

of the valley. It will be bordered by a substantial and level road, commanding, at different points, fine views of the silvery expanse, and which, lying in the lap of green and wooded hills, will remind one not a little of the Manchester city reservoir at Thirlmere, in the Lake District, which was originally of the same extent."

Beautiful as this newly-made lake, formed by damming the Nidd about half a mile below Gowthwaite, may be, it will not compensate us as a family for the demolition of the old Hall which is to attend the progress of this work. Aside from the interest attaching to the antiquity and picturesqueness of the mansion, we owe it a debt of gratitude for so long preserving for us in recognizable form our name and that of our place of origin, which might otherwise have been lost, and we can but wish that its solid walls and foundations, which show yet no signs of decay, might stand for centuries longer — but there seems no help, and it, like so many other relics of the past, must give way to the, so-called, march of improvement.¹ Its name will still be perpetuated in the "Gowthwaite Reservoir."

The old church, now a well-kept ruin, which stands high above Pateley Bridge at a distance of half a mile in the oppo-

¹ I am told that a plan for enclosing the manor-house by a cemented wall, thus preserving it as an island in the new lake, was at one time under consideration, but was given up, perhaps as too expensive, or possibly as impracticable. In some cases it has been made a condition that the Bradford Corporation should re-erect on other sites buildings which would be submerged, but interest in Gowthwaite Hall seems not to have been sufficient to demand a like agreement in regard to it; probably, sentiment aside, its present use as a farmhouse would not warrant the attendant cost. The view of the Hall in the frontispiece was procured for the family book, with his customary generosity, by Mr. Oliver C. Goldthwaite of London. While it is the best obtainable and exactly represents the old mansion, the effect, to those who have never seen the original, may be somewhat misleading. Owing to the nearness of the point from which the photograph was taken, the height of the ground in front and the shrubbery hiding much of the lower story, the building appears lower than it really is, and would perhaps be looked at as more a cottage than a "Hall." It is in fact quite a stately structure, as a survey of all sides, on the spot, would show. The rooms are large and high, with great fireplaces, and in some of the windows remains of the fine old glazing are still visible. Several farmers' families find separate and ample accommodation under its wide-spread roof. During the early spring of 1891 my sister and I made an interesting visit to the place in a day's excursion from York, and Mr. Oliver Goldthwaite with some of his family went there about a year later, these, so far as I know, being the only instances in which it has been visited by members of the Goldthwaite family since its connection with them was discovered.