

of ease to the parish church, is a large red brick | Cators, Beckenham Place; the estate, however,



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building, consisting of nave and chancel. St. Paul's, near the new Beckenham railway station, was erected some years ago, but having proved too small for the rapidly-increasing population, has been altered and enlarged. It is a stone building, and consists of chancel, nave, aisles, and tower surmounted by a spire. Several of the windows are filled with painted glass, and the flooring of the chancel is laid with mosaic tiles.

Holy Trinity Church, consecrated in 1878, is built of Kentish rag, with white stone dressings, and is in the Early English style of architecture. Christ Church, built in 1876, is a Gothic edifice of white brick, with Bath stone dressings, and was erected partly at the cost of, and on a site given by, Mr. C. Lea Wilson, of The Cedars, in this parish. Besides the above, there are two or three temporary iron churches, and several places of worship for Nonconformists.

There are three almshouses in the town, founded in 1694 by Anthony Rawlins, of this parish, for three poor widows, each of whom receives a small sum of money weekly. The Charity Commissioners having lately revised all the charities, gifts of coals and bread are now no longer bestowed as of old.

The principal seat in the parish is that of the | in 1773, under the authority of an Act of Parlia-



KENT HOUSE FARM. (See page 104.)

lies partly in Bromley parish. This mansion, as we learn from the "Beauties of England and Wales," "was formerly the residence of Rear-Admiral Sir Percy Brett, who died in 1781, and together with his lady, lies buried in the church; but the estate, which for upwards of a century had been owned by the St. Johns, was alienated to the Cators