

WENTWORTH CASTLE, YORKSHIRE.

THE stately classic house of Mr. Vernon-Wentworth stands some three miles south of Barnsley, in the Yorkshire parish of Silkstone, upon high land between two streams of the Dove, commanding a magnificent prospect, especially towards the east. It is within the township of Stainborough, but the name of that ancient place has almost been lost in that of the Castle itself. In early times this locality belonged to a family which appears never to have had a surname until, in the reign of Henry III., one Isabel, an heiress, carried it, on her marriage with Sir Robert Everingham, into a family which held it for some centuries. The Everinghams gradually sank, and in their fallen fortunes, in 1596, they alienated some part of

the estate to Thomas Cutler. The new possessor, who belonged to one of those families of lesser degree which struggled to the front in Tudor times, afterwards secured the whole estate, the Everinghams being known there no more.

The Cutlers, however, became men of greater note, and Sir Gervase, who was knighted by James I., married, as his second wife, the daughter of John, Earl of Bridgewater. He was a stout Royalist in the Civil Wars, raised a large body of men at his own charge, and carrying the family plate, to the value of £1,000, to Pontefract, to be coined into money for the King, died at the Castle there. The son of the Cavalier, another Sir Gervase, was



THE OLD HALL.