



The Settle District

AND

North-West Yorkshire Dales

A Practical Guide Book for the Visitor and Tourist

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PREFACE.

THE beautiful scenery and the many other attractive features of the Settle district are presented by nature in such profusion that visitors and tourists have long felt the need of a practical guide book. It is with the object of supplying this need, and that the time, however brief, spent on a visit to Settle and its environs may be used to the best advantage that this book has been written.

The Yorkshire dales have long been famous for their variety of scenery, especially those in the north-west district of the county. Mountain and moor, cave and glen, picturesque limestone scar, romantic waterfall, and pleasant riverside walks are all within easy reach of the town of Settle, and many charming and interesting outings are obtainable even by those with but limited time at their disposal. With a car or cycle to take one further afield no difficulty will be found in arranging a number of delightful circular tours, several of which are suggested in Chapters XI and XII.

In describing the various excursions, detailed directions are given for the benefit of the stranger exploring the less frequented routes, where no guide posts point the way, and where objects of interest may easily be missed.

The greatly increased interest in nature shown during recent years has led me to include notes on the plant, bird and animal life of the district, which are for the most part, recorded as met with. A classified list of plants is also given for the benefit of the botanist.

While endeavouring to make the many attractions of the Settle district more widely known, one feels constrained to add the reasonable request that privileges be not abused. At

present almost everything here is free. There is no "pay here" to greet the visitor who wishes to view some choice bit of scenery or object of interest, although much that is described and to which the public have access is situated on private land. The breaking of fences, and leaving open of field-gates, or the thoughtless uprooting of rare plants, will, if indulged in, sooner or later, result in the withdrawal of privileges at present enjoyed.

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Additional information concerning the town of Settle may be had in a well produced little book "Settle and Giggleswick," by Mr. T. Brayshaw. Another small but useful book is "The Lowlands of Craven," by Dr. A. Wilmore, published by the Skipton Stationery Co., Skipton. The author's work "The Ribble from its Source to the Sea" deals with the country adjacent to the Ribble throughout its course. Books, now out of print, which might be consulted with profit are the Rev. G. H. Brown's "On Foot Round Settle," and Mr. H. Speight's "Craven Highlands." Pocket editions of various sections of this book are published, and a list of same is given on page 202.

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