

but this does not prevent his examination of the pros and cons of every question which he discusses. He presents all available facts to his readers, and puts them in possession of all the material necessary to enable them to form an independent well-based judgment. It is by far the best historical work that has appeared in recent years on anything connected with Derbyshire.

Simpson, L. Eardley, M.A., LL.B. *Derby and the Forty-Five*: with an introduction by John Buchan. Published by Philip Allan, 1933. 15/- net.

DERBYSHIRE AND OTHERS.

Another addition to that rapidly growing host of light travel books which can be read without mental effort. A long chapter is devoted to the Hills and Dales of Derbyshire, and contains fewer errors than most books of its kind. Two other chapters deal with places adjacent to our county borders. The author repeats the story that mass was said in All Saints' for Prince Charlie's men. He ought to read Major Simpson's remarks on this question. On the early history of Derby he is a little confused, no doubt by the authorities he consulted. Derby was in the hands of Edward the Confessor, not of Earl Algar, who merely had the earl's third penny of the 'ferma burgi,' which latter after the Conquest went to Earl Hugh of Chester, not to William Peverel, who was no earl, but vice-comes or sheriff and as such accounted to the king for the geld.

His reference to the Bridge Chapel is incomplete in as much as he does not mention its reparation. If he had described the present condition of the chapel instead of wasting space with reference to Roman Catholic's efforts to purchase the building it would have been more useful to his readers.

On the whole we can heartily recommend the book as a guide to many pleasant excursions.

Cowles, Fredk. I. *'Neath English Skies*. Illus. Sands and Co. 1933. 6/- net.

THE PEAK AGAIN.

Short accounts of motor trips in the Peak and adjacent districts with quaint drawings by one of the authors. Topical and personal rather than descriptive. Will suggest places of interest to the Rambler, some of them away from the ordinary run.

Casson, Bernard and Jean Thorburn. *The Peak: some places and people*. J. W. Northend, Ltd., Sheffield. 1933. 3/6 net.

TIDESWELL GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Mr. Thomas Middleton has produced a full and detailed history of the school from its foundation in the reign of Elizabeth until it ceased to function as a Grammar School in 1932. He has taken pains to collect all facts that anyone interested in the school is likely to desire, and in addition he gives an introductory chapter on the town and church.

Middleton, Thomas. *History of Tideswell Grammar School: with reminiscences of and notes on the history of the town and church of Tideswell*. Pub. by the author, Gower Hey House, Hyde, Cheshire. 1933.

DERBYSHIRE ASSIZE ROLLS.

A member of the Council of our Society, Mr. C. E. Lugard, is to be congratulated on the publication of his first volume of transcripts and translations of that portion of the Assize Rolls for Derbyshire known as "Trailbaston." As Mr. Lugard remarks in his foreword, the Derbyshire Assize Rolls present a clear field for the antiquary, but he is wrong when he says nothing further