embers present. The Chairman

NCIENT ORDER OF DRUIDS.

On Monday last the Forty-fifth Anniversary Festival of the Ancient Order of Druids, was held at the Grand Lodge, at the British Coffee-house, in Gockspur-street. The room appropriated for the use of the Order was tastefully and elegantly fitted up with superbemblematical decorations, expressive of the objects of the society. It is but justice to the respectable Proprietor of the establishment to state, that he was unremitting in his exertions to contribute to the comfort and accommodation of his guests.

Shortly after seven o'clock, the Noble Grand Arch Mills, in his robes of office, attended by his officers, took the chair, and, after invoking the Divine blessing on the abundance of good cheer hefore him, the signal was given to commence operations, and which was promptly obeyed. After the cloth was removed, Non nobis Domine was given in very fine style by six professional members present.

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The Chairman then rose, and stated, in proposing the first toast, he deemed it necessary to make a few observations, as it would be different in form to the one usually adopted at public dinners. As politics and religion were never discussed among them as a body, and that they might not be charged with, or even suspected of a want of that respect to their Sovereign, which was due from them as loyal subjects, they always gave the health of the King, but coupled it with the name of the institution; he should not, therefore, depart from that rule on the present occasion, and would, therefore, propose "The King, and the Druids," with three times three. The toast was drank with enthusiasm. After which, the national anthem was sung in very fine style, by Messrs. Molloy, Martin, and Gears—the company standing and joining in the chorus.

The Chairman then gave "The Duke of York, and the rest of its Royal Family."—Drank with three times three. After which lessers. Brena and Benedick played the air of "Rule Britannia," is duet on the plano-forte.

The Chairman then gave "The Grand and Branch Lodges, and ay their respective Members be presperous, happy, and free."—wank with great applause. Glee, "Forresters round the cheeral hors."

for the tail? and I will not wrong her ladyship by a hist about the base is may, a party of men determined to lay at watch near the haunted spot. They were lad of metitle—men of rome courage—by the bye, the town constable was not one of them. At we wenings alone, they proceeded towards the scene of nocturnal section, and the section of the control of the wenings alone, they proceeded towards the scene of nocturnal section, and the section of the control of the wenings alone, they control to know something of the use of free men control to know something of the use of free men control of the section of the section

To the Editor of the Weekly Dispatch. RURAL SPORTS--SECOTING "There's mony a spirit that's no deel,"—A. R.M.S.Y.
Sin,—The season is ended at Ramagate, and the winter "horrid
with frosts, and turbulent with storms," has set in in all its dulness.
Tradismen stand shivering in their deserted shops; touters find no
visitors to annoy with their disgraceful importunities; the young men
or an no longer get a cheap supper by courting the shoets in the
Crescent or Albion Place; and since the loss of the Ogie Castle,
our houdlers have nought to do but turn their quids, and "whistle
our houdlers have nought to go do seath-scatter, to "make well for
the town!" without which, in winter, we should all be as miscrable
and as disappointed, as the unfortunate speculators in that precious
bubble, the Stour Navigation! In such a time of ideness, any
story serves to occupy men's minds, and out's have been amused of
late with the Tale of a Ghost, which, "Angels and ministers of
grace defend us," was said to walk every night on a spot that
had hitherto "only shelter'd thefts of harmless love!" Accounts
varied as to its size, shape, and appearance:—some said twas
tall and thin, and clad in white; and some, that 'twas old Nick
hisself, who sauntering along in darkness, blee a cloud from a cake
of brimstone, by way of a segar, by the lurid light of which, his
horns and tail were distinctly visible! For my part, I imagined it
not impossible that Sir W. C. might have been taking an evening
walk in that direction, and the light might proceed from certain
aldermanty exhalations on his none: but then, how are we to account
for the tail? and I will not wrong her ladyship by a hint about the
horns!

Be this as it may, a party of men determined to lay at watch

Druidism, and the general welfare, comfort, and happiness of the Grand Lodge, namely, "their worthy Chairman and Treasurer, N. G. A. Mills." This toast was drank with three times three, amidst loud and long continued applause.

The Chairman, in returning thanks, said, in passing these our social bours, how much is our gratification increased by receiving the approbation of our fellow associates. Such are my feelings, and if my humble efforts, as Chairman, have elicited your approbation, it will always be a stimulant to me to continue my efforts to promote the general welfare of all entrusted to my care. I feel honoured by the confidence reposed in me as your Treasurer, and shall endeavour to be a careful husbandman, and promptly to apply the funds entrusted to my care to the purposes for which they are intended. He then stated, that the gross number initiated into the Grand Lodge since its establishment in the year 1781, amounted to 4,377.

Members initiated into the Grand Lodge since its removal to the British Coffee-house in 1821—722.

Receipts of the Grand Lodge for the last Druidical year—2781, 6s. 7d.

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Song—The humours of a country dance, written and sung in a very effective style by Mr. Owen Jones, who afterwards favoured the company with two other new songs, replete with wit and humour, and which were highly applauded.

Mr. Saloman proposed the health of "The Stewards," which was drank with great sapplaune.

Mr. Kensitt, in returning thanks, said, that if himself and colleagues, as the caterers for the company, had given satisfaction, they were amply repaid for the little trouble they had taken, by the honour just conferred upon them. He was consided that he spoke the sentiments of his brother stewards when he said, that the distinction derived a greater value from the handsome manner in which it had been conferred upon them; their task had been rendered easy by the ready acceptance given to their invitations by their musical brethren, whose sphendid assistance on the occasion was beyond all praise. The efforts of their worthy host also were on o secondary consideration, as he had, by his taste and liberality, furnished the table with a substantial fare, which gave them cheerfulness and satisfaction, and enabled them better to enjoy the mental treat afforded by their musical friends. In the name of the Stewards, he honestly and sincerely thanked them.

Song, by Mr. Mears, "I don't mean to tell you her name."

At the conclusion of which, the Chairman took occasion to say, that their musical repast was afforded by the spontaneous attendance of the servaral gentlemen whom they had heard, and who attended simply as brothers; and it was but justice to them to say, that their musical repast was afforded by the spontaneous attendance of the servaral gentlemen whom they had heard, and who attended simply as brothers; and it was but justice to them to say, that the Iransel and composed by Brother Martin Gaylotte, and sung with se much effect by Mr. Mears; three-fourths of the enteretainments at the Grand Ledge Meetings, were of precisely a simil

until a late hour, and the company departed cheerful and happy.

SCOTTIBE HOSPITAL.—Wedezday, the St. Andrew's Festival of this corporation was celebrated by a dismer at the City of Landon Tavera, his Royal Highares the Dula of Charence and St. Andrew in the chair. The company was highly respectable, and the contributions, though not very satisfactory, did not fall short of the usual average at this half-year and St. Butta. The Charles of the contributions of the Charles of the Cha

be fruitless, and the event proved the truth of the prediction. Her Grace was the cldest daughter of the late, and sister to the present Earl of Caribile, and was in her 4th year.

We lament to learn, that the Dake of Bedford is seriously indiposed at Paris. He lithuse began, we understand, with a sore threat.

The Attorney-General is canvassing for the representation of the University of Cambridge. There are, perhaps, more candidates already in the field of this place than for even the city of London, Besides the present Members, Lord Hervey, Mr. Goulburn, Mr. G. Grant, Hon, Mr. Shore, and Mr. Hersche), will stand. Should Lord Palmerston decline, Mr. Robinson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will offer on the Catholic laterest. The speaker has resigned an active canvass.

Mn. HUNE.—The kind and courtoous reception which Mr. Hume continues to receive from Tories as well as Whigs, is the highest tribute that could be paid to his integrity, and the parity of his motives. Though he is the most fearless and uncompromising politician in existence, his nature is perfectly free of gall. His houtility is without any intenter of bitterness or rancour; and his most determined opponents know, that if in any case they can but anisfy his judgment, they are sure of his cordial support. Since he came to Edinburgh he has visited the College, where he was politicly received by the principal and some of the professors; and he impected the docks and barbour of Leith in company with the local magistrates. On Thursday he dined with the Lord Provox, and yesterday with the Lord Advocate. Such acts of courtexy do credit to those who offer, as well as to him who receives them. Mr. Hume leaves Edinburgh this morning (Saturday) for Newcastle; and, after a short stay there, he proceeds to London.—Sectiman.

ELOPZINENT.—A Reverend Gentleman, in the neighbourhood of Halifax, who took to hismelf a wife only on Saturday se'nnight, has had but a short trial of the mat valuable of the goods in communion.—Least Mercury.

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folk, at the pression and the meaning with phone unsold.

The Courier of Wednesday says—" We can confidently affirm, that every branch of the revenue is in a prosperous state. Down to the latest accounts which have been made up, a growing increase has been found in each department, and especially in that which most clearly indicates the substantial wealth of the country—we mean the Excise."

The merit tonast was, "May the Spirit of Harmony ever characterisa the Society of Druids."

Seng, by Mr. Morgan, given in excellent style,. "The Bit of a Thing; or, the sveriasting irish Lover."

After which the Chalrman gave, "May the Pleasures of Youth afford as Comfort in Old Agne."

Glee, "Mynhere on Druids."

I trust will be honoured in a way that will convince those who are not to fath order, as they are renowed for friendship and harmony among themselves. With many of earlying that the society constituted as this is, should have chosen for its mane that of a people who are add to have committee order, even to the offering up of human being in their sacrifices. But if we examine this charge with being in their sacrifices. But if we examine this charge with being in their sacrifices. But if we examine this charge with the they offered up human victims, but those sacrificed were criminals, offenders against the peace and good order of society, and who were sijudged to be descerving death for their showninable wickedness. The great attribute of God, to which they paid the utmost religious deference, was justice; and to the God of Justice they offered up human victims, but those sacrificed were criminals, offenders against the most hope of the fath was a secretary and the great charge of the sacrifices. The present of the sacrifices who had sincedly admitted, that the Druids were for very many ages the underly single on the sacrifices of the sacrifices. The present of the sacrifices of the sacrifices. The present o