

GARB, an heraldic term for a wheatsheaf.

LOCKET, a metal band encircling a sheath, including that at the mouth.

PASSANT, an heraldic term describing an animal walking with its head in profile.

POMMEL, the termination of the hilt of a sword or dagger serving to counter-balance the blade.

QUILLONS, the guard in the form of a cross-bar on a sword-hilt.

"Cheshire Village Memories"

THIS is the title of an attractive and well-bound book of 128 pages, just published by The Cheshire Federation of Women's Institutes. It consists of alphabetically arranged accounts of seventy-four Cheshire Villages and is a representative selection from the "Village Scrap Books" that were produced by the Federation to commemorate the Festival of Britain in 1951.

Its contents will have a wide appeal for it tells about Cheshire folk of the past, particularly those of the 18th and 19th centuries. The many references to old customs and folk lore make it easy for the reader to re-live the past and to realise what a loss this sophisticated age has sustained by its "progress." All Cheshire folk should read it and find out how many treasures the County still possesses. May the book stay the hand of the despoiler and arouse a greater veneration of our old buildings.

Twenty-three beautiful plates, three sketches and a handsome map that serves as end papers, add to the attractiveness of the contents. It is unfortunate that a punctuation error in the title scroll of the map mars so excellent a piece of cartography.

It is a book about Cheshire folk, the eccentric, the simple, the generous, the shrewd, the industrious, the high, the low, the rich and the poor. It brings the countryside to your fireside; Cheshire meadows, fields, lanes and buildings are spread before you. You may walk down Pig Nellie's Lane, or attend service at Buttermilk Church, meet Button Hall or Cradle Jimmy, find a railway engine stuck in the mud, purchase a "nail" and a "cabbage" of cloth, and feel the need for a draught of "dragon's blood" after the chilling passage of Cheshire's many ghosts.

Miss Clive may have found "that there were thirteen good reasons why she should not marry" the Rev. Sir Thomas Broughton, but she would have been unable to find one why she should not read this book.

The publishers are to be congratulated upon a splendid achievement. The price is only 7/6d.

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