



WHEN JOSHUA LORD CAME OF AGE.

JOLLY times these when a young man reaches 21 years of age, and treats his circle of friends handsomely. This happened when the eldest son of the landlord of the Roebuck Inn, Portsmouth, who is well known and much respected in the neighbourhood, invited his numerous friends, when he was just reaching 21, to come and see him do it; and ladies and gentlemen to the number of over 150 accepted his invitation. The clatter of the cups and saucers when they sat down to tea was charming, and as early as possible afterwards preparations were made for a lengthy and varied programme. Mr. Joe Hunt, of Bacup, officiated as Master of Ceremonies, and under his genial superintendence the evening's proceedings were very much enjoyed. Dancing was a principal feature, but other items served to make matters interesting. Miss Alice Lord, of Gothic Villa, Newchurch-in-Rossendale, recited Rudyard Kipling's famous poem, "The Absent-minded Beggar," during which a collection was made, and the receipts, which realised £1 3s. 6½d., were forwarded to the local War Relief Fund. Songs were rendered by Miss Lord, Miss Banks, Miss Settle, Mr. T. Gaukrodger (Bacup), Mr. G. H. Holt (Bacup), Mr. Joe Hunt (Bacup), and Master R. Holt. A stump speech by Mr. Gaukrodger was immensely enjoyed, for he gave it well, and the proceedings were kept up with unflagging interest until eleven o'clock, when the usual votes of thanks were accorded. Then Mr. Joshua Lord made his maiden speech. We may add that the presents to Mr. Lord were many and valuable, one from his intimate companions, a writing case, being greatly admired. May he live to see the 3rd of February many, many times!

★ PIGEON MATCH.



MR. J. MARSHALL, of the "Peeping Tom" beer-house, and Mr. H. Newell, of Lineholme, have many friends who, like themselves, are fond of pigeon pie, so on a certain Saturday, that has now disappeared into the past, Mr. M. said his pigeon could fly better than one that Mr. N. was given to talk of with all the bias of proprietary rights. The two birds were let loose, one at the "Jockey" tavern, the other at Carr's-road, and instructions were given to them both to get to the other end of the mile course as soon as possible, and not to loiter about looking into the shop windows; further, that the owner of the bird that did not win, having agreed to stand the pigeon-pie supper, which so many like the taste of (as aforesaid!) it was just possible that the losing bird might find himself inside that pie! Whether this made Mr. Newell's bird nervous we cannot say, but it is a fact that Mr. Marshall's bird, a knowing bird that, nodded a saucy nod, and winked a wicked wink, when he was thrown up, and made for the other end in good form, doing the mile in 2m. 2s., while his unfortunate competitor, who being slower-witted, stopped to think, made an awful mess of it, arriving 5m. 11s. later, he having mistaken it for a go-as-you-please race, and probably, therefore, walked most of the way.

MAY.

May. Year.

- 1 1856 A steamer and pleasure boats put on Hollingworth Lake, by Mr. James Sladen.
- 1 1873 Mr. Litchfield first opened his theatre in Salford, Todmorden.
- 2 1872 Wm. Proctor, Brook-st., Todmorden, found drowned in Gaddens dam.
- 3 1869 Cornholme Local Board held its first meeting. Dissolved 1875.
- 5 1874 William Nuttall, Birchcliffe, died. He was the last but one who served in the Oldham Militia, under Captain Crossley.
- 5 1884 Robert Crabtree, of Blackrock, was killed at Canteen shed by the explosion of a steam cylinder.
- 7 1873 Sale of the defunct Mechanics' Institution Library.
- 10 1844 "Abley Dawson" wheeled a wheelbarrow to Manchester and back from Todmorden, in 9 hours and 15 minutes.
- 10 1860 A public meeting was held in the Odd fellows' Hall, at which it was resolved to adopt the Local Government Act, 1858.
- 11 1867 Bursting of a pipe of oil whilst unloading at Waterside.
- 11 1881 The Todmorden Local Board authorised the placing of a weighing machine near the foot of the Old Church steps.
- 12 1880 Wm. Stansfield, grocer, Redwater-foot, drowned in Catholes dam.
- 13 1875 Rodwell-end Chapel sold for £140 to Messrs. Stead Bros.
- 15 1878 Tender for clearing-out the watercourse accepted by the Local Board (Messrs. Frank Beckett & Co.'s, of Manchester, for £1,800). S. Fielden, Esq., of Centre-vale, gave £1,500 towards the cost.
- 16 1860 Meeting held at the White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge; resolved to lay footpaths through the village, by voluntary subscriptions.
- 16 1879 The body of Ellen Atkinson, of Gauxholme, was taken out of the Smithy-holme pool of the Rochdale canal.
- 20 1862 Hannah, wife of William Holden, Todm., killed at Gorpley clough.
- 20 1864 First sod cut of the Halifax Waterworks Extension Scheme.
- 23 1827 James Shackleton murdered at The Greave, near Hebden Bridge.
- 23 1859 Nicholson's joiner's shop, Myrtle-street, burnt down.
- 23 1869 The new school at Cross-stone first used as a Sunday school.
- 23 1867 Alma Mill, Walsden, was sold to Messrs. Ormerod Bros. for £7,200.
- 25 1865 John, eldest son of Joshua Fielden, Esq., of Stansfield Hall, aged 12 years, died from injuries received when at college, Lancaster.
- 26 1875 Local Board take rooms at the Town Hall, at £50 per annum.
- 26 1852 Todmorden Botanical Society established.
- 29 1849 John Fielden, Esq., of Centre-vale, died, aged 65 years.
- 31 1900 Mrs. Ormerod (Mayoress) cut the first sod of the Todmorden Corporation Waterworks at Gorpley.

JUNE.

June. Year

- 1 1876 The late Jno. Fielden, Esq., Dobroyd Castle, elected president of the Todmorden Musical Society.
- 2 1896 Letters Patent granted for the Incorporation of the Borough of Todmorden.
- 2 1886 Petition containing 2,400 signatures, praying for a charter of incorporation for Todmorden, was forwarded to London.
- 4 1891 Disastrous explosion and fire at the Cornholme Bobbin Works, and several people injured.
- 4 1881 The Taplin Memorial drinking fountain, Todmorden, unveiled.
- 5 1862 Masonic Hall opened. Banquet and meeting of Grand Lodge.
- 5 1862 Surveyor of Local Board submits estimates, £3,020 6s., for footpath.
- 7 1876 Mr. T. Mitchell's tender for building workhouse accepted, £6,950.

WHEN A MAN DIES WITHOUT LEAVING A WILL, HOW IS HIS PROPERTY DIVIDED?

The following are the Rules by which the Personal Estates of English Persons, and the Movable Estates of Scotch Persons dying without leaving a will, are distributed. No nearer relations are supposed to exist than those named. Where an asterisk () is prefixed the regulation applies only to Scotland.*

It is to be observed that by the Intestates Estates Act (53 and 54 Vict. c. 29) a very important alteration has been made in the law as regards provisions for widows of men who die intestate, and without issue, after 1st September, 1890: it is enacted that if the real and personal estate together do not exceed £500, the whole is to go to the widow; if it exceeds £500, the widow is to have a charge on both proportionately for £500. The provision is to be in addition to her share of the residue. This does not apply to Scotland.

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Wife only, no blood relations	Half to wife, other half to the Crown.
Wife, no near relations	Half to wife, rest to next-of-kin in equal degree to intestate, or their legal representatives.
Wife and child, or children, and children of a deceased child	One-third to wife, rest to child or children; and if children are dead, then to the representatives (that is, their lineal descendants).
Wife and father	* One-third to wife; one-third to living children in equal shares; one-third equally among living children <i>per capita</i> and issue of dead children <i>per stirpes</i> .
Wife and mother	Half to wife, and half to father.
Wife, brother, or sister and children of a deceased brother or sister	Half to wife, and half to mother.
Wife, mother, nephews, and nieces	* Half to wife; one-sixth to mother, two-sixths to Crown failing kin.
Wife, mother, brothers, sisters, and nieces (children of deceased brothers and sisters)	Half to wife, one-fourth to living brother or sister, one-fourth to deceased brother's or sister's children.
No wife or child	* Half to wife; one-sixth to brother, two-sixths equally among children of dead brother or sister.
Children by one or more wives and the issue of deceased children	Half to wife, one-fourth to mother, and other fourth to nephews and nieces <i>per stirpes</i> .
Husband and children	* Half to wife; one-sixth to mother, two-sixths among nephews and nieces <i>per stirpes</i> .
Mother, but no wife, child, father, brother, sister, nephew, or niece	Half to wife, residue to mother, brother, sisters, and nieces.
Mother and brother	* Half to wife; one-sixth to mother, two-sixths among the brothers and sisters (who take <i>per capita</i>), and the nieces who take <i>per stirpes</i> .
Mother, and brothers and sisters	All to next-of-kin and their legal representatives.
Father, and brothers and sisters	All children equally <i>per capita</i> , issue of deceased children <i>per stirpes</i> , no difference between children of different wives.
Child and grandchild by deceased child	* One-half equally amongst all living children, the other half equally amongst living children <i>per capita</i> , and issue of dead children <i>per stirpes</i> .
If no child, children, or representatives of them	Whole to husband.
Brother or sister, and children of a deceased brother or sister	The whole to mother.
Brother and grandfather	* One-third to mother; two-thirds to the Crown failing kin.
Brother's grants n, and brother or sister's daughter	Equally.
Brother and two aunts	* Mother one-third, brother two-thirds.
Brother and wife	Whole to them equally.
Grandfather, no nearer relation	* Mother one-third; brothers and sisters two-thirds equally <i>per capita</i> .
Father's father, and mother's mother	Whole to father.
Grandmother, uncle, or aunt	* One-half to father, the other half equally amongst brothers and sisters <i>per capita</i> .
Uncle, and deceased uncle's child	Half to child, half to grandchild, who takes by representation.
Uncle by mother's side, and deceased uncle or aunt's child	* Three-fourths to child, one-fourth to grandchild.
Two aunts, nephew, and niece	All to next-of-kin in equal degree to intestate.
Uncle's or aunt's children, and brother's or sister's grandchildren	Half to brother or sister <i>per capita</i> , half to children of deceased brother or sister <i>per stirpes</i> .
Nephew by brother, and nephew by half-sister	Whole to brother.
Nephew by deceased brother, and nephews and nieces by deceased sister	All to daughter.
	All to brother.
	Half to brother, half to wife.
	All to grandfather.
	Equally to both.
	All to grandmother.
	* All to uncle or aunt if paternal.
	All to uncle.
	All to uncle.
	* Child of deceased paternal uncle or aunt takes in exclusion of maternal uncle.
	Equally to all.
	* Nephew and niece.
	Equally to all.
	* Brother's or sister's grandchildren.
	Equally <i>per capita</i> .
	* All to nephew by brother.
	Each in equal shares <i>per capita</i> , and not <i>per stirpes</i> .
	* The same.

NOTE.—*Per capita*, that is, taking individually and not by representation. *Per stirpes*, that is, through descent and not in their own rights.

Officers of the Todmorden Corporation.

- Town Clerk—Mr. Dan Sutcliffe, Town Hall.
- Treasurer—Mr. W. G. Stephenson, Manchester and Liverpool District Bank.
- Borough Accountant—Mr. Arthur Pickles, Roomfield.
- Medical Officer—Dr. C. W. Thorp, Dobroyd.
- Clerk to Education Committee—Mr. James Whitehead, Roomfield.
- Waterworks Engineer—Mr. J. H. Parkin, Church Street.
- Surveyor—Mr. Jas. Alwin Heap, Town Hall.
- Assistant Surveyors—Mr. J. H. Williams and Mr. W. Farrar.
- Office Clerk—Mr. H. Stansfield, Town Hall.
- Gas and Electricity Engineer—Mr. Henry Talbot, Millwood.
- Chief Rate Collector—Mr. T. Scholfield, Market Hall.
- Assistants in Rate Office—Messrs. T. W. Scholfield and Albert Marshall.
- Inspector of Nuisances—Mr. Frederick Rogers, Town Hall.
- Veterinary Inspector—Mr. S. Cliffe, Elm Cottage, Garden Street.
- Market Inspector—Mr. J. H. Ashworth.
- Superintendent of Fire Brigade—Mr. E. Heywood, Waterside.
- Assistant Superintendent—Mr. W. H. Langthorn.
- Master at the Fielden Hospital, Leebottom—Mr. Charles Barrett.
- Master at Sourhall Hospital—Mr. John Gibbs.
- Town Hall Janitor—Mr. Enoch Horsfall.
- Librarian—Mr. Thomas Sutcliffe.
- Free Library Caretaker—Mr. Fred Lord.
- Motor Bus Manager—Mr. J. G. Petrie, Church Street.
- Storekeeper at Waterside—Mr. Alfred Stevenson.
- School Attendance Officers—Messrs. Thos. E. Woodhead and Thos. Ogden.
- Inspector under Diseases of Animals Act—Police Supt. P. Hollis.
- Elective Auditors—Messrs. Wm. Bramley and Jas. Whitaker.
- Professional Auditors—Messrs. Astbury, Turner & Co., Spring Gardens, Manchester.