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The year began with a fine Morning - but there was rain at Night, and every day up to the 9th.

On the 5th [January] I went to Lytham where my Wife was for a few days - Boisterous Weather Nearly all the time. When there read in the papers that the Emperor Napoleon was undergoing the painful operation of lithotrity or crushing for stone in the Bladder - The first operation he stood pretty well - but died on the Ninth Jan at the second operation.

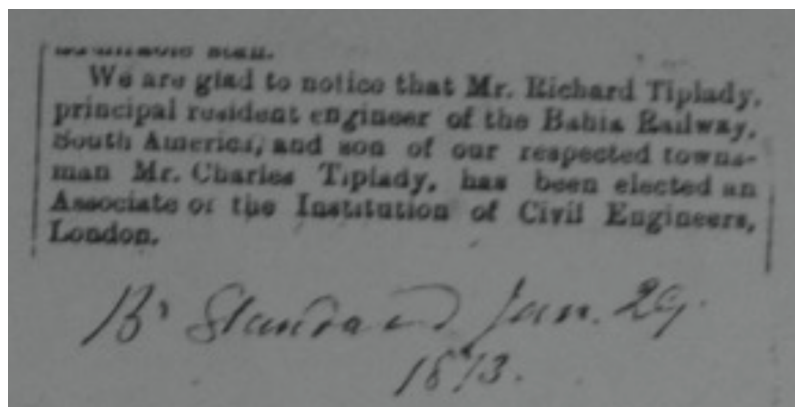
I mention this as it reminds me of the dreadful suffering I endured from the same complaint and operation on me on the 14th day of July 1864 from which by the Mercy of God I recovered after a long and painful illness.

The Emperor Napoleon died on the Ninth Jan^y aged 64.

Jan^y 22nd Wednesday 11 pm Frightful Collision at in the English Channel when a strange vessel ran into the Emigrant Ship Northfleet 900 Tons, when sad to relate more than 300 Mariners were drowned. The offending Vessel never stopped a moment to report the damage.¹

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Feb 20th visited Bracewell the seat of J Turner Hopwood Esq, Yorkshire, a very beautiful House, grand Organ worth £4000, grounds & situation very beautiful.² Weather fine.

The Snow on Pendle Hill from the 11th of March to the 18th wonderful - The Mountain was perfectly covered as if with a white Table Cloth.

March with solitary exception has been a Winter month indeed.

March 20th Letter from Richard enclosing a Bill for £100 which was banked in my name at Cunliffe's Bank.

¹ The Northfleet was at anchor about 2 miles from Dungeness lighthouse when an unidentified steamer collided with it. Although another vessel was at anchor nearby, it did not respond to calls for help. 320 people, mainly passengers, died. Witnesses believed a French or Spanish vessel had collided with the Northfleet but sustained little damage (*The Times*, 7 February 1873).

² Bracewell Hall, near Barnoldswick, was the seat of John Turner Hopwood who was a music publisher. The French organ builder, Astride Cavaillé-Coll built the organ in Paris in 1870 after which it was installed in Bracewell Hall in November of that year. It is now in Parr Hall, Warrington and is possibly one of two in the world in its original condition. A Cavaillé-Coll organ was installed in St Mary's, Blackburn, in 1875 but it has been altered (Barrie Johnson, 'The Cavaillé-Coll Organ', *Warrington Male Voice Choir*, <https://www.warringtonchoir.org.uk/news/archives/the-cavaille-coll-organ/> [accessed 20 March, 2021]).

Mar: The Great Steamer Atlantic struck upon a rock in Prospect when more than 400 persons perished.³

April 14th Easter Monday. Weather fine. This day nine years ago I underwent operation for the Stone, and suffered great affliction but

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by Gods Mercy recovered to whom thanks I return for this and his long Mercies.

[April] 18th Visited Lytham for 2 days. Weather splendid.

[April] 21st Mr Joy, Superintendent of Fire Brigade, and William McCallum killed at Mr Parkinson's Brass Foundry, Canterbury Street, A most lamentable catastrophe - Mr McC not dead.⁴

On the same Evening also died my old Apprentice David Thornber after a long illness, - an active & naturally shrewd Man and one whom I had taken much care with - but sadly deficient in sobriety & stability of character. He was with me 17 1/2 Years, and then commenced for himself.

[April] 24th Great public Funeral for Mr Joy Superintendent of the Fire Brigade who was killed as above. He was interred with Masonic honours. W McCallum was also interred on the same day, in the Catholic Grounds.

[April] 25th David Thornber interred at Whalley with Masonic honours -

May 7th (Wed) Provincial Grand Meeting at Rochdale Consecration of St Edmund's Church, Falinge, the Gift of Albert Hudson Royds Esq, cost £20,000 A very large attendance of Masons (530) Procession to the Church, Grand Banquet at the Town Hall. The day was fair but cloudy. The Streets were lined by a vast concourse of people. The Sermon was preached by the Bishop of Manchester to a very large Congregation and there was Collection on behalf of the Rochdale Infirmary. The Town hall of Rochdale is a noble Building standing on the South Bank of the River the interior is highly decorated with Imitation Tapestry and a large painting medieval style of the Granting of Magna Charter by King John.⁵

May 15th At Accrington - Great Concourse of people - Show Good. Weather gloomy, fair and very cold. Paid Marshall's Bill

Sunday 18th [May] At Feniscowles, heard Dr Lee very eloquent Man and sound Protestant.

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Marmaduke Callis, died Dec^r 23rd 1786, aged 55 Years

John Callis, born at Bridlington, Yorkshire, Oct 28th 1759

May Callis, his Wife (then Ashmore) born at Mansfield, April 8th 1757.

Married at Nottingham February 11th 1779.

William their Son, born at Walesby Nottinghamshire Dec 4th 1779

John, born at Nottingham St Nicholas Parish May 18th 1788, Trinity Woods.

Mary, born at Nottingham (St Mary's Parish) Aug 31st 1791⁶

³ The Atlantic, which left Cork, Ireland, for New York on 21 March, struck rocks near Prospect Harbour near Halifax, Nova Scotia, on 31 March/1 April (*London Evening Standard*, 3 April 1872).

⁴ Joseph Joy and William Porter McCallum, engineer, died after a wall at Parkinson's brass foundry fell on them. Mr W. Carter, fireman, was severely injured (*Preston Chronicle*, 26 April 1873).

⁵ Rochdale Town Hall, designed by William Crossland, opened in 1871. Henry Holiday, painter and stained-glass window artist, painted the mural in 1870 at the time he worked on murals for Worcester College chapel, Oxford and Bradford town hall as well as stained-glass windows for Trinity College chapel, Cambridge (John Elliot, 'Crossland, William Henry'; Peter Cormack, 'Holiday, Henry George Alexander (1839-1927)', *ODNB*).

⁶ See entries for December 1858.

A Continuation of these Mems will be found on page 60. - Besides this Book I had a small 8^{vo} [octavo] Book with a few Mems from 1825 but not of much consequence.

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Died R W Low a friend of my Son William, 40. Also Mr Rowland Baguley very suddenly - both interred on the 24th.

[May] 24th Brookhouse Sports Queen's Birthday - a large concourse of Spectators - The vol force both Artillery & Rifle mustered in good numbers

Whitsuntide 1873. Sunday confined to the House with a severe cold all day - Monday large procession of Roman Catholics from 4 to 5000 Men, Women & children. No other Procession

[June] 2nd Sam Walkden drowned at Lytham

Tuesday June 3rd Great Day at Preston unveiling the Statue of the late Earl of Derby in Miller Park.⁷ Vast concourse of people and magnificent Procession. The children belonging to the Church Schools walked not fewer than 10,000 - The Orangemen also mustered very numerously, and the display of Banners was very brilliant - Mr Wilson Patten M.P. officiated on the occasion. There were also present the Early of Derby, the Earl of Sefton, and many other distinguished Gentlemen - The day was moderately fine until 5 o'clock pm when there came on a heavy Thunder Storm & Rain until 8 pm. The Rain was much wanted, and did good service to the Growing Crops.

[June] 3rd This Evening died John Dean Esq Ald. a Gentleman of high respectability - A Man who rose from the Low Estate of a Sawyer to be an extensive Merchant in Slate, Coal &c and in the possession of 2 Mills - Goree Bridge and Eanam Bridge - He was only 57 years old & was formerly a Teacher at Grimshaw Park School. We entered the Council Chamber together in 1860 and he was elected Alderman on the same day

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with myself in 1865. He leaves a large family of Sons, and 2 Daughters, and they must feel very sincerely the sudden bereavement which has fallen upon them. Tho' Mr Dean was not a Man of brilliant attainments or of advanced Education he possessed in an eminent degree the virtues of perseverance and integrity, and became one of the most successful Merchants in the Town. He was also a Man in whom were exhibited the good qualities pertaining to a domestic Man and humble Xtian [Christian]. A firm supporter of the Ch. of England yet holding liberal views & a catholic spirit to all who differed from him in politics or religion - He was one of Blackburn's Worthies, and stands prominently forward as an example to all Young Men of what can be accomplished by unflinching integrity, veracity & perseverance. - He was May[or] in the years - 1867.

He was interred at Whalley (public funeral) on the 7th Day of June. Great respect was shown to him.

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[June] 22nd Sunday, Parish Church, Rev A G Youard "Judge not that ye be not judged", a plain and practical discourse - which was calculated to do good. Evening St

⁷ Two committees raised funds for the statue of Edward Stanley, earl of Derby, former Prime Minister and MP for North Lancashire, the North Lancashire Derby Memorial Committee and the Working Men's Penny Testimonial Committee. The latter began raising funds for a testimonial in 1864 to commemorate Derby's defence of the Irish Church (*Preston Chronicle*, 7 June 1873).

Michael's, the Rev C Hughes, of Tockholes, the character & mission of Gideon, - delivered in an energetic and interesting manner, - shewing that Man in the strength of God was capable of doing great things.

[June] 23rd My 65th Birthday. - Health Moderate. - What great changes in a year - An Emperor Gone⁸ - a Monarchy overthrown,⁹ - An Asiatic Sovereigns first visit to England & Europe¹⁰ - What a sweeping away of multitudes by Death, both locally and nationally - What great Events in the County - Lord Derby Monument,¹¹ Sir Robert Peels¹² - &c. &c On this day the 43rd Day of the Tichbourn Trial, a wonderful perplexing case.¹³ To God be all the praise.

[June] 28th Great Masonic Demⁿ Laying Cornerstone of St James Church -

July 3 Mr Field 48 Birthday a Glass of Champagne. His Brother in law Joseph Lawson very ill - and going. -

July 13th Sunday, visited Tockholes, being the Annual Sermons. There was a large attendance and a good Collection was made, Mr Hughes the vicar being the Chaplain of the Lodge, a strong muster of Free masons attended and helped by their generous support, the Collection made £71.0.0

[July] 15th St Swithin Rain in the Morning. Heavy Thunder Storm at Whalley - where the Lightning Struck a Tree very near the National School & completely destroyed it - The Report was very alarming to the inhabitants of Whalley - It happened the School was closed for the Midsummer Holiday.

[July] 19th Dr Wilberforce, Bp of Winchester was killed this day at 7 p.m., being thrown from his horse and his neck Broken. - He was in company with Lord Granville.¹⁴

[July] 21 & 22nd Intense Heat 22nd Terrific Thunderstorm. Then from 112 to 130.

Aug 1st Died Charles Callis of Liverpool aged 57 Years.

[August] 2nd Born, a Son to my Son William also

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on the same day a Son to Dr Forest. -

Died old Dr Patchett of Ribchester on Wednesday the 6th Day of August very suddenly. A Man whose skill & service in Medicine will be much felt in that Neighbourhood.

Aug^t 9th Died Mr Joseph L. Lawson, Traveller for W & T. Thwaites, Liquor Merchants aged 36 Years. At Blackpool for a few days with Mrs Tiplady, very fine Sea on

⁸ Napoleon III, former Emperor of France (see Tiplady's entries for January 1873).

⁹ On 11 February 1873, King Amadeo I of Spain abdicated and a republic proclaimed (*The Times*, 18 February 1873).

¹⁰ The Shah of Persia arrived at Dover on his visit to Britain, as part of his European tour, on 18 June 1873 (*London Daily News*, 19 June 1873).

¹¹ See above.

¹² A statue to Sir Robert Peel was unveiled in Huddersfield on 3 June 1873 (*Huddersfield Daily Chronicle*, 4 June 1873).

¹³ This was the trial for perjury of the claimant to the baronetcy of Sir Roger Tichborne which lasted from 23 April 1873 to 28 February 1874. Tichborne was lost at sea, presumed dead, in 1854 but his mother refused to accept his death and, in 1863 placed advertisements in newspapers around the world seeking her son's whereabouts. In 1866 Tomas Castro arrived in London from Australia claiming to be Tichborne. After the death of Lady Tichborne in 1868, a case began to establish Castro's claim. The case failed and a perjury trial ensued with the Claimant being found guilty and jailed. It is assumed that Castro was Arthur Orton but Castro never admitted it and doubt about the Claimant's identity remains (Rohan McWilliam, 'Tichborne claimant', *ODNB*).

¹⁴ Bishop Wilberforce fell from his horse while riding with Lord Granville from Leatherhead station to Holmbury, near Dorking, residence of Hon. Leveson Gower (*The Times*, 21 July 1873).

Died George Hayhurst aged 92 years.

