

Bakewell.

Bromehead's Charity, and Webster's Charity,  
continued.

Since the time of our investigation, a farther account has been made out on the part of the executors of Mr. A. Bossley, in which credit is taken for the payments of 1*l.* for Bromehead's charity, and 2*l.* for Webster's charity, for the year 1826, and for 18*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*, the expense of the new trust deeds. These sums, being deducted from the above-mentioned balance of 29*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* leaves an ultimate balance of 7*l.* 19*s.*, which has been paid by Mr. Bossley's executors to the Rev. Francis Hodgson, one of the new trustees. An arrear of two years rent to Lady-day 1827, will also be receivable by the trustees, and after deducting 1*l.* and 2*l.* for the payments to Bakewell for the current year, the residue will be payable by the trustees to the vicar and churchwardens of Youlgreave, to be applied in the purchase of books for the school there, as directed by Mrs. Ellen Webster.

HOLME MEAL CHARITY.

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Charity.

One of the tablets in Bakewell church, contains the following statement relating to this charity:—

“ At the sale of the estates of the late *John Archer*, esquire, which pursuant to a decree of the high court of Chancery, took place at Buxton, on 9th and 10th June 1802, the several lots respectively comprising the lands underneath specified, were made subject to, and purchased, as charged with the payment of five pecks and one-eighth of oatmeal, to be paid weekly, for ever, to the poor of Bakewell and Great Longstone, in equal proportions, one-seventh part of which meal, was charged on, and made payable out of, each of the said lots; viz.—

“ Lot 18.—Four closes in Higginholes within Bakewell, purchased by Thomas Bossley, of Edensor.

“ Lot 19.—Three closes in Higginholes within Bakewell, and divers pieces of lands in the open fields and meadows, purchased by John Heathcote, of London, esquire, who resold the said three closes to Robert Birch, of Holme, esquire, charging them solely with one-seventh part of the meal, thereby exonerating the other part of this lot.

“ Lot 20.—Two barn closes, purchased by his Grace the Duke of Devonshire.

“ Lot 21.—The Far Marsh, N<sup>o</sup> 1; Middle Marsh, N<sup>o</sup> 2; Little Marsh Hollow, N<sup>o</sup> 3; Cow Pasture, N<sup>o</sup> 4; house, barn, out-buildings, yard, and garden, N<sup>o</sup> 5; Calf Croft, N<sup>o</sup> 6; Ewe Close, N<sup>o</sup> 7; Square Close, N<sup>o</sup> 8; Barn Close, with barn and fold, N<sup>o</sup> 9; purchased by his Grace the Duke of Devonshire.

“ Lot 22.—Lettage Close, purchased by his Grace the Duke of Devonshire.

“ Lot 23.—Harrison Close, purchased by Matthew Furnis, of Great Longstone, afterwards resold to his Grace the Duke of Devonshire.

“ Lot 24.—Holme Hall, with the buildings, orchards and gardens, N<sup>o</sup> 1; the Rookery, N<sup>o</sup> 2; Well Close, N<sup>o</sup> 3; one undivided third of Aldern Close, N<sup>o</sup> 4; Elbow Close, N<sup>o</sup> 5; cottage and garden, N<sup>o</sup> 6; barn and croft, N<sup>o</sup> 7; purchased by Robert Birch, of Holme, esquire.

“ N. B.—The last five lots are within Holme.”

We are informed, that this charity is supposed to have originated from a voluntary weekly donation of oatmeal to the poor, made by the Archer family, of Holme House, commencing more than a century ago, and continued, subject to occasional intermissions, but that it was not settled as a permanent benefaction, until the above-mentioned sale of the property in Bakewell and Holme, in 1802. The dole of oatmeal was, for many years previous to 1802, given to poor persons of Bakewell and Great Longstone, at a bridge, called Holme Bridge, over the River Wye, which divides these two places from each other.

We do not learn, that since the above mentioned sale, there has been any weekly distribution of oatmeal; and it is stated, that in consequence of the numbers of the poor, the quantity to be given to each would be so small, as to render a weekly dole of little advantage to them. At Longstone, an annual distribution of oatmeal is now made, in respect of this charity; but at Bakewell, it has not usually been made, until after three or four years payments have become due.

It was arranged between the churchwardens of Bakewell and those of Great Longstone, that the latter should receive all the payments due from the Duke of Devonshire, for N<sup>o</sup> 20, 21, 22, and 23, of the above-mentioned seven lots, belonging to him, being four-sevenths of the whole, and should pay over the

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a deduction of 17. 4s. a year, for the rent of a small piece of land in front of the house which the tenant occupies, and which is rented of the Earl of Newburgh, by the trustees. The buildings are in tenantable repair, 15l. having been laid out in the repairs of them since the purchase.

The poor persons to whom the clothing was given, were appointed by the late Robert Wright, esquire, of Longstone Hall, during his life, as being of the donor's family; after his death they were chosen at a meeting of the principal inhabitants of the township; and since the purchase of the lands they have been appointed by the gentlemen who have acted as trustees, and who have annually audited the accounts of the charity.

Great Longstone.

Captain  
Henry White's  
Charity,  
*continued.*

**HOLME MEAL CHARITY.**

The particulars of this charity, under which the poor of this township are entitled to one moiety of a payment of five pecks and one eighth of oatmeal, to be paid weekly, have been already stated in the account of the charities of the township of Bakewell.

Instead of a weekly distribution of oatmeal throughout the year, which appears to have been formerly made, an annual payment equal to one moiety of the amount of such distribution, which is calculated on the average price of oatmeal during the year preceding, such moiety being received from the agent of the Duke of Devonshire in respect of the lands charged therewith by the overseers of the poor of this township, is laid out in the purchase of oatmeal, which is distributed once a week during a period of about five or six weeks, usually in the months of January and February, amongst poor persons of this township, according to a list prepared by the chapelwarden, overseers, and principal inhabitants, the quantities varying in proportion to the number of persons in each family.

Holme  
Meal Charity.

**SCHOOL.**

There is a school in the village of Great Longstone, with a house occupied by a schoolmaster, and a small garden attached thereto. These buildings are supposed to have been erected about 40 years ago. They are kept in repair by the schoolmaster, and are now in good condition.

School.

By an Act of Parliament, passed in 1810, for inclosing lands in the townships of Great Longstone, Little Longstone, and Wardlow, the commissioners thereby appointed were required to allot so much of the wastes, commons, and uninclosed lands within the townships of Great and Little Longstone, as in their judgment should be equal in value to the clear annual sum of 10l. which allotments should be vested in the Most Noble William Duke of Devonshire, the Most Honorable William Marquis of Hartington, John Thomas Wright, Francis Eyre, and James Longsdon, esquires, James Gregory, William Wager, John Longsdon and Robert Thornhill, and the curate for the time being of Great Longstone, on trust, to apply the rents and profits thereof to and for the benefit of a schoolmaster, within the said townships of Great and Little Longstone, as the trustees, and their successors, and the major part of them, or their known agents or attornies, or persons to be appointed for that purpose, under their respective hands, at a public meeting, of which notice should be given, should think proper, and by any writing under their hands should from time to time direct; and it was declared, that the said trustees and their successors, or the major part of them, or such agents, &c. as aforesaid, should have power to elect new trustees, in the room of any that should die, refuse to act, or become incapable; and should have power to lease the premises thereby vested in them, for any term not exceeding 21 years, at the best rent and without fine.

By deed poll, bearing date 27th April 1821, William Spencer Duke of Devonshire, theretofore Marquis of Hartington, John Thomas Wright, the Earl of Newburgh, theretofore Francis Eyre, James Gregory, John Longsdon, and the Rev. Bache Thornhill, curate of Great Longstone, as the surviving trustees of those named in the Act of 1810, appointed William Carleill, esquire, John Thornhill, William Wager, and James Longsdon the younger, to be new trustees in the room of William late Duke of Devonshire, Robert Thornhill, and William Wager, deceased, and of James Longsdon, who by reason of age and infirmity was become incapable of acting as a trustee.

The commissioners under the above-mentioned Act, by their award, which was not signed till 1824, allotted to the trustees a parcel of land, on Great Longstone Common, containing 11A. 3R. and another parcel of land on