

IN OLD ENGLAND

his "Autobiography." Both these buildings are in the hamlet of Twyford, which claims, and not unjustly, to be the queen of Hampshire villages.

Despite the fact, noted by Lowell in his penetrating essay, that we know more about Pope



POPE'S SCHOOLHOUSE AT TWYFORD

than about any other poet, that "he kept no secrets about himself," he was singularly reticent concerning the incidents of his boyhood days. No doubt there is little to say about a boy of eight, which was the age of the poet when he attended school at Twyford, but Pope was so prematurely old that even the first decade of