

larger than the latter. England Proper is divided into 40 counties or shires, and Wales into 12; which, with their chief towns, are as follows:

SIX NORTHERN.

COUNTIES OR SHIRES.	CHIEF TOWNS.*
Northumberland . . .	<i>NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE</i> , Berwick, <i>Alnwick</i> , Morpeth
Cumberland . . .	<i>CARLISLE</i> , Whitehaven, Wigton, Kes- wick, Workington
Durham	<i>SUNDERLAND</i> , <i>Durham</i> , Darlington, Barnardcastle
Westmoreland . .	<i>KENDAL</i> , <i>Appleby</i> , Kirkby-Lonsdale, Burton
Lancashire	<i>MANCHESTER</i> , <i>LIVERPOOL</i> , <i>Lancaster</i> , Preston, Bolton, Blackburn, Wigan, Warrington
Yorkshire	<i>LEEDS</i> , <i>SHEFFIELD</i> , <i>York</i> , Hull or Kingston-upon-Hull, Whitby, Brad- ford, Huddersfield, Halifax, Doncas- ter, Scarborough, Harrogate

FOUR NEXT WALES.

Cheshire	<i>STOCKPORT</i> , <i>Chester</i> , Macclesfield
Shropshire	<i>SHREWSBURY</i> , Wellington, Ellesmere
Herefordshire . .	<i>HEREFORD</i> , Leominster
Monmouthshire .	<i>MONMOUTH</i> , Abergavenny, Chepstow

TWELVE MIDLAND.

Nottinghamshire .	<i>NOTTINGHAM</i> , Newark-on-Trent, Mans- field
Derbyshire	<i>DERBY</i> , Chesterfield
Staffordshire . . .	<i>WOLVERHAMPTON</i> , <i>Stafford</i> , <i>Newcas-</i> <i>tle-under-Lyne</i> ; Litchfield, Burton- on-Trent

to Portland Bill, the most southern point of Dorsetshire, is about 360 miles; and the breadth from the east of Suffolk to the west of South Wales, is above 200 miles. It is separated from Scotland by the river Liddel, the Cheviot Hills, and the Tweed.

* 2. In this article and in that on Ireland, the assize towns are in Italics, and the largest towns in capitals. In some counties of England, assizes are held in one town at one season, and in another at another season; and in some, they are held in different towns at the same time. In a first course of Geography, the teacher may perhaps consider it sufficient, for the pupil to point out on his map, in this and other sections, one or two of the towns given in each division.