

dale, Auld Gang, Fremington Edge, Marrick Abbey, &c.;—Richmond; Catterick Bridge; Leeming; Topcliffe.

THE URE.

WENSLEYDALE, one of the finest of the Yorkshire dales, lies in a direction from west to east. It is connected at the upper or western extremity by one long branch (Cotterdale) with Mallerstang, a wild glen, the origin of the Vale of Eden, and with Garsdale; by another (Widdale) it approximates to the sources of Dentdale and Ribblesdale. These facilities for railway lines are, however, accompanied by so extremely scanty a population, and lie amidst such unproductive moorlands, that the deep solitudes of Hellgill and Mallerstang are not likely to be broken by the steam-whistle. "On the side of the country next to Lancashire is such a dreary waste and horrid silent wilderness among the mountains, that certain little rivulets that creep here are called by the neighbourhood 'Hell becks,' *q.d.* rivers or streams of hell, and especially that at the head of Ure, which runs under a bridge of a single rock in so deep a channel as to strike beholders with horror. In this part the goats, deer and stags of extraordinary size, with branching horns, find a secure retreat."—*Camden*.

The many torrents collected from the sides of Shunnor Fell, Widdale Fell, and Dod Fell, unite into a considerable volume before reaching Hawes,—a small town conveniently situated for the tourist, at the head of Wensleydale; from whence elevated passes over narrow tracts of land* lead to Muker in Swaledale, Edendale, Garsdale, Dentdale and Ribblesdale. By selecting good points of view near Hawes, the inequalities of ground occasioned by the many branching glens and prominent hills which divide them may be thrown into picturesque groups, and with the advantage of a sweetly diversified and active river in front. There is little of wood in this part of the dale, though the elevation of Hawes is only about 700 feet. The evening or the

* I suppose Hawes—t'hawes, as it is called by the natives—is equivalent to *Hals*, a neck (of land). So Hawes in Coverdale.