

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

has been done than Dr. Cox's notes in Vol. 21 of our *Journal* for 1909, as the Rev. Charles Kerry contributed a paper to Vol. 18, 1896. However, these two papers really amounted to nothing, and selections such as the two earlier writers gave are of no value to the historian.

The Assize Rolls are preserved on the Public Record Office and those for Derbyshire date from 53 Hen. III [1268-9] to 14 Hen. VIII [1522-3], and consist of some thirty rolls known as No. 144 to No. 173. As Mr. Lugard's copy of Roll No. 159 occupies 83 printed pages, it will be realized that the complete rolls contain a vast amount of matter, which deals principally with local affairs of all kinds, chiefly relating to persons and places of whom there is no other record.

The Justices of Trailbaston were not the same as Justices of Assize although their findings appear in the Assize Rolls, and were specially appointed to hear pleas touching vagabonds and murderers. Mr. Lugard has taken the first of the Trailbaston courts as his subject, the one held at Derby on 4 July 1306.

Mr. Lugard has set the type and printed the book by his own hand at his private press in Ashover, and the work is a great credit to his skill and perseverance quite apart from its value as a serious contribution to Derbyshire history.

Lugard, Cecil Edward. *Trailbaston: Derbyshire*, Vol. I. 1933. Privately printed. Ed. limited to twenty copies.

ECKINGTON.

As we went to press there appeared a volume from the pen of one of our Vice-Presidents, Sir George Reresby Sitwell, Bart., to which we must draw the attention of our members, although we are not able to devote as much space to it as its merits deserve.