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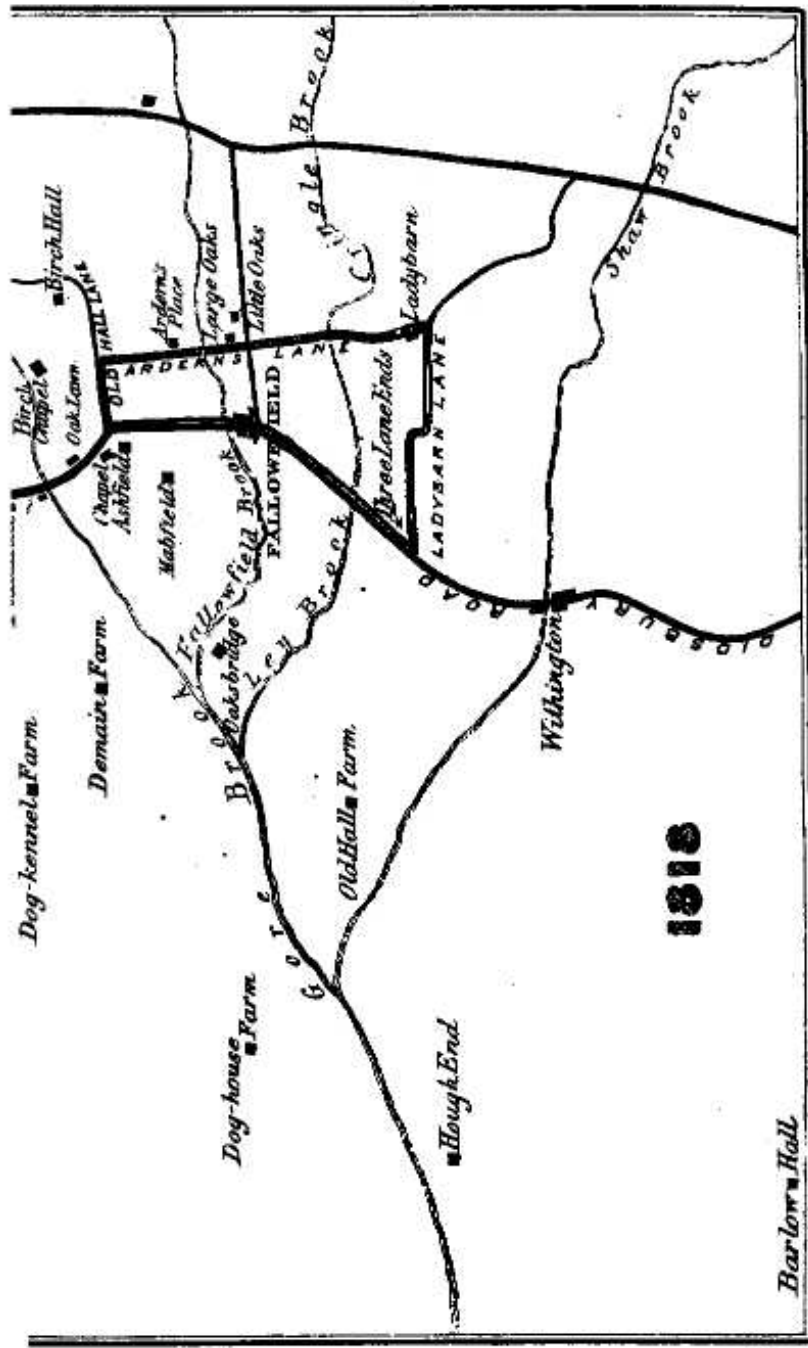
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Dog-kennel Farm

Demain Farm

Dog-house Farm

Old Hall Farm

Hoyk End

1816

Barlow Hall

Birch Chapel

Oak Lane

Chapel Ashfield

Mabfield

Fallowfield Brook

Lych Brook

FALLOWFIELD LANE

ARDEANS

Wedge Brook

Three Lane Ends

LADYBARN LANE

Ladybarn

Wilmington

WILINGTON ROAD

SHAW BROOK

SHAW BROOK

Birch Hall

ADAMS PLACE

Large Oaks

Little Oaks

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THE THREE DIAGRAMS REPRESENT THE CHIEF FEATURES OF
THE VILLAGE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD AS THEY PRESENTED
THEMSELVES IN 1818, 1843, AND 1885.

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PREFACE.

My little sketches were first drawn together in the form of lectures, read by Professor Williamson in the Fallowfield School Room, and were an attempt to help the "Spire Fund."

Our reason for volunteering such effort, when in no way connected with the Church, originated in a wish we had long felt, to express, in some small degree, our warm respect for our Rector, and our very high appreciation of his incessant kindly work amongst us; the erection of a Church Spire, which, as an artistic focus to the village, if nothing more, was much needed, appeared to offer the opportunity we sought.

Of the earlier condition of Fallowfield and of the Manors, I have written nothing that has not been previously published; only brought together facts, which are scattered a little widely perhaps, and through books, many of them not easy of access.

These books are various publications of the Chetham Society, especially "Notitia Cestriencia," "Mamceatra," "Histories of Didsbury and Birch Chapels," "The Civil War Tracts," "Stanley Papers," "Lancashire Wills and Inventories," and others; Hibbert Ware's "History of the Foundations;" "Barlow Papers" published by Mr. Eglington Bailey in his "Palatine Note Book;" Mr. Henry Taylor's "Halls of Lancashire;" Turner's "English Domestic Architecture during the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Centuries;" "The Mosley Family Memorials;" Dr. Halley's "History of Puritanism in Lancashire;" "The Private Correspondence of Charlotte de la Tremouille," edited by Madam Guizot de Witt.

I have just dipped into this store of interest and given out scraps, but hope the scraps may prove dainty.

For the sketch of the recent development of our village, I am indebted entirely to the memories of old residents, and to the kindness with which these memories have been ransacked.

Thanks are due—first, to my husband, Professor Williamson, who, in addition to the small diagrams, for which he is mostly responsible, and to his own picturesque reminiscences, knew whom to ask for all else, and how to ask them. Secondly, to Mr. Burrows, the oldest living man who was born in the village, and whose clear definite recitals of what has been were invaluable. Then to Mr., Mrs., and Miss Vensables, Farmer and Mrs. Rudd, Mr. and Miss Mellor, and to Messrs. Ridgway, Foden, and Cotaworth.

All the ladies and gentlemen respecting whose houses it was necessary to make personal enquiries, have most kindly given, and in several cases taken much trouble to find, the information needed.