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he was pre-eminent and successful. He received a medal for the drawing of a figure in chalk, and another for the best model of an Academy figure in clay, and in 1784 was presented with the gold medal for an historical picture in oil, the subject being taken from Shakespeare's "Tempest." When Procter gained this prize, his enthusiastic fellow students hoisted him on their shoulders and bore him in triumph round the quadrangle of Somerset House, shouting "Procter, Procter! Hurrah, Hurrah!" Barry, the eminent painter, was an observer, and was delighted at this, and cried "That's right, boys; the Greeks did that, the old Greeks did it."

During his attendance in the Academy, he not only obtained all the prize-medals given by the Society of Arts for historical painting, but he produced those three transcendent and inimitable examples of sculpture—"Ixion on the wheel," "Diomedes and his horses," and "Prometheus;" displaying in them such astonishing mental power, and so correct anatomical knowledge as have been rarely equalled in modern times.

When the period arrived for his quitting the Academy, Procter found himself in those circumstances which have in so many instances thwarted and impeded the progress of talent. Habituated to the sublime and intellectual branches of art, he possessed neither disposition nor talent for portrait painting; he could not sketch for the publishers, nor pencil for the manufacturer.

Having, however, quitted an advantageous situation in order to devote himself to his favourite pursuits, he found himself at the close of his academical studies—without any defect in prudential or moral conduct—absolutely in want of bread. The support which his talents were entitled to, he disdained to solicit. He sold his invaluable model of "Ixion"—which it has been said "was long considered to be the finest piece of sculpture ever produced by an Englishman"—to Sir Abraham Hume; he borrowed a trifling sum on his "Prometheus"; and as to the group "Diomedes devoured by his horses," not being able to obtain the small sum of £50 which he

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asked for it—although it had cost him a twelve-month's labour—and it being too large to be placed in his small room, in a fit of despondency and vexation of mind he destroyed it. In an account of Procter written by his sister, Mrs. Preston, she says, speaking of this act, "and I stud by him."

At this time Mr. West—who had been elected President of the Royal Academy in 1771—not having seen Procter for some time after his ceasing to attend the Academy, made enquiries after him, and upon finding him applied to the Council of the Royal Academy, and obtained an order for relieving his distress and sending him to study at Rome for three years at the expense of the Academy. The protection of the Academy, and attentions of the President seemed to calm his spirits and soothe him. The time of his journey was fixed. He received £30 from the Treasurer of the Academy, and he then came back to Settle for a short time, to arrange his affairs and prepare for his visit to Italy. He returned to town on the outside of a stage coach, but the exposure of the journey brought on a cold, which developed into a violent cough, causing a blood vessel to burst. He died in about half-an-hour, before medical assistance could reach him, in his poor lodgings, in Clare Market, A.D., 1794. He was buried in Hampstead Church-yard.

As to his character, we learn that he was "mild, affable, and modest," properties that ever attend conscious worth and transcendent abilities, and was a devoted son." Respecting this last trait it is touching to note that on the back of a miniature of his father he wrote the words "Painted from imagination by T. Procter, Nov. 1776, to keep in remembrance one of the best of fathers."

Procter was, unquestionably, an artist of great genius, but he lived unfortunately, at a time when art was not much appreciated. He was patronised by a few discerning minds, but was of too proud and independent a spirit to accept what he did not give an equivalent for, and his short career presents a mournful

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contrast to the princely fortunes made by clever artists in the present day.

The best portrait of him is an oil painting done by himself, now in the possession of Thomas Brayshaw, of Stackhouse, and it is from this painting that the portrait prefixed to this article is taken.

We cannot do better than close our account of Procter by quoting the words of the great Benjamin West, then President of the Royal Academy, "To those works which we have recognised with pleasure, we must, in justice to very extraordinary abilities, add the models of "Ixion" and its companion, by THOMAS PROCTER, whose recent death is a misfortune to the British School for ever to be lamented."

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Thomas Procter,  
the sculptor,  
(from an oil-painting, supposed  
to be painted by himself.)

about them. The "Folly" was built in 1679 and bears the initials of the builder. Tradition says that he began on a scale on which he could not finish. This is probably true, for with all its elaborate frontage the house has been a poor affair behind. The man strained after appearances, and like many others who do that, he made himself poor in trying to make others think him rich. The "Shambies" is surely a unique structure. We should have to go far to find its like, if we could find it; though as a relic of Old Settle it was somewhat spoilt when it was partly re-built. Where else could we find such an exquisite economy of space?—on the basement, workshops; over these, a row of slaughter-houses; and over these again, a terrace of two-storied cottages. Could space be more carefully utilised in the centre of a great city with ground at five guineas per yard? The most singular thing is that these uniquely-situated cottages are amongst the most popular residences in the town.

Men of Settle has been the birth-place of several men of note. THOMAS PROCTER was born in Kirk-gate, Settle, in 1753. At the age of eighteen he left Settle for London and was for a short time a merchant's clerk. But the bent of his mind was not that way, and his genius was not at home at the merchant's desk. For three years he studied painting and sculpture at the Royal Academy, and won several medals. In 1784 the gold medal was awarded to him for a painting whose subject was taken from Shakespeare's "Tempest." As a sculptor he gained high place, and his "Ixion on the wheel" was spoken

of as one of the finest products of English Art. One fact, however, seems strangely out of accord with this; which is that his kindred work, "Diomed devoured by his horses," was destroyed by Procter himself, in his bitter vexation that he could not sell it for £50. His life came to a premature end, and very sadly. He had come back to his old home at Settle to make some arrangements for an intended tour in Italy; and a cold caught on his journey from Settle to London was the beginning of an illness that ended in his death.

GEORGE BIRKBECK was born at Settle in 1776. After his student-life in Leeds, Edinburgh, and London, he was elected to the Professorship of Natural Philosophy in the University of Glasgow. During his life in that city he showed a keen interest in the educational needs of working-men, and his courses of lectures to working-men led to the formation in 1823 of the Glasgow Mechanics' Institute. In the later years of his life he had a large practice as a physician in London. In 1824, with Lord Brougham as a fellow-worker, he founded the London Mechanics' Institute, and was its president until 1841, in the December of which year he died. It is not to the credit of his native town that the monument of the founder of Mechanics' Institutes, its inscription by Lord Brougham, should be still hidden—stowed away—buried in the old edifice to which the name of "Mechanics' Institute" so inaptly clings.

Settle was the birth-place of JOHN DAWSON, who founded and for many years edited the *Craven Pioneer*, a paper which during all its years and through a wide

## Settle & District Congregational Magazine.

MAY, 1888.

THE LATE Mr. JOHN DAWSON,  
OF SKIPTON.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE.

A Memorial Service, which was attended by a full congregation, was conducted at Settle on Sunday evening, April 22nd, by the Rev. G. H. Brown.

After suitable hymns, passages of scripture, and prayer, Mr. Brown selected for his text Prov. iv., 8, "Exalt her and she shall promote thee." The words, he said, spoke of religion as an obligation and an enrichment, man exalting religion, and religion exalting the man. Whilst it would not be right to make the hope of reward the first thought in their service of God, still the promise of reward did help to sweeten service. And it was a great thing to be thus told that the path of duty and the path of well-being were one and the same. They could not be said to exalt religion unless religion were chosen and cherished as "the principal thing," as "more precious than rubies." It was not enough that they should exalt religion with their lips, it must have a place in the innermost thoughts of their hearts. As it was possible for a man to speak highly of patriotism, and yet not have in him a spark of patriotic fire; or to sing the praises of charity and yet have no benevolence of soul; so it was possible to exalt religion with their lips, and yet give it no place in the affections of their hearts. Their question should be "was religion so truly the principal thing that they would feel their sky to be indeed dark without its light, and their life to be indeed poor without its riches." And they could not be said to exalt their religion unless they gave its precepts, its claims, the first place in its conduct and activities of their life. For religion was not a treasure only, but a rule. It asked not only for their esteem, but for their obedience. It had its "Thou shalt," and "Thou shalt not." It must sometimes come across their inclinations and desires. Did they then hold its claims to be supreme? One of the dangers of to-day was that of trying to make religion dove-tail with their own wishes and desires.

district has worked and pleaded for the moral and social good.

And we must mention one who yet lives (and may he long live!), BENJAMIN WAUGH, whose father's house stood where the Savings' Bank now is. Benjamin Waugh was born there, and as a boy attended the Zion Sunday-school, with which church his father was long connected. This honour, then, also belongs to Settle, that it was the birth-place of one whose name will be long remembered and revered as that of "The Children's Friend."

## NOTE.

DR. BIRKBECK'S MONUMENT.—The remark on the preceding page about the burial of this monument was quite out of place; but the mistake was not discovered until it was too late to correct it. The monument has been removed to the Church at Giggleswick. It is a pity that no suitable place could be got for it in the town of Dr. Birkbeck's birth; but, failing that, it could have no such good home as the one that it has now found.

The inscription which, as has been said, was from the pen of Lord Palmerston is as follows:—

"Sacred to the memory of GEORGE BIRKBECK, M.D., who with universal industry and inflexible perseverance devoted his great natural abilities, his extensive and accurate learning, under the guidance of a sound judgment, to the fearless but unpretending exposition of his principles and the general improvement of his fellow-men. Eminent as a teacher of science, he accomplished his favourite design of bringing philosophy down to the acquaintance of the people. Having successfully taught the working-men of Glasgow while professor in Anderson College in 1798, he afterwards extended to England the inestimable benefits of his wise and generous plan by founding in 1824 the London Mechanics' Institute, to which he was likewise a most munificent patron. He was born 1776 and died 1841."

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DR. GEORGE BIRKBECK.

BORN at Settle, 10th January, 1776, brought up a Quaker, was the founder of Mechanics' Institutes. Great friend of Lord Brougham, who penned the Epitaph on the monument to Dr. Birkbeck's memory, recently removed from Settle Mechanics' Institute to Giggleswick Church. Died 1841.

OPENING OF THE  
**MECHANICS' HALL.**

THE Committee of the SETTLE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE beg to announce that the

**EARL OF CARLISLE,**

Has most kindly consented to deliver

A LECTURE IN THE HALL OF MECHANICS' INSTITUTE,

ON THE

**POETRY OF GRAY,**

ON

SATURDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1854.

Doors open at Six, to commence at half-past.

Further particulars will be given by Circular.

SETTLE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

The Committee have pleasure in announcing that

**T. HASTINGS INGHAM, ESQ.,**

Has kindly consented to deliver a LECTURE in the Mechanics' Hall, on the evening of Thursday the 15th inst. Subject, "THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION AND ITS LESSONS."

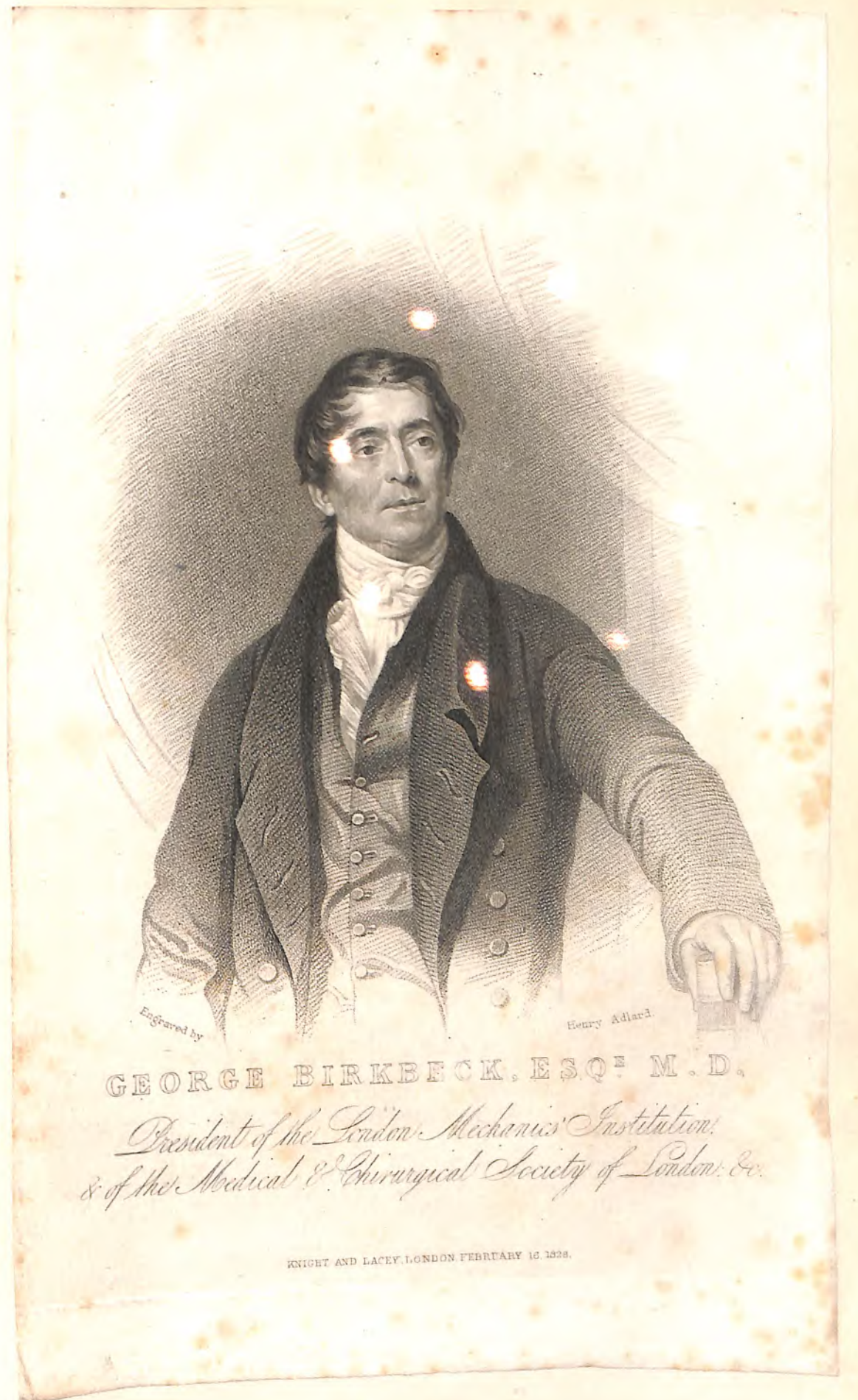
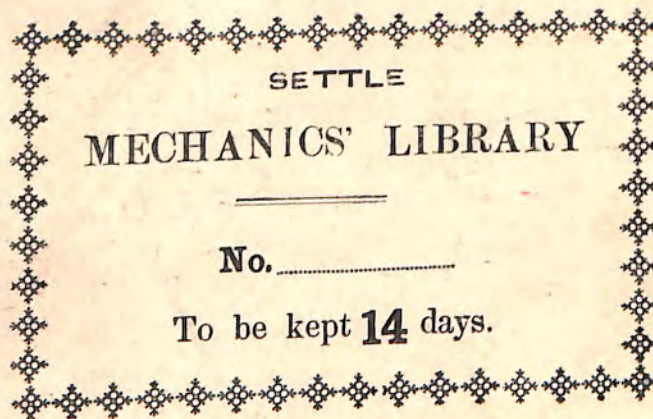
The marble tablet presented to the Institute and placed in the Hall in honour of the late Dr Birkbeck will be inaugurated on this occasion.

Doors open at 7 o'clock, lecture to commence at half-past.

Prices of admission:—Front seats, 2s.; Second seats, 1s.; Gallery, 6d. Members free to the Gallery.

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**MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, SETTLE.**

SOME years since the Members of the Mechanics' Institute of Settle resolved to make an attempt to procure the means of erecting a Monument, with permission of the Reverend Incumbent, in the Church at Settle,

IN MEMORY OF  
**DR. GEORGE BIRKBECK,**  
THE FOUNDER OF  
MECHANICS' INSTITUTES,

Himself a native of Settle.

Among the Contributors were EARL FITZWILLIAM, and LORD MILTON, the EARL OF CARLISLE, and some of the Magistrates, Clergy, and other Friends in the Neighbourhood. A suitable inscription was kindly written by LORD BROUGHAM, DR. BIRKBECK'S early friend and contemporary Student. A design for a Monument was adopted, and the work committed to an Artist of known talents. In consequence, however, of his declining health and subsequent death, the work was interrupted, and from the necessity of its being transferred to other hands, the expense has been unavoidably increased, one third at least, beyond the original estimate. Towards meeting this deficiency, the cost of its admission into the Church and of its erection, about fifty pounds are wanting.

Contributions will be thankfully received by JOHN WILDMAN, of Settle, Bookseller, the Treasurer.

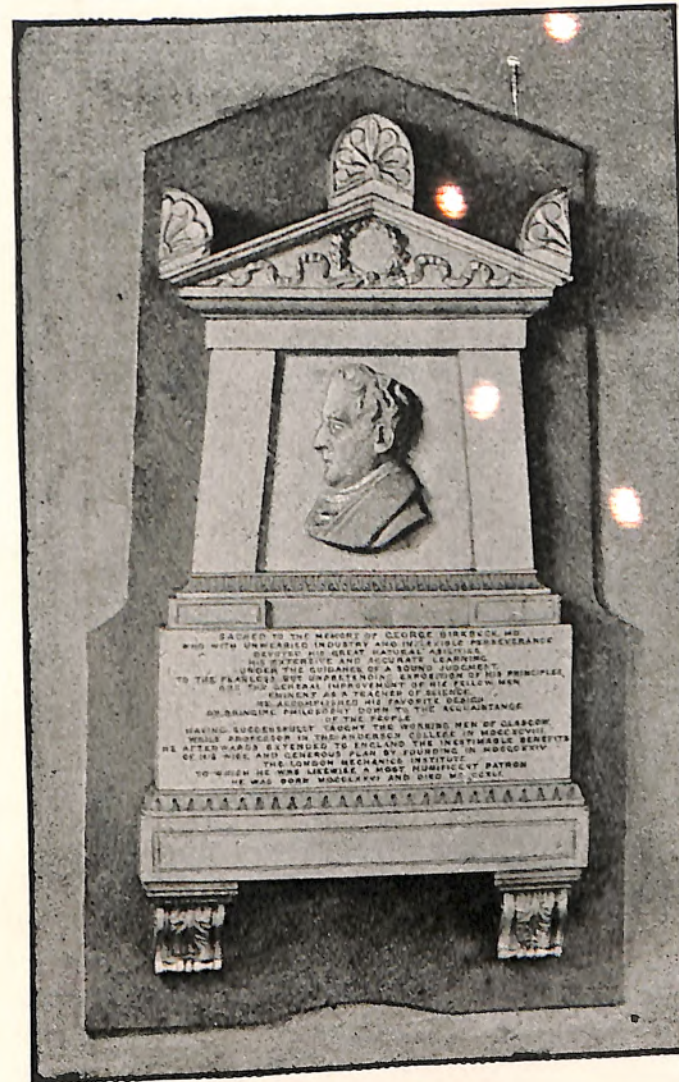
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April 3rd, 1854.

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SETTLE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

PRESIDENT—Wm. Robinson, Esq.  
VICE-PRESIDENTS—Rev. W. F. Pierson, and John Birkbeck, Esq.  
TREASURER—Mr. J. Snell. SECRETARY—Mr. William Dodd.  
LIBRARIAN—J. M. Batty.

The Library of this Institute is in a room in the Mechanics' Hall. The number of volumes in the Library is upwards of 900. The Library is open for the renewal of books every Wednesday evening from half-past seven to half-past eight o'clock. The subscription is 6s. per annum, with an entrance fee of 1s.; but young persons whose masters or mistresses are members, are admitted at half price. The periodicals taken, are—Chambers' Edinburgh Journal, Cassell's Family Paper, Family Herald, All the Year Round, London Journal, Family Treasury, Sunday at Home, and the Leisure Hour. The Committee Meetings are held the first Thursday in every month, at eight o'clock in the evening, and the Annual General Meeting on the first Wednesday in February.

This Institute, which ought to be a very useful one, has latterly we regret to say exhibited unmistakeable signs of being in such a languishing condition that its utility appears almost to have departed from it. That this should be the position of any institution having for its object the intellectual and moral advancement of the community is very much to be regretted, and we think that there is especial cause for so doing, when we call to memory the fact of Settle being the birth place of the possessor of that master mind, in which originated the idea of forming Mechanics' Institutes, viz., Dr. Birkbeck. The last report of the Committee, issued in February last, pictures the condition of the Institute as being most dilapidated, in perusing it we find that the trivial sum of 7s. 6d. was spent in the purchase of books, and that the total number of members is 41, from this small number a considerable deduction will have to be made to arrive at the correct number of members of the class for whose benefit these Institutes were established. After the number of honorary members and tradesmen, &c., who are members, are taken from the list, we find that the classes, who ought to be the principal recipients of the benefits to be derived from Mechanics' Institutes, are represented by the small number of 16 members. The young men of Settle surely are not so much intellectually exalted above their fellows in other places, that they need no assistance from such institutions. If this was the correct state of things we should rejoice, but we are assured that it is not so. There is material enough in Settle to work an Institute, and work it successfully too, if the young men could but be induced to join it, and unless they will attach themselves to it and give a helping hand to further its interests, it will ever remain in its present low and comparatively useless state, and reflect anything but credit on the inhabitants of the town.

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BY

JOHN GEORGE GODARD,

(Associate of the Birkbeck Literary and Scientific Institution,  
Author of "A Continental Scamp," &c.)

LONDON: BEMROSE & SONS,  
SETTLE: GEORGE HORNER, CHURCH STREET.

GEORGE HORNER announces his appointment as Agent for the sale of this interesting local work, and also informs intending subscribers that the work will contain many interesting particulars of the Birkbeck family, with description of Settle and its historical and commercial associations; and as the Author has had the advantage of having his book personally revised by Dr. Birkbeck's son, the public may expect an accurate and full memoir of the most eminent native of Settle.

Every resident in this neighbourhood should possess a copy of this excellent Local work.



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**THE LATE T. BIRKBECK, ESQ.**

It certainly would not be in accordance with our own feelings, neither as we confidently believe would it be in unison with the sentiments of our readers, if we simply recorded the death of the above gentleman.

Endowed with considerable intellectual ability, and great kindness of heart, Mr. Birkbeck was trained up in a school the tenets of which were not then as popular as they are now, when time as proved them to have been both expedient and wise. He was taught to believe that liberal principles were founded upon humanity and justice, and with the bright example of his philanthropic and high minded uncle Dr. Birkbeck, the founder of Mechanics Institutes, he was himself ever ready to help on the education and improvement of the working classes, and to assist in removing grievances and disabilities which those who then supported them are now willing, nay—anxious to forget.

It is to men like our departed Townsman that the working classes of this country owe that change of sentiment on the part of the possessors of property, which now makes them approach all social questions with an *honesty*, earnestness, and good feeling, hitherto without a parallel in the world's history.

Although not permitted to arrive at old age, he did live to see the happy results of most of the great measures which he so actively and honestly advocated.

To his Magisterial duties (and to these whilst among us he ever devoted a close attention) he brought a sound judgment, unbiassed feelings, and a kind heart.

In private life he had the happiness to make and enjoy many sincere friendships, and his mourning widow and children may for their consolation feel assured that his useful and benevolent course in life has closed with heartfelt and sorrowing regrets for his death.

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**SETTLE. 1886**

**MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.**—A handsome mural tablet, or monument, with medallion head of Dr. George Birkbeck (raised by public subscription and intended for Settle Church, but, owing to some misunderstanding, this intention was not carried out), is fixed in the Mechanics' Hall at Settle, of which place Dr. George Birkbeck, the founder of the first Mechanics' Institute, was a native, being the son of a merchant and banker there. The inscription thereon was composed by Lord Brougham, and the opening ceremony was performed by Lord Morpeth, who formerly represented this part of the county in Parliament. And yet the town which was honoured by producing such a worthy son has been one of the first to turn its back upon the work he so initiated. Within the past few days the remaining volumes of those originally constituting the mechanics' library have been disposed of at an auction sale. Formerly the books were kept in the Town Hall buildings, but in 1853, when the building now described as the Mechanics' Hall was opened, to supply the long-felt want of a place for public meetings, they were removed there. Some years ago classes were regularly held, and the Mechanics' Hall did not belie its title, but of late years it has served the manifold requirements of the various clubs in the town, of temperance societies has been the scene of ratepayers' gatherings, a ladies' school, and at the present moment is chiefly given up to a contingent of the Salvation Army. Alas for human gratitude! Six shares in the Settle Mechanics' Hall, of the nominal value of £2 2s. each, were disposed of at the sale mentioned above, to T. Brayshaw, Esq., at £1 0s. 6d. per share.

**SETTLE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.**  
 PROGRAMME OF A  
**COURSE OF LECTURES**

For the Winter Season of 1863 and 1864.

The Committee beg to call the attention of the public to the list of Lectures given below which have been kindly promised to be delivered, for the benefit of the Institution, by the several gentlemen therein named.

The Committee purpose arranging for the delivery of one lecture during each month, commencing in November, and continuing up to April, 1864.

A separate announcement of each Lecture as to date of delivery, &c., will be duly given.

**WALTER MORRISON, Esq., M.P.** Subject—"The two first **CESARS** and the two **NAPOLEONS** compared."

**REV. H BUNN, M.A.**, Incumbent of Tosside. Subject—"George Washington, the first President of America."

**REV. E. BODEN, M.A.**, Head Master of Clitheroe Grammar School. Subject—"The atmosphere," with experiments.

**EDWARD WOOD, Esq., F.G.S.**, of Richmond, Yorkshire. Subject—"Popular Lecture on Geology."

**T. H. INGHAM, Esq.**, Judge of County Court. Subject—"The Philosophy of Shakespeare."

The **REV. CANON FAWCETT**, Subject not yet determined.

Admission. Tickets for the whole series—Front seats, 6s, Second seats, 4s. Single Lecture—Front seats, 1s. 6d., Second seats, 1s., Gallery. 6d. Members half-price to the Gallery.

Tickets can be obtained at Wildman's.

**THE FIRST LECTURE**  
 Of the Winter course will be delivered in the  
**MECHANICS' HALL,**

BY  
**WALTER MORRISON, Esq., M.P.,**  
 Further particulars will afterwards be duly announced.

**THE LATE MR BIRKBECK.**—"The Statist" for October 29th, has the following note:—Mr John Birkbeck, of the Craven Bank (Limited) at Settle, who died at Mentone in April last, was the holder of 1,463 shares in the Craven Bank, valued at about £31,250. His grandfather and his father, both also bearing the same Christian names, were successively partners in the old banking house of Alcocks, Birkbeck, and Co., which had long had a valuable connection with the rich graziers of the fertile Craven country. The Birkbecks went to Settle about a couple of hundred years ago from the Birkbeck Fells in Westmoreland, where the family had been for, at any rate, three or four centuries previously. Stout men at arms many of the Birkbecks were until George Fox came amongst them and made friends of almost all the dwellers on the fells and in the dales round about Kirkby Stephen and Mallerstang. One of the Settle Birkbecks was the famous Dr William Birkbeck, whose name is perpetuated in the Birkbeck Institute, the Birkbeck Building Society, and the Birkbeck Bank. Another Birkbeck migrated from Settle 120 years ago to Norfolk, where he married a daughter of Henry Gurney, and became a partner in the Norwich and Norfolk Bank, of which his grandson, Mr Henry Birkbeck, is now the head. The Gurney and Birkbeck Bank at Norwich has always been closely connected with the Quaker Bank at Wisbech, of Messrs Peckover, and a member of this family was one of the founders of the Bradford Old Bank of Peckover, Harris and Co., in 1803, and the Essex Bank at Obelmsford (now Sparrow, Tufnell and Co.), in 1804. When Mr Peckover thought of starting a bank at Bradford, he wrote, it is said, to consult his friend Mr Birkbeck, of Settle, about the project; but Mr Birkbeck's reply was that as there was already a bank at Leeds, a bank at Halifax, and his own bank at Settle, he did not think there was room for another bank in the district.

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Alex<sup>r</sup>. Walker Esq.

50 Broad Street  
July 29

My dear Sir

I am extremely sorry that I have detained the accompanying proof so long. The trouble is I have been much preoccupied when at home, much occupied with the new Birmingham Printer exhibitions.

I am, ever, my dear Sir,  
very faithfully yours,  
Geo. Birkbeck

Autograph of Dr. Geo. Birkbeck.

Instalment  
Share Nos. \_\_\_\_\_  
Recd. from Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
for \_\_\_\_\_ Shares in full.  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1853  
£ \_\_\_\_\_

Share Nos. \_\_\_\_\_  
Received this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1853,  
from Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
the sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_ being the  
Instalment for \_\_\_\_\_ Shares, at 4s. per Share, in the Company  
for building Public Rooms for the Mechanics' Institute and other  
purposes.

ROBERT HARGREAVES,  
WILLIAM SHEPHERD,  
JOHN ARMISTEAD. }  
Trustees of the  
Building Fund.

£

Noted 19<sup>th</sup> March 1853

Received of Messrs John Armistead, William  
Shepherd and Robert Hargreaves the sum of  
Two hundred Pounds being the purchase price  
of a Room and premises situate at the South  
End of the Town of St. John's, purchased  
of me for the Hall of the Mechanics Institute

Wm. Birkbeck

*Prospect Terrace,  
Settle,*

*10th March, 1898.*

*Dear Sir or Madam,*

*An Extraordinary General Meeting  
of the Proprietors of the Mechanics' Hall  
will be held in the Large Room in the Hall,  
on Friday, the 25th day of March, 1898, at  
8 p.m., to consider, and if thought desirable,  
to pass the following resolution:*

**"That the Mechanics' Hall be sold if a  
suitable price can be obtained for the  
same."**

*Yours obediently,*

**HENRY INGHAM,**

*Secretary.*

*Giggleswick,  
Settle,*

*15th May, 1909.*

*Dear Sir (or Madam),*

**MECHANICS' HALL.**

*At the Special General Meeting of the  
Proprietors held last night, it was unanimously  
decided to sell the above premises at the price  
offered. As a confirmatory Meeting is neces-  
sary, I enclose herewith notice thereof.*

*If you are entitled to vote by proxy, you  
will find a form enclosed, and if you do not  
intend to be present at such Meeting I shall  
be glad if you will sign and return same to  
me, it being again necessary that two-thirds  
in value of the shares must be present.*

*Yours obediently,*

**W. J. ROBINSON,**

*Secretary.*