

consisted of some very fine trees—oak, beech, and large clumps of the fine tall scotch firs, which spread their wide and ornamental green boughs from their tops like a canopy. There was, at that time, only one house on the Oxford Road between Banbury and Adderbury. The late Mr. George Cave resided there for more than fifty years. He was a road surveyor and travelled long distances round Banbury in the days of the old turnpike trust. The late Charles Henry Davids resided at the same house for many years. About the year 1830 Mr. Thomas Perry laid out those beautiful grounds so well known as "Perry's Nursery." The next piece of spinney that was cut down was bought for Mr. Charles Taylor, then foreman at Cobb's Factory, where he had built four brick houses, now occupied by Mrs. Lumbert, Mrs. Day, and others. There was a large level field running from Perry's field to the Old Parr boundary. This was used as the old Banbury Cricket Ground for over twenty years. I remember the Eleven of England playing there in their tall black hats. It was also let for all kinds of sports, circus shows, races, and many other things, until Mr. Jonathan Gillett purchased a large piece of the land and built the house now occupied by his son.

On the site where Mr. Abbotts now resides stood two low squabby houses, with low roof and small glass windows. The ancient Priory was then approached through an old lych gate, up some steps, to the front door. The boundary wall which now stands, had a very peculiar and ugly looking coping erection running along the top, consisting of cows' heads and horns entwined with each other, about two feet high about the wall. These were securely fixed by iron rods and cement. Near to the private gate stood a large chestnut tree, beneath which was a large stone stile by the Priory wall leading to a cutting, about six feet deep and not more than four feet wide. A tall thickset hedge ran along the top of the bank on either side. This walk was called "The Aqueduct." About half-way along there was a carriage road went over the pathway leading from Calthorpe House, coming out at the Lodge gate, where Mr. C. Shilson's house now stands. The footway brought one into Newland Road, opposite the Green Lane. In the year 1834 much of the Calthorpe estate was sold for building purposes. St. John's Road was cut through, and Austin's great malthouse was begun. Calthorpe Road was cut up into building plots and sold readily. The first private house, built by John Milward, is the one now occupied by J. Harlock Esq.

The house where Mr. O. J. Stockton now resided was built by Mr. Henry Ward, a coal merchant. Dashwood Road was made in 1840. The dangerous and steep incline (in some places as deep