

Mr. Wilson was elected by his neighbours to represent them in the Town Council. At the first meeting of the council he was elected an alderman, an honour which he continued to enjoy until the year 1853, when, at his own request, he was allowed to retire into private life. During his connection with the council he was repeatedly and earnestly pressed to accept the mayoralty, (to which, if willing, he would have been unanimously elected,) but although one of his colleagues offered to do the whole official business for him, if he would only accept the office, he respectfully but firmly declined.

The deceased was a good type of the solid, sagacious, substantial Englishman, "whose word is his bond." Judicious, enterprising, persevering, his course was onward and upward from the beginning. He was so methodical and punctual, that the people of Gateshead, when they saw him pass to and fro between his house on the Fell and his office on the Quayside, "knew what o'clock it was;" and to and fro he passed, in his younger days on foot, in advancing years in his carriage, year after year for half-a-century.

His remains were interred in his family vault at St. John's, Gateshead Fell. The *cortège* which followed comprised not only his own family and relations, but the Mayor and Town Council of the borough, a great number of his other neighbours and friends, and the children, also, belonging to the school which owes so much to his kind-heartedness and liberality. All the shops on the Low Fell were also closed on the occasion, in respect to the deceased.—*Local Paper*.

LEWIS LOYD, ESQ.

• *May 13.* At Overstone-park, Northamptonshire, aged 90, Lewis Loyd, Esq., head of the banking firm of Jones, Loyd, and Co., London and Manchester, and father of Lord Overstone.

Mr. Lewis Loyd was for a period of fifty years the head of the eminent banking firm of Jones, Loyd, and Co., of Manchester and of Lothbury, London. He was the eldest son of Mr. Wm. Loyd, of Court Henry, county Carmarthen, and early in life became the pastor of a small dissenting chapel at Manchester; but having married the only daughter of a wealthy merchant of that city, the late Mr. John Jones, he was induced to enter the world of commerce. His father-in-law took him in partnership at Manchester, and he shewed great capacity in his new position. After some years, in consequence of repeated complaints on the part of their London agents as to the difficulty of keep-

ing the accounts of the firm, it was agreed that Mr. Loyd should proceed to the metropolis, and there establish a bank under the same name as the original firm. This he accordingly did, and Jones, Loyd, and Co., of Manchester, drew bills on Jones, Loyd, and Co., of Lothbury, London. The results of Mr. Loyd's energy, industry, and mercantile intelligence are to be seen directly in the prosperity of the great banking-house which bears his name, and more remotely in the elevation of his son, Mr. Samuel Jones Loyd, to the peerage, as Lord Overstone.

WILLIAM PALMER, ESQ.

April 24. In Easton-place, aged 55, William Palmer, Esq., Barrister-at-law; a gentleman widely known both in his profession and among the charitable institutions of the metropolis.

He was the second son of the late George Palmer, Esq., of Nazing-park, Essex, and for some years M.P. for the southern division of that county, by Elizabeth, younger daughter of William Bund, Esq., of Wick, county Worcester, who died in 1856. The deceased gentleman was educated at St. Mary Hall, Oxford, where he graduated B.A. in 1825, and proceeded M.A. in 1828, as a grand-compounder. He was called to the bar at Lincoln's-inn in May, 1830. He enjoyed a large chamber practice as a conveyancer; and his opinion upon questions of real property, as to the transfer, was frequently sought by men of the highest eminence in his profession. For many years previous to his death he held the Professorship of Civil Law in Gresham College, the duties of which he discharged with equal zeal and ability. His first publication was a pamphlet entitled, "An Inquiry into the Navigation Laws," (Richardson, 1833); this he followed up by the publication of a course of his "Gresham Lectures," in 1837, (Richardson,) and also by two other works—"The Law of Wreck considered with a View to its Amendment," (Butterworth, 1844,) and "Principles of the Legal Provision for the Relief of the Poor; being Four Lectures partly read at Gresham College, in Hilary Term, 1844," (Butterworth). Mr. Palmer devoted himself very laboriously to the House of Refuge in St. Anne's, Soho, and to the management of several other kindred charitable institutions. The "Guardian," in noticing Mr. Palmer's lamented death, speaks of him as a man possessed of "a name which was honoured and respected wherever it was known. Mr. Palmer was a man whose life was given to the service of God and to good works, and one whose genuine kindness of heart and

wise and active charity will long live in the remembrance of his friends."—*Illustrated News of the World*.

LEWIS WILLIAM BUCK, ESQ.

April 25. In New Norfolk-street, aged 74, Lewis William Buck, Esq., of Moreton, and Hartland Abbey, some years ago M.P. for the city of Exeter, and subsequently for the northern division of Devonshire.

The deceased gentleman was the eldest son of G. S. Buck, Esq., of Moreton, and was born in 1784. He was an active magistrate, and was sheriff of the county in 1826, and on the 18th of June in the same year entered public life as M.P. for the city of Exeter, being returned with Mr. Kekewick. In August, 1830, he was again elected, with Mr. Buller. On the dissolution of Parliament in 1831, a severe contest took place, but Mr. Buck was again elected. At the dissolution of Parliament in 1832, (the first election under the new Reform Bill.) Mr. Buck did not again offer himself as a candidate; but in 1839, the death of the late Earl Fortescue having caused a vacancy, he was elected for the northern division of the county, obtaining a majority of 450 over his opponent, Mr. Buller. He continued the representative of the northern division until the dissolution of Parliament last year, when the state of his health prevented him again offering himself. Mr. Buck leaves a widow and two children surviving him—Colonel Buck, of Hartland Abbey, who succeeds to his estates, and his daughter, married to S. T. Kekewick, Esq., of Peamore.

ROBERT BRAYNE, ESQ.

May 10. At Banbury, suddenly, aged 86, Robert Brayne, Esq.

By the death of Mr. Brayne, Banbury loses one of its oldest and most respected inhabitants. His connection with the town extended over a period of about seventy years, he having entered it as apprentice to Mr. Chapman, a then celebrated surgeon, at the age of 15 or 16. After serving his term with Mr. Chapman, and passing his examinations in London, Mr. Brayne first commenced practice in Bicester, where he remained about two years, and then entered into partnership with Mr. Chapman. Some time after the death of Mr. Chapman, Mr. Brayne received into partnership two of his nephews, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Henry Brayne, whom he had educated for the profession; and subsequently retired from active practice about twenty-five years ago. Still, to the last he willingly visited an old patient, attended

difficult cases with any of the practitioners in the town who might desire his assistance, and gave gratuitous advice to the poor who consulted him at his own house, not unfrequently giving them money to pay for the medicines he prescribed. Mr. Brayne was for many years previous to the passing of the Municipal Reform Act, an alderman of the borough, and several times served the office of Mayor.

MR. WILLIAM STEPHENS.

March 2. At Clapham-rise, aged 72, Mr. William Stevens, stationer, Throgmorton-street.

He was of a family who had long carried on with credit the same business near the Royal Exchange. His grandfather was a stationer in Bartholomew-lane, where his father, William, was born, and succeeded to the business. He died at Islington, October 25, 1816; and was buried in the family vault in St. Bartholomew's Church, since destroyed. It is of him his contemporary, Mr. Nichols, thus handsomely speaks:—"He was a citizen of the good old school; and had for nearly 55 years been a member of the Stationers' Company, of which he served the office of Master in 1800; and as a man of business was universally esteemed for punctuality and integrity." His eldest son had died unmarried in the prime of life. His younger son, William, now deceased, was a worthy successor to his grandfather and father, who had for so long a period carried on their business in the immediate neighbourhood of the Royal Exchange. He was elected one of the Court of Assistants of the Stationers' Company within the last few months. He has left a successor in his son, Mr. William Richard Stephens, who is also a member of the Company of Stationers.

JAMES NOLAN, THE IRISH PATRIARCH.

April 24. At his residence, Knockindrane, county Carlow, Mr. James Nolan, having reached the age of 115 years and 9 months.

He was born in 1742; thus he has lived in the reigns of five sovereigns of England. His father, whom he well remembered, died over one hundred years ago, at the age of 86, having been born in the reign of Charles II., and having lived through the reigns of eight monarchs of England. Thus do we see two generations in Ireland extending back nearly as far as the time of Cromwell. The late Mr. Nolan had all his faculties preserved to him to his death. In personal appearance he was most commanding, with good