

DISTRICT NEWS.

CULCHETH.

BAPTISM OF THE HEIR OF CULCHETH HALL.—On Wednesday last Captain Withington gave a treat, on the occasion of the baptism of his son and heir, to the tenantry, and to the teachers and scholars of the schools of Newchurch, Bury-lane, &c. The day was exceedingly fine, and to the clergy and gentry, who lunched at the hall, the sight of 400 scholars walking in procession along the stately avenue, must have been very fine. It was headed by a band of music, belonging to the works of Mr. Gill, of Bury-dame, which discharged its duties in a highly creditable manner. On their arrival at the hall, the scholars were supplied with an unlimited quantity of buns and tea, and the day was most pleasantly spent in various games.

FRODSHAM.

TESTIMONIAL OF RESPECT.—On Monday, the 19th instant, the pupils of the Crosbie House Academy, Frodsham, presented to the principal, W. Church, Esq., an elegant salver, expressive of their hearty appreciation of his unceasing and faithful services, and their gratitude for domestic attentions. The gift was seconded by resounding cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Church, and followed by the out-door enjoyment of the fine afternoon.

WOOLSTON.

An aged man of the name of Charles Sherwin, died quite suddenly on Tuesday last. He complained of not feeling well, went to a tub and leaned upon it, and almost instantly was a corpse.

WINWICK.

PRESERVATION.—On Thursday evening, the presentation of a silver cup was made to Mr. J. Pollitt, of Winwick, at the house of Mrs. Smith, the White Horse Inn. Upwards of 30 sat down to an excellent supper prepared for the occasion, the chair being occupied by Mr. Hatton, of Southworth Hall, and the vice chair by Mr. Daine, of Hulme. Upon the withdrawal of the cloth, and after the usual loyal toasts had been disposed of, the chairman made the presentation in terms eulogistic to the presentee, for the great benefits he had been the means of conferring upon the community as one of the few, through whose efforts an highly necessary article of life had been rescued from a destruction which at one time was greatly impending. Mr. Pollitt returned thanks in very suitable terms, for the tangible appreciation that had been made of his efforts; and hoped that not only would such kindness be ever remembered by him, but would be long and duly acknowledged by his "seedlings" after him; and remarking that he was a very poor subject indeed that could not raise some sort of "seedlings" for the good of his country. After presentation, the cup was handed round to each party present respectively, and not a few were the observations made upon its perfections in administering to the attractions of the eye, by the ~~time~~ displayed in its *external* design, which could only vie with that *practical* appreciation of the *use* emanating from its *internal* capacity, as it underwent in the peregrination its initiation as the channel of communication of the juice of the grape to the succulence of man; its adaptation to which was evidently perfectly satisfactory from the frequent calls that had to be made upon its "chum" the "black bottle." The cup, which was supplied by Mr. Simcock, of Warrington, is beautifully engraved on one side with an agricultural subject, and on the other bears the following inscription:— "Presented to Mr. John Pollitt, of Winwick, by a few friends, as an acknowledgement of the benefit he has rendered his neighbourhood in raising from seed the potatoes called 'Pollitt's Seedlings.' April, 1858." A number of complimentary, agricultural and other toasts, intervened with songs, afterwards followed during the conviviality of the evening, and in the remarks connected therewith, some practical observations were made upon the potato disease, its cause, and best means of eradication; and the great importance which the cultivation of that root must be held in the agriculture of Lancashire in particular. This and various other agricultural subjects were discussed in a manner highly creditable for the emanations that they gave rise to; and more particularly the practical remarks of Mr. Kerfoot, in the propounding of his thirty years' experience, from which he deduced three great desiderata in farming.—"Making land dry, afterwards making it fat, and getting good crops."—*Corr.*