



THE LATE WM. HARVEY—FROM "THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS."

WILLIAM HARVEY was born at Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the 13th of July, 1796; and at the age of fourteen was apprenticed to the famous Thomas Bewick, to learn the art of engraving on wood. In 1817 he came to London, and, with the view of improving himself in drawing, became a pupil of Haydon, where he had for his fellow-students the late Sir Charles Eastlake, the late George Lane, and Sir Edwin Landseer. About this time he drew and engraved on wood, on a large scale, the "Death of Dentatus," painted by Haydon. In Jackson's "Treatise on Wood-Engraving" this work is justly stated to be "one of the most elaborately-engraved woodcuts that has ever appeared." About 1824 Harvey abandoned the practice of engraving, and devoted himself to designing for book-illustrations. It would be quite impossible in our limited space to mention a tenth part of the works that have emanated from his fertile fancy and ready hand, for they amount to thousands. His illustrations to Lane's translation of "The Arabian Nights" form, perhaps the most complete example of his varied and inventive genius. He also illustrated many of the plays in Mr. Charles Knight's "Pictorial Shakespeare." Indeed, there is scarcely a standard book of poetry or fiction in the English language that has not at some time been laid before the public embellished with Harvey's graceful fancies. At one period he had the field entirely to himself, and his remarkable powers were equal to all requirements. Whether a figure, a landscape, a bird, or an animal were wanted, his versatile genius supplied them all. With the feeling of a painter he combined the fancy of a poet, and as an illustrator of books he undoubtedly did much to refine the popular taste and advance the progress of art.

IMPROVEMENT OF IRELAND.—In the year ending with March, 1866, the Irish Board of Public Works issued £46,215 on loan under the Land Improvement Acts. In that twelvemonth 4775 acres of land were drained. The average cost of thorough drainage under these Acts has been £5 2s. 6d. an acre. Since the passing of the Act of 1850, 243 loans, amounting to £85,910, for the erection of farm buildings, have been sanctioned by the

Board; and as with the drainage work, so with these—they are so executed as to afford examples to proprietors who desire to proceed with private funds. Under the Act of 1860, fifty loans, amounting to £22,170, for the erection of dwellings for agricultural labourers, have been sanctioned by the Board.

INCOME TAX ON TRADES AND PROFESSIONS.—The following table, compiled from returns just issued, shows the number of persons charged with income tax under Schedule D in the financial years ending the 5th of April, 1864 and 1865.

Under £100 a year ..	Great Britain.		Ireland.	
	1863-4.	1864-5.	1863-4.	1864-5.
£100 and under £200	56,682	67,587	5,015	4,703
200	153,120	159,709	6,934	7,826
300	41,592	44,488	2,345	2,285
400	18,278	19,171	1,100	1,145
500	9,313	9,973	523	528
600	7,697	7,428	419	400
700	4,026	4,293	245	262
800	2,549	2,754	137	137
900	2,231	2,359	142	134
1,000	1,090	1,070	59	66
2,000	2,060	7,374	315	342
3,000	2,103	2,204	112	103
4,000	1,100	1,138	46	50
5,000	557	627	19	28
10,000	1,140	1,283	30	44
50,000	731	886	23	25
50,000 and upwards	91	107	3	3
	398,416	332,431	17,467	15,081
Amount of income charged with tax	£95,844,222	£105,435,787	£4,368,610	£4,669,976