

april 1911.

The Committee of the Settle Literary Society, which was formed in 1770, have decided to disperse the Library of the Society, and now offer the same for sale by private treaty in one lot.

The collection comprises many first editions of standard works, but it may be stated that in most cases they have been re-bound and cut down. They are however, as a rule, in very fair state.

No catalogue is being issued of the books, but they will be on view as mentioned below, and offers, which must be in writing, must be sent to the Librarian, Miss Mason, Main's View, Settle, on or before the 6th May, 1911, who will be glad to give any further information to prospective buyers.

The Library consists of nearly 6,000 volumes, and the titles of a few of the works comprised therein accompany this circular.

The books will be on view on Monday to Saturday, the 24th to 29th April, 1911, from 10-30 a.m. to 12-30 p.m., and from 2-0 p.m. to 4-30 p.m.

#### SETTLE LITERARY SOCIETY.

*Committee*—Miss Cartwright, Miss Clayton, Miss Perfect, Miss Preston, Mrs. Shepherd, Mr. Brayshaw, Dr. Buck, Dr. Edgar, Rev. R. C. Garnett, Mr. Shepherd, Major Stackhouse, and Mr. John Waugh.

*Honorary Treasurer*—Dr. Edgar.

*Secretary and Librarian*—Miss Mason.

The Library was established in 1770, and contains an excellent collection of upwards of 11,000 volumes, many of them being valuable works and first editions. New books are added to the Library frequently, and several leading monthly Magazines and Reviews are taken in, and, in addition to these, 30 volumes of Books are received and exchanged once in two months from Mudie's Library. Subscribers and Shareholders both pay an annual subscription of £1, but Shareholders alone have a proprietary interest in the Library.

The Library opens at 10 o'clock daily, and closes at 4 o'clock in winter and 5 in summer, with an interval from 12-30 to 2-30. It is not open on Wednesday afternoon.

THE  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
OF THE  
**SETTLE LITERARY SOCIETY,**

WILL BE HELD

**AT THE LIBRARY,**

On **FRIDAY**, the 13th. of January, inst.

The Meeting to commence at Twelve o'clock, and  
the Books to be closed at Four.

—o—  
**THE DINNER**

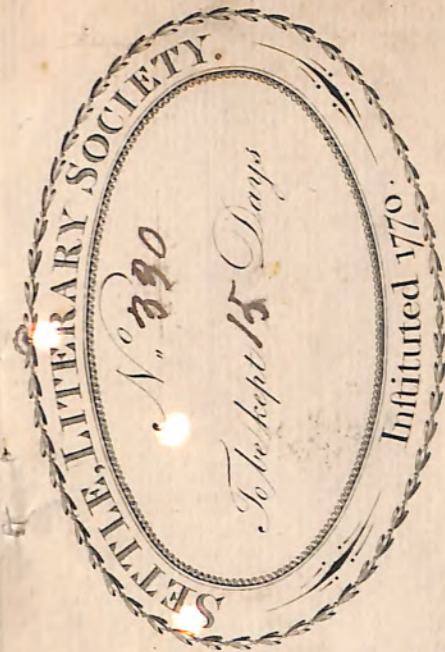
**AT THE GOLDEN LION HOTEL,**

At the usual hour, Four o'clock.

Members intending to dine, are requested to send in  
their names to **MRS. HARTLEY**, not later than the  
Saturday previous.

**WILLIAM BILTON**, Librarian.

SETTLE, January 2, 1843.





Settle Literary Society's Library in The Town Hall.

SETTLE,

14TH JUNE, 1910.

## SETTLE LITERARY SOCIETY.

DEAR SIR, OR MADAM,

At a Special General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Settle Literary Society held in the Library on the 31st day of March, 1910, it was resolved (*nem. con.*) that in the opinion of the Shareholders it was impossible to carry on the Society any longer, and that the same be dissolved, the books and furniture disposed of, the liabilities discharged, and that any balance remaining be handed over to Miss Mason, who for 27 years has been the Librarian.

A Committee consisting of Mrs. Edgar, Major Birkbeck, Messrs. Thos. Brayshaw, G. K. Charlesworth, and C. A. L. Swale was appointed to carry the resolutions into effect, and in pursuance of the suggestions then made Shareholders are now invited (in order that they may receive a preferential advantage) to send in lists of any books they desire to purchase.

On receipt of such lists the Committee will proceed to have the works which are included therein valued, in which they will call in the aid of a competent person. In the event of two or more Shareholders desiring the same book the Committee will try and realize the same to the best advantage. In the event of the value of a book being greater than the Shareholder is prepared to pay, of course he or she is not bound to purchase.

Lists must be sent in to Miss Mason, the Librarian, by the 15th day of July, 1910, after which date the valuation will be made.

Catalogues, price 1/- each, may be had from the Librarian.

The bookcases will be offered for sale in due course.

The Library will be finally closed on Saturday, the 30th of July, 1910.

C. A. L. SWALE,

*Chairman of the Committee.*

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The first list of members, sixteen in number, contains several familiar names—three Birkbecks, William Carr, Robert Hargreaves, Rev. W. Paley, William Preston and Abraham Sutcliffe are amongst them. The next issue of the catalogue was in 1805, by which time the library had grown considerably, and further editions were issued in 1812, 1822, 1846, 1864 and 1887, with lists of addenda as required. In the course of years numerous changes were made; the subscription was altered from time to time to suite the varying necessities of the particular period, and of late years most of the books were obtained from one of the circulating libraries, comparatively few volumes being purchased.

The annual dinner of the society was a great event, a grant being made out of the funds towards the cost. For a full century the career of the society was one of uninterrupted success, and many valuable books were added to its shelves. When the Settle Town Hall was built in 1832, a special room for the accommodation of the library was provided, and it was housed there until the building was purchased by the district council, and the room was converted into the Council Chamber.

The number of shareholders gradually increased until there were about 90 names on the list, and the collection numbered some ten thousand volumes. Amongst them might be noted many of the early editions of Dickens, Scott, Ainsworth, Disraeli, Kingsley, Tennyson, Thackeray and other great writers, as well as works illustrated by "Phiz," Cruikshank, and other well known artists, and many with superb steel engravings or the artistic woodcraft of fifty years ago.

But with the advent of cheap books and the parcel post people began to buy rather than to borrow books, and to subscribe to the great circulating libraries where they had the choice of an enormous range of literature. The result was that the number of shareholders gradually diminished, and eventually the day came when the receipts did not cover the expenditure. The proprietors met and regretfully came to a decision that the old institution should be dissolved. There was no free library in the town to take over the books, and it was resolved to dispose of them and hand over the balance to Miss Mason, who for many years had acted as the efficient librarian.

A committee, consisting of Mrs Edgar, Major Birkbeck, and Messrs C. A. L. Swale, Thomas Brayshaw and Geo. K. Charlesworth were appointed to superintend the sale of the books by tender, and last week the doors were finally closed, and the Settle Literary Society is numbered amongst the things of the past, and the books themselves, which have been lovingly cared for by past generations of the people of Settle, will now in all probability find their way to the shelves of the second-hand bookseller.

## BOOKS ON SALE

(With no Library Stamp on Letterpress or Plates)

BY THE

## SETTLE LITERARY SOCIETY,

FOUNDED 1770.

*Offers to be sent to the Secretary, MISS MASON.*

### Magazines.

- BLACKWOOD.**  
1833 to 1895. Half bound. 126 vols.  
1896 to 1899, in the numbers.
- FRASER.**  
Vols. 11 to 25, 27 to 31, 33 to 36, 38 to 80, 1869. Half bound.  
Vol. 9 (New Series). Vols. 1 to 16.  
Two vols., 1879. 1st vol., 1880. Half bound.
- CHAMBERS'S JOURNAL.**  
Vol. 1, 1844, to Vol. 20, 1853. Half calf.  
New Series. Vol. 1, 1854, to Vol. 30, 1863. Original cloth.  
Vol. , 1864, to Vol. , 1895, comp.
- ST. PAUL'S.**  
Vol. 1, 1867, to Vol. 14, March, 1874. Fourteen vols.
- GENTLEMAN'S.**  
July, 1856, to December, 1859. Seven vols.  
Vol. 35, January, 1851, to Vol. 45.  
— January, 1856, — Ten vols.  
— June, 1868, to November, 1869. Three vols.  
— June, 1870, to June, 1873. Six vols.  
1874, to February, 1875. Three vols.  
All half calf.
- LONGMAN'S.**  
November, 1882, to October, 1895. Twenty-six vols. Half calf.
- TEMPLE BAR.**  
Vols. 1 and 2, 1861; 4 to 6, 1862.  
Vol. 8, 1863.  
Vol. 94, 1892 to 1895. Twelve vols.  
To present date in numbers.

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**8. BENTLEY'S MISCELLANY.**

Vols. 1, 2, 3, 4. Poor copies.

**9. HOUSEHOLD WORDS.**

1850. Vols. 1 to 13, July, 1856. Thirteen vols. Half calf.  
From July, 1856, to May, 1859. Six vols. Cloth.

**10. ONCE A WEEK.**

Vol. 1, July, 1859, to Vol. 13, December, 1865. Thirteen vols. Half calf.  
New Series. Vol. 1, Jan., 1866, to Dec., 1867. Four vols.  
" Vol. 1, Jan., 1868, to Vol. 6, Dec., 1870. Six vols. All half calf.

**11. ALL THE YEAR ROUND.**

1st Series. Vol. 1, 1859, to Vol. 20, 1868. Cloth.  
New Series. Vol. 1, 1868, to Vol. 27, Sept., 1881; Vol. 29, 1882, to Vol. 43, 1888.  
3rd Series. Vol. 1, 1889, to Vol. 6, 1891.

**12. TAIT'S MAGAZINE.**

From 1839 to 1860. Twenty-two vols. Half calf.

**13. NINETEENTH CENTURY.**

January, 1878, to 1895. Year 1896 in numbers. Thirty-six vols., half black calf; one vol., numbers.

**14. REVIEW OF REVIEWS.**

Vols. 3 to 8. Publisher's cloth, as new.

**15. MONTHLY REVIEW.**

Vol. 1, 1790, to Vol. 84, 1817. Half calf.  
Vols. wanting: 3, 67, 81.

**16. SCRIBNER.**

Vols. 9 to 22, October, 1881. Fourteen vols. Half calf.

**17. FORTNIGHTLY REVIEW.**

Vol. 9, January, 1871, to Vol. 30, December, 1881. Twenty-two vols. Half calf.

**18. NEW MONTHLY.**

Vol. 37, 1833, to Vol. 133. Half calf.  
Wanting: Vols. 41, 45, 55, 56, 70, and 79.

**19. NICHOLSON'S JOURNAL.**

A Journal of Natural Philosophy and Chemistry, illustrated with engravings by Wm. Nicholson.  
Vol. 1, 1802, to Vol. 36, 1813, complete.

**20. BRIDGEWATER TREATISES.**

**TREATISE NO. 1.**

On the Power and Wisdom of God, by Thos. Chalmers. Half bound calf. Pickering, 1833.

**TREATISE NO. 2.**

On the Adaptability of External Nature, by Kidd. Half bound calf. Pickering, 1833.

**TREATISE NO. 3.**

On Astronomy, &c., by Whewell. Half bound calf. Pickering, 1833.

**TREATISE NO. 4.**

The Hand: Its Mechanism, by Chas. Bell. Half bound calf. Pickering, 1833.

**TREATISE NO. 6.**

Geology, &c., by Buckland. Two vols. in one. Half bound calf. Pickering, 1836.

**TREATISE NO. 7.**

Power and Wisdom of God, as shewn in Animals and their Instincts, by Kirby. Two vols. Half bound calf. Pickering, 1835.

**TREATISE NO. 8.**

Chemistry, Meteorology, by Prout. Pickering, 1834.

**A FRAGMENT.**

By Chas. Babbage. Cloth. Murray, 1837.

**21. ANNUAL REGISTER.**

Vol. 1, 1758, to Vol. 75, 1833. Full calf. Of various editions.  
Vols. 76 to 81. Six vols. Boards.  
Eighty-three vols., including two of Indices.

**22. NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW.**

Vol. 80, January, 1855, to Vol. 97, April, 1864. Nineteen vols. Half calf.

**23. NORTH BRITISH REVIEW.**

Vol. 22, February, 1855, to Vol. 25.  
Vols. 27 to 39, November, 1863. Seventeen vols. Half calf.

**24. UNITED SERVICE JOURNAL.**

Vol. 1, 1829 to 1834, consecutive. Sixteen vols. Half calf.

**25. UNITED SERVICE MAGAZINE.**

From 2nd Part, 1845 and 1846.  
Part 2, 1847 to 1849. Thirteen vols. Half calf.

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### 26. EDINBRO' REVIEW.

From April, 1810, Vols. 16 to 21, Vols. 25 to 29, Vols. 31 to 65, Vols. 67 to 68, Vols. 71 to 144, Vols. 147 to 180. 159 vols. Half calf.

### 27. QUARTERLY REVIEW.

From April, 1815, Vols. 13 to 19, Vols. 22 to 39, Vols. 47 to 64, Vols. 66 to 68, Vols. 70 to 99, Vols. 101 to 179, October, 1894. 160 vols. Half calf.

### 28. CORNHILL.

Vol. 1, January, 1860, to June, 1883. Forty-seven vols. Half calf.  
New Series. July, 1883, Vol. 1, December, 1895. Twenty-five vols. Half calf.  
In parts, from 1895, to December, 1899.

### 29. MACMILLAN.

From November, 1859, Vol. 1, to October, 1895. Half calf.  
From 1896 in parts. Seventy-two vols.

### 30. LONDON SOCIETY.

Vol. 1, February, 1862. Three vols.  
Vols. 4 and 5 in one vol. Five vols. in four. Half calf.

### 31. PUBLIC CHARACTERS.

Vol. 1, 1798, to Vol. 8, 1810.  
Wanting: Vol.  
ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA.—7th Edition. Complete. Twenty-one vols. Half calf.

### 32. THE PICTORIAL GALLERY OF ENGLISH RACE HORSES.

By Geo. Tattersall. Half bound. 1850.

### 33. THE CENTURY MAGAZINE.

Vol. 1, November, 1881, to October, 1895. Twenty-eight vols., half calf.  
In parts, November, 1895, to October, 1899. Forty-eight parts.

### 34. HARPER'S MAGAZINE.

Vol. 1, December, 1880, to November, 1895. Thirty vols., half calf.  
In parts, December, 1895, to November, 1899. Forty-five parts.

WILLIAM BYLES & SONS, PRINTERS, BRADFORD.

## ANNUAL DINNER

OF THE

## SETTLE LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Committee of the Settle Literary Society take leave to inform you, that they have postponed the Annual Library Dinner to Friday, the 29th. day of January, 1841. (the day of the Opening of the Organ of the Settle Church;) that they may have the benefit of the musical talents of the Amateurs from Leeds: and the company of Strangers, and others attending the Ceremony.

DINNERS ON THE TABLE AT FOUR O'CLOCK.

\* \* \* Parties intending to dine are requested to give their names to Mrs. Hartley on or before the morning of that day.

Settle, January 14th., 1841.

Wildman, Printer, Settle.



*Library in the Town Hall -  
(moved to new premises in 1899.)*



*Chess-Club in the Town Hall.*

as modern literature is concerned, by any means the best. This library was established in 1770. To be a member is to have become first a share-holder. The price per share is three guineas, and the annual subscription £1. In its early history the books were well chosen, and works of permanent value were regularly added; but of late years this library has fallen sadly behind the times. There has been a steady accumulation of merely ephemeral literature, and the shelves might be mercifully eased of many a hundred-weight of unread and unreadable books. So far as the best of modern writers are concerned the library is poor. If the student went to it hungering for the best that has been written in recent years in history, science, Biblical criticism, or even in fiction, he would stand amidst its multitudinous volumes unfed. We write from sorrowful experience, and with the feeling that in respect to this library there is a great opportunity lost. If what we cannot but call the absurdity of the share-system were done away with, and the subscription made half-a-guinea, and some fresh life let into the Society, the library might be made of great service to the town. As it is, it is the possession of a few, and in its practical working is little more than a country branch of Mudies'.

On a much smaller scale, but with a much better selection of modern writers, is the library of the Settle Institute. In this case the committee allow visitors the use of books on payment of a small sum. The Adult Classes also have a library, free for members, which contains upwards of 800 volumes; and there is one, small, but good, at the Liberal Club.

Settle On the door of one of the rooms at the Mining Co. Mechanics' Institute, the words, "Settle Mining Company" may still be seen. This name, as it appears there, is the only visible trace now left of a project that was at one time the talk of the town, and that enriched the sleep of not a few of its inhabitants with dreams of rapidly-accumulating wealth. In some of the old numbers of the *Settle Almanack* this notice is printed:—

"Settle Mining Company, Limited. Capital 1,000 shares of £1 each. This Company has been formed for the purpose of searching for coal in the neighbourhood of Settle. A shaft is now (1868) being sunk near Wigglesworth with good prospect of success. The whole of the shares are taken up, and a first call of 3s. has been paid. The offices of the Company are in the Mechanics' Hall."

The unfortunate company did not need many offices, nor did it need *any* long. The money was sunk as well as the shaft. The shares were paid up, and the capital paid out; but there was nothing to show for it,—not only no coal-pit, but not even an artesian well. So the shares in the Settle Mining Co. fell to zero; and those who had not taken shares could look very wisely at those who had, and say, "I told you how it would be." Different explanations of the failure were given. Some said the coal was there if they would go deep enough. But the shareholders were themselves too "deep" to go any deeper. And it will be some time before another Mining Company with 1,000 shares, all taken up, is searching for coal in the neighbourhood of Settle.

Old Two interesting memorials of Old Settle Buildings. are the "Folly" and the "Shambles." They are both such quaint structures that strangers cannot pass them without asking a question or two

## SETTLE MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

SETTLE, 27TH JANU., 1870.

Sir,

I am desired by the Directors of the above Company to hand you the annexed Report and Statement of Accounts made up to 31st December last; and to inform you that the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Mechanics' Hall, Settle, on Monday, the 7th February next, at 7.30, p.m., for the purpose of receiving and adopting the enclosed Accounts and Report, the Appointment of Directors and Auditor for the ensuing year, and as to the Remuneration to be allowed the Auditor for the past year.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN COWBURN,

SECRETARY.

[P. T. O.]

See also Vol 4, p. 190.

SETTLE MINING COMPANY LIMITED

## REPORT.

The Directors regret to say their exertions to find Coal have hitherto not been rewarded with the success they had hoped for.

Immediately after the issuing of the last Report by the Directors, unfavourable symptoms to their finding Coal appeared, and it was deemed advisable to discontinue boring at the place first selected. Another place was therefore chosen, and sinking and boring operations have been carried on until recently, a total depth of upwards of 260 feet having been gone through, when your Directors owing to the extra labour required, and consequently increased cost, thought it judicious to stay further operations at the latter place, and after carefully ascertaining the rise and fall of the strata, they decided upon following the course of the Metals on the rise and by which means they hoped to be enabled to get at the same Metals nearer the surface at a considerably less expense than they otherwise could have done, and this plan has been adopted but with what result the Directors are unable to state, a sufficient depth not having yet been completed.

The Directors in the early part of last year succeeded in obtaining permission to search for Coal within the Manor of Lawkland on similar terms to those granted by Countess Cowper, but hitherto they have not thought fit to take advantage of it.

After mature deliberation and with an earnest desire of consulting the interests of the Members, the Directors have thought it advisable to stop the further progress of the Works until after the Annual Meeting of the Members.

Mr. John Winkill and Mr. Joseph Jackson two of the Directors retire and do not seek re-election.

Mr. F. Ellis the Auditor will also retire and is eligible for re-election.

(Signed) JOHN WINSKILL,  
Chairman.

Settle, 26th Jany., 1870.

## BALANCE SHEET AND CASH ACCOUNT OF THE SETTLE MINING COMPANY, LIMITED,

Made up to the 31st day of December, 1869.

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES.			PROPERTY AND ASSETS.		
Dr.	£	s. d.	Cr.	£	s. d.
Number of shares issued, 1000			By Property consisting of Wooden Shed, Boring Rods, Work Tools, Timber, and other Materials, value .....	45	0 0
Amount received upon each share, 7s. ..	350	0 0	Cash in the Craven Bank .....	24	11 9
			Cash in Secretary's hands .....	3	18 11
			Balance expended on Capital Account. ....	276	9 4
				£350	0 0

### CASH ACCOUNT,

Dr.	RECEIVED.		Cr.	PAID.	
1869.	£	s. d.	1869.	£	s. d.
Total amount received for 2nd Call of 3s. on 1000 Shares making 7s. paid up. ..	150	0 0	Amount paid to late Treasurer, balance due to him .....	4	11 5
Cash at Bankers .....	110	0 0	Boring Rods, Wood Work, Tools, Timber, and Materials, & Smith's Work, &c. ....	39	0 3
Interest per Craven Bank .....	1	8 2	Wages .....	168	9 4
			Printing and Stationery, &c. ....	2	5 6
			Secretary's Salary .....	10	0 0
			Rent of Office, Postages, Railway Fares, and other Incidental Expenses .....	8	17 0
			Cash at Bankers .....	24	5 9
			Cash in Secretary's hands .....	3	18 11
				£261	8 2

JOHN COWBURN, SECRETARY.  
FRANCIS ELLIS, AUDITOR.

See also Vol 4, p. 190.



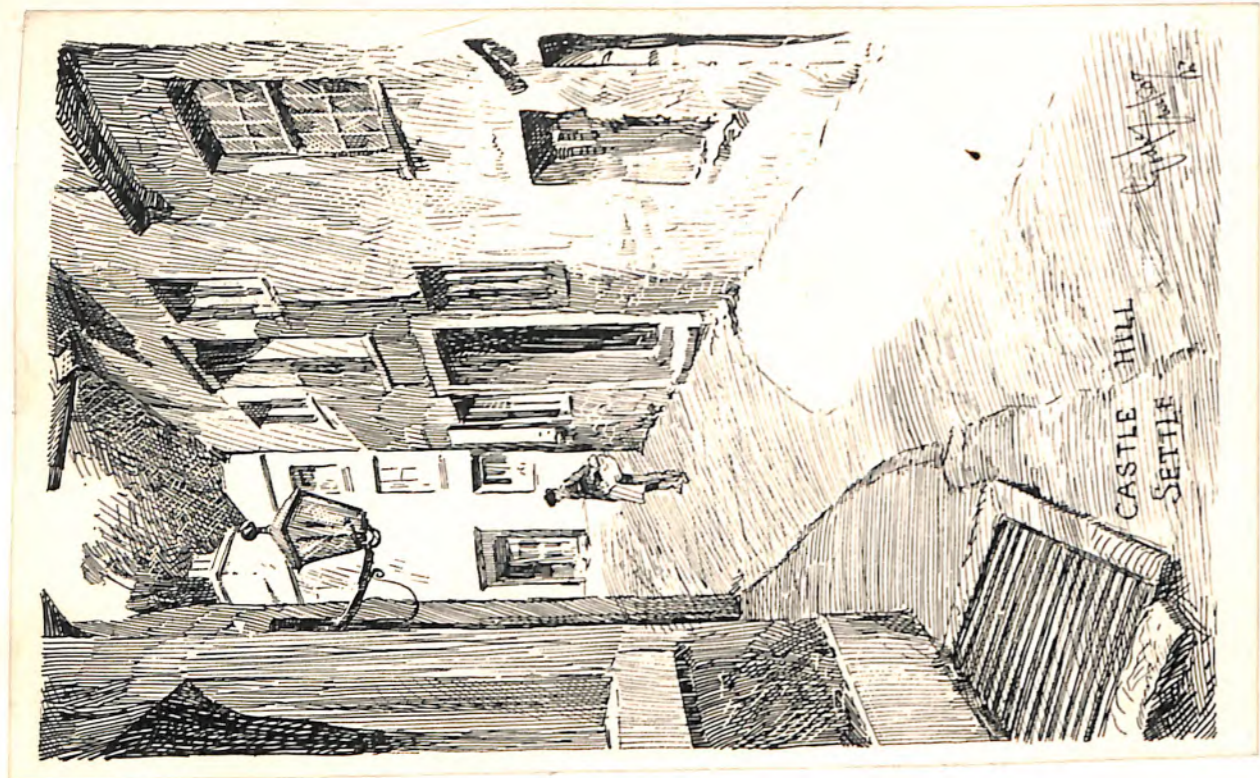
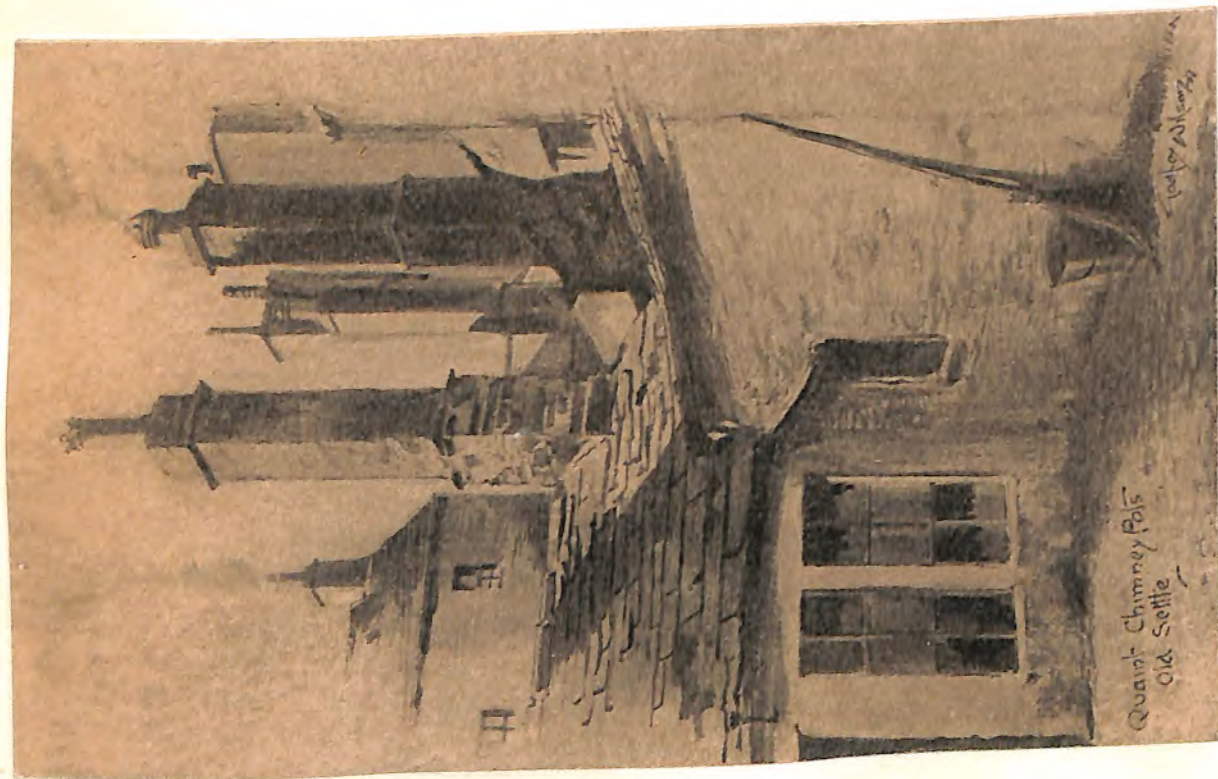




Sheep-fair in Seattle Market place, showing Shambles being altered.



Repeated later on



Old "bits" in Settle. by Geoffrey Wilson.



THOMAS PROCTER.

BORN at the "Spread Eagle" Inn, in Kirkgate, Settle, 1753. Educated at Giggleswick. Left for London, 1771. Studied at the Royal Academy and obtained many prizes there. Developed into a most talented sculptor and earned the admiration and patronage of Mr. West, President of the Royal Academy. Died in 1794, and buried in London.