

sources of supply of this useful and essential article of comfort to the inhabitants. By these canals, communications are opened with the rivers Mersey, Dee, Ouse, Trent, Derwent, Severn, Humber, Thames, &c., for the Ribble is only navigable for small vessels that coast it with goods from Liverpool and other ports, and transmit cotton and other manufactured articles, which are made here in prodigious quantities, in return.

The public buildings of Preston are on an extensive scale; and its charities are in a state of effective operation. The town-hall is a large and elegant structure, and the assembly-rooms, built at the sole expense of the Earl of Derby, are very commodious. The new prison, or penitentiary house, near the entrance of the town from Chorley by Walton-bridge, is constructed on the plan of Mr. Howard, and appropriated for criminals, of Lonsdale, Amounderness, Blackburn, and West-Derby hundreds, being erected at the sole expense of those districts. The parish church is a large building, and formerly belonged to the college of Leicester; it has several chapels of ease dispersed over the parish, which is extensive, containing, according to the census taken in 1831, thirty-six thousand three hundred and thirty-six persons. In 1801, the borough contained eleven thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven inhabitants; in 1811, seventeen thousand and sixty-five; in 1821, it had further increased to twenty-four thousand five hundred and seventy-five; and in 1831, to thirty-three thousand one hundred and twelve inhabitants: and the valuation of property in 1815 amounted to £35,136.

SOUTH-EAST VIEW OF ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, LIVERPOOL.

This elegant ecclesiastical edifice is situated at the top of Bold Street, from whence its lofty and well-proportioned tower is seen to great advantage.

The fertile and highly cultivated genius of Mr. Foster suggested the design, which has been completed under his superintendance, at the expense of the munificent Corporation of Liverpool. As a chaste and correct specimen of the highly decorated or florid style of Pointed architecture, this church may undoubtedly vie with any similar erection in the kingdom; while its sublime character, so consistent with the use to which it is appropriated, points it out to every feeling mind as one of those hallowed spots,

"Where, through the long-drawn aisle and fretted vault,
The pealing anthem swells the note of praise."

Respecting the style of architecture Mr. Foster has adopted, the celebrated Dr. Milner has the following pertinent observations: