

of their lineage," according to the testimony of John, abbot of St. Agatha, in the celebrated heraldic dispute between Sir Richard le Scrope and Sir Robert Grosvenor (1385-90), were "buried under flat stones," with their effigies, shields and swords in low relief.

The cloister forms a trapezium, the north side of which has a length of 98 feet; the east 63 feet; the south 83½ feet and the west 100 feet; the north wall, next the church, is gone and only a part of the eastern wall remains, but the others are fairly perfect, and fragments of the wall inclosing the garth are still extant; next the south transept is the sacristy, a wedge-shaped department, partially groined, and about 22 feet long, with traces of an altar and remnants of a piscina; the chapter house, next the sacristy, is a fine chamber of the Early English period, 46 by 21 feet, and vaulted; adjoining it is the parlour. The west side of the cloister is occupied by a large and lofty structure 106 feet long and two storeys in height, the ground floor, vaulted in eight bays, forming cellars, and the upper floor the frater or refectory; on the south side of the cloisters are the cellars' buildings, a long range 160 by 33 feet, with a large western annexe, about 50 by 60 feet, extending from its western side over the mill race and towards the river; these included the guest hall, dorter with sub-vaults, servants' hall, and necessaria; the buildings east of the cloister date from about 1260, but were much altered in the fifteenth century; those on the south from about 1300, and the whole on the west side from about 1230. To the north of the church, and connected with it by a corridor, 59 by 15 feet, opening into the north transept, are the infirmary buildings, consisting, on the ground floor, of a misericorde, or hall for eating flesh on special occasions, infirmary hall, 64 by 27 feet, with traces of screens, cellar, buttery, kitchen &c. and on the upper floor, of a gallery over the corridor, dorter for sick brethren, and opening into it a small chapel, constructed above the buttery, with other apartments. Of the offices of the outer court only a single long building on the river bank is now standing; a portion of the circuit walls also remains; the gatehouse, Transitional and Early English, is still in very perfect condition, and has a groined porch and decorated windows. The arms of the abbey, adapted from those of Scrope, are "az. a bend or, over all a pastoral staff in bend sinister." On the suppression of the monastery in 1535 the net revenues were estimated at £111, and the site was granted in 4 and 5 Ph. and Mary (1557-8) to Ralph Gower, and in 14 Eliz. (1571-2) to John Stanhope. There was formerly a hospital here for four poor persons, built and endowed in 1732 by the Rev. William Smith, rector of Melsonby, but now let in tenements. On the green, south of the church, is a fine old tree, called "the Abbot's Elm." Easby Abbey is the seat of C. L. P. Robinson esq.; and Sandford House, the seat of Anthony Harrison esq. The prin-

cipal landowners are the Earl of Zetland, Richard Machell Jaques esq. D.L., J.P. who is lord of the manor, and Anthony Harrison esq. The soil is gravel and sand, and abounds with limestone. The crops are principally wheat, barley, oats, turnips, and low land in pasture. The parish consists of the townships of EASBY, ASKE, BROMPTON-UPON-SWALE, and SKEEBY—the township of Easby contains 1,257 acres of land and 25 of water; rateable value, £2,467; the population in 1881 was 123.

**Aske** is a scattered township, 2 miles north from the parish church. Aske Hall, the seat of the Earl of Zetland D.L., J.P. who is lord of the manor and sole landowner, is an elegant and extensive mansion of stone with two projecting wings in front, and a castellated tower on each side, and is situated in the centre of a large and beautiful park, which contains a lake, and is embosomed in noble woods and luxuriant plantations; from the front of the house Rosebery Topping and the surrounding country are well seen. The manor of Aske was anciently held by the family of that name, one of whom, Robert Aske, was the leader of the insurrection in 1536, called "the Pilgrimage of Grace," and was hanged in chains on one of the towers of York in February, 1537. The area of the township is 1,764 acres; rateable value, £1,683; the population in 1881 was 211.

**Brompton-upon-Swale** is a village and township, 2 miles east from Easby, and three-quarters of a mile from Catterick Bridge station on the Richmond branch of the North Eastern railway. St. Paul's chapel of ease is a building of stone. The Wesleyans have also a small chapel here. The land is principally the property of the Hon. Bryan John Stapleton D.L. of the Cedars, Park Town, Oxford, who is lord of the manor, and Sir Henry De Burgh Lawson bart. of Gatherley Castle. The acreage is 1,700; rateable value, £2,680; the population in 1881 was 360.

**Skeebby** is a village and township, 2 miles north from Easby. There is a chapel of ease here, built in 1845. The principal landowners are the Earl of Zetland and Leonard Jaques esq. J.P. of Horsendon House, Princes Risborough, Bucks. The township contains 835 acres; rateable value, £971; the population in 1881 was 159.

POST OFFICE, Brompton-upon-Swale. — Mrs. Rosaman Terry, receiver. Letters arrive from Richmond at 8.30 a.m. & are dispatched thereto at 4.0 p.m. There is no dispatch on sundays. The nearest money order & telegraph office is at Catterick

## SCHOOLS:—

National, Brompton-upon-Swale, erected in 1872 for 70 children, William Welling Hart, master  
National, Skeebby, erected in 1839, William Reynolds Ramsden, master

**Easby.**

Harrison Anthony, Sandford house  
Marr Charles, St. Trinian's hall  
Palmer Rev. Joseph Blades B.A. The Vicarage  
Robinson C. L. P. Easby abbey  
Horseman Edward, farmer  
King Robert Henry, farmer & land agent, High Wathcote  
Kirby William, farmer, Lower Wathcote  
Park Thomas, miller (water), Easby mill  
Robinson John, farmer  
Simpson Robert, farmer, St. Trinian's farm

**Aske.**

Zetland Earl of D.L., J.P. Aske hall; & 10 Arlington street & Carlton & Marlborough clubs s w&Turf club w Lndn  
Ricketts Rev. Richard Ernest M.A. chaplain to the Earl of Zetland, Mouldron

## COMMERCIAL.

Allan Leonard & Son, frmr. Aske moor  
Champion Thomas B. huntsman to Earl of Zetland  
Hird John, farmer & assessor, Bend hagg  
Hoyes Albt. ho. steward to Earl of Zetland  
Letts Edwd. H. grdnr. to Earl of Zetland  
Metcalfe John, farmer, Low Gingerfield  
Newcomen Chas. M. agr. to Earl of Zetland  
Thirkell Jn. gamepr. to Earl of Zetland  
Trousdale John, stud groom to the Earl of Zetland  
Turnbull William, bailiff, Olliver  
Umpleby Edw. Thos. assistant agent to Earl of Zetland  
Varey George, head hunting groom to Earl of Zetland

Walton Hy. Wm. frmr. High Colgasharth  
Wilson William, farmer, Scales

**Brompton-upon-Swale.**

[Those marked thus \* letters through Catterick.]

Buckle Charles Alderson, St. Edmund's

## COMMERCIAL.

Beaumont —, farmer  
Brown Sheraton (Mrs.), farmer  
Carter Jn. Phoenix P.H. & shpkpr. & whlwr  
\*Corner Thomas, farmer  
Dixon James, farmer, Bishop Brig farm  
Ellerton Robert, farmer  
Fryer James, maltster & farmer  
Fryer John, The Crown P.H. & brewer  
Holdsworth Peter, farmer, Catterick Bridge farm  
Holdsworth William, farmer  
Holgate Charles, farmer  
Hugill Thomas, farmer  
Hunter Thomas, Railway hotel, & frmr  
Kell John, farmer  
Lamb George, farmer, Fountain head  
Layfield Robert, farmer  
\*Lincoln John, Farmers' Arms P.H. & cattle dealer  
\*Mack Robert & Son, nurserymen, seedsmen & florists; & at Scorton. See advertisement  
Metcalfe Edmund (Mrs.), William the Fourth P.H.  
Moore Geo. station mstr. Catterick brdg  
Peacock William, farmer  
Pearson David, farmer  
Pratt George, shoe maker  
Robinson John, farmer  
Russell Peter, farmer, Brough moors

Simpson Joseph, farmer  
Singleton Matthew, farmer  
Snowdon Thomas, wheelwright & joiner  
\*Stubbs Thomas, farmer. Rose hill  
Terry Fras. miller (water), Brompton ml  
Terry James, farmer  
Terry Rosamond (Mrs.), shopkeeper & postmistress  
Trotter William, farmer

**Skeebby.**

Allison Robert  
Hammond Robert Thomas

## COMMERCIAL.

Ascough George, farmer, Skeebby grange  
Alderson Elizabeth (Miss), dress maker  
Alderson George, farmer  
Allinson Joseph & William, farmers  
Brown Robinson, builder  
Brown Thomas, builder  
Burton Mary (Mrs.), shopkeeper  
Collin John, steam thrasher  
Cooper Margaret (Mrs.), shopkeeper  
Darwin William, corn & flour merchant, The Mill  
Gates Robert, farmer & blacksmith  
Hammond Robert Thomas, land agent  
Hardy George, shoe maker  
Hartley William, farmer  
Ireland Lucy (Mrs.), farmer  
Jackson William, farmer, Gaskin  
Jones John, farmer  
Lythe Robert, shoe maker  
Ramsden William R. assistant overseer & schoolmaster  
Young William, The Travellers' Rest P.H. & joiner