

Cambridge University Press
 978-0-521-12916-9 - Change and Tradition in Rural England: An Anthology of
 Writings on Country Life
 Edited by Denys Thompson
 Table of Contents
[More information](#)

CONTENTS

<i>List of Illustrations</i>	page ix
<i>Acknowledgements</i>	xi

General introduction	I
----------------------	---

I A HOME-MADE CIVILISATION

Introduction	19
Vestiges <i>George Bourne</i>	26
The peasant system <i>George Bourne</i>	28
The 'Estatesmen' <i>William Wordsworth, Harriet Martineau</i>	36
Peasant survivors <i>Flora Thompson</i>	38
Cottages <i>William Wordsworth</i>	42
English tradition and idiom <i>Adrian Bell</i>	44
Words <i>Edward Thomas</i>	51
Aspects	53
The peasant life, Tradition, 'Good old days'? <i>George Sturt</i>	53
Attitudes, Speech <i>Cecil Torr</i>	57
Folk tales <i>George Bourne</i>	66
Living evidence <i>Cecil Sharp</i>	69
The impact of enclosures	75
Sixteenth century <i>Thomas More</i>	75
Eighteenth century <i>John Byng</i>	76
Nineteenth century <i>Walter Rose, George Bourne</i>	78

Cambridge University Press

978-0-521-12916-9 - Change and Tradition in Rural England: An Anthology of
Writings on Country Life

Edited by Denys Thompson

Table of Contents

[More information](#)

vi

CONTENTS

2 MASTERS AND MEN: THE FARMING LIFE

Introduction	89
The farm labourer <i>William Cobbett</i>	99
Childhood	107
In Scotland, 1820 <i>Alexander Somerville</i>	107
In the Fens, 1850–1860 <i>Mrs Burrows</i>	110
In Warwickshire, 1835–1840 <i>Joseph Arch</i>	113
The farm as it was	117
The carter and the stable, Bullock-teams, Waggon and carts, Sowing, Harvesting in the old style, Gleaning, Stacking and rick-making <i>Thomas Hennell</i>	117
The great barn and the sheep-shearers <i>Thomas Hardy</i>	144
Summer <i>Richard Jefferies</i>	147
Harvesting <i>Richard Jefferies</i>	153
Unemployed <i>Richard Jefferies</i>	156
Work and play <i>M. K. Ashby</i>	157
Cottagers and their homes <i>Flora Thompson</i>	177
Men afield <i>Flora Thompson</i>	183
The vale of the Wylye <i>W. H. Hudson</i>	199
The unconscious art <i>H. J. Massingham</i>	203
The labourer <i>Adrian Bell</i>	203

3 LIVING AT WORK: CRAFTS AND SKILLS

Introduction	209
The wheelwrights' way of life	214
Buying, Kindly feeling, Waggon, 'Jobbing', Prices <i>George Sturt</i>	214
Response to need: the carpenter's work	235
The shop, Work on the farm <i>Walter Rose</i>	235
A shepherd of the downs <i>W. H. Hudson</i>	248
Three characters <i>W. H. Hudson</i>	253
John Brown <i>Richard Jefferies</i>	257

Cambridge University Press

978-0-521-12916-9 - Change and Tradition in Rural England: An Anthology of
Writings on Country Life

Edited by Denys Thompson

Table of Contents

[More information](#)

CONTENTS

vii

4 THE FUTURE

<i>Leisure</i> George Bourne	263
<i>A form of insanity</i> George Sturt	269
<i>The need for guidance</i> George Sturt	271
<i>Civilisation astray</i> George Sturt	272
<i>Conclusion</i>	275
<i>Notes</i>	283
<i>Sources</i>	285
<i>Related reading</i>	287
<i>Index</i>	289