Giggleswick Church Restoration Committee.

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Dear Sir,

A Meeting of the above Committee will be held in the

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..... day next, the .....

at ..... p.m.

BUSINESS:

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Also to transact any other business that may be brought forward.

Yours truly,

Thos. Brayshaw,

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GIGGLESWICK CHURCH RESTORATION FUND.

Statement of the Restoration Committee and Appeal.

The Committee desire to report that they expect the Restoration of the Church, which was begun in October last, to be finished by the end of the year. Divine Service in it will be resumed early in 1892.

The funds placed at the disposal of the Committee for carrying out the work, have amounted to £3625, and the Committee estimate the whole expense of the Restoration at £3735; so that about £110 is required to defray the cost of work already ordered.

This deficiency arises (i) from unforeseen but necessary repairs of the fabric (viz:—North and South Arcades £136, Foundations £16), and (ii) from structural alterations, costing about £100, for the provision of a larger Organ Chamber.

A Committee of Ladies of the Parish, having offered to give a new Organ to the Church, at a cost of between £400 and £500, the Restoration Committee felt that it would be the unanimous wish of the subscribers to the Restoration Fund, that a suitable Organ Chamber should be provided.

The Committee confidently appeal to subscribers and others, for additional subscriptions to enable them to meet this deficiency of £110.

But to complete the work of Restoration in an entirely satisfactory manner, the Committee feel bound to invite contributions also for the following objects:

1.—The re-hanging of the Bells in the Tower, costing (say) ..... £ 50
2.—Improvements in the Church-yard, costing (say) ..... £ 60
3.—The purchase and putting up of a new Clock, costing (say) £170
4.—Re-seating of the North Aisle, a work deferred for the present from want of funds, costing (say) £110

which the Committee think should be undertaken in the order given.

Adding these amounts to the £110 already mentioned, the Committee find that they could with advantage expend a sum of about £500 upon the Church and Church-yard before bringing their task to an end.

The extent to which they may be able to effect these improvements must depend upon the amount of subscriptions entrusted to them: they hope to be enabled to accomplish them all.

Subscriptions may be paid to, and promises of subscriptions will be received by, the Treasurer (C. H. Charlesworth, Settle), or they may be sent direct to "The Giggleswick Church Restoration Fund," at the Craven Bank, Settle.

It is particularly requested that the enclosed slip be filled up and returned AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, so that the Committee may make arrangements for doing what they can at once.

Signed by the Members of the Committee,

HECTOR CHRISTIE, *Chairman*
H. J. SWALE, *Vice-Chairman*
JOHN GELDARD
WM. HARTLEY
JOHN LISTER
CHAS. MARSDEN
WALTER MORRISON
W. G. PERFECT
A. R. St. C. RADCLIFFE
J. G. ROBINSON
GEORGE STYLE
C. H. CHARLESWORTH, *Hon. Treasurer*
THOS. BRAYSHAW, *Hon. Secretary*

23rd October, 1891.

SETTLE,

29th June, 1888.

DEAR .....

It has been decided to have a Loan Exhibition in connection with the Bazaar in aid of the Giggleswick Church Restoration Fund, which Exhibition will be held at the National School, Giggleswick, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 11th and 12th July.

I have been asked to take charge of this branch of the Bazaar, and I therefore venture to ask if you will be so kind as to lend anything for the purpose; Curiosities, Antiquities, Articles of Local or Historical Interest, Specimens of Handicraft, Carvings, Works of Art, in short anything of general interest, will be acceptable.

The greatest possible care will be taken of the things lent, and precautions will be taken to ensure their safe custody.

Should you be able and willing to comply with this request, I shall esteem it a great favor if any articles you are willing to lend, are left at the National School, Giggleswick, on Tuesday afternoon, the 10th prox., between 3-0 and 5-0 o'clock, or, on receiving an intimation from you, I will gladly send for them.

May I ask you to send, with the articles, a list of the things lent, and I would suggest that it would be very useful and convenient if a ticket be affixed to each exhibit, stating:

(*a.*) Title or Name of Article.

(*b.*) Name of Sender.

(*c.*) Any note or remark referring to Exhibit.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

THOS. BRAYSHAW.

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East End during Restoration.
(Note demolition of South arcade.)

East End of South Aisle during Restoration.

Giggleswick,
May 6. '71.

Dear Mr. Brayshaw;

I dont know whether you will expect any formal reply to your letter of yesterday date, but, if I had been able to see you to-day, I should have intimated to you, with as much equanimity as I could command, that the peremptory tone was entirely uncalled for. If you had explained to me in your morning letter what the feeling was on the subject, or had put it on the ground of convenience, or inconvenience, that would have been sufficient.

But to send me an apparently friendly letter, & then, unknown to me, to get "the Vicar's" consent to the course you took, does seem to me a most outrageous proceeding.

But, please understand, that I have no desire or intention to open out a

correspondence on the subject.
Still less to your animadverting
on the ensuing re-opening
of the Church, when one shall
may be presumed to be following
after "the things that make
for peace"! I will therefore
content myself with asking
you to let me know by return,
whether you think I could
rely on having the use of
the old Grammar School
up to 9 o'clock on Wednesday
morning, & whether I could
presume on the use of a few
chairs, in addition to the
fittings of the Communion,
up to that time. I want
to be quite explicit this
time, so as to prevent
any misunderstanding
or inconvenience.

Yours very truly,
J. E. Stone.

Giggleswick Church Restoration—continued.

discovered, These, however, have been broken to pieces, and scattered about the church, probably at the period of the Reformation. It is not yet certain whether they represent sub-priors of the Priory of Finchale (some of whom were buried in the church), or Dames Mabel and Agnes Tempest, who were members of the Guild of Corpus Christi of York.

The Church was re-opened for service on the 11th May last, by the Bishop of Richmond, in the presence of about thirty clergy, a large choir, and a crowded congregation.

A beautiful clock, chiming the St. Mary's quarters, has been presented by the Masters and Boys, past and present, of Giggleswick School.

Funds are still needed to make improvements in the churchyard, and to re-seat the North Aisle.

With the death of the late Vicar many changes in the constitution of the Church Authorities, &c., came into operation. Settle and Rathmell are now independent parishes, and Stainforth becomes one on the next vacancy in the living of Arncliffe.

The chief event of this month will be (D.V.) the Re-opening of the Parish Church, after Restoration, on the 11th instant. We earnestly trust that the Bishop of Ripon may be able to fulfil his promise, to be present at the principal Service, although we regret to learn that his Lordship is at present out of health. We feel sure, however, that nothing short of medical prohibition will prevent him fulfilling his engagement. As already announced, the principal Service will be at 12-30, and we are glad to say that the Ven. Archdeacon Boyd whose praise is in all the Churches, has kindly promised to preach in the evening, at 7-30. We trust that all our parishioners, especially those who may be unable to come in the morning, will do their best to be present at this Service. As at present arranged, the Services throughout the day will be as follows:— 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 10 a.m., Matins and Litany; 12-30 p.m., Special Re-opening Service; 4 p.m., Administration of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism; 7-30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon. If any alteration is made notice will be given, if possible, on the previous Sunday. Collections will be made at the 12-30 p.m. and 7-30 p.m. Services on the re-opening day, on behalf of the Restoration Fund, and also on the Sunday following, at the usual hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Our esteemed neighbour, the Vicar of Settle, has kindly promised to preach on the afternoon of that Sunday, May 15th.

From the Parish Magazine.

The above paragraph was written by the Revd. J. E. Howe, Curate in Charge. The Committee strongly objected to his holding services at 8.0 and 10.30 before the formal opening, and they ultimately prevented them being held.

The Parish Church of St. Alkelda was re-opened on Wednesday, the eleventh of May. Many of the school attended the service. It was fortunately a bright morning and the Church looked very beautiful. The Bishop of Ripon was unable, through illness, to come, and his place was taken by the Bishop of Richmond. Twenty-four clergy took part in the procession. The lesson was read by the Headmaster. Mr. Hyde lent his help at the harmonium, the damp state of the walls making it impossible to put the organ in until the end of the summer. In the evening a sermon was preached by the Ven. Archdeacon Boyd. The restoration of the church has cost about £3,700, and the Organ, provided by the ladies of the neighbourhood, another £500. Surely the restoration of St. Alkelda's is a wonderful enterprize for so thinly populated a district, and the Committee may well be proud of their work. There yet remain two things to be done, should funds be forthcoming, the seating of the north aisle, and the thorough setting in order of the churchyard. Old Boys will be surprised when they see what a beautiful church Messrs. Paley and Austin have recalled into existence. At the first Sunday evening school service the sermon was fitly preached by the Rev. D. S. Ingram, son of the Rev. Rowland Ingram.

The Clock, presented to the church by the school, was started at 8-57 p.m., on Saturday, 23rd July, by the Head Master, who said: "By permission of the Vicar and Churchwardens and as the representative of past and present members of Giggleswick School (founded by King Edward the Sixth, of pious memory, at the instance of a former Vicar of Giggleswick) I am here to start this Clock, given by the School to the Parish. May it truly mark the silent lapse of time—of time spent as it becometh servants of Christ by us and by those who shall come after us: *In nomine Patris et Fili et Spiritus Sancti*: *Amen.*"

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The Clock Chamber was crowded: among those present were Mr. Brayshaw (O.G.), Churchwarden and Honorary Secretary of the Restoration Committee, Mr. Lister (O.G.), Churchwarden, Wm. Hartley, Esq. (O.G.), Clerk to the Governing Body; Rev. T. H. May, Dr. W. Marshall Watts, Mr. Brewin and Mr. Mannock, representing past and present Masters of the School; T. S. Taylor, P. T. Sutcliffe, J. R. Wilkinson, L. Hacking, R. A. Hudson, A. Style, Miss M. H. Style.

"Giggleswick Chronicle." 1892.

Iron "lewis", Saxon Stone, and old knife, found during Restorat

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PARISH CHURCH, GIGGLESWICK.

RE-OPENING SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11th, 1892,

AT 12-30 P.M., PREACHER:—

THE BISHOP OF RICHMOND.

AT 7-30 P.M., PREACHER:—

THE VEN. ARCHDEACON BOYD.

SUNDAY, MAY 15th, 1892,

11 a.m., Preacher:-The Rev. J. E. HOWE, M.A.

3 p.m., Preacher:-The Rev. R. C. GARNETT, M.A.

Collections after each Service in aid of the Restoration Fund.

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The ancient parish church of Giggleswick—the mother church of the district—was re-opened with much ceremony after restoration on Wednesday. The brilliantly fine weather, the attractions of the service, and the historic associations connected with the venerable pile, served to draw together a congregation considerably larger than any which has assembled in the Giggleswick Church for many a long year. Not a few interesting relics of Norman and other periods have been dug up out of the chancel and other parts of the church during the progress of the works, and these have been carefully preserved, so that in the not very distant future the Giggleswick folk may expect to suffer from an invasion from the army of devotees of old crocks, stones, brasses, pulpits, and in fact everything that has the appearance of being ancient, who call themselves antiquarians.

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It was a sight to see the solemn procession of the clergy move up the nave of the Church, headed by the churchwardens with their symbols of office, but a good deal of speculation was aroused as to whether these symbols of office were quite the real articles. It was suggested—quietly and privately of course—that in appearance, at least, they too much resembled attenuated billiard cues. They were certainly of the right colour, and the right shape, but possibly they would not be very evenly balanced. It does seem that the restoration of the Church is not yet complete, however, and it may not be out of place to suggest that if it is necessary for the Churchwardens to carry wands or staves of office, they should be provided with something more dignified and seemly than the sticks which graced (?) the re-opening ceremonial.

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From the "Lancaster Guardian".

RESTORATION OF GIGGLESWICK PARISH CHURCH.

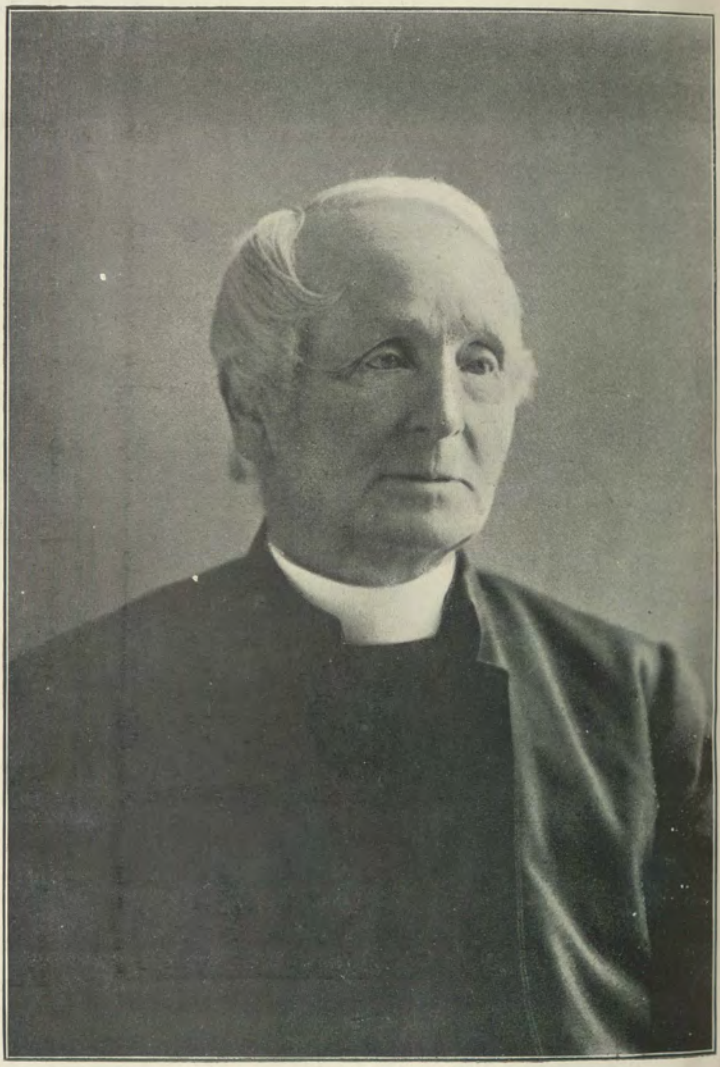
RE OPENING SERVICE: SERMON BY THE BISHOP OF RICHMOND.

The restoration of the ancient Parish Church of Giggleswick, which has been undertaken at a cost of £3,500, is now practically completed, and on Wednesday the Church was formally re-opened for public worship by the Bishop of Richmond. The Church, which is in the perpendicular style of architecture, is dedicated to St Alkelda, and is a large, uniform, and handsome building, consisting of nave of four bays, clerestory chancel, north and south aisles, square west tower, and porch. Various documents and records seem to justify the conclusion that the building is at least 700 years old, and remains of Norman architecture and statuary which have been found in the Church and its immediate vicinity makes the spot one of exceptional interest to lovers of antiquarian and archæological relics. Of late years the fabric had fallen very much into decay, and as year followed year it became absolutely necessary that some effort should be made for its thorough renovation and restoration. At various times certain sums of money were bequeathed by parishioners and others for the purpose of carrying out the necessary works, and some two years ago the churchwardens—Messrs. T. Brayshaw, J. Lister, H. Perfect, and J. Radcliffe—found themselves in possession of a sufficient fund to justify the actual commencement of the restoration. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Paley, Austin, and Paley, architects, of Lancaster, who have been able to carry out the restoration without in any way destroying the ancient character of the building. The old north wall, the lower portion of which was considerably below the level of the churchyard, has been underpinned, the north-west corner of the Church taken down and re-built, a heating chamber erected at the north-west corner, and an organ chamber and vestry at the north-east corner. It was found necessary to entirely un-roof the building, and to remove the old oak timbers, these being re-placed with timbers of new oak. It was also found necessary to take down the three eastern arches of the south arcade and to re-build them, and also a section of the third pier of the north arcade, concrete foundations being put in at a depth of six or seven feet, and the piers re-built. Two new double windows have been put in the clerestory at the east end of the nave, thus adding considerably to the light of that portion of the Church, and the walls of the tower have been cleaned, and the old masonry re-pointed. During the progress of the work some very interesting relics have been unearthed. In his "History of Craven" Whitaker makes reference to the fact that in the part of the Church known as the "Stainford Chapel" were formerly two cumbent statues, undoubtedly of some members of the Stainford family, and this led the Committee to extend considerably the excavations at that end of the Church. Their efforts in behalf of archæological remains were rewarded by the discovery of an effigy of a knight in armour, and under the chancel two effigies, presumably of monks. The figure of the knight has been placed just outside the Stainford Chapel at the end of the north aisle, places for the other two effigies having been found at the west end of the nave. Two curious old crosses, one a woolstapler and the other a crusader, were also unearthed in the excavation for the heating chamber, and a third cross had been used as a stone step in the Church porch. A most interesting feature of the Church is the old oak pulpit and reading desk, which had been removed from the south side of the nave to the north east pier. The pulpit and reading desk are both in a remarkably good state of preservation. The pulpit, which bears the date of 1680, is of fine old oak, handsomely carved, the panels bearing the names and badges of the Twelve Tribes of Israel; whilst in front of the reading desk is the inscription "Hear is the Standardes of the Israelites when the to Canan com agenest the Canaanites." The old communion rails, which bear the initials "T.A., W.W., L.K., and T S., and are supposed to be the oldest pieces of work about the Church, have been retained. The interior of the Church has been entirely re-seated with modern open benches of oak, the chancel seats being elaborately carved, and a carved chancel screen has been placed on the south side. The ugly six light window which formerly disfigured the east end of the Church has been removed, and in its place has been erected a six light stained glass window representing the Crucifixion and Ascension. This window has been erected by Mr. John Hartley, of Clapham, in memory of "John and Esther Hartley, of Catteral Hall;" whilst at the west end the Misses Hartley have erected a small three light window of stained glass to the memory of their "brother and sister, George and Elizabeth Hartley, and also their Uncle, George Dudgeon Hartley and Mary his wife." The windows, which are very good specimens of stained glass work, have been executed by Mr. T. W. Camm, of Smethwick, Birmingham. The contractors by whom the work of restoration has been carried out are Mr. H. Brassington, Settle, for masonry, joinering, and plastering; Messrs. Holmes, Bros., of Settle, for plumbing and glazing; and Mr. Morgan, Lancaster, for the carving. The work has been carried out under the immediate supervision of Mr. T. Baines, of Lancaster, clerk of works for the architects. The total cost of the restoration proper is estimated at £3,500, but this does not include the provision of an organ, for which a special fund of £500 has been raised. Nearly the whole of the amount required to cover the cost of the work has already been provided, the amount still to be raised being required for the provision of seats in the north aisle of the Church, the re-hanging of the bells, and the repair of the clock. We may add that the Committee by whom the work of restoration has been organised and carried out is constituted as follows:—Mr. H. Christie (chairman), Rev. H. J. Swale (vice-chairman), Mr C. H. Charlesworth (treasurer), Mr. T. Brayshaw (secretary), Mr. W. Morrison, M.P., Mr. J. Gelderd, Rev. G. Style, Rev. C. Marsden, Mr. Radcliffe, Mr. Lister, Mr. Perfect, Mr. W. Hartley, and Mr. J. J. Robinson.

There was a very large attendance at the opening service on Wednesday, the accommodation of the Church being taxed to its utmost limits. Amongst the clergy present were the Rev. H. A. Glennie, of Chichester; the Rev. Canon Wilson, Bolton-by-Bowland; the Ven. Archdeacon Boyd, Arncliffe; the Rev. H. A. Starkie, Rector of Radcliffe; Rev. G. W. Clapham, Vicar of St. Matthews, Sheffield; Rev. J. Ward, Clapham; Rev. J. P. Sykes, Rauthmell; Rev. J. Thomas, Bolton; Rev. R. C. Garnett, Settle; Rev. C. Wildbore, Long Preston; Rev. D. Ingram, and Rev. A. Cross, Giggleswick; Rev. J. F. Pullen, Rev. J. Howe, the Rev. C. E. Golland, Glasson; &c. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Rev. J. Howe, curate-in-charge, Giggleswick, the Lord's Prayer and the responses being taken by the Rev. H. A. Glennie. The Lesson, taken from the 1st chapter of Haggai, was read by the Rev. G. Style, M.A., Head Master of the Giggleswick Grammar School, and the collects being taken by the Ven. Archdeacon Boyd and the Rev. Canon Wilson. The special prayers for the day were intoned by the Bishop of Richmond, who also preached the sermon.

The BISHOP selected as his text the first and second verses of Psalm 122, "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the House of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem." This was a pilgrim song, the song that was sung by the people of Israel as they returned from their long captivity to that home of which they had heard so often, of which they knew every feature and detail, with the history of which they were most thoroughly and completely acquainted, but which they had never seen. They came back to it as children returning home, they had thought of it as the home of their forefathers, and all their thoughts and longings had been directed to Jerusalem. When the city in its beauty burst upon their view it could easily be imagined with what glorious fervour and yet chastened enthusiasm they sang the song of the text. They loved Jerusalem for its marvellous beauty, to them it was indeed the "joy of the whole earth," beautiful for situation; but they loved it also because it was the centre of their true life, of their spiritual life. They loved it for its holy associations; it was to them the one spot upon earth. Now-a-days men loved their own little parish church because around it centred their most sacred associations. But not only on this account did the Jews love Jerusalem, but because it was the centre of all their worship, and they desired to see the stately beauty of the temple, to rejoice in its glorious service, to take part in the sacrifices day by day and year by year, and to enjoy the round of fast and festival. Not only were they devoted to Jerusalem for its religious associations, but because it was identified with the whole history of the Jews, their national glory, national shame, and their national sins, and all these combined in their hearts to make them feel a strong love and feeling for that place, and it was with the Jews as with them all, the sorrow and the sadness, as well as the glory and the joy that were connected with a spot that made them devoted to it. There was surely the same spirit in the hearts of all assembled there that day. It was not wonderful that this Psalm was almost always one that was selected when a parish met together to rejoice in the restoration of the Church it loved. Though they were not bound to any great central building, as the Jews were to the temple at Jerusalem, they loved their parish churches, and it was around them their thoughts and feelings centred. They were bound to them by equally solemn ties as the Jews were to their temple, for these old parish churches were linked with the history of the country and the neighbourhood. That church at Giggleswick for example, how it carried its history in its very stones. If there were no written records left, they would still know that a church had been upon that place for 700 years or more. Let them think what that meant, as they went over the history of English life from that day to this, let them consider that through all the changes there had ever been standing there a silent witness for God—a silent witness for the Cross of Christ. Those walls had stood there in ancient days; they had heard the curfew of the Norman tyrants, had seen the struggles of the civil wars, the struggles between the White and the Red Roses, between the Cavaliers and the Puritans; they had seen Englishmen eager to plunge into English breasts the swords that still have been saved for self-preservation; they had heard the *Te Deum* sung for victories attending our armies in other lands, and the joy bells rung when the news came of the defeat of the Armada, of the victories of Waterloo, Alma, and Sebastopol. If they looked at their religious history they knew that beneath that building rested those who struggled in the religious throes of the Reformation, and who battled in the cause of righteousness and truth before the days of Wesley. All through this time these walls had stood bearing the silent message, now heeded and now unheeded, that men must ever look up to God, and raise their lives to something higher, nobler, and better than the mere life of earth. But they were bound to those walls more closely still by the registers, gravestones, and parish records, which told of names still known and honoured, names honoured in generations past, of those who, according to their ability, served their office, whatever it might be, in the Church and parish, and who worshipped within those walls. They read of their old-world ways and smiled at their old-fashioned methods and quaint sayings, but surely they might do far worse than imitate the solid sober life of these men of old, the sturdiness of their temper, the sincerity of their patriotism, and their love for the old Church and parish with which they were associated. And as their feet stood once more in the gates of that Jerusalem where their fathers worshipped, where the joys and sorrows of their lives were hallowed and sanctified, well might they lift up their hearts in humble thanksgiving to God, and renewing their own spiritual life, determine by God's grace to make it worthy of the Church and the Saviour whose name it bore.

The offertory, which was in aid of the Restoration Fund, was taken during the singing of the hymn "The Church's one foundation," and amounted to £35 16s. In the evening a full choral service was held, when an eloquent discourse was preached by the Ven. Archdeacon Boyd, of Arncliffe.



WILLIAM BOYD, M.A.,

ARCHDEACON OF CRAVEN.

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GIGGLESWICK CHURCH

RESTORATION FUND.

BAZAAR

JULY 11th, 12th and 14th, 1888.

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GIGGLESWICK CHURCH RESTORATION.

REARING SUPPER.

Admit .....

to the Rearing Supper, to be held at the Black Horse Inn, Giggleswick, on Saturday, the 16th April, 1892, at 6-30 p.m.

Giggleswick Church Restoration.

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ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY, DEC. 21st, 1888.

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Contains account of Re-opening Services.

GIGGLESWICK & SETTLE PARISH MAGAZINE.

JUNE, 1892.

GIGGLESWICK.

THE CHURCH OF S. ALKELDA.

BAPTISMS.

May 11th—William Henry, son of Thomas William and Mary Ellen Brassington, Settle.
,, Mary Ellen, daughter of William Webster and Margaret Dobson, Giggleswick.
,, John Abbotson, son of Frederic and Agnes Ann Harper, Rathmell.
,, John Beetham, son of George Pickup and Annie Clapham, Giggleswick.

MARRIAGE.

May 18th—Henry Thomas Wilson and Alice Annie Ramsbottom, both of Settle

BURIAL.

May 28th—Christopher Knowles, Preston, aged 73 years.

On Sunday, May 8th (the third Sunday after Easter) the last Services were held in the Old Grammar School, and this being Diocesan Sunday, collections were made on behalf of the Diocesan Societies. The amount contributed was £2 : 18 : 6. This was an increase on last year's collections, but we shall hope for a much larger sum next year in the "New Church."

During the time the Congregation has worshipped in the Old Grammar School, *i.e.* from Sunday, October 5th, 1890, to Wednesday, May 11th, 1892, inclusive, there have been 19 Baptisms, 9 Marriages, and 39 Burials.

Wednesday, May 11th, was "a red-letter day" in the history of Giggleswick Parish, for, on this day, the Old Parish Church which dates back for more than 700 years, was re-opened after Restoration.

We propose to give a detailed account of the proceedings connected with the re-opening, for the benefit of our readers who wish to preserve a continuous history of the Parish. At 8 o'clock there was a celebration of Holy Cummunion in the Old Grammar School. At 12-30 the Special Service of the day took place, the Clergy meeting in the National School. The absence of the Bishop of Ripon, through illness, was a great disappointment to all concerned, but his place was ably filled by the Suffragan Bishop of Richmond (Dr. Pulleine). Twenty-five Clergy took part in the procession, their names being as follows :—

The Bishop of Richmond ; The Ven. Archdeacon Boyd, Arncliffe ; Rev. Canon Wilson, Bolton-by-Bolland ; Rev. J. M. Ward, Vicar of Clapham and Rural Dean ; Rev. J. E. Howe, Giggleswick ; Rev. G. Style, Giggleswick School ; Rev. Arthur Cross, Giggleswick School ; Rev. R. C. Garnett, Settle ; Rev. A. E. Glennie, Chichester ; Rev. J. P. Sykes, Rathmell ; Rev. S. Sandberg, Langcliffe ; Rev. J. Stackhouse, Stainforth ; Rev. G. W. Clapham, St. Matthias, Sheffield ; Rev. Delaval Ingram, Felstead School, Essex ; Rev. R. W. Wilson, Sutton-in-Craven ; Rev. H. A. Starkie, Radcliffe ; Rev. F. E. Thomas, St. Augustine's, Tonge Moor, Bolton ; Rev. W. J. Courtney, Austwick ; Rev. C. E. Golland, Glasson ; Rev. F. W. Whaley, Horton ; Rev. C. Wildbore, Long Preston ; Rev. J. R. Leigh, Gargrave ; Rev. W. S. Sykes. St. Matthias, Sheffield; Rev. J. Jackson, Clapham ; Rev. J. R. Pullan.

The Clergy were met at the south-west porch by the four Churchwardens of the old Parish Church of Giggleswick, Messrs. T. Brayshaw, Giggleswick ; J. Lister, Settle ; W. G. Perfect, Stainforth ; A. Taylor, Rathmell ; who preceded them up the Nave, the Clergy taking their places in the Choir Stalls. The following was the order of Service :—Hymn 397, " Lift the strain of high thanksgiving " ; The Lord's Prayer ; Versicles and Responses ; Psalm 84 and 122 ; Lesson, Haggai ii, 1-10 ; Te Deum ; Apostle's Creed ; Versicles ; Collect of the Day, and for Peace ; Special Collects and Prayers, from the Form for the Consecration of a Church ; Prayer of S. Chrysostom and Grace ; Hymn 166, " All people that on earth do dwell " ; Sermon ; Offertory Hymn 215, " The Church's one foundation ; Blessing. The Sermon was preached by the Bishop of Richmond, from Psalm 122, vv. 1-2. His Lordship, dealing with the Psalm as a pilgrim song, made an eloquent application of the text to the special circumstances of the day. He spoke of the continuous witness of the old Church through the long centuries of its history, and of the changes which had taken place in the political and religious history of England since the building of the earlier Church 700 years ago. The Jerusalem of the text was the true city of God, which the faithful have in mind when they repeat the familiar words of the creed, " I believe in one Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church." The offertory at this Service amounted to £35 : 6 : 3. A word of praise is due to the Choirs for the admirable manner in which they rendered the Service, and to the Rev. A. E. Glennie, Priest-Vicar of Chichester Cathedral, for his valuable help in intoning the Service, and previously training the Choirs. Mr. C. F. Hyde, Organist and Choir-master of Giggleswick School, made an excellent accompanist on the Harmonium, which temporarily did duty for the Organ.

The Choirs of all the Parishes formerly in the old Parish of Giggleswick were asked to take part in the re-opening Services, the Choirs actually represented being Giggleswick, Settle and Rathmell.

The number of voices was : Giggleswick, 23 ; Settle, 36 ; Rathmell, 15 ; Total 74 ; a temporary platform being erected on the north side of the Chancel for the accomodation of those who could not find room in the Choir Stalls.

It is almost needless to say that the Church was filled to its utmost capacity, and it was generally agreed that this Service was in every respect an entire success.

To continue our record of the day's proceeding, we may mention that at 3-30 the Sunday-school Children assembled in the National School, and each received from Miss Stansfeld, a new Sixpence as a *souvenir* of the day. At 4 o'clock, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism was administered for the first time in the newly-restored Church, when 4 Children were received into "the Congregation of Christ's flock."

At 7-30, full Choral Evensong was held, the Church being again filled in every part. The Special Psalms were the 48th, 84th and 122nd. The first lesson, I Chron. xxix,, 9-19, was read by the Rev. R. C. Garnett, Vicar of Settle, and the second lesson, Eph. iv., 1-7, by the Rev. J. P. Sykes, Vicar of Rathmell.

The Anthem, "O how amiable are Thy Dwellings" (Richardson) was admirably sung by the united Choirs, and the Hymns 179 "To the name of our Salvation"; 274 "Through the night of doubt and sorrow," and 302 "Come ye faithful, raise the Anthem," were well taken up by the Congregation.

The Sermon was preached by the Ven. Archdeacon Boyd, from Jeremiah viii., vv. 21-22. Applying the text to the circumstances of to-day, the preacher referred to Dr. Hook's work in Leeds, and pointed out that he had the satisfaction of seeing a Church built during each year of his Vicariate. Church restoration, he reminded his hearers, was begun in Craven 50 years ago, and we were completing the work to-day. The Ven. Archdeacon might have said that his own Church at Arncliffe was the first of the Craven Churches to be restored in the year 1839-40. Speaking of present-day difficulties, he expressed his confidence that the Church, in the strength of her Divine Mission, would be able to meet them all, and exhorted his hearers to do their part by putting light and life into the Services, remembering their responsibility to God herein.

The offertory at this Service amounted to £10 : 4, or a total for the day of £45 : 10 : 3.

It only remains to add that the weather was all that could be desired, that cloudless sunshine throughout the day favoured the numerous visitors from town and country, who thronged the village, that those from outlying parts had the advantage of the moon "at the full" for their return home, and finally, that for those who remembered to look for it, there was a remarkably clear view of the "partial eclipse," which we trust was in no sense prophetical of the future of the Church in this Parish.

The re-opening Services were continued on the following Sunday, May 15th, the Rev. J. E. Howe preaching in the morning, from Rev. xxi., 5, and the Rev. R. C. Garnett, in the afternoon, from Gen. xxviii., 19. In the course of his sermon, the preacher made some valuable and practical remarks on "the bad custom which had arisen in the Church of England of shutting up the Parish Churches from Sunday to Sunday. He reminded his hearers that these buildings were never meant to be mere preaching houses, but were designed for the worship of God individually as well as collectively. He spoke of the shyness and dislike of doing anything that appeared singular or uncommon prevalent among the English people, which prevented them using their Parish Churches for daily Communion with God, and assured them that if they demanded their right of free access to their Father's house, it would, without doubt be granted at all suitable times."

The collections throughout the day amounted to £4 : 17 : 5, making a total for the Restoration Fund of £50 : 7 : 8.

On Sunday, May 22nd, the Settle Rifle Volunteers (under the command of Capt. Stackhouse), attended morning service at the Parish Church, about 50 being present. The Hymns were accompanied by the Instrumental Band, and there was a crowded congregation.

YORKSHIRE PENNY BANK (GIGGLESWICK BRANCH).

Monthly Report.

April—No. of Deposits, 177; Amount deposited, £6 : 18 : 9.
May—No. of Depositors, 118; No. of Deposits, 162; Amount deposited, £23.
Total amount deposited up to date, £558.

SETTLE.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY ASCENSION, SETTLE.

BAPTISMS.

May 1st—Simon, son of John and Louisa Alice Thwaites.
,, 25th—Nellie, daughter of John and Elizabeth Broadbelt.

BURIALS.

May 7th—Jane Ralph, aged 15 years.
,, 8th—James Smithies, aged 21 days.
,, 10th—William Dawson, aged 66 years.
,, 13th—Sarah Ann Broadbelt, aged 1 year.

MONTHLY OFFERTORY, MAY, 1892.

	£	s.	d.
May 1st—	2	6	6
,, 8th—For Diocesan Societies	4	0	11½
,, 15th—	1	4	5
,, 22nd—	1	8	6½
Ascension Day	0	6	1
May 29th—	1	15	5
Churching	0	0	6
Private Communions	0	7	6
	£11	9	11

Lancaster - Feb 1854.

The Committee for the Restoration
of the Parish Ch Eyglesmick -

To Sharpe & Paley -

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Sept - To consultation with Committee as to proposed Restoration of the Parish Church Eyglesmick - - -

At a Meeting of the "Twenty-four" held on Monday, in Easter-week, the Priest-in-Charge presiding, Mr. David Taylor was elected Churchwarden, and Mr. John Parker Sidesman for the ensuing year. A letter was read from the Rev. Geo. Style, offering to make himself responsible for seating the whole of the North Aisle of the Church with Oak, so as to bring it into conformity with the rest of the Church, according to the original design. In the absence of the Vicar, the Chairman was instructed to thank the Head Master for his generous offer, and to intimate to him their grateful acceptance of the same by the Members of the Vestry assembled.

Par. Mag. 1893 May

On Wednesday evening, April 11th, the Rev. Addison Crofton, M.A., was inducted into the Cure of Souls in the parish of Giggleswick, by the Rev. E. Kemble, M.A., Vicar of Coniston, and Rural Dean. There was a large congregation, and as the majority of those present had probably not witnessed an induction before, great interest was manifested in the Service. The time-honoured ceremony of locking the door and tolling the bell was duly gone through, after which the new Vicar was conducted to his stall. The Rural Dean gave a suitable address, and afterwards laid his hands in blessing on the Vicar. A verse of the last Hymn sung will, we think, aptly express the feelings uppermost in the minds of all.

O bless the Shepherd, bless the sheep,
That guide and guided both be one;
One in the faithful watch they keep,
Until this hurrying life be done.

The new Vicar 'read himself in' on the morning of the 2nd Sunday after Easter.

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Seating of the North Aisle of Giggleswick Church

I have pleasure in reporting that the seating of the North Aisle of Giggleswick Church was completed by Messrs. Brassington Bros. and Corney to the satisfaction of Messrs. Austin and Paley, (who prepared the working Drawings, &c.,) on the 17th of December.

In thanking the subscribers to the Fund for their kind help, I take the opportunity of reminding them that the whole of the oak was provided about nine years ago by Mr. Morrison, and that it has been thoroughly seasoned during the interval which has elapsed.

My thanks are also due to the Vicar and Churchwardens for permitting the work to be carried out.

G. STYLE.

31st December, 1897.

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GIGGLESWICK PRO-VICARAGE,

JULY 1ST, 1902.

MY DEAR MADAM (OR SIR),

As I find that the 'Tithe-Rents' belonging to this Benefice hardly admit of outlay in the collecting of the same I propose receiving them myself.

[To prevent the *faintest mis*-construction I had better distinctly here add that this mere vulgar mundane reason is the *sole* reason why I am taking this course. As a matter of business-equity, it is only fitting that I should here chronicle that Mr. J. Lund Brayshaw, who has been good enough to undertake the collecting of the tithe-rents during the year last past, has carried out his duties in that satisfactory manner to which he has accustomed every one in any work he stipulates.]

I will esteem it a favour therefore if you will be good enough to make payment at your *earliest* convenience, either paying in the amount direct into my account at the Craven Bank, Settle, or else remitting the amount direct to me through the post, when you are quite at liberty to deduct both poundage on P.O.O. or P.O. and the postage when mailing the amount due to me.

Yours faithfully,

THEODORE PERCY BROCKLEHURST,

Vicar of Giggleswick.

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The Giggleswick Parish Church Registers have been transcribed *con amore* by Mr. John Foster and must be of great interest to a wide circle owing to the importance of this antient parish. The Registers are from 1558 to 1812 and it is intended to print and publish them **BUT ONLY IF SUFFICIENT SUBSCRIBERS COME FORWARD.** Neither Mr. Foster nor myself want to 'mak' owt,' but we certainly don't intend to lose 'brass' over the undertaking. To make the matter 'go' 500 Subscriptions must be guaranteed. On purpose to give **ALL**—rich and poor—parishioners a chance of obtaining the Registers it is intended to issue them in about twenty 6d. parts. The whole work will be issued to **SUBSCRIBERS ONLY**, of whom a list will be printed in the last volume. Single parts will not be obtainable. If you desire to become a Subscriber please fill up the attached reply post card.

THEODORE P. BROCKLEHURST,
Vicar and Surrogate.

Brocklehurst's vulgar expressions in the above card were modified in later issues by "to benefit pecuniarily" being substituted for "to mak' owt," and "money" for "brass."