

# SCAR VILLAGE NOTES.

JULY, 1925.

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## BAPTISMS.

May 31. Janet Macewan Macgregor Watson, Old Mission House.  
" " George William Macgregor Watson, Old Mission House.  
" " Charles Oliver Macgregor Watson, Old Mission House.

## MORE HOLIDAYS!

The young folks of the village have revelled in being free from school during the glorious weather which has prevailed of late, though the parents have not been quite so enthusiastic about it! Of course, we all deplore the *reason* for the holidays, and trust the epidemic has run its course, leaving no ill traces behind. Most cases have been of a mild type, which perhaps accounts for the rapid spread of the disease, and since nearly every family in the village has been attacked, we hope there will not be any further cases.

## NO HOLIDAYS!

Yes, we hasten to correct an impression which has (or may) be wrongly received. Although the Day School has been closed and the Sunday School, too, the Sunday evening service has not! Did you think it had been? Perhaps that was why your seat was empty of late? Well, we are glad to scotch that one! We are glad to see you every Sunday at 7. Church or Chapel. Be sure your seat is always filled!

## WEEK-END MISSION.

Four friends from Bradford have promised to come to Scar for a week-end on July 18 and 19. Special services will be held as follows (weather permitting):

At 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion. Open to all the Churches.  
At 11 a.m. Open-air Service at Hostels.  
At 3 p.m. Children's Service in Church.  
At 7 p.m. Mission Service in Church.  
At 8.30 p.m. Open-air Service at E. Village.

Come and support this special effort with your presence and prayers.

## CONVALESCENTS.

We are glad to report the convalescence of Mr. Tarry from severe internal trouble; Mr. J. Burke from fractured jaw; Mrs. Calvert, Mrs. Fry, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Usher, and a host of children, and minor accident cases. Mr. Tarry's case occasioned considerable anxiety, and much practical sympathy was shown by the people of the village towards him and his family, for which they hereby tender their sincere appreciation.

## OPENING OF NEW POWER STATION AND CONCRETE MIXER.

This event marks a great stride in the progress of the Works, and the following account is from the *Yorkshire Observer*:

### BRADFORD'S NEW WATERWORKS.

#### CEREMONIES PERFORMED.

#### *Power Station Opening and Concrete-laying.*

On the hottest day of the year, so far recorded, it was appropriate that members of the Bradford City Corporation Water Committee and friends should yesterday visit the Scar House Reservoir Works. It is true the reservoir yet waits to be constructed, but the cool sheets of water seen in motoring through the beautiful country into Nidder-

dale were refreshing even to look upon. Besides, the party lunched and returned for tea to Gouthwaite Lodge, on the very banks of the stretch of water which, though a compensation reservoir, will vie with many lakes for charm of setting.

The object of the outing was for the ceremony of depositing the first batch of concrete in the trench made for the construction of the dam which will contain the new reservoir that is to inundate the valley below the existing reservoir at Angram, and also to open formally the new 500 k.w. steam generating power station.

Accompanying Colonel Anthony Gadie, M.P. (Chairman of the Water Committee), were: Sir James Hill, Bart., Alderman P. L. Craven (Deputy-Chairman), Mr. Angus H. Rhodes, Mr. J. W. Longley, Alderman T. Sowden, Mr. Walker Sutcliffe, ex-Sergeant J. W. Robertshaw (Bradford's Soldier Freeman), Mr. G. R. Carter (Deputy Lord Mayor), Alderman A. Pickles, Alderman J. Stringer, Alderman David Walker, Mr. W. H. Brocklehurst, Sir Donald Horsfall, Mr. Bruce Ball (Glenfield & Kennedy, Ltd.), ex-Alderman Garnett, and Mr. Lewis Mitchell (Water Engineer).

On arrival at Scar House Reservoir Works the party proceeded by the light railway to the power station, where Sir James Hill started the plant. The current from the new station will be used for the preparation of constructional material and will supply the stone-dressing plant, stone crushers, sand crushers, concrete mixers and the connecting blind.

Afterwards a visit was paid by means of the inclined railway to the quarry, and the stone-dressing and stone-crushing plant was also inspected. Returning to the concrete-mixing plant on the south side Alderman Craven started the plant, which mixed the first batch of concrete. This was conveyed by skip contemporaneously with the transit of the visitors by rail to the top of the trench, and was lowered as they descended to the cool depths, where, 70 feet below the old river bed, the skip was emptied and Colonel Gadie put the first batch of concrete in position.

#### *Two Freeman Present.*

The party returned to Gouthwaite Lodge for tea, and before a start was made on the home journey a few short speeches were delivered.

Colonel Gadie made complimentary reference to the presence of two of Bradford's freemen—Sir James Hill, Bart., and Sergeant Robertshaw—and, in allusion to the last function performed before leaving Scar House, mentioned that though some concrete had been put into one part of the trench previously, with the spadeful he had laid the actual wall was started. Gouthwaite reservoir cost about £380,000, Angram £400,000, and the new reservoir would cost £1,750,000. The water obtained from the Nidd Valley did not serve the whole of the City of Bradford, as many thought. They had many more supplies. Bradford was one of the most difficult places in the country to serve. In the city they had to supply places from 200 feet to 1,200 feet above sea-level, and they supplied not only Bradford but twenty-one other authorities, and the only criticism they got was from consumers, who thought they were paying more than they should in view of their high rates. On the other hand, the committee claimed that Bradford obtained its water as cheaply as any place in the kingdom.

This new work was being so well done that he believed there would be no fault to be found afterwards, and that could not be said of every waterworks in the kingdom. With the extra height of water for which they had got sanction, when the new reservoir was finished it would have a capacity of 2,200,000,000 gallons. They were using the water supply to light the village and work the cranes. It was true they could run the trams in Bradford from Nidd Valley water power, but it would be futile, as even to electrify the light railway would not be an economic proposition.

Concluding, Colonel Gadie thanked Sir James Hill for starting the plant. They had had many services from Sir James in the past and trusted to have many more.

Sir James Hill, expressing the pleasure it had been to him to open the power station, said that although he had been many times to the reservoir works never had he been so much interested. It was marvellous that anyone could carry on such work. He had always been interested in electricity. He had had to fight the Electricity

Committee in Bradford for very many years, and though he did not know very much about kilowatts he had had to study the subject of electricity a good deal, and had started four new electrical plants before that day's ceremony. He had also connected an electric supply to cottages he had built, and in every case where he had had a chance to put electricity in and make a place brighter for people to live in he had done so.

*Electricity and the Future.*

Nothing made a home so bright as electricity. "I have a great opinion of it," said Sir James. "I believe in years to come electricity will do a great deal to stop the smoke that we have in our large towns, and I am sure of this, that the more use is made of it the better it is for the public."

When he saw people, as he did regularly, having to light up their houses with lamps, it seemed to him a terrible inconvenience, and he was glad to hear Mr. Mitchell say they intended to light up the village by electricity.

Continuing, Sir James said he hoped the new power-house would be a great success. It represented a great saving of labour and it would be very much cheaper for the Bradford City Corporation to get the work done so much easier and so much better. It was a marvellous thing to see huge stones moved as they had seen them moved that day, but electrical power would probably prove to be equal to any work that was required there.

Mr. Lewis Mitchell (Water Engineer) paid a tribute to past chairmen of the Water Committee and traced the growth of Bradford Waterworks Undertaking since it was acquired from the Bradford Waterworks Company in 1854. Works aggregating five and a half million pounds expenditure had been constructed.

Mr. Mitchell also paid an eloquent tribute to the tact, public spirit and diplomacy of Colonel Gadie as Chairman of the Water Committee. Until a short time ago, of the twenty local authorities taking supply from Bradford, not two were paying the same price, but Colonel Gadie, by placing all his cards on the table, had induced them all, with one exception, to enter into agreements to pay a reasonable and equitable price for the commodity.

MR. LEONARD HOUSEMAN'S (ST. DUNSTAN'S) CONCERT PARTY VISIT  
SCAR VILLAGE.

We were glad to welcome Mr. Leonard Houseman's Concert Party on a tour of the Village and Works on Wednesday, June 17, and the following report of the visit is from one of the Party:

On Wednesday afternoon (June 17), by kind permission of Mr. Lewis Mitchell, the Waterworks Engineer, the members of Mr. Houseman's Concert Party visited the scene of the Bradford Corporation's gigantic undertaking at Scar.

The party had previously visited Scar in the winter season under rather different climatic conditions. This time the weather was everything that could be desired.

Leaving Harrogate about 1.30 p.m., the journey was made by char-a-banc through beautiful Nidderdale to Pateley Bridge, Ramsgill and Lofthouse, arriving at Lofthouse about 3 o'clock, where an unexpected check was encountered: the char-a-banc was not allowed to go farther owing to the difficult nature of the road from Lofthouse to Scar Village. However, after a consultation, a car was commandeered and the party proceeded in relays to their destination, where Mr. Copleston and "David" took them under their wings and conducted them on a tour of the works.

To the writer it was a most wonderful and impressive sight. The towering hills on either side of the valley, beautiful in the sunlight, with Little Whern about a mile away looking majestically down the valley. One felt awed by the bigness of everything.

The excavations for the dam which is being constructed across the valley were practically finished, and the tremendous task of "filling up" had begun: and, looking down on it all, one realized the power of mind over matter. Also, why it will take ten years or so to complete the task of making the reservoir.

It is not for the writer to try to describe the work. (He couldn't in any case.)

The great concrete pillars, the masses of woodwork, engines puffing along with their loads, the pumping of the water from the sumps in order to render the task of the men below possible, the power station, stone crushers, cement mixers and Blondin wires (one of which, we were told, was 2,080 feet long and carried 7 tons), the bigness of everything—if I might use the phrase again—made one feel very small in the midst of it all.

The village itself, with its many bungalows looking very pretty with their red-tiled roofs, and the gardens surrounding them, the Concert Hall (recalling pleasant evenings) and the hostels, all impressed the visitors very much. Everything spotlessly clean, and the joints of meat in the hostel we visited, awaiting the men returning for their evening meal, made one's mouth water.

Very reluctantly we made our departure, but tea was awaiting us at How Stean, and full justice was done to this meal by a very hungry party.

"Thank you very much" to all who made our visit to Scar so entertaining and instructive.

#### "ONE OF THE PARTY."

During the present season the following organized Parties visited Scar House Reservoir Works and Village, and were greatly impressed with the developments to be seen.

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- May 14. Institution of Structural Engineers.
- June 2. City of Bradford Co-Operative Society, Limited.
- .. 17. National Commercial Temperance League—Bradford Branch.
- .. .. St. Dunstan's Carol League—Mr. L. W. Houseman's Party.
- .. 18. Christian Alliance of Women and Girls—Ilkley Branch.
- .. 19. Cotton Warp and Hank Master Dyers.

#### SUCCESSFUL SINGER.

We warmly congratulate our young friend, Miss Charlotte Elsie Poor, on her engagement to sing at the Morning Concerts in the Harrogate Winter Gardens. Miss Poor sang on the mornings of June 15, 16 and 17, and her efforts were very favourably received. Miss Poor has been receiving tuition under Mr. J. Adamson, Voice Specialist at Harrogate, and thus far has justified the good opinion he formed of her capabilities.

#### SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR JULY.

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| July 5. | Mr. A. Shore. | July 19. | Mr. Rinton.   |
| .. 12.  | Mr. Ashworth. | .. 26.   | Mr. Simmonds. |
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