

driah, eldest daughter of the late F. Roche, Esq., of Rochemount, co. Cork, uncle of the present Lord Fermoy, by whom he has left a family. His eldest son, Mr. E. J. Thackwell, who was formerly an officer in the army, has recently been called to the English bar.

VICE-ADMIRAL SIR H. SHIFFNER, BART.

*March 18.* At the family seat, Coombe Park, Hamsey, Sussex, aged 68, Sir Henry Shiffner, second Bart., retired Vice-Admiral.

The late Sir Henry, then Mr. Henry Shiffner (born 1789), was the second son of Sir George Shiffner, to whose titles and estates he succeeded in 1842, owing to the death of his elder brother, John Bridger Shiffner, Captain in the 3rd Foot Guards, who fell at the sortie at Bayonne, on April 4th, 1815. The profession chosen by Mr. Henry Shiffner was the sea, and he saw a great deal of active and hard service during the war, at the close of which he returned as commander of the "Hastings." He was subsequently made a Rear-Admiral, retired, ultimately becoming Vice-Admiral.

It is not our purpose to enter into any detail of Captain Shiffner's naval services, however meritorious they were. It lies more within our province to speak of him in his later years as an active county magistrate, a kind-hearted country gentleman, and a good neighbour, whose frankness of manner and warmth of heart were only equalled by his unswerving integrity. As a magistrate Sir Henry Shiffner's death will be a real loss to the county. No man more hated a "job;" no one was a keener hand at detecting it, or more bold and straightforward in exposing it, than the gallant Baronet. On all matters of county expenditure he was meritoriously careful, sparing no trouble or exertion to promote good and economical management of the county funds. In all affairs relating to the advancement of the county he was equally zealous: to him was the County Hospital indebted for great exertions in remodelling its management; whilst his efforts for the improvement of Newhaven Harbour, and his strenuous labours to enlist the Government in that work, were beyond all praise. Nor in minor matters was Sir Henry less a kind, good, and useful neighbour: it was mainly owing to his personal efforts that the annual Firlé Show was resuscitated and brought to its present condition. In the rebuilding of the Lewes Grammar-School, of which he was a trustee, he lent his untiring exertions; indeed, no public matter

connected with Lewes ever failed to enlist his frank and cordial support. A warm and earnest politician, Sir Henry Shiffner never made an enemy, even in times when politics ran high and contests waxed hot, which was not seldom in this district. One of the latest "good works" in which he was engaged was the erection of a new church at Hamsey, the existing structure being on a site most inconvenient for the great bulk of the parishioners of Hamsey and Offham. Of this work Sir Henry was a zealous friend, taking a warm personal interest in its completion, which he has not lived to witness.

The deceased, having no issue, is succeeded in the title by his brother, the Rev. George Croxton Shiffner.—*Sussex Advertiser.*

GENERAL JACOB.

*Dec. 5.* At Jacobabad, Scinde, of brain fever, Brigadier-General, John Jacob, of the Scinde Horse.

Brigadier-General Jacob was an artillery officer, having been appointed to the Horse Brigade in 1827. He was a complete soldier, and, like Napoleon, had mastered all the details and duties of his profession.

John Jacob was the creator and commander of the famous Scinde Irregular Horse. His command on the North-Western frontier will some day supply the material for a brilliant chapter of our Indian history. He found the British troops there shut up in forts, in the midst of desert, supplied by a distant commissariat in the absence of production and commerce, knowing nobody, unable to tell friend from foe, and threatened by wild marauders. On his arrival the forts were thrown down, and incessant patrols and the steady pursuit and stern punishment of robber or insurgent bands at once announced that a real power was established. The country became habitable; the poor felt assured, and settled down under our protection; cultivation began, and now on the formerly desert border of Upper Scinde an army might obtain supplies, and on the site of the old mud fort of Khanghur is the large and flourishing town of Jacobabad, completely open and without the least attempt at any sort of defensive arrangement. The peace, quiet, industry, and plenty, with full protection for life and property, which have succeeded to rapine and disorder, are due entirely to the discipline and efficiency of that Irregular Horse, the reputation of which has spread over the world. This corps, consisting of 1,600 men—gentlemen in the estimation of their native country-