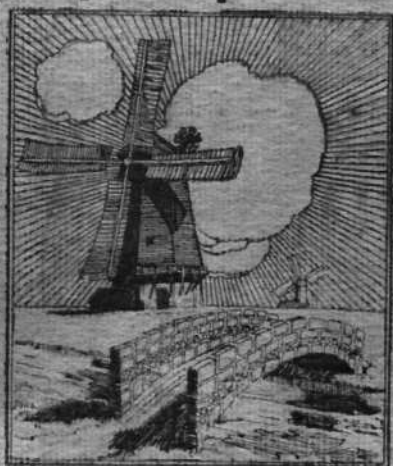




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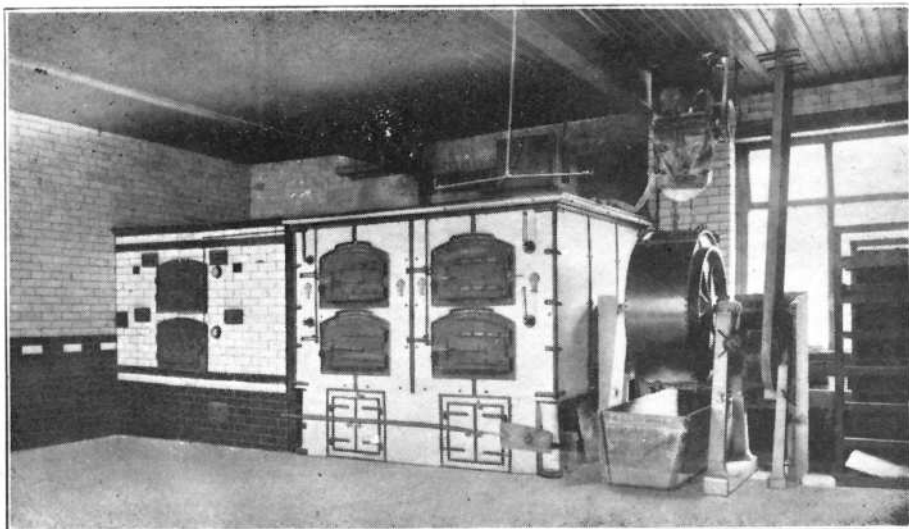
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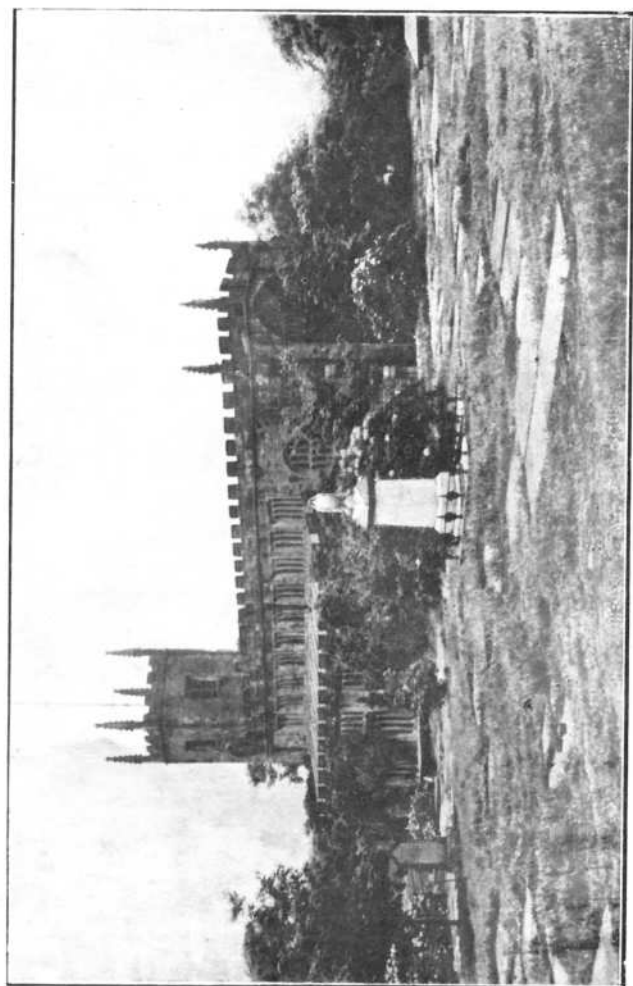
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The first Church at Deane, was known as the "Chapel of S. Mariden," probably a "Norman" Church. The date of its building is unknown, but it was standing, and its burial ground was in use, early in the thirteenth century, in the reign of Edward I., nearly seven hundred years ago. There is no trace remaining of this Norman Chapel. There was no independent "Parish" of Deane at that time. There was a "Vicar of Deyne," but the Vicar of Eccles was "Rector and Farmer of Deane Church" until the year 1536, when Deane became an independent parish. All those years it was in the Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, and in the Province of Canterbury: passing in 1542 to the charge of the new See of Chester, and Province of York.

The present Church was, we may infer, built by the Monks of Whalley, whose Abbots were its first "patrons" and nominated the Vicars as long as the Abbey stood. The date of building is generally stated as about 1450. That was in the reign of Henry VII., when the revival of learning (following the invention of printing) led the way to the reformation and simplification of religion, and the translation both of Holy Scripture and the services of the National Church into English. It was the same Church, as we do not need to be told, but it became what it indeed always was, "English," instead of Latin and Roman as it had largely come to be.

Like every old Parish Church in England, Deane has an unbroken continuity through all its changing life (that is why we call it a "historic" church), bearing the glories and the scars, the graces and, alas, the imperfections of every period through which the National Church has passed.

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The old pictures of Deane Church, such as that which hangs in the Vestry, shew a much less picturesque building than the one we know (though no one knows what it looked like in earlier days). Its length was shorter. The tower had no pinnacles. The roof was pointed. Probably there were no "battlements." The side roofs were very deeply sloped. The present beautiful proportions are largely due to the recent restorations. In 1824 the side walls were raised and a flat lead roof built over them, to make room for a gallery to accommodate the growing population: and in 1884 the gallery was removed and other improvements made, including the deepening of the chancel, the re-arrangement of the pews (for many years "square") and the screen and oak seating of the "Hulton Chapel." This revealed for the first time the present graceful proportions of the interior which delight every eye. It frequently happens that restoration means disfigurement, but in this case it was quite otherwise. Since that time the reredos, a copy of the sedilia at Furness Abbey, has still further added to the dignity and seemliness of the Church.

The architecture of Deane Church is "late perpendicular." It was built at a time of transition, and can boast no beauty of detail. It witnesses to the devotion rather than to the skill of the builders. The little ornament is grotesque; the placing of the windows is irregular; no two columns of the arcade are alike, and some of the masonry is crude; but the general effect, both without and within, is reverent and beautiful. The oldest stone work is that of the north door, whose studded timber and iron-work speak of antiquity. The quaint figure of the head and shoulders of a man bearing a fish protruding from the south wall near the Porch seems to refer either to the apostolic "fishers of men": or, to the earliest symbol of the faith. (The initial letters of the Greek word for "fish" are the first letters of "Jesus Christ Son of God.")

Standing, as it does in its ancient burial ground on the hill-side above Deane Clough, among the trees that still shew something of the sylvan beauty of older days, the old Church looks (as it really is) like an outpost of faith on the extreme outskirts of busy industrial Bolton. Looked at from one direction it is an old village Church still, with its tower rising above the trees: from another, it is dwarfed and overshadowed by the buildings and tall smoke stack of the Dove Mill; and from others, the Clough, the Railway, and Junction Road, it stands in solemn and impressive dignity.

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J.R.L.

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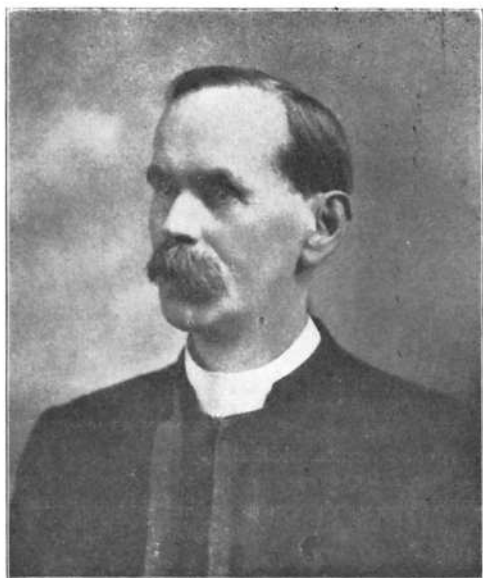
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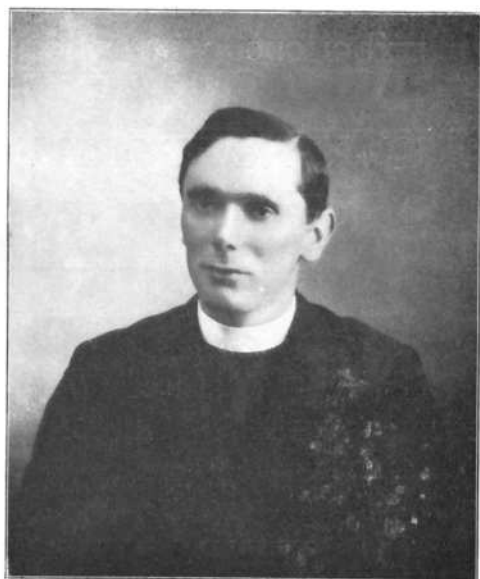
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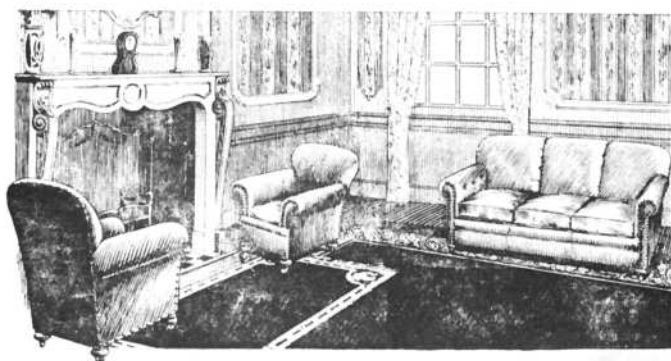


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2. " " " " "
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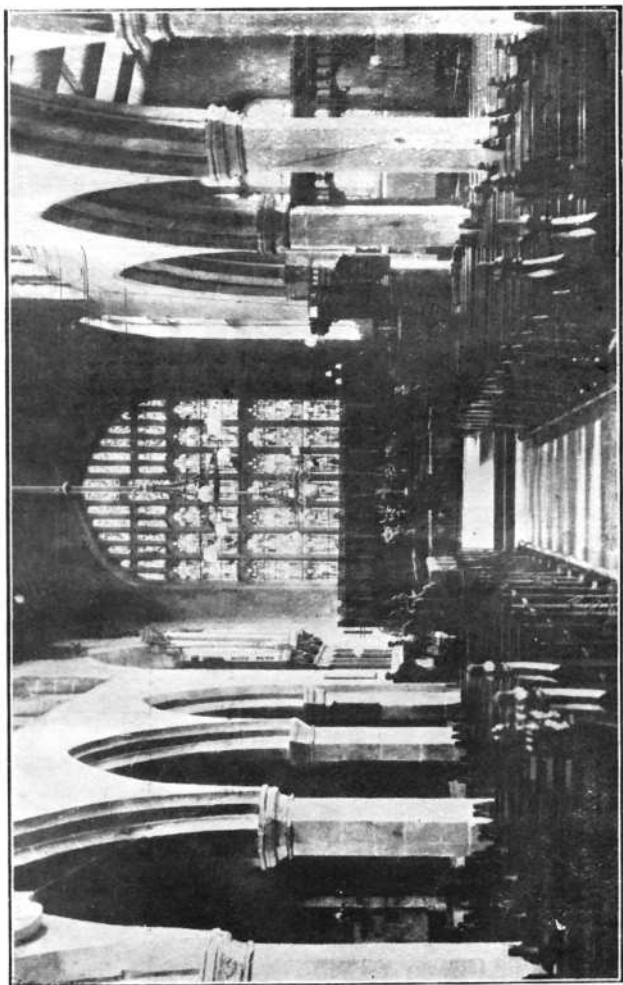
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Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.

Most of the shadows of this life are caused by standing in our own sunshine.

Every noble deed lasts longer than a granite monument.

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for anyone else.

A little kindness to the Living is worth a hearse-load of flowers to the Dead.

To be childish is one thing ; to be child-like quite another.

The only man who is down is the man who thinks he is.

When God puts a burden upon us, He lays His hand underneath.

There's many a good bit o' work done with a sad heart.

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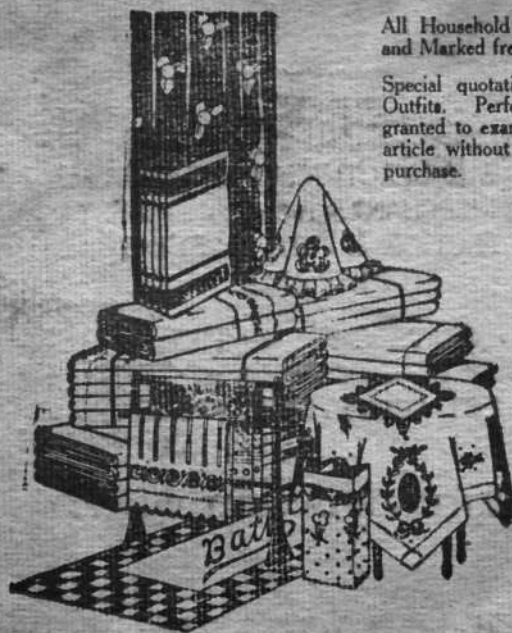


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