

Bagby.

BAGBY TOWNSHIP.

Rent-Charge.

RENT-CHARGE.

Ten shillings a year, as appeared by an entry in the table of benefactions in Bagby church, are paid to the poor of this township, out of a close called Broad Close, situate in this township, the property of Ralph Bell.

The money is regularly received from the tenant of the land, and distributed with the charities next mentioned.

WILLIAMSON'S AND WARD'S CHARITIES.

Williamson's and Ward's Charities.

Two legacies, the one of 20*l.* given by the Rev. *James Williamson*, a former rector, to the poor of Bagby, and the other of 33*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* left by *Robert Ward* to the use also of the poor of Bagby, have been laid out, together with 5*l.* raised by subscription amongst the inhabitants, in the purchase of a turnpike security upon the tolls of the road between Northallerton and York, the interest upon which amounts to 2*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* a year.

This sum is regularly received from the clerk of the trustees, and is distributed once a year, with the 10*s.* before-mentioned, by the overseer of the poor of Bagby, among the poor of that township, in sums varying from 3*s.* to 7*s.*

JANE WATSON'S GIFT TO POOR WIDOWS.

Jane Watson's Gift.

Jane Watson, by her will dated 8th May 1759, as appeared by a copy thereof produced, left 20*l.* to the vicar, churchwardens and overseers of Bagby for the time being, upon trust, to place the same out at interest, and divide the produce thereof amongst poor widows of Bagby.

The above legacy has been employed, with other monies, towards the building of a poor-house, in consideration whereof 16*s.* a year are allowed out of the poor rates for interest on the legacy; and that sum is divided equally between two poor and deserving widows of the township, who are selected by the overseer, and approved of by the other inhabitants.

PARISH OF THIRSK.

TOWNSHIP OF THIRSK.

TABLE OF BENEFACCTIONS.

Thirsk.
Table of
Benefactions.

Rents and payments out of land, as recorded in the table of benefactions in the church of Thirsk:—

1. "*Henry Davison*, by his will dated 1629, gave 20*s.* a year in lands called "Oldby."

This payment is made annually by Mr. John Walker, the owner and occupier of a farm, called Oldby, in the parish of Carlton Miniott.

2. "*Henry Croe*, by his last will dated 22d September 1657, gave four wands of land, lying in the North Ings, paying 16*s.* yearly."

The sum of 16*s.* a year has constantly been paid under this gift, and is now paid by John Bell, esq. of Thirsk, out of certain lands called North Ings, near Thirsk, belonging to him.

3. "The Rev. Mr. *Midgley*, by his will dated 10th November 1692, gave the sum of 15*s.* yearly, and charged a close called Bransby Croft, with the payment thereof."

This rent-charge is also paid by Mr. Bell, the proprietor of the land.

4. "*Richard Wrightson*, by his will dated 1725, gave 2*s.* a year to be given in white bread on Christmas-day, in half an acre of land called Kell Hill."

This payment is also made by Mr. Bell, the owner of the close.

5. "Due to the poor 10*s.* yearly from the methodist meeting-house in old Thirsk, dated 23d April 1767."

This sum is paid annually by the trustees of the meeting-house.

6. "*William Wrightson*, by his will dated 1684, gave two roods of land, called Wet Lands."

These lands lie in an open township field, adjoining Thirsk, and are let to William

William Faint, as yearly tenant to the churchwardens, at the rent of 10s. 6d. which is the fair annual value.

Thirsk.
Table of
Benefactions,
continued.

The several annual sums and rent mentioned above, are received by the churchwardens at Christmas, and distributed at their discretion, with the money collected at the sacrament, among poor persons of the township of Thirsk.

PLACE'S CHARITY.

Timothy Place, esq. formerly of Thirsk, by will dated 1st June 1810, bequeathed 1,000*l.* three per cent consolidated annuities, to the poor of the parish of Thirsk, and directed a proportionate part of the interest and dividends thereof to be laid out every week in the purchase of bread, and distributed amongst poor people of the parish of Thirsk, not receiving alms from the said parish; with this express condition, that such persons should be regular attendants at divine worship in the church at Thirsk.

Place's Charity.

The sum of 1,000*l.* three per cent consols, bequeathed by the will, is standing in the names of the Rev. Mr. Holmes, minister of Thirsk, and others.

The sum of 28*l.* 12s. part of the annual dividend, is applied in the purchase of bread, of which six eightpenny and fourteen sixpenny loaves are distributed every Sunday at the church, by the churchwardens, among poor persons of Thirsk who attend church, and receive no relief from the parish; the remainder of the dividend, 1*l.* 8s. is laid out in cakes of bread, which are distributed once a year by the churchwardens, at the time when they go out of office, among poor people.

TOWNSHIP OF SOWERBY.

DINMORE'S CHARITY.

John Dinmore, by will dated 26th March 1698, devised a close at Sowerby, called The New Close, (since called The Poor Folks Close,) unto four of the oldest and needfulest families of the town of Sowerby, during the term of 1,000 years; and ordered the rents thereof to be bestowed, at or about Michaelmas, yearly in coals, to be distributed every year among four of the poorest families or householders of Sowerby, to be chosen by the minister and overseers of the poor for the time being; the coals to be distributed at their discretion.

Sowerby.
Dinmore's Charity.

This close, which contains one acre and one rood, is let by the churchwardens and overseers to Matthew Court, as tenant from year to year, at 4*l.* 5s. 6d. per annum; a rent which was obtained on competition, and exceeds the annual value.

The rent is regularly paid, and is laid out, together with a rent-charge of 1*l.* a year, devised by George Wright after-mentioned, in the purchase of coals, which are distributed on St. Thomas's-day, by the churchwardens and overseers, among poor persons of the township, in quantities varying from three to five bushels. The expense of carriage of the coals is defrayed by the township. A preference is given to poor widows, and next, to such poor as do not receive relief from the rates.

WRIGHT'S RENT-CHARGE.

This is a payment of 1*l.* a year to the poor of Sowerby, out of land at Fockwith, in the Ainsty of the city of York, now belonging to Mr. Joseph York, and was given by the will of *George Wright*, formerly of York, dated March 17th, 1721. It is received at Christmas by the churchwardens of Sowerby, and added to the money laid out in coals.

Wright's
Rent-Charge.

PARISH OF TOPCLIFFE.

By a decree of certain commissioners of charitable uses, dated the 16th of June 1674, reciting that it was found by inquisition, that *Ralph Kay* had theretofore devised a close in Topcliffe, called Pullaine Lees, to the use of the poor of the town and parish of Topcliffe, of the yearly rent of 40s. out of which 5s. was to be paid to the town of Dalton; and that *Thomas Robinson*, *Edward Clough*, *John Kettlewell*, and *Jasper Kettlewell*, and several other persons whose names were unknown, had given and bequeathed several different sums of money to or for the use of the poor of the said parish, which sums amounted in the whole to 151*l.* and upwards, being the stock of money belonging to the said poor; and that the said sum was in the hands of the persons therein named; and that

Parish of Topcliffe.

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