our excellent religion and are clothed. Smith's Charity is distributed to the amount of £25 *p.a.*, at the discretion of the Churchwardens, and £6 *p.a.* was left by Henry Sherwood to clothe three old men and three old women.

CHESSINGTON [returned under Malden].

CHIDDINGFOLD. Patron, the Dean of Salisbury. Rector, John Harris. Population is 300. There is one papist, the wife of Thomas Bristowe, shoemaker. There are no dissenters, no chapel, no lecturer, no curate, no school. No persons of note reside. Smith's Charity is distributed, worth £5 *p.a.*

CHILWORTH or ST. MARTHA'S. Patroness, Dowager Duchess of Marlborough. Curate of the Donative or Chapel, William Bannaster [see Wonersh]. Population, 50. The curate receives £25 a year, a load of meadow hay and the profits of burials, marriages, etc. There are two families of Quakers, no school and no charity. The presentation to the cure is in the hands of the owner of Chilworth Manor, but only the gardener now resides in the house. Mr. William Woods, of Tyting, is a land-owning gentleman who does not reside.

CHIPSTED. Patron, Mr. Thomas More (presented present Rector), but since, Mr. Middleton, his heir, of Wivelsfield. Rector, John Tattersall. Population, 300. There is no chapel, but ground called Chapel Field is in the south-west of the parish. There are two dissenters. There is no endowed school, but two poor men teach some children to read.

CHOBHAM. Patron, Mr. John Walter, of Godalming. Rector, Thomas Warton, B.D. There are two dissenters. Mr. William Abdy sometimes resides in the house which belonged to Mr. Gainsford Thomas [Chobham Place]. There is an almshouse for poor persons, with no allowance. The Churchwardens receive about £2 *p.a.* for two or three tenants, and from two acres of land. [Mr. William Abdy succeeded his brother and became Sir William Abdy, Bt. He was trustee for the sister of Mr. Gainsford Thomas, who was a lunatic, and after this date

succeeded to the property as residuary legatee. Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Hope left small benefactions, both in 1722, for teaching children to read. Perhaps this had not taken effect in 1725, as no school is mentioned. The Rector was Thomas Warton, the elder, Professor of Poetry at Oxford, a very extensive pluralist and not resident at Chobham.] There is an almshouse for poor persons, with no allowance. The Churchwardens receive about £2 *p.a.* for two [or] three tenants and [from] two acres of land.

CLANDON, EAST. Patron, Peter, Lord King. Rector, Richard Heath. The Lady Heath [of Hatchlands] resides. [The Rector was presented by her son Richard Heath, his nephew. Lord King acquired the patronage soon afterwards.]

CLANDON, WEST. Patron, Lord Onslow. Rector, John Price. [He died later in this year.] Lord Onslow and one gentleman reside.

CLAPHAM. Patron, Sir Henry Atkyns, Bt. Vicar, Nicholas Brady, D.D. ["Tate and Brady"]. There is a Presbyterian meeting of 400 persons. There is a school house and an endowment of £6 *p.a.* for teaching six boys, founded by William Hawer. A clergyman is master. There is another school kept by Mrs. Nicholas, whose son and a clergyman teach. [Nicholas Brady was curate in charge, called Vicar, of Richmond, where he certainly resided and kept a school. Perhaps one of the clergymen who acted as schoolmasters in Clapham really did the parochial duty.]

COBHAM. Patron, William Weston, Clerk in Holy Orders. Vicar, Henry Bannaster. No chapel, no lecturer, no curate, no papist. There is a Quaker meeting. There is one family of Quakers, one of Presbyterians. Colonel Peckham is a resident gentleman. There is a Charity School for 40 children endowed by Mr. James Fox with £28 a year. Mrs. Cecily Darnelly and Mrs. Sarah Cox gave £3 for distribution on Good Friday. Edmund Sutton £2 *p.a.*; Roger Bellew, £2 for bread on Good Friday; Owen Peter, 20s.; John Downs, 20s. in bread; James Sutton, £3, on November 5.

COMPTON. Patron and Rector, John Fulham, A.M. Population, 200. There is no chapel (*sic*), no lecturer, no settled curate, but the Rev. George Stephens, Master of Guildford Free School, does duty in the absence of the Incumbent [he signs this return]. There is no Papist and no Recusant's property. There is no meeting. There are 4 Quakers, 3 of one family, and 9 Anabaptists of one family. The only inhabitant of note is the Rev. John Fulham. There is no school. Smith's Charity is distributed, worth 40s. Land value 50s. *p.a.* was bequeathed by [John] Kempshall to the poor; 28s. in bread, the rest to clothe 2 of the poor. Three acres of land and a house were left by one of the More family of Loseley [Sir William More] for repair of the church. The parish has a right to nominate one to Wyat's Hospital, Godalming, under the Carpenter's company. The pensioner has a room and 2*d.* a week.

COULSDON. Patron, the Archbishop. Rector, John Pierce. There is a curate, no chapel, no school. Two gentlemen reside. [It is probable that one of the two resident gentlemen was Mr. Michael Woods, of Portnalls in this parish, who died 1737. There had been a chapel, of Watindon, alienated during the Reformation, and at this time used as a barn. By ordinary usage the living should have been a peculiar of Canterbury, since the Archbishop was Patron, but it had not passed

into his gift under Ed. VI, and had not been finally confirmed as his till what were in 1725 recent years. It was not an ancient possession of the Metropolitan See.]

CRANLEY. Patron is the Rector's wife. Rector, George Cheynell. Population is 600, or more. There are two Quakers and an Antipædo-baptist. There are three private schools for teaching, reading, and writing. There are no resident gentry. Smith's Charity, £8 *p.a.* is distributed to the poor as the Churchwardens and overseers think fit. [Mrs. Sarah Cheynell was sister to the former Rector and Patron, Henry Cheynell, 1682-1704, and was left the patronage by him. She married and presented her cousin. The bulk of the land of the parish belonged to Lord Onslow, who was not resident at Knoll. The other chief houses had become merely farm-houses. Hence there were no resident gentry.]

CROWHURST. Patron, John Angell of Stockwell, who allows £16 to the curate, Mr. George Cole, who lives at Westerham. There is no house. Charities are, Mr. Alexander Holloway's, 30s., 20s. to the poor and 10s. to the curate for a sermon on Palm Sunday; John Gainsford's, 40s.; Thomas Sutton, 10s. for the poor. [Smith's Charity exists, but is omitted. The Gainsford's were the owners of Crowhurst Place. The Rectory had belonged to Tandridge Priory, and was in lay hands therefore. The Angells purchased it soon after 1619, and the Rectory House was opposite the church, where they lived for a time before removing to Stockwell. There are monuments to them in the church.]

DITON, LONG. Dr. Joseph Clarke, Patron and Incumbent. No curate, no lecturer, no chapel, no meeting, no school. There are two dissenters. Mr. Aislaby, Director of the E.I. Co. and Mr. George Loudon are the resident gentry. Charities are £1 8s. rent of land in the parish, and Kingswood Lands, for the poor. [Kingswood Lands may mean Smith's Charity. Mr. William Aislaby, Director of E.I. Co., was brother to John Aislaby, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who got into trouble over the South Sea Bubble.]

DITON, THAMES. Patron, the Vicar of Kingston. Curate, Arthur Young. There are four families of dissenters, "who occasionally conform." The resident gentry are Mr. Onslow, Mr. Godolphin, Mr. Lockwood, Mr. Symonds, Mr. Bridges [uncle of Mrs. Onslow], Mr. Newland, Mr. Wells, Major Balfour, Major Jennings. The charities are the rent of a small close for the poor; Dame Elizabeth Hill, £4; William Hatton, £20 *p.a.* to the Minister; John Wicken, 40s. in bread. Henry Bridges lately built six handsome brick houses, and endowed them with 1s. 6d. a week, for the poor. [Mr. Onslow was Arthur Onslow, then living at Imber Court, of which his wife Anne Bridges was heiress, subsequently Speaker of the House of Commons. The Rev. Arthur Young, LL.D., Pembroke Coll., Camb., 1728, was his chaplain when Speaker.]

DORKING. Patron, Humphrey Parsons. Curate, Ezechiel Mills. Lecturer, Timothy Allen. Mr. Howard and his family are the chief proprietors. There is a Presbyterian and a Quaker meeting [two, not joint], numbering about 300 in all. There are 10 resident gentry. Charities, Baron Hilton's, £16 *p.a.* for decayed tradesmen, not more than 40s. a man; £15 *p.a.* for bread and flesh from Mr. Sam Cozens, late Vicar. [The Vicar, Henry Lodge, lived at Mickleham. "Mr. Howard" was six years old. Baron Hilton, not a peer of the realm, was Trustee for Susannah Smith's endowment of the almshouses.

Mr. Cozens' benefaction was amalgamated with Smith's Charity, which is ignored. Humphrey Parsons, the Patron, was owner of the estate of Reigate Priory, which included the rectory and advowson of Dorking Parish. Parsons, an Alderman and M.P., lived at Reigate.]

DUNSFOLD. Rector, Edward Eliot. Patron, the Lord Chancellor. Population, 400. No resident gentry, no dissenters. There are one or two schools to teach children to read. Smith's Charity, £6 *p.a.*

EFFINGHAM. Vicar, Joseph Godfrey. Patron, The Crown. No gentry, no dissenters. A school of a dozen children. The late Vicar, John Miller, left 40s. *p.a.* for bread to the poor who were most constant in attendance at church and the Holy Sacrament. There is a hospital for three poor families, built and maintained by the parishioners. [Smith's Charity is omitted. Mr. Miller's does not appear in 1786. The "Hospital" expired in 1779 in a dispute about its rebuilding, for which see M. & B. II., p. 718.]

EGHAM. Vicarage, vacant. Curate, John Paget. Patron, Thomas Scawen. There is one Papist, "of no consequence"; five or six families of Presbyterians, and two of Quakers. The Earl of Stirling lives constantly in the parish, and nine or ten gentlemen. Henry Strode endowed a Free School of about £25 *p.a.* There are 30 or 40 scholars; the master is the Rev. John Paget, curate. He is nominated by the Coopers Company, who are Trustees. Sir John Denham endowed a hospital, with £36 *p.a.* out of his land, for five poor women who have 2s. a week each and a gown once a year. Mrs. Barker left £5 *p.a.* for teaching to read and for the poor. Edmond Lee left £1,000 for putting out apprentices, invested in land in Essex. Henry Strode [the founder of the school] built 12 almshouses for 6 poor men and 6 poor women, with 3s. a week each, a new coat every other year and annually 2 shirts, 2 pair of stockings, 2 pair of shoes. Trustees, the Coopers Company. [Smith's Charity is omitted. The living was vacant by the death of Thomas Ryson, who had received it after the expulsion of a Bartholomew Confessor in 1662, and is said in the Parish Register to have been 105 at his death in 1724. Mr. Scawen failed to appoint a successor, and the advowson lapsed to the Bishop, *p.h.v.*]

ELSTEAD. Martin Gruchy, curate. [He was also curate of Seale.] Mr. William Bishop of Frensham nominated to the curacy. There is no lecturer, no chapel, no papist, no meeting, no endowed school. There are "two or three Anabaptists of small account." The population is 300. Smith's Charity is distributed.

EPSOM (Ebbisham). Patron, Thomas Parkhurst. [? Rectory vacant.] Population, 1,500. There is a meeting house of Presbyterians. The resident gentry are Lord Gilford, Lord Baltimore, Sir John Ward, Richard Cambridge, Francis Shepherd, Richard Routh, — Terry, Esq., William Butts, Joseph Diston, — Berridge, Esq., Captain Edwards, Mrs. Shaw, Mr. Murden, Mrs. Dormer, Madam Cook (widow), Lady Northey (widow), Madam Breeding (widow). There is a school for 12 children. There is an almshouse. £10 *p.a.* for clothing poor widows: £22 *p.a.* by Mr. Baynes, three-fifths for teaching poor children, two-fifths to the Minister.

ESHER. Patron, Wadham Coll., Oxford. Rector, Charles Poole. There is a Quaker meeting on the first Sunday in a month, thirty persons. The resident gentry are the Duke and Duchess of Newcastle. £5 *p.a.* was left by Lady Lynch, one-third for an anniversary sermon,

5s. to the parish clerk, residue to the poor in bread. Three and a half acres are held for the repair of the church. [This seems to be lost. Smith's Charity is ignored. Lady Lynch is wrongly credited with the £5 *p.a.* Sir Thomas Lynch, ex-Governor of Jamaica, left it for a sermon in memory of his first wife.]

EWELL. Patron, the Crown. Vicar, Samuel Shenton. There is no meeting, but there are about 50 Presbyterians. The resident gentry are George Lewen, Henry Fendall, Thomas Williams, Sir William Jolliffe. There is no school. £2 *p.a.* was given for the poor by Thomas Dickenson, distributed by the parish.

FARLEY. Patron, Merton Coll., Oxford. Rector, De Blossiers Tovey, LL.D. No school, no dissenters, no charities [mentioned, Smith's exists]. There are 100 people, "rarely one marriage a year," 3 births, 2 burials.

FARNHAM. Patron (and Rector), the Archdeacon. Vicar, James Forde. Population about 2,500. No chapel, no lecturer; a curate, Mr. Henry Baker. No papists. There are two meetings, Presbyterian of 80, Anabaptist of 30 people. There are 12 Quakers. The resident gentry are Sir Charles Vernon, Mr. Temple, George Vernon, senior and junior, Captain Lampard, Major Jefferies, Mr. Forbes, Ashby, Coldham, Manwaring, G. Miles, Searle, Searle, Carter, Boulton. Free School, of 15 boys, [signed] Henry Baker. There is a separate answer about the Free School. Mr. George Parker is the master. It is endowed with Bishop Morley's house in West Street, with three tenements and a garden, worth £20 *p.a.*, but the house is out of repair and will cost £100 to put in order. It is capable of receiving 30 boarders. "The school is very low in its reputation, and though there are only six boys required to be taught *gratis* I cannot find there is that number now in the school," [signed] George Vernon.

FETCHAM. Patron, Arthur Moore. Rector, Ezechial Miles. No curate, chapel, meeting nor papists. No school. Smith's Charity. £24 2s. *p.a.* from Sir George Shiers for the poor. [Ezechial Miles was Rector only for 18 months, 1724-25. He was curate of Dorking simultaneously, but as he had a new house given him by Mr. Moore, he probably lived in Fetcham.]

FRENESHAM. Joseph Munday, curate. Population, near 600. "The parish church of Farnham (*sic*) is supplied by a curate who hath his nomination from Mr. William Bishop, the lessee of the Tithes." Mr. William Bishop and Mr. William Bishop, junior, and his wife, are the resident gentry. Smith's Charity is distributed. There is no school. [No answers to other questions.]

FRIMLEY [Chapelry, *see* Ash].

GATTON. Patron, Mr. Newland (M.P. of Gatton Park). Rector, Edward Moore, D.D. Resident gentry, Mr. Newland and Mr. Dominique. There are 110 people, and about 1 marriage, 1 burial, and 2 or 3 births a year.

GODALMING. Patron, Dean of Salisbury. Vicar, Richard Younger. Population, 2,000 or 3,000. There is no chapel, no lecturer, no curate, no papist, no meeting-house. "There are several kinds of Protestant dissenters, but not of much consideration as to number or quality." The resident gentry are John Walter, Esq., M.P. for the County, and James Oglethorpe, M.P. for Haslemere. There is no public grammar school, but some of the poor children are taught by one Delarante to

write and read, out of the moneys collected at the altar. There are also several of the town boys taught by the same man. Smith's Charity, £60 *p.a.* is distributed by the Churchwardens and overseers, giving bond first to the Minister to perform the conditions of his (Smith's) deed of uses. The parish has 5 nominations of Wyat's Hospital (Alms-houses). [Mr. Walter, a West India merchant, M.P. for Surrey, 1722, lived at Busbridge. James Oglethorpe, of Westbroke, was the famous philanthropist, founder of Georgia. Mr. Delarante, presumably a foreign refugee, seems to have been employed as a Charity School-master for some children, and to have taught others as a private enter-prise.]

GODSTONE, or WALKHAMPSTED. Patron, Edward Evelyn. Vicar, William Jones. There is one Anabaptist. The resident gentry are William Clayton, Charles Hoskins, Edward Evelyn. There is a small school, unendowed. "No person" nominates the master. Sir John Evelyn, senior, left £6 *p.a.* to 12 poor people, and to repair his monument. Sir William Gardiner £3 to six poor widows. The owner of a farm called Colboys gives 15s. to the poor. Smith's Charity is distributed.

GUILDFORD. St. Mary's and Holy Trinity. Patron, the Crown. Rector, William Bannaster. There is a chapel, commonly called The Spital, belonging to a hospital endowed with an estate of considerable value for the handsome and comfortable support of two or more persons. The chapel is wholly disused and is converted into a woodhouse. The patronage is in dispute; the Duke of Somerset supports one Cooper in possession. There is a Presbyterian meeting of 40 persons, an Anabaptist of 20, Quaker of 15 persons. The chief inhabitants are Mr. Child, attorney and town clerk, reputed to be worth £400 *p.a.*; Mr. Antony Allen, late Fellow of King's Coll., Cambridge, worth £300 *p.a.* during the life-time of his wife; Richard Ford, brewer, worth about £200 *p.a.*; Mr. James Clifton, shop-keeper, the same. There is no usher at the school for 7 or 8 years past, and the salary is not paid. There are 30 boys. There is a Charity School of 20 boys and 20 girls supported by contributions. The Poyle Charity is described, but "according to common fame there are many and great abuses in the distribution of the same." Smith's Charity is distributed.

GUILDFORD, ST. NICHOLAS. Patron, Dean of Salisbury. Rector, Richard Younger [also Vicar of Godalming]. Population, about 500. Curate, Henry Hill. No chapel, no lecturer, no papist, no meeting. There are 22 dissenters. There is no school. No nobleman resides, but three gentlemen, Sir More Molyneux, of Losely, Mr. Wight of Braybœuf, and Joseph Richardson, Esq. [Barrister-at-law, son of Joseph Richardson, Rector of Hambledon (see below) and late Rector of Dunsfold.] Caleb Lovejoy, citizen and Merchant Taylor of London, left £30 *p.a.* for instruction of children in reading, writing and casting accounts [yet there is no school]. Mr. George Benbrick, of Guildford, felt-maker, left £25 *p.a.* to be distributed equally among 8 persons, freemen of Guildford, or poor widows of freemen. Smith's Charity is £50 *p.a.*, for relief of poor, the marriage of poor maidens, and apprenticing poor children. Archbishop Abbott left £20 *p.a.* to be distributed among freemen of Guildford.

HAMBLEDON. Patron, "the next presentation is in the hands of Laurence Eliot, Esq., after that in John Walter, Esq." Rector, Joseph

Richardson. Population, about 200. There is no chapel, no curate, no lecturer, no papist, no dissenter, no school. No nobleman or gentleman residing. Smith's Charity, 30s. *p.a.*, is distributed to poor householders not receiving parish relief. [The presentation of an inmate to Wyat's Almshouses at Godalming is omitted. The patron who presented Mr. Richardson was William Eliot; his brother Laurence died 1726, and the next presentation, in 1742, was made by Francis Eliot, nephew to William and Laurence. John Walter never exercised the right of patronage.]

HASCOMBE. Patron, Sir John Frederick. Rector, John Warner. 27 houses and about 135 people. Curate, Charles Owen. There is no chapel, no papist, no dissenter, no school, no person of note residing. Smith's Charity, £3 *p.a.* is distributed.

HASLEMERE. Patron, the Dean of Salisbury. Curate, John Veneer. No chapel, "except what we use as the parish church." Curate's salary is £30 *p.a.* and perquisites coming to about £4 or £5 *p.a.* No lecturer nor other curate. The population is five or six hundred. There is no papist, no meeting, one Presbyterian, no school. There are five gentlemen in the parish. Smith's Charity, £20 *p.a.*, is distributed, and the Toll of the Market is settled upon the poor of Haslemere by a decree in Chancery, and is disposed of by the Rector of Chiddingfold in accordance with the decree. [Haslemere was a chapelry of Chiddingfold parish. The Market Tolls were appropriated to the poor by the Charter of Queen Elizabeth, 1596, which creates the borough. They were not finally secured till after protracted litigation from 1662 to 1694.]

HEDLEY. Patron, Mrs. Margaret Edwin, widow of Sigismund Stydolf. Rector, John Mason. Nothing returned to most of the queries. There is a private school of 20 gentlemen's sons kept by Mr. Stubbs.

HORLEY. Patron, Christ's Hospital. Vicar, Samuel Billingsley. Population, 1,200 or 1,400. There is one meeting of 6 or 7 families, and there are some 40 others "who call themselves Presbyterians." [Samuel Billingsley, Archdeacon of Surrey, Prebendary of Chichester, Rector of Farnham and of Newdigate, died a few months after this date.]

HORNE. Patron, Mr. Clayton. Rector, William Jones [also Vicar of Godstone]. There are 5 papists, a farmer, two husbandmen and two women. There is an Anabaptist meeting. There are about 12 of them in the parish.

HORSELL. The Patronage [and the Tithes] in the hands of four lay impropiators [see *V.C.H.*, III, 430-1].

[HORSLEY, EAST. Peculiar of Canterbury.]

HORSLEY, WEST. Patron, Hon. Edward Nicholas. Rector, Nathaniel Gower [also Vicar of Battersea]. There was a school-house between West Horsley and adjacent parishes, but the endowment is lost and the house disused. There were several tenements and land given for the repair of the church, but some of the land got into other hands. Smith's Charity is distributed. [In the previous century the Rector and Churchwardens of West Horsley had kept a public-house for the repairs of the church, and succeeded in suppressing a rival, Justices' Order Book, July 16, 1661, and January 13, 1661-2. This experiment in the Carlisle System had ceased, apparently.]

KEW GREEN. Chapel of St. Ann's. The nomination of a curate is in the hands of the Minister of Kingston. The chapel was built by subscribers, and consecrated by Sir John Trelawney, Bishop of Winchester, May 12, 1714. There are 200 souls in the district. The chief inhabitants are the Rt. Hon. Lord Delaware; the Rt. Hon. Countess of Bouchimbourg; the Hon. S. Molyneux, Secretary to the Prince of Wales; Sir John Hubbard, Bt.; Sir John Brown, Bt.; Sir Charles Eyre, Knt.; Lady Conway; George Harrison. Lady Dorothy Capell left £100 *p.a.* for a charity school of 12 children, as by her will, and half to apprentice poor children of Kew till a charity school is built. Lady Derby left the interest of £500 to poor housekeepers.

KINGSTON ON THAMES. Nicholas Harding, patron. Richard Coliere, Vicar. There are five chapels, Kew, Richmond, Petersham, Thames Ditton, Moulsey. Petersham is partly endowed by the Hatton family. There are two Dissenting Meetings, 100 families of Presbyterians, 8 or 10 families of Quakers. The population is 3,295. There is a Grammar School and two charity schools, boys and girls. There are 30 boys taught and clothed and put out apprentice. Girls are about 25, entirely supported by Mr. William Belitha by the interest of £400. In 1635 Charles I gave £100 because he had enclosed some of the poor's land [for Richmond Park]. Land was bought with this for the poor, bringing in £5 a year. Smith's Charity is distributed.

LAMBETH. Patron, the Archbishop. Rector, Richard Ibbetson, D.D. There are 7,000 people. There is no meeting, but a Dissenter keeps a school at Stockwell and preaches on Sunday to a small congregation. In 1640 Mrs. Alice Easton gave £4 *p.a.* to the poor, and £25 to the Rector for four sermons, on Wednesdays after quarter days. 1640 Henry Hilton left £24 *p.a.*, reduced to £16 for 99 years for the poor, charged upon land in the Bishopric of Durham. 1655 William Hind left seven tenements with cellars, for the use of the poor, at Vauxhall. Pot House [which means Pottery Works, not Public House]. In 1661 Mrs. Richard Laurence left houses, called Dog Houses, for teaching 20 poor children in the liberties of the Marsh and the Wall. 1666, Mrs. Harlow, a benefaction, lost. 1667 Mrs. Edward Walcott a half of 17 acres freehold and 1 acre copyhold in Lambeth Fields, now let at £28 *p.a.*, for the poor. 1671 Mrs. Margaret Oakley four tenements in Back Lane, for bread. Pedlar's Acre left for the poor by person unknown. Smith's Charity is distributed. Ralph Snowe (*ob.* 1707) erected the Chancel of the church, built the South Gallery, and gave two new tables [of the Commandments], "with Aaron and Moses beautified." [Ralph Snowe was Steward to the Archbishop.]

LEIGH. Patron, Sir Thomas Scawen [who owned the rectory.] Curate, Hugh Griffith. There are two papists, poor, 1 Presbyterian, 1 Quaker family and a Quaker widow.

LEATHERHEAD. Patron, Dean and Chapter of Rochester. Vicar, Robert Johnson. There are 700 souls. There are 3 Quakers. John Skeet's charity is distributed every Sunday after morning service in bread to the deserving poor. Mr. Edward Hudson's on the Eves of Christmas and Easter and Whitsuntide, 20s. worth of meat each day to 20 poor people. Mrs. Anne Hudson's on Michaelmas Eve to 20 poor widows and widowers, the interest of £20. There is an Almshouse of 6 rooms, with a parcel of ground let for 15s. *p.a.* for the benefit of the poor. Smith's Charity is distributed.

LIMPSFIELD. Patron, Sir Marmaduke Gresham, Bt. of Titsey. Vicar, William Walker. Resident gentry, Mr. William Gresham, and General Baines. Population, 400. Marriages 1, 2, or none. Births and burials, 16 *p.a.*

LINGFIELD. Patron, Lord Howard of Effingham "who enjoys both the great and the small tithes" [which had belonged to the College suppressed by Henry VIII]. Curate, Timothy Stileman, B.D. [afterwards Rector of Horne]. There is a reading and writing school, endowed with a house of £3 annual value given by the late Lord Howard of Effingham. Mr. William Saxby (about 1709) left £10 10s. *p.a.* for clothes to five poor men and five poor women on Good Friday. Mr. John Hole, 1659, left £2 8s. *p.a.* to the poor in money. Mr. John Piggott (1716) left £20 *p.a.* to be divided into groats and given to 120 poor people on Good Friday. [A condition of Mr. Saxby's bequest was that the recipient of clothes on Good Friday should receive the Communion the same day.]

MALDEN AND CHESINGTON. Patron, Merton College, Oxford. Vicar, Henry Stephens. There is a chapel at Chessington. Mr. Thomas Hatton is resident at Chessington. Smith's Charity is distributed. [Stephens had been chaplain at Oporto, and was subsequently Canon of Winchester.]

MERROW. Patron, Lord Onslow. Rector, Thomas Harward. There are 2 Quakers. £20 left by one Weston, and £10 by the late Lord Onslow, no put outs to interest for the benefit of the poor. Smith's Charity is distributed. [The "one Weston" is probably Richard Weston, who sold Temple Court to Sir Richard Onslow in 1642.]

MERTON or MARTIN. Patron [see below]. Curate, Edward Collins. Marriages often none now. "It has formerly been used as an unlicensed place, being the church belonging to the great Abbey of Merton, and the Minister who so used it, long since deceased, made a great advantage thereby. Neither my predecessor nor myself have made any such use of it." Only £14 is received by the curate out of title in grant from the Crown. Curates nominated by Impropriator (lessee of the Crown). The chapel belonging to the Abbey Church is not used for any service. The house of Henry Meriton, Esq., has been certified (December, 1724) as a place of worship for Baptists. He is pretended Patron [of the living]. None will come [to his house for a meeting]. There is one family of Baptists in the parish. There are 4 or 5 Quakers, and 2 or 3 Presbyterians, who come as much to church as to the meeting in the next parish. Henry Meriton is being prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Courts for outrageous behaviour in church. He has taken away the augmentation of the living. Houses are left by Mr. William English [Rutlish] to apprentice poor children (1688). Mr. Meriton has interfered with these too. [Mr. Meriton died 1757, aged 83. He had been for 30 years a gentleman of the Privy Chamber to George II, but was clearly disapproved of by the Rev. Edward Collins. The chapel (disused) mentioned is not the same as the church, but this was not, as is here said, the church of the Mediaeval Priory. The use of the church for marriages belongs, of course, to the state of things before Lord Hardwicke's Marriage Act. When Mr. Collins says it was used as "an unlicensed place," he means probably as a place which licensed itself, as the Savoy Chapel claimed to do.]

MICKLEHAM. Patron, Humphrey Parsons. Rector, Henry Lodge

[also Vicar of Dorking]. The resident gentry are Mr. Charles Tryon (of Norbury), John Woolaston, James Bonwicke, Major Langley, James Tooth. There are 4 Dissenters. No meeting, no school, no curate. [Mr. Lodge resided at Mickleham, not at Dorking. Nevertheless when he died he left the rectory house out of repair.]

MITCHAM. Patron, Mr. Cranmer. Vicar, William Hatsell. There are 8 or 10 Presbyterians and one Quaker. There are two Jews named Mendez. There is a little Private School. £200 left by Mrs. Fisher to buy land for the poor. It is laid up in the Bank of England and increased by interest to £300, waiting for a purchase. [It was afterwards laid out in an estate at Lingfield.] £4 is left for clothes, and £4 for bread for the poor, donors unknown. [These sums were *p.a.* and were the benefactions of Henry Smith and of Thomas Plumer, 1639, respectively.]

MORDEN. Patron, Richard Garth. Rector, George Knapp. There are 3 Quakers and 3 Presbyterians. Smith's Charity is distributed. Mrs. Elizabeth Gardiner left, over three years ago (1719), £300 for education of children in her native parish. [The sum was increased subsequently to £600, and a school was built.]

MOULSEY, EAST. Patron, Nicholas Hardinge. The church of East Moulsey was a chapelry under the Vicar of Kingston, served by a perpetual curate, Gilbert Burroughs, M.A., curate. There is 1 Quaker woman. Sir James Clarke, lord of the manor of Moulsey-Prior is a resident.

MOULSEY, WEST. A Chapel of Ease to Walton-on-Thames. William Gardner, curate. Colonel Churchill and Trafford Smyth, Esq., are resident gentry.

NEWDIGATE. Patron, Lord Chancellor. Rector, Samuel Billingsley [Archdeacon of Surrey, Rector of Farnham, Vicar of Horley]. There are two families of Presbyterians, one Antipædobaptist, three Quakers. There is a Free School endowed with £10 *p.a.* for seven poor children. The Master is nominated by the parishioners. [There was a Scholarship to Trinity Coll., Cambridge, apparently already lost, founded in 1662. Both school and scholarship were founded by will by George Steere, rector, *ob.* 1662.]

NUTFIELD. Patron, William Hollingworth, for two lives. Then Jesus Coll., Oxford, and Mr. Turner alternately. Rector, Benjamin Hollingworth [son of William Hollingworth]. There is one family of Quakers. [The advowson was in dispute. In 1727 the right was exercised and successfully defended by Mr. Cooke, lord of the manor. In 1740 it was conveyed by sale by his heirs to Jesus Coll., Oxford, see M. & B., II, 275.]

OCKHAM. Patron, Lord King. Rector, John Hoadley. Lord King, Thomas Woodford, Esq., and Vigerus Edwards, Esq., are resident gentry. [No charities are named, though Smith's existed. Sir Peter King did not become Lord King till May, 1725, two months after these visitation questions were issued. John Hoadley was the brother of the more famous Benjamin. He became Bishop of Leighlin and Ferns, and then Archbishop of Dublin and of Armagh successively.]

OCKLEY. Patron, Clare College, Cambridge. Rector, John Price. Curate, John Rundall. There is no meeting, though there are several families of Presbyterians and Quakers. Colonel Thomas Moore is the only resident gentleman. [He was of Fetcham. He bought

Ockley Manor in 1718, but probably was not living at Ockley Court, which had another owner at this time. He may have been at Elderslie.] A school was endowed with £100 by Mrs. Elizabeth Evershed to teach eight poor children. Smith's Charity is distributed. [The return "no meeting" contrasts with that of 1673 when conventicles were unlawful, but there were two in Ockley.]

OXTED. Patron, Sir William Hoskins. Rector, Daniel Bellamy. Land producing £3 *p.a.* by Mr. David Maynard, 1709, to put poor children to school.

PEPERHAROW. Patron, Viscount Midleton. Rector, Robert Holdsworth. Population 36. No chapel, no curate, no lecturer, no school, no papist, no dissenter. No gentleman, but Lord Midleton is "going shortly to reside." £3 *p.a.* was left by Nicholas Wallis, the rector (1600-1606), half for repair of the church and half for the poor. Smith's Charity is distributed, £1 *p.a.* [Robert Holdsworth was appointed by the Duke of Newcastle, not by Lord Midleton.]

PIRBRIGHT. Chapelry of Woking. Curate, George Dawson. The tithes are in the hands of two minors, children of Mr. Robert Quennell of Guildford, and of Mr. William Lee of Chobham, from the daughters of Mr. George Martin of Pirbright. The curate gets £20 *p.a.* Smith's Charity, £2, is distributed.

PIRFORD. Patron, Lord Onslow. Curate, John Robinson.

PUTTENHAM. Patron, the Crown. Minister (rector), Thomas Swift [cousin to the Dean]. The population is 262, or thereabouts. There is no chapel, no lecturer, no curate, no papist, 1 Quaker, no gentleman, "nor any school but what teaches children to read and write." Smith's Charity, 40s., is distributed to the poor not receiving parish relief, and the rent of land called Church lands, about £4 *p.a.*, is applied usually to "paying the poor-book" [in aid of rates?]. The parish has two nominations to Wyat's Hospital [Carpenters' Company Almshouses at Godalming].

REIGATE. Patron, the Rev. John Bird [he bought the advowson when Vicar]. Vicar, John Bird. There are three chapels, one is the Sessions House, one a Barn, one a Private House. There are Quaker and Presbyterian Meetings. Only a few gentry. The Vicar teaches a school. [The "few gentry" included Humphrey Parsons at the Priory. See under Dorking.]

RICHMOND. There are 3,500 souls. A few papists of good condition. There is an Anabaptist meeting, but few families of them. There is a Charity School for 50 boys and 50 girls built by Lady Vandeput. There are 3 Almshouses.

ROTHERHITHE. Patron, Duke of Chandos. Rector, Edward Lovel, D.D. There are 6,000 people. There is 1 Presbyterian Meeting House. There is a poor Charity School for eight boys, endowed with £8 *p.a.* and a house. There is £10 *p.a.* to buy a fat ox for the poor at Christmas; £10 *p.a.* in bread; and £6 *p.a.* in land "to make good the other deficiencies." [The last seems to be the benefaction of Captain William Stevens, 2s. in bread and 2d. in money weekly to six poor persons.]

SANDERSTEAD. Patron, John Atwood. Rector, Daniel Philips. Resident gentleman, Henry St. John.

SEALE. Mr. William Bishop nominates Curate. Curate, Martin Gruchy [see Elsted]. Population, 250. The mansion house of Mr.

Woodruffe [Poyle Park] is at present occupied by Captain Dalton. There is no school. Smith's Charity is distributed.

SEND. Patron, Lord Onslow. Vicar, John Robinson [also at Pirford]. There is a chapel at Ripley supported by the parishioners, who have the right of nomination at a vacancy. There are 2 papists, widows in poor circumstances. Lady Mary Irwin lives in the parish.¹ There are a writing-school, and some petty schools. Sarah Hales gave 20s. *p.a.* to poor widows. Anne Haines £300 to be laid out in land for apprenticing two poor children. Smith's Charity is distributed. "There are two or three parish houses where we place our declining poor." [Mrs. Hales's benefaction was lost by a bankrupt churchwarden.]

SHALFORD. Patron, the Crown. Vicar, Matthew Nicholas. Population, about 1,000. There is a chapel called Bramley, with a burial ground of forty years' establishment (1676). It was formerly served by a chaplain nominated by the inhabitants with the approval of the Vicar, maintained by voluntary contributions. These sank during the Great Rebellion, and since the cure has devolved upon the Vicar. Yet it is still by the Registers (*sic*) cited and called as a separate cure; yet it is but a branch of the same church, but now hath all parochial rights and distinct officers. There are ten in parish of obstinate Presbyterian and Independent profession, three of these Antipædobaptists and three Quakers. Resident gentry are Henry Ludlow, Esq. [Bencher of the Middle Temple, lord of the manor of West Bramley]; George Austen, Esq. (of Shalford Park); Mrs. Woodruffe and her son George (of Poyle). No school. Henry Smith's Charity, £12 between Shalford and Bramley, £2 4s. by John Austen of London to Shalford only; 10s. by John Bignold to the same uses. £2 out of an estate now sold called The Church House, and several small sums out of lands in the parish, £3 in all, for repair of the Church, £2 12s. for bread every Sunday, for chapelry only, given by one Smither; 12s. from land vested in the chapel-wardens.

SHIERE. Patrons, the Duncombe family. Rector, George Duncombe. Population, about 550. No papist, no meeting, no dissenter. Edward Budgen, Esq. [probably at Sutton in Shiere] and Edward Bray, Esq., are the only resident gentlemen. There is a school for reading, writing and keeping accounts, not endowed. One Dame teaches about 20 or 30 children, two others 12 or 14 each. Smith's Charity is distributed. 40s. given at the discretion of the parish officers, and a few loaves on Sundays. Mr. Duncombe encloses copies of letters which he has written to his churchwardens and overseers touching their new Poor House. It is two miles from the church, "whence only a miracle can cause the impotent poor to come to church."

SOUTHWARK, ST. SAVIOUR'S. No return.

¹ Lady Mary Irwin was a daughter of the 1st Earl of Inchiquin, and was married successively to Henry Boyle of Castle; to Admiral Sir Thomas Dilkes, who died in the *Chichester* off Malaya in 1707; and to Colonel John Irwin. She lived at Ripley Court, then owned by her son Michael O'Brien Dilkes, subsequently Master of the Royal Hospital, Dublin, and Major-General commanding the forces there. She died at Ripley on April 25, 1727, and was buried at Send two days later. (*Ex inf.* Capt. C. M. H. PEARCE).

SOUTHWARK, CHRIST CHURCH. Patrons, Trustees. Rector, James Finlay. There is no meeting, but a third part of the 500 or 600 inhabitants are dissenters. William Angell gave the site of the church and churchyard. Mr. John Marshall settled £60 *p.a.* on the Minister. Mr. John Wrench gave, in 1603, £2 *p.a.* for the poor [of the Liberty of Paris Garden, for the parish was not constituted till 1671]. William Mosyer gave the same in 1607. Katharine Taylor, in 1667, a brick house for the poor, worth £2 *p.a.* Sir Barnet Degome, in 1685, £50, "to be improved" for the poor. Sir John Shorter, in 1688, a piece of ground to build a house, and £50 "to be improved." Mr. Marshall's Trustees, in 1693, £100, producing £5 *p.a.* for bread. Mr. Augustine Martin, in 1699, £50 for bread.

SOUTHWARK, ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR. Patron, Lord Chancellor. Rector, Nathaniel Hough. There are two Prison Chapels and the Fishmongers' and Drapers' Almshouses in the parish. There is one meeting. The resident gentry are "one Baronett, two Ladys, several gentlemen, all prisoners in the Rules of the King's Bench." There is a Charity School for 50 boys. [Numerous other charities.]

SOUTHWARK, ST. OLAVE'S. Patron, the King. Rector, Philip Ayscough. There is a Quaker meeting. There are Anabaptist meetings, in Fair Street of 300, in Unicorn Yard, Tooley Street, of 250, in Horsleidown of 300, in Vinegar Yard of 60, in Timber Alley of 300. Of Presbyterians, in Paish Street of 300, of Presbyterians and Independents, in Joyner's Street, of 500.

STOKE DAUBORN [D'ABERNON]. Patron, Sir Francis Vincent, resident. Rector, John Butterfield. Smith's Charity.

STOKE NEXT GUILDFORD. Patrons, the Trustees of the late Mr. Russell, curate of Wapping [Prebendary of Peterborough]. Rector, John Giffard. There is one papist, a pauper. There are two families Baptist, two Presbyterian, one Quaker. The Duke of Somerset is the principal resident [occasional, in fact]. There is no school. A house was given for the benefit of the Church, "but was lost for 20 years by the unwillingness of the churchwardens to sue for it" [lost again before 1786]. Smith's Charity.

STREATHAM. Patron, Duke of Bedford (resident). Rectory, vacant. [Richard Bullock inst. November 10, 1725.] There is one family of dissenters. There are 400 people. There is a school of 20 girls. Mrs. Howland settled £20 *p.a.* upon it. There are two houses let at £12 *p.a.*, for the poor. [Will of Dorothy Appleby, 1681.] Smith's Charity is distributed.

SUTTON. Patron, the Heirs of Henry Cliffe (Richard or Henry). Rector, James Ramsay. Smith's Charity. [Edward Budgen is given as a resident gentleman. Probably there has been some mistake in the original transcription, for he is given as a resident in Shiere, and probably lived at Sutton in Shiere. He is buried in Dorking Church.]

TANDRIDGE. Patrons, three sisters, Elizabeth Fuller, Anne Badger, Letitia Fuller. Curate, George Cole.

TATSFIELD. Patron, Sir Marmaduke Graham, Bt. Rector, John Foster. No other returns.

THORPE. Patron, Lord Chancellor. Vicar, William Crocker. Lady Clifford and five gentlemen reside. £6 *p.a.* left by Mr. Travers to apprentice poor children.

TITSEY. Patron, Sir Marmaduke Gresham, Bt. Rector, Thomas Reader. £60 charity money, "put out to use" for the poor.

WALTON ON THE HILL. Patron, Sir Nicholas Carew of Beddington. Rector, Robert Savage. Smith's Charity.

WALTON-ON-THAMES. Patron, The Lord Chancellor. Rector, William Gardiner. There are two or three families of dissenters. Resident gentry are the Rt. Hon. William Pulteney [afterwards Earl of Bath], in a house belonging to Lord Shannon; General Macartney [who killed the Duke of Hamilton, 1712]; Sir James Edwards, Bt.; John Dalton, Esq.; Leonard Smelt, M.P.; John Palmer, Esq.; Major Wyvill; Captain Rodney [not the future Admiral]; Mr. Vanbrugh, Kt. (*sic*) [the Architect]. Baron Hilton gave £16 for the poor, from lands in the Bishopric of Durham. Mr. Fenner, four score years ago [in 1644] gave a house in Bishopsgate for the poor. "The house was let, but very unfairly, at £11 *p.a.* upon a long lease. On the expiration of the said lease another house that was contiguous to it being purchased by the parish and lay'd to it, the improved rent is £70 *p.a.*"

WANDSWORTH. Patron, John Acworth. Vicar, Samuel Edgley, A.M. (Prebendary of St. Paul's). Parish Clerk, Turner Vaudrey, A.M., St. John's Coll., Oxford, "being according to custom time out of mind in Holy Orders." Population, four or five thousand. No meeting, except of Quakers, about two or three hundred persons. A chapel of French Protestants, supplied by Mr. Laroque, Morning Preacher; Mr. Roulon, Afternoon Preacher; and Mr. Barbery, Reader, who are chosen and maintained by their own congregation.

Schools: Church of England, founded by Mr. William Wyckes with £200, £300 added by subscription. Twenty-five boys of the parish taught reading, writing and accounts free, clothed by the Trustees. About 20 day boys taught grammar, and pay fees. Two Quaker schools, of 12 boarders and 30 day boys, and about 40 day boys, respectively. Both taught grammar. A girls' school, French, 14 boarders, 10 day scholars. An English girls' school, Mrs. Beard, Mistress, 40 to 50 day-scholars, elementary and religious teaching. Five more less considerable girls' schools, "most of them Quakers."

Charities: For the use of the church—messuage, and several pieces of land in the parish, worth £9 6s. *p.a.* Parcel of the Osier Grounds, worth £10 *p.a.*; messuage and several lands, worth £12 *p.a.* To the use of the Poor: Mr. Powell, 1606, rent of a house in King's Street, Westminster, 10s.; Mrs. Elizabeth Tyroe, £50, laid out in a house in the parish, worth £6 4s.; Mrs. Susannah Powel, 1627, £20 16s. *p.a.* out of the Parsonage, among 24 widows; from the same to bind a poor child apprentice, £2. Henry Smith left £500, to which Mr. Blackwell added £100, and the parish £60, with which a house and land were purchased in Carshalton, let for £40 *p.a.*, and applied for clothing, bread, meat and fish for the poor on Sabbath days. Mr. Smith also left land in Leicestershire, worth £16 *p.a.*, for the same objects. Mr. Nicholas Tonnet, 1680, £200 in Government Securities, for similar objects. Sir Alan Brodrick, 1679-80, £360, from which £5 *p.a.* to Minister for reading daily prayers; £1 to the Sexton; 6s. each among poor persons attending daily prayers. Mr. William Ford, 1680, £100 to buy land for the poor. Mr. Millington, £500 for land vested in the governors of Christ's Hospital as Trustees to pay £4 *p.a.* to disabled sailors and watermen, with a blue coat apiece. Twelve

Almshouses, gift of Lord Viscount St. John, for old decayed parishioners. [This was the father of the celebrated Viscount Bolingbroke. Henry Smith, the charitable benefactor of most Surrey parishes, was born and buried at Wandsworth in 1627. The Huguenot congregation recorded were, many of them, hat-makers. They had made the red hats of the Cardinals in France, and continued the industry at Wandsworth.]

WARLINGHAM. Patron, John Astwood (Atwood) of Sanderstead Court. Vicar, Daniel Price. Chapel at Chelsham. Smith's Charity.

WEYBRIDGE. Patron, the Crown. Rector, Henry Smith. There are no dissenters. The resident noblemen and gentlemen are the Earl of Lincoln, the Earl of Portmore, Sir Scipio Hill, Bt., the relict of Sir Thomas Hopson, Kt., Edward Hopson, Esq., one of H.M. Sea Admirals, Mark Antony Saurin, Esq., John Cousmaker, Esq., Joseph Gascoigne, Esq., the Hon. Francis Henry Lee, Captain John Goodall, Captain Edward Story, Captain Robert Sanders, Paul Lamb (?), George Grove, Esq., Nathaniel Stratton, John Salter, Peter Gavell, Thomas Napleton. Seven acres of land in the Common Meadow are applied to the repair of the Church, called Churchlands [a benefaction of *circa* 1500]. Mr. John Bunyon, Citizen and Armourer, left 20s. *p.a.* to the most ancient poor widows (1657). Smith's Charity is distributed.

WINDLESHAM. Patron, the Crown. Rector, Samuel Pigot. John Walter is the lord of the manor [of Bagshot]. The Papists are George Boteler, Esq., whose estate is in Ireland; the wife of Thomas Paxton, Esq., a weaver, and the wife of a labourer. "There are seven or eight mean persons who call themselves Anabaptists." The residents are the Earl of Arran, Thomas Paxton, Esq., and George Boteler, Esq. There are two Dames Schools. There is an acre of land, worth 10s. *p.a.*, left for the poor. Smith's Charity is distributed.

WISLEY. Patron, Lord Onslow. Rector, John Robinson [*see* Pirford]. A chapel at Pirford. Smith's Charity is distributed. 6s. 8*d.* is given to the poor at the discretion of the Minister [given by Elizabeth Freeland at an unknown date, and lost not long after this].

WITLEY. Patron, Mrs. Smith of Mitcham. Vicar, William Boys. The population "may be 1,000." There is a chapel at Thursley, patroness Mrs. Smith, which is served by the Minister, who is paid by the people of the Chapelry, so there is no curate or lecturer there. There is no meeting of dissenters; no nobleman, no gentleman, no endowed school. £22 distributed in charities to those not receiving parish relief.

WOKING. Patron, Mr. John Walter. Vicar, John Flutter. Chapels at Horsell, Pirbright and Pirford [*q.v.*]. There is one Papist, Mr. John Weston (of Sutton) of some £400 or £500 a year [had he no papist servants or tenants?] There is one poor writing master, and some dames. Smith's Charity is distributed.

WOLDINGHAM. Patron, Mr. Byne. The living is a Donative. The Chapel in the Parish is served by Mr. Bellamy [probably the Rector of Oxted].

WONERSH. Patron, Mr. Nathaniel Hirst, of Ripley. Vicar, William Bannaster. Population, about 700. There is no papist, no meeting, 4 Anabaptists, 2 Quakers, 2 Presbyterians. Richard Clifton, Esq., with an estate in the parish and elsewhere of £180 *p.a.*, is our chief

gentleman. There is a school endowed with £8 *p.a.* and taught by the curate. The Minister may be Master without nomination, but if he declines, the Trustees, of whom he is one, appoint. There are 20 children now in the School, usually more. There are two or three more little schools where reading and needlework are taught by poor women; generally not above 10 children in each school. The Charities are £30 *p.a.*, £8 to the Master [curate or Minister?] for teaching poor boys to read English, four of whom are also to be taught writing. The rest is given partly for relief of the poor, and partly for repair of the church.

WOODMANSTERNE. Sir Nathaniel Mead and Charles Norton (?), Esq., are resident gentry. Mrs. Sarah Huntley left £100 for the poor 120 years ago [it was in 1663]. Smith's Charity is distributed.

WORPLESDON. Patron, Eaton College (*sic*). Rector, Charles Moore, D.D. There is an Anabaptist meeting of about 50, a Quaker Meeting of about 30. Poor children are taught by poor women paid by the Minister [Dr. Moore left in his will £200 for education]. £5 *p.a.* given by Mr. Shaw for the poor. A house standing by the churchyard was given for the benefit of the church. A Curate formerly taught school therein, but it is now converted to the common use of the poor. Smith's Charity is distributed.

WOTTON. Patron, Sir John Evelyn, Bt. Rector, William Rose. There is a chapel at Okewood, served by William Harvey, Vicar of Warnham; its value £3 6s. 8d. out of the King's quit-rents, augmented in 1724 by £200 from Queen Anne's Bounty [capital sum], and £200 from Sir John Evelyn. There are no papists, dissenters, nor meeting. A private School is kept. Smith's Charity is distributed. Glanvil's Charity, by will of 1717, for poor boys, is given at his tombstone to boys performing certain tasks, repeating the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Commandments, reading and writing out a chapter, etc. [and is so given still].

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