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C H E S H I R E .

CHESHIRE is on the north-west side of England, communicating with the Irish Sea by the friths or mouths of the Dee and Mersey: the county is bounded on the north by the Mersey, which divides it from Lancashire, and by a small portion of Yorkshire; on the east by Derbyshire (the small rivers Etherow and Goyt forming the boundary) and south-east by Staffordshire; on the south by Shropshire; on the south-west by Denbighshire and on the west by Flintshire and the Irish Sea; and is about 32 miles from north to south, and about 50 from east to west.

The area is rather above the average of English shires, being 1,104 square miles, or 707,078 acres, whereof 54,470 are frith and sea-shore.

The population of Cheshire has largely increased during the present century; the following table shows the numbers at each census:—

Year.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1801	99,035	99,270	198,305
1811	110,858	116,173	227,031
1821	132,952	137,146	270,098
1831	164,133	170,258	334,391
1841	193,646	202,014	395,660
1851	224,386	233,339	455,725
1861	244,314	261,114	505,428
1871	271,033	290,168	561,201

The county is generally level, consisting of the vales of the two great river systems of the Dee and Mersey and of the peninsula of Wirral, and includes several meres or large ponds, of which Combermere is the largest; towards the north and east the country rises into low hills and moorland. The soils consist of clay and sandy loams and peat-moss, overlying the new red sandstone formation.

The minerals are coal, salt, sandstone, limestone, freestone, millstones, marl, copper, lead and cobalt. Coal is largely worked near Stockport, and is found in Wirral. Salt is obtained in great quantities from mines and salt springs at Northwich, Nantwich, Middlewich and Winsford; it is manufactured for the supply of England and for the export trade.

The county is watered by the Mersey, the Dee and the Weaver, and their tributaries the Dane, the Bollin, the Peover and the Wheslock. The climate is moist, and, with the soil, is favourable for pasturage; the rich dairy-land produces the famous cheese. Many agricultural and market garden products are also raised, stimulated by the demand in Liverpool, Manchester and other populous manufacturing towns.

The great tongue of land between the Dee and the Mersey is called Wirral, and includes above 100,000 acres and a population of 121,348; the southern suburbs of Liverpool are seated on its northern shores. The friths of the Dee and Mersey are navigable for shipping, and have on them the seaports of Birkenhead and Chester. The Weaver, which falls into the frith of the Mersey, has been made navigable for vessels of a hundred tons.

The canals are many, and among them are the Grand Trunk, or Trent and Mersey canal, the Bridgewater canal, the Chester and Nantwich canal, the Macclesfield canal, the Ellesmere canal, Shropshire Union canal and the Peak Forest canal.

Cheshire is connected with the great system of railway transit by several lines, chiefly connecting with the south and continuing the Lancashire communication. The London and North Western railway is the chief of these, passing from the south by Stafford, Crewe and Warrington to the north, and by Runcorn across the Mersey to Liverpool. From Crewe branches pass to Stockport and Manchester on the north-east, to Chester and Birkenhead on the north-west, on the south-west to Shropshire and South Wales, on the south-east to the Pottery District. From Chester lines run to Holyhead in North Wales, and through Shrewsbury to the Welsh borders and to South Wales. Other lines connect Macclesfield with Staffordshire; at Crewe are the great engineering works of the London and North Western railway

From its contiguity to South Lancashire the manufactures of the district have extended into this county, and included those of cotton and silk, fustian, woollen, worsted, flax, lace, ribbons and trimmings, hose, boots and hats; cotton printing and dyeing are also carried on. Ship-building, chiefly on the Mersey, rope-making and sail-cloth; also manufacture of chemicals, soap-boiling and tallow chandlery; but salt is the principal product of the county. The paper manufacture is small, and so is that of pottery. Brewing and malting are not carried on so extensively as in many other shires.

Bricks are made extensively; there are some small works for the copper, lead and zinc manufactures, and there are some machine works.

Cheshire, having been fully settled by the English, is very loosely divided, for the number of townships is about 500, showing an average area of about two square miles.

For parliamentary purposes the shire, by the "Representation of the People Act, 1867," was divided into three, viz.: East, Mid, and West. East comprises the hundred of Macclesfield; Mid, the hundreds of Bucklow and Northwich; West Cheshire consists of the hundreds of Broxton, Eddisbury, Nantwich and Wirral, and also the city and county of the city of Chester.

Chester is a city, and Stockport and Macclesfield are boroughs, each returning two members. Birkenhead is a borough returning one member. Stalybridge was made a parliamentary borough by the "Representation of the People Act, 1867," and returns one member.

The population in 1871 was as follows:—

	Persons.	Electors.
East Cheshire.....	196,592	21,040
Mid Cheshire.....	123,445	7,699
West Cheshire.....	241,164	22,483

The towns include the ancient cathedral city of Chester, having a population of 35,257, and being a seaport; Birkenhead, 85,971; Stockport, with a population of 53,014; Macclesfield, 35,450; Stalybridge (partly in Lancashire), 21,092;

Congleton, 11,344; Hyde, 14,223; Runcorn, a shipping port on the Mersey, 12,443; Sutton, 6,338; Nantwich, 6,673; Bollington, 3,668; Crewe, 17,810; Altrincham, 8,478; Hudsfield, 3,047; Witton, 4,229; Mottram, 2,590; Over, 5,038; Knutsford, 3,597; Sandbach, 5,259; Leftwich, 2,749; Wharton, 2,597; Frodsham, 2,095; Oxtun, 2,610; Audlem, 1,521; Great Neston, 1,856; Northwich, 1,244; Tarvin, 1,222; Tarporley, 1,243; Barnton, 1,363; Tattenhall, 1,162. Several of these are market towns, as is Malpas. Hoyleake, Great Neston and Parkgate are small bathing places. There are many large manufacturing villages in Cheshire.

Chester is the seat of a bishop, within the province of York: the diocese comprises the whole of the county of Chester, the diocese of the city of Chester, and that part of south-west Lancashire which embraces the towns of Southport, Wigan, and Warrington. It is divided into the two archdeaconries of Chester and Liverpool; and these are again subdivided, for the purposes of administration, into fifteen rural deaneries, viz., Chester, Frodsham West, Frodsham East, Middlewich, Nantwich, Mulpas, Macclesfield South, Macclesfield North, and Wirral, in the county of Chester; and Liverpool North, Liverpool South, Prescot, North Meols and Ormskirk, Winwick, and Wigan, in the county of Lancaster.

Although the number of townships is large, yet the number of parishes is small; for the single townships do not constitute parishes as in the south of England, but many townships are united for ecclesiastical purposes as a parish. The largest of these parishes are:—

	Area.	Population.
Stockport	24,833	96,049
Prestbury	62,415	53,403
Behington	5,782	23,725
Mottram	23,279	21,373
Great Budworth	35,920	20,747
Coppenhall	2,848	19,904
Bowdon	17,971	19,744
Runcorn	18,894	19,460
Asbury	20,826	18,443
Cheadle	6,183	11,996
Wallasey	17,775	14,644
Sandbach	16,310	9,651

The history of Cheshire in the Iberian, Celtic and Belgian periods is almost a blank. The Romans occupied the county during many years; Chester, the ancient Deva, was the station of the 20th Legion, and the county was intersected by many Roman roads, the remains of which may still be traced in different places. After the downfall of the Romans, the Welsh held it till about 607, when it fell under the power of Ethelfrith, King of Bernicia; but it was recovered by the Welsh, who held much of it till it was again taken by Egbert in 828, and annexed to the kingdom of Mercia, since which it has always been held by the English. For several centuries it was the scene of frequent warfare with the Welsh. During the Parliamentary war Cheshire was hotly contested; but in February, 1646, the Royalists were subdued.

William the Norman made it a county palatine for his nephew, Hugh Lupus, whose dynasty held it for two centuries; it has been since 1237 an appanage of the eldest sons of the king, who hold the Earldom of Chester, with the Principality of Wales and Duchy of Cornwall, giving a nominal suzerainty over the West of England.

By the Act 1 Wm. IV. cap. 70, abolishing the palatine jurisdiction, the shire is joined with the North Wales circuit. Chester is the shire town and seat of the assizes and quarter sessions.

The Superintendent Registrars' districts are:—

No.	Name.	Acres.	Pop. 1871.
445	Stockport	30,709	97,709
446	Macclesfield	81,561	59,339
447	Altrincham	79,665	49,013
448	Runcorn	45,776	31,534
449	Northwich	65,445	37,310
450	Congleton	52,889	36,281
451	Nantwich	111,126	53,767
452	Chester	2,758	72,049
453	Wirral	91,511	23,419
454	Birkenhead	23,852	79,464

The following is a list of the poor law unions with the places contained in each:—

ALTRINCHAM UNION.

- Agden
- Altrincham
- Ashley
- Ashton-upon-Mersey
- Aston-by-Budworth
- Haguley
- Bexton
- Bollin Fee
- Bollington
- Bowdon
- Carrington
- Dunham-Massey
- Fulshaw
- Hale
- High Leigh
- Knutsford (Nether or Inferior)
- Knutsford (Over or Superior)
- Lymm
- Marshall-cum-Little Warford
- Mere
- Millington
- Mobberley
- Northenden
- Northen Etchells
- Ollerton
- Partington
- Peover Inferior
- Peover Superior
- Pickmere
- Plumley
- Pownall Fee
- Rostherne
- Sale
- Tabley Inferior
- Tabley Superior
- Tatton
- Timperley
- Toft
- Warburton

BIRKENHEAD UNION.

- Bideton-cum-Ford
- Birkenhead
- Cloughton-cum-Grange
- Liscard
- Noctorum
- Oxtun
- Poulton-cum-Scacomb
- Tranmere
- Wallasey

CHESTER UNION.

- Bache
- Backford
- Blacon-with-Crabball
- Boughton—Great
- Bridge Trafford
- Capenhurst
- Caulhall
- Chester, Abbey Precincts
- " Holy Trinity
- " St. Michael
- " St. Bridget
- " St. John the Baptist
- " St. Olave
- " St. Martin
- " St. Oswald
- " St. Mary-on-the-Hill
- " St. Peter
- " Castle
- Chorlton-by-Backford
- Christleton
- Claverton
- Croughton
- Doddleston
- Dunham-on-the-Hill
- Eaton
- Eccleston
- Elton
- Hapsford
- Hoole
- Ince
- Kinnerton—Lower
- Lea
- Littleton
- Marlston-with-Leach
- Mickle Trafford
- Mollington Banastre, or Little
- Mollington Tarrant, or Great
- Moston
- Newton-by-Chester
- Pleaton
- Poulton
- Pulford
- Saughall—Great
- Saughall—Little
- Shotwick
- Shotwick park
- Spital Boughton
- Stanlow
- Stanney—Great
- Stanney—Little
- Stoke
- Thornton-le-Moors
- Upton
- Wervin
- Wimbolds Trafford
- Woodbank

CONGLETON UNION.

- Alsager
- Arclid
- Betchton
- Biddulph (Stafford)
- Blackden
- Bradwall
- Brereton-cum-Smethwick
- Buglawton
- Church Hulme, or Holmes
- Chapel
- Church Lawton
- Congleton
- Cotton
- Crange
- Davenport
- Elton
- Goostrey-cum-Barnshaw
- Hassall
- Hulme Walfield
- Kermincham
- Leese
- Moreton-cum-Alcumlow
- Moston
- Newbold Astbury
- Odd Rode
- Radnor
- Sandbach
- Smallwood
- Somerford
- Somerford Booths
- Swettenham
- Tetton
- Twemlow
- Wheelock

MACCLESFIELD UNION.

- Adlington
- Birtles
- Bollington
- Bosley
- Butley
- Capesthorpe
- Chelford
- Chorley
- Eaton
- Fallybroom, or Fallibroome
- Gawsworth
- Great Warford
- Henbury-with-Pexhall
- Hurdsfield
- Kettlethulme
- Lower Withington

Lyme Handley
Macclesfield
Macclesfield Forest
Marton
Mottram St. Andrew
Nether Alderley
Newton
North Rods
Old Withington
Over Alderley
Pott Shrigley
Poynton or Pointon
Prestbury

Rainow
Siddington
Snelson
Sutton
Taxal
Tytherington
Upton
Whaley-cum-Yeardsley
Wildboarclough
Wincle
Woodford
Worth

NANTWICH UNION.

Acton
Alraham
Alvaeton
Aston-juxta-Mondrum
Audlein
Austerson
Haddiley
Baddington
Barthomley (part in Stafford)
Basford
Batherton
Beeston
Bickerton
Blakenhall
Bridgemere
Brindley
Broosnall
Buertoa
Bulkeley
Banbury
Burland
Burwardsley
Calveley
Checkley-cum-Wrinchill
Cholmondeley
Cholmondeston
Chorley
Chorlton
Church Coppenhall
Church Minshall
Cool Pilate
Crewe
Dodcott-cum-Wilkesley
Doddington
Eaton
Edleston
Egerton
Faddiley
Hankelow

Haslington
Hatherton
Haughton
Henhull
Hough
Hunston
Hurleston
Lea
Leighton
Minsnall Vernon
Monks Coppenhall
Nantwich
Newhak
Peckforton.
Poole
Ridley
Roze
Rushton
Shavington-cum-Gresty
Sound
Spurstow
Stapeley
Stoke
Tarporely
Tilstone Fearnall
Tiverton
Utkinton
Walgherton
Wardle
Warmingham
Weston
Wettenhall
Willaston
Wistaston.
Woodcote
Woolstanwood
Worleston
Wrenbury-with-Frith
Wybunbury

NORTHWICH UNION.

Acton
Allostock
Anderston
Barnston
Birches
Bostock
Byley-cum-Yatehouse
Castle Northwich
Clive
Cogshall
Comberbach
Crowton
Croxtan
Cuddington
Darnhall
Davenham
Delamere
Eaton
Eddisbury
Hartford
Hulse
Kinderton-cum-Hulme
Lach Dennis
Lofwich
Little Budworth
Little Leigh
Lostock Gralam
Marbury
Marston
Marton

Middlewich
Moorebarrow-cum-Parme
Moulton
Nether Peover
Newhall
Newton
Northwich
Oakmere
Ooclestone
Onston
Oulton Low
Over
Ravenscroft
Rudheath lordship
Shipbrook
Shurilach-cum-Bradford
Sproston
Stanthorne
Stublach
Sutton
Wallercoat
Weaver
Weaverham-cum-Mitton
Wharton
Whatecroft
Whitegate
Wimboldsley
Wincham
Winnington
Witton-cum-Twambrooks

RUNCORN UNION.

Acton Grange
Alsancley

Antrobus
Appleton, or Hall & Appleton

Aston-hy-Sutton
Aston Grange
Bartington
Clifton, or Rocksavage
Crowley
Daresbury
Dutton
Frodsham
Frodsham Lordship
Great Budworth
Halton
Hatton
Helsby
Kekewick, or Keekwick
Kingsley
Kingswood
Manley

Moore
Newton-by-Daresbury
Newton-by-Frodsham
Norley
Norton
Preston o' th' Hill
Runcorn
Seven Oaks
Stockham
Stretton
Sutton
Walton Inferior
Walton Superior
Weston
Whitley Lower
Whitley Over

STOCKPORT UNION.

Bramhall
Bredbury
Brinnington
Cheadle
Cheadle Bulkeley
Cheadle Mosely
Handforth cum-Bosden
Heaton Norris (Lancaster)
Hyde

Marple
Norbury
Offerton
Reddish (Lancaster)
Romley, or Chadkirk
Stockport
Stockport Etcchells
Torkington
Werneth

TARVIN UNION.

Aldersey
Aldford
Ashton
Barrow
Barton
Broxton
Bruen Stapleford
Buerton
Burton-by-Tarvin
Caldecott
Carden
Chowley
Churton-by-Aldford
Churton-by-Parndon
Churton Heath, or Bruera
Clotton Hoofield
Clutton
Coddington
Cotton Abbots
Cotton Edmunds
Crewe
Duddon
Edgerley
Farndon
Faulk Stapleford
Golbeurn Bellow

Grafton
Hartbill
Hatton
Hockenhull Stapleford
Horton-by-Malpas
Horton-with-Peele
Huntington
Huxley
Iddinshall
Kelsall
Kingsmarsh
Lea Newbold
Mouldsworth
Newton-by-Tattenhall
Pryors Hayes
Rowton
Saigton
Stretton
Sutton Guilden
Tarvin-with-Oacroft
Tattenhall
Thornton-le-Moors
Tilston
Waverton
Willington

WIRRAL UNION.

Arrow
Barnston
Brimstage
Bromborough
Barton
Caldy
Childer Thornton
Eastham
Frankby
Gayton
Grange
Greasyby
Great Meolee
Great Neston
Great Sutton
Heswall-with-Oldfield
Higher Bebington
Hoose
Hooton
Irby
Landican
Ledsham
Leighton
Little Meolee

Little Neston
Little Sutton
Lower Bedington
Moreton-cum-Linghan
Ness
Nether Pool
Newton-cum-Larton
Over Pool
Parsby
Poulton-cum-Spittle
Pronton
Puddington
Raby
Sanghall Massey
Storeton
Thingwell
Thornton Hough
Thurstaston
Upton, or Overchurch
West Kirby
Whitby
Willaston
Woodchurch

The following is a list of the hundreds, with the places contained in each:—
Hundred of Broxton (Higher division).—Aldersey, Aldford, Barton, Bickerton, Broxton, Bulkeley, Burwardsley, Caldecott, Carden, Cholmondeley, Chowley, Churton-by-Aldford, Churton-by-Parndon, Clutton, Coddington, Crewe, Egerton, Farndon, Grafton, Handley, Hartbill, Horton-by-Malpas, Kingsmarsh, Stretton, and Tilston.
Hundred of Broxton (Lower division).—Banke, Buerton

Coughall or Coughall, Christleton, Churton Heath or Bruera, Cotton Abbots, Cotton Edmunds, Doddleston, Eaton, Eccleston, Edgerley, Fouk Stapleford, Golbourn Bellow, Golbourn David, Great Boughton, Hatton, Hoole, Huntington, Huxley, Lea Newbold, Littleton, Lower Kinnerton, Marlston-cum-Leach, Mickle Trafford, Moston, Newton-by-Chester, Newton-by-Tattenhall, Pickton, Poulton, Pulford, Rowton, Saughton, Sutton Guilden, Tattenhall, Upton, Waverton, and Wervin.

Hundred of Eddisbury (First division).—Alraham, Beeston, Bunbury, Calveley, Darnhall, Delnure, Eaton, Eddisbury, Haughton, Iddinshall, Kingswood, Little Budworth, Low Oulton, Marton, Oakmere, Over, Beckforton, Ridley, Rushton, Spurstow, Tarporley, Tilstone Fearnall, Everton, Utkinson, Wadde, Weaver, Wettenhall and Whitegate.

Hundred of Eddisbury (Second division).—Acton, Alvanley, Ashton, Barrow, Bridge Trafford, Bruen Stapleford, Burton-by-Tarvin, Castle Northwich, Clotton Hoofield, Crowton, Cuddington, Duddon, Dunham-on-the-Hill, Elton, Frodsham, Hapsford, Harford, Helsby, Hockenhull Stapleford, Horton-with-Peele, Ince, Kelsall, Kingsley, Manley, Mouldsworth, Newton-by-Frodsham, Norley, Ounston, Pryors Hayes, Tarvin-with-Oseroft, Thornton-le-Moors, Wallerscoat, Weaverham, Willington, Wimbolds Trafford and Winnington.

Hundred of Bucklow.—Acton Grange, Agden, Altringham, Anderton, Antrobus, Appleton or Hull and Appleton, Ashley, Ashton-upon-Mersey, Aston-by-Budworth, Aston-by-Sutton, Ashton Grange, Baguley, Barnton, Bartington, Bexton, Bollington, Bowdon, Carrington, Clifton or Rock-savage, Cogshall, Comberbach, Crowley, Daresbury, Dunham Massy, Dutton, Grappenhall, Great Budworth, Hale, Halton, Hatton, High Leigh, Kekewick or Kekewick, Lateford, Little Leigh, Lymm, Marbury, Marston, Marthall-cum-Little-Warford, Mere, Millington, Mobberley, Moore or Moor, Nether or Inferior Knutsford, Newton-by-Daresbury, Norton, Olferton, Over or Superior Knutsford, Partington, Peover Inferior, Peover Superior, Pickmere, Plumley, Preston of the Hill, Rostherne, Runcorn, Sale, Seven Oaks, Stockham, Stretton, Sutton, Tabley Inferior, Tabley Superior, Tatton, Thelwall, Timperley, Toft, Walton Inferior, Walton Superior, Warburton, Weston, Whitley Inferior, Whitley Superior and Wincham.

Hundred of Macclesfield.—Adlington, Birtles, Bollin Fee, Bollington, Bosten, Bosley, Bramhall, Breudry, Brinnington, Butley, Capesthorpe, Cheadle Bulkeley, Cheadle Moseley, Chelford, Chorley, Disley or Disley Stanley, Eaton, Fallybroom or Fallbroome, Fulshaw, Gawsforth, Great Warford, Handforth-cum-Bosten, Kenbury-with-Pexhall, Hurdsfield, Hyde, Kettleshulme, Lower Withington, Lyme Handley, Macclesfield, Macclesfield Forest, Marple, Marston, Mottram St. Andrew, Nether Alderley, Newton, Norbury, North Rode, Northern, Northern Etchells, Offerton, Old Withington, Over Alderley, Pott Shrigley, Pownall Fee, Poynton or Pointon, Prestbury, Rainow, Romiley or Chadkirk, Siddington, Snelson, Somerford Booths, Stockport, Stockport Etchells, Sutton, Taxal, Tythington, Tytherington, Upton, Werneth, Whaley-cum-Yearlsey, Wildboareclough, Wincle, Woodford and Worth.

Hundred of Northwich.—Acton, Alsager, Alvaston, Aston juxta Mondrum, Audlem, Austerson, Baddley, Baddington, Barthomley, Basford, Batherton, Betehton, Blakenhall, Bridgemere, Brindley, Broomhall, Buerton, Burland, Checkley-cum-Wrineshall, Cholmondesone, Chorley, Chorlton, Church Coppenhall, Church Minshull, Cool Pilate, Crewe, Dodcott-cum-Wilkesley, Dodington, Edleston or Edlaston, Faddley, Hankelow, Haslington, Hassall, Hatherton, Henhall, Hough, Hunsterson, Hurleston, Lea, Leighton, Monks Coppenhall, Nantwich, Newhall, Poole, Rupe, Shavington-cum-Gresty, Sound, Stapely, Stoke, Walgherton, Weston, Willaston, Wistaston, Woodcutt, Woolstanwood, Worleston, Wrenbury-with-Frith and Wyburny.

Hundred of Northwich.—Allostock, Areld, Birches, Blackden, Bostock, Bradwell, Brereton-cum-Smethwick, Buglawton, Byley-cum-Yatehouse, Church Hulme or Holmes Chapel, Church Lawton, Clive, Congleton, Cotton, Cranage, Croxton, Davenham, Davenport, Eaton, Elton, Goostrey-cum-Barshaw, Hulme Walfield, Hulse, Kerminchaun, Kinderton-cum-Hulme, Lach Dennis, Lease, Leftwich, Lostock Grahm, Middlewich, Minshull Vernon, Moorebarrow-cum-Purme, Moreton-cum-Alcunlow, Moston, Moulton, Nether Peover, Newbold Astbury, Newhall, Newton, Northwich, Occlestone, Odd Rode, Radnor, Ravenscroft, Rudheath, Sandbach, Shipbrook, Shriach, Smallwood, Somerford, Sproston, Stanthorne, Stubiach, Sutton, Swettenham, Tetton, Twemlow, Warmingham, Wharton or Winsford, Watercroft, Wheelock, Wimboldsley and Witton-cum-Twambrooks.

Hundred of Wirral (Higher division).—Backford, Blacon-

cum-Crabhall or Crabwall, Bromborough, Burton, Capenhurst, Childer Thornton, Chorlton-by-Backford, Croughton or Croghton, Eastham, Great Neston, Great Saughall, Great Stanney, Great Sutton, Hooton, Lea, Ledsham, Leighton, Little Neston, Little Saughall, Little Stanney, Little Sutton, Mollington Banastre or Little Mollington, Mollington Tarrant or Great Mollington, Ness, Nether Pool, Over Pool, Puddington, Raby, Shotwick, Stanlow, Stoke, Thornton Hough, Whitby, Willaston and Woodbank.

Hundred of Wirral (Lower division).—Arrow, Barnston, Bidston-cum-Ford, Birkenhead, Brimstage, Caldly, Cloughton-cum-Grange, Frankby, Gayton, Grange, Greasby, Great Meolse, Heswall-with-Oldfield, Higher Bebington, Hoose, Irby, Landican, Liscard, Little Meolse, Lower Bebington, Moreton-cum-Lingham, Newton-cum-Larton, Noctorum, Oxtun, Pensby, Poulton-cum-Seacom, Poulton-cum-Spittle, Prentall, Saughall Massey or Saughan Massie, Storeton, Thingwell or Thingwall, Thurston, Trannere, Upton or Overchurch, Wallasey, West Kirby and Woodchurch.

Chester City.—Holy Trinity, St. Bridget, St. John Baptist, St. Martin, St. Mary-on-the-Hill, St. Michael, St. Olive, St. Oswald, St. Peter and Spittle Boughton.

St. Aidan's Theological College, near Birkenhead, is a large and handsome building, capable of accommodating 70 students, standing on 33,600 square yards of land, overlooking a beautiful panorama of sea and landscape, including the Birkenhead Park, the Wallasey peninsula and the entrances to the port of Liverpool; the land was purchased from the Birkenhead Commissioners for £9,325; the style is the Decorated Tudor; the object of this college is to train candidates for holy orders in the parochial habits of a minister of the Gospel, as well as to impart sound theological instruction; visitor, the Bishop of Chester; trustees, his Grace the Earl of Harrowby and John Torr, esq. M.P.; principal, the Rev. W. Sanmerez Smith, B.D.; vice-principal, Rev. J. T. Kingmill, M.A.; tutor, Rev. M. Kaufmann, M.A.

The County Lunatic Asylum in the Liverpool road, Chester, is four storeys in height, has two wings and a long centre; the south side of the building is occupied by the male patients and the north by the females; there are bake-houses and workshops, airing grounds and every convenience that can tend to the comfort of the inmates. Dr. John H. Davidson, medical superintendent; Dr. Alex. Lawrence, assistant medical officer; Mrs. Louisa Douplax, matron; Mr. Joseph Pleavin, steward; Rev. Ralph Congreve, chaplain; Mr. John E. Edwards, clerk. Accommodation for 570 patients.

The Park Side County Lunatic Asylum is situated about a mile from Macclesfield on the Chester road, and forms an extensive range of buildings in the Italian style, erected at a cost of about £150,000 and opened in 1871; it is in two divisions, one for the males and one for females; each division has its own infirmary and building for the excited patients: the superintendent's house is in the centre; the recreation and dining hall and offices adjoin the clock tower; the building also contains workshops for the various trades, laundry, washhouse and brewery &c. The Asylum will accommodate about 700 patients. P. Maurey Deas, M.B. medical superintendent; Thomas Lyle, M.D. assistant medical officer; Cornelius Hawkins, clerk. The Asylum Church is a stone building in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, nave, north and south transepts, organ chamber and vestry; it is capable of accommodating about 400, and is situated at the western boundary of the grounds; the Rev. Thomas W. Dix, M.A. of Christ Church, Oxford, is the chaplain.

The County Gaol forms part of the buildings erected about the year 1790 in connection with Chester Castle. John Burgess Manning, esq. constable; Rev. J. N. Kilner, chaplain.

The County House of Correction, situated at Knutsford, is a very large establishment, surrounded by lofty walls, in front of which is the Sessions house, a handsome stone structure; this prison ranks very high for discipline and general management and for its sanitary arrangements; the separate system has been introduced among a certain class of prisoners; there are cells for 170 males and 100 females. Henry Talbot Price, esq. governor; Edwin Taylor, deputy-governor; Miss Isherwood, matron; Rev. William Nicholas Truss, M.A. chaplain; Sutcliffe and Woodcock, surgeons.

Coroners.—F. W. Johnson, Stockport, for Stockport district; W. J. R. Dunstan, Leftwich, for Knutsford district; H. Churton, Chester, for Chester district; John Tatlock, Chester, for Chester City; T. J. Ridgway, Warrington, for the Manor of Halton district.

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT FOR THE COUNTY.—*East Cheshire*, William John Legh, esq. 38 Belgrave square *sw*; Carlton & Boodle's clubs, London *sw*; Lyme park, Cheshire & Golborne park, Lancashire; William Cunliffe Brooks, esq. Barlow hall, Manchester, Forest of Glen-Tannar, Aboyne, Aberdeenshire & 5 Grosvenor sq. *w* & Carlton club, London *sw*. *Mid-Cheshire*, Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, 23 Rutland gate *sw*; Travellers', Carlton & St. Stephen's

clubs, London *sw*; & Rostherne manor, Knutsford; & Piers Egerton Warburton, esq. Carlton club, London *sw*; & Arley hall, Northwich. *West Cheshire*, Sir Philip de Malpas Grey Egerton, bart. 28 B, Albemarle street *w*; Carlton club, London *sw*; & Oulton park, Tarporley; & Hon. Wilbraham Fredk. Tollemache, Carlton & Travellers' clubs, London *sw*; & Tilston lodge, Tarporley.

POLLING PLACES.

Appointed October 14th 1872, pursuant to the Ballot Act, 1872

<i>East Cheshire.</i>		Sandbach	Wharton
Disley	Mottram-in-Longdendale	Sale	Whitley
Dukinfield	Siddington		
Hyde	Stockport		
Macclesfield	Wilmslow		
<i>Mid-Cheshire.</i>		Alsager	<i>West Cheshire.</i>
Altrincham	Lymm	Audlem	Nantwich
Congleton	Middlewich	Birkenhead	Neston
Grappenhall	Northwich	Crowe	Over
Holmes Chapel	Odd Rode	Chester	Sutton
Knutsford	Runcorn	Dunham	Tarporley
		Frodsham	Upton
		Handley	Weaverham
		Malpas	Wrenbury

THE GEOLOGY OF CHESHIRE.

GEOLOGICALLY speaking, the structure of the county of Chester is characterised by simplicity and uniformity. Nine-tenths of its area is composed of rocks belonging to one geological formation only—the Trias or New Red Sandstone; the remainder is composed of beds of Carboniferous age, which form the hilly region of the east and north-east.

The district cannot be said to have been neglected by geological writers. In a "List of Works on the Geology &c. of Cheshire," compiled by Mr. W. Whitaker, and published in the proceedings of the Liverpool Geological Society for 1875-6, we find the titles of 100 articles written by 86 authors. Of these, however, Professor E. Hull claims no fewer than 28, Mr. G. H. Morton, of Liverpool, 19, and Mr. E. W. Binney, of Manchester, 18.

The whole of the county has been examined by the officers of the Geological Survey, and their published maps, sections and memoirs form a full and satisfactory guide to a complete knowledge of its structure.

Mr. Binney's papers were chiefly published in the Proceedings of the Literary and Philosophical Society of Manchester, and those of Mr. Morton in the publications of the Liverpool Geological Society, and of the Literary and Philosophical Society.

Cheshire forms an exception to the fact that in England the oldest rocks occur as a rule in the north-west part of any district whose geological structure we wish to describe. On the contrary the first-formed and consequently oldest rocks occur in the east and north-east of Cheshire, where the boundary line extends up to the Yorkshire Moors. The cause of this is to be found in the upheaval of the Pennine Chain, so that rocks of Lower Carboniferous age have there been brought to the surface and exposed by subsequent denudation.

These Lower Carboniferous beds we find, so to speak, in their correct place on the west side of the river Dee, where a fine ridge of rocks of the age of the Carboniferous Limestone and Millstone Grit runs north and south for a distance of 2½ miles, the town of Mold being the central point. Looking from these hills eastwards we have before us an extensive plain composed of "Red Rocks" of Triassic age, thickly overlaid with boulder clay, and composing, as has been said, nine-tenths of the county. This plain is over 40 miles in width and its eastern boundary is formed by a repetition of the identical strata—the Carboniferous Limestone, Millstone Grit and Lower Coal Measures, upon which we have taken our imaginary stand in Flintshire.

As the oldest rocks occur in the north-east we must commence our geological description there.

CARBONIFEROUS FORMATION.—The lowest bed or member of this well-known series of rocks is the *Carboniferous or Mountain Limestone*, which in Derbyshire occupies an extensive tract of country between Buxton and Matlock. In Cheshire it only peeps up at one point, viz. the

Astbury lime works, east of Congleton. It hardly occupies any surface area * and is said to have been discovered by a Derbyshire servant girl about 200 years ago, who noticed that the rock in the brook was the same as she had seen burnt for lime in her native county; it has been worked ever since, and is much sought after, as it yields a good hydraulic lime. The rock occurs just on the east side of a great dislocation, called the "Red Rock Fault," which we shall describe further on.

The Yoredale Rocks.—These beds rest upon the limestone just described and attain a total thickness in this region of 4,000 feet. They extend from Congleton Edge to St. James south of Macclesfield, and thence eastward for three miles and then run up the valley of the river Goyt to a point about half-way between Taxall and Pott Shrigley. They consist in the lower part of black shales alternating with thin black earthy limestones (perhaps the equivalent of the *Upper Limestone Shales* of other districts), then comes a considerable thickness of hard fine-grained sandstone, surmounted by alternations of dark shales and sandstones. Fossils are scarce, *Goniatites*, *Chonetes*, *Productus*, &c. have been found in Congleton Edge.

The Millstone Grit.—The beds which bear this familiar name have been sub-divided by Professor Green as follows:—

1st.—Grit, or *Rough Rock*, with feather-edge coal. Shales, with a thin coal at the bottom near Buxton.

2nd.—Grit, or *Huslingden Flays*. Shales, with two or three thin coals.

3rd.—or *Roaches Grit*. Shales.

4th.—*Kinderscout Grit*, generally in two beds.

The total thickness of these beds is as much as 3,000 feet, in the north-east of Cheshire, near Marple; but they thin out southwards considerably. The sandstones are very massive, and of a coarse grain—often conglomeratic in fact.

The feather-edge coal is a very variable seam, about 3 feet in thickness; it is finely exposed in the railway cuttings and river cliffs, near New Mills.

The Millstone Grit can be traced from near Macclesfield, running north-east by Rainow, to New Mills, and thence along the Goyt to Marple; it also forms the moorland region of the extreme north-east corner of Cheshire, between Longden Dale, Featherbed Moss and Holme Moss, and is pierced by the Woodhead tunnel of the Manchester and Sheffield Railway. Fine sections too are to be seen along the course of the river Tame. Fossil remains of such plants as *Lepidodendron*, *Sigillaria* and *Culmites* are not uncommon, with the shells *Aviculopecten* and *Goniatites* in the roofs of the little coals.

The Coal Measures.—The Cheshire Coal-field is a prolongation of the extensive coal-field of South Lancashire,

* Geological Survey, Memoir "On the Geology of the Country round Stockport, Macclesfield, Congleton and Leek," by Hull and Green, p. 72.

running due south from Oldham by Stalybridge and Hyde to Macclesfield. The *Lower Coal Measures* rest upon the Millstone Grit, and include some thin seams of coal, known as the *Gannister Coal*, the *Bakeston Dale Coal* &c. The Middle Coal Measures contain the chief workable seams, which crop out about two miles to the east of Stockport and Poynton. There are from six to ten seams, of good thickness and quality; the lowest is the *Redacre mine*, which is identical with the famous *Arley*, or *Royley mine* of South Lancashire.

Fossils.—The ordinary coal-measure plants, already enumerated for the Millstone Grit, occur in fair abundance.

Anthracoidea, the common coal-measure shell, also occurs, and the iron-stone nodules yield remains of fishes; everything shows that here, as elsewhere, the coal forests grew in mighty swamps near the sea, on an area which underwent frequent upheaval and depression.

In 1876 there were 39 collieries at work in Cheshire, and they raised 584,330 tons of coal, besides about 2,500 tons of fireclay, 46,500 tons of oil shales, and 1,500 tons of iron ore. The amount of coal remaining to be extracted was estimated in 1871, by Mr. Dickenson at 200 millions of tons.

The Neston Colliery.—We must not dismiss the coal question without mentioning that coal is worked at Neston, on the north side of the river Dee. The beds here are evidently a continuation of the seams which form the Flintshire coalfield. The measures dip to the north-east, and probably lie under all the peninsula of Wirral, and pass under Liverpool itself, but at a considerable, and as yet unknown depth. Coal has been proved also on the east side of the Dee, north of Chester.

Scenery of East Cheshire.—The tract of land formed by the old Carboniferous rocks, which we have been describing, constitutes a bold and hilly country, forming the west flank of the Pennine Chain. Several hills rise to a height of above 1,000 feet, as Cloud Hill, near Congleton (3rd Grit), 1,190 feet; Tegg's Nose, near Macclesfield (3rd Grit), 1,300 feet; source of the Goyt, 1,600 feet; Eddisbury Hill, 1,000 feet; Northern Nancy, near Kerridge, 930 feet. The height of Marple Church is 824 feet; the Coge in Lyme Park, 882 feet; Park Moor, south side of Lyme Park, 1,350 feet, &c.

The *strike* or direction of extension of the strata is north and south, and in this direction we see lines of hills and escarpments to run with wonderful regularity, the "scarpers" being formed of the hard sandstones, while the valleys between have been excavated by rivers out of the softer shales. The whole country rises at once from the Plain of Cheshire on the west: it is cut off from it in fact by a great line of dislocation known as the *Red Rock fault*, which has been traced along the west side of Congleton Edge by Astbury lime works, the North Rodd viaduct crossing the River Dane, Broad Oak Reservoir, Macclesfield, and thence nearly due north out of the county. On the east side of this great fault the beds have been heaved up several thousands of feet, and from the top of the elevated mass all the red sandstones and marls which once stretched continuously eastwards have been worn off. The hard beds of the Carboniferous formation, however, have been better able to withstand denudation and now stand up in bold relief. Another dislocation, known as the *Anticlinal Fault*, runs parallel to the Red Rock fault, about 3 miles to the east of it.

THE PERMIAN FORMATION.—The *Lower Red Sandstone* is found on the east of Stockport, forming a tract $\frac{1}{2}$ miles in width, and narrowing southward until it ends east of Poynton. Many sections are shown in the banks of the Mersey, near Stockport, where the rock is seen to be a bright red, sometimes striped and mottled sandstone, very soft and crumbly and without pebbles. The beds dip to the westwards. A little outlying patch of Permian also occurs at Torkington, near Hazel Grove: the beds here are only to be seen in the brook-courses.

THE TRIAS, OR NEW RED SANDSTONE.

It is in Cheshire that the Triassic formation attains its chief British development, both in thickness and in the extent of surface occupied by it.

At first sight it seems almost hopeless to fix any definite lines marking subdivisions, in the great mass of red sandstones and marls, which attain a total thickness in this county of over 3,000 feet. By long continued and patient work in the field, Professor Hull has been able to construct the following table, showing the various beds from below upwards, and to trace and map them at every point to which the formation extends. The thickness of each bed in Cheshire is also given.

TABLE OF TRIASSIC ROCKS.		
Keuper	Keuper Marls, with Upper Keuper Sandstone	1,500 feet
	Lower Keuper Sandstone (Water-stones)	400 feet
	Muschelkalk	Wanting in England
Bunter	Upper Mottled Sandstone	600 feet
	Pebble Beds	800 feet
	Lower Mottled Sandstone	400 feet

The Bunter Sandstone.—Bunter is a German word, and means variegated, in allusion to the bright and varied tints of the stone. As these are the lowest Triassic beds, we find them exposed in the west of the county, and they, as well as the overlying strata, have a gentle dip or inclination to the eastwards. The upper and lower beds are soft reddish sandstones, whilst the pebble beds between contain vast numbers of well-rounded quartz pebbles, and usually form the top of the first of the two series of escarpments, which can be traced in Triassic districts; the second escarpment—further to the east—being due to the hard beds at the base of the Keuper division. Very fine sections of the Pebble beds are exposed in the banks of the Dee, at Holt; thence we can trace the Bunter beds by Chester, and the various subdivisions are well shown at several points in the peninsula of Wirral, both on the coast, as at Burton Point (junction of Pebble beds with Lower Mottled Sandstone), West Grange Hill, West Kirby, Eastham (ditto), Hillbre Point, the "Red Noses" at New Brighton (Upper Mottled Sandstone), and in various quarries inland at Shotwick, Birkenhead, &c. The Bunter is a splendid water-bearing formation, and wells sunk in it near Birkenhead are now yielding a total of more than seven millions of gallons daily, whilst Liverpool is deriving an equal quantity from the same rock, on the northern side of the Mersey. The town and works of Crewe are supplied with water of singular purity from a deep well in the New Red Sandstone, sunk at Whitmore station, on the recommendation of Professor Hull, affording another proof of the importance of geological knowledge to our every-day life and interests.

The Keuper Beds.—On the Continent we find thick beds of a shelly limestone—the Muschelkalk, resting upon the Bunter, but these are absent in England, and we infer that this region was probably elevated and formed dry land for a time, to sink again when the Keuper strata were being deposited. Confirmation of this theory is obtained from the fact that where the junction of the Bunter and Keuper beds is exposed, the former are seen to present a worn, uneven, or eroded surface, telling of a long interval of time, during which they were exposed to denuding influences.

The lowest Keuper bed is a hard conglomerate and above it come light red, yellow, or white sandstones, yielding building-stone of good quality. Then come the "Water-stones," so named by Mr. Ormerod, from an appearance on the surfaces like watered silk, although the term is now generally understood to apply to the copious flow of water which these beds yield when tapped by a boring. Next we get a great thickness—over 1,000 feet—of Red Marls, with beds of rock-salt near the base, and an irregular band called the Upper Keuper sandstone, about 200 feet from the top.

All the plain of Cheshire east of the Peckforton Hills is composed of these Keuper beds, but the monotony of the surface is relieved by one or two striking escarpments, which we will first describe. Between Malpas, Tarporley and Frodsham, there exist several faults, running north and south, with the unequal hardness of the strata have produced escarpments of considerable abruptness and altitude. The Peckforton Hills rise to a height of nearly 1,000 feet, as at Larkton Hill, Lee Cliff, Carden Cliff, Raw Head and Beeston. Their western slopes are formed of Bunter sandstone, and the summits consist of the hard conglomerate basement bed of the Keuper. To the north and south they are cut off by cross-faults, and on the east their boundary is a north and south fault with a downthrow to the east which brings in the Keuper marls. Springs burst out all along the line of this east fault, from Beeston Castle to Malpas, and a lode of copper ore has been worked in it at Gallantry Bank.

At Alderley Edge in the north-east of the county we get another elevation formed of Keuper sandstone and conglomerate. The Edge runs east and west for about 9 miles from Chorley to Haresfield, and rises to a height of 650 feet. Carbonate of Copper occurs here also, and the ore is now worked: it is from the occurrence of copper ore in them that the *Keuper* beds derive their name, Keuper being derived from Kupfer, the German word for copper.

The Lower Keuper Sandstones are extensively quarried at Storeton Hill and New Brighton, near Birkenhead, and at Delamere, Manley, and in the Peckforton Hills. The

beds are often traversed by sun-cracks, and foot-prints of a remarkable reptile—the *Labyrinthodon*—are not unfrequent on the surfaces of the slabs.

Keuper Marls with Rock-Salt.—Beds of salt have long been known to exist in the Keuper Red Marls of Cheshire, beneath the towns of Northwich, Winsford, Middlewich, Sandbach, Lawton, Nantwich, &c. There are two beds of rock-salt, the first is found below Northwich at a depth of 120 feet, and is 75 feet thick; it was discovered in 1670 during a boring for coal. About a century ago, an agent of the Duke of Bridgewater's bored 90 feet below the upper salt bed and struck another—lower—bed of salt, which turned out to be from 90 to 120 feet thick: of this fine bed about 15 feet in thickness of the purest part is now mined at Northwich. A great deal of brine is also pumped up, and being evaporated about 25 per cent. of pure salt is obtained. This comes chiefly from rain-water which has percolated through the upper salt-bed. The effects of the removal of thick masses of rock from beneath the surface have made themselves very seriously felt at Northwich. The surface there is gradually sinking, so that houses have to be removed or rebuilt, and quite a lake is being formed at one point, along the course of a small brook that ran into the river Weaver.

To explain the original formation of the salt we must imagine the Triassic rocks to have been deposited in great inland salt lakes. The excessive saltness of the water and the quantity of salts of iron, &c. conveyed into it by rivers, were inimical to animal life, of which accordingly we find scarcely a trace. Occasionally the waters were so concentrated as to deposit their excess of salt in beds more or less thick. Great quantities of carbonate of iron were brought down by the river waters &c. and on exposure to the air this was rapidly converted into peroxide of iron, by the escape of the carbonic acid. Such was the amount of oxide of iron present that the minute particles of sand or mud, as they were deposited on the bottom were each encrusted with a pellicle of it, and the marls and sandstones consequently have a more or less deep red colour.

The amount of salt produced in 1876 in Cheshire was:—
 White Salt 1,259,500 tons
 Rock Salt 150,000 tons

Total 1,409,500 tons

The various meres which are dotted over the surface of Cheshire are very probably owing to subsidences of the surface caused by the dissolving of beds of salt which once lay beneath. The Red Marl used formerly to be largely dug and spread over the land as a top-dressing, and the hollows of old marl-pits may still be seen in many fields. It forms a rich and good soil where it occupies the surface,

but it is usually overlaid by a greater or less thickness of the surface deposits shortly to be described.

THE RHETIC BEDS AND LOWER LIAS.—There is a well-known (by name) Liassic outlier between Wulchurch and Market Drayton, the northern portion of which is in Cheshire. A line drawn from Burley Dam to Audlem marks its northern edge. Here we see red and variegated rubbly marls forming the top of the Keuper. Then come the Rhtic beds, composed of very hard grey marls and sandstones, capped by sands, shales and limestones of the Lower Lias. A fault runs along the eastern edge of this outlier, which extends southwards past Prees to Edleston.

THE DRIFT.—Good work has been done by Messrs. De Rance, Shone, Mackintosh, Reade and others in investigating the deposits of clay, sand and gravel, which are spread so thickly and continuously over the greater part of Cheshire and Lancashire. A triple division appears to have been made out, viz. an Upper and Lower Boulder Clay, with sands and gravels between. The Boulder Clays are full of fragments of foreign rocks, often striated and polished, and appear to have been brought by glaciers or dropped from melted icebergs. The Middle Sands may mark an interval in the intense cold of this glacial period. From this drift deposit many shells and fragments of shells have been obtained by the gentlemen named above, and they are of species which now inhabit the Northern or Arctic seas. Fine sections of these glacial deposits are exposed at Dawpool, and at various other cliff sections in Wirral, and they extend thence more or less all over the Red Marl of the Plain of Cheshire, usually completely masking the strata below.

PREHISTORIC MAN.—The remains of early man appear to be very scarce in this county, but one or two important "finds" have occurred. A celt or stone axe was found near Tranmere which had part of its wooden handle still remaining; the greater part of the wood had perished, but enough remained to show that the handle had passed in a slightly diagonal direction towards the upper end of the stone; it is now in the Mayer Museum, at Liverpool. Again, the historian Stukeley states that in cleansing the moat at Tabley, near Knutsford, "they found an old British axe, or some such thing, made of large flint, neatly ground into an edge, with a hole in the middle to fasten into a handle; it would serve for a battle-axe." Another perforated axe, made of grit, and 7½ inches long, was found at Siddington near Macclesfield. Mr. De Rance records a quoit-shaped, stone implement, 6 inches in diameter, from drift 20 feet below the surface, at Stalybridge Railway Station, and a smaller ring of stone was found in gravel near Macclesfield in 1860. W. J. H.

The following table shows the acreage under each kind of crop, and the number of horses, cattle, sheep and pigs in the county, as taken from the Agricultural returns, 1877:—

CROPS.	ACRES.	LIVE STOCK.	NUMBER.
Corn and cereals	81,102	Horses for agriculture, brood mares and un-	22,203
Roots, artificial grasses, cabbage and rape ..	32,777	broken horses	
Clover and grasses	58,443	Cows in milk or calf	95,053
Permanent pasture	355,016	Other cattle	60,916
Barre fallow	2,043	Sheep, 1 year old	68,522
Orchards	1,384	Ditto, under 1 year	44,720
Market gardens	806	Pigs	68,152
Nursery grounds	487		
Woods and plantations	11,921		

Cheshire contained in 1874, inhabited houses	501,201
Parishes	502
In 1874, owners of land below 1 acre	17,691
Owners of land of 1 acre and upwards	6,020
	23,720
Total acreage of rated lands	602,218
Gross estimated rental	£9,017,223
Common or waste land, acres	6,704
Total acreage of the county	707,078

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 Bradshaw John, esq. Brookside, Sandbach
 Bradwell Dennis, esq. Higher Daisy bank, near Congleton
 Brierley Rev. James, Mosley Moss hall, near Congleton
 Court Wm. Roynace, esq. Newton manor, near Middlewich
 Franco-Hayhurst Col. Chas. Hosken, Bostock hall, Middlewich
 Hogg Capel Wilson, esq. Davenshaw house, Congleton
 Howard John Aaron, esq. Breerton hall, Congleton
 Latham George William, esq. Bradwall hall, Sandbach
 Makin John Williams, esq. The Brook, Sandbach
 Moss Edward Howard, esq. Ravenscroft hall, Middlewich
 Pearson James, esq. West house, Congleton
 Solly Edward Harrison, esq. West heath, Congleton
 Swettenham Clement, esq. Somerford Booths, Congleton
 Tipping Capt. Edmund Joseph, Davenport hall, Congleton
 Toler John Norton, esq. Saltersford hall, Holmes Chapel
 Warren-Swettenham Robert, esq. Swettenham hall, Congleton
 Wilbraham Francis Henry Handle, esq. Creswellshawe,
 Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent
 Wilbraham Randle, esq. Rode hall, Lawton
 Williamson Hugh William, esq. Ramsdell hall, Lawton
 Yates Joseph St. John, esq. Well bank, Sandbach
 Petty Sessions held at Congleton monthly & at Sandbach
 every alternate monday
 Clerks, John Edward Garside, Congleton; Latham &
 Boygott, Sandbach

PRESTBURY PETTY SESSIONAL DIVISION.

Antrobus John Coutts, esq. Eaton hall, Congleton
 Brocklehurst Frns. Dicken, esq. The Harebarrow, Macclesfield
 Brocklehurst Philip Lancaster, esq. Swythamley park, Macclesfield
 Brocklehurst Thomas Unett, esq. Henbury hall, Macclesfield
 Brocklehurst Wm. Coare, esq. M.P. Butley hall, Macclesfield
 Daintry George Smith, esq. The Grange, North Role
 Davenport William Bromley, esq. M.P. Capesthorpe, Crewe
 Dixon George, esq. Astle hall, Chelford, Crewe
 Gaskell John Upton, esq. Ingersley hall, Rainow, Macclesfield
 Greg Edward Hyde, esq. Quarry bank, Handforth, Cheshire
 Hibbert Thomas, esq. Birtles, Monksheath, Crewe
 Hopes Wm. esq. Brampton crofts, Appleby, Westmoreland
 Legh Chas. Rd. Banastre, esq. Adlington hall, Macclesfield
 Lowe Alfred, esq. The Ryleys, Chorley, *via* Manchester
 Pearson Samuel, esq. Jordan Gate house, Macclesfield
 Phillips Major Frederick, Wilmslow, Manchester
 Thornycroft Rev. John, Thornycroft, Crewe
 Twemlow Thomas Fletcher, esq. Betley court, Crewe
 Wright Jas. Fredk. D'Arley, esq. Mottram hall, Macclesfield
 Petty Sessions held at Macclesfield once a week
 Clerk, P. Parrott, Macclesfield

RUNCORN PETTY SESSIONAL DIVISION.

Brooke Sir Richard, bart. Norton priory, Runcorn
 Bankes William, esq. Weston house, Runcorn
 Brooke Richard Marcus, esq. Norton priory, Runcorn
 Brundrit John, esq. Brookfield villa, Runcorn
 Campbell Rev. Edward Augustus Pitcairn, Aston lodge,
 Preston Brook
 Chadwick Samuel Beckett, esq. Crofton lodge, Runcorn
 Dalglish Robert, esq. Aston hall, Preston Brook

Johnson John, esq. Runcorn
 Johnson Thomas, esq.
 Reynolds Henry, esq. Halton, Runcorn
 Wright William, esq. The Oaklands, Preston Brook
 Petty Sessions held at Runcorn every munday
 Clerk, Alexander Day, Runcorn

STOCKPORT PETTY SESSIONAL DIVISION.

Watkin Sir Edward William, M.P. Rose hill, Northenden,
 Manchester
 Adamson Daniel, esq. The Towers, Didsbury
 Brooks William Cunliffe, esq. M.P. Barlow hall, Didsbury,
 Manchester
 Carrington Samuel Ratcliffe, esq. Heathfield, Stockport
 Christy Richard, esq. Poynton towers, Stockport
 Christy Wakefield, esq. 29 Collingham road, London S.W.
 Davenport John William Handley, esq. Windham club, St.
 James' square, London S.W.
 Deakin Jas. Hy. esq. Moseley park, Cheadle, near Manchester
 Eskrigge John, esq. Holly wood, Stockport
 Fernley George Arthur, esq. Bank hall, Stockport
 Grimshaw Samuel, esq. Errwood house, Buxton
 Heald William Norris, esq. Parris wood, Didsbury
 Howard Cephas John, esq. Priestnall Hey, Heaton Mersey,
 near Manchester
 Howard Edward Carrington, esq. Beaconsfield, Stockport
 Legh William John, esq. M.P. Lyne park, Disley, Stockport
 Peel George, esq. Brookfield, Cheadle
 Sykes Edmund Howard, esq. Edgeley fold, Stockport
 Sykes Thos. Hardcastle, esq. Cringle house, Cheadle, Cheshire
 Thornely Frank, esq. Roniley, near Stockport
 Turner William Henry, esq. Marple, Stockport
 Vaudrey William Collier, esq. Hollybank, Bredbury, Stockport
 Wood John, esq. Bredbury, Stockport
 Woodmass Montagu, esq. Greenhill, Stockport
 Worthington Gibbon Bayley, esq. Sharston hall, Northenden,
 Manchester
 Petty Sessions held at Stockport every alternate Thursday
 Clerk, Edward Reddish, Stockport

WIRRAL PETTY SESSIONAL DIVISION.

Barton Richard, esq. Caldys manor, Birkenhead
 Bouch John, esq. New Brighton, Birkenhead
 Bryans Richard, esq. Claughton, Birkenhead
 Bulley Samuel Marshall, esq. The Gables, New Brighton
 Bushell Christopher, esq. Hinderton hall, Neston
 Case John Bolton, esq. Lower Bebington, Wirral
 Chambres Major William, Mosslands, Wallasey, Birkenhead
 Corbett Uvedale, esq. Ashfield hall, Neston
 Coxon Rev. Mark, Hyswall, Neston
 Darbyshire Benj. esq. Kenyon mount, Claughton, Birkenhead
 Graham Duncan, esq. Lydiat house, Neston
 Hope Thomas Arthur, esq. Stanton hall, Bebington
 Inman William, esq. Upton manor, Birkenhead
 Jackson Thomas Hughes, esq. The Manor House, Birkenhead
 Kerferd George Briscoe, esq. Buena vista, New Brighton
 King Lieut.-Col. Vincent Ashfield, Oxtou, Birkenhead
 Laird William, esq. Birkenhead
 Ledward Septimus, esq. Hill Bark, Frankby, Birkenhead
 Mann Lowry, esq. Earlestone house, Liscard, Birkenhead
 Mellor Wm. Moseley, esq. Lingdale, Claughton, Birkenhead
 Naylor Richard Christopher, esq. Hooton hall, Chester
 Penny Isaac, esq. Liscard manor, Birkenhead
 Preston Charles James, esq. Birkenhead
 Rathbone Theodore, esq. Leighton, Chester
 Shaw John Ralph, esq. Arrows hall, Birkenhead
 Shaw William Otto Nicholson, esq. Arrows hall, Birkenhead
 Smith Henry, esq. Springfield, Egremont, Birkenhead
 Stitt Samuel, esq. The Grange, Claughton, Birkenhead
 Torr John, esq. M.P. Carlett park, Eastham
 Petty Sessions held at Birkenhead on monday & thursday;
 at Liscard every alternate wednesday; at Neston on the
 last friday in month
 Clerk, A. C. Kent

Clerk of the Peace, Charles Wm. Potts, esq. Chester.