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The following Papers occupied the attention of the Section :----

Thursday, 5th September, 1861.

T. Bazley, M.P.---A Glance at the Cotton Trade.

- Alderman Neild.—On the Price of Printing Cloth and Upland Cotton from 1812 to 1860.
- John Strang, LL.D.—On the Altered Condition of the Embroidery Manufacture of Scotland and Ireland since 1857.
- Henry Ashworth.—On the Connection of Improvements in Cotton Bleaching, with Improvements in the Condition of the Factory Population.

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Professor Rogers, M.A.—Prices in England, 1582-1620, and the effect of the American Discoveries upon them during that Period.

Friday, 6th September, 1861.

- The President delivered the Opening Address (adjourned from yesterday).
- David Chadwick.—On the Progress of Improvements in Manchester and Salford during the last Twenty Years.

J. Watts, Ph.D.-On Strikes.

- Edmund Potter, F.R.S.-On Co-operation and its Tendencies.
- Daniel Stone, F.C.S.-On the Rochdale Co-operative Societies.
- Rev. W. R. Thorburn, M.A.—Co-operative Stores: their Bearing on Athenaums, &c.
- Rev. W. N. Molesworth.—On the Progress of Co-operation at Rochdale.

Saturday, 7th September, 1861.

- John Shuttleworth.-Some Account of the Manchester Gasworks.
- Miss Twining .- On the Employment of Women in Workhouses.
- Colonel Sykes, M.P., F.R.S.—Notes on the Progress and Prospects of the Trade of England with China since 1833.
- Frederick Purdy.—On the Relative Pauperism in England, Scotland, and Ireland, 1851-1860.
- William Westgarth. The Commerce and Manufactures of the Colony of Victoria.
- William Farr, M.D., D C.L., F.R.S.—On the Recent Improvements in the Health of the British Army.
- J. T. Danson.—On the Growth of the Human Body in Height and Weight in Males from 17 to 30 years of age.

Monday, 9th September, 1861.

- William Newmarch, F.R.S. On the Extent to which Sound Principles of Taxation are at present embodied in the Legislation of the United Kingdom.
- Professor J. E. T. Rogers, M.A.—On the Definition and Incidence of Taxation.
- C. E. Macqueen.-The True Principles of Taxation.
- W. Clarke, M.D.-On a Revision of National Taxation.
- Rev. Canon Richson, M.A.-The Income Tax.
- Richard Valpy.—The Commercial Relations between England and France.

- H. J. Ker Porter.—To present Engravings of Farm Labourers' Cottages, with a Specification, and a few Remarks in continuation of a Paper read at Oxford in 1860.
- Mrs. Fison.—On Sanitary Improvements.
- Rev. W. Caine.—Ten Years' Statistics of the Mortality amongst the Orphan Children taken under the care of the Dublin Protestant Orphan Societies.
- Charles Thompson.—On some Exceptional Articles of Commerce and Undesirable Sources of Revenue.

Tuesday, 10th September, 1861.

- James Heywood, F.R.S.—On the Inspection of Endowed Educational Institutions.
- Captain Donnelly, R.E.—On the Government System of Examinations in Science.
- J. T. Hammack, F.S.S.—On the General Results of the Census of the United Kingdom in 1861.
- John Strang, LL.D. Comparative Progress of the English and Scottish Population, as shown by the Census of 1861.
- T. A. Welton.—An Examination of the Increase and Decrease of Population in England and Wales, 1851-61.
- R. H. Bakewell, M.D., M.R.C.S.—On the Influence of Density of Population on the Fecundity of Marriages in England.
- Rev. A. Hume, D.C.L.—On the Condition of National Schools in Liverpool, as compared with the Population, 1861.
- Henry Fawcett, M.A.—On the Economical Effects of the recent Gold Discoveries.
- Professor J. E. T. Rogers, M.A. Can Patents be Defended on Economical Grounds?
- Henry Ashworth.-On Capital Punishments and Crime.