Marriages.

On the 6th inst., at the Collegiate Church, by the Rev. H. W. M'Grath, M.A., Mr. George Mountain, of Chorlton-upon-Medlock, to Eleanor Hannah, daughter of Mr. Joseph Hulme, of Prospect Place, Longsight.

On the 6th inst., at the Collegiate Church, by the Rev. W. Wilson, M.A., Mr. James Bradshaw, of Hulme, to Miss Ellen Carr, of this town.

On the 6th inst., at Hornton-street Chapel, Kensington, by the Rev. James Stratton, James Johnson, solicitor, of this town, to Rosetta French Angus, daughter of George Fife Angas, Esq., of Maida Hill West, London.

On the 5th inst., at the Collegiate Church, Mr. Joseph Webster, of York, to Miss Mary Harrison, of this town.

On the 4th inst., at the Collegiate Church, Mr. Thomas Betteley to Mrs. Isabella Derington, both of this town.

On the 4th inst., at the Collegiate Church, by the Rev. W. Wilson, M.A., Mr. Thos. Hardisty Clarke, of Hulme, to Miss Ann Eliza Cooper, of Cheetham.

On the 4th inst., at the Parish Church, Kirkham, by the Rev. J. Pedder, John Livesey, Esq., of Blackburn, second son of Thos. Livesey, Esq., of Crabtree House, Brindle, to Elizabeth, second daughter of the late Thos. Cardwell, Esq., of the Demesne, Lytham.

On the 31st ult., by the Rev. W. H. Strong, B.A., Mr. John Houghton, farmer, of Pickup Bank, to Mrs. Betty Lee, of Livesey.

On the 30th ult., at St. George's Church, Liverpool, by the Rev. Dr. Hiff, W. R. Buckley, Esq., of Everton, to Eliza, daughter of the late John Jubb, Esq., of Thornes, near Wakefield.

On the 30th ult., at Bebington Church, William, eldest son of Mr. R. Dawbarn, of Wisbech, to Elizabeth Taylor, youngest daughter of Mr. Wm. Yelverton, of the Dell, Rock Ferry.

On the 30th ult., at Trinity Church, by the Rev. J. Selkirk, Mr. Joseph Wright, of the Bridge House, Minshull, to Miss Eleanor Selby, niece of Mrs. Wm. Aldersey, of Watergate-street, Chester.

On the 30th ult., at St. Antholius' Church, London, by the Rev. Wm. Good, Thomas Ross, Esq., surgeon, of Wakefield, to Louisa Sophia, youngest daughter of the late George Spawforth, Esq., wine merchant, of London.

On the 29th ult., Mr. William Hetherington, solicitor, to Alice, second daughter of the late Mr. Henry Thomasson, of Liverpool.

On the 29th ult., at Garstang Church Town, by the Rev. James Pedder, M.A., Vicar, Edward Kingston Salisbury, Esq., of Liverpool, to Ann, eldest daughter of John Cunliffe, Esq., of Myerscough House, in this county.

On the 29th ult., at St. George's Church, Sutton, Macclesfield, by the Rev. J. Burnet, LL.B., Mr. Buckley, of Middlewich, cheese factor, to Miss Thorneley, of Bosley, Cheshire.

On the 29th ult., at the Parish Church, Skipton, by the Rev. W. C. Ussher, Mr. William Laycock, timber merchant, of Keighley, to Susannah, second daughter of Mr. Thos. Wilkinson, corn dealer, of Skipton.

On the 29th ult., at the Parish Church, Battersea, near London, by the Rev. J. G. Weddell, Mr. N. Trant, surgeon, of Bedale, Yorkshire, to Rachel, eldest daughter of Mr. Parriss, of Battersea Fields.

On the 28th ult., Mr. A. Devonshire, of London, to Ellen, fourth daughter of John Platt, Esq., of Mostyn Cottage, Aigburth.

On the 28th ult., Mr. John Tilley, working jeweller, of Bristol, to Miss Anna Corbitt, of the Derby Arms, Tithebarn-street, Liverpool.

On the 28th ult., at Blackpool Church, by the Rev. W. Thornber, Mr. William Metcalfe, draper, of Middleham, Yorkshire, to Miss Salthouse, of Blackpool.

On the 27th ult., at the Parish Church, Great Budworth, Mr. Ralph Pointon Coates, tea dealer, &c., of Warrington, to Elizabeth, second daughter of the late Mr. William Whitby, of Dutton.

On the 26th ult., at Burnley Church, by the Rev. T. G. James, Incumbent of Habergham Eaves, Mr. John Dodgon, overlooker, to Miss Grace Basker, both of Habergham Eaves.

On the 25th ult., at Burnley Church, by the Rev. T. G. James, Incumbent of Habergham Eaves, Mr. John Howarth, overlooker, to Sarah, second daughter of Mr. Wm. Dodgon, grocer, of Westgate, Burnley.

On the 25th ult., at Poulton-le-Fylde Church, by the Rev. J. Hull, Mr. Hartley Hacking, of Blackburn, plumber and glazier, to Miss Anne Bickerstaff Carroll, of Poulton-le-Fylde.

On the 24th ult., at St. Asaph, Mr. John Parry, druggist, of Liverpool, eldest son of D. Parry, Esq., of Pacnol Fawr, near St. Asaph, to Margaret, youngest daughter of the late Griffith Hughes, Esq., of Monachdy, Anglesea.

On the 19th ult., Mr. Isiac Wm. Robinson, of Lord-street, Liverpool, to Miss Ellen Blackwell, youngest daughter of Stepn. Blackwell, Esq., of Gloucestershire.

On the 14th ult., at Llangadock Church, Carmarthenshire, by the Rev. H. R. Lloyd, Vicar of Carew, Pembrokeshire, John, son of the late Robert Peel, Esq., of Accrington House, and Hyndburne, in this county, to Charlotte Louisa Frances, second daughter of J. W. Lloyd, Esq., of Danyrallt, Llangadock, and late of South Park, Penshurst, Kent.

Deaths.

On the 7th inst., Mr. Charles Gee, of Ardwick, aged 67 years, traveller for upwards of twenty-seven years for the house of E. Duckworth and Co., spirit merchants, of this town.

On the 6th inst., aged 47 years, Elizabeth, wife of Mr. W. D. Varey, letter-press printer, of this town.

On the 5th inst., aged 38 years, Elizabeth, wife of Mr. E. Rouse, of Broughton-road, Salford.

On the 5th inst., Martha, wife of Mr. William Ridgway, druggist, of Market Drayton.

On the 4th inst., aged 47 years, Maria, wife of Mr. Richard Lynch, bookseller, of this town.

On the 3rd inst., at Ormskirk, Mrs. Allen, relict of the late Mr. William Allen, of that town.

On the 3rd inst., Frances Anne, infant daughter of C. W. Reade, Esq., of Shaw-street, Everton.

On the 3rd inst., at Bailey Terrace, Skipton in Craven, in the 75th year of her age, Sarah, relict of the late William Shaw, Esq.

On the 2nd inst., aged 32 years, Thamer, eldest daughter of the late Mr. John Case, formerly of Brazennose-street.

On the 2nd inst., Hannah, second daughter of Mr. John Ogden, of Didsbury.

On the 2nd inst., in the 90th year of her age, Nancy Standing, of Church-street, Blackburn.

On the 1st inst., aged 42 years, Mary, wife of Mr. T. M. Baines, of Burlington-street, Greenheys.

On the 1st inst., suddenly, aged 8 months, Henry Charles, only child of Mr. H. J. Leppoe, of Northen Terrace, Higher Broughton.

On the 1st inst., at Irlam's-o'-th'-Height, Mrs. Ann Jackson, aged 62 years.

On the 1st inst., Mr. James Campbell, of Oldham, draper, in the 48th year of his age.

On the 1st inst., at Neston, Mr. Edward Francis Monk, late of Chester.

On the 31st ult., Mr. James Bayley, aged 34 years, upwards of fifteen years bookkeeper in the house of Thos. Worthington, Esq., of this town.

On the 31st ult., aged 47 years, Mrs. Mary Worthington, widow of the late Mr. Saml. Worthington, of St. George's-road.

On the 31st ult., at Bonehill, near Tamworth, Anne, daughter of John Harding, Esq.

On the 30th ult., aged 39 years, Mr. Thos. Davies, upholsterer, formerly of the firm of Edwd. and Thos. Davies, of the Old Bridge, Salford.

On the 30th ult., aged 6 years, Henry, eldest son of the Rev. R. T. Wheeler, B.A., Incumbent of St. John's, Blackburn.

On the 30th ult., in her 41st year, Elizabeth, second daughter of the late Mr. John Hainsworth, timber merchant, of Halifax.

On the 30th ult., aged 63 years, Anne, relict of the late Mr. James Cooke, of Chester.

On the 29th ult., at the Isle of Man, James, eldest son of the late James Ayrton, cotton manufacturer, of Colne.

On the 29th ult., Jane, wife of Mr. John Howson Anderton, grocer, of Northgate, Blackburn, aged 33 years.

On the 29th ult., Jane, relict of the late Mr. Richd. Hornby, of Clarkson Green, Catforth, Woodplumpton, aged 85 years.

On the 29th ult., at Rock Ferry, Cheshire, Mr. H. Fairfield, in his 73rd year.

On the 29th ult., aged 69 years, at his residence, in West Parade, Hull, John Thackray, Esq., one of the elder brethren of the Trinity House, and five times warden thereof.

On the 28th ult., at Stony Dale, Lancashire, in her 16th year, Lucy, eldest daughter of George Birch, Esq.

On the 28th ult., in London, Ann Jane, wife of James Pincott, Esq., and youngest daughter of the late Robert Myers, Esq., of Liverpool.

On the 28th ult., at the Wheat Sheaf Inn, in Lime-street, Liverpool, aged 61 years, Mrs. Ann Gillman, relict of the late Mr. Timothy Gillman.

On the 27th ult., in Preston, in her 82nd year, Mrs. Sarah Geill, late of Whittle-le-Woods.

On the 27th ult., Miss Margaret Tomlinson, of St. Leonard Gate, aged 56 years, only surviving daughter of the late C. Tomlinson, Esq., of Lancaster.

On the 26th ult., aged 75 years, Thomas Fernley, Esq., of Avenue House, Fortwood, Stockport.

On the 26th ult., aged 58 years, Mr. Robert Lunn, for twenty-five years coachman to the late Lister Ellis, Esq., of Liverpool.

On the 25th ult., Miss Piggot, at the residence of her brother, Mr. Piggot, in Manchester.

On the 25th ult., aged 55 years, at Newchurch, Rossendale, Mr. Samuel Radcliffe, late of Stockport.

On the 25th ult., aged 12 months, Elizabeth, infant daughter of Mr. Thomas Porter, of the Wool Pack, Northgate-street, Chester.

On the 24th ult., aged 25 years, Mary Ann, eldest daughter of Mr. William Hankey, timber merchant, of Northwich.

On the 23rd ult., aged 67 years, Betty, wife of Mr. Jonathan Heap, of Newchurch, Rossendale.

On the 21st ult., at Stoke, Mary, relict of the late Richard Cawley, Esq., aged 81 years.

NEWS OF THE NEIGHBOURING TOWNS.

WIGAN.

Valuable Freehold Estate, in Aspull, near Wigan, and Coal Mines thereunder; and Valuable Freehold Shops and Premises, in the Market-place, Wigan.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,

By direction of the trustees acting under the will of Mr. Samuel Walker, deceased, at the Victoria Inn, in Wigan, in the county of Lancaster, on Friday, the 21st day of April, 1843, at five o'clock in the afternoon, and in the following, or such other lots, as may be agreed upon at the time of sale, and subject to such conditions as will be then and there produced:

Lot 1. ALL that MESSUAGE or DWELLING-HOUSE, situate on the south easterly side of Scott-lane, in Aspull, in the parish of Wigan, and county of Lancaster, with the outbuildings and gardens thereto belonging: and also Six Closes of Land, late in the occupation of William Jenkin, as tenant thereof. And also Five several Cottages or Dwelling-houses, adjoining to the said outbuildings, and fronting to Scott-lane aforesaid, in the several occupations of Joseph Jackson and others, as tenants thereof. The premises comprised in this lot contain altogether, including the site of the buildings, yard, road, and garden, 10a. 2r. 35p. of land, of the measure of 8 yards to the perch, or 22a. 2r. 27p. statute measure, or thereabouts, and will be sold subject to a right of road to lot 2.

Lot 2. All that other Messuage or Dwelling-House, situate near Scott-lane aforesaid, and behind the premises comprised in lot 1, with the outbuildings and garden near thereto, and also eleven closes of Land, containing altogether, including the site of the buildings, homestead, &c., 21a. 13p. of land, of the measure of 8 yards to the perch, or 44a. 2r. 28p. statute measure, or thereabouts.—The farm-house is now in the occupation of Thos. Fazackerley, and the rest of the premises were lately in the occupation of the said William Jenkin.

Lot 3. All those Two Cottages and Garden, adjoining lot 1, and to the south-easterly side of Scott-lane aforesaid, now in the occupation of Hannah Fielding and Jas. Holcroft, with the Room over, used as a Methodist preaching room; and also all that other Cottage and Garden, adjoining the last-mentioned premises, and fronting to Scott-lane aforesaid, now in the occupation of John Gregory; and also all that croft or parcel of Land, situate behind the said gardens, all which said premises contain in the whole, by admeasurement, including the site of the buildings, 1,761 superficial square yards of land, or thereabouts, and have a frontage to Scott-lane of 66 yards.

Lot 4. All that croft or close of Land, situate on the north-westerly side of Scott-lane, in Aspull, measuring to the front of the said lane, 111 yards, and containing in the whole 1,700 superficial square yards of land, or thereabouts, late in the occupation of the said William Jenkin.

Lot 5. All that other Croft or Close of Land, also situate on the north-westerly side of Scott-lane, in Aspull, lying near the south-westerly end of the premises comprised in the last lot, and opposite the premises comprised in lot 3, and measuring to the front of Scott-lane 118 yards, and containing in the whole 2,100 superficial square yards of land, or thereabouts, late in the occupation of the said William Jenkin.

Lot 6. All and every the Mines of Coal, lying and being within and under all and singular the premises, comprised in the before-mentioned lots, together with the necessary powers and privileges of working, getting, removing, and selling the same, as will be specified in the conditions of sale, subject to the reservation heretofore made of the mines of cannel, within and under the same premises, and to the powers and liberties reserved for the working, getting, and removing the same mines of cannel.—The above mentioned premises form together a very compact estate, and contain the well-known mine of coal, called the King Coal, also the Yard Mine, the Bone Coal, the Five-feet Mine, and the Arley, or Six-feet Mine, of an excellent quality.—This estate is situate in a very populous neighbourhood, on the highway leading from Wigan to Blackrod, and close to the coal and cannel works of the Earl of Balcarres, on Aspull Moor; is distant about one mile and a half from Blackrod and the Bolton and Preston Railway, about three miles from Wigan, seven miles from Bolton, and about three-quarters of a mile from the Leeds, Liverpool, and Lancaster Canals, and from the Springs Branch of the North Union Railway, which communicates with Liverpool, Manchester, and Preston.

Lot 7. An undivided moiety, equal half part, or share of and in Five Cottages and Loom Shop, Shippon, vacant Land, and Premises, situate on the south-westerly side of the Gullet, on Aspull Moor, in Aspull, containing by admeasurement 563 superficial square yards of land, or thereabouts, formerly used as a workhouse, but now as cottages or dwelling-houses, and in the occupation of Richard Entwisle and others.—The mines of coal and cannel under this lot have been heretofore reserved.

Lot 8. All that Shop and Dwelling-House, situate on the northerly side of and fronting to the Market-place, in Wigan aforesaid, and now in the occupation of Messrs. Wells, Hindley, and Company, grocers and tea dealers, together with the four cottages and warehouse, situate behind the same shop and dwelling-house.—The premises comprised in this lot contain, by admeasurement, 393 superficial square yards of land, or thereabouts.

Lot 9. All that other Shop and Dwelling-House, adjoining the last-mentioned lot, and also fronting to the Market-place, in Wigan aforesaid, and now in the occupation of Mr. Henry Wells, chemist and druggist, together with the currier's shop and two cottages, situate behind the same; and also all those two gardens and the piece of vacant land, situate behind the said premises and those comprised in lot 8, as the same are now set out.—The premises comprised in this lot contain, by admeasurement, 1,300 superficial square yards of land, or thereabouts.

Lots 8 and 9 are situate in the best part of the Market-place, in Wigan aforesaid, and are well adapted for carrying on business.

Printed particulars may be had after the 20th day of March, at the place of sale, and at the office of RALPH LEIGH, Attorney-at-Law, Wigan, from whom further information may be had.

OPERATIVE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.—The Monthly Meeting of this Society, was held on Monday night last, at the Society's room, Brewer's Arms, Chapel-lane. A considerable number of the members were present, and we rejoice to add, that the society was never in a more flourishing condition, for fresh members weekly enroll themselves under the banner of Conservatism; a convincing proof of the high opinion entertained of the ability of the "great pilot," and his colleagues, to restore Old England to that state of happy prosperity she once enjoyed.

SAINT CATHERINE'S CHURCH.—We are glad to perceive, that the ladies of our town are coming forward, to remove the debt by which the Scholes Church is burdened. A sale of fancy articles, needlework, &c., has been proposed as the best mode of carrying out their intentions, and accordingly the fair portion of our population, *pour y parvenir*, are busily employed in the execution of articles for sale, in compliance with the example of her majesty the Queen Dowager, who has most graciously contributed several articles of her majesty's own construction. It is to be hoped, that with such patronage, the enterprize will be a successful one, and yield a munificent sum, if only to do honour to the distinguished patroness, whose aid is always extended in the cause of her Saviour.

SUDDEN DEATH.—It is our painful task to record the death of one of our townsmen much respected as an upright individual by a numerous circle.—We allude to Mr. Wm. Kerrow, draper, who retired to rest on Sunday night last, after having attended evening service with his family at St. Paul's Chapel. Between twelve and one o'clock his wife was awoke by hearing a groan from deceased, when she got up and procured a light. On reaching the bed side the vital spark had fled—an overwhelming illustration of the awful certainty that "in the midst of life we are in death." The lamented gentleman was interred on Thursday morning, and his remains were attended to their last resting place by a number of our highly respectable townsmen.

TOWN HALL, FRIDAY.

(Before the Mayor, S. Mc. Clure, Esq., and J. Acton, Esq.)

ASSAULT.—A clogger named Richard Morgan, appeared to answer a charge of assault preferred against him by John Halliwell, of the Hermitage. The facts of the case as were adduced in evidence, showed that Halliwell's father and a boy were working in one of the fields, when defendant and another man who was drunk came past. The drunken man was on his way home, Morgan having agreed to see him home. They stopped and the drunken man began to throw sods, &c., at Halliwell's father. Complainant and his brother saw this act from the house and ran down to the assistance of their father. Complainant seized hold of the man in company with defendant to take him into custody when defendant knocked him down, and when he was rising, dashed him against the ground a second time, which broke his arm. The defendant was then secured and given into custody, and the originator of the disturbance escaped. Mr. Scott appeared for the defendant, and cross-examined the witnesses at some length, failing however, to alter the facts as adduced by them. He offered no witnesses for the defence, but raised an objection to the apprehension by Halliwell, of the man in the care of defendant, and urged it as a part justification of the interference of defendant, who was striving to get the man away. The injury which complainant had received, was the result of accident, and not occassioned wilfully. The magistrates over-ruled the objection as to the power of Halliwell to apprehend the man, and then adjourned the case for a week, in order that the defendant might have an opportunity of recompensing Halliwell for the injury he had sustained.

TOWN HALL, MONDAY.

(Before the Mayor and James Eckersley, Esq.)

WAGES CASE.—The agent of Mr. Peck appeared in answer to a summons taken out by a weaver named Felix Tearney, who demanded 3s. 3d. for weaving a piece of cloth, for which he originally was to have 6s. 6d. He had received half the wages, and the other was withheld on the ground that the piece was faulty. The piece could not be produced, and the amount claimed was allowed.

ANOTHER WAGES CASE.—The agent of Mr. Geo. Green appeared to answer a similar claim, made by a weaver named William M'Mullen, who demanded 7s. The case was left to arbitration, and the referee allowed 3s. for the work.

CURIOSITY.—John Atherton was charged by an old woman named Elizabeth Ascroft, with knocking at her door in Crispin's Court, and creating a disturbance about half-past twelve o'clock on Sunday morning. Complainant opened the door, and Atherton asked for her daughter, who is a prostitute. Violent language followed, and defendant was followed by some Irish lodgers who had taken up their quarters in the house; and the noise attracting the attention of police, Atherton was taken into custody. In his defence he said, that hearing a noise at the house, he merely went out of curiosity, and had no intention of creating a disturbance. He was discharged on paying the costs.

DRUNKENNESS.—George Bromilow and James Heyes, two colliers, were charged with being drunk in the streets on Sunday morning about 11 o'clock. Mr. Latham informed the bench that as they were going up the Millgate they were obliged to hold each other up. The magistrates inflicted a fine of 5s. on each, and ordered the costs to be paid.

TOWN HALL, WEDNESDAY,

(Before the Mayor and James Eckersley, Esq.)

STEALING FOWLS.—A collier, named Daniel Jolley, was brought before the bench on suspicion of having stolen eight fowls, the property of A. T. Halliburton, Esq. No evidence could be brought against him beyond that of a bag full of feathers newly plucked being found in his house. Amongst them were found feathers from a Muscovy duck, and he acknowledged never having one. His wife also gave a contradictory statement to his own respecting the length of time he had possession of the feathers. The evidence against Jolley not being sufficient for the bench to convict upon, he was liberated on bail to answer the charge at any future period.

DEATHS.

On the 1st inst., in the 58th year of his age, Mr. William M'Kerrow, draper, of this town.

Since our last, Elizabeth Worthington, aged 27 years; Ann Collins, aged 40 years; James Smith, aged 18 years.

ASHTON.

CIRCUS ROYAL, MARKET-PLACE, ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—First Night of Master Pablo Fanque's Reaper—First Night of Mr. and Mrs. Mackintosh's Jockey and Jenny—First Night of Mr. Kite's Voltigeur—First Night of the Brothers' Daily Wonderful Feats—First Night of Mr. Mackintosh's Trick Act—First Night of Mr. Pablo Fanque's Trained Horse—First Night of Mr. Arnold on the Tight Rope—First Night of Mr. Wilkinson as the Olio—First Night of Mr. Pablo Fanque's Number of Horses—First Night of Mr. Mackintosh's Child of the Ocean—First Night of Jack the Giant Killer.—The success of the present season is unparalleled, the Manager's efforts never having been crowned with such triumphant and brilliant support! The excitement of the delighted audiences who nightly flock to witness the extraordinary performances, executed by the extensive company of equestrians, so advantageously known throughout the three kingdoms, were never yet exceeded in any equestrian company. The Manager very respectfully assures the public, that the great resources of this most popular and complete establishment have and will be called into requisition during its brief stay, with an unsparing hand, at an expense totally unlimited, and cost of research and labour hitherto unparalleled, in order to exhibit at once the unrivalled training, docility, and grace of this pre-eminent troop, the whole of whom are employed in a novel, and hitherto unattempted, style of performance. *Second Grand Change of Performance*, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, the 10th, 11th, and 12th of April, 1843.

To commence with MASTER PABLO FANQUE'S Reaper: Mr. and Mrs. Mackintosh, Jockey and Jenny; Still vaulting, headed by the Brothers Daily; Mr. Kite's English voltiguer; the Brothers Daily will appear as equilibres seriens; Mr. Mackintosh's surprising trick act; Mr. PABLO FANQUE'S trained horse of industry; Mr. Arnold's operatic dancing on the tight rope; Mr. Wilkinson as the Olio, or Five in One; Mr. PABLO FANQUE on 1, 2, 3, and 4 horses: Mr. Mackintosh as the Child of the Ocean, or Nelson's Brave Tar.—To conclude with Jack the Giant Killer.

In order to meet the wishes of many families of distinction, and to accommodate the juvenile branches residing in the country, there will be a grand *Day Performance* on Thursday the 13th instant, to commence at two o'clock precisely; and, during the Easter Holidays, there will be a grand Day Performance on Monday the 17th instant, to commence at two o'clock precisely.

Front boxes 2s, side boxes 1s 6d, pit 1s, gallery 6d.—Half-price to all parts of the house at nine o'clock.

Half price to all parts of the house for children under ten years of age, with their parents.—Box-office open each day from eleven to three o'clock, when tickets may be had and places secured by Mr. Simpson, box-keeper.—Doors to be opened at half-past six, and the performance to commence at half-past seven.

Ladies and gentlemen taught the polite art of equestrianism. Horses broke for the road or field.—Sole proprietor, Mr. Pablo Fanque; riding master, Mr. Kite; leader of the band, Mr. Roberts; ring masters, Messrs. Stonette and Heath; conductor of the circle, Mr. Lewis; clowns, Messrs. Furr and Griffiths; architect, Mr. Arnold.

Notice.—Mr. P. Fanque takes this opportunity of making it generally known, that he cannot permit smoking in any part of the circus.—Tradesmen are requested to forward their accounts for payment every Saturday, before one o'clock.—Tradesmen and others are also requested to take notice, that he will not be answerable for any goods or articles obtained in his name, without the production of a written order, signed by himself.—Good fires constantly kept, so that the circus is well aired.

ASSAULTING THE POLICE.—On Wednesday, James Cheetham was brought up by Mr. Driver charged with violently assaulting policeman Hodgson, on Monday night last.—Policeman Hodgson said, that about ten o'clock on Monday night, he was on duty on the Manchester road, when he saw two men fighting naked, the backsets of the parties were each holding a candle in their hands, when he went up to them to cause them to desist. Cheetham immediately laid hold of him, knocked him down, and kicked him very severely.—Mr. Inspector Burridge stated, that when Hodgson came to report the case to him he was covered with blood, the effects of his ill-treatment.—The prisoner was fined 20s. and costs, or six weeks' imprisonment.

CRUELTY TO A PIG.—James Wroe, agent to Mr. Lees, was brought up, charged by James Prestwich, with having, on the 4th of April, ill-treated a pig, his property.—Complainant said that his pig was on some ground where there was no railing, when defendant seeing it, got a thick stick out of the hedge, and commenced beating it most unmercifully. He said the pig had not been able to walk since, and had not partaken of any food; it was valued at £4, but it was not now worth half of that sum.—Mr. Wroe said that a great deal of damage had been done to his employer's property, and he felt justified in driving the pig out of the field.—The bench decided that the case should be adjourned for a fortnight, hoping that in the mean time they would settle the matter between themselves.

FATAL AND MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT ON THE SHEFFIELD RAILWAY.—On Thursday, an inquest was held at Hattersley, on the body of John Handfirth, a labourer, engaged in repairing the line of railway leading from Hattersley to Broadbottom. From the evidence adduced it appears that deceased was bringing several waggons loaded with sand on the down line on Wednesday, and when near to Hattersley tunnel the horse, seeing the up train coming, jumped on the other line of rails, when the engine was about twenty yards off, and the front of the engine came in contact with its head, knocking it about fifteen yards from the spot where the collision first took place. The deceased, who was driving the horse at the time, was at the farthest side of the road from the engine, but the horse, on being knocked down, was driven against him and broke his arm and leg, and otherwise injured him. The horse was killed upon the spot, and the man died before he could be got home. Verdict, "Accidental death."

CIRCUS.—Mr. Pablo Fanque has erected a spacious circus in the Market-place. Some of the feats performed are of an extraordinary kind, particularly the performance of Master Fanque, a youth only twelve years of age. His equestrian exercises are exceedingly clever. The Brothers Daily and Mr. Mackintosh have also attracted considerable notice. We should advise our readers not to omit the present opportunity of visiting this place of amusement.

ALTRINCHAM.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.—On Saturday, the 25th March, a public meeting of the ratepayers of Altrincham, was held in the Court House, for the purpose of agreeing upon a list of competent householders to be presented to the magistrates as overseers of the poor for the ensuing year, assessors of assessed and land taxes, and also for appointing surveyors of the highways, &c. The following persons were nominated as overseers and assessors:—Messrs. John Adshead and James Matthews, overseers; Messrs. Isaac Turton and Robert Shelmerdine, assessors; and Messrs. Isaac Turton and Mark Pierson were appointed surveyors of the highways.

FELONY.—On Saturday, the 1st April, Mary Flemin, a native of Ireland, was brought before E. J. Lloyd, Esq., charged with stealing the sum of 5s. from the person of Mick Tompson, a native of the same place. After Mick was sworn he entered into a long account how he had lost his money, and stated that he had been drinking and got the worse for liquor, so that he got down on the road, and that the prisoner had been in his company at the time.—The prisoner denied having taken his money.—The magistrate was of opinion that the case had not been made out against her, and she was discharged.

CAUTION TO PUBLICANS.—On Tuesday night, the 4th of April, a respectable looking person called at the Roe-Buck public-house, in Altrincham, for lodgings, where he was allowed to stop. The next morning he left the house unnoticed. Soon after, the landlady missed a pair of blankets off the bed which he had been sleeping on. He is about 50 years of age; five feet nine or ten inches high; light complexion; slender made; thin face and nose; dressed in a dark cloth coat and trousers; and had with him an umbrella. He has not been heard of since.

WARRINGTON.

APPOINTMENT OF PARISH OFFICERS.—At a parish meeting, held, pursuant to public notice, on the 31st day of March last, at the Sessions Room, for the purpose of passing the accounts of the overseers of the poor for the past year, and for nominating the assistant overseers for the ensuing year, it was moved and seconded that Joseph Perrin, Esq., do take the chair.—The accounts were then read over; Mr. Joseph Crossfield checking off and comparing items with those of last year.—It was moved by Mr. Crossfield, and seconded by Mr. W. E. Milner, that the accounts do pass, which was unanimously carried.—The meeting then proceeded to the nomination of the assistant overseers, and Messrs. James Cruikshank, John Booth, John Pilling, and Thomas Booth, were each severally proposed and appointed.—A vote of thanks was then moved to the late overseers, for the very able manner in which they had discharged the duties of their office during the past year, and carried unanimously.—It was then moved, that a vote of thanks should be given to the chairman, for the efficient and impartial manner in which he had conducted the business of the meeting, which being agreed to, the meeting then proceeded to appoint a chairman for the passing of the accounts for the board of surveyors of highways, for the past year. W. E. Milner, Esq., being called to the chair, the accounts were read over and passed, and the following gentlemen were re-appointed the board of surveyors for the ensuing year, viz.:—Messrs. Joseph Perrin, James Davies, Joseph Crossfield, William Gill, James Houghton, John Rylands, and William Allcard.

At the special sessions, held at Newton, on Saturday the 1st instant, for allowing the late overseers' accounts, and the appointing of overseers for the ensuing year, Messrs. John Stretch, Henry White, Henry Alderson, and Joseph Owen were re-appointed. After a contested election for guardians of the poor for the township, the following gentlemen were declared elected:—William Gill, Richard Harrison, William Burdett, and William Allcard, Esqrs.

SESSIONS HOUSE.

JUVENILE BURGLARS.—Roger Peers, Joseph Fisher, Thomas Glaney, Francis Webster, and Peers Marsh, five boys well known to the police, were brought before Thomas Lyon, Esq., charged with having forcibly entered the shop of Messrs. Crossfield and Fell, grocers, Sankey-street, on the night of Thursday week, and stolen £4 5s. in copper. It appeared from evidence, that an entrance into the premises had been effected by the removal of two iron bars from a window in the cellar at the back, and that an iron hammer and a hook, taken from the warehouse in the yard, had been used, and were left near the cellar window after the bars had been taken out. Several witnesses were called, who proved that the premises had been made secure on closing the shop at eight o'clock that night; that a box containing £8 in copper had been left under the counter, and £4 5s. had been taken from it; that the outer door leading into the street, which had been fastened by a bolt, lock, and cross bar, had been broken open to effect their escape; and that the persons who committed the robbery must have secreted themselves in the yard, before the entry door was fastened, as no person could gain access to the yard afterwards.—Mr. William Mallett, of Bridge-street, hosier, stated that the prisoner Peers came to his shop on the morning after the robbery, and said he wished to buy a pair of stockings, cap, and comfortable, for which he paid all in copper; he appeared to have two or three pounds upon him.—Mr. J. S. Moss, clothier, deposed that on Friday the two prisoners, Roger Peers and Peers Marsh, came to his shop and purchased a pair of trowsers and a black velvet waistcoat; they paid all in copper, and appeared to have a large quantity about them.—Joseph Chimes, constable, having received information of the robbery, went in search and apprehended the prisoners at the Wool Pack public-house. Peers and Fisher confessed that they were guilty of the offence.—There being no evidence against Glaney and Webster, they were forthwith discharged. Roger Peers and Joseph Fisher were fully committed to take their trials at the quarter sessions. On the application of Mr. Jones, the deputy constable, Peers Marsh was remanded until further evidence could be obtained against him.

HYDE.

ASSAULT.—G. Crompton charged Peter Swindells, his cousin, with having struck and otherwise ill-treated him.—From the evidence adduced it appeared that a quarrel had arisen between the parties relative to some pigeons said to belong to complainant.—The magistrates said that there were more cases brought before them connected with pigeons than anything else; they were the greatest nuisance in the country. The bench said they were, therefore, determined to discourage the practice of keeping them; and had the case been unconnected with pigeons, they might have convicted in the full amount of the penalty, but under the circumstances would only convict in 1s. and costs.

OLDHAM.

CONCERT.—OLDHAM LYCEUM.—A miscellaneous, but judiciously arranged concert, prepared for the amusement of the members and friends of the Oldham Lyceum, took place in the class room of that institution, on Monday evening last. The audience formed a union of respectability and numbers; the vocalists were ably superintended by Mr. J. Winterbottom, and the instrumentalists by Mr. T. Jackson. The glee of "I'll enjoy the present time," was most effectively sung. Amongst the most pleasing of the vocal performers Miss Batty was prominent. An overture from Haydn was executed on hand-bells, in a tone of richly gentle melody, by Master Hammett, a mere boy, some years below the teens; another youngster, Master Lees, presided at the piano-forte, not without ability.

A WHOLESALE PLEDGER.—At the Oldham petty sessions, on Saturday, a woman named Elizabeth Hoyle, the paramour of an Irish labourer, was charged with having stolen bed curtains, and other articles, from the family where she was employed as washerwoman, Mr. Edmund Whitehead's, draper, Terrace Buildings. She was apprehended by Police Constable Howard, and in her possession were found fifty-six pawn-tickets for various articles. She was committed for trial at Salford sessions.

APPOINTMENT OF PARISH CONSTABLES.—At the Oldham petty sessions, on Monday, the overseers of the townships of Oldham borough presented the lists of persons, twenty in each township, nominated as suitable to be elected parish constables for the ensuing year.—The following persons were appointed constables for Chadderton:—Messrs. John Ashworth, Thomas Whitaker, Edmund Whitehead, William Smethurst, Jonathan Ashton, Thomas Scholes, William Starkey, and George Booth.—Shortly after the presentation of the Royton list, Mr. Mills, magistrate, inquired respecting Thomas Kay, one of the persons named in that list. The overseer said Kay had been opposed at the vestry meeting, and one Chadwick was nominated against him. A poll was ultimately demanded on behalf of Chadwick, and, although no poll could be properly taken under such circumstances, a sort of poll did take place, when the numbers were—Chadwick 15, and Kay 10.—Kay was questioned by the bench, and said the opposition against him was got up by some chartists, who were offended at his having apprehended several fellows that were active in the great strike. Mr. Mills found, on inquiry, that several persons nominated for constables were not qualified to serve, as they were deficient in point of assessments. The overseer remarked, they had been nominated under an impression of their eligibility. The subjoined names were struck off the list, however, as not duly qualified: Robt. Mellor, Samuel Ogden, Thomas Kay, and John Ogden.—The following were then appointed constables for Royton: Messrs. Abraham Crossley, Thomas Whitaker, James Butterworth, John Smethurst, Thos. Seville, Thos. Holden, Joseph Wrigley, and Thos. Chadwick. The Crompton list was next presented, two names were struck out, John Smith, as being too old, or above 55, and James Milne, as not old enough, being under 25. George Milne, one of the persons named in a supernumerary list, said something of not being exactly qualified; and Eli Dyson, who was similarly nominated, stated that he should be 55 years of age the latter end of May next. The following persons were appointed constables for Crompton: Messrs. James Buckley, Rowland Rhodes, John Robinson, George Milne, Jas. Milne, George Humphreys, John Chadwick, and Eli Dyson, the latter with a salary.

SERENADING A PUBLICAN.—At the petty sessions on Monday, two young men, Berry and Whitehead, were brought up for amusing themselves with fiddling and dancing in the open street, at Hollinwood, at half-past two o'clock on Sunday morning.—They said they were only playing music under the windows of the Filho public-house, so as to please the publican, if awake, and to disturb him, for a joke, if asleep. Berry, the constable, thought they were arousing the slumbering villagers, but probably he has no music in his soul.—The nocturnal musicians were required to pay the expenses.

A STUPID PROSECUTOR AND A SIMPLE WITNESS.—At the petty sessions on Monday, Thomas Whitman, a farmer, charged three youths, Whitehead, Harrison, and Winterbottom, with setting fire to a fence on his farm, near Glodwick.—The complainant occasioned a good deal of merriment, by showing himself unable to tell anything whatever of the name of his own farm labourer, only that he was called *Joe;* and when *Joe* came forward, the raw chopstick added to the merriment, by repeating audibly the oath after the clerk.—The farmer said about 50 yards of fence had been burnt.—Mr. Kay Clegg, solicitor, appeared for the defendants, and contended there had been a fire amongst prosecutor's brushwood and fences some hours prior to the time when the young men were sworn to as being on the spot.—The irritated farmer and the youthful incendiaries ultimately arranged the dispute.

OBSTRUCTING A CONSTABLE.—At the petty sessions on Monday, William Travis, a thin person, little in body but fierce in looks, was accused of having obstructed, in the execution of his duty, that bustling officer, Berry, constable of Hollinwood. The affair was stated to have taken place at Treacle-street, near Mill Bottom.—Mr. Mills observed that it was a disorderly place, where there were persons that were ready for anything, at any time.—Policeman Wood, of Oldham, said the prisoner had spoke as if his revenge on Berry would be dreadful.—This terror to constables was bound over to keep the peace, because it seemed he had disregarded all bounds.

BURY.

APPOINTMENT OF SURVEYORS.—Pursuant to public notice, a meeting of the ratepayers was held on Saturday last, for the purpose of appointing surveyors of the highways; the Rev. F. A. Power, senior curate, in the chair. It was moved by Mr. R. Walker, junr., seconded by Dr. Fletcher, and carried unanimously,—"That the accounts of the surveyors of the highways do pass." The following persons were appointed surveyors for the ensuing year:—Thomas Horrox, Thomas Booth, and Christopher Clemishaw. A vote of thanks to the chairman was passed, and the meeting separated.

STATISTICS OF DISEASE.—According to the census of 1841, the population of Bury union was 77,496. In 1839, the number of deaths from small-pox was 26; in 1840, 41; and in 1841, 157. The number of deaths from infectious diseases in the same district in 1839, was 378; 1840, 387, and in 1841, 672.

SACRILEGE.—On Monday evening, the Chapel of Ease at Ewood Bridge, near Haslingden, was entered. Fortunately there was no plate. The thieves took a clock, an old brush, and a few prayer books. They have escaped detection.

STEALING BOOTS.—At the sessions, on Friday, a young man, named Thomas Connor, from Manchester, was brought up on a charge of stealing two pairs of ladies' boots, from the shop of Mr. Peter Battersby, Rock-street, on the previous day. Mr. B. caught him a few yards from the shop, with the boots in his possession, attempting to make his escape. He had nothing to say for himself, and was committed for trial at Salford sessions.

ROCHDALE.

STATISTICS OF DISEASE.—According to the census of 1841, the population of Rochdale Union was 60,577, and yet in the year ending June, 1839, there was only one death from small-pox, and in the following year the number of deaths from a similar cause was 49, and in the year ending 1841 they were increased to 245. In 1839, the number of deaths from infectious diseases in the same district was 201; in 1840, 334; and in 1841, 471.

MONTHLY CATTLE FAIR.—There was a moderate show of horned cattle in the fair on Monday last, and there was also a good attendance of farmers and graziers. The prices of both calving cows and drapes were rather lower than they were a month ago, and a full average number of beasts were sold.

APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANS AND OVERSEERS. On Thursday week, the ratepayers in the various townships held their meetings, and the following persons were appointed Guardians:—Spotland—Messrs. Thos. Holland, John Whittaker, Thos. Maken, Jas. Sharp, and Edmund Taylor. Castleton—Messrs. Thomas Livsey, Samuel Holland, James Wilkinson, and James Hayes. Wardleworth—Messrs. John Leach, John Dania, and George Mansell. Butterworth—Messrs. William Barnes and John Sutcliffe. Weurdle and Wardle—Mr. James Schofield. Blatchinworth and Calderbrook—Messrs. Hugh Race and Isaac Allison. The head overseers for Castleton, Messrs. Edmund Lupton, Richard Ashworth, and William Mellalieu; and assistants, Messrs. F. Clough and John Whitehead. Spotland—Messrs. Charles Butterworth, John Kay Greenwood, James Kershaw, and John Lord; and Messrs. Samuel Stott and Abraham Travis, assistants. Wardleworth—Messrs. Charles Walker, Thomas Howarth, and John Whitehead, assistant. Mr. John Rhodes was appointed surveyor of the highways, at a salary of £30 per annum.

POACHING.—At the sessions on Monday last, an old poacher, named Robert Ratcliffe, was charged with having been in pursuit of game, on the evening of the 24th of March last, on the estate of James Dearden, Esq. The case was proved by James Butterworth, gamekeeper, who apprehended the prisoner.—He was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

ASSAULTING THE POLICE.—On Monday last, two brothers named Martin, were fined 10s. each and costs, for assaulting a local constable named Benjamin Butterworth, whilst in the execution of his duty.

FLANNEL AND WOOL MARKETS.—The market on Monday was a little better than it was on the previous week. Prices both of goods and wool much the same as last week; scarcely an average quantity of business was done.

MIDDLETON.

SACRILEGE.—During Wednesday night last, the vestry of the parish church was entered by the roof. A chest containing the communion plate was broken open, but in consequence of an iron bar across the chest, and fastened at both ends, the thieves were unable to get the large flaggons out of it. The communion service is of queen's metal plated, and has a close resemblance to silver. The following articles belonging to it were taken:—two cups, two stands, two dishes, and the handle and lid which have been torn off one of the flaggons, together with a table-cloth, and about a pint of wine. Three presses and drawers were ransacked, and the papers, books, and maps strewed on the floor; an attempt was made to break into the safe containing the registers but without effect. The robbers had with them a mason's chissel and iron hammer, which they left in the vestry, the hammer has the initials of "I. R." upon it. Part of a glass of wine was left in the window bottom,—the villains made their escape and have not yet been discovered. About fifty years since the whole of the communion plate was silver.

DUKINFIELD.

PUBLIC MEETING ON THE FACTORY QUESTION.—On Tuesday evening a public meeting was held in Dukinfield School Room, to take into consideration the educational classes of the proposed factory bill. Mr. Cheetham, manufacturer, of Staleybridge, was called to the chair. He opened the business by saying that he had no doubt that all parties then present were aware of the object they had in view, in meeting together on that occasion; he would not, therefore, take up the time of the meeting by entering at length upon the subject, but he thought the inspector of the district of Ashton had given a very one-sided report as to the real condition of factory workers. He said Mr. Horner had overlooked one fact in giving the reports which he had done, namely, that the manufacturing population were much better educated than the agricultural population were. He said Mr. Horner had taunted the manufacturers with supporting institutions abroad and neglecting their own at home, but he would retort upon him and say that those who had done something abroad had done at home also. He would refer them to the Chapels and Schools throughout the neighbourhood and ask if nothing had been done towards the education of the people; he had no illfeeling against the inspector, but he must say that a more one-sided report given by him to the government, had never been given on any other subject. With respect to the clauses they were that night met to consider, he would call their serious attention, while the various speakers addressed them on the subject.

The Rev. R. B. Aspland, Presbyterian Minister, next addressed the meeting, and read over the objectionable clauses, he spoke at considerable length and in strong terms denounced the educational part of the bill as an infringement on the rights of dissenters generally. The meeting was afterwards addressed by Mr. Dean, manufacturer; Messrs. Anderton and Fisher, Catholic Priests; and Mr. Trewin, Catholic school-master, of Dukinfield, whose speech seemed to cause some dissatisfaction in the meeting by the violent manner in which he spoke. Resolutions were passed condemnatory of the educational clauses of the Bill, and appointing a committee to watch its progress in the house and take such steps as they might think fit to oppose it. The meeting then separated.

BOLTON.

CHARGE OF ASSAULTING A BAILIFF.—At the Sessions Room, on Monday last, before the Rev. J. S. Birley, John Heaton was charged with assaulting Samuel Crompton, at Horwich, on the 30th of March. The complainant stated that he went to Heaton's house to serve him with a county arrest, when he pulled the head off a long brush, and struck him across the shoulders.—A county policeman having stated that he refused to go with Crompton because he was drunk, the magistrate dismissed the charge.

ROBBERY BY A LODGER.—On Saturday last, James Pendlebury was brought before the magistrates, at the Borough Court, charged with stealing £2 13s. and a handkerchief, the property of Jane Taylor, an old woman residing in Darcy Lever. It appeared that the prisoner was lodging with the complainant on the 31st of March, when he sent her out to get him a gill of porter; and on her return she found that he had decamped, having robbed her of the amount above stated. The old woman pursued him, and met him in Bradshawgate, when he was taken into custody with the handkerchief in his possession. The prisoner admitted having taken the money also, but would not tell what he had done with it. He was committed for trial.

AN IRISH WITNESS.—At the Borough Court, on Saturday last, Dennis Murray, was charged by Pat Monahan, with stealing £1 9s. 6d. On Pat presenting himself in the witness-box, Mr. Winder said: Is your name Pat or Patrick? Witness: Och, to be sure, Pat, or Patrick, it's all the same.—(Laughter.) Mr. Winder: Well, and what is your charge against the prisoner?—Witness: My charge? sure an he took £1 9s. 6d. from me last harvest time, in Cambridgeshire.—Mr. Winder: Then you must take him back to Cambridgeshire for trial.—Mr. Taylor (who appeared for the defendant): Why did you not take him up in Cambridgeshire?—Witness: Why didn't I take him up? because I didn't know nobody, to be sure.—(Laughter.) Mr. Taylor: Were you drunk when the money was taken?—Witness: Sure an' I was, and he was dhrunk too.—(Laughter.) Mr. Winder: Well, you must take him to Cambridgeshire; we can do nothing with him here. Pat exclaimed, "What! me take him, sur," and retired with a knowing look, as much as to say, "Take him yourself," and got out of court as quietly as possible.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—John Ridyard, Thomas Brown, David Stott, Esther Bamford, Eliza Simpkin, James Harrison, and William Brown were brought up at the Borough Court on Thursday, charged with being connected in a highway robbery. The prosecutor, Thomas Entwisle, a labouring man, stated, that on Saturday evening last he purchased a waistcoat and a pair of trousers, and was on his way home, about ten o'clock in the evening, and on passing through Moor-lane, he was attacked by four men, who took sixpence in copper from his pocket, and stole the trousers and waistcoat. One of them put his hand over his (prosecutor's) mouth, and the rest got him down; one of them kicked him on the breast, and said that if he spoke a word they would kick his brains out. John Crompton, one of the parties connected with the robbery, turned approver. There was no evidence against the women beyond that of being in company with the men on the same evening. Mr. Jardine defended Harrison, who had merely purchased, on Monday last, the articles stolen. He had given a reasonable price for them, and, as there was no proof of guilty knowledge, he was discharged. John Ridyard, Thomas Brown, and David Stott were fully committed for trial. The case as against the women was dismissed.

STEALING PIGEONS.—William Brooks was brought up charged with stealing pigeons belonging to John Makant, of Eagley Bank, Little Bolton. It appeared that on the Friday but one previously, the pigeon loft was robbed, and two pigeons belonging to prosecutor were found in a cage in prisoner's cellar. Other pigeons had also been stolen in the same neighbourhood. The prisoner was committed to hard labour for one month.

DEATH BY FIRE.—An inquest was held on Thursday last, at the Gibraltar Tavern, near Rumworth, upon the body of Alfred Whitehead, a boy, who met his death under the following circumstances:—Mary, the wife of William Thornley, deposed, that the deceased is five years of age, and son of James Whitehead, labourer, of Gilnow. On Tuesday afternoon last, about six o'clock, she was in care of deceased and two other children, and left the house to buy some thread. She returned in about ten minutes, and, as she entered the door, heard a scream, and saw the deceased in flames. She screamed, and a man came to her assistance, and the flames were extinguished; but deceased was so much injured that he died the same evening about eleven o'clock. Verdict, "Accidental death."

ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY.—At the Borough Court, on Thursday last, Major Eckersley was brought up charged with having attempted to commit a robbery upon Peter Dewhurst. The complainant stated that he had been to a funeral at Deane Church, and on returning home, had to pass through Black Horse-street, when two men (the prisoner being one) came up to him and clasped him round the waist. He released himself, but they made a second attempt, and again failed to hold him. He called at the George Inn to get a glass of ale, and on feeling in his pocket found a halfpenny missing. The police constables stated that four distinct robberies had been committed in the same street during the week. The prisoner was cautioned and discharged.

SHOPLIFTING.—On Thursday last, at the Borough Court, John Ridyard was again brought up on a charge of stealing about 9lbs weight of butter, from the shop of James Johnson, Bradshawgate, Great Bolton. In this case, John Crompton (as in the case of highway robbery) turned approver and proved the case. The prisoner was fully committed for trial. Two women, named Mary Andrews and Mary Thompson, were charged as receivers of the stolen property; but the case, as against them, was dismissed.

CHARGE OF FELONY.—Eliza Gregson, rather an interesting young woman, was brought up at the Borough Court, on Thursday, charged with stealing three sovereigns from the house of Richard Colley, of Bridgeman-street. It appeared that the prisoner was in the habit of frequenting the house of the prosecutor, and on the 29th of March the prisoner was left in the house by herself, and on the return of the prosecutor, he missed £3 from out of a box up stairs, and also a new lock and key, which the prosecutor had intended to have fastened on the box; and on the apprehension of the prisoner the lock and key were found in her possession.—The magistrates, thinking the charge of stealing the £3 not made out, discharged the prisoner.

BLACKBURN.

ASSESSORS.—On Saturday, Mr. Joseph Fairbrother and Mr. John Ratcliffe were appointed assessors for this town, for the ordinary assessed taxes, as well as for the property and income tax, for the present year.

FIRE.—On Tuesday night, about twelve o'clock, the cotton mill belonging to Messrs. Haworth and Whitehead, at Water, near Bacup, was discovered to be on fire. Some delay was occasioned by the difficulty of obtaining a fire-engine; but on being procured from Waterbarn, by great exertion and perseverance the enginehouse and warehouse were saved, but the mill itself was completely destroyed. It is supposed the insurance will cover the loss.

ATTEMPT AT MURDER.—A circumstance occurred on Tuesday evening, which has caused a very strong excitement in Bacup and the neighbourhood. It appears that, about a fortnight ago, an assault, of an highly criminal nature, was committed upon a girl about eleven years of age, the daughter of Mr. Moses Whitehead, rope-maker, St. George's-road, Bacup; and a young man, who was accused of the offence, immediately absconded from his residence, and has not since been heard of. But, at dusk on Tuesday evening, the girl was going towards home, and had reached within fifty yards of the house, when she was suddenly seized by some person whom she did not distinctly see, and who plunged a sharp instrument into her neck, making three frightful wounds, and then immediately ran off. As only one blow was struck, the instrument used must have been of a peculiar form; and the intention must have been to commit murder. Indeed the instrument narrowly missed dividing the carotid artery, in which case certain death would have ensued. We believe no evidence has been obtained to identify the offender; but, of course, under the circumstances, suspicion points strongly in a certain direction, both as to the individual who committed the crime, and the motive which suggested it.

DARING BURGLARY.—A burglary was committed in the house of Mr. Bernard Smith, farmer, of Norden House, Rishton, about three miles from this town, on Thursday last, about midnight, by five men, with their faces blackened, their coats turned inside out, and armed. The family had all retired to rest, and were all asleep, with the exception of Mrs. Smith, the wife of Mr. Smith, junior, who heard a noise of a window down stairs being forced open. She immediately got up, and proceeded across the passage from her bed room to the head of the stairs. After listening for a few minutes she heard the kitchen door forced open, and immediately after five men rushed up stairs, headed by a ruffian with a hatchet. Mrs. Smith then retired into her room and closed the door, which, however, was speedily burst open with violence, and a part of the gang entered. They compelled Mrs. Smith to get into bed, and when there the fellow with the hatchet stood over her, while another with a pistol in his hand stood over her husband, ordering them to remain quiet. Meanwhile another of the gang entered the bedchamber of Mr. Smith the elder, and kept him quiet, whilst the other two ransacked the house, which being effected, the whole gang retired. After the robbers was gone the following property was missed, viz: three sovereigns, about five pounds in silver, two five shilling papers of copper, fifteen old silver teaspoons—six of them marked A.M.—five bottles of spirits, four pounds of butter, and two jars of potted beef. There is as yet no clue whatever which is likely to lead to the apprehension of the robbers.

THE PAPER TRADE.

To the Editor of the Times.

"The League are now distributing five tons weight of tracts per week."—Vide Speech of Mr. J. Wilson, March 29.

Sir,—I am a manufacturer of whitey brown paper, and have been suffering greatly for many months from the falling off (as I thought) of the demand for the home trade. It was not until I read the speech of Mr. J. Wilson at the Drury-lane meeting of Wednesday last, that I was aware of the shameful monopoly now exercised by the Anti-Corn-Law League.

Pray sir, say a word in favour of our rights and privileges. Whitey brown paper has been used from time immemorial for many useful purposes, but the glut of Corn-law tracts has now completely excluded our necessary article from the market, and our workmen and our paper are thrown out of employment. Your "Supplement" we could compete with, but this cholera of tracts will be our ruin.—Your constant reader,

ANTI-MONOPOLIST.

London, April 1.

STATIONS OF THE BRITISH ARMY.

ON THE 1ST OF APRIL, 1843.

[Where two places are mentioned, the last named is that at which the Depôt of the Regiment is stationed.]

(From the United Service Journal.)

1st Life Guards—Hyde Park
2nd—Windsor
Royal Horse Grds-Regent's Prk
1st Dragoon Guards-Canada;
2d—Nottingham [Woolwich.
3d—Birmingham
4th—Dublin
5th—Dublin
6th—Glasgow
7th*—Gosport
1st Dragoons—Manchester
2d—Exeter
3d—Bengal: Maidstone
4th—Brighton
6th—Piershill
7th Hussars—Canterbury
8th—Hounslow.
9th Lancers—Bengal; Maidston
10th Hussars—Ballincollig
11th Hussars—York
12th Lancers—Dundalk
13th Light Dragoons—Ipswich
14th—Bombay; Maidstone
15th Hussars-Madras; Maidstn.
16th Lancers—Bengal; Maidstn.
17th ditto—Leeds
Grenadier Guards (1st batt.) St. George's Barracks
(2d batt.)—St. John's Wood.
(3d battalion)—The Tower
Coldstream Guards (1st batt) Windsor
(2d batt)-Portman-st. Barracks
Scotch Fusileer Guards (1st batt.)—Wellington Barracks
(2d battalion)—Winchester
1st Ft. (1st batt)-Gib.; Templmr
(2d batt.)-Canada; Charles Fort
2d—Bombay; Chatham
3d—Bengal; Chatham
4th—Madras; Chatham
5th—Gibraltar; Spike Island
6th—Portsmouth
7th—Gibraltar; Brecon
8th—Dublin
9th—Bengal; Chatham
10th—Bengal; Sheerness
11th—Weedon
12th—Mauritius; Isle of Wight
Do. [reserve batt.] Mauritius
13th—Bengal; Chatham
14th—Canada; Londonderry
15th—Chester
16th—Portsmouth
17th—Aden; Chatham
18th—China; Chatham
19th—Cephalonia; Dover
20th—Bermuda; Isle of Wight
Do. [reserve batt.] Bermuda
21st—Madras; Canterbury
22d—Bombay; Chatham
23d—Canada; Isle of Wight
Do. [reserve battal.] Canada
24th—Devonport.
25th—Madras; Chatham
26th—China; Chatham
27th—C. G. Hope; Mullingar
28th—Bombay; Canterbury
29th—Bengal; Chatham
30th—New Brunswick; Galway
31st—Bengal; Chatham
32d—Leeds
33d—Barbadoes; Waterford
34th—Northampton
35th—Mauritius; Clonmel
36th—Limerick
37th—Dublin
38th—Corfu; Hull
39th—Madras; Canterbury
40th—Bengal; Chatham
41st—Madras; Cahathm
42d Foot—Malta; Isle of Wight
Do. [reserve bat.] Malta
43d—Canada; Enniskillen
44th—Bengal; Deal
45th—C. G. Hope, Portsmouth
Do. [reserve battal.] Cork
46th-St. Vincent; Templemore
47th—Antigua; Boyle
48th—Gibraltar; Guernsey
49th—Calcutta; Chatham
50th—Bengal; Chatham
51st—VanDiem. Land; Canterb.
52d—N. Brunswick; Athlone
53d—Edinburgh
54th—Belfast
55th—China; Chatham
56th—Birr
57th—Madras; Chatham
58th—Chatham
59th—Trinidad; Jersey
60th (1st batt.)—Manchester
(2d batt.)—Jamaica; Newry
61st—Newcastle-on-Tyne
62d—Bengal; Chatham
63d—Madras; Chatham
64th—Halifax; Tralee
65th—Manchester
66th—Glasgow
67th—Plymouth
68th—Canada; Perth
69th—Dublin
70th—Canada; Waterford
71st—Canada; Isle of Wight
Do. [reserve battal.] Canada
72d—Bolton
73d—Newport (South Wales)
74th—Canada; Cashel
75th—C. G. Hope; Gosport
76th—Fermoy
77th—Jamaica; Chatham
78th—Bombay; Chatham
79th—Gibraltar; Aberdeen
80th—N. S. Wales; Canterby.
81st—Barbadoes; Athlone
82d—Jamaica; Castle Bar
83d—Canada; Armagh
84th—Madras; Chatham
85th—Canada; Nenagh
86th—Bombay; Chatham
87th—Mauritius; Paisley
88th—Malta; Stirling
89th—Canada; Naas
90th—Ceylon; Dublin [Wight.
91st-Cape & St. Helena; Isle of
Do. [reserve bat.] C. G. Hope
92d—Barbadoes; Dundee
93d—Canada; Carlisle
94th—Madras; Canterbury
95th—Ceylon; Sheerness
96th—N. S. Wales; Canterby.
97th—Corfu; Isle of Wight
Do [reserve battal.] Corfu
98th—China; Winchester
99th—New S. Wales; Chatham
Rifle Brigade (1st battalion) Malta; Drogheda
(2d batt.)-Halifax, N.S.; Isle of Wight
Do. [reserve batt.] Halifax, N.S.
1st W. I. Regt.—Demerara, &c.
2d—Jamaica and Bahamas
3d—Sierra Leone
Ceylon Rifle Regiment—Ceylon
Cape Mounted Riflemen—Cape of Good Hope
Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment—Canada
Royal Newfound. Companies Newfoundland
Royal Malta Fencibles; Malta
St. Helena Regmt.; St. Helena

* For Cape of Good Hope.

Local Intelligence.

ACCOUNTS OF THE SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS.—On Thursday, a vestry meeting was held at the Collegiate Church, to audit and pass the accounts of the surveyors of highways for the parish and the township of Manchester. Richard Birley, Esq., presided. The accounts of the township were first submitted; the items will be found in the advertisement. They were passed without remark.—The accounts of the parish surveyors were then submitted, the vouchers of the expenditure being produced and examined. They were also passed without remark, and the meeting then separated, the proceedings having only occupied about fifteen minutes.

FACTIOUS OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNMENT EDUCATION BILL.—The schismatics of this town got up another meeting on Tuesday evening, at the Corn Exhange, which purported to be a meeting of "Teachers and Friends of Sunday Schools," the object of course being to misrepresent the government measure, and to asperse the church. Mr. Alderman Callender formed an appropriate chairman for such a meeting, and he brought forward some statistics, by which he made it appear, that in the dissenting schools there were nearly twice as many children receiving education as in the church schools. The speakers, with the exception of the notorious Massie, were all persons of whom nobody ever heard before; and hence, though their speeches were full of the most glaring mis-statements and the foulest aspersions on the church, they are not likely to do any harm. One man said:—"The church was tottering; she sought for more power than she possessed; and no doubt the clergy were very learned in Eton grammar, Latin, and Greek; but were they as conversant with experimental godliness? He would put this question to the church, "How have you discharged your duty hitherto?" Out of its own mouth he would judge and condemn. The church received large revenues—the tithes; it had twenty-four bishops in the house of lords; while the dissenters were left to themselves, and they wanted nothing more. The church sought for liberty, but it was the liberty to do as they liked, and with liberty in their mouths they had slavery in their hearts. The church had, from various sources, a revenue of £7,000,000 at least; she called herself a nursing mother; but surely she was a step-mother." Another hoped they would oppose this bill till it was passed or destroyed; but let them not forget the anti-corn-law cause.—This is sufficiently explicit as to the character of the meeting—of course a string of resolutions were passed declaratory of hostility to the government measure.

BONDING WAREHOUSES IN MANCHESTER.—On Thursday, the committee met for the purpose of receiving the report of the sub-committee appointed a week before, along with a committee of the Town Council, to consider what steps it was desirable to take for securing the privilege of bonding to Manchester. Mr. Gibb presented their report. They had unanimously resolved—"That, in the opinion of this meeting, it is highly desirable that the offer of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to extend the privilege of bonding to this borough, on condition of the payment of the expenses of the customs' establishment being secured, should be accepted." Also that a copy of the preceding resolution should be transmitted to the general purposes' committee, with a recommendation that the Town Council should, with as little delay as possible, take the necessary steps for accomplishing the object sought to be attained.—Mr. Gibb, in moving the adoption of this report, stated that the committee appointed by the Town Council to meet the bonding warehouses' sub-committee, consisted of the Mayor, Mr. Alderman Neild, Mr. Alderman Hopkins, and Mr. Watkins. It had been thought by the committee, as the system of warehousing in different towns had been vested in different bodies and individuals, that the corporation should have the power of licensing those warehouses, which would be a considerable source of profit, and that such rental should go towards the payment of the expenses. They also thought that there ought to be a small payment, not only on all the goods bonded, but on all the goods paying duty to the customs in Manchester. This, it was apprehended, would in the course of time be done away with; but in the mean time it would be necessary for the corporation to have something to repay them for the expense incurred. The matter was now fairly before the corporate body, and it was desirable that they should take the necessary steps.—Mr. C. Wood seconded the motion, which was agreed to; and it was also resolved that a copy of the resolution, with a letter from the chairman, should be forwarded that night to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.—Thanks were voted to the chairman (the boroughreeve), and the meeting separated.

ASSAULT AND ROBBERY.—On Monday night, a violent assault was committed upon a man in Oldham-street, by a person named George Wheeler. The complainant had been going home with another man, when he was attacked by half-a-dozen men, one of whom knocked him down and stole his hat, a silk handkerchief, and other articles. At the Borough Court, on Tuesday, before Messrs. Maude, Wood, Townend and Walker, George Wheeler was charged with being the man who knocked complainant down; and, the fact having been proved, he was summarily committed for three months to hard labour.

SUICIDE.—On Saturday last, a man named Matthew Wood M'Laughlin, a porter at the Liverpool Railway, put an end to his existence in a fit of insanity, by hanging himself with a leather strap from the attic stairs. When the deceased was a youth, he received a wound on the head, which at times produced a partial derangement; and this was stimulated by his furniture having been sold up for rent a few days previous to that on which he destroyed himself. An inquest was held on the body, at the St. David's Tavern, Young-street, on Monday last, before Mr. Chapman, borough coroner, and the jury returned a verdict of "insanity." The deceased was 53 years of age, and has left six children.

FIRE.—About three o'clock, on Sunday afternoon, a fire broke out in the third story of the premises of Messrs. E. and W. Stones, engravers, Cross-street, Shudehill, and information having been sent to the police-yard, Mr. Thomas Rose immediately proceeded thither with the *Niagara* engine and a company of firemen, and on his arrival found that the flooring in the third story was in flames. The boards were torn up, and a quantity of water, supplied by buckets, soon extinguished the flames. It is supposed that the fire originated from a brick in the chimney being loose and allowing particles of ignited soot to fall through the crevice, which had set fire to a quantity of fustian nap, collected under the flooring of that story; the premises having previously been occupied for fustian cutting. The damage sustained by the building and the machinery will not exceed £50 or £60, and this amount will be fully covered by insurance in the Manchester fire office.

ILLICIT DISTILLATION.—On Saturday, at the Borough Court, before James Kershaw, Esq., mayor, and Mr. Townend, Thomas Taylor, a carter, Mary Ann Taylor, his wife, and John Jones, a pauper, were brought up on a charge of having an illicit still in their possession, and with having used the same for the purpose of distilling whiskey. William Watson, excise officer, stated, that from information he had received, he was led to suspect that the prisoners were carrying on the process of illicit distillation. On going to their house, in Junction-street, Pollard-street, along with a police officer, he found that there was a trap-door from one of the apartments leading to a cellar, in which they found all the necessary utensils, together with about two gallons of illicit whiskey. The worm and screw were produced in court.—Mr. Bent, who defended the prisoners, said, they had let the cellar to a man named George Smith, who had represented to them that he intended to bring some goods to the cellar, but had never done so, to their knowledge; the prisoners had never seen the still before.—The mayor said that the offence was clearly proved against the prisoner Thomas Taylor, and he was convicted in the penalty of £30; and in default of payment to be committed to prison for three months.

CAPTURE OF HIGHWAY ROBBERS AND BURGLARS.—In consequence of some information which he received, Mr. Diggles, the active deputy-constable of Salford, on Sunday morning last, proceeded with police-beadles Normansell and Rooney, to a cottage in Lowes-street, Bury-street, Salford, occupied by a man named Turner, and a woman living with him as his wife. In the house they found Saml. Turner, the woman calling herself Ann Turner, and a man named Thos. Mellor; all of whom Mr. Diggles and his officers instantly secured. They then searched the house, and in the bottom of a cupboard in the lower room they found a collection of offensive weapons and implements of house-breaking, which were satisfactory proofs of the real vocation of the occupants. There were two pistols, both loaded, and with percussion caps on, as if ready for immediate use. Mr. Diggles and his officers, finding that a man named James Smith had some connection with the prisoners, also apprehended him in his lodgings, No. 27, Thompson-street, Salford. A number of pawn-tickets were found at Turner's, which it is expected will lead to the discovery of a quantity of stolen property. We understand that there is strong reason for believing that the three men have lately committed several burglaries and highway robberies in the outskirts of the town; and especially that they are the parties who attacked a person in the employ of Messrs. Higgins and Son, of Salford, as he was carrying a quantity of silver to pay the wages on a Saturday in January last. The prisoners were brought before Sir Thos. Potter, at the Salford Town Hall, on Monday last, when the above circumstances were given in evidence, and Mr. Diggles applied to have them all remanded for a few days, in order to give time to examine the property pledged, and to obtain witnesses who saw the attack on Messrs. Higgins and Son's clerk. They were remanded to Monday next. Mr. Diggles states, that he has never before seen in the possession of any thieves such a collection of murderous weapons; and he infers from the pistols not only being loaded, but with caps fitted on, that some burglary or highway robbery was to be attempted that or the following night, in which the prisoners were determined to use violent means, if they should find themselves resisted. Great praise is due to Mr. Diggles and his officers, for the capture of this gang of burglars.