



### ***Booth, c 1911***

The dominating feature on the landscape in this photograph by amateur photographer Fred Pickles, a Halifax grocer, is Booth Congregational Chapel, with its magnificent rose window, which has been compared by architectural historian Ken Powell to 'some miniature cathedral'. Built in 1869, it replaced an earlier narrow-fronted chapel erected in 1828. James Oldfield, a former precentor of the first Booth meeting house opened in 1761, achieved notoriety when he was executed for his involvement in counterfeit coining in 1770. In 1911, the chapel, which served a community of mill workers, had a membership of 120, and the Sunday school had 200 scholars and 33 Sunday school teachers on its books. A cricket match is being played on the hillside beyond the village.