

built of wood and coloured black and white, the black covering the pieces which support the building.—

One in Ludlow was ornamented with figures, which grinned horribly at the storm then falling unheeded in the ebon faces.

In Kidderminster I do not see the town I had fancied only 11000 inhabitants and except the manufactories and a large old church much like other country towns.

The Quaker Lady and the Prize-fighter

From the *Morning Post*, 22 May, 1823, Thursday.

“ From the *Bath & Cheltenham Chronicle*, of Tuesday.

“ We have heard from good authority upon which we can place reliance that the benevolent Mrs. Fry called on Neate at Marlborough on Thursday and made a most powerful appeal to him to prevent his fighting & she offered him £500 to pay his expenses, forfeits, etc., but he replied that he was too deeply pledged to recede, though it is said that he promised her that this should be his last battle.”

Same paper, May 24, 1823, Saturday.

“ The late pugilistic fight.

“ “ Mr. Editor My wife and myself will be much obliged by thy insertion in thy valuable paper of a few words contradicting the absurd story copied from a Bath and Cheltenham Paper, of her having interfered to prevent the late battle between Spring and Neate, the whole of which is without the slightest foundation of truth or probability.

‘ I am respectfully, etc.,

‘ JOSEPH FRY.

‘ 81, Mildreds Court, 22-5-month, 1823.’ ”

Same paper, Monday, May 26, 1823.

“ The late pugilistic fight.

“ It now appears that a Quaker Lady (though not Mrs. Fry) did actually interfere to prevent the late great fight between Spring and

Neat. The following is given as a correct statement of what occurred on the occasion :—

" A fine old lady of the Society of Friends, with a couple of her daughters came in their carriage to the Angel at Marlbro', during the time Neat was in training. The two daughters remained in the carriage at the door, while the old Lady made her way into the Angel. She ascended the stairs and found Belcher in a room, sitting by himself, Neat having retired to change his clothes. Tom thought the lady had mistaken the apartment in the above Inn, till she addressed him: 'Thy name is Belcher, is it not, friend?' 'Yes, Madam,' was the reply. Tom was in hopes to get rid of the lady before Neat arrived, but she waited till the Bristol hero made his appearance. 'I understand, friend Neat, thou art about fighting a prize battle. Dost thou not know it is very sinful? Be advised, friend, and give it up.' Neat urged that he was bound in honour, and that if he gave it up he was likely to lose £500 by it. 'What is £500 in comparison with thy poor soul? Think of that, Friend. Give it up, I beg of thee; and I will see if the £500 cannot be raised for thee.' After an expostulation of nearly two hours, impressed upon Neat with tears, the old lady retired without obtaining the desired effect. The Bristol hero, by way of consolation, thanked the old Lady for the interest and kindness she had taken in his fate, and promised her that he would not fight any more.

(Neat was defeated on May 20, 1823.)

" A Submissive Wife "

JOSHUA MIDDLETON of New-Castle-upon-Tine son of John Middleton of Darlington in the County of Durham Draper Deceased and Jane Molleson of Tewen Street London, Daughter of Gilbert Molleson, late of Aberdeen in the Kingdom of Scotland Merch^t, Deceased—this nineth Day of the month called September in the year according to the English Account One Thousand Six hundred Ninety and seven—in their publick Meeting-place at Devonshire house, London—the said Jane Molleson Declared as followeth—

" doe promise by the Lords assistance to be a ffaithfull Dutifull & Submissive wife."

PUMPROOM SERMONS (x. 17).—Joseph Hoyland Fox, J.P., of Wellington, Som., writes :—" My uncle, Sylvanus Fox, of Wellington, stayed at Bath for some considerable time on account of his health, and preached in the Pump Room. He was born about 1792, so that in 1817 he would have been about twenty-five. No doubt he was the " Mr. Fox " referred to.