

THE  
ANNALS OF YORKSHIRE,  
FROM THE EARLIEST PERIOD  
TO THE PRESENT TIME.

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Still on it creeps,  
Each little moment at another's heels  
Till Hours, Days, Years, and Ages are made up  
Of such small parts as these, and men look back,  
Worn and bewildered, wond'ring how it is.  
Thou trav'lest like a Ship in the wide ocean,  
Which hath no bounding shore to mark its progress.  
JOANNA BAILLIE.

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1863.—APRIL.

Yorkshire Assizes, at York, before Mr. Justice Mellor, and sentenced to death; but subsequently the sentence was reduced to transportation for life.

5th. First accouchement of the Princess Louis of Hesse. (Princess Alice).

Died, Mr. Thomas Bent Hodgson, of Snyderall Hall, Registrar of Deeds for the West Riding. The Hon. George Edwin Lascelles, was elected on the 4th of May as his successor, Major Fawkes relinquishing his candidature. The place is worth a clear £1600 a year.

6th. The foundation stone of Blenheim Chapel, Leeds, was laid by the Mayor, J. O. March, Esq. This chapel is to replace the one occupied by the Baptists, in Great George's Street, sold and transferred to the trustees of the Leeds Infirmary.

The Second West York (Leeds) Engineer Volunteers had a sham fight and other interesting manoeuvres at Parlington Park.

7th. Isaac Holden, Esq., laid the foundation stone of a new school, in connection with the Wesleyan Chapel, Dudley hill, Bradford.

8th. The members of the congregation and other friends of Holy Trinity Church, at Low Moor, presented the Rev. Joshua Fawcett, M.A., the incumbent, with a testimonial of esteem and affection, in commemoration of the thirty years labour in connection with the church, consisting of a tea service in embossed silver, a case of silver knives and forks, and a magnificent timepiece with enamelled face.

9th. The Lords of the Admiralty and a number of Noblemen and Gentlemen visited Sheffield, on the invitation of the Mayor, John Brown, Esq., to be present at the opening of the new armour plate rolling mill, at the Atlas Works. The parish church spire was illuminated by the Mayor, in honour of the event.

Died at Newhouse, Huddersfield, **Thomas Mallinson**, Esq., J.P., who was universally honoured and esteemed by his fellow-townsmen. For many years he took a very active part in public business. He was elected on the Board of Improvement Commissioners in 1848, and retained his seat for six years, when he declined to be re-elected. He was placed upon the Commission of Peace in 1852. As a magistrate he was clear sighted, generous, and strictly impartial. During 1859 and 1860, he occupied the position of president of the Huddersfield Chamber of Commerce.

1864.—MARCH.

in 1644, and died in 1713 ; and Abraham Sharp, born in 1651, and who like (Newton) lived to a patriarchal age—attaining ninety-one years—was a distinguished mathematician. According to Dr. Hutton, ' he was one of the most accurate and indefatigable computers that ever existed. ] The style of the church is early Decorated. The plan consists of a nave with aisles, north and south transepts, apsidal chancel, with an organ chamber, and tower on the south side, and vestry on the north. The dimensions are: nave, length 98 feet 6 inches, width 23 feet; aisles, length 79 feet, width 11 feet 6 inches ; transepts, total width, north to south, 79 feet, width 19 feet 6 inches ; chancel, length 38 feet, width 22 feet; vestry, 12 feet by 15 feet ; tower, 21 feet square outside ; height of tower and spire- 200 feet; height of nave ridge, 60 feet; of chancel, 54 feet; of transepts, 43 feet 6 inches ; north and south porches about 10 feet square inside. The church will accommodate more than 1000 persons. The architects were- Messrs. **Mallinson and Healey**, of Bradford. The church will bear comparison most favourably with the best finished erections of modern days. Its striking effect is produced not by elaborate ornament, but by simple attention to proportion and design; its plainness is its beauty, its unity of conception is its grandeur.

April 2nd. The foundation stone of Elland Primitive Methodist Chapel, was laid by the Rev. John Simpson.

At the South Lancashire Assize, a verdict was given for £1050 to Mr. Hy. Gee, tailor, Huddersfield, who had been injured by a railway collision at Brighouse, he having brought an action against the Lancashire and Yorkshire-Railway Company for damages.

On Saturday night, the 2nd of April, about a quarter to nine o'clock, Joseph Broadhead, a youth of 17 years of age, an inmate at the Calder Farm Reformatory School, Mirfield, took up a large carving knife, used in the institution to cut up loaves of bread for the boys, and holding it dagger fashion, rushed up the steps into the sitting room of the schoolmaster Mr Johnson, where were seated Mrs. Johnson, and Miss Louisa Huggan Johnson, her sister-in-law, and made a deliberate attempt to murder them. Mrs. Johnson managed to escape out of the room, but Miss Johnson was stabbed in two places—in the side, and in the shoulder—inflicting dangerous wounds. He was committed for trial at the assizes.

3rd. General Gaiabaldi, the Italian liberator, arrived at Southampton proceeding from thence to London, where.

1864.—SEPT.

as the regatta-course, the stretch of water belonging to the Aire and Calder Company, near Knostrop, but the undertakers of that company refused permission to the promoters at the last moment, and the regatta suffered severely from the disappointment. The course, which was estimated at about half a mile, was between the abbey and the forge, and the return voyage. The boat race's, four in number, were for the Victoria CUD, the Borough Stakes, the Clubs Cup, and the Aire Stakes; for the first named there were three heats and for the others two. For the Victoria Cup, (value £3) four boats entered, the Prince of Wales (H. Bray), Robin Hood (J. Hurst), the Queen (**J. Mallinson**), and the Here Again (R. Ledgard.) In the first heat the Prince of Wales came in the winner with ease; the second was won by the Queen, which was also victor in the deciding heat by four or five lengths. For the Borough Stakes, which like the last was open to all comers, and was worth about £13, three boats entered. Prince of Wales (Mirfield). Walter Green, John Ellis, Hollin Green, stroke—Richard Ledgard; coxswain, Robert Gates. British Queen (Thornhill). A. Lockwood, W. Wilcock, J. Wilcock, stroke—J. Martin ; coxswain, C. Lister. Five Friends (Mirfield). Frank Bray, **John Mallinson, William Mallinson, stroke**—John Ainland; coxswain, James Brook. The first heat was won by the Prince of Wales, which was, however, beaten in the deciding heat by the Five Friends. For the Club's Cup, (value £2), four boats were entered, but only two competed — the Prince (Joseph Lake) and the Industry (T.Gardner, Hull), the former of which won. Three boats were entered for the Aire Stakes (value £2 and £1)—the Prince of Wales, the British Queen, and the Five Friends, none of which however competed in the first heat, the race lying between tire Spring Gardens—Hopkinson and Whitfield (stroke), and the Trafalgar, Ward and Sharp (stroke). The first heat was won by the former, which was also victorious in the deciding heat with the Prince of Wales. For the swimming match, 250 yards, five entered, Walton, Schofield, Hobson, M'Bride, and Dean—Walton carrying off the prize with the greatest ease. The last and most laughable competition was for a fine pork pig, which was suspended in a box at the end of a greased horizontal pole, extending for some length over the stream, at a point where there is some seven feet of water. Two youths entered the list for this prize, and appeared to be almost starved to death, denuded, as they were, of every

10th. The Halifax Parish Church New Schools were opened by a tea party, followed by a soiree. The schools constitute a handsome pile of buildings at the junction of Upper Kirkgate and Causeway, facing the west view of the venerable Parish Church. The total cost of the erection was about £5000. The new building stands

on the site formerly occupied by the old and dilapidated Waterhouse Almshouses, which were pulled down, and a new and handsome set of almshouses erected in Harrison Road, where they form one of the attractions of the town. The demolition of the old almshouses commenced in September, 1865, the decayed buildings having for many years formed an eyesore at the west end of the Parish Church graveyard, and in their place was erected a beautiful and scholastic looking edifice from designs by Messrs. **Mallinson and Barber**, architects.

A beautiful timepiece was presented, through the hands of the Rev. John Urquhart, to Mr. Jno. Atkinson, for his valuable services rendered during seventeen years to the Chapel-Allerton (near Leeds) Church Sunday School and Sick Society. The testimonial was subscribed for by the teachers and friends of the Sunday School and the members of the Sick Society.

11th. The foundation stone of a Methodist New Connexion Chapel was laid by Mr. T. Jennings, of Staincross Hall, at Mapplewell, in the presence of a large number of the members and supporters of the society.

12th. A great fire occurred at Rodley, near Leeds. The factory owned by the Airedale Mill Company, used for cloth and wool scribbling and milling, was totally destroyed. About 1000 hands were thrown out of employment by the calamity. The pecuniary loss was estimated at £25,000.

A special excursion train was just starting from the Oughtibridge Station of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway this evening, on its return journey to Sheffield, when, owing to some mistake in the signals, it was run into by a luggage train. About twenty persons were injured, two mortally, one of whom, Thomas Critchley, was the driver of the goods train.

13th. This evening, when the men had given over working at a stone quarry in Long Wall, belonging to the Elland Local Board, a portion of the rock adjoining was noticed to be giving way, and soon after an immense quantity of stone, estimated to weigh 7000 or 8000 tons, came to the bottom with a crash. It was astonishing how such a mass of material could fall at once, and nothing like it had been before seen in this part of the country. Fortunately, the quarrymen were aware of the giving way, and guarded against any accident. There would be a saving of labour in the getting of the stone, which was worth a large sum of money.