

Jan. 1st. 1843. - The Rev^d R. T. Wheeler took opportunity this Evening to preach on the opening of the year. - from these words "It is well with thee" - He opened the discourse with a statement that at the end of the year it was a judicious proceeding to inspect the Book & Accounts of the Concern, to see "if it was well with him" - The season afforded an opportunity in a scriptural point for self examination to see whether the soul's accounts were well "in the sight of God. - The Rev^d Gent then classified his subject into the following divisions - The Nation - the Church, the Town and the Individual separately - With regard to the Nation he entered into a full examination of God's dealing with Britain as a people favoured. The remoted period of her barbarous era unto the time when God had made her the Mistress of many nations, & when her empire extended to the end of the world. - He shewed how God had led her forth when she was small & of no account how he had blessed her & made her the instrument of blessing to many Kingdoms, and yet comparatively speaking she made no suitable return for the mercies & privileges - The consequence was God had lately handed a sign, her harvest - had well nigh failed. her arms been defeated by an insignificant enemy - her commerce depressed - & her land disturbed with tumultuous & seditious assemblies of men who trampled all law under foot - so that the land mourned & stretched out her hands to God, who heard her & had mercy upon her our mother

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Had she then returned unto the Lord with full purpose of heart, alas, no. - When the thunder had rolled away in the in the distance had she not hardened her heart & sought out her old abominations, well might the Preacher's Oh: Britain is it well with thee?

[January] 2nd As a Church the preacher enquired "is it well with thee"? He here went on to speak of the Lamentable dissensions, disunion, and he feared heresies wh: had of late arisen in the bosom of the English Church, and was then agitating it in a most distressing manner. He particularly attended to the recent exhibition of sentiments at Oxford by various Learned Men, and shewed very strikingly their direct tendency to Romish Errors and Superstitions. He also [illegible] to the Individual Welfare of the Church - the Professor of Religion¹ - and he brought to view the great want of sound, practical, & scriptural Religion in the Soul. - When he had enlarged on this topic he brought into contrast the State of the Churches mentioned in Revelations & concluded with the 2nd chap: 5 verse.

[January] 3rd The Towns - He shewed the local depravity, grievance and want of vital godliness in the Town, & made a few more remarks on the topic & finally concluded with

[January] 4th A personal appeal to each one present "Is it well with thee" - In our temporal affairs - our domestic & social duties; our religious experience; - the sinner - the penitent - the believer. as Parent with regard to our families - as children - & as every other point and finished this most impressive discourse by a strong, earnest and affecting exhortation to keep the Account between God and ourselves at the end of the Year properly balanced, that when our Master sh^d call we might be ready to give an account of our Stewardship.

Jan^y 6. - I was unexpectedly called upon to preside at a Meeting of the Police Commissioners this Day at the Session's Rooms. - There were a variety of Resolutions moved & adopted on the occasion and the regular Monthly Business Transacted. - This is the first time that I ever presided at the Town's Affairs - One particular question settled was a dispute of Rent charged by Joseph Feilden Esq^{re} for the use of Blakely Moor, this much disputed point was agreed to & settled - The Meeting held about four hours.

¹ Reference to Pusey and the Oxford Movement - see f/n 45.

The Rev^d R. T. Wheeler has made great exertions to improve the season of Lent by preaching every Evening in Passion week except Saturday.

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[January] 15th. Mr Etough, in the Afternoon, delivered a most violent discourse from these words "Who hath believed our Report" in which he used some very extreme & (to my thinking) unwarrantable language. - The Church certainly was slender & probably he might somewhat disappointed, but really the wholesale condemnation both of the Town & of the congregation was such as I could not sincerely agree with - Some of his remarks tended to affirm that Blackburn was far worse than Sodom & Gomorrah, & so on.

Since the commencement of this Year the health of my Brother has very seriously declined so as to unfit him for business, his medical attendants consider him in a very dangerous and precarious state, - the consequence is that my business In his leave fallen heavy upon me, and there is a prospect of them being still more severe by reason of John Sutcliffe illness. But my heart is not discouraged & I pray God to give me his peace to act uprightly to my Brother & endeavour to fill his place with all the zeal and ability of which I am possessed, leaving the issue in the hands of God.

Feb^y 7th (Tuesday) At 10 min. [minutes] to four this Morning my wife was delivered of a third Son for wh: happy deliverance I return sincere thanks to Almighty God. - His name will be "Richard" On the 19th of March he was christened at St John's Mr Ja^s. Livesey & Mr Tho^s Whittaker & my mother standing sponsors. It is remarkable that a distant relative of the Same name sho^d have departed this Life on the Monday after his birth. The following is a copied of the Obituary from Leeds Intelligencer:²

Monday last, aged 69. Mr. Richard Tiplady, of Morton, near Hingley, upwards of 40 years a butter factor, and highly respected by a large circle of friends.

This Person knew my father well, & delivered his descent from the same stock. - I had also another reason for naming this Son "Richard". My father had a Great Uncle of that name who was an opulent farmer, - he died leaving two Daughters, one of whom married Mr John Patrick, the other died unmarried - Mr Patrick had an only child a daughter upon whom descended her Grandfather's Estate but in case of her death as a minor, it was to revert back to the male heirs of the Tipladys. This happened for she died of consumption aged about 17. - But Mr Patrick to deliver up the Estate to my Grandfather the Brother of the said Richard, & enjoyed it as his own right. When my Grandfather died, my father being the only male heir entered into Law Proceedings for the Estate & after several year's delay ultimately succeeded in obtaining the Property Foolish he was with it - but one good thing he accomplished that was establishing my Brother in business - so that this Money was the term of our livelihood.³ In commemoration of which event I thought it nothing but proper to call this Son "Richard" and pray that God would bless him with all spiritual & temporal blessing, & give me grace to do my duty to him & all my children

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² *Leeds Intelligencer*, 18 February 1843.

³ Richard Tiplady was the brother of Tiplady's grandfather, James, making him his great uncle, not his father's. Richard Tiplady died in May 1799 before Ann, his daughter, married John Patrick in December 1799. Their daughter, Elizabeth, was born in July 1800 and, from Tiplady's account, died c.1817, but no record of her death has been found. Tiplady's grandfather, James, died in October 1827 and, as Tiplady's father, Thomas, died August 1830, the successful court case against Patrick must have been in 1828 or 1829 but no record has been found. The probate record for Richard Tiplady showed that he was worth over £300 at the time of his death.

April 7. A very important Meeting took place this Day the Bⁿ Police Commissioners under the New Act⁴ to consider the Report of the New Market Place Committee & adopt if expedient a Resolution thereon. It was expected that there would be a great opposition to this motion, but to our great surprise Mr Ja^s. Parkinson's Motion was carried by a majority of 42 to 16; I seconded the Motion.

[April] On the 10th A similar Meeting was held when Mr. Yates' appointment was revoked by a majority of 25 to 4 votes. I voted against the appointment - There was considerable angry discussion especially between Mr Alston & Mr Hoole.

It is the intention of the Teachers & Monitors of the N^a [National] School to present Mr Wheeler with a silver Inkstand in token of their esteem & affection. - They have not permitted the Super^{ts} to join in this Token of respect

Easter Sunday Attended the Sacrament at St John's and endeavoured to fix my mind on the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the World - There was a numerous congregation. - In the Evening the Rev R T Wheeler preached an excellent Sermon on the resurrection of the Dead, from these "For we have our conversation in Heaven, looking for the coming our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile bodies, and fashion them like unto his glorious body according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself.

Mr Wheeler (Ap 23^d) endeavoured to improve the narrative of Korah, Dathan & Abiram, in the Morning of this wherein he shewed the great wickedness of a rebellious and insubordinate spirit: - and the sure consequence resulting therefrom. - The wrath of vengeance of God.

[April] R Caughe[y] died on the 26 & William Stirrup on the 27th of the present Month, the Latter awfully sudden by his Death the Librarianship again becomes vacant

May the 5th attended the Town's Meeting of Commiss^{rs} Mr Jas. Parkinson in the Chair, - There arose at this Meeting a strong and somewhat stormy debate respecting an alledged [sic] nuisance in Darwen Street, by Mr R^d Walker he had been convicted & fined for the same, and wished in order to prevent future Law proceedings as well as to secure better public convenience, to make certain alterations in the parapet opposite his shop, the nature & reasonableness of which were brought before the Meeting by Mr Backhouse. He described in very accurate terms the danger & inconvenience, arising to the public from the present mode by wh: Mr Walker was obliged to load & unload his Carts, and moved that he be allowed to make such alterations as w^d prevent such danger & inconvenience, I seconded the motion with a few observations corroborating this testimony of Mr Backhouse, & contrasted the state of the footpath and what it would be if the alterations were allowed.

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Truth from his lips prevail'd with double sway
And they who came to scoff, Remained to pray
Goldsmith⁵

May 14th 1843

The Rev^d Jas. [James] Bardsley, Curate of Burnley, officiated this day in the place of our regular Minister - His discourse in the Morning was upon the Divinity of our Saviour Jesus Christ - which he proved, most conclusively and incontrovertibly from the Scriptures. - His discourse was delivered extempore, and with surprising eloquence, fluency and connection. - His utterance tho' rapid, was always clear, - his elucidations apt - his scripture reference remarkably accurate - & bearing strongly upon his subject, his illustrations & comparisons

⁴ Act for Improving the Streets and Public Places, and Erecting a Town Hall and Improving the Markets, in the Township of Blackburn in the County Palatine of Lancaster, June 1841.

⁵ From Oliver Goldsmith's poem The Deserted Village, 1770.

were always suitable - sometimes eloquent - & occasionally pre-eminently munificent and sublime - The Divisions of his discourse were well filled up & clothed in Language [Language] glowing with animated, vigorous, & lively oratory. His conclusions were singularly striking and powerfully convincing, and upon the whole I know not that I have listened to a Sermon on the subject, where the majesty - the glory & the dignity of our Saviour has been better portrayed [sic] - or the incontestible proofs of his Godhead more energetically or more happily advanced. In short he gave both socinianism⁶ & Romanism a most tremendous castigation. In the Evening, the Congregation were again privileged to hear this extraordinary Man. - His Text was selected from the 37th Psalm, 9th Verse "Delight thyself in the Lord". It was observable the Rev G. H. Ashe, took the self-same text on the Sunday Night preceeding - but very far inferior was his discourse -but comparisons are odious - and perhaps in this case justly reprehensible. - The Rev^d Gent commenced the subject by a beautiful introduction setting forth the restless & untiring search of Man after Happiness - from the King in his Palace, to the Beggar in his Cot, - in every age of life - & under every variety of circumstance - the search for happiness was pertinaciously [sic] pursued - The general exclamation was "Who will shew us any Good?" Having established the principle argument was happiness was necessary to Man - he proceeded to shew what, in order to suit Man's Nature & Capabilities - this Happiness sh^d consist in 1st the suitableness - 2nd Sufficiency 3rd in Perquity [sic] - Under these respective heads he endeavoured to shew that the Soul of Man, being created by a pure & holy God - endowed with amazing powers & capacities - and enjoying - like its Author, an undying existence, could never rest satisfied with sensual base, earth born pleasures - which were fleeting as the wind - & as unsatisfying as they were unsuitable to the souls - If possible the Rev^d Preacher excelled his morning discourse - There was a beauty - a clearness - and a logical correction manifest throughout the whole

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Sermon. To make a selection where all was equally good would be useless - Yet in his grand climatic was irresistibly convincing - and marvously [sic] grand. - He shewed that as Man was an immortal being gifted with super-excellent powers, & aspiration soaring far beyond these proper elements - So nothing could satisfy the craving of Man, short of Deity & immortality. That as from God - our being was derived - so in God & from God was all our real happiness to be found. - In an acquaintance with Him - his attributes, his Works - and his Word. - He concluded his Discourse by a strong appeal to the judgement.

"Whoever thinks a faultless man to see

Thinks what ne'er was, nor is, nor e'er shall be"⁷

May 30th W Hart this Day informed of the reason of Mr Eatough's [sic] sudden departure from St John's Church, from the first I anticipated but small things from him, and unpleasant style both of his reading & preaching gave much offence to the Congregation - It appears after his marriage he met with a Person (- a relative I believe) of the name of Miss Peacock, whom he brought to Blackburn to reside with him - & between him & her there arose an illegitimate intercourse, - his wife of course resented the insult, but without effect, and the end was that after a few weeks he proceeded to take such liberties, even in the presence of his wife, as to convince her of his unfaithfulness, - for upon a pretence of going to read to her while she pretended to be sick he got to bed to her, and it is thought, he did it several times, however, that he really was guilty of the thing as a fact, for Mrs E. caught them in bed together. - These things coming to Mr W. ears, he resolved at once to put an end to his abominable hypocrisy, and prevented him from officiating again. - At first both the Bishop &

⁶ Religious doctrine based on rationalism and denial of the divinity of Jesus that became associated with Unitarianism: *OED* 'socinianism' n.

⁷ From Alexander Pope, *An Essay on Criticism* (1711). Tiplady replaced 'man' for 'piece'.

himself were anxious to screen Mr E. - but he having given out that it was Mr W's private jealousy that had driven him away, he felt bound in self-defence to declare the truth. - I am opinion that Mr W. acted with perfect fairness, & strict justice, as for Mr E. there is no doubt but he fell into great temptation & was overcome. - Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed, Lest he fall.⁸

When I reflect upon the very violent diatribe against adultery, lust, & all uncleanness which Mr E so frequently indulged in, & especially when I call to memory his last discourse, on the constancy & chastity of Joseph, & his then exceedingly severe Language against the people of Blackburn and his strong condemnation of jealousy envy malice &c &c I was led to think there was something wrong at home for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. As for poor Mrs E. neither on this nor on any other occasion could she lift up her head in the Church. - From fornication & all other deadly sins, & from all the deceit of the world, the flesh & the devil. Good Lord Deliver us. Amen [illegible]

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I have of late suffered great temptation with regard to our female servant, in consequence of having to call her up in the Morning - I pray God Almighty, for Jesus Christ to give me grace to resist the very beginning of unlawful desires & to keep my soul fully alive to the awful & eternal condemnation denounced against fornication, adultery, and all uncleanness. - To remember the everlasting disgrace to my moral character, the profound cruel injury to my beloved wife - the abominable shame to my children, & above all the heinous wickedness in the sight of the all-seeing & heart searching God & all for what - for a momentary gratification of lust, which will be the less excusable having the enjoyment of a good, a virtuous, a loving, & a benevolent wife - Let me Remember David & all his troubles - who having gratified unlawful love - was tempted to the black crime of murder & so brought upon him a hand of guilt wh: not all his after life of penitence could sufficiently atone - Also Let me duly consider.

June 3rd. This Morning little Willie being naughty Mary our domestic servant sent him rather roughly to his Mother whereat she flew into a rage & began to scold I interfered & gave Willie a slapping upon wh: she struck me twice & used some abominably insulting language in reference to me & the Servant, I of course discharged the Servant.

May 23rd Attended a Meeting or Lecture on Phreno Magneticism in which Mr Townend put to sleep several Individuals particularly a Young Man of the name of James Counsell, whose development of the Organ of Veneration produced some most astonishing operations.⁹

June 4. Whit Sunday. Spent a very unhappy Sabbath Day ill in body & mind, brooding & fretting over the recent out break of domestic strife caused by my wife, on the previous morning - she seemed more reasonable & w^d have been reconciled, but resentment had not yet been sufficiently stifled. - However, that verse pf Dr Watt's came strongly into my mind:

⁸ The local newspapers were quiet on this scandal but by September 1843 Rev. Etough had found a place at St. James's Chapel, Whitehaven (*Carlisle Journal*, 9 September 1843).

⁹ Mr. J. Townend was a lecturer in phrenology, a pseudo-science, popular in nineteenth-century Britain, in which a person's character could be discovered by the shape and location of bumps on the head. Phrenomagnetism was the term used to describe Mesmerism or animal magnetisms that became hypnotism. Some practitioners believed that phrenology and animal magnetism were linked but, during the 1840s, phrenomagnetism and phrenologists split. The Organ of Veneration was believed to reveal a person's level of emotional respect and religious feelings (*Bolton Chronicle*, 27 May 1843; Christina Hill, 'A Study of Mesmerism and the Literature of the 19th Century, with Particular Reference to Harriet Martineau', University of Birmingham unpublished Ph.D. thesis (1975), p. 21; George Combe, *A System of Phrenology* 5th Edition Vol. 1 (Edinburgh, 1853), p. 401).

The wise will Let their anger cool
At least before 'tis night,
But in the bosom of a fool
It burns till morning light.¹⁰

A reflection upon this Verse shewed me at once the sinfulness of retaining angry & vindictive, & tho' I felt & do now feel that I had done nothing to deserve the way which Mary had give me, yet for the sake of peace and consistency I ought now to forgive the offence In the Evn^s Thomas read the 37th Psalm, & I retired to rest with less irritable feelings than on the preceding Night, praying that all resentment & anger might be banished from my heart. I was poorly & feverish most of the Night

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May 24th A remarkable circumstance transpired today altho I cannot help noticing. I had for the last few Days been greatly interested in the perusal of La Trobe "Rambles in North America"¹¹ - a book which, to my mind, gives a more definite & particular account of that extraordinary Country. - I had followed him with much pleasure from state to state - from river to mountain - from forest to prairie - had visited with him in his hearty excursions, & his rural rambles, - whilst my mind was thus filled with the subject a Man called at the Shop who had visited a great part of this District, his name was the Brother in Law of Robert Clarke in Salford, - from him, with his maps before us I heard a full & particular account of this New World - he had gone as a Settler but ill health, had induced him to return - he had travelled 1700 Miles west by north & thought of taking up his abode Wisconsin Territory had sailed thro several Lakes & he pointed out to me the exact spot in which he had thought to settle. He had also been in Ohio, Illinois, Michagn, & New Yorke, had seen the real Indians - but had never proceeded so far West to come within the range of their Territory. He had with him a wife & three children - but ill-health made him home-sick & he returned to his Native Country - He attributed his ill health to want of suitable in a climate with which he was but very imperfectly acquainted.

[May] 28. Mr Wheeler preached two excellent Sermons this Day from this Text "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."¹² He shewed what was truly considered living to Christ - by Christ, & with Christ - At Night his discourse was solemn & affectionate, To Die is Gain - Gain is immediate - perfect - eternal. He concluded by an earnest exhortation. -

Mrs Joseph Makinson died, after a short illness.

Visited W^m Sharples, a Monitor, who lies dangerously ill - found him in a comfortable frame of mind.

June 2^d. - Commissioner's Meeting - was appointed to the Chair - There were six motions.

(1) The repairing of sundry streets at Grimshaw Park carried. Mover Jas Pilkington, sec^d Rich^d Haworth.

(2) A Committee to superintend the Fire Department. Mover, Mr Backhouse, N. Johnson. Committee appointed:- Messrs Jas. Pilkington, Jas. Parkinson, Robert Woolfall, William Hoole, & W^m Littlewood.

(3) Foremen & Pipemen & 30 Firemen to be appointed, Salaries Fⁿ 4£ P. £2 Engine Men £1. - In case of fires F. 4/- Pⁿ 2/- & Eⁿ 1/- for driving out the Engines & for further services, according to the award of the Fire Department Committee. - A Good commission.

¹⁰ Isaac Watts (1674-1748), independent minister and writer. Tiplady's quote is from 'Song XXVII' of Watts' *Divine Songs in Easy Language, for the Use of Children* (1715) (Isabel Rivers, 'Watts, Isaac (1674-1748), ODNB).

¹¹ Charles Joseph Latrobe, *The Rambler in North America: MDCCCXXXII-MDCCCXXXIII* Vols. I & II (1835).

¹² Philippians 1:21.

Carried. - Movers Geo. Dewhurst, Richard Haworth. N.B. The Engines to be exercised once a month. - The list and resolutions thereon were unanimously adopted.

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(4) Repairs of Mount Street, Foundry Hill, Well Street &c ordered - Not much debate excited.

(5) Recommendation to obtain better Water for the streets. ordered to be left with Nuisance Committee. Mover: Richard Haworth, sec^d Rich^d Backhouse.

(6) That it be a standing Regulation of the Business of the Commissions' Meetings that no person be allowed to speak more than once on each motion, except by permission of the Chairman for the purpose of explanation, & reserving to the proposer the privilege of a reply. Moved Mr Backhouse sec^d Mr Vose. The following took part in the debate - Mr Backhouse, Mr Dewhurst, R^d Haworth, W^m Johnson, T. Witherington & a few words from the Chairman.

The Motion, after a good regular discussion was carried. Some other matters, not specific motions, having been disposed off - The Meeting adjourned.

Upon the whole I think it may be fairly said that good order & regularity was a marked feature of this meeting, the Members conducted themselves with courtesy.

June 8, 9 & 10 Brother William gone to Lytham - Being rather slack I took the Stock & found it to be as under

	£	s	d
Shop Goods (at cost price & under)	468	1	3
D ^o D ^o	51	6	2
Printing Materials &c	239	5	11
Binding D ^o	45	0	1
Books Debts, Due June 1843	352	11	9 ¹ / ₂
Paper and Goods up to June 24	20	8	2
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	1176	13	4 ¹ / ₂
Debts owing by the Concern	251	13	7
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	924	19	9 ¹ / ₂
Amt of Stock 1835 (Mrs Tiplady)	380	0	0
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	544	19	9 ¹ / ₂
Gas Shares at Darwen	100	0	0
Money in Building Club	20	0	0
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	664	19	9 ¹ / ₂

From this Statement may be clearly gathered our progress in business. - It should also be borne in mind that Two families have been kept the concern, all wages, Rents, Taxes and Debts regularly & fully liquidated, & duty[?] B^r & myself have been able to pay for the Last 6 Years towards a Life Insurances. While on the other hand Mr Morrice, Mr Burrell, Mr Hopwood & Mr Holt have all be reduced to insolvency the 2 first backed by the Stamp

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Office, & Mr Hopwood by the Bible Society - We have indeed great reason to be thankful that God has blessed our exertions in so remarkable a degree. -

[June] On the 19th Officiated as Chairman at B.P.B.S. [Blackburn Philanthropic Burial Society]. The rules as altered were fully confirmed & adopted. - The Meeting was an unanimous & an amicable one.

¹³ From this point forward Tiplady did not number his pages. Some pages are out of chronological order. These page numbers have been added to assist the reader.

July the 3rd Acted as Chairman of the Finances Com^e [Committee] at Mr Hargreaves' Office. The business was light & soon despatched.

[July] 7th Attended Spencer T. Hall's Lectures on Phreno-Magnetism, in the Theatre, the House was throng & a very lively sensation had been excited, in the expectation of a spirited discussion. The House proceeded to elect a Chairman when on the Motion of Mr Tho^s Forrest, the Draper, seconded by a Gentⁿ in the audience, I was unanimously called to the Chair; - So far as I could discover from the vigilant observation, there was no deception practised.

In the following page but one I have transcribed a Letter of Conditions to my Brother William, whose continued illness, rendered it next to impossible to calculate on his recovery to health. He of course was very anxious to know my sentiments, as to what I proposed to do in the event of his death, and I concluded it would be much better to make a proposition to him in writing and accordingly adopted that course.

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Blackburn Oct 10th 1843

Dear Sir

In answer to your Note of this Morning I would observe that in the first place, I shall not be induced on any considerations, or under any circumstances take into partnership with Jane, or any other Persons after your decease, My determination on this point is, and has been settled for years. And I consider our different circumstances & families justifies this resolve. Your children (females) are fast growing up & will not be likely to carry on the business, mine, on the contrary all males & very young will very likely have to assist me. - You may therefore consider this point settled.

But with respect to Jane's being employed in the concern, I shall lend every aid to make suitable arrangements. - I have no objection at all to give her fifteen shillings per week for her services, - in addition to which she will have the interest arising from her share of the Stock in Trade - the 5 Gas shares, the £200 insurance, and whatever she can make off the farm. Which in calculation would amount as follows:-

	£	s	d	
Wages - 15/- per week	39	0	0	
Interest on Gas shares	2	10	0	
D ^o on £200 insurance	8	0	0	
D ^o say at least £300 Stock	12	0	0	£200
	<u>61</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	

In addition to this you have £40 in the Building Club & the interest of the same at least £5 more, and also your own Stock on the Farm. Beside these the children will have your share of the General Family Legacy and what my Mother will leave on her own account in addition I will pay the children's Education until fourteen[?] & when you consider the Labour & toil which I have had since J. Sutcliffe & you have been afflicted, & the cheerfulness with which all your pecuniary necessities have been met & also the entire freedom from risk in which Jane will stand I may lay claim to some credit for a desire to do everything liberally, & as a Christian Brother ought to do.

I think when I review my proposal, which the payments which includes the payment of Rents, Interest, Taxes, losses by business, & every other responsibility, as well as the entire management of the same, my burden will be heavier than Jane with four little children to maintain & likely for more.

If however this proposal does not meet your approbation you must state some other plan; but whatever it may be without the slightest of ill-feeling or disrespect, I must repeat emphatically that I will not enter into partnership with any one after your decease, which God of his infinite goodness,

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sincerely pray may long defer.

I am, Dear Brother
Faithfully your's
Charles Tiplady

My Brother continuing much in the same debilitated was advised to call in the aid of a Surgeon from Preston who, after a very careful examination of him, gave it his opinion that he was afflicted by a spinal Affection¹⁴ - He could not promise to cure him, but said he wo^d do his utmost. - I therefore clearly see the heavy duty wh: devolves upon me, & pray God to give him his assistance to perform that duty in an upright & honourable way.

Sunday, Oct 29th. This Evening Mr Wheeler preached a Thanksgiving Sermon in which he powerfully contrasted the present prosperity of the Nation - with its recent distressed & deplorable state. - After which he made a strong appeal to his hearers on behalf of the New Schools which he contemplates to erect for St. John's Church - By which he would make it appear there were no School belonging the Church. - Now, this in point of theory, is the case - but not in fact, for tho' the Northern Sunday School is not really the property of St John's Church, yet in effect - it is managed by the Clergymen & Laymen of St John Church - It attends that ministry & is in every particular St. John's except in regards its finances, which spring from one fund. But Mr Wheeler & Dr Whittaker cannot agree - The Doctor wishes to be the nominal Head of all the Schools as Vicar, Mr Wheeler desires to have a School under his own control, & not subject in any form - to the Vicar's Authority. - Mr W. appeal was very strong - he represented himself as having the spiritual charge of 5000 souls - most of whom were poor - He stated the population to be nearly 37,000 - & yet there was only 300 Day Scholars, or one in every 127 taught according to the rudiments of the Church of England. - It was his intention to erect Day, Sunday & Infant Schools which w^d accommodate Eight Hundred Children, & he strenuously urged the congregation to make a liberal effort to achieve that object. "Do not", said he, let opposition deter you, there never was a good scheme which the Devil did not seek to ruin by Envy. It was his hope that there would not be found one in that Congregation who would not subscribe to these Schools. But if there was one, he emphatically said - that individual would be the first to regret that he had not contributed his mite. - it might not be in his incumbency, - but he distinctly said it he would be the first to rue. - Now whether in making this allusion he was meaning some particular person, who was opposed to the plan, which he was in most accustomed manner of speaking - or he merely meant as a general inform I cannot tell. I am inclined to think the former. But time will show.

¹⁴ A medical complaint or condition: *OED* 'affection', n.1, 7.

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Dec^r 13th This Evening a Sale of Mrs Anderton's property took place, amongst which were the House in wh: I live & the two adjacent ones. - They were sold separately & went for the sums as understated:-

	£	s	d
Mr Charles Tiplady's	175	-	-
" Giles Cunliffe's	174	-	-
" Joseph Hoyle's <u>£1 off</u>	176	-	-
Duty	16	1	7
Deeds & Stamps <u>Interest</u>		11	-
Solicitor's Accounts	16	19	5 ¹ / ₂
Promissory Notes,			
Deeds of Indemnity	4	12	-
	<u>563</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0¹/₂</u>

The Houses Let for the yearly Rental of 30:18:0 but there is a ground Rent of £2:5:6 per Annum. - They are however capable of a Rent of 36:0:0. - The Houses are considerably somewhat high but the competition was so great they could not be purchased for a smaller sum. I let them for £11:11:0 G.C. & £11:0:0 J.H. my own I consider worth £12:0:0 - £34:0:0.