

## OBITUARY.

## THE MARCHIONESS OF HASTINGS.

*Nov.* 18. At Rome, on her way to Malta, aged 47, Barbara Yelverton, Baroness Grey de Ruthyn, Marchioness of Hastings.

The deceased, in her own right Baroness Grey de Ruthyn, was born 1810, and succeeded the same year her father, Henry Edward, twentieth Lord Grey de Ruthyn. Her mother, Lady Grey de Ruthyn, is now wife of the Hon. and Rev. Mr. Eden, of Bishopsbourne. She married, in 1831, Geo. Augustus Francis, second Marquis of Hastings, by whom, who died in 1844, she had a numerous family; Pauly, third Marquis of Hastings, who died in 1851; Henry Weysford Charles Plantagenet Rawdon (born 1842), the present Marquis, and four daughters, Lady Edith Maude Abney Hastings (born 1833), Lady Bertha Selgarde Clifton (born 1835), Lady Victoria Mary Louisa (born 1837), and Lady Frances Augusta Constance (born 1844). Her ladyship subsequently married Captain Henry Yelverton, R.N., by whom she had issue one daughter, the Hon. Barbara Yelverton. Captain Yelverton, who, it will be remembered, greatly distinguished himself in the Baltic during the late war with Russia, is now stationed off Malta. He was telegraphed for from Malta on the 18th ult., and reached Rome on the night of the 22nd. By her Ladyship's death, a numerous circle of relations and connections is placed in mourning. The ringing of the muffled passing-bell at Castle Donnington throughout the whole of Monday week too truly confirmed the rumours which had previously spread throughout the parish.

The creation of the Ruthyn peerage is among the most ancient in England, dating 1324. By her first marriage, with the second Marquis of Hastings, she is sister-in-law to the present Marchioness of Bute.

## EARL OF HADDINGTON, K.T.

*Dec.* —. At Twynningham House, Haddingtonshire, aged 78, the Right Hon. Thomas Hamilton, Earl of Haddington, K.T., Baron of Binning and Byres, in the peerage of Scotland; Baron Melrose of Tyninghame, county Haddington, in the peerage of the United Kingdom.

The deceased was the only son of Charles, eighth Earl, by his marriage with Lady Sophia Hope, third daughter of the second Earl of Hopetoun. He was born June 21, 1780, and married, November 13, 1802, Lady Maria Parker, only surviving child of George, fourth Earl of Macclesfield, who survived her husband. The late Peer succeeded to the earldom on the death of his father in March, 1828. The late Earl was educated at Christ Church, Oxford, where he graduated B.A. in 1801, and M.A. in 1815. He sat in the House of Commons from 1818 to 1826, as representative for Rochester. On the formation of the late Sir Robert Peel's first Administration, in December, 1834, his Lordship was appointed Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, which he held up to the break-up of the Government. When Sir Robert Peel again took office, in the autumn of 1841, his Lordship was selected for the post of First Lord of the Admiralty, with a seat in the Cabinet. He held that office up to January, 1846, when he was made Lord Privy Seal, and retained that position until the final dissolution of the right hon. Baronet's Government. His Lordship, although opposed to the Reform Bill and other Liberal measures of the Governments of Earl Grey and Viscount Melbourne, adopted the enlarged views of Sir Robert Peel on the repeal of the Corn Laws and the commercial reforms which followed. Since the retirement of Sir Robert Peel and party from office, the late earl has rarely interfered in politics. In 1814 his Lordship was made a Privy Councillor, and in 1853 he was made a Knight of the Order of the Thistle. He was Hereditary Keeper of Holyrood Palace, one of the Elder Brethren of the Trinity House, a Trustee of the British and Hunterian Museums, and Deputy-Lieutenant of Haddingtonshire. The earldom devolves upon Mr. George Baillie, eldest son of the late Mr. George Baillie, of Jerviswood, N.B., by Mary, youngest daughter of Sir James Pringle, born April 14, 1802, and married to Georgiana, daughter of the Ven. Archdeacon Robert Markham.

## SIR RANDOLPH I. ROUTH, K.C.B.

*Nov.* 29. At 19, Dorset Square, aged 75, Sir Randolph I. Routh, K.C.B., Commissary General. He was the son of Mr. Rich-