

SLATELANDIA

revisited



The diligent investigations

of dry stone waller and scholar Sean Adcock into the slate quarries of northern Wales have continued since he visited and photographed the various quarry structures that illustrate the article he wrote for STONEXUS XV.

Very recently he visited a quarry that had, until now, escaped his attention. The Prince of Wales quarry is located at the head of Cwm Pennant in Snowdonia (*cwm* is valley in Welsh; *pennant*, top) believed by some to be 'the most beautiful valley in Wales.'

The quarry was never successful as can be determined by the meagre volume of spilled waste—the finished products would have been a only a tenth of that. The slate here may not have been of high quality but the infrastructure was, as evidenced by the magnificent dam wall and the stone dressing mill shown on the following pages. The quarry effectively closed in 1886.

Sean sent us a portfolio of photos last year and we think they are well worth including in this issue.

