

Jan 20 Great Distress in consequence of the American difficulty¹ - Soup kitchen Established in Cleaver Street and Subscriptions obtained from the Wealthy & others.

Soup Kitchen in full operation 2400 Quarts per Day² - Distribution of Meat & Bread to begin Feb. 4 tomorrow.

Short Time almost universal.

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Gave	3/6	Tickets belonging Reuben Cooke ³ -		6 th
	3/-	D ^o	D ^o	
	4/6	D ^o	Mrs Tiplady	7 th
	2/-	D ^o	C. T.	8 th
	2/6	D ^o	C. T.	12 th
	2/6	D ^o	C. T.	24

Feb 3 Beautiful Letter from my Son Richard who is in good health, Thank God.

[February] 6th & following days, fine clear Frost.

[February] 10th Delivery of Loaves - 1,100

Meal, Nine Loads -

Soup kitchen - [February] 20 at Accrington & Burnley

[February] 21. Died at the venerable age of fourscore years Mr John Polding, Sen^r, a worthy, upright and honourable Tradesman of this Town, most deservedly respected, formerly Alderman of the Corporate Body.

[February] 23. - James Parker, Watchman at the Ewood Mill - an old & sincere Member of the Church, - aged 77 Buried at Tockholes. His Brother was living some years ago.

[February] 22nd Buried at Tockholes John Osbaldeston as under.

¹ This would become known as the 'Cotton Famine' when supply of cotton from the United States was limited by blockades during the American Civil War. However, the downturn in the cotton trade was also part of one of the cyclical slumps in the nineteenth century (John K. Walton, *Lancashire: A Social History, 1558-1939* (Manchester, 1987), p. 201).

² The soup kitchen opened on 22 January 1862. 2400 quarts were distributed on 25 January, less on other days (*Blackburn Standard*, 29 January 1862).

³ On the instruction of Tiplady, the *Blackburn Standard* reported that Cooke, who had lived in Blackburn, had donated 20 shillings for the soup kitchens (*Blackburn Standard*, 12 February 1862).

FUNERAL OF JOHN OSBALDESTON, THE INVENTOR.

—On Saturday last, the remains of John Osbaldeston, the inventor, was interred in the burial ground of Tockholes Church. The cortege started from the Blackburn workhouse at noon, consisting of the sons, daughters, and granddaughters of the deceased, and the gentlemen whose names follow:—Messrs. Thomas Clough, solicitor; T. Walmsley, manufacturer; H. Backhouse, solicitor; T. Brennand, deputy-clerk of the guardians; C. Tiplady, D. Crook, T. Summersgill (governor of the workhouse), W. Durham, and J. Thompson (Preston.) At Tockholes the party was joined by Mr. Benjamin Sandford and Mr. Willacy Haydock. The burial rites were performed in a most solemn and impressive manner by the Rev. C. Hughes, the incumbent, who also, in a spirit of the highest liberality, gave the ground in which the body was deposited. The wishes of the deceased were consulted in the selection of the spot; he asked that he might be buried near to a tree, and at the foot of a tree he takes his last sleep. At the conclusion of the melancholy ceremony, the friends adjourned to the Victoria Hotel for refreshment; after which appropriate addresses were delivered upon the event of the day, in the course whereof the life, services, and fate of Mr. Osbaldeston were touchingly dwelt upon. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Hughes, the incumbent, for his marked unction and effect in reading the burial service, and for his generous conduct in presenting the ground. The reverend gentleman, in replying, said he esteemed it a great honour that his church yard had been selected as the depository of the remains of so distinguished a man as Mr. Osbaldeston. The subject of a monument had been mentioned; and he assured the gentlemen present that every facility should be given to them in carrying out the design. Thanks were voted to Mr. Clough, Mr. J. Thompson, Mr. Grime, the union surgeon, Mr. Summersgill, the governor, and to Mr. Alderman Baynes; and the procession then returned to Blackburn. It is intended to erect a memorial over the grave of the deceased, bearing an inscription indicative of his character and

services. The following lines, on the subject of Mr. Osbaldeston's death, are from the pen of Mr. John Baron, one of the Blackburn poets, and a warper in a factory:—

Weep, toiling millions, OSBALDESTON'S dead!
The iron knight—the wizard of the loom
Is gathered to his cold and wormy bed,
On Death's pale horse he met the pauper's doom.

Is this thy fate, O genius?—this the dower
The vampyres of thy brain to thee bequeath!
Hast thou to perish 'neath a tyrant's power
In bastile gloom, to earn a poet's wreath!

Must eighty years of toil for others' gain
Holl o'er thy radiant brow in the dim past—
Throw to the sensualist thy golden grain,
And languish in a leazarhouse at last?

No mock emblazonry—no gorgeous weeds—
None, save the panic-stricken heart to mourn;—
No golden-spurred postillions pricked the steeds
When OSBALDESTON to the grave was borne.

No solemn dirge, alas!—no muffled toll—
No herald-mercury winged thy name abroad—
No priest sung paternosters for thy soul
When thou hadst left behind thy earthly load.

But there were hearts that felt the keenest throes—
Hearts that once beat in unison with thine:
And tongues that cheered thee in thy house of woe,
Familiar to thy ears in "Auld Lang Syne."

What care the wealthy for the people's groans?
They eat the kernel, but the husk is ours;
We are the working bees, and they the drones
Who gorge the honey, while we cull the flowers.

Our vaunted realm—our earth-defiant isle—
Provides the millionaire with princely hall;
The artizan with cheerless heart must pile
His glittering heaps, and then ignobly fall.

Our Blackburn genius was of brighter mould
Than wealth-idolaters can ever share;
Carved on the loom his handicraft behold—
In glaring lines it stands immortal there!

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Ash-Wednesday, March 5 - Heavy fall of Snow for the Winter.

The distress of the Operative continues and Relief is afforded to Thousands of unemployed poor. -

Received a Letter from Richard - all Well - thank God.

March 8th Died Thomas Greenwood, 33 Years Clerk at St Paul's Church, aged 76 years - an old worthy Christian disciple - He took an active part in the Establishment of the Operative Conservative Association in 1835 along with the late James Parker, who died about a fortnight since, and was I believe the first President - I succeeded him in 1836.

Sunday [March] 9th Dr Robinson preached at Trinity from these Words in Timothy - For there is one God and one Mediator between God & Men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time. A very lucid & full view of the Gospel truth, very faithfully delivered.

[March] 12th Borrowed £30 of Mr Richard Thompson

Thursday, [March] 13th Annual Meeting of the Over Darwen Gas Company very full attendance - All the Board and Shareholders - numbering in the whole 28 persons. John Walker was elected upon the Board, and Thomas Bertwistle as Auditor. £5 per cent declared for the Year. - Rather unpleasant feeling about last year's Dividend - but made all right.⁴

⁴ Tiplady acted as chair. He explained to the meeting that the dividend was low because of the general depression in trade (*Preston Chronicle*, 15 March 1862).

Died Mrs Lonsdale an eminently pious and benevolent Lady - The founder of the Strangers Friendly Society see before

15th March Died Mrs King aged 86 years, a Person of Infidel principles all her life.

Sent 25/6 to Waterford, Ireland, - acknowledged

18th March visited Preston & saw William - an exceedingly cold week with snow on the 23rd & 24th. Both Mrs T & self got cold. -

April 12th Saturday, A Storm of Snow. Rifles went to Preston

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Easter Day, 20th fine - but showery - Morning at the parish Church. - Mr Oates - Joseph of Arithmea, - Evening Ogden - The place where Jesus lay -

April 4th Election at Preston - Sir Thomas G. Hesketh beat Mr Melly by a heavy majority - 570⁵

[April] 22nd Easter Tuesday - Report of a Robbery at E Wharton. £100 of postage stamps⁶ -

[April] 21. Easter Monday, I wrote a Letter to the "Times" which appeared in the 23rd and caused me to receive a large amount of Subscriptions to the Relief Fund⁷

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE BLACKBURN RELIEF FUND,		
Per Mr. CHARLES TIPLADY, responding to his letter in <i>The Times</i> newspaper, April 23 rd , 1862.		
A Widow's mite, Paddington.....	£	s. d.
F. W. G., do.....	0	3 0
J. Brookstrod, do.....	0	3 6
J. Goodchild, Nottingham.....	0	10 6
A Mite, do.....	0	5 0
H. G. Hewlett, Esq., London.....	0	1 5
Charles Stephens, Esq., do.....	1	0 0
H. M. Riddle, Esq., do.....	5	0 0
Lucy, do.....	1	0 0
Q., do.....	0	2 6
W. Eglington, Printer, the insertion of the Letter, 150,000 Copies, to various Towns in the Kingdom.....	0	2 6
Miss Leonard, London.....	1	0 0
J. F. W., do.....	0	5 0
Miss E. Williams, London.....	0	10 0
The Misses Macottes, London.....	5	0 0
M. A. M., do.....	0	5 0
S. M. Wolfe, Esq., do.....	5	0 0
E. S. Mitchell, Esq., Upper Clapton.....	2	0 0
Widow's Mite, Brighton.....	0	2 0
Thos. Cunibiere, Esq., Brighton.....	1	1 0
Rev. John Hayes, Christ College, Cambridge.....	1	0 0
London District Visitor.....	0	2 6
Mr. W. Edwards.....	0	1 0
Mr. F. Wilson, London.....	1	0 0
F. S., London.....	0	10 0
F. S., Emily Peel, Craven Hill, London.....	2	0 0
A German, Bradford.....	0	1 0
For the factory girls.....	0	5 0
Mr. Robert B. Thomas, Kent.....	0	5 0
Mr. Brown (Inspector of Schools, 33, Wellington Hall, Churchstake, Shrewsbury,) and his Daughter.....	2	0 0
Rev. W. C. Broughton, Harrondene Vicarage.....	3	0 0
W. J. Loch, Esq., London.....	1	0 0
Mrs. Mary Eyre, do.....	0	5 0
Mrs. and Miss Gordon, 30, Park Crescent, London.....	5	0 0
Anonymous, Chancery Lane, London.....	5	0 0
A poor Man.....	0	1 0
Charles W. Good, Esq., late 5th Dragoon Guards, Hull.....	5	0 0
Total.....	£60	10 11
Miss Collinson, London, 10s. to the poor Girl who offered her Hymn Book for sale.—A Mastron, for the poor Girl, 1s.		
JAMES PARKINSON, TREASURER.		
Blackburn, April 25 th , 1862.		
LESSONS FOR		
DISTRESS in LANCASHIRE.—SUBSCRIPTIONS to the BLACKBURN RELIEF FUND, per Mr. Charles Tiplady, responding to his letter in <i>The Times</i> newspaper, April 23, 1862:—Miss E. Williams, London, 10s.; E. S. Mitchell, Esq., Upper Clapton, £2; Widow's Mite, Brighton, 2s.; Thos. Cunibiere, Esq., Brighton, £1 1s.; Rev. John Hayes, Christ College, Cambridge, £1; London District Visitor, 2s. 6d.; Mr. W. Edwards, 1s.; Mr. F. Wilson, London, £1; P. S., London, 10s.; Emily Peel, Craven Hill, London, £2; A German, Bradford, 10s.; For the Factory Girls, 5s.; Mr. Robert B. Thomas, Kent, 5s.; Mr. Brown (Inspector of Schools, No. 33, Wellington-hall, Churchstake, Shrewsbury,) and his daughter, £2; Rev. W. C. Broughton, Harrondene Vicarage, £3; W. J. Loch, Esq., London, £1; Mrs. Mary Eyre, ditto, 5s.; Mrs. and Miss Gowan, No. 30, Park-crescent, London, £5; Anonymous, Chancery-lane, London, £3; a Poor Man, 1s.; Charles W. Good, Esq., late 5th Dragoon Guards, Hull, £5; Anonymous, Ryde, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Buchanan, Lynnington, 10s.; E. H. D., £5; H. A. Napier, Esq., Glasgow, £1; Two Ladies, 5s.; M. Buckminster, 3s.; A Friend's Mite, 1s.; L. P. J., Hereford, 2s. 6d.; J. Scott Bankes, Esq., Flintshire, £5; Mrs. Penoyre, The Moor, Hereford, £10; Mrs. Napleton Penoyre, ditto, £10; Mrs. Bell (Westbourne-park) and several ladies, £1 5s.; Messrs. J. J. and I. Wilson, London, £5 5s.; 14 of their Assistants and Shopmen, £1 15s.; I. G. Langham, Esq., Sussex, £5; Rev. H. Hutton, Filleigh Rectory, Devon, £2; John W. Howey, Esq., Amersham, £3; M. D., £10, Stoke Newington; Mrs. Lucena, £3; Rev. Dr. Rochell, Belfast, £1; Mr. Ellis, London, £2; E. K. L. P., Leicester, £5; Mrs. Allen, Tenby, £5; Rev. H. Rich, 10s.; Mrs. Bankes, £5; Alfred O. Pope, £1 1s.; Mrs. Wilson, Woolly, £5; Mrs. Broke, 11s.; H. C. Barlow, Surrey, £1 1s.; A. Z., £1; H. C., 10s.; Miss M., Banagate, £1; H. T. R., Rugby, £1; sums under 10s., 15s. A Mastron, for the poor girl who offered her Hymn-Book for sale, 1s.		
JAMES PARKINSON, Treasurer.		
Further donations will be most thankfully received by him, or Mr. C. Tiplady, 53, Church-street, Blackburn.		
April 30, 1862.		
BLACKBURN RELIEF FUND, &c., per Mr. CHARLES TIPLADY.—Relief Fund, 9s. 4d.; Miss M., Bangate, £1; H. T. R., Rugby, £1; Mrs. Hunt, Tiverton, £1; F. C., Cheltenham, £3; E. S. T., London, £10; C. A. F., Nottingham, £1; Mr. Bimpon, Wigan, £1; Rev. C. Langton, £10; M. D., 10s.; Miss Haddon, Dover, 10s.; C. W. Digby, Esq., London, £10; Rev. Henry Le Bas, London, £3; Mr. T. H. Lost, Surrey, £1; M. B., Weymouth, £1; Under 10s., 9s.—May 6, 1862.		

⁵ Polling was Hesketh, 1527, Melly, 1014, majority 513 (*Blackburn Standard*, 9 April 1862).

⁶ Postage stamps to the value of £18 and foreign bill stamps valued at £50 were stolen during Monday night (*Blackburn Times*, 26 April 1862).

⁷ The *Blackburn Standard* reported that Tiplady's letter produced £131 9s 11d (*Blackburn Standard*, 30 April 1862).

May 12th William Maymon Died suddenly -
Dr Morley died at Lytham.
Mrs Harrison at Southport.

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promised to repair has rendered the picture useless.

LANCASHIRE DISTRESS. — Mr. CHARLES TIPLADY begs to ACKNOWLEDGE the receipt of the following SUMS:— R. S. Albion-house, £2; Thom. Bryen, £1; L. H. Caldwell, 10s.; L. Lloyd, £2; W. A. Dunn, Louth, £2; W. J. Jones, Ribblesdale, 10s.; H. W. 10s.; J. M. Lamb, £2; Guernsey, 10s.; Rev. G. H. Oxford, £2; Mrs. and Miss Dobson, £10; J. Baldwin, Esq., £2; Mrs. Ball, £2 (donation); Mr. Elisha Ellis, £2 2s. (donation); Rev. Adam Clarke, Lane. Freecon, £2; Mrs. T., £1; Miss H. W., £1; sums under 10s., 16s. 6d. Total £211 6s. 9d., paid over to James Parkinson, Esq., Treasurer.

DISTRESS IN LANCASHIRE.

On Wednesday last *The Times* contained a letter by Mr. Charles Tiplady, of which the following is a copy, appealing to the general public for aid in relief of the distress prevailing in Lancashire, and which is especially severe in Blackburn. As a result of this appeal donations have been received amounting to £50 10s. 11d.:—

SIR,—I have read with feelings of the deepest interest and gratitude your leader of Saturday, the 19th inst., on the subject of the present distress existing in Lancashire. We owe you many thanks for that well-timed and useful article. I trust it will prove an appeal that will call forth the benevolence of the wealthy. It would be wrong in me to expect that the town in which I live should receive more than a fair proportion of help, because, unhappily, I know that many places are in the same distressed condition. Blackburn has witnessed many sad reverses in the cotton manufacturing business, but never since the Banks' panic of 1825-6 has it experienced so extensive and disastrous a reverse as that which now exists, and which has reduced a large proportion of the operatives to pecuniary ruin and nearly absolute starvation. At the time to which I have referred, in 1826, the town comprised about 23,000 or 30,000 inhabitants, and, for the period of nine months, 14,000 of that number were maintained by a distribution of oatmeal, bread, and bacon. The Government of that day, through the late Sir Robert Peel, sent £1000 to our aid. Most unfortunately for themselves and for the town, the distressed hand-loom weavers were persuaded that their calamity was caused by the introduction of the power-loom, and, goaded by evil counsels, aggravated by hunger and distress, they madly sought a remedy in the destruction of that machinery—an act which eventually plunged them into deeper difficulties and retarded the employment of capital for some time. No such perverse and wrong-headed conduct operates at the present crisis. Thrown into adversity by no act or circumstances over which they have any control, we see a numerous and, for the most part, an orderly and industrious population deprived of work, reduced to poverty—to abject mendicancy—while their fellow operatives, a little more fortunate, are subsisting on wages derived from short time, averaging about three days per week,—wages that barely realise sufficient for food and rent. The number of persons absolutely dependent on the pittance allowed by the Board of Guardians and the dole from the Relief Fund is over 10,000, that is about one-sixth of the whole population, and I may add that at least 20,000 are on short time. Consequently, one-half of the people are sufferers in the general distress. This fearful state of things, had it happened some years ago, I apprehend would have led to serious bread riots, but thanks to the advance of education, and, let us say, to the good sense of the operatives, this appalling distress has hitherto been borne with silent, enduring, and exemplary patience and resignation. No threats, no outbreaks, no violent popular demonstration have been manifested; but even cheerfulness to a certain extent and a wonderful feeling of helping one another have marked the conduct of the suffering unemployed. Let it be borne in mind by your fair readers, that a large proportion of the hands are factory girls whose ages range from 13 to 20 years, and who are capable of earning an average of from 10s. to 14s. per week, girls who have been carefully disciplined in habits of industry from early childhood, and are now, for the most part, scholars and teachers in our Sunday schools. It is painful to reflect that these factory girls have to grieve over the loss of their neat apparel as article after article is pawned or sold for bread. I may give one touching instance of this description. Being a bookseller, I was applied to by a modest girl, 17 or 18 years old, to purchase from her a Wesleyan Hymn-book. She had been out of work for 16 weeks, and there were two companions with her in the same unhappy plight. An aged gentleman, himself the father of several grown-up daughters, happened to be present and commiserated her case. Probably this little Hymn-book, and her Bible, with a few religious periodicals were all the library of this poor girl, all to be sold for food; possibly her long-cherished Bible will be the last sacrifice resigned to pinching poverty and distress. Cannot your matronly readers feel for her position and for many such poor factory girls; cannot some of them lend a helping hand? It is hard to sit at home all the livelong day, sighing for work, pinched by hunger, and surrounded by fearful temptations, timid and trembling, yet forced to the cruel necessity of seeking alms. I am sure there is

generosity enough in this land of ours to meet this fearful aspect of affairs. Look at the noble munificence shown to the widows and orphans of the colliers who perished in the Hartley coalpit. A little help will assist many an aching parent's heart, who trembles as he looks around upon his grown up family, and contemplates with sad dismay the breaking up of his humble household and the utter annihilation of his own and his children's home. I would in conclusion of my appeal just advert to the fact that during the Crimean war the factory operatives of Blackburn contributed a large amount to the Royal Patriotic Fund for our suffering soldiers. I send you a printed pamphlet (18 pages) exhibiting the contributions of one part of the town—Park ward, where you have sums from one penny upwards, amounting in the whole to £549 16s. 9d., by 2800 contributors. I regret not being able to give you the particulars of the other five wards; but I may say the sympathy and liberality was alike universal. In the late famine in India, also, the operatives did their share, and I am happy to state that even now those operatives in work are subscribing handsomely to their fellow workmen in adversity. If these statements shall induce the charitably disposed to help in this "hour of need," they may rely upon it many grateful prayers for their prosperity will be offered up, and by none more than by

Your most humble and obedient servant,
CHARLES TIPLADY,
A Member of the Relief Committee.
53, Church-street, Blackburn.

Mr. R. Darlington, hon. secretary to the Wigan Relief Fund, writes to the *Times* that "arrangements are being made to organise a general fund to be applied in aid of the factory operatives of Lancashire, now suffering the greatest privations for want of employment. It is hoped that a general committee, comprising all the Lancashire members, and many noblemen and gentlemen interested in Lancashire, will shortly be announced. It is intended to have a meeting of all the Lancashire members on the 30th inst. in London, and already many influential persons have approved of the proposed general appeal to the country." If the principal manufacturers and other leaders of society in Lancashire and the West Riding were to form a committee to receive and distribute subscriptions, I feel confident that those subscriptions would flow in freely. The public cannot be expected to give money, when it knows not by whom or how it is to be applied, and it naturally feels suspicious that the distress as described in the letters you have published may be only partial and exaggerated. I do not believe it is so; but persons who do not live in those districts require to be assured of the correctness of these statements, by the coming forward of those who must best know the real state of the case. At the same time it is impossible not to appreciate the honourable feelings which have naturally led the manufacturers to hold back from a general appeal until the distress had become so extensive and long continued, and with so little prospect of immediate relief from the natural course of trade. Another correspondent of the *Times* directs attention to the fact that, after the most liberal provision has been made for the Hartley sufferers, a surplus of £50,000 will still remain. "What," he asks, "do the Managing Committee propose to do with the magnificent sum? When Lancashire is starving—and, I may add, half Yorkshire, too—and fearful calamities of all kinds occurring everywhere, it does seem to me wrong that so large a sum should be lavishly spent, when it might be made available to relieve so many hundreds, if not thousands, more of equally deserving cases. Can it not be made the nucleus of a fund for all colliery accidents in future, seeing that these things are continually occurring, for it is very doubtful whether such an opportunity will occur again? This is an extraordinary and un-

June 9. £211. 6s. 9d.

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May 29. Lent M W 8£ to go to A^a [America] from the relief fund at my disposal -
Gave her the 10/- also on the 13th June, £1.0.0

600 Men employed in levelling Shorrock Delph⁸ -

The Month of May last past has been in the Memory of all one of the finest growing
Seasons ever remembered in the North of England - frequent days of rain - alternate sunshine
and at times bracing winds - Vegetation in consequence has progressed marvelously [sic] -
Trees in full bloom and leaf - potatoes forward - Garden Stuff of all kind rich, luxurious and
plentiful - One heavy thunder storm on Wednesday the inst.

1st June (Sunday) Most Glorious day - fine & sunny with light airs of summer all day.

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Rheumatic all week -

[June] 5th Attended the P. G. Meeting at Todmorden - The New Hall was opened in
solemn Form - & consecrated to Mercury. - After this a Procession and Banquet. a very large
Number of Brethren present - but the Manchester Bⁿ [Brethren] dissatisfied because Bradley
was not a Deputation to London.

[June] 9th Whitmonday, very showery, but calm and not cold - the 7th & 8th very
stormy days with some hail.

Whit Tuesday - Alderman Robt Railton, died, aged 48 years - Review at Pleasington.

Borrowed, thro' Necessity of John D. £20.

A time of deep anxiety and privation - Great Distress among the poor and the
unemployed. - Soup, Bread and Meal delivered three days per week to a large body of the
necessitous - amounting to nearly £200 per week.

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May 10th James Ford repaid £8 to the Green Bank Lodge, and James Watt took the
same to the Bank. -

The Weather Grand - glorious, sunny & fruitful for 2 days only - then change to wet.

The 23rd June - Anniversary of my Birthday - A reflection thereon. I am now 54 years
of Age, - and was led seriously to consider how swift I am hastening to that World where the
wicked cease from troubling and the Weary are at rest. - Upon retrospection of God's mercies
to me - they are innumerable - but my deserts are overwhelming. - It is true I have seen many
good rich & prosperous, - many who lift there [sic] heads on high, and seem to have forgotten
the days of their low estate but I remain in my situation of labour - and to me it appears just
& right, - for perhaps greater prosperity had denied me. It is now 18 years since the death of
my Brother, at which time I owed to Mother for the Stock £380, and £60 for private matter
then there was my Brother's Widow £200 for half of the Stock - for which I paid proper
Interest - I have since then thro the kind Providence of God reared, educated and seen to
business 4 sons viz

Thomas, at Liverpool, himself married - & with a prospect of doing well, - aged 28
£2.2.0

Charles, now managing under much difficulty - a Spinning concern, - Co-operative -
aged 21 - £100 per

William, now with Mr Ratcliffe, of Liverpool, Stationer 27 shillings per week - Aged
20.

⁸ Blackburn Corporation's Borough Surveyor provided all the implements for the workers at Shadsworth and
Shorrock Delph with the workers being paid by the Blackburn Board of Guardians (*Blackburn Standard*, 3 May
and 1 October 1862).

Richard, in the Brazils, from whom on the second of this month we had encouraging intelligence - Considering the trials of this Lad & his early youth - I am constrained to say How manifold are thy mercies Oh God, - Aged 19.

Fanny, just returned from School, and training for Governess, aged 15, - a good Girl & loving

Henry, my poor little fellow, full of spirit but feeble in body aged 13. -

Esther my youngest child, who from School, full of Life, and light as an Antelope, with fine intelligence & full of affection.

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[June] 23rd Fine Day - Went down to Ribchester with Wife and Mr & Mrs Henry Duckworth, - and had tea.

[June] 26th Died, much respected aged 68, my old acquaintance and Friend Anthony Yates of Lower Darwen. Godfather to Son Thomas

July 3rd Died John Sharples, Confectioner - very suddenly.

Council Meeting - Renewal of Gas Contract for one years, - 13/5 per 1000 hours, or 3/7 per 1000 feet. A long discussion. -

July 5 Died Mr Daniel Mills, Councillor of this Town. - aged 45 years. - I fear his life was shortened by taking too much Liquor -

[July] 16th Died, to the great regret of her Husband and Friends Mrs R^d Greenwood, aged 42 years -

[July] 17th News of McEllans Defeat,⁹ - in America.

August 4th My Wife took Fanny and Essy to School at Grantham in Lincolnshire Fanny as assistant.

[August] 6th Fanny 16 years old this day. - in good health -

George Jackson died - Tallow Chandler then Cotton Spinner

July 29. Insured my Life with the Eagle Insurance Company for an additional £300 annual Premium £16.12.9.

The Distress in the Town remains about stationery [sic]. Mrs Potter is exerting herself with a view to get unemployed Women as domestic Servants.

Aug 2nd Died James Dewhurst, aged 55. An old school fellow, and a worthy man -

Same Day John Slater Proprietor of the Belle Vue Gardens, - aged 32. This speculation turned out very ruinous in the end, - and no doubt shortened his life

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Aug 23rd The mortal remains of Capt E. Sheppard LR adjutant were conveyed to the Cemetery with all military honours by the 5th L A R C & the R Corps of this Town - The day was very fine, & the streets were lined with large multitudes of spectators; -

This was the 30th Week of the Distress, I give a few paragraphs.

⁹ A telegram was received in Preston giving news of the retreat of the Union army and surrender by General George B. McClellan, general-in-chief, but the news was held in doubt (*Preston Chronicle*, 19 July 1862).

BREAD AND MEAL DISTRIBUTION AND SOUP KITCHEN.—On Monday last the poor of St. Paul's and St. Mary's Wards received 10,055 lbs. of bread and 7,200 lbs. of meal; on Thursday the poor of Park and St. Peter's Wards received 10,030 lbs. of bread and 8,400 lbs. of meal; and yesterday the poor of St. John's and Trinity Wards received 7,802 lbs. of bread and 7,840 lbs. of meal. The soup given out on Saturday last was 439 quarts; Monday, 316; Tuesday, 431; Wednesday, 404; Thursday, 420; and yesterday, 359 quarts.

THE DISTRESS.—We regret to say that the distress continues to spread with great rapidity, and the claims for relief from the guardians are daily augmenting. For the week ending last evening, in the Blackburn district, which contains a population of 69,506, 3,480 cases have been relieved; these cases embraced 11,402 persons, of whom 4,733 were able-bodied. The cost of the relief was £635 11s. 7d. The increase from last week is, in the number of cases, 225; in the number of able-bodied, 331; of dependents, 747; and in cost of £2 5s. 9d. The guardians have had in their employment this week 604 able-bodied unemployed, who are paid at the rate of one shilling per day, and the amount they have expended under this head is £177 13s. The claims upon the visitors of the relief committee have also, we learn, been largely augmented this week. An important meeting of this committee was held on Wednesday evening, we understand, at which the Mayor presided, when the state of matters was talked over, and various suggestions made to aid the district committees in impartially discharging their laborious and onerous duties. Some conversation also took place respecting a proposal to increase the allowance given by the committee as a supplement to the aid given by the guardians, but as the general opinion appeared to be that we have not by any means realised the worst period of the distress, and as the claims upon the committee would certainly be largely increased when the inclement weather of winter set in, the subject was allowed to drop in the meantime.

BLACKBURN UNION.—The following table shows the rateable value of each township, the amount expended for the relief of the poor for the year ending March last, and the amount of common charges irrespective of relief to the poor, during the same period:—

Parishes.	Rateable Value of the Property.	Charged to the Parish.	Charged to the Common Fund.	Amount of the Common Fund Charges.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Blackburn	144419 5 0	33 8 10	3024 7 5	995 19 10
Balderstone	2384 5 4	57 0 0	54 18 5	18 1 4
Billington	4709 16 8	137 18 0	143 9 4	47 4 0
Church	8766 14 10	112 14 10	91 18 2	30 4 9
Clayton-le-dale	1530 2 6	49 8 11	63 17 9	21 0 4
Clayton-le-mrs.	10365 5 6	262 9 1	184 18 9	60 16 10
Dinkley	632 11 8	38 5 4	34 14 11	11 8 7
Ecclehill	1878 17 0	31 13 3	49 6 4	16 4 6
Great Harwood	8173 16 3	245 6 7	206 15 2	87 15 3
Little Harwood	2119 6 7	14 18 5	23 10 9	7 14 10
Livesey	11444 5 0	190 11 0	283 11 5	93 5 10
Lower Darwen	8903 15 0	206 12 3	294 15 7	96 19 7
Mellor	3290 13 4	162 18 7	173 14 7	57 3 1
Osbaldeston	1144 17 0	5 18 7	47 1 6	15 9 9
Oswaldtwistle	22738 0 0	460 12 2	596 5 8	194 3 6
Over Darwen	3490 10 0	820 17 3	1109 12 6	365 1 3
Pleasington	2995 5 0	70 14 3	76 4 4	25 1 6
Ramsgrave	1159 3 4	45 3 0	80 14 0	26 11 0
Rishton	5557 14 8	105 15 4	132 5 2	43 10 3
Salesbury	1270 17 0	23 2 4	22 5 11	7 0 1
Tockholes	2832 17 0	75 18 8	163 12 10	53 16 9
Wilsford	1333 13 1	14 3 1	14 11 6	4 15 10
Witton	5367 5 0	182 0 4	96 7 10	31 14 3
Yate & Pickup Bank	1383 15 8	91 11 3	169 4 1	55 13 7
Total	287011 14 3	1724 1 6	7193 4 8	2389 17 0

THE UNION LABOURERS AND PRESTON GUILD.—On Tuesday afternoon the parish labourers employed at Shorrock Delph held a meeting upon the ground, when resolutions were carried to memorialise the Board of Guardians to give them a day's leave to visit Preston during the Guild week, and during such absence the wages of each to be paid. The memorial will be presented to the board this day (Saturday) by a deputation from themselves.

STATE OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE BOROUGH.—The following is the result of returns procured by the chief constable of the state of employment on the 22nd instant, from which it will be seen that the total number of persons out of employment is 13,321:

	No. of establishments.	No. of hands usually emp'd.	No. working full time.	No. working short time.	Wholly out of employment.
Cotton Mills and Weaving Sheds..	74	24,199	5,500	6,479	12,220
Warping, &c.....	13	461	114	90	257
Machinists	9	817	476	32	309
Foundries.....	12	974	528	34	412
Rope Walks.....	1	30	16	0	14
Joiners	15	440	393	0	56
Blanch Croft	1	21	8	0	13
Paper Staining	1	64	64	0	0
Bobbin Turners	1	40	0	0	40
Total	127	27,055	7,099	6,835	13,321

RN PATRIOT, SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 1883

BLACKBURN BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The usual weekly meeting of the Blackburn Board of Guardians was held in the board-room on Saturday, Mr. Richard Eccles, chairman, presiding. There were present, also, Messrs. T. Clough, M. Baron, J. Feilding, W. Durham, J. Dickinson, T. Counsell, T. H. Pickup, J. Smith, Eatough, J. Baron, E. Duckworth, T. Simpson, J. C. Garfit, Birtwistle, Reddish, Paterson, J. Ainsworth, Waring, T. Kenyon, and D. W. Forrest, Esq., *ex officio*.

The number of inmates in the workhouse was 467, against 471 in the preceding week, and 297 in the corresponding week of last year. The number of vagrants relieved during the week was 157, of imbeciles in the workhouse 62, of children in the workhouse schools 75. From the returns of out-relief it appeared that the number relieved in the Blackburn district was 10,655, at a cost of £633 5s. 10d.; in Oswaldtwistle district, 1,170, at a cost of £52 9s. 10d.; in Darwen 1,066, at a cost of £47 4s. 11d.; making a total of 12,911, of whom 4,908 were able-bodied, relieved at a cost of £733 0s. 7d. In the corresponding week of last year the number relieved was 2,401, of whom 483 were able-bodied, relieved at a cost of £129 19s. 2d.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

Mr. CLOUGH stated that on Wednesday the Labour Committee met for the purpose of investigating a charge preferred against William Brokenshaw, a time-keeper of the persons labouring at Shorrock Delph, of having fraudulently sold bread tickets belonging to the Union. It was proved that he had got one ticket for 3s. cashed himself, that he had sold two 3s. tickets, and received 1s. ticket. He (Brokenshaw) acknowledged himself guilty of the fraud, and the committee immediately discharged him, paying his wages up to that night. Yesterday he (Mr. Clough) was in Mr. Eaves's office, and he was convinced that with the present assistance it was impossible to keep up with the books. There were 13 books to keep, and Mr. Trennard, sen., was occupied in making up the relief list only from Monday morning till Friday night, at one o'clock. It would not do to allow the books to be in arrears, and the board ought to provide a sufficient staff to keep up the books. He should therefore propose that Mr. Andrew Holding be appointed an assistant in the relieving office, at a salary of 20s. per week, and that Mr. John Edmundson should be appointed time-keeper on the labour ground, at 16s. per week, in the place of Brokenshaw discharged.

Mr. FIELDING seconded the motion, which was carried.

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Aug. - The Mayor having invited me to accompany him to review some Machinery in Westmoreland, and to go forward for a day or two to the Lakes. - I started per Rail from Blackburn at 8.10 Monday, Aug 18. 1862, taking a Trip Ticket value 8/- and proceeded via Preston up to Windermere where I arrived at 12.30. - I made arrangements to Board at Windermere Hotel (R. Rigg) - and slept at Mrs Taylor's private lodgings. - The Hotel is a first rate place but only suitable for parties with plenty of money and accustomed to high life - but the Landlord is a very homely yet gentlemanly Man. - As Mr Hutchinson did not join me until the Evening, I walked from the Hotel down to the Lake at Bowness, and was fortunate to meet with the Steamer just going up the Lake, - I took a return ticket (1/-) and the Afternoon proving very fine had a pleasant sail, and a good view of the romantic scenery, - We landed at about 2 pm at Ambleside, which I had visited before but the Town appeared much changed and enlarged - There are two Churches the new one, a very handsome fabric, with lofty spire - learnt (afterwards) that the Rev H Marlen, formerly of St. John's was the Incumbent, but was then under suspension for misconduct.¹⁰ - I saw the Rev Gent twice after words with His Wife, Cousin of the Mayor - Having taking a stroll for an hour, - I sailed down the Lake to Bowness, - inspected by permission of the Gardener the most[?] Mansion of Frank Crossley, Esq. M.P.¹¹ at Bowness, and the pleasure of a walk through the Gardens & Grounds. Thence I walked to Windermere and after a tedious delay of the Train of 1-10 there - was joined by the Mayor with whom I took Tea - and after a little conversation retired to my Lodgings -

[August] 19th Rose at 6. - and went with the Mayor to the lofty hill behind the Hotel, from whence there is an excellent view of the whole Lake District near to Windermere, - thence to Breakfast with good appetite, - Took Trap to Ambleside delightful ride of 4¹/₂ Miles, - called upon Mr & Mrs Marlen who both accompanied us to Grasmere & Rydal Water - Met the Revd J Kelly wife & friend - The walk was through a rich country, diversified with scenery beautiful, romantic & grand - Took Coach (4 Horse) to Keswick, wh: we reached at ¹/₂ past 1. - called upon Mr W^m Guy, the pencil Manufacturer, who gave us a right hearty welcome and exhibited to us the process of Pencil making from the "Plumbago" - The whole process from the cutting of the Cedar, to the smelting of the Ore to the completeness of the pencil was highly interesting and pleased Mr H & myself in no small degree¹² - Adjourned to the Hotel for refreshments, had a Glass of Wine with Mr Guy. - Had very little time to look at the Derwentwater Lake, as it just then

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began to rain, -so hastened back to the Coach and took the inside fare to Windermere, - The rain continued all the way and of course prevented us from viewing the wonderful beauties of this District - Arrived at Windermere at 7 ¹/₂ - After Tea rode down to Bowness, thence to the Royal Hotel - visited the Billiard Room - curiously decorated with trophies of the hunting

¹⁰ Rev. Henry John Marlen had been appointed perpetual curate at St. Mary, Ambleside, in 1860 but resigned in 1861 after been found twice in a drunken stupor. However, he continued to live in the parsonage (A.F. Munden, 'The Anglican Evangelical party in the diocese of Carlisle in the nineteenth century with particular reference to the ministries of Bishop Samuel Waldegrave and Dean Francis Close' Durham University Ph.D. Thesis (1987), pp. 162, 164).

¹¹ Sir Francis Crossley (1817-1872) was a carpet manufacturer and philanthropist from Halifax who had been M.P. for Halifax from 1852 until he was elected for the West Riding of Yorkshire (G.C. Boase, revised by Anita McConnell, 'Crossley, Sir Francis, first baronet (1817-1872). *ODNB*).

¹² Plumbago, or graphite, used as the lead in pencils, was mined in Borrowdale in the Lake District. It is not clear which manufacturer Tiplady visited but the largest in Keswick was Messrs. Bankes, Foster & Company (W. Chambers, *Sketches Light and Descriptive* (Edinburgh, 1866), pp. 158-166).

field & sports generally - At home & to bed at 10-15. Tired, slept better than on the first Night. Mrs Taylor - a very quiet respectable person - Bed excellent and clean - Room airy & pleasant for an attic.

The Mayor, this Morning, Breakfast ended and after a nice little stroll to the College, Church and the village generally, took Train for Burton & Holme to view some Flax Works (lately burnt down), and to examine some Machinery suitable for flax spinning & Manufacture. This occupied our time until 11-30 a.m. - After a minute[?] and careful survey, we had a pleasant walk by the Canal side for about 2 Miles, on the road to the Carnforth Station which we reached at about 1-30. The day was oppressively hot and close - and I perspired violently - tho' without any bad consequences - At this Station the Mayor left me for Manchester. - I being minded[?] to have a longer stay returned back to the Town of Kendal and perambulated the place for several hours - the heat having subsided I marched up the Hill side to the remains of Kendal Castle - from which there is a good view of the surrounding country - The Hills around Kendal are a very respectable Elevation - such as our Revidge or Billinge - but not partake of the grandeur or sublimity of the Lake District - The Town seemed quiet enough, tho I heard the operations are in full work - The Ken is a broad and clear - but not deep River, - Upon its banks I observed numerous Peltries, Tanneries & Workshops - I also visited a Weaver's Shop and saw a Linsey-Wolsey¹³ Petticoat part Woven - There is a peculiarity about the River which I did not notice elsewhere - After passing the noble Bridge - it divides into Two Streams - that to the left winds round by Castle Street & Castle Hill - the other which indeed is the larger portions flows close to the Town and is much used for business purposes - I noticed that that the Island formed by this Division was well occupied by the Inhabitants as Clothes Drying Ground and was filled with them at the time I visited it - There is a very peculiar, and at first to a Stranger an unaccountable mode of naming the Courts or Alleys Instead of as at Liverpool - giving each place a Name they are simply Numbered Yard No 1 - & so on up to yard no 130 or more¹⁴ - These yards - are passages of about a quarter of a Mile in length - in most cases there are

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Houses on both sides - In other being very narrow they are occupied only upon one side - They lead principally from the Main Streets down to the bank of the River - Many of them are beautifully planted - with flowers and other vegetables, and all appeared to me to be neat & clean - I left Kendal for Windermere at 7-45 and arrived well pleased with my day's excursion. Note - A reed maker's apprentice assayed to shave me - but having no faith in this nobstick¹⁵ kind of barbering - I allowed him to prepare a Razor - and shaved myself - He was awfully surprised at the swiftness of the operation - and Said he was sure I came from Bolton or Manchester - I lunched at a Coffee House, where a Duck - in bloody pen and but villainously cooked was placed on the Table - however I made a fair Tea for 1/3^d.

[August] 21. Thursday - Rose at 6, rain - which continued up to 10 a.m. After a pleasant walk on the Ambleside road and Patterdale Road, - Overtaken by the Coach, which I took and so on to Ulleswater. Met with some pleasant Companions on the journey - The day turned out most lovely and fair - The length of the journey about 14 miles over a most bold & mountainous road, - passed the Kirk stone where there is the highest inhabited house in

¹³ A textile woven from a mixture of wool and flax: *OED* 'linsey-woolsey' n. 1.a.

¹⁴ *Post Office Directory of Westmoreland* (London, 1858) does not show streets, yards, places etc. having names not numbers.

¹⁵ Tiplady's meaning is not clear. Knobstick was used as a term of abuse for a strikebreaker or scab: *OED* 'knobstick' n. 2.a.

England - this a licenced Beerhouse,¹⁶ kept by a person called Thompson, - We arrived at the Hotel at about 1/2 past 1 and took Steamer up the Lake, - a most delicious sail - Thence walked to Pooley Bridge & called at the Inn for refreshments, - At the Bridge was recognised by three Itinerant Glaziers from Blackburn in search of Employment. - I relieved them - After a stay of one hour - we took Steamer up the Lake to Patterdale, the Scenery was truly majestic - & fully realised the couplets of Pope.

Hills peep o'er hills - and Alps on Alps arise.¹⁷

Helvellyn was remarkably clear, - and one Gent of the party ascended at a labour of 3-20 mins. - We returned by Coach having to walk about 2 miles of the ascending Road - The steep path downwards caused in us sometimes a timid sensation fearing the Coach might be upset but the Driver and Guard were experienced - To lifes [?] on the road - Arrived at Windermere about 7 o'clock - got Tea and retired early to Bed.

22nd Friday, Took Rails home

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Sep^r 1st Fine, but Dull - Immense Excitement The Preston Guild - See Programme.

[September] 7th The Great Guild Festival is gone - and ranks now with the things that have been. Upon the whole it may have been considered highly successful - though on the Wednesday and Thursday the continued Rain spoiled the Agricultural Show, and the Great Trade Procession - On Tuesday, the foundation Stone of the Town Hall was laid with great State & Masonic Ceremony, - The Mayor, Sir T G Hesketh, & a large Body of Freemasons assembled, - The day was fine - The Earl of Derby also was present & many other Gentlemen R T Parker was the Mayor officiated. On Friday the very interesting gathering of the School Children took place in the Park. Weather fair but cold wind, Mrs T & self there. Walked with the Masons in the Procession, our Mayor R H Hutchison & many Bⁿ Masons were present.

Sep. 18th & 19th Two Days at Blackpool. - Magnificent Weather - cloudless days, & warm - The most splendid harvest time ever remembered.

Oct 25th, Saturday, Mr John Withers destroyed himself by hanging he was always a cheerful Man aged 42. I was on this Jury - Verdict Insanity - so ends Happy Jack

Nov^r 3rd Mr Doctor W. Forrest, died, - aged 52

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Nov^r 6th Disgraceful Riots in Blackburn - a deal of Windows broken, - Military sent for. - This was a Game Riot - belonging Butler Bowdon of Pleasington Lavery Chief Con. blamed & discharged¹⁸

[November] 10th J B S Sturdy - Mayor, -

[November] 16th (The Mayor) attended the Mayor to the Church accompanied by the Volunteer Corp both Artillery & Rifle - Most excellent Sermon at the Parish Church - & very large Congregation.

¹⁶ Now the Kirkstone Pass Inn. It is the third highest public house in England ('About the Inn', *Kirkstone Pass Inn*, <https://www.kirkstonepassinn.com/about-2/> [accessed 4 February 2021]).

¹⁷ Alexander Pope, *Essay on Criticism Part II*, first published in 1711.

¹⁸ The riot ensued after four men were imprisoned for night poaching on Butler Bowden's land at Pleasington, about 3 miles to the west of Blackburn. The gamekeepers and other witnesses were attacked as they travelled home after the trial. The riot then spread; the military, including cavalry, was called out and special constables sworn in. About 150 rioters attacked Pleasington Hall, the home of Butler Bowden. Over the following days, hundreds of special constables were sworn in and the military remained in the town but no more serious incidents of violence occurred. In February 1863 Lavery, the Chief Constable of Blackburn Police, was given three months' notice to leave after being found negligent (*Blackburn Times*, 8 November 1862; *Blackburn Standard*, 12 November 1862; *Preston Chronicle*, 21 February 1863).

Nov 20 Died William Yates, Iron founder aged 43 the son of Mr Yates Senior & origin of the Firm Also old John Starkie, a worthy old Man aged 70 Years - He was uncle to my Wife by Marriage & the father of 25 children.

Nov 30 The Rev D Robinson improved their deaths in a powerful and pathetic Sermon from the Words 'The sting of death is sin & the strength of sin is the Law'.

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[December] 4th Installation of Mr Heath - Thankful to be liberated from the heavy duty of the Lodge, Gift of £10.10.0 to the Poor.

Dec 3 - Died much regretted the young and talented Dr James Sheppard, after just completing his professional Studies as M.D. which high & distinguished position he obtained only a few days since in London

[December] 4th Died Mr Richard Johnson, late Sprit Merchant and afterwards Common Brewer

[December] 18th The children - Fanny & Essie returned from the School at Grantham, in good health -

[December] 19th Memorable for the circumstance that thro the Blessing of God, the Property in Mount Street was paid off £33.12.0 less Income Tax - also Little Essy's birthday aged 12 years. -

Dec 22nd

A Day's Work - rose at 7.30 - Prayed & Washed - Down to Shop at 8 a.m. - put Work into order, thence at 9.30 to inspect fixing up Lamp at the New Post Office - thence to Shop - Work - until 11 - thence to the Soup Kitchen, assisted in the delivery of Meal & Flour for St Mary's Ward until 12-30 - To the Shop again 1 pm shaved & ran up to J Eatough's to swallow a crust of Bread & cheese, and a Glass of Port Wine - In the Shop until 2 pm thence to the General Purpose Committee presided as Chairman - Left there at 2-30 & visited with Mr Dean the Clothing Store in Back Lane. At 3 pm attended Meeting of Chairmen & Vice do [ditto] of the Six Wards on the new Scale of Relief - This occupied until 5 pm. - ran down to the Shop for a Cup of Tea, - and remained until 6 pm. - Thence to the Watch Committee to hear the report of the Sub Committee on the conduct of the Chief Constable at the late Riots - very strong Meeting terminated at 7 pm - Thence to the Sanitary Committee - passed Accounts selected Contracts for the 6 months' provender - & concluded at 8 - Thence to the Relief Committee but did not stop - Went to Mullineau [?] and got treated to a score of Oysters, - Thence to the Lodge where I audibly [?] read the Leader on Bright¹⁹ - A glass of Whiskey & to home at 11 pm - Examined Proof Sheet, chattered 10 Minutes with Mrs T. & so to Bed

¹⁹ On 18 December 1862, John Bright and William Schofield, both MPs for Birmingham, gave speeches at Birmingham Town Hall on the Civil War in the United States (*The Times*, 19 December 1862).