

PORTRAIT OF "MINERS" KNIGHT.

In a humble street at Hoyland, Barnsley, Sir Thomas Tomlinson was born seventy-eight years ago. At the age of twelve he left school and began work in a coal-mine. Since that time he has become one of the most respected public figures in that part of the country.

At Elsecar Colliery, Sir Thomas worked for nearly forty years. In addition to his work there, he became a J.P.; later he was elected to the County Council of which he is now the Chairman. For his services to the community, he was knighted last year. Now, at the Miner's Welfare Hall in Hoyland, the Earl of Scarborough presents him with a portrait:

The portrait was subscribed for by several members of the County Council and many of Sir Thomas's friends and admirers. They include, of course, many miners. There are two identical portraits, both painted by W.R.E. Goodrich of Sheffield. One is to be kept in the Town Hall. In his speech of thanks, Sir Thomas - recognised as the first citizen of West Riding - refers to another painting of a famous figure: