

House, formerly used as a poor-house, in respect of which 30s. is paid yearly as *Hawke's Legacy* out of the poor's rates, and applied with the produce of other charities hereafter noticed.

By *Indenture*, bearing date 3rd May, 1684, *John Garratt* and *Henry Richards* conveyed a meadow, containing by estimation two acres, in the township of Little Stretton to *Thomas Hawkes* and others, and their heirs on trust, that they should succour and relieve (with the yearly rents and profits) such poor of the said parish as they thought most needy. The meadow called Little Stretton Pools, containing 1A. 1R. 2P. of land, is let at a yearly rent of £5, which is distributed amongst the poor with the other charities.

On the table of benefactions, it is stated that *Randolph Jones*, in 1710, left £10, the interest to be distributed in bread. This money is supposed to have been laid out in building the poor-house, and the interest thereof, 10s., is paid yearly from the poor's rates, and forms part of the funds distributed in bread at Easter and Christmas.

Thomas Bridgman, by will dated 28th May, 1718, devised to the school at Church Stretton 40s. yearly, to be paid at Michaelmas and Lady-day to the schoolmaster, on condition that he should teach four poor children till they could perfectly read in the Bible, and then to receive four more, to be nominated from the parish by his executors and trustees, and the minister of the parish. He also gave to the poor housekeepers of Church Stretton 20s., to be given on St. Thomas's day; and also 10s. more to be distributed in twenty sixpenny loaves to housekeepers of the said parish, not receiving parochial relief.

Edward Phillips, by indenture bearing date 19th May, 1735, left land to the amount of 2A. 3R. 10P. called the Street Meadow, in trust to apply the annual rent of the same for the benefit of the poor. This land was let in 1830 at a rent of £7, which forms part of the general distribution on St. Thomas's day and Easter.

Edward Lloyd, who died in 1790, bequeathed £100, to be placed out at interest, half the produce to be paid to the schoolmaster, as an augmentation to his salary, and the other half to be applied towards raising a sum to apprentice two boys of the age of 14 scholars of the said school. He also gave £21, on trust, to place out the same to pay the interest to sixteen poor parishioners of Church Stretton, on St. Thomas's day, to be nominated by the minister and churchwardens. The testator also charged his estate, called The Bank, in Church Stretton, with the payment of £3. 3s. yearly to the trustees of Church Stretton school, for the aid and support of a Sunday school there. The sum of £100 is placed out on a bond, given out under the provisions of an act of parliament, passed for rebuilding St. Chad's church, Shrewsbury, bearing interest at 4½ per cent. One moiety is paid to the trustees of the school, as before stated; and the other is carried to a separate account, called the apprentice fund, from which children are placed out as apprentices, with a premium of £4 each.

John Bridgman, by will, dated 5th October, 1796, bequeathed £100, in trust, to the minister and churchwardens of Church Stretton, to be by them placed out at interest, on such security as they should think proper, and distributed by them on the 28th of March to poor housekeepers.

Edward Phillips, jun., by will, dated 22nd of September, 1781, gave to the parish of Church Stretton the sum of £30, to be laid out in land, and the produce thereof to be given in bread to poor housekeepers. The yearly sum of £1. 10s. has been considered as a charge upon land in Church Stretton, belonging to the Rev. Robert Norgrave Pemberton, which was formerly the property of the family of Phillips.

The Rev. John Mainwaring, by will, dated 12th of May, 1800, and by a codicil, dated 5th October, 1805, directed that the sum of £100 should be invested in the purchase of stock in the public funds, the interest whereof to be applied to the relief of poor industrious persons residing in the parish as should be thought most deserving; and also £100, the interest whereof to be paid to the master of the Church Stretton school, in augmen-

tation of his salary; and he also directed that £21 should be laid out in the purchase of stock, the interest to be paid to such person as should have the keeping of the church-yard in order, on condition that the parishioners of Church Stretton should continue the yearly payment of 8s. or 10s. hitherto allowed for that purpose. Interest is paid on these sums at 4½ per cent.

The preceding charities, amounting to £27. 1s., are carried to one general fund, of which £4 are disposed of in bread—20s. worth every St. Thomas's day, the like sum every Easter Tuesday, and 40s. towards a distribution of eighteen pennyworth of bread three Sundays in every month, the residue being paid from the parish rates. The remainder, £23. 1s., with the money collected at the sacrament, and some voluntary additions thereto, are distributed to the poor at Easter and on St. Thomas's day, in nearly equal proportions.

William Minton, in 1701, left £6, the interest to be distributed in bread every Christmas day. The amount of 6s. is given away in twopenny and threepenny loaves before evening service on the aforesaid day. It is stated, on the table of benefactions, that *Thomas Harrison*, in 1794, left £10, the interest to be given to the poor on St. Thomas's day. *Widow Owen* left £1 yearly, payable from certain houses in Mardol, in Shrewsbury, to repair the west window of Stretton church. At the time the Charity Commissioners published their report, there was a surplus of upwards of £9 ready to be applied to the repair of the aforesaid window.

Andrews Thomas, saddler & harness maker
Beetlestone George, victualler, Crown Inn
Bridgman Mr. John
Bellingham Robert, hair dresser
Broome Mrs. Margaret, Post Office
Corfield The Misses, ladies' seminary
Childe Thomas, tin plate worker and brazier
Davies Eliza, milliner and dressmaker
Duppa, Banks, & Co., woollen manufacturers
Firm—Duppa Duppa, Esq., and William
Banks, Esq., Kington
Evans David, victualler, The Raven
Everall Richard, beerseller
Faulkner John, butcher
Faulkner John, wheelwright
Glover Edward, saddler and harness maker
George William, victualler, The Talbot
Groves Thomas, farmer, Ashbrook
Gwilliam Edward, shoemaker
Howells Mr., farmer
Heighway James, grocer & provision dealer,
and agent to the Shropshire and North
Wales Fire Office
Heighway Richard, maltster and farmer,
Lower Wood
Heighway Thomas, farmer, Pennsylvania
Home Richard, grocer and seedsman, and
registrar of births and deaths for Church
Stretton district
Hopwood Mr. Robert, The Priory

Jones Miss Sarah, Lower Wood
Langford William, farmer, Lower Wood
Lewis John, painter and maltster
Lewis John, blacksmith and victualler, The
Queen's Head Inn
Lewis William, plumber and glazier
Lloyd John, shoemaker
Lloyd Charles, victualler, The Buck's Head
Lucas John, tailor
Lucas Mary, shopkeeper
Mills Jonathan, victualler, The Red Lion
Mills Thomas, farmer
Mott Charles, surgeon
Morris John, leather dealer
M'Cartney Mr., travelling tea dealer
Meredith Lewis & Co., grocers and drapers
Marston William, tailor
Nunn, Rev. Preston, curate
Pearson George, tailor
Phillips Mrs. Maria, Ashbrook
Phipps George, victualler, The Plough
Painter Thomas, farmer, Lower Wood
Robinson John, ironmonger
Robinson James H., draper
Robinson John, shoemaker
Rogers Thomas, butcher
Steadman John S., farmer and maltster
Teague William, victualler, King's Arms
Wilding Richard, surgeon
Wilson Rev. Hugh Owen, rector