

the Decorated style, consisting of chancel, nave, south porch and an embattled western tower containing 3 bells: at the east end is a Flamboyant window, now blocked up, with flowing tracery of elegant character: there is a fine lychroscope, also built up, and in the north wall of the chancel is a sepulchral recess: the octagonal font, a fine specimen of the Perpendicular period, is ornamented with shields, five of which bear emblems of the Crucifixion, and the other three have crosses: the churchyard is well kept, and contains a tomb to John England Budd, who died in 1865: at the east end of the churchyard is another tomb inscribed to Miss Mary Courthope Rudd, who died March 31, 1883; the churchyard was planted with evergreens in 1865: there are 140 sittings. The register dates from the year 1597. The living is a discharged rectory, net yearly value £100, including about 21 acres of glebe, with residence, enlarged in 1884, in the gift of the Bishop of Lincoln, consolidated with Covenham St. Bartholomew adjoining, by Order in Council in 1902, and held since 1904 by the Rev. Walter Bruce Allnutt, of St. Bees, who is also rector of and resides at Covenham St. Bartholomew. The benefice has been endowed with £200 Royal Bounty, of which £115 was expended in redeeming the glebe from land tax. At the inclosure 17 acres of land were allotted for the church, and by an order of the Charity Commissioners in 1868, the church lands so allotted were sold, and the proceeds arising therefrom invested in the name of the official trustees of charitable funds in trust for the said charity: the present trustees under

this scheme consist of the rector of Covenham St. Mary; the rector's churchwarden for the time being; the Rev. Walter Farnsworth M.A. vicar of Fotherby; the Rev. Robert Willan M.A. rector of Yarburgh, and the Rev. A. D. Pennington M.A. rector of Utterby. It appears from Domesday Book that the see of Lincoln possessed four carucates of arable land in Covenham. The trustees of the late William Thomas Kime esq. are lords of the manor, and own a great portion of the land. The soil is clay; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats. The area is 972 acres; rateable value, £981; population in 1901, 96.

By Local Government Board Order 20,999, dated March 24, 1887, a detached part of Covenham St. Mary, known as Grainthorpe Fen, was added to Grainthorpe.

Parish Clerk, D. Dennis.

Letters received from Louth, arrive at 7.50 a.m. Fulstow, 2 miles distant, is the nearest money order & telegraph office

Pillar Box, near church, cleared at 5.5 p.m.

Public Elementary School (mixed), built in 1842 by subscription, for the parishes of Covenham St. Bartholomew & St. Mary, Fotherby, Little Grimsby & Utterby; it will hold 150 children; average attendance, 65; John Forshaw, master

Carriers to Louth.—Joseph Larder & James Hill, every wed. & sat

Baggaley Mrs
Cloquet Misses

COMMERCIAL.

Grundy Jas. shopkeeper & blacksmith
Haith George, farmer

Hill James, carrier

Kent Thomas William, farmer

Larder Joseph, carrier & shopkeeper

Motley Edward L. farmer

Motley Jn. Wm. farmer, Blenheim ho

Robinson Edward, farmer

Sooby Hy. cottage farmer & overseer

Street Wm. shoe ma. & asst. overseer

Sykes H. C. farmer

Willoughby David, cottage farmer

COWBIT is a small village and parish, on the east side of Deeping Fen, with a station on the Spalding and March branch of the Great Northern and Great Eastern joint railway, 3 miles south from Spalding and 66 from London, in the Holland division of the county, Elloe wapentake and petty sessional division, parts of Holland, Spalding union and county court district, rural deanery of West Elloe and archdeaconry and diocese of Lincoln. The church of St. Mary is an ancient structure in the Perpendicular style, consisting originally of nave and south porch, built probably by Prior de Moulton of the Benedictine Abbey of Spalding, about 1200: in 1486 a chancel and an embattled western tower of stone were added by John Russell, Bishop of Lincoln (1480-96): the tower contains a modern clock and 2 bells, and its tower stage is vaulted and has a good doorway: the church was restored in 1882, at a cost of £1,500, when the roof was covered with lead, the flooring relaid with wooden blocks and furnished with new seats, and a stained east window erected by the vicar to the memory of his son, Lieut. Arthur Dove, of H.M.S. "Atalanta;" two other windows in the chancel are stained, and there is a piscina and an ancient stone font: there are 200 sittings. The register dates from the year 1700. The living is a perpetual curacy, net yearly value £500, arising from 300 acres of glebe with residence, in the gift of feeoffees, and held since 1907 by the Rev. Hubert Larken M.A. of Magdalen College, Oxford. Here is a small United Methodist chapel, erected about 1842 and rebuilt in 1861. The charities for distribution amount to £50 yearly, which sum is distributed in cash and coals to the village poor upon St. Thomas' day. In a garden at Brother House, is an ancient stone named after St. Guthlac, and marking the boundary of the possessions of Crowland Abbey, as appears from a monkish inscription on it in Latin hexameters. The Wash, on the west side of the village, extends 20 miles from north to south, and

is nearly a mile broad: it is formed by winter floods from the navigable river Welland, which flows through it, and it is in some years as much as eight months under water. Bellesmere is the residence of Mrs. Brady. The trustees of the late C. F. Bonner esq. of Ayscoughfee Hall, Spalding, are lords of the manor. The principal landowners are Mrs. Brady and the vicar, but most of the land is held by small freeholders. The soil is loam; subsoil, clay. The chief crops are wheat, oats, beans, roots, potatoes and pasturage. The parish contains 1,944 acres of land, including its fen allotments, and the hamlet of Peak Hill, 1 mile farther south, 8 of water and 4 of tidal water; rateable value, £4,478; the population of the civil parish in 1901 was 462; ecclesiastical parish, 571.

Under the provisions of the "Divided Parishes Act," Star Lode Drove &c. Allotments were transferred to Pinchbeck and Cradge Bank Allotments to Spalding, and by Local Government Board Order 20,163, dated March 24, 1887, Deeping Road Allotments were added to Spalding.

Sexton, Alfred Flowers.

Post Office.—Mrs. Elizabeth Tyrrell, sub-postmistress. Letters through Spalding arrive at 6.50 a.m. & 1.45 p.m.; dispatched at 6.40 p.m. Moulton Chapel is the nearest money order & telegraph office. There is a telegraph office at the railway station, which is closed on sundays, for dispatch only

Public Elementary School (mixed), endowed with lands left by various persons producing £80 yearly, this income being applied to the support of the schools under a scheme framed by the Court of Chancery. The school holds 110 scholars; average attendance, 93; William Cummins, master

Railway Station, G. N. & G. E. R. Richard Brown Maples, station master

Brady Chas. H. Craven, Bellesmere,
Peak Hill

Brady Mrs. Bellesmere, Peak Hill
Larken Rev. Hubert M.A. Vicarage

COMMERCIAL.

Addy Frank Rosling, shopkeeper
Atkin Henry, farmer

Barnes Robert M. farmer

Bean Thomas, farmer

Boon John Harry, farmer & collector
of rates

Brady Charles H. Craven, farmer

Braybrook James, farmer

Braybrook James, jun. cowkeeper

Brown James, beer retailer, Peak Hill

Chapman Samuel, Bull inn

Cooke E. T. coal mer. Railway statn

Cooling Joseph, cowkeeper

Cordley Thomas, farmer

Davis John, pig keeper

Drury Matthew, farmer, Peak Hill

Drury William, farmer

Elsom Frederick, Blue Boar P.H

Flowers Alfred, cowkeeper

Gales Samuel, carpenter

Goodyear William, farmer

Hogg Robert, blacksmith

Holden George, pig dealer

Jackson Joseph, farmer

Jarvis Harris, Dun Cow P.H

Lynn Elijah, farmer

Lynn James, farmer

Mears Arthur, beer retailer

Newbon Henry, miller (wind & steam)

Parker Robert, dairyman

Perkins John, cowkeeper

Pickering Henry, cowkeeper

Pinder Middleton cottager

Pearson Lyda (Mrs.), farmer

Ridlington Thos. farmer & tax collector

Rippin Daniel, cottager, Peak Hill

Skells Daws, farmer

Stainsby John, farmer

Stainsby William, farmer

Suley George, cowkeeper, Peak Hill

Tyrrell Elizabeth (Mrs.), shopkeeper,

Post office

Tyrrell Joseph, farmer

Tyrrell Parker, farmer

Wain John William, Black Lion P.H

Weatherhogg William, pig keeper

Welbourn Martha (Mrs.), farmer