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OF THE  
MIDLAND COUNTIES' RAILWAY,

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THE  
MIDLAND COUNTIES'  
RAILWAY COMPANION,

WITH

TOPOGRAPHICAL DESCRIPTIONS

OF THE COUNTRY THROUGH WHICH THE LINE PASSES;

AND

TIME, FARE, AND DISTANCE TABLES,

CORRECTED TO THE 24th AUGUST.

ALSO,

COMPLETE GUIDES

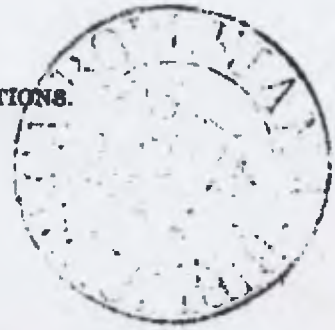
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## HATHERN,

Which may plainly be distinguished on the side of a gentle slope, the square tower of its old church being a conspicuous object. Hathern is a large village, situate in the hundred of West Goscote, Leicestershire; the parish contains 1292 acres of land, and 1144 inhabitants, most of whom are employed in framework-knitting and the manufacture of twist lace. The river Soar and the Loughborough canal pass through the parish. The principal landed proprietors are Charles March Phillips, Esq., who is Lord of the Manor, and the Rev. John Boyer. There is a school in Hathern, supported by an endowment, for teaching a number of poor boys writing and accounts. Garendon Abbey at one time held considerable lands here, but at the dissolution they were granted to Thomas Manners, Earl of Rutland, from whom they came by marriage to George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham. In 1683 they were sold by the Duke to Sir Ambrose Phillips, and by death of the latter they came to the present proprietor, C. M. Phillips, Esq., of Garendon Park.