

BLACKAWTON is a parish and village, $6\frac{1}{4}$ miles west from Kingswear station on the Dartmouth branch of the Great Western railway, 9 south from Totnes and 6 west from Dartmouth, in the Totnes division of the county, Coleridge hundred, Stanborough and Coleridge petty sessional division, union and county court district of Kingsbridge, rural deanery of Woodleigh, archdeaconry of Totnes and diocese of Exeter. The river Garrah flows through the parish to Slapton Ley, a fresh water lake, separated from the sea by a sand bank, through which the water percolates into Start Bay, on the south-eastern boundary of the parish. The church of St. Michael is a building of stone, in the Perpendicular style, consisting of chancel, nave, aisles, south porch and an embattled western tower containing 6 bells, 5 of which were cast in 1782: the chancel retains a double piscina and three sedilia and in the aisle there is a fine brass to Nicholas Forde, of Forde, ob. 1582, and Margaret his wife: the rood loft stairs still exist, as well as a carved oak screen, curiously painted with varying shades of vermilion and blue, but now in a dilapidated condition: there is a Norman font: on the capital of one of the pillars are

sculptured the arms of Torr Abbey, which possessed large estates in the parish, and the adjoining estate of Abbotsleigh in Halwell parish: a new organ was provided in 1900, at a cost of £200: the church, with the exception of the chancel, was restored in 1887, when the roof and floor were renewed and new seats provided at a cost of £700: in 1893 the chancel and vestry were restored at a cost of about £125: in 1895 the chancel was re-floored and white marble altar steps constructed, at a cost of £40, and the windows were renewed in 1898: there are 400 sittings. The register dates from the year 1538. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £273, including 7 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Exeter, and held since 1907 by the Rev. William Charnell, of Lichfield College. There is a Wesleyan chapel. The charities amount to £7 yearly, of which £1 10s. is paid to the vicar for a sermon on St. Jude's Day and 10 shillings to the person who carries the bread; the remainder is distributed in bread every Sunday and on St. Simon's and St. Jude's Days. After the dissolution of the monasteries, Torr Abbey and a large portion of the abbey property passed to the Ridgways, of Torrwood,

Torquay. From an unpublished manuscript preserved at Shepleigh Court, it appears that in A.D. 835 King Eohberht's great battle against the West Wealas was fought at Hingeston, in the north-west of the parish, south of Stanborough camp and barrows, and not as generally supposed at Hingeston Down in Cornwall. The name of Blackawton itself is derived from this very camp, whose Saxon name of Stanborough, or stone barrow, was preceded doubtless by the British name of "Blagheadun," the hill fort. Charles Bryan Limbrey Toll esq. who is lord of the manor, Major John Scott Tucker, William S. Dimes esq. and the Messrs L. N. and N. P. Oldreive are the chief landowners. The soil is generally a rich loam; the subsoil is clay slate, and the best land is in the dunstone. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats. The area is 6,552 acres of land, 8 of water and 28 of foreshore; rateable value,

including Strete, £8,216; the population in 1911 was 966 in the civil and 583 in the ecclesiastical parish.

By Local Government Board Order 16,310, a detached part of Halwell was added to the parish March 24, 1884.

Strete, a village in this civil parish, was formed into an ecclesiastical parish in 1881, and will be found under a separate heading.

Post, M. O. & T. Office.—James Langworthy Life, sub-postmaster
Public Elementary School (mixed), established 1874, for 160 children; Albert H. Blight, master
The school is controlled by six managers; R. Beaven, correspondent
Assistant Overseer & Clerk to Parish Council, William Anstey Geatches, 3 Ravensbourne, Stoke Fleming
Police Station, Daniel Elworthy, constable

Charnell Rev. William, Vicarage
Dimes Capt. Douglas Henry, Higher Wadstray

Dimes Wm. Stephen, Greenslade COMMERCIAL.

Baker Joseph, farmer, Larcombe
Baker Francis, farmer, Forder
Baker Herbert, farmer, Millcombe
Bastard Robert Heath, wheelwright
Blackler George, farmer, Greenswood (postal address, Dartmouth)

Brown Robt. miller (water), Washwalk
Buckingham Fredk. frmr. Dallacombe
Buckpitt Sydney Allan, farmer, Lower Wadstray

Buckpitt William Aitken, farmer, Wadstray

Burgoyne Thos. Pitts, thatcher, Bow
Colton William, farmer, Waterslade
Cutmore Francis Jn. butcher, Thorne
Dammerell George, farmer, Woodford
Ellis Nathaniel & William, farmers, Eastdown

Endacott James, farmer, Westdown
Foale Ethel Elizh. (Mrs.), shopkeeper
Foale Samuel Hannaford, butcher
Geatches William Treeby, farmer, Lower Hutterleigh

Harvey Jn. Thos. builder, The Firs

Harvey William Henry, Sportsman's Arms P.H. Hemborough Post
Hill Reginald, farmer, Grimptone
Johns William Henry, dairymen
Lang Charles, tailor

Life James Langworthy, farmer, & registrar of births & deaths for Blackawton sub-district, Post office
Luscombe Herbert, frmr. Millcombe
Martin Lyndon Nathaniel, farmer, Paddlelake (postal address, near Dartmouth)

Martin Robert Hunt, farmer, Pruston
Maunder Stephen Taylor, farm bailiff to Francis Paul Pettyjohn esq.
Pasture (postal address, East Allington)

Northcott William James, farmer, East Hartley
Parnell Elizabeth (Mrs.), shopkeeper, Forces

Prout Owen, wheelwright, Cotterbury
Rendle Henry, farmer, Clifton
Reynolds Henry, farmer, Clifton
Rickard Sampson Nicholls & Son, farmers, Town farm

Routcliffe Bertie, grocer & baker
Rowden Richard, farmer, Stone
Rowe Charles, farmer, Shearstone

Rowe Edward, farmer, Eastdown
Rowe Edwin, farmer, Middle Hutterleigh

Rowe Henry, farmer, Sweetstone
Sercombe John B. farmer, Washwalk
Shillabeer Henry, Forces inn
Shillabeer William, Commercial inn
Thorne Alfred James, George inn
Tippett Alfred Hy. blacksmith, Bow
Tope Edwin, farmer, Dreyton

Trant Herbert, farmer, Eastdown
Treeby Edmd. S. farmer, Cotterbury
Tucker Charles, Dartmouth inn
Tucker John Crispin, farmer, Combe
Vallance Leslie, farmer, Cheat
Vinicombe Bros. farmers, Higher Abbotsleigh

Walke Haly, farmer, Seccombe
Walke John, farmer, West Hartley
West William Robert Tucker, carpenter, Millcombe

White-Cooper William Ronald M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. physician & surgeon
Widdicombe George, farmer, Little & Lower Wadstray

Widdicombe Hy. frmr. West Drayton
Woods Jas. frmr. Higher Hutterleigh
Yabsley Herbert, farmer, Bowden