

BRITISH WORKMAN.



NINE TAILORS MAKE A MAN.



MONUMENT WITH FOUNTAIN, ERRECTED AT STRATFORD, IN MEMORY OF THE LATE SAMUEL GURNEY, ESQ.

WORKING-MEN'S MEMORIAL.

AMONGST the numerous Drinking Fountains erected within the last few years, we know not of one that has occasioned such public interest as that recently erected at Stratford, to commemorate the honoured name of that great philanthropist, the late Samuel Gurney, Esq. This handsome erection, thirty feet high, with two fountains at the base, has been erected at a cost of about £2500. It is a pleasing fact, that this substantial token of public regard, originated with the working-men. The inauguration meeting, which was held a few weeks since, was a great festive occasion in Stratford. It is computed that about 15,000 persons were present. Amongst the various speeches delivered by magistrates, clergymen, ministers, artisans, and others, we were much struck with the remarks of a working-man. He said, "The late Mr. Gurney never gave me any money—I didn't want it—but he did something better; he erected schools, and laboured hard to provide a good and useful education for my children, and the children of my brother working-men, and in doing that, he conferred upon us a lasting and invaluable boon, that must ever endure his memory to our hearts."

What Record?—How soon 1861 will have passed away for ever! How rapidly the days, weeks, and months have flown! What racoun will the year bear to the Eternal World of my thoughts, words, and actions?

THE GREAT QUESTION.

FRIEND, is the question on thy heart engraved,
 "What must I do to be for ever saved?"
 BELIEVES IN JESUS, is the sole reply;
 Believe in Him, and thou shalt never die.
 His precious blood gives pardon, life, and peace;
 Freedom from guilt, and joys that never cease.
 Go search the Scriptures, friend, in faith and prayer;
 The Spirit will reveal the Saviour there.



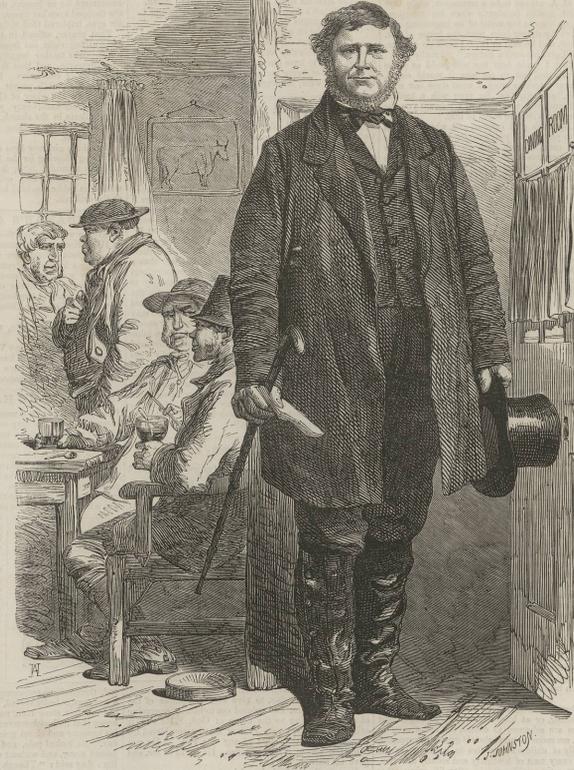
"ACCIDENTS WILL OCCUR!"
 This is a common remark amongst working-men. Many sad accidents, however, occur which never ought to occur, if common care and prudence were exercised. There have been lately several melancholy accidents, arising from scaffolding being insufficiently secured. In some instances, men have been *lamed for life*, and have been

compelled to break up their homes, and enter the Union-workhouse. It is worthy of being more generally known that the 'Railway Passengers' Insurance Company,' of which that earnest friend of the working-classes, the Hon. Arthur Kinaird, M.P., is a Director, now undertakes insurances against accidents of all kinds. This Company has lightened the sorrows of many a working-man's home. We recommend our readers to procure the rates for securing a weekly allowance in case of injury. These may be had direct from the Office, No. 64, Cornhill, London, or at the principal Railway Booking Offices throughout the United Kingdom.

THE GIANT FARMER.

In one of the large farmssteads of Yorkshire, there resides one of the tallest, stoutest, strongest, and heaviest men in that great county. He is the most striking illustration of the value of temperance principles we ever remember to have met with. For about a quarter of a century, he has never touched either spirits or small-liquors of any kind. In the earlier years of his life, when a working man, he was accustomed, like many of his comrades, to drink freely, believing that hard work could not be performed without the aid of stimulating drinks. He was, however, induced to abstain both the pot and the pipe, and by God's blessing on his sobriety and industry, he has risen, step by step, from the ranks of the labouring classes until he can now be truly regarded as one of the largest farmers and cattle-dealers in Yorkshire, having reference not only to the bulk of his person, but also to his extensive crops and herds. It has seldom been our privilege to hear a more remarkable testimony in favour of abstinence from intoxicating liquors, than we heard sometime ago, from the lips of this giant farmer, Mr. Frank Twistleton, of Horton-in-Ribblesdale, near Settle. This gentleman is constantly attending cattle markets in the North of England, and we are glad to learn that whilst attending to his extensive business engagements, he is constantly seeking, by the distribution of tracts, and conversation with his fellow-farmers and cattle-dealers, to induce them to follow his example. We have reason to believe that hundreds of persons have been induced by the example and exhortations of Mr. Twistleton, to abstain from their habits of intemperance, and are now soder fathers, and good husbands.

Whilst rejoicing in the efforts now being so exten-

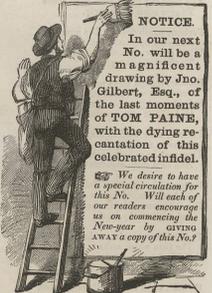


MR. FRANK TWISTLETON, THE GIANT YORKSHIRE FARMER. (WEIGHS 22 STONES).

sively made to induce men to abandon the allurements of the public-house for the comforts of home, we feel more than ever the importance of not resting satisfied with a mere moral and external reformation. Whilst thanking God that so many who were once accustomed to spend their Sabbaths in dissipation are now to be found occupying places in our churches and chapels, we fear that too many are resting satisfied with reformed forms, instead of earnestly seeking, by repentance and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, for reformed hearts. Let us never forget that unless the heart be renewed by Divine grace, we cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven.

FARMERS & SPARROWS.
 'In St. Peter's' 'Studies of Nature,' we read of an incident that occurred in Prussia, or a division of it. The farmers were much annoyed by sparrows, and sought to eradicate them by a kind of poll-tax, the authorities allowing part of the impost to be paid in sparrows' heads. They succeeded; but what was the consequence? In two seasons they were obliged to apply to neighbouring countries for a supply of sparrows, for the crops were riddled with myriads of insects; sparrows would have destroyed. So dangerous is it to act against the deities of nature. Prouder is wiser than we are." &c. &c.

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