

leased to Walter de Cranford and his wife, "with all the tithes of corn, sheep, and goats," by the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's. It afterwards passed through various changes of ownership, and towards the end of the fifteenth century it was procured by a citizen of London, one John Philpot, with whose family it remained through many generations. In the last century it was conveyed, by the marriage of an heiress, to the Cholmeley family, of whom it was purchased in 1806 by "Thomas Willan, Esq., of Marybone Park." This

is probable that the place took its name of Twyford.

On the lawn, close to the house, is a small chapel. It is built of plain brick, covered with stucco, and an attempt was made early in this century to give it a Gothic character by the addition of a porch and some other minor details. The chapel is much improved in appearance by a luxuriant growth of ivy, the effect of which is heightened by the various elms and cedars that stud the lawn. The building contains a few monuments of interest.



TWYFORD ABBEY.

gentleman pulled down the old manor-house, which was at that time occupied as a farm. The building was surrounded by a moat, and approached by a drawbridge. The building having been demolished, the moat was filled up. Mr. Willan shortly after commenced the erection of a new manor-house on a fresh site hard by, from the designs of Mr. Atkinson. It is a handsome residence in the "Strawberry Hill" Gothic style of architecture; the principal front is advanced and embattled, with octagonal turrets at either end. The surrounding grounds are pleasantly wooded, and of an ornamental character. The River Brent, which forms the northern margin of the parish, winds through the grounds. Besides this, another brook runs near it. Both these streams are, or were, fordable at a certain point, and from this circumstance it

One of these is to Robert Moyle, Esq., Prothonotary of the Common Pleas, who died in 1638, and who is represented by a bust habited in a black cap and gown. Another monument, with a bust, commemorates Walter Moyle, Esq., who died at Twyford in 1660. On the north wall is a tablet to the memory of Henry Bold, the author of some humorous poems, who died in 1683.

About two miles due east from Twyford Abbey lies what was once the village of Willesden, or Wilsdon, but which is now a rapidly-increasing suburb of London. The western side of the parish is skirted by the London and North-Western Railway, which has a station at Harlesden, about a mile from Willesden proper, called the Willesden Junction Station, which serves also for the North London line. There is here almost as great a net-