

# PART OF SHEFFIELD CASTLE WALL

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A portion of the old Sheffield Castle has been unearthed. Workmen excavating the site in Exchange Street, on which the new Brightside and Carbrook Co-operative Society building is to stand, came across the facing wall of what was undoubtedly a section of the old castle.

On the data supplied by the present excavations, it appears to have constituted one of the strong buttresses which were so prominent in the old English castles. Strongly resembling the letter "V," but running inwards instead of outwards, the facing wall is about 3ft. high and some 12ft. thick. There were three layers of stone, and each stone was 14 inches thick and weighed about 20wt.

To a casual observer, it was obvious that the facing wall had been part of some large and immensely powerful structure, and with history as a guide, there seems little doubt that a fragment of the Castle has been unearthed. The

mortar between the stones had a hard gritty feeling, almost like wet sand, and the wall requires strenuous toil to move.

Apparently the Castle was demolished to within a few feet of the ground, when other foundations for buildings were erected. The Castle stone was evidently used for other purposes, for the "Star" was told to-day by workmen on the site that all the foundations of the property facing Exchange Street were built of that stone, which was tarred and mortared in.

Excavations are still proceeding, and it is expected that other interesting details will come to light in connection with the Castle wall. The portion discovered faces south, and the theory would seem to fit in with the known facts of the Castle, which was situated at the confluence of the rivers Sheaf and Don, and extended to Lady's Bridge and probably Castle-folds, Exchange Street, and Waingate.