DERWENT.

known in the south (as Darent in Kent),—the 'fair water' of the east of Yorkshire, has a very singular course. Rising by many branches on the north-eastern moorlands, it drains the whole of that region lying south of Eskdale, by the Rye of Bilsdale, the Hodge Beck and Dove of Bransdale and Farndale, the Severn of Rosedale and Hartoftdale, the Costa of Newtondale, the Staindale Beck, and the many streams which water the region of Hackness and Harwooddale. We are thus brought near to the sea-side at Scarborough; but if we turn to the south, a more singular thing is observed. The Hartford Brook or river rises almost on the very cliff near Filey, at a height of about 100 feet from the sea, and flows westward, southward, and eastward, 100 miles before reaching it.

Many other rivulets than those here named join the Derwent, between its origin near Scarborough and New Malton, where it quits the Vale of Pickering to cross the Howardian Hills and enter the Vale of York, but it will not be necessary to notice them all.

Derwent Head may be fixed not far from the Flask Inn, between Scarborough and Whitby, but nearer to the latter place. The elevation of its moorland source may be about 600 feet. It is nearly met by a stream which flows northward to the Esk. Harwooddale is on the course of the Derwent before it enters the chain of oolitic hills which runs from Scarborough to Hambleton. Into this chain the valley enters deeply, and then winds remarkably. Several branch streams come into it, before reaching Hackness, below which it is shaded by the beautiful woods of the 'Forge Valley.' At Hackness was a cell to the monastery of Whitby. Monks sometimes established forges, of which the cinders remain witnesses at Hackness and Rievaulx. The hills on each side of the valley bear tumuli and extensive earthworks of British tribes. Some of the former have yielded rude and curious urns, burnt bones, beads, flint arrow-heads, and other Celtic reliquiæ. They may be seen at Scarborough, in the possession of Mr. J. Tesseyman.