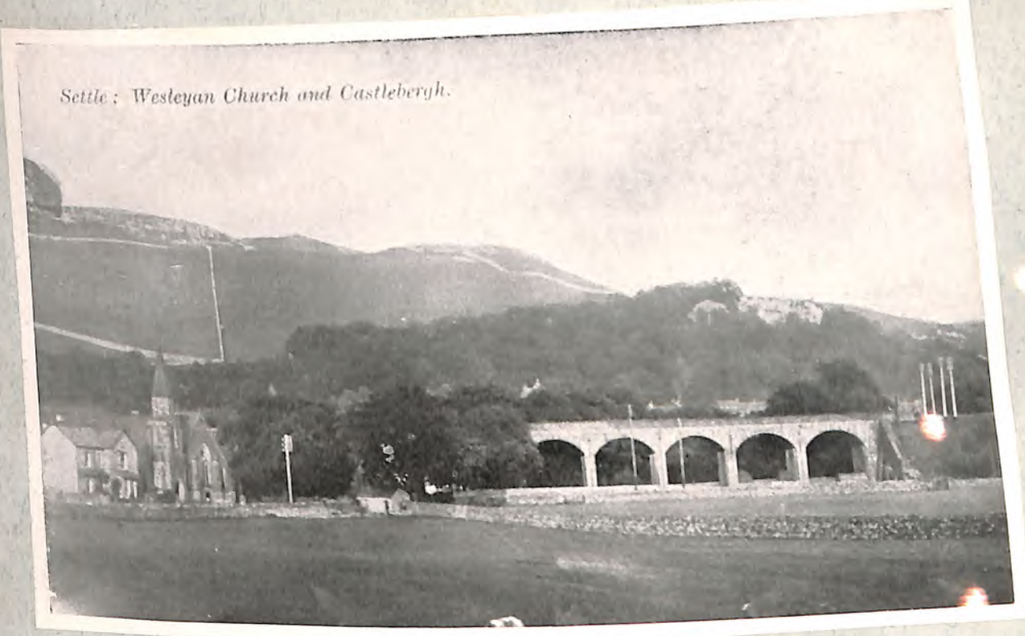
Settle from "The Banks", on the Langcliffe road.

Settle from the South-West.

Settle : South Parade.



Settle : Wesleyan Church and Castlebergh.

Settle : Prospect Terrace.

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"Castlefield Well."

Upper Settle, from near Ingfield.

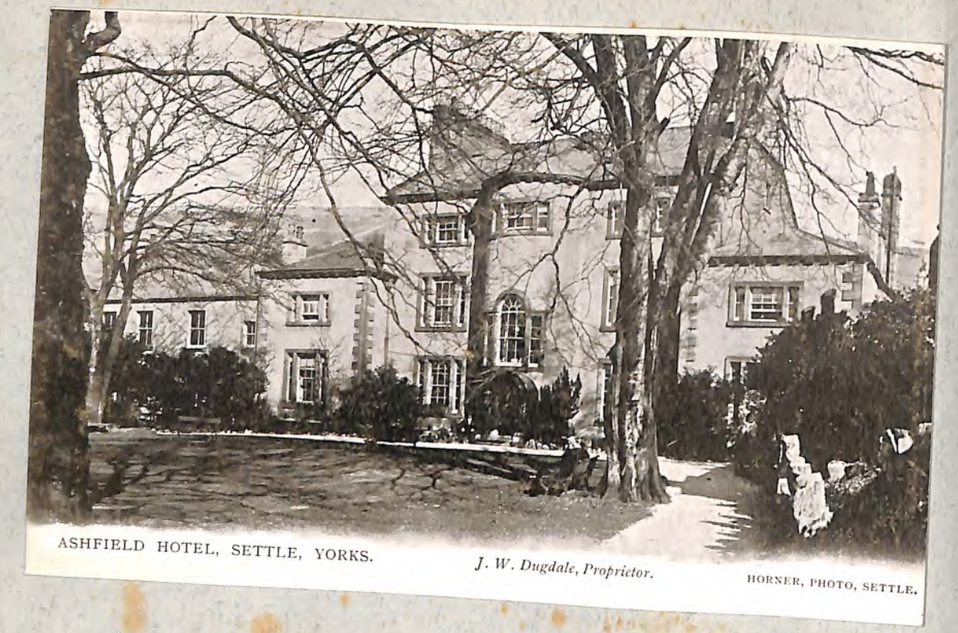
From hill behind the School Football field.

"Telephoto" of Upper Settle, from near Anley.

"Goldielands", Settle.

Settle Post Office.

Kirkgate, Settle.



"Whipp's Pond", near Lodge, Settle.

Conservative Club, New St.

"Ashfield" Hotel, Garden Front.

(see also p. 30a.)

The "Ashfield" at Settle.

Several of my readers have inquired concerning the history of the Ashfield Hotel at Settle—a well-known non-licensed but very comfortable hotel whose licensee, Mrs. Dugdale, yesterday (Thursday) disposed of her collection of old china, antique furniture, &c. In Pritts' "Around Settle," published in 1888, there is a passing reference to the house, which was built by Mr. Wm. Birkbeck, of Settle, a prominent man in the district, and a banker, the son of Wm. Birkbeck, of Settle, and the elder brother of Dr. George Birkbeck, the founder of Mechanics' Institutes. The builder of Ashfield, by the way, was the first Quaker in England to qualify as a justice of the Peace. The Ashfield Hotel and grounds occupy the site of a number of small houses and cottages that stood there a little over a hundred yeras ago. The block of buildings now tenanted by Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Armistead were then the "New Inn."

Mr. Wm. Birkbeck had many notable visitors to what is now the Ashfield Hotel during the time he resided there. One of the most frequent was Lord Brougham, and, according to Pritt, at the beginning of the last century the house was a meeting place for the Whip party of North-West Yorkshire. "The lawn (says Pritt) has been the scene of many a party demonstration, and many a political harangue. On special occasions, orations were delivered from the staircase window; and three hundred politicians one day sat at dinner round the weeping ash, which still stands weeping, perhaps to remind us how little the great world is moved for all our speeches."

The grounds of the house stretched down to Bond Lane, including a stretch of land now covered by the Midland Railway; and the house now occupied by Mr. Geo. Beardall was the lodge to the grounds. Wm. Birkbeck who built Ashfield died in 1838. He left the place to his son Thomas Birkbeck, who was born in 1808, and died in 1863. He was also a banker and a justice of the Peace. Thos. Birkbeck, in turn, left it to his son, the Rev. Wm. John Birkbeck, who was born in 1846, and died a few years ago. During the latter gentleman's minority his trustees sold off parts of the estate, the house being occupied by various tenants in succession, the late Mr. Charlesworth, Mr. Burd, &c.

In 1881 the Rev. W. J. Birkbeck sold the property to Mr. Thomas Procter, now of Longpreston, and it was licensed by the magistrates during the same year, Mr. Armistead being the first licence-holder. The hotel was carried on after Mr. Armistead's death by his widow, and subsequent to her death by her daughters, Mrs. Barclay. and Mrs Richardson.

The Rev. W. J. Birkbeck, who was an advocate of total abstinence from intoxicating liquors, had a strong objection to his old home being used as a licensed house, and when in 1897, the opportunity presented itself, he bought the property, suppressed the licence, and it was taken by Mr. and Mrs. Dugdale in 1897 as a temperance hotel. Mr. Dugdale died in 1911, and the house has since been carried on as an unlicensed hotel—and no more comfortable hostelry the visitor need meeting in a day's march.

The Rev. W. J. Birkbeck left the property to his nephew Laurence Henry Badcock, with the stipulation that he should take the name of Carr-Birkbeck in lieu of Badcock (the Rev. gentleman's mother having been a Miss Carr). Another condition imposed was that should a licence be applied for the house, the property was to be sold and the proceeds given to Settle Church. This stipulation has, however, been nullified, the Church receiving a lump sum in lieu of its contingent interest in the property. But the present owner, I understand, is not likely to ignore his uncle's wishes.

Thus my readers have the story of the Ashfield Hotel, and the reasons which make it necessary that it should remain an unlicensed house.

I am indebted to Mr. Thomas Brayshaw, of Settle, for the information given above.

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Antique Furniture and Pottery Sold.—Messrs. Richard Turner and Sons, auctioneers, Bentham, offered for sale at the Ashfield Hotel, Settle, on Thursday in last week, some rare old china, pottery, oak and mahogany furniture, comprising rare Wedgwood, Worcester, Longton Hall, Rockingham, Davenport, Spode, Derby, Nankin, Copeland, Continental and Staffordshire ware, together with antique furniture and other antiquities. The sale was largely attended and there was an exceptionally good sale, bidders coming from (amongst other places) Liverpool, York, London, Oldham, Rochdale, Manchester, Burnley, Clitheroe, Windermere, Lancaster, &c. The articles put forward were of a high class, and were the production of a steady collection (with taste) by Mrs. Dugdale and the late Mr. J. W. Dugdale for a number of years back, the Ashfield Hotel having been noted for its collection. Mrs. Dugdale is now retiring from business as proprietress of the hotel, and it was by this means the collection came into the market. To get through the extensive catalogue and give the prices realised would be a lengthy business, but to take here and there, may be mentioned the following articles with prices:—Fine Nankin soup tureen and cover £2 10s., shaped dish marked spode and punch bowl 25s., old Derby dessert service of 19 pieces, richly decorated in gold and red 40s., large Nankin blue and white dish 40s., 2 black Wedgwood tea pots 40s., 2 fine old Staffordshire cream jugs in form of cows, lilac lustre 32s. 6d., old Worcester tea pot and cover, blue and white decoration, marked, 45s.; 4 early Worcested cups and saucers (3 without handles); large plate and cream jug and bowl; Mandarie decoration, £3 2s. 6d.; handsomely decorated Derby dessert service, consisting of 8 shaped dishes and 12 plates, 45s.; very rare old tea pot, salt-glazed Littler's rich blue, with Crabstock handle, a connoisseur specimen, £15 10s.; Battersea enamel patch box, motto—"Let us share joy and care" £2 17s. 6d.; richly decorated Crown Derby plate, marked, £2; pair of Nankin plates, white and blue, £2; old Worcester cream jug, Mandarin decoration, 42s. 6d.; resist design silver lustre jug, 40s.; resist design silver lustre handles loving cup, 50s.; 2 lustre jugs decorated, £2 2s. 6d.; 4 Devonport supper dishes, £2 10s.; Wine glass with air-blown stem, £2 7s. 6d.; early wine glass with rim engraved, £1; wine glass with air-blown white double spiral in stem, 35s.; 4 old wine glasses, engraved grapes and foliage, £3; pair of old wine glasses, engraved birds and flowers, £2 4s.; 3 tall early wine glasses baluster stems, £3; 2 old wine glasses engraved ribbons and leaves, 32s.; pair of cream ewers, 32s. 6d.; George II silver tankard (11¼ oz.) dated 1741, £10; antique Sheffield plate venison dish with cover and hot water dish, £7 5s.; old oak Charles II chair, £7 15s.; pair of ditto, £8 10s.; 2 old oak Charles II chairs, £6 5s.; old oak display cabinet dated 1719, £8 15s.; old oak overmantel, £10; old oak pot rail, £5. Amongst the collection sold were a couples of engravings, one a view of Castlebergh as "The Settle Sun Dial," and the other "Giggleswick Scars," with the ebbing and flowing well (dated 1778), which brought £9 10s., and was bought by Mr. Jas, Grisedale as agent for another, and a model of the lifeboat "Christopher Brown" on mahogany case, with Royal Charter (£2), which was bought by Mr. T. Brayshaw.

Ancient Brooch or Ornament found inside Settle Old Cross.

Market Place, showing old Cross, Shambles &c. before restoration

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Corks (hairdressers) shop, and shops where L.C. and M. Bank now is.

Settle Church and "Shortcake" field, before railway constructed.

Cheapside. Bank with no enclosure in front, shop where Savings-Bank is, private residences where Pilkington's (Bay-window) and Clark's (corner) shops are now.

Square in Duke St.

Ashfield.