

5 Oswin William	Hull Geo. Lindsey,	3 Mayes John	TAILORS.
5 Simpkin John	<i>White Lees</i>	5 Orton Samuel	6 Bradshaw John
BRICKLAYERS.	5 Johnson Joseph	5 Squires Cath.	1 Dexter George
Howe Henry	Lee William	5 Wales Eliza	5 Dexter William
5 Martin Thomas	5 Lockwood Thos.	5 Wales Samuel	5 Swift Thos. Dean
Sutton Henry	3 Richards John	6 Ward Francis	WHEELWRIGHTS.
Sutton Robert	3 Richards Willm.	and hairdresser	6 Dear John (and
BUTCHERS.	6 Sanders Jno. Hy.	3 Whelpton Geo.	ironmonger)
5 Briggs William	3 Squires Edward	HOSIERY MANFRS.	5 Freer Thos. (and
5 Brookes William	5 Stone Thomas	Cook Joshua	cricket bat mkr.
5 Cross George	Parnham	Lewin George	RAILWAY Trains
5 Johnson Joseph	Ward Ann	Meadows George	several times a
6 Sanders Jno. Hy.	3 Whelpton Geo.	Neal Edward	day to Leicester,
DRAPERS.	Woollerton Geo.	5 Spittlehouse Sl.	Loughborough,
Barratt (Lydia) &	5 Wright Richard	JOINERS & BLDRS.	and all parts
Brown (My. Ann)	GROCCRS, &c.	6 Black John	CARRIERS.
6 Glover Jane	Bakewell Eliz.	5 Moss William	John Frier, to
5 Wale Eliza	1 Chapman John	SCHOOLS.	Leicester, Wd. &
FARMERS.	5 Cross George	5 Dewberry Mary	Sat. & to Lough-
6 Bradshaw Thos.	3 Cunnington Stpn	<i>Grammar</i> , Rev.	borough, Thurs.
Bryan William	5 Dalby Mary	Thos. Drake, M.A.	Joseph Masson and
3 Cross Charles	Freer Thomas	<i>Parochial</i> , Anna	Wm. Lovett to
Cross Geo. <i>Field</i>	3 Frier John	Moore	Loughborough
6 Harris William	Lovett Edward	Wale Ann	daily.

MOUNTSORREL is a small market-town, picturesquely seated on the west side of the river Soar, at the foot of the lofty and abrupt termination of a ridge of rocky hills, which extends westward through Charnwood Forest to Derbyshire. Its name is a corruption of *Mount Soar Hill*. It has a bridge of four arches across the river, and is on the high road from Leicester to Loughborough, 7 miles N. of the former, 4 miles S.S.E. of the latter, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile S. of Barrow Railway Station. It comprises about 428 acres of land and 1753 inhabitants, and is divided into *two townships*, viz., MOUNTSORREL NORTH-END, which is in the parish of Barrow-upon-Soar, and has a population of 857 souls; and MOUNTSORREL SOUTH-END, which is in the parish of Rothley, and has 896 inhabitants. The Earl of Lanesborough is lord of the *manor* and owner of most of the soil; and the rest belongs to T. A. T. Castledine, Esq., and a few smaller owners. The *market*, held on Monday, is well supplied with provisions; and here is a *fair* for pleasure, toys, &c., from the 10th to the 18th July. The rocky hill immediately behind the town is crowned by a windmill, and rises abruptly with a variegated face of grass and rock to the height of about 100 feet; and its highest point, called *Castle Hill*, almost overhangs the town. It is composed of a reddish *granite*, or *sienite*, consisting of a nearly equal mixture of red quartz, white feldspar, and black shorl, and is the most compact of all the granites, none of the red Cornwall being superior to it in hardness. The almost intractable nature of this stone long kept it out of use for building purposes. It is now about eighty years since it was first applied, in rough squares, to the improved mode of street pavement, and for this purpose it has been found equal to the Scotch granite. Nothing can exceed its firmness and durability, when properly laid down. The cost of the material lies chiefly in the labour of detaching and working it; but the waste is of nearly equal value with the stones, and was used in repairing the turnpike roads in the neighbourhood long before Mr. McAdam was known, and in exactly the same manner as in the system called "Mac-Adamizing." Great quantities are got and sent

to all parts of the kingdom, for mill-stones, curb-stones, paving stones, &c. The uses of this almost indestructible stone were much extended by the judgment, enterprise, and perseverance of the late *Mr. Jackson*, who, having procured skilful workmen from Scotland, rendered it available for architectural use and ornament. It is now worked by Messrs. John Martin and Co., who employ about 500 men; and when used in buildings, in rough squares, with dressings and quoins of smooth sand or freestone, it has a very pleasing effect, as may be seen in the church and many other buildings in the neighbourhood. In 1861, the Earl of Lanesborough formed a *railway* from the works to the Midland Company's line at Barrow, and nearly 200 tons of granite are despatched along it daily, to various parts of the kingdom. The view from the summit of the quarry hill is one of the finest in the county; but there are no vestiges of the *Castle* which anciently stood upon it, and is said to have been built by Hugh, Earl of Chester, in 1174. This castle was soon afterwards given to the Earl of Leicester, on condition that the Earl of Chester's family should be friendly received at it when they thought proper to visit it. During the barons' wars, in 1215, King John placed it under the government of Saer de Quency, who occupied it with a strong garrison, but soon took part with the barons, who had invited Prince Louis of France to their assistance. His garrison committed many devastations in the neighbourhood, and was several times besieged by the Royalists, but without success. The barons and their French auxiliaries being at length overthrown, the castle was seized and razed to the ground, in 1217, as "a nest of the devil, and a den of thieves and robbers." In 1292, Nicholas Segrave was lord of the manor, and obtained a grant for a weekly *market* here, and a *fair* for eight days. The manor afterwards passed to the Mowbray, Berkeley, and other families; and its common and open fields (300A.) were enclosed under an act passed in 1781, when it was held by Sir John Danvers, Bart., together with the rectorial *tithes*, which, as well as the vicarial tithes, in both townships, were then commuted. At the end of Barn lane, which separates the two parishes, formerly stood a curious *Cross*, which was taken down in 1793, and removed to his grounds at Swithland Hall, by Sir J. Danvers, who caused a small market-house to be erected on its site.

The old *Church* or chapel in the township, called *Mountsorrel North-End*, has a nave, square tower, and three bells; and the living is a *perpetual curacy*, valued at £210 per annum, nearly all derived from *Bishop Beveridge's Charity* estate, as noticed at page 455. The vicar of Barrow-upon-Soar is patron, and the Rev. Thos. Drake, M.A., is the incumbent. A new *cemetery* for this township was formed in 1859, about half-a-mile north of the town, on the Loughborough road. It comprises 1½ acre of land, and cost about £1000, raised by a rate. *Mountsorrel South-End* township, which is in Rothley parish, was formed into a separate ecclesiastical district by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners in 1846, in consequence of a small but handsome *Church* and Parsonage House having been built in it, at the cost of about £5500, by Miss Brinton, of Berkshire, a lady who had no previous connexion with the place. She provided the Rev. John Babington, of Cossington, with funds for this pious purpose, and the church was erected in 1844. It is in the early English style, with a small spire, painted east window, and fine-toned organ. Both it and the parsonage are built of Mountsorrel granite, taken from the hill on which they stand, and relieved by white sandstone quoins and dressings. Nearly twenty acres of land are attached to the parsonage. The Rev. Edw. Gillson, M.A., is the incumbent, and has in

his cure about 900 souls, mostly stocking-weavers. In the town are four *Chapels*, belonging to the Wesleyan, Primitive, and Reform Methodists, and the General Baptists. That belonging to the latter sect is an old building which was erected by Presbyterians, and was several times preached in by the celebrated Dr. Watts. Here is a *National School*, founded by Sir Joseph Danvers in 1742, and endowed with a house, garden, and £9 a-year for the master, in consideration of which he teaches reading, writing, and arithmetic, to twelve poor boys appointed by the lord of the manor. An *Infant School* was built in 1847, by the Countess of Lanesborough, who pays £10 a-year to the mistress. In the town is a public *reading-room* and a *library* of about 600 volumes.

MOUNTSORREL CHARITIES:—In 1617, *Richard Nedd* left in trust to the Corporation of Leicester £300 to be laid out in land, and the rents and profits thereof to be distributed yearly among the poor of Mountsorrel. The property purchased consists of a farm of 54A. at Bushby, let for £70 a-year. In 1665, *Ralph Smalley* charged the Great Rothesty Close, in Thornley, with the yearly rent-charges of 40s. for the poor, and £5 to the resident curate of Mountsorrel for preaching a sermon to the poor on St. Thomas's day. He also left another yearly rent-charge of 40s. for the poor, on Good Friday, out of Langland's Close, in Donington. In 1680, *Thomas Statham* left £25 for the poor, and it was laid out, with £5. 10s. belonging to the chapelry, in the purchase of land, now consisting of 3R., let for £3, of which 10s. is paid for a sermon on Twelfth-day, and the remainder is distributed among the poor. The sum of £216, given by *Thos. Jarrat and other donors* for the curate, poor, highways, and bridges, was laid out in 1680 in the purchase of land, now consisting of 2A., in Charnwood Forest, and 21A. in Barrow, let for £44. 10s. per annum, which is disposed of as follows:—£5 to the curate, who preaches a sermon the first Sunday after Martinmas; £2. 5s. for the repairs of the highways and bridges; 12s. in bread, for poor widows, on the first Sunday in October; 20s. in bread for the poor attending the church on the first Sunday after Martinmas; and £35. 13s. in a general distribution among the poor of both townships. In 1699, *Eliz. Thornton* bequeathed three houses here, and three roods and a sneath of land at Barrow, in trust, to lay out the rents as far as necessary in repairing the burial ground of the *chapel* here, now belonging to the *General Baptists*, and to distribute the remainder among the poor of the congregation. About 1770, the Baptists converted one of the houses into a meeting-house; and the other property now belonging to the charity consists of a house, cottage, and land, let for £12 a-year. For a long period the trustees of this have also been trustees of that branch of *Bartholomew Hickling's Charity* which was given for good and conscientious poor people, (see p. 409), and from which they derive about £23. The proceeds of both charities, after paying for the repairs of the burial ground and 20s. for refreshments, are distributed among poor, deserving persons, chiefly members of the Baptist congregation, who have also £2. 10s. yearly from *Rawlins' Charity*, as noticed at page 464. Mountsorrel has a bible yearly from Hickling's charity, (see page 409,) and had anciently a number of small fee-farm rents for the curate, poor, &c.; but they have not been paid for a long series of years, and are therefore considered to be lost. In 1853, *Ann Castledine* built four almshouses at the north end of the town for four poor women. Each house contains four rooms, and the almswomen are entitled to receive 4s. per week, in accordance with the founder's will. They are at present occupied by only three poor women, who have not for some time received any weekly

stipend ; but this and all the charities of Mountsorrel are now under the consideration of the Charity Commissioners, who will shortly issue new orders for their management.

POST OFFICE at Samuel Prior's. Letters arrive from Loughborough at eight morning, and are despatched at 5½ afternoon. *Money Orders* are granted and paid, and here is a *Post Office Savings' Bank*.

*In the following DIRECTORY OF MOUNTSORREL, those marked * are in North-end, and the others in South-end Township.*

Barrs Charles, gentleman, <i>Green</i>	BOOT & SHOEMKRS.	Ward Thomas (and tallow chandler)
*Barrs Joseph, cooper	Barrs William	*Warner William
Bosworth James, police sergeant	Billson Thomas	JOINERS, &c.
*Collins Mrs Mary *Collishaw Mrs My.	Hughes William	Gilbert Thos. (and church clerk)
Cuffling Joseph, quarry foreman	Lockwood Francis	*Grundy William
*Ellis Mr John *Hassall Mrs Eliza	Pool William	*Johnson William
Gillson Rev. Edward, M.A., incumbent of Christ Church, <i>The Parsonage</i>	Ward James	Smith Simeon and John
*Jacques Elijah, assistant overseer, and needle maker	*Wilding Thomas	
*Lovitt Wm. inland revenue officer	BRICKLAYERS.	MALTSTERS.
Martin John & Co. granite merchants ; h <i>Whetton Hall</i>	Chapman John	*Mitchell John
Mercer Mr Chas. *Leake Mrs Eliz.	Chapman Robert	Priestley Joseph
*Mitchell Miss Dorothy	Chapman Thomas	PLUMBERS & GLZRS.
Prior Samuel, insurance agt. <i>Post Office</i>	NoonJnoChapman	*Harrauld Charles
*Riley John, relieving officer	Rudkin William	*King John Walter
Smith James, furniture broker	BUTCHERS.	SCHOOLS.
Smith Wm. druggist *Scott Mr Jph.	Freer Robert	*Brewin Rebecca
Watts John Daft, harness maker	Gee George	*Hassall Eliza
*Webster Wm. Holloway, draper	*Simpson Thomas	<i>Infant, MyScarratt National, Thomas & Cath. Scarratt</i>
Wilding Misses Ann and Frances	Simpson William	SURGEONS.
*Wright Isaac, quarry manager	COAL MERCHANTS.	Atherley Joseph
INNS AND TAVERNS.	*Jacques William	*WrightSaml.(and registrar of births and deaths)
*Anchor, Joseph Kinch	*Jelley Joseph	TAILORS.
Black Swan, Thomas Wells	*Pepper William	*Fowkes Allen
Bull and Mouth, Henry Clark	CORN MILLERS.	Hallam William
Crown and Thistle, Charles Martin	Dexter Edward ; h <i>Swithland</i>	Turlington George
*Duke of York, Joseph Jelley	*Everard Richard, <i>Water mill</i>	Warner William
Exhibition Inn, William Pepper	FARMERS.	WHEELWRIGHTS.
*Griffin, John Gill	*Adderley Henry	Balm John
*Nag's Head, John Boulton	Barrs Charles	*Place Richard
Plough, William Simpson	*Cuffling Joseph	CARRIERS
*Red Lion, William Osborn	Priestley Joseph	<i>To Leicester, Wed. and Sat., and to Loughbro', Thrs.</i>
*White Swan, George Bampton	*Scarborough Wm.	Richardson Prior
William IV., George Duncan	GARDENERS.	Summerfield Jph.
BAKERS, &c.	*Burton John	OMNIBUSES pass through, from Leicester to Loughbro', and back, every day, except Thursday
*Bates William	Burton Thomas	
Billson George	GROCERS, &c.	
Briggs Thomas	Bampton Geo. jun.	
Halford Isaac	Brown Rebecca	
Jacques William	Freer William	
*Mitchell Charles	*Gee William	
Wale John	*Hewitt Charles	
BASKET MAKERS.	Johnson William	
*Shaw Joseph	*Leake Chas. Fras.	
Ward Thomas	Noon Mary	
	*Potter William	
	BLACKSMITH.	
	*Potter William	
	BEERHOUSES.	
	Antill John (and church clerk and town crier)	
	Noon Mary	
	*Smith Richard	
	*Woolley George	

QUORNDON is a large village, township, and chapelry, in the parish of Barrow-upon-Soar, and on the west side of the river Soar. It has three good streets, one on the Leicester and Loughborough road, 8½ miles