

Christ Church, Clay Hill, on Epsom Common, was built in 1876, from the designs of Mr. A. Blomfield. It is in the Decorated style of Gothic architecture, and was erected to supersede a small red-brick building which had been built a few years previously, but which had become inadequate for the population of the district.

At the Independent Chapel in Church Street, known as the Old Chapel, Dr. Watts used occasionally to preach during his visits to Sir John

Charterhouse in its plan, as affording a refuge for the aged and a school for the young. Fifty pensioners, being medical men or the widows of such, here receive annuities of £21 each; twenty-four of them have in addition furnished rooms in the college, and an annual allowance of three and a half tons of coals each. Fifty foundation scholars, being necessitous orphans and sons of medical men, receive an education of the highest class, and are boarded, clothed, and maintained, at the ex-



EPSOM HIGH STREET.

Hartopp, whose house nearly adjoined the chapel. The Rev. John Harris, the author of the once-famous "Mammon," was for many years minister here. In South Parade there is a small Catholic chapel, and there are also meeting-houses for Wesleyans, Congregationalists, and other denominations.

The charitable institutions in the town and its immediate neighbourhood are considerable. In East Street are almshouses for twelve poor widows; they were founded by John Livingstone in 1703, but re-built in a better style in 1871.

A handsome Gothic building on the edge of the downs, standing in about 18 acres of ground, is devoted to the purposes of the Royal Medical Benevolent College. It is somewhat like the

pense of the college. The buildings, which were completed in 1855, comprise the school, asylum, master's house, and a chapel.

Epsom has long been regarded as occupying one of the most delightful situations in the vicinity of the metropolis. "The beautiful plantations of Garlands, the more stately groves of Durdans, and the ancient and magnificent trees of Woodcote, combine to give a richness to the scenery of the surrounding country, and present, either from the downs or commons, the town of Epsom encircled in their foliage." From the summit of the downs is obtained one of the richest and most extensive views in the county.

In the town and its immediate neighbourhood