



RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 9 August 1901 :—for,

RETURN "comprising (1) THE REPORTS made to the Charity Commissioners, in the result of an Inquiry held in every Parish wholly or partly within the Administrative County of Wilts into Endowments, subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1894, and appropriated in whole or in part for the benefit of that County, or of any part thereof, together with the Reports on those Endowments of the Commissioners for inquiring concerning Charities, 1818 to 1837 "; and

"(2) A DIGEST showing, in the case of each such Parish, whether any, and, if any, what such Endowments are recorded in the books of the Charity Commissioners in the Parish."

Parish of HANKERTON.

Charity Commission,
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COUNTY of WILTS.

Parish of HANKERTON.

Hankerton.

I. The Inquiry in this Parish was held on the 17th July 1905.

I.
Date of
Inquiry.

II. The following is the Report on the Charities of this Parish, dated the 19th July 1834, of the Commissioners appointed in pursuance of the Act 1 & 2 William IV, c. 34, to continue the Inquiries concerning Charities in England and Wales (Vol. 29, page 1323). This Report is hereinafter referred to as the Report of 1834.

II.
Report of
1834.

PARISH OF HANKERTON.

Hankerton.

POOR'S MONEY (see page 2).

It appears by the Returns of 1786, that an unknown benefactor gave 42*l.* and that *Mary Panting*, by Will in 1748, gave to the second poor 10*l.* and that these two sums were laid out in the purchase of 59*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* South Sea Annuities.

Poor's
Money.

The parish has no deed or writing relating to any charity whatever. They have only a table of benefactions put up in the parish church, which shows the parish to be in possession of the two charities following; viz.

1. Charity of 59*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* Old South Sea Annuities, now standing in the names of Joseph Pitt, jun. esq. Thomas White and James White. The dividends, amounting to 1*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* annually, have for many years back been received by Mr. Wiggett, the present vicar, and by him delivered over to the churchwardens and overseers of the parish, by whom they used to be distributed every three or four years equally among the most necessitous and deserving families of the poor of Hankerton and Clotley, which last is a tithing of the parish of Hankerton. Each family might receive about 2*s.*

Eight years' dividends are now due amounting to 14*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.* which is intended to be immediately received and distributed. There never was any particular time for distribution.

No account has for many years been kept of the receivers or sums given. It is proposed to keep such a list in future.

LADY WINCHCOMBE'S GIFT (see page 3).

The table of benefactions states that Lady *Winchcombe*, daughter of Lord Thomas Howard Earl of Berkshire, left by Will to the second poor of Hankerton and Clotley, 20*s.* a year yearly for ever, charged on an estate in the parish of Hankerton, formerly Wanford's, and then in the family of the White's, the same to be laid out by the minister on family Bibles, prayer and other pious books; and when furnished with those books, if any money in hand, the same to be laid out in schooling poor children.

Lady
Winch-
combe's
Gift.

The parish receives 1*l.* a year out of the estate charged, which forms part of a field called Wanford's, in the parish of Hankerton. The owner is now Mr. Thomas White. The 1*l.* goes in aid of a Sunday school, the principal funds for which are supplied by the Earl of Suffolk, the lord of the manor.

The funds of the Sunday school are laid out, partly in education and partly in books.

III. The following is the description of the Charities of this Parish contained in the General Digest, 1867-9 :-

III.
General
Digest,
1867-9.

Locality and Designation of Charity.	Endowments.						Total Gross Income.	Total Former Income.	Objects of Foundation, or Purposes to which the Income is applicable.		Observations.
	Real Estate.			Personalty.					Educa- tion.	Distribu- tion of Money.	
	Houses and Lands.	Rent of Real Estate.	Rents-charge and Fixed Annual Payments.	Securities and other Personalty.	Dividends and Interest.						
	Acreage of Lands.										
Hankerton.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Poor's Money -	—	—	—	S.B.	58 7 8	1 15 0	1 15 0	1 15 6	1 0 0	1 15 0	
Lady Winchcombe -	—	—	1 0 0	—	—	—	1 0 0	1 0 0	—	—	
Miss Ludlow -	4 2 23	16 12 6	—	—	—	—	16 12 6	—	—	16 12 6	Applicable in books to poor children. Not reported.
							19 7 6	2 15 6	1 0 0	18 7 6	

Hankerton.

IV.
Register of
Unreported
Charities.

IV. There is a reference to this Parish in the Charity Commissioners' Register of Unreported Charities, the substance of which is embodied in the following Report.

V.
Constitution
and Popula-
tion of
Parish.

V. Under the authority of the Divided Parishes Act, 1882, a small part of the area comprised in the parish of Charlton was transferred to the parish of Hankerton.

The population of the last-mentioned parish, according to the Census Returns of 1901, is 252.

VI.
Report of
Assistant
Commis-
sioner.

VI. The Inquiry was held in the National School, Hankerton, and was attended by, amongst others, the following persons:—The Rev. H. K. Adkin, vicar of Hankerton, Mr. Jacob Blizzard, trustee of the Poor's Money Charity, Mr. Joseph Chivers, churchwarden, Mr. Alfred Law, overseer, and Mr. E. E. Taylor, clerk to the parish council.

The Second Poor's Money (see page 1).

The Second
Poor's
Money.

By a declaration of trust dated the 30th December 1867, under the hands of Arthur Randolph Mullings, the Rev. William John Buckland, and George Thomas White, it was recited that the sum of 58*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.*, being the net produce of the sale of 59*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* Old South Sea Annuities (*see* page 1), had in the year 1852 been placed in the Savings Bank at Cirencester in the joint names of the Rev. William Maskelyne, then rector of Crudwell and vicar of Hankerton, both in the county of Wilts, since deceased, Joseph Randolph Mullings, since deceased, and the said G. T. White, and that such sum formed or represented the Charity Fund theretofore given for the benefit of the poor of the parish of Hankerton, and the tithing of Clotley in that parish, which fund was more particularly described or referred to in an indenture dated the 30th June 1775, and made between Susannah Earle, widow and sole executrix of the will of William Rawlinson Earle, of the one part, and Giles Earle, the Rev. James Gyles, rector of Crudwell and vicar of Hankerton, and three others of the other part, and it was further recited that the said sum of 58*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* had been transferred into the joint names of the said G. T. White, A. R. Mullings, and the Rev. W. J. Buckland in the books of the savings bank aforesaid, and it was thereby declared that the said A. R. Mullings, the Rev. W. J. Buckland, and G. T. White would stand and be possessed of and interested in the said sum of 58*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* and the securities for the same, upon trust to receive the interest and annual income to arise and be produced therefrom as and when the same should become payable, and after retaining or paying thereout all costs and expenses of and attending the execution of the trusts, to pay the net surplus of the same interest and income unto the minister, churchwardens and overseers of the said parish of Hankerton for the time being to be by them given and distributed unto between and amongst the poor resident inhabitants of the said parish of Hankerton and tithing of Clotley at such time and in such shares and proportions as they the said minister, churchwardens and overseers for the time being, or the major part of them, should from time to time in their discretion, order, direct or appoint, and to for and upon no other trust or purpose whatsoever.

Under the authority of an Order of the Charity Commissioners the sum of 65*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.*, representing the above-mentioned sum of cash and accumulations of interest, was on the 20th April 1897 invested in 59*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.* New Consols in the name of the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds.

By an Order of the Charity Commissioners dated the 19th November 1897 the Rev. William John Buckland was, at his own request, removed from being one of the trustees of the Charity.

The sum of 5*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.*, part of the above-mentioned sum of stock, was sold under the authority of an Order of the Charity Commissioners dated the 4th January 1898 and realised 6*l.* 0*s.* 2*d.*, which was remitted to the trustees for distribution among the poor and was so distributed.

Under the authority of an Order of the Charity Commissioners dated the 15th July 1898, and made in the matter of the Charity known as the Second Poor's Money, George Thomas White was, at his own request, removed from being a trustee of the Charity, and David Cooper and Edmund Sparrow were appointed to be trustees for the administration of the Charity in addition to and jointly with Joseph Chivers and Jacob Blizzard, the continuing trustees thereof.

Messrs. Chivers and Blizzard had been appointed as trustees of the Charity in place of the churchwardens and overseers by a resolution of the Parish Council in December 1896. Hankerton.
The Second
Poor's
Money—
continued.

The endowment now consists of a sum of 53*l.* 12*s.* 11*d.* New Consols standing in the name of the Official Trustees and producing annual dividends of 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, which are remitted to the account of the Charity at the Capital and Counties Bank, Malmesbury.

The acting trustees are

David Cooper } appointed by Order of the Charity Commissioners dated the
Edmund Sparrow } 15th July 1898.

Jacob Blizzard }
Joseph Chivers } re-appointed by the Parish Council on the 15th December 1900.

The Rev. H. K. Adkin, the present vicar, has not acted as a trustee though it would appear that he is entitled to do so.

The term of office of Messrs. Blizzard and Chivers has expired.

The income of the Charity is distributed every five years, and the trustees meet shortly before the distribution takes place to prepare a list of beneficiaries, which is posted on the usual places for posting notices in the parish.

The last distribution took place in February 1903. There was at that date a sum of 7*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* at the bank. The trustees drew out 6*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* and gave away 6*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.*, leaving in hand 13*s.* 7*d.*, which was repaid into the bank.

The trustees require that all the beneficiaries must be householders who have resided in the parish at least two years, and have not received poor law relief for at least 5 years.

The money gifts are awarded on the following scale.

If the funds in hand are sufficient, married men and widows and widowers get 2*s.* 6*d.* each, with an additional allowance of 6*d.* for each child. In the event of the funds being insufficient, the allowance to each beneficiary is reduced.

In February 1903, 19 married couples, six widows, three widowers, and one spinster received the gift, the grant to the spinster being made on special grounds.

There was at the date of the Inquiry a balance of 4*l.* 1*s.* 7*d.* to the credit of the Charity at the Capital and Counties Bank, Malmesbury.

Lady Winchcombe's Charity (see page 1).

The Charity was founded by deed, and not, as stated in the Report of 1834, by will.

By an indenture dated the 5th June 1706, enrolled in Chancery, Frances Lady Winchcombe charged her four grounds or closes, called the West Leazes, containing by estimation 14 acres in the parish of Hankerton, and 24 acres by estimation in the common fields at Hankerton (then since enclosed by Act of Parliament), with an annuity or annual rentcharge of 4*l.* for the benefit of the parishes of Charlton, Hankerton, Brokenborough and Brinkworth, 1*l.* for each parish, and she directed, that the minister of each parish should lay out such sum of 1*l.* in buying Bibles, books of common prayer, books called "the Whole duty of Man," and other pious books such as he should think for the use and benefit of the poor children of the parish, and that after a sufficient number of such books had been bought, that the residue of the said sum of 1*l.* should be expended for the schooling of poor children of the parish.

The rentcharge is paid by Mr. John M. White, now of Highfield, Chesterton, Cirencester.

The 1*l.* for Hankerton is applied by the vicar in the purchase of Bibles and hymn-books.

On the marriage of any poor person resident in the parish, a bible of the value of 3*s.* or 4*s.* is presented to the married couple; the hymn books being given to the children in the church choir.

The Rev. H. K. Adkin, the present vicar, considers that at the present day no useful purpose is served by buying books for the instruction of poor children in the parish, as such are supplied them at school. Mr. Adkin has, in giving bibles to adults, followed the practice of his predecessor, and was not aware that the benefits of the Charity were confined to children. The terms of the bequest will, so far as possible, be complied with in the future.

By an Order dated the 19th February 1904 and made in the matter of the Charity of Lady Winchcombe in the parish of Hankerton, the Charity Commissioners in execution of the provisions of the Board of Education Act, 1899, s. 2 (2), have determined that the part of the endowment of the above-mentioned Charity which is held for, or ought to be applied to, educational purposes, shall be called "Lady

Hankerton. Winchcombe's Educational Foundation," and consists of so much, if any, of the net annual income of the Charity as may remain in any year after the provision thereof of bibles, prayer-books, and other pious books for the second poor of Hankerton and Clotley, in accordance with the trusts of the Charity.

Lady Winchcombe's Charity—
continued.

The following Charities were not reported on by the former Commissioners for inquiring concerning Charities :—

Hannah Ludlow's Charity.

Hannah
Ludlow's
Charity.

By an indenture dated the 4th November 1848, enrolled on the 29th day of the same month, and made between Hannah Ludlow of the one part, and the Honourable Charles John Howard commonly called Viscount Andover and 10 others of the other part, it was recited that the said Hannah Ludlow, as the heiress at law of her brother Thomas Ludlow, was seized in fee simple of the lands and hereditaments thereafter particularly described, and had determined to assure and settle the same in manner thereafter expressed, and it was witnessed that the said Hannah Ludlow, for the nominal consideration therein mentioned, granted and released to the parties of the second part in fee simple, a close of pasture land known by the name of Little Tanknalls, containing by admeasurement 3a. 2r. 11p. and numbered 78 on the Tithe Apportionment Map of the parish of Hankerton, and also another close of pasture land known by the name of Oaklands, containing by admeasurement 1a. 0r. 21p. and numbered 79 on the said map, the said two closes adjoining together and being bounded as therein mentioned, upon the trusts and subject to the provisions following, that is to say, upon trust from time to time for ever thereafter to demise let and set the said lands and hereditaments for the most rent that could be reasonably obtained for the same to such person or persons as they should think fit, and from time to time to receive the rents and profits thereof, and yearly on the 25th November in each and every year for ever (being the anniversary of the birth of the said Thomas Ludlow) to divide and pay the net rents and profits of the same lands and hereditaments unto and equally between such six labouring married men of the said parish of Hankerton as the vicar and churchwardens of the said parish for the time being should from year to year direct, such six labouring married men to be from year to year selected by the said vicar and churchwardens, being at the time of such division above the age of fifty years and resident in the said parish, and having been so resident for five years at the least, next previous to such division, and being as well as their wives persons of good moral character, and who should have brought up the greatest number of children without aid from the rates made for the relief of the poor, and who should not have received any relief from the said rates for at least five years next preceding such division.

Power was contained for the appointment of new trustees, and it was provided that all new trustees should from time to time be nominated and chosen by the vicar and churchwardens for the time being of the said parish, and that the vicar for the time being should on every such nomination be one of the new trustees if he should not previously be a trustee.

By an Order of the Charity Commissioners, dated the 1st November 1887, the Right Hon. Henry Charles Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire, the Rev. Oswald Smith, John Mills White, Thomas Buckland, Francis Knapp, Albert Shewring, George Sisum, Thomas Tanner, John Cole, and William Goddard Hughes, were appointed to be trustees for the administration of the Charity in addition to and jointly with George William White, the continuing trustee thereof, and the land and hereditaments mentioned in the schedule thereto, and all other real estate and hereditaments (if any) belonging to or held in trust for the said Charity, and all terms and estate therein, not being copyhold, were vested in the Official Trustee of Charity Lands in trust for the Charity.

The schedule to the Order was as follows :—

A close of pasture land called "Little Tanknalls," in the parish of Hankerton, containing 3a. 2r. 11p. or thereabouts, and numbered 78 in the tithe map of the said parish.

A close of pasture land called "Oaklands," in the same parish, containing 1a. 0r. 21p. or thereabouts, and numbered 79 on the said map.

By an Order of the Charity Commissioners dated the 2nd November 1897, George Sisum and the Rev. Oswald Smith were, with their consent, removed from being trustees of the Charity.

By a further Order of the Commissioners dated the 2nd March 1897, and made in the matter of the Charity of Hannah Ludlow in the parish of Hankerton, it was recited that the Charity was a parochial Charity other than an ecclesiastical Charity, and that the governing body thereof did not include any persons elected by the ratepayers or parochial electors or inhabitants of the parish, or appointed by the Parish Council or Parish Meeting of the said parish, and the Commissioners in execution of the provisions of sec. 14 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1894, ordered as follows:—

The Parish Council of the said parish may appoint additional members of the said governing body not exceeding three in number.

The endowment of the Charity consists of:—

1. 3a. 2r. 11p. of pasture land known as Little Tanknells.
2. 1a. 0r. 21p. of pasture land known as Oaklands.

The land, which is situate in the parish of Hankerton, is let to one tenant on lease for six years from the 29th September 1904, at the rent of 12l. 6s. per annum. The land is subject to the payment of tithe rentcharge.

The trustees are:—

John Mills White
Thomas Buckland
Francis Knapp
Albert Shewring
Thomas Tanner
William Goddard Hughes
Henry B. Matthews
E. E. Taylor
Charles Pennell

} Appointed by Order of Charity Commissioners dated the 1st November 1887.

} Appointed by the Parish Council on the 27th May 1897.

Messrs. Knapp and Hughes have ceased to reside in the parish.

The trustees do not meet unless there are any questions to settle in connection with the management of the property.

Mr. Thomas Tanner collects the rent, which is usually paid on the 1st November and distributed in the same month.

The income is divided amongst six men, who are selected by the vicar and churchwardens from those who may apply for the Charity.

An applicant is required to fill up a form stating the ages of himself and his wife, how many children have been born to them, the ages of the survivors, and the ages at which the deceased children (if any) died.

In choosing the beneficiaries, the qualifications directed by the deed are duly observed, and the vicar and churchwardens usually select those men who have had the largest families.

There are at the present time 7 or 8 names on the list.

In the event of a man becoming a widower he loses any claim to the Charity.

The whole income is given away every year.

Poor's Allotment.

By an award dated the 24th August 1809, made in pursuance of a private Act 48 Geo. III., entitling "an Act for inclosing lands in the parish of Hankerton," the Commissioners appointed to carry out such inclosure set out and allotted unto and for the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of Hankerton and their successors for ever, in trust for themselves and the rest of the inhabitants of the said parish, for and in lieu of their rights of common, and for and in respect of their freehold cottages or tenements and gardens and their appurtenances within the said parish, all that allotment or parcel of pasture land numbered 39 on the map or plan attached to the award, containing 1r. 16p., situate on the Hither Home Common, bounded on the south-west by the Lock's Brook Road, on the north-west by the Church Road, No. XI., and on other parts by an old inclosure of the Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire and his allotment numbered 23.

It appears from evidence furnished by the Rev. H. K. Adkin and Mr. Francis Bates, agent to the Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire, that, shortly after the date of the Award, the land passed into the possession of the then Earl, but there is no information now forthcoming as to the terms upon which the transfer was effected.

A portion of the land was recently conveyed to the Commissioners of Queen Anne's Bounty as part of a site for a new vicarage.

WALTER A. WIGRAM,
Assistant Commissioner.

19th September 1905.

TABULAR SUMMARY.

PARISH. — Donor or Title of Charity.	Endowments.						Total Gross Income.	Objects of Foundation, or Purposes to which the Income is applicable.		Observations.
	Real Estate and its Income.			Personalty and its Income.				Education.	Distribution to the Poor.	
	Houses and Lands. — Acreage of Lands.	Gross Rent thereof.	Rentscharge and Fixed Yearly Pay- ments from Real Estate.	Stock.	Dividends and Interest.	O.T.				
Hankerton.	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
The Second Poor's Money -	-	-	-	C. 53 12 11	O.T. 1 6 8	1 6 8	1 6 8	-	1 6 8	
Lady Winchcombe -	-	-	1 - -	-	-	-	1 - -	1 - -	-	
Ludlow, Hannah -	4 2 32	12 6 -	-	-	-	-	12 6 -	-	12 6 -	
Poor's Allotment -	0 1 16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Charity has ceased to exist as Poor's Allot- ment.
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C. = New Consols. The letters "O.T." denotes that the Stock is held by the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds.

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ENDOWED CHARITIES
(COUNTY OF WILTS).

RETURN and DIGEST of ENDOWED CHARITIES
(COUNTY OF WILTS).

[Parish of HANKERTON.

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