

Annals of an Antiquary

By T. W. HANSON.

During the year several minor restorations and discoveries have been made at Shibden Hall. The paint has been removed from the kitchen mantel, the fireplace opened out, and the result is a medieval fireplace in something like its original condition. The plaster has been removed from the wall adjoining the entrance passage. This has revealed the original half-timber division with one of the posts of the building standing on a stone foundation. An interesting door-head was exposed of a pattern that was copied throughout the house by the architect, who did the alterations for Miss Lister. Some of the timber and brick partitions in the barn have been removed and the fine interior of the large barn is being gradually revealed.

The house at Upper Shaw Hill, alias Elmwood, has been cleared away at the back of the Bus Garage. Two dated stones, memorials of the tenure of the Quaker family of Laycock, had inscribed:

I. L. M. 1695.

I. B. L. 1710.

The interesting house in Soyland called Flat-head, obtained a reprieve from a demolition order through the interest of the Yorkshire Archæological Society. It has several good architectural features and deserved another lease of life.

The house at the entrance gates to Clay House, Greetland, was badly wrecked by a runaway motor-waggon. The original entrance to Clay House was from the Rochdale Road—the old main road from Chester to York. The houses may have been used for relations of the head of the family who lived at Clay House, for in the 17th century a homestead like Clay House sheltered more than one family, sometimes quite a clan. However, the house will be restored. Its appearance is somewhat spoiled by the enamelled advertising plates that cover its facade.

The slum clearance programme has commenced operations on Woolshops this year, and a length of the northern side has come down. The most interesting building was the one with a heavy pediment and pillars of the same pattern as those in the Piece Hall. Horner sketched the same house when its neighbours were half-timbered gabled shops. I do not know the history of this building. Woolshops still is the most picturesque street in the town. The street-name is unique, for I know of no other town that has a Woolshops, though Corn Markets are common to almost every old city. A special Act of Parliament had to be passed to allow Halifax men to trade as wool staplers (though they were called wool drivers then), to accommodate the small hand-loom weavers. Medieval trade economy tried to abolish all middle-men, but an exception had to be made for the Halifax trade.

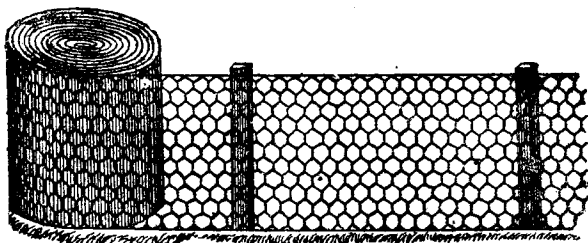
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