

FROM ENGLAND.

LEEDS, ENGLAND, January 23, 1872.

Editor Nebraska Advertiser.

We leave Edinburgh for Carlisle, England, via the Waverley route, crossing the Esk and Tweed rivers on finely arched bridges and passing many beautiful towns, villages, country seats and villas—here and there clusters of red tile roofed farm houses, while old gray mossy and ivy-clad towers, and the crumbling walls of ancient abbeys and castles, occasionally overtop the clusters of ewe, pines and larch about them as we rush with lightning speed from South Scotland into Old England.

The topography of the country is quite different from that of Ireland—the fields are large—timber plentiful, and the system of farming and style of buildings are in advance of the Irish.

To the eastward are the snow-capped Cheviot Hills; in the valley the fields are green, and herds of black-faced sheep are grazing on the hillsides; the gardens are full of truck; even cabbage plants stand in the ground over winter.

We frequently observe great hills of red earth, over which rushes streams of red water.

The stacks of grain are trimmed up as neat as a cone of rice on a dinner table.

The Scotch, as a general thing, are a staid and social people; yet, their women can't make bread. Among the Scotch we have seen a diversity of stature, from the giant to the dwarf. It appeared odd enough to see an over-grown man and a child-like woman together, while it seemed unaccountably to a woman reaching seven feet into the upper regions, and a man scarce three feet strutting along by her side. When it became necessary for him to communicate with his better four-fifths, we saw hered hoarsely managed in perhaps she sat down, or perhaps he clambered up on a rope ladder.

We are approaching the northwest coast of England, and are enveloped in a dense fog from Solway Firth, Carlisle, in the extreme northwest part of England, on the river Eden, contains about 30,000 inhabitants, and is the principal seat of the woollen and gingham, paper, hats, earthenware, lead pencils, cotton fabrics, calico printing, coarse linens and checks. Near the city of Carlisle, the most important of their works is the new mill, covering a space of two acres, and forming an immense apartment 400 feet long, 40 feet broad and 20 feet high. There are 1,000 hands employed in this room alone; in the whole work upwards of 2,000 hands, and 70,000,000 yards of linen spun daily. The proprietors have established day schools, in which 1,200 scholars are taught, and also a library for the work people. They have also erected an orphan asylum, for the advancement of the spiritual interests of the densely populated district, in which their factories are situated.

Leeds has some of the largest tanneries in the Kingdom. Leather fairs, raw hide fairs and saddlers' fairs are held at stated times, and are attended by tanners and leather dealers from the principal towns in Yorkshire and the neighboring counties. Among the extensive works is the Sheepshead Spanish Leather Works, of which Messrs. Wilson Walker & Co. are proprietors, covering an area of two acres. At this establishment, between 200 and 300 tons of flooring are annually manufactured. Intimately connected with the leather trade is the boot and shoe business, which has been carried to a very great extent in Leeds. Worsteds and silk give employment to upwards of 3,000 hands. The manufacturing of hosiery has been an important other lives of human industry in Leeds, giving employment to thousands of hands, we might mention the tobacco, flour, pottery and cap trades.

Of the public buildings of Leeds, we will commence with the Town Hall, by far the most spacious and magnificent in Leeds—250 feet long and 200 feet broad. It is in the Roman Corinthian style. The structure is a lofty rectangular pile, surrounded by Corinthian columns and pinnacles, supporting an entablature and a dome rising altogether to a height of 100 feet. The tower is 225 feet in height, exclusive of the vane. The principal facade has a deeply recessed portico of ten columns, and is approached by a flight of twenty steps, 135 feet in length, with pedestal at each end, on which are placed two couchant lions. Passing through the vestibule, the entrance to the Victoria Hall is in front. This is truly a magnificent hall, and when lighted with gas and filled with people, presents a sight seldom equalled in any other building of the kind. To give a better idea of its size, it is said that fourteen persons have dined within its "swell-box" at the same time. It has been affirmed, that for brilliancy of tone, immensely of power and general variety, the instrument stands unrivalled. It is said that the grandest occasion in the history of Leeds, was the opening of this hall by the Queen on September 6th, 1853. It was a grand gala day; the town was dressed in its finest costume, and upwards of 200,000 people were crowded in the streets.

The Commercial Buildings, or Exchange, is an excellent stone edifice with a circular front or portico, embellished with noble and massive columns.

The Corn Exchange is a dressed stone structure in the form of a Roman amphitheater, 196 feet long, 136 feet wide and 85 feet high from the basement floor. The Stock Exchange and Music Hall present fine architectural features. The Philosophical Hall and Victoria Museum contain fine collections in geology, zoology, mineralogy, coins, oil paintings and engraving. Fine libraries are also connected. The admission into these interesting institutions is only 1d, and they are well worthy of a visit. By the way, all public places of interest in Leeds, are open to the public gratuitously, whether controlled by individuals, corporations or the government, and are supported by endowments, appropriations and revenues. Some are open to the public every day, while others are open only on certain days in the week. The admission to some is free, while to others the charges are from one penny to two shillings in Britain, and from two to five francs in France. Besides the numerous officials and attendants connected with these institutions, one is seldom out of sight of armed police and soldiers in full dress; even in many of the churches, especially in France, are also armed soldiers or policemen; while everywhere, at all times and under all circumstances, everlasting guides are always on hand to alert us or conduct (or insinuate) us. The officials and attendants are, as a general thing, communicative, courteous and obliging, and frequently prove to be a fount of interest, and a valuable source of information. Occasionally, however,

they exhaust their supply on inquisitive Yankees.

But to proceed. The Workhouse, Borough Jail and Post Office, are massive stone buildings, and well adapted to their purposes. Betting establishments, Club-rooms, Hotels and places of amusement are handsome buildings and well patronized. Of the bathing establishments, there is the Oriental and General Bath Company, occupy a fine large building, with facilities for Turkish, hot shower or vapor baths, while the swimming bath forms a remarkable feature, and is 90 feet long by 55 feet wide, holding 8,000 gallons of water. It is said that 2,000 persons have visited it on a single Saturday. The Working Men's Institute is an interesting institution, set apart for the special amusement and comfort of this portion of the population.

Space will not allow us to give you an extended notice of the many charitable and providential institutions that are scattered over Leeds, and especially the admirable manner in which they are controlled; the primary way in which they are supported, and the immense benefits derived therefrom by the tens of thousands who come under their care. Of these we might mention the General Infirmary, the Infirmary for General Diseases, the Dispensary, the Eye and Ear Infirmary, Harrison's Almshouses, Potter's Almshouses, Dispensary for diseases of the skin, Leeds Co-operative and Provident Association Society, Model Lodging House, Leeds Tradesmen's Benevolent Society, Hospital for women and children and Temperance Societies. There are also many institutions connected with education; yet, on account of the many poor parents and their children set to work at an early age, their education, as in all other manufacturing towns in England, is neglected. Not one-half of the children are thoroughly educated, while many obtain the merest smattering of knowledge during a few hours of the Sabbath.

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Among the many places of interest in the neighborhood of Leeds is Kirkstall Abbey, at the beautiful village of Kirkstall; Adel, a celebrated church of great antiquity, said to be erected about 1140; Harrogate, a village, boasting of a castle of great size and strength, and a church filled with magnificent sculptured tombs of the 14th century; Methley, a village, boasting of an ancient church; and Temple Newsam, a place of great antiquity and beauty. It was at one time the residence of the Earl of Lennox and Lady Margaret, the wife of Lord Barnley, mentioned in my last letter; their son, (who became husband of Mary, Queen of Scotland, and father of King James I. of England, and of Scotland) lived in this seat, and the house was born here. James gave it to his kinsman, the Duke of Lennox, who sold it to Arthur Ingram. He pulled it down and erected the present noble palace. It is surrounded by an extensive park and pleasure grounds. The house is of great extent; the roof surrounded by a battlement composed of capital letters in stone, which form the following inscription: "All glory and praise be given to God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost, on high; peace upon earth, good will to men; honor and truth alleluia to our gracious King; love and plenty within their house." The above, especially the latter part of it, is considered as being practically carried into effect in this country at the present day, and is, without mollification, simply a lie. The Prince of Wales resided here during his recent visit to Leeds.

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