

## *Rawcliffe Lunatic Asylum*

About half a mile from Clifton Green is the North Riding Pauper Lunatic Asylum, a handsome Elizabethan building, pleasantly situated on the north bank of the Ouse. It was erected in 1847, at the joint expense of the North and East Ridings, for the accommodation of 150 inmates; but so numerous were the applications for admission, that, in three years, it was found necessary to extend the buildings, so as to double the accommodation. The premises have been several times enlarged since, and are now capable of receiving about 700 inmates. The farm and pleasure grounds belonging to the institution occupy about 158 acres.

RAWCLIFFE township contains 741½ acres and 89 inhabitants, and is valued for rating purposes at £1,100. The landowners are Thomas William Tew, Esq., Carlton Grange, near Pontefract; the trustees of Earl de Grey; R. C. de Grey Vyner, of Fairfield; and the North Riding Asylum. A Stud Farm, for breeding blood stock, was established here in 1852 by a number of gentlemen, but the premises and 17 acres of land were transferred to the asylum, and are now occupied by the farm hands.

### **Description in 1890**

#### *North Riding Lunatic Asylum 1891*

- Medical supt., Joseph T. Hingston;
- Assistant medical supts., William R. Nicholson and John Spence Law;
- Chaplain, Rev. Henry Lowther Clark, M.A.;
- Clerk and steward, Charles Garrod;
- **Assistant clerk and steward, Aaron Tempest;**
- Clerk to the committee of visitors, Robert Holtby;
- Housekeeper, Mrs. Jones

#### *Miscellany of trades 1901*

- Bull Joseph, gamekeeper, Rawcliffe lodge
- Gledhill James, waterman and coal dealer
- Lodge George Hunt, farm bailiff, Manor farm
- **Tempest Aaron, assistant clerk and steward, N. R. Asylum, and registrar of births and deaths for Skelton district, Riverside**
- Thompson John, farmer, Ings
- Westaby Mrs. Ann & Sons, Clifton farm
- White George, farm bailiff, Asylum farm