

city, and have on several occasions been the residence of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the building contains suites of apartments for families, and bed-rooms for gentlemen, and a ladies' club has recently been added.

The York Conservative Club, off Coney street, on a portion of the site of the famous old George hotel, has an extensive frontage adjoining the Ouse, with a balcony overhanging the river: it comprises a large billiard and other rooms, and has all the usual appointments of a well-ordered club house: the premises were formerly occupied by the members of the Ebor club, and on the dissolution of that society in 1880, were acquired by the committee of the York Conservative Club: the club usually consists of from 700 to 800 members, and its balls, excursions, dinners, and other social gatherings are great features in York political life.

The York Liberal Club, in Low Friargate, erected in 1883, at a cost of £4,000, is a spacious building of red brick, with stone dressings, in the French Renaissance style, and contains large and well-appointed rooms.

The City Club occupies premises at the Friendly Societies' Hall, in Castlegate, consisting of billiard, reading and smoking rooms, library and refreshment bar.

The Walmgate Liberal Club, in Hope street, contains billiard, reading and conversation rooms, and a spacious lecture hall.

HOTELS.—There are several good hotels, the chief of these being the Royal Station hotel, which adjoins the station, standing in its own grounds, and facing the river, close to the museum gardens, the ruins of St. Mary's abbey, the cathedral, and other places of interest, and is under the management of the North Eastern Railway Co.: it is lighted throughout by electricity, and provided with a hydraulic passenger lift: other hotels are Harker's hotel in St. Helen's square, the Black Swan in Coney street, the North Eastern hotel in Tanner row, Scawin's Family and Commercial in Tanner row, the Adelphi hotel at the corner of Railway street and Micklegate, and the White Swan, Pavement.

NEWSPAPERS.—"The Yorkshire Herald," established 1790 (Liberal Unionist), is published weekly on Saturday, the daily edition was first issued in 1874; "The Yorkshire Gazette," established 1819 (Conservative), is published weekly on Saturday; "The Yorkshire Daily Chronicle," established 1855 (Liberal), is an evening paper; "The Yorkshire, Ripon and Richmond Chronicle" (Liberal) is published at the "Daily Chronicle" office weekly on Saturday, and was established 1855; "The York Evening Press" (Liberal Unionist) is published at the "Herald" office.

BATHS.—The Public Baths, St. George's field, Castle Mills bridge, were erected by the Corporation in 1879, and contain swimming and private and hot and cold baths: in the south-west angle of the Museum gardens is a swimming bath belonging to the Yorkshire Philosophical Society, with an entrance from Marygate; the bath is 112 feet long by 80 wide, and is open to the public at a fixed tariff: the Turkish baths at the "Retreat" of the Society of Friends, Heslington road, are also open to the public daily, on payment, Sundays excepted.

Near the railway station is a full-length statue in marble, by Milburn of York, of George Leeman esq. sometime M.P. for the city, several times Lord Mayor, and chairman of the North Eastern Railway Co.: it was unveiled 13th April, 1885, by the Marquess of Ripon K.G., G.C.S.I., F.R.S.

The general market is held on Saturday, besides which there are smaller markets on the other days of the week, all of which are well supplied with all kinds of produce, and are generally well attended. The corn market is held on Saturday in the Corn Exchange, Clifford street.

The cattle market (in which are also held the wool and hay markets) is situated upon an extensive piece of land lying between Walmgate and Fishergate bars, and adjoining the Hull road: it was commenced in 1826, but was in 1856 much enlarged and improved by the Corporation at a cost of £1,150. There is a fortnightly cattle mart or fair held on Thursday and the following Tuesday in the market. Messrs. Thomas Walker & Sons hold a sale of fat stock at their mart, the Spotted Cow field adjoining the cattle market, on the fortnightly fair days and on the following Tuesday: horse sales are held weekly during the hunting season, and fortnightly at other times; and special annual sales held in May, August and December at their Horse Repository, Lendal bridge. Messrs. Thomlinson & Stephenson hold a sale of fat stock at the Corporation Mart in Lawrence street, on the fortnightly fair days. Live stock fairs are held on the Saturday before Old Candlemas Day, Old Lady Day, Whit Monday, Old St. Peter's Day, Old Lammas Day, Old Michaelmas Day, Old Martinmas Day, and Old Christmas Day. The leather fairs are on the first Wednesday in March, June, September and December. The fairs for cattle are on Whit Monday, July 10th, August 12th, and November 23rd: the yearly horse show in the last whole week before Christmas.

The North Riding Pauper Lunatic Asylum, about a mile beyond Clifton, north-west of the city, and near the banks of the Ouse, is a building in the Elizabethan style, erected in 1847, at a cost of £40,000: it was enlarged in 1855 at an additional cost of £21,000, and will now hold 689 patients.

The Retreat, standing on an eminence on the Heslington road, is a lunatic hospital belonging to the Society of Friends, established in 1796 by Mr. William Tuke of this city: the premises, to which several additions have been made at various times, are now available for 160 patients.

HOSPITALS, ALMSHOUSES AND CHARITIES.—There are within the city eighteen institutions of this kind, providing residences for 160 poor persons, variously classified, and two hospitals, viz. St. Catherine's and Wilson's Blind Hospital, have out-pensioners.

The York County Hospital, in Monkgate, was founded in 1740 through a legacy of £500, bequeathed by the Lady Elizabeth Hastings, for the relief of the diseased poor of the city and county; the present building, erected in 1851, is an edifice in the Italian style and contains 130 beds; the number of in-patients admitted in 1891 was 1,140 and of out-patients, 8,252; a medical library of over 1,000 volumes is attached to the hospital; the York Institution for Diseases of the Eye and Ear, formerly in Aldwark, has now also been attached to the hospital. The York Dispensary, for the relief of the sick poor, is a stone building in New street, and was established in 1788: the number of patients treated in 1891 was 6,035.

The York Lunatic Asylum, Bootham, was first established in 1774 by voluntary subscriptions: it is pleasantly situated in the centre of tastefully laid out grounds of about 20 acres, with a church for the use of the patients, erected in 1865, in the Early English style: there are cricket and tennis grounds, billiard rooms and an American bowling alley for the use of the inmates.

The Home for Fallen Women, at Bishophill Senior, established in 1822 for 20 inmates, is a voluntary institution.

The York Medical Society, established in 1832, has its library and reading room for the use of members at 1 Low Ousegate, where also the meetings are held every alternate Saturday, in the evening, and on Wednesday, in the afternoon, from October to the end of March.

York Friendly Societies' Medical Association was established in 1877, for the purpose of supplying advice and