

the town and picturesque castle rock of Clitheroe. The Hodder, which now enters the Ribble from Chipping, nearly at the same point as the Calder from Colne, is emphatically the river of Bolland Forest, in the midst of which it discloses and traverses considerable breadths of limestone, surrounded by the usual gritstone hills. Caverns occur in the limestone, and veins and nests of calamine and lead ore, which seem to have been very anciently worked. Through this district a Roman road runs from Ribchester (Coccium?) to Over-Burrow (Bremetonacæ?) near Kirkby Lonsdale.

Here, in sight of Pendle Hill, Ribble bids farewell to Yorkshire, but does not quit the Brigantian territory till it reaches the sea below Preston. In this part of its course, Whalley Abbey and Ribchester Station might detain us long and pleasantly; and Samlesbury, which perhaps retains a part of the name Belisama, the river noticed by Ptolemy; and Cuerdale, with its treasure of coins; and Preston, surnamed the 'proud'—but these are in the territory of the Red Rose, and in the pages of Whitaker.

#### THE LUNE.

The LUNE belongs to Yorkshire only as a beautiful border stream, at the western foot of Hougill Fells; but it draws so much water from this county, and is so connected with three of its western dales, that its course must be traced, and a pleasant task it is. There is perhaps no more delightful stream than this. High mountains stand around its springs, rich woods and pastures accompany its seaward course, and a magnificent castle looks over the tide which enters its winding channel. Is it possible that this noble stream was neglected by Rome? No road up its alluring banks? There is such a road, though few of our antiquaries have followed its course.

On the north front of Hougill Fells, the country is roughly swollen into irregular eminences, which upon the whole stretch out and decline northward, and allow many 'becks' of unequal