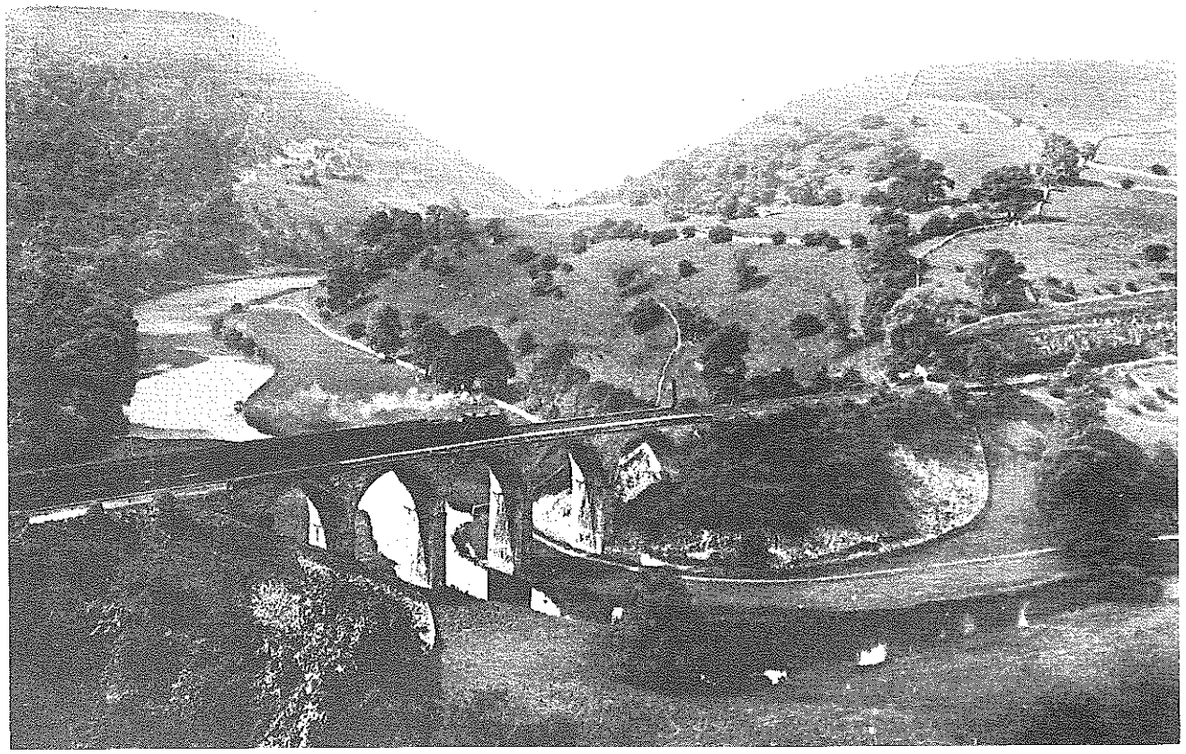
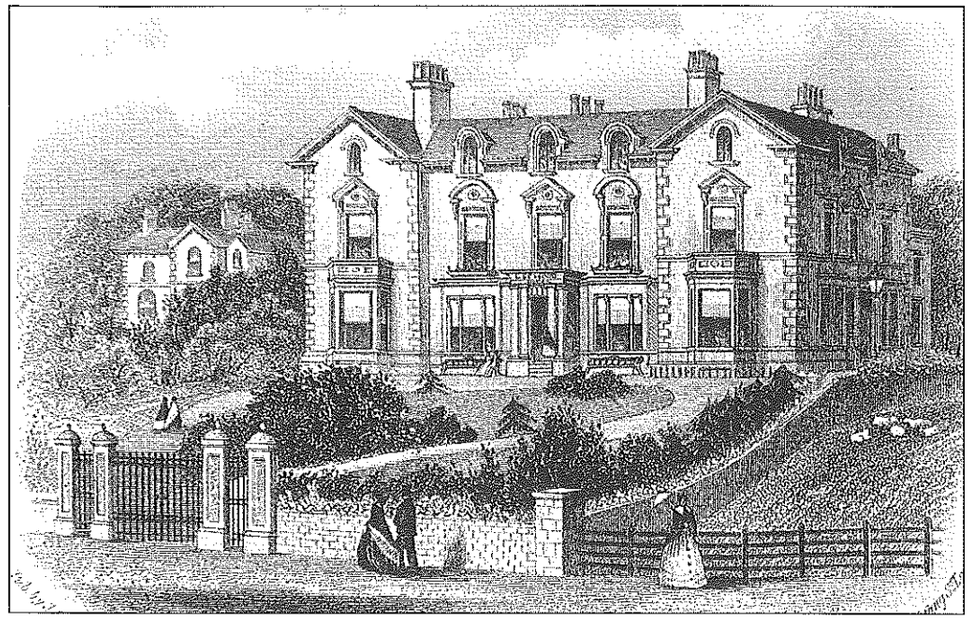


19. Exterior of the L.N.W.R. station taken in 1937 by which time it had become the L.M.S. Western station. The railway services to Buxton in Victorian times were a major lifeline to the town and contributed greatly to its prosperity. In 1891 a tourist ticket from Manchester to Buxton by L.N.W.R. was 7s. 6d., first class; 4s. 8d., second class; and 3s. 11d., third class.

20. The Midland Railway ran from Derby to Buxton through spectacular scenery. This photograph shows Monsal viaduct midway between Bakewell and Buxton. The social critic, John Ruskin was not impressed with the routing of this railway, however, and in the 1860s he wrote in respect of Monsal Dale 'that valley where you might expect to catch the sight of Pan, Apollo and the muses, is now desecrated in order that a Buxton fool may be able to find himself in Bakewell at the end of twelve minutes'.





21. The *Leewood Hotel*. This hotel, which stands on land between Manchester Road and the Park Ring, was opened in 1864 by Brian Bates who also ran the *Old Hall* and *Royal* hotels at the time. It was described as 'Large and handsome, converted from three private houses ...'. In the 1880s it became popular with 'men of science and letters' and also a place of permanent residence, which was unusual at that time. It is said that a businessman engaged in the chemical industry in Manchester came for a fortnight and eventually died there after being in residence for 25 years!

22. Buxton, *c.*1863, seen from Corbar Woods. Compared with the earlier engraving (Plate 2), there is a considerable amount of development. Much of Broadwalk is now in existence and Athelstane Terrace on Manchester Road, reputedly designed by Joseph Paxton, is visible on the right of the picture. The trees which were newly planted in the earlier view are now well developed.

