

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The following account is extracted from a document, published by order of the House of Commons, containing a detail of the number of Acts of Parliament passing during twenty-eight sessions, with the number of hours of sitting of each session, and the divisions at which the largest number of members were present. In 1806, the house sat 645 hours, during which 158 public and 226 private acts were passed. In 1807, there were two sessions, which sat 706 hours, and passed 134 public and 286 private acts. The average number of public acts passed from 1806 to 1826, was about 120, and in no year less than 100; in 1831 there were only 60. In 1815, there were 196 public acts passed, which was the greatest number passed in any session. The smallest number was passed in the first session of William IV., when only 27 public and 80 private acts passed the legislature. The greatest number of days on which any session continued to sit was in 1812, when the number was 137; in 1813, it was 136; and in 1811, it was 135. The shortest session was that of 1807; which sat only 45 days. The sessions which sat the greatest number of hours was that of 1831, which sat 193 hours: the session of 1821 sat 861½ hours. The following are the divisions at which the largest number of members were present:—

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MAN TRAPS.—Thieves sometimes catch themselves, as the following incident will show:—A gentleman living not very far from me, had his orchard repeatedly robbed, and bidding defiance to prohibitory acts, had an old man-trap repaired, and set up in his orchard. The smith brought it home, and there was a consultation as to which tree it should be placed under; several were proposed, as being all favourite bearers, at last the smith's suggestion as to the *locus quo* was adopted, and the man-trap set. But the position somehow or other did not please the master, and as tastes occasionally vary, so did his and he be thought him of another tree, the fruit of which he should like above all things to preserve. Accordingly scarcely had he laid his head upon his pillow when the change was determined on, and ere long the man-trap was transferred. Very early in the morning the cries of a sufferer brought master and men into the orchard, and there they discovered—the smith.—It being unlawful to set man-traps and spring-guns, a gentleman once hit upon a happy device. He was a scholar, and being often asked the meaning of mysterious words compounded from the Greek, that flourish in every day's newspaper, and finding they always excited wonder by their length and terrible sound, he had painted on a board, and put up on his premises, in very large letters, the following—"Tondapamubomees set up in these grounds;" it was perfectly a "patent safety."—*Blackwood's Magazine.*

TENDERNESS TO ANIMALS.—To all the brute creation the Turks are not only merciful but ministering friends and to so great an extent do they carry this tenderness towards the inferior animals, they will not kill an unweaned lamb, in order to spare unnecessary suffering to the mother; and an English sportsman, who had been unsuccessful in the chase, having, on one occasion, in firing off his piece previously to disembarking from his carque, brought

down a gull that was sailing above his head, was reproached by his rowers with as much horror and emphasis as though he had been guilty of homicide.

I have elsewhere remarked on the singular impunity enjoyed by the aquatic birds which throng the harbour of Constantinople, and sport among the shipping; on the divers, that may be knocked down by the oar of every passing carque, so fearless are they of human vicinity; and the gulls, which cluster like pigeons on the roofs of the houses—on the porpoises that crowd the port, and the dogs that haunt the streets. It may not be unamusing to state the forfeit inflicted on an individual for destroying one of these animals, as it is both curious and characteristic. The dead dog is hung up by the tail in such a manner as to suffer his nose to touch the ground; and his murderer is compelled to cover him entirely with corn or millet seed, which is secured by the proper authorities, and distributed to the poor. This ceremony generally costs the delinquent about a thousand piastres.—*Miss Pardoe.*

ECCENTRIC BURIAL.—Died at primrose Cottage, High Wycombe, Bucks, on the 24th of May last Mr. John Guy aged 64. His remains were interred in a brick grave, in Hudgden Churchyard, (near Wycombe.) On a marble slab, on the lid of his coffin, was the following inscription:—

"Here without nail or shroud, doth lie
Or covered by a pall, John Guy.
Born May 17th, 1773.
Died.—24th, 1837."

On his grave-stone the following lines are inscribed:—

"In coffin made without a nail,
Without a shroud his limbs to hide;
For what can pomp or show avail,
Or velvet pall, to swell the pride,
Here lies John Guy beneath this sod,
Who loved his friends and fear'd his God."

This eccentric gentleman was possessed of considerable property, and was a native of Gloucestershire. His grave and coffin were made under his directions more than a twelvemonth since; the inscription on the tablet on his coffin, and the lines placed upon his grave-stone, were his own composition. He gave all necessary orders for the conducting of his funeral, and five shillings were wrapped in separate pieces of paper for each of the bearers. The writer of this communication inspected the coffin, and attests the singular beauty and neatness of the workmanship; it indeed looked more like a piece of cabinet-work intended for a drawing-room than a receptacle for the dead. W. H.

COOK-OMOTION.—Sir Samuel Morland, who lived at Vauxhall House, in 1675, had a coach with a moveable kitchen, with clock-work machinery, with which he could make soup, broil steaks, or roast a joint of meat. When he travelled, he was his own cook. Sir Samuel was as eccentric in his tastes at home as abroad; the side-table in his dining-room was supplied with a large fountain and the glasses stood under little streams of water.

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where he intends instructing youth of both sexes, in the
following branches of education, viz. Orthography, Read-
ing, Writing, English Grammar, Arithmetic, and Mathe-
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veying, Geometry, Trigonometry, Navigation, and the
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entry. The strictest attention will be paid to the morals
and advancement of such pupils as may be committed to
his care. July 8.

CARD.

DR. RUFUS S. BLACK, having completed his Studies
at the Universities of Edinburgh and Paris, intends
practising his profession in its various branches in Halifax
and its vicinity.

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Obstetrics, &c. having now spent one year in Hal-
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has experienced from the public during this term. At the
same time he is obliged to acknowledge that owing to the
healthy state of the Town, and other causes his support
has been very inadequate, — he therefore re-
quests the renewed exertions of his friends, as having
with a family of seven experienced great difficulties; but
which might soon be overcome if he had a sufficiency of
professional engagements. Having practised the duties
of his profession three years in this peaceful Province,
and nine years in a neighbouring colony, previous to
which he had assiduously studied for several years in the
metropolis the human system; normal and dis-
eased, and the arrangements of Divine Providence in
reference to the preservation and regeneration of health
in the respective functions; he has obtained a habit, a con-
fidence, and a love of the science and art of healing,
which he would not willingly exchange for any of the
gifted acquirements of life, but to give these efficiency he
must secure the favours and confidence of a number.
With this laudable object before him he respectfully in-
vites their attention, and promises to use his studious en-
deavours to emulate the conduct of those worthy mem-
bers of the profession, who have proved its ornaments,
and not that only, but the ornaments of civil and scientific
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