

**U DX205                      Items relating to the co-operative movement                      1830s**

**Historical Background:**

The co-operative movement in England had its origins in the writings of Robert Owen from the 1820s. The practical expression of his ideas came in 1844 with the foundation of the Rochdale Equitable Pioneers Society, which was fully established by the 1850s. This society opened stores and workshops and was based on the principle of working people linked together in a system of manufacturing, distributing, selling and buying goods in a way that was co-operative and would, therefore, protect their interests. However, co-operative societies excluded women from membership and their early involvement was only as consumers, a fact that was later translated into the visual motto of 'the woman with the basket'.

**Custodial history:**

Donated by Dr David Neave, Department of Adult and Continuing Education, University of Hull, April 1990

**Description:**

Series of items relating to the co-operative movement

**Extent:** 6 items

**Related material:**

Records of the Co-operative Women's Guild, 1886-1971 [Ref U DCW]

**Access conditions:**

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

U DX205/1	Items relating to the co-operative movement The items appear to have been torn out of a bound volume: a) 'The Co - operator', no .24, 1 Apr 1830 b) 'The Lancashire and Yorkshire Co - operator: or, Useful Classes' Advocate, no. 4, 15 Oct 1831 c) 'To the useful classes' - handbill published by the Society for the Promotion of Common Sense, 1830s d) 'To the useful classes: Omnipresence of taxation' - handbill published by the Society for the Promotion of Common Sense', 1830s. It is "dedicated to those that pay all taxes - The Useful Working Classess" e) 'The workings of capital' - handbill published by the Common Sense Society, 1830s f) 'Lecture on the new religion', by Robert Owen, 1830s 6 items	1830s
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