

WIGTON.

HERE, says Tanner, was an Hospital or Free Chapel dedicated to St. Leonard, valued at 40*s.* per annum: granted 3 Edw. VI. to Thomas Dalston, Esq. and William Denton, Gent.

The Messrs. Lysons say, "This Hospital is supposed to have been at a place now called Spital, nearly a mile east

of the Town of Wigton, now the property of Sir Wastell Briscoe, Bart.

About three quarters of a mile from the Spital, in the village of Kirkland, is the site of a Chapel, which, according to tradition, belonged to the Hospital. The land on which this Hospital stood, paid, till commuted for of late years in common land, a fine at the death or alienation of the tenant to the vicar of Wigton. There has been no trace either of the Hospital or Chapel within the memory of any person now living.^a

Derbyshire.

BENTLEY.

THE MESSRS. LYSONS give the following Account of this Hospital in their *Magna Britannia*, Derbysh. p. 200, under the manor of Alkmanton in Longford.

"Walter Blount, Lord Mountjoy, by his Will bearing date 1474, bequeathed lands of 10*l.* per annum value to the ancient Hospital of St. Leonard, situated between Alkmanton and Bentley, for the maintenance of seven poor men, not under fifty-five years of age, (old servants of the lord of the manor of Barton, or other lordships belonging to the patron of the College, to be preferred.) These pensioners were to have pasture for seven cows in Barton-park, fuel from some of Lord Mountjoy's manors in the Hundred of Appletree, and a gown and hood every third year. They were to pray for the souls of Lord Mountjoy, his family, and ancestors; the Duke of Buckingham, Earl Rivers, Sir John Woodville, and the ancient lords of the Hospital, and to repeat the psalter of the Virgin Mary twice every day in the Chapel of the Hospital. Lord Mountjoy directed also, that a chapel should be built at Alkmanton, dedicated to St. Nicholas, and that the Master of the Hospital should say mass in it yearly, on the festival of St. Nicholas.

"This Hospital shared the fate of many others, whose constitutions were mingled with superstitious observances, and was abolished in 1547. The manor of Alkmanton and the Spital estate belonged, soon after the Reformation, to the family of Barnesley. Charles Barnesley, Esq. of Alkmanton, sold it about the end of the seventeenth century, to Thomas Browne, Esq. of Bentley. The Earl of Chesterfield purchased it of the Brownes in 1727. Earl Stanhope, in 1781, sold it to the late Thomas Evans, Esq., in whose family it still continues. There are no remains of the Hospital now, or of the Chapel of St. Nicholas."

HOSPITAL of LEPERS at CHESTERFIELD.

AT the time of editing the *Monasticon*, Dugdale knew

nothing of this House; but in his *Baronage*, published in 1675, tom. ii. p. 75, he mentions Joan princess of Wales as dying in the 9th Ric. II. seized of it. Tanner, in one of the References to Records concerning this House, noted below,^b discovers a mention of it as early as the 9th of John. It was dedicated to ST. LEONARD, and continued till the time of King Henry the Eighth.

DERBY.

Two Hospitals anciently existed in the Town of Derby; one, an Hospital for leprous persons, called MAISON DIEU, or God's House, under the government of a Master, as old as the time of King Henry the Second.^c The other, an HOSPITAL of royal foundation, consisting of a Master, (whose place was in the gift of the Crown) and several leprous brethren, dedicated to ST. LEONARD.^d

LOKHAY.

TANNER mentions a Preceptory or Hospital here, to the honour of St. Mary Magdalen, said to be of the Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem, and subject to a foreign House in France, to which was annually paid from hence a rent of 20*l.*, which, upon the wars with France, being seized upon by the Crown, was given by King Edward the Third to King's Hall in Cambridge. He refers to "Pat. 21 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 21 et 34. Fin. 21 Edw. III. m. 18."

SPITTEL on the PEAK.

THIS Hospital was situated on the High Peak, between the Villages of Hope and Castleton, and was dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Tanner refers to Rymer for its existence before the 12th of Edward III.^e The Messrs. Lysons say it was of royal foundation for certain paupers and a chaplain, and that its endowment was valued in 1377 at 3*l.* per annum, and four bushels of oatmeal.^f

Devonshire.

BARNSTAPLE.

TANNER says, "An Hospital of the Holy Trinity here is mentioned, Pat. 9 Hen. IV. p. 1, m. 3 vel 4."

CLEYHANGER.

HERE, also, Tanner mentions an ancient Free Chapel or Hospital, which he says seems formerly to have belonged to the Knights Templars.^g

CREDITON.

AN Hospital here dedicated to St. Lawrence, according to Tanner, is mentioned in the Register of Branscomb, bishop of Exeter, fol. 85. The Messrs. Lysons say that the decayed Chapel belonging to it still exists at the West end of the Town.^h

^a Lysons, *Cumb.* p. 171.

^b "Vide Conventionem inter fratres Hospitalis et Petrum fil. Rogeri de tribus pratis in Kalehale, Mich. A. D. 1223. MS. orig. nuper penes Petrum Le Neve arm. Cart. 9 Joan. m. 8. pro vi. per ann. percipiend. e firma de Cestrefield. Cart. 12 Hen. III. m. 14. de ii. quercubus liberandis e foresta Regis pro reparatione capellæ. Claus. 14 Hen. III. m. 20. pro vi. acris pasturæ in foresta de Pecco. Pat. 3 Edw. I. m. 11 et 27 d. de assisa pro tenementis in Cestrefield versus Baldwinum Wake: Escaet. Notingh. et Derby. 11 Edw. I. n. 2. de arrearagiis vi. anni redditus e manerio de Cestrefield solvendis per Nic. Wake leprosis S. Leonardi."

^c "Vide rot. pat. 2 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 3 et 11. Brev. R. 2 Edw. II. Trin. rot. 1. Rec. in Scacc. 6 Edw. II. Trin. rot. 1. Ibid. 13 Edw. II. Mich. rot. Pat. 5 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 32. pro confirmatione libertatum, &c. eis concessarum a RR. Hen. II. et III."

^d "Vide Pat. 1 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 24. de statu hujus Hospitalis examinando. Assis. in com. Derby. 4 Edw. III. rot. 69. de quibusdam terris et tenementis in Derby. Pat. 5 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 32. pro confirmatione libertatum, &c. eis concessarum a RR. Hen. II. et Hen. III." Tann. Notit. Monast. *Derb.* vii. 5, 6.

^e Rym. Fæd. tom. v. p. 57. Tanner adds, "Vide Itin. Will. de Worcester, p. 358. Pat. 17 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 7. Pat. 1 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 14."

^f Lysons, *Mag. Brit. Derby.* p. 72.

^g "Vide Pat. 48 Hen. III. m. 10. de custodia Hospitalis B. de Cleyhanger commissa Waltero vicario de Totenham, ita quod capella in Hosp. prædicto libera maneat a jurisdictione ordinarii eo modo quo prius consuevit."

^h *Mag. Brit. Devon.* p. 149.