Latest Intelligence.

LONDON, THURSDAY EVENING.

NEW ZEALAND.—Information has been received at the Colonial Office confirming the brilliant success achieved by the native chiefs Kemp and Ropata. Hakaraia has been killed. Te Kooti, with a few followers, is said to be hiding, but nothing is known for certain about this. Thirty persons, stated to be his associates, have been sent to Wellington for trial.

LISBON, June 7.—Senhor Sampaio has left the Saldanha Cabinet, on account of his opposition to the scheme for dissolving the Cortes & instituting a dictatorship.

MADRID, June 8.—In yesterday's sitting the Cortes confirmed, by 137 against 124, the adoption of the amendment of Senor Rojo Arias, requiring an absolute majority of the Deputies, whether present or not, to elect a monarch. The Ministers voted in the minority.

MADRID, June 8.—The amendment has been rejected asking for the election of a King by universal suffrage. Rojo Arias' proposal was carried by 138 to 124 that the King must have in his favour at least one-half *plus* one of the entire Deputies proclaimed. This puts an end to the chances of Montpensier and all the other candidates, none of whom is able to unite 179 suffrages. There is great excitement.

A telegram was received at the Foreign Office from Mr. Layard, at 6 p.m., June 8, to the following effect:—"The Spanish brigands who captured the Bonells were waylaid on their return from Puerta Santa Maria, and three out of the four killed by the Spanish Guardia Civile; the fourth will, it is expected, be taken. It is understood that the ransom has been recovered."

The following telegram has been posted at Lloyd's to-day:—"Reported loss of the Dacia untrue."

Further information respecting the great fire in Constantinople has now been received. It appears that an entire district, about one square mile in extent, and containing, it is said, nearly 20,000 houses, was destroyed. As many as 250 dead bodies had been discovered. Several persons, too, had been killed since the fire by falling walls. Every effort was made by Sir Henry Elliott to save the British Embassy, but without effect. Lady Elliott was almost suffocated when she left the building. An estimate in the *Levant Herald* fixes the loss at five millions sterling.

Intelligence from Mexico announces that a violent earthquake has occurred at the city of Oajaca. Over 100 persons were killed, and a large number injured. Other towns and some mines in the State of Oajaca were damaged.

The *Pungolo* of Naples mentions a strange suicide committed at Gaeta. A sergeant named Comolli, a young man of excellent conduct, went to the building where the artillery was kept, and, lighting the fuses of a loaded cannon, placed himself in front. He was blown literally to atoms, his head and feet alone being afterwards found. The cause assigned was, as stated in two letters, one to his father and the other to his captain, extreme dislike of a military life.

A State breakfast on an unusually grand scale will be given at Windsor by the Queen immediately on her Majesty's return from Scotland. Marquees and tents are already being erected on the lawn in front of the East-terrace. About 1000 persons will be invited.

The Right Hon. Thos. O'Hagan, Lord Chancellor of Ireland, has received a letter announcing his elevation to the peerage under the title of Baron O'Hagan. His Lordship, who is now 60 years of age, was appointed Solicitor-General for Ireland under Lord Palmerston's 2d Administration in 1860, and to the Attorney-Generalship in 1861.

It is stated on authority that Dr. Scott, Master of Balliol college, Oxford, will succeed the Very Rev. T. Dale as Dean of Rochester. Dr. Scott was Rector of South Luffenham, near Stamford, from 1850 to 1854.

It is understood that the Right Rev. Dr. C. J. Abraham has resigned the Bishopric of Wellington, New Zealand, to which he was appointed in 1858. He is now acting as coadjutor to the Bishop of Lichfield, who was formerly Bishop of New Zealand.

The Bishop of Llandaff, as chairman of the Old Testament Company for the revision of the authorised version of the Scripture, has summoned the company for a first meeting on the 30th June and on the 1st July.

The nomination for the Isle of Wight took place on Tuesday. Mr. Moffatt and Mr. Baillie Cochrane were proposed, and the show of hands was declared to be in favour of the Liberal. Mr. C. Seely, M.P. for Lincoln, was the proposer of Mr. Moffatt.

The Court of Common Pleas decided to-day that the bribery at the test ballot at Bristol vitiated the subsequent election.

Mr. Disraeli and Mr. Goldwin Smith.—Mr. Goldwin Smith has addressed to Mr. Disraeli, as the author of "Lothair," a letter of which the following is the substance:—"In your 'Lothair,' you introduce an Oxford Professor who is about to emigrate to America, and you describe him as 'a social parasite.' You well know that if you had ventured openly to accuse me of any social baseness, you would have had to answer for your words. But when, sheltering yourself under the literary forms of a work of fiction, you seek to traduce with impunity the social character of a political opponent, your aspersions can touch no man's honour—they are the stingless insults of a coward."

The marriage of the Marchioness of Hastings with Sir George Chetwynd, Bart., was solemnised at St. James' church, Piccadilly, this morning.

A new dramatist of great promise made a sensation in the theatrical world on Saturday last, when his comedy of the *Two Roses* was hailed at the Vaudeville theatre with enthusiastic acclamation. The name of the gentleman is Albery.

An accident happened at the Alhambra during the performance of a ballet on Tuesday night. Towards the close the whole of the *danseuses* mustered at the back of the stage preparatory to the *galop*, when the flooring gave way, and precipitated a considerable number of the girls into the machinery beneath, the fall being about 20 feet. The number of persons hurt was 12 to 16, and the injuries of some of the girls rendered it necessary that they should be taken to the hospital, where it was found one had a limb broken.

A father and mother named Watkin, at Macclesfield, left their home on Tuesday to attend the funeral of one of their children. They left in the house a little child of two under the care of a brother ten years of age. This lad, taking advantage of his parents' absence, fetched down a horse pistol to play with, and on putting a lighted match to the nipple the pistol exploded and shot his little brother dead instantly.

On Tuesday an inquest was held at Cardiff on the body of Henry Elsted. The deceased, who was a Glasgow seaman, got mixed up in a street row, when another seaman named Kelly drew a knife and inflicted a fatal wound on deceased. It was shown that deceased had given no provocation to his assailant, and the jury therefore returned a verdict of *wilful murder* against him.

Mr. Bethnal Grimes, a retired farmer living at Kenilworth, while in a state of intoxication the other day, set himself on fire because his wife would not go to him when he called her, and died shortly after.

An accident which happened to Mr. Barber, the well-known equestrian, in riding at the Agricultural Horse Show, has resulted in his death. Mr. Barber was known as one of the best and boldest cross-country riders in England, and he had no fewer than eight entries of hunters in the show. While riding his famous Bird-on-the-Wing in the arena, the horse suddenly started round and fell back on him. Mr. Barber died last night.

Mrs. Macgregor, a lady of good position, charged with swindling, was again before Mr. Tyrwhitt, at the Marlborough-street police-court, on Tuesday. An additional case having been added to the depositions taken at the former hearing, the prisoner was committed for trial on six charges. The Magistrate consented to take bail,—two sureties in 3000*l.* each, and the accused 6000*l.*

At the Central Criminal Court, on Wednesday, the Grand Jury found true bills on three indictments for felony against Arthur Pelham Clinton (commonly called Lord Arthur Pelham Clinton), Fredk. Wm. Park, and Ernest Boulton; true bills for misdemeanour against the same three persons, and also against Louis Charles Hurt, Wm. Sommerville, Martin Luther Cumming, John Safford Fisk, and C. H. Thomas; and also true bills for misdemeanour against Lord Arthur Pelham Clinton, Martin Luther Cumming, Ernest Boulton, Fredk. Wm. Park, and C. H. Thomas. The last-named misdemeanour was the conspiring to disguise themselves as women, and to frequent public places so disguised for an unlawful purpose. Shortly afterwards Mr. Poland, on the part of the Crown, applied to the Judge for bench warrants authorising the arrest of such of the persons above-named against whom the Grand Jury had found true bills for misdemeanour. Mr. Justice Blackburn at first demurred, but afterwards ordered the warrants to issue.—At the Central Criminal Court, this morning, before Justice Blackburn, Boulton and Park were placed in the dock. The Attorney-General, the Solicitor-General, and Mr. Poland prosecuted. Serjt. Ballantine defended Boulton, and Serjt. Parry defended Park. Both prisoners pleaded not guilty to all the indictments. Serjt. Parry applied for a postponement of the trial to next sessions, and urged that the prisoners were ignorant of the several charges brought against them, that they had no opportunity of preparing their defences, and that other parties against whom warrants had been issued were included in the indictment. The Attorney-General, who announced his intention of pressing all the charges, did not oppose the application. The Judge therefore granted it.

It is rumoured in London to-day that 5000*l.* has been sent anonymously for the defence of Boulton & Park.

The trial of *Walter Miller*, for the Chelsea murders, is postponed till next sessions.

CITY, *Thursday Evening.*—Consols, money 92½–3, for the account 92⅞–⅞ ex div., New and Reduced 92⅝, Great Eastern 42½, Great Northern 124–5, Great Northern A 134½–5½, Great Western 74½–⅞, Lancashire and Yorkshire 134–5, London and Chatham 15⅞–16⅛, London and Brighton 45½, London and North-Western 130½–⅞, London and South-Western 92⅞, Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire 53, Metropolitan 67½–⅛, District 31–2, Midland 131½–2, North British 38½, North-Eastern Consols 146½, South-Eastern 77½. No change in the Bank rate to-day. In the open markets there has been a fair inquiry for accommodation. Consols closed without change.

At New York on Wednesday gold closed at 113½; highest 113½; lowest 113 and ⅛; Exchange on London 109¾.

	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.
3 per Cent. Consols	92½	92⅝	92½	Holiday.	92⅝	92⅝
Ditto for Account	—	93	93		92⅞	91⅞
3 per Cent. Reduced Anns.	92¼	92¾	92¾		—	92⅜
New 3 per Cent. Anns.	92½	92⅜	92⅜		92⅜	92⅜
Anns., 30yrs., exp. Apr. 5, 1885	—	—	—		—	—
Bank Stock	—	—	234		235½	235½
India Stock	—	209½	209		209½	211
India Debentures, 1873	103½	—	—		—	—
India 5 per Cents	111¾	111½	111½		111½	—
India Enfaced Paper, 5 p. ct.	—	—	102½		—	102½
India Enfaced do., 5½ pr. ct.	—	—	—		—	—
Ex. Bills (1000*l.*), 3 & 3½ pr. ct.	1p	—	5p		2p	—
Ditto (500*l.*), 3 & 3½ pr. ct.	1p	—	—		1p	—
Ditto (Small), 3 & 3½ pr. ct.	—	—	—		—	—
India Bonds (1000*l.*)	—	21p	25p		—	—
India Bonds (under 1000*l.*)	22p	—	—		—	—

RUTLAND PETTY SESSIONS (OAKHAM), June 6, before the Rev. J. H. Fludyer (chairman), the Hon. G. Noel, M.P., the Hon. W. E. Freke, J. H. L. Wingfield, Esq., W. Wing, Esq., and the Rev. Chancellor W. Wales.—Sarah Cramp *v. Henry Cramp*, a charge of assault. Defendant did not appear, and a warrant was issued for his apprehension.—J. T. Iliff, of Lyddington, *v. Smith Coleman*, an assault. Dismissed, complainant to pay 5*s.* costs.—Sarah Palmer, of Barrowden, *v. John Johnson*, an assault. Committed for 7 days, and to pay 8*s.* 4*d.* costs, or be further imprisoned for 7 days.—Wm. Johnson, of Greetham, *v. Wm. Bland* and *Jas. Bland*, an assault. Fined, with costs, 10*s.* each.—*Rd. Osborn*, of Ketton, was fined, with costs, 2*l.* for being drunk and riotous there on the 4th ult.—Three tradesmen of Langham were summoned under the Weights and Measures Act for slight deficiencies. The Magistrates considered there was no intention to defraud, and each were let off on paying 2*s.* 4*d.* costs.—*Saml. Clark* and *Wm. Wilson*, both of Lyddington, were summoned under the Wine and Beer Act for being in the house of Jabez Bullimore, beerhouse-keeper, after 10 p.m. on the 2d ult. Adjourned to next petty sessions.—*John Tyler*, of Morcott, was fined, with costs, 1*l.* for illegally riding on the shafts of a cart on the 15th ult.—*Fred. Southwell*, of Uppingham, was committed for 28 days for stealing 28*s.* from the dwelling-house of Hy. Bradley on the 23d of April.—*John Neal*, aged 13, of Belton, was found guilty of stealing hen's eggs on the 13th ult., the property of Mr. Geo. Ward. Neal's father was bound in 10*l.* for his good behaviour for 12 months, and ordered to pay 8*s.* 10*d.* expenses.—*Sally Barnett*, of Bisbrook, charged with stealing a purse and 10*s.* 3*d.* from the dwelling-house of James Sharpe, at Oakham, on the 30th ult., was committed for trial at the sessions.—*Geo. Jenkins*, a drunken tramp, was committed for 7 days for being drunk and disorderly at Oakham.—*Thos. Hy. Hercock*, of Barrowden, was fined, with costs, 5*l.* for keeping a horse without a licence, contrary to the Revenue Act. He was told he had made himself liable to a penalty of 20*l.*

GRANTHAM BOROUGH POLICE, June 6, before the Mayor and Mr. Hornsby.—*Edward Exton* was fined 2*s.* 6*d.* and 6*s.* 6*d.* costs for fighting in the Market-place on Saturday night.—June 7, before Mr. Burbidge and Mr. Bushby.—*John Raymond*, a skinner, living near the Wharf, was charged with threatening to kill his wife last Saturday; by reason of his violent conduct she was afraid of her life. Ordered to find two sureties in 10*l.* each to keep the peace, or be sent to prison for two months.

Stamford, Friday, June 10.

BIRTHS.

On the 5th inst., at the Spa, Braceborough, the wife of Francis Willis, Esq., M.D., of a daughter.

On the 3d, at Wilsford Hall, Grantham, the wife of James Henry Parkinson, of a daughter.

At Billinghay, on the 6th inst., the wife of E. M. Thompson, Esq., of a son.

MARRIED.

On the 9th inst., at St. Martin's church, Stamford, (by the Rev. C. J. Dyer, M.A., Domestic Chaplain to the Marquis of Exeter,) John Lea Baxter, of Cottingham, Yorkshire, to Elizabeth third daughter of William Eaton, Esq., M.D., late of Grantham. (No cards.)

At Casterton Parva, yesterday, (by the Rev. James Twining, Rector,) Richard Owen, of Deeping St. Nicholas, to Augusta third daughter,—and at the same time and place, George Price, of Ware, to Frances Elizabeth youngest daughter of Mr. Clement Bland, of Tolethorpe.

On the 9th June, at Stibbington, (by the Rev. Charles Trollope, M.A.,) Charles Hewett, to Elizabeth eldest daughter of Thomas Percival, of Wansford.

At Leadenham, May 10th, (by the Rev. O. Smith,) Mr. C. Baines, of Fulbeck, farmer and builder, to Mary eldest daughter of Mr. Stanhope, of the former place.

On the 2d of June instant, at Oakham, (by the Rev. John Mould, M.A., Vicar, assisted by the Rev. W. S. Wood, D.D., Head Master of Oakham Grammar School,) John Brough Hallam, Esquire, of Hampstead, to Alice Aldersey eldest daughter of Benjamin Adam, Esq., of Oakham.

June 7th.—Married, at the church of St. Mary, Long Sutton, (by the Rev. Henry Leigh Bennett, M.A., Vicar of Mansfield, Notts, assisted by the Rev. E. Leigh Bennett, M.A., Vicar of Long Sutton,) Mr. J. Cartwright, to Sarah youngest daughter of the late Mr. Rogers, Seagate House, Long Sutton, after banns.

At St. Mary's church, Peterboro', on the 29th ult., Mr. W. Essom, to Miss A. Beaver.

At St. Mark's church, Peterboro', on the 7th inst., Robt. Goodacre, master of Bulwell National School, Notts, to Elizabeth McArdle, of Walton-on-Trent, Burton.

At Rippingale, on the 31st ult., Edwin Gibbins, of Bourn, to Grace Elizabeth eldest daughter of Mr. Richards, farmer, of the former place.

At Osbournby, on the 30th ult., Mr. Henry Short, to Miss Hannah Newham.

At Hale Magna, on the 30th ult., Mr. John White, fruitmerchant, of Hammersmith, to Elizabeth youngest daughter of the late Mr. Rd. Fox, of Leeds Gate inn, Coningsby.

At Digby, on the 26th ult., Mr. George Bond, to Miss Emma Ogdon.

At Gosberton, on the 7th inst., David Nottle, stationer, &c., of Beckenham, Kent, to Martha youngest daughter of Richard Brand, farmer, of the Westhorpe.

At Kirton, on the 5th, Mr. John Pepper, to Miss L. Pell.

At the Wesleyan chapel, Boston, on the 5th inst., John Beel, railway labourer, of Broadfield-terrace, to Ann Rogers, of Spilsby-road;—and on the 7th, Cornelius Dalton, butcher, to Emma Rawlinson, both of Swineshead.

At Leake, on the 2d inst., Mr. Henry Kellam, tailor, of Waltham, Leicestershire, to Charlotte second daughter of Mr. Wm. Atkinson, tailor, of Leake, Boston.

At the Register-office, Melton Mowbray, on the 2d inst., Mr. Alfred Tinsley, of Long Clawson, to Miss Mary Large, of Nether Broughton.

At Hallaton, Leicestershire, on the 2d inst., Mr. Wm. Ward, of Tur Langton, to Elizabeth eldest daughter of Mr. A. Wilson, of the former place.

At Fotheringhay, on the 1st inst., Edward Wooding, of Fotheringhay, to Sarah Ann Tomlin, of Nassington.

At Stoke Doyle, on the 7th inst., Mr. Dettwiller, of Lewisham, to Agnes second daughter of Mr. R. Willan, of Bourn.

At the parish church, Wellingboro', on the 30th ult., Mr. T. P. Slinn, to Miss M. E. Clipstone, eldest daughter of Mr. W. Clipstone, of Market-street.

At the Baptist chapel, Ramsey, on the 8th inst., Mr. Ernest Alfred Hilder, of Woking, Surrey, to Julia second daughter of Mr. Geo. Newton, farmer, of Ramsey.

At Gedney, on the 31st ult., Mr. David Gray, carpenter, to Eliza daughter of Mr. Wm. Kisby, of Coates.

At the parish church, Wisbech, on the 8th inst., Thomas Fenton, to Jemima Martin.

At Tatenhill, on the 2d inst., Justinian Heathcote Edwards Heathcote, Esq., of Apedale and Longton Halls, Staffordshire, to Eleanor youngest daughter of Spencer Stone, Esq., of Callingwood.

DIED.

June 6, at Cheltenham, Miss Catherine Gretton, aged 80.

At Whaplode Drove, on the 30th of May, Ann the beloved wife of Mr. John Drage, aged 63 years, daughter of the late Mr. Thos. Ford, of Stibbington. Friends will please accept this intimation.

On the 30th of May, at Fulbeck, very suddenly, Sarah daughter of the late Mr. Robert Oxby of Kinoulton, Nottinghamshire, aged 53.

On the 3d inst., Mary only daughter of Mr. Richard Dixon, New-road, Spalding, in her 33d year. Friends will kindly take this intimation.

On the 2d inst., at Long Sutton, George Edward Ewen, ætat 28, son of the late Henry Ewen, Esq. Friends will kindly accept this intimation.

At the Infirmary, Stamford, on the 2d inst., John William son of Ellen Webster, aged 7 years;—on the 4th, in Water-street, John Travis, blacksmith, aged 40;—on the 5th, in Tenter-lane, George William son of Mark Prentice, blacksmith, aged 10 years; same day, in Scotgate, Henry infant son of Reuben Fishpool; also, in Maiden-lane, Harriet wife of Josiah Leach, aged 25;—and on the 7th, in East-street, Samuel son of Fred. Booth, nailmaker, in his 2d year.

At Peterboro', on the 28th ult., Rebecca Whitehead, widow, aged 44;—and on the 31st, James McCallum Craig, in his 10th year.

At Glinton, on the 29th ult., Mr. Matthew Mowbray, shoemaker, aged 56.

At Bourn, on the 5th inst., Mary Ann wife of Mr. Thos. Taylor, cottager, aged 61.

At Morton, on the 1st inst., Sarah Ann daughter of Wm. Osborn, aged 17.

At Grantham, on the 1st, Mr. J. G. Hanson, chemist, aged 20.

At Little Gonerby, on the 3d inst., Mary Ann wife of Mr. Dazzeo Ceppi, aged 65.

At Barrowby, on the 4th inst., Elizabeth relict of Mr Thos. Kirk, grocer, aged 73.

At Westboro' Lodge, on the 29th ult., aged 15, Sarah Elizabeth daughter of Mr. G. Sneath, formerly of Barrowby.

At Muston Gorse, Bottesford, on the 30th ult., Mr. Enoch Goodson, aged 44.

At Billingboro', on the 26th ult., Elizabeth wife of Mr. Thomas Taylor, aged 33.

At Heckington, on the 4th inst., Phœbe wife of Dennis Baker, bricklayer, aged 77.

At New Sleaford, on the 28th ult., Joseph Hill, blacksmith, aged 75.

At the Union-house, on the 6th inst., Wm Dempster.

At North Rauceby, on the 28th ult., Edward Humphrey, aged 63.

At Holbeach, on the 6th inst., Henry son of James Sketcher, aged 18; same day, Eleanor wife of Adonijah Piad, aged 61;—and on the 7th, Joshua May, aged 35.

At Spalding, on the 2d inst., in Spring-gardens, Mary Ann wife of Mr. Wm. Wingad, turnkey at the house of correction, aged 38;—and on the 4th, Mr. Thomas North, for many years postmaster, aged 78.

At Weston-by-Welland, Northamptonshire, on the 6th inst., in his 82d year, Mr. John Baines, formerly landlord of the Red Lion inn, Spalding.

In Wide-bargate, Boston, Jane fourth daughter of the late Mr. Joseph Hockley, aged 26.

At Boston, on the 1st inst., Rose daughter of Henry Goodacre, of Skirbeck, aged 6 years;—and on the 3d, Mr. Stephen Hobster, farmer, of Skirbeck Quarter, aged 74.

At Boston, on the 2d inst., Charlotte Saunders wife of Mr. Edw. Hinds, builder, of Skirbeck-road, aged 55;—on the 3d, found dead in bed, Mrs. Ann Tutberry, landlady of the Good Woman beer-house, Witham-street, aged 48; same day, accidentally drowned, John Cross, aged 12 years;—on the 5th, Edw. Tilson, ship-carpenter, of White Horse-lane, aged 64; same day, Sabina, aged 11 years,—and on the 7th, Maria, aged 1 year,—daughters of Joseph Towell, railway gatekeeper, of Skirbeck.

At Sibsey, on the 5th inst., Mr. William White North, farmer, aged 44.

At Burley-on-the-Hill, on the 8th inst., Mr. J. Gunner, head gardener to G. Finch, Esq., aged 63.

At Exton, on the 6th inst., John Thomas son of John Bottomley, aged 8 months.

At Morcott, Henry Alfred eldest son of Mr. George Billson, blacksmith, aged 10 years.

At Melton Mowbray, on the 29th ult., Joseph son of Mr. Benjamin Lee, aged 2 years.

At Hanging Stone, on the 28th ult., aged 71, Samuel Henton, formerly of Saxby, Leicestershire.

At Saxelby, on the 26th ult., Mr. David Paling, aged 53;—and on the 30th, Mary widow of Mr. Thos. Marriott, farmer, aged 67.

At Hinckley, on the 26th ult., Mr. John Truswell Barraclough, of the Barley Sheaf inn;—and on the 30th, Elizabeth wife of Mr. Wm. Greaves, builder, in her 64th year.

At his residence, High Field, Leicester, on the 30th ult., John Corah, Esq., aged 65.

At Leeds, on the 1st inst., in his 62d year, Mr. Thomas Nunneley, F.R.C.S., formerly of Market Harborough.

At Harrow House, near Hinckley, on the 30th ult., Mr. John Meadows, farmer, of Medbourn, aged 59.

At Kibworth Beauchamp, on the 7th inst., Ann wife of Mr. Jonathan Jesson, aged 45

At Leamington, on the 22d ult., Sengon Height, late of her Majesty's Regiment of 47th Foot, aged 44.

At Oundle, on the 3d inst, Rebecca wife of Mr. William Coulson, aged 40.

At Irthlingborough, on the 29th ult., Robert only surviving son of Mr. John Scarborow, in his 18th year.

At Stretham, Surrey, on the 28th ult., aged 11 years, George Thomas only surviving son of Mr. George Francis, late of Little Stukeley, Hunts.

At Tunbridge Wells, on the 28th ult., suddenly, William Hedson, formerly of Thorney, aged 35.

At Whittlesey, on the 26th ult., Rebecca Read, aged 30.

At Chatteris, on the 29th ult., Mary A. Negus, aged 38;—and on the 31st, Eliza Wadlow, aged 38.

At March, on the 30th ult., Eliza wife of John Davies, wheelwright, aged 24.

At Wimblington, on the 26th ult., John Grimwood, aged 28.

At Wisbech, on the 3d inst., Mary Flora daughter of John Mercer Porter, railway porter, aged 1½ year;—and on the 5th, Mr. Joseph Metcalf, aged 58.

At the Union-house, Wisbech, on the 7th inst., William Brackley, shoemaker, aged 41.

At her residence, Ashill, Norfolk, on the 3d inst., Mrs. Boyce, relict of William Boyce, Esq., of Ashill and Emneth, aged 88.

Stamford and Rutland Infirmary.—The treasurers have received a legacy (free of duty) of 100*l.* from the executors of the late Miss Moulds, of Uppingham.

Northamptonshire Field Club.—The first meeting of the season is about to be held at Stamford. Dr. Hopkinson has been appointed president for the present year. We believe the members and friends will be entertained at luncheon by the Doctor at an early meeting.

Browne's Hospital, Stamford.—A second meeting was held at the Town-hall, on Monday evening last, to deliberate on the suggestions of Mr. Hare, one of the Inspectors of Charities, relative to the future government of the Hospital and the appropriation of the funds accruing from the estates. There was a large attendance of the leading inhabitants, who were evidently disposed to give the various proposals the most careful consideration. The Mayor was invited to take the chair, but he excused himself from occupying the post on the ground that he is, *ex officio*, temporarily one of the Governors of the charity. Mr. Thompson was then, on the motion of Mr. Torkington, seconded by the Mayor, called upon to preside. In opening the business, the chairman described the large interests they had met to consider, and mentioned that within a few days another lease of the value of 300*l.* a year had fallen in, increasing the revenue of the hospital by that amount. Prior to discussing the suggestions of Mr. Hare, some severe strictures were passed upon the alleged extravagant outlay in the restoration of the hospital buildings, a sum of 10,000*l.* having been incurred in the alterations and in the building of a little mansion for the Warden. It was said that to properly keep up such a house as that built for the Warden the officer ought to have an income of 1000*l.* a-year. The proposals of Mr. Hare were then entered upon: they are classed under four heads, viz., 1st, as concerns the spiritual or ecclesiastical character of the institution; 2d, the secular establishment; 3d, the application of the surplus endowment; and 4th, the future constitution of the governing body. With reference to the first the Inspector's suggestion is that the offices of Warden and Confrater may hereafter, as vacancy happens, be abolished, and 100*l.* a-year given to each of the Rectors of St. George, St. Michael, St. Martin, and St. John, to act as Confraters alternately; and another 100*l.* given for a new district church in All Saints. The proposal of the inspector assigns nothing to St. Mary's, as he thinks that powers may be hereafter given to the ecclesiastical authorities and the patrons to annex it to a neighbouring parish. This suggestion of Mr. Hare met with the slightest possible encouragement, being supported by only one member of the committee: it was objected to on the ground that it would be appropriating charity funds to the enrichment of private patronage, and that if any portion of the revenues of the hospital be devoted to spiritual instruction outside the walls of the institution all sects should share in the distribution, particularly the Roman Catholics, the founder being of that persuasion. On the question of the abolition of the Confratership, the meeting was unanimous that such an officer is unnecessary. The committee next proceeded to the consideration of the secular establishment, and they unanimously approved Mr. Hare's suggestion that the brethren and sisters should not exceed ten in number if single or twenty if married, every inmate or married couple having two rooms and 30*l.* per annum, with a further allowance for clothing, &c.—Mr. Hare's views in opposition to a proposal for a class of out-pensioners gave rise to a difference of opinion; and the consideration of this subject was adjourned after the committee had sat for two hours. The deliberation is to be resumed on Monday next.

A correspondent says, "A few young men, with apparently more public spirit than the Stamford Corporation, have just been at the expense of putting down substantial steps and a wooden landing place for the common benefit of the hundreds who in the summer season invigorate their constitutions by bathing in the Cow-holme. An attempt is also being made to raise funds for erecting a hoarding so as to screen the bathers from the view of people passing along the footpath in the meadows, and several gentlemen have promised subscriptions."

The congregation worshipping at North-street chapel, Stamford, have erected a very neat and suitable marble tablet to the memory of their late respected pastor, the Rev. J. C. Philpot.

The long spring drought is causing very great anxiety in this neighbourhood. There has been no sensible amount of rain, except for one day, for nearly three months, the consequence of which is a generally slow growth of vegetation, almost barren pastures, and the prospect of the smallest hay crop for some years. Wheat at present looks flourishing; but the spring-sown corn is everywhere dwarfish, and both barley and oats must inevitably prove light crops. Some recent frosts have damaged the potatoes and scarlet runners, and peas will be deficient for want of moisture. Altogether the season both for the farmer and the gardener is very disheartening.

The vocal concert in aid of the building fund of the new Catholic schools took place in the Assembly-rooms, Stamford, last Tuesday evening. Despite the very questionable endeavours of certain parties to deter the public from supporting so praiseworthy an object as the education of the young the concert was a complete success; and throughout a long evening the sympathising and respectable audience, which crowded the Assembly-rooms, paid a well-earned tribute to the talents and exertions of the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly gave their services on the occasion. Among the company present were Viscount Campden, the Rev. P. G. Munro, chaplain to the Earl of Gainsborough, and several of the Catholic clergymen of the neighbourhood.

As an indication of the present price of cropping, we may mention that 3 acres and 21 perches of clover, considered a fair crop for the season, has been this week sold by auction by Mr. Richardson for 12*l.* 10*s.*, the conditions being that the clover shall be mowed and taken off the field. The keeping was reserved for the tenant.

RUTLAND.—The thirty-eighth annual meeting of the Rutland General Friendly Institution was held at the National school-room, Cottesmore, on the 2d inst.; the Hon. and Rev. Leland Noel presided, supported by the Hon. and Rev. A. G. Stuart (Cottesmore), the Rev. Thos. Heycock (Seaton), Messrs. Burgess, Wortley, Wellington, Hopkins, Hawthorn, &c. The accounts were audited and found correct. The property of the institution is now 3468*l.* 18*s.* 11*d.*, invested in the Bank of England and Savings Bank. The interest arising therefrom this year is 109*l.* 4*s.* 5*d.* The Rev. Edward Thring (Uppingham), the Rev. Wm. Gay, (Burley), W. H. Brown, Esq. and G. R. Forster, Esq. (Uppingham), and Mr. W. Fowler (Manton) were elected directors. J. T. Pateman, Esq. (Uppingham), was elected an additional auditor. Thirteen benefit members have been enrolled during the past year.

It is a singular circumstance that four esteemed servants of G. Finch, Esq. have died within the past few months, viz., Mr. Brown, builder; Mr. Healey, woodman; Mr. Smith, gamekeeper; and this week we announce the decease of Mr. Gunner, the head gardener.

Braunston Foresters' Club.—Circumstances have arisen during the past year, which, in the opinion of a majority of the members, necessitated a change of medical officers: S. C. Turner, Esq. has therefore been elected medical officer to the club in the place of F. T. W. King, Esq.

UPPINGHAM.—The water supply here is becoming seriously deficient. Many wells in the town are quite dry, and the spring at the west end of the town, which never used to fail, has now become nearly useless.

Uppingham Union.—On Wednesday last there were many applications for relief by able-bodied people, which is an unusual thing at this period of the year. The destitution amongst the labouring class is much greater at the present time than it generally is in the winter months. The drought is one cause of the scarcity of employment.

PETERBORO'.—A meeting of the Improvement Commissioners was held on the 2d inst.: present, J. Whitwell, Esq. (in the chair), T. Life, Esq., Messrs. Savigar, Ewart, Wyman, Miller, Burton, Bristow, Fox, F. G. Buckle, Sturton, Aldgate, Searjeant, and Taylor.—Proceedings were ordered to be commenced against John Taylor, beerhouse-keeper, for furious driving through the streets, complained of by the police.—The Clerk was ordered to advertise for tenders for the erection of a shed in the Commissioners' yard, and the Pavement Committee was authorised to see the work carried out.—The new boundary marks were ordered to be put down under the direction of the Boundary Committee.—A letter received from Mr. Johnson, surveyor of the highways, Walton, requesting that the carting of road materials might in future be done at a season of the year when their roads and highways might suffer less damage by the carts, was, on the motion of *Mr. Fox*, seconded by *Mr. Taylor*, referred to the Pavement Committee.—A letter was read from the manager of the Gas Company asking permission to stop the traffic in the Narrow-street and Cross-street for one day, while new mains and service pipes were laid down. Granted, on a motion by *Mr. F. G. Buckle*, and seconded by *Mr. Life*, with a suggestion that as much of the labour as possible should be done by night.—The Clerk was directed to make the usual income-tax returns.—The gas bills, amounting to 294*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.*, were audited, and ordered to be paid.—*Mr. Taylor* explained his views of the way the consumption of the gas in the public lamps might be ascertained by a meter.—*Mr. Buckle* addressed the Board to the effect that no correct estimate could be obtained by a single meter or a small number. It was resolved that the Gas Company be requested to report to the next meeting the quantity of gas consumed by the lamps.—The Clerk read the reply of the Bridge Committee appointed at the public meeting on the 18th May to the resolutions of the Magistrates of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, and also letters received from the Clerk of the Peace for Northampton and the Rt. Hon. G. W. Hunt, that the Magistrates of both counties would meet on Saturday the 4th inst., at the Crown inn at Fletton, at 11·30, and inviting the Improvement Commissioners to attend.—*Mr. Taylor* addressed the Board, as did also *the Clerk* (Mr. Wilkinson), on the "reply" sent to the Clerks of the Peace of the two counties, and the Clerk was directed to acknowledge the receipt of the letters and refer the Justices to the "reply."—A memorial was read from certain inhabitants of Narrow-street asking for a greater supply of water from the carts.—The letters received from the British Association for the utilization of sewage were referred to the Sewerage Committee.—*Mr. Taylor* gave notice that he should move at the next meeting to fill up the vacancy in the commission caused by the death of Mr. Jos. Chamberlain.

Peterboro' Cemetery Commissioners.—At the monthly meeting on the 2d, there were present Mr. Sturton (chairman), and Messrs. Whitwell, Buckle, Thompson, Miller, Ewart, and Savigar. The number of deaths during the month was 20, namely, 14 adults, six under sixteen years of age, and two still-born.—The Clerk stated that the third division was filling so fast that it would probably last but another year, about 200 grave spaces only being left on the consecrated ground.—Mr. Sturton remarked that they could then bury between the present spaces.—A conversation ensued upon the future management of the old burial ground.—Mr. Whitwell moved that the same be let by tender.—Mr. Thompson proposed an amendment that it be left to the Visiting Commissioners to direct as to the keeping of the ground in order all the year round.—Mr. Savigar seconded the amendment.—Mr. Miller seconded Mr. Whitwell's motion.—For the amendment three voted, for the original motion two: the amendment carried.—Mr. Buckle explained that the reason he did not vote was that Mr. Whitwell did not lay down any plan how he proposed the ground should be mown.

The meeting on Saturday of the Hunts and Northamptonshire Justices with the Improvement Commissioners of Peterboro' relative to the re-building of the bridge was kept private, application for the admission of reporters being refused. The following remarks appeared in the *Gentleman's Magazine* of January, 1833:—"Last year a large sum of money was expended in repairing Peterborough bridge. To improve the approach on the south side some buttresses were removed, which, from a date on one of the foundation stones, appeared to have opposed the floods of 800 years; and so compact was the masonry they would probably have stood 800 years longer. Part of the work by which these were replaced has stood *three months*, and then fallen. Another portion, although it has deviated considerably from the perpendicular, may perhaps stand *not less than six months*, unless the props which support it should in the meantime be withdrawn."

SPALDING.—The usual competition for the monthly challenge cup took place at the rifle butt on the 2d, when private Moore was declared the winner. At the same time the competition for representing the corps at Wimbledon took place, and Captain Selby and private Smith made the highest scores.

The market on Tuesday last was one of the smallest known at Spalding for some time. Beasts and sheep were both lower in price and met with a very slow sale. The corn market was very thinly attended, and what little wheat was offered was readily disposed of at 2*s.* per quarter advance upon last week's rates.

The Drama.—Douglas, whose name is familiar to Spalding people, opened his theatre on Saturday evening in the Pied Calf-yard, when the popular play of *Rob Roy* was produced, and drew a very good house. It is some four or five years since Mr. Douglas visited Spalding, and he has now selected a very bad season of the year.

Several of the tradespeople in the Market-place and Hall-place, Spalding, are often complaining of the dust. We notice that for several weeks past a water cart has been engaged watering the London-road and Sheep market, the expense of which is, we understand, defrayed by subscription. Why don't our Improvement Commissioners bestir themselves and enter into a contract with some one to undertake the watering of all the principal streets in the town? The cost would be trifling, and all would enjoy the advantage.

Mechanics' Institute.—The committee appointed to obtain the offer of sites for the erection of a new building reported to a general meeting of members on Thursday the 2d that four sites were offered. After a long discussion the meeting decided that none of the sites were sufficiently eligible, and the meeting was adjourned for three months, in the hope that in the meantime some good central site may "turn up."

The New Market.—This project appears to be at a standstill, the committee having at present been unable to meet with the necessary extent of ground which is central and moderate in price. We understand, however, that negotiations are still pending.

Gosberton Wesleyan Chapel Anniversary.—The services in connection with this event were held on the 29th and 30th ult. Sermons were preached on both days by the Rev. Seth Dixon, of Spalding, and liberal collections were made on each occasion. The most interesting feature of the proceedings on Monday was the opening of the organ just placed in the chapel. J. J. Harrisson, Esq., of Holbeach, kindly presided at the instrument, and gave a most efficient performance, his remarkable talent being highly appreciated by all who heard him. The organ was purchased for the chapel through Mr. Thos. Mitchell, of Holbeach, and is in every way suitable to the requirements of the place, having one and a half manuals, two octaves of pedals, ten stops, couplers, two composition pedals, &c., the whole enclosed in a neat case of Gothic design, with gilt speaking pipes in front. It is a very fine instrument. Since the anniversary the debt of 200*l.* which has long been on the chapel has been removed.

LONG SUTTON.—On the 31st ult. the Temperance Society celebrated their anniversary. Mr. A. Nainby kindly lent the field. The members met at two o'clock, and an address was delivered by the Rev. W. A. Fryar. A tea was afterwards provided. In the evening the usual out-door sports were indulged in as long as daylight lasted; and owing to the fine weather a very enjoyable day was spent. We learn that since the meeting the secretary has taken a great number of signatures.

WHITTLESEY.—*Painful Suicide.*—Quite a gloom has been cast over this town this last two or three days by the suicide of Mr. Geo. Moore Smith, solicitor. This gentleman, who had been unwell and in a desponding state for a week or two, cut his throat in the water-closet at his own house on Tuesday evening. It was thought that he had been in the closet an unreasonable time, and on the door being tried it was found fastened inside. It was thereupon broken open, and the deceased was found upon his knees, with his head over the pan and his throat cut in such a fearful manner that death must have been instantaneous. An inquest was held at the New Crown inn on Wednesday, and a verdict returned that "Deceased committed suicide while in a state of temporary insanity." The deceased gentleman held the offices of clerk to the magistrates, and clerk to the Whittlesey Improvement Commissioners, and other appointments. He leaves a widow and nine young children.

The Whittlesey feast commenced on Tuesday last: the display of stalls, &c. continue yearly to decrease, music and dancing at the different public-houses being the greatest charm for servant boys and girls.

WELLINGBORO'.—On Whit-Monday Finedon gardens, the seat of W. Mackworth Dolben, Esq., were thrown open for the first time this season to the public, and about 2000 persons availed themselves of this opportunity to visit this delightful spot.

A theatrical company from Coventry have engaged the Corn-exchange in this town for five nights this week; they give a performance each evening.

The supply of stock at our Whitsun fair on Wednesday last was rather scanty. There did not appear to be more than on an ordinary market day.

BOSTON.—On Monday a meeting of the Local Board was held in the Assembly-rooms: present, the Mayor, and Messrs. Wren, Gask, Simonds, Bailes, Sharp, Sergeant, Kenington, King, Belton, Caister, Lewin, Swinn, Bedford, T. H. Bailey, R. Bayley, and Maltby.—It was announced that since the last meeting the amount of rates collected was 1727*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.*—The Clerk reported that there was 1719*l.* 3*s.* 5*d.* in the hands of the treasurer; out of this, however, the sum of 359*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.* for bills owing was ordered to be paid; and also 137*l.* 18*s.* 5*d.* was advanced to the surveyor for working expenses, which really reduces the balance in hand to 1222*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.*—The next business was to consider "the application of the Gas Company as to stopping up a footpath near Butt-lane."—*The Mayor* read a memorial from the inhabitants of the town, and residents in the locality of the footpath, praying that the application of the Gas Company be not acceded to, on the ground that the road was a great public convenience. This memorial bore the signature of about 200 persons.—*Mr. Sharpe* moved "That the application of the Gas Company as to the stopping up of the footpath be acceded to."—*Mr. Gask* seconded the motion.—*Mr. Bedford* moved as an amendment "That the prayer of the Gas Company be not acceded to." Of late he had taken particular notice of this road on a Sunday, and for the past three Sunday mornings, between 11 and 12 o'clock, he had counted the number of people who crossed the field to the footpath which it was proposed to stop up, and several persons availed themselves of the privilege.—He contended that they ought not to study the interests of any gas company, but the interests of the borough.—*Mr. Caister* seconded Mr. Bedford's amendment.—*Mr. Simonds* said that they, as a public body, representing the town, had no right to injure other people to gratify the Gas Company.—*Mr. Maltby* did not agree with the proposal to stop up the road. Why did they want to take from the inhabitants of the town the walk through a green field? It was most indecent on the part of the Local Board to make any attempt to do so. He was not surprised that the Gas Company should make the attempt, because it would improve their property in one point of view.—*Mr. T. H. Bailey* condemned the idea of closing the road, because they must remember that near the road there was Josse's pasture covered with houses, and in all probability Miss Robinson's field would be built on; and any person wishing to go from either of these places to the other would have to go a long way round.—*Mr. Gask* said if he thought the road was of importance to the inhabitants of the town he should not have seconded the resolution, but he was fully impressed that the road was very little used.—The resolution and amendment having been put to the meeting, there were for the amendment 6, viz., Messrs. Bedford, Caister, Simonds, T. Bailey, Kennington, and R. Bayley; and for the proposition 10—Messrs. Wren, King, Gask, Swinn, Sergeant, Belton, Bailes, Sharpe, Kitwood, and Lewin.—*Mr. Simonds*: How many of these are shareholders in the Gas Company?—No answer was given, and the meeting then broke up.

Church Missionary Society.—The anniversary services of this society were preached in the churches at Boston on Sunday last, and collections made as follows:—Parish church 28*l.* 8*s.* 8½*d.*, chapel of ease 10*l.* 3*s.* 8½*d.*, St. James 12*l.* 1*s.* 6½*d.*

Conservative Demonstration.—The great Conservative demonstration, which has been in course of preparation for weeks past, came off on Monday last. The Tories call it a "monster success;" but opinions differ, and rather widely. Both M.P.'s were present. Over 2000 partook of a repast in a monster marquee and the Artillery Volunteer drill-hall; but, after being the theme of conversation with the gossips and political mendicants of the town for several days past, it proved to be *only* a tea after all, composed principally of bread and butter, plum cake, and shrimps. The afternoon and evening were filled up with comic singing, speechifying, and gymnastics. A good display of fireworks in the evening brought the programme of the day to a conclusion about ½-past 10 o'clock. The attendance in the afternoon was rather thin; in the evening, however, upwards of 5000 persons assembled. The tea was presided over by Mrs. Malcolm. Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm arrived on Saturday evening, and were met at the station by a band of music: they were the guests of F. T. White, Esq. during their stay in the borough.

Ald. Wren, whose remarks against one of the borough police force we mentioned last week, has, we have been credibly informed, expressed his willingness to give a reward of 5*l.* to any one who can tell him who gave the information to the reporter. Key, the intended victim, has, we understand, found his receipt for the amount alleged to be owing, and submitted it to the worthy Alderman, who, in his turn, made an *amends honorable.*

An enthusiastic Constitutionalist, anxious to pay homage to our senior representative on his entry into Boston on Saturday evening last, essayed to hoist a flag on some buildings of which he is the owner, on the line of the route from the railway station. His tenant, who is of opposite politics, objected and threatened that if the hoisting was not taken off his premises he would pull it down and tar it. The landlord persisted, and dared him even to touch much more tar it. The tenant accepted the challenge, pulled it down, tarred it, and in less time than it takes to tell the story flung the flag over the shoulders of his over zealous Tory landlord; and when the procession passed the discomfited old gentleman was in the undignified position of trying to liberate himself from his tar-besmeared banner.

An Uninvited Visitor.—On the afternoon of Wednesday last, just as the clerks of Messrs. Gee and Co. were making up the cash after the close of business, they were surprised by a most unusual noise; after listening intently for some time at what was supposed to be a surreptitious attempt upon the sanctity of the great iron stronghold the safe, their alarm was turned into amusement on beholding a well-grown jackdaw, who had entered the bank very brusquely through the chimney, *sans ceremonie.* Seemingly he did not relish his dark passage, as after alighting on the hearth he quickly mounted on a gas bracket and gave three loud caws!

On Friday morning last Mrs. Ann Tutbery, landlady of the Good Woman beer-house, Witham-street, was found dead in bed. Deceased was 48 years of age. On the previous night, about half-past 11 o'clock, she retired to rest apparently in good health. A little girl, named Mary Ann Bray, slept with the deceased, and she found her dead at 8 o'clock in the morning. Deceased spoke to the girl at 6, but did not complain of illness, merely observing that it was too early for them to get up, and they might sleep a little longer.

On Friday morning a boy named John Cross, aged 12, whose mother resides in Broadfield-lane, was accidentally drowned. It appears that about 11 o'clock he went to Cut Drain to bathe, and was seen stripped by a young man named Thomas Hibberd. He was cautioned not to go in, but he did so, and in a few minutes was seen to sink. Hibberd immediately ran to two men who were engaged taking weeds out of the river, and the most prompt assistance was rendered. In about a quarter of an hour he was got out, but he was then quite dead. The boy's father, a few months ago, fell off a waggon, whilst in the employ of Lieut.-Col. Moore, of Frampton Hall, and broke his neck.

On Saturday morning Mr. Wm. Atterby, aged 67 years, residing at 10, Field-street, was accidentally killed at Mr. Woollard's, of Wide-bargate. Mr. Woollard's carriage warehouse is three stories high, and there is a kind of trap door on the second and third story, which is used for the purpose of admitting vehicles from one floor to the other. The deceased, who had been 18 years employed on the firm, was engaged in placing the bars across the opening, when he overbalanced himself and fell through. He alighted on the second floor, but instantly rebounded, and then fell with great violence on to the ground. Joseph Motley, who was working with deceased, witnessed the accident, and prompt assistance was rendered, but the poor fellow was picked up in a dying state. He survived only a few minutes. An inquest was held at the Red Cow inn, and a verdict of *accidental death* was returned.

Sudden Death.—An inquest was held at the Ma[illegible] Arms, Haven Bank, on the 31st ult., before Walter [illegible] Esq., coroner, respecting the death of Mr. Robert Martin, of the Britannia brewery. The deceased was found dead in bed on the previous Monday morning early, having retired to rest on Sunday evening apparently in good health. The jury not finding satisfactory evidence on which to return a verdict, the inquest was adjourned till Friday last, in order to admit of a *post mortem* examination being made on the body by T. A. Roberts, Esq., surgeon, Coningsby. At the adjourned inquiry Mr. Roberts gave evidence to the effect that he had discovered traces of disease in the brain, which, had deceased lived for a few years longer, must inevitably have resulted in idiocy; but that the immediate cause of death was a sudden and severe attack of serous apoplexy, induced probably by the continued use of strong liquors, in which deceased had habitually indulged, but for a week previous to his death had suddenly and entirely ceased to partake of. This, coupled with the fact of his having eaten a hearty supper just before retiring to rest, was in Mr. Roberts' opinion the immediate cause of the apoplectic seizure. The jury therefore returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, "That deceased died from natural causes."

The customary sheep shearing competition at Benington took place, on grounds of Mr. G. H. Resson, on the 2d inst., and owing to the fine weather a numerous company attended on the occasion, most of whom adjourned to tea provided at the Nelson inn. The clipping was performed fully equal to the skill exhibited in former years: in the Boys' class very superior work was done, and it is worthy of record that a little boy under 12 years of age volunteered and clipped three fat sheep in a truly workman-like manner within three hours. His name is Baker, and he resides at Leake. After the prizes had been distributed, the usual loyal toasts were given, & a very harmonious evening spent.

SLEAFORD.—*The Guide-posts.*—At the conclusion of the Magisterial business at the petty sessions on Monday last supt. Barsby called attention to the state of the guide-posts in the neighbourhood of this town. He said in going his rounds in the district he had noticed they were in very bad repair: in many cases the arms had been destroyed, in others the inscriptions were obliterated by age, and in some instances the posts had disappeared altogether. Such a state of things was a serious inconvenience to strangers. He said he had also noticed several stone pits on the road side quite unprotected, which ought to be attended to before an accident occurred. The Bench desired Mr. Peake, the clerk to the Magistrates, to communicate with the various surveyors of highways on the subject, requesting their attention to the matter.

Carre's Charity, Sleaford.—The annual meeting of the trustees of this charity was held at the Bristol Arms on Tuesday last. There was only one vacancy in the bede-houses (caused by the death of Joseph Hill), and out of the numerous applicants the choice of the trustees fell upon James Elmore, basketmaker, for many years in the employ of Mr. Camomile.

A few weeks ago a man and woman were charged at the Town-hall, Sleaford, with pocket picking, when the latter was sent to prison, but the former escaped. He has not, however, been so fortunate at Hanley, where he had been carrying on his dishonest practices, for we find that he has been committed to prison for twelve months on two distinct charges of pocket picking.

Rifle Corps.—The members of the 8th Lincoln Rifle Corps assembled for parade on Monday evening last, and mustered in goodly numbers. The annual meeting of the corps was afterwards held, and the statement of accounts was submitted, and the committee for the current year appointed.

Sleaford Rifle Corps.—The competition for the Monthly Challenge Prizes produced a lively race on Thursday the 2d. The ranges were 300 and 400 yards, 5 rounds at each. Private Slight again proved the winner, after shooting off the tie with Lieutenant Bisill and private Hoole. The two latter had to shoot off the tie for the second cup, when Lieut. Bisill was victorious. The following is the score:—Lieut. Bisill 29, private Slight 29, private Hoole 29, private Curtis 28, corporal Count 27, private J. Cubley 25, sergeant Ingoldby 23, private Butler 22, private J. T. Bacon 19, ensign Roberts 15.

On Whit-Tuesday the Paradise Benefit Society and Old Friendly Society, at Heckington, held their annual meetings. Both clubs attended service in the parish church at 12 o'clock, and listened to an excellent sermon by the Rev. G. T. Cameron, Vicar. After service the members of the former club dined at the Railway Hotel, and the latter at the Royal Oak. We believe both societies are in a prosperous state.

STILTON.—The post-office here was opened on Wednesday as a telegraph-office, and messages can now be received from and sent to all parts of the kingdom.

THRAPSTON.—The long-continued dry weather in this district is producing the most disastrous effect upon all kinds of crops excepting perhaps wheat, which, however, must exhibit general signs of lack of moisture unless a speedy change occurs. Grass, even in the meadows adjoining the Nene, has a stunted and dried-up appearance, and exists in extremely small quantity. Many of the occupiers of land are beginning to stock the pastures laid for hay, apparently being hopeless of any change for the better during this season, which is indeed too far advanced to admit of it. Altogether the prospects of agriculturists do not appear to be eminently cheerful at this juncture.

Bazaar in aid of the new chapel about to be erected by the Wesleyan Methodists at Titchmarsh has been held in the Benefit Club-room at that village. It was opened on Tuesday in an appropriate manner, by the Rev. Mr. Taylor, Wesleyan minister, of Oundle, and remained open on the two following days. There was a variety of ornamental articles exhibited, and, it being the feast week, visitors were numerous.

GRANTHAM.—The Rev. H. C. Smith, Campden lecturer and senior curate of Grantham, having been recently preferred to a Minor Canonry at Manchester cathedral, the members of the Grantham Amateur Vocal Society (for whom he was secretary from its commencement) have this week presented to him a very handsome silver inkstand. It is an urn-shaped vase, with sphynx top resting upon a pyramidical basement; at the sides are two other basements, supporting a sphynx in repose. The present bears a suitable inscription, and was supplied by Mr. Pearce, silversmith, of Grantham.

The committee of that admirable institution, the Farmers' Benevolent Society, held a meeting at the secretary's office last Saturday, to select candidates for an annuitant in the room of one recently deceased. The following were selected for the votes of the subscribers:—John Scrimshaw, of Denton, aged 78; Robert Christian, of Sewstern, 67; George Whitehead, of Bottesford, 66; Stephen Pauling, of Billingboro', 65; and Robert Wilcox, of Aisby, 63. The voting papers are to be delivered to the secretary on or before Saturday the 25th inst.

Grantham Wesleyan Provident Society.—The members of this association held their 27th anniversary on Tuesday last. The Rev. J. Rippon delivered an excellent sermon from Romans 12th, 1st verse. An ample repast was partaken of with zest by 140 guests in the school-room. The financial year shows a balance in hand of 21*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.*; paid to sick members, 89*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*; the sum of 51*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.* has been added to the funds; cash in savings bank, 572*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.*: total stock, 594*l.* 6*s.* 11*d.* The society numbers 165, 13 initiations having taken place the same day.

The Royal South Lincoln Militia will complete their training to-day, and be dismissed to-morrow. The uninterrupted fine weather has forbidden any chance of cessation of work, which has been kept up with the most unremitting vigour and attention. The conduct of the men, with a few solitary exceptions, has been very good. They have been twice to Belton Park: the last time was on Wednesday, when a considerable number of manœuvres were executed, the extensive area being admirable for the purpose; the marching to and from the park along a very dusty lane appeared to try the troops excessively. The Lord Lieutenant was expected to inspect the regiment yesterday, but at the time our parcel was despatched he had not arrived. To-day the reviewing officer will attend officially at the drill. The officers gave a ball and supper to the leading inhabitants on the 2d inst., and the following evening a party was given them in return at the Corn-exchange.

At the usual meeting of the Grantham Board of Guardians yesterday, a letter was read from the Poor-law Board relative to the claim of the Grantham Board for carrying away and disposing of the sewage from the Union-house. The Board stated that under the special circumstances of the case there would be no objection made to the Guardians voting money for the purpose. This reply clears away the difficulty, and the subject will be discussed and finally settled next meeting, which is a special one for the purpose. The overseers of Harrowby presented a new valuation list for that parish to the Assessment Committee. The Local Board of Grantham appealed (by Mr. Beaumont) against the assessment of the tanks and outfall works, the same being assessed at a ridiculous high price. It was decided by the Committee to postpone fixing any rateable value until the manure became marketable: at present, unfortunately, scarcely anyone will have it for nothing. The rateable value of the land was not altered.

Yesterday at noon a narrow escape of a destructive fire occurred at Mr. Hack's, Walton Farm, Spittlegate. It appears the wife of the groundkeeper threw out some ashes, which she supposed were dead, into the crew-yard. In a short time afterwards flames were observed to arise therefrom, and the surface straw was speedily ignited, with every prospect of spreading. An engine was obtained, and assistance speedily arriving the fire was kept from a range of buildings close by, which were in considerable danger. Not much damage was done.

A very large number of excursionists left Grantham for the various pleasure trips run by the Great Northern Company last Monday and Tuesday. Hitherto Whitsuntide has not been considered as a holiday time at Grantham, but we understand that in future Spittlegate iron works will be closed on Whit Mondays; and on that day this week work was suspended there. This may lead to the town making it a holiday, as in most places in the kingdom.

A youth named Wilson was severely injured at the railway-station on Monday. He was in the act of springing upon an engine, when his foot slipped between the engine and the wall, crushing it so seriously that amputation had to be resorted to.

A Child Poisoned.—On Friday last an inquest was held before Gillies Charles Palmer, Esq., deputy-coroner, at the Masons' Arms, Sudbrooke, to inquire into the cause of death of Ellen Toulson, daughter of James and Eliza Toulson, aged 18 months. The mother stated that deceased and her four other children were in the garden on Wednesday: when she went to call them for dinner, she noticed deceased was eating some of the plant around which they were standing. She took the portion of plant out of her mouth, and she had some rice pudding for dinner. About 3 o'clock the child appeared restless, and the mother nursed her with a view of her going to sleep. About 4 o'clock the child was sick, and threw up some buds and a piece of the stalk of the plant. She continued to be sick for about two hours, when the mother became alarmed and sent for a neighbour named Mrs. Rimmington, and then for Mr. Eaton, surgeon, of Ancaster. Mr. Eaton's assistant attended and ordered milk to be administered, and a mustard plaster to be applied to the stomach, believing that deceased, having vomited so freely, would recover. The child continued to vomit, and was in great pain until about ½-past 9 o'clock, when she called to her mother, and in about a quarter of an hour afterwards died. A portion of the plant, which is known as the monkshood, was produced at the inquest, and was described by Mr. Eaton, who had made a *post mortem* examination, as a deadly poison, from eating which the child had died. A verdict in accordance with the facts was returned.

BOURN.—The fourth annual sheep-shearing in connection with the Bourn Agricultural Society took place on the 2d inst., in the Bull paddock. There were 24 entries, and 21 competed. Considerable interest appeared to be taken in the matter by the farmers and others who witnessed the clipping. The sheep, numbering 98 very fine animals, belonged to Mr. John Freeman, of Dyke. The judges were Mr. Geo. Horne, of Frampton, Boston; Mr. John Grummitt, of Elsthorpe, Bourn; and Mr. Hy. Goodyear, of Tickencote, Stamford; and Mr. Hague, of Grantham, was judge of the wool winding. The competitors in the shepherds' and labourers' classes and others were provided with a good dinner at the Crown inn; and the judges, the committee, and others interested partook of an excellent dinner at the Bull inn. The chair was occupied by Thomas Lawrance, Esq., of Hacconby, and the vice-chair by Mr. Joseph Scales, of Graby. On the cloth being removed, the usual loyal toasts were proposed by the Chairman, who then announced the prizes as follows:—

Class 1. To the Farmer's Son, under 25 years of age, not in business for himself, for shearing in the best manner three sheep within 2½ hours, a silver cup (supplied by Mr. Thomas Pearce, of Bourn) value 4*l.* 4*s.* to Mr. John Shotbolt, Pinchbeck.

Class 2. To the Farmer's Son, under 18 years of age, not in business for himself, for shearing as above, a silver cup value 3*l.* 3*s.* to Samuel son of Mr. Hy. Hodgkin, of Wittering, Stamford.

Class 3. To the Shepherd, being a yearly hired servant of one master, for shearing in the best manner four sheep within 2½ hours, 1st prize of 2*l.* to Rowland Speed, with Mr. Henry Crawley, of Moulton Marsh; and 2d of 1*l.* to Thos. Woodward, with Mr. Bowles, of Pinchbeck.

Class 4. To the Labourer in Husbandry for shearing as in class 3, 1st prize of 2*l.* to John Welby, of Dyke; and 2d of 1*l.* to Joseph Barsley, of Pinchbeck.

Class 5. To the Youth under 18 years of age, not a farmer's son, for shearing in the best manner three sheep within 2½ hours. In this class the competitors were not so numerous as is desirable, and an improvement in this respect is hoped for on future occasions. The 1st prize of 1*l.* 10*s.* was awarded to [illegible]

Class 6 (champion). To the Man for shearing in the best manner 5 sheep within 4 hours, 3*l.* to John Gray, of Spalding.

Class 7. To the Man for winding in the best manner not less than 20 fleeces of wool, 1st prize of 1*l.* to Robert James son of Thomas Pridmore, of Bourn; and 2d of 10*s.* to John Penney, of Bourn.

The Chairman, in passing round for inspection the two cups which had been competed for, made some suitable remarks, and paid a well-timed compliment to the new [illegible] announcing that it was intended in future to hold the meetings of the Bourn Agricultural Society alternate years at the Bull and the Angel, made some facetious remarks respecting the amalgamation. He concluded by proposing "Success to the Bourn Sheep Shearing Society," and the health of Mr. Lawrance, the chairman.—*Mr. Lawrance*, in reply, said that the number of competitors, the distance some of them had come, the value of the prizes, and the manner in which the work had been done showed that the society was maintaining its interest; and if during the years he had occupied the position of chairman to this society he had in any way promoted its welfare he was glad, it being his wish, as far as possible, to adopt that course which tended to the achievement of the desirable object of "doing good to each other."—*Mr. John Burgess*, of Edenham, proposed "The health of the Judges," who no doubt had a somewhat difficult task to fulfil, but they had acquitted themselves well, and he thought their decisions would give general satisfaction.—*Mr. John Grummitt* and *Mr. Geo. Horne* briefly responded.—"The Working Committee" was then proposed, coupled with the name of *Mr. Geo. Bettinson*, of Dyke, who replied that it was the desire of the committee to do their best to promote the interest of the society; and if they had succeeded they were satisfied. The sheep shearing meeting was a very important element in the Bourn Agricultural Society, and they would like to have a little further increase in the funds, so as to enable them to increase the benefits in connection with it.—*The Chairman* then very cordially thanked Mr. Freeman for the admirable lot of sheep he had provided for the occasion, and concluded by proposing Mr. Freeman's health.—*Mr. Freeman* returned thanks, and expressed his willingness to continue to do all he could to promote the success of the society: the sheep were not this year in so good condition as on a former occasion, but this was not their fault; they had not had so good a chance.—*The Chairman*, on behalf of the committee, thanked Messrs. Wade for the gratuitous use of the trays, &c. which they had supplied.—*Mr. V. Stapleton* gave "the Vice-chairman." He said societies of this kind were calculated to do good not only to the farmers but to the general community, and therefore deserved general support.—The toast of "the Hon. Secretaries" came last, and was responded to by *Mr. Hy. Osborn*, who said they should be very glad to receive applications from a few gentlemen present to enrol their names as members.

BILLINGBORO'.—On Sunday last the Primitive Methodists held special services on Stow-green hill, before limited audiences. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. J. Hartshorn, of Donington, Messrs. Richards, Newton, and other gentlemen. In the evening a love-feast took place in the chapel, and was well attended. On Monday afternoon a public tea meeting was held, and in the evening speeches were made by Mr. Hartshorn and other friends of the cause.

GODMANCHESTER.—*Awfully Sudden Death.*—On Sunday last a striking instance of the uncertainty of life occurred in this town in the person of the Rev. D. Smith, Particular Baptist minister, of Loughborough. The rev. gentleman was on Sunday officiating at the Baptist chapel for the Rev. T. Godwin, who was from home; and when in the latter part of his sermon in the morning he remarked to the congregation present that he must conclude his discourse, as he felt very unwell. He then changed very red and afterwards pale, and said he felt sick. He sat down in the pulpit, and two of the friends went up to him. He was conveyed to the vestry, and subsequently to Mr. Godwin's house. Dr. Foster was sent for immediately, and on his arrival pronounced Mr. Smith's a hopeless case. He appeared to be unconscious and never spoke after being taken, and died the same day about 4 o'clock. The cause of death was a fit, and the rupture of a blood vessel at the heart. The deceased leaves a wife but no family, and is 58 years of age. Mrs. Smith was with him when he died. The circumstance has cast a gloom in the town. His remains were deposited in the Particular Baptist chapel-yard on Wednesday last.

The annual meetings of the Hunts Association of Christian Churches were held at Bluntisham on the 1st inst. In the morning a sermon from 1 Cor., 1 c., 23d and 24th v., was preached by the Rev. N. Haycroft, D.D., of Leicester. At half-past one a public dinner was provided in a tent, erected in the grounds of C. P. Tebbutt, Esq.: upwards of 100 sat down. In the afternoon the business meeting of the association was held, and at 5 o'clock a public tea took place, where more than 500 were present. In the evening a public meeting was held in the Baptist chapel, under the presidency of C. P. Tebbutt, Esq. Addresses were given by the chairman, on "the Objects of the Association;" by the Rev. L. Llewellyn and H. Goodman, Esq., on "the County Work;" by the Rev. W. H. Vivian, on "Faith and Prayer, two sources of power in the christian church;" by the Rev. F. W. Goadby, M.A., on "the Religious Prospects of the Free Churches;" and by the Rev. I. Watts, on "Attendance at Public Worship." The meetings were all exceedingly well attended, making this one of the most successful meetings the association has held.

OLLERTON.—On the morning of the 6th there were four degrees of frost in North Notts, which cut off potato tops and kidney beans in the gardens near Ollerton tollbar and at Budby.

Jos. Page, a fraudulent bankrupt, has been sentenced, at the Central Criminal Court, to nine months' hard labour, for disposing of property of the value of 2200*l.* within three months of his bankruptcy. The defendant, who was a wine merchant and grocer at Paddington, obtained goods shortly before his bankruptcy and had them sent to a slaughter-house and disposed of by auction for half the price they were invoiced at. He failed in 1868 for 4000*l.* odd, his assets being very trifling.

OUNDLE.—*Whitsuntide.*—The country, according to the adaptation of custom, forms frequently a subject for remark. In this part of the county this great festival of our church is fixed upon as a time for celebration, fairs, club anniversaries, &c.; hence an assemblage of neighbours from the villages on Monday last. The provision for their amusement was, however, very limited. On the following day several club anniversaries were held, and all appeared to be carried out with genuine spirit. At Bulwick the Foresters celebrated their anniversary under the presidency of T. Tryon, Esq., supported by the Rector of the parish. The president complimented the members on the position they had attained. Great interest was manifested throughout the proceedings.

Temperance Gala at Warmington.—On Wednesday the annual Temperance gala was held in Mr. Dempsey's paddock. At 5 o'clock tea was provided in the barn, which was well filled twice over. After tea a public meeting was held in the open air, the chair being occupied by Mr. Chas. Chapman of Stamford, and stirring addresses were delivered by Mr. D. J. Baxter and Mr. Stockdale of Stamford, Mr. Smith of Thrapston, Mr. Townsend of Kettering, Mr. Wood of Stilton, and the Rev. E. C. Nightingale of Fen Drayton. The meeting was a most enthusiastic one, and did not close until 10 o'clock.

KETTERING.—The general cry in this town now is, what are we to do for water? The scarcity is becoming so serious that if a fire were to break out we could not find water to extinguish it; or if cholera, which is now prevailing in the East, should take its usual course and visit England, and our little town in particular, what havoc might not death make among us! Scarcely any rain has fallen in this district since the 16th May, and only 5·31 inches during the present year, against 12·7 inches of the corresponding period last year; whilst the rainfall of the same period in 1868 (one of the dryest springs and summers ever known) was 7·98, or more than 2½ inches in excess of the present season. This estimate is taken from Symon's rain gauge, one of the most accurate at present invented, and includes the deposit to the end of May; whilst in the present month there has been absolutely no appreciable rainfall at all. The root crops are prematurely ripening; and of hay, if the dry weather continues for another week, there will be none at all. The live stock is forced into the market for want of keep, and things are becoming very serious in this district, while in the town the inhabitants are suffering severely.

Public Clocks.—Messrs. E. Dent and Co., of Cornhill, London, are now fixing two new clocks—one at Rushton parish church, and the other at the Post-office, Kettering, the money for both having been raised by subscription.

Union Statistics.—The usual fortnightly meeting of the Board of Guardians of the Kettering Union was held on the 30th ult.; Mr. Joseph Glover, vice-chairman, and 21 other Guardians present. Balance in favour of the Union 1435*l.* 3*s.* 1*d.* In the week ending Saturday, May 28, the out-door relief to 1622 paupers was 129*l.* 6*s.* 0½*d.*; vagrants relieved, men 14, women 5, children 3, total 22. Workhouse inmates, aged or infirm 49, able-bodied 7, children 26, total 82, of whom 10 are imbecile or idiotic; lunatics in asylum chargeable to the Union is 24.

Accidents.—On the 31st ult., Mr. W. Wilson, of Kettering, whilst passing up a narrow lane in Newland-street, slipped off the kerb-stone and fractured one of his legs. What adds to the misfortune is that for several months past Mr. W. has been infirm owing to paralysis.—On Tuesday last Mr. Coltman, baker, of Queen-street, slipped from a loft on his premises and broke both principal bones of his right leg. The fracture was reduced the same day by Dr. Dryland's assistant, and the patient is doing as well as can be expected.

MARKET HARBOROUGH.—The fortnightly meeting of the Board of Guardians was held on Friday last; Sir W. de Capel Brooke, Bart., chairman. A large number of Guardians attended. The number relieved for the week was: in-door, 92; out-door, 1048. The expenditure in out-relief was 104*l.* 10*s.* 9*d.* James Eames was elected porter to the Union.

The members of the sick-club holding their meetings at the Old Swan public-house, Kibworth Beauchamp, held their anniversary on Monday last, when the host, Mr. W. Fletcher, provided for them an excellent dinner. Mr. J. Underwood, an honorary member, presided. He gave the usual loyal toasts. The accounts, as presented by the secretary, show that there are 74 members and a fund of 284*l.* 8*s.* 8½*d.*, and that they had paid for sickness for the year 38*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Kibworth Gas Company (Limited) was held on Monday last; Mr. W. Grant chairman. The secretary read the report, from which we find that the consumption of gas steadily increases, and was this year 1,499,700 feet, which is an increase over last year of 109,900 feet. The cash received for the year was 546*l.* 5*s.* 1½*d.*, which is an increase of 55*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.* The total receipts from every source have been 828*l.* 16*s.* 11*d.*, and the expenditure 599*l.* 15*s.* 4½*d.*, which left a balance of 227*l.* 1*s.* 6½*d.* The directors recommended a dividend of 6 per cent. to the shareholders, which would take 150*l.*, and then there would be left as a reserve fund 77*l.* 1*s.* 6½*d.* to be carried to the next year's accounts. The report was received and adopted. Mr. Freeston and Mr. Underwood were re-elected directors. The usual complimentary vote of thanks was passed to the chairman and directors. Mr. Lester (Market Harborough) was again elected auditor, and Mr. Cayzer secretary.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—An inquest was held at the Crown inn, Long Clawson, on Wednesday, before Mr. W. Latham, deputy coroner, on the body of Absalom Walker. Wm. Preston, baker, of Long Clawson, said on Tuesday the 7th, hearing that Absalom Walker was missing, and that his hat had been found in the Grantham canal, he went with several other persons to the canal, and with drag hooks found the body. Deceased's watch had stopped at ten minutes to 12 o'clock.—Mary Caunt, of Long Clawson, said the deceased, who was a bachelor, lodged with her for about 15 years. About three weeks ago he left her house on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Gideon Cook, of Melton, and she had not seen him alive since. Last harvest he had a sun stroke, which affected him very much. She said he had great pain in his head and back, and at times did not know what he was doing. He generally worked without his hat.—Mr. John M. Swain, surgeon, of Clawson, examined the body of the deceased, but did not find any marks of violence. From the state of the body he thought it might have been in the water four or five days. He attended deceased in consequence of his having a sun stroke about nine months ago, and had observed that he had not been the same man since he had the stroke.—Verdict, *found drowned.*

Fatal Accident.—On Tuesday evening, shortly before 6 o'clock, a child, aged 18 months, named Caroline Storer, whose father is the keeper of the lodging houses known as Brook-houses, situated in the Thorpe-end, was run over by a market-gardener named Shields, of Gunby. It appeared that the affair was purely an accident, as the cart was being driven at a slow pace, and the child was not seen by the driver. The wheel passed over the head of the little one, scattering the brains upon the road, and causing instantaneous death. An inquest was opened on Wednesday evening at seven o'clock.

Mr. Spurgeon at Melton.—An advertisement in another column announces the visit of this renowned preacher to Melton Mowbray on Wednesday next. The railway facilities will afford means for large numbers to avail themselves of an opportunity now very seldom offered of hearing this unique expounder in the Midland Counties.

The Vicarage of Thorpe Arnold with Brentingby, rendered vacant by the death of the Rev. Malkin Mills, who held it since 1852, has been conferred on the Rev. J. S. Swift, of Somerby, near Grantham, by his Grace the Duke of Rutland. The living is returned at the value of 400*l.*, with a population of about 140.

[illegible] annual Whitsuntide fair was held on Tuesday, but the amount of business transacted was of a limited character. The show of horned and other cattle was anything but large, and to effect sales of either meated or store stock a considerable reduction in prices had to be submitted to. The holiday folks had nothing but rifle galleries, a steam roundabout, and the more recently introduced bicycle [illegible]. The latter was extensively patronized, and proved remunerative, as it was computed the proprietor [illegible] 2*l.* per hour during the whole of the day.

South Leicestershire Election.—The nomination of candidates for this division was held on Tuesday in the Castle-yard, Leicester. The attendance was very numerous, the whole area in front of the hustings being occupied. The proceedings were on the whole very orderly, only one slight skirmish between the roughs occurring.—*Major Noel*, in a brief speech, proposed Mr. T. T. Paget as a fit and proper person to represent that division in Parliament.—*Mr. J. D. Harris, M.P.*, who was very warmly received, seconded the nomination, commending Mr. Paget to the support of the independent electors, as the advocate of national education, of the rights of tenant farmers, and as a firm supporter of that party of progress of which Mr. Gladstone was the able and honoured leader.—*Mr. E. F. Dawson* proposed Mr. W. U. Heygate, the nomination being seconded by *Mr. R. H. Chapman*, a tenant farmer, who said that legislation had been, for some time past, all for the manufacturing and commercial interests.—*Mr. Paget*, who was received with loud cheers, after expressing his sincere regret at the event which had caused the vacancy in the representation, said he appeared before them as the advocate of progress, and as an admirer and an earnest supporter of the present Premier of England, Mr. Gladstone. He appeared there as the advocate of social progress, of intellectual progress, political progress, industrial progress, the progress of the manufacturer, and the progress of the working man; the progress of the farmer who occupied the land, and the progress of the labourer who worked on the land. (Cheers.) If they sent him to Parliament they would find him where they found him on the last occasion that they did him the honour to send him—among the supporters of the present Administration. Alluding to the measures which had been introduced by Mr. Gladstone's Government, Mr. Paget expressed his entire approval of the Irish Church and Irish Land Bills, adding that he should now be prepared to support any measure to strengthen the hands of the Government in repressing those outrages which had been a terror to all peaceable subjects in Ireland. And could they not learn something from the great measure which had pacified Ireland? Were they alone to stop short in the career of progress, and see from time to time those acts of injustice towards tenant-farmers which had continually disgraced that and other counties? Were they, whose capital and industry were employed on the land they occupied, to be at the mercy of a landlord, be he good or bad. He said, No. (Loud cheers). After speaking at some length on the free-trade policy of Mr. Gladstone, of which he expressed his entire approval, Mr. P. alluded to the question of education. He thought it was now admitted by all parties that they must have a system of national and unsectarian education, but the difficulty was to reconcile that principle with the rights of conscience. He hoped that there was a Bill now before the House of Commons which would prove a satisfactory compromise to all religious sects, and at the same time secure the great and glorious object they had in view. If such were the case, to that Bill he should give his most earnest and hearty support, and he should never allow an individual crotchet of his own to interfere with his support to a Bill which would send education into every corner of this land, and would save our city Arabs from their career of vice and destruction. Mr. Heygate had said that it would take him a week to recount the follies, blunders, and crimes of Mr. Gladstone and his Cabinet. If they agreed with him, let them by all means send Mr. Heygate to Parliament to resist, if he were strong enough, those follies, blunders, and crimes; but if, on the other hand, they agreed with him (Mr. Paget) that, instead of follies, blunders, and crimes, they had been a series of wise and beneficent measures unparalleled in the history of the country, or in the career of any previous Administration, then they would return him to render his hearty support to that Administration. (Loud cheers.)—*Mr. Heygate*, who spoke amid considerable interruption, then addressed the electors. Having expressed his deep sorrow at the loss the county had sustained by the death of Earl Howe, Mr. Heygate said with regard to the Irish Land Bill he hoped, although he did not expect, that it would be productive of greater benefits to the people of Ireland than that gross blunder—the so-called remedial measure of last year in reference to the Irish Church. Passing on to the education question, Mr. Heygate expressed himself opposed to the exclusion of religion from the schools, and said he considered the Government Bill, as first introduced, was an honest attempt on the part of the Government to deal with a most difficult subject, and that this was not one of their follies, blunders, or crimes. With regard to free trade, he was in favour of an inquiry into the cause of the present depressed state of trade and the operation of hostile tariffs. He was prepared now to support such an inquiry, & he exceedingly regretted that the present Government had recently refused one. Mr. Heygate reviewed at some length the policy of Lord Palmerston's Government as contrasted with that of Mr. Gladstone's, observing that Lord Palmerston was a conservator of the fundamental principles of the English Constitution, and that to support his Government and the Radical, revolutionary Government they had at the present time were two very different things. His opponent had expressed his unshaken faith in Mr. Gladstone. Well, bearing in mind Mr. Gladstone's conduct during the last few years, he must say that faith in him was the most wonderful faith he could conceive. In justification of his coming forward, Mr. Heygate said he had been invited to do so by the Conservative party, who were the great majority in every district of the division, and whatever might be the result of that election—and personally he had no fear or misgiving—he should never look back on the invitation he had received from them with feelings of pride and gratitude. A show of hands was then taken, which the High Sheriff declared to be in favour of Mr. Paget. A poll was then demanded on behalf of Mr. Heygate, and the proceedings terminated, with a vote of thanks to the High Sheriff, proposed by Mr. Paget and seconded by Mr. Heygate.

At the exhibition of the Leeds Horticultural Society this week the 2d prize, of 4*l.* for geraniums was awarded to Mr. W. King, florist, Lincoln.

Lincoln, Friday, June 10.

BIRTH.

On the 29th May, at Limber Grange, the wife of Thomas Hopkins, Esq., of a son.

MARRIED.

At Mavis Enderby, Lincolnshire, on the 2d inst., (by the Rev. Edw. Rawnsley, assisted by the Rev. Geo. Ward, Rector of the parish,) Claude fifth son of the late Charles Jones Hilton, Esq., of "The Boltons," Kensington, and Faversham, Kent, to Fanny Lacy Lyddon youngest daughter of the late Rev. William Morley, formerly Rector of Mavis Enderby.

At St. James' church, Rigsby, on the 2d inst., (by the Rev. J. H. Oldrid, Vicar of Alford, assisted by the Rev. J. Deans, Vicar of Melbourne, Derbyshire,) Arthur Henry Dolman, Esq., surgeon, Derby, to Charlotte Maria eldest daughter of the late James Mason, Esq., of Rigsby House, Lincolnshire.

On the 23d of May, at Highbury, London, (by the Rev. Samuel Coley,) John Davison Kirk, to Emmeline elder daughter of Mr. Edmund Hewson, of Utterby.

At North Willingham, on the 8th inst., (by the Rev. E. C. Harward,) Mr. T. H. Whittingham, Market Rasen, to Annie Rebecca Gibson, of the former place. (No cards.)

June 2d, at St. Andrew's church, Burton-upon-Stather, (by the Rev. C. Sheffield, assisted by the Rev. E. W. L. Popham,) William Chapman, of Kingshaugh, Nottinghamshire, and Normanby Old Park, Lincolnshire, to Rose daughter of Thomas Taylor des Forges, surgeon, of Burton. (No cards.)

At St. Swithin's, Lincoln, on the 2d inst., Mr. G. N. Jackson, blacksmith, of Alma-terrace, to Miss Hannah Quincy Buttery, of Sincil-street;—and on the 5th, Mr. John Dixon, fitter, of Norman-street, to Harriet Hackney, of Thorngate.

At the Free Methodist chapel, Silver-street, on the 2d inst., Mr. Peter Topham, of Carlton-le-Moorland, to Miss Sarah Ellen Martin, of Carholme-road, Lincoln; also, Mr. Samuel Hayes, baker, of Ingham, to Miss Lucy Coe, of High-street;—and on the 5th, Mr. Jas. Harrison, of Alma-place, to Miss Mary Wilcockson, of High-street.

At the Baptist chapel, St. Benedict's, on the 5th inst., Mr. Charles Green, of Newport, to Miss Eliza Morton, of St. Mark's; also, Geo. Lawrence, railway porter, to Phœbe Woods, widow, of Sincil-banks.

At Boultham, on the 2d inst., Mr. Geo. Smith, joiner, of St. Nicholas', Lincoln, to Mary Eliz. Caunt, of Boultham.

At Mumby church, on the 3d inst., Mr. Joseph Farrow, of Strubby, to Miss Emma Alesby, of Mumby.

At the Wesleyan chapel, Hull, on the 4th inst., John Henry youngest son of Mr. Walter Fentiman, farmer, near York, to Mary youngest daughter of Mr. Wm. Brocklesby, of Brigg, in this county.

At St. Stephen's church, Hull, on the 7th inst., Mr. John Hemshall, to Isabella second daughter of the late Mr. Christopher Robinson, of Winterton.

At St. Peter's, Islington, on the 6th inst., Thomas eldest son of Thomas R. Forge, of Great Grimsby, to Charlotte daughter of the late John Craft, of Philpot-lane, London.

At the Congregational chapel, Gainsboro', on the 26th ult., Mr. Stephen Topham, of Walkeringham, to Miss Jane Mosley, of Gainsboro'.

At Epworth, on Tuesday last, Capt. Joshua G. Jebb, late of the 28th Regiment, (son of the late Sir Joshua Jebb, K.C.B.,) to Alice Caroline youngest daughter of the Hon. and Rev. C. Dundas, Rector of Epworth.

At Misson, on the 25th ult., Mr. Andrew Durham, to Miss Anne M. Batty, of the Deeps.

At the parish church, Newark, on the 6th inst., Mr. Mark Beard, to Miss Mary Ann Price.

At the Independent chapel, Newark, on the 5th inst., Mr. Charles Renfrey, to Miss Hannah Hossley.

At the Wesleyan chapel, Newark, on the 7th inst., Mr. Henry Barratt, to Miss Elizabeth Derry.

At the Collegiate church, Southwell, on the 2d inst., Mr. W. G. Patchitt, solicitor's clerk, to Sarah daughter of Mr. John Dixon, brewer and maltster.

At Weston, near Tuxford, Mr. Peter Teathery, blacksmith, of Ollerton, to Miss Harriet Hunstone, of Weston.

At Bulwell church, on the 6th inst., Mr. Sam. Pinkett, to Miss Elizabeth Boot.

At St. Saviour's church, Retford, on the 30th ult., Mr. Robt. Brown, to Mrs. Eliz. Ward, both of Moorgate.

At Beeston, on the 5th inst., Mr. Henry Wigglesworth, to Miss Hannah Wilkinson, both of Bleasby.

At St. James', Piccadilly, on the 2d inst., Robert youngest son of the late John Curzon, Esq., of Derby, and Breedon-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire, to Charlotte Julia 4th daughter of the late Wm. Gerard Walmesley, Esq., of Wigan.

DIED.

On the 9th May, at Saugor, Central India, Emily Jane Eliza daughter of Capt. Evans, of the 19th Regt., aged 18 days.

On the 8th June, at Horncastle, Mrs. Mary Dennis, aged 76. She was for 42 years a kind and faithful servant in the family of the late Edward Babington, Esq., at Spilsby and at Horncastle.

At Mareham-le-Fen, Saturday, June 4, (whilst on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Chapman,) Sarah relict of the late John Bloodworth, of Horncastle, aged 73 years, deeply regretted. Friends will please accept this intimation.

Lost at sea, on the homeward voyage from New York, in the royal mail steam ship City of Boston, in which he was fourth officer, William Frederick, aged 22, youngest son of the late Major Wm. James Symons, of the Bengal Artillery.

In St. Botolph's, Lincoln, on the 3d inst., Mr. George Spencer, aged 31.

In St. Martin's, on the 5th inst., Sarah J. wife of Mr. G. Neasling, aged 29.

In St. Swithin's, on the 5th inst., Elizabeth E. daughter of Mr. Henry Carver, aged 7 months;—and on the 6th, Mrs. Mary Smalley, aged 66.

At the County Asylum, on the 7th, Sam Higgins, aged 77.

At Albert-terrace, Hull, on the 4th inst., aged 51, John Dean, formerly a farmer at Scothorne, near Lincoln.

At Ingham, on the 29th ult., Miss Betsy May, aged 18.

At Reepham, on the 4th inst., Mr. Wm. Dawkins, aged 41.

At Hawthorn-hill, Coningsby, on the 27th ult., John son of Mr. W. Bossnall, aged 15.

At Horncastle, on the 2d inst., in Mareham-road, Ann wife of Mr. Wm. Dobson, cordwainer, aged 57;—on the 3d, in Lincoln-road, Mr. Thos. Watson, aged 70;—on the 5th, in North-street, Herbert infant son of Mr. W. B. Walter, builder, &c.; same day, also in North-street, Mary relict of Mr. David Veasey, miller, aged 81.

In Wharf-street, Horncastle, on the 8th inst., Mr. Urban Brown, cordwainer, aged 48.

At Goltho, on the 28th ult., Ann daughter of Mr. Tinker, aged 2 years.

At Marton Vicarage, on the 1st inst., aged 10 years, Mary eldest child of the Rev. H. Sutton, Incumbent of St. Barnabas, Douglas, Isle of Man, and late Incumbent of St. Augustine's, Liverpool.

In Hilldrop-road, London, on the 4th inst., Mr. James Nicholson, brother of the late Mr. William Nicholson, of Bastville, aged 70.

At the Union-house, Hundleby, on the 2d inst., Esther wife of Wm. Carrott, aged 64.

At Mavis Enderby, on the 5th inst., Ann widow of the late Mr. Joseph Cartwright, farmer, aged 71.

At Burgh le-Marsh, on the 1st inst., Mrs. Eliz. Whaler, widow, aged 84.

At Chapel, on the 2d inst., Eliza Cram, aged 40.

At Mumby, on the 3d inst., Ann widow of Mr. John Whaler, aged 75.

At Sutton-le-Marsh, on the 6th, Righton Simons, aged 55.

At North Thoresby, on the 6th, Mr. Edw. Lanning, aged 88.

At Louth, on the 1st inst., Mr. Wm. Bee, aged 58;—on the 2d, Mr. Geo. Young, aged 55; same day, Mary wife of Mr. Edward Ellis, aged 51.

At Utterby, on the 7th inst., Fanny wife of Mr. Charles Tovnton, aged 35.

At Market Rasen, on the 2d inst., Henry Rushton, aged 3 years;—and on the 4th, Mary Dennis, aged 64.

At Owmby, on the 29th ult., Mr. Denton, aged 78.

At Holme Hill, South Kelsey, on the 7th inst., Mr. Wm. Glew, farmer, aged 53.

At Caistor, on the 6th inst., aged 71, Frances Mary relict of Richard Hannam, Esq., and only child of the late Chas. Fitzwilliam, Esq., of Clixby.

At Low Fonaby, Caistor, on the 5th inst., Elizabeth wife of Thomas Marshall, and second daughter of Mr. Thomas Stamp, aged 31.

At Barton, on the 31st ult., Joseph Nicholson, aged 64.

At Barton-upon-Humber, on the 5th inst., Miss Isabella Jane Holgate, in her 82d year.

At Ferriby Sluice, on the 3d, Geo. Anderton, aged 9 yrs.

At Thornton Curtis, on the 4th, Mr. Thos. Borrill, aged 69.

At East Halton, on the 29th ult., Mary Topper, aged 40.

At Great Grimsby, on the 20th ult., George eldest son of Mr. Geo. Ingram, of Tealby, aged 28.

At Crowle, on the 3d inst., Sarah wife of Mr. Charles Staniforth, aged 58.

At Ealand, near Crowle, on the 2d inst., John Adkinson son of Mr. Wm. Brown, joiner, aged 7 years.

At Luddington, on the 2d inst., Mr. Hy. Whelkon, aged 23.

At Ranskill, on the 1st inst., Robert Job, late of Martin, near Bawtry, in his 85th year.

At Sutton-on-Trent, on the 31st ult., (at the house of her son-in-law,) Mary relict of Mr. G. Mills, of Bawtry, aged 76.

At Newark, on the 4th inst., in Farndon-field, Elizabeth wife of Mr. Wm. Baggaley, gardener, aged 48.

At South Collingham, on the 5th inst., Mr. Rd. Carver, shopkeeper, aged 70.

At Worksop, on the 27th ult., Joseph son of Mr. Wm. Hunt, carpenter, aged 11 years;—on the 30th, Elizabeth wife of Mr. John Hellins, aged 49;—and on the 31st, Ann wife of Mr. Zebulon Goacher, aged 33.

At Edwinstowe, on the 3d inst., Mr. J. Fells, aged 76; also, Mr. Wm. Ward, formerly of Rufford Kennels, aged 67.

At Cropwell Butler, on the 2d inst., Alice widow of Mr. John Pollard, aged 83.

At Bulwell Bleach Works, on the 4th, Miss Charles, aged 64.

At Bournemouth, on the 1st inst., the Rev. Duncan Pocklington, youngest son of the Rev. Roger Pocklington, Vicar of Walesby, Notts, aged 29.

At New Basford, on the 2d inst., Eliza wife of the Rev. H. Hunter, formerly of Nottingham, aged 82.

At Retford, on the 27th ult., Wm. Bunting, ostler at the Granby inn, aged 57;—on the 28th, in Union-street, Mary widow of Mr. Thos. Hewitt, aged 82;—and on the 1st inst., in Carol-gate, Mr. James Javens, innkeeper, aged 73.

At Bothamsall, on the 5th, Mrs. Mary Roberts, aged 80.

At Rotherham, on the 26th ult., in her 99th year, Mary relict of the Rev. Benjamin Birkett, M.A., Head Master of the Grammar School.

Diocese of Lincoln.—Preferments and Appointments.—Forster Ashwin, B.A., to Quadring Vicarage, Lincolnshire; Wm. Butcher, B.A., to Norwell cum Carlton Curacy, Notts; Hamilton Llewellyn Gerty, M.A., to Moorby with Wood Enderby Curacy, Lincolnshire; Joseph Heath, M.A., to Wigtoft Vicarage, Lincolnshire; Harrington Wm. Holden to Grasby Curacy, Lincolnshire; Hy. Edw. Sockling to Langar with Barnstone Curacy, Notts.

St. Martin's New Church.—At a meeting of the building committee on Friday evening last, instructions were issued for the architect to proceed with the specifications for the new church, which there is now no doubt (with the Vicarage) will be erected on the piece of waste land in Newland, on which the fair has been held for many years. The fair will in all probability be held on Corporation land on the Monk's-road, that appearing the most eligible site for the purpose. A fine opportunity now offers for straightening and widening the road of Park-place.

The offertory at St. Peter's at Arches on Sunday amounted to the sum of 8*l.*

At the weekly meeting, on Monday, of the Governors of the Lunatic Hospital (Lord Monson in the chair) the following new attendants were appointed, viz., David MacGuinness (head attendant) from the Borough Asylum, Birmingham; W. Harrison, late porter at the County-Hospital; W. Flatters, from Blankney, 13 years in the army; John Bates, from Navenby. There were 45 candidates, 33 of whom attended.

A review of the R.N.L. Militia took place yesterday on the West Common, Col. Knox being the inspecting officer. The effective strength of the corps is—Lieut.-Colonel 1, majors 2, captains 10, lieutenants 9, staff 4, sergeants 36, drummers 10, rank and file 729. Not more than 15 of the men have failed to come up for training this year, and several of them are unavoidably absent.

The Mayor (J. Ruston, Esq.) entertained Col. Lord Monson and the other officers of the R.N.L. Militia to dinner at the City Club on Tuesday evening. The splendid band of the regiment was in attendance.

The Oxford Local Examinations for the Lincoln district commenced in the Cathedral library on Monday afternoon, when the papers were distributed by the examiner, the Rev. G. G. Perry.

The annual services in aid of the Wesleyan Foreign Missions commenced on Sunday last. Sermons were preached in Wesley chapel, in the morning by the Rev. M. C. Osborne, and in the evening by the Rev. L. H. Wiseman. The chapel was crowded. On Monday Mr. Wiseman preached in the morning; and in the afternoon the annual meeting, under the presidency of John West, Esq., Dunholme Lodge, was commenced and then adjourned till the evening, when the Mayor (J. Ruston Esq.) took the chair. Several eloquent addresses were delivered by the Rev. Wiseman, Osborne, &c. The collections amounted to 101*l.* The evening meeting was crowded.

On Sunday sermons were preached in the Exchange in connection with the Sunday School Union: the building was crowded. That in the morning was to the "senior scholars," and that in the evening to the teachers, and both were by the Rev. J. C. Wells, of Great Ellingham, Norfolk. In the afternoon the various schools of the Union assembled in Newland and Silver-street chapels, when they were addressed by Mr. T. J. Cox (the deputation from the parent society), the Revs. E. Metcalf, G. Turner, and J. G. Wells, and others. On Monday the children assembled on the Cornhill, and after singing a hymn proceeded to Monks' Leys, where they spent the afternoon in play, without a single tree to screen them from the sun. The following schools were present:—The Newland and High-street Independent, the General and Mint-lane Baptist, the Primitive and Free Methodist, and the Ragged school, the last being the most noticeable and exciting the most sympathy. At 5 o'clock a public tea took place in the Exchange, and afterwards a public meeting was held, at which addresses were delivered by various ministers and other friends.

The Theatre has been open this week for the Whitsun holidays, and has been well patronized. On the first three nights the remarkable drama *Under the Gaslight* was ably presented by Mr. Mortimer Murdock, as "Joe Snorkey," assisted by a talented company, and passed off well, the audience enjoying with great gusto many startling situations in the piece and the racy dialogue.

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