

MILLOM RURAL, under the provisions of the "Local Government Act, 1894," was formed out of the ancient parish of Millom, which has been divided into two townships, Millom and Millom Rural, the former comprising the area of the Millom Urban District; the latter, on the west bank of the river Duddon, is $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Green Road station, on the Furness railway, 5 south from Broughton (Lancs.), 8 south-east from Bootle, 13 south-east from Raven-glass, and 31 south-east from Whitehaven, in the Western division of the county, ward of Allerdale-above-Derwent, Bootle union and petty sessional division, county court district of Whitehaven, rural deanery of Gosforth, archdeaconry of Furness and diocese of Carlisle. On Duddon sands is a creek or harbour. The parish church of Millom (Holy Trinity) is an ancient edifice of stone in the Early Norman and Decorated styles, and consists of chancel, nave of four bays, south aisle, and a bell-gable with one bell: the aisle retains a piscina, and has a singular window of five lights, which, from its shape, has been called the "fish window;" most of the windows, however, are Decorated insertions; the nave arcade is Norman, but has pointed arches: the font is octagonal, and its sides are relieved by carved quatrefoils, and a shield with the arms of Huddleston; the rood-loft, extant in 1633, has now disappeared, but there is a western gallery, in which stands the organ: in the aisle is an altar-tomb of elaborate workmanship, with recumbent effigies, representing one of the Huddlestons and his wife; the sides of the tombs are adorned with tracery and figures of angels holding shields; near this stands another altar-tomb bearing a recumbent male effigy of wood, much mutilated; above these tombs is a mural tablet to Joseph Huddleston esq. ob. 10 Sept. 1700; to Bridget (Huddleston), his wife, ob. 17 March, 1714, and to a son who died young in 1682: there is also a monument to Sir Barrington Huddleston, ob. 13 Sept. 1720, and others to William Wells, vicar, ob. 4 Jan. 1698; John Smith, vicar, d. 30 Nov. 1796, and John Bolton, vicar, d. 5 Nov. 1820; in the church are brasses to John Latas esq. J.P. of Beck, d. 16 Oct. 1702, and his wives, Catherine (Orfeur) and Agnes (Huddleston), and to Dorothy (Musgrave), wife of William Askew, gentleman, d. 22 April, 1705: the church has been restored since 1873 at a cost of £220, and affords 360 sittings. In the churchyard stands a massive stone cross, the shaft of which is adorned with four shields. The registers date from the year 1598, but are defective in a number of years; many pages of churchwardens' accounts are bound up with them. The living is a vicarage, average net yearly value £269, in the gift of the Bishop of Carlisle, and held since 1865 by the Rev. John Irving M.A. of Queen's College, Oxford, hon. canon of Carlisle and surrogate. The chapel of ease at the Hill was erected in 1875, at a cost of £575, and will seat about 100 persons. There is also a Wesleyan chapel, built in 1875. Charities:—Atkinson's charity of £1,222 in Consols produces about £27 yearly, of which £34 is assigned to educational purposes, in the proportion of

rs. 3d. to the school at Thwaites and rs. 3d. to the school at Millom Rural, and rs. 3d. to the schools at Millom, and the remainder, about £2 12s. is distributed to the poor in bread; the stock is held by official trustees. Millom Castle, the ruins of which stand on a slight eminence about half a mile from the village, was held soon after the Conquest by the Boyvilles, from whom it passed to Sir John de Hoddleston, kt. by his marriage with Joan, daughter and heiress of Adam Boyville, or de Milloom. In 9 Edward III. (1335) a licence to crenellate the mansion was granted to John de Hoddleston, and it continued in this family until in the 18th century, by the marriage of Elizabeth, eldest daughter and co-heiress of William Huddleston esq. with Sir Hedworth Williamson bart. the property was transferred, and sold by him in 1774 to Sir James Lowther bart. and it is now the property of the Earl of Lonsdale. The castle was crenellated by John de Hoddleston, 9 Edward III. (1334-5) by royal licence, but the great tower or keep, 50 feet square, has been despoiled of its battlements, and now serves as a farm dwelling; within it is a fine carved staircase, and in the court-leet room, over the fireplace, are the arms of Huddleston boldly carved, and the motto, "Soli Deo Honor et Gloria." On the outside a lofty flight of steps leads up to the principal entrance; the castle, though not extensive, was a place of some strength, and portions of the walls, now overgrown with ivy, are seven feet thick. It was once surrounded by a fine park, which as late as 1774 was well stocked with deer, but it was disparked in 1802 by James, 1st Earl of Lonsdale of the first creation, and over 200 deer were then killed and sold in Ulverston. The seignior of Millom was anciently very extensive, and contained the parishes of Bootle, Corney, Millom, Waberthwaite, Whicham and Whitbeck, extending 13 miles in length and about 8 in breadth. In these six parishes the lords of Millom possessed exclusive privileges and jurisdiction, including the jura regalia, or power of life and death, and in a field close to the railway, and half a mile south of the railway, now called "Gallows field," stands a stone set up about 1860 with the following inscription:—

"On this spot stood a Gallows, the ancient
Lords of Millom having exercised
Jura Regalia within their Seignior." "

The mountain called "Black Combe," lying between Millom and Bootle, and about 4 miles from the shore, rises thence in ridged slopes to a height of about 1,970 feet, and affords a splendid panoramic view, sometimes including the peak of Snowdon and the Irish coast. Various relics have been found at Lowscates, and in 1824 an ancient British battle axe, 13½ inches in length, was discovered here. In 1842 Mr. George Hudson, while at plough at Beck Hall Farm, turned up two sepulchral urns, containing the remains of some human skull bones resting upon the ashes by which they were consumed, the teeth of which were quite perfect; both vessels were handsomely ornamented, and formed of

clay. At Sunkenkirk megalithic remains and a stone circle have been noted. In 1250, Milloom had a charter for holding a market on Wednesday, and a fair for three days at the festival of the Holy Trinity, but these are now extinct. The Earl of Lonsdale is lord of the manor. The soil is loamy; the subsoil, gravel. The principal crops are barley, oats, and turnips and pasture land. The acreage of the parish is 12,350 acres of land, 23 of inland and 513 of tidal water and 2,526 of foreshore; rateable value, £12,748; the population in 1901 was 1,489 in the civil and 2,906 in the ecclesiastical parish.

THE GREEN is a small hamlet in this township, 8 miles south from Bootle, and about three-quarters of a mile north-west from the Green Road station on the Furness railway; a small stream runs through the hamlet, which is pleasantly situated, and has an excellent inn, in the occupation of Mrs. Margaret Clegg. Dunningwell, the property and residence of Maj. Charles John Myers D.L., J.P. is attractively seated on an eminence, in the midst of plantations, and overlooks the estuary of the Duddon; the grounds and gardens are extensive and well laid out.

Parish Clerk and Sexton, William Kitchen.

Post, M. O. & T. O., T. M. O., S. B. & A. & I. Office, The Green.—Thomas Green, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from Milloom S.O. at 8.30 a.m.; dispatched at 9.15 a.m. & 6.35 p.m. No delivery on sundays

Post Office, Hill, Milloom.—G. Lawson Jordan, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from Milloom S.O. at 7.50 a.m. & 4.45 p.m.; dispatched at 7.45 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. No delivery on sundays. The Green is the nearest money order & telegraph office

Public Elementary School, The Hill, Milloom (mixed), erected in 1883, for 116 children; average attendance, 95; Henry Shaw, master; Miss E. M. Peter & Miss B. Chappell, assistant mistresses

Railway Station, Green Road, Herbert Edwin Hewitt, station master

BIRKER and AUSTHWAITE form a township, 7 miles east from Ravenglass, about 1 east from Eskdale, and about half a mile from Beckfoot station on the Ravenglass and Eskdale railway. The township consists principally of a few scattered farmhouses. The inhabitants have the right of marriage and burial at Eskdale. Dale Garth, a once celebrated mansion, now a farmhouse, was the residence of the Austwaite and afterwards of the Stanley family, who, in the 17th century, removed to Ponsonby Hall. In this township is the small lake called Devoko. Water, a mile in length and about half a

mile wide; in the middle of the lake, which is famous for its trout, is a small rocky islet. In the township also, and on the right of the valley road leading up to Hard Knot, are the two cascades known as "Birker Force" and "Stanley Ghyll." Birker Force, about a mile from Boot terminal station on the Ravenglass and Eskdale railway, is a waterfall of fine effect after heavy rains, but is otherwise not very attractive, the surroundings being very bare and uninteresting. Stanley Ghyll, about a mile west of Birker Force, and about a quarter of an hour's walk from Beckfoot station, is a delightful spot, at the end of a deep and thickly wooded ravine, crossed at intervals by stone steps and small wooden bridges. The grouping of the rocks and the variety and richness of the foliage and vegetation, among which firs and larches are conspicuous, give this spot a peculiar charm, which the twin streams of the fall render still more romantic. The area of the township is 8,143 acres of land and 102 of water; rateable value, £514; the population in 1901 was 72.

CHAPEL SUCKEN is a hamlet containing a few houses and scattered farms, and is 1½ miles from Silecroft station on the Furness railway, 6 south-east from Bootle, and 9 south-west from Broughton (Lancs). Christ Church, a chapel of ease to Holy Trinity, erected in 1891 at a cost of £1,050, is an edifice in the Gothic style, consisting of chancel, nave, north porch and a western bell-gable with one bell, and will seat 128 persons. At Ladera, an ancient estate here, on the summit of a hill 500 feet above the level of the sea, is "Old Kirk," an oblong area, 50 by 25 feet, originally surrounded by upright shafts about 6 feet in height and encompassed by a dyke; only the bases of a few stones now remain; the fosse may be traced on the west side; here are also two incomplete stone circles. About half a mile west, near the shore, is the "Giant's Grave," which consists of two huge lichen-covered monoliths, one 10 and the other 8 feet in height, and standing 15 feet apart; in the former is an ancient circular hollow or "cup-mark." The Croft, Chapel Sucken, within about a mile of Black Combe, is the seat of James Wilson Brockbank esq. J.P. proprietor of the Bank Springs brewery, who is also a large landowner and the proprietor of royalties in the district. G. Myers esq. and W. Brockbank esq. J.P. are the principal landed proprietors. The chief crops are barley, oats and pasture land.

KIRKSANTON is also a hamlet.

Wall Letter Box, Kirksanton, cleared at 7.45 a.m. & 5.45 p.m. week days only

MILLOM ABOVE OR RURAL.

Appleyard Mrs. Parkside
Irving Rev. Canon John M.A., J.P.
Vicarage
Shaw Henry, Dashed gate
Shepherd Anthony, Oak wood

COMMERCIAL.

Bell John, farmer, Bank side
Birbeck Sarah (Mrs.), beer retailer
Dobson James, farmer, Duddon mnt
Dobson Thomas, farmer, Underhill
Fisher Mark, farmer, Marsh side
Fisher William, farmer, Burnfield
Newton James & John, farmers.
Water bleas
Park Wm. (Mrs.), shopkpr. The Hill
Biley Wm. Jas. farmer, Park head
Shepherd Jn. Kirby, frmr. High brow
Simpson Jas. White Horse P.H. The Hill
Tyson Thomas Taylor, farmer, Low ho
Tyson William, cowkeeper, Beddings
Wilkinson Mason, farmer, Marsh side
Woodburn Robert, farmer, Woods

CHAPEL SUCKEN.

Marked thus * should be addressed via Silecroft S.O.

Marked thus † should be addressed via Milloom S.O.

*Benn Thomas, Bankfield
*Brockbank A. H. Fox, The Croft
*Brockbank James Wilson, The Croft
*Brockbank John Edwin, The Croft
*Brockbank William J.P. Garthlands
*Warbrick George Newton, Po House
*Birbeck Fisher, blacksmith, Langthwaite

†Brockbank James Wilson & Sons, brewers, wine & spirit merchants & maltsters, Bank Spring brewery
Fisher Harry, farm bailiff to A. H. Fox Brockbank esq. Raceside
*Gornall Thomas, farmer, Layriggs
*Graham John, King William IV. P. II
*James Rt. farmer, Standing stones
*Wallbank Robert, frmr. Hestham hall
*Wood Thomas, farm bailiff to the Co-operative Society Limited.
Langthwaite

KIRKSANTON.

Brackin Jas. Thos. frmr. Hall green
Thompson Wm. frmr. & miller (water)

BIRKER.

Marked * should be addressed Eskdale S.O.; the remainder through Boot S.O.
Boow Joseph, farmer, Pennyhill & Low Birker
Bryan Thomas, gamekeeper to Lord Muncaster, Dalegarth hall
Dixon John, farmer, High ground
Dixon Isaac, farmer, Dalegarth hall
Harrison John, farmer, Butterilkitt
Hartley John, farmer, Birker Thwaite
*Southward William, farmer, Forge & Sword house
Stephenson Josph. frmr. Low ground
*Vickers Edward, farmer, Fieldhead & Brantrake
Wilson John, farmer, Whin cop

THE GREEN.

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Fisher John, Old Dunningwell

Haslam Rev. John Park M.A. (perpetual curate of St. Anne's, Thwaites)
Myers Major Charles John D.L., J.P. Dunningwell
Newton John, Buskin mount
Ormandy Mrs. Rising hill
Park James
Ralph Alfred, Rising hill
Walker Miss, Low Beckstones

COMMERCIAL.

Bank of Liverpool Limited (sub to Milloom); wed. 9.30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Butterfield Thomas, joiner, Green rd
Butterfield Margaret (Miss), shopkeeper, Strands
Clegg Isaac, boot & shoe maker
Clegg Margt. (Mrs.), Punch Bowl P.H.
Forsyth Thomas, nurseryman
Green Thomas, grocer, & post office
Hunter Robert Geldert, Mill inn & miller (water)
Jenkinson Daniel, farmer, Arnaby
Kitchen Richard Stable, boot maker, Strands
Lancaster Banking Co. Limited (agency) (open tuesdays, 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.); draw on Roberts, Lubback & Co. London E.C.
Mawson Miles, farmer, Lowshaw
Newton C (Mrs.), farmer & miller
Newton Parker, farmer, Haws
Norman Jn. frmr. High Dunningwell
Ormandy M. Jackson, blacksmith
Shepherd Isabella (Miss), dress maker, Green road
Shuttleworth George, butcher
Thompson Margt. (Miss), grocer, Green rd
Troughton Matson, farmer, Arnaby
Watson John, farmer, Arnaby
Watson John, jun. farmer, Bridge end