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March 28<sup>th</sup> Great Steeple Chase - a very Large concourse of people attended.<sup>1</sup> B<sup>r</sup> William still bed-fast and as it appears hopelessly sick. - Mr North hung himself on Wednesday - in a field near the Yew Tree.<sup>2</sup>

April 12<sup>th</sup> 1844. - This Day effected the completion of the purchase of Houses in Mount Street, as follows

Three Houses, as above	524	-	-
Auction Duty	16	1	7
Deed of Indemnity	4	12	-
Int [Interest] for Nine Days	-	11	-
Promissory Note			
Lawyer's Bill for Deeds & Stamps	16	19	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
	<u>562</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub></u>

The above Sum of £562:4:0<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> I raised in the following Manner:

From Mr B. Stones	£	400	0	0	@ 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> per cent
" Building Club		38	10	0	
" 5/- per week for 1843		13	0	0	
" Saving's Bank		20	8	8	
" Cunliffe's Bank		70	17	8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	
" Mary's Services		2	0	0	
" Building Club		10	7	8	
" Railway Shares		7	0	0	
	£	<u>562</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub></u>	

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In March I transmitted a Copy of the Burial Society Report to Lord Ashley,<sup>3</sup> and received the following note from his Lordship

March 30<sup>th</sup> 1844

Sir/

"I am much obliged to you for the interesting paper you have been so good as to send me,"

Your very obed<sup>t</sup> [obedient] Serv<sup>t</sup> [Servant]

Ashley

Mr Charles Tiplady.

April 29<sup>th</sup> 1844. After almost incredible suffering born with Christian meekness & resignation, my brother was this morning delivered from the sorrows of life by the hand of

<sup>1</sup> The races took place near Oliver's on Whalley New Road about 3 miles from the centre of Blackburn (*Preston Chronicle*, 30 March 1844).

<sup>2</sup> An area about 2 miles west of Blackburn on Preston New Road.

<sup>3</sup> Anthony Ashley-Cooper, Lord Ashley and, from 1851, Earl of Shaftesbury, was a politician and philanthropist. As an MP he promoted the Factory Act, 1833, which reduced the hours children and young people could work. Around 1844 Lord Ashley continued to be associated factory reform and improving the working conditions of children but he became a prominent opponent of the Oxford Movement. In his voluntary philanthropic activities, he supported the Irish church mission to Roman Catholics, the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Society for Improving the Condition of Labouring Classes and became president of the Ragged School Union in 1844 (John Wolfe, 'Cooper, Anthony Ashley-, seventh earl of Shaftesbury (1801-1885): *ODNB*).

death. His affairs were fully settled & his peace made - The stock & effects were taken immediately afterwards by myself & Uncle Ratcliffe & the following arrangement made with Jane.

Services at 15/- per week		39	0	0
Interest on Gas Shares		2	10	0
D <sup>o</sup> Stock £200		8	0	0
D <sup>o</sup> Insurance £200		8	0	0
	per annum	£	<u>57</u>	<u>10</u>
			0	0

When I look upon the chequered scenes of the Last fourteen years, during wh: I have been in partnership with my Brother, I cannot but feel deep regret that his Life has been shortened, & harried to an early grave. Many have been the trials & adversities wh: we have combatted together & now I am left alone; with this only consolation that I administered, as was my bounden duty to all his wants & necessities in sickness, & endeavoured to remove from his mind all uneasiness with regard to his Children & widow. - I pray God, heartily & fervently to give me grace to be a Husband to the Widow & father to the fatherless, & to prosper the work of our hands upon us.

Sept 16<sup>th</sup> The usual Quarterly Meeting of the B.P.B.S. [Blackburn Philanthropic Burial Society] was held, from the Report read it appeared that the Society had a fund of £2260 & 24000 Members. The increase, both of Members & Stock, has extended with marvellous rapidity and the good conferred on the Town & Parish immense & it is needless to remark that the utmost unanimity of sentiment prevailed, & the officers partook of refreshments at the close of business.

[September] 23<sup>rd</sup> I had the honor to receive at the hands of the above Society a beautiful Silver Cup in token of their kind esteem, I feel thankful to God that my poor services on furtherance of that excellent Institution should have been so highly appreciated & I pray that I may be in my faith full[?] in some[?] manner[?] & aspect[?] an [illegible]

*[After first entries for 1845 in the original]*

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Some particulars of a journey to London,  
May 24<sup>th</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1844

The proprietors of the London & Birming<sup>n</sup> [Birmingham] Railway having agreed to allow a Holiday Trip at a low rate, I availed myself of the opportunity of once more visiting London, in company with Tho<sup>s</sup> Whittaker, and John Bell, Glazier. The fare up & down was £2. - & it cost about 5/- to Manchester, & 5/- from thence on our return.

The weather being remarkably fine, we started from B<sup>n</sup> at 3 o'clock on Friday & took the Bolton rails to Manchester, where we remained all Night, at No.6, Lever Street, Piccadilly - The same Evening we visited my Brother Lomax's family, & found all in good health - At 10 min to Eight on Saturday we started to London, the day throughout was very clear & hot. On the road I noticed a great want of rain, especially northwards, but as we drew nearer the metropolis the lack of moisture did not appear so excessive - Nothing of moment transpired on our route up, Refreshments were provided at the Queen's Hotel, Birmingham, & at a place named Wolverton the first was a very dear place, the latter moderate, but dear or cheap, the Travellers amounting to some hundreds appeared, were too glad to obtain any refreshment after the fatigues of an 150 Miles journey to dispute the price of the viands - After the refreshments at Wolverton, we proceeded at a quick rate to London, the scenery in the immediate vicinity of the line was picturesque & in some instances sublime, - The trees were in full leaf & generally speaking, vegetation was in full vigour, except for the want of rain - We arrived safely in the "greatest City of the World" in the Afternoon at Six, and on

Landing in the station yard, at Euston Square were nearly bewildered by the tremendous bustle & hurry apparently going forward. No sooner had the Giant Steam Engine ceased his Herculean Labour of dragging from 800 to 700 human beings a distance of 200 miles & safely deposited them in the Station House, than were to be seen some scores of Cabs, Chaises, & Busses, waiting to convey the motley group of strangers to the extremest verge of the four corners of the Metropolis - To a Man who had never been informed of the extent of the place it might have seemed that all the spare Vehicles of London had congregated there specially for the occasion, He will, however, be marvellously soon undeceived, for let him take wh: route he may into the City he will pass, or meet hundreds of every description of conveyance from the Aristocratic Chariot to the humble Dog-Cart.