

largest of our insurance offices—the Royal Exchange Assurance Corporation,—and for a period almost as long over the St. Katharine's Dock Company. On the day of Mr. Tooke's funeral the shutters of the Royal Exchange Assurance Office were closed, and all the ships in the St. Katharine's Docks lowered their flags to half-mast, in token of respect for the memory of the deceased.

“He leaves behind him only one son; and it was the death, in December last, of his second son, Mr. Thomas Tooke, jun., after a few days' illness, which hastened his own end.

“Eminently endowed by nature with an intellect observant, sagacious, and patient, aided by a judgment remarkable for clearness and solidity, and pursuing truth with a fervent singleness of purpose, he was enabled to extend the boundaries of positive knowledge in directions where success was a public good of no mean order; and working with materials apparently so common as the ordinary experience of a merchant, he drew from them profound economical laws for the guidance of philosophers and legislators.”

Most of the London papers contained a notice of the deceased, in which it was erroneously alleged that he had been a contributor to the proceedings of the Royal Society, and was one of the founders of the Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge; whereas he never wrote a single paper for the Royal Society, nor was he ever a Member of the Useful Knowledge Society, of which Mr. William Tooke was one of the founders and Treasurer.

THOMAS EDWARD DICEY, Esq., M.A.,

Feb. 20. At Prince's-terrace, Hyde-park, aged 69, Thomas Edward Dicey, Esq., M.A., of Claybrook-hall, Leicestershire, and who for fifty years had been the proprietor of the “Northampton Mercury,” son of Mr. Thomas Dicey, the former proprietor.

He was born at his father's residence, Claybrook-hall, Leicestershire, in the year 1789, and was educated at Dr. Fowell's, of Dunham, Norfolk. He matriculated at Oriol College, Oxford, and after residing there for a short period, migrated to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he took his degree in 1811; obtaining the highest University distinction,—being Senior Wrangler and Smith's Prizeman for the year. In 1814 Mr. Dicey married Miss Stephen, the daughter of Mr. Stephen, one of the Masters in Chancery, and

well known for his active co-operation in the abolition of West Indian slavery. After his marriage, he resided principally at Claybrook, where he took an active part in local and county business. He was chairman for some years of the old Midland Counties Railway, until its amalgamation with the Midland Railway, under Mr. Hudson's management, when he resigned his connection with the undertaking. He was also a director of the North Staffordshire Railway, from its formation till the time of his death. Throughout the whole of his life he took an active part in the management of the “Mercury,” and felt much interest in the welfare of Northampton, though carefully abstaining, on principle, from any participation in local politics. For the last ten years of his life he lived in London, where he died, after a protracted illness.

THOMAS LISTER PARKER, Esq., F.S.A.,
F.R.S.

March 2. At the Star Inn, Manchester, (where he had located himself for the last three years,) Thomas Lister Parker, Esq., formerly of Browsholme-hall, and hereditary Bowbearer of the Forest of Bowland, in the county of York.

He was descended from an ancient and well-connected family on the borders of Lancashire, being the eldest son and heir of John Parker, Esq., M.P., by his wife Beatrice, sister of the first Lord Riddesdale, of Gisburn-park, and grandson of Edward Parker, Esq., and of his wife Barbara, daughter and co-heiress of Sir Wm. Fleming, of Rydall, in the county of Westmoreland, Baronet.

Mr. Parker was born at Browsholme, September 17, 1779, and having received the early part of his education at Clitheroe, as a pupil of the Rev. Thomas Wilson, B.D. the learned and distinguished master of the Royal Grammar-School there, he was entered as a fellow-commoner of Christ College, Cambridge, where his father had formerly been in the same capacity. Inheriting, immediately on attaining his majority, a large estate, and enjoying the advantages of the highest society, he had the honour of being noticed by the Prince of Wales (afterwards George IV.), the Duke of Clarence (afterwards William IV.), and other members of the royal family.

His historical and antiquarian tastes led him at an early period to cultivate an intimate acquaintance with Chas. Towneley, of Towneley, the zealous and liberal founder of the Towneleian Gallery of Marbles in

the British Museum; with the Rev. Dr. Whitaker, the profound and intelligent historian; with his old master, Mr. Wilson, of Clitheroe, whose constant care and judicious instructions moulded and refined his early tastes, and of whom he spoke to the end of his life with affectionate regard; and with the Hebers, Currers, and other distinguished literary and intellectual families in the north of England,—whilst, in the metropolis, he became, at the beginning of the century, the friend of West, Turner, Northcote, Romney, and artists of lesser fame, to some of whom he was a generous, and to others a munificent, patron. He evinced consummate skill, not only as an amateur, but by a sound perception and justness of criticism on works of art, which made his advice often sought. The productions of his own pencil in his many portfolios, are careful and elaborate drawings of exquisite landscapes, ancient ruins, fine edifices, and curious specimens of mediæval art. As a liberal patron of juvenile professional genius, and of unfriended artistic talent, he formed kindly relations with a large portion of the artists of his time, and few men had more pleasure in dwelling upon their merits, pointing out the excellences of their productions, and descanting upon their fortunes and misfortunes.

But Mr. Parker's associates were not confined to artists, nor his pursuits restricted to the patronage of works of art. He numbered amongst his literary friends, Watson, Bishop of Llandaff; Sir Walter Scott; James Allan Park, the judge; Lord Wensleydale; Lord de Tabley, his relative (whose guardian he had been); Lord Ribblesdale, Lord Brownlow, the Custs, Curzons, and other distinguished individuals, whom he visited at their houses, and of many of whom he was not unfrequently the centre at Browsholme. But when in the country, his almost daily guests were Mr. Wilson, Dr. Whitaker, Mr. Starkie, the vicar of Blackburn, and "Gaffer" Smith, the witty and learned incumbent of Waddington. With these friends he used to say the hours passed "sweetly and swiftly away," and the staple commodity of conversation used to be Homer and Shakspeare, old books and antiquities, biography and history, works of art and artists,—everything, in short, but politics and religion; for on these important topics they were all unanimous, and therefore discussion or debate seldom occurred. Such were the themes which occupied by turns the vigorous understandings and well-furnished minds of the remarkable men whom he brought together.

Of the four plates of Browsholme in

Whitaker's History of Whalley, two are dedicated to him, and all were drawn and engraved at his expense: one of these, being the north front of the house, was from the pencil of Turner, the Academician. The manuscripts in his library, principally relating to the antiquities of the neighbourhood, and rich in genealogy, were largely used by the historian of Whalley. Dr. Whitaker's description of the house is full of interest, and he deemed it no small praise to record, in an age of experiment and innovation, that the improvements made in the house by Mr. Parker, whilst they had produced some splendid modern apartments, had left the shell of a venerable mansion entire. The dining-room was designed by Sir Jeffrey Wyattville, and contained some of the best works of Northcote, and in the house were many paintings by the best Flemish masters, specimens by Gainsborough, Wilson, &c.

Mr. Parker's taste for landscape scenery induced him, without any regard to economy, which was his failing through life, to introduce into his park, gardens, and pleasure-grounds many of the expensive and luxurious features of the grounds of Versailles and Chatsworth; and, although by these means the composition of the landscape was rendered almost inimitable, and the beautiful character of his domain increased by a delightful intermixture of forest scenery, rural walks, fountains, and waterfalls, it may be doubted if the amiable owner was quite wise in proving himself to be a fine artist at the expense of his estate. He printed "A Description of Browsholme-hall, in the West Riding of the County of York; and of the Parish of Waddington, in the same county. Also a Collection of Letters from original manuscripts in the reigns of Charles I. and II. and James II., in the possession of Thomas Lister Parker, of Browsholme-hall, Esq. 4to., 130 pp.: 1815." A work of great interest, and which now fetches a high price whenever it occurs.

In 1824 he disposed of this fine old seat to a cousin of the same name, and although it had passed from his own possession, he spoke with all the ardour of youthful enthusiasm, as he described some favourite walk, some venerable tree, or some glimpse of wild and romantic scenery in Bowland Forest. Sometimes he would pause in his description for a moment, and seemed to be lost in his own dreamy reflections, and perhaps forgetful of the passing moment.

He was elected F.S.A. in 1801, afterwards elected F.R.S., and was high-sheriff of Lancashire in 1804. He was also in the commission of the peace for the West

Riding of the county of York, and for the county of Lancaster, but never took the oaths; and a deputy-lieutenant of both counties. He held the office of *Trumpeter to the Queen*, a government sinecure; but its emoluments were perhaps small.

He gradually withdrew from society, and lived much alone, calm and complacent, cheerful and resigned, enjoying literary pursuits, and the fine arts still occupying a share of his attention, and as they had been his first passion, so were they his last.

While suffering great pain, and when he could only be carried about in a chair, he visited the late Art-Treasures Exhibition, and remained in the building about three hours; and it was really surprising how, in that space of time, he had mastered the multitudinous contents of that wonderful collection, and what a store of anecdotes he poured forth respecting the various paintings and the finer specimens of mediæval art. He appeared to be perfectly at home, and to recognise familiar objects in every picture and gem that he contemplated, and to be ready with the minutest details connected with the execution and progress of the modern, and the transfer of the ancient paintings from one collection to another. His memory was wonderfully retentive and exact, and he retained possession of it to the last. He had contributed several letters and poems to Canon Raines for his forthcoming volume of Mr. Wilson's "Miscellanies," in the series of the Chetham publications, amongst which are lines written on his birth in 1779. As a patron of art, Lancashire has not seen any more liberal or more accomplished; and as a kind, amiable, and right-minded gentleman, he will long be regretted by his friends. He was interred on the 9th inst., in the family chapel in Waddington Church.

CLERGY DECEASED.

Feb. 12. Aged 68, the Rev. *Daniel Josias Olivier*, B.A. 1813, M.A. 1822, Clare College, Cambridge, R. of Clifton (1827), Beds.

Feb. 16. At Kennington, aged 36, the Rev. *J. Courtois de Tracy*, C. of Stockwell Chapel.

At Hastings, aged 55, the Rev. *Thomas Bennett*, M.A., Evening Lecturer at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and 25 years Chaplain to the East London Union.

Feb. 21. At his lodgings, Christ Church, Oxford, aged 68, the Rev. *John Bull*, B.A., 1812, M.A. 1814, B.D. 1821, D.D. 1825, Canon of Exeter (1824) and of Christ Church, Oxford (1830), Prebendary of York (1826), and V. of Staverton (1830), Northamptonshire.

At Oxford, the Rev. *Lewis Sneyd*, B.A. (Christ Church) 1809, M.A. 1813, Warden of All Souls' College, Oxford, (1827), R. of East Lockinge (1827), Berks.

Aged 50, the Rev. *Thomas Sharples*, B.A. 1831,

M.A. 1839, Emmanuel College, Cambridge, P.C. of St. Peter, Blackburn (1841), Lancashire.

At the Vicarage, aged 63, the Rev. *Thomas Mack*, B.A. 1818, M.A. 1821, Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, V. of Tunstead (1837), Norfolk.

At Raven's Villas, Hammersmith, aged 81, the Rev. *Henry Montague Batty*.

Feb. 22. At Bacton, aged 85, the Rev. *Edward Burton Barker*, B.A. 1796, University College, Oxford, R. of Bacton (1802), Suffolk.

At Bodmin, the Rev. *Nicholas Kendall*, Chaplain of the County Prison, Bodmin.

Feb. 24. Aged 28, the Rev. *George Henry Newman*, B.A. 1853, Wadham College, Oxford, R. of West Lydford (1855), Somerset.

At Bath, aged 43, the Rev. *Charles James Quartley*, M.A., late of St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford, and Chaplain to the H.E.I.C.

At Appleby, aged 57, the Rev. *John Wharton*, Perpetual Curate of Milburn, and Chaplain of Appleby Gaol.

Feb. 26. At his residence, Mears Ashby-hall, Northamptonshire, aged 92, the Rev. *W. Storkdale*, 50 years Vicar of Mears Ashby.

Feb. 27. Accidentally drowned at Southwold, Suffolk, the Rev. *R. Hodges*, B.A., C. of Reydon, Suffolk.

March 4. In London, suddenly, aged 49, the Rev. *Wm. Welton*, B.A., late Church Missionary to Fuh-Chou-Fuh, China.

At Great Budworth, aged 57, the Rev. *George H. Webber*, Vicar of Great Budworth, and a Canon of Ripon.

March 5. At Kingsbury, aged 65, Rev. *T. L. Fanshawe*, of Parsloes, 41 years Vicar of Dagenham, Essex.

March 7. At St. Peter's-sq., Hammersmith, aged 30, the Rev. *William Henry Smythe*, B.A., formerly Curate and Second Master of the Grammar School, Market Bosworth, Leicestershire.

March 12. At Walmer, aged 59, the Rev. *J. Barton*, Vicar of Eastchurch, Kent.

Feb. 20. After a short illness, the Rev. *Henry Jenkins*, minister of Trinity Chapel, York-st., Plymouth.

March 4. At his residence, Union-st., Stonehouse, aged 77, the Rev. *J. B. Mattock*.

At the Free Church Manse, Arbrilot, aged 62, the Rev. *John Kirk*, in the 34th year of his ministry.

March 8. Aged 63, Rev. *John Gerh. Tiarcks*, Ph.D., minister of the German Protestant Reformed Church, Hooper-sq., Goodmans' Fields.

March 10. At Gorbals-house, Balfron, the Rev. *Duncan Blair*, late minister of Glen App.

DEATHS.

ARRANGED IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER.

In *June*, 1857, Lieut. Octavius Greene, 36th Regt. Bengal Native Infantry, and second in command of the 9th Oude Irregular Force. He is supposed to have been shot by the men of his own regiment when the mutiny took place at Seetapore. Lieut. Greene had received two medals and three clasps for his services throughout the Punjab Campaign, and at Aliwal.

June 8. At Chobeypore, near Cawnpore, aged 20, Charles Martin Farquharson, Lieut. 48th N. I., eldest son of R. N. Farquharson, esq., Civil Service.

July 7. At Lucknow, Lieut. John Henry Graves, 41st Bengal N. I., only son of Brigadier Harry Graves.

Sept. 27. At Alumbagh, aged 20, Moyes Preston, Lieut. 90th Light Infantry, youngest son of the late Rev. W. M. S. Preston, of Warcop-hall, Westmoreland, and brother of Capt. Preston, of the same regiment, who fell at the head of his company in the storming party within the Redan, before Sebastopol.