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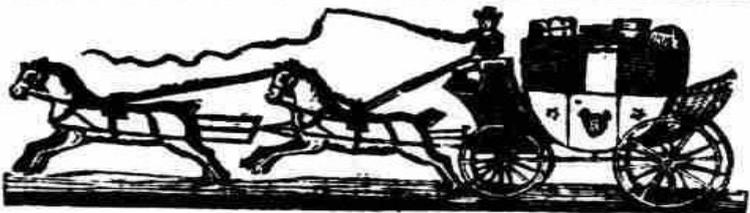
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EDUCATION,
At MASHAM, YORKSHIRE,
(Univerfally allowed to be a fine, healthy Situation.)

THE Rev. **JOSEPH BURRILL, Master**
of the Head School, at Masham, having fitted up a House in a neat and commodious Manner, for the Purpose of taking into his Family, after Christmas Vacation, *Eight* Young Gentlemen, from *Six* to *Fifteen* Years of Age, begs Leave to acquaint the Parents and Guardians who may wish to entrust their Sons or Wards to his Care, that they will be treated genteely, and every possible Attention paid to their Health and Morals, as well as to their Improvement in Classical Literature, &c. &c. &c.

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Leeds Intelligencer - Monday 03 November 1794



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NEW COACH
FROM
LANCASTER TO YORK.

The public are respectfully informed, that the above
COACH
Commenced running on **MONDAY** the 15th day
of May, 1815,
FROM THE
King's-Arms and Royal-Oak Inns, Lancaster,
AND WILL CONTINUE
Every **MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, and FRIDAY,** at
Six o'clock in the Morning,
THROUGH
Caton, Hornby, Burton, Ingleton, Hawes, Ley-
burn, Masham, Ripon, Borough-Bridge, Green-
Hammerton; and return to Lancaster the same
days.

LANCASTER, MAY 19, 1815

Lancaster Gazette - Saturday 20 May 1815

In the afternoon of the 15th instant, about three o'clock, the Flax Mill belonging to Mr. Prest, situated on the banks of the Eure, near Masham, in the North-Riding of this county, took fire, owing to the friction of the cards, and burnt with such dreadful rapidity, that in a very short time the whole building was wrapt in flames. On the alarm being given, the work-people rushed out of the mill, and while they were using their best endeavours to save the property, they beheld, with surprise, a man and a woman descending from the window of an upper story by a rope, the regular communication having been cut off by the fire. At this time the machinery, which was in full motion when the accident occurred, continued to revolve in the midst of the flames; and as the night approached, the scene became awfully sublime. Unfortunately, the mill was not provided with any efficient means of extinguishing the fire, and before the engines which were sent for to Bedale, could arrive, the buildings, with their valuable contents, six frames alone excepted, were reduced to ashes. The loss, we are sorry to say, amounts to ten thousand pounds, and the insurance upon the property, which is effected in the Norwich Union Office, to only four thousand five hundred. By the inaudible exertions of the inhabitants of Masham and the neighbourhood, united to those of the work-people, the warehouse and dwellings near the mill were preserved, and we are requested to assure the neighbours and friends of Mr. Prest, that himself and his family, feel the most lively sense of gratitude for their persevering services and unremitting attentions.

Leeds Intelligencer - Monday 25 December 1820

dently just brought forth.

The top stone of the spire of Masham church, Yorkshire, 156 feet high, being broken and defective, has been taken off, and a new stone, and a new vane, put on by Philip Wooton, an experienced workman from Nottingham, without erecting any scaffolding. He had ladders strongly fastened to each other, and fixed to the side of the spire, by which he ascended, and repaired the defects, and placed the new stone and vane to the astonishment of the inhabitants, and vast numbers who were assembled to witness this extraordinary performance.

As the Victory steam-packet

Hull Packet - Tuesday 05 August 1828

MASHAM ADDRESS TO THE KING.

A meeting of this town and parish was held on the 12th, to agree upon an address to the King. In the course of the day, the address was signed by nearly the whole parish. A meeting was held a few days previous, to petition the House of Lords in favour of the bill. Both the petition then agreed upon, and the following address, shew the spirit which has actuated this part of the county, and we willingly give insertion to the latter, as one of the best addresses we have as yet seen.

To the King's most excellent Majesty.

We, your Majesty's most faithful and loyal subjects, inhabitants of the town and parish of Masham, in the North-Riding of the county of York, beg leave to lay at the foot of the throne our most anxious wish for the health and happiness of your Majesty; humbly beseeching the Almighty, "by whom Kings reign," to preserve the life of a Sovereign, who justly reigns in the hearts of all his subjects. Having thus sincerely expressed our attachment to the person of our beloved and paternal Monarch, we hasten to lay before your Majesty the motives which have induced us to exercise the right, which every British subject enjoys, of presenting a dutiful address to your Majesty.

We beg leave humbly to represent to your Majesty, the great dissatisfaction which everywhere prevails throughout this parish, at the rejection of the Reform Bill by the House of Lords, and that in common with the rest of this large county, we anticipate with horror and dismay the effects likely to be produced by this step on the part of that branch of the legislature.

That whilst we are willing to respect the authority of that Right Honourable House, and to hold in equal reverence its several rights and privileges, we cannot conceal from your Majesty, our just indignation at the apparent contempt with which their Lordships have treated the bill sanctioned by the House of Commons, thereby shewing, what has been but too long evident, that a majority of their Lordships hold no sympathy with the people, but evince a total disregard of the wants and necessities of a vast portion of your Majesty's subjects.

In the tried integrity and zealous efforts of your Majesty's present Ministers, by whom the great and salutary measure of Reform has been introduced, we place the most implicit confidence: and we venture to hope, that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to retain in your councils, men so eminently gifted, and in every way so well qualified for the important duties attached to their situation.

We, moreover would most humbly submit to your Majesty, that the late proceedings in the House of Lords imperatively call from your Majesty the immediate exercise of one of the prerogatives of the Crown, by adding to the number of Peers such of your Majesty's loyal subjects, as would counteract the baneful efforts of those who have hitherto paralyzed the good offices of your Majesty's faithful Commons, and defeated the sanguine hopes and expectations of the great body of the people.

The voice, therefore, of a loyal people now calls upon your Majesty to adopt those or such other means, as will insure the success of a measure so essentially necessary for securing the peace and tranquillity of every part of your Majesty's dominions, and the stability of the throne.

Permit us then, Royal Sire, once more to offer the dutiful attachment of a grateful people to your Majesty's sacred person, and to renew our solemn appeal to Heaven for the prolongation of a life, which has hitherto been devoted to promote the happiness and prosperity of these realms.

LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE OF
"THE RIDDELL MEMORIAL MECHANICS'
INSTITUTE," AT MASHAM.

On Saturday last, the first stone of this building was laid by Admiral Harcourt, of Swinton Park, in the presence of Timothy Hutton, Esq., of Clifton Castle; the Rev. Thos. Hedley, M.A., vicar of Masham, and Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge; and a large concourse of the inhabitants of Masham and neighbourhood. The cost of the building is raised by a subscription entered into by the parishioners and friends of the late Rev. Thos. Riddell, M.A., the late vicar of the parish, who died on the 30th of Sept. last, universally regretted and beloved; and is intended as a memorial to his memory, and of his many virtues, and of his connection with the parish as its vicar for nearly fifteen years, and as president of the mechanics' institute there from its being first established until his death. The structure is after a design by Messrs. Perkin and Backhouse, of Leeds, architects. It is of the plain Italian style of architecture, and contains a spacious vestibule and staircase, large reading room, class rooms, rooms for the use of the librarian and hallkeeper, on the ground floor; and a spacious and lofty lecture room, ante room, committee room, and bed rooms for the use of the librarian on the upper floor. It is considered both for elegance of appearance, and usefulness combined with economy, as a model design for similar institutions in country towns, and as such reflects great credit upon the architects. It is due to those gentlemen, however, to state that a limit having been put upon them by the committee as to the cost, alone prevented their introducing into their design several improvements suggested by them.

Admiral HARCOURT made a very excellent speech on the occasion. He said he would not detain them with a long speech, as it was not necessary for him to point out to them the benefits to be derived from mechanics' institutes, as they had no doubt both read in books and heard of that from the lectures which had been delivered to them. He might, however, say that in promoting the social intercourse of mankind they were beneficial and useful, and well calculated to improve the mind and foster amongst them that kindly and good feeling which ought to exist between man and man. He could assure them that he had much pleasure in taking part in the proceedings of that day because the building happily combined the two-fold object of promoting a good and valuable institution, as also of commemorating a lasting remembrance of a good, virtuous, kind, amiable, and pious a pastor as ever came among a flock. He need hardly say he alluded to their late highly valued and esteemed vicar, Mr. Riddell,—a man who was always ready to help the poor and needy both spiritually and temporally, and speaking as he was in the presence of Mr. Hedley, the newly appointed vicar, it would no doubt be very gratifying to him to observe how the labours of a good and virtuous man were appreciated by the parishioners of Masham, and therefore would thus early show to him that his labours amongst his parishioners would be duly appreciated by them. He said he trusted he might be spared to labour amongst them as long as his predecessor had done, and added that he and Mrs. Harcourt would always be ready to help forward and promote any good object, especially such as was connected with the parish of Masham. He said he hoped that when the building was completed it would prove a useful institution, and would for ages to come prove a blessing to the people. In conclusion he remarked that the committee deserved high commendation for their perseverance and industry in promoting such an object, and he wished them every success and prosperity that could be desired.

Mr. FISHER, as president of the institute and chairman of the building committee, returned thanks in a neat and appropriate speech, after which the company separated, much delighted with the proceedings of the day.

ILLUMINATION OF MASHAM BY GAS.

The quiet little town of Masham was, on Friday, the 5th instant, the scene of unusual excitement, on the occasion of the opening of the gas works established there. The town itself is not only remarkable for the beauty of its situation and the excellence of its ale; but also for its quietness. From time immemorial up to Friday week, the inhabitants had wended their way along the dark streets, at the imminent risk of a collision. The company was formed in August last, under the Limited Liability Act, when the following gentlemen were appointed directors:—John Fisher, Esq., chairman, Dr. Dalgleish, John Lightfoot, Thomas Lightfoot, Christopher Carter, Richard Whitelock, John Theakston, Thomas Pullen, William Forbes, and Adam Deighton. The contractor for carrying out the work was Mr. Knapton, of the Albion Foundry, York, and in due course a substantial gas-house was built on the north side of the town, near the new waterworks. The contracts were completed in a most satisfactory manner, and yesterday week, about six o'clock in the evening, a hearty cheer from a congregation of juveniles announced the fact that gas was lighted in that ancient town. The event was hailed also by the performance of a lively piece of music by the Masham brass band, in an ante-room, during dinner. Flags waved from the windows at the King's Head Inn, and above the entrance was a crown and the initials V. A., with two stars. The front of the Lord Nelson was emblazoned by an anchor, with the initials L. N. Mr. Kendall's shop was illuminated by V. A. and two stars. Mrs. Backhouse had a heart inside the window, and Mr. Bradley had a star outside the door. Mr. Fisher's residence was illuminated with a crown and V. A.

Dinner was provided by Mr. Lightfoot, of the King's Head Inn, and was served in a style reflecting credit on the well-known character of the house. Covers were laid for upwards of sixty, and nearly that number of gentlemen sat down to a sumptuous repast at a few minutes past seven o'clock. John Fisher, Esq., presided, and Henry Trumper, Esq., occupied the vice chair. The spacious dining room was profusely decorated with festoons of evergreens and roses, and surrounded by flags with appropriate inscriptions. Amongst the company present we noticed Dr. Dalgleish, Messrs. R. Whitelock, J. Burrill, R. Imeson, J. Dalgleish, J. Fisher, C. Knapton, sen., C. Knapton, jun., W. Knapton, T. Theakstone, Gorn, — Foster, jun., W. Jackson, G. Kendall, J. Ellis, W. Pybus, C. Mudd, P. Ascough, E. Brown, J. Stott, &c., &c.

After dinner, the President said he believed that when Englishmen met together, the first toast was that of "The Queen," and he saw no reason why Masham should not be as loyal now as it was formerly. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN next proposed the health of "The Prince Consort and the rest of the Royal Family."

The CHAIRMAN then said he believed next to their Sovereign, they owed their allegiance to the Lord and Lady of the Manor. True, they did not live in feudal times, and they were only bound to them by the respect and esteem engendered by their acts. The lord and lady of that manor had lived long amongst them. The prosperity of a district depended greatly on the lord and lady of the manor, and he believed that they had obtained the esteem of all the inhabitants. (Cheers.)

H. TRUMPER, Esq., returned thanks for the toast.

The next toasts were "The Clergy of the Diocese," and "The Army and Navy."

The CHAIRMAN then gave "Success to the Masham Gas Company." That company, he said, had been formed by the inhabitants of Masham. It was thought that, as the neighbouring towns had been enlightened with gas, Masham ought not to be left behind. (Hear, hear.)

H. TRUMPER, Esq., proposed the health of the Chairman of the Gas Company. The toast was drunk with musical honours.

The CHAIRMAN, in returning thanks, said he was indebted to his native town for everything he had, and if he had done anything beneficial for it, he was exceedingly glad. He concluded by proposing the health of Mr. Knapton, in highly eulogistic terms, to which that gentleman made a suitable response.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed the health of the Vice-President.

H. TRUMPER, Esq., in returning thanks, said as time passes on, new inventions arise, and we must endeavour to keep pace with them as well as we possibly can. There is one thing more we want, and that is—a railway.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed the health of Timothy Hudson, Esq., of Clifton Castle. The health was drunk with honours.

The following toasts were also proposed, and suitably responded to:—The Tenant Farmers and Mr. Peter Ascock; Mrs. Fisher and the Ladies of Masham; the Strangers present; Mr. George Kendall; Mr. Pullen; the Town and Trade of Masham; Dr. Dalgleish; Mr. Joseph Barrill and his Ancestors; the Press; the Host; the Workmen; the third Vice-President, &c.

York Herald - Saturday 13 November 1858

DEATH OF AN EXTRAORDINARY PEDESTRIAN.—We have this week to record the death of Mr. John Smith, of Bedale. About four years ago, he was letter-carrier between Bedale and Tanfield, and was dismissed the service through the infirmities of age. It may not be uninteresting to mention that Mr. Smith, in his arduous and responsible employment, walked, during a service of 33 years, the extraordinary distance of two hundred and thirteen thousand one hundred and eighty-five miles, viz., for a many years he went daily between Bedale and Masham, amounting to 144,200 miles, between Bedale and Well, 22,995 miles, and his last stage between Bedale and Tanfield, 45,990 miles, making a total of 213,185 miles. Unfortunately for Mr. Smith the Superannuation Bill had not passed, or he would have had a pension for life.

DARLINGTON

York Herald - Saturday 07 September 1861

MASHAM.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT.—For some considerable time the people of Masham have talked about beautifying the chief entrance to their town by planting an avenue of trees by the roadside, from the end of the bridge across the Yore to the bottom of “the hill, whereon their city is built.” It was only on Friday night, however, that the idea took practical shape, when a meeting of many of the principal inhabitants was held at the King’s Head Hotel to consider the subject. The Rev. G. M. Gorham, the vicar of Masham, was called to the chair. The Chairman read a letter from the lady of the manor, Mrs. Danby Harcourt, sanctioning the projected improvement. It was then unanimously agreed that an avenue of trees should be planted from the bridge to the town, and to carry out this plan the following were appointed a committee, namely:—Mr T. Lightfoot, Mr H. Culvert, the Rev G. M. Gorham, Mr R. Whitelock, Mr Thos. Theakston, Mr T. O. Burrill, and Mr S. J. Bowes. About one-half of the entire cost of the undertaking was immediately subscribed for in the room, and the committee (appointing the Rev G. M. Gorham chairman, and Mr Bowes, secretary and treasurer), resolved to proceed immediately with the work, and to form the avenue of lime trees.

York Herald - Monday 22 October 1877

BURSTING OF A RESERVOIR NEAR MASHAM.

On Friday evening the new reservoir, built on Ilton Moor by Lord Masham, for the supplying of motive power to drive the electric light engine, burst and carried all before it, sweeping away bridges, uprooting trees, and washing away bankings. It also washed away a cow; and a man, with a horse and cart, had a very narrow escape, he had only passed the course of the water a few minutes when the water came down with a tremendous rush. The river has overflowed its banks to a considerable extent, stopping all foot traffic to the station. Several trees have been seen coming down, and all the land for some distance is completely under water.

WETHERBY

York Herald - Monday 17 October 1892