

RAGGED SCHOOL IN DERBY.

We are much gratified to find that the Ragged School recently established in this town now numbers 80 children, and that this number is likely to be considerably increased. It is to be hoped that the requisite assistance will be furnished, and that a movement so thoroughly excellent in itself, and capable of working so important a change on the hearts and in the lives of the forlorn and destitute of our large population, will not be permitted to decline.

We perceive that in Sheffield, on Wednesday last, a public meeting was held to aid a similar institution commenced in that town, and that great interest was excited by the different addresses delivered. Why may not a similar meeting be convened in Derby?

BAKEWELL AND HIGH PEAK INSTITUTE.—On Tuesday, the 20th inst., the first of a series of lectures upon Physiology were delivered in the Town Hall, Bakewell, by Mr. Ellis, surgeon. The meeting was well attended by the members and friends of the institute, who were well pleased with the lecture. The different experiments made through the course of the lecture were highly satisfactory and interesting. We may observe that weekly lectures have been delivered to the members by several gentlemen of the neighbourhood on different subjects of scientific and literary interest.

MR. LOVE'S POPULAR ENTERTAINMENTS.—By an advt. in another part of our paper it will be seen that this very popular performer will give an evening entertainment on Monday and Tuesday next. The following *critique* is taken from the *Times*:—"We attended Mr. Love's performance on Wednesday night, and were much astonished, and equally amused. Mr. Love is a ventriloquist, whose powers of mimicry have for several years past attracted large audiences, and won him a distinction which few of his brethren in the polyphonic line have succeeded in attaining. Upon the present occasion he gave his "Voyage to Hamburg," in which he introduced a variety of diverting sketches, personal (so to speak), and was, "like Cerberus, three gentlemen at once." His facility in assuming a number of disguises in an incredibly short space of time beats that of the nimblest harlequin we ever wondered at. But in his "Christmas Party," another entertainment (new, we believe, to the public.) Mr. Love did still more; he acted a whole play in his own person, representing in rapid alteration the various personages of the scene, and adopting the necessary peculiarities of voice and diction with singular felicity. At the commencement of the evening Mr. Love delivered a lecture on the human voice, in which he endeavoured to set forth the nature of that organ, and the physical conformation whence it originates; giving, moreover, some examples of curious deception in respect to voices supposed to be distant and approximating gradually. When Brockden Browne wrote *Carwin the Biloquist*, he imagined a phenomenon of which Mr. Love has demonstrated the possibility. The room was crowded.

BRADFORD SCHOOLMASTERS' SOCIETY.—A suggestion thrown out by the editor of *The English Journal of Education* has been laid hold of in this important town by the vicar, the Rev. Dr. Burnet; and we rejoice to say that classes have been formed consisting of the schoolmasters of the parish, who will be instructed at stated periods by the clergy and certificated masters in those branches of elementary instruction which will aid a person in obtaining the augmentation of salary offered by the "Minutes" of 1846. A meeting was held a few days ago which was numerously attended by the clergy and members of the scholastic profession; and we understand that the following gentlemen were selected as teachers of the subjects marked on the routine:—Rev. Dr. Burnet, Composition; Rev. W. Cooper, Natural Philosophy; Rev. T. Edmonds, Music; Rev. — Adams, Euclid, Algebra, and Trigonometry; Rev. W. Morgan, Ecclesiastical History; Rev. W. F. Black, Latin and Greek; Mr. Rowbottom, English Grammar and Arithmetic. Several of the clergy whose names are not mentioned in the above list, will, it is expected, occasionally deliver lectures upon matters relating to elementary instruction.—*Correspondent.*

THE HIGHEST CHURCH IN ENGLAND.—An eminent surveyor, at Bakewell, has ascertained that Chelmorton Church, in the Peak of Derbyshire, is the highest in England. It must be understood that it is not meant the highest from the surface, but the most elevated above the level of the sea. It is erected on a site near two thousand feet above the level of the ocean, an altitude unequalled by that on which any church is erected in England.

HOUSE-BREAKING.—On Thursday night last, some thieves broke into the dwelling-house of Mrs. Mary Wheatcroft, widow and shopkeeper, Crich, by making an aperture through the roof of the kitchen, and stole four stones of sugar, one stone of currants, half a stone of raisins, two stones of soap, six pounds of tobacco, and a quantity of plaster, all of which she had only received into her house the day previous. Two respectable farmers are endeavouring to raise subscriptions to refund Mrs. W. for the loss she has sustained. On the same night an attempt was also made to break into the slaughter-house of Mr. F. Blunstone, butcher, of the same place, by forcing the lock of the door with a pronged stick; but it appears the design of the villains was frustrated, as they left the stick fast between the door and the door post.

SHEEP SLAUGHTERED.—On the night of Thursday last, a sheep was slaughtered in a field, in the occupation of Mr. Charles Shore, on the Kedleston-road near this town, and within the limits of the borough. The carcase was taken away; the skin being thrown in the ditch. No clue to the scoundrels who perpetrated the offence is, we hear, at present obtained.

RESCUING A THIEF.—On Tuesday, Davies, one of the Derby police, apprehended a man on the foot-bridge, on a charge of stealing some brass from the Park foundry, and whilst he was conveying him to the lock-up, and had arrived opposite to the Tiger, in the Corn-market, he was surrounded by a lot of ruffians, headed by a fellow named Thomas Whitning, and the thief was rescued from the policeman, and made his escape. The policeman was much beaten. Whitning, fortunately, was secured, and on being brought before the Mayor was sent to gaol for one month.

SHARP PRACTICE DEFEATED.—A railway labourer, whose name we have not heard, but who has for some time past resided in Cromford, sent his watch, a fortnight since, to Mr. Holme, of Derby, to be repaired or cleaned. Mrs. Brinsley, the carrier, took the watch, and a week after brought what she supposed to be the same article back to him. A few days since, however, it was discovered by Mr. Holme that, by mistake, he had sent a watch of far greater value than the one he had received, and one, in fact, belonging to another customer. On this Mr. H. sent the *right* watch by Mrs. B., but the possessor of the superior time-piece, who was drunk in a public-house, flatly refused to exchange, or in any way part with it. Mrs. Brinsley now discovered that he was about leaving the neighbourhood the following day, and was at her wits end to know what to do next, being naturally anxious to be instrumental in obtaining back Mr. Holme's property for him; but, having obtained advice, she related the tale to Mr. H. Gray, constable, of Cromford, who, finding the man drunk and uproarious, and perfectly deaf to either entreaty or expostulation, instantly apprehended him on the general charge of being drunk and disorderly, and having lodged him in the lock-up, lost no time in communicating with Mr. Holme, who immediately dispatched a Derby police-officer to Cromford; the man, however, finding himself in detention, and perhaps not very clearly comprehending the precise nature of the charge about to be preferred against him, shortly lowered his tone, and gave up the watch. We have not heard the result of the charge of drunkenness, &c.

VAGRANCY.—The increase of pauperism is causing considerable interest in every part of the kingdom, and it is high time it did, for the number of vagrants who have, for the most part, no kind of trade or calling, have increased to an alarming and deplorable extent. Means have been devised and steps taken to give a check to this growing evil—to deter the vagrant who perambulated the country, trusting to the chapter of accidents for bodily support in the day-time and calculating on a sure, though perhaps not always a snug, retreat in some union work-house at night—from pursuing that which has become, to him, from custom, practice, and inclination, a calling more suited to his erratic disposition than a laborious and honest one. At first sight these remedial measures seem, in many places, to have succeeded; but we fear the aspect of the evil is only changed, and that it is now assuming a more dangerous form—one which makes the sturdy mendicant more importunate in his demand, we can hardly call it solicitation, for charity, when favoured by locality and other circumstances, and causes the rural and retired districts to be infested to a degree altogether unprecedented.

APPOINTMENT OF AN ABBOT, AT MOUNT BERNARD.—Sunday the 18th of February, 1849, will be noted as an important day in the history of the Romanists. On that day an Abbot was appointed at the Monastery of the Cistercian Order of Benedictine Monks at Mount Bernard, in Charnwood Forest, Leicestershire—the first occurrence of the kind in England since the Reformation. This being the case a few Romanist laymen travelled from very distant parts of the country to be present at the performance of the ceremony, and there were also present two abbots from France, and one from Ireland—namely, Abbots Augustin, of Bellefontaine, and Maxime, of Melleray, and Abbot Bruno, of Mount Melleray Monastery, in the county of Waterford. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Ullathorne, and there were also present Dr. Waring, Dr. Aylward, Dr. Weetal, Dr. Pagani, Mr. F. Cheatle, of Nottingham, &c. The service commenced about ten o'clock, and lasted until one. The dresses of Dr. Ullathorne and those who assisted him in the service were of a most splendid description, and together with the blessing and sprinkling with holy water of the crozier, ring, mitre, and gloves, which were presented to the Abbot, would probably be sufficient to satisfy the curiosity of those persons who had walked a few miles to witness the ceremony. If, however, what they *saw* would not satisfy them, what they *heard* would not, for the whole service, except a short address from Dr. Ullathorne, was conducted in Latin, and the majority of the spectators were uneducated Englishmen. The person consecrated Abbot was Mr. Palmer, commonly called Father Bernard, who has been Superior of the monastery in Charnwood Forest from the time it was founded. About thirty monks and novices were present at the ceremony, and after it was over each of them advanced singly to their Superior, and on their knees, kissed his right hand. In the course of the proceedings, Dr. Ullathorne delivered a short address, in which he congratulated his brethren that Almighty God had that day raised up an Abbot; that after 300 years of desolation, in which time their abbeys and monasteries had been destroyed, they had an owner of the soil (A. L. Phillipps, Esq.) who was raising up the ancient Abbey of Garendon on Mount Bernard. He spoke in high terms of the zeal of the Superior in raising the Monastery to its present state, and exhorted the monks to imitate his good works. He thanked the gentlemen who had come from France and Ireland to witness the ceremony and partake of their pleasure in having the ancient line of abbots renewed, and exhorted all within those holy precincts to praise the Lord, for beautiful was his name and wondrous was his love.

EXTRAORDINARY LUSUS NATURE.—We have received from a correspondent the following particulars of an extraordinary calf, taken from a cow at Dore, Derbyshire, a few days since. The calf had two heads, four fore feet, and two distinct bodies as far as the loins, where they united into one body of ordinary appearance, but there were two nails and four hind legs and feet. The cow was at her full time of gestation, and the calf was alive when the operation was commenced. The cow is alive and doing well—a fact which, considering the difficulties of the case, is highly creditable to the skill of Mr. Bishop, the operator.—*Sheffield Times.*