

cure it, and it is proportionately prized. It was on this principle that the Clothing Room was first opened, twelve years since, and experience has proved the utility of the design. There are now 450 names on the list. The purchasers are limited to fifteen shillings debt, and receive a ticket on their procuring an article, or articles, specifying the amount of the debt, and this debt is paid off by a weekly sum of 6d, or 1s. No second article is allowed till the first debt is paid. Every thing of the most durable description is provided, and at the lowest price. The shoes are made by the parish shoe-makers. the blankets at Witney. &c. &c. There will be of course occasional losses, by the death of individuals, by the removal of some to other parishes, by sickness, and sometimes (though rarely) from want of principle. The confidence that is placed in them. (as their debt is never named, unless asked by them) tends to keep up a spirit of self-respect and honesty. The Monday and Saturday evenings shop enables the Minister to get a considerable acquaintance with his flock. Many Prayer Books and Bibles are sold on Monday. Many hints are given in regard to absence from Church on the preceding day. Any sickness or other cause for Ministerial visits are brought to the Clergyman's ear, and application for admission to school, services for young people, and that indefinite detail to which a Parish Priest is subject, is then brought to his notice. In fact, the four hours occupation on a Monday morning, proves rather an assistance to the economy of time, than a waste of it.

---

### *Population.*

“Hambleton parish contains 245 houses and about 1350 inhabitants.”

The number of parishioners belonging to Hambleton, is not exactly known; but as in the year 1821, [when the last census was taken,] the number was 1281, and the baptisms have annually exceeded the funerals by 10, it is concluded, that the number is now about 1350.