

FUNERAL OF THE LATE JOHN BUDDLE (JNR) ESQ.

The remains of the above respected gentleman, whose demise we announced in our last, were interred on Monday in the burial ground of the New Church at Benwell (St James Church), near this Town, the site of which he had himself presented, and where, under his own superintendence and direction, a neat and spacious vault had been erected. The arrangements for the funeral were on a very extensive scale, and, indeed, so large a concourse of people was, perhaps, never before assembled in Newcastle on such a mournful occasion. Messrs. Bragg and Co. of Pilgrim street supplied the mourning, and the details were superintended by one of the gentlemen connected with that extensive and respectable establishment. It was intended to move from Wallsend, where the deceased gentleman expired, in the house previously occupied by his father, at eleven o'clock, but a little delay arose, so that it was after twelve o'clock before the body was removed to the hearse and the procession formed. Scarfs were ordered for a hundred and sixty gentlemen, friends of the deceased, and fully that number were present. The hearse, preceded by the mutes, and followed by nine mourning coaches, three covered gigs and a brougham, belonging to the deceased, the carriage of the Mayor of Newcastle, and about thirty other private carriages, besides a great number of pitmen from numerous collieries with which the deceased had been connected, formed the procession, which was augmented by accessions of carriages and horsemen at various parts of the route from Wallsend to Benwell. About fifty men on horseback, principally agents of the deceased, assembled on the New Bridge and awaited the arrival of the procession at Newcastle, when they took place in front; and, on arriving at Eldon Square, the procession was joined by a long line of carriages, containing the members of the coal trade committee, who had assembled to pay the tribute of respect to the remains of their most distinguished and influential associate. The cortege, thus extended, consisted of sixty-four private carriages, in addition to the mourning coaches, and the private carriages of the deceased, and the whole was closed by the workmen belonging to the collieries at Percy, Main, Seghill, West Cramlington, Benwell, and Elswick. An immense crowd of persons were assembled in the streets of Newcastle through which the procession passed, and the utmost sympathy appeared to prevail. The large bell of St. Nicholas poured forth its deep and mournful knell, and the scene was one of melancholy interest. The procession proceeded from Eldon Square along Clayton Street, West Clayton Street, the Cattle Market, and the Scotswood Road, from whence, on the right, the road winds up towards the pleasant village of Benwell, which commands a view of the picturesque vales of the Tyne, Ravensworth, and the Derwent. Here the procession arrived at about three o'clock; it was received by the Rev. Mr. (William) Maughan, the Incumbent, who read the beautiful and appropriate burial service both in the Church and at the grave in a solemn and most impressive manner. The service having been concluded in the Church, which was completely filled with mourners, the gallery being occupied by spectators, principally ladies, an avenue was formed from the Church portal to the entrance of the vault in which the remains of the deceased were deposited. The vault was built by Mr. Dobson, architect, and contained the deceased gentleman's sister (Ann Buddle), the ornaments of the coffin being as fresh as when first interred. It is a remarkable fact, that when the workmen were excavating the ground about two years ago, they came to a small seam of coal, and thus the remains of him now repose for ever on a bed of that useful ore, the successful working of which while living occupied both his time and talents. About a week before Mr. Buddle's death, he had ordered the vault be painted and repaired, he being at the time in the enjoyment of excellent health, and to all appearances the time was far distant when the last resting place would be required. The whole of the sepulchral rites having been performed, a few of the most intimate friends of the deceased descended into the vault and took their final farewell, after which the entrance was closed and the party retired. The following list embraces the names of some of the principal persons present on the mournful occasion:-

The pall bearers were Armorer Donkin Esq., Joseph Fryer Esq, Rev William Turner, Joseph Lamb Esq, Hugh Taylor Esq, and George Silvertop Esq. Among the company were the Mayor of Newcastle, Rev RH Bramdling, RW Brandling Esq, William Russell Esq (Brancepath), RP Phillipson Esq, William Armstrong Esq, Humble Lamb Esq, AL Potter Esq, Michael Longridge Esq, Anthony Nichol Esq, Robert Plummer Esq, Dr White, GW Stable Esq, William Hutton Esq, William Armstrong Jnr Esq, Joseph Sewell Esq, Nathaniel Hindhaugh Esq, Joseph Hetherington Esq, CR Fryer Esq, Robert Morris Esq, William Oliver Esq, John Lotherington Esq, John Reay Esq, John Taylor Esq, John Bourne Esq, John Stanton Esq, James Losh Esq, James Robinson Esq, Robert Simpson Esq, Robert Mackreth Jnr Esq, Paul Glenton Esq, MW Dunn Esq, John Grace Esq, Edward Grace Esq, TG Hall Esq, Thomas Barnes Esq, Colin Mills Esq, Rev J Armstrong, John Redhead Esq, Thomas Dawson Esq, Thomas Davidson Esq, George Burnett Esq, Edward Burnett Esq, Nicholas Wood Esq, Henry Morton Esq, Matthew Plummer Esq, George Johnson Esq, PH Stanton Esq, Dr Brown, William Losh Esq, JH Coutts Esq, Thomas Taylor Esq, A Surtees Esq, William Hardcastle Esq, Jonathan Richardson Esq, &c. &c.

The police, under the direction of Mr Stephens, were exceedingly active in maintaining order, and a detachment under Mr Inspector Little, were on duty at Benwell, so that the church yard was kept clear till the arrival of the procession, and the greatest regularity was observed throughout the entire proceedings, which will be long remembered in this neighbourhood.