

Railway, at the Pontypool Road Junction, between an excursion train and a goods train. Several of the excursionists were injured and one of them, a Mr. Cheate, of W...

The evidence at the inquest, which was held on Friday last, went to show that the collision occurred through misman-

THE LATE THREATENED DUEL.—At the Central Criminal Court on Tuesday morning Major Lumley surrendered to

borough. The mayor presented guilty, and Benjamin Perry having on his behalf withdrawn the letters, and expressed his sincere regret for what he had done, Mr. Metcalfe, on

order, after commenting upon the ridicule to which the Major had exposed himself, required him to enter into surety himself in £500 and one in £250, to keep the peace for

EXTRAORDINARY "MANIFESTATIONS."—An incomprehensible freak on the part of a young girl, named Sibrey, was disclosed at the Rotherham Court House, on Monday. The girl lately became a servant in the house of a workman at Parkgate, named Rushton, and had not been there long before the windows began to be broken in an unaccountable

manner. The girl pretended to be in great fear, and when being unable, after repeated examinations, to account for the damage, came to the silly conclusion that his premises were haunted by a set of malicious fairies. He appealed to the police, and an officer was sent to his aid, but was as much puzzled as himself to account for the "manifestations."¹⁷ A crowd at length collected round the house.

and more panes being broken, a spectator remarked that they were broken by stones and pieces of coal thrown from inside the house. This led to the tardy discovery that the "fairy hands unseen" which had done all the mischief were those of the girl Sibley, who was consequently given in charge. She could give no reason for her strange conduct,

A YEAR'S INQUESTS IN LIVERPOOL.—There have been 960 inquests held in Liverpool during the past year, at a total cost of £2,919 14s. 6d.; 203 were held upon infants of three years of age and under, 102

one year and under, 42 of those being illegitimate; 122 were on children of seven years and under, 7 of these being illegitimate; 60 on children between the ages of seven and sixteen; 482 upon persons between sixteen and sixty; and 23 on infirm persons of sixty and upwards. In thirteen cases the verdict was wilful murder, and in eighteen the verdict was manslaughter. In 91 cases death had resulted

from excessive drinking, and 40 were cases of suicide. In eight cases death had been caused by want, cold, and exposure, and in two disease had been aggravated by neglect. In 658 other cases reported to the Coroner, inquiries by the beadle obviated the necessity for inquests; and that officer estimates that £1,384 7s 6½d was thus saved.

EDUCATION AND CRIME.—Mr. Milne, in his charge to the Grand Jury, at the Salford hundred quarter sessions, on Monday, said there were only 51 cases for trial, and that the offences were not so serious as those they had generally to deal with. He pointed out, however, the significant fact that only one of the prisoners could read and write "well."

while 20 of them could neither read nor write. This led the learned gentleman to comment upon the close connection between crime and ignorance. He referred to the praiseworthy efforts which are being made by a society in Manchester for meeting the evil, but said "he thought that until this country had some general compulsory measure of education,

THE LORD CHANCELLOR AND THE BANKRUPTCY LAW.—The Lord Chancellor, writing to Mr. C. Paget, one of the members for Nottingham, has stated his opinion on the cause of the failures in the administration of the Bankruptcy Law. There has, he says, been no efficient superintendence

of its administration, which the appointment of a Chief Judge would have provided. In endeavouring himself, as far as possible, to exercise this supervision, he had been painfully struck with the amount of "dishonesty, neglect, and abandonment of duty" that had been brought to light. An evil beyond his reach, the Lord Chancellor observed,

arose from creditors abandoning the management of bankrupts' estates, and leaving it to solicitors, auctioneers, and, in his Lordship's words, to "every description of unnecessary official persons," who swallowed up the assets in costs and charges. The Lord Chancellor further stated that he could suggest a system by which bankrupts' estates could be collected and distributed at a cost of ten or twelve per cent.

LOSS OF A VESSEL WITH ALL HANDS, OFF NEW BRIGHTON. — The rumours of a vessel's loss, raised by barrels of porter being washed ashore near New Brighton, have unfortunately been fully substantiated. From the

marks on the cargo, and the bodies that have been recovered, there is no doubt that she was the *Elizabeth*, from Dublin to Liverpool. She left Dublin on the 30th ult. with a crew of six men—the captain (Jones), his two sons, his grandson (cabin boy), and an Irishman, and a foreigner, whose names are not known. She was discovered on Friday evening by the lifeboat crew, a complete wreck on the

Burbo Bank, and her cargo washed about. Near the wreck were found the bodies of the cabin boy, the Irishman, and the foreigner, but those of the captain and his two sons have not been recovered. She had a cargo of 350 barrels of porter, of which some 250 had been landed, as well as the rigging, &c. She was consigned to Messrs. Blood,

A SAD FATE.—Nearly a fortnight ago, Miss Mary Baldwin Corbett left her home at Camden Place, Stourport and up to last Sunday nothing could be heard of her. Miss Corbett

was a niece of Mr. Stanley Baldwin, whose name is associated with extensive works in Worcestershire and Staffordshire, and she had for some time resided under his roof. It appears that she had for a considerable period been in an unsound state of mind, and a surveillance was consequently kept upon her actions. Owing to a supposed improvement

in her command of fate, she had been left more untrammelled, and, availing herself of her liberty, she left her uncle's house between nine and ten o'clock on the night of the 28th of December, and did not return. Every means were taken to discover what had become of her, and most of the pools in the neighbourhood were examined, in the fear that she was drowned. Nothing, however, was found which tended

to throw any light on her disappearance till about noon on Sunday, when a waterman, named Rowley, who was on the Severn between Bewdley and Stourport, saw a woman's body in the water. It was got out, and proved to be the remains of Miss Corbett. She had on a garden bonnet which she had taken with her on leaving Mr. Bahlwin's house, and had the window curtains. The body was taken to the

A WELSH CHURCH.—At Llaniestyn, Anglesey, which is within cannon shot of the Bishop of Bangor's own palace, within sight of Llandudno, three miles from a county town, and not more than five from the greatest port of North Wales, the sea-birds befool the communion table, the rail-

pit, the seats, and the floor; there are four large holes in the roof, the largest window is blown in, to the last fragment of lead, and the east window promises to follow; green mould creeps up the twelfth-century font, and has stained the walls as high as a man's shoulder. A fine fourteenth-century memorial slab of St. Jestyn, the tutelary, formed of cut, lops, bones, beads, beads...

upon, and so good a piece of stuff for the purpose that, in one place it is "scallop'd" out three inches deep. The rest of its surface is of a bronze-green velvet hue, so perfect is the coat of mildew long and shameful neglect has endured; the floor is broken up. We routed a hen out of the pulpit. The sole useful things in the place were, apparently

the black biers and the wooden frames by which the sexton shaped out the graves. In the church yard, the slabs and altar tombs were rolling and pitching to all points of the compass, like ships in a cross sea. We were told that service is "not much attended, because of the draughts and the filth." What has become of the poor-box and the altar cloth, the reader, a Welshman, we hope, may guess. In

the unlocked church-paper chest, amongst mildewed and rat-eaten documents, was a miserable red cotton-velvet bag, dishonourably supposed to be the latter. We knocked away a little mountain of filth from the orifice of the former, and, doing so, thought of Hogarth's cobwebs in Marylebone Church, and wondered if there were a bishop, an incumbent,

ment, and a lay impropriator in the neighbourhood of Llanestyn. The Church Bible was in rags, open, and prone in the dirt of the floor. Outside, we found seated astride of a tomb a tall pedlar, whose opinions with regard to the state of things about us were, as he seemed to think, a little in the extreme of condemnation; at any rate, he prefaced some startling stories concerning Welsh churches with

WEST HARTLEPOOL HARBOUR AND T.A.
Traffic return for the week ending Jan. 6, 1864 :—

	Week ending . . .	Correspondence &c.
Imports	10,000 tons	10,000 tons
Exports	10,000 tons	10,000 tons
Total	20,000 tons	20,000 tons

	Jan. 6.	same week last year.
	Amount.	Amount.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Coal and coke export	1,601,15-0	2,200,000-0
Do., do., household	1,000,000-0	1,000,000-0

Merchandise	1,051 13 0	1,683 17 9
Landing, Wharfage, &c.	1,059 5 0	1,274 14 4
Wharehouse Rent	594 3 4	225 13 4
Passengers	29 9 7	41 19 4
Parcels, &c.	423 11 11	269 9 5
Dues on ships' ballast, &c.	22 4 0	18 6 6
	348 19 10	992 5 11

Milage, Demurrage, and Plant, hired by Cleve- land Company	164 15 0	125 0 11
Rents	94 15 0	93 0 0
	<u>4,328 18 8</u>	<u>4,002 6 7</u>

	Total from 1st July, 1864.	Total for corresponding period last year.
	Amount.	Amount.
	£ s d	£ s d

	1910	1911	1912
Coal and coke export	56,43	10 0	58,150 0 0
Do., do., <i>landable</i>	32,912	0 0	29,497 0 0
Merchandise	7,226	0 0	5,478 0 0
Landing, Wharfrage, &c.	1,239	0 0	844 0 0
Warehouse Rent	9,652	0 0	8,230 0 0
Passengers			

Does on ships' ballast	10,712	0	0	11,562	0	0
Milage, Demurrage, and Plant, hired by Cleve- land Company	3,487	0	0	2,653	0	0
Rents	2,000	0	0	2,811	0	0

125,183	0	0	119,765	0	0
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Ships arrived, 77; ships loaded, 39; ships sailed, 61; ships in dock, 169. Last year—Ships arrived, 70; ships loaded, 57; ships sailed, 49; ships in dock, 167.

