

Description of the Present Wards of the Borough.

No. 1, or Lancashire Hill Ward, comprises so much of the Borough as lies within an area, the boundaries of which are the East of Wellington Road North, from Denby Lane to Belmont Street, the North of Belmont Street, Wharf Street, Smith Street, the West of Penny Lane, and along the Parliamentary boundary to Denby Lane, and South of the Borough boundary to Wellington Road North.

No. 2, or Heaton Lane Ward, comprises so much of the Borough as lies within an area, the boundaries of which are the East and South of the Borough boundary, North of the River Mersey to Tiviot Dale Station, South of the Cheshire Lines Railway, and West side of Wellington Road North.

No. 3, or Old Road Ward, comprises so much of the Borough as lies within an area, the boundaries of which are the South side of Belmont Street, Wharf Street, Smith Street, the East of Penny Lane, and along the Parliamentary boundary to the River Tame, West side of the River Tame to Tiviot Dale, the North side of the Cheshire Lines Railway, and the East side of Wellington Road North to Belmont Street.

No. 4, or Portwood Ward, comprises so much of the Borough as lies within an area, the boundaries of which are the East side of the River Tame, the North side of the River Goyt, the West of the Parliamentary boundary at Warth Meadow, and the West of the Borough boundary to the River Tame.

No. 5, or St. Mary's Ward, comprises so much of the Borough as lies within an area, the boundaries of which are the East side of the River Mersey, the West side of the River Goyt, the West side of Harriet Street, the South side of George Street, and thence across the Rector's land to Spring Gardens, along the North of Spring Gardens, West side of Waterloo Road, East side of Lower Hillgate, North side of Wellington Street, and East side of Wellington Road South to the River Mersey.

No. 6, or Vernon Ward, comprises so much of the Borough as lies within an area, the boundaries of which are the South side of the River Goyt, the East of the Parliamentary boundary at Warth Meadow, West side of the Borough boundary to Offerton Fold, the North side of Hemphaw Lane, East side of Banks Lane, North side of Hall Street to Spring Gardens, and thence across the Rector's land to George Street, North of George Street, East of Harriet Street to the River Goyt.

No. 7, or Spring Bank Ward, comprises so much of the Borough as lies within an area, the boundaries of which are the South side of the River Mersey, from King Street West (*i.e.*, King Street West) to Wellington Road South, the West side of Wellington Road South, the South side of Wellington Street, the West side of Lower Hillgate, the North side of Edward Street, Creek Street, East side of Shaw Heath and King Street West (*i.e.*, King Street West) to the River Mersey.

No. 8, or Hollywood Ward, comprises so much of the Borough as lies within an area, the boundaries of which are the South side of the River Mersey, from King Street West (*i.e.*, King Street West) to the Borough boundary at the Stockport Sewage Works, the East and North sides of the Borough boundary to Stockport Road, the West side of Stockport Road to St. Lesmo Road, the East side of St. Lesmo Road to a point in the continuation of Bloom Street, and thence across land to and along the North side of Bloom Street, the Southern boundary of Hollywood Park, the North boundary of Daw Bank House grounds, the West side of King Street West (*i.e.*, King Street West) to the River Mersey.

No. 9, or Edgeley Ward, comprises so much of the Borough as lies within an area, the boundaries of which are the South side of Bloom Street, the South boundary of Hollywood Park, the West side of Aberdeen Crescent, Bulkeley Street, Worrall Street, and the North of the Parliamentary boundary to the London and North Western Railway at Crosshill Junction, the North side of the Borough boundary to Stockport Road, the East side of Stockport Road to St. Lesmo Road, the West side of St. Lesmo Road to a point in the continuation of Bloom Street, and thence across land to Bloom Street.

No. 10, or Shaw Heath Ward, comprises so much of the Borough as lies within an area, the boundaries of which are the North boundary of Daw Bank House Grounds, the West side of King Street West and Shaw Heath, the South side of Creek Street, the West side of Wellington Road South from Creek Street to Longshut Lane West (*i.e.*, Longshut Lane West), the North of Longshut Lane West, the North of Shaw Heath, the North of Gilmore Street, the West of the Parliamentary boundary, the North and West sides of the former boundary between the Parishes of Cheadle and Bramhall, the East side of the Borough boundary, the South and East sides of the Parliamentary boundary to Hardcastle Road, the East side of Worrall Street, Bulkeley Street, Aberdeen Crescent, to Hollywood Park.

No. 11, or St. Thomas's Ward, comprises so much of the Borough as lies within an area, the boundaries of which are the South of Edward Street, the West of Middle and Higher Hillgate, the West of Hindley Street and Ward Street, the North of Charles Street, the West of Higher Hillgate, and the East of Wellington Road South from Higher Hillgate to Edward Street.

No. 12, or Hemphaw Lane Ward, comprises so much of the Borough as lies within an area, the boundaries of which are the East side of Waterloo Road, South side of Spring Gardens, the South side of Hall Street, the West side of Banks Lane, North side of Hemphaw Lane, and East sides of Hindley Street, Higher Hillgate, Middle Hillgate, to Waterloo Road.

No. 13, or Cale Green Ward, comprises so much of the Borough as lies within an area, the boundaries of which are the South sides of Gilmore Street and Longshut Lane West, the West side of Wellington Road South from Longshut Lane West (*i.e.*, Longshut Lane West), to Higher Hillgate (*i.e.*, Higher Hillgate), the West side of Buxton Road from Higher Hillgate to Kennerley Grove Lane, the North side of Kennerley Grove Lane, and the North and East sides of the Parliamentary boundary, to Gilmore Street.

No. 14, or Heaviley Ward, comprises so much of the Borough as lies within an area, the boundaries of which are the East side of Higher Hillgate from Buxton Road to Charles Street, the South side of Charles Street, East side of Ward Street, the South side of Hemphaw Lane, the West side of the Borough boundary to the North side of the Midland Railway, Bramhall Moor Lane, the North side of the Borough boundary, the East and South sides of the former boundary between the Parishes of Cheadle and Bramhall, South of the Parliamentary boundary to Bramhall Lane, the South side of Kennerley Grove Lane, and the East side of Buxton Road, from Kennerley Grove Lane to Higher Hillgate.

No. 15, or Reddish North Ward, comprises so much of the Borough as lies within an area, the boundaries of which are, commencing at the junction of Broadstone Road and School Lane, the East, South, and West sides of the Borough boundary to the London and North Western Railway (Stockport and Guide Bridge Line), the North side of the Railway to Hall Lane, the East of Hall Lane, the North of Lingard Street, the West of Gorton Road from Lingard Street to Broadstone Road, and the North side of Broadstone Road to the Borough boundary.

No. 16, or Reddish South Ward, comprises so much of the Borough as lies within an area, the boundaries of which are, commencing at the junction of Broadstone Road and School Lane, the South side of Broadstone Road, the East side of Gorton Road from Broadstone Road to Lingard Street, the South side of Lingard Street, the West side of Hall Lane, the North side of the London and North Western Railway to the Borough boundary, the West side of the Borough boundary and the River Tame to Grimesbottom, along the Parliamentary boundary to Denby Lane, and East of the Borough boundary to Broadstone Road.

Stockport is a thriving industrial town with a large working-class population. With the flux of time the nature of its industries has changed somewhat. Silk manufacture is now an extinct industry. Cotton spinning is extensively carried on, and in a lesser degree weaving. These branches of the cotton trade afford employment for many thousands of operatives. Hat manufacture is, of course, an old and important branch of trade; and manufacturers readily adapt themselves to the growing demands and needs of the day. The town, however, is not dependent upon one or two large industries, works of various kinds having sprung up, adding to the stability and prosperity of the Borough. Among these we may mention rope spinning and twining, tobacco manufacture, iron foundries, brewing, shuttle making, calico bleaching, confectionery works, corn milling, &c.

Stockport is an important railway centre, and railway men form no inconsiderable section of the inhabitants. The chief stations are Edgeley and Tiviot Dale, but others are comprised within the extended Borough. A line from New Mills to Heaton Mersey has been constructed, and a new station erected at Cheadle Heath. The facilities of transit by rail, road, and canal are of a high order; and communication with the suburbs and with Manchester especially is by means of the electric trams being further developed.

For many years Stockport did not make that progress in a municipal sense that circumstances would seem to warrant. But for some years past it has forged ahead, and is one of the most progressive towns in the Kingdom. Several important undertakings have been carried out and some are in process of execution. In 1898 the sewage scheme was commenced, and after encountering many difficulties it is now in good working order. The electric light has been introduced, and both electric and gas plant are in capable hands.