



"Brookside"



From near workhouse



Belle Hill.



From Belle Hill.



"Ivy Court" or "Ivy Fold", Giggleswick.



"The Mains", from Ribble Terrace.

Settle Market Charter.
(Translation.)

Giggleswick Bye-Laws.
1564 - 1602.

Translation of

Settle Market Charter.

"THE KING, to his Archbishops greeting. Know ye that we have granted and by this our charter have confirmed to Henry de Percy, son of Richard de Percy, that he and his heirs may have for ever a market every week on Tuesday at his Manor of Setel. And that they may have there a fair every year, lasting for three days, to wit, on the vigil, the day, and the morrow of St. Lawrence, with all liberties and free customs to such market and fair belonging, unless such market and fair be to the hurt of neighbouring markets and neighbouring fairs. Wherefore we Will and firmly Command, for ourselves and our heirs, that the aforesaid Henry and his heirs may have for ever a market every week on Tuesday at his manor of Settle, and that they may have there a fair every year lasting for three days, to wit, on the vigil, the day, and the morrow of St. Lawrence, with all liberties and free customs to such market and fair appertaining, unless such market and fair be to the hurt of neighbouring markets and neighbouring fairs as is aforesaid. These being witnesses:— the venerable father, P. Bishop of Hereford; Simon de Montfort Earl of Leicester; Peter de Sabandia; John Maunsel provost of Beverley; Paul Peyver; Geoffrey Despencer; Geoffrey de Langley; Ralph de Wauney; William Gernum and others. Given by our hand at Merton the xii day of April xxxiii year of our reign." [A.D. 1248.]

GIGGLESWICK BYE-LAWS, 1564-1602.

During late years I have issued nearly thirty pamphlets relative to this locality or its Worthies, but I do not think that in the whole of that series there has been any item surpassing in interest the quaint old bye-laws of the Township of Giggleswick, setting forth the "paines" or penalties attaching to the infraction thereof.

They throw such an interesting side-light on the ways and customs of our ancestors, that the perusal of them in-

From T. Prayshaw's
"Local Archives."

vitably carries one's mind and thoughts back to "the days of long ago," and their old-world diction has such a peculiar charm that I do not care to mar their effect by interpolating more comments thereon than are necessary.

Unfortunately a few words have had to be omitted here and there as the old manuscript from which they are copied is tattered and worn, and the ink much faded, so that part of the writing is now illegible. The document itself is nearly three hundred years old, the earliest bye-laws having been copied into it from a still more ancient manuscript.

The first batch of bye-laws relating to the Lordship or Manor of Giggleswick, which I now print, dates from the year 1564, after which follow those of 1602; beyond this I do not propose to go in this present article.

The title written at the top of the old paper is as follows:—

"A boke of the order of the Court nominating the Lawes & by lawes within the Townshippe of Gigglesweeke."

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Anno Eliz. That noe stranger shall sheare or reape Brack-
ye 6th. ens at Slaidbanke upon paine of every default
Anno Dom. 1564. iii^s iiiii^d.

That every Tennant & Inhabitant shall make their partes of the out-Dykes about Gigglesweeke fields a yarde & a half high, for every default iii^s iiiii^d.

That noe Inhabitant nor Tennant shall lye anye heme in any water course above Gigglesweeke towne after the feast of All Saintes next upon paine of vi^s viiii^d.

That none shall digg or make any pitts or hooles on the moore of Gigglesweeke but shall Imediatly after fill them up upon paine of vi^s viiii^d.

That noe Tennant nor Inhabitant of Giglesweeke shall pill (peel) any barke of any Oake Ash or Holling or Elder within the Lordshipp of Giglesweeke upon paine of * *

That none shall fish in the water of Ribble with any nett but a pole nett & but with one * * * * with the hooke, in paine of every default iii^s iiiii^d.

That noe Alehoukeeper shall keepe in their house any person or persons eating or drinking in time of Divine Service in paine of the Alehoukeeper for doeing vi^s viiii^d & every one for doeing vi^s viiii^d.

That none within this Lordshipp shall breake their neighbours hedges upon paine of iii^s iiiii^d.

That none shall cutt or Lopp any young oakes upon paine of iii^s iiiii^d.

That none shall cutt downe or carry away any Ash or Ashwood out of other mens ground upon paine of vi^s viiii^d.

That none within this Lordshipp shall take any geese without this Lordshipp upon paine of vi^s viiii^d.

That Richard Burton shall make a lawfull & cleare way through the garthe from the kilne in the open time of the yeare in paine of x^s.

That every Inhabitant shall cover their parte of the mill as they have beene accustomed, in paine of iii^s iiiii^d.

That none shall gather wooll in the fields before the Cattle be all gone forth nor shall gather wooll on the Scarr before Midsummer in paine of vi^s viiii^d.

That none shall lye his Dunghill to hinder carriages in the high way in paine of vi^s viiii^d.

That no Inhabitant of Settle shall Eate up grasse of the Inhabitants of Giglesweeke with their beasts in carriages nor shall goe out of the common way with their cartes in paine of vi^s viiii^d.

That none shall keepe scabbed horses or deseased of farcey* within the common of Pastures in paine of vi^s viiii^d.

* Farcey is the old term for a disease to which horses are subject.

That noe Inhabitant of Giglesweeke shall grave any sodds upon the mill hill except for repaireing of the butts* in paine of vi^s viiii^d.

* This refers to the old obligation on every township to keep the Archery Butts in repair. At Giggleswick these were situate on the land still called "the Butts," whilst at Settle they were near Butts (now corrupted to "Butch") Lane.

That no fuller shall dresse any cloth in the water running through Giglesweeke but before six a clocke in the morneing and [qy? after] nine at night in paine of every time iii^s iiiii^d.

That every Tennant within this Lordshipp shall repaire his parte of the Lords pinfould at all times being warned by the Bylaw men in paine of x^s ii^d.

That every Inhabitant dwelling betweene the Church steele [stile] & Brayshaw yeete* [gate] upon reasonable warning given them shall come once a month to cleanse & scoure the well at the North of Thomas Banks house in paine of every default iii^s iiiii^d.

* Brayshaw gate was a little to the south of the house now occupied by Mrs. Brayshaw. The well is still called "Bank" well.

Date uncertain. That none within this Lordshipp shall Brake, dry or swingle* any hempe or lime in their dwelling house or any chamber there-unto adjoyneing by day or night upon paine of iii^s iiiii^d.

* To "swingle" is to beat Flax, &c.

That Richard Roome & Adam Preston shall henceforth permitt & suffer Hugh Taylor & others who of right ought and have beene aunciently accustomed to have way in Skirsendales for their carriages to have & use the same way with carriages over their Skirsendale ends as they have been

anciently used & accustomed according to a former order made the viith of May in the xxxviith yeare of her Ma^{ties} Raigne & not otherwise in pane for every default to forfeit to the Lord of this mannor iii^s iiiii^d.

That none within this Lordshipp shall from henceforth * * * or cause to be executed any atton [qy? action] or plaint against any other of this Lordshipp in any forreigne court (the Lords Court of Percy fee at Gisburne & wapontake of Staincliffe expected) for any matter whereof this court may hold plea or under the Vallue of xl^s in paine to forfeite to the Lord for every time xl^s.

Jacobi, ye 1st yeare of his Reigne. Anno Dom 1602

That none shall lye any ffish or fflesh or any other Hurtfull thing to steepe it S^t Awkeld* well in paine of every time iiiii^d.

*St. Alkelda's well is probably the one situate near Holywell Toft.

That none of the Towne of Giglesweeke after the xxth of May next shall build any lime kilne within the same towne nor in the gardens orchards or Crofts adjoyneing thereunto in paine of xx^s.

That the Inhabitants of this Lordshipp shall sufficently make & maintaine the highway Betwixt the end of Giglesweeke & the scarr head in paine of xx^s.

That every Constable within this Lordshipp shall henceforth at every Court there to be holden within the month after Easter shall make a true account of all receipts & payments in his charge to the Jury at the same court for the time being, being Lawfully required thereunto, in paine of xx^s.

That none shall henceforth Lodge or Relieve any vagabond or out-come beggars in paine of vi^s viiii^d.

That every one henceforth upon demand shall pay all &

every such sessments & gaulds* as are now or hereafter shall be taxed or assessed by foure men or more of Giglesweeke towneshipp whether the same be for the common gauld or subsidye, makeing or repaireing of fences highwayes or watercourses, or for other private or comone use or purpose upon paine of iii^s iiiii^d.

* "Gaulds" :—Rates or taxes.

That none of the Inhabitants or freeholders tennants or Cottagers shall by themselves their under tennants servants or Children cutt or breake down take or carry away any hedges or springing or any woods or underwoods standing lying growing or being upon any other mens grounds upon paine of iii^s iiiii^d.

That every of this Lordshipp from henceforth upon warning given him by the officer or his Deputy shall come to the place appointed at the time to be appointed as well for chusing of the bylawmen as conferring of things for y^e common good of the Inhabitants in paine of xii^d.

That every one keepe their mastive doggs musled in paine of xii^d.

That none hereafter shall suffer to goe loose in y^e fields any beast or geese after the 16th of April yearly upon paine of every beast iiiii^d & to every flocke of geese fourpence to the Lord * & to the taker iiiii^d.

*The Lord of the Manor at this date was the well-known Admiral, George third Earl of Cumberland, the father of Lady Anne Clifford. The Earl died in London and was buried at Skip-ton, a memorandum of his death being entered in Giggleswick Registers as an event of local importance.

That noe Inhabitants of Giglesweeke after the 16th day of Aprill yearly tether or tent any horses or beasts in any place except on their owne ground in paine of iii^s iiiii^d.

That none hereafter betweene Michalmas & Xmas put any Riggald sheepe in Giglesweeke fields or suffer any Rammes

to goe uncuppled* before the 12th of April yearly in paine of every default iii^s iiiii^d.

* The rams had to be coupled or hobbled, so as to render it difficult to break away after the ewes.

If any [person] tethering or tenting horses mares or beasts upon their owne ground shall suffer the same to goe on the grounds of other neighbours upon paine of xii^d.

That every one shall sufficiently repaire his parte of the kilne called Rible Kilne with thatch before Martinmas next & soe yearly after upholde it upon paine of iii^s iiiii^d.

That the Inhabitants of Meweth* before the 10th of August next shall repaire every one their parte of the kilne called stane Kilne and so after uphold it in paine of iii^s iiiii^d.

* Meweth or Mewith:—This title seems to have been applied to the "eves" or outlying parts of the township, especially the southern and western portions.

A paine laid that every Inhabitant of the towne of Giglesweeke that shall Lett any gates in Edish* time to any the Inhabitants of Mewith or Lythbanke or any others that are not Inhabitants shall forfeit for every gate soe letten ii^d iiiii^d to the Lord & xii^d to the informer thereof.

* Bailey's dictionary gives "Eddish:—the latter pasture or grass which comes after mowing or reaping." Locally known as "fog."

Another paine that noe Inhabitant of Mewith shall put any beasts downe at the field yeat nor any other place into Giglesweeke fields in Edish time in paine of ii^s iiiii^d to the Lord & xii^d to the taker.

Another paine that if any shall breake downe any gappes in the fence Betweene Hanwaite fields & Payley greene field for Leading any Limestones or other Cariages in paine of vi^d viiii^d to the Lord And iii^s iiiii^d to the party annoyed.

Another paine that noe Inhabitant shall dogg any sheepe horses or beasts in Edish time in the fields upon paine to for-

feit for every default in the night vi^s viiii^d whereof v^s to the Lord & xx^d to the taker & for every default in the day iii^s iiiii^d whereof ii^s iiiii^d to the Lord & xii^d to the taker.

That all the Inhabitants within this mannor which have any common & herbage for sheepe in the midlemost parte of the scarr shall hereafter keepe their stait that is to say for every sheepe xii^d Rent & for every sheepe after their stint shall forfeit to the Lord xii^d & xii^d to him * * *

That noe man shall dogg his sheepe out of his owne ground from the field yeete to the white wells in paine of every time soe dogging xii^d.

That every one of my Lords tennants that ought to repaire any parte of the Mill with thatch shall yearly pay to the farmers of the Mill for thatching their parte thereof as they are assessed by the Jury viz for every twenty shillings Rent iiiii^d upon paine of iii^s iiiii^d.

That noe Inhabitant of Giglesweeke shall burne any nettles within twelve scoore of y^e towne in paine of vi^s viiii^d.

That noe man shall put any sheepe into the towne fields before S^t Luke day in paine of vi^s viiii^d.

Item that Will Bankes Mary Claphamson Robert Claphamson the occupiers of Dockeryes Tennement & Fosters Tennement & all others that ought to uphold & maintaine the yeate [gate] called forthwole yeete doe still hang uphold & maintaine the said yeate yearly and every yeare betweene the xvth day of Aprill & the iith day of November in paine of iii^s iiiii^d.

Item That Thomas Carr Xtoffer Kellitt widdow Brayshaw Thomas Pollar Thomas Pearte & all others that ought to make & uphold the floggapp betwixt Thomas Carr & Christ. Kellitt shall uphold & maintaine the same yearly & every yeare betweene the xvth of Aprill & y^e xith of November upon paine of iii^s iiiii^d.

Item that if any person suffer his fence or fences to lye downe between the xvth of Aprill & the iith of November to anoyance of his neighbour & doe not Imediately upon notice given him repaire the same shall forfeite for every such offence iii^s iiiii^d.

Item if any person or persons suffer his wall stones to fall into the high way & the stones to be there to the annoyance of passengers travelling that way shall forfeit iii^s iiiii^d.

Item that Robert Banks shall upholde & maintaine the yeete called ffield yeet yearly & every yeare betweene the 15th of Aprill & the 11th of November upon paine of iii^s iiiii^d.

Item if any person or persons shall dogg any sheepe betweene the 15th of Aprill & y^e 18th of October unlesse it be to put them out of his owne grounds shall forfeit iii^s iiiii^d.

Item if any person or persons doe suffer his parte of the Corne Mill Roofe to goe into decay for want of theaking shall forfeite iii^s iiiii^d.

Item if any person dogg any sheepe after the Eighteenth day of October unlesse it be but to put them out of his owne ground shall forfeit for every offence iii^s iiiii^d.

1882.

GIGGLESWICK READING ROOM.—A concert of vocal and instrumental music was given in the Music Hall in aid of the funds of the Giggleswick Reading Room on Tuesday. The artistes were Mrs. Atkinson, Miss Ellis, Mr. Handby, Mr. Lord, Mr. Booth, and Dr. Buck, assisted by several friends connected with the Settle Choral Society. Miss Brayshaw presided at the piano. The instrumentalists, who materially contributed to the success of the concert, were—Violinists, Messrs. J. Ellis, Dixon, Wilson, and Monk; flautist, Mr. W. Overing; violoncello, Mr. Crowe. The concert was of a high-class character, and deserved to be better patronized. The performance of the band in 'Haydn's seventh symphony (adagio and allegro), and 'Haydn's first symphony (minuet, trio, and finale), was, under the leadership of Mr. Booth, a great treat. The playing of Miss Brayshaw (who lent her splendid pianoforte for the occasion), was very much appreciated. The singing of Mrs. Atkinson as soprano, and Miss Ellis as contralto, was charming, and both were encored. Mr. Handby was in good voice, and received well-merited applause, as did also Mr. Lord. The programme was as follows:—'Haydn's seventh symphony (adagio and allegro), Choral Society's band; song, 'Some day,' Mr. Handby; quartette, 'My true love hath my heart,' Mrs. Atkinson, Miss Ellis, Mr. Handby and Mr. Lord; song, 'Away, away, with the wild and free,' Mr. Lord; song, 'Si e ver,' Miss Ellis; 'Haydn's first symphony (minuet, trio, and finale), band; duet (pianoforte and violin), 'From Mose in Egitto,' Miss Brayshaw and Mr. Booth; song, 'The recruiting sergeant,' Mr. Lord; concertante, Mr. Booth, Mr. John Ellis, and Miss Ellis; song, 'To thee, my love,' Miss Ellis; song, 'The trysting tree,' Mr. Handby. At the conclusion Dr. Williamson proposed a vote of thanks to the performers, which was heartily accorded. 1882

Miss Thorp

GIGGLESWICK READING ROOM.

CONCERT

ON NEW-YEAR'S DAY, 1881,

BEING THE

Annual Christmas Entertainment

PROGRAMME.

- 1 PIANO SOLO ... "Marche aux flambeaux" CLARK
Miss Brayshaw.
- 2 SONG..... "Our Jack's come home to-day" DEVERS
Mr. W. Richards.
- 3 SONG..... "The lover and the bird" GUGLIELMO
Miss Brown.
- 4 SONG..... "The anchor's weighed" BRAHAM
Mr. J. Hardacre.
- 5 PART-SONG... "Holly Berries" WOODBURY
The Church Choir.
- 6 SONG..... "Katie's letter" DUFFERIN
Miss Nelson.
- 7 SONG..... "Jack's yarn" DIEHL
Mr. Lord.
- 8 PIANO SOLO ... "The Schomberg Galop" ... D'ALBERT
Miss Brayshaw.
- 9 SONG..... "I love the free" RUSSELL
Mr. W. Horner.
- 10 SONG..... "The Wolf" SHIELD
Mr. W. Richards.
- 11 SONG..... "Silver Herring" BAGNALL
Miss Brown.
- 12 SONG..... "The wishing cap" WRIGHTON
Miss Nelson.
- 13 SONG..... "Simon the Cellarer" OLD ENGLISH
Mr. Lord.
- 14 GLEE..... "Strike the Lyre" COOKE
Male Voices.

How Mrs Thorp

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN."

TO COMMENCE AT EIGHT O'CLOCK.

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NOTICE

Is hereby given,

That on the 3rd day of April, 1882, application will be made to Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace assembled at Quarter Sessions in and for the West Riding of the County of York, at Wakefield, in the said Riding, for AN ORDER for DIVERTING and entirely STOPPING UP A CERTAIN PART OF A

PUBLIC HIGHWAY,

Leading from Giggleswick to Lawkland, in the West Riding of the County of York, to wit, that portion of the said Highway which is situate wholly in the said Township of Giggleswick, in the Settle Highway District, in the said Riding, and commences at the Corner of Dillicar Lane, where the said Lane branches out of the said Highway and leads in a Westerly and South Westerley direction for the distance of one hundred and ten yards, AND ALSO for opening in lieu thereof and in substitution for the same, a NEW PUBLIC HIGHWAY of the width of twenty feet, to commence from the said Corner of Dillicar Lane, where the same adjoins or branches out of the said Public Highway from Giggleswick to Lawkland, and to lead up the said Lane and over land belonging to and in the occupation of the Governors of the Free Grammar School of King Edward the 6th of Giggleswick aforesaid, for a distance of fifty yards, and then to branch off from the said Lane in a Westerly direction through land the property and in the occupation of the said Governors for a distance of thirty-five yards, in all a distance of eighty-five yards to a point where the same will join the said first-named Public Highway, namely a point in such first-named Public Highway one hundred and ten yards from the said Corner of Dillicar Lane: And that the certificate of Two Justices having viewed the said portion of Public Highway proposed to be diverted and stopped up as aforesaid, and also the said New Public Highway proposed to be opened in lieu of and substitution for the same, and that the said portion of Public Highway so proposed to be diverted and stopped up as aforesaid may be diverted in manner aforesaid so as to make the same nearer and more commodious to the Public by the substitution for the same of the said New Public Highway, so proposed to be made and opened as aforesaid, and the reasons for the same together with a plan of the said portion of Public Highway proposed to be diverted and stopped up, and also of the New Public Highway proposed to be opened in lieu and substitution for the same will be lodged with the Clerk of the Peace for the said Riding on the Third day of March 1882.

Witness the Common Seal of the Highway Board of the Settle Highway District, executing the Office of Surveyor of the Highways of the Township of Giggleswick, in the said Riding, affixed the Seventeenth day of January, 1882.

In the presence of

Edw. Taylor

Presiding Chairman of the Board

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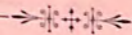
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NOTICE

"SUCCESS TO THE GIGGLESWICK READING-ROOM."—Such were the words formed in green leaves in Giggleswick school-room on New-Year's Day, when the annual tea-party and entertainment was given, and if the number of those who flocked to the school to support the object in view is any criterion to go by, the success of the reading-room is certain. About 320 partook of an excellent tea. The ladies of the village gave their usual supply of meat, &c., the spice and other tea cakes being provided by Mrs. Sedgwick, and the plain bread by Mrs. Davis. The following ladies presided at the tea tables, which were all tastefully laid out:—Miss Sutcliffe, Mrs. J. Birkbeck, Miss Hartley, Miss Clayton, Miss Stansfield, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Pullan, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Brassington, Miss Brown, and Miss Jenkinson. The Giggleswick Juvenile Brass Band added greatly to the enjoyment by playing some suitable music. After tea a concert was given, Mr. Charlesworth officiating as chairman, and Miss Stansfield presided at the piano. The following programme was gone through in a most pleasing manner—Piano solo, 'Marche aux flambeaux,' Miss Brayshaw; song, 'Our Jack's come home to-day,' Mr. W. Richards; song, 'The lover and the bird,' Miss Brown; song, 'The anchor's weighed,' Mr. J. Hardacre; song, 'Katie's letter,' Miss Nelson; song, 'Jack's yarn,' Mr. Lord; piano solo, 'The Schomberg galop,' Miss Brayshaw; song, 'I love the free,' Mr. W. Horner; song, 'The tar's farewell,' Mr. W. Richards; song, 'Silver herring,' Miss Brown; song, 'The wishing cap,' Miss Nelson; song, 'Simon the cellarer,' Mr. Lord; the church choir also sang several selections of music. The success attending the entertainment reflects credit upon the committee, Messrs. W. Hudson, W. Sedgwick, T. Monk, and W. Fell. Jan 1881

GIGGLESWICK CHURCH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.



A

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT

On behalf of the above Society, will be given in the

† NATIONAL SCHOOL, GIGGLESWICK, †

On Saturday, December 2nd, 1882,

AT 7.30 P.M.

PROGRAMME

PIANOFORTE SOLO Miss Hartley (CATERAL HALL.)

SONG..... "The Friar of Orders Gray," *Old English.*

DUET..... "Oh wert thou in the cauld blast," ... *Mendelsohn.*

SONG..... "Auntie," *Behrend.*

MR. TUDOR TREVOR'S ADDRESS.

TRIO..... "La Campagna," *Campana.*

SONG..... "The vision of years," *Roedel.*

SONG..... "Maggie Lauder," *Old Scotch.*

DUET—Violin and Piano..... Miss Stansfeld & Mr. Dixon.

DUET..... "My true love hath my heart," *Marzials.*

ROUND..... "Three Blind Mice," *God Save the Queen.*

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Admission—by Tea Tickets only 9d. each, which may be obtained up to Friday night, 1st December, at Miss JENKINSON'S, Giggleswick.

J. W. LAMBERT, PRINTER, HIGH STREET, SETTLE.

CRAVEN BEAUTY SPOTS. No. X., GIGGLESWICK.
(With Apologies to Settle, Craven's Highland Capital).

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In a tributary valley
Of the Dan where Ribble flows,
There's an ancient, rustic village
That each travelled pilgrim knows.
Its little lanes play hide and seek
Amongst the homesteads grey;
Its crystal stream, with scarce a sound,
Meanders on its way—
Save when the music of its fall
Awakes in flood by wooded hall.

In the midst a church reposes,
With its lychgate and its cross;
O'er the graves, and walls, and gables
Softly spreads the matted moss.
And, like an old friend, greeting still,
By churchyard plot is seen
The school, half hid by spreading planes,
Within its cloistered green—
Deserted now;—yet fair to see,
As when it rang with boyhood glee.

Stalier halls of classic learning
Cluster in their belt of trees;
And a Queen's memorial temple
Boldly fronts the highland breeze.
From moorland playing fields beheld,
Aloft in northern skies,
O'er lesser peak, and cliff, and crag,
Two summits proudly rise—
Twin guardians of the vale below,
Where Ribble's rock-pent waters flow.

Westward, in the nearer distance,
Forest-flanked, the scars appear,
At whose base Alkelda's fountain
Ebbs and flows from year to year.
In ivied grove, 'neath sheltering pines,
This intermittent well

O'er many a weary pilgrim casts
Its wonder-waking spell—
Here once a nymph, so poets sing,
By satyr chased, became a spring!
And, in truth, this limpid fountain
Works in strangely-wondrous wise,
Fitful in its ebb and flowing
As the changing Craven skies.
The far-flung scars, its rocky home,
Bespeak that distant time
When Nature, from abyssal depths,
Revealed those heights sublime—
And fashioned in their heart the well,
Whose secret none can truly tell.

Thus it is this ancient village
Hath an immemorial fame,
To whose legendary fountain
Some do quaintly trace its name.
Sweet village of the gurgling well,
Thy charms who would not sing?
Who would not own the mystic power
That gathers round thy spring?
Mysterious as our life below,
In all its ebb and rest and flow.

- a Ancient, rustic village: Giggleswick-in-Craven Yorkshire.
b Wooded hall: Catteral Hall, close to the village.
c The school; King Edward VI's Grammar School.
d Stalier halls: the new school, called by some, "The Eton of the North."
e A Queen's memorial temple: the school chapel, the gift of Mr Walter Morrison, of Malham Tarn, in memory of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.
f Two hills: Ingleborough and Penignt—the latter variously spelt.
g Alkelda's fountain: The Ebbing and Flowing Well, like Giggleswick Church, is dedicated to St Alkelda. (Consult the works of Mr T. Brayshaw, the Settle antiquarian).
h By satyr chased: So Drayton, in his Polyolbion, 1612. (see "The Ebbing and Flowing Well," p. 8, by Rev George H. Brown, and printed by Lambert, Settle.)
i The far-flung scars: The Giggleswick Scars,—strikingly and picturesquely illustrating the Great Craven Fault.
j Village of the gurgling well: Conjectured derivation of Giggleswick. See Speight's "Craven Highlands," p. p. 70, 71).

W. J. GOMERSALL.

July, 1910, Hampstead.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE EBBING AND FLOWING WELL
AT SETTLE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CRAVEN HERALD.

Dear Sir,—On reading Mr Brayshaw's letter, in your issue of last week, under the above heading, I can quite see how easily I have fallen into error regarding my ascription of "saintship" to the Ebbing and Flowing Well. Let me first, however, remind Mr Brayshaw that the well is not at Settle, but at Giggleswick. The holy-well at this latter place (there are two such at Burnsall, both near the church) has, apparently, ceased to exist, for, as Mr Brayshaw says, "it is pretty certain that this 'St. Awkeld Well' is the one which stood (mark the tense) near 'Holy-well Toft,' the residence of the headmaster of Giggleswick School." "Awkeld," presumably, is a corruption of "Alkelda," and when "St. Awkeld Well" was in being, the Ebbing and Flowing Well then ran "in a natural water-course," or rather, geologically speaking, as an intermittent stream,—even as, in reality, it continues to run. Then came the day when Mr Brayshaw reminds us, the old road at this particular spot was raised to its present level, and the trough, with its two pairs of outlets, laid down—this latter, that is, the trough, as Rev. Geo. H. Brown tells us in his account of the well, demonstrating, but, of course not originating the ebb and flow. Probably, therefore, it is the trough that has led to the spring, or stream, being called a well, and popular superstition that has transferred to this well the qualities and attributes formerly assigned to the one in "Holy-well Toft."

As to Mr Brayshaw's belief that no such person as St. Alkelda ever existed, Mr Speight, in his "Craven Highlands," says that the church "is dedicated, like that of Middleham, to the Saxon Saint Alkelda, a Christian princess, who is believed to have been put to death by the Danes on account of her religion. Her martyrdom may be seen depicted in an old window of stained glass in the church of Middleham." Must she, therefore, still be regarded as a myth? On the Giggleswick side of the Ebbing and Flowing Well is Kelcove Wood, and on the Celtic meaning of the prefix Kel, i.e. church, or cell, the same writer bases the supposition that the "original village and church at Giggleswick stood nearer the old well and tarn than at present." Then he adds, "Perhaps, also, the mysterious Saint Alkelda, to whom the church is dedicated, is nothing more than a contortion of the A. S. hælīg keld, i.e. holy well." This last sentence seems to support the "mythical" theory of the Saint, whilst the name Kelcove seems also to point to some distant connection between the church itself and the Ebbing and Flowing Well.

That I have perpetrated a "poetic license" in using the expression "Alkelda's fountain," this I am ready to admit; as a matter of fact "a famous fountain" was the original reading, but I altered it in order to include a mention of the patron saint of Giggleswick—Saint Alkelda, and I certainly think that the Ebbing and Flowing Well is worthy to receive "canonization"!

Thanking Mr Brayshaw for his "few words of friendly correction," and assuring him that the same spirit actuates myself,

I am, truly yours,

W. J. GOMERSALL.

Hampstead, July 16th, 1910.

GIGGLESWICK
JUBILEE SPORTS.

JUNE 21ST, 1887.

The following Sports.

WILL BE OPEN TO
RESIDENTS IN GIGGLESWICK TOWNSHIP
ONLY, AND WILL COMMENCE AT 2 P.M.

Entries for open events to be sent to Mr. Walter Brown,
on or before Friday, June 17th.

BALLOONS WILL BE SENT UP

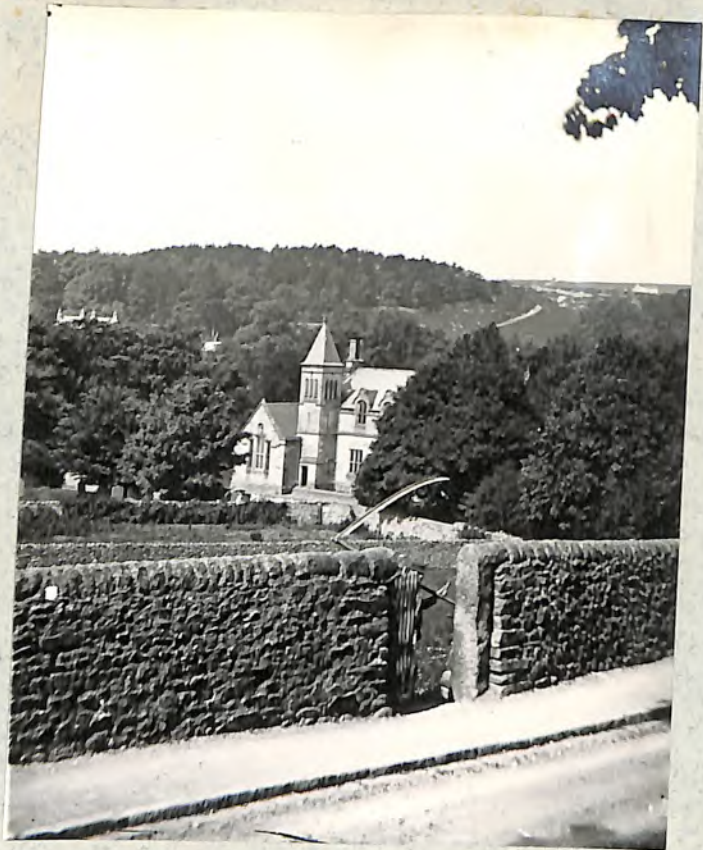
AT INTERVALS, DURING THE AFTERNOON

AND EVENING.

AUNT SALLY, BALL-KICKING,

AND OTHER AMUSEMENTS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

God save the Queen.



Giggleswick School, before the Garden and field were added to the Churchyard.



Before alterations to the National School.



Field added to the Churchyard.



"Armistead Hall"