

of the last century; also a tomb of Mrs. Elizabeth Fuller, of Watford Place, who founded the Free School in Watford town, and who died in 1709. Mr. William Jerdan, the veteran editor of *The Literary Gazette*, also lies buried here.

St. Peter's Church, which stands in the hamlet of Bushey Heath, is a modern erection of the early English style; its walls are partly concealed in rich clusters of ivy.

From the churchyard, a narrow lane through

shops and private houses, with here and there a pleasant shady lane. At the beginning of this century there were about 180 houses in this parish, with a population of about 850. According to the census returns for 1871 the population then reached a total of 4,543, which number in the course of the next ten years had increased to 4,786.

About a mile to the west of Bushey, but rather beyond our beat, lies the hamlet of Oxhey, nestling cosily on the banks of the Colne. The chapel,



ALDENHAM HOUSE. (See page 309.)

Little Bushey leads to Bushey Hall, which has been lately fitted up as a hydropathic establishment. The house is built in the Italian style, and has been fitted up in a most elaborate manner, some of the rooms being inlaid with cedar, at a cost of £200,000. There are several other good residences in the neighbourhood, notably Hartsbourne Manor House, the seat of the Sladens, which lies away to the north-west in a pleasant valley watered by the Harts Bourne rivulet, one of the numerous feeders of the river Colne, which it joins after flowing through Carpenders Park.

The main thoroughfare of Bushey stretches for nearly two miles northward on the Berkhamstead road, from Clay Hill, by Stanmore Heath, towards Watford. It is well sprinkled on either side with

which was built in 1612, and which is the only remaining relic of the Jacobean mansion of Oxhey Place, is now used as a chapel-of-ease for Watford.

Bushey has now become a kind of southern suburb of Watford, from which it is separated by the river Colne, which flows through the lower part of the town. As Watford lies just beyond our jurisdiction, we can do no more than express our regret that we are not able to carry our readers with us to Cassiobury, the seat of the Earl of Essex, with its pleasant park and fine family pictures. We must also, for the same reason, leave unvisited the new London Orphan Asylum, which was transferred hither in 1871 from Clapton. The almshouses of the Salters' Company, founded by Beamond and Nicholas,