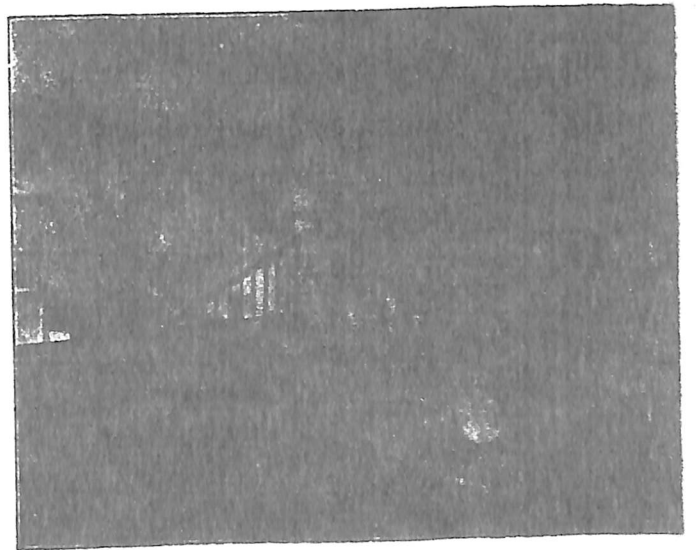
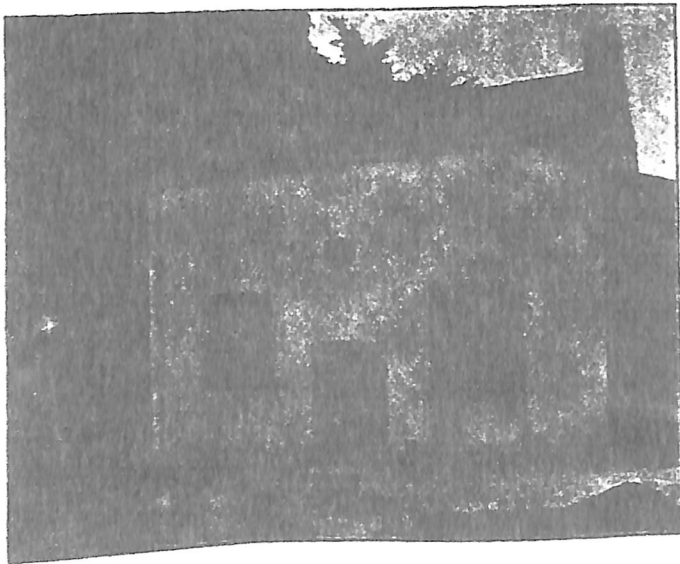


Austwick Wesleyan Chapel.

SETTLE CIRCUIT.

AUSTWICK is a village about five miles north-west of Settle, and about three miles from Clapham Station on the Midland Railway. At one time it had some cotton manufacture, and sixty years ago the population was nearly 500. The growth of the factory system in Lancashire, however, extinguished the industrial career of the village, and its male inhabitants are now either engaged in farming pursuits or are employed in the limestone quarries near Horton-in-Ribblesdale, three miles away. The population at the last census only numbered about 250, but of recent years it has grown considerably, and at the present time every habitable house or cottage in the place is occupied. There is, moreover, a scattered population in the hamlets of Wharfedale and Eldroth numbering perhaps 250, which is within reach of the Chapel, and where there are no places of worship except the little school at Eldroth, in which the Vicar of Austwick holds services weekly.



The earliest record relating to the existing Chapel—of which two views are here given—is the following extract from the records of the ancient Manor Court held yearly at the Cock Inn, Austwick:—

MANOR OF AUSTWICK
IN THE COUNTY OF YORK
(CUSTOMARY COURT).

We find WILLIAM BAYNES Tenant in Trust by Indenture bearing date the 24th day of May, 1824, from RICHARD JACKSON BAYNES, of a certain Piece of Ground in Austwick, containing in length 27 feet, and in width 25 feet or thereabouts, whereon a Methodist Preaching House has lately been erected, being within and parcel of this Manor, under the yearly ancient rent of "one penny," with other dues and services.

Jurymen: 1. RICHARD CLAPHAM. 7. THOS. JACKSON
2. AUSTY STACKHOUSE. 8. THOS. LAW.
3. HENRY MAUDSLEY. 9. JOHN KIDD
4. ROBERT HARKER. 10. JOS. WILLES
5. WM. AYRTON. 11. CHRIS. BENTHAM
6. WM. LUPTON. 12. WM. GELDARD.

ROBT. BROWN, Clerk.

The inscription on the escutcheon over the door of this Methodist Preaching House is as follows:—WESLEYAN CHAPEL 1823.

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BAZAAR.

THE erection of a much-needed new Chapel at Austwick (Settle Circuit) has been commenced. The site comprises about 600 square yards of land in the centre of the village. Plans have been prepared by Mr. James Handby, F.R.C.B.A., for a Chapel to accommodate about 120 persons, with a spacious School-room Vestry, Kitchen, and Heating Chamber. The cost of the site and the contracts for building and furnishing amount to about £800. A Subscription List has been opened, and the response on the part of the friends at Austwick has been most enthusiastic. The utmost that they can do in this way, making full allowance for grants from Congregational Funds and for the proceeds from the sale of the present Chapel, will however, leave at least £250 to be raised if the Chapel is to be opened free of debt.

It has been determined, therefore, to hold a BAZAAR at AUSTWICK on *Friday and Saturday September 7th and 8th, 1900*, and the Ladies of the Congregation earnestly appeal for your support and encouragement to make this effort a great success. Gifts of articles for sale or subscriptions in money may be sent to any of the following:—

REV. W. E. QUICK, SETTLE.
MR. THOS. HARGER, SETTLE.)
MR. JAMES HANDBY, AUSTWICK,)
MR. WM. HANDBY, AUSTWICK, LANCASTER, *Secretary*.

OR Mrs. R. WHITFIELD.
" J. BATTY.
" JAMES HANDBY.
" J. H. HANDBY.
" C. CAMM.
" N. METCALFE.
" M. METCALFE, WHARFE.

OR Mrs. MILES WHITFIELD.
" H. HOLDEN.
" M. TAYLOR, CRUMMACK.
" KIDD.
" CLAPHAM, ELDROTH.
Miss JANE WILSON.