

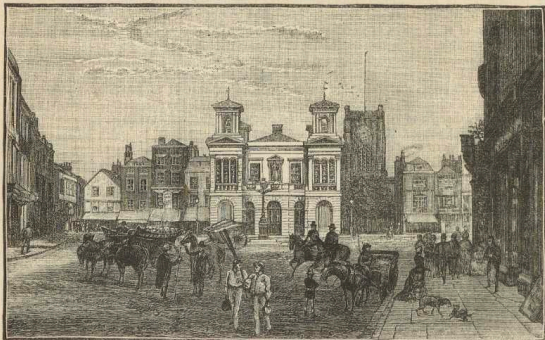
Morton, Knt. and colonel, and Sir Albert Morton, Knt., Principal Secretary of State to King Charles. Of Mrs. Morton's mother, Mrs. Honeywood, of Charing, in Kent, we are told that she was "the wonder of her sex and this age, for she lived to see near 400 issued from her loynes."

Dr. Nicholas West, vicar of Kingston in 1502, was a scholar of Eton and Fellow of King's College, Cambridge. He was consecrated Bishop of Ely in 1515, and died in 1533.

The Rev. Edmund Staunton was another distinguished vicar of Kingston. He was the son of

General. He had retired from the bench about ten years before his death.

Besides the parish church, there are no less than eight other Protestant places of worship in or near the town. The church of St. John the Evangelist, Spring Grove, on the outskirts of the town, was built in 1873. It is constructed of Kentish rag, with Bath stone dressings, in the Early English style, and is cruciform in plan, with an apsidal chancel. Christ Church, in King Charles's Road, dates its erection from 1863, at which time the new ecclesiastical parish of Berrylands was formed.



KINGSTON MARKET PLACE.

Sir Francis Staunton, Knt., of Woburn, Beds., where he was born about 1600. Educated at Oxford, he became Fellow of Corpus Christi College, and proceeded D.D. in 1634, at which time, however, he was under suspension for refusing to read the declaration for allowing sports and pastimes to the people on Sunday. Rev. Richard Mayo, who succeeded Dr. Staunton as vicar of Kingston, was, like him, ejected on the passing of the Act of Uniformity. Dr. Thomas Willis, another vicar, was at one time chaplain to Charles II.

The Right Hon. Sir Robert Graham, one of the Barons of the Exchequer, who died in 1836, was buried at Kingston. He was a cadet of the noble house of Montrose, and was born at Dalston, Middlesex, in 1744. He was a great favourite with the Prince Regent, who made him his Attorney-

The church is built of brick, in the mixed or modern Gothic style, and most of the windows are of stained glass. In 1847 a cluster of dwellings which had sprung up close by the Robin Hood Gate, on the south side of Richmond Park, was formed into an ecclesiastical parish from the mother parish of Kingston. The church, dedicated to St. John the Baptist, is situated in Kingston Vale. It was erected in 1861, and is a small building, in the Early English style, consisting of nave and aisle and an apsidal chancel. The Nonconformists are also well provided with chapels and meeting-houses in the town and its outlying districts.

The Rev. John Townsend, the projector and partly founder of the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, was pastor of the Independent Chapel, in Eden Street, during rather more than three years.