

## STOCKPORT DIRECTORY.

M.A. The schools in the rear correspond in style of architecture with the church. They were opened on November 2nd, 1849, being used both as day and Sunday schools.

Christ Church, Heaton Norris.—The Rev G C Little, M.A., surrogate for marriage licences, commissary to Bishop of Bunbury, W.A., rector; curate, Rev. H. R. Bailey; lay reader, Mr. Cecil Brain; lay evangelist, Mr S L Russell. Sunday services: 7.45 (litany), 8 o'clock (holy communion) every Sunday; 10.30 a.m., with holy communion first and third Sundays; 3 and 6.30 p.m.; holy baptism, first and third Sundays at 4 p.m.

St. GEORGE'S.—This magnificent church of cathedral proportions is the gift of Major George Fearn, J.P., the land having been presented by Mr. Wakefield Christie-Miller, J.P. The parish has been taken out of the parish of St. Thomas, and includes the districts of Heaviley, Davenport, Woods Moor, with parts of Adswold and Bramall, the estimated population being 10,000. The building and furnishing cost about £90,000. The foundation-stone was laid on the 17th of June, 1893, by Lord Egerton of Tatton, with full Masonic honours, while the consecration by Dr. Jayne, Bishop of Chester, took place on February 25th, 1897. The extensive grounds around the church have been laid out with great taste. The total height of the tower and spire is 230 feet, the nave is 29ft. wide, 112ft. long, while the north and south aisles are each 19ft. 3in. wide, the total length of the church is 180ft., and the total width 75ft. The vicar is the Rev. J. H. Thorpe, B.D.

St George's Church—The Rev J H Thorpe, M A, B D (T C D), St George's Vicarage, vicar; curates, Rev H P V Nunn, M A (Cantab), honorary; Rev B J Morrow, B A (T C D), Rev F J Irvine, Rev A E Simpson, B A, B D (T C D), curate-in-charge of St Saviour's, Great Moor. Organist: Mr Herbert Wild, A R C O, 27, Buxton Road.

### SERVICES.

All Saints' Church, Old Road, Heaton Norris.—Rev. R. Masheder, M.A., rector; Services, Sundays: Holy Communion at 8 a.m., first Sunday in month, at 7 a.m., and fourth Sunday, at 10.30; morning prayer, 10.30; evening prayer, 6.30. Children's service first Sunday in the month at 2.45 p.m.

Portwood Parish Church (St Paul's)—Vicar, Rev G E M Bennett, B A. Sunday Services: Holy Communion 8 a.m. (same) and on first Sunday 7 a.m. and after Matins. Matins, Litany, and sermon, 10.30. Evensong, 6.30.

St Agnes, Reddish.—Rev. S. J. Gibb, incumbent.

St. Alban's Church, Offerton.—Vicar, Rev J W Gilbertson, M A. Services: Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

St Augustine's Church, Brinksway, with Cheadle Heath. Rev H W Green, M A, vicar; Rev W O Grocott, M A, curate. Services: Sunday, Holy Communion 7.30, Morning service 10.30, Evening service 6.30; Saints' days, Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.; Morning prayer daily during week (except on Saints' days) 7.30; Evening service and sermon on Wednesdays 7.30.

St Elisabeth's, Reddish.—Rev. F Rothwell Dean, rector; Services Holy Communion, Sundays 7.30 a.m., Saints' days 7.30 a.m. Choral Eucharist every Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; Matins at 9.30 a.m.; Litany after Matins, Sunday, Wednesday, Friday.

St Luke's, Bridgefield.—Sunday evening, 6.30, and Tuesday evening, 7.30; Mission Service at 59, Brunswick Street, Thursday at 7.30.

St Martin's (Hope Memorial).—Rector, Rev R Pratt, M A.

St. Mary's, Reddish.—Rev F Harrison, M A, rector. Services, Sunday 8 a.m., 10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

St. Mark's Mission Church.—Sunday services, 10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays after morning prayer.

St. Peter's Church, St. Petersgate.—Vicar, Rev. Chas. Dennis Mason Cox, M A.; curate, Rev A H Barnes, M A. Sunday services: Holy Eucharist 7.30 (Great Festivals 6.30 also); Matins 9.15; Choral Celebration 10.30 a.m.; scholars' service 2.30; evensong 6.30. S. Peter's Mission, Queen Street—Sunday school 9.45 and 2.30; Thursday's service 7.15.

St. Saviour's, Stockport Great Moor.—Services: Sunday, 8 a.m., 10.30 a.m., and 6.30 p.m.; Wednesdays in Advent and Lent, 8 p.m.; Rev A E Simpson, B D. (T C D), curate-in-charge.

### ROMAN CATHOLIC.

ST. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC.—For over 250 years after the Reformation the Roman Catholics of this Borough had no place of worship nearer than St. Chad's Chapel, Rook Street, Manchester. A building at the Windmill Street corner of Edward Street was fitted up for the purpose of public worship, and opened on July 22nd, 1798. The congregation soon grew in size, and in 1799 the Rev. James Blundell became the first resident priest in Stockport. In 1849 the Catholic population was estimated to number 8,000 persons, and the Rev. Canon Frith attempted to establish schools in Tiviot Dale, but failed, and a school was opened in a joiner's shop in Parson's Yard, St. Petersgate, hence the name St. Joseph's School. The present St. Joseph's Church was built in 1861, and the original design included a tower and spire, which have yet to be added. The schools were built in 1858 at a cost of £4,417. The present priest is the Rev. E. Cronin.

CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND THE APOSTLES, Shaw Heath.—Priest: Rev. Hugh Mc.Geever.

ST. MARY'S, Dodge Hill.—Priest: Rev. Father Reichart.

ST. JOSEPH'S, Gorton Road, Reddish.—Priest: Rev. C. Mc.Dermott Roe.

Roman Catholic.—Church of Our Lady and the Apostles, Rector, Rev Hugh McGeever; assistant priests, Fathers Fisher, Chapman, and Ryan (Hazel Grove and Cheadle are served from this church). St Joseph's, Tatton Street, Rector, Rev E Cronin; assistants, Fathers Maguire and Kelly; St. Mary's, Heaton Norris, Rev F Reichart and Rev Father Swift (assistant).

### CONGREGATIONAL.

HANOVER.—The congregation of Hanover Chapel, Lancashire Hill, celebrated the jubilee of the building on October 16th, 1871, when an interesting history written by the Rev. N. K. Pugsley, the first minister, was read. This gentleman first visited Stockport in July, 1815, a few weeks after the battle of Waterloo, and, after being the pastor of the Orchard Street Chapel, he was invited to join a new chapel to be erected. The site was fixed upon, and the new building opened on the first Sunday in October, 1821. The Rev. Dr. Collyer, of London, who took part in the opening services, asked that the chapel might be called "Hanover," after his own, and this was agreed