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Jan 1. Sunday, - Weather Dismal. To the parish Church in the Morning - Sermon by the Rev J Needham, - The Fashion of this World passeth away. - a good scriptural and sound Sermon.

[January] 6<sup>th</sup> Helen Hilton, daughter of Mr J. Hilton died Aged 21.

[January] 8<sup>th</sup> Wet Sunday - Twice at the Parish Church.

A young Man - a pupil Teacher at Trinity died suddenly by taking too much Whiskey.

His poor Mother died shortly after the Inquest - a great sorrow - not correct she was ill but did not die.

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[January] 9<sup>th</sup> Monday Meeting of the Albert & Victoria Lodge at the Oddfellows Hall, when James Cunningham Esq. Mayor of Blackburn was duly initiated, PPGM Lawrence Coupe acting as NG. PPGM Roylance as V.G. and PPGM Charles Tiplady as G.M. I read the charge. The Meeting was throng, and the Mayor received a right hearty welcome. There was good singing - sentiments & recitations followed - The Lodge closed ay 10-30.

[January] 12<sup>th</sup> Thursday - Henry Ward's Spinning Mill totally destroyed by fire. - Loss £30,000 -

[January] 19<sup>th</sup> 43 Anniversary of the Xtian [Christian] Knowledge Society P Church, Slender Meeting, but satisfactory statement & balance

[January] 26<sup>th</sup> After much blustery weather - There was a heavy fall of snow.

[January] 27 to 31. A Succession of cold stormy weather with much snow sleet & rain, ending on the 31<sup>st</sup> with frost.

[January] 30<sup>th</sup> Journey to Manchester with M. very cold & dirty day. - James & David sick.

Candlemas - Fine, clear, cold frosty. - Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 1860

No political News of Importance

Jan 29. Heard the Rev Philip Graham - on the Character of Cornelius the Centurion. He stated some things very closely allied to Swedenborgian.<sup>1</sup> The Sermon was to the rifle Corps.

Sunday After a hard week of Toil - a blessed quiet peaceful Sabbath at Church twice - Morning Wrenford on Death - Evening Needham the preciousness of Christ - To bed early -

Feb 4 To Accrington paying for Dr Torren's Pills.<sup>2</sup> Weather Stormy - In the Evening Letter arrived from Richard - all well thank God.

Weather exceedingly rough and winterly all the week with much snow & sleet.

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The Blackburn News commenced on the 7<sup>th</sup> of Jan and ended Feb 4<sup>th</sup> - having been published only 5 Times, JN Haworth proprietor. -

[February] 8<sup>th</sup> K. V. B. D. N. S. - T. H. P. G. T. B. W. F. T. T. or the consequences will be unhappy, and what can frail human nature do. -

Fine, clear and frosty - with Wind north. -

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<sup>1</sup> A spiritual Christian philosophy based on the work of the Scandinavian seer Emmanuel Swedenborg (1688-1772) who believed that God's purpose was to develop angels from humans through direct influence of the spiritual realm on the natural world (Kurt Nemitz, 'Swedenborg: The Man and His Work', *Swedenborg Scientific Association*, <http://swedenborg-philosophy.org/swedenborg/swedenborg-the-man-and-his-work-a-brief-biography/> [accessed 15 January 2021])

<sup>2</sup> Tiplady was the agent in Blackburn for Dr. Torrens's Herbal Pills, a restorative for the stomach (*Blackburn Standard*, 16 March 1859).

[February] 10<sup>th</sup> To Accrington, Bank Terrace Lodge - St John's most princely entertainment, pleasant company, good singing - agreeable speaker & most hospitable feelings to the Visitors.

I proposed Prosperity to the Lodge - & was well received - very temperate drinking - home at 11-40. - Bell, Clayton, Briggs, Self, Hilton, Chatwood and Peel. -

Saturday - Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Another week's Labour is ended. Thank God for all his mercies - health - work - & sense.

Mr Hart of Spring Hill, very sick of a nervous indisposition -

Mr Baynes Sen<sup>r</sup>. father of the late Mayor died very suddenly at Lancaster -

Mr Walmsley Stanley the Engineer of the Canal Company died.

Sunday Morn: To the parish Church. Mr Needham preached a good sermon from St Peter. - In the Evening Mr Wrenford preached from the words of our Saviour "What shall it profit &c". In the afternoon read Milton 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Books wonderful invention & language - Also to the Cemetery. - Weather very frosty and much snow.

During the week the weather variable, but towards the latter end an inclination to Showers which however ceased on Sunday when a strong North Wind & severe freezing commenced -

Sunday - In the Morning Mr Hopwood prayed for in the P. Church.

In the Afternoon - he Died - aged 60. Feb 19<sup>th</sup>

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Feb 19<sup>th</sup> In the p. Ch. Sermon by Rev C. Hughes Man a living Soul - fine discourse - In the Evening to the Wesleyan Chapel heard Mr W<sup>m</sup> Shorrock Draper from Luke.

Notwithstanding that the spirits are subject unto you rejoice not but rather rejoice that your Names are written in heaven - an earnest discourse - but very noisy - even to screaming.

[February] 20<sup>th</sup> John Ainsworth Bookseller Died aged 58. We entered the Tradesman's Society on the same Night.

[February] Hard Frost from Sunday - clear & bright the 21<sup>st</sup> Shrove Tuesday a lovely day.

After lying in state - the remains of Robert Hopwood were this day conveyed to their last resting place at Bracewell. - He is said to have died immensely rich and tho' we may take up the words of the Psalmist when he said, Man walketh in vain shadow & disquieteth himself in vain, he heapeth up riches & cannot tell who shall gather them - yet in the case before we are bound to acknowledge that the wealth of R Hopwood contributed largely to the welfare of Blackburn as a Manufacturing Town & found means by labour & sustenance to many thousands of its inhabitants.

The funeral was attended by the Corporation, several Gentlemen & about 150 of the principal workpeople.

[February] 26<sup>th</sup> The Rifle Corps attended Chapel Street Chapel when the Rev A Fraser preached an eloquent discourse to them

I attended St Peter's Church and heard the Rev W<sup>m</sup> Bell on the character of Herod. The discourse was of a Lenten character & was most faithful in its doctrines & exhortations. - I have been most mercifully preserved from Temptation.

[February] 27<sup>th</sup> Sister Anne's 55<sup>th</sup> Birthday - A Christian indeed. Uncle Ratcliffe better. -

Weather still very stormy cold & winterly.

[February] 28<sup>th</sup> Wild stormy, snow & dreadfully cold - The same day at Evening Guest Vickers died. A Melancholy instance of good talents, fine constitution & splendid wit misapplied

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Where are his six Orphan Children? In the houses of Strangers Dependant on the charity of persons who have little interest in them save their labour Their labour which must now be two fold & of the most drudging character. A warning to us all and a fulfilment of that scripture which say The Drunkard shall not live out half his days. Guest died about 41 years of age - He was formerly at the Union Company's Offices, Eanam.

[February] 29<sup>th</sup> A Son Born to my Brother John of Bury.

March 1<sup>st</sup> To the Quarterly Provincial at Littleborough of Free Masons. - Joseph Pearson, put on as second Candidate, - Crompton, as first.

A Gift to Brother Morris of Over Darwen - £10.0.0 spoke several times - & was well received.

Thence to Burnley at Night with Mrs T at Mrs Eltoft's whom we found poorly of a bad leg - Maria not well Sarah quite hearty - left on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr Councillor Bolton died - aged 67 Years

[March] 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Weather Stormy - fall of Snow. The odd fellows should have accomp<sup>d</sup> the Mayor to the Parish Church, but the bad Weather prevented them. Dr Rushton in the Morning - on the foolishness of preaching. In the Evening Wrenford on the Rainbow before the Throne, a very sound exposition of the promises of God. - Have to thank most sincerely God for deliverance from Temptation. -

[March] Monday 5. Frosty, a very long Winter - Mr Hart somewhat better.

Frosty the whole week - but calm Winds N East.

[March] 6<sup>th</sup> Letter from Richard still all well - but Yellow Fever prevailing at Bahia.

[March] 8<sup>th</sup> The Annual Meeting of the Over Darwen Gas Company - Dividend £7 per cent pr annum - pleasant Meeting - Mr Ashworth attended on behalf of Dr Ramsey's Property. -

[March] 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday W<sup>m</sup> Whalley Esq. of Whalley Died

At the Parish Church twice - Morning Needham on the Temptations of the Believer, - The hardy Soldier - In the Evening, Hughes, - As I live I have no pleasure in the death of the Sinner Ez<sup>l</sup> [Ezekiel] 18 32 v.

Weather, cold, winterly & very frosty in the Morning. Note The Reservoir in the Park entirely frozen over.

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[March] 12<sup>th</sup> The first sale at the Albert Building Society Shares fetched £18.1.- per share -

[March] 13<sup>th</sup> To supper with H Pemberton & Company. -

[March] 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Frosty every day - 15<sup>th</sup> Bright clear frost & wind north

[March] On the 17<sup>th</sup> Thaw & Westerly Winds -

[March] 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Windy & Showery) but not so cold. In the Morning P Church Dr Rushton Gen. 45 2. I am Joseph - A good practical & historical sermon, on an interesting subject. -

Afternoon Cemetery - Fecit complained of a broken Head Stone value £9.0.0 - Thence forward to Whalley but sadly troubled with Rheumatic - Home at 6 - and to bed early - Read a little of Adonijah<sup>3</sup> - a deal of imaging writing.

[March] 20 to 23<sup>rd</sup> Windy - Stormy, Showers of Snow - and very raw and so onto the end of the Week - a most stormy season, with no fair weather.

March 25<sup>th</sup> 1860 - Mind in a very unhappy state in consequence of words with Mrs T.

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<sup>3</sup> Jane Margaret Strickland, *Adonijah: A Tale of Jewish Dispersion* (London, 1856) - a novel.

To Chapel Morning & Evening - 74<sup>th</sup> Anno Wesleyan School,<sup>4</sup> Sermons by the Rev J B Smith of Bacup, Morning - The Crucifixion of Christ - Evening the Love of God in the Redemption of Man. Both Discourses eminently calculated to awaken the Sympathy of a Christian Congregation - Language full bold clear - eloquent arguments strong, convincing and incontrovertible - illustrations correct graphic & pertinent - metaphors pleasing and well chosen - Scriptural references, numerous, potent and well chosen - fluency of language wonderful rising to eloquence magnificent & in some cases awful - No wonder the Congregation were affected, melted, overcome & chained down in rapture - At times the eloquence was sublime, fast as the human instrument could articulate there issued forth a volume of rhetorics, at once puther,<sup>5</sup> graced and overwhelming. Collection £85.0.0 Good.

[March] 26<sup>th</sup> Journey to Bamber Bridge & Preston on Dr Ramsey's affairs which got satisfactorily settled. - The Board on the 30<sup>th</sup> presented me with £5.0.0 for that and other services.

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The week from the beginning to the end, wet and stormy except Monday. David sick throughout the week.

Sunday April 1. Very wet. Morning & Evening at the Parish Church - Needham on the duty of the Christian Soldier - Even<sup>g</sup> Hughes on Christian Humility - both Sermons very scriptural & good.

[April] 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday at the Lodge Masonic, B<sup>r</sup> Johnson there from Blackpool, He sang a song which I did not approve. Received Letters from Son Richard at the Brazils, - The yellow Fever had been raging, and several had died from England but hitherto he had been mercifully spared. Wrote to him on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

[April] 6<sup>th</sup> Good Friday, a fine day - The beginning of Spring. In the Morning at the Parish Church - Needham on the Crucifixion - It is finished - an affecting discourse. The New Hymn Book used.<sup>6</sup>

Afternoon, having sent the children to Worsthorn, followed with Mother at noon & spent the day there.

Note. The Artillery Volunteer Corps made their first appearance at Church on Good Friday about 80 strong - One of my Sons, Charles Lomax, is a corporal in that service -

[April] 7<sup>th</sup> Very throng, Easter Eve, - fine -

[April] 8<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday - fair until Noon - Afternoon stormy & wet. - Sermon in the Morning by Dr Rushton.

Evening - Wrenford The path of Life. Psalm 116 11 verse

The New Hymn Book withdrawn by the opposition of the Church wardens, & a few rich pew-holders.

Easter Monday - Snow upon the Ground very cold & wet.

1 1/2 o'clock pm. Tremendous Snow Storm Wet, Windy, Storms of Rain, Sleet, Hail and Snow. Very rough Easter Monday but a good attendance of people notwithstanding.

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<sup>4</sup> The Wesleyan Chapel in Clayton Street opened in 1786 (Abram, *Blackburn*, p. 367).

<sup>5</sup> Regional variation of 'pother', to fluster, worry, perplex or confuse: *OED* 'pother', v. 1.

<sup>6</sup> The first edition of *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, without tunes, was published in 1860 to introduce a greater uniformity in the hymns and hymnbooks used in the Anglican church (*A Dictionary of Music and Musicians (A.D. 1450-1889) etc.* Vol. 1, Sir G. Groves (ed.) (London, 1900), p. 764).

This week is generally considered a season of patten<sup>7</sup> & relaxation, but the following Engagements by my ordinary occupation will shew that with me Easter has been no holiday.

Monday. Special Meeting of the Tradesman's Society to take into consideration the propriety of not admitting new Members, About 40 attended. W Stones in the chair - Meeting adjourned to July next. A Deal of Discussion.

[April] Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of St John's Female Friendly Society as under:-<sup>8</sup>

**ST. JOHN'S FEMALE FRIENDLY SOCIETY.**—The 26th annual meeting of this respectable and highly flourishing society was held on Tuesday afternoon, in the school-room attached to St. John's Church. From the financial report, read by Mr. Charles Tiplady, we learn that the society has paid £63 for sick allowances, and £44 for the interment of eleven deceased members and members' husbands during the year. Notwithstanding their heavy expenditure the institution has netted a surplus of £70 in the twelve months, and possesses the very handsome total fund of £1,144 18s. 10d. When the financial business was concluded the members, amounting to more than 300 persons, sat down to tea, and it has seldom been our lot to witness a more interesting sight than that presented by the members, all of whom were comfortably attired, and appeared in the enjoyment of excellent health. The Rev. H. J. Marlen, late incumbent of St. John's, after tea, addressed to them a few kind and suitable remarks, alluding in a very touching manner to the lamented illness of W. Hart, Esq., the respected treasurer and president of the society, and his consequent retirement from office. A vote of thanks to Mr. Hart was passed with loud acclamation, and the secretary was requested to convey by letter the feelings of deep sympathy expressed by the meeting to him. By the unanimous vote of the members the secretary was also instructed to solicit Alderman John Baynes, Esq., to accept the office of treasurer and president, now vacant by the resignation of Mr. Hart. Votes of thanks were then accorded to the Rev. H. J. Marlen for his kind attendance, and to the secretary, Mr. Tiplady, for his faithful attention to the business of the society for twenty-one years. The doxology having been sung, and the benediction pronounced, the members separated, pleased with the very prosperous condition of the society, at the same time deeply regretting the loss of their old and valuable friend Mr. Hart. Thirteen respectable females joined the society at this anniversary. We may mention that the funds are well invested, and the society is enrolled according to Act of Parliament, and is now one of the most prosperous female friendly societies in this kingdom.

Wednesday Committee Meeting of the Free Masons at the Old Bull Hotel; -

Thursday Deputation to the Mayor on the Post Office Business.<sup>9</sup>

Friday Meeting of Gas Directors, Over Darwen 2 to 6.30. Meeting of the Blackburn Burial Board 7 to 10 pm.

[April] 16<sup>th</sup> Young Roger Kenyon died - aged 24

[April] 21<sup>st</sup> Eli Holt was killed at the Daisy Field Station was buried at the Cemetery<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> Mix or associate with (*Dialect Dictionary* Vol. IV, Wright (ed.), p. 435).

<sup>8</sup> *Blackburn Standard*, 11 April 1860.

<sup>9</sup> The delegation lobbied the mayor to urge the Postmaster to give a large room on the ground floor of the Post Office in King Street to letter-carriers and for the committee responsible for building the new Exchange to consider combining the Post Office with the Exchange (*Blackburn Times*, 14 April 1860).

<sup>10</sup> Holt died from complications after falling off a wall at Daisyfield station after leaving a train at 10 p.m. on 15 April 1860 (*Blackburn Standard*, 25 April 1860).

The Weather as the from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> very cold with Snow & Sleet at times.

[April] 22 Sunday at the Parish Church, Needham "Let me die the death of the righteous" - weak energy - In the Afternoon went to Feniscowles with the children and returned at 7. -

[April] 23 Monday, 5 a m All the Hills, Streets are quite covered with Snow.

Note - A Severe Winter of six months duration.

Fine Days - frosty Nights - East Winds - drougthy.

[April] 24<sup>th</sup> Sent off Richard's life Insurance Money -

The drougths continued until Sunday Evening, the 29<sup>th</sup> [April] when a gracious & plentiful rain watered the thirsty earth -

My Son Henry very poorly indeed -

[April] 28<sup>th</sup> John Charles Forrest Councillor for the St Peter's Ward, died - a few hours after he had in a fit of Insanity cut his Throat. - He has left a large family - a good Conservative.<sup>11</sup>

Fowler of King W<sup>m</sup> Street died, - Mr Hornby poorly.

[April] 29<sup>th</sup> Girls' Charity Sermon - Rev A W Rawstone of Balderstone - a good sound gospel preacher.

Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> [April] Lecture by Charles Hardwick at the Oddfellows Hall, well attended, and a most excellent Lecture. - The Mayor in the chair.

Sunday May 6. The Oddfellows of this District walked in Procession to the Parish Church accompanying his Worship the Mayor B<sup>r</sup> James Cunningham Esq<sup>re</sup> - They mustered about 1200 on the occasion & were a most interesting sight.

[May] 12<sup>th</sup> Mr T. H. Pickup elected Councillor for St Peter's Ward. -

[May] 13<sup>th</sup> Great day at St Peter's, the Rev W M Falloon preached to overflowing Congregation - especially in the Evening - This discourse in the Morning was from the prophecy of Zechariah 4 c. & 6 verse Not by might, nor by power but by my spirit saith the Lord of Host - The Rev Gent is very

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is very impressive. He gave a most beautiful elucidation of the Golden Candlestick with the golden bowl and seven candlesticks, or branches - or lamps, with the Two olive Trees on the right & left thereof - exhibiting the Church - the Redeemer, & the Holy Spirit.<sup>12</sup>

In the Evening the sermon was from St Luke's Gospel 13 chap 2 verse This man receiveth sinners & eats with them<sup>13</sup> - The discourse describe the character of God as exhibited in the life & conduct of Jesus Christ who came to save that which was lost. It was throughout a remarkably clear, able & gospel discourse. The Congregation was large indeed.

The Weather most beautifully genial - with sunshine & showers at intervals.

All week Magnificent & genial weather with Thunder at times.

Died May 11<sup>th</sup> John Catlow - a good Man - aged 54.

Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> Re-opening of Holy Trinity Church. Sermon in the Morning by the Revd Dr Barnet, vicar of Bradford - "The Seed is the Word of God" - a good plain practical discourse & well delivered - Afternoon & Evening Sermons by the Rev R. T. Wheeler - I heard in the Evening from these words "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of

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<sup>11</sup> Tiplady was considered as a candidate for the resulting council byelection (*Blackburn Standard*, 2 May 1860).

<sup>12</sup> The seven-branched golden candlestick, or menorah, is used to light the Jewish tabernacle but it is also rich in symbolism for Jews and Christians. Christians see the menorah as foreshadowing Jesus Christ, the Messiah, who described himself as the light to the world (Jack Zavada, 'Golden Lampshade of the Tabernacle', *Learn Religions*, <https://www.learnreligions.com/golden-lampstand-of-the-tabernacle-700108> [accessed 19 January 2021]).

<sup>13</sup> Actually, Luke chapter 15 verse 2.

his" A very powerful discourse from these words - in which the nature, the work, and the operations of the Holy Spirit were set forth in eloquent language.-

The attendance at the Church in the three Services were very large, - & the Collections liberal - say £140 afterwards £14.0.0 more.

#### Whitsuntide

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> [May] 1860 - Being the Eve of Whit Sunday great preparations were made for cheap Trips - Mrs Tiplady and children proceeded to Lytham whither I followed on Sunday Morning - The weather had been delightful up to Saturday Night when some rain fell, and on Sunday it was gusty - windy & portentous of a Storm on Sunday it grew very cold & the wind wh: had been boisterous all day, now grew tempestuous - ushering in Whit Monday with a Storm of Snow, Hail, Sleet, driving rain, & piercing cold, not remembered for many years - The cheap trippers were almost starved.

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At Lytham we had much rain and very high winds - wh: prevailed to a more fearful extent at Blackpool and at Liverpool, doing great damage to the Shipping at the latter place. This weather continued all Tuesday and settled somewhat on Wednesday wh: was a fine day. - I had a lovely walk with Mrs T. in Clifton Park - also on the Sunday previous - and left for home on the Wednesday. - The week for work &c was Nil - for though the Weather was rough, an uncontrolled desire had seized the population to go from Home. - Most of my people were away until Friday -

Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> [May] William Ingham, an old Schoolfellow died - Innkeep<sup>r</sup>. of the Sun Public House. -

[May] 31<sup>st</sup> Died Joseph Bell, son of the late Richard Bell Glazier. -

On Whitmonday I visited Preston in the afternoon and saw the Procession of Scholars, which was a interesting & affecting sight.

June 1<sup>st</sup> 1860 - Memo<sup>n</sup>. Sold our first packet of Tea this morning to Thomas Hart Esq<sup>re</sup>.

Agent to the Liverpool Tea Company. -

Old Joseph Pearson elected on the Royal Masonic Benevolent Fund, £20 a year for life - No of votes - 6320.

Trinity Sunday - Wet all day - also Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of June.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Letters from my Son Richard - Bahia who is thank God - still in good health - now absent 2 years.

A very boisterous and wet June, with but little sun, - Great fears for the Crops.

June 14<sup>th</sup> Thursday Mrs Tiplady and self visited the ancient City of York. - The day was moderately fine and we had a most agreeable journey. Saw the Minster, - Blind Asylum, and the Grand Flower Gala - There was a large concourse of people, say 25,000

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[June] 15<sup>th</sup> Another old Neighbour, James Sagar of Church Street died aged 60 years - This is the fourth Member of the Tradesman's Club in the 6 months - viz G Vickers, J. Ainsworth, & J Pemberton.

[June] 19<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Meeting of the Burial Society - attended only a slender Meeting. Very peaceable

June 23<sup>rd</sup> 52 years old this Day. - In health thank God for a Life of Mercies. - On opening my Eyes I discovered the following Note attached to a new pair of Trousers & Waistcoat

"For my dear Old Man, wishing him many happy returns of the day and health to wear them"

from which I inferred it was a present from my Old Woman, whom Heaven preserve.  
 Old John Sefton died Aged 80 Years - July 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Went to Lytham June 23<sup>rd</sup> & Stopped a few days with Mrs Tiplady & Essy and  
 Henry. The weather moderately fine, with some heavy seas.  
 [July] 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Darwen - always pleasant and agreeable  
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July 6<sup>th</sup> The Weather magnificent - grand and summer like - Hay making in full  
 progress. -

[July] 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday (fine) at Parish & Trinity Church - Morn<sup>g</sup> and Evening. -

[July] 10 With Mrs Tiplady at Manchester - Queen Park

A verse suitable for a Tombstone

Pilgrim of earth, who treads this sacred ground  
 Remember here is not abiding place;  
 Then rest not till thy weary feet have found  
 Thro' Christ, a mansion in the realms of grace.

[July] 14<sup>th</sup> Review of Volunteer Corps in Liverpool or Aintree the B<sup>n</sup> Artillery  
 attended under Major Jackson. My son Charles was present being a Corporal.

[July] 19<sup>th</sup> Thursday, Most Terrific Thunder Storm, with floods of rain. - Lasted more  
 than one hour - Lightning awful & Reports like a field of Artillery. -

[July] 31<sup>st</sup> Violet left.

Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> Had a pleasant visit to Todmorden on the occasion of laying the Foundation  
 Stone at Masonic Hall.

[August] 3<sup>rd</sup> At Burnley - called upon Mrs Eltoft whom I found well - Wadding  
 setting up a Machine for his paper. -

[August] 6<sup>th</sup> Fanny's Birthday (14) Getting quite a young Woman - Letter from  
 Richard - all well. His master wishes him to stay a longer period - We shall see.

[August] 3<sup>rd</sup> Died Joshua Smithson Esq. 77 years, A good Conservative - but a close-  
 fistid Gentleman.

[August] 8<sup>th</sup> One Year has passed since the Settlement of the family affairs, and all  
 have lived to enjoy their patrimony<sup>14</sup> in good health.

My financial affairs are:

	£	s	d
Owing to Sisters	58	0	0
Aunt Callis	20	0	0
Building Club	115	0	0
	£	193	0 0

Credits Building Club

1	24	0	0	{
Gas	106	0	0	{
Houses	550	0	0	{
Shop	600	0	0	{ Life Insurance £250
	£	1280	0 0	{

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<sup>14</sup> Inheritance from a father or ancestor: *OED* 'patrimony', n. 2.a.

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Augt 11<sup>th</sup> Saturday, Went to Newton-le-Willows to be present at the review of the Lancashire Artillery and Rifle Volunteers - A very grand and animated sight but a wretched drenching day. - Got home wet through at 12-15. - on the 12<sup>th</sup> in midnight

[August] 16<sup>th</sup> Splendid Morning - 21<sup>st</sup> Wedding Day - for all the mercies of God to an unworthy worm, everlasting thanks are due - Thy love & blessing on my wife -

Fearfully wet (Aug 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>) with heavy winds and very little sun - The worst fears are prevalent respecting the harvest.

[August] 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Day moderate - Harwood Sermons, preacher Revd P Graham of Over Darwen, Attended in the Afternoon with Mr John Ratcliffe and Mr Robt Duckworth.

Exceedingly wet weather - (23<sup>d</sup>) Son Henry very ill indeed -

Meeting of the Inhabitants - free Library

Went to Whalley with Mary & Henry - who has not been well. I do not know if there be any truth in the adage that if it rain on St Swithin's day there will be rain every day for 40 days afterwards - but I believe that has been the case with the exception

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of one day since the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 1860 - Letter from M whom I thought I had offended. That which I said at the death of Mrs Lloyd is come to pass Mr Isaac Lloyd has followed to the Grave his Wife - in a very short period - Aug 20. Aged 55.

[August] 27<sup>th</sup> Charles' Birthday (20) at Mr Hornby's Mill

Died Miss Hopwood, sister of the late Robt Hopwood Esq. Cotton Spinners. - an excellent Lady.

Note Rain more or less every day from the 15<sup>th</sup> of July to the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of August and frequently very heavy storms - The Grain & Hay much damaged.

[August] 30 & 31<sup>st</sup> Rain - Rain all Month - Markets rising -

[August] 31<sup>st</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Fisher Died.

Sep. 1. Fine Morning - heavy rain at Ten to Eleven, - fine afterwards -

Grand Review at Knowsley - attended, for particulars see Book -

[September] 2<sup>nd</sup> Rain.

[September] 3<sup>rd</sup> Gloomy at Times - Letter from Son Richard. Mrs T. Went to Southport.

[September] 4<sup>th</sup> I followed on a visit to Southport - Lost my Railway Ticket at Preston which annoyed me.

[September] 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Still at Southport Weather very fine. Wednesday to the Isle of Wight - a sand hill<sup>15</sup> - Thursday to a nice little Village called Church Town 3 miles from S. [Southport] -

[September] 7<sup>th</sup> Friday - Sailed from Southport to Lytham in open Boat. Water very calm, - to be rowed all the way & back. Dined at Lytham. - Home in good time - but vexed at Mary's impunctuality which had liked to have left us at Lytham. -

[September] 8<sup>th</sup> Saturday - Morning rain & cold but still fair - went to Liverpool, and thence to the Isle of Man. A very pleasant voyage, and not many sick - The Weather cleared up, and when we landed it was very fine indeed - Met Mr Wilkinson on board & a young Gent from Manchester who pointed to us good, reasonable & respectable Lodgings.

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<sup>15</sup> Isle of Wight is now part of Birkdale, a suburb to the south of Southport. It was a huge sandhill that was often part of a visit to Southport. As Sir George Head noted after a visit in 1835, the nearby Ash Tree was a fine place for refreshment. No evidence of a sandhill remains (Sir George Head, *A Home Tour Through the Manufacturing Districts of England in the Summer of 1835* (London, 1836), pp. 49-52).

[September] 9<sup>th</sup>. Sunday. At St Thomas' Church, heard the Bishop preach from the words - between us & you there is a great gulf fixed. - In the Afternoon which was fine, at Castletown, nothing particular.

[September] 10<sup>th</sup> Monday - Visited, for the first time Ramsey by Coach a large Number of passengers - The road thro Kirk Michael is picturesque & very lovely - The Bishop Palace, and the Church looked very neat and this part is tolerably well planted which is not the case in many parts of the Island. Home by Laxey - saw the great wheel

[September] 11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday - To Peel Castle a most interesting ruin of ancient times - The Janitor give us some particulars of the place - Day very fine - Afternoon road to Glenmay a romantic spot - where the water forms a cascade down the rocks.

[September] 12<sup>th</sup> Walked about the Town & Suburbs of Douglas - visited the Nunnery - Kirk Bradden - & the Nursery Grounds - fair - but wild & dusty portending a change.

[September] 13<sup>th</sup> Took Boat to Liverpool - very rough passage a great many sick - arrived at Liverpool 4-10 - At Six took Train, and arrived safely home a little after 8 pm.

[September] 15<sup>th</sup> Died James Gregson, aged 97 years - The oldest Man in Blackburn.

[September] 22<sup>nd</sup> Sat. The first Stone of St Thomas' Church laid at Bottom Gate, (the weather wet) There was a good attendance of Ministers & Scholars, but only slender of the Inhabitants. -

[September] 23. - Sermon Canon Richson, Romans - For no man liveth unto himself & no man dieth unto himself from which words he eloquently discoursed of the practical duties & responsibilities of Christians & of the necessity of charity -

[September] 30<sup>th</sup> At the Parish - Sermon the Anger of James - Evng the Book of Common Prayer -

[September] 28<sup>th</sup> Friday Afternoon at Chatburn with Mrs T. a very comfortable & quick visit - but here, as elsewhere there is a change - David has left and is at Preston -

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A rough & stormy week - with high winds & rain -

[October] Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> Parish Ch: Morn<sup>g</sup>. Sermon by the Rev the Vicar from Acts. They took knowledge of them that had been with Jesus.

[October] 4<sup>th</sup> Letter from my Son Richard. - He has had fever and relates that many men have died -

[October] 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Very cold - with north wind - 12<sup>th</sup> Fair and frosty - with ice.

On the 8<sup>th</sup>. [October] Snow fell in many places, particularly on the mountains of Wales, Scotland & Cumberland

Excessively Wet. - Oct 14<sup>th</sup> - Walked with Daughter Essy to Stiff Street, where joined by Wife & Henry we visited Mrs Bolton who was sick at the Judges

[October] 21 Mr Welland's farewell Sermon - Text John 12. 32 - "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all Men unto me". The Rev Gentleman is a young Man from Ireland, and during the brief period of his curacy with Dr Robinson has greatly endeared himself to the flock & people of the District -The Discourse was an animated one, with a total abnegation of Self, the Saviour exalted to be the man & object of all believers - He continued for the space of <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of an hour to pour forth a most eloquently, and at the last made a few remarks touching his own departure - The Congregation instantly became deeply affected, the Sobs & weeping were audible & universal nor could the sterner sex refrain. - one mingled paroxysm of weeping pervaded all - The Rev Gent hastend to his conclusion & sat down overwhelmed with the emotions wh: this outburst of affection towards himself had produced.

The church was exceedingly crowded.

[October] 23<sup>rd</sup> One of the finest days of the year - calm, clear, sunny and genial. To Accrington in the Afternoon.

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My mind was exceedingly disturbed by finding that the Radicals had nominated Mr Caughey along with Mr Edmundson, by which they intend to throw all their strength against me. - I was deeply exercised but found great relief in prayer - I prayed that then all matter might be left with God - that if I won I might be faithful, - and if I lost not desponding. I came to work and found that Edward Saward the B<sup>r</sup> of the Town Clerk had nominated Mr C. by wh: I think they have injured their cause.

Nov. 1 Elected a Town Councillor. May I have grace, wisdom & health to do my duty.<sup>16</sup>

STANDARD OFFICE,	
BLACKBURN, NOV. 1, 1860, 5 P.M.	
THE	
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS	
TO-DAY.	
<p>The municipal elections to-day have resulted in the total defeat of those who were the nominees of the erewhile dominant party in the Council, and consequently in the return to the Council-chamber of twelve men of the right sort, who will not be brow-beat by those who have for some time past held sway in things municipal. There is now some prospect of a change for the better in the management of our local affairs, and such things as paying aldermen and councillors two guineas a day for their services are likely to be put an end to. We give below the figures at the close of the poll in each ward, and shall publish in the <i>Patriot</i> of Saturday a full report of the elections:—</p>	
ST. MARY'S WARD.	
Dean .....	232
Alston .....	228
Briggs .....	218
Beads .....	207
ST. JOHN'S WARD.	
Tiplady .....	478
Caughey .....	471
Edmundson .....	246
TRINITY WARD.	
Forrest .....	485
Lewis .....	447
Holden .....	420
Beaty .....	389
PARK WARD.	
Hutchinson .....	447
Paterson .....	444
Haydock .....	332
Waddington .....	14
Jepson .....	4
ST. PETER'S WARD.	
Dickinson .....	333
Cartwright .....	330
Abbott .....	58
Pye .....	60
ST. PAUL'S WARD.	
Eccles .....	453
Hopwood .....	437
Bullough .....	335
Shakeshaft .....	307
At four o'clock the bells of the Parish Church rang out a merry chime in honour of the victory.	

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Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>. very cheering Letter from my Son Richard, for which God be praised.

Visited, Miss M. E [Maria Eltoft] - at B. [Burnley] and had Tea - all well, I think she is again engaged -

<sup>16</sup> The *Blackburn Times* was far from flattering about the two winning candidates. It described Tiplady as 'a talker' who would 'make a noise in the council chamber, but whether that will prove a benefit to the town or a hindrance to public business will be seen ere long'. In contrast Caughey seemed 'to have little to say'. In contrast, it considered Edmundson, who had been one of the ward councillor, 'a worker' (*Blackburn Times*, 3 November 1860).

Nov 9<sup>th</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Thwaites Esq. Elected Mayor, My first speech in the Council, - called to order, - but very improperly so.<sup>17</sup>

[November] 10<sup>th</sup> My Son William left me to reside at Messrs Dobson's in Preston, to improve himself - I pray God be with him, and enable him to do his duty. My labour of course will be increased - but while I health & strength I will endeavour to do my duty.

The Weather, which had been beautiful upto 11<sup>th</sup> now changed and on the 16<sup>th</sup> there was a Storm of Sleet, Rain & Snow

[November] 15<sup>th</sup> To her Majesty's great joy the Prince of Wales returned home from Canada & America -

[November] 17 Letter from William, in health, and likes his situation.

[November] 18. Sunday - Most admirable Sermon from Dr. Robinson, 1 Cor: 1 c. 30 ver: - showing the fulness of the Believer in Christ - Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification & Redemption -

Weather, Frost & Snow, with a strong tendency to dry frosts.

Dec<sup>r</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> At Oldham, at the Provincial Meeting, exceedingly wet, - The sum of £100 was voted to the Royal Benevolent Fund in London. Dined with B<sup>rs</sup> & was well received.

Weather since December came in has been unusually gloomy, wet & foggy. - and very dark.

[December] 10<sup>th</sup> Mrs T. Birthday, In good health, thank God.

[December] 12<sup>th</sup> Repaid J. H. P. £5.

[December] 16<sup>th</sup> Fine with slight indication of Frost. -

[December] 17 Very fine

[December] 18 P Burial Society Meeting - Rose for the Vice President - Grime [sic] ousted Dugdale.<sup>18</sup>

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The report of the Society very favourable. - and full of useful and valuable statistics

Same day with Alderman Boyle & others on the Lamp Committee - Made a long perambulation.

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At 9 p.m. on the 18<sup>th</sup> [December] a very heavy fall of snow commenced & continued until the Morning of the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Essy's Birthday - Winter indeed - a fine sharp Girl but small in size. -

[December] 23 Sunday. Continuation of the Frost. This day a very heavy fall of Snow which added to that on Tuesday & Wednesday last, has completely blocked up the face of Nature throughout the whole kingdom

[December] 24<sup>th</sup> Snow all Night - Morning, heavy fog. - with continued hard frost

Grand Presentation of Bugle to the Artillery Corps by Miss Cunningham, Ex-Mayor niece, - fine night but fearfully cold. -

Christmas Day (Tuesday) - A particularly fine, clear, frosty healthy Winters Day - The Salford Brook so frozen over that Boys were sliding thereon - The Reservoir & Canals all fast. To Church in the Morning - Sermon Wescoe Holy Meditation - A wild imaginary tissue of dramatic & poetic figures very eloquent but I fear very useless - The last few sentences very fair -

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<sup>17</sup> Tiplady spoke in the debate on the election of the new mayor. The outgoing mayor, Alderman Cunningham, called Tiplady to order for objecting to the salary of the Town Clerk being raised, something which the incoming mayor, Alderman Thwaites, promoted. Cunningham considered Tiplady's remarks to be a personal attack on Thwaites, which he called out of order. Tiplady disagreed (*Blackburn Standard*, 14 November 1860).

<sup>18</sup> Mr Graham defeated Richard Dugdale in a vote for vice president that caused 'a great deal of trouble and commotion' (*Blackburn Times*, 22 December 1860).

William over from Preston - Thomas from Liverpool all in good health -  
The kitchen range of Mr Crankshaw blew up with the frost and seriously injured his Son.

Dec 29. - My Venerable Uncle Ratcliffe died this Morning at five o'clock - I visited him only on Christmas Day - twice, when, for his age, he appeared quite hearty.

Dec 29. The Snow which fell on the 18<sup>th</sup> remained until this Night, when a tremendous fall took place making the Roads & rails impassible [sic]. I have not seen so large a fall for many years at the front door in Mount Street, it was  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a yard Deep - on the 30<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)

The frost slightly remitted on Monday but again returned with great intensity at the opening of the New Year.

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Sick Society at Hy Whittaker divided 26 years since and left all the Old Men in the old not then worth 20/-. The old Men stuck together & paid 2/- per quarter 13. - ranging from 80 to 70 years & until they could buried themselves - Buried all the widows since & there remains only 4 Wives 55 years - Never had anything for sickness - 8/- per year - Rich<sup>d</sup> Holden - This Club's woes so frequent the [?] part that they swarmed out after the great panic in 1826<sup>19</sup> things went backwards - It is now 26 years since sick pay was delivered out - R Holden will now receive £5 & those with wives 10 years.

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<sup>19</sup> The financial crisis of 1825-6, or the 'crash', lasted from October to January during which the stock market collapsed and large number of English banks failed (Hilton, *A Mad, Bad, & Dangerous People*, pp. 302-305).