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I have removed the Diary unto this Leaf in consequence of the Book being filled to the end.

The Year began with moderate Weather, but Storm of Wind & Rain followed on the 2nd & 3rd -

Jan 7th Died Robt Cooper Bookbinder aged 72 years. He was an apprentice at the same office with myself, and Mr H^y Hargreaves & self are the only surviving persons from Mr Rogerson's Office¹

[January] 9th Died very suddenly at Longton the Rev Lawrence Preston aged 53 years, a very old and valued Friend and on the

[January] 13th Mrs Stephenson relict of the late John Stevenson of the White Bull - aged 60 years. - from home in a fit of apoplexy.

[January] 17th Rev. A Fraser aged 61 Years died greatly respected formerly pastor of Chapel Street Chapel.

Rev J B. Lister resigned James Street Church pastorate =

[January] 20th Died after a severe illness - Mrs Evans Old Bull Hotel. - much respected.

[January] 22nd Rev A Frazer Interred with much solemnity a procession of about 100 of his old congregation attended, with nearly all the Dissenting Ministers of every persuasion - His death improved in the Chapel on the following Sunday.

[January] 24th At St Paul's Rev H. W. Marychurch preached an excellent Sermon for Psalm 49 "The Redemption of the soul is a precious and it ceaseth for ever"

Died William Peel Draper aged 55 Years. He was interred on the 29 at St Peters, the Members of the Lodge attending in a private capacity

[January] 29th Went to Slaidburn and stayed all night at my Brother in law the Rev W. Callis, Curate of Slaidburn

[January] 28th New Church Consecrated at Brookhouse St Michael's by the Bishop.

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Jan 20. at Bahia, born a Son to my Son Richard

March 11th up to 16th Memorable in the annals of Blackburn for the Trial of the Petition of John Gerald Potter & M J Feilden against W. H Hornby and Jos Feilden. The Judge Sir James Shaw Willes came in state from London and sat from day to day in the Town Hall. A great number of witnesses were examined on both sides, and his Lordship delivered judgement on Tuesday the 16th inst when the Sitting Members were unseated - It would seem the disturbances at the Municipal Election had caused this Catastrophe - but many persons attribute it to the revengeful spirit of Mr Potter and Mr Gladstone²

¹ Tiplady served his apprenticeship in Blackburn with Thomas Rogerson. Rogerson, who originally came from Preston, was a printer in Blackburn before moving to Manchester in the mid 1810s where he was the first proprietor of the radical newspaper, the *Manchester Observer*. Toward the end of the 1810s he re-established his printing business in Blackburn. In 1822 Rogerson began the *Blackburn Journal*, which Edwin Holmes, in an article on newspaper history, claimed was edited by Tiplady's father, Thomas. Tiplady would have begun his apprenticeship in 1822 (Robert Poole, 'The *Manchester Observer*: Biography of a Radical Newspaper', *Bulletin of the John Ryland's Library*, Vol. 95, No. 1 (Spring 2019), pp. 36-41; Edwin Holmes, 'Newspaper History: Conclusion', *Blackburn Times*, 29 April 1865).

² In October 1868 the chairman and other members of a committee for the election of the Conservative candidates issued a letter, later published by the *Blackburn Times*, urging 'all Millowners, and their Managers and Overlookers, and all Master Tradesmen and others possessing influence, should be strongly urged to exert

[March] 15th 5-15 pm A Shock of an earthquake was distinctly felt in this Town by great number of persons.³

March 24 The Writ received. Election ordered for Easter Monday & Tuesday next -

Candidates	Result	4 o'clock
Mr E. K. Hornby (C)	4738	
" H. M Feilden (C)	4697	
" J G. Potter (L)	3964	
" John Morley (L)	3804	

March 28. Easter Day, a very cold & Winterly Day with Snow & Sleet & high Wind. At Parish Morning - Canon Birch on the General Resurrection very solemn & impressive Sermon. Trinity in the Eveng - Mr Webb on the Resurrection of Xt [Christ], the fundamental Doctrine of the Trinity

Good Friday at the Parish - an admirable Sermon by Mr Read on the Sacrifice of Abraham's Son Isaac Showing the strict analogy between it & the one Great Sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

[March] 29. - The Nomination Day - Show of hands &c in favor of Hornby & Feilden

[March] 30th The Election passed off very peaceably and the majorities for the Con Candidates were largely increased - A foolish Man of the name of Bradshaw fired a pistol from his House in

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Penny Street amongst the Crowd - which caused them to break his Windows - He was apprehended and heavily fined.⁴

[April] 10th The Weather Milder, - went to Dinckley with Mr H^y Duckworth

[April] 11th To the Parish Church - Philip & the Eunuch the ordination & intention or design of a preached Gospel - Jesus The theme of the Ministers discourse (by the Vicar) a very impressive Sermon.

Eveng Trinity - Mr Stones - Consider this all ye that forget God &c, a very awaking discourse perhaps the Clergyman took too gloomy a view of human nature - He seems a very affectionate and earnest preacher, and calculated to do good - The Curate is but a prentice Lad at his Works - and does certainly appear to me to be very careless.

This Day the 11th [April] was eventful inasmuch as Two very old and dear friends departed this life namely James Shorrock Esq. the excellent Chairman of the Over Darwen Gas Company - He attended divine service with his Wife at Belgrave Chapel Over Darwen in the Morning and was seized with a fit of Apoplexy about dinner time - He was 63 years of Age - Darwen has lost one of her brighter ornaments, for independent of his public Services

that influence so as to secure ... the success of the candidates who adhere to the Constitution in Church and State'. The judge granted the petition contesting the election after he found one Conservative millowner had canvassed on behalf of the candidates. The election was declared void and those elected barred from standing again but he did not fine Hornby or Joseph Feilden as the judge accepted that they had not canvassed personally (*Blackburn Times*, 14 October 1868; *Preston Herald*, 20 March 1869).

³ The shocks were reported in many parts of East and South Lancashire and West Yorkshire. In Blackburn, 'the shock was general throughout the town, and was accompanied by a subdued rumbling sound' (*Manchester Courier*, 16 March 1869).

⁴ Penny Street was a main road adjacent to one of Blackburn's Irish quarters. In the evening, after the declaration of the poll, a large group, one of whom carried a flag with an orange border, marched up Penny Street. Bradshaw, who was probably a Catholic as a priest testified on his behalf, fired a shotgun from his bedroom window then shot a pistol from his front door. The Mayor, who was the chief magistrate, did not accept that he shot with the intent to do anyone harm and fined him £2 for unlawful shooting. He was fined a further £5 for an assault carried out at the same time (*Blackburn Standard*, 7 April 1869).

as a Member of the Board of Health, a Magistrate & a large Capitalist - he was greatly beloved for his charity & urbanity of manners. - for many years I sat next to him at the Board Meetings of the Gas Company, writing out the resolutions of the Board, and I can repeat with truth, he was a Gentleman of superior worth and won the esteem of all ranks & denominations of the community.

The other Gentleman was the Revd Dr Robinson of Holy Trinity - aged only 51 Years - For a long period prior to his Death, his health & faculties had given way - in fine; he was but a skeleton or wreck of his former self - It is supposed that intense stress acting on a rather feeble constitution, overthrew the balance of mind & body - He was much beloved by the Congregation of Holy Trinity Church a powerful writer - and an energetic opponent of the Errors of the papacy.

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April 11 to 14th Heat Oppressive - Thunder Storm on Wednesday the 14th, Afterwards very good Growing Weather 14th Let me not forget & thank Almighty God that 5 years since this day I was delivered from great peril - Lord help me to show my gratitude for this mercy.

[April] 15th The Mortal remains of James Shorrocks Esq of Over Darwen were this Morning committed to the Grave amid the lamentations of thousands - There was a public procession, composed of Men of all ranks, persuasions, politics & religion, including the Clergy, Ministers, Priests, Magistrates, Board of Health, Board of Directors of the Gas Company & about 500 Tradesmen & Gentlemen of the Town. - All business was suspended. The Bells of the Church rang a muffled peal and every demonstration of affection and respect was shown to the Memory of the deceased. The Burial Service was conducted in a very impressive manner by the Rev Mr McDonall, Minister of Belgrave Chapel.⁵ Requiescat in pace.

[April] 16th Died Mrs Houlker, late of the Bay Horse Hotel, a Lady highly respected by all who knew her aged 77 years - Interred at Harwood.

The death of Dr Robinson was improved in two Sermons at Holy Trinity Church, on the 18th Inst. Morning by the Rev D F Chapman, Evening by the Rev G H Ashe of Witton - the latter discourse I heard - Text "For we have this treasure in earthen Vessels, that the Glory may be of God & not of us" - The attendance was numerous and with few exception all the Congregation wore deep Mourning. - Rev Ashe made some feeling allusions to the high character of Dr R as a fearless Champion of Protestantism and also of his very benevolent and affectionate disposition. - One of the Sermons (D. F Chapman) was printed.

May 4th Attended the Charity Committee at Manchester - Got a further Grant of Five Pounds for Widow Pearson, - A very fair Attendance.

[May] 8th Saturday - 11-30 am Died my Sister Margaret after a short but painful illness aged 57 Years. She died in peace trusting in the Merits of our Redeemer - Lord help us, we beseech thee to follow her in faith and love until our end also come, And I say unto you all Watch -

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May 13th Sister Margaret was interred this day at the Cemetery - in the same grave with sister Jane who Died May 7 1859. - On the same day there was a Masonic Funeral at Over Darwen, in the Interment of old Ralph Ellison who died on Sunday the 9th - I was prevented attending by the funeral of my Sister.

⁵ The funeral was conducted by Rev. James McDougall (*Preston Herald*, 17 April 1869).

[May] 20th A Meeting in Clitheroe to form a Mining Company (Limited) I attended and was appointed the Chairman.⁶ There was a full Meeting but I fear the majority were entirely ignorant of all legal forms and requisites

[May] 24th Died Mr Henry Leigh aged 75 Years, an old and highly respected Inhabitant of this Town.

The prevalence of East Wind has made it very uncomfortable this Whitsuntide, and though a considerable number of Scholars and others left the Town on the 17th for various places on the sea coast and to Preston - yet there was a great falling off in comparison with other Seasons. - I had a ride to Preston with Mr P Hartley.

Mem^r May 31st Sold to Mr John Marsden Ten Shares in the Victoria Mining Company Limited @ 12/6 per share paid which he will be entitled.

June 1st A Glorious growing day. Wind W.

[June] 2nd Journey to Clitheroe to meet the Directors of the Victoria Mining Company. - To look over and settle the Articles of Association - Mr Eastham Sol. read the rules - There were present Messrs Dr Jackson - J Blezard, John Marsden, John Southworth and Rich Constantine. The business was finished at 1-30.

Same day bought Ten Shares in the Company at 5/- per share from Hy Procter -

[June] 4th Journey in the Afternoon to Preston to obtain some Leads⁷ for the office - very fine day - had a view of the Park - in capital order -

My brother, John, of Bury visited on Sunday - and intimated his intention to leave England for America. -

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[June] 13th Great Demonstration at Manchester against the Irish Church Bill, many went from Black with flags & Banners - Orangemen &c.⁸

[June] 14th Sunday, Parish Church Rev E Birch, Vicar sermon on the Ministration of Angels - It is a pity he got so excited in the preaching - nevertheless a good discourse

Evening, Trinity, first Sermon of the new vicar Rev W. R Stephens - on the Ministers vocation, the Gospel of Christ - a very powerful & scriptural discourse most extempore yet full of quotations & apt illustrations, I think he will be a very useful Man

General Trade disastrous in the Extreme, many heavy failures affecting several firms in this Town & Neighbourhood - Truly we live in very trying times, - many have to leave Old England for America -

[June] 15th Tuesday. Memorable on account of the departure of my Brother John, Wife and family to America. Dreadfully stormy day - Wet, Windy & Cold. They sailed from Liverpool at 2 o'clock pm. Visited Son Thomas same day.

[June] 17th The Article of Association of the Victoria Mining Company were approved and adopted at Clitheroe.⁹

[June] 19th The Scholars of the Church Schools marched in Procession to the Park - there were about 14,000 and they looked remarkably well. - The old 100 Psalm was sung in

⁶ The company was formed to mine lead discovered earlier in 1869 at Bolton-by-Bowland (*Preston Herald*, 29 May 1869).

⁷ In printing, a thin strip of metal used in type composition to separate lines: *OED* 'lead', n. 1, 8.

⁸ The demonstration held at the Pomona Gardens, Manchester, was against Gladstone's bill that would dissolve the union between the Church of England and the Church of Ireland and would end the Church of Ireland's position as the established church. Despite opposition from the Conservatives and the Orange Order, it passed in July 1869 and came into effect in 1871. An estimate 125,000 people joined the demonstration with 2,000 from Blackburn (Ian St. John, *Gladstone and the Logic of Victorian Politics* (London, 2010), pp. 157-161; *Preston Chronicle*, 19 June 1869).

⁹ Tiplady chaired the meeting (*Preston Herald*, 19 June 1869).

the Parish Ch: yard - All the Clergymen of the Town were at the head of their respective Schools. Such a demonstration had not occurred for 31 years previously.¹⁰

[June] 20th The Accession - Her Majesty has reigned 32 years - The special services were read in the Church, and in the old Parish Church the occasion was improved by the Rev George Read M.A. Curate in an admirable Sermon - Tho^s Sedall had a fit just as the Clergyman concluded his Discourse -

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June 29. The Witnesses (Con) attended before the Registrar for our allowance - We received a very small sum in comparison with our demands I had 10/- per day for three days. - The lower class had more in proportion.¹¹

[June] 30th John Bannister died, after a short illness - several years the Tyler of the Lodge in very indigent circumstances

2nd July Died old Sarah Pearson (aged 77) the Widow of the late Joseph Pearson.

4th Sunday - Parochial Ch: with Wife & Daughters the latter having returned from their Summer Trip. Sermon, Canon Birch "The virtue & necessity of Patience" - Evening Mr Stephens, Trinity, the privilege of Christs Flock, John 10.2. Both discourses very full of Christian Edification.

A Weeks of uninterrupted fine Weather and warm.

July 23rd Went to the All England Cattle Show at Manchester, very beautiful sight. - They took during the week about £18,000 a great success¹²

[July] 31st Early this Morning my Son William's Wife gave birth to a little Daughter.

Aug 12th Visited Southport to see my Wife and Daughters. Lodge at 13 Bath Street Miss Baker.

[August] 14th Went down to Liverpool & New Brighton saw Prince Arthur, sail for Canada.¹³ -

[August] 15th Aug. 30th Wedding Day at Southport Sunday Chapel in the Mornng - Eveng Church a very good discourse in the Morning - but, of course, strongly Calvinistic.

[August] 29th to Manchester - Charity Committee -

[August] 20th To Slaidburn. Dined with the Lodge Departure of Rev W. Callis from S. - A good and comfortable Meeting.

[August] 22nd Harwood Sermons. A remarkably hot Day - walked - I did not think much of Mr L discourse, as a Sermon, it was more in the

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Lecture[?], quite anecdotal. Collection.

¹⁰ The procession of children, from all the Anglican churches in Blackburn and environs, was, according to the *Blackburn Standard*, 'that though mistaken and irreligious men may seek to disconnect the Church from the State, she will ... continue to flourish and to cast a blessed halo round the kingdom'. An estimated 12,000 children took part (*Blackburn Standard*, 23 June 1869).

¹¹ The court held before the registrar heard claims from those 'alleging that they, as witnesses, were entitled to costs from the [Blackburn election] petitioners'. Tiplady claimed a guinea a day for 4 days but the registrar awarded him 29 shillings as 10 shillings a day for 3 days, less 1 shilling given with the subpoena, was 'the utmost allowance for any master tradesman'. A labourer, who had asked for 10 shillings for two days, was awarded £2 for 3 days and 5 shillings for attending this court (*Preston Herald*, 3 July 1869).

¹² The Royal Agricultural Society of England's Show held at Old Trafford, 12 to 24 July 1869 (*Manchester Courier*, 13 July 1869).

¹³ Queen Victoria's seventh child and third son sailed from Liverpool to Halifax, Nova Scotia, to join his regiment (*Liverpool Daily Post*, 24 August 1869).

Aug 27. Great National Boat Race - America & Oxford. The latter won by four lengths¹⁴

Remarkably Hot. - Heat 134 in the Sun Lord Street Liverpool -

29. Sunday - A revolution in the air from 134 to 34 Frost at night - Terrible high wind all day.

Sep^r 1st 1869 Trip to Scarboro, - (Wednesday) very pleasant journey by Rail, we arrived at 7-30 - Great accident fatal to one Man at Stensall Station 7 Miles from York, saw the Carriage which had been broken.¹⁵ This happened two hours before our arrival - Got good & respectable Lodging, No 9 Aberdeen Walk, Mrs Darby.

[September] 2nd Sail to Whitby very heavy sea, - but a fine voyage, and not wet.

[September] 4th Rode by Rail to Filey and spent the Afternoon there - In the Evening at the spa

[September] 3rd Rode by Coach to Hackness, very fine day, with T Knowles & Wife, and Mr Garstang and Wife.

[September] 5th Sunday at Christ Church without the Bar In Vernon Street - Evening at the Wesleyan Chapel Queen Street - eloquent discourses at both places - Text in the Evening Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

Nov 9th Tho^s H. Pickup Esq. Elected Mayor

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Oct 2nd Grand Masonic Celebration Laying Foundation Stone of the Volunteer Barracks by Lt Col Starkie - Dined with the Officers at the Old Bull

[October] 7th Henry, Fanny & Essy all took the Scarlet Fever but have recovered, only Fanny very weak

[October] 23rd Died regretted by the whole Nation, the Earl of Derby aged 70 years, after a painful illness of 14 days. - Interred at Knowsley on the 29th quite privately¹⁶ -

The Weather throughout Oct Nov & Dec exceedingly unsettled, wet & unhealthy, I took the Bronchitis, among others - Many died

In Dec died Mr Robt Cookson (12th) Mr Thomas Copeland, aged 47, very short illness, much respected

[December] 16th Letter from Richard, all well, but complains of heat &c.

Dec 24th Christmas Eve - The Weather somewhat more settled, ushering in Christmas Day a fine frosty & brilliantly sunny Day. But on the following Day, Sunday - there fell a great quantity of Snow with a terrible high Wind which continued all Day and Night, and also on the 27th making the county assume the appearance of hoary Winter indeed.

¹⁴ The Anglo-American University Match between Oxford and Harvard Universities held on the Thames (*Bell's Life in London and Sporting Chronicle*, 28 August 1869).

¹⁵ One man died when a passenger train from Scarborough to York ran into a stationary coal train at Strenshall station (*Richmond & Ripon Chronicle*, 4 September 1869).

¹⁶ Tiplady wrote a letter of condolence, sent to Lord Derby's widow, on behalf of Blackburn's Working Men's Conservative Clubs (*Preston Herald*, 6 November 1869).