

numerous and respectable body of the Morecambe Lodge of Oddfellows. Never do we remember to have seen a funeral where greater sorrow for the loss of the dead, or stronger sympathies for the sorrows of their surviving friends, was more sincerely displayed. They were both active and steady young men, and likely to perform with credit their duties in life. Ormandy was the only child of highly respectable parents, and would have been out of his apprenticeship the day after the fatal accident occurred. Let us hope that these two, perhaps, fortunate young men, when the waters of the deep sea rolled over them, and they struggled in vain against the power of death, did not, even at that moment, forget the words of the Psalmist - "I waited patiently for the Lord: and he inclined unto me, and heard my calling. He brought me out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay: and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings."

26th June 1841

Horse-stealing - On the 5th of the present month, early in the morning, **Mr Parkinson**, of Slackwood, was coming over the sands, when he observed a man and horse before him, and from the exhausted state in which the animal was, he felt sure that it was stolen. With this impression he pushed on, and the stranger, finding himself pressed, alighted on arriving at the pointer, and ran off. Mr Parkinson conveyed the horse to **Mr Pritt's** farm at Beaumont, and information was given to **Inspector Walters**, who having obtained a clue to the thief's name and person, attended Cockerham races, and there found his man, who proved to be an itinerant showman named **Shaw**. He confessed the robbery, and the horse proved to be the property of **Mr Towers**, butcher, of Low-wood. Last Saturday Shaw was brought before the magistrates, and fully committed for trial.

Milnthorpe Sand Side - This healthful and beautiful sea bathing place is beginning to fill fast with visitors, as there is scarcely any lodgings left unlet. The tides have been running strong during the present week, and are expected to be fine during the latter part of next week.

7th August 1841

Milnthorpe Sand Side - On Sunday last, being a fine day, caused a great influx of strangers to visit Milnthorpe sand side, to bathe and to get a little fresh air, as some people fancy they cannot live over a year, without visiting this healthful bathing place, once a year, but it is expected that a greater number will visit it next Sunday week, as the tides will be running strong. And also, there is going to be a regatta the beginning of the week, and other sports, which will afford much amusement to the visitors of the sands.

4th September 1841

Accident - About five o'clock on Saturday afternoon last, as **James Ratcliffe**, one of the labouring men belonging to **George Wilson**, Esq., of Dallam Tower, was returning home from his work at Hawes, near Kendal, and had reached Lawrence House Hill, he was overtaken by a young man of the name of **John Hudson**, of Milnthorpe-Sand-side, returning from Kendal market, having a spirited horse, and driving rather too quickly down the hill, and in trying to diminish the speed, the rein broke, and it set off at full speed, and the shaft of the cart ran against poor Ratcliffe, and threw him down and broke a number of his ribs, and crushed him very much. He is now lying in a precarious state.

18th December 1841

Accident on the Sands - On Thursday week as the conveyance was proceeding over Sands, it was turned out

of its proper course at the channel, by reason of the late rains, and overturned. There were six passengers, but all escaped unhurt. The vehicle was completely lost.

5th March 1842

High Tide - On Saturday and Sunday last the tides, owing to the strong south-west winds, rose to a height almost unprecedented. In some of the dwellings at Cark there were upwards of two feet of water. A poor pig, had it not been for the timely aid of its owner in the hour of danger, would have met with a watery grave. Seeing the tide rapidly flowing into its domicile, he waded up to the middle in water, and carried poor grunter up the stairs, where he remained in safety until the tide had receded. During the storm of Saturday, the "Little Windermere," which was built some time ago to ply on the Windermere Lake, broke from its mooring, near Conishead Priory, and was thrown upon the beach about half a mile north of Winder Hall, on the Cartmel shore, where she now lies with two or three holes in her bottom.

16th April 1842

Coroner's Inquest - An inquest was held at Warton, on Tuesday last, on the body of **Thomas Robinson**, of that place, labourer, who was found drowned upon Warton Sands on the Sunday previous. It appears that the deceased had been in an unsound state of mind for sometime back, and it is supposed that he had drowned himself whilst labouring under a fit of insanity. Verdict, found drowned.

18th June 1842

Milnthorpe-Sand-Side - On Sunday last, a great concourse of people visited this bathing place, as the tide was a very fine one and the weather so warm.

25th June 1842

Most Melancholy Accident on Lancaster Sands - On Monday evening last an accident of a truly distressing character occurred upon the Lancaster Sands. Two persons were observed coming over the sands towards Hest-Bank, and when arrived within a short distance of the breakwater they appeared to be in distress, the tide flowing about them. On seeing this the good people at Hest Bank ran down to the sands and having procured a boat pushed off to the help of the unfortunate men. Gestures were made with a view of inducing the poor fellow to fall back (as the sand banked higher in their rear) and wait for succour, but either mistaking these instructions or being over anxious to reach the boat, they made towards it and unhappily sank amid deep water never to rise again in life. One had stripped off part of his apparel, in order, as we suppose, to swim, but it does not appear that he was able. Search was made, on the reflux of the tide, for the bodies, but they were not found till next morning, when they were conveyed to a barn on **Mr Christopher Heaton's** farm at Red Bank, to await the coroner's inquest, which was held on Wednesday, before **J. Gardner**, Esq., when a verdict of accidental death was returned. The unfortunate persons proved to be strangers. They were about thirty years of age, of middle stature, respectably attired, and had the appearance of journeymen engaged in trade. One had on a black coat, and the other a brown one. At the same time the Hest Bank people saw the unhappy men, **Stackhouse**, one of the Bolton Sand-side fishermen, saw them and pushed off in his boat with all haste, and there is no doubt that if the poor sufferers would have been made to understand they would have been saved; for though the water was flowing all about them, the sand bank gradually rose higher in their rear, and by falling back as desired they would have been able to keep their footing till the boats