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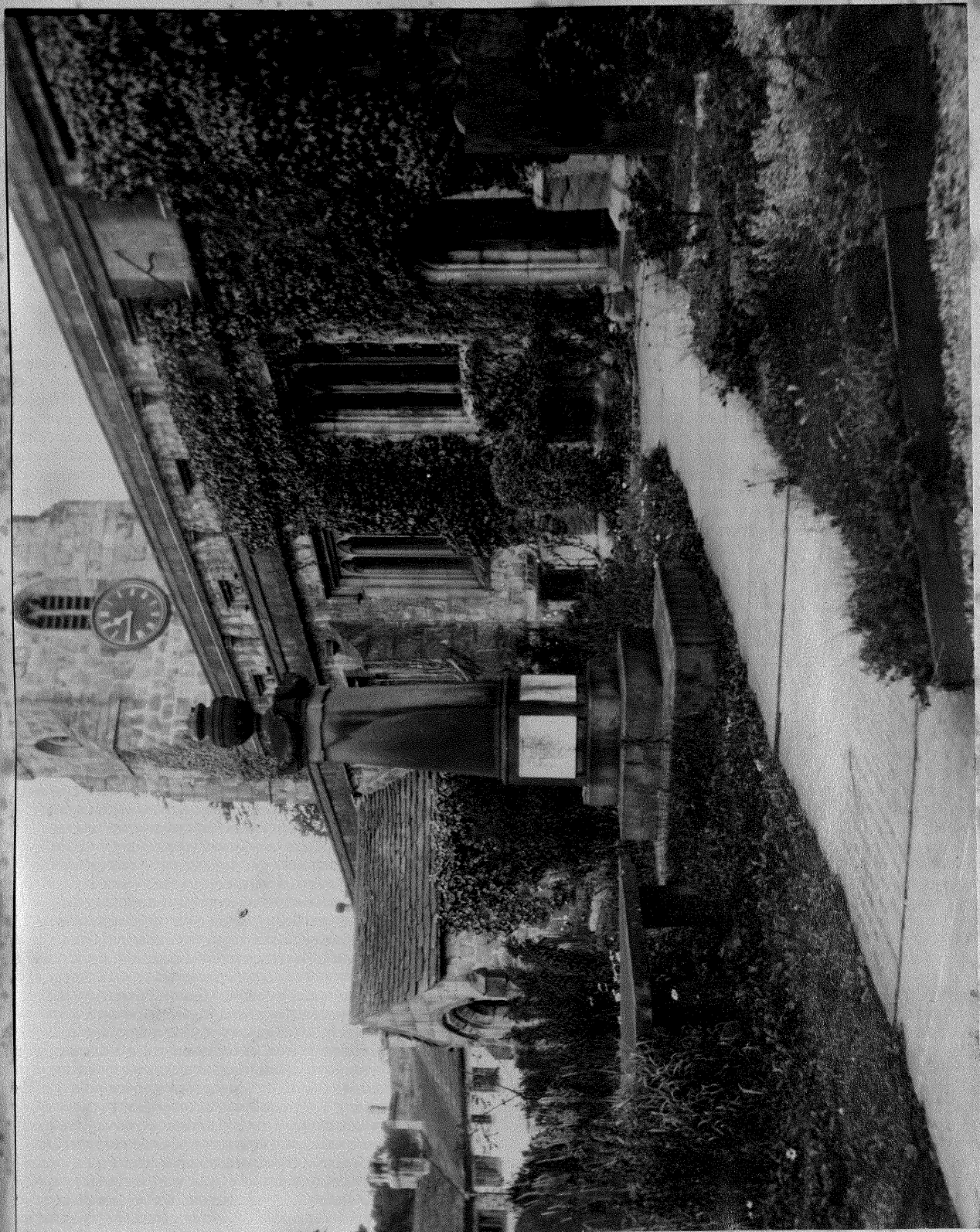


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NOTES,
HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE,
ON
GIGGLESWICK CHURCH.

By THOS. BRAYSHAW.

WITH ILLUSTRATIONS.

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NOTES ON GIGGLESWICK CHURCH.

Mr. Thomas Brayshaw, of Settle, has prepared some historical and descriptive Notes on Giggleswick Church. (Edmondson & Wilson, Settle, 3d.) There is a pleasing note in the preface. "The ancient fans of St. Alkelda," says the author, "is the central spot to which cling the heartfelt affections of many persons in this locality. Hither we have brought our little ones to be baptized at its font, many of us have been joined in holy matrimony within its walls, and beneath its shadow lie those who were dear to us in life."

Originally Giggleswick was the church of a very large district, now sub-divided. It is recorded that at one great festival in 1739 no less than ten gallons of wine were consumed by the communicants; whilst the seating capacity of the old church (which used to be 1,000 and is now 650 in addition to the choir) was so tried that in some parts seats were actually affixed to the outside of the pews. But it must be born in mind that in olden days attendance at church was compulsory; and even within the last 70 or 80 years the children from the Wesleyan Sunday School at Settle and Langcliffe used to come and repeat their catechism here, as well as those attached to the Established Church in the outlying townships of the parish.

Mr. Brayshaw conducts the reader in an imaginary tour round and about the church, making comments by the way. The old building has witnessed many martial scenes, particularly during the Wars of the Roses and the troublous times of the Civil War. Other turbulent scenes are mentioned:

Samuel Watson of Stainforth was oft-times in trouble (on one occasion he was fined £120 for being at three meetings in April, 1670), whilst he has placed on record the fact that in 1659 he felt called on to speak to the people in Church, wherenpon "some of ye rudest sort pulled him down and brok his head upon ye seates, and having haled him out threw him down upon ye ice." And in Abraham de la Pryme's Diary there is a note that about the same date a Quaker, whose name is not given, felt called on to go to the Church, in a nude state and with a lighted candle in his hand, in order to "reprehend" the Vicar. But the record of local "sufferings" is very long and varied, and for one thing is of great interest as showing the large amount of corn grown in the parish on which tithe was demanded, oats, barley, wheat and beans being frequently mentioned. Many Friends had to appear at the Quarter Sessions and Assizes for non-attendance at Giggleswick Church, and were imprisoned.

On other occasions the congregation have had their attention distracted by untoward circumstances. In 1817 a sensation was caused by the refusal of the vicar to allow the curate to preach a funeral sermon on the death of the Princess Charlotte. . . . And a curious little incident may here be recorded: On one occasion a company of Volunteers, who were attending the funeral of a deceased comrade who was interred in the church, fired a volley inside the building.

The handbook has several interesting illustrations.

Yorkshire Daily
Observer

MONDAY, MAY 22, 1905.

Some Notes on Giggleswick Church.

Many visitors to the old church of St. Alkelda at Giggleswick have been grateful to the church officials for the foresight which has caused them to provide convenient to the hands of the visitor a little summary of the history of the building and a survey of its architectural features. This provision, which might well be initiated in every ancient parish church in the land if the clergy and church officials were always alive to the historic value of the buildings in their charge, has added greatly to the interest of many visitors. That historical and architectural statement was the outcome of the antiquarian zeal of Mr. Thomas Brayshaw, of Settle. Mr. Brayshaw has now expanded his notes into a substantial little pamphlet of about fifty pages, with many illustrations. In this space Mr. Brayshaw has had more opportunity for discursion on very many interesting points connected with the history of the building, and he has introduced transcripts of some of the most interesting records, parochial and national, and he has collected not a few curious village traditions germane to the subject. The old management of the affairs of the parish which Mr. Brayshaw reveals is very quaint. Nearly everything was in the hands of a co-optative body called "The Twenty-four," and fairly complete lists of the householders and property-owners who formed this little Council are preserved, extended over nearly two and a-half centuries. Their old-world ways and customs seem to have been very quaint. Mr. Brayshaw's little book will certainly have a local welcome, and it is worthy of a wider reading.

The Pioneer.

"True to the kindred points of Heaven and Home"

FRIDAY MAY 26, 1905.

GIGGLESWICK CHURCH.

THAT intrepid antiquary, Mr. Thomas Brayshaw, of Settle, has just published a further series of interesting "Notes," well deserving of record, on Giggleswick Church. The "Notes" deal with subjects ecclesiastical, architectural, and personal, and will be welcomed by all local antiquaries. The text is interspersed with a number of interesting illustrations, including—

Mr. THOMAS BRAYSHAW, of Settle, the indefatigable antiquary, has published another series of "Brief Notes on Giggleswick Church." The notes relate for the most part to memorial tablets and effigies to be found in this ancient church, though many of its other features are noted. Mr. Brayshaw remarks that in the north aisle are to be found the royal coat of arms, the lower part dated 1716, but the upper triangular portion of later date, and he adds "About this part of the church traces of fire were found at the restoration, probably made at the time when General Lambert's troops garrisoned the church in 1643 and 1651." We hardly know whether Mr. Brayshaw intends to fix responsibility upon General Lambert and his men for this fire, but the Roundhead troops have been blamed for so many enormities which they did not perpetrate that fairness requires that no new accusation against them should be entertained without at least strong evidence.

LEEDS, WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1905.

An interesting little handbook on Giggleswick Church, by Mr. Thomas Brayshaw (Edmondson and Wilson, Settle, 3d.) will be useful to visitors. Giggleswick is full of history, and the parish registers are of considerable interest; but unfortunately, seventeenth century incumbents were negligent. Mr. Brayshaw makes some interesting comparisons, showing what changes have occurred at Giggleswick—and in many another country parish—during the past century. In the twenty years 1781-1800, there was a yearly average of 64 baptisms, 47 burials, and 16 marriages—127 in all. During the past four years the averages have been 15, 13, and 5 respectively—or 33 in all. The handbook is illustrated.

Lancaster
Observer

Post.

Craven Herald.

"England! with all thy faults I love thee still, my Country."

FRIDAY, MAY 19th, 1905.

Giggleswick's Historian.

Mr Thomas Brayshaw, of Settle, whose antiquarian leanings are well known and appreciated by an ever-widening circle of friends, has completed what has plainly been a labour of love, viz., a pamphlet modestly entitled "Notes: Historical and Descriptive of Giggleswick Church." The forty-eight pages, which are profusely illustrated, are replete with information such as specially appeals to all interested in the old parish churches of England. The pamphlet will also be read with pleasure and profit by those who appreciate a racy and informing style and have a passing acquaintance with the subject discussed therein. The author has previously done much to give a connected account of Giggleswick's antiquities, and the present work is a valuable contribution in this direction so far as the ancient parish church is concerned. The work is issued at 3d., and the printers are Messrs. Edmondson and Wilson, Settle.

The Lancaster Guardian.

MAY 27TH, 1905.

NOTES ON GIGGLESWICK CHURCH.—There has just been published by Messrs. Edmondson and Wilson, price threepence, a substantial little pamphlet of about fifty pages, written by Mr. Thomas Brayshaw, entitled "Notes, historical and descriptive of Giggleswick." The name of the author, who was the hon. sec. of the Restoration Committee 1888-1892, is a guarantee of the correctness of the facts recorded in the book, while the author has incorporated transcripts of some of the most interesting records parochial and national, and he has collected not a few curious village traditions germane to the subject. There are a number of illustrations which add to the value of the book, especially to those who are not very well acquainted with the old Church and its treasures.

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Church first appeared.

GIGGLESWICK PARISH HEARSE.—The old hearse belonging to the parish church of Giggleswick being old and quite worn out, a new one was required. The churchwardens are getting a good plain four-wheeled one by subscription, to be used by either one or two horses. The churchwardens have the satisfaction to think that from the liberality of those ladies and gentlemen who have already subscribed, they will be able to pay both for the hearse and single and double harness, which they have ordered to be made, and will be ready for use in about two months. Should any one who has not yet contributed feel disposed to give a little, it will be thankfully received by Mr. S. Hargraves or any of the churchwardens. As soon as the hearse and harness are got, the cost of each will appear in the Chronicle, and a list of the subscribers, and should there be a surplus, a meeting will be called of the Twenty Four to take into consideration the best plan of having the hearse and harness well taken care of by a proper person and the fund will be appropriated for that purpose.

HARNESS FOR THE NEW HEARSE.—We have seen the harness for the new hearse for Giggleswick Church which are in course of construction by Mr. Bilton, Saddler, Settle; they are very neat and substantial, and do credit to the town.

NEW HEARSE.—The following is a list of the subscriptions for the new hearse, and the amounts paid:—

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
			Brought forward	67	3 0
Miss Dawson, Marchfield	5	0 0	Miss Foster, Stainforth	1	0 0
Thomas Clapham	5	0 0	Miss Clayton	1	0 0
William Robinson	5	0 0	Miss Atkinson	1	0 0
Thomas Birkbeck	5	0 0	Mr. and Misses Proctors	1	0 0
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Rev. H. J. Swale	3	0 0	Miss Bolland and Mrs. Perfect	1	0 0
J. H. Foster, Stainforth	3	0 0	Rev. G. A. Butterton	1	0 0
Rev. W. H. Coulthurst	2	2 0	John Langhorne	1	0 0
Pudsey Dawson	2	2 0	Robert Geldard, Rathmell	1	0 0
Thomas Redmayne	2	2 0	Henry Robinson, Solicitor	1	0 0
George Hartley	2	2 0	John Maudsley	1	0 0
John Preston	2	2 0	Mrs. William Harger	0	10 0
Stephen Hargraves	2	2 0	Mrs. Joseph Harger	0	10 0
Thomas Brayshaw	2	2 0	Miss Sutcliffe	0	10 0
William Foster	2	2 0	Miss Prestons	0	10 0
Thomas Harlaere, draper	2	2 0	Mrs. Proctor, Spread Eagle Street	0	10 0
Mrs. Birkbeck and Rev. W. F. Pierson	2	0 0	Rev. R. Ingram	0	10 0
Misses Brown, Rathmell	2	0 0	Rev. J. Howson	0	10 0
William Kendal, Church Warden	2	0 0	Anthony Stackhouse	0	10 0
Mrs. Sanderson	1	1 0	John Tatham	0	10 0
C. Brown, Stainforth	1	1 0	W. Carr, Church Warden	0	10 0
T. Stackhouse, do.	1	1 0	Thomas Maudsley	0	10 0
J. Hartley, Caterall Hall	1	1 0	Thos. Winder, Stainforth	0	10 0
William Robinson, Jun.	1	1 0	Sold old Hearse for	3	10 0
Mrs. Swale, Langcliffe	1	0 0	Do. old Harness	0	15 0
Carried forward	67	3 0	Total receipts	£89	8 0

PAYMENTS.

April 3rd, paid for Hearse	-	-	-	-	-	55	0	0
Do. for Harness Plumes	-	-	-	-	-	2	14	0
April 4th, paid Mr. Bilton	-	-	-	-	-	20	0	0
Carriage of old Harness to Skipton	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	8
April 9th, paid Mrs. Hartley	-	-	-	-	-	1	13	0
Paid George Wilkinson	-	-	-	-	-	0	4	3
Balance in hand	-	-	-	-	-	9	16	1
Total expenditure	£89	8	0					

The balance was paid over to William Robinson, Esq., who has kindly undertaken to build a new hearse house and harness room.