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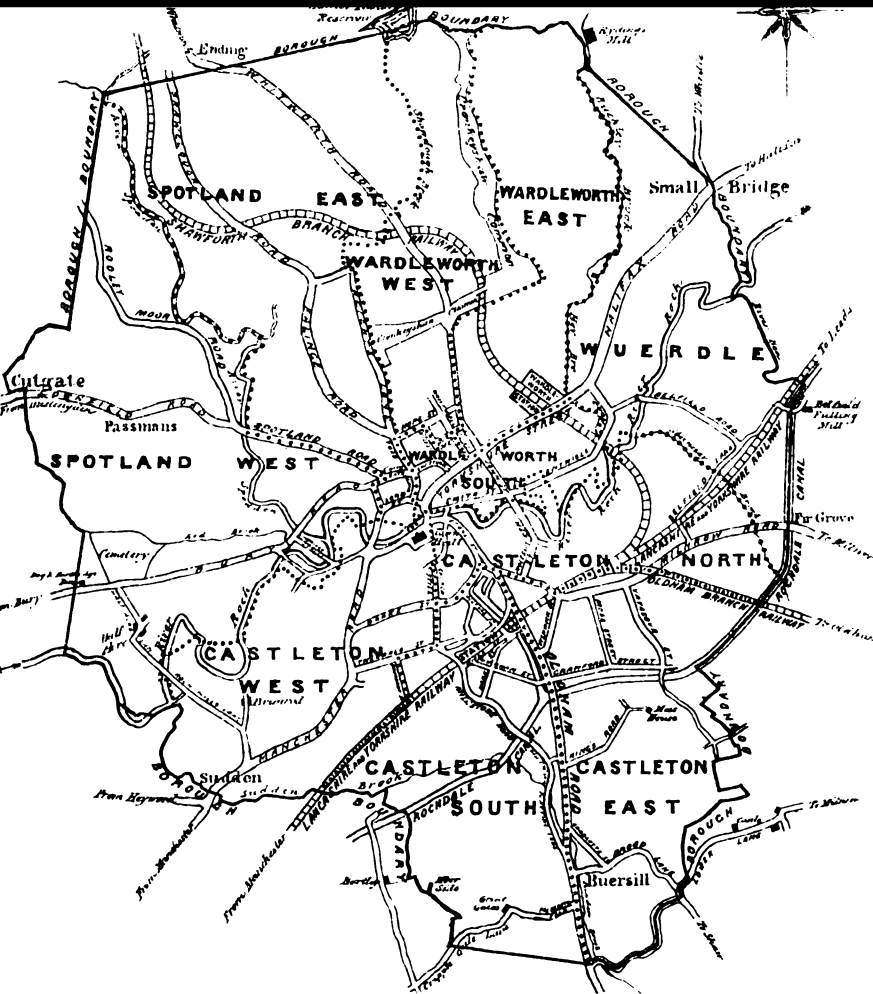
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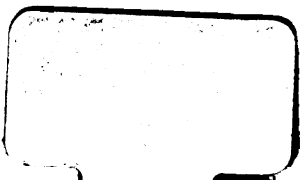
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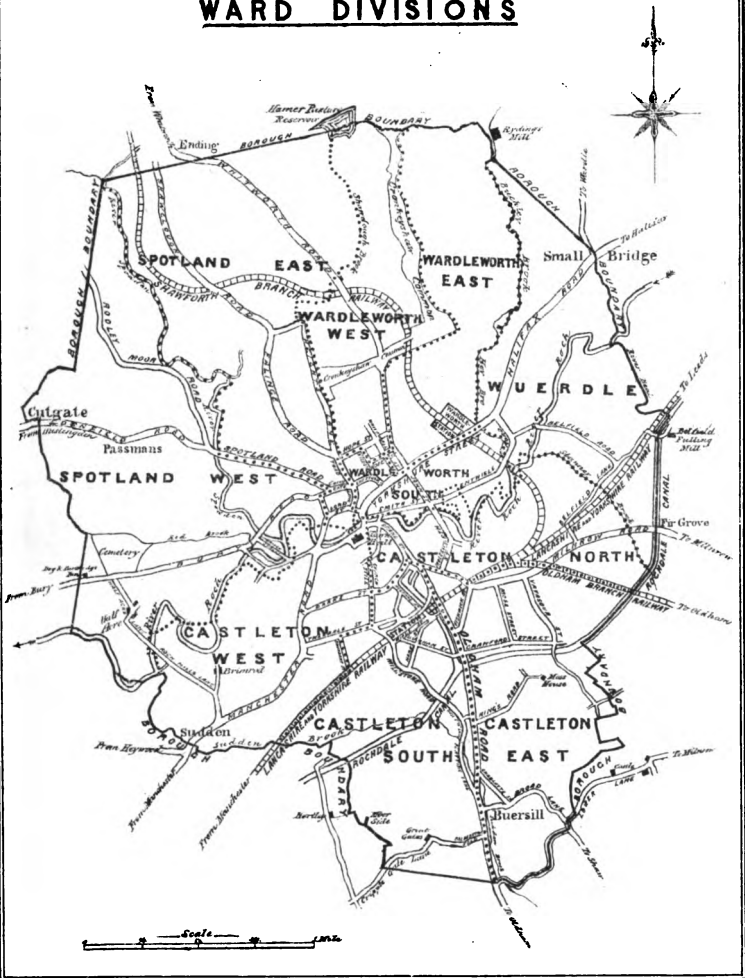
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A CHRONOLOGICAL VIEW FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES
TO THE END OF THE YEAR 1898.

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PREFACE.

AN attempt has been made in the following pages to collect in a concise and handy form the events of more than passing interest that have taken place in Rochdale and its vicinity from the earliest times down to the end of the year 1898.

Although every care has been taken to ensure accuracy, doubtless mistakes will have crept in here and there. Wherever they may be found I ask for the indulgence of those who may have occasion to consult the work.

I owe some apology to subscribers for the delay in issuing the work, and for the alterations I have made in its arrangement since the prospectus was issued. I feel assured, however, that they will be generous enough to allow that both the alterations and the delay have added materially to the value of the work.

It is hoped that the Index may prove sufficiently copious and satisfactory in facilitating reference.

My grateful acknowledgements are due to all those who have entrusted me with papers during the preparation of the work, or otherwise furnished me with much of the information the book contains.

R. D. M.

*Rochdale,
March, 1899.*

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Page 16, line 21 from bottom: *for* "2,986," *read* "2,869." *Add*
"second tunnel 70 yards long."

Page 38, line 9 from bottom: *for* "Parish," *read* "Christ Church."

Page 61, line 7: *delete* "celebrated and."

Page 71: *delete* lines 3 and 4. *See* page 63.

Page 73: *delete* line 17.

Page 82, line 11 from bottom: *for* "91," *read* "92."

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Page 107, line 18: *for* "Major," *read* "Lieut.-Colonel."

Page 148, line 2 from bottom of "Statistical View:" *for* "89,"
read "81."

ANNALS OF ROCHDALE.

A. D. 950.

- A. D. 950 The district was thinly peopled. It was ill-cultivated, consisting chiefly of forest and waste lands.

1000.

- 1000 Ruins of a Saxon Castle stood on Castle Hill.
1040 Gamel the Thane held the Manor under Edward the Confessor.

1100.

- 1178 John de Lascy, Lord of the Manor, founded the Monastery of Stanlawe, and endowed it with lands in this district.
1194 A Church dedicated to St. Chad existed. Geoffrey, Dean of Whalley, held the living.

1200.

- 1211 Roger de Lascy granted lands, supposed to be the present glebe lands, to the Abbot of Stanlawe.
1238 Sir William de Dumplinton was Vicar.
1240 Charter to hold a weekly market and an annual fair granted to Edmund de Lascy by Henry III.
,, Numerous gifts of lands in Spotland, Marland, and other places, were made by local landowners to Stanlawe Abbey about this time.
1250 John de Blackburn succeeded Sir W. de Dumplinton, Vicar.
1253 Henry III. granted to the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem the right to try thieves, hold an assize of bread and ale, and erect a gallows within their lands in Butterworth.
1265 Geoffrey de Buckley, Buckley, slain at the Battle of Evesham.
1287 Geoffrey de Newbold gave lands in Castleton to Stanlawe.
1289 Stanlawe Abbey translated to Whalley by Bull of Nicholas IV.
1290 Deer were common in the district.

1300.

- 1302 Institutions of the Vicars began to be regularly entered upon the Registers at Lichfield.
- 1306 Richard de Perebald, Vicar, fined "XXs. for hunting and killing deer in Sowerbyshire."
- 1311 Henry, first Earl of Lancaster, held the Manor.
 ,, Value of the weekly market stallage and tolls, £1 per annum.
- 1317 Thomas de Boulton appointed Vicar.
- 1323 John de Belfield, Abbot of Whalley, died.
- 1330 Bishop of Lichfield held an ordination in St. Chad's Church.
- 1332 Thirty-three ratepayers contributed to the subsidy granted to King Edward III.
- 1340 Subsidy levied on the parish to enable the King to carry on the war with France.
 ,, Marland Mere covered eight acres.
- 1350 Woollen trade introduced about this date.
 ,, Ralph de Dewsbury became Vicar.
- 1361 Ralph de Trumpington was appointed Vicar.
- 1369 Roger, son of William de Manchester, held St. Chad's.
- 1380 Poll Tax of one shilling levied on persons over fifteen years of age living in the parish.
- 1388 John Fitheler appointed Vicar.

1400.

- 1400 Oratory at Butterworth licensed by the Bishop of Lichfield.
- 1402 John de Salley admitted Vicar.
- 1403 Richard de Twyfield instituted Vicar.
- 1426 Henry Marland became Vicar of the parish. He is the only native who has held the position.
- 1455 Richard de Salley instituted Vicar.
- 1462 Sir Nicholas Byron obtained, for life, a lease of the Manor.
- 1471 Littleborough Chapelry in existence.
 ,, Thomas Brotherton instituted Vicar.
- 1473 John Walton, Monk of Whalley, appointed Vicar.
- 1477 Geoffrey Buckley, Rector of St. Alban's, London, by will, bequeathed forty shillings to St. Chad's Church.
- 1483 William Assheton instituted Vicar.
- 1487 Trinity Chapel, St. Chad's Church, founded.
- 1496 Milnrow Chapel built.



1500.

- 1510 Nicholas Townley, Chaplain to Henry VIII., appointed Vicar.
- 1513 Battle of Flodden Field, when local men fought and fell.
- 1514 Wheat was eleven shillings per quarter ; ale, twopence per gallon.
- 1519 Henry VIII. appointed Sir John Byron Steward of the Manor.
- 1522 Sir Gilbert Haydock was Vicar.
- 1523 Fifty-three persons in the parish contributed to the tax to meet the expenses of the war against France.
- 1529 Whitworth Chapelry founded.
- 1537 Whalley Abbey, which held large possessions in the parish, dissolved.
 ,, Patronage of the Church assumed by Henry VIII.
- 1541 Parish ceased to be a part of the Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry.
 See of Chester established.
 ,, Lay subsidy of 1s. in the £ on lands, and 6d. in the £ on goods, produced £15 11s. 6d.
 ,, Spotland Manor, a possession of Whalley, granted by Henry VIII. to Thomas Holt, Grizlehurst.
- 1547 Woollen trade of the parish described as being "very considerable."
 ,, Edward VI. transferred the rectorial rights and revenues of the parish to the Archbishop of Canterbury.
 ,, Archbishop of Canterbury became Patron of St. Chad's.
- 1550 Ashworth Chapel founded about this time.
- 1552 Two-manual organ used in St. Chad's Church ; Middleton and Ormskirk were the only Lancashire Parish Churches similarly provided.
- 1554 Queen Mary presented Richard Gorstelow to St. Chad's.
- 1557 John Hampson appointed Vicar.
 ,, Lawrence Newall by will bequeathed 3s. 4d. "to ye byeing of a Chalis or vestment to ye lylebrogh Chapel."
- 1561 Richard Midgley collated Vicar on the deprivation of J. Hampson.
 ,, Charles Holt, Stubley, "boldly opposed the wrongful dealing of Sir J. Byron in church property in the parish."
- 1565 Grammar School founded by Archbishop Parker.
- 1574 Alex. Barlow, married to Elizabeth Belfield, Clegg, at the age of four years, on arriving at years of discretion refused to ratify the marriage and obtained a divorce.
- 1582 Registers at St. Chad's begin.
- 1588 Cutlery business carried on by one W. Hollows.
- 1595 Joseph Midgley, M.A., a stern Puritan, became Vicar.

1600.

- 1600 Clegg Hall, as existing, built about this time.
- „ Archery was a popular pastime in the town.
- „ Packer Street was the leading business street.
- „ Yorkshire Street was called the “The High Street.”
- „ Only six buildings stood in Church Lane.
- 1606 Richard Kenyon, M.A., became Vicar. He held the rectory of Stockport too for a time.
- 1608 Cattle Fair began to be held three times yearly.
- 1610 Inquiry held in the town to define the Boundaries of the Parish.
- 1615 Henry Tilson, M.A., became Vicar; the only Vicar of the parish who became a Bishop, being raised to the See of Elphin, 1639.
- 1619 John Holt, Stubley, was High Sheriff of Lancashire.
- 1623 “Sweating Sickness” visited the parish; 587 burials took place in the Churchyard.
- 1626 Manor Survey, a valuable record, made.
- „ Goose Lane Estate comprising 43a. 3r. 20p. at Pinfold, and on the Freehold valued at £22 a year.
- 1630 Court for dealing with minor offences existed.
- 1631 Richard Entwisle, Foxholes, and Jordan Chadwick, Healey Hall, fined £10 each for refusing the order of Knighthood.
- 1635 Robert Bath became Vicar.
- 1638 Sir John Byron purchased the Manor.
- 1640 William Ashurst, Esquire, and Roger Palmer, Knight, represented the district in Parliament.
- 1642 Capt. James Schofield, Schofield Hall, commanded a Parliamentary force in defence of Bolton.
- „ “Protestation” to maintain the Established Religion and to protect the King, taken by all males in the parish above 18 years of age; over 2,100 signed.
- „ Garrison of 1,200 men placed in the town and 800 more on Blackstone Edge during the Civil War.
- 1643 Three hedgehogs for the Church supplied at a cost of 1/-, also 1lb of candles, 4d.
- „ April. Thanksgiving Day observed in the Parish Church for Assheton’s victory over the Earl of Derby.
- „ Oct. 24. Sir John Byron created Baron Byron of Rochdale.
- 1645 Church plate in St. Chad’s Church removed into Yorkshire “in time of danger.”
- 1649 Jan. Day of Humiliation on the death of Charles I. observed.
- 1651 Lord Byron declared, by Parliament, a rebel who was to expect no pardon.

- 1661 John Entwisle elected Recorder of Liverpool.
 ,, April 23. Coronation of Charles II. observed.
- 1662 Robert Bath, Vicar, declining to conform was ejected.
 ,, Hy. Pigott, M.A., became Vicar. He held the living for nearly sixty years.
- 1665 Great Plague; local death rate largely increased.
- 1671 Theophilus Howarth, M.D., Great Howarth, died in Manchester
 "where he had distinguished himself by his fidelity to the cause of Charles I."
- 1672 Dissenting meeting-house, said to be in Lower Gates, existed.
- 1675 Alexander Butterworth, Belfield, was High Sheriff of Lancashire.
- 1678 Collections made in the Churches in the Parish toward rebuilding St. Paul's Cathedral.
- 1688 John Wolfenden by will bequeathed £100 to the poor of Hundersfield.
- 1689 Feb. 13. William III. and Mary proclaimed King and Queen. Rejoicings in the district.
- 1690 Ralph Webb, Parish Clerk for nearly sixty years and who in his time buried 1,100 persons, died.
 ,, "Amen Corner" stood in a garden which sloped down to the river.
- 1692 Brearley's Charity for the poor of Spotland, founded.
- 1693 West Gallery and, six years later, South Gallery erected in St. Chad's Church. They were removed in 1855.
- 1694 Poll Tax "for carrying on a vigorous war against France" collected in the Parish.
- 1695 William, 9th Earl of Derby visited the town.
- 1696 Jeremy Hargreaves bequeathed the income of £20 to the Grammar School for teaching writing.
- 1698 Hallfold Chapel founded.

1700.

- 1700 Pack of harriers kept at Pike House.
 ,, Population estimated at 8,000.
- 1702 Shepherd's Charity for the benefit of six poor women of Whitworth founded.
- 1709 John Collier "Tim Bobbin," born at Urmston.
- 1712 James Holt, Castleton Hall, left the interest of £100 to the Grammar School for the education of six poor boys.
 ,, John Bower left £3 a year to the Grammar School.
 ,, Jacobite Club—"The Honourable Corporation of Rochdale" formed.
 ,, Gartside Charity founded. The funds exceed £5,400.
- 1713 Manor House, The Orchard, existed.
 ,, The town "supported a bookseller," R. Schofield.

- 1717 200 dissenting families lived in the town.
- „ Littleborough Chapelry contained 182 families, of which number four were dissenters.
- „ Blackwater Street Chapel recorded “a meeting place for an assembly of Protestants dissenting from the Church of England.”
- 1718 Dorothy Holt’s Charity for distributing the income of £120 in the purchase of books of devotion, and for teaching and clothing six poor girls, founded.
- „ Mrs. Graham left the income of £30 for gowns for ten poor women.
- 1719 Castleton Hall, as we now know it, was built.
- 1721 Interchange of letters between London and the town took nine days to effect.
- „ Letters despatched from Manchester to the town three times weekly and *vice versa*.
- 1722 Aug. Duel in the town between Captain W. Buckley and Major S. Crooke. Crooke was killed.
- „ Samuel Dunster, D.D., was instituted Vicar.
- 1724 Daniel Defoe went over Blackstone Edge in a snowstorm.
- „ “Old Falinge” was erected.
- 1731 Act of Parliament to prevent stealing of flannel pieces whilst in the fields to dry and whiten passed.
- 1732 Mary, the *sixth* wife of Nathan Stott, Hades, buried in the Parish Churchyard.
- 1734 Road over Blackstone Edge turnpiked.
- 1738 Samuel Cheetham, Castleton Hall, was High Sheriff of Lancashire.
- 1739 Sexton at St. Chad’s voted 5/- per annum for keeping the Church Steps clean.
- 1740 Jan. 21. Sam Hallows, Ashworth, “to the great joy of all his neighbours,” died.
- „ Taylor’s Charity School for teaching twenty poor children founded.
- 1741 St. Mary’s Church, The Baum, opened as a Chapel of Ease; consecrated by Samuel Peploe, Bishop of Chester, 28th June, 1744.
- 1744 Falcon Inn, Littleborough, existed.
- 1745 Aug. Two Days’ Poll as to supplying a new bell for St. Chad’s Church Tower. Votes for, 189; against, 539.
- „ Nov. 30. Detachment of the Pretender’s adherents visited the town; a few recruits enrolled.
- „ Charles Wesley visited the town.
- 1746 Riot arising out of the Stuart Rebellion took place at the Roebuck Inn.
- 1749 Oct. 18. John Wesley’s first visit to the town. He writes: “. . . the lions at Rochdale were lambs in comparison of those at Bolton.”
- 1751 Ashworth Manor (1018a. 1r. 36p.) sold to Thomas Ferrand for £12,200.

- 1751 Dr. Richard Pococke, the Eastern Traveller, visited the town.
- 1752 John Wesley preached at Bankhouse, Baglsate.
- „ Col. Richard Townley, Belfield Hall, was High Sheriff of Lancashire.
- „ St. Chad's Vicarage rebuilt by Dr. Dunster.
- 1754 Road leading from the town to Manchester turnpiked.
- „ Nathaniel Forster, D. D., became Vicar ; buried in Bristol Cathedral, 1757.
- „ Road leading from the town to Burnley turnpiked.
- 1757 James Tunstall instituted Vicar.
- 1758 Littleborough Parish Church Registers begin.
- 1759 Rev. J. Haigh appointed Incumbent of Milnrow.
- 1760 Poor Rate in the Parish 1s. in the £.
- „ First town reservoir constructed ; it was situated in Leyland Brow, Church Steps.
- 1761 Nov. 4. Coronation of George III. observed.
- 1762 Rev. T. Wray collated Vicar.
- 1763 Whitworth Parish Church Registers begin.
- „ Act of Parliament sanctioning leases of the Glebe for 99 years passed.
- 1764 Greenhill, residence of Mr. C. M. Royds, M.P., built about this time.
- 1765 £40 a year was the stipend of the Curate at St. Chad's.
- 1766 Thornham Estates, on the death of Sir R. Assheton, Bart., passed to Lord Suffield, son-in-law.
- 1769 Moss School erected.
- 1770 John Wesley preached in a building, afterwards a Theatre, erected on the site of the Pioneer's Central Store.
- „ Keighley Methodist Circuit at this time included Rochdale.
- „ Hartley's Library formed.
- 1772 "Human Passions Delineated" by Tim Bobbin published.
- 1773 Sacrilege at St. Chad's Church ; Edmund Tattersall transported for life.
- 1773 Oct. 12. Nine persons were baptised in the River Roche by Rev. J. Hirst, Baptist Minister.
- 1774 Healey Hall rebuilt.
- 1775 Town Meadows Chapel built. It was closed in 1833.
- 1777 Coach to London commenced running ; five days' journey.
- 1778 Dr. Robert Hind, Chaplain to the Bishop of London, became Vicar.
- „ Ann Bamford left £100 to poor housekeepers not receiving parish relief.
- „ Rev. Thomas Threlkeld, a man with a prodigious memory, began his 28 years pastorate at Blackwater Street Chapel.

- 1783 Sun-dial placed in St. Chad's Churchyard.
 ,, 200 dwelling-houses stood on the Glebe.
 ,, Robert Raikes, founder of Sunday Schools, addressed a letter to Col. Townley, Belfield Hall, on the subject of Sunday Schools.
 ,, Glebe Estate contained 134 Lancashire acres divided for the most part into small fields.
- 1784 Baptist Chapel, Ogden, built; present structure erected 1862.
 ,, Methodist Sunday School opened.
- 1785 Market Cross removed.
 ,, Strike in the fustian trade.
 ,, Milnrow Church Sunday School opened.
- 1786 July 14. Tim Bobbin died, aged 76 years.
- 1787 Theatre stood near the site of the Town Hall. Miss Farren, afterwards Countess of Derby, on one occasion it is said, appeared here.
 ,, May 20. Robert Brearley, Milnrow centenarian, born.
 ,, Steam engine, first in the district, erected at a colliery at Small-bridge.
- 1788 Lord Byron, Baron Rochdale, poet, born.
 ,, Fare to Manchester by the York Royal Mail Stage Coach 5/-
 ,, Canal from Sowerby Bridge to the town opened.
- 1789 Kenion's Charity for apprenticing poor boys and girls to trades founded.
 ,, New Clock and Chimes placed in St. Chad's Church Tower; the bells played seven tunes.
- 1790 "High Flyer," first stage coach from the town to Manchester, began running.
 ,, Packer Meadow mown, it is said, for the last time.
 ,, July 28. Dr. T. Drake instituted Vicar.
 ,, John Wesley, then 87 years of age, last visited the town.
- 1791 Jesse Lee born; "as a herald and genealogist few could surpass him."
- 1792 Cloth-hall built by public subscription for an Exchange.
- 1793 Foxholes Hall rebuilt.
 ,, Harmony Masonic Lodge formed.
 ,, Theatre opened in Toad Lane.
 ,, Discovery at Tunshill of the right arm and hand of a silver statue of Victory and several Roman coins.
 ,, May. Union Street Wesleyan Chapel opened; rebuilt 1826.
- 1794 Littleborough Church burial ground consecrated.
 ,, Volunteer Corps raised for the general defence of the country during the War against France.
 ,, Whitworth Church burial ground consecrated.
 ,, Road leading from the town to Edenfield turnpiked.

- 1795 The town became the centre of a Methodist circuit, which included Heywood and Bacup and other outlying places.
- „ Printing first begun in the town.
- „ Riot Act read to disperse a “meal and flour” mob, two men killed, a boy injured.
- „ Mr. Thomas Ferrand, The Wood, appointed Coroner.
- „ Hanging Road Mill erected.
- 1796 Aug. 25. Rochdale, Bolton, and Stockport Volunteers reviewed on Kersal Moor.
- 1797 Road leading from the town to Bury turnpiked.
- 1798 Mr. Jno. Entwisle was High Sheriff of Lancashire.
- „ Town House, Littleborough, rebuilt.
- „ Milnrow Church rebuilt
- „ Feb. 8. James Leach, Wardle, composer of the “Psalmody,” killed by the breaking down of a coach.
- 1799 The Hon. Mrs. Murray in *Companion to the Lakes*, describes the town as being “very dirty and the streets very narrow; . . . the Rochdale women are in general handsome.”

1800.

- 1800 Dec. 17. Postboy on horseback carrying the mail to Manchester was attacked and robbed by highwaymen.
- „ Hollingworth Lake and Whiteholme Reservoir constructed.
- „ Large numbers of sheep were kept on the neighbouring moors.
- „ Roebuck Hotel, premises now occupied by the Union Bank, South Parade, was the leading hostelry.
- 1801 Sep. 30. Bamford Chapel opened.
- „ Population of the town about 11,000.
- 1802 Jan. 26. John Taylor, first “Whitworth Doctor” died, aged 62 years.
- „ Volunteer Corps disbanded.
- „ Col. Townley, Belfield Hall, patron of Tim Bobbin, friend of Fox and other celebrities, died.
- „ Jacob Bright, senr., settled in the town.
- 1803 Rev. Josh. Cook, Union Street Chapel, expelled on account of his doctrinal views.
- „ Anacreontic Society, a musical union formed; name changed to the “Rochdale Harmonic Society” in 1806, and the “Rochdale Choral Society” in 1878.
- 1804 July 23. Sir J. P. Kay-Shuttleworth, Bart., author of *Scarsdale*, born at Meadowcroft.
- „ Dec. 21. Rochdale Canal, which cost nearly £500,000 to construct, was opened.

- 1804 Rouleau of Roman brass coins unearthed at Underwood.
 ,, College Street mill built by Mr. J. Pilling.
 ,, Act of Parliament to enable the Canal Co. to complete their works passed.
 ,, Act of Parliament for making a new road from New Wall to Manchester passed; amended 17th June, 1823.
- 1806 Jan. 2. Providence Chapel, High Street, opened; a secession from Union Street.
- 1807 Feb. 11. Burial ground attached to Providence Chapel first used.
 ,, Methodist Sunday School Scholars were, up to this time, taken regularly to St. Chad's Church.
- 1808 June 1. "Shuttle Gathering," serious woollen trade dispute; New Bailey burnt to the ground. Military called in.
 ,, Coach and Horses Inn, Lord Street, was known as a Trades-Union house.
 ,, Daniel Lambert was on exhibition in the town. He weighed 52 stones.
 ,, Friends' Meeting House, George Street, opened.
- 1809 Summercastle Barracks were occupied by the Hereford Militia.
 ,, Wesley Chapel, Wardle, built; cost £700.
- 1810 Drake Street, named after the then Vicar, opened about this time.
 ,, Particular Baptist Chapel, Hope Street, opened; School added in 1817.
 ,, Wellington Hotel opened; originally it was the residence of Mr. T. Smith, a wealthy woollen manufacturer.
 ,, Primitive Methodists sprang up about this time.
 ,, Eighty licensed houses existed in the town.
- 1811 Nov. 16. John Bright born.
 ,, Mr. Jacob Bright refusing to pay Church rate, his goods were distrained upon.
 ,, Secession from Union Street Chapel—many joined Blackwater Street Chapel.
 ,, Hallfold Sunday School opened.
 ,, Lord Byron paid his only visit to the town.
- 1812 St. Stephen's Church (Lady Huntingdon's Connexion) opened.
- 1813 Sept. 29. New Burial Ground Drake Street opened.
 ,, Lieut. J. Hopwood, 25th Rifles, fell at Arcangues before Bayonne.
 ,, Quakers in the town numbered about one hundred.
 ,, Tithes of Rochdale and Saddleworth sold by public auction.
 ,, Nine pews in St. Chad's Church sold by public auction—a pew containing ten sittings fetched £205.
 ,, Pitt Club, in memory of the great Statesman, formed; dissolved, 1822.

- 1814 Bill to erect a new Parish Church introduced into Parliament; it was subsequently abandoned owing to opposition.
- „ March 14. Providence Chapel taken over by Congregationalists.
- „ June 12. Rev. John Ely commenced his pastorate at Providence Chapel.
- „ Redcross Street National School built.
- 1815 Act of Parliament passed for building a Chapel of Ease (St. James's).
- „ June 17. Tom Livsey, a local worthy, born.
- „ Methodist New Connexion formed by Mr. W. W. Barton, Town Surveyor.
- 1817 Edwin Waugh born.
- „ March Reform Meeting on Cronkeyshaw, Samuel Bamford spoke.
- „ John Cockerill, Birches, founded the gigantic iron and steel works at Servaing, Belgium. In 1882, the firm employed 10,000 persons.
- „ John Kershaw became Pastor of Hope Street Chapel.
- „ Stoppage of Messrs. Rhodes Bank.
- „ Ladies' Charity formed.
- „ Sunday School Union formed.
- „ Sept. 28. Rev. T. Littlewood, thirty-two years pastor of Town Meadows Chapel, died.
- „ Nov. 29. Mr. T. B. Potter born.
- „ Syke Chapel built.
- 1818 Rochdale Savings' Bank opened; stopped payment 1849.
- „ Clegg Hall licensed as a public-house; license taken away 1869.
- „ Sixteen Sunday Schools were conducted in the town.
- „ Clover Street Unitarian Chapel built.
- „ Post Office stood at Bridge End; Miss Jane Lee, postmistress.
- „ June 4th. Corner Stone of St. James's Church laid.
- 1819 William Howitt visited the Whitworth Doctors.
- „ Aug. 16. Peterloo Gathering; two Rochdaliens injured.
- „ Rev. W. R. Hay, M.A., became Vicar. He it was who ordered the Riot Act to be read at Peterloo.
- „ First Local Bank opened.
- „ Miles Ashworth, as one of the Guard, sailed to St. Helena with Napoleon I.
- „ John Walmsley, Castlemere, was High Sheriff of Lancashire.
- „ Mr., afterwards Archbishop Tait visited the Whitworth doctors.
- 1820 Number of rate assessments 1,040.
- „ Beam engines introduced by Messrs. Petrie.
- „ Power Loom Weaving introduced at Messrs. Pilling & Brierley's, College Street.

- 1820 Aug. 3. Trinity Church, Littleborough, was consecrated.
- „ Nov. 8. Last Bull Bait in the Roche. Fall of the battlement of the river; seven persons killed.
- „ Sun-dial hung outside Mr. Lawton's shop, Lord Street; removed in 1897.
- 1821 Feb. Mrs. Betty Stott, Smallbridge, by will, left an estate at Count Hill, Oldham, to the Baptist Church, Town Meadows.
- „ July 19. Coronation of George IV. loyalty celebrated.
- „ Sept. St. James's Church consecrated by Bishop Law; Rev. W. J. Harington, M.A., Incumbent.
- „ Nov. 25. Panic in Union Street Chapel.
- 1822 Jan. 21. Sir William Bagenall Burdett, Castleton Hall, qualified as a County Justice.
- „ Feb. 25. Highway robbery on Middleton Road—thief sentenced to death.
- „ Zachary Chapel, College Street, built.
- „ Stocks near St. Chad's Church for punishing delinquents last used.
- „ Lord Byron sold the right to hold a Market to the present proprietors.
- 1823 Foundation Stone of the Old Town Hall laid by John Roby—building pulled down in 1858.
- „ Jan. 31. Dr. W. R. Hay, Vicar, resigned the Chairmanship of the Salford Quarter Sessions.
- „ Lord Byron sold the Manor to Mr. James Dearden.
- 1824 Jan. 12. Market Hall opened; cost £30,000.
- „ Rochdale Cricket Club was in existence; thirty-one subscribers.
- „ Discovery of a leaden coffin and a lachrymatory in the Parish Church.
- „ March 9. Mr. J. Entwisle, High Sheriff, left the town amid great rejoicings to meet the Judges.
- „ April 19. Lord Byron died at Missolonghi.
- „ Bridge erected across the river, Manchester Road.
- „ Smallbridge Independent Chapel erected.
- „ May 24. Rochdale Gasworks, a private enterprise, which cost £11,000, opened.
- 1825 8,000 flannel pieces were manufactured weekly in the town and neighbourhood.
- „ Rev. Isaac Gaitskill licensed to the Curacy of Whitworth.
- „ The town covered an area of three-quarters of a mile in all directions from the Market Place.
- „ Act of Parliament for improving the road to Oldham passed.
- „ Iron footbridge leading to The Walk erected by Messrs. Vavasour.
- „ First Act of Parliament for the government of the town obtained.
- „ Methodist Sunday School opened opposite the site of Spotland U.M.F. Church.

- 1825 Government grant of £500 in aid of local relief owing to depression in the woollen trade.
- „ Twelve watchmen appointed to watch and regulate the town.
- 1826 Hooley Bridge mills erected; ceased running in 1861.
- „ Rochdale Races “fully established.”
- „ Caledonian Society for mutual aid in sickness and distress formed.
- „ March. Wesley Chapel, Union Street, opened; the building cost £6,000.
- „ Oct. 8. J. H. Wolfenden, an actor of repute, born. He died at Hull in 1861, when 20,000 persons attended his funeral.
- 1827 Jan. 6. *Rochdale Recorder*, a constitutional newspaper, price 7d., published weekly by J. Astin. Became defunct 29th March, 1828.
- „ Rev. J. W. Inchbald, M.A., appointed Vicar of St. Mary's Church, The Baum.
- „ Messrs. Leach and Tweedale, Healey Hall, introduced the Spinning Jenny—a strike followed.
- 1828 Two public billiard-rooms were established in the town.
- „ *Historical and Topographical Account of the Town and Parish of Rochdale*, by J. Butterworth, published.
- „ Value of the living of Rochdale exceeded £2,000 per annum.
- „ Last public cock-fight; it took place at Bagslate; stake, ten guineas a battle and two hundred guineas a main.
- „ Messrs. Kelsall & Bartlemore, now Kelsall & Kemp, Ltd. established.
- „ John Martin, the celebrated painter, finished the “Fall of Nineveh” at Hollingworth Lake.
- 1829 Mr. Charles Johnson appointed Chief Constable.
- „ St. John's Roman Catholic Church erected. Accommodation, 500.
- „ May 2. Second “Shuttle Gathering.” A serious disturbance by woollen weavers owing to the introduction of power-looms—ten persons killed.
- „ Feargus O'Connor addressed a political gathering in the old Theatre, Toad Lane.
- „ *Traditions of Lancashire*, by John Roby, then residing in the town. published.
- „ Independent Chapel, Moere Street, opened.
- 1830 June 28. William IV. proclaimed King amid general rejoicings.
- „ Sep. Manchester and Liverpool Railway opened for traffic.
- „ Great Strike in the woollen trade.
- „ Rev. (afterwards Canon) Parkinson, B.D., instituted Incumbent of Whitworth.
- „ St. James's (Wardleworth) Schools established.
- „ Sunday School Union re-formed.
- „ Ben Bull, local character, transported for life for horse stealing.

- 1831 March 11. Public Meeting to advocate the town's claims to be included in the Reform Bill, Mr. Elliott, Solicitor, presiding.
- „ Dispensary founded; premises in South Parade rented. The institution afterwards removed to Lord Street, and left there in 1871 for Elliott Street.
- „ Belfield Wesleyan School opened; new school erected in 1852.
- „ Barracks between Blackwater Street and Toad Lane in existence.
- „ Primitive Methodist Chapel, Drake Street, afterwards Jeffery's Music Hall, erected.
- 1832 June. The town became a Parliamentary borough.
- „ Aug. 22. Passing of the Reform Bill observed; procession through principal streets; 2,000 poor folks entertained.
- „ Aug. 28. Henry Hunt gave an open-air Address in the town.
- „ Weavers' Society (with Library) at Wardleworth established.
- „ Nov. 15. William Cobbett gave an Address in Clover Street Chapel.
- „ Revision Court (first) held at the Flying Horse Inn.
- „ Good Samaritan Society formed.
- „ Fieldhouse Institute formed to provide education chiefly among Messrs. Bright's workpeople.
- „ Dec. Mr. John Fenton elected first M.P.
- 1833 March. Town Meadows Chapel closed.
- „ West Street Chapel built.
- „ Factory Act passed, Mr. J. Bright opposing.
- „ April. Literary and Philosophical Society, for many years an important institution, formed.
- „ Milnrow Parsonage built.
- 1834 Sep. 10. Heywood Branch Canal opened.
- „ Moore Street British School opened.
- „ Public Sale at Reed Hotel of goods seized for non-payment of Church rate.
- „ Rev. Robert Jones, late Cemetery Registrar, then a Missionary, read the Emancipation Proclamation to his Congregation of Slaves in Jamaica.
- „ Rochdale Temperance Society formed; incorporated in 1895.
- „ Rev. J. Ely, minister at High Street Chapel, resigned.
- „ Smallbridge Church consecrated by Bishop Law.
- „ Water Street Chapel, now Central Hall, built.
- „ Rochdale Sunday School Union re-established.
- 1835 Jan. 6. Fleece Inn entered by thieves who stole £127 in gold. Thieves not discovered.
- „ April 3. St. Clement's Church consecrated. Rev. G. H. Cotton, incumbent.
- „ Fish last caught in the Roche about this time.

- 1835 Mr. John Entwisle elected M.P. for the borough.
- „ Lord F. Egerton and Mr. B. Wilbraham elected County members for the district.
- „ June 19. Stage Coach overturned in Blackwater Street. Several persons seriously injured.
- „ Aug. Local prisoners first tried at Liverpool Assizes.
- „ Sep. Secession from Union Street Chapel which led to the formation of the U.M.F.C.
- „ Mr. T. Ferrand Dearden succeeded his uncle, Mr. T. Ferrand, Coroner.
- „ Calf Hey Methodist School opened.
- „ Sep. 24. Mr. A. H. Royds and Mr. W. E. Royds were robbed by three highwaymen at Slattocks.
- 1836 July 4. Act of Parliament to enable the construction of the Manchester and Leeds Railway received Royal assent.
- 1837 Jan. 8.—Baillie Street U.M.F.C. opened, cost £4,000. Gallery and class-rooms added, 1840.
- „ Jan. Rochdale Union formed. Mr. W. Roberts, Clerk.
- „ April 17. Mr. John Fenton elected M.P. *See Elections.*
- „ June 26th. Victoria proclaimed Queen; great rejoicings.
- „ July 1. Mr. Thomas Spencer appointed Registrar of Marriages, &c. He held the office until December, 1879.
- „ Mr. W. Heaton appointed Magistrates' Clerk at a salary of twelve guineas per annum.
- „ Ashworth Chapel enlarged.
- „ British Schools, Baillie Street, publicly opened; Mr. J. J. Curtis, Master.
- „ Dec. 31. Belfield Sunday School established.
- 1838 Aug. 29. Mr. Henry Kelsall, one of the first Nonconformists to be appointed, qualified as a J.P.
- „ Oct. Anti-Corn Law Association formed; Mr. John Bright elected a member of the Provisional Committee.
- „ Nov. 7. Feargus O'Connor and J. R. Stephens spoke at a torch-light Chartist demonstration in a brickfield, now the site of Messrs. Kelsall & Kemp's Mill, Baillie Street; 2,000 persons present.
- „ Town Meadows Chapel Burial Ground discontinued.
- „ Owenites opened a Social Hall opposite St. James's Church.
- „ Rev. E. C. Lewis began his labours at St. Stephen's; resigned Sep. 1876.
- „ Public Timekeeper, erected by subscription, placed in the wall of the Post Office, South Parade.
- „ Mr. J. Eccles appointed Superintendent of the Fire Brigade.
- „ Annual Assembly of the Association of Methodists held in the town; Rev. J. Molineux, President.

- 1839 June 4. Manchester and Leeds Railway opened as far as Littleborough.
 ,, June 11. Earthquake shock felt in the town.
 ,, Dec. 29. Dr. J. E. N. Molesworth, Vicar, read himself in.
 ,, Messrs. Brierley's Mill, Manchester Road, opened.
 ,, Commissioners' Rooms, Smith Street, where municipal affairs were transacted till 1871, erected.
 ,, Father Dowling commenced a Roman Catholic Mission in the town.
 ,, Radical Club opened next to Weavers' Arms, Yorkshire Street.
 ,, Rev. R. K. Cook, Head Master of the Grammar School, appointed Incumbent of St. John's, Smallbridge; preferred 1881.
 ,, Court of Requests, for the trial of small causes, opened.

1840.

- Jan. 23 Chartist Meeting in The Butts to adopt a petition for the release of Jones, Williams, and Frost, imprisoned Chartist Leaders.
 ,, 29 Branch of the Anti-Corn Law League formed.
 March Petition against the Corn Laws presented to Parliament—9,700 signatures; 170 feet long.
 Sep. Summit Tunnel, begun February 1838, completed. Forty-one fatal accidents occurred during its making. The tunnel is 2,986 yards in length.
 Queen Victoria's Wedding observed.
 Mr. E. Wrigley, founder of E. Wrigley & Sons Ltd., appointed Postmaster. He held the office till 10th September, 1859.
 Spodden Brook was fished at this time.

1841.

- Mar. 1 Manchester and Leeds Railway opened throughout.
 May Boat Inn, Belfield, opened. The boat formerly carried passengers on the branch canal, between Bluepits Railway Station and the town of Heywood.
 July 1 Mr. W. S. Crawford (L) elected M.P.
 Oct. 1 Rochdale Conservative Sick and Burial Association formed, Mr. John Roby, President; incorporated September, 1897.
 Nov. 1 Rev. I. Gaitskill, M.A., succeeded Canon Parkinson, Vicar of Whitworth.
 ,, 24 Constabulary Force formed.
 Dec. Great distress among the working classes.
 Newbold Friendly Society formed; Mr. J. Sharrocks, President.
 Chartists' Room over a warehouse at the top of Penn Street, existed.
 Buckley Wood Reservoir completed; holding capacity estimated at 24,271,312 gallons.

1842.

- May 1 *Common Sense*, promoted by Dr. Molesworth, published.
- „ 14 *Vicar's Lantern*, started in opposition to *Common Sense* by Mr. E. Taylor and others; both journals died in August, 1843.
- June 2 Unsuccessful attempt made to levy a Church Rate of one half-penny in the £.
- Aug. 10 "Plug Drawing," a strike for higher wages; great disturbances.
- Dec. 12 John Bright, Cobden, and W. J. Fox addressed an Anti-Corn Law Meeting in the old Theatre; £1695 5s. 5d. subscribed towards the League Funds.
- „ Oil Lamps used for Street Lighting owing to a dispute between the Town Commissioners and the Gas Company.
- Annual Assembly of Association Methodism held in the town.
- John Bright elected President of the British Temperance Association.
- Jonathan Fildes, Quarry Hill, by will left £2,000 to St. Clement's, Willbutts; £2,000 to St. John's, Smallbridge; and £1,000 to Redcross Street National School.

1843.

- Jan. 30 Free Trade Hall, Manchester, opened; John Bright spoke.
- Mar. 17 Earthquake shock felt in the town.
- April 4 John Bright contested Durham and was defeated; the election was declared void on account of bribery.
- „ 18 Foundation Stone of Sparrow Hill School laid. A procession, consisting of three bands of music, the Clergy, County Constabulary, Freemasons, Orangemen, &c., paraded the town.
- „ 29 Danby's celebrated picture, "Opening of the Sixth Seal," worth a thousand guineas, on view at the Town Hall buildings, was mutilated by some person unknown and rendered valueless.
- July 25 John Bright elected M.P. for Durham.
- Aug. 1 Act of Parliament to repair "The road from the New Wall on the Parade in Castleton" to Manchester, passed.
- Nov. 23 Petty Sessions adjourned on account of Van Amburgh's wild beasts appearing in the town.
- Price of Gas 7s. per 1,000 feet.

1844.

- Jan. *Rochdale Journal* published by Jesse Hall; only one copy issued.
- Nov. 20 Messrs. Cobden, Bright, and Sharman Crawford addressed a crowded Free Trade meeting in the Public Hall.

- Nov. Gas works taken over by the Town Commissioners.
- Dec. 21 Pioneers' Society commenced business; stock in trade:—butter, 1 qr. 22 lb.; sugar, 2 qrs.; flour, three sacks at 37s. 6d., and three at 36s.; candles, 2 doz.; meal, one sack; total cost £16 11s. 11d.
- Bagslate races re-established.
- Second Improvement Act passed; town divided into three wards. Number of Commissioners, 60.
- Mr. W. W. Barton elected Town Surveyor and Valuer.
- St. John's, Smallbridge, Chapel of Ease, assigned a separate parish.
- St. James's, Chapel of Ease, Wardleworth, assigned a separate parish.
- Rochdale Protestant Female Friendly Sick and Burial Society formed; the Society met at the White Lion Inn, Yorkshire Street.
- Rev. W. N. Molesworth presented to the living of St. Clement's. Yeomanry Cavalry Troop formed; Mr. A. H. Royds, Captain.
- Rev. T. S. Mills, M.A., appointed Vicar of Littleborough.

1845.

- March Milkstone Sunday School built; site given by Mr. J. Hoyle, Larkfield.
- Aug. 14 Relief fund opened in aid of the sufferers by the great Quebec fire.
- Cant Hill Well Masonry erected by Dr. Molesworth.
- Debt of the town £2,000—it was occasioned by the widening of Lord Street.
- Rev. Hugh Bourne, a founder of Primitive Methodism, preached at Drake Street Chapel.
- Memorials of the Rochdale Grammar School* published.

1846.

- Jan. 10 *Manchester Examiner and Times*, of which John Bright was one of the promoters, first published.
- Mar. 23 Petition for the Repeal of the Corn Laws, signed by 8,000 persons, presented to Parliament.
- July 8 Demonstration to celebrate the Repeal of the Corn Laws; 12,000 persons took part in it; Elihu Burritt spoke.
- Aug. 2 Ernest Jones and Feargus O'Connor addressed 10,000 Chartists on Blackstone Edge.
- Moore Street School built.

Dr. Molesworth placed in St. Chad's Church the font now used there.

Barracks off Toad Lane were given up.

Grammar School, School Lane, was pulled down.

The town became a municipal borough.

Wood-turning by machinery introduced by Messrs. T. Robinson and Son.

Bridge Inn Sick and Burial Society formed.

Annual Assembly of Association Methodism held in the town.

1847.

- Jan. 11 Thirty-five couples were married at St. Chad's, being First Market Monday.
- „ 15 *Rochdale Pilot and Rochdale Reporter*, No. 1, published.
- „ 24 Temporary Church and School for Healey opened in Mr. Robert Tweedale's mill, Broadley.
- Feb. 26 Hon. R. Denman sat at the Wellington Hotel as Arbitrator in the matter of the confirmation of certain Vicarage Estate leases.
- Mar. 8 Elihu Burritt, the American writer, lectured in West Street Chapel.
- April 2 Providence Sunday School opened; cost £1,300.
- „ 15 County Court first held: Mr. J. S. F. Greene, judge; Mr. J. Woods, registrar; Mr. H. Lord, bailiff.
- July 28 Mr. George Fyler, London, Conservative candidate for the borough, addressed a meeting in front of the Wellington Hotel, Mr. J. Dearden presiding, and afterwards published an address.
- „ 29 Mr. W. Sharman Crawford returned for the borough unopposed, Mr. Fyler having withdrawn.
- „ John Bright elected one of the members for Manchester unopposed.
- Sep. 1 Bishopric of Manchester created; Dr. Prince Lee first Bishop.
- Sep. Carlyle visited John Bright at One Ash.
Church Institute formed.
Grammar School, Sparrow Hill, erected.
Mr. Robert Bell appointed Gas manager.

1848.

- Feb. 9 Meeting of Spotland ratepayers to urge the separation of the Spotland Township from the Rochdale Union.
- April 11 Owners of Building Property Protection Association formed, "owing to the arbitrary action of the Waterworks Co."

- May** Messrs. Bright, having obtained a lease of a portion of Cronkeyshaw, let the same in allotments to their workpeople.
- Sep. 25** Rochdale Borough Benefit Building Society formed.
- Oct. 6** Public Fast; services in churches and chapels; shops and public-houses closed.
- Dec. 17** Wesleyan School, Red Lumb, opened.
Ragged School opened by John Ashworth, Author of *Strange Tales*.
Eight thousand houses estimated to have been built at this time.
Dr. S. Radcliffe founded a £40 Scholarship at Brazenose College, Oxford, to maintain two poor scholars from Rochdale Grammar School, or any of the Undergraduates of Brazenose that might be preferred.

1849.

- Jan. 3** St. Bartholomew's Church, Whitworth, consecrated.
- Feb.** *Rochdale Lantern* published; two numbers issued.
- May 9** Parish hearses and gears sold under distraint for assessed taxes—carriage duty not having been paid.
- July 12** Foundation Stone of Christ Church, Healey, laid by Mr. Jacob Tweedale with Masonic ceremony. The edifice was opened in the year following; Rev. R. Minnitt, Vicar.
- Aug. 6** Richard Oastler addressed a large meeting in the Public Hall, in support of the Factory Act.
- Dec. 22** Rochdale Savings' Bank failure, liabilities £100,403; Number of depositors, 2,963.
Pioneers' Society commenced their Educational department.
Mr. John Entwisle, Foxholes, was High Sheriff of Lancashire.
Messrs. Bright introduced carpet weaving.
Whitworth Co-operative Society formed; present premises opened March, 1861.
Hallfold Chapel built.
Brickfield Co-operative Society formed; taken over by Pioneers' Society in 1896.
Rev. F. R. Raines, M.A., F.S.A., Vicar of Milnrow, installed Hon. Canon of Manchester.
Oddfellows' Literary Institution existed in School Lane; 900 books.
A number of Hungarians visited the town.

1850.

- Mar. 21** Mr. Clement Royds, High Sheriff of Lancashire, left to meet the Judges. A procession accompanied him as far as Bluepits.
- April 22** Milnrow Pioneers' Society formed; premises opened in Kiln Lane; wound up, 1896.

- June 18 Mr. John Roby, Author of *Traditions of Lancashire*, drowned on the sinking of the "Orion" near Portpatrick Lighthouse; remains buried in Providence Chapel graveyard.
- July 26 Bagslate Races were held for the last time.
- Sep. 14 Rochdale Freeholders Benefit Building Society formed. 24 acres of land on the Freehold were purchased for £10,000, and divided into 500 allotments.
- Oddfellows in the district numbered about 3,000.
- Walton Anglers' Society formed.
- Rochdale and District Corn Mill Society formed; premises taken at Swallow Mill, Smallbridge.
- Annual Assembly of Association Methodists held in the town.
- Passmonds Mill (Messrs. Tweedale's) opened; closed November, 1893.

1851.

- Jan. 10 Strike in the iron trade—lasted six months.
- April Pioneers' Store, which previous to this date was opened in the evenings only, opened throughout the day.
- May 20 Mr. E. Miall adopted as Liberal candidate for the borough.
- Oct. 5 Yeomanry Cavalry Troop paraded in the Butts and marched to Worsley, where, on 9th October, with their regiment, they formed a guard of honour to the Queen.
- Dec. 7 East Window placed in St. Chad's; cost £175.
- Harridge Mill erected.
- Belfield Hall sold by Mr. R. G. Townley, M.P., to Mr. Robert Nuttall.
- "Victoria" Gasometer erected; capacity, 160,000 feet.
- Hamer Pasture reservoir constructed; holding capacity, about 72,532,152 gallons; cost £8,980 6s. 0d.
- Rochdale Advertiser and Rochdale Recorder* published; only five numbers issued.

1852.

- Mar. 2 John Bright spoke at a meeting held in Manchester to reconstitute the Anti-Corn Law League, when £27,000 was subscribed.
- „ 18 Rev. H. W. Parkinson began his ministry in the town; died 20th August, 1874.
- „ 19 Messrs. Kelsall and Bartlemore presented those of their employees who suffered by the Bank failure, with 7s. 6d. in the £ on their deposits.
- July 8 John Bright re-elected one of the members for Manchester.
- July Mr. E. Miall (L) elected member for the borough.
- Lowerfold Chapel erected.

1853.

- Nov. 12 *Rochdale Sentinel*, 4d. weekly, published ; discontinued Sep. 1855.
- Dec. 15 J. B. Gough, Temperance Orator, gave an Address in Baillie Street Chapel.
- Third Act of Parliament for the government of the town passed ; number of Commissioners reduced from 60 to 42 ; public works authorised.
- Joiners' Club, to secure an increase of wages and equalisation of working hours, had its headquarters at the Clock Face Hotel.
- Hallfold Day School opened.
- John Bright, in consideration of his exertions in the Repeal of the Corn Laws Agitation, was presented with a Library of 12,000 books ; cost £5,048 8s. 1d.

1854.

- Jan. 8 Holland Street Schools opened.
- Park Baptist Chapel opened ; cost £2,107.
- Mar. 23 Milton Congregational Church, Smith Street, opened.
- April 2 Ten per cent. Demonstration on Bagslate Racecourse ; 5,000 persons present.
- „ 14 Brimrod Chapel opened ; cost £650. Site given by Mr. R. Heape.
- „ 17 G. V. Brooke, Actor, appeared as "Othello" at the Theatre.
- „ 26 Day of Humiliation, "in consideration of the just and necessary war."
- July 9 Weekly Offertory begun at St. Chad's Church after considerable opposition.
- „ 15 St. Alban's Church Foundation Stone laid by Mr. Abraham Brierley ; consecrated 1855 ; Rev. J. W. Parker, Vicar.
- August Rope Street Obstruction Case.
- Dec. 24 U.M.F.C., Lowerplace, opened.
- Mr. Thomas Ashworth, Belle Green, elected Chief Constable.
- Whitworth Literary Institute formed.
- Police Court translated from the Flying Horse Inn to the Commissioners' Rooms, Smith Street.
- Rochdale Co-operative Manufacturing Society, "Mitchel Hey," formed.
- 684,047 letters passed through the Post Office.
- Whitworth and Rochdale Agricultural Show first held ; the outcome of an annual sheep show held at Whitworth.

1855.

- Feb. 28 Burial Ground, Drake Street, closed by Order in Council.
- April 19 Drinking Fountain, which stood opposite the Wellington Hotel, erected by the Pioneers' Society.
- „ 24 St. Mary's Ragged School opened.
- „ 28 Cemetery, Bury Road, opened; 10,000 persons estimated to have been present.
- Sep. 21 Town's Meeting to consider the proposed incorporation of the town.
- Oct. 3 Mr. W. Sharman Crawford, M.P. presented with silver plate, &c., in recognition of his services to the town.
- Come whoam to thi childer an' me*, by Edwin Waugh, published.
- Brown House Reservoir completed; holding capacity, 47,010,448 gallons; cost £6,798 19s. 2½d.
- Hopwood Will Case heard—the trial extended over seven days.
- Rochdale Banner*, a weekly newspaper, commenced.
- Corn Mill, Weir Street, erected.
- Y.M.C.A. formed; it promoted educational classes and possessed a library of several hundred volumes.
- 81,432 bales of cotton brought from Liverpool.

1856.

- Jan. An Amateur Dramatic Society held its meetings in a room opposite St. James's Church.
- Feb. 3 Blackwater Street old Chapel last used for service. Corner-stone of the new structure laid 23rd April.
- „ 10 Primitive Methodist Chapel and School, Haugh, opened.
- „ 16 *Rochdale Observer* (L) No. 1, published; eight pages; price 2d. On March 22nd the paper was reduced to four pages; price 1d.
- Mar. 9 St. Alban's Church opened after the Consecration.
- „ 15 Corner-stone of Wesleyan Chapel, Lowerplace, laid.
- „ 20 Government Inquiry to report upon the Petition for a Charter of Incorporation began.
- „ 21 Sunday School Conference (9th) of Teachers of Lancashire, Yorkshire, and Cheshire, held in Baillie Street Chapel.
- „ 25 Election of Churchwardens for St. Chad's took place in the Churchyard owing to the large attendance, the Vicar taking the Chair—one of the tombstones.
- Rev. R. S. Rowan, B.D., Curate at St. Chad's, appointed resident Curate of Buersill and Lowerplace.

- April 11 Mr. Richard Heyworth, Whitworth, appointed Relieving Officer for Spotland.
- „ 16 Mr. W. A. Scott at a meeting of the Town Commissioners advocated the formation of a Free Library and Museum.
- „ 23 Working - Men's Educational Institute, Ragged School, Mill Street, numbered 220 members; average attendance at evening classes, 70.
Paddle steamer and boats placed on Hollingworth Lake.
- May 16 Foundation Stone of St. James's Church, Wardle, laid by Mr. A. H. Royds; procession of Yeomanry, Freemasons, Druids, Oddfellows, and others.
- „ 24 Mr. T. Livsey, in giving evidence before a select committee on local charges on shipping, stated that Rochdale paid to Liverpool for import and export dues, £4,100 per annum.
- „ 29 Celebration of the Treaty of Peace. The town was gaily illuminated at night, and numerous social functions were held.
- „ 30 Mr. John Oldham, Schoolmaster, appointed Registrar of Births, etc., for Spotland Further Side.
- June 26 Rochdale and Wellfield Cricket Clubs amalgamated, and numbered 166 members.
- „ 29 A series of Sunday Concerts on Cronkeyshaw began "as a protest against undue influence exercised in London and other places;" large attendance.
Catholic population estimated at 5,000.
- July 11 Large gathering to celebrate the victory of the Three Ward party over the Five Ward party, on the incorporation of the borough, held.
- „ 22 Dissenters' Mortuary Chapel, the Cemetery; opened.
- Aug. 2 Eel weighing 7 lb. 1 oz., 3 ft. 7 in. long, caught in the canal.
- „ 4 Ancient Order of Foresters High Court held in the town; 300 delegates present.
- „ 23 *The Lancashire Fly-by-Neet*, No. 1, a weekly comic journal edited by John Scholes, a local author, published.
Twenty Waterloo heroes, accompanied by a fife and drum band, left the town to witness the unveiling of the Wellington Statue, Manchester.
- Sep. 13 Daily Railway Service to Manchester, 13 trains; to Leeds, 10; to Liverpool, 8.
- „ 28 Wesleyan Chapel, Lowerplace, opened.
Charter of Incorporation received.
Burgess Association, to watch the proceedings of the Town Council, formed.
- Oct. 4 *Rochdale Standard*, (Independent L) No. 1 published; four pages; price 1d.
- „ 19 Parish Church opened after alterations; the north aisle having been rebuilt and the clerestory restored.

Practical Handbook for the use of Suitors, by Mr. Joseph Butterworth, Chief Clerk, County Court, published.

- Nov. 11 Mr. J. Cheetham, M.P. for the County Division, and Mr., now Sir E. Watkin, addressed the members of the Y.M.C.A. in the Public Hall.
- „ 21 Henry Russell gave his descriptive Entertainment, “The Far West,” in the Public Hall.
- Dec. 11 Election of thirty Councillors under the new Charter.
- „ 19 Mr., now the Rt. Hon. Jacob Bright, elected first Mayor.
- „ Mr. Z. Mellor appointed Town Clerk. He held the office till his death, 13th September, 1897.
- Bagslate Industrial Provident Society established; Capital £12.
- Pioneers' Society opened their first branch—Oldham Road.
- New Wall, now South Parade, widened 18 feet; The Butts widened 14 feet; river bed narrowed.

1857.

- Jan. 5 Dr. Mark and his “little men” gave their popular Entertainment in the Public Hall.
- „ 23 Mr. Edward Miall, M.P., addressed his constituents in the Public Hall.
- „ 24 Mr. James Gibson interred in the New Burial Ground (then closed), before a large assemblage of persons.
- „ 26 Stormy Town's Meeting to consider the propriety of opening Museums, &c., on Sundays; the resolution lost by a small majority.
- Mr. William Storey, St. Helens, was elected Superintendent of Police.
- Feb. 11-12 Louis Kossuth, Ex-Governor of Hungary, lectured in the Public Hall; Mr. Jacob Bright presiding.
- „ 22 Mr. Charles Cheetham was elected Assistant Overseer of Castleton Township. He held office till 1896.
- Borough Arms, in the preparation of which Canon Raines rendered great service, obtained.
- Mar. 4 Town Council supported a proposal to make Manchester an Assize Town.
- „ 11 Mr. J. H. Callender was appointed Superintendent of the Borough Police.
- „ Government Inquiry at the Commissioners' Rooms, Smith Street, as to the expediency of opening private graves in the New Burial Ground.
- „ 28 John Bright and the Rt. Hon. Milner Gibson, members for Manchester, were rejected at the General Election.
- „ 30 Sir A. Ramsay, Bart., (C) elected M.P. for the Borough. *See Elections.*

- Police Force consisted of one superintendent, two sergeants, and thirteen constables. The sergeants were paid a guinea per week each; the constables 17s. 6d. each.
- April 9 Stained Glass Window, which cost £150, placed in Smallbridge Church by Messrs. R., H., T., and E. Healey.
- „ 25 *Rochdale Standard* amalgamated with the *Rochdale Observer*.
Pawnshops in the town numbered 13.
- A List of Votes polled at the recent Parliamentary Election, classified according to Trades, and dedicated to the non-electors, published.*
- May 5 Art Treasures Exhibition, Manchester, in which great interest was shown in this neighbourhood, was opened by the Prince Consort.
- „ 5 Pablo Fanque, a well-known Circus Proprietor, occupied the Newgate. He made periodical visits till late in the sixties.
- „ 30 *Rochdale Pilot*, (C) No. 1, published. It ran till 3rd July, 1858, was re-started in 1859, and succumbed 2nd December, 1871.
- June 11 Blackwater Street New Chapel opened.
- July 2 Election Petition against the return of Sir A. Ramsay, Bart., was dismissed after six days' hearing.
- „ 29 "United Methodist Free Churches" was the name given to the Amalgamated Societies of the Wesleyan Methodists' Association and the Wesleyan Reformers, at the 22nd Annual Assembly, held in Baillie Street Chapel.
- Aug. 10 John Bright elected M.P. for Birmingham, unopposed and free of expense. He represented the town till his death, 27th March, 1889.
- „ 11 Rev. R. N. Sharpe, M.A., appointed Vicar of St. Mary's, The Baum.
- Sep. 19 Rev. S. W. Morton, presented with an address, canonical robes, and a purse of gold, by the Working Men's Educational Society.
- „ 27 Belfield Chapel opened. The number of scholars was 215.
- Oct. 7 A Day of Fast and Humiliation on account of the Indian Mutiny; special services were held in the churches and business was suspended.
- Nov. 4 Banquet to Sir A. Ramsay, M.P., in Larkfield Mill, Alderman Royds presiding.
Borough Protection Association formed, in consequence of alleged undue influence practised at the previous Municipal Elections; Mr. Thomas Schofield, Chairman.
Thirty-nine mills, employing 7,835 hands, were working short time.
- Dec. 17 Town's Meeting adopted a resolution in favour of Manhood Suffrage, the Ballot, Triennial Parliaments, and Redistribution of Seats; Mr. R. T. Heape, presiding.

1858.

- Jan. 13 The Mayor and Corporation took over the powers, property, and liabilities of the Old Commissioners.
- „ 21 Wardle Church consecrated; Rev. J. Ducker, M.A., first Vicar. He held the living till October, 1892.
- „ 22 Town Council adopted an address to the Queen on the marriage of Princess Royal, which Alderman R. T. Heape and Alderman Roys presented at a Levée, 18th February.
- Ragged Schools, Church Stile, conducted at the expense of Mr. G. T. Kemp.
- Brotherod Mills (Lumb's), erected.
- Feb. 24 Messrs. Rawstron placed a large stained window in Whitworth Church.
- Mar. 19 Liberal Electors' Association formed by leaders of the party. A Prosecution Club for protection of rights existed.
- April Steam printing introduced by Messrs. E. Wrigley & Sons.
- May 9 Mr. James Wilkinson, Shoemaker, who for forty years conducted the services at Clover Street Unitarian Chapel, died. He performed the services gratuitously.
- An unsuccessful attempt was made to revive Bagslate Races.
- June 15 Madame White-Mario, friend of Orsini and Mazzini, lectured in the Public Hall on Italian Politics.
- July Lamplighters' wages were 16s. per week. The men were required to undergo drill and act as supernumerary constables.
- Aug. 4 Last interment inside the Parish Church took place, the body being that of the Lord of the Manor's daughter.
- „ 14 Ann Street Infants' Day Schools opened; cost £900.
- „ 30 Mr. William Roberts, Solicitor, appointed Poor-Law Auditor for South Lancashire.
- Alderman R. T. Heape and Mr. J. Schofield, Littleborough, were appointed County Justices.
- Railway Excursions were run to Blackpool and Southport and back; return fare, 1s. 6d.
- Sep. 4 First local Excursion to the Crystal Palace; fare for four days, first class 23s., third class 12s.; 440 tickets issued.
- „ 9 Cricket Match: XXII. of Rochdale v. an English XI, begun at Merefield. Hunt, one of the XI., whilst walking to the Railway Station, was killed by a train.
- „ 30 Mr. John Holgate, Solicitor, appointed Clerk to the Guardians. He held the office till his death, 19th May, 1886.
- Oct. 4 Chapel for the Destitute opened by John Ashworth, Author of *Strange Tales*.
- „ 7 Mr. E. M. Mc.Dougal, Leeds, appointed Town Surveyor at a salary of £200 per annum.

- Dec. 3 Public Hall Benefit Building Society formed.
- „ 23 Mr. C. Temple, Q.C., succeeded Judge Greene in the County Court.
- Messrs. Jonathan Nield, J. Holt, and R. Healey were appointed County Justices.
- Mr. James Collier, B.A., succeeded Mr. William Littlewood, (deceased), as Master of Townhead School.
- Secularist Institute in existence.

1859.

- Jan. 9 Union Street New Day and Sunday Schools opened; cost of buildings, £1,500.
- „ 12 General Tom Thumb appeared in the Public Hall.
- „ 28 Demonstration in the Public Hall to commemorate John Bright's restoration to health; 1,100 persons present.
- Messrs. W. W. Schofield and James Butterworth were appointed County Justices.
- Feb. 24 Canon Stowell gave an Address to the members of the Y.M.C.A. in the Lyceum.
- „ 28 Mr. Andrew Stewart, Mayor, presented by resident Scotsmen with a Silver Cup (28½ oz.), "as a memento of their esteem."
- Mar. 2 Whitworth Vale Gas Co. formed; Capital, £30,000 in £5 shares.
- „ 11 Town's Meeting vigorously condemned Mr. Disraeli's Reform Bill; Mr. Jacob Bright presiding.
- „ 21 Thomas Cooper, Author of *Purgatory of Suicides*, commenced a series of Lectures in the Public Hall on "Christianity."
- Castleton Association for the Preservation of Ancient Footpaths formed, in consequence of Mr. Entwisle proposing to divert a footpath from Sparth Bar to Castleton Moor.
- Wesleyan Preaching Room, Church Stile, was in existence.
- April 29 Mr. R. Cobden, (L), then in America, elected M.P., for the borough.
- May 27 Samuel Bamford, the Radical, gave Recitals from his works, in the Public Hall.
- June 30 St. Paul's, Norden, Corner-stones laid by Alderman A. H. Royds and Mrs. T. Rawstron.
- July Burial Ground attached to Wardle Wesleyan Chapel, closed.
- Aug. 17 Mr. Cobden, M.P., addressed a large meeting in a marquee in William Street, to commemorate his return. On the following evening he addressed 5,000 persons in the same place.
- „ 23 Rev. G. Snashall, B.A., ordained Pastor of Providence Chapel.
- „ 24 Whitworth Agricultural Show first held at Mount Falinge. In 1861 the name was changed to "Whitworth and Rochdale Agricultural Show;" in 1871 the name "Whitworth," was abandoned.

- Aug. 28 Harriett Street Baptist Chapel opened. Accommodation for 260 persons.
- Sep. Mr. J. Matthews appointed Postmaster.
- Oct. 25. "Royal Charter" foundered off Anglesey; Mr. W. Watson, of this town, who was returning from a successful sojourn in the Australian goldfields, was amongst the 459 souls lost.
- Nov. 9 "Mayor's Lamps" first provided; Mr. T. Ashworth, Mayor.
- „ 14 Subscription Turkish Baths, Church Cottages, corner of School Lane, opened.
- Dec. 29 The local Rifle Volunteer Corps, which had been recently formed, held their first drill.
- St. James's Church Clock began to register time.
- Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, opened.
- Whitworth Church Institute established.
- Post Office removed from Market Place to Baillie Street.
- Typographical Society formed.
- Neddy Fitton's visit to the Earl of Derby*, by Miss M. R. Lahee, published.
- Superintendent Pickering succeeded Superintendent Storey of the County Police.

1860.

- Jan. Town Hall Buildings, Lord Street, erected. A Newsroom, with early telegraphic information, opened there.
- „ Bagslate Manufacturing Co. formed.
- Feb. 20 St. Alban's Day Schools, which cost £1,200, opened.
- Mar. 6 Captain J. Fenton, Lieutenant H. Fishwick, and Ensign Philippi attended the Queen's Levée to Volunteer Officers.
- „ 18 Bagslate Wesleyan Sunday School opened.
- April 17 Rifle Volunteer Corps paraded for the first time. Accompanied by the Yeomanry Cavalry Band, the Corps marched to Littleborough.
- „ 19 The Wood Estate selected as the site for a Town Hall.
- „ 26 Mr. Charles Walker, 25 years Reform Association Secretary, resigned.
- May 18 Town's Meeting approved of Lord J. Russell's Reform Bill.
- June 7 Proposal to lay out the New Burial Ground, Drake Street, for an open space, made at a meeting of ratepayers in the vicinity; abandoned.
- „ 8 Captain H. Butterworth, who served in several engagements in the Peninsular War, died.
- „ 26 Public Meeting held to express sympathy with Garibaldi in his efforts to help Italy; £76 13s. 3d. raised.

- June 28 Sir A. Ramsay, Bart., presented with an address and silver plate by Conservative Working Men at a Demonstration in Messrs. E. Leach & Son's, "Castle Works."
Littleborough Manufacturing Co. formed; Capital, £20,000 in £10 shares.
- July 4 St. Martin's Church, Castleton Moor, Corner-stone laid. The edifice, which cost £3,000, was consecrated 14th June, 1862.
- Aug. 23 St. James's Church, Calderbrook, Corner-stone laid by Mr. J. G. Dearden, whose father built and endowed the Church.
Rev. Charles Garrett, the well-known Wesleyan preacher, was presented with addresses, plate, &c., by admirers, on leaving the town.
- „ 19 Rev. W. F. Burchell, 20 years Pastor of West Street Chapel, presented with an address and £62, and later, with £175 10s.
- „ 28 Edmund Crossley, Calderbrook, died, leaving 8 children, 45 grand-children, 74 great-grand-children, and one great-great-grand-child—all living.
- October Smallbridge Mechanics' Institute inaugurated; 81 members.
- Nov. Shawforth Cotton Spinning and Manufacturing Co. formed.
Co-operative Land and Building Co. formed.
Millgate and Facit Cotton Spinning Co. formed.
- Dec. 5 Town Mission formed at a meeting in Providence Chapel.
- „ 20 Rev. J. B. Winter, B.A., succeeded Rev. C. R. Pilling (deceased), Master of the Grammar School.
- „ Considerable feeling aroused, owing to a woman named Mason being non-suited in the County Court, for not believing in a state of future rewards and punishments.
- „ Castleton Cotton Spinning and Manufacturing Co. formed; failed February, 1894.
- „ Mr. Edward Hill appointed Sheriff's officer. He held the office till his death, 30th June, 1884.
Co-operative Sick and Burial Society formed.
Scarsdale, a novel dealing with the locality, by Sir J. Kay-Shuttleworth, Bart., published.
The Post Office was situate in Baillie Street.

1861.

- Jan. 17 Penny Bank established, Mr. J. J. Curtis, Secretary. Opened at the Y.M.C.A. rooms, 23rd February, when 615 deposits were made.
- Feb. Whitworth Manufacturing Co. formed.
- Mar. 29 Ogden New Baptist Chapel; Corner-stone laid by Mr. H. Kelsall. Chapel opened 18th April, 1862; preacher, the Rt. Hon. Lord Teynham.
- „ Mona Hotel and Quoiting ground opened.

- April 11 Indian Famine Fund opened ; £634 15s. 8d. raised.
 „ Census taken. The returns showed that the town contained four times as many inhabitants as some boroughs returning two members.
- May 1 Mr. Ebenezer Rhodes elected Borough Auditor. He held office till his death, 11th December, 1885.
 „ 10 Alderman T. Livsey was presented with £400 in admiration of a long and useful public career.
 „ 21 *Hollingworth Lake Guide*, by Mr. J. B. Davenport, published.
 „ 25 Royal Music Hall, King Street, opened.
- June 2 East Window placed in St. Clement's Church, at a cost of £400, by Messrs. Chadwick, Oakenrod, was unveiled.
 „ 26 Mr. Cobden addressed 5,000 persons in Messrs. Kelsall & Kemp's Warehouse, Baillie Street ; Mr. Bright, Mr. T. Bazley, M.P., and Sir Charles Douglas, M.P. present.
 „ Hyde Park Gardens, Milnrow Road, were, and for many years continued to be, a popular resort.
- July 24 Middleton and Thornham Estates offered for sale ; reserve bid for the Thornham Estate, £90,000.
 „ Rifle and Gymnasium Club formed by dissatisfied members of the Volunteer Corps ; Mr. J. Hartley, Solicitor, President. A 400 yards range opened at Roche Mills.
- Sep. 8 Rev. E. C. Pike, B.A., appointed to West Street Chapel.
 „ 16 'Busses commenced running to Oldham, to bring passengers into communication with the new route to the south.
 „ 21 Wesleyan Chapel, Castleton Moor ; Corner-stone laid by Mr. James Booth ; Chapel opened 18th April, 1862.
 „ Post Office Savings' Bank opened ; seventy-nine accounts opened, and £452 9s. paid in during the first three months.
- Oct. 13 St. Patrick's Schools, Watts Street, opened.
 „ 17 Mr. W. Sharman Crawford, M.P. for the borough from 1842 to 1852, died.
- Nov. 1 Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway Co.'s town receiving warehouse, 5, Baillie Street, opened.
 „ 3 St. James's Schools, Eastgate Street, enlarged ; cost £793 17s. 9d.
 „ 22 Thirty charges of intimidating Messrs. Bright's employees for working on improved machinery, were tried by the magistrates, Mr. Ernest Jones defending. Various sentences followed.
 „ 24 Whitworth Road Sabbath School opened.
- Dec. 3 Mr. Bright, in the Public Hall, distributed the prizes awarded to students by the Working Men's Educational Institute.
 „ 11 Castleton Local Reform Association inaugurated.
 „ 23 Prince Consort's funeral observed ; large procession formed in The Butts and proceeded to the Parish Church, where a special service was held.

1862.

- Jan. 13 Relief Committee formed, to meet the distress owing to the American War.
- „ 28 Rochdale Lyceum, “for the diffusion of knowledge among all classes,” formed. President, Mr. G. T. Kemp; Secretary, Mr. Henry Fishwick.
- Feb. 5 Signoro J. White-Mario, the Florence Nightingale of Italy—lectured in the Public Hall on Italian Independence.
- „ Soup Kitchen opened. Down to 22nd January, 1863, the Relief Committee received £26,697 18s. 5d. for distribution among the unemployed.
- Mar. 25 Savings' Bank (George Haworth's) Depositors met in large numbers in the Public Hall, to urge the Government to make good the loss sustained by Haworth's irregularities.
- „ Mr. R. R. Grey, Warrington, appointed Head Master of Grammar School.
- Mr. T. B. Stephens was Mayor of Brisbane.
- A booth, the “Royal Standard,” existed in Newgate.
- Upwards of 10,000 persons visited Mason's, Globe Works, to inspect machinery to be shown at the International Exhibition, where it occupied a space of 1,400 feet.
- April 2 Sixth Gasometer, “Prince Albert,” erected; depth 26 ft., diam. 100 ft., holding capacity 300,000 ft.
- „ 11 Newbold Gardens and Nursery Grounds were a popular resort.
- „ 17 Mr., afterwards Sir H. Parkes, Governor, lectured in the Public Hall, on New South Wales as a field for emigration.
- „ 18 Perseverance Mill, belonging to Milnrow Co-operative Society, opened.
- The Borough Corporation Temperance Band Friendly Society in existence.
- May 1 Numerous local exhibits on view at the International Exhibition opened this day.
- „ 13 Rev. A. J. Plow, B.A., appointed Curate of St. James's, Rochdale; became Vicar of Todmorden, 1863; murdered by Miles Weatherill, March 1868.
- „ 15 Public Meeting in favour of the Permissive Bill held.
- Cotton Famine; 3,879 cotton operatives wholly out of employment; 2,861 on short time.
- June 7 Shawforth Branch Railway Bill approved; it was opposed by the Fieldens, who declared that the scheme would be for years, it might be for ever, a constant drain on the income of the L. & Y. Railway Co.
- „ 17 Rev. J. C. Bates, M.A., appointed incumbent of St. Martin's.
- Striking instance of commercial rectitude shewn by Mr. Edmund Leach (E. Leach & Sons), Castle Works, who having in 1828, through no fault of his own, compounded with his creditors for 4s. in the £, discharged his liabilities in full.

- July 1 St. Martin's Churchyard first used as a burial ground.
- „ 12 Hollingworth Lake Rowing and Regatta Club formed.
- „ Temperance Hall in existence in St. Mary's Gate.
- „ Wages of over 6,000 operatives did not average 1s. 6d. each weekly owing to trade depression.
- Aug. 7 Proposal made in the Town Council to purchase Cronkeyshaw Common for a recreation ground ; the immediate object being to find work for the unemployed.
- „ 22 8,000 Operatives met on Lobden Moor to consider the distressed condition of the district.
- „ 24 Bicentenary Commemoration observed in the Dissenting Chapels. Fourteen Mills out of Twenty-five in the Whitworth Valley were stopped ; nine working from one to three days a week.
- Sep. 11 Festivities extending over three days began at Burnage on Mr. Joseph Milne coming of age, when private friends, farmers, tenantry, cottagers, workpeople, and the poor were bountifully entertained.
- „ 19 Pioneers' Society ran an Excursion to London (G.N.R.) at the low fare of 6s. return ; 380 tickets issued.
- „ 20 Waterworks Company announced that the water would be "turned entirely off the town and neighbourhood next Tuesday morning at the hour of six," and might "remain off three days."
- „ 23 Town's Meeting adopted a resolution sympathising with Garibaldi in his efforts to secure the independence of Italy.
- „ 30 Tunshill Colliery, "Victoria Shaft," begun 11th September, 1861, completed.
- „ Charge for Telegraph Messages 2s. 6d. for twenty words.
- Oct. 15 Town's Meeting adopted a resolution urging the provision of Baths on the Wood Estate and a Park on Broadfield.
- „ 29 Mr. Cobden addressed 3,000 persons in Alderman Tatham's new machine works.
- „ 30 Mr. Cobden visited the Sewing Classes to relieve the distressed, held at St. Chad's, St. James's, and Holland Street Schools.
- Nov. 8 Rev. S. Todd, Baptist Chapel, Drake Street, resigned.
- „ 21 Escape of two prisoners *en route* to Salford New Bailey. Whilst the officer in charge was having a drink in a vaults the handcuffs were filed in two. One of the prisoners was not captured till 5th November, 1865. The officer was punished by forfeiting a week's pay and receiving a reprimand.
- „ 24 Cemetery Registrar charged with illegally disinterring bodies ; committed to Liverpool Assizes, and there ordered to come up for judgment when called upon.
- „ 26 Samuel Whittam, Birches, Waterloo hero, buried in Healey Churchyard with Military honours.
- Dec. 13 18,000 persons were relieved by the Soup Kitchen during the week ended this day ; in addition the Guardians relieved 13,226.
- „ 25 U.M.F.C., Hamer, opened ; Rev. J. Everitt, pastor.

1863.

- Jan. 11 St. John's, now All Saints' Schools, Hamer, opened.
- „ People's Hall, Blackwater Street opened.
- „ Mr. and Mrs. E. Belmont appointed Master and Matron of Moss School.
- Feb. 3 Town's Meeting adopted a resolution thanking the Citizens of New York for their sympathy during the Cotton Famine. John Bright spoke.
- „ 5 Rev. Robert Jones, Darlington, appointed Cemetery Registrar.
- „ Captain W. C. Sylvester, Castleford, appointed Chief Constable.
- „ 10 Rev. R. S. Rowan, B.D., became Vicar of St. James', Wardleworth
- „ 16 30,000 Bream, Perch, and Dace placed in Hollingworth Lake.
- „ 28 James Sanderson, "Treacle," Whitworth, a well-known runner, won the 1½ mile championship and £100 at Sheffield.
- „ "Alabama," the Confederate Cruiser, carried on board in several engagements a Rochdale youth named Bell.
- Mar. 10 Prince and Princess of Wales' marriage observed a general holiday; procession 1½ mile in length formed, a fountain played in the river. At night the town was gaily illuminated.
- April 1 Borough Rate 4d. in the pound, yielded £2,000.
- „ 9 Modern Methodists' Chapel, Elliott Street, offered for sale by public auction.
- „ 22 Town's Meeting held to express sympathy with the Poles.
- „ 29 Tom King gave an Exhibition of Boxing in the Newgate.
- May 5 Merchants' and Tradesmen's Association formed.
- „ 9 Government Inquiry held as to the best mode of employing the adult able-bodied men out of work by reason of the distress.
- „ 18 A Centenarian, Foulkes Foulkes, died in Marland Workhouse. Formerly a lamplighter in London when streets were lighted with oil lamps, he came here in 1829 to act in a similar capacity.
- June 10 Spring Hill Estate, Buersill, 23 acres 23 perches, sold for £4,400.
- „ Burgess Hall, Drake Street, previously a Primitive Methodist Chapel, opened. The building in 1865 became Jefferye's Music Hall.
- „ Mr. T. Watson, Horse Carrs, was presented by the French Government with a bronze medal in recognition of his services to the Commission in negotiating the Commercial Treaty between England and France.
- July 27 Town Mill Brow Day School opened by Mr. S. Clegg who held the position of master till July, 1898.
- „ 29 Annual Assembly of the U.M.F.C. begun in the town.
- „ 30 Mr. J. Fenton, first M.P. for the Borough, interred at Bamford.
- Rochdale Anti-Sectarian Theological Society "for young men desirous of pursuing a study of theology freed from the fetters of Sectarianism," formed.

- Aug. 1 Primitive Methodist Chapel, Smith Street, Corner Stone laid by Mr. G. L. Ashworth. The chapel was opened, 5th May, 1864.
- „ 3 Prince of Wales' Visit to open Halifax Town Hall attracted a large number of Rochdalianians to that town.
- „ 11 Co-operative Wholesale Society formed, Mr. Abraham Greenwood, president.
- „ 17 Lowerplace Wesleyan Schools opened.
- „ 24 John Street New Bridge begun. The old structure was a foot-bridge.
- „ 28 Queen's Hotel, Milkstone Road, and Bowling Green Inn, Milnrow road, licensed.
- Sep. 20 Rev. J. Pillars, Manchester, appointed to Blackwater Street Chapel.
- „ 29 £39,446 distributed by the Guardians in Poor Relief for the year ended this day—a record.
- „ Lowerplace Village contained one licensed house for every 53 dwelling-houses.
- Oct. 6 Earthquake Shock felt in the town.
- „ 9 Telegraphic Messages at a rate of 1s. for 20 words, exclusive of address, first dispatched from the town.
- „ 23 The Twelve Original Christy's Minstrels appeared in the Public Hall.
- A cutting from the tree which grew over Napoleon's grave at St. Helena, presented to the Cemetery Committee, and planted in the Cemetery.
- Nov. 2 Railway through Milnrow to Oldham opened for passenger traffic.
- „ 9 Mr. S. Stott and Alderman Livsey were nominated for the Mayoralty, the former being elected by the casting vote of Mr. G. L. Ashworth—unseemly proceedings.
- „ 18 Alderman Livsey was entertained in the Public Hall by 400 Liberals in recognition of 25 years' service to the town; an address on vellum presented.
- „ 24 Rev. A. Pitt appointed to Park Baptist Chapel.
- „ „ Messrs. Cobden and Bright addressed 3,500 persons in Robinson's Works, Fishwick Street, on Reform.
- „ 25 Hon. A. Egerton, Mr. W. J. Legh, M.P., Sir A. Ramsay, and Mr. J. Sowler, Q.C., Deputy County Court Judge, were entertained by the Conservative Sick and Burial Society in the Public Hall.
- „ 8,359 Persons estimated to be out of work in consequence of the American Civil War.
- Dec. 2 The "Southern Independence" Club essayed a Lecture in the Public Hall in favour of the Southern States. A great crowd attended. Supporters of the Northern Programme ultimately got control of the hall and severely handled the lecturer.
- „ Rev. E. Brierley, Whitworth, appointed Incumbent of Christ Church, Great Broughton.

- Dec. Grocers and Provision Dealers' Association in existence.
1,011,231 Letters, &c., delivered through the Post Office.
Buersill Athletic Festival first held.

1864.

- Jan. 7 Town Council voted £20,000 a sufficient estimate for the erection of a Town Hall to comport with the importance of the town and its increasing wants. Cost of the hall when opened in 1871, £150,000.
- „ 12 Mally Garside died at Buckley, aged 91 years 11 months, leaving 11 children, 72 grandchildren, 73 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.
- „ 30 Alderman T. Livsey interred in the Cemetery in the presence of a vast concourse of people.
- Feb. 16 Jubilee of Union Street Wesleyan Chapel observed.
- Mar. 7 Ernest Jones gave a Lecture to the Branch of the Union and Emancipation Society on the American War—enthusiastic gathering.
- „ Fund raised for the relatives of the 250 persons who lost their lives by the bursting of a reservoir at Sheffield.
- Apl. 23 Tonic Sol-fa system of Notation introduced at a concert in the Public Hall, by members of Baillie Street Chapel.
- „ 25 Shakespeare Tercentenary observed; elocutionary entertainment in the Public Hall by the local Shakespeare Society.
Borough Rate 6d. in the pound, produced £3,000.
- May 3 Town's Meeting to consider Mr. Somers' Bill to enable a three-fourths majority to close licensed houses on Sundays. A branch of the National Sunday Closing Association formed.
- „ 18-19 Conference of the Lancashire and Cheshire Association of Baptist Churches, held at West Street Chapel.
- „ 20 William Street U.M.F.C. Corner Stone Laying by Mr. O. Ormerod. A procession of 3,000 persons proceeded from Baillie Street Chapel to the site.
- „ 26 Public Park Scheme abandoned, doubts having arisen as to the powers of the Corporation to hold the lands.
- June 8 Mr. W. B. Brett, Q.C., afterwards Lord Esher, was adopted Conservative Candidate for the Borough at a meeting in the Public Hall.
- „ 12 Providence Chapel Jubilee observed.
- „ John Bright appointed a member of the Royal Commission on Capital Punishments.
Beech Trees flourished in St. James's Churchyard in large numbers.
- July 14 Corner Stone of Wesley Chapel, Castlemere, laid. The building was opened for worship, 20th July, 1865.

- July 26 Mr. J. J. Curtis, 28 years master of the British School, succeeded Mr. Arundel at Summercastle Academy.
- Aug. 16 Rev. J. Briggs, Clover Street Chapel, was presented with an address and other marks of esteem on vacating the pastorate. *Th' Felley fro' Rachda's Visit to th' Greyt Eggshibishun*, by Oliver Ormerod, published in collected form.
- Rochdale Property and General Finance Company Ltd. formed.
- Sep. 26 Earthquake Shock distinctly felt in the town.
- „ 27 John Street Bridge and Molesworth Street opened for traffic. Alderman Stott, Mayor, raised £800 towards effecting the improvement.
- Oct. 9 St. Clement's Church opened after being re-pewed; Gothic Rood Screen erected; gas first used.
- „ 27 Mr. W. B. Brett, Q.C., Hon. A. Egerton, M.P., and Mr. C. Turner, M.P., addressed a large Conservative gathering in Messrs. Schofield's warehouse, Heybrook, Mr. J. S. Entwisle presiding.
- Nov. 12 Bagslate U.M.F.C. opened after extensions.
- „ 23 Mr. Cobden's last speech in the town. He addressed upwards of 4,000 persons for nearly two hours in Messrs. Robinson and Sons' works.
- „ Earl of Chichester visited the town in reference to a division of the Glebe Lands revenues.
- „ Rev. T. Carter, M.A., appointed Vicar of Littleborough.
- Dec. Solicitors first observed the Saturday half-holiday and closed at 6 o'clock on other week-days.
- Glebe Lands produced about £4,000 per annum.
- Marland Workhouse erected.
- History of the Reform Bill*, by the Rev. W. N. Molesworth, M.A., published.
- “Rope and Anchor” and other buildings in Packer Street, pulled down.

1865.

- Jan. 2 Wardleworth Conservative Burgess Association formed, Mr. W. W. Schofield, J.P., president.
- „ 8 Park Baptist School opened.
- „ 19 Spotland Liberal Burgess Association formed at a meeting held in the Old Temperance Hall, St. Mary's Gate.
- Feb. 2 Grammar School Tercentenary Celebration. Musical and dramatic entertainments were given. The scholars then numbered 40.
- „ 14 Manifesto issued by master masons, bricklayers, and slaters, against sub-contracting.
- Mar. 1 L. & Y. Railway Co. began a cheap train service to Manchester; single third-class fare 8d., return 1s.

- Mar. 14** Rev. J. Freeston's recognition at Union Street Chapel.
- „ **19** Calderbrook Church licensed; accommodation for 450 worshippers.
- Apl. 2** Mr. R. Cobden, M.P., for the borough died.
- „ **10** John Bright addressed a meeting in Messrs. Kelsall & Kemp's Warehouse in support of Mr. T. B. Potter's candidature.
- „ **12** Riotous proceedings at Mr. Brett's meeting in the Public Hall; several persons seriously injured and much damage done.
- „ **15** Tenth Parliamentary Election—Mr. Potter returned. Serious rioting took place at the Talbot Inn, Mr. Potter's committee room, and at the Britannia Inn, Mr. Brett's.
- „ **19** Belfry added to St. John's Church, Ann Street, by public subscription.
- „ **29** All Saints', Hamer, Corner Stone laid by Mr. J. S. Entwisle. A large Procession consisting of Cavalry, Volunteers, Sunday School Scholars, &c., accompanied by five bands of music, was formed in The Butts, and marched to Hamer.
- May 4** Town's Meeting to express indignation at the Assassination of President Lincoln.
- June 1** Mr. Joseph Butterworth, County Court Office, was presented with a gold watch and chain by friends and suitors in recognition of the faithful discharge of his official duties.
- „ **10** Buersill Sports, for many years an annual fixture, held.
- „ „ Littleborough U.M.F. Chapel Corner Stone laid.
- „ **18** Eleven Waterloo Veterans in the neighbourhood were entertained by the local Waterloo Relief Institution.
- July 11** Mr. T. B. Potter re-elected M.P. for the borough unopposed.
- „ „ Mr. W. Fenton (L.), Beaumonds, unsuccessfully contested the City of Chester. The contest cost him nearly £3,000.
- „ **13** Mr. Jacob Bright contested Manchester against Mr. E. James and was defeated.
- „ **14** Comte de Paris and M. Jules Simon visited the Pioneers' Store, Toad Lane.
- „ **17** Rochdale Freedmen's Aid Society's first meeting. Dr. Stobbs, Cincinnati, spoke on the condition of the freed people.
- „ **20** South Lancashire Parliamentary Election.—*See Elections.*
- „ „ Wesley Chapel, Castlemere Street, opened; cost, including site, £6,000.
- „ **22** Mr. W. W. Schofield laid the Corner Stone of Blackpool Parish Church.
- „ **25** Horse Carrs Mill opening ceremony when Messrs. Watson entertained 500 persons to dinner.
- „ **28** Oldham Road and Crawford Street P.O. opened.
- „ **31** Construction of Shawforth Railway commenced by turning a sod near Foxholes.
- Aug. 1** Smithy Bridge Murderer acquitted on the ground of insanity; ordered to be detained during Her Majesty's pleasure.

- Aug. 3 Mr. T. Walker, Birkenhead, appointed Borough Surveyor in succession to Mr. A. M. Fowler.
- „ 19 Jefferye's Music Hall, Drake Street, opened. Originally P. M. Chapel. Messrs. Duckworth's Central Dépôt now occupies the site.
- „ 31 Mr. John Standring, Solicitor, "father of local Building Societies," was presented with a testimonial by thirteen Building Societies.
- „ Bust, by Papworth, of Mr. John Fenton, Crimble, placed in Bamford Chapel.
- Sept. 6 William Street U.M.F.C. opened, Dr. Joseph Parker preaching the sermon.
- „ 7 Smallbridge Congregational Church opened.
- „ Marble Obelisk, by subscription, placed over the grave in the Cemetery, of Mr. J. Moffatt, Temperance advocate, who died 28th December, 1860.
- Norden Coach Co. Limited formed, capital £700 in £1 shares.
- Oct. 27 Lord Palmerston's Funeral observed; special services in the churches; business suspended.
- Nov. 3 Silver Cradle presented to the Mayoress, Mrs. John Tatham, to mark the occasion of the birth of a daughter during the Mayoralty of her husband.
- „ 4 Alderman T. Livsey Memorial Stone in the Cemetery unveiled.
- Dec. 8 Town's Meeting to Memorialise the Government to enquire into the cause of the Jamaica outbreak.
- „ 20 Viscount Milton, M.P., and Dr. W. B. Cheadle lectured in the Public Hall on the Rocky Mountains Expedition.
- „ 29 Mr. George Healey, J.P., was presented with a bronze timepiece in appreciation of his services to the town.
- Rev. E. C. Lewis, St. Stephen's Church, elected President of the Lady Huntingdon Connexion.
- 1,365 Persons estimated to live in cellar dwellings.
- Rev. J. R. Parr, M.A., appointed Vicar of Balderstone.
- Toad Lane Theatre pulled down.
- Mr. A. H. Royds was High Sheriff of Worcestershire.

1866.

- Jan. 3 John Bright and Mr. Potter, M.P., addressed a meeting in Pickul's Theatre, Newgate, in favour of the Extension of the Franchise.
- „ 22 Mr. Potter, M.P., presided over the final meeting of the Union and Emancipation Society held in the Town Hall, Manchester.
- „ Balderstone Church Schools opened.
- Feb. 2-3-5 Poultry Club National Show held in the town, 956 entries. Among the local committee were Dr. Sellers, Messrs. C. W. Brierley, E. Leech, and W. Ashworth: Mr. J. Hartley, Solicitor, acting as secretary.

- Feb. 5 Final meeting of the Relief Committee. One million sterling estimated to have been lost in wages through the depression.
- „ 12 Chamber of Commerce formed on the initiation of Alderman Willans. On June 14th Mr. W. Fenton was elected president. The Chamber then numbered 300 members.
- „ 17 Post Office removed from Baillie Street to South Parade. The premises are now occupied by Mr. J. R. Hartley, Solicitor, owner.
- „ 24 Town Council decided to purchase the Waterworks; a perpetual annuity of £4 4s. 0d. being offered for every £42 share, and a perpetual annuity of £1 8s. 0d. for every third share in addition.
- Mar. 4 Congregational School, Bluepits, opened.
- „ 17 Moss Lane Works (Tatham's) Fife and Drum Band held their first parade. The uniform comprised scarlet Garibaldi, white trousers, Scotch caps, &c.
- „ „ Proposal to levy a voluntary church rate of 1d. in the pound on assessable property in Milnrow Chapelry for repair of the Churchyard carried by 655 to 391.
- „ 24 Mitchel Hey new shed opening ceremony. The shed cost £10,000.
- „ 30 Nineteenth Annual Lancashire, Cheshire, and Derbyshire Sunday School Conference, held in the Public Hall, Mr. Bright spoke.
- „ 31 Town Hall Corner Stone laid by Mr. Bright. At One Ash a procession was formed and marched to the site, accompanied by bands of music. Luncheon was served in the Public Hall and speeches followed.
- „ Cattle Plague in the district involving farmers in heavy losses.
- „ *Life and Times of T. Livsey*, by Miss Lahee, published.
- Apl. 4 Reform Demonstration in Mitchel Hey, when John Bright and Mr. Potter addressed some 5,000 persons.
- „ 21 Alleged Treasure Trove Case at Gravel Hole, a workman in removing a staircase having found a bag containing £112 which he refused to give up. The Coroner held an enquiry and the jury found that the money belonged to a miserly man named Wild, who died in 1838, and who had similarly secreted a sum of £300 which was discovered in 1845.
- May 2 Bust of Cobden, by Noble, presented to the town by Mr. Potter.
- „ 4 Wesleyan Chapel, Littleborough opened; cost £2,000.
- „ 10 Stoppage of Messrs. Overend, Gurney & Co., the well-known bankers; local losses.
- „ Rochdale Waggon and Railway Plant Co., registered; capital £50,000 in £10 shares.
- June 18 Waterloo Veterans in the town and district paraded through the streets, headed by Moss Lane Works Fife and Drum Band. They were entertained to dinner, when R. Bentinck, who beat the soldiers to arms, attended with the identical drumsticks he used on that memorable occasion.
- „ 24 Temperance Hall, Smith Street, opened.

- June 28 Waterworks Act, enabling the Corporation to purchase the old Waterworks and to construct Cowm and Spring Mill Reservoirs, passed.
- July 14 First Regatta of the Littleborough Rowing Club; £50 in prizes offered.
- „ 21 Rochdale Athletic Club's First Festival took place on the Cricket Ground, Merefield. The club was the outcome of the Rifle Club formed five years before.
- „ Cobden Club inaugurated through the efforts of Mr. T. B. Potter, M.P.; Mr. Gladstone presided.
- Aug. 2 Sentence of death passed on James Burrows for the murder of J. Brennan in a barn at Slattocks. He was executed 25th August.
- „ Vicarage Estate Act passed.
- „ 4 Rejoicings in Milnrow on Captain Schofield attaining his majority. The festivities were continued until the 9th, and comprised a banquet to a large number of friends and relatives; procession of workpeople and tenants, accompanied by three bands of music and the Volunteers; dinner to 1,050 persons; trip for 750 persons to Mold, and a ball to 300 persons.
- „ 13 6,000 Miners of Lancashire, Cheshire, and the West Riding held a Conference at Hollingworth Lake.
- „ 18 Festival of local Choirs in St. Chad's Church—80 voices.
- „ Rev. E. C. Pike ceased his labours at West Street Chapel and was presented with over a hundred guineas.
- „ Messrs. J. Griffith Dearden, C. M. Royds, James Brierley, and Joshua Radcliffe were appointed County Justices.
- Sep. 24 2,000 townsmen, headed by a band of music, took part in the Reform Gathering at Campfield, Manchester, when 80,000 persons were present. John Bright and Mr. Potter spoke.
- „ £420 subscribed by townspeople for a lifeboat, Mr. R. T. Heape, J.P., promoting the scheme.
- „ Presbyterian Church Services were held in the Lyceum at this time.
- Oct. 1 £1,700 subscribed at a meeting in aid of the Northern Counties Asylum for Idiots, Lancaster; a local committee formed.
- „ 2 Mr. Samuel Ashworth, one of the "28," presented with an address and timepiece on being appointed Manager of the N. of England Co-operative Wholesale Society.
- „ 10 Mons Elie Reclus, in the Public Hall, addressed an "extra" meeting of the Social Science Congress then being held in Manchester.
- „ 13 Shawclough Branch Shop and News Room of the Pioneers' Society opened.
- „ 30 The Rev. G. Snashall, B.A., ceased his ministry at Providence Chapel.
- „ 31 Public House Closing Act, requiring licensed premises to be closed between the hours of 1 a.m. and 4 a.m. adopted.

- Oct. Mr. R. H. Hutchinson appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for the County.
- Nov. 3 Opening of St. Clement's Church after removal of the Organ from the West entrance to the S.E. side of the Church.
- „ 10 "Rochdale and Catherine Rasleigh" Lifeboat launched on Hollingworth Lake; 10,000 persons present.
- „ 16 Heavy rainfall.—*See Storms.*
- „ 19 Captain Rowland Davies appointed Chief Constable.
- „ 22 All Saints' Church, Hamer, consecrated.
- „ Penny Readings were a popular public entertainment.
- Dec. 18 General, the Hon. Neal Dow, originator of the Maine Liquor Law, addressed a meeting in the Public Hall.
- „ 26 United Presbyterian Church, then numbering 310 scholars and 28 teachers, held its first annual meeting.
- Daily delivery of Letters, Sundays excepted, at 7 a.m., 1-45 p.m., and 5 p.m.

1867.

- Jan. 1 Torchlight Demonstration on Cronkeyshaw to protest against the Reform Bill. 10,000 persons present; a boy killed.
- „ 8 Popular French Classes introduced by Dr. J. A. Emerton. John Bright spoke at the inaugural meeting.
- „ 25 Professor Goldwin Smith addressed a meeting of Messrs. Bright's hands to protest against attacks on John Bright's character; an Address presented to Mr. Bright.
- „ Rev. J. A. Lobley, M.A., appointed Incumbent of All Saints', Hamer.
- Feb. 14 Lectern in Littleborough Parish, which had given offence to the Low Church Party, stolen. It was subsequently found secreted in a field in Gale Road.
- „ 22 Presentation to the Rev. E. C. Lewis of £300 and an Address in recognition of his 28 years' ministry at St. Stephen's Church.
- „ Commencement of a 13 weeks' Strike of 2,500 Woollen Weavers at Milnrow for 5 per cent. advance; result, a compromise.
- Mar. 6 Rev. J. Kershaw, 50 years minister at Hope Street Chapel, was presented with an Address, £362, gold watch and chain, &c.
- „ Rev. S. Chapman appointed to West Street Chapel.
- Apr. 20 Carved Alabaster Font presented to St. James's Church by Miss Leech.
- May 2 Savage attack upon a Conservative Meeting in the Public Hall in support of the Reform Bill; serious stone throwing.
- „ 3 Vale Mills, John Street, opened.
- June 1 1,500 Liberals marched to the Railway Station *en route* for Stretford, where a great Reform Demonstration was held.

- June Rev. A. H. Drysdale, M.A., appointed to the United Presbyterian Church, then recently formed; inducted 25th August.
- July 21 Clover Street Sunday Schools opened.
- „ Bagslate Manufacturing Company's dividend for seven successive years averaged 14 per cent.
- „ Rev. J. C. McCappin appointed to Providence Chapel.
- Aug. 21 Festival of Church Choirs in the Parish, held in St. Chad's Church, Archdeacon, afterwards Bishop Durnford, preached.
- „ „ 20,000 persons attended the Agricultural Show, at Greenhill.
- „ 24 12,000 persons attended a Band Contest and Athletic Festival promoted by the Agricultural Society.
- „ Mr. Robert Jackson, Solicitor, succeeded Mr. J. Woods, Registrar of the County Court.
- „ Mr., now Ald. W. Baron, elected a Councillor for Wardleworth.
- Sep. 12 Boundary Commission as to proposed extension of the borough, sat.
- „ 28 Pioneers' Central Stores, Toad Lane, opened by Alderman John Robinson; Architect, Mr., afterwards Alderman J. Cheetham, J.P.; cost £13,400.
- „ Fenian Scare. Police supplied with arms.
- Oct. 6 St. Patrick's R.C. Church consecrated by Dr. Turner, Bishop of Salford.
- „ 9 Science and Art Classes formed at the Lyceum.
- „ 21 Cobden's portrait presented by townsmen to John Bright.
- „ 24 Sir Wilfred S. Lawson addressed a U.K.A. meeting in the Public Hall.
- „ Norwich Street Mills, Messrs. J. Pilling & Sons, opened.
- Nov. 12 Rev. E. W. Gilbert, M.A., appointed incumbent of Falinge.
- „ 13 Sir A. Ramsay, Bart., Mr. A. Egerton, M.P., and Mr. C. Turner, M.P., were entertained at a Conservative Banquet, in Norwich Street Mills.
- „ 22 Theatre, "Prince of Wales," Manchester Road, opened with "The Hunchback"—cost £6,500. In 1883, the name was changed to "Theatre Royal."—See *Fires*.
- „ 26 Mr. Jacob Bright elected M.P. for Manchester.
- „ Considerable uneasiness was felt in the town owing to the Fenian outbreak, Sergeant Brett having been shot, 18th November. Special Constables sworn in.
- „ River Wall fronting the Town Hall erected.
- Dec. 14 "The Railway Station," by Frith, R.A., on view in the Lyceum.
- „ „ Fenian meeting in the Public Hall suppressed. Secret drilling at Bamford discovered; extra precautions taken at the gasworks.
- „ 20 Remarkable Demonstration, display of feeling towards a young butcher named Whittaker for selling beef at cheap prices. A procession, in which several thousand persons joined, accompanied by two bands of music, marched round the town; an address presented to Whittaker.

- Dec. 23 Large meeting in the Theatre to congratulate Mr. Jacob Bright on his return for Manchester. John Bright spoke.
Philharmonic Society formed; reorganised 1889.
- „ Rochdale Football Club, Sparth Bottoms, formed.
The Town was the only Borough having a circular boundary.

1868.

- Jan. 5 Opening of a New Organ at Blackwater Street Chapel.
- „ 12 Sunday Services begun at Town Mill Brow School. They were continued until the opening of St. Edmund's Church, 7th May, 1873.
- „ Building Society boom; about 20 societies in existence.
- Feb. 27 Ploughing Matches were promoted by gentlemen in Thornham to encourage the art. They became an annual fixture for many years.
- Mar. 25 Mr. Alfred Jackson appointed Assistant-Overseer for Spotland.
- „ Anti-Popery Riots took place during the month; Public Hall and St. John's R.C. Church attacked by supporters of Mackay, Houston, and Murphy, and much damage done; 30 Hussars billeted in the town.
- Apl. 4 Miles Weatherill executed at Salford for the murder of the Rev. A. J. Plow, formerly Curate of St. James's.
- „ Industrial Card Manufacturing Company Ltd. formed. One of the objects of the promoters was to divide all profits above 7½ per cent. equally between Capital and Labour. The concern failed in 1874.
- „ Paved Streets in the Borough numbered 116.
- „ Rev. J. R. Richards, M.A., appointed Vicar of St. Peter's.
- May 7 Castleton Liberal Burgess Association formed.
- „ 9 Mr. Henry Kelsall and Mr. G. T. Kemp were presented with Addresses by their Employees.
- „ 17 Norden Church Scandal, when the removal of flowers from the altar by a Churchwarden led to police court proceedings.
- June 2 At the Annual Fife and Drum Band Contest, Belle Vue, in the presence of 15,000 persons, the Bands of St. James's and Capt. Schofield competed.
- „ 6 *Rochdale Spectator* ceased to be published.
- „ 27 Smith Street Public Baths opened; Mr. J. Milligan, Superintendent; cost £9,600.
- July 2 Cricket Ground, Milnrow Road, opened with a match between Aboriginal Black Cricketers from Australia and XI. of Rochdale; ground abandoned September, 1877.
- „ 8 Mr. J. P. Dickin unsuccessfully appealed against the Justices' decision ordering the destruction of 3,804 copies of the "Depravity of the Priesthood."

- July 19 Captain J. Fenton, at Wimbledon, won the Albert Cup with the highest possible score (7 bull's-eyes at 500 yards).
- „ 26 Organ in Wesley Chapel, Castlemere, opened ; builder, Harrison of this town.
- „ Swimming Club formed ; Alderman Moore, President.
- Aug. 8 Milnrow Parish Church Corner Stone laid for the fourth Church on as many different sites within 500 years. Five years previously Mr. James Schofield, Milnrow, bequeathed £3,000 towards the building fund.
- „ Free Protestant Association, outcome of the Anti-Popery Agitation, formed.
- „ 15 Milnrow Wesleyan Chapel Corner Stone laid to replace a chapel built in 1847.
- „ 28 Albert Hotel, Spotland Road, licensed.
- „ 30 Facit Wesleyan Chapel opened.
- „ The American Government presented to the Town Council a beautifully bound volume containing a compilation of the addresses to Mrs. Abraham Lincoln on the President's death.
- „ Great drought extending over three months and causing the stoppage of many mills and workshops, ended. Water obtained from Messrs. Stotts' Dearnley Colliery had for several weeks previously been doled out to householders from carts, and supplies were also obtained from mill lodges.
- „ Mr. J. Eccles, 30 years superintendent of the Fire Brigade, was presented with an address in recognition of his services.
- Sept. 1 Rev. J. Morgan, M.A., licensed to the curacy of St. Chad's.
- „ 3 Mr. H. Rofe was appointed Waterworks Manager.
- „ 13 Dearnley Wesleyan Chapel opened.
- „ 25 Castleton Bowling Club, Merefield, formed. Green opened 29th May, 1869, Mr. R. Lawton, president.
- „ 29 12,489 casuals visited the Night Refuge during the year ended this year.
- Oct. 1 Cab Stands at the following places were approved :—Yorkshire Street, opposite Townhead House ; Cheetham Street, near St. Mary's Church ; The Butts ; South end of Molesworth Street ; and opposite the New Burial Ground.
- „ „ Smithy Bridge Railway Station opened.
- „ 6 Ernest Jones in the Public Hall, denounced the Irish Church, Alderman Willans presiding.
- „ 13 Rt. Hon. F. Peel and Mr. Yates Thompson, Liberal candidates for South-East Lancashire, addressed a large meeting in the Public Hall.
- „ 19 Milton Church Mission opened a preaching room opposite St. James's Church, formerly occupied by Secularists.
- „ 22 Dr. James Lawton appointed Public Vaccinator for the Borough.
- „ 24 Bagslate British School erected by Messrs. J. Baron and J. Tattersall, opened.

- Oct. 29 Hon. A. Egerton and Mr. J. Snowden Henry, Conservative candidates for South-East Lancashire, addressed a large meeting in the Public Hall.
- Nov. 9 Mr. George Mansell, on being elected Mayor, stipulated that instead of giving Mayoral dinners, &c., during his term of office, he should give £500 to charitable institutions. He gave the sum to the Infirmary.
- „ 16 Hustings opposite the Wellington Hotel erected for the last time. 10,000 persons estimated to have been present.
- „ 17 First Parliamentary Election after the passing of Household Suffrage. A female vote polled. Result declared from the hustings.—*See Elections.*
- Mr. Jacob Bright elected a M.P. for Manchester.
- „ 24 Mr. Robert Schofield, Woollen Manufacturer, was presented with a timepiece by inhabitants of Well-ith-lane for supplying them with water during the drought.
- „ 26 Hon. A. Egerton (C.) and Mr. J. Snowden Henry (C.) returned for South-East Lancashire. Their expenses exceeded £8,200. *See Elections.*
- „ Disturbances at St. Chad's Church on account of alleged Ritualism, which led to police court proceedings, the Vicar being fined for technical assault.
- „ John Bright re-elected M.P. for Birmingham.
- „ Mr. W. Fenton, Beaumonds (L.), contested North-East Lancashire and was defeated.
- Dec. 3 Fagnani's Portrait of Bright and Cobden, which hangs in the Mayor's Parlour, was presented to the town by Mr. T. B. Potter, M.P.
- „ 9 John Bright received by the Queen on becoming President of the Board of Trade. He was sworn a Privy Councillor.
- „ 14 Rochdale Conservative Co-operative Industrial Society formed.
- „ 15 Professor J. Stuart, afterwards M.P., lectured in the Pioneers' Assembly Room on "Meteors."
- „ 25 Wesley Sunday School, Peel Street, opened. It was unroofed two days later whilst Mr. John Ashworth was preaching, 38 persons being injured. A fund in aid of the sufferers realised £297 18s. 0½d.
- „ 26 At St. Mary's Church, Wardleworth, the Christmas Decorations were torn down by some person unknown. The candlesticks on the altar were carried away, and several vestments destroyed.
- Boundary of the Parliamentary Borough extended.
- Yorkshire Street Bridge, as existing, opened.
- 500 Dwelling-houses erected, or partially erected, during the year.
- The Esplanade was opened.
- Cowm Reservoir construction begun.
- Literary Union formed. The Union published a MSS. Magazine.
- The Board of Management for the Order of Druids was stationed in the town for the second year.

1869.

- Jan. 4 Dearnley National Schools for Girls and Infants opened.
- „ „ Clover Street Day School opened, Mr. J. Lofthouse, Master.
- „ 12 Milton Congregational Schools Corner Stone laid by Mr. G. T. Kemp.
- „ 17 P. Moran, confined in the lock-ups, made his escape. Procuring a disguise he visited several towns in Yorkshire. He was re-captured.
- „ 19 Professor J. E. T. Rogers began a Series of Lectures on Political Economy in the Pioneers' Assembly Room.
- „ 22 A Prisoner committed suicide by hanging in the lock-ups.
- „ 25 Thomas Cooper began a Series of Lectures on Christianity in the Public Hall.
- „ 30 A Deputation of Liberals attended the Funeral of Ernest Jones at Ardwick Cemetery.
- Feb. 10 Whitworth Ratepayers assembled in large numbers to urge the lighting of the turnpike road to Shanter.
- „ „ Infirmary Scheme projected at a town's meeting, £3,550 being promised by gentlemen present. Alderman Robinson's proposal to set apart a ward for homœopathists was warmly discussed. Manifesto issued by the medical profession declining to support the project in any way if the proposal were accepted.
- „ 19 Presentation of £20 to the Rev. R. N. Sharpe, M.A., to purchase vestments to replace those stolen from St. Mary's Church.
- „ Conservative Store, 62, Water Street, opened.
- Mar. 15 Earthquake Shock felt throughout the town. Gas was extinguished and articles of furniture, &c., were shaken.
- „ 25 1,467 Interments in the Cemetery for the year ended this day, an excess of 282 over the previous year; increase attributable to hot weather and scarcity of water.
- „ 31 Mr. Joseph Heap and Mr. T. Buckley appointed joint Justices' Clerks.
- „ Branch of the English Amnesty Committee to procure the release of the Irish political prisoners formed; Mr. J. T. Worth, Secretary.
- „ Clock placed in St. Martin's Church Tower, Castleton, by Mr. R. Stott, Trub Smithy; diameter of dial 6 ft. 6 in.
- April 4 Polly Green Chapel, Syke, opened.
- „ 12 Milnrow Gas Company's Bill passed the Lords' Committee.
- „ 13 Three days' poll for the Office of Assistant Overseer for Spotland resulted as follows:—Jesse Wynn 2,630 votes, J. Hill 2,907 votes, Brierley 2,456 votes.
- „ 22 Castlemere U.M.F.C. Organ, by Harrison of this town, opened.—*See Fires.*

- April Congregational Schools, Victoria Street, Littleborough, opened.
- „ Alderman Taylor's "Night Soil" system first adopted by property owners.
- „ Forty-one houses were known to the police as the resort of thieves.
- „ Fifty-nine common lodging-houses existed.
- May 1 Wesleyan Chapel, Bagslate, Corner Stone laid by Mr. William Ormerod, on the site of a Chapel built 1810.
- „ 3 Government Inquiry as to the means of remedying Rivers Pollution, held in the town.
- „ 5 Mr. S. Stevens appointed Chief Constable.
- „ 15 Congregational Chapel and Schools, Castleton, Memorial Stone laid.
- „ 25 Inaugural Meeting of the Young Men's Association of the Liberation Society held.
- „ 29 Castleton Bowling Green, Merefield, opened.
Walks in Canaan, by John Ashworth, published.
- June 5 Mr. J. Sharrocks presented by the Newbold Friendly Society, then numbering 15,000 members, with an address and a time-piece, in appreciation of 20 years' services as president.
- „ „ Protestant Hall, Milkstone, Corner Stone laid by Mr. C. E. Cawley, M.P. for Salford. Subsequently purchased by the Secularists; the building is now a Liberal Club.
- „ 12 Large Procession of Conservatives to the railway station *en route* for Pomona, where a great Irish Church Demonstration was held.
- „ 14 Milnrow Ratepayers rejected a proposal to form a local board for the district.
- „ 19 Siamese Twins on view at the Public Hall. Chang died 15th January, 1874; Eng died two days afterwards.
- „ 20 Wardle Primitive Methodist Chapel opened; 120 sittings.
- „ „ Trinity United Presbyterian Church opened, Rev. A. H. Drysdale, Pastor. In 1896 a spire was added by public subscription.
- „ 23 Proposal to form a Local Board for Littleborough rejected.
- „ 26 Altar at St. Paul's Church, Norden, stripped of its cross and ornaments during the night by some person unknown.
- July 8 The heraldic casque which surmounts the coat of arms on the parapet of Yorkshire Street Bridge was struck down by some person unknown.
- „ 11 Rev. J. Freeston concluded his five years' labours at Clover Street Chapel.
- „ 15 Wesleyan Chapel, Milnrow, opened.
- „ „ Captain Fenton won the Albert Prize, value £100, at Wimbledon.
- „ 18 Further disturbances at St. Chad's Church owing to alleged Ritualism; police court proceedings.
- „ 20 The price of bread was 7d. per quartern loaf.

- Aug. 7 St. Peter's Church, Newbold, Corner Stone laid by Mr. J. Sharrocks ; large procession of Churchmen and Friendly Societies. During the night the stone was removed and several coins thereunder were abstracted.
- „ 20 Mr. Sothern, Actor, fulfilled an engagement at the Theatre.
- „ 21 Milnrow Church consecrated, Mr. G. E. Street, architect.
- „ 27 At Brewster Sessions the licenses of the George Inn, Lord Street ; Old Weaver's Arms, Cheetham Street ; Hare and Hounds, Clegg Hall ; Amen Corner ; and the Grey Mare, Whitworth Road, were refused.
- „ Royal Albert Insurance Company failed, seriously involving local investors.
- Sept. 9 Wholesale refusal of renewal of licenses at the adjourned Brewster Sessions.
- „ 11 Milton Congregational Schools opened ; the buildings cost £2,800.
- „ 18 Lowerplace U.M.F.C. Day and Sunday Schools opened. Tonic Sol-Fa Choral Union formed ; 30 members enrolled.
- Oct. 10 St. Anselm's Roman Catholic Church, Whitworth, opened.
- „ „ Molesworth Street New Connexion Chapel opened. Rev. T. Masterman, Resident Minister. The building cost £4,000.
- „ 16 Hamer Church bells, six in number, first rung.
- „ 24 Rt. Hon. Lord Teynham preached two sermons at Milton Congregational Church.
- „ 25 St. Clement's National Schools, Meanwood, opened ; cost £1,600.
- „ 30 Pioneers' opened Branch premises at Sudden. Movement on foot to construct a Branch Railway to Norden.
- Nov. 1 Lowerplace British School opened ; Mr. O. G. Abbott, Master.
- „ 2 Mr. Lloyd Jones, the well-known Co-operator, lectured in the Pioneers' Assembly Room.
- „ 3 Equitable Paving and Sewering Association formed by dissatisfied property owners.
- „ 9 Mr. Edmund Hartley, Machinist, a native of Rochdale, elected Mayor of Oldham.
- „ 24 Madame Sainton-Dolby gave her final concert in the Public Hall.
- „ 25 Mr. W. W. Schofield, at a banquet at Leach's Summercastle Works, was presented with plate, which cost £700, in recognition of his campaign against Mr. Potter.
- „ 28 Baptist Preaching Room & Sunday School, Henry Street, opened.
- Dec. 7 Hon. E. Lyulph Stanley lectured in the Pioneers' Assembly Room on " Landed Property."
- „ 12 Hollingworth School first used for Church Services.
- „ 14 Mr. E. A. Leatham, M.P. for Huddersfield, lectured in the Pioneers' Assembly Room on " Cromwell."
- „ 15 Norden Working Men's Constitutional Association inaugurated at Mr. Knight's Mill. The Hon. A. Egerton, M.P., and Mr. E. K. Hornby present.

- Dec. 17 Milnrow Ratepayers decided to form a Local Board by 546 votes to 466.
- „ Mr. J. A. Bright presented to the Pioneers' Society 700 volumes of books, forming Fieldhouse Library.
- „ Bankruptcy Jurisdiction removed to the Oldham County Court.
- „ A Beerhouse called "Live and Let Live," existed in Blackwater Street.
- Granite Setts first used in the Borough, a length being laid in Smith Street, opposite the Commissioners' Rooms.
- Three Telegraph Companies existed in the town.

1870.

- Jan. 2 Disturbances at St. Chad's Church.
- „ 5 Edwin Waugh gave readings from his works in the Public Hall.
- „ 20 Mr. E. Miall, M.P. for the Borough from 1852 to 1857, addressed a Liberation Meeting in the Public Hall.
- „ 22 Norden Liberal Association inaugurated at Bamford School.
- „ 26 Mr. John Molesworth, Solicitor, elected County Coroner on the death of Mr. Gerard Dearden. He held office till Dec., 1886.
- „ 28 The City of Boston which sailed from Halifax and was never heard of afterwards, carried on board a mechanic of this town named John Taylor and his wife.
- „ 29 Telegraphs passed into the hands of the Government. Down to the opening of the new General Post Office, 1st November, 1875, messages were despatched from Old Market Chambers.
- „ „ Protestant Hall, Milkstone Road, opened.
- Feb. 14 Hoax played upon a townsman who having received a jury summons for the ensuing Assizes was assured that the summons was merely a valentine. The judge, however, fined him £5 for absenting himself.
- „ 24 St. Mary's, Balderstone, Church Institute, inaugurated.
- „ The Volunteer Corps numbered 461. The capitation grant was £403.
- Mar. 10 Conservative Store, Smallbridge, opened.
- „ 30 Bluepits Congregational Church opened.
- Apl. 16 Shore Church School opened for Divine Service.
- „ 22 Calderbrook Church consecrated, Rev. T. Carter, Vicar; first church consecrated by Dr. Fraser; cost of building £3,000.
- „ 24 Lowerfold U.M.F.C. opened.
- „ 27 Canadian Elms planted in the Esplanade.
- May 1 Baptists took over the building now Central Hall, Water Street.
- „ 2 Mr. Z. Mellor and Ald. G. L. Ashworth gave evidence before the Commons' Committee against the Oldham Water Bill.

- May 7 Slopes, West of the Town Hall, opened to the public.
- „ „ St. Edmund's, Falinge, Church Corner Stone laid with Masonic rites, by Mr. A. H. Royds, founder.
- „ 16 Provident Co-operative Society formed by aggrieved members of the Pioneers' Society on account of the latter's dealings with the Wholesale Society.
- „ 18 *Observer* buildings opened.
- „ Public Libraries' Act adopted by town's meeting; Ald. Willans presiding.
- „ A Parliamentary Return of endowed charities in the borough mentioned the following:—Grammar School, income £17; Free School £110 17s. 10d; Gartside £127 (£1 for sermon, £126 for clothing); Grantham £3 4s. 7d.; John Kenion, in consols £7,933 6s. 8d., income £238.
- „ Pioneers' Central Newsroom opened.
- June 4 Liberal Newsroom at the junction of Oldham Road and Drake Street opened
- „ 7 Rev. W. N. Molesworth, M.A., presided over the Co-operative Congress, Manchester.
- „ 8 Provident Co-operative Society commenced business. First week's turnover £19; number of members 36. Stores: 38, Cheetham Street.
- „ 12 Mr. Edmund Mellor, Coptrod, for removing a Cross from the altar at St. Clement's, cited to appear at York; proceedings stayed on Mr. Mellor paying costs.
- „ 18 Facit Church Corner Stone laid by Mr. E. Whitworth; site given by Mr. J. H. Scholfield.
- „ 23 Organ Recital at Merefield Organ Works on an instrument built by Harrison, for St. James's Church, Morpeth, at a cost of 1,000 guineas.
- „ 25 Castleton Cricket Ground, Sparth, opened.
- „ Post Office removed from South Parade to corner of Nelson Street and Drake Street.
- „ Capt. Fenton, at Wimbledon, won the Cambridge Cup, "the blue ribbon of rifle shooting."
- „ Drinking Fountain in the Cemetery, presented by Mr. Garner, Huddersfield.
- July 3 Wesleyan Chapel, Bagslate, opened.
- „ 16 Railway Accident at Milkstone, about a dozen persons receiving a severe shaking.
- „ 18 Angling Match at Hollingworth Lake, promoted by the Walton Anglers' Association; 250 competitors.
- „ 31 Blackwater Street Unitarian Chapel opened after a disastrous fire.
- „ Rev. S. Chapman concluded his ministry at West Street Chapel.
- „ Captain Fenton, at Wimbledon, won the Albert Cup a second time, scoring the maximum marks at 200 yards and 800 yards. At 600 yards he was one point under the maximum.

- Aug. 1 St. Alban's Church bells, eight in number, the gift of Col. Nield, first rung.
- „ 5 Government Inquiry at Marland Workhouse as to the death of James Doran.
- „ 16 Mrs. T. B. Willans was presented by Members of the Town Council with a Silver Cradle on the birth of a son during her husband's Mayoralty.
- „ 18 Milnrow Local Board first met ; Mr. James Heap, Chairman.
- „ Messrs. Macmillan & Co., Publishers, presented 100 volumes of books to the proposed Public Library.
- Sep. 1 The inhabitants of Sussex Street presented a Memorial to the Town Council for permission to plant trees in that street ; project abandoned.
- „ 7 Franco-Prussian War Sick and Wounded Fund opened. £762 4s. 2d. was subscribed, and large quantities of flannel and clothin g were given.
- „ 10 Fenian affray at Syke, when two men named O'Shea and Roach, deserters from the brotherhood, were shot at.
- „ 21 Buersill Local Board formed ; Mr. Joshua Radcliffe, Chairman.
- „ 27 New Organ in Castlemere U.M.F.C. to replace the instrument destroyed by fire, opened.
- Oct. 1 Halfpenny Postage and Postcards introduced. £100 worth of cards issued during the week from the Post Office.
- „ 26 "Weavers' Arms," Cheetham Street, which had existed for 70 years, deprived of its license on appeal.
- „ Rev. R. P. Downes, editor of *Great Thoughts*, was Resident Minister at Union Street Wesleyan Chapel.
- Nov. 1 Railway opened as far as Facit ; extension to Bacup opened 1st December, 1881.
- „ „ First Municipal Contests since 1864. Successful candidates :— Castleton Ward, J. Tomlinson (C.), J. Leach (C.), C. Preston (L.), and R. Mattley (C.) ; Spotland Ward, G. Lund (L.) and J. Law (L.) ; Wardleworth Ward, D. Howarth (L.), J. Lawton (L.), J. Rushworth (L.), and G. Miller (L.). A Conservative gain of three seats.
- „ 14 St. Martin's Church, Castleton, New Organ opened by Mr. W. T. Best.
- „ 21 First Meeting of Buersill Local Board ; Mr. Joshua Radcliffe, Chairman.
- „ 26 First School Board Election.—*See Elections.*
- Dec. 8 Mr. (afterwards Sir) George O. Trevelyan, M.P., gave a Lecture in the Pioneers' Assembly Room on "Army Reform." Mr. Brown, M.P. for Wenlock ; Mr. Price, M.P. for Tewkesbury ; and Mr. Potter, M.P., were present.
- „ 15 Mr. Edmund Ashworth elected First Chairman of the School Board.
- „ 20 Professor Dicey lectured at the Pioneers' Assembly Room on "American Institutions and People."

- Dec. Literary Union dissolved.
- „ A Reading Room at Bent Meadows in existence.
- „ John Bright resigned the Presidency of the Board of Trade.
- „ Tablet in Memory of Mr. Henry Kelsall placed in West Street Chapel.
- Denominational Schools in Castleton Township numbered 17, Spotland 14, Wardleworth 8.
- Branch of the Manchester and Liverpool District Bank, Packer Street, opened.
- Sparrow Hill School-house, St. Alban's Street, built.
- Hudson Street opened.

1871.

- Jan. 1 200 persons applied for licenses under the Pedlars' Act, which came into force this day.
- „ 11 Hon. George C. Brodriok lectured at the Pioneers' Assembly Room, on the "Irish Question."
- „ 18 Mr. J. Hartley, Solicitor, was presented with a timepiece by members of the Rifle Club in appreciation of his services.
- „ 21 Mr. C. Temple, Q.C., County Court Judge for the district died.
- „ 22 Mitchel Street U.M.F.C. Day and Sunday Schools opened.
- „ 28 Cricket Match, Rev. W. H. Haines' XI. v. Mr. James Schofield's XI., and Curling Match on the ice at Hollingworth Lake.
- „ Rev. T. Harwood Pattison appointed to West Street Chapel.
- Feb. 2 Mr. T. Hewson, C.E., was appointed Borough Surveyor. He was succeeded in October, 1881, by Mr. S. S. Platt, M.I.C.E.
- „ 14 The revenue derived by the Post Office from the transmission of Valentines was estimated at £133.
- „ Mr. J. Osborne, Q.C., appointed County Court Judge.
- Mar. 1 Contest for the office of Borough Auditor; T. L. Whitehead (C.) 464 votes; G. Webster (L.) 209 votes; E. Rhodes (L.) 172 votes.
- „ 6 Mr. G. H. Wheeler was appointed Clerk to the School Board.
- „ 14 Rev. J. Fish, M.A., instituted Vicar of St. James's, Ashworth; died 26th November, 1883; successor, Rev. F. E. Waldie.
- „ 23 Whitworth Vale Liberal Association formed.
- „ 27 Dr. J. B. Lightfoot lectured at the Pioneers' Assembly Room on "England 600 years ago."
- April 3 Census taken: 29,712 males, 33,761 females, in the parliamentary borough.
- Sunday burials at the Cemetery discontinued except in cases of emergency.
- „ 7 Drowning of Mr. Robert Bell, Gasworks Manager.

- April 9 Wesleyan Chapel, Newbold, opened.
- „ 15 Dearnley National New Schools Corner Stone laid.
- „ 20 Hornets Football Club prior to this date was known as the Rochdale United ; number of members 66.
- „ 26 Rowdy Meeting in the Public Hall in support of Bruce's Licensing Bill ; great disorder prevailed.
- „ 29 All Saints', Hamer, New School Corner Stone laid.
- „ „ Mr. George Hanson appointed Librarian at the Free Library.
- May 2 Mr. E. Barnish appointed Librarian to the Pioneers' Society, in succession to Mr. G. Hanson.
- „ 3 Mr. Samuel Hunter appointed Gas Manager. Appointed to Salford, September, 1875, he was succeeded by Mr. T. O. Paterson.
- „ 9 Large Meeting of Operatives in the Public Hall in favour of ceasing work at noon, instead of two o'clock, on Saturdays. One p.m. closing was shortly afterwards generally adopted.
- „ 20 St. Peter's Church, Newbold, consecrated by Bishop Fraser ; cost £3,800.
- „ 29 Bank Holiday first observed in the town.
- „ Rev. R. K. Cook, M.A., Smallbridge, appointed Hon. Canon of Manchester ; died 18th March, 1891, aged 78 years.
- June 1 First Encampment of the 24th Lancashire (Rochdale) Rifle Volunteers. The rank and file, 264 men, from Littleborough, Middleton, and Rochdale, departed to Lytham, and returned four days later.
- „ 15 Lieut.-Colonel Fenton won the Cambridge Cup, " the blue ribbon of rifle shooting," for the second time.
- „ 22 Provident Co-operative Society opened Branch Premises at the Corner of Wood Street.
- July 1 First Annual Band of Hope Demonstration, 3,500 persons paraded the principal streets *en route* for Howard House.
- „ 26 Town's Meeting adopted a Resolution in support of the Ballot Bill.
- „ „ Rev. T. Masterman concluded his Pastorate at Molesworth Street Chapel.
- „ 29 "British Workman Public-house, or a Public-house without Drink," formerly the Concert Inn, Brickcroft, opened. The building since 1875 has been used as the Workmen's Club.
- „ President Lincoln's gold-headed Staff was bequeathed by Dr. Smith, U.S.A. Consul, Dundee, to John Bright, in accordance with the President's wishes.
- „ *History of England*, by the Rev. W. N. Molesworth, M.A., published.
- Aug. 5 Gen. Tom Thumb, his wife, and Commodore Nutt paid their last visit to the town.
- The proportion of licensed houses to the inhabitants of the borough was 1 in 190.

- Aug. 23 First "Rochdale" Agricultural Show, held at Greenhill, the Rochdale Committee of the Whitworth and Rochdale Society having dissevered themselves on a question of precedence of title; prize money £600; entries 1,835.
- " " Union Cricket Club's first annual athletic festival held.
- " " Bridge Mills Spinning and Manufacturing Company formed.
- Sept. 7 Mr. Henry Butterworth, Jeweller, issued a medal commemorative of the opening of the Town Hall, bearing on the obverse side a portrait of Mr. G. L. Ashworth, Mayor, and on the reverse side a representation of the Town Hall. Town Council voted Mr. G. L. Ashworth, Mayor, £1,000 to meet the expenditure to be occasioned by the opening of the Town Hall.
- " 18 St. Peter's Schools, Newbold, Corner Stone laying by Bishop Fraser.
- " 27 Town Hall opened by Mr. G. L. Ashworth, Mayor. A long procession of civic officers, trade societies, Sunday school scholars, &c., accompanied by bands of music paraded the town. At a banquet in the evening Bishop Fraser and the following M.P's. were present:—Messrs. Hibbert, Egerton, Potter, Jacob Bright, T. Whitworth, and J. Platt.
- Oct. 5 First meeting of the Town Council in the new Chamber.
- " 12 Mr. Joseph Heap, Solicitor, appointed legal adviser to the School Board.
- " 24 Mr. Hugh Birley, M.P., spoke at a Tradesmen's and Working Men's Banquet, in the Town Hall, to celebrate the opening.
- " 25 Town's meeting to express sympathy with the sufferers in the Chicago Fire, which took place on the 8th. Relief fund opened, over £1,000 raised. Milnrow raised over £300 in addition.
- Nov. 1 Municipal Elections. Successful candidates: for Castleton, F. Bolton (C.), J. S. Littlewood (L.), Fishwick (C.), J. Hartley (C.); for Spotland, Joseph Brierley (C.), and H. Shaw (C.); for Wardleworth, T. Schofield (L.), Adamson (L.), Baron (L.), and J. Clegg (L.)
- " 6 Pioneers' Society's Building Department formed.
- " 10 Bishop Fraser addressed the L. & Y. Company's employees at the Railway Station.
- " 11 Alderman John Tatham having adopted unsolicited the 9 hours system at Moss Lane Works, was presented with plate and an address by his 900 employees.
- " " Amusing Election of Mayor of the Freehold.—See *Rochdale Observer*, 18th November.
- " 14 Major Henry Fishwick gazetted Lieut.-Colonel.
- " 15 Bishop Fraser gave a Lecture in the Pioneers' Assembly Room on "Lord Bacon."
- " " Bluepits Ratepayers' Association formed; Mr. R. Webster, Chairman
- " " Colonel Nield presented a handsome Pulpit to St. Alban's Church.
- Dec. 1 Facit Church consecrated by Bishop Fraser; cost £3,500.

- Dec. 2 *Rochdale Pilot* ceased to be published.
- „ 9 The Lawrence Newall Memorial in Littleborough Churchyard, erected by East Lancashire Freemasons, was unveiled with Masonic Ceremony.
- „ „ *Rochdale Times*, No. 1, published by a limited liability company composed of a few leading Conservatives.
- „ 21 Funeral of Father Dowling. Fifty priests present. Elaborate ceremonial. Thousands of persons turned out to witness the cortège.
- „ 29 Masonic Ball in the Town Hall—250 persons present.
- Simple Records*, by John Ashworth, author of *Strange Tales*, published.
- Fifty-four hours working week in general observance.
- By Will of Miss Holt, Broadhalgh, the Infirmary received a legacy of £450.
- Dials in St. Chad's Church Tower removed.
- Medical Aid Association formed.
- Mayor's Chain and Badge of Office first invested. The insignia cost £250.
- Infirmary and Dispensary removed from Lord Street to Elliott Street.
- Mitchel Hey Mill paid a dividend of 16 per cent. for the year ; Millgate Spinning and Manufacturing Company 25 per cent. ; Crimble 32 per cent.

1872.

- Jan. 10 Rt. Hon. Sir J. Pakington, M.P., entertained to dinner in the Town Hall, by Conservatives. The Hon. A. Egerton, M.P., Mr. E. K. Hornby, M.P., and Sir A. Ramsay, Bart., were present.
- „ 21 Smallbridge Wesleyan Chapel opened ; erection cost £1,150 ; 450 sittings.
- „ 27 Good Templar Lodge opened at the "British Workman," Brickcroft.
- „ „ An Amateur Dramatic Society met on alternate Tuesdays in the large room of the Hare and Hounds Hotel. It was formed for "intellectual recreation, combined with a desire to render assistance to charitable institutions."
- „ „ Rev. E. C. O'Neill appointed to St. John's R. C. Church.
- Feb. 10 Mitchel Street Sunday School opened.
- „ 27 Thanksgiving Day on the restoration to health of H. R. H. Prince of Wales ; special services in churches and chapels.
- „ 28 J. Roberts, Jr., the famous billiard player, gave an exhibition game at the Hare and Hounds Hotel.
- Mar. 9 Liberal Reading Room, Mitchel Street, opened.

- Mar. 20 First Police Court Sitting in the Town Hall, Mr. W. T. Shawcross, Mayor, presiding.
- „ 21 Portrait of Mr. G. L. Ashworth, J.P., by Westcott, presented to the town by Mr. T. Booth on behalf of subscribers.
- „ 23 Bust of Mr. J. Fenton, first M.P. for the borough, presented to the town by his widow.
- „ 30 St. Chad's Church restored, the porch and tower having been rebuilt and the gallery removed; cost £3,000, towards which the Vicar gave £500.
- April 1 St. John's R. C. Schools, Ann Street, opened; cost £800.
- „ 2 Mr. Disraeli's Visit to Pomona was improved by local Conservatives who attended in large numbers and presented the right hon. gentleman with an address.
- „ 13 Hollingworth Lake Amateur Rowing Club inaugurated.
- „ 20 A number of townsmen attended the funeral of Samuel Bamford, the Radical, at Middleton Church.
- „ 24 Temple Wesleyan Chapel opened; erection cost £2,300.
- „ Thirty Blind Persons resided in the town at this time.
- „ Rev. R. G. Williams began his Ministry at Providence Chapel.
- May 11 Freehold Conservative Burgess Association Newsroom, Trafford Street, inaugurated.
- „ „ Councillor T. Schofield was presented with an Address in recognition of his services as Superintendent of Baillie Street Sunday School for 22 years.
- „ 12 Introduction of the Block System on the railway between the town and Manchester; eight block stations provided.
- „ 15 Public Meeting of residents at Merefield and Sudden to urge the L. & Y. Railway Company to provide a Station at New Barn Lane.
- „ 16 Police Offices, Union Street, vacated.
- „ 20 The Order of United Free Gardeners held their Annual Conference in the town. The Order numbered 33,136 members, of whom 817 were in the Rochdale district.
- „ At Marland Workhouse five children of a widow named Ellis, aged respectively 4, 9, 11, 16, and 20, died of typhoid fever in one week.
- „ Mr. Arthur Brierley presented a handsome font to St. Alban's Church.
- June 19 Borough Improvement Bill, opposed by the Buersill Local Board, rejected.
- „ 20 Annual Assembly of Presbyterians, Unitarians, and Congregationalists of Lancashire and Cheshire held at Blackwater Street Chapel.
- July 1 St. Mary's Church, Balderstone, built by Messrs. Radcliffe at a cost of £8,000, was consecrated.
- „ 11 Staffordshire's Testimonial to John Bright made. It consisted of an Address and a Cabinet, 10ft. long by 6ft., containing the choicest specimens of ceramic art.—See *The Graphic*, 27th July.

- July 11 Two Pews in the Chancel of St. Chad's, belonging to the Hoyle family and let at £15 per annum, were sold by public auction for £70 each.
- „ 25 Fifth Act for the better government of the town received the Royal Assent. By this Act the Parliamentary and Municipal Borough became coterminous.
- „ 29 Rochdale Joint Stock Bank, Baillie Street, opened. No new bank had been opened for forty years.
- „ Butcher's meat having risen to an almost prohibitive price owing to a plague among cattle, the trade decided to close their shops for three days a week and to kill half the usual quantity.
- „ Buersill Local Board dissolved.
- Aug. 10 Rev. A. Salts, B.A., LL.M., Curate of St. Chad's, inducted to Holy Trinity Church, Littleborough.
- „ 27 Rev. J. H. R. Shillito, B.A., appointed Curate of St. Chad's.
- „ Present hours of closing public-houses first observed.
- „ Belfield Colliery Company formed—an ill-fated concern.
- „ Corner Stone of St. Alban's Institute laid.
- Sep. 18 Free Public Library, Town Hall, opened, Bishop Fraser gave an address. The library comprised 14,396 books.
- „ 25 St. Peter's Schools opened by Bishop Fraser; buildings cost £2,300.
- „ 30 British School, Baillie Street, transferred to the School Board. From its commencement 11,193 pupils passed through the School and £6,000 was voluntarily subscribed towards its maintenance.
- „ Balderstone Church Institute and Library dissolved.
- „ Borough Bench sanctioned by Royal Commission; first sitting 18th October.
- Oct. 5 Chemist's Association inaugurated, Coun. J. Booth, President.
- „ 9 Public Meeting to promote a Museum and Art Gallery held.
- „ „ Balderstone Conservative Association inaugurated; Mr. Joshua Radcliffe, President.
- „ 14 Two Japanese High Commissioners visited the town and were conducted over the principal industrial concerns and public buildings by Alderman Willans.
- „ 31 Funeral of Sergt.-Major Seckerson, 24th L. R. V., amid full military honours. The remains were placed on a gun carriage covered with the Union Jack and bearing the arms and accoutrements of the deceased. The Staff of the Bury Militia and Officers and men of the Oldham and neighbouring Corps and a firing party attended. A great crowd present.
- Nov. 1 First Municipal Elections after the extension of the borough.—*See Elections.*
- „ 7 Mr. J. Osborne, Q.C., County Court Judge, sat for the last time.
- „ 8 Arthur Orton, the "Tichborne Claimant," delivered an Address in the Theatre in aid of a fund for his defence; Mr. T. B. Ashworth, Chairman.

- Nov. 23 Ridings Mill Reading Room opened by Messrs. T. B. Willans & Co. for the use of their workpeople.
- Dec. 5 "The Esplanade" received its name on the suggestion of Alderman Taylor, a proposal in Council Meeting to name the thoroughfare "Corporation Street" being lost.
- „ 7 Pioneers' Milkstone Branch opening ceremony; Edwin Waugh present.
- „ 23 J. Roberts, Jun., and Cook, the famous billiard players, gave an exhibition game in the Public Hall.
- „ Shawclough Institute for Instruction and Recreation opened.
- „ Milkstone Infants' School transferred to the School Board.
- „ Amateur Orchestral Society formed.

1873.

- Jan. 9 Mr. Crompton Hutton first sat as County Court Judge for the district.
- „ 22 Prosecution of Messrs. J. Ashworth, Thomas Schofield, J. Duckworth, and others for refusing to pay School Board rate on the ground that a portion of the rate was devoted to denominational schools. The defendants' goods were distrained upon. On February 4th a large demonstration was held in their support.
- „ 30 Town's Meeting in favour of abolishing Slavery in Africa. Rev. C. New, the Livingstone Search Expedition Interpreter, spoke.
- „ Mr. E. A. Clegg and Mr. W. Law gave a reredos of Caen stone to Littleborough Church in memory of the late Vicar, Rev. T. Carter.
- „ *The Youth of Jesus*, and other poems, by Joseph Lineham, published.
- Feb. 3 Pioneers' Society met to consider a proposal to pay their employees a bonus on profits and turnover; proposal lost.
- „ 8 Calderbrook Church Day School opened.
- „ 17 Home Rule Association formed.
- „ 25 Mr. Joseph Arch, founder of the Agricultural Labourers' Union, gave a lecture in the town.
- „ Shore Day School opened; cost of building £1,000.
- Mar. 1 Healey Liberal Association inaugurated; 70 members.
- „ 6 School Board's precept for £500 refused by the Town Council. Mandamus granted 20th May. The Council eventually paid the money, but refused to meet the next precept, which was for £600, and a second Mandamus was applied for.
- „ Mr. W. J. Hodgson, M.D., appointed Vaccination Surgeon.
- „ 13 Mr. J. Matthews, Postmaster, presented with a silver tea and coffee service by postal officials.
- „ 14 A portion of Spotland Workhouse, which stood upon the site of a disused coalpit, gave way, causing considerable alarm.

- Mar. 22 Castleton East Ward Conservative Club inaugurated ; Mr. F. Bolton, President.
- „ Board School fees were : boys, full day 4d. weekly ; half-day, 3d. ; girls, full day 3d ; half-day 2d. ; infants, 2d.
- April By Will, Mr. R. Stott, Trub Smithy, bequeathed £500 to St. Martin's Church and Schools, Castleton Moor.
- „ Rev. J. A. Lobley, M.A., first Vicar of Hamer, resigned on being appointed Principal of Montreal College for the Clergy.
- May 7 St. Edmund's Church consecrated amid imposing Masonic ceremony. 600 members of the craft walked in procession from the Town Hall to the Church. The edifice, which cost £30,000 to finish, was the gift of Mr. A. H. Royds.
- „ 13 Hon. Gen. Neal Dow addressed a large Temperance meeting in the Public Hall.
- „ 28 Government Inquiry at Whitworth in reference to the proposed formation of a Local Board for the district.
- „ Rev. J. Hamilton Fox, M.A., appointed to All Saints', Hamer.
- „ Rev. B. T. Winterborn, B.A., succeeded the Rev. J. Morgan, M.A., Curate of St. Chad's.
- June 12 Lancashire and Cheshire Association of Baptist Churches Annual Conference, held at West Street Chapel.
- „ West Street Centenary Sunday Schools, Memorial Stone laid by Mrs. Kemp.
- „ Signor Gavazzi, friend of Garibaldi, gave an Anti-Popery lecture in the Public Hall.
- „ St. Alban's Church Nursing Institute formed.
- „ Local members of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers numbered 437
- July 10 Castleton Footpaths' Association, formed in 1859, dissolved.
- „ 19 Lieut.-Col. Fenton, at Wimbledon, won the Dudley Prize, £50.
- „ 30 U.M.F.C. 17th Annual Assembly begun in the town, when the Rev. J. Adcock was elected President.
- „ Practice of holding preliminary inquiries, and dispensing with inquests in certain cases, begun.
- Aug. 5 Rev. Walter Cooper, B.A., became Curate of St. Alban's ; appointed Vicar, September, 1874 ; resigned 1892 ; died, 31st July, 1894.
- „ 8 Rev. R. P. Downes ceased his Ministry at Union Street Chapel.
- „ 9 Strike of 10,000 Cardroom and Blowing Room Hands in the district for 15 per cent. advance in wages ; 35 mills wholly stopped for several weeks. The strike proved abortive.
- „ 11 Funeral of Mr. G. L. Ashworth, J.P., observed throughout the town.
- „ 29 Mr. Edwin Collingwood, for 41 years assistant justices' clerk, was presented by members of the legal profession with a testimonial in recognition of his services.

- Sep. 6 Mr. David Coventry, Bank Manager and late Borough Treasurer, was presented with an illuminated address by the Town Council.
- „ 17 Bluepits U.M.F.C. Schools opened ; cost of buildings £1,100.
- „ 18 Duke of Newcastle paid a private visit to Greenbooth Mills, Buckley Mills, Railway Works, and other places.
- Oct. 11 Centenary of the Baptist Church in Rochdale celebrated and observed.
- „ 14 John Bright appointed Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.
- „ 19 Wesleyan Chapel, Gravelhole, opened.
- „ „ Littleborough U.M.F.C. Sunday Schools opened ; buildings cost £2,000.
- Nov. 1 Highway from Rochdale to Halifax disturnpiked.
- „ 26 Sparth Toll House, corner of New Barn Lane, sold by auction, and shortly afterwards pulled down. A toll house formerly existed near Dunster.
- „ 28 Jubilee Singers, 11 Students of Fisk University, U.S.A., appeared at the Town Hall.
- „ 29 Sudden new branch premises of the Pioneers' Society opened. A shop was opened here 30th October, 1869.
- „ Jeffrey Gott Memorial Window, St. James's Church, unveiled.
- Dec. 4 Town Council ordered Mr. Crossland's Commission as Architect of the Town Hall, amounting to £10,329 6s. 2d., to be paid.
- „ 6 Mr., afterwards Sir W. T. Charley, Q.C., M.P., addressed a Conservative gathering at Smallbridge.
- „ 9 Mr. A. Illingworth, M.P., addressed the local branch of the Liberation Society.
- „ „ Milnrow Conservative Industrial Co-operative Society formed ; business begun 11th February, 1874.
- „ 11 Funeral of Mr. W. W. Schofield, J.P.
- „ 15 Queen's Hotel, Milkstone Road, three dwelling-houses adjoining in Milkstone Road, and five dwelling-houses adjoining in Tweedale Street, two cottages behind, also a stable in Devon Street, and vacant land adjoining, sold for £3,640. In 1897 the hotel alone was sold for more than three times that sum.
- „ 27 Mr. James Wrigley was presented with an address and silver plate by old Sparrow Hill Scholars.
- Back from Canaan*, by John Ashworth, published.
- Rev. T. Carter appointed to Blackwater Street Chapel.
- Science and Art Classes begun by the Pioneers' Society.
- The right of the Lord of the Manor to hold a Fair was purchased by the Corporation for £350.

1874.

- Jan. 8 Mr. H. Birley, M.P., and Mr. J. T. Hibbert, M.P., spoke on commercial topics at the Merchants' and Tradesmen's dinner in the Lecture Room.
- „ 16 Mr. O'Connor Power, in the Public Hall, lectured on Irish Politics.
- „ 20 Mr. G. Dixon, M.P., Birmingham, addressed a large meeting in the Town Hall, on Unsectarian Education.
- „ 22 *Rochdale Chimes*, a satirical monthly journal, edited by Mr. William Swift, No. 1 published.
- „ 24 Whitworth Ratepayers by 1,069 votes against 554 votes, decided to form a Local Board for the district.
- Feb. 4 Parliamentary Election on the fall of Mr. Gladstone's Ministry.—*See Elections.*
- „ 10 South-East Lancashire Parliamentary Election.—*See Elections.*
- „ 24 Sudden Liberal Club formed; Mr. R. T. Heape a generous donor.
- Mar. 2 Election of two Borough Auditors: J. M. L. Chadwick (C.), 727; E. Rhodes (L.), 492; J. H. Heap (L.), 143.
- „ 20 "George Howarth Lane," Milnrow Road, which the Corporation sought to make a public thoroughfare, declared at Assizes to be a private road.
- „ 28 Wardle Liberal Association inaugurated.
- „ Portrait of Alderman T. Livsey, which hangs in the Mayor's Parlour, presented to the town.
- „ Wesleyan Sunday Schools, Littleborough, opened; cost £2,500.
- „ Broadley Wood Mills Cotton Spinning and Manufacturing Company formed.
- April 3 Brimrod U.M.F.C. Day and Sunday Schools opened.
- „ 8 Wesleyan Chapel, Wardle, opened; cost of buildings £4,000.
- „ 11 Conference of the Lancashire Union of Conservative and Constitutional Associations held in the Town Hall, Mr. Romaine-Callender, M.P., presiding.
- „ 18 Mr. Macdonald, M.P., addressed a large gathering in the Town Hall to celebrate the first direct return of Labour representatives to Parliament.
- „ 30 Bengal Famine Relief Fund opened; £1,180 5s. 7d. subscribed.
- „ Blackpits Cotton Spinning and Manufacturing Company Limited formed.
- „ Local Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters numbered 56 members.
- „ Thorney Lee Spinning and Manufacturing Company Limited formed.
- May 17 West Street Chapel Schools opened; cost of erection £3,000.
- „ 23 Bowling Green behind the Mona Hotel opened. A green previously existed on the opposite side of the river.

- May Hollingworth Workhouse closed ; inmates removed to Marland.
 „ Healey Spinning Company formed.
 „ Rakebridge Provident Store opened.
- June 4 Seam of Coal, 4 ft. in thickness, struck at Belfield Colliery, a distance of 130 yards below the surface.
 „ 16 Lowerplace U.M.F.C. opened ; foundation stones laid 12th July, 1873.
 „ 27 St. Michael's Schools, Bamford, corner stones laid. The scholars at that time worshipped in an old barn at Gnat Bank.
 „ Mr. J. T. W. Mitchell appointed Chairman of the Wholesale Co-operative Society. He held the office till his death, 16th March, 1895.
 „ Lieut.-Col. Fishwick published the *History of Kirkham*.
- July 7 Rev. C. H. Spurgeon gave addresses in the Town Hall and in Baillie Street Chapel in aid of West Street Schools. Nearly 6,000 tickets for admission were applied for.
 „ 12 Millgate and Shawforth Wesleyan Schools opened ; Chapel in course of erection, the whole to cost £7,500.
 „ 30 Mr. C. M. Jones, Roebuck Hotel, was presented with a handsome service of plate by Licensed Victuallers in recognition of twenty years' service to the trade.
 „ Lieut.-Col. Fenton, at Wimbledon, won the Dudley Prize, £50, for the second time. He also shot with the English eight for the Elcho Shield.
- Aug. 1 Broadfield portion of the Park opened to the public.
 „ 13-14-15 Cricket Match : Lancashire v. Yorkshire, played on the Castleton ground, Sparth.
 „ 24 Funeral of the Rev. H. W. Parkinson, Pastor of Milton Congregational Church.
 „ 26 Wuerdle and Wardle Local Board first met.
- Sep. 22 Rev. W. Cooper, B.A., succeeded the Rev. J. W. Parker, M.A., Vicar of St. Alban's.
 „ 24 Mr. Thomas Hughes, Q.C., distributed the prizes awarded to students at the Pioneers' Science and Art Classes.
- Oct. 1 Spotland Liberal Club, Blackwater Street, opened.
 „ 12 First Meeting of the Whitworth Local Board.
 „ 21 A Lunar Rainbow was visible ; " the colours were quite distinct and the arch perfect."
 „ 24 Town Council rejected a proposal to make a Tramway between the Coal Siding and the Gasworks.
 „ St. Alban's Church Nursing Institute, Drake Street, built by Colonel Nield at a cost of £12,000, was completed.
- Nov. 17 Mr. Robert Clough, Temperance Advocate, was presented with a service of plate and a purse of gold in recognition of twenty years' services in the cause.

- Dec. 11 A horse jumped from the bridge at Sunny Bank into the river. The river was considerably swollen at the time, and the horse was carried over the weir a distance of a quarter of a mile before recovering itself. The animal sustained no injury.
- „ 12 Rev. J. F. Jenkins, M.A., 10 years Curate of St. Chad's, was presented with an Address and £70.
- „ 18 Election of Assistant Overseer for Wardleworth :—G. Roberts (L.), 1057 votes ; J. T. Wren (C.), 735 votes.
- „ 29 Mr. A. L. Calman took over entire charge of the Chapel for the Destitute.
- Workmen's Club Buildings Company Limited formed.
- Church Institute, The Walk, a venerable institution with an excellent library, dissolved.
- Ring Spinning introduced.
- Underbank Mills Company, Whitworth, formed.

1875.

- Jan. 11 Public-houses opened till midnight on account of First Market.
- „ 13 Banquet to Mr. R. W. Gamble, Q.C., to celebrate his campaign against Mr. Potter. Mr. Romaine Callender, M.P., and Mr E. Hardcastle were present.
- „ 18 St. Alban's new Schools, Latin Street, opened.
- „ 30 Funeral of John Ashworth, author of *Strange Tales*.
- Feb. 15 Conservative Club, The Walk, opened by Mr. C. M. Royds, President.
- „ 18 *Rochdale Past and Present*, by Robertson, published.
- „ 22 St. Luke's Church projected ; services were subsequently commenced in a coach-house in Durham Street.
- „ „ Mr. J. R. Thorner appointed Liberal Agent ; died 2nd October, 1888.
- „ Paper Manufacturing Company Limited, Belfield, formed ; an ill-starred concern.
- Mar. 15 Town's Meeting to support the "New Lancashire Manufacturing Town's Railway Scheme," a project for joining Manchester with the Midland system at Colne *via* Middleton, Heywood, Rochdale, Bacup, and Burnley.
- „ Hamer Lane Colliery Company Limited, formed.
- April 1 "Mors Janua Vitæ," by Sir N. Paton, exhibited at Mr. Herron's.
- „ 10 Rev. I. Gaitskill's fifty years' incumbency of Whitworth, commemorated.
- „ 17 Lord Rosebery opened the Workmen's Club, Brickcroft. In the evening he addressed a meeting in the Town Hall.
- „ Mr., now Sir H. H. Howorth, F.R.S., published the *History of the Mongols*.

- April Parker Memorial Window, St. Alban's Church, unveiled.
- „ Mr. Joshua Radcliffe elected Vice-Chairman of the L. & Y. Railway Company.
- May 1 Newbold Baptist Chapel and Schools Corner Stone laid by Ald. J. Tatham. The promoters were seceders from Hope Street Chapel.
- „ 10 Lancashire and Yorkshire Branch Bank, King Street, opened.
- „ 29 Mr. John Oldham, St. Clement's Schools, was presented with a silver tea and coffee service in recognition of his 21 years' mastership.
- „ Rev. J. F. Jenkins, St. Chad's, appointed Vicar of Lydgate.
- „ Grant of £800 made by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners to provide a Parsonage for Facit.
- June Rev. T. R. Elliott began his Ministry at Clover Street School.
- July 3 Gibson Row and Oakenrod Working Men's Institute opened ; 160 members.
- Aug. 9 O'Connell Centenary observed. Serious disturbances took place on the Mount, hundreds of persons being armed with shille-lahs, iron bars, and stones ; ring leaders sentenced at Quarter Sessions to various terms of imprisonment.
- „ 14 Workmen's Club began their Annual Excursion to London. Owing to a misunderstanding with the G. N. Railway Company a large number of trippers were brought back by special train by the Midland Railway Company.
- „ First Meeting of the Castleton Local Board. The Board adopted the arms of the Fenton family.
- „ A case of Premature Burial nearly occurred. The body of a woman had been prepared for burial and the funeral arranged, when the "corpse" showed signs of life, and was eventually restored to health.
- Sep. 28 Dr. T. Fletcher appointed to St. Edmund's Church, Falinge.
- „ Skating Rink opened at Sladen's, Hollingworth Lake.
- „ Rev. W. M. Arthur appointed to Bamford Chapel.
- Oct. 2 Mr. Jacob Bright, M.P., distributed the Prizes awarded to the Students at Whitworth Literary Institute.
- „ „ Mr. Samuel Hunter, Gasworks Manager, was presented with a gold watch and an address on his appointment to Salford.
- „ 7 Mr. T. O. Paterson appointed Gasworks Manager.
- „ „ Dr. J. M. Wilson appointed Medical Officer of Health.
- „ 10 Durham Street Primitive Methodist Schools opened.
- „ 13 Tolls on the turnpike road to Burnley let for 12 months for £3,300.
- „ *Life and Labours of John Ashworth*, by A. L. Calman, published.
- „ "Bluepits" Railway Station re-named "Castleton."
- Nov. 1 Post Office, Town Hall Square, opened.
- „ Heywood Road disturnpiked.

- Nov. 19 Corner Stone of Newhey Church laid.
- „ 24 First Market Holidays were at a Town's Meeting altered from the first Monday and Tuesday after 6th January, to the first and second working days of the New Year.
- Dec. 17 Mr. Henry Whitworth, Clerk to the Barton-upon-Irwell Board of Guardians, a native of this town, was presented with an address and 500 guineas in recognition of 25 years' service.
- „ *Street Map of the Borough*, published by E. Wrigley & Sons.
- L. & Y. Hotel, Hollingworth Lake, opened.
- Healey*, by Jessie Fothergill, which deals with the district, published.

1876.

- Jan. 3 First Market Holidays held. The practice of extending the opening hours of public houses till midnight was discontinued.
- „ 18 Spelling Bees were a popular entertainment. On this date 300 competitors took part in a "Bee" in the Public Hall.
- „ 31 Town's meeting protested against the Government Circular respecting Fugitive Slaves on British Ships.
- Feb. 8 Rev. Father P. O'Keefe was presented with a handsome testimonial in recognition of his services to the Temperance cause.
- „ 12 Mr. Jacob Bright's character having been adversely commented upon during his parliamentary contest in Manchester, a large meeting of sympathisers was held in the Town Hall.
- „ 17 Mr. Jacob Bright elected M.P. for Manchester.
- „ Drs. Richardson, Bland, and Ogden, hon. medical officers at the Infirmary resigned. No applicants came forward to fill the vacancies for a considerable time.
- „ Golden Fleece Building Society formed; an unfortunate concern.
- Mar. 8 J. Roberts, Junr., and Cook, the billiard players, opened a new table at the Wellington Hotel.
- April 5 A building, part of Goose Lane House, behind St. Alban's Inn, fell with a heavy crash.
- „ 6 Portrait of John Roby, author of *Traditions of Lancashire*, presented to the town by Mr. William Fenton.
- „ 17 Charles Adams's Circus, probably the best of its kind to visit the town, opened in the Newgate; closed 22nd July.
- „ 25 Rev. George White, M.A., appointed to St. Thomas's, Newhey. "Wet Rake," a Beerhouse at the Corner of Oldham Road and Milnrow Road, existed.
- May 4 Mr. Pomfret Hikeley, York, appointed Baths' Superintendent.
- „ 15 Horse Fair last held in Cheetham Street.
- „ 17 Meeting of Friendly Societies to protest against the proposed fee to be paid on granting children's death certificates.

- May 19 Market Company's powers over hawkers were by Court of Appeal held to include the extended borough. Case remitted to the magistrates, who imposed a fine of 6d. without costs.
- „ Rochdale Carriage Company Limited, formed.
- „ Rev. R. Lewis succeeded Rev. T. Harwood Pattison at West Street Chapel.
- „ *History of the Whitworth Doctors*, published at the *Observer* Office.
- June 5 The practice of manacling prisoners *en route* for jail drew from Chief-Constable Stevens an eloquent protest.—(*London Times*.)
- „ 15-16-17. Cricket Match, Lancashire *v.* Yorkshire, on the ground at Sparth.
- „ 19 James Sanderson, "Treacle," Whitworth, won the Four Miles Championship Foot Race at Lillie Bridge Grounds against G. Hazael, whom he again defeated at Oldham, 23rd September.
- „ Regent Street Assembly Rooms opened.
- July 12 H.R.H. Duke of Connaught, commanding the 7th Hussars, *en route* from Liverpool to Edinburgh, was billeted at the Wellington Hotel. He visited John Bright and inspected the Town Hall.
- „ 15 Union Cricket Club, Mere Lane, Athletic Festival.
- „ 16 A hot day. 105·5 deg. F. in the sun; shade, 86·5.
- „ 17 Caledonian Society's Jubilee; funds £2,698 13s. 5d.; 127 members.
- „ 19 Striking instance of rent farming on the Glebe Estate disclosed at a sale by auction, eight plots of land originally leased for £53 19s. 0d. having been sublet and produced £233 17s. 2d. per annum.
- „ 23 Newbold Baptist Chapel opened; cost of buildings £5,500.
- „ 26 Denshaw Water Scheme, Oldham Corporation, formally begun.
- „ 29 Presentation of £150 by the Ironmoulders' Association to J. Farrington, a disabled member.
- „ 11,985 scholars attending the Elementary Schools.
- Aug. 4 Signor Gavazzi lectured in the Public Hall on the "Protestant Church in Italy."
- Sept. 4 Crowded Town's Meeting to protest against Turkish Atrocities, Mr. J. S. Littlewood presiding. Relief fund started; £520 raised.
- „ 7-8-9 Cricket Match, North *v.* South on the ground at Milnrow Road. Among the players were Messrs. W. G. and G. F. Grace, J. Lillywhite, Ulyett, Selby, Emmett, and Pinder.
- „ 9 Canon Raines, 44 years Vicar of Milnrow, and Mrs. Raines were the recipients of presents from parishioners valued at £200.
- „ 14 Rakewood Wesleyan Chapel opened.
- „ 20 Skating Rink, Castlemere Street, opened.
- „ „ Hartley's Library dispersed. It comprised about 8,000 volumes and was one of the oldest subscription libraries in the country having been formed in 1770.

- Sep. 24 Rev. E. C. Lewis concluded his 38 years' ministry at St. Stephen's.
 ,, Trafalgar Hotel, Ramsay Street, erected. Few houses existed in the neighbourhood at this time.
 ,, Discovery of a "Charm" against Evil Spirits, in a box concealed in the rafters of a shippon at Healey.
 ,, Bishop Blaize Inn sold to the Corporation, subject to a ground rent of £135.
 ,, Cronkeyshaw Common conveyed to the Corporation.
- Oct. 1 Rev. R. Lovett began his ministry at St. Stephen's.
 ,, 5 Eight Shares of £100 each in the New Market fetched £1,289 by public auction.
 ,, 16 Subscription Library opened in the Tower Room, Town Hall.
 ,, 19 A record Bazaar; Baillie Street Chapel congregation raising £2,756 ls. 6½d. by a Fair in the Town Hall.
 ,, 23 Mr., now Sir, J. T. Hibbert, distributed the Prizes and Certificates awarded to students of the School of Science and Art.
 ,, 30 Belfield Colliery wound up. £20,000 had been spent on the mine without return.
- Nov. 17 White Gloves presented to Alderman R. T. Heape, Mayor—no charges for hearing at the Police Court.
 ,, Portrait of John Ashworth, author of *Strange Tales*, presented to the town by the Trustees of the U.M.F.C. The portrait hangs in the Free Library.
 ,, Castleton New Railway Station opened.
- Dec. 6 Rev. E. C. Lewis was presented with an Address and £850 by his admirers. The presentation took place at Derby, owing to Mr. Lewis's ill-health.
 ,, 11 Town's Meeting on the Eastern Question, Alderman R. T. Heape presiding.
 ,, 18 Lord William Lennox, nephew of the Duchess of Richmond, who gave the ball at Brussels on the eve of Waterloo, lectured in the Public Hall on "Personal Reminiscences of Wellington."
 ,, 21 St. Thomas's Church, Newhey, built at the sole cost, £10,000, of Messrs. W. & J. Heap, consecrated by Bishop Fraser.
 ,, 25 An omnibus began to run daily between the town and Oldham; fare inside 10d., outside 7d.
 24 Elementary Schools existed in the borough.
 Gymnasium in the Park erected; cost £338.
 Pioneers' Society numbered 8,892 members; turnover £305,191.
 Conservative Industrial Co-operative Society numbered 1390; turnover £25,907.

1877.

- Jan. 2 John Bright addressed the members of the Workmen's Club in the Town Hall.

- Jan. Cabman's Shelter, South Parade, since removed to The Butts, opened.
- „ As shewing the mildness of the season daisies and dandelion were gathered at Greave.
- „ Mr. S. R. Knight, B.A., Norden, was bracketed Fifth Wrangler at Cambridge.
- Feb. 10 Wellfield Workmen's Club opened.
- „ 12 The Mayor having refused to convene a town's meeting to protest against the purchase of the Bishop Blaize Inn, an indignation meeting was held in the Pioneers' Assembly Room.
- „ 14 40,000 Postal Packages were delivered, being three times the normal delivery; St. Valentine's Day.
- „ 24 Turning of the first sod on the site of the Cricket Ground, Dane Street, by Mrs. E. E. M. Royds.
- „ „ Wife Murder on the Mount by John McKenna.—*See Crime.*
- „ Farmers' Association formed.
- Mar. 1 Mr. and Mrs. R. Heyworth were appointed Master and Matron of Dearnley Workhouse; opened 19th December following.
- „ Rev. E. Brierley succeeded Rev. I. Gaitskill, M.A., Vicar of Whitworth.
- April 14 Coffee House movement on foot. Limited liability company formed.
- „ 23 Town's Meeting condemned the action of the Government on the Burials Bill.
- „ 27 Dr. J. E. N. Molesworth, Vicar, was interred at St. Martin's, Castleton.
- May 7 First appearance of the Carl Rosa Opera Company at the Theatre.
- „ 12 An Omnibus began to run daily to Littleborough; fares, inside 5d., outside 4d.
- „ 19 Mr. G. T. Kemp, J.P., who died in Nubia, 20th March, interred in the Cemetery.
- „ Bishop Blaize Inn and warehouse adjoining pulled down.
- „ Organ Recitals were given in the Town Hall on an instrument temporarily erected there.
- June 2 Rev. E. C. Maclure, M.A., Habergham Eaves, inducted Vicar by Bishop Fraser; succeeded by Rev. J. M. Wilson, M.A., November, 1890.
- „ 30 Skating Rink, Castlemere, closed.
- „ „ Captain Webb, of Channel fame, swam at Hollingworth Lake.
- „ Canon Cook, Smallbridge, appointed Rural Dean.
- „ Failure of T. Booth & Sons; liabilities £30,000.
- July 14 Holman Hunt's "Shadow of Death" exhibited at the Public Hall.
- „ 17 Rev. T. B. Saul ceased his ministry at Baillie Street Chapel.
- „ 21 First Public Coffee House, No. 42, Drake Street, opened.

- July 21 Castleton Cricket Club in a match against Rusholme made the record score in local cricket. They made 484 runs for two wickets, E. L. Chadwick 213 not out, F. Taylor 125.
- „ 25 John Bright unveiled Cobden's Statue at Bradford.
- „ 28 Peal of eight bells in Newhey Church tower first rung.
- „ 31 Portrait of Mr. J. T. H. Chappell hung in Spotland Liberal Club, Blackwater Street.
- „ Lieut.-Col. Fenton at Wimbledon won prizes valued at £123. He shot with the English Eight for the Elcho Shield, making the highest score. Out of 15 shots at 1,000 yards nine were bull's eyes, the remainder centres.
- Aug. 2 Mr. Henry Brierley, Solicitor, was presented with a gold watch and chain by teachers and scholars at St. Chad's.
- „ 5 Rev. J. B. Aitken appointed to Milton Congregational Church.
- „ 6 Cattle Fair Ground, Theatre Street, opened. Prior to this date the fair was held in Church Stile and adjoining streets.
- „ 20-21. First visit of the Uppingham Rovers to Castleton Cricket Club.
- „ 22 Agricultural Show at Greenhill last held; severe thunderstorm.
- „ „ Halstead's Foundry struck by lightning; chimney fell.
- „ Mr. Cyrus Field visited John Bright at One Ash.
- Sep. 6 Southern India Famine Fund opened, over £2,100 realised; £1,000 in addition raised by the outlying districts.
- „ 8 Mr. Norris T. Collinge attempted to swim from Runcorn to Liverpool. He swam 17 miles, then the longest distance covered by an amateur, and was in the water 2h. 7m. 6s.
- „ 11 High School Company Limited formed; premises at Harelands taken.
- „ 15 Last match on the Rochdale Cricket Ground, Milnrow Road.
- „ „ Members of the Workmen's Club took part in the procession on the opening of the Manchester new Town Hall.
- „ 20 Healey Wesleyan Chapel opened.
- „ 22 Open Amateur Regatta promoted by the Hollingworth Lake Amateur Rowing Club.
- „ 25 John Bright distributed the prizes awarded the Students at the Pioneers' Science Classes and gave an address.
- „ 29 Wesleyan Day and Sunday Schools, Castleton, opened.
- Oct. 1 Skating Rink reopened. It was shortly afterwards finally closed for skating.
- „ 22 Rev. E. C. O'Neill was presented with an address and £60 to celebrate the completion of 25 years' ministry.
- Nov. 7 Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, M.P., addressed a large meeting in the Town Hall on "Liberal Policy," John Bright presiding.
- „ 13 Rev. F. P. Wright, M.A., appointed Curate of St. Chad's.
- „ 22 Presentation of Statuettes to the Mayor, Councillor J. Tweedale, by members of the Town Council on attaining his 70th year.

- Nov. 29 Mr. J. D. Hutchinson, M.P., in the Public Hall gave an address to the Branch of the Liberation Society.
- „ St. Alban's Church Institute opened; built by Colonel Nield at a cost of £12,000.
- Dec. 8 Organ erected in All Saints' Church; cost 500 guineas.
- „ 19 Dearnley Workhouse opened by Alderman T. Schofield; cost £85,000.
- „ Large Map of the Borough, by Mr. T. Hewson, Borough Surveyor, published.
- Rochdale and District Teachers' Association formed.
- Poor Children's Aid Committee formed during the year.
- Cambrian Glee Club of male voices formed.
- Meteorological Stand erected in the Park, Broadfield.
- Roman Catholic Mission, Littleborough, begun about this time.
- Fulton's Buildings, Cheetham Street, originally intended for an hotel erected; cost £10,000.
- Parish Church Club, Church Stile, formed.

1878.

- Jan. 11 Town's Meeting on the Eastern Question held; a policy of non-intervention recommended.
- „ 31 Cloth Hall Tragedy occurred.
- Feb. 2 Great Conservative meeting in the Theatre in support of the Vote of Credit for £6,000,000 for war purposes.
- „ 6 Castleton East Ward Liberal Club, Crawford Street, formed.
- „ 9 Norden Ratepayers resolved to form a Local Board.
- „ 16 Penny Bank, opened in 1861, finally closed.
- Mar. 1 Election of two Borough Auditors; result, J. M. L. Chadwick (C.) 468, E. Rhodes (L.) 163, S. Lees (L.) 41.
- „ 3 Welsh Presbyterian Chapel, Portland Street, opened. The congregation prior to this date met in Baron Street.
- „ 6 Rev. D. M. Sykes licensed Curate of St. Clement's Church.
- „ 9 Mr. Archibald Forbes in the Town Hall narrated his personal experiences as War Correspondent during the Russo-Turkish War.
- „ James Brierley, "Old Trundle," an eccentric local character, was interred at Middleton, habilitated in his "best black suit."
- April 4 Whitworth U.M.F.C., Market Street, opened; cost of building £4,000.
- „ 6 Election of Assistant Overseer for Butterworth:—C. Whitehead (C.), 827; J. Taylor (L.), 817.
- „ 19 Thirty-First Annual Conference of the Lancashire, Cheshire, and Derbyshire Sunday Schools' Association held in the town. John Bright gave an address.

- Apr. 28 Rev. D. Morgan, M.A., inducted Chaplain of Dearnley Workhouse.
- May 2-3-4. Cricket Ground, Dane Street, opened with a match between XX. of Rochdale and a United South XI., which included Dr. W. G. Grace and Mr. G. F. Grace; cost of ground £2,000.
- „ 8 Bishop Fraser delivered an address to the inmates of Dearnley Workhouse.
- „ „ Town's Meeting passed a resolution condemning the policy of the Government on the Eastern Question; noisy proceedings.
- „ 12 Facit Church Schools opened; cost of buildings £1,800.
- „ 18 Conservative Central Stores and Offices, Milnrow Road, opened; cost £3,000.
- „ Farthings were in general use in the Tobacco trade owing to an increase in duty.
- June 1 Ashworth Memorial Statue in the Park unveiled by Mr. T. B. Potter, M.P. The statue cost 800 guineas.
- „ 5 Meeting of Operatives in the Lecture Room, Public Hall, of sufferers through the great Blackburn lock-out.
- „ 6 Choral Society, established in 1803, re-formed.
- „ Four Masonic Lodges existed in the town; 158 members.
- „ Rev. A. W. Wiseman, M.A., appointed Curate of St. Chad's.
- July 11 Mr. Potter's Bill to assimilate the law as regards the real and personal property of persons dying intestate rejected by the House of Commons by 193 votes to 157.
- Aug. 1-2-3 Australian Cricketers' first visit; after paying expenses the colonials received eighty per cent. of the receipts.
- „ 3 East Window in Healey Church unveiled.
- „ 13 Brierley's Model Lodging House, Church Stile, opened.
- „ 21 Rochdale Cricket Club's first Athletic Festival on the Cricket Ground, Dane Street, held.
- Sep. 16 Madame Angelo, a mulatto, performed the feat of walking 1,000 miles in 1,000 hours in a field near the Fox Inn.
- „ 17 Professor Williamson distributed the prizes awarded to Students of the Science Classes, Baillie Street.
- „ St. Peter's, Newbold, three manual organ erected; first organ in the district blown by hydraulic pressure.
- „ Funeral Reform and Mourning Association formed.
- Oct. 21 Funeral of Canon Raines, F.S.A., 46 years Vicar of Milnrow.
- „ St. Michael's Church Schools opened; cost of buildings £2,500.
- Nov. 13 Littleborough Ratepayers' Association, to check the lavish expenditure of the Local Board, formed.
- „ 15 Mrs. Gray, a well-known local personage, weighing 28 stones, died.
- „ 16 Gymnasium in connection with the Hornets' Football Club opened over the Market Hall, Toad Lane.

- Nov. 20 Rev. E. C. Maclure, M.A., Vicar, installed Honorary Canon of Manchester.
- „ Town's Meeting passed a resolution condemning the attitude of the Government towards the Ameer.
- „ 23 Football Match, Hornets *v.* Halifax, played this evening with the aid of the electric light.
- „ 26 Fenton's Bank stopped payment. The beginning of a series of commercial disasters in the district.
- „ 28 Sir Wilfred Lawson, M.P., addressed a U.K.A. meeting in the Public Hall.
- „ Rev. H. Crosbie, M.A., accepted the incumbency of Milnrow.
- „ Fourteen weeks' frost began.
- Dec. 5. Halifax Road Board School opened; cost of building £4,500.
- „ 18 Library of Canon Raines dispersed; realised £500.
- Mr. T. A. Collinge appointed Borough Analyst; died 31st of October, 1882.
- Marland Fever Hospital opened.

1879.

- Jan. 2 Lord Derby addressed the members of the Workmen's Club in the Town Hall. He also visited Greenbooth Mills and Fieldhouse Mills.
- „ 4 First Meeting of the Norden Local Board; Mr. R. H. Hutchinson, Chairman.
- „ 11 Whitworth Cemetery, Church of England portion, consecrated by Bishop Fraser.
- „ „ Relief Committee formed to meet the exceptional distress which prevailed; £800 raised.
- „ 21 Miss Emily Faithful lectured in the Public Hall on "Modern Extravagance."
- „ 22 Horse and Trap crossed Hollingworth Lake on the ice.
- „ *Probation*, which deals with the district, by Jessie Fothergill, then residing at Summit, published.
- Feb. 5 Literary and Scientific Society instituted.
- „ 9 Mr. E. Vansittart Neale lectured in the Pioneers' Assembly Room on "Co-operation."
- „ 22 Butterworth Liberal Hundred formed.
- „ Shawclough Liberal Association formed.
- „ *Street Directory of the Borough*, published by Messrs. E. Wrigley and Sons.
- Mar. 3 Branch of the Union Bank of Manchester opened.
- „ 11 Mr. J. B. Gough, Temperance orator, addressed a meeting in the Town Hall.

- Mar. 17 Dividend of 2s. 6d. in the £, absorbing £55,000 paid to Fenton's Bank creditors, Mr. James Fenton having agreed to allow his dividend on £130,000 to remain in abeyance until the creditors received 10s. in the £.
- „ Townhead House taken over by Wardleworth Overseers.
- „ John Bright appointed Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.
- April 3 Library of Mr. H. Healey, Smallbridge, dispersed; realised nearly £1,000.
- „ Wardleworth Workhouse purchased for use as Chapel for the Destitute; opened 4th May.
- May 3 Collection of Paintings belonging to Colonel Nield, Captain Fenton, and Mr. W. Fenton dispersed; realising £55,573 15s. The collection included "Sport in the Highlands," Landseer, 1,450 guineas; "King of the Forest," Landseer, 1,000 guineas; "La Fête de Jeanne," Israels, 1,610 guineas; "Harvest Dinner," Linnell, 1,610 guineas.
- „ 12 Bishop Fraser addressed a large meeting in the Town Hall on Funeral Reform.
- „ Brotherod Colliery closed; 100 men disbanded.
- „ Mr. J. A. Bright was invited to contest Ashton-under-Lyne.
- June 11 Yeomanry Cavalry in training for two days at Heaton Park.
- „ 14 Buersill Athletic Festival revived.
- „ 24 Seventy-four acres of land belonging to the Peel family, comprising nearly the whole of Littleborough, offered for sale, and withdrawn at £37,000.
- „ 25 Bishop of British Columbia preached at St. Chad's.
- „ Canon Raines' memorial in Milnrow Churchyard, a granite monument 20 feet high, unveiled.
- „ 30 Mr. John Standing, Solicitor, appointed legal adviser to the Pioneers' Society.
- July 3 Castleton Local Board district extended; parts of Thornham and Hopwood added.
- „ „ Trinity Wesleyan Chapel, Lowerplace, opened; cost of building £4,800.
- „ 6 Canon Cook, M.A., completed his 40 years' vicariate at St. John's, Smallbridge.
- „ 21 J. M. Taylor, a local swimmer of repute, finished third in the 500 yards championship won by Beckwith.
- „ 26 Norden Working Men's Club First Annual Athletic Festival.
- „ Rochdale Lifeboat transferred from the Cornish Coast to West Hartlepool.
- „ Rev. F. W. Reade, B.A., appointed Curate-in-Charge of Norden.
- Aug. 1 Presentation to Lieut.-Colonel Fenton of an address and photographic group by non-commissioned officers of the local corps 24th L.R.V.
- „ 2 Heywood Park opened.

- Aug. 6 Cowm Reservoir filled.
- „ 9 Bicycle Club Athletic Festival at Belfield, 2,000 persons present.
- „ 11 Charity Organisation Society instituted.
- „ 13 Dr. Talmage lectured at the Skating Rink on “Big Blunders.”
- „ Fentons' Bank premises sold for £3,050; freehold site, contents 303 square yards.
- „ Rochdale Property and General Finance Company wound up.
- Sep. 3 John Bright at Dearnley Workhouse. In the visitor's book he wrote “I fear many persons and families outside of it are in far less comfortable circumstances than I find its inmates to be.”
- „ 10 Local Government Board Inquiry into the Corporation's application to borrow £112,000 for sewage purposes.
- „ 16 Rev. T. Fletcher, D.D., Falinge, preferred to Saddleworth.
- „ 19 Art Society's first public exhibition.
- „ 20 Newhey, Haugh, and Ogden Liberal Association inaugurated.
- „ 29 Professor Greenwood, Owens College, distributed the prizes awarded to Students of the Pioneers' Classes.
- „ Littleborough Coffee House Company formed.
- Oct. 4 Hornets Football Club opened a season's fixtures behind Oakenrod Old Hall.
- „ 20 Messrs. W. S. Caine, W. Hoyle, and F. W. Newman addressed a crowded U.K.A. meeting in the Public Hall.
- „ 25 3,000 Liberals left the town to attend a Reform Demonstration in Manchester, addressed by Lord Hartington and John Bright.
- „ 30 Dr. J. Henry appointed Medical Officer of Health.
- „ 31 Public Hall, Castleton, opened; the building collapsed 1896.
- „ Smithy Bridge Liberal Club formed.
- Nov. 1 Road to Manchester disturnpiked throughout.
- „ 17 Cronkeyshaw Board School opened.
- „ 20 Rev. E. Paxton Hood lectured at West Street Chapel.
- „ Starr-Bowkett Building Society formed.
- „ Mr. J. Smith, Lancashire Steeple Jack, climbed to the top of St. George, Town Hall.
- „ Town Hall Platform Company Limited formed by members of the Choral Society.
- „ Mr. Theo. Butterworth appointed Assistant Inspector of Schools in succession to Mr. W. J. Cooper.
- „ Mr. James Fletcher, Calliards, gave 5,465 square yards of land for Dearnley Cemetery.
- Dec. 6 Northern Counties' Fire Insurance Company failure; many local sufferers.
- „ 9 Messrs. A. Brierley and R. Schofield appointed Borough Justices.
- „ „ Healey Conservative Club Buildings Company Limited formed.

- Dec. 11 Lord Headley distributed the Annual Prizes to the Volunteer Corps.
 „ 18 Welcome Home in the Town Hall to Mr. T. B. Potter, M.P., after four months' absence in America. Mr. John Bright and Mr. Hugh Mason present.
 Dane Street Bridge opened; cost, including purchase of buildings for widening purposes, £10,578.

1880.

- Jan. 13 Gilchrist Educational Trust Lectures begun in the Public Hall.
 „ 23 Sir Rowland Hill's testimonial fund realised £27 4s. 7½d.
 „ An anonymous donor, it was announced, offered £2,500 for providing an income for the Vicar of Ramford.
 Feb. 3 Colonel Shaw, U.S.A. Consul at Manchester, lectured at the Workmen's Club on "American Humour."
 „ 14 Almanack Shows were a popular public-house attraction. At a show held this day the exhibits numbered 161, which were visited by 1,700 persons.
 „ Beamers, Twisters, and Drawers' Trade Association formed.
 „ 29 Mr. J. J. Moore appointed Registrar of Births, &c., for Castleton Nearer-Side, *vice* Mr. T. Spencer resigned.
 Mar. 31 Mr. T. B. Potter re-elected M.P. The last election at which hired conveyances could legally be used.—*See Elections.*
 Apl. 6 Jubilee of the Sunday School Union observed.
 „ 7 Messrs. R. Leake (L.) and W. Agnew (L.) elected for South-East Lancashire. Their expenses were returned at £12,640 9s. 11d.
 „ 10 Mr. Robert Butterworth, Whitworth Road, gave £1,000 to liquidate the debt on Molesworth Street Chapel.
 „ 17 A Liberal Club for Castleton Ward West was opened at No. 54, Mills Street.
 „ 21 Mrs. Lucas, sister of John Bright, distributed the prizes awarded by the Sunday School Union.
 „ 25 Rev. A. Pickles concluded his ten years' ministry at Water Street Chapel.
 „ Tuesday Half-holiday began to be generally observed.
 May 1 Mr. Anthony Baldwin, Manager of Fentons' Bank, appointed to the L. & Y. Bank.
 „ 8 St. Andrew's Iron Church, Dearnley, opened by Bishop Fraser, Rev. D. Morgan, Curate-in-Charge.
 „ Belfield Liberal Club inaugurated.
 June 9 Crimble Hall, the residence of Lieut.-Colonel Fenton, sold for £12,300.
 „ 11 Meeting of persons claiming relationship with Sir Andrew Chadwick to decide upon united action to obtain the real estate of the deceased baronet, computed to be worth £7,000,000.

- June Petition against Sunday Closing signed by 18,440 adult persons in the neighbourhood.
- " Golden Ball Inn, Packer Street, demolished. The Central Hotel stands upon the site.
- " Mr. T. O. Patterson, Gasworks' Manager, appointed to Birkenhead; successor, Mr. W. Romans.
- " *Bibliography of Rochdale*, by Lieut.-Colonel Fishwick, published.
- " 2,000 hands of Messrs. Abraham Brierley & Sons struck against a reduction in wages. At the end of eight weeks they accepted a reduction of 5 per cent.
- July 10 Salisbury Conservative Club, Smithy Bridge, opened.
- " Healey Conservative Club, Ending, opened.
- " 24 Opening of a New Organ at St. James's, Wardleworth; cost £500.
- Aug. 11 Rev. Josiah Bennett, Lowerplace, a popular Liberal lecturer, was presented with an address, &c., on leaving the town.
- " 20 New Burial Ground, Drake Street, repaired at a cost of £400.
- " 28 Centenary of Sunday Schools observed; 12,000 teachers and scholars took part in the proceedings.
- " Mr. T. Collingwood, Medical Officer for the Union for over thirty years, resigned.
- " Mill Bridge, Norden, raised.
- Sep. 1 Professor Stuart, M.A., distributed the prizes awarded to the Pioneers' Science and Art Classes.
- " " On the Prison Van arriving at Strangeways with several prisoners the committal warrants could not be found. The van was driven back to Rochdale and there being no authority for the prisoners' detention they were released.
- " 8 Burials' Act, enabling Dissenters to use churchyards, came into operation; first interment took place at Calderbrook Church on the 28th.
- " 11 Dr. Pinck appointed Medical Officer for the Union.
- " 18 Wardleworth Conservative Club, Ogden Street, opened; number of members 300.
- " 24 Large Demonstration in favour of Robert Tweedale, Cronkeyshaw, on his release from imprisonment for refusing to have his child vaccinated.
- " Mr. J. Elliott, Oldham, appointed Borough Accountant; successor Mr. S. Boothman.
- Oct. 1 Turnpike Trust between Rochdale and Burnley expired.
- " 16 Parish Church New Institute opened.
- " 23 Rev. E. W. Gilbert, M.A., exchanged livings with Rev. E. C. Norris, M.A., Essex.
- " Peal of Bells placed in St. Anselm's Church, Facit.
- " Mr. G. T. Davies, Pembroke Dock, succeeded Mr. Downes, Postmaster, deceased.

- October Hornets F.C. commenced their first season on the Dane Street ground.
- Nov. 7 Captain Sylvester, formerly Chief-Constable, commenced a lengthy series of Evangelical Services in the Public Hall.
- „ 15 John Bright elected Lord Rector of Glasgow University.
- „ 20 Newhey Church Schools opened ; cost £1,500.
- „ 25 Government Inquiry into the Town's application to borrow £80,000 to complete Spring Mill Reservoir.
- „ *East Lancashire Nomenclature and Rochdale Names*, by Mr. H. C. March, M.D., published.
- „ Rev. J. H. Fox, M.A., All Saints', Hamer, preferred to Penshaw Rectory, Durham.
- „ Rev. C. F. D. Hodge, M.A., appointed Vicar of Hamer.
- Dec. 14 "Ye Three Cups" Coffee House, Sudden, opened.
- „ 16 Rev. J. H. R. Shilleto, B.A., licensed to Thornham Church. Hospital Saturday observance projected.

1881.

- Jan. 6 Mr. R. Jackson and Mr. J. Heap, Joint Justices' Clerks at a salary of £1,000 per annum, resigned owing to pressure of business ; resignations subsequently withdrawn.
- „ 11 Two Bream weighing 3 lb. 2 oz., and 2½ lb., found embedded in the ice in Hollingworth Lake.
- „ „ Sir Charles Hallé and his famous orchestra gave a Concert in the Town Hall.
- „ 23 Annual Exchange of Pulpits among the Nonconformists first observed.
- „ 26 Church Defence Association formed.
- „ Mr. W. Welburn appointed Surveyor of Middleton.
- Feb. 2 Messrs. Royds' Bank amalgamated with the Manchester and Salford Bank.
- „ 7 Catholic Club formed ; premises in Lord Street taken.
- „ 23 Hollows Chapel, the gift of Mr. T. Watson, Horse Carrs, opened ; cost of buildings £3,500 ; 350 sittings.
- „ Electric Light introduced by Messrs. Bright.
- „ Telephone introduced by Messrs. Kelsall & Kemp.
- „ St. Michael's, Bamford, assigned a separate parish, Rev. J. C. Butterworth, incumbent.
- Mar. 1 Rev. W. Goss licensed to St. Peter's, Newbold ; appointed Chaplain of Prestwich Asylum, Sept. 1882.
- „ 28 Industry House, two Mills in Redcross Street, and ten acres of vacant land purchased by Mr. T. Watson for £9,500.
- „ 31 Smallbridge U.M.F.C. opened ; cost of buildings £3,500.

- March "Hark up to Glory" Inn, St. Mary's Gate, renamed "Harkaway Hotel."
- April 3 Census taken.—*See Population.*
- " Canon Cook, M. A., 42 years Vicar of Smallbridge, preferred to Elwick, Durham. In the following month he was presented with £256.
- Smallpox Epidemic began. Up to May, 1882, 662 houses and 847 persons were affected; 101 deaths.
- May 2 Mr., now Sir, E. Ashmead Bartlett, M.P., addressed a Conservative meeting in the Public Hall.
- " 9 Rev. W. N. Molesworth, M.A., installed Hon. Canon of Manchester.
- " 17 Rev. E. C. Maclure, M.A., succeeded Canon Cook as Rural Dean.
- " Castle Works, E. Leach & Sons, dispersed.
- " Public Hall purchased by Mr. T. Watson, Horse Carrs.
- June 22 Extraordinary Plague of Caterpillars in the neighbourhood of King's Road, when myriads of insects infested the fields and gardens for over a week.
- " 27 Hudson's Coach from York to Liverpool commenced running through the town; withdrawn 1st August.
- " Byron Club, Cloth Hall, opened.
- " Union Paper Works Company took over Belfield Works.
- " Hollingworth Lake and Gardens Company Limited formed. ;The company disfigured the picturesqueness of the Lake by erecting a large hoarding near the L. & Y. Hotel.
- July 11 Mr. A. Wallis, Solicitor, appointed Town Clerk of Heywood.
- " 31 Rev. T. M. Booth ceased his labours at Baillie Street Chapel.
- Aug. 4 Mr. T. B. Ball, Leeds, appointed Gasworks Manager.
- " *Old and New Rochdale*, by W. Robertson, published.
- " Rev. J. Swan Withington commenced his labours at Baillie Street Chapel.
- Sep. 14 Parliamentary Debating Society formed.
- " Mr. T. Hewson, C.E., appointed Borough Surveyor of Leeds.
- Oct. 1 Captain Webb swam in Hollingworth Lake for five consecutive hours; drowned in the Niagara Rapids, 24th July, 1883.
- " 6 Mr. S. S. Platt, C.E., appointed Borough Surveyor.
- " 20 Union Street Chapel opened after considerable structural alterations.
- " 29 Milnrow Conservative Club opened.
- " 31 Gilchrist Trust Lectures commenced.
- " Blue Ribbon Army movement commenced in the town.
- Nov. 9 West Street Chapel opened after alterations, which cost £2,500.
- " 16 John Bright's seventieth birthday celebrated; great rejoicings; torchlight procession; 30,000 people on Cronkeyshaw at night.

- Nov. 22 Sir Richard Cross addressed a meeting of Conservatives in the Town Hall, Mr. R. H. Hutchinson presided.
- „ 24 Spotland Workhouse opened as a Fever Hospital during the Smallpox epidemic.
- „ 26 Dearnley Burial Ground consecrated by Bishop Fraser.
- „ Dawson Memorial Window, St. Mary's, The Baum, unveiled.
- „ Mr. S. Stevens, Chief Constable, appointed to Nottingham.
- Dec. 1 Railway from Facit to Bacup opened for traffic.
- „ 3 Capture of a Pike, 10 lb. 6 oz. in weight, in Hollingworth Lake, by a member of the local Walton Anglers' Society.
- „ 17 Railway Works Coffee House erected by Messrs. T. Robinson and Son for the use of their employees opened by the Mayor, Alderman Baron.
- „ 20 Movement to found Cotton Spinning Mills on the Oldham principle on foot. Crawford Spinning Company projected.
- „ 22 Mr. Joseph Wilkinson, Kendal, appointed Chief Constable; retired June, 1893.
- Haugh Spinning Company Limited formed.

1882.

- Jan. 1 St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Littleborough, opened; cost £1,000.
- „ 12 Daisies in bloom were gathered on Wardle hills.
- „ 17 Colonel Shaw, U.S.A. Consul at Manchester, gave a Lecture to members of the Workmen's Club on "President Garfield."
- „ 20 Presentation of an Address to Mr. John Holgate by the Board of Guardians on attaining his seventieth birthday.
- „ 26 Cutgate U.M.F.C., erected by Mr. T. Watson, Horse Carrs, opened.
- „ 28 St. John's, Ann Street, new Boys' School opened.
- Feb. 11 Egerton Conservative Club, Smallbridge, opened; cost £2,000.
- „ 14 Baillie Street U.M.F.C. New Class Rooms opened; cost £2,500.
- „ 16 Mr. Joseph Rushworth succeeded Mr. W. Ormerod, deceased, on the School Board.
- „ 21 Jubilee of the Good Samaritan Society observed.
- „ Bntterworth Hall Collieries purchased by Messrs. Platt.
- Mar. 6 Derby Street Board School opened; cost £5,000.
- „ 12 Salvation Army, at the Skating Rink, commenced its mission.
- „ 18 Government Inquiry into the Town's application to borrow £100,000 to complete Spring Mill Reservoir held.
- „ 20 Brokers' Sick and Burial Society formed.
- „ 27 First meeting of Shareholders of Crawford Spinning Company.

- Mar. 28 Mr. T. Watson announced his intention of giving an Infirmary to the town.
- „ 30 Rev. R. Lovett, M.A., on leaving St. Stephen's Church, was presented with an address and plate; successor, Rev. F. M. Bayne.
- „ Wardleworth Liberal Club, George Street, opened.
- „ Rochdale Joint Stock Bank in liquidation.
- Apr. 1 *Rochdale Observer* enlarged to 56 columns.
- „ 8 Mr., now Rt. Hon. John Morley visited the town to deliver an address to the members of the Rochdale Workmen's Club. Owing to a meagre attendance the meeting was abandoned.
- „ „ Charles Bradlaugh, at the Theatre, gave a lecture on his Parliamentary struggle.
- May 11 Town's Meeting denounced the Assassination of Lord Frederick Cavendish and Mr. Burke, Alderman Baron presiding.
- „ Debt of the town £1,132,985 13s. 4d.
- „ Jefferye's Music Hall, Drake Street, closed.
- June 11 Rev. J. E. Clayton appointed to Hallfold Chapel.
- „ 23 Messrs. Jacob Tweedale & Sons, Healey, suspended payment; liabilities £60,000; 200 hands thrown out of employment.
- „ Oldham Joint Stock Bank, now London City and Midland, Branch opened in Baillie Street.
- July 17 John Bright, Chancellor of the Duchy, resigned on the Bombardment of Alexandria.
- „ 27 Tramways Construction begun by Alderman Tweedale removing two paving stones at the junction of Oldham Road and Drake street.
- „ *History of the Church of England from 1660*, by Canon Molesworth, published.
- „ Police Band formed; £250 raised by subscription for the purchase of instruments, &c.
- „ Tennis became a fashionable out-door game.
- Aug. 15 Centenary of Union Street Schools observed.
- „ Statute passed giving Justices power to refuse "off" licenses.
- Sep. 4 Several hundred persons in the district attended Preston Guild festivities which began this day.
- „ 23 Mr. J. Pearce succeeded Mr. Prior, Town Missionary.
- Oct. 3 Sir Wilfred S. Lawson, M.P., and Mr. W. S. Caine, M.P., addressed a U.K.A. meeting in the Public Hall.
- „ 28 Ohmy's Circus, Newgate, now Circus of Varieties, opened.
- Nov. 1 Mr. W. S. Butterworth, a well-known County Cricketer and Football player, on leaving for Texas, was presented with a rifle and a purse of gold.
- „ Edenfield Road disturnpiked, effecting a saving of £400 per annum in tolls to Norden inhabitants.

- Nov. 27 Mr. W. T. Shawcross elected Chairman of the School Board.
 ,, St. Clement's Schools, Holmes Road, opened ; cost £1,200.
 ,, *Swift's Summary*, a satirical journal, conducted by W. Swift,
 first published.
- Dec. 2 Castleton East Ward Conservative Club, Wilfred Street, inaugu-
 rated.
 ,, 5 Presentation to Canon Maclure, M.A., by the Infirmary Work-
 men's Committee.
 ,, 11 Town's Meeting approved of the Manchester Ship Canal scheme.
 ,, 12 Organ in the Public Hall erected at a cost of £1,200, opened by
 Mr. W. T. Best.
 ,, 20 Mr., afterwards Right Hon. A. H. D. C. Acland, M.P., began a
 series of Lectures in the Pioneers' Assembly Room, on "Co-
 operation."
 ,, Dr. R. B. Sellers appointed to the Hon. Medical Staff of the In-
 firmary, vice Dr. R. C. M. Pooley, resigned.
Facts and Fancies, a weekly periodical (began 30th Dec., 1881,
 by E. Wrigley & Sons, Printers), discontinued during the
 year.

1883.

- Jan. 13 St. Alban's Mission Church, Sudden, opened ; cost £1,200.
 ,, 26 Mr. Daniel Adamson addressed a meeting in the Public Hall,
 convened in support of the Ship Canal.
 ,, 31 Mr. J. Kenny, M.P. for Ennis, gave an Address to the members
 of the Catholic Club.
 ,, Sunday Boating, &c., at Hollingworth Lake, introduced.
- Feb. 6 Recognition of Rev. D. O. Davies to Baptist Chapel, Water Street.
 ,, 12 Infirmary formally opened by John Bright.
 ,, 16 Tynan, the notorious "No. 1," founder of the Irish Invincibles,
 visited the town and left a number of incriminating papers
 at the Navigation Inn. Chief Constable Wilkinson gave evi-
 dence before the Parnell Commission in reference to this visit.
 ,, 28 Funeral of Mr. John Petrie, senr., who died on the 23rd, aged
 91 years.
- Mar. 17 The present check system in use by the Pioneers' Society intro-
 duced.
 ,, 22 John Bright installed Lord Rector of Glasgow University.
 ,, ,, The honorary degree of LL.D. of Glasgow University conferred
 upon Canon Molesworth.
 ,, 23 Freedom of the City of Glasgow conferred upon John Bright.
 ,, *A brief account of Baillie Street Sunday School*, by H. Howorth,
 published.
 ,, *History of the Wesleyan Sunday School*, by the Rev. J. B. Maltby,
 published.

- March. Mr. T. Watson, J.P., announced his intention of giving £100 per annum for ten years to found Scholarships in Board Schools.
- Apl. 7 Cutting of the First Sod on the site of Garfield Mill, Newhey, by Mr. W. Watts, F.G.S., Chairman.
- „ 10 Town Hall Spire destroyed by fire. “Elijah” was being performed in the large hall when the conflagration began.
- „ 27 Wellington Bridge, as now existing, completed. Prior to this date it was a footbridge.
- May 2 Howard Street Mission Room in connection with St. Mary’s, The Baum, opened.
- „ 7 Tramways opened to the public. The first car started from the Wellington Hotel for Buersill, and returning, proceeded to Littleborough.
- „ 9 A Conservative Club for Sudden was opened at Pleasant View.
- „ 11 Mr. W. Holt appointed Sanitary Works Manager in succession to Mr. J. Harescough deceased.
- June 9 Ogden Baptist Chapel Centenary celebration.
- „ 13 John Bright’s 25th Anniversary as M.P. for Birmingham celebrated throughout a whole week. Mr. Bright was presented with his portrait and a silver service which cost 600 guineas.
- „ 16 Councillor Harley, the only Mayor of the borough who has died during his term of office, was interred.
- July 7 Lloyd Street Schools, Whitworth, opened; cost £1,100.
- „ 15 Corporation Baths, Smith Street, first opened on Sundays.
- „ 20 Lacrosse introduced by Indian and Canadian teams then touring through the country.
- „ 25 Mr. J. G. Schuler, B.A., Conductor of the Pioneers Society’s Languages Classes since 1873, was presented with an address on his appointment to a professorship at Tübingen University.
- „ 31 U.M.F.C. Annual Assembly, extending over five days, began in Raillie Street Chapel.
- Aug. 1 Parcels’ Post introduced. It necessitated the employment of two extra clerks and three deliverers.
- „ 23 Crawford Spinning Company’s “A” mill engines commenced running.
- „ 30 Mr. F. W. Purcell’s lease of the Theatre, Manchester Road, began. Barry Sullivan opened the house.
- „ Rev. A. H. Drysdale, M.A., ceased his ministry at Trinity Presbyterian Church.
- Sep. 11 Mr. J. Slagg, M.P., distributed the prizes, &c., awarded to Students at the Pioneers Society’s classes.
- „ 19 Littleborough Temperance Hall opened; accommodation for 1000 persons.
- „ 22 Mr. W. W. Bradbury, 42 years with Messrs. Radcliffe, Moss Hall Mills, presented with a timepiece and vases by employees of the firm.

- Sep. 26 Steeplechases on Baxendale's Farm, Milnrow Road, promoted by the Rochdale Hunt, held; one mile course.
- „ Mr. W. Sadler appointed Assistant Inspector of Schools.
- „ Hazlehurst Estate, Bamford, sold for £3,500.
- Oct. 18 Millgate Baptist Chapel opened; cost £3,500.
- „ 20 Rev. F. P. Wright, M.A., inducted to the Vicariate of Milnrow.
- „ 29 Circus of Varieties, Newgate, opened by Messrs. Smith, Lee, and Hargreaves.
- Nov. 2 Two Javelins presented to the town by Chief Constable Wilkinson for use by the Chief Magistrate on important occasions. They hang in the Police Court.
- „ 1 400th Anniversary of Luther's birth commemorated in the Non-conformist Churches by special services.
- „ Tramway as far as Ending opened; extension to Whitworth opened, 11th July, 1884.
- Dec. 6 John Bright, in the Ashworth Memorial Chapel, gave an address to the blind.
- „ 12 Sir Wilfred S. Lawson, Bart., M.P., addressed a U.K.A. meeting in the Skating Rink.
- „ 15 Mons. A. Guilmant gave an Organ Recital in the Public Hall.
- „ 19 Last visit of the Carl Rosa Opera Company to the town.

1884.

- Jan. 10 Charity Commission Inquiry into the Grammar School and Moss School endowments.
- „ 23 Rev. W. Tees appointed to Trinity Presbyterian Church.
- „ 26 Norden Liberal Association inaugurated.
- „ First local petition under the new Bankruptcy Act presented.
- „ Rev. F. W. Reade, B.A., appointed Curate-in-charge of St. Mary's Church, Balderstone.
- Feb. 2 Poll, extending over several days, for the office of Assistant Overseer of Spotland:—D. W. Hoyle, 3,228 votes; G. H. Hill, 3,185 votes.
- „ „ Rev. D. Morgan, M.A., instituted Vicar of High Crompton.
- „ 6 A Lecture in the Public Hall, by an "Escaped Nun," caused considerable disturbance in Baillie Street.
- „ „ Weston, pedestrian, whilst performing the feat of walking 5,000 miles in 100 days, passed through the town.
- „ 11 Mr., now Sir Elliott Lees, and Mr. T. Nash addressed a crowded Conservative meeting in the Public Hall.
- „ Gank Day School closed.
- „ Mr. James Holden, Marland, gave an East Window to St. George's Church, Mossley; cost £400.

- Mar. 3 Rochdale Spinning Company projected.
- „ 8 Valuable gift of books to the Free Library made by the British Museum Trustees.
- „ 13 Mr. Elliott Lees at a large meeting in the Town Hall was adopted Conservative Candidate for the borough.
- „ „ Buersill Head Spinning Company, now defunct, formed.
- „ 24 “Rochdale Exchange” Company, to erect an Exchange in the Town Hall Square, promoted by manufacturers. For want of support the project fell through.
- „ Demolition of a large number of buildings in Church Lane, The Gank, and King Street, took place.
- „ Brimrod Day School surrendered to the School Board.
- Apl. 11 30,000 persons estimated to have visited Hollingworth on Good Friday.
- „ 19 Reform Club, Littleborough, opened.
- „ 20 Betting Raid on a public-house at Castleton; fifteen persons subsequently summoned and fined in all over £100 and costs.
- „ Rev. H. Davies, M.A., accepted the benefice of All Saints’, Hamer, vacant by the preferment of Rev. C. F. D. Hodge, M.A.
- May 1 Victoria Station, Manchester, reopened after extensive alterations. No. 6 platform assigned to Rochdale.
- „ 24 Secular Hall, now Liberal Club, Milkstone Road, opened.
- „ 30 Tramway to Bury opened throughout.
- June 9 First Sod cut on the site of the Rochdale Spinning Company’s mill by Mr. John Smith.
- „ 18 Arkwright Spinning Company formed.
- „ 21 Corner Stone of St. Michael’s Church, Bamford, laid by Dean Oakley.
- „ „ Spotland Liberal Club, Julia Street, Corner Stone laying. The premises were opened in December following.
- „ Mr. H. Rofe, manager of the Waterworks, resigned.
- July 4-5 Castleton Cricket Club played a match against the Gentlemen of Philadelphia then touring through England.
- „ 6 St. John’s, Smallbridge, Jubilee Festival observed. This church was built out of the “million” grant.
- „ 23 Buckley Hall collection of *Vertu*, &c., dispersed.
- „ 24 Adjourned Town’s Meeting as to proposed diversion of the Moss School, Grammar School, and Kenion’s Charity endowments, held; proposal rejected; stormy proceedings.
- „ 25 Right Hon. James Lowther, M.P., Hon. A. Egerton, and Mr. W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., addressed a Conservative meeting in the Town Hall.
- „ 26 John Bright, at Pomona, Manchester, addressed 20,000 persons on the Franchise Bill.
- „ Improvement Act passed.

- Aug. 1 Return Railway Tickets for distances within twelve miles, which had previously been available for seven days, restricted to day of issue and following day.
- „ 7 Stonemason's Society gave £100 to B. Holt, a disabled member.
- „ 9 Co-operative Corn Mill Society celebrated the erection, at a cost of £10,000, of roller milling machinery by Messrs. T. Robinson & Sons Limited.
- „ 20 Mr. Frank Taylor scored 54 not out in the County Cricket Match v. Surrey.
- „ 25 Liverpool Model Yacht Club held a Regatta at Hollingworth.
- „ Subway at Smithy Bridge Station opened; cost £2,000.
- „ Healey Hall Brass Band became defunct.
- Sep. 7 Rev. R. Veitch, M.A., began his labours at Providence Chapel.
- „ £6,380 awarded to the owner of the Golden Fleece Inn as compensation on the widening of the L. & Y. railway line.
- „ 22 Dean Oakley distributed the prizes awarded to the students attending the Pioneers Society's classes.
- Oct. 9 Mr. T. Watson elected Chairman of the School Board.
- „ 10 Hollingworth Lake touched its lowest level since 1868.
- „ 11 Liberal Demonstration and Procession to condemn the attitude of the Lords towards the Franchise Bill; large gathering.
- „ 30 Free Library, The Esplanade, opened; structure cost £5,000.
- „ Mr. W. Tomlinson appointed Waterworks Manager.
- „ Mr. R. T. Heape, a non-member of the Town Council, elected Alderman for Wardleworth Ward East, there being no returning officer for the ward in consequence of the death of Alderman Shawcross.
- „ Borough Brass Band dissolved.
- Nov. 13 Mr. J. A. Bright coöpted a member of the School Board.
- „ 23 Rev. J. J. H. Cottle, M.A., commenced his labours at Healey Church.
- „ 29 Conservative Club, Crossfield Cottage, opened.
- „ Footpath leading from Church Steps to Church Stile diverted.
- „ Newhey Spinning Company formed.
- Dec. 4 Advertising and Billposting Company, South Parade, formed.
- „ 6 Spotland Liberal Club, Julia Street, opened; cost £850.
- „ 10 Crawford Spinning Company resolved to erect their "B" mill.
- „ 13 Sir U. K. Shuttleworth, Bart., gave an Address at the annual gathering of the Pioneers' Society.
- „ 23 H.M. Royal Horse Guards (Blues) Band appeared at a Concert in the Town Hall.
- „ Empty property in the borough comprised 943 dwelling-houses, 17 mills, 14 workshops, and 49 shops.
- „ Union Cricket Club dissolved.

1885.

- Jan. 4 Mrs. Mary Kitson, who died this day, by will bequeathed handsome legacies to local benevolent and religious bodies.
- „ 20 Rev. Robert Lewis concluded his nine years' ministry at West Street Chapel.
- „ „ Arthur Orton, Tichborne Claimant, gave an Address in the Circus, Newgate. He also appeared there on August 23rd.
- „ 23 Jubilee Singers, U.S.A., paid a second visit to the town.
- „ Higher Grade School, Baillie Street, opened.
- „ Rochdale Plate Glass Company Limited formed.
- Feb. 28 First Sod on the site of the Arkwright mill cut.
- „ *Natives who have left Rochdale and become famous*, by James Ogden, published in collected form.
- „ *Church Lands in Rochdale*, by Alderman E. Taylor, published in collected form.
- Mar. 1 Tramway to Royton opened; extension to Oldham opened on August 1st.
- „ 16 Lending Department of the Free Library, The Esplanade, opened.
- „ 17 A Court of Queen's Bench upheld the contention of the proprietors of the New Market that the latter's rights over the sale of goods in the streets extended to the new borough boundaries. Justices decision reversed.
- „ 31 Town's Meeting as to the action of the School Board in raising the Half-Timers' Exemption from the second to the third Standard; uproarious proceedings, the Trades' Council leading the opposition.
- „ Rev. A. W. Wiseman, M. A., on leaving St. Chad's Church, was presented with an address, a gold watch and chain, and £80.
- „ Smallbridge Reform Club opened.
- „ Mr. T. Watson, Horse Carrs, adopted Liberal Candidate for Ilkerton Division.
- April 3 Tramway to Facit opened throughout.
- „ 5 St. Clement's Church Jubilee celebration observed.
- „ 11 Rochdale Hunt Steeplechases first held at Buersill.
- „ 14 Mr. John Taylor, jeweller, presented to the Free Library a large timekeeper, coupled with an offer to keep it in repair gratuitously.
- „ Mr. T. Crowther appointed Liberal Agent for the Middleton Division.
- „ Messrs. Radcliffe's Richard Street Mills, required for railway extensions, closed.
- May 13 Boys' Reading Room, Free Public Library, opened.
- „ 16 Colonel Schwabe chosen Liberal Candidate for Middleton Division.

- May 23 Ladies' Reading Room, Free Public Library, opened.
- „ 28 Mr. W. L. Bright chosen Liberal Candidate for Stoke-on-Trent.
- „ Mr. J. S. Ayton appointed General Manager of Tramway Company.
- June 6 Lancashire Fire Brigades' Friendly Society held their Annual Demonstration in the town; fifty brigades present—a pretty spectacle.
- „ 10 Littleborough Gas “A” Shares, £10 paid up, realised £20 5s. each in open market.
- „ Fund in aid of the National Aid Society (Soudan and Egypt) realised £43 9s. 6d.
- „ Messrs. J. A. Bright, J. H. Lancashire, A. Law, and C. Whitaker qualified as County Justices.
- „ Castleton Cricket Club was represented in the Lancashire County Matches against Yorkshire, Cheshire, and Sussex, by Messrs. W. E. and R. C. Leach, F. Taylor, and C. Haigh.
- July 10 *Littleborough News*, a weekly Liberal Newspaper, after an eighteen months' run, succumbed.
- „ 18 Milnrow Church Sunday School Centenary celebrated.
- „ 25 St. Michael's Church, Bamford, consecrated; cost of structure £4,000.
- „ Sir W. B. Brett, Conservative Candidate for the borough in 1865, elevated to the House of Lords under the title of Lord Esher.
- „ Twenty-nine Clubs returned as existing in the borough, seventeen of which were political, eleven social, and one established for betting, the latter having a membership of 500 members.
- „ Messrs. T. Robinson & Sons, Limited, were awarded the *Grand Prix* for corn-milling machinery at the Paris Exhibition.
- Aug. 27 Rochdale Spinning Company's Engines were started by Mr. John Smith.
- Sep. 12 Messrs. Seed's mills, Sudden, closed.
- „ 27 Baillie Street Chapel Jubilee observed.
- „ A batch of New Market £100 shares fetched on an average £152 10s. per share at a public sale.
- Oct. 1 Sixpenny Telegrams introduced. Business at the local Post Office increased 100 per cent.
- „ 2 Fireman James Cragg was presented with an engraved purse, containing £50, by readers of *The Referee*, and a purse containing £76 0s. 8d. and other testimonials, for bravery displayed at a fire at Baker's Hosiery Shop, on August 19th.
- „ 13 Norden Congregational Church, a secession from the Wesleyan body, opened.
- „ 19 Erection of the Town Hall new Spire was begun.
- „ 22 Bishop Fraser died, aged 67 years.
- „ 28 St. Chad's Church, as existing, opened. The Archbishop of York preached. Cost of improvements about £4,500.

- October. Messrs. G. J. Booth, G. W. Malim, and C. Farrow, appointed Borough Justices.
- „ Hargreaves' Bookseller's Shop, corner of Drake Street and Water Street, and cottages adjoining, pulled down.
- Nov. 9 Chief Constable Wilkinson and Fireman Cragg, accompanied by the dog rescued from Baker's fire, took part in the Lord Mayor's Procession, London.
- „ 11 John Bright spoke in the Circus, Newgate, in support of Mr. Potter's candidature.
- „ 14 School Board Contest.—*See Elections.*
- „ 15 Miss Maria Berry, who died this day, by will left to the Infirmary £100 and six Waterworks Annuities valued at £120 each.
- „ 18 Sims Reeves sang at the Amateur Orchestral Society's Concert in the Town Hall.
- „ 21 Rev. S. R. Aldridge, B.A., began his labours at West Street Chapel.
- „ 23 Sir J. Fergusson, M.P., and Mr. W. H. Holdsworth, M.P., addressed a Conservative meeting in the Circus, Newgate.
- „ „ Mr. J. T. Pagan, who died this day, by will bequeathed £500 to the Infirmary.
- „ 24 Mr. W. L. Bright elected M.P. for Stoke-on-Trent.
- „ 26 Mr. T. B. Potter re-elected M.P. He took no part in the contest owing the death of Mrs. Potter.—*See Elections.*
- „ 27 Subscription Library transferred from the Free Public Library to 58A, Yorkshire Street.
- Dec. 1 Mr. T. Watson (L.) elected M.P. for the Ilkeston Division of Derbyshire.
- „ „ Wesleyan Chapel, Vavasour Street, Newbold, dedicated; cost £780.
- „ 2 Colonel Salis Schwabe (L.) elected M.P. for Middleton Division. *See Elections.*
- „ 9 Mons. A. Guilmant gave two Organ Recitals at the Public Hall.
- „ „ Crawford "B" Mill Engines commenced to run.
- „ 15 "Nell," the Fire Brigade dog, was accidentally killed. The dog attended every fire to which the Brigade was called for nine years, and was a remarkably intelligent animal.
- „ 22 A Public Meeting to urge the release of John Rouse, sentenced 17th April, 1883, to twenty years' penal servitude, was held; a petition signed by 12,500 persons subsequently presented to the Home Secretary, who declined to reconsider the sentence.
- „ Mr. F. N. Molesworth was presented by Mr. J. Williamson, High Sheriff, with a massive solid silver salver in recognition of his services as returning officer at the first Parliamentary election for the Heywood, Middleton, and Prestwich Divisions.

1886.

- Jan. 17 New Aisle in Blackwater Street Chapel dedicated ; cost £1,300.
- „ 28 Election of a Borough Auditor on the death of Mr. E. Rhodes:— James Schofield, 1,918 votes ; W. S. Lewis, 605 votes.
- Feb. 4 Hollingworth Lake and Gardens Company Limited in liquidation.
- „ 6 Mr. Elliott Lees was presented with an address and a silver epergne, valued at £85, by the Conservative Working Men's Union, in appreciation of his political campaign. On March 4th he was presented with silver plate, valued at £100, subscribed for by the leading Conservatives.
- „ 10 Mr. A. L. Mills succeeded Mr. J. M. L. Chadwick, Conservative Agent.
- „ 14 Sunday Opening of the Free Public Library began ; 976 persons visited the rooms.
- Mar. 24 Dearnley Pit closed ; 100 hands thrown out of employment.
- „ 31 Funeral of Detective Inspector Marshall, a well-known officer.
- Apl. 17 Rochdale Hunt Steeplechases held at Buersill.
- „ 28 A Liberal Club in Milnrow Road, for Castleton Ward North, opened by Mr. Potter, M.P. In September the club took over the premises formerly Gledhill's Temperance Hotel, Summer-castle.
- „ Rev. S. E. Clarke, M.A., concluded his curacy at St. Clement's.
- May 11 Peat Bog unearthed and flint chippings discovered during building operations at Mr. R. Schofield's warehouse, Well i'th' Lane.
- „ 15 Facit Conservative Club opened by Mrs. T. Fielden.
- „ 20 Football Charity Cup competition projected.
- „ 24 Tramway Waiting Room, South Parade, opened.
- „ 27 First Afternoon Wedding solemnized. It took place at Hope Street Chapel.
- „ „ Mr. R. A. Leach was appointed Superintendent Registrar of Births, &c.
- „ Mr. E. Rothwell, appointed Tramways Manager ; died February 6th, 1898. Succeeded by Mr. J. Brindle.
- June 1 Wardleworth Station Goods Warehouse opened.
- „ 8 Mr. H. Green, a well-known vocalist, seventeen years Choir-master at St. James's, was presented with a gold watch and chain on leaving the town.
- „ 10 Mr. R. A. Leach appointed Clerk to the Rochdale Union.
- „ 30 The degree of D.C.L. *honoris causa*, conferred on John Bright at the Oxford Commemoration.
- „ Mr. J. Broadbent succeeded Mr. R. H. Brown, Manager of the Manchester and Liverpool District Bank.
- July 2 Mr. Jacob Bright, (G.L.), elected M.P. for S.W. Manchester.

- July 3 Mr. Potter re-elected M. P. for the borough.—*See Elections.*
- „ 7 Right Hon. J. Stansfeld, M. P., addressed a large political meeting in the Reform Club, Littleborough.
- „ „ Mr. T. Watson, (G. L.), re-elected M. P. for the Ilkeston Division of Derbyshire.
- „ 8 Mr. T. Fielden, (C.), elected M. P. for the Middleton Division.—*See Elections.*
- „ 27 Colour-Sergeant Barrett of the local Volunteer Corps, having “tied” for the Queen’s Prize at the Wimbledon Meeting, received a remarkable welcome home from his comrades-in-arms and the public.
- „ 31 Rev. T. P. Spedding, Stockport, inducted to Clover Street Chapel.
- „ Mr. W. L. Bright, (G. L.), re-elected M. P. for Stoke-on-Trent.
- Aug. 30 Dr. William Pooley elected a member of the Honorary Medical Staff of the Infirmary.
- „ 31 Drinking fountain and pillar lamp, opposite the Wellington Hotel, presented to the town by the Pioneers’ Society in 1855, demolished by a runaway horse.
- Sep. 8 Mr. D. G. Booth appointed Postmaster of Castleton.
- „ 18 Gas first lighted from Cutgate to Norden. To mark the event a dinner was held when the Duc de Ferrari, of Italy, was present.
- „ Habitation of the Primrose League formed. Inaugural meeting held in the Public Hall, October 16th, Mr. Elliott Lees presiding.
- „ Rev. F. C. Dearden ceased his Curacy at St. Alban’s.
- Oct. 7 Proposal to form a separate Court of Quarter Sessions for the town rejected by the Town Council.
- „ 30 Arkwright Spinning Company’s engines formally started.
- „ „ Facit and Millgate Liberal Clubs opened by Mr. R. Leake, M. P.
- „ Red Rose League, a local organisation to oppose the Primrose League, formed. Its existence was short-lived.
- Nov. 7 Mr. Robert Butterworth, cotton spinner, who died this day, by will left £250 to the Infirmary.
- „ 8 Newbold Board School, Vavasour Street, opened.
- „ The Walk Bridge was widened.
- Dec. 1 Wednesday edition of the *Rochdale Observer* (L.), first appeared.
- „ 8 *Rochdale Times* (C.), first published bi-weekly.
- „ 9 Southport and St. Anne’s Lifeboats’ disaster; local fund opened, over £600 raised.
- „ 13 Local centre of the St. John’s Ambulance Association formed.
- „ 23 Block of buildings at the junction of Drake Street and Water Street, now Reform Club, &c., opened.
- „ Mr. F. N. Molesworth succeeded his father as County Coroner. Flannelette introduced during the year.

1887.

- Jan. 2 Rev. W. R. Holman began his ministry at St. Stephen's Church.
- „ 4 Amalgamation of the Congregations worshipping at Water Street and Newbold Baptist Chapels took place. Water Street Chapel closed.
- „ 8 Wardle Conservative Club formally opened ; cost £1,200.
- „ 15 Dean Oakley gave an Address on Co-operation at the annual gathering of the Pioneers' Society in the Public Hall.
- „ Lieut.-Col. Healey retired from the Volunteer Service with which he had been connected since 19th December, 1861.
- „ Canal Company's Shares, £85 paid up, quoted at 103½. In Dec., 1898, the quotation was 36 to 38 per £100.
- „ Branch of the Irish National League formed.
- „ Victoria Glee Club of male voices, formed.
- „ *A Glossary of Rochdale-with-Rossendale Words and Phrases*, by H. Cunliffe, published posthumously.
- Feb. 2 Jubilee Celebration of Littleborough U.M.F.C.
- „ 3 Exhumation at Castleton of the body of Mrs. Finley, who died in February, 1886, mother of Mrs. Berry the Oldham poisoner. Verdict of wilful murder found against Mrs. Berry who was, however, executed on the Oldham charge.
- „ 16 Town's Meeting decided to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee by erecting a Technical School.
- „ Mr. Robert Standring appointed Conservative Agent for the Middleton Division.
- „ Mr. C. M. Royds presented the "Nora Royds" Lifeboat to St. Anne's-on-Sea station.
- Mar. 9 Lancashire Congregational Union Annual Assembly held in the town.
- „ 10 Mr. T. Watson, M.P., Horse Carrs, was interred.
- Apl. 2 First Football Charity Cup Competition took place ; 16 entries. St. Clement's team beat Milnrow and won the cup.
- „ 5 4,000 Trout placed in Cown and Spring Mill Reservoirs.
- „ 13 Town's Meeting adopted a resolution condemning the action of the Government on the Irish Coercion Bill.
- „ „ Unveiling of a Memorial Tablet in St. Stephen's Church to Rev. E. C. Lewis, thirty-eight years pastor there.
- „ 22 Mr. Bradlaugh, M.P., in moving the need of a Royal Commission to enquire into Market Rights, &c., specially instanced the case of Rochdale.
- „ 23 Grammar School Old Boy's Association formed.
- „ Sutcliffe's Brewery, Molesworth Street, taken over by Rochdale and Oldham, now Rochdale and Manor Brewery Company Limited.

- Apl. 30 The income of the New Market for the previous three years averaged £3,740 3s. 9d.; the expenditure £1,370 10s. 9d.
- „ The Rochdale Anglers' Association formed; Mr. C. M. Royds, President.
- May 3 Opening of the Manchester Jubilee Exhibition. The visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales drew several thousands of townsmen to Cottonopolis.
- „ 20 Robert Brearley, Milnrow, attained his hundredth birthday.
- „ 24 Heywood 'Bus, which for many years ran from Old Market Place to the neighbouring borough, ceased running.
- „ 28 Rochdale Women's Liberal Association, formally inaugurated by Miss Jane Cobden, to whom an illuminated address was presented.
- „ 30 United Centenary Meetings of the Yorkshire, Lancashire, and Cheshire Baptist Association commenced. John Bright spoke at one of the meetings.
- June 20 Cutting of the first sod on the site of St. Luke's Church, Deeplish, by Mrs. J. Robinson, Mount Falinge.
- „ „ The Queen's Jubilee and the completion of the New Town Hall Spire celebrated; large public procession; fireworks display; beacon fires on Blackstone Edge, Knowl Hill, and Brown Wardle, &c.
- „ Norden Manufacturing Company formed.
- July Mrs. Tweedale, Standrings House, Bagslate, gave £300 to the Infirmary, and £200 to repair the Minister's House at Hope Street Chapel.
- „ Richard Street Mill demolished.
- Aug. 4 Rev. R. Jones, twenty-four years Registrar of the Cemetery, resigned. 30,000 bodies were interred in the Cemetery whilst he held office.
- Sep. 1 Mr. J. Matthew appointed Registrar of the Cemetery.
- „ 10 First Infirmary Gala, Foxholes, held. 16,000 spectators present.
- „ 14 Jubilee of Wardle Agricultural Show celebrated.
- „ 17 Bagslate U.M.F.C. Jubilee observed.
- Oct. 1 Jubilee of Belfield U.M.F.C. observed.
- „ 11 Mr. J. A. Picton, M.P., in the Town Hall, distributed the annual prizes awarded by the Sunday School Union.
- „ 25 Rochdale Ornithological Society formed; 33 members.
- „ 29 Monstre Jubilee Pie provided at Littleborough for old folks in the district. It contained:—beef, 235 lb.; mutton, 20 lb.; tongue, 16 lb.; a quantity of veal; 4 rabbits; 12 ox-tails; 3 large geese; a couple of ducks; 9 chickens, half-a-dozen cows' hearts; and other ingredients. Served up with the pie were 1½ loads of potatoes; 3 cwt. of carrots and turnips; and 40 cabbages.
- „ „ Tramway Company's Shares, £10 paid up, were quoted at 20s. per share.

- October. Tramways' Winding-up Petition presented to Court. £500,000 had been expended on the undertaking; debts owing by the Company, £160,000.
- „ Union Manufacturing Company Limited, Castleton Gales, formed. Weaving started 27th March, 1889.
- Nov. 14 Fourth week-day delivery of letters, embracing all places within the free town delivery, instituted.
- „ 22 Ben Brierley, Lancashire Author, gave readings from his works in Smith Street Primitive Methodist School.
- „ 26 Poll of Littleborough ratepayers as to proposed extension of the Chancel at Holy Trinity. Votes: against, 312; for, 273.
- „ Marland Infectious Diseases' Hospital opened.
- Dec. 1 Town Hall Clock began to register time. Diameter of dials 11 feet 6 inches, being 6 inches less than the original; length of pendulum 15 feet; weight of hour bell 59 cwt.
- „ 7 Stormy Meeting of the Newbold Friendly Society in reference to a proposal to remove the Society's offices from the Fox Inn. Poll taken 21st January, 1888; result, 4,571 votes in favour of and 9,614 against the proposal.
- „ 8 Dr. Dallinger gave a Lecture in the Public Hall on "Contrasts in Nature."
- „ 17 Newhey Liberal Club opened by Mr. S. Barlow; cost £2,000.
- „ „ Mons. A. Guilmant gave an Organ Recital in the Public Hall.
- „ 29 W. Webster, confined in the police cells, made his escape. He was captured at Hull, 11th April, 1888.

1888.

- Jan. 12 Liberal Unionist Association formed.
- „ 20 Councillor H. Sharp was presented with an illuminated address by Mr. Elliott Lees on behalf of the Conservative Working Men's Union.
- „ 28 Thomas Watson Memorial Tablet, Shawclough U.M.F.C., unveiled.
- Feb. 4 Rochdale Mail Bag containing jewellery, cheques value £400, a mortgage deed for £10,000, and 12,000 letters, stolen at Victoria Station, Manchester. Bag subsequently discovered in Salford, the contents having been rifled.
- „ 7 Golf Club instituted.
- „ Seven £4 4s. Perpetual Waterworks Annuities sold for £861.
- Mar. 5 Presentation to J. Nolan by members of the Hornets Football Club on his leaving town for Australia with the English Football team.
- „ 7 Chamber of Commerce re-formed.
- „ 19 Rev. C. E. Dickenson concluded his labours at Smallbridge Congregational Church.

- Mar. 27 Mr. J. A. Bright was adopted Liberal Unionist Candidate for the borough. He resigned in June owing to his father's ill-health.
- „ Mr. J. B. N. Entwisle, Foxholes, was High Sheriff of Leicestershire.
- Apl. 11 John Bright's Statue at Birmingham was unveiled.
- „ 23 St. Luke's Church Corner Stone laid by Bishop Moorhouse.
- „ 25 Mr. T. D. Sullivan, M.P., addressed a large meeting in the Town Hall, on Irish Politics.
- „ Bridge Inn Sick and Burial Society registered under the Companies' Acts.
- „ Buckley Hall Orphanage opened.
- May 3 Mr. H. Brierley, Solicitor, appointed Registrar of Bury County Court; transferred to Wigan County Court, April, 1898.
- „ 6 Socialist Demonstration on Blackstone Edge; 15,000 persons present.
- „ 26 Liberal Excursion to Hawarden. Mr. Gladstone addressed the trippers.
- „ 31 Mr. Z. Mellor, Town Clerk, was presented with his portrait in oils, by Mr. R. T. Heape, on behalf of subscribers.
- June 26 Rev. W. J. Bradford, M.A., presented to St. Mary's, Balderstone.
- „ Mr. H. Brierley, Solicitor, was appointed a Borough Justice.
- „ Drinking Fountain, South Parade, erected.
- „ Sewage Farm brought into operation.
- July 9 Parsees Cricket Eleven, then touring through England, played a match against the Rochdale Cricket Club.
- „ 14 Rochdale Amateur Prize Band won the First Prize, £37 16s., at the Belle Vue Competition.
- „ 21 Second Infirmary Gala, Foxholes, held. 28,000 persons present.
- „ Mikado of Japan conferred the Order of the Rising Sun upon Professor John Milne of this town for his researches in Seismology.
- „ Bamford Hall was purchased by Mr. E. S. Massey.
- Aug. 15 Mary Kelly, a noted local character, left for America.
- „ 26 Mr. Charles Bradlaugh gave three lectures in the Secular Hall, Milkstone Road.
- „ 30 The portion of the Town Hall hitherto set apart as a residence for the Chief Constable, ceased to be used for that purpose.
- „ Considerable feeling was aroused in favour of hawkers in consequence of prosecutions by the Market Company.
- „ Ordnance Survey of the town, first since 1847, begun.
- „ Rev. S. R. Aldridge, B.A., ceased his ministry at West Street Chapel.
- Sep. 23 Bishop Moorhouse held an Ordination service at St. Chad's.
- „ 29 Rochdale Hunt Steeplechases were held at Halifax owing to the promoters being unable to secure the course at Buersill, where the meeting had been held since 1885.

- Sept. Tramways' reconstruction scheme announced. The existing Company formed.
- Oct. 1 Dean Hole and Sir. B. Leighton, Bart., in the Town Hall, addressed an "extra" meeting of the Church Congress, then being held in Manchester.
- „ 4 Lord Ripon in the Town Hall distributed the prizes awarded to Science and Art students.
- „ 5 Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., addressed a large Unionist gathering in the Town Hall.
- „ 6 Y.M.C.A. Rooms opened in The Butts.
- „ 15 Mr. A. C. Moorhouse succeeded Mr. J. R. Thornber, deceased, Liberal Agent.
- „ 24 Whitworth Reform Club opened by Mr. C. Hopwood, Q.C.
- Nov. 3 Milnrow Reform Club opened by Mr. Jacob Bright, M.P.
- „ 14 Lord Ripon addressed a large Liberal meeting in the Town Hall on Irish politics.
- „ 17 Mr. Entwisle's proposed gift of Foxholes Park to the town announced.
- „ Oldham Road Mill, formerly Booth's, closed.
- Dec. 1 Chamber of Commerce Reading Room, Town Hall Buildings, now Unionist Club, opened.
- „ 8 William Morris, author of *An Earthly Paradise*, addressed a Socialist gathering in the Central Hall.
- „ 21 Mrs. Jenny Brierley, mother of the Rev. E. Brierley, Vicar of Whitworth, celebrated her 100th birthday; died 3rd February, 1890.
- A Report on a Religious Census of the parish, including Saddleworth, ordered to be taken by the Town Council, contains the following figures:—Sittings, Church of England, 25,449; Nonconformist, 56,240; unclassified, 5,615; Teachers and Scholars, Church of England, 17,987; Nonconformist, 34,652; unclassified, 837.

1889.

- Jan. 15 First County Council Election.—*See Elections.*
- „ 28 *Manchester Examiner and Times* (L.) the leading daily newspaper of the district first appeared as a Liberal Unionist journal; defunct, 10th March, 1894. £70,000 lost during the last two years of its existence.
- „ 30 Mc.Naught Memorial Window, St. Peter's Church, unveiled.
- „ Mr. A. Bell appointed joint manager of the L. and Y. Bank with Mr. A. Baldwin.
- Feb. 7 Alderman Tweedale, Councillor James Cheetham, and Mr. B. Heape were appointed Borough Justices.
- „ Colonel Fishwick, Messrs. E. Clegg, G. Petrie, and J. R. Heape were appointed County Justices.

- Feb. 10 Earthquake Shock distinctly felt in various parts of the town.
- „ Standard Spinning Company Limited formed. First sod on the site of the mill turned 11th March. Spinning began 17th March, 1890.
- Mar. 13 Rochdale and District Liberal Union formed.
- „ 19 U.M.F.C. Smithy Bridge opened; cost £1,500; 320 sittings.
- „ 23 Royal Commission Inquiry as to the Markets and Fairs in the borough, held in the Town Hall.
- „ Canon Molesworth, M.A., LL.D., 45 years' Vicar of St. Clement's, resigned.
- „ 30 Funeral of John Bright, who died on the 27th.
- „ Old Pack Horse, Church Stile, a noted inn, closed.
- April 1 The town became a County Borough.
- „ „ Dr. Tanner, M.P., addressed a Liberal meeting in the Reform Club, Milnrow.
- „ 6 Central Hall, Water Street, taken over by Canon Maclure.
- „ 15 Mr. J. A. Bright elected Unionist M.P. for Central Birmingham, by 5,621 votes to 2,561 votes recorded for Mr. P. Beale (G.L.) He retired July, 1895.
- „ 26 Town's Meeting decided to erect a bronze statue of John Bright, and to devote any surplus funds raised towards the foundation of a Scholarship in Victoria University.
- „ 28 Rochdale New Railway Station opened. The site of the extensions cost £70,000.
- „ Rev. T. J. Bensted, M.A., St. George's, Manchester, instituted Vicar of St. Clement's.
- „ School Board Cookery Classes began in Kelsall Street.
- „ Trams to Littleborough at this time started from Cheetham Street.
- „ Rev. W. Tees ceased his ministry at Trinity Presbyterian Church.
- May 6 Petition, containing 11,921 signatures, for the release of John Rouse, presented to the Home Secretary, who declined for the second time to interfere with the sentence.—*See Crime.*
- „ 11 Lieut.-Col. C. M. Royds, J.P., D.L., High Sheriff of the County, left the town to meet Her Majesty's Judges at Manchester.
- „ 18 Golf Links, Shawforth, formally inaugurated.
- „ 28 Rev. D. M. Sykes, Curate of St. Clement's, on leaving the parish was presented with a purse of gold.
- „ 30 Partial opening of St. Luke's Chapel of Ease, Deeplish; completed, 23rd April, 1898.
- „ Removal of a large number of bodies in the Parish Churchyard owing to the widening of Church Stile.
- „ Healey Dell, Broadley end, partially closed to the public.
- „ Mr. James Cross, Station Master, resigned. He had been connected with the Company for 47 years.

- June 1 Bridge Mills Cotton Spinning Company Limited dissolved.
- „ 2 Rev. J. C. Butterworth vacated St. Michael's, Bamford.
- „ 14 Betting Raid at a Littleborough Inn; fines exceeding £50 imposed.
- „ 26 Mr. T. Clegg appointed Liberal Agent; resigned 1897.
- „ 27 Rev. J. B. Aitken on vacating the pastorate of Milton Congregational Church was presented with £120 and other marks of esteem.
- „ 29 Mr. R. B. Dawson was appointed Master of the School of Art.
- „ Mr. Crompton Hutton, Judge of the County Court since 1873, resigned.
- „ Mr. G. T. Walker, a native, attained the first position in the Mathematical Tripos at Cambridge University.
- „ Rev. A. D. Davies, M.A., was appointed Vicar of St. Michael's, Bamford.
- July 4 Mr. Edwin Jones, Manchester, appointed Judge of County Court.
- „ 20 Infirmary Gala, third, held at Foxholes; 17,000 persons present.
- „ 25 Old Clock Face Hotel, Lord Street, offered for sale and withdrawn at £4,000.
- Aug. 31 Superintendent J. Tindall of the County Police retired after 41 years' active service. On November 5th, the Magistracy presented him with an address and 100 guineas.
- „ Florence Maybrick's Release Petition signed by 1,500 persons.
- Sep. 3 School of Art, Town Hall, inaugurated.
- „ 17 "Joyful News" Home, Castleton Hall, opened.
- „ 24 Robert Brearley, Milnrow, in his 103rd year, was interred in Milnrow Churchyard.
- „ Mr. Thomas Heywood was appointed Superintendent of County Police; retired 31st May, 1897.
- „ Lobley Memorial Window, All Saints' Church, unveiled.
- „ Font in St. Clement's Church presented by parishioners in memory of Canon Molesworth.
- „ Littleborough Ratepayers decided to establish a Burial Board.
- Oct. 3 Mr. James Leach, Solicitor, appointed Deputy Town Clerk.
- „ 5 Rochdale and District Temperance Union formed.
- „ 14 *Social and Political History of Rochdale*, by W. Robertson, published.
- „ 21 Mr. H. H. Asquith, M.P., addressed a large meeting of Liberals in the Town Hall.
- „ 24 Betting Raid on the Byron Club, Cloth Hall; 17 persons arrested of whom nine were on November 7th convicted and heavily fined.
- Nov. 12 Lord Derby addressed the members of the Chamber of Commerce in the Town Hall.
- „ „ Rev. A. Scobie, M.A., inducted to the pastorate of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

- Nov. 13 Crawford Spinning Company Frauds discovered; total defalcations £8,158 17s. 6d.
- „ 16 First John Bright Birthday Celebration took place in the Public Hall. Professor J. E. Thorold Rogers was the chief speaker, Mr. C. M. Royds, High Sheriff, presiding.
- „ 28 Discovery of 12 lb. of gunpowder and a box of chemicals at the Lyceum, Baillie Street—supposed to have been placed there with the intention of destroying the building.
- „ 30 Bolton Memorial Windows in St. Peter's Church unveiled.
- Dec. 3 Bishop Barry, Primate of Australia, gave an Address in the Public Hall, on the S. P. G.
- „ 6 Æolian Choir first appeared in public.
- „ 14 Assembly Room and improvements at St. Stephen's Church opened; cost £755.
- „ „ Judge Hughes, Q. C., author of *Tom Brown's Schooldays*, gave an Address on Co-operation in the Pioneers' Assembly Room.
- „ *History of the Parish of Rochdale*, by Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Fishwick, F. S. A., published.

1890.

- Jan. 11 A native, named Harrison, was blown off the roof of Lion Mill, Royton, and fell a distance of 90 feet, alighting on some newly made concrete material; he sustained no injury.
- „ 15 Branch of the National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children formed.
- „ 19 Rev. J. H. Hollowell commenced his ministry at Milton Congregational Church; resigned 1897.
- Feb. 6 Mrs. Jenny Brierley, mother of the Vicar of Whitworth, aged 101 years, was interred.
- „ 22 John Bright Memorial Clock, Milnrow, began to register time.
- „ Mr. J. M. L. Chadwick was appointed Sheriff's Officer.
- „ Mr. Councillor J. Cheetham appointed Mayor's Auditor.
- „ Mr. J. Pearson succeeded Mr. E. H. Osborn, Factory Inspector.
- Mar. 1 Crawford Spinning Company declared a profit of £4,998 11s. 0d. for the quarter ended this day.
- „ 13 Old Chartists' gathering held in the town, about thirty townsmen who took part in the stirring times of the '40's being present.
- „ „ John Tatham & Sons Limited went into liquidation. At one time the concern employed 1,000 men.
- „ „ Mr. George Grossmith, the popular entertainer, appeared in the Town Hall.
- „ 25 3,439 Dwellinghouses erected since 1872.
- „ 26 Mr. Jacob Bright, M. P., addressed a meeting of Liberals in the Town Hall, on the Irish Question.

- Mar. Littleborough Co-operative Store Library dispersed.
- „ Mr. W. L. Bright, M.P. for Stoke-on-Trent, retired.
- „ Rev. T. Carter, twenty-three years minister at Blackwater Street Chapel retired.
- Apr. 11 Dr., now Archbishop Vaughan, addressed a meeting of the Catholic Children's Rescue Society, in St. John's Roman Catholic Schoolroom.
- „ 14 Parcel Post Mail Cart began running.
- „ 17 Lady De Trafford opened a four days' Conservative Bazaar in the Town Hall.
- „ 22-23 Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Mr. T. B. Potter's return as M.P. for the borough celebrated. Sir W. S. Lawson, M.P., Mr. John Morley, M.P., and Mr. J. A. Picton, M.P., took part in the proceedings.
- „ Pioneers' Society's Bakery, Milton Street, erected; cost £6,000. Weekly out-put 10,000 lb. in loaves besides confectionery cakes.
- „ *Reaund bi th' Derby, &c.*, by John Trafford Clegg, "Th' Owd Weighver," published.
- „ Borough Debt £1,297,979; assets £119,000 in excess of that sum.
- May 4 Edwin Waugh, Lancashire author, was interred at Kersal Moor Church.
- „ 8 Mr. T. Reid appointed Registrar of Births, &c., for Wardleworth.
- „ "Sequah," a "medicine man," who had occupied the Cattle Ground for several weeks, left the town amidst a great demonstration; 15,000 persons present.
- „ A Parliamentary Return showed that the number of "on" licenses in the borough was 4.5 per 1,000 inhabitants.
- June 2 Town's Meeting on the question of the Licensing Clauses for compensation to publicans held; stormy proceedings.
- „ 10 Alderman J. S. Littlewood, J.P., twenty-one years a member of the Town Council, resigned.
- „ 12 Mr. E. L. Chadwick coöpted a member of the School Board, vice Mr. R. Jackson, Solicitor, resigned.
- „ Eagle Spinning Company Limited, Balderstone, formed.
- „ Rochdale Masonic Hall Buildings Company Limited, Yorkshire Street, registered.
- July 2 Jubilee of the Penny Post officially observed at the Post Office.
- „ 14 Canon Maclure accepted the Deanery of Manchester.
- „ 19 Fourth Infirmary Gala, held at Foxholes; parachute descent by Baldwin; 38,000 persons present.
- „ 21 Corporation Turkish Baths, Smith Street, opened.
- „ 22 It was announced that the Rev. J. M. Wilson, M.A., Clifton, had accepted the Vicariate of St. Chad's.
- „ *Elocution for the Masses*, by Edwin Barnish, published.

- July Mr. C. M. Royds elected President of the Warrington Clergy Institution.
- Aug. 2 Lord Ripon came to unveil the John Bright Memorial Bust, by Bruce Joy, subscribed for by Messrs. Bright's employees. The Bust, which cost 500 guineas, was lost in transit and did not reach the town until the 4th.
- „ „ Lord Ripon visited Buckley Hall Orphanage.
- „ 7 In Spotland Nearer Side District, with an estimated population of 13,000 inhabitants, only five deaths took place during the following five weeks.
- Sep. 9 First Exhibition of the Rochdale School of Art held; 400 exhibits.
- „ 24 Wellington Hotel and Vaults offered for sale and withdrawn at £6,000; sold 3rd August, 1898, for £10,850.
- „ 26 New Chancel in Littleborough Parish Church consecrated; cost £6,000. Mr. W. Law was a munificent donor.
- „ 27 Mr. G. B. Shaw, the well-known critic, gave an Address at the Socialist Rooms, Blackwater Street.
- „ 30 Rev. R. S. Rowan, B.D., St. James's, Wardleworth, was presented with an address and altar ornaments by his parishioners.
- „ „ Suspension of the "Co-operative Pool," a London financial lottery in which many persons in the district were interested.
- Oct. 12 Clover Street Chapel closed, the congregation having joined the Blackwater Street Unitarians.
- „ 14 Farewell Service to three "Joyful News" Evangelists. Mr. Argent, one of the three, was murdered in China.
- „ 24 Settling Tanks at the Sewage Farm erected.
- „ 27 Mr. C. M. Royds, J.P., was introduced to the electors as Unionist Candidate for the borough.
- „ 28 Rev. J. M. Wilson, M.A., Vicar, sworn Archdeacon of Manchester.
- „ 28 Canon Maclure installed Dean of Manchester. He preached his farewell sermon at St. Chad's, November 2nd.
- Nov. 3 Mr. A. Illingworth, M.P., and Mr. B. Priestley, M.P., addressed a Liberationist meeting in the Public Hall.
- „ 8 Sir J. Fergusson, M.P., Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and other M.P.'s addressed a Unionist meeting in the Public Hall.
- „ 16 Rev. J. M. Wilson, M.A., preached his first sermon at St. Chad's.
- „ 19 John Bright Anniversary Celebration held; meagre attendance.
- „ 24 Rochdale Photographic Society formed, Mr. J. A. Bright, M.P., president.
- „ Mr. W. Holt, Sanitary Works Manager, appointed to a similar position under the Birmingham Corporation.
- Dec. 1 New School Board Offices, Baillie Street, opened.
- „ 19 Mr. F. W. Brookman appointed Sanitary Works Manager.
- „ 27 Mr. Robert Stott, thirty years master of Sparrow Hill School, was presented with a testimonial by Old Scholars.
- „ „ Moss Spinning Company's engines started.

1891.

- Jan. 28 General Booth addressed a meeting on his Darkest England Scheme. Over £616 subscribed locally.
- „ Serious outbreak of “pink eye” in the district, causing heavy losses to horse owners.
- „ Sir Guildford Molesworth was awarded the Bimetallic League £50 premium for the best Essay on International Bimetallicism.
- Feb. 16 Cardinal Vaughan visited Dearnley Workhouse.
- „ 17 Meeting of Manufacturers to protest against Sir Henry James’s amendments to the Factory Acts.
- „ 20 Mr. B. C. Crossley appointed Organist at the Parish Church.
- „ 24 Mr. C. M. Royds gazetted Lieut.-Col. of the Yeomanry Cavalry. He joined the troop as Cornet in 1861.
- „ 28 Rochdale Corps of the Church Army formally enrolled.
- „ A return showed that of 301 “on” licenses in the borough, there were only 33 where owner and occupier were the same person.
- Mar. 4 Football Match, Hornets v. Broughton Rangers, at night by the aid of Wells’ light.
- „ 8 Rochdale Bowling Green and Buildings Company Limited registered.
- „ 9 The Rochdale and District Branch of the National Educational Association formed.
- „ 11 Lord Spencer, Mr. Vesey Knox, M.P., and others, addressed a large meeting of Liberals in the Town Hall, Mr. Potter presiding.
- „ 24 Mr. T. W. Russell, M.P., addressed a large Unionist Demonstration in the Town Hall.
- „ 25 294 Dwellinghouses were erected during the year ended this day.
- „ 31 Dog Licenses for the year ended this day produced £777 15s.
- Apl. 5 Last Services held in the Old Providence Chapel, High Street.
- „ „ Census taken: 71,401 inhabitants.
- „ 13 Miss Jane Cobden gave an Address to the members of the Women’s Liberal Association.
- „ 14 Inaugural Meeting of the Rochdale University Extension Students’ Association. Professor Munro, Manchester, gave an Address; dissolved October, 1896.
- „ 24 Proposal to raise the Half-Time Exemption from 10 to 12 years, rejected by Town’s Meeting.
- „ 30 Lieut.-Col. Royds elected Chairman of the Williams Deacon and Manchester and Salford Bank.
- „ Mr. W. Taylor appointed Surveyor and Valuer to the Assessment Committee of the Rochdale Union.
- May 2 Portraits of Messrs. James Wrigley and Robert Stott, former Head Masters, hung in Sparrow Hill School.

- May 10 Influenza Epidemic; 1,000 persons affected at this time; death rate doubled.
- „ 18 Mr. J. A. Bright, M.P., was appointed a member of the Royal Commission on Vaccination.
- „ 25 Mr. George Jackson, Solicitor, succeeded his uncle Mr. Robert Jackson, Clerk to the County Justices.
- „ Mr. J. T. Worth, Solicitor, succeeded Mr. R. Jackson, Registrar of the County Court.
- June 3 Rev. E. O'Neill, St. John's Roman Catholic Church, installed Canon of Salford.
- „ 5 Mr. J. R. Hartley appointed Clerk to the Borough Justices.
- „ 6 A canvass of householders taken on the question of reducing the number of licensed houses. Result:—for reduction, 7,251; against, 767; neutral, 1,380. A large number of papers were not returned.
- „ 7 Unveiling of windows in St. James's Church in memory of Mr. A. Coventry and Mr. J. Holt.
- „ 10 Mr. H. Blackburn appointed Clerk to Milnrow Local Board.
- „ Mr. J. R. Hartley resigned the leadership of the Conservative Party on being appointed Justices' Clerk.
- July 12 Unveiling of six windows in Healey Church in memory of members of the Royds, Leach, and Tweedale families.
- „ 14 Rev. M. T. Myers, Baillie Street Circuit, re-elected President of the U.M.F.C. Assembly.
- „ 18 Infirmary Gala, fifth, held at Foxholes. 47,000 persons present. Parachute descent, second, by Baldwin.
- „ 27 Mr. H. Brierley, J.P., appointed Chairman of the Conservative Party.
- „ The old Stocks were erected in St. Chad's Churchyard.
- „ G.N.R. Company declined a proposal of the Chamber of Commerce to run a competing line to the town. L. & N.W.R. Company had declined previously.
- Aug. 1 Post Office express delivery service commenced.
- „ 5 Presentation of an Address and a purse of gold to Canon O'Neill by his flock.
- „ „ Three Tuns Inn, which stood on the site of the Central Board School, Fleece Street, pulled down.
- „ 13 Record rainfall; 2.124 inches registered.
- „ 14 Spring Mill Reservoir rose 2 ft. 4 in. in twenty-four hours, owing to heavy rains.
- „ 31 Government Grant earned by Elementary Schools for the year ended this day was £8,276 14s 0d.
- „ Belfield Hall last tenanted.
- „ First portion of the Terraces on the Slopes opposite the Free Library completed from designs and at the sole cost of Mr. James Ogden, Kilnerdeyne.

- Sep. 7 Fees in Board Schools, except the Higher Grade School, abolished. The cost of freeing the Schools was £420 per annum.
- „ 9 Board of Trade Inquiry as to the fatal railway disaster at Facit.
- „ 21 Moss School closed. It existed 122 years.
- „ 26 Celebration of the Jubilee of Newbold Friendly Society. Number of members, 24,000.
- „ Toad Lane Charity School, founded in 1740 by John Taylor, closed.
- Oct. 1 Jubilee of the Rochdale Conservative Sick and Burial Society observed. Mr. H. Byron Reed, M.P., spoke.
- „ 3 Lord Londonderry and Mr. J. L. Wharton, M.P., addressed an open-air gathering at Greenhill.
- „ 10 Alderman T. Schofield, J.P., completed fifty years Sunday School work and was presented with an Address and a Medallion Bust of himself.
- „ „ John Bright Statue, Albert Square, Manchester, unveiled by Lord Derby.
- „ 24 John Bright Statue, Town Hall Square, unveiled by Mr. John Morley, M.P. The Statue is 9 feet high and stands on a pedestal of 11 feet; cost £2,000.
- „ 26 Mr. W. S. Caine, Mr. Vesey Knox, M.P., and Mr. Potter, addressed a meeting of Liberals in the Town Hall.
- „ Rochdale Musical Union formed.
- „ Great clearance of old cottage property in the neighbourhood of Great George Street, Priestley Square, and School Lane.
- „ Mr. G. H. Wild appointed Clerk to Littleborough Local Board.
- Nov. 9 Alderman E. Taylor elected Mayor. He resigned during the day owing to the Town Council refusing to adopt the principle of paying a salary to future Mayors. On the 14th, Councillor J. Duckworth was elected in his stead.
- „ 11 St. Alban's Institute opened as a Home for Waifs and Strays.
- „ 15 Pleasant Sunday Afternoon movement introduced.
- „ 18 Eighth School Board Election; third contest. *See Elections.*
- „ 29 Unveiling of the Robert Taylor Heape Memorial Tablet in Blackwater Street Chapel.
- „ Messrs. C. E. Brierley, H. Radcliffe, L. Shawcross, and William Tatham appointed Borough Justices.
- „ Galleries in St. James's Church, Wardleworth, removed.
- „ Board Schools Savings' Banks established.
- Dec. 7 Culeen's Circus, a wood structure, erected in Arctic Street, near the Dane Street Cricket Ground, at a cost of £600; closed 16th January, 1892.
- „ 27 Ex-Alderman G. Mansell, who died this day, left £250 to the Infirmary.
- „ 29 Presentation to Mr. E. Belmont, 29 years master of Moss School.
- „ Cutting of the first sod on the site of Messrs. Tweedales and Smalley's Works, Castleton.

- Dec. The front of an Elizabethan house in Yorkshire Street presented to the Parks Committee by Messrs. Samuel Shepherd & Son, Auctioneers.
- Fieldhouse School closed during the year.
- John Bright Memorial Fund realised £4,093 9s. 4d. £1,767 4s. 10d. paid to Victoria University for foundation of the Bright Scholarship in English Literature.
- St. Alban's Inn, a beerhouse in Manchester Road, sold for £900. In 1896 the property fetched nearly three times that sum.

1892.

- Jan. 2 Mr. W. Law, Littleborough, presented a New Organ to Holy Trinity Church.
- „ 7 “Gala” Bed—£1,000—presented to the Infirmary.
- „ 20 Duke of Clarence Memorial Service held in St. Chad's Church.
- „ 25 Burns Club re-formed.
- „ Rochdale Shop Assistants' Union formed.
- Feb. 1 Miraculous Escape at Yew Mill, Heywood, of W. Butterworth, a Rochdale youth, who fell a distance of 70 feet. Alighting upon some loose sand, he sustained no injury beyond a shaking.
- „ 20 St. Luke's, Deeplish, Schools opened; cost £2,500.
- Mar. 25 Rochdale Spinning Company declared a 12½ per cent. dividend for the ninth time in succession.
- „ „ Russian Famine Fund realised £430 16s. 2d.
- „ The number of deaths for three months exceeded the births; a similar occurrence had happened three times within two years.
- Apl. 1 Night Shelter for Women opened in the old lockups.
- „ 8 Sir Charles Russell, Q.C., M.P., addressed a meeting of Liberals in the Town Hall.
- „ 9 Radcliffe Memorial Window, St. Mary's Church, Balderstone, unveiled.
- „ 25 Dr. Vaughan, Archbishop Elect of Westminster, visited Buckley Hall Orphanage.
- „ „ Brilliant display of Aurora Borealis observed.
- „ Rochdale Chrysanthemum Society formed.
- May 9 Maiden Sitting at the Police Court; white gloves presented to the Mayor. It was stated that whilst the population had increased 27,000 since 1872, crime had decreased 50 per cent. during that period.
- „ 19 A woman residing in Bury Road gave birth to triplets.
- „ 21 Ellenroad Spinning Company Engines started.
- „ 26 Portion of St. Luke's Church, Deeplish, consecrated.
- „ 29 Baillie Street Chapel opened after considerable structural alterations. New organ, stained glass window, &c., added; cost £2,700.

- May Twenty-nine Licensed Houses stood within a radius of 200 yards from the Duke of Wellington, Blackwater Street.
- „ Mr. James Cryer appointed first working-man magistrate.
- „ Butts House, the residence of the Kelsalls, pulled down.
- „ Rev. A. D. Davies, M.A., Vicar of Bamford, accepted the curacy of St. Luke's on the resignation of the Rev. Rathbone Hartley.
- „ *Rochdale: The Birthplace of Modern Co-operation*, by William Robertson, published.
- June 4 Tim Bobbin Memorial, St. Chad's Churchyard, unveiled.
- „ 6 Co-operative Congress, extending over several days, held in the town; a remarkable gathering, 833 delegates present.
- „ 10 United Service of Nonconformist Sunday School Scholars held in the Town Hall Square, Whit-Friday; 6,000 scholars present.
- „ 26 Rev. W. R. Holman concluded his ministry at St. Stephen's.
- „ Anti-Smoke Crusade vigorously prosecuted during this and following months.
- July 4 Parliamentary Election for the Borough.—*See Elections.*
- „ 11 Mr. J. A. Bright re-elected M.P. for Central Birmingham.
- „ „ Mr. Jacob Bright re-elected M.P. for South-West Manchester.
- „ 12 Parliamentary Election for Middleton Division.—*See Elections.*
- „ 16 Infirmary Gala, sixth, held at Foxholes; 29,500 persons present.
- „ Mr. H. H. Howorth elected M.P. for South Salford.
- Aug. 18 Result of a Ballot of the Rochdale and District Power-Loom Weavers' Association on the Eight Hours' question declared: 1,010 voted for, 850 against adopting the system. Out of 600 spinners 282 voted for, 93 against.
- Sep. 10 Mr. W. T. Stead gave addresses in the town. The Social Questions Union was the outcome of his visit.
- „ 12 Bishop Smythies spoke at a great Missionary Meeting of Churchmen and Nonconformists in the Public Hall.
- Oct. 1 Mr. J. T. Lord succeeded Mr. A. L. Mills, Conservative Agent.
- „ 5 Rochdale and District Farmers' Association formed. Thirty-three members enrolled.
- „ 12 Tatham's Works, Moss Lane, dispersed piecemeal.
- „ Rev. J. Ducker, M.A., Vicar of Wardle, resigned.
- Nov. 5 Strike of 50,000 cotton operatives against a 5 per cent. reduction in wages, extending over a period of twenty weeks, began. Rochdale was only affected in a small way.
- „ 6 Salvation Army Citadel, Lord Street, opened. Accomodation for 2,000 persons. Cost £3,000.
- „ 9 It was announced that the Ecclesiastical Commissioners intended to release the ground rent on the Park, £380 per annum, and give 3½ acres of land near Messrs. T. Robinson & Sons' Works for a public recreation ground.
- „ 13 Corporation Sunday first observed. The Mayor and Corporation attended Divine Services at St. Chad's Church in the morning, and the U.M.F.C. Castlemere in the evening.

- Nov. 18 Presentation of an Address to Lieut.-Colonel Royds by the Conservative Working Men's Union.
- „ 19 Pioneers' Society's Furnishing Department, Toad Lane, opened. The structure cost £4,000.
- „ 26 Rev. A. Dimock, B.A., inducted to the living of Wardle.
- „ 29 Mr. H. H. Howorth, M.P., was invested with the Order of the Star of India, by Her Majesty at Windsor.
- „ Rev. Walter Cooper, B.A., 18 years Vicar of St. Alban's, resigned.
- „ Y.M.C.A. dissolved.
- Dec. 9 Fenton's Bank final dividend paid, making a total dividend of 15s. 3½d. in the £.
- „ 16 Labour Bureau and Shelter opened at the Warehouse, Bridge End, Yorkshire Street, formerly occupied by Messrs. J. Leach and Sons.
- „ 29 Coldest day for a quarter of a century; 25¼ degrees of frost.
- „ Messrs. A. Brierley, H. Radcliffe, J. E. Schunck, and W. Shaw, were appointed County Justices.
- „ Volunteer Officers' Decoration granted to Colonel Philippi, Major R. Healey, and Captain Howard Healey.
- „ 766 empty dwelling-houses in the town.
- „ Drink Bill for the borough estimated at £250,000 for the year.

1893.

- Jan. 10 Presentation to Mr. James Wrigley, Henry Street School, by old Scholars.
- „ 23 Conservative and Unionist Club, Lord Street, opened.
- „ „ Rev. F. S. C. Crane, M.A., appointed to St. Chad's; appointed Vicar of Lower Crumpsall, 1898.
- „ 30 Sagar's Vaults, Yorkshire Street, sold by auction for £5,800.
- „ Cycle industry introduced to the town by Mr. Samuel Tweedale, Oldham Road.
- Feb. 3 To widen Yorkshire Street and Whitworth Road the Consistory Court sanctioned the taking away of a portion of St. James's Churchyard.
- „ „ Town's Meeting adopted a resolution in favour of the Rating of Ground Values.
- „ 6 Discovery of an ancient Stone Font near the western boundary of St. Chad's Churchyard.
- „ 7 Mr. C. Dickens, Q.C., in the Public Hall, gave readings from his father's works.
- „ 11 Rev. H. Edmonds, A.K.C., inducted to St. Alban's.
- „ 24 Cabmen's Shelter, Station Road, opened; cost £200.
- „ Mr. A. Baldwin, manager of the L. & Y. Bank, retired.

- Feb. Syke Artificial Lakes completed.
- „ Rain fell on twenty-four days during the month.
- Mar. 6 Dr. H. C. March and Messrs. A. Molesworth, J. Duckworth, J. T. W. Mitchell, J. Turner, W. T. Heap, and J. Rushworth, were appointed Borough Justices.
- „ 24 Twenty weeks' Cotton Strike settled by an all-night conference at Brooklands.
- Apl. 11 *Cophetua's Bride*, a Comic Opera, by John Trafford Clegg and David Clegg, produced.
- „ 13 Meeting of Churchmen to protest against the Welsh Suspensory Bill held.
- „ 17 King's Head Inn, Lord Street, sold by auction for £2,325.
- „ „ Red Lion Inn, Lord Street, offered for sale and withdrawn at £2,720.
- „ 26 Technical School opened by Sir Bernard Samuelson, M.P.
- „ „ Higher Grade School, Fleece Street, opened.
- „ 27 Sir H. H. Howorth, M.P., elected F.R.S.
- „ 29 Cyclist Parade; £200 raised for the Infirmary.
- „ Rochdale Public Coffee House Company Limited wound up. For every £1 share the shareholders received £3 12s. 3d.
- „ Large Boulder found at Castleton, placed in the Park.
- May 5 Town's Meeting approved of the Local Veto Bill.
- „ 8 Pew in St. Chad's Church sold for £86.
- „ „ Chief Constable Wilkinson resigned owing to ill health.
- „ 217,308 visits to the Reference Library estimated to have been made since May last.
- „ Kenion's Charity funds exceeded to £8,000.
- June 10 Fire Station, Alfred Street, opened.
- „ 22 H.M.S. "Victoria" foundered. John Shaw, Newhey, was one of the few survivors.
- „ 27 Miss Colenso, daughter of the famous Bishop, gave a Lecture in the town.
- „ Messrs. J. King & Sons' Moss Mills closed.
- „ Yeomanry Cavalry Troop first encamped at Southport. Since 1846 the annual training had taken place at Lancaster.
- July 21 Mr. C. Buck, Margate, commenced his duties as Chief Constable.
- „ 22 Infirmary Gala, seventh, held at Foxholes; 40,000 persons present.
- „ 24 Ex-Chief Constable Wilkinson presented with an address and £250.
- „ 29 Ambulance Corps formed.
- „ Knighthood of the Golden Cross of the Saviour conferred upon Mr. J. T. W. Mitchell, by the King of Greece.
- Aug. 1 Sale of Gale Inn, Whitworth Road, for £3,010; Royds Arms Hotel, Spotland, £3,125; and Bush Inn, £1,010.

- Aug. 19 Great Swimming Match at Hollingworth Lake: McCusker, an American, v. J. Nuttall, for the World's Championship. J. Nuttall won easily. 40,000 persons present.
- „ 29 Dr. Parker, of the City Temple, lectured in Castlemere U.M.F.C. on "Clocks and Watches."
- „ Free Baths for School Children sanctioned.
- Sep. 6 Issue of Books at Hamer Board School in connection with the Free Public Library began.
- „ 8 Fred Maccabe, the entertainer, last appeared in the town.
- „ „ Novel Swimming Match at the Public Baths between Alderman Duckworth, Mayor, and Councillor Diggle; the former won.
- „ 9 Cronkeyshaw Recreation Ground opened; cost £1,000, towards which Alderman Duckworth gave £800.
- „ 20 National Coffee Tavern Association held its Annual Conference in the town.
- „ 30 Liberal Club opened in the premises, late Secular Hall, Milkstone Road.
- Oct. 10-11 2,500 Sunday School Teachers and Scholars attended Alderman Duckworth's reception in the Town Hall.
- „ 11 Mr. George Kemp, B.A., Beechwood, adopted Unionist Candidate for Heywood Division.
- „ 18 Town's Meeting approved a scheme for a Railway from Manchester through Rochdale to Newcastle; the scheme fell through.
- „ 23 Mr. J. R. Hartley was presented by the Conservative party with a portrait in oils of himself.
- Nov. 1 Separate Bankruptcy Jurisdiction for Rochdale came into force.
- „ 4 Bandstand in the Park presented by Alderman Duckworth.
- „ 9 First Conservative Mayor, Mr. Councillor J. Cheetham, elected.
- „ „ Honorary Freedom of the Town conferred upon Alderman Taylor.
- „ 13 Town's Meeting approved a resolution to establish a Municipal Lodging House.
- „ 15 Price of House Coal, 2/- per cwt.
- „ 17 End of the Coal Strike which had extended over four months and was estimated to have caused a loss of £5,000,000 to the country.
- „ 18 Ashworth Memorial Window, Milnrow Church, opened.
- „ Nonconformist bodies made a Visitation of the town.
- Dec. 7 Centenary of the Harmony Lodge of Freemasons celebrated.
- „ 11 Fifth daily delivery of letters began.
- „ 12 Sir Robert Ball lectured in the Public Hall on Astronomy.
- „ 23 Billiard and Recreation Room at the Fire Station opened.
- „ 31 Rev. R. Veitch, M.A., concluded his pastorate at Providence Chapel.
- „ Dean Maclure presented to the town a life-size plaster cast of Bishop Fraser.

- Dec. Roche House pulled down during the year.
Fifteen Joint Stock Spinning Companies in the district made twice as much profit during the year, as seventy-eight Oldham Companies.

1894.

- Jan. 5 Lieut.-Col. C. M. Royds, J.P., D.L., gazetted Hon. Col. of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion of Lancashire Fusiliers.
 „ 6 Coldest day in local records.
 „ „ Syke Artificial Lakes first used for skating.
 Feb. 3 Golf Links at Heyhead Farm, King's Road, opened.
 „ 4 St. James's Mission Church, Entwisle Road, opened.
 „ 5 Presentation of Plate to Mr. H. Brierley, J.P., by the Primrose League.
 „ 11 Canal embankment at Castleton burst. Three miles of waterway emptied.
 „ 12 Disastrous failure of the Castleton Cotton Spinning Company, Limited.
 „ 18 St. Andrew's Church, Dearnley, opened. First Church in the district to be lighted by electricity. Cost £3,000.
 „ 26 Rochdale Church League formed, Mr. A. Brierley, J.P., President.
 „ 28 Two shops, &c., numbered 34 and 36, Yorkshire Street, sold for £3,000.
 „ Mortuary behind the Town Hall opened.
 „ Petition for the release of Thomas Mc.Gah presented to the Home Secretary.
 Mar. 1 700th Anniversary of St. Chad's Church observed. Dr. Maclagan, Archbishop of York, present.
 „ 3 Bishop of Lichfield laid the Corner Stone of Coventry Street Schools. Bishop of Chester present.
 „ 6 Presentation to Mr. Robert Walker of a portrait of himself, on behalf of members of the Rochdale Bowling Club.
 „ 7 Lady Henry Somerset addressed a Temperance meeting in the Town Hall.
 „ 13 Rochdale Athletic Club formed; Lieut.-Col. Royds, President.
 „ 17 Lecture Room and Class Rooms added to William Street U.M.F.C.
 „ 20 Fieldhouse School, erected 1839, pulled down.
 „ 25 392,651,000 feet of gas consumed during the year ended this day.
 Apl. 3 Roach Mills Chimney (150 feet) felled by Mr. J. Smith.
 „ 16-17-18 National Conference of Charity Organisation Societies held in the town.
 „ 17 Mr. J. W. Radcliffe, J.P., entered upon his duties as High Sheriff of Lancashire.

- Apl. 21 Poll on the question of forming a School Board for Littleborough ;
706 for, 676 against.
- „ 23 Pioneers' Society decided to discontinue their Science, Art, &c.,
Classes, commenced in 1873.
- „ 30 Michael Davitt gave an Address on Irish Politics in the Public
Hall.
- May 1 Rent of £380 per annum on the Park lands remitted by the
Ecclesiastical Commissioners as from this date.
- „ 4 Board of Guardians increased from twenty-four to thirty-three
members, twenty seats being allotted to the borough.
- „ 5 Cycle Parade, second, in aid of the Infirmary; receipts £199
3s. 5d.
- „ „ Mr. J. Schofield, twenty-six years President of Newbold Friendly
Society, retired; successor, Mr. T. Cryer.
- „ 21 Manchester Ship Canal formally opened by the Queen. 10,000
Rochdaliens visited Cottonopolis.
- „ 24 Mr. Jacob Bright, M.P., chosen a Privy Councillor.
- „ 26 Heavy Snowfall on Blackstone Edge.
- June 9 Athletic Grounds, Milnrow Road, opened.
- „ „ Littleborough School Board contest; three Churchmen and four
Progressives elected.
- „ 21 Fox Inn, Milnrow Road, sold by auction for £3,175.
- „ 30 Lifeboat Saturday Demonstration; receipts £358.
- „ *Rochdale and District Commercial and Postal Directory*, by J. G.
Duncan, published.
- „ *Memorials of the Lodge of Harmony of the Order of Freemasons*,
compiled by Bros. R. Greenwood and R. R. Grey, published
by Bro. J. Clegg.
- July 10 U.M.F.C. Annual Assembly commenced in the town. Alderman
J. Duckworth elected President.
- „ 21 Infirmary Gala at Foxholes. 27,334 persons present.
- „ 28 Voluntary Aid Society opened Clayclough Farmhouse as a home
for poor children in need of fresh air.
- „ 29 Dr. A. T. Schofield a well-known scientist and a native of Roch-
dale gave an Address in Nuttall Street School.
- „ Brickfield Co-operative Society amalgamated with the Pioneers'
Society.
- „ *David's Loom*, by "Th' Owd Weighver" (John Trafford Clegg),
published in collected form.
- Aug. 11 First Norden Agricultural Show held at Redfearns Farm.
- „ 17 Spotland Liberal Club's "going off fund" amounted to the sum
£1,450 3s. 6d.
- „ 22 Grapes Inn, Milnrow Road, License lapsed.
- „ Crawford Spinning Company lost £2,015 on the quarter's working.
- Sep. 6 Mr. Robert Clough, Temperance Advocate, interred.

- Sep. 8 Mr. G. E. Miles, twenty-four years' Treasurer of the Newbold Friendly Society, resigned; successor Mr. T. Asquith.
- „ 10 Branch of the Commercial Traveller's Association formed.
- „ 14 Mr. R. D. Mattley, Solicitor, appointed Clerk to the Norden Local Board.
- „ 19 Colonel Royds chosen Unionist Candidate for the borough.
- „ 24 A fine specimen of Sigillaria, 7 feet in height, discovered near Norman Road, Sparth.
- „ 27 Alderman T. Schofield was presented by Sir J. T. Hibbert, M.P., on behalf of subscribers, with a portrait in oils of himself.
- „ Rochdale Cricket Club won the Central Lancashire League Cup. The club retained the trophy for several seasons.
- „ Schmalz's Picture "Return from Calvary" exhibited in the Public Hall; visited by 9,000 persons.
- „ The latest and largest gasometer, Dane Street, completed; 136 feet in height, 150 feet diameter; holding capacity 2,403,293 cubic feet.
- „ Mr. J. H. Hodgson twenty-four years' Revising Barrister for the district retired.
- Oct. 2 Rochdale Agricultural Society re-formed.
- „ 3 The Yew Mill Strike which extended over several weeks, began. Serious disturbances.
- „ 6 Councillor J. Sharrocks was presented with the portrait of himself which hangs in the Beaconsfield Club, Baron Street.
- „ 15 Mr. T. Snape, M.P., distributed the prizes awarded to Technical School Students.
- „ 17 Sir Charles Hallé's last appearance in the town. Accompanied by Lady Hallé he gave a Recital in the Town Hall.
- „ 20 Burgess Roll contained 15,066 names, of which over 3,000 were women.
- „ 25 Rochdale Waste Lands' Protection Society formed, in consequence of persons having been turned off Blackstone Edge.
- „ 26 Jubilee of the Yeomanry Cavalry Troop celebrated.
- „ *A History of Lancashire* (Popular County Histories), by Lt.-Col. Henry Fishwick, published.
- Nov. 3 Crimean Veteran's Dinner held at the Duke of Wellington Inn. The number of veterans in the district was nineteen.
- „ 10 Pioneers' Society's Jubilee celebrated. To commemorate the event the Society gave £1,000 to the Infirmary.
- „ 16 Bacup portion of the Rochdale Union transferred to Haslingden.
- „ 17 Mr. R. D. Mattley, solicitor, was appointed Deputy County Coroner for the district.
- „ „ Millgate Liberal Club opened.
- „ „ School Board Contest: five Progressives, two Churchmen, one Independent Churchman, one Romanist, and two Labour representatives returned. Church Party lost two seats. See *Elections*.

- Nov. Scheme for making a Railway to Norden announced ; abandoned owing to want of financial support.
- Dec. 2 Sidebottom Memorial Window, St. Martin's, Castleton, unveiled.
- „ 7 Maiden Sitting at the Borough Police Court.
- „ 11 "Flannelette" Test Case brought by local woollen manufacturers who contended that the use of the word was misleading, opened in London ; summons ultimately dismissed. Decision upheld on appeal.
- „ „ Sir Robert Ball gave a Lecture in the Public Hall on "Astronomy."
- „ 17 First Election of the Board of Guardians as now constituted took place.
- A Scheme for making a Canal from Chadderton through Royton to Castleton, to join the Rochdale Canal, projected.
- Jolly's Note Book*, by H. Fishwick, F.S.A., published.

1895.

- Jan. 7 Mr. Robert Holt elected President of the Pioneers' Society.
- „ 9 Mr. Potter announced his intention of resigning his seat at the end of Parliament.
- „ 10 First meeting of the enlarged Board of Guardians.
- „ 31 "Castleton-by-Rochdale" re-named "Castleton, Lancashire" in public meeting.
- Feb. 4 Magisterial inquiry as to the authenticity of certain declarations put in at the Revision Court—summonses dismissed.
- „ 14 Very few Valentines passed through the P.O. In 1871 the number dealt with was 20,000.
- „ 16 Guardians Bye-Election in Wardleworth West owing to a tie:—R. Purdy (C.) 257 ; A. Whitehead (L.) 227 ; G. Penlington (S.) 164.
- „ 19 Mr. Charles Santley sang in the Town Hall.
- „ 22 Lord Cross was entertained at the Wellington Hotel by members of the Conservative and Unionist Club.
- „ 23 Robert Ackrigg sentenced to twelve years penal servitude for outrage at Blackstone Edge.
- „ 26 Mr. J. H. Wylie, M.A., H.M. Inspector of Schools appointed to Shrewsbury.
- Mar. 1 Election of two Borough Auditors:—J. Schofield (L.) 519 ; J. M. L. Chadwick (C.) 506 ; R. Thompson (S.) 320 ; P. Lee (I.L.P.) retired, 11.
- „ 2 Coventry Street Church Schools opened by Dr. Moorhouse ; cost £7,435.
- „ 4 Theatre re-opened after the fire which occurred 27th January, 1894, with the "Bauble Shop," in which Mr. C. Wyndham appeared.

- Mar. 20 Providence New Chapel, High Street, opened; 600 sittings; cost £5,500. The first place of worship in the town lighted by electricity.
- „ 26 Rochdale and Manor Brewery Company Limited incorporated; capital £161,000 in £10 shares.
- „ Union Street Day School transferred to the School Board.
- „ Norden Railway Bill for the construction of a line, 1 mile 5 furlongs in length, from Facit branch line, before Parliament.
- „ 2,000 persons estimated to be suffering from Influenza.
- Apl. 6 Socialist Club, George Street, opened.
- „ 10 The Law Student's Association inaugurated; Mr. Edgar Brierley, Barrister-at-Law, President.
- „ 14 Peal of Tubular Bells, Ashworth Chapel, dedicated.
- „ 23 Mr. W. L. Bright (L.) gave his one public Address during his Parliamentary campaign in the borough, illness preventing his taking any further active work.
- „ 29 Town's Meeting denounced the Armenian atrocities. Professor Thoumaian, an exile, spoke.
- „ Tucker's Silk Mill, Sudden, after running for thirty years, stopped.
- „ Shield of the N.U. of Teachers awarded to the Rochdale Branch, for contributing the largest sum per member to the benevolent fund of the Union. The Branch contributed £500.
- May 23 Alderman J. Duckworth contested Leamington and Warwick: Hon. A. Lyttleton (U.), 2,815; Duckworth (L.), 2,236.
- „ Norden Conservative Club Buildings Company Limited, formed.
- „ Castleton (Lancs.) Liberal Club Buildings Company Limited, formed.
- June 5 Mr. William Law, Littleborough, presented an East Window to Shakespere's Church, Stratford-on-Avon. "One of the greatest improvements effected in the Church in this generation."
- „ 11 Mr. J. Elliott, Borough Treasurer, appointed to Salford.
- „ 14 Rochdale Magazine Club, formed 1828, for the supply of current periodicals, dissolved. The Club held a dinner half-yearly, until a recent period, and an annual gathering away from the town. Mr. George Craven was Secretary for sixty-two years.
- „ „ Betting raid on four licensed houses. Eight persons fined in all £115 and costs, and £21 extra costs, 26th June.
- „ 24 Mr. W. A. Peters, Ryefield, and Mr. A. T. Radcliffe, Healey Hall, appointed County Justices.
- „ 26 Infirmary Building Extension Fund, projected at a meeting in the Town Hall. £5,000 subsequently raised. Col. Royds, M.P., Alderman Duckworth, Mr. S. Turner, and Mr. F. G. Crowther each contributed £500.
- „ 30 Four Memorial Windows to the Heape and Grundy families placed in Blackwater Street Chapel.
- „ Collinge Street, extending from Oldham Road to Starvation Bridge, re-named Durham Street.

- July 3 Robert Clough Memorial in the Cemetery unveiled.
- „ 4 Mr. S. Boothman, Nelson, appointed Borough Treasurer.
- „ 7 Rev. T. J. Barker appointed to St. Stephen's Church.
- „ 8 Mr. J. A. Bright, M.P., retired from the representation of Central Birmingham.
- „ 13 Agricultural Show, first since 1877, held on the Athletic Ground, Newbold; 1,300 entries; 12,000 persons present.
- „ 15 Borough Parliamentary Election: Colonel Royds (U.), 4,781; W. L. Bright (G.), 4,359; G. N. Barnes (S.), 1,251. Cost: Royds, £812 17s. 1d., (2s. 6d. per vote); Bright, £504 0d. 4d., (2s. 3d.); Barnes, £160 11s. 0½d., (2s. 6d.)
- „ Sir H. H. Howorth re-elected M.P. for South Salford.
- „ Mr. Edwyn Holt, Manchester, a member of an old Bamford family, contested North-East Manchester against Sir James Fergusson, and was defeated.
- „ 18 Middleton Div. Parliamentary Election; T. Fielden (U.), 5,926; C. H. Hopwood (G.), 5,061.
- „ 20 Infirmary Gala; 10,000 persons present; a loss of £350.
- „ 22 Mr. George Kemp, B.A., (U.) Beechwood, elected M.P. for Heywood Division by 4,489 votes, to 3,933 votes recorded for Mr. T. Snape (G.)
- Aug. 7 Mr. J. Wrigley, Station-Master, was publicly presented by Colonel Royds, M.P., on behalf of subscribers with an Address and £755, in appreciation of thirty-four years services at the Railway Station.
- „ 10 Rev. J. A. Kempthorne, M.A., Gateshead, inducted to the living of St. Mary's, The Baum.
- „ Lieut.-Col. Fishwick, F.S.A., elected President of the Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire.
- „ Old Clock Face Hotel, Lord Street, sold to the Crown Brewing Company, Bury, for £8,000.
- „ Pioneers' Society had under consideration the establishment of a Co-operative Temperance Hotel in the town.
- „ Star Inn, Drake Street, sold to Seed's Brewery for £6,000.
- „ Mr. J. T. Worth, Registrar of the County Court, appointed first Notary Public in the town.
- „ Mr. G. Kemp, M.P., appointed Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of the Admiralty.
- „ Debentures first issued by the School Board on the security of the local rates at 3 per cent., to raise loans.
- Sep. 6 *Sketches and Rhymes in the Rochdale Dialect*, by John Trafford Clegg, ("Th' Owd Weighver,") Vol. I. published. Vol. II. completing the work, published January 31st, 1899.
- „ 12 Mr. F. H. Mellor first sat as Revising Barrister for this district, having succeeded Mr. J. H. Hodgson.
- „ 21 Rev. A. D. Davies, M.A., inducted to St. Luke's, Deeplish.

- Sep. 26 Dearnley Church consecrated by Dr. Moorhouse; 400 sittings; cost £3,300.
- „ 27 Rochdale Spinning Company, Limited, declared a fifth consecutive dividend of 10 per cent, having previously declared eighteen dividends of 12½ per cent. each.
- „ 30 Oldham Joint Stock, now London City and Midland, Bank's premises, Bridge End, opened.
- „ Master Bootmakers' Association formed.
- Oct. 2 First Cremation from Rochdale took place at the Manchester Crematorium, the body being that of Mr. Sam Standing, Secularist.
- „ 5 Mr. A. L. Mills presented with an Address and a cheque in recognition of fifteen years' services as Conservative Agent.
- „ 8 Dr. N. Buckley's valuable and extensive library dispersed at a three days' sale. Eighteen years had elapsed since the previous sale.
- „ 9 Mr. W. H. Cruddas, Leeds, appointed Conservative Agent.
- „ 17 Union Manufacturing Company, Limited, formed 1887, in liquidation. Adverse balance, £17,530.
- „ 23 Rochdale and District Reform Club established. Alderman Duckworth's offer of his Temperance Hotel for club premises was accepted.
- „ 27 Canon Boulaye inducted to Ann Street Roman Catholic Church.
- „ 28 Mr. T. E. Wilkinson, Drake Street, who died this day, by will left a legacy of £100 to the Infirmary.
- „ 29 Licenses of the following beerhouses, all on the Glebe, lapsed:—
 Watchman's Home, Water Street; Joiners' Arms, River Street; Duke of York, Livsey Street; Freehold Tavern, Drake Street; Moss Tavern, Milnrow Road.
- „ Portrait in oils of Edwin Waugh, Lancashire poet, presented to the town by Mr. T. R. Wilkinson, Manchester.
- Nov. 2 Temperance Club, Dower House, Cheetham Street, opened.
- „ 4 Spotland Board School, Clarke's Lane, opened. Cost £14,000.
- „ 12 Union Shed, Castleton Gales, which cost £40,000 to equip, sold by auction for £13,150.
- „ 13 Rochdale District Nursing Association formed.
- „ 23 Mr. T. Bamford, Wardle, who died this day, by will left £500 to the Infirmary.
- „ 27 Professor John Milne, the eminent seismologist, in the Public Hall, gave a lecture on "Earth Movements."
- „ Rev. W. B. Berry, M.A. Vicar of Smallbridge since 1881, appointed Rector of Beelsby, Lincolnshire.
- Dec. 5 Councillor James Cheetham elected first Conservative Alderman since the extension of the borough, 1872.
- „ 8 Presbyterian Church Spire, erected by public subscription, dedicated; height from the ground, 126 feet. Cost £1,070.

- Dec. 12 Canon Boulaye coöpted a member of the School Board; *vice* Canon O'Neill, deceased.
- „ 14 Newbold Workmen's Club formed; 160 members.
- „ 22 Rev. J. T. Bradsell appointed Curate of St. James's Church.
- „ 31 M. Leo Melliet, B. A., LL. B., Mayor of Paris during the Commune, gave a lecture at the Socialists' Club, Townhead, on "Ideas and Facts."
- „ John Baxter Limited, Brewers, incorporated; price paid for the concern, £154,473 16s. 7d.

1896.

- Jan. 15 Dr. Jayne, Bishop of Chester addressed a large Temperance meeting in the Public Hall.
- „ 25 Councillor T. Watson, J.P., elected President of the Reform Association, *vice* Mr. G. Petrie, J.P., resigned.
- „ Mr. H. C. March, M.D., presented to the town the collection of Flints and Fossils now placed in the Free Public Library.
- „ Sudden Silk Mill taken over by the Rochdale Rhea Fibre Spinning Company Limited.
- Feb. 8 Rev. C. H. Peters, M.A., inducted Vicar of St. John's, Small-bridge.
- „ 11 Shopkeeper's Union inaugurated; 136 members.
- „ „ John Bright Statue, Westminster Hall, unveiled by the Duke of Devonshire.
- „ 15 Rochdale and District Nonconformist Council of Evangelical Free Churches formed, Mr. Charles Heap, President.
- „ 29 Rev. G. W. Hunt, M.A., inducted to St. James's, Calderbrook.
- „ Park Slopes connected by a bridge across the roadway leading from the Esplanade to Sparrow Hill.
- „ Skating Rink, Castlemere Street, demolished.
- Mar. 2 Election of two Borough Auditors:—J. Schofield (L.) 522; J. M. L. Chadwick (C.) 344; R. Thompson (S.) 310; number of electors qualified to vote, 14,743.
- „ 5 Mr. H. C. March, Police Surgeon, resigned.
- „ 18 Drs. W. J. Kerr and A. Jefferson elected to the honorary medical Staff of the Infirmary on the resignation of Drs. March and Elliott.
- „ 21 Norden Liberal Club opened in Pilling Street, Mr. J. E. Porritt, President; number of members 170. *See 20th October, 1898.*
- „ 25 New Board Room, &c., Union Offices, Townhead, opened; cost of alterations £4,880.
- „ 27 Union Manufacturing Company Limited, Castleton Gales, dissolved; preference shareholders received 1/- in the £; ordinary shareholders nil.

- Mar. Messrs. Schunck ceased working Wicken Hall Mills, Newhey.
 ,, Overseers first appointed by Urban District Councils.
 ,, Second portion of the Park Slopes, near the Town Hall, completed from designs by and at the expense of Mr. J. Ogden, Kilnerdeyne.
- Apl. 3 Mr. Clement M. Royds, M.P., gazetted Colonel of the Yeomanry Cavalry.
 ,, 23 Mr. James Holden, Marland, who died this day, by will left £2,000 to the Infirmary.
 ,, 28 Lord Rosebery opened the Reform Club, Drake Street. In the evening he addressed a great Liberal meeting in the Town Hall.
 ,, Overseers' Offices, The Butts, opened.
 ,, The amount provided in the Government estimates for the local postal department was £6,674, and for telegraph service £1,187.
- May 9 Milnrow National Schools enlarged at a cost of £1,000.
 ,, 19 Mr. H. J. Tennant, M.P., and Commissioners, visited the town to enquire into the state of health and safety of factory operatives.
 ,, 22 Divers at work in Hollingworth Lake searching for the body of a youth supposed to have been drowned; a cruel hoax.
 ,, 23 Wesley Chapel, Castlemere, New Schools Memorial Stones were laid.
 ,, Map of Rochdale, scale 6 inches to a mile, prepared by Mr. H. Yarwood, published.
- June 3 Yeomanry Cavalry in training at Carlisle after three annual visits to Southport.
 ,, 14 Miss Bridge, Castleton, who died this day, by will left the interest of £500 to increase the stipend of the Curate-in-Charge of Thornham Church.
 ,, 17 Town's Meeting to consider the establishment of a Municipal Lodging House; proposal approved for the third time.
 ,, 18 Meeting of the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots held in the Town Hall, Sir J. T. Hibbert, K.C.B., presiding.
 ,, 27 L. & Y. Railway Company introduced a cheap market train service to the town from surrounding villages on Saturdays and Mondays.
 ,, 29 Castlemere Board School, Tweedale Street, opened; accommodation for 440 scholars.
- July 2 Mr. W. J. Kerr, M.D., appointed Police Surgeon.
 ,, 6 L. & Y. Branch Bank, Bridge End, opened.
 ,, 18 Last Infirmary Gala held; 20,000 persons present.
 ,, Mr. Samuel Turner presented £700 to the Lifeboat Institution for a new lifeboat in memory of his wife, deceased.
- Aug. 2 Lowerfold U.M.F.C. Jubilee celebrated.

- Aug. 2 Memorial Tablet to the Presbyterian and Unitarian Ministers of Rochdale, erected by Mr. Richard Heape, unveiled in Blackwater Street Chapel.
- „ 6 Royle Barn Farm, Castleton, 45a. 1r. 34p., sold for £8,000.
- „ 22 Mr. F. W. Purcell ended his proprietorship of the Theatre Royal.
- „ Rev. D. Heaton ceased his ministry at Union Street Chapel.
- Sep. 3 Sewage Scheme, Roach Mills, extended; total cost of works to date, £72,000.
- „ 8 Councillor John Turner, Mayor, gave a Fancy Dress Ball in the Town Hall to about 150 juveniles; a pretty spectacle.
- „ 9 Rochdale Blind Society formed.
- „ 21 Town's Meetings in the Town Hall and Public Hall, Baillie Street, on the Armenian Question. Relief fund started; £361 16s. 4d. raised.
- „ Rev. A. Dimock, B.A., Wardle, exchanged livings with the Rev. H. Baugh, Rector of Netherden, Suffolk.
- „ Colonel Royds, M.P., attended the Inter-Parliamentary Conference at Buda-Pesth.
- Oct. 15 Fifty-seventh Anniversary of the Union of Lancashire and Cheshire Institutes held in the town. Lord Derby and Sir U. J. K. Shuttleworth, Bart., present.
- „ 17 Spotland Reform Club, Lark Hill, formally opened by Alderman T. Snape; cost of building, £1,200.
- „ 19 Rev. J. B. Phillips, M.A., inducted to the living of St. Edmund's, vacant by the death of the Rev. C. E. Norris, M.A.
- „ 21 Woolpack Hotel, Drake Street, two lock-up shops in Richard Street, buildings formerly two cottages in Henry Street, and No. 101, Drake Street, withdrawn at an auction sale at £6,800.
- „ Mr. A. B. Pilling of this town, Town Clerk of Heywood, appointed Town Clerk of Devonport.
- Nov. 6 Rochdale Ice and Cold Stores Co. Ld., Exchange Street, formed.
- „ 16 Three Days' Conference of the National Union of Conservatives began. Colonel Royds gave a reception in the Town Hall to 2,000 persons. On the following day the Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P. addressed meetings in the Theatre (Lord Derby presiding), Town Hall, and the Circus. Marquis of Granby and a large number of M.P.'s present.
- „ 21 Freemason's Arms, School Lane, license annulled at Quarter Sessions.
- „ „ Mr. G. T. Davies, Postmaster, appointed to Stockport.
- „ 29 Jubilee of the Bridge Inn Sick and Burial Society celebrated by a gathering in the Town Hall. Number of members, over 7,000.
- „ Fleece Inn, Fleece Street, rebuilt.
- Dec. 17 Mr. H. Broadhurst, M.P., and Mr. E. J. Griffiths, M.P., addressed a Reform meeting in the Town Hall.
- „ „ Mr. J. L. Toole began a three nights' engagement at the Theatre Royal; his last visit.

- Dec. 17 Earthquake shock felt throughout the town.
 „ 24 Market first lighted by electricity.
 „ *Rochdale Nonconformist*, No. 1, a monthly magazine, published.
 „ Water Supply averaged 1,750,000 gallons per diem.
 „ Public Bowling Green, The Park, approved by the Town Council ;
 abandoned owing to want of suitable area.
 „ Eighteen Sick and Burial Societies with 60,000 members and
 £135,000 in funds existed in the district.
 „ Crossfield Mansion and 4 acres of land adjoining sold by auction
 for £3,500.

1897.

- Jan. 4 Mr. A. Mc. K. Howard, Postmaster, entered upon his duties.
 „ 23 Alderman J. Duckworth, M.P., elected President of the Reform
 Association.
 „ 25 Indian Famine Fund opened. £4,090 17s. 9d. raised.
 „ 29 Lieut.-Col. Fishwick, F.S.A., elected President of the Lancashire
 and Cheshire Antiquarian Society.
 „ 31 Rev. J. H. Hollowell ceased his ministry at Milton Congregational
 Church.
 „ “Blind Jimmy,” a well-known local character, died.
 „ Sir E. Kay, Lord Justice of Appeal, a son of Mr. Robert Kay, of
 Bamford, resigned ; died 15th February.
 „ Gartside Charity funds amounted to £5,383 10s. 5d.; income
 £140 0s. 8d.
 „ Rev. J. B. Phillips, M.A., commenced his vicariate at Falinge
 Church.
- Feb. 7 Rev. B. W. Jackson began his ministry at Providence Chapel.
 „ „ Poll on the question of forming a School Board for Castleton
 (Lancs.) :—for a School Board 437, against 627.
 „ 11 Lieut.-Col. Fishwick elected Chairman of the School Board.
 „ „ Rev. Hugh Price Hughes addressed a great meeting in Baillie
 Street Chapel.
 „ 13 Presentation of an illuminated address to Mr. F. W. Purcell, late
 proprietor of the Theatre.
 „ 25 Funeral of Dean Moriarty, who died at Nice on the 16th; 2,000
 persons present.
 „ 27 Castleton Sewage Works, Trub, opened.
 „ „ Motor Car first passed through the town.
- Mar. 1 Election of Borough Auditors:—W. Redman (C.) 795 ; J. Scho-
 field (L.) 702 ; J. M. L. Chadwick (C.) 675 ; C. E. Lewis (L.)
 575 ; R. Thompson (S.) 482.
 „ 10 Mr. W. Watts, Piethorn Waterworks, appointed Engineer of
 Sheffield Waterworks, at a salary of £800 per annum.

- Mar. 24 Colonel Royds, President of the Manchester and District Bankers' Institute, delivered his inaugural address.
- „ 29 Rochdale Hunt Races first held at Rakewood ; 4 miles course.
- „ 31 Dog Licenses in the borough for the year ended this day produced £1,104 15s.; carriages, £497 2s.; spirits, £3,465 12s. 6d.
- „ „ Mr. Robert Young, 29 years Supervisor of Excise, retired.
- „ Drake Street Baptist Chapel re-named Park Baptist Chapel.
- „ Number of men ordinarily employed by the Corporation between 800 and 900 ; wages £1,000 per week.
- „ Canon Boulaye, St. John's Roman Catholic Church, appointed to Blackburn.
- „ Rev. H. Chipp appointed to St. John's Roman Catholic Church.
- „ Rev. T. Cusack appointed to St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church.
- Apl. 15 Wesley Schools, Castlemere Street, erected on the site of the Skating Rink, opened ; cost £3,750.
- „ 16 Conference of the Lancashire Association of Sunday School Unions held in the town.
- „ 21 Hon. Mons. Bergerein, Belgian Minister of Justice, visited Buckley Hall Orphanage and Spotland Board School.
- „ 22 Mr. J. T. Worth, Solicitor, elected Chairman of the Board of Guardians.
- „ 28 Redcross Street new Schools opened ; accommodation for 700 children ; cost £3,500.
- „ 30 First brick of the Era Mill, Woodbine Street, formally laid by Councillor W. Dunning. Engine christened 16th July, 1896.
- May 12 County Police Court House and Offices, Theatre Street, opened ; the building cost £8,000.
- „ „ Whitworth Sewage Purification Works opened.
- „ 15 It was announced that Mrs. C. M. Royds intended to present 13,000 Jubilee medals to children attending elementary schools.
- „ 20 It was announced that the Holden Trustees intended to endow the new wing of the Infirmary with £18,000.
- „ 22 Castleton East Ward Conservative Club, Hulme Street, opened.
- „ 27 Mr. R. Winter succeeded Mr. T. Clegg, Liberal Agent.
- „ 27 Rev. John Watson, "Ian Maclaren," gave a Lecture in Trinity Presbyterian Church, on "Annals of Drumtochty."
- „ 31 Superintendent Thomas Heywood, County Police, retired.
- „ It was announced that Colonel Royds, M.P., Alderman Duckworth, Mr. S. Turner, and Mr. F. G. Crowther, had each promised to give £1,000 to the Infirmary Endowment Fund.
- „ Holt's Tobacco Shop at the Junction of Church Lane and Drake Street, pulled down for street improvements.
- June 1 Superintendent W. Mc. Queen, Middleton, succeeded Superintendent T. Heywood.
- „ 4 Mr. J. W. Gregson appointed Conservative Agent.

- June 19 F. E. Bacon, the World's Champion Runner, on the Athletic Grounds, Milnrow Road, beat Deerfoot's one hour record of 11 miles 970 yards, by 273 yards. 20,000 persons present.
- „ 22 Record Reign Celebration. Great rejoicings; brilliant decorations; procession of 12,000 Sunday School Scholars. Bonfire on Blackstone Edge, 75 tons of material consumed.
- „ Messrs. W. Hardman, H. Sharp, J. Henry, R. Walker, W. Cockcroft, and J. W. Baron, appointed Borough Justices.
- „ *Rochdale and the Vale of Whitworth*, by W. Robertson, published.
- July 2 Alderman J. Cheetham resigned the Chairmanship of the Conservative party.
- „ 17 Agricultural Show at Willbutts; 5,000 persons present.
- „ 24 Holden Wing of the Infirmary, opened by Lord Stanley, M.P.
- „ „ Unveiling of Tablets at the Infirmary over beds endowed by the gifts of £1,000 each from Colonel Royds, M.P., Alderman Duckworth, and Mr. Samuel Turner, Chaseley.
- „ Mr. J. Pearson appointed Manager of the Williams Deacon, &c., Bank.
- Aug. 18 Amount distributed by Savings' Clubs during the Rushbearing holidays, £17,000.
- „ 23 Professor J. Milne of this town gave a Lecture before the British Association, at Toronto, on Earthquakes.
- Sep. 23 Mr. J. Leach appointed Town Clerk at a salary of £500 per annum.
- „ 28 St. Clement's Football Club disbanded.
- Oct. 3 Spotland U.M.F.C., Rooley Moor Road, opened; cost £5,500.
- „ 13 Sir J. T. Brunner, M.P., in the Town Hall, distributed the prizes awarded to the Technical School Students.
- „ 21 Rochdale Gymnasium, Sparrow Hill School, formally opened.
- Nov. 4 Middleton Division Parliamentary Election, on the death of Mr. T. Fielden.—*See Elections.*
- „ 10 Rt. Hon. H. H. Asquith, M.P., addressed a meeting of Liberals in the Town Hall, on current politics.
- „ 26 Lieut.-Col. Fishwick elected President of the Lancashire Parish Register Society, of which he was the founder.
- „ 27 Rev. W. J. Whitworth inducted to the benefice of Facit, vacant by the death of the Rev. E. H. Aldridge.
- „ 29 Lieut.-Col. Fishwick appointed Chairman of the newly elected School Board.
- „ Rev. J. Evans accepted the pastorate of Milton Congregational Church.
- „ Local subscribers to the Telephone system numbered 230.
- Dec. 1 It was announced that Mr. W. Mather, Salford, declined to contest the borough in the Liberal interest.
- „ 15 St. Aidan's Church, Marland, opened.
- „ 20 Town's Meeting rejected the Waterworks Extension Scheme.

- Dec. 24 Electric Lighting installation, Edenfield Road, Norden, inaugurated.
 400 Penny-in-the-slot Gas Meters in use.
 "Shaw" Railway Station re-named "Shaw and Crompton."
 Prolonged dispute in the Engineering trade; great lock-out of unionists.
 1,346 Half-Timers employed in the town; in 1873 the number was 4,218.
 Daily consumption of water, 1,952,000 gallons.
 Income from water supplied for trade purposes, £6,040; in 1870 the income was £226.

1898.

- Jan. Ward meetings were held throughout the town in favour of the new Waterworks Scheme.
- Feb. 11 Poll on the question of acquiring Todmorden Waterworks declared: Votes for the scheme 8,692; against 4,368.
- „ 12 United Kingdom Commercial Travellers' Association Central Board entertained by Councillor Miles Ashworth, Mayor.
- „ 20 Rev. Jonathan Evans commenced his ministry at Milton Congregational Church.
- „ 24 Littleborough Ratepayers decided to oppose the new Rochdale Water Scheme.
- „ Archdeacon Wilson, M.A., elected Hulsean Lecturer, Cambridge University.
- „ Mr. J. Brindle, Secretary of the Tram Company, appointed the Manager.
- Mar. 1 Borough Auditors' Election:—W. C. Redman (C.) 875; J. Schofield (L.) 449; J. W. Scott (Lab.) 318; C. E. Lewis (L.) retired, 15.
- „ 3 It was announced that the Ecclesiastical Commissioners had agreed to waive the condition that the Corporation should raise £500 on the gift of land adjoining Robinson's works being made.
- „ 15 Dr. Dallinger gave a Lecture in the Public Hall, on "Spiders, their work and wisdom."
- „ 17 Presentation of Plate to Mr. R. A. Leach, Union Clerk, by Col. Royds, M.P., on behalf of subscribers.
- „ 26 Pioneers' Society's new offices, Toad Lane, opened.
- „ „ Newbold Friendly Society's funds amounted to £53,332 9s. 9d.; number of members 25,251.
- „ 30 Earl Spencer addressed a large meeting of Liberals in the Town Hall.
- „ 31 Countess Spencer opened a four days Liberal Bazaar in the Town Hall; about £2,400 net realised.

- Mar. 31 Volume of Sewage dealt with at Roach Mills for twelve months ended this day was 751 million gallons.
- „ „ Interments in the Cemetery during the previous twelve months numbered 1,399.
- „ „ Gas Profits for the year ended this day, £7,820 18s. 9½d.
- „ „ It was announced that Mr. C. Whitaker, J.P., had offered to the town 8½ acres of land at Brimrod for use as a recreation ground.
- „ Rochdale Amateur Operatic Society formed.
- Apl. 21 Mr. Henry Wadsworth elected Chairman of the Board of Guardians.
- „ „ Mr. Joseph Rushworth, having been defeated at the polls, was coöpted a member of the Board of Guardians—he declined the position.
- „ 23 Nave of St. Luke's Church, and Baptistry, the latter in memory of Mr. John Pilling Brierley, Lauriston, dedicated; 474 sittings.
- „ 25 A Tie for the Chairmanship of the Castleton Urban District Council occurred. On reference to arbitration, Councillor T. Holt (C.) was recommended for election, Councillor F. Hilton or a nominee of the Liberal party to succeed him. A similar deadlock occurred at Milnrow.
- „ Mr. Henry Brierley, Solicitor, appointed Registrar of the Wigan County Court.
- „ Price of the quatern loaf raised from 4d. to 6d. owing to the Cuban War.
- „ It was announced that the Harp Inn, Penn Street, and Cottages adjoining, valued at £1,000, had been sold for £4,000.
- May 2 Superintendent Leonard Barry, Wigan, appointed Chief Constable.
- „ 4 Champion Banner of the Primrose League presented to the Rochdale Habitation.
- „ 6 Tie for the Chairmanship of the Milnrow Urban District Council, decided by arbitration in favour of Councillor W. Holt (L).
- „ 10-11 Mr. Slattery and his wife, ex-Roman Catholics, gave Lectures in the Public Hall, on the Romish Faith. 2,000 persons assembled in the neighbourhood; disorderly scenes.
- „ 19 Rochdale Amateur Players formed.
- „ 24 Dr. McLaren, the well-known Nonconformist, gave an Address in Union Street Chapel.
- „ 28 Funeral of Mr. Gladstone: Service in the Parish Church simultaneously with the State Ceremony in Westminster Abbey; members of the Corporation, School Board, &c., present.
- June 2 Town Council adopted a resolution in favour of taking over the undertaking of the Tramway Company within the borough in 1902.
- „ 18 Centenary of the firm of Messrs. O. & W. Ormerod, Leather Curriers, observed.
- „ „ Littleborough U.M.F.C. Choir won the first prize, open to all comers, at the Annual Festival of the Nonconformist Choir Union, held in London.

- June 20 Rev. T. W. Wareham, M.A., instituted Vicar of Newhey.
- „ 25 Lifeboat Saturday Demonstration. Large procession; lifeboat launched in the canal basin, &c. Net proceeds £353 15s. 3d.
- „ 28 Sharrocks Memorial Window, St. Peter's Church, unveiled.
- „ Shelters placed in Broadfield Park; cost about £280.
- „ J. Henry, M.D., appointed District Medical Referee under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897.
- July 11 Mr. E. B. Fielden adopted Unionist Candidate for the Middleton Division of Lancashire.
- „ 13 It was announced that Alderman Duckworth, M.P., had succeeded in obtaining the £20,000 he undertook to raise for the U.M.F.C. Theological College.
- „ 16 Era Mill, Woodbine Street, engines christened; number of spindles when complete 51,200.
- „ 18 Irish Rebellion of '98 commemorated in the Public Hall; Mr. J. C. Flynn, M.P., present.
- „ 23 Mr. J. Guest elected President of Newbold Friendly Society, *vice* Mr. T. Cryer, resigned.
- „ 25 Weavers' Arms, a freehold beerhouse as Stoneyfield, let at £18 per annum, sold by auction for £1,805—over 100 years' purchase.
- Aug. 3 Wellington Hotel, Drake Street, sold by auction for £10,850.
- „ 12 Rochdale Water Act 1898, received Royal Assent.
- „ „ A hot day; 87·5 in the shade, 108·5 in the sun.
- „ 13 Presentation of an illuminated address, &c., to Mr. S. Clegg, 35 years Master of St. Edmund's Schools.
- „ Victoria Spinning Company Limited, Woodbine Street, projected.
- Sep. 2 Several Rochdaliens were engaged in the Battle of Omdurman.
- „ 3 Whitworth Agricultural Show revived.
- „ 4 New Pulpit, St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Ann Street, the gift of the Pozzi family, dedicated.
- „ 22 Rev. R. B. Willett, B.A., inducted Vicar of Norden.
- „ „ Jubilee of Park Baptist Chapel, Drake Street, observed.
- „ 23 Alderman Duckworth opened the new Wing of the U.M.F.C. College, Manchester, built at his sole cost (£3,000).
- „ 26-27 Messrs. Barnum & Bailey's Great Show, on tour through the country, visited the town.
- Oct. 1 Memorial Tablet to members of the Smith family, Moorhouse, placed in Milnrow Parish Church, by employees.
- „ 20 Lord Ripon formally opened Norden Liberal Club, Edenfield Road.
- „ „ Lord Ripon addressed a large meeting of Liberals in the Town Hall.
- „ 25 Conference of the Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Women's Liberal Associations held in the town—160 delegates present.

- Oct. 29 Whitworth new Church Schools opened ; cost £2,700.
- Nov. 2 Countess Kearney gave a Liberal Lecture in Moorhouse U.M.F.C. School-room.
- „ 7 It was announced that the Holden Trustees had given £10,000 to the Children's Hospital, Pendlebury, and £10,000 to St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester.
- „ 10 Interment of Mr. T. B. Potter (who died 6th November, aged 80 years), in Heyshott Churchyard, near Midhurst.
- „ „ Meeting of the Wellington Hotel Company's Shareholders on winding-up the concern ; a dividend of 32s. 1d. per £1 share shewn.
- „ 23 Eclipse Mill, Buckley, projected ; first sod cut 16th Jan., 1899.
- „ 26 Royle Bowling and Billiard Club, Castleton, opened ; cost £2,300.
- Dec. 6 Theatre Hotel, Stabling and Cattle Sheds, withdrawn at a sale by auction at £7,500.
- „ 10 9,283 tramps admitted to the Casual Ward, Dearnley, since 10th December previously.
- „ 12 About 4,000 Vaccination Exemption Certificates were granted by the local Justices to this date.
- „ 19 Duke of Marlborough presided over a Primrose League Conference in the Public Hall. In the evening he addressed a large meeting in the Town Hall.
- „ 27 Total Eclipse of the Moon ; the sky being clear a large number of persons turned out to witness the spectacle.
- „ 31 There were 134 licensed victuallers, 153 beer-shop-keepers, 71 holders of grocers' licenses, 22 wholesale spirit dealers, and 9 holders of confectioners' licenses to sell wine, in the town.
- „ Full strength of the police force, 81 men.
- „ Thirteen Common Lodging-Houses were in existence.
- „ *Registers of the Parish Church of Bury, 1590—1616, published ; Mr. Henry Brierley, Solicitor, joint Editor with Rev. W. J. Löwenberg.*

SOME MEMORABLE ACCIDENTS.

- 1798—Feb. 8 James Leach, musician, killed at Blackley, by the overturning of the Leeds coach on its way to Manchester.
- 1819—Aug. 16 Peterloo gathering; two Rochdaliens injured.
- 1820—Nov. 8 Fall of the river wall during the last Bull-bait; seven persons killed.
- 1829—May Shuttle gathering riot; ten persons killed.
- 1835—June 19 Stage Coach overturned at the bottom of Blackwater Street; several persons injured.
- 1847—Jan. 13 Skating fatality at Hollingworth Lake; three persons were drowned.
- 1848—Jan. 13 Two men descending Messrs. Knowles & Thompson's pit, Sparth Bottoms, fell down the shaft owing to the breaking of a rope, and were killed.
- 1854—July 15 Boiler explosion at Williamson's Bridgefield Mill; ten persons killed, and twenty injured. A bed in which lay two children, whose parents were killed by the explosion, is said to have been blown into the river.
- „ Nov. 14 Owing to the breaking of a chain, seven persons descending Messrs. Knowles' pit, Milnrow, were hurled to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of 240 feet, and killed.
- 1859—Nov. 4 Naptha explosion at Swift's drug shop, Cheetham Street; boy killed.
- 1860—Aug. 25 Three men killed by the overturning of a cage whilst descending to commence work at Gatehouse Colliery, Littleborough.
- 1861—Mar. 29 Two boats in collision on Hollingworth Lake; thirteen persons immersed, of whom five were drowned.
- „ Sep. 5 William Lord, Gibson Row, fell over Oakenrod Bridge and was drowned; the river being in flood, the body was carried to Heap Bridge, and recovered there Sep. 23rd.
- 1862—Jan. 5 Warehouse, formerly used as a Theatre, in Anchor Yard, fell with a tremendous crash.
- „ Oct. 15 The floor of a building in The Baum gave way during a sale of machinery; three persons killed and many injured.
- 1863—Sep. 25 A man killed and another seriously injured by a pulley and chain falling down Brimrod pit shaft.
- 1865—Aug. 23 Grand Stand at the Whitworth and Rochdale Agricultural Show fell; four ladies and a boy injured.
- 1866—Nov. 26 Horses attached to the Whitworth 'bus bolted. In Whitworth Road the vehicle collided with a lamp-post; a man killed by falling from the top of the 'bus.
- 1868—May 28 Broadhalgh Colliery explosion; two men killed.
- 1869—June 29 A four-wheel drag containing five persons backed into Hollingworth Lake, near the Fisherman's Inn, and fell a distance of 14 feet. Two women drowned.

Some Memorable Accidents—*continued.*

- 1869—Dec. 20 R. Lomas fell down Brimrod pit shaft, a distance of 100 yards; died the following day.
- 1870—July 13 Railway accident at Milkstone; 12 persons injured.
- 1871—Jan. 2 Boiler explosion at McOwen's Ironfoundry, Ramsay Street, a portion of the boiler was blown a distance of 100 yards.
- 1872—June 14 Fatal fire-damp disaster at Brotherod pit owing to the use of naked lights.
- „ Sep. 18 Four women killed by the falling of ruins at Frankfort Mill, Littleborough, which was destroyed by fire, August 23rd.
- „ Oct. 22 Railway accident at Milkstone caused by a bullock jumping from a passing cattle train. The animal fell in front of an express train, the engine of which with four carriages left the line.
- 1874—Feb. 20 W. Taylor and Isabella Cannon, lovers, whilst walking on the railway line at Bluepits, were knocked down by a passing train and instantly killed.
- „ Aug. 18 An excursion train carrying 300 scholars from Baillie Street and Castlemere U.M.F.C. Sunday Schools to Ripon collided with a train at Eastwood.
- „ Dec. 4 Fatal hoist accident at Mitchel Hey Mill.
- 1875—Nov. 12 Fall of earth at the gasworks during excavations; a youth killed, two men seriously injured.
- 1877—Mar. 3 Syke Lane Colliery accident; two men killed by stone falling.
- 1878—Feb. 21 Mr. Edmund Taylor, jeweller, was drowned in a mill lodge whilst returning from Ashworth in the dark.
- „ Apl. 23 First boating fatality at Hollingworth Lake for 17 years.
- „ Aug. 15 Horse attached to a cab bolted in Drake Street and dashed into the river. The cab was completely wrecked; the horse and driver sustained but trifling injuries.
- 1879—Feb. 10 A man killed at Messrs. Fishwick & Company's Colliery, Cronkeyshaw, through the breaking of a chain; narrow escapes.
- „ Apl. 9 Three men killed at Messrs. Tattersall's mill, Bagalate, owing to an escape of steam.
- „ Dec. 31 Boiler explosion at Baker's chain works, Fishwick Street. Mr. Baker, his son, and a workman were killed.
- 1880—Apl. 27 Mr. Edwin Smith drowned in Hollingworth Lake by the upsetting of a canoe.
- 1882—Apl. 19 Explosion at Chemical Works, Castleton; Mr. W. Riley and a child died from injuries.
- 1883—Jan. 30 Two horses attached to a lurry bolted near the old Railway Station. The carter was run over and killed. Dashing down Drake Street the chain-horse freed itself, but the animal in the shafts plunged into the river and carried the lurry with it. The chain-horse followed and alighted on the lurry. The horses sustained only trifling injuries.

Some Memorable Accidents—*continued.*

- 1883—Mar. 27 J. E. Birch, property man at the Theatre, fell from the “flies” and alighting astride a door, sustained shocking injuries.
- 1885—Mar. 3 Tram accident at the Dusty Miller Inn, Sudden. A car broke away from the engine and ran down the road with considerable velocity. Several persons injured.
- „ May 16 Fall of a platform on the occasion of the laying the Corner Stone of the Littleborough Baptist Chapel; 80 persons thrown to the ground.
- „ Dec. 23 Fall of brickwork at Mitchel Hey Mills, when four men fell through the flooring of four storeys—a miraculous escape.
- 1886—Aug. 12 A wall at Norwich Street Mills fell into the Canal; temporary stoppage of mills dependent on the canal for water.
- „ „ 31 Drinking fountain and pillar lamp opposite the Wellington Hotel, Drake Street, demolished by a runaway horse.
- 1887—May 27 Three men drowned in Tunshill Colliery through old workings giving way.
- 1888—July 11 Merchants and Tradesmen’s trip accident at Crosby Garrett on the return journey from Scotland; several persons injured.
- 1890—Apl. 7 John Healey drowned in Hollingworth Lake by the upsetting of a canoe.
- 1891—Aug. 29 Facit railway collision; two persons killed, six injured.
- 1892—Dec. 26 Skating fatality at Marland Dyeworks dam. Fourteen persons were immersed, four of whom were drowned.
- 1894—Feb. 11 Canal embankment at Castleton burst.
- „ June 4 Two children of a man named Dean were burnt to death in Back Crawford Street; a third child succumbed to the burns he received.
- „ Aug. 28 Gas explosion at the Central Hotel, Town Hall Square; several narrow escapes.
- „ Dec. 22 W. Horton, engineer at Norwich Street Mills, killed in a railway accident at Chelford.
- 1896—Aug. 22 Collapse of “No. 4 Mill,” Whitworth, during a dance; several persons were injured.
- „ Oct. 2 Milnrow Road, near Moss Street, collapsed for a space of 16 yards square, having been undermined by water.
- „ Dec. 6 Public Hall, Castleton, collapsed; a complete wreck.
- 1898—Apl. 7 Explosion of acetyline gas at Milnrow Co-operative Stores; several persons thrown to the ground.
- „ June 18 Five persons injured by material rebounding on the fall of a chimney, 90 feet high, at the Sanitary Works.

SOME SEVERE STORMS.

- 1799—Aug. Rushbearing flood; caused great damage throughout the district.
- 1821—Dec. 1 Kenyon's mill blown down during a gale.
- 1823—May 29 Heavy snow storm. The Grammar School boys to obtain sapling for Royal Oak Day had to walk through snow which lay on the ground so deep that it covered their boot tops.
- 1838—July 4 Spotland bridge, and Shepherd Mill bridge at Norden, washed away, the water at the former place having risen 15 feet. Whitaker's mill and 400 flannel pieces washed away. 2,000 panes of glass in Kelsall and Kemp's mill broken by hailstones. Damage to property in the district estimated at £80,000.
- 1854—Jan. 4 Heavy Snow storm, the day following the memorable fire at Duncan Street mill. Streets impassable, mills and workshops idle.
- 1857—Aug. 14 Trows printworks reservoir burst owing to heavy rains.
 „ „ Woman killed by lightning at Smithy Bridge.
- 1859—Aug. 6 Brotherod weir washed away.
- 1861—Sep. 5 Embankment of Lea mill dam, Watergrove, gave way owing to heavy rains; damages £1,000.
- 1863—Dec. 23 Fall, during a gale, of the roof and portion of the walls of the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Smith Street, in course of erection.
- 1864—Dec. 16 Roof of Smallbridge Independent Chapel blown away.
- 1866—June 30 Severe thunderstorm, when a coping stone weighing 2 cwt., at Messrs. Brierley's mill, Manchester Road, fell at the feet of several workmen.
- „ Nov. 16 Heaviest storm of recent times. The river rose to the level of Wellington Bridge. Lands in the neighbourhood of Spodden, Oakenrod, and Sparth, lay several feet deep in water.
- 1868—Feb. 1 A house in Holroyd Street was demolished during a gale by fall of a tall chimney belonging to Messrs. E. Leach and Sons: a woman and three children buried in the debris.
- „ Dec. 27 Wesleyan School Room, Peel Street, was unroofed whilst John Ashworth was preaching. 38 persons were injured—one death occurred. Fund in aid of the sufferers realised £297 18s. 0½d.
- 1873—June 29 Ashbrook Hey dyeworks, Wardle, washed away by heavy rains.
- „ Sep. 14 St. James's Church tower and Baron's mill chimney, Union Street, damaged by lightning.
- 1874—June 24 Violent thunderstorm.

Some Severe Storms—*continued.*

- 1875—Aug. 7 Terrific thunderstorm throughout the district. A machine upon which a man was working at Smallbridge was shattered by lightning. The man was killed.
- 1876—June 21 During a thunderstorm a three-stall stable in which were three horses and two boys, the latter being engaged in harnessing a horse in the middle stall, was struck by lightning. The boys and the horse were not injured, but the other horses were killed simultaneously.
- 1877—Aug. 22 Thunderstorm during which Halstead's foundry chimney, Oldham Road, struck by lightning, fell. Agricultural Show held on the same day.
- 1882—Dec. 6 Severe snowstorm; drifts 30 feet deep on the moors; mills stopped running owing to operatives being unable to return to work. A woman perished at Wolstenholme.
- 1883—Dec. 11 Disastrous gale; Nook Factory Chimney blown down. A chimney in Peel Street fell, alighting on a bed in which two persons were sleeping.
- 1884—Feb. 1 Hollingworth Lake embankment gave way near the Fisherman's Inn during a gale. Spray from the lake rose 20 feet high in places.
- „ Aug. 9 Severe thunderstorm. Whitworth Agricultural Show, the last for many years, held on the same day.
- 1885—Jan. 16 Heavy gale. Three steamers sank in Hollingworth Lake.
- 1886—Mar. 1 Scaffolding 90 feet high, erected on the re-building of the Town Hall spire, strewn across The Esplanade during high winds.
- 1893—Nov. 18 Gale causing considerable damage to buildings.
- 1894—Dec. 21-22 Heavy gale; much damage done; many narrow escapes.
- 1897—Aug. 5 Severe storm at mid-day; Parish Church wall, Church Steps, swept away; a man killed by lightning near Shawforth.
- 1899—Jan. 12 Hurricane; Mill Chimneys at Bamford, Whitelees, and Caldershaw blown down. Great damage to property in the town; miraculous escapes.

SOME MEMORABLE FIRES.

- 1838—Apl. 10 Jacob Bright's mill, newly erected, five storeys high, completely destroyed; £20,000.
- 1853—Oct. 23 Lomax's, afterwards Jennings' mill, George Street.
- 1854—Jan. 3 R. & J. Kelsall's Duncan Street mill; £10,000. Two women killed, forty injured. H. Radcliffe and A. Taylor displayed conspicuous bravery in saving lives and received a public testimonial.
- 1855—Oct. Jennings' mill, George Street.
- 1856—Aug. 15 Hill House mill, near Bury Road; £2,000.
- „ „ 26 Sleighty mill, Wardle; £2,000.
- „ Sep. 9 Livsey's Cotton mill, Wellfield; £5,000.
- 1857—Dec. 3 J. & J. Schofield's Woollen mill, Milnrow Road; £6,000.
- 1860—Nov. 22 Bankside mill, Manchester Road £6,000.
- 1862—June 9 J. Ashworth & Son's Soho mill, Oldham Road; £3,000.
- 1863—June 11 Sudden Cotton mill; £3,000.
- 1866—Nov. 16 J. Kershaw & Son's "Judy" mill, The Mount; £20,000. A wall fell on an adjoining cottage and killed J. Bamford, a pensioner.
- 1867—Dec. 27 W. Heap & Son's West View mills, Littleborough; £10,000.
- 1868—Aug. 1 Great conflagration of heather on Blackstone Edge.
- „ Nov. 12 Stott & Pilling's mill, Cheetham Street; £7,000.
- 1869—May 5 William Leigh's Firgrove mill; £12,000.
- 1870—Jan. 29 Blackwater Street Unitarian Chapel organ, &c., destroyed; £600.
- „ Apl. 5 Castlemere U.M.F.C. organ, &c., destroyed; £1,500.
- „ May 10 Morgan Brierley's mill, and other buildings in Richard Street.
- „ „ 17 Stott & Pilling's, "Shapper's," Cheetham Street; £30,000.
- 1871—Jan. 25 Sunny Bank mills, new portion; £6,000.
- „ Mar. 5 J. Schofield & Sons, Buckley; £3,000.
- „ Apl. 1 Berry & Sons, Newhey; £4,000.
- 1872—Apl. 8 T. Heap & Sons, Haugh; £4,000.
- „ July 18 Marland mill; £7,000.
- „ Aug. 23 Frankfort mill, Littleborough; £30,000. Four women killed by fall of ruins, 18th September.
- 1873—Feb. 4 W. Pilling & Son, Moss Lock mills; £12,000.
- „ „ 19 R. Butterworth's, "Cocktoes," Woollen mill, off Whitworth Road; £10,000.
- „ June 17 Israel Ogden & Sons; £3,000.

Some Memorable Fires—*continued.*

- 1873—Oct. 8 R. Kay & Sons' printworks, Trows; £9,000.
 „ Nov. 6 Haigh's Broadley mill; £8,000. Superintendent Tipping, Whitworth Fire Brigade, lost his life.
- 1874—Jan. 10 Morgan Brierley, F. L. Stott, and Littlewood & Heape, Richard Street mills; £20,000.
 „ „ 17 Hoyle, Petrie & Co., Durham Street; £2,000.
 „ July 23 Waste warehouse, Dearden's Yard, Toad Lane; £700.
- 1875—Nov. 23 Healey Spinning Company; £8,000.
- 1876—June 24 Primrose Hill mill; £2,000.
 „ Oct. 27 Wood mill, Newhey, Morgan Brierley's; £3,500.
- 1877—Jan. 26 Ladyhouse Spinning Company's mill; £15,000. Two men were killed on the following day by the falling of the roof.
 „ Oct. 3 David Howarth's mill, Whitworth Road; £10,000.
- 1879—May 2 A. & W. Law's woollen mill, Littleborough; £20,000.
- 1880—Oct. 9 Princess Street mills, F. L. Stott's; £5,000.
 „ Nov. 5 Bankside mill, Manchester Road; £2,500. Fire escape used for the first time.
 „ Dec. 15 Watergrove mill, Wardle; £7,000.
- 1881—Nov. 11 Hanging Road mill; £15,000.
 „ Dec. 25 L. & Y. Railway goods warehouse, Milnrow Road; £40,000.
- 1882—Jan. 21 J. Whitworth & Sons, Facit; £15,000.
 „ Feb. 23 Sutcliffe's corn mill, near Halfpenny Bridge; £30,000.
 „ Dec. 15 Baker's hosiery shop, Drake Street; £1,000.
- 1883—Apr. 10 Town Hall spire; £20,000.
 „ Oct. 4 W. Pilling & Sons, Lock Bridge; £10,000.
- 1884—May 25 Simpson Clough mill; £10,000.
- 1885—Aug. 19 Mrs. Baker's hosiery shop, Drake Street. Three persons injured. Fireman Cragg rescued two children and a dog. See pp. 88-89.
- 1886—Feb. 14 Clough House mills, Wardle; £4,500.
 „ Apr. 7 Hamer Hall new mill; £8,000.
- 1889—Apr. 26 Littleborough Dyeing Company; £10,000.
 „ Aug. 6 Mitchel Hey mills; £9,000.
 „ Dec. 20 Brotherod old mill; £5,000.
- 1890—Apr. 9 Tattersall's woollen mill, Wardle; £6,000.
 „ Aug. 27 Wasp mills, Wardle; £30,000.
- 1891—Feb. 7 Tunncliffe & Sons, Hamer Lane; £10,000.
 „ „ 26 Townhead mill, £4,000.
 „ Mar. 3 Wallhead mill, Firgrove; £2,000.
- 1892—Feb. 1 Edward Street leather works; £3,000.

Some Memorable Fires—*continued.*

- „ Sep. 14 Caldershaw mill ; £5,000.
 1893—Dec. 19 Nall & Sons' woollen mill, Broad Lane ; £5,000.
 1894—Jan. 27 Theatre Royal, Manchester Road ; £8,000.
 „ June 4 Two children burnt to death in a house in Back Crawford Street ; a third child succumbed to burns.
 „ July 22 Schofield's iron foundry, Littleborough ; £4,000.
 1895—Oct. 17 Sunnybank mills ; £3,000.
 1896—Jan. 30 Townhead mill ; £6,000. A man injured.
 1898—May 17 Eagle mill, Balderstone ; £1,000.
 „ June 2 Horse Carrs mills, Shawclough ; £20,000. Three men injured.
 „ Sep. 21 Trows print works ; £10,000.
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SOME NOTABLE CRIME.

- 1773—April Sacrilege at St. Chad's Church ; thief transported for life.
 1795—Aug. Meal and Flour Riot, the price of bread having risen to "famine" price ; two men killed, a boy seriously injured.
 1800—Dec. 17 Postboy carrying the mail from Rochdale to Manchester on horseback was robbed ; £200 reward offered for the capture of the thief.
 1809— Three men from Rochdale were executed at Lancaster Castle for forgery and base coining.
 1829—May Thomas Kershaw, ringleader of a Shuttle Gathering Riot, transported for life. He absconded and was arrested as he stepped on board the New York packet.
 1830— Ben Bull, a local character, transported for life for horse-stealing.
 1835—Jan. 6 Theft of £127 in gold at the Fleece Inn, Fleece Street, by persons unknown.
 1855—July 22 Half-Moon yard tragedy. Margaret Jones murdered by Jonathan Heywood, who was captured at Coupe, and hanged January, 1856.
 1856—May 8 Attempted murder of wife, child, and four persons by James Taylor, at the Boar's Head, Baillie Street. Taylor took poison whilst on the way to the lockups and died almost immediately.
 „ Apl. 19 Samuel Bell was robbed and mortally stabbed in Baillie Street by a person unknown.

Some Notable Crime—*continued.*

- 1858—Mar. 29 Mr. R. Wainwright, master of the Littleborough School, murderously assaulted and robbed in a railway carriage between Littleborough and Manchester; assailant sentenced to penal servitude for life.
- 1862—Feb. 1 Attempted wife murder by Joseph Isott by shooting in Lord Street. Isott sentenced to penal servitude for life, 29th May.
- 1865—June 11 Three Lane Ends, Smithy Bridge, wife murder by J. Kelly, who was tried 1st August and adjudged insane.
- 1866—May 21 Slattocks murder. J. Brennan (44) beaten to death by James Burrows (18) in a barn opposite Hopwood Arms. Burrows was hanged by Calcraft in the front of the New Bailey, Salford, in the presence of 30,000 persons, 25th August.
- 1868—Mar. 2 Miles Weatherill, at Todmorden Vicarage, shot dead Jane Smith a servant, and wounded the Rev. A. J. Plow, M.A., formerly curate of St. James's, Wardleworth, who died from the effects. Weatherill was hanged in front of the New Bailey, Salford, 4th April, 1868; the last public execution.
- „ Mar. Anti-Popery Riots took place during the month:—Public Hall, Baillie Street, and St. John's Roman Catholic Church attacked by supporters of Mackay, Houston, and Murphy; much damage done. Thirty Hussars billeted in the town.
- „ June 6 Theft of £210 from Sladen's Beach Hotel, Hollingworth Lake, by persons unknown.
- „ July 28 Ezra Whiteoak, farmer, at Calf Hole, Buersill, murdered two of his children by cutting their throats. He also cut his own throat and died from the injuries.
- 1870—Nov. 28 Reuben Bottomley met with his death at Pinfold; assailant sentenced to fifteen years penal servitude.
- 1872—Jan. 14 Attempted murder in Fitton Street.
- 1877—Feb. 24 Wife murder on the Mount by J. Mc.Kenna, who was apprehended at Liverpool and executed 27th March.
- „ Apl. 11 Garrotting of Mr. W. Snowdon by three men who were subsequently sent to penal servitude.
- 1878—Jan. 31 Cloth Hall case.
- „ Oct. 31 Affair resulting in the death of a woman on the Mount, for which a person was sentenced to penal servitude for life, and released November, 1898.
- 1879—May 1 Attempted murder of his wife and child by drowning in Hollingworth Lake by Isaiah Nuttall, who was himself drowned in the attempt.
- 1880—Feb. 16 James Collier murdered his daughter in Lower Mere Lane, and afterwards committed suicide.
- „ Aug. Alleged child murder in Sheriff Street; acquittal at the Assizes.

Some Notable Crime—*continued.*

- 1880—Sep. 19 Samuel Oldman attempted to drown his son in the River Roach at Brimrod ; sentenced to penal servitude for life.
- 1883—Apl. 16 John Rouse sentenced to penal servitude for life for injuries to Martha Hilton ; released, April, 1893.—*See pp. 89-97.*
- 1886—Dec. 8 Nero, a coloured lecturer, imprisoned for six months for obtaining money by false pretences.
- 1887—Dec. 29 A man escaped from the police cells ; arrested at Hull, April 11th, following.
- 1888—Feb. 4 Rochdale mail bag containing 12,000 letters, cheques value £400, and a mortgage deed for £10,000, stolen at Victoria Station, Manchester, by persons unknown. The bag was found in Salford two days afterwards, the contents having been rifled.
- „ June 26 John Livsey, a salvationist, threw himself into the canal at Well i'th' Lane Bridge before a crowd of people and was drowned, no one attempting to thwart his foolish purpose.
- „ Sep. 26 A workman was fined £10 and costs for intimidation during a strike at Mason's foundry.
- 1889—June 20 Robbery at Victoria Station, Manchester, of a cash bag containing £300, belonging to a local firm. A bag containing stone, &c., was left in its place.
- „ Nov. 13 Crawford Spinning Company frauds discovered ; total defalcations, £8,158 17s. 6d.
- 1893—Dec. 11 Affray on the Mount for which a man was sentenced to four years' imprisonment.
- 1894—Sep. 30 £400 worth of articles stolen from Mr. H. Samuels', Yorkshire Street, by persons unknown.
- „ Dec. 6 Blackstone Edge outrage. R. Ackrigg sentenced to twelve years' penal servitude, 23rd February following.
- 1897—July 31 James Smith died from the effects of a kick received at Sudden.
- 1898—July 30 Townhead Post Office, Yorkshire Street, broken into by persons unknown ; postal orders, postage stamps and cash to the value of £135 taken.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS FOR THE COUNTY DIVISION.

From 1832 to 1867, the district was included in the South Lancashire electoral area; from 1867 to 1881 it was part of the S.E. Lancashire electoral area. First election for Middleton Division of the County, 2nd December, 1885.

1832.	Votes.
Viscount Molyneux (L.)	} Elected
G. W. Wood (L.)	

1835.	
Lord Francis Egerton (Tory)	5,620
Hon. R. B. Wilbraham (Tory) ..	4,729
Viscount Molyneux (L.)	4,629
G. W. Wood (L.)	4,394

1837.	
Lord F. Egerton (Tory)	7,822
Hon. R. B. Wilbraham (Tory) ..	7,645
E. Stanley (L.)	6,576
C. Townley (L.)	6,044

1841—July.	
Lord F. Egerton (Tory)	} Un- Hon. R. B. Wilbraham (Tory) } opposed
Hon. R. B. Wilbraham (Tory) ..	

1844—May.	
Bye-election on the death of the Hon. R. B. Wilbraham.	
W. Entwisle (Tory)	7,671
W. Brown (L.)	6,973

1846—July 21.	
Bye-election on Lord F. Egerton's elevation to peerage.	
W. Brown (L.)	Unopposed

1847.	
W. Brown (L.)	} Unopposed
Hon. C. P. Villiers (L.) ..	

1857—March.	
W. Brown (L.)	} Unopposed
J. Cheetham (L.)	

1859—May 5.	
Hon. A. F. Egerton (C.)	7,470
W. J. Legh (C.)	6,983
J. Cheetham (L.)	6,835
J. Heywood (L.)	6,763
Successful candidates' expenses, £8,310 14s. 4d.	

1861—August 19.	
C. Turner (C.)	9,714
J. Cheetham (L.)	8,898

1865—July 20.	Votes.
Hon. A. F. Egerton (C.)	9,171
C. Turner (C.)	8,806
W. E. Gladstone (L.)	8,786
W. J. Legh (C.)	8,476
H. Yates Thompson (L.)	7,708
J. Heywood (L.)	7,653

1868—November 26.	
Hon. A. F. Egerton (C.)	8,290
J. Snowden Henry (C.)	8,018
Rt. Hon. F. Peel (L.)	7,024
H. Yates Thompson (L.)	6,953
Successful candidates' expenses, £8,218 9s. 10d.; defeated can- didates spent £5,421 14s 1d.	

1874—February 10.	
Hon. A. F. Egerton (C.)	9,187
E. Hardcastle (C.)	9,015
Peter Rylands (L.)	7,464
J. E. Taylor (L.)	7,453

1880—April 7.	
R. Leake (L.)	11,318
W. Agnew (L.)	11,291
Hon. A. F. Egerton (C.)	10,569
E. Hardcastle (C.)	10,419
Cost of the election exceeded £20,000; hired conveyances last used.	

1885—December 2.	
G. Salis-Schwabe (L.)	5,882
Thomas Fielden (C.)	4,885
Col. Schwabe's expenses, £1,018 4s. 8½d.; Mr. Fielden spent £1,161 11s. 3d.	

1886—July 8.	
Thomas Fielden (C.)	5,126
C. H. Hopwood, Q.C. (L)	4,808

1892—July 13.	
C. H. Hopwood, Q.C. (L.)	5,389
T. Fielden (C.)	5,273

1895—July 18.	
T. Fielden (C.)	5,926
C. H. Hopwood, Q.C. (L.)	5,061

1897—November 4.	
James Duckworth (L.)	5,964
William Mitchell (C.)	5,664
Bye-election on the death of Mr. T. Fielden.	

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS FOR THE BOROUGH.

	Votes.
1832—December.	
John Fenton (L.)	277
John Entwisle (C.)	246
James Taylor (R.)	109
1835—January 9.	
John Entwisle (C.)	369
John Fenton (L.)	326
1837—April 19.	
Bye-election on the death of J. Entwisle.	
John Fenton (L.)	333
Clement Royds (C.)	339
1837—July 17.	
John Fenton (L.)	374
Alexander Ramsay (C.)	349
1841—July 1.	
W. S. Crawford (L.)	399
James Fenton (C.)	335
1847—June 23.	
W. S. Crawford (L.)	Unopposed
1852—July 8.	
Edward Miall (L.)	529
Sir A. Ramsay, Bart. (C.)	375
1857—March 30.	
Sir A. Ramsay, Bart. (C.)	532
Edward Miall (L.)	488
1859—April 29.	
Richard Cobden (L.)	Unopposed

1865—April 15.	
Bye-election on the death of R. Cobden.	
T. B. Potter (L.)	646
W. B. Brett, Q.C. (C.)	496
1865—July 11.	
T. B. Potter (L.)	Unopposed
1868—November 16.	
T. B. Potter (L.)	4,488
W. W. Schofield (C.)	3,261
1874—February 1.	
T. B. Potter (L.)	4,498
R. W. Gamble, Q.C. (C.)	3,998
1880—March 31.	
T. B. Potter (L.)	5,614
R. W. Gamble, Q.C. (C.)	3,716
1885—November 26.	
T. B. Potter (L.)	5,552
Elliott Lees (C.)	4,417
1886—July 3.	
T. B. Potter (L.)	4,738
J. A. R. Marriott, M.A. (C.) ..	3,481
1892—July 4.	
T. B. Potter (L.)	5,460
C. M. Royds (C.)	4,480
1895—July 15.	
C. M. Royds (C.)	4,781
W. L. Bright (L.)	4,359
G. N. Barnes (Soc.)	1,251

MAYORS.

Jacob Bright	1856-7
Robert Taylor Heape	1857-8
Andrew Stewart	1858-9
Thomas Ashworth	1859-60
J. H. Moore	1860-1
J. T. Pagan	1861-2
G. L. Ashworth	1862-3
Samuel Stott	1863-4
John Tatham	1864-5
Samuel Stott	1865-6
John Robinson	1866-7
Charles Whitaker	1867-8
George Mansell	1868-9
T. B. Willans	1869-70
G. L. Ashworth	1870-1
W. T. Shawcross	1871-2, 1872-3
Charles Whitaker	1873-4

Mayors—continued.

Samuel Tweedale	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1874-5
J. S. Littlewood	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1875-6
Robert Taylor Heape	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1876-7
James Tweedale	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1877-8
W. J. Petrie	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1878-9
Thomas Schofield	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1879-80
William Baron	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1880-1, 1881-2
*John Harley	}	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1882-3
William Baron										
Thomas Schofield	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1883-4
J. S. Hudson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1884-5
J. R. Heape	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1885-6, 1886-7
J. E. Petrie	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1887-8, 1888-9
W. T. Heap	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1889-90, 1890-1
†Edward Taylor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1891
James Duckworth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1891-2, 1892-3
James Cheetham	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1893-4
William Hardman	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1894-5
John Turner	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1895-6, 1896-7
Miles Ashworth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1897-8, 1898-9

* J. Harley died 13th June, 1883. W. Baron elected 27th June, 1883.

† Elected November 9th, resigned same day. J. Duckworth elected 14th November.

ALDERMEN

Since the extension of the Borough, 1872.

CASTLETON WARD (NORTH).

1872—Nov. 9	.....	G. Mansell (L.)
1876—Dec. 14	.....	J. S. Littlewood (L.)
1881	.....	S. Tweedale (L.)
1892	.....	J. E. Petrie (L.)
1898*	.....	J. Duckworth (L.)

* Transfer from Spotland West.

CASTLETON WARD (SOUTH).

1872—Nov. 9	.....	W. Simpson (L.)
1881—Nov. 16	.....	W. J. Petrie (L.)

CASTLETON WARD (EAST).

1872—Nov. 9	.....	John Tatham (L.)
1875—Nov.	.....	S. Tweedale (L.)
1881—Nov. 22	.....	J. S. Hudson (L.)
1895—Feb. 7	.....	John Parker (L.)
1897—Sep. 2	.....	W. Tatham (L.)

CASTLETON WARD (WEST).

1872—Nov. 9	James Booth (L.)
1881*—Nov.	W. Simpson (L.)

* Transfer from Castleton South.

1890—May 1	J. R. Heape (L.)
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SPOTLAND WARD (EAST).

1872—Nov. 9	Edward Taylor (L.)
1895—Dec.	James Cheetham (C.)

SPOTLAND WARD (WEST).

1872—Nov. 9	.....	G. L. Ashworth (L.)
1878*—Aug.	.....	C. Whitaker (L.)

* Transfer from Wardleworth West.

1890—Nov. 10	.....	J. E. Petrie (L.)
1893—Nov.	.....	J. Duckworth (L.)
1897—July	.....	John Turner (L.)

WARDLEWORTH WARD (EAST).

1872—Nov. 9	.....	W. T. Shawcross (L.)
1884—Oct. 30	.....	R. T. Heape (L.)
1884—Nov.	.....	John Milne (L.)
1892—Aug. 4	.....	W. T. Heap (L.)

WARDLEWORTH WARD (WEST).

1872—Nov. 9	.....	C. Whitaker (L.)
1873—Aug.	.....	W. Baron (L.)

WARDLEWORTH WARD (SOUTH).

1872—Nov. 9	.....	R. T. Heape (L.)
1881—Nov. 10	.....	T. Schofield (L.)
1897—March	.....	W. Hardman (L.)

WUERDLE WARD.

1872—Nov. 9	.....	T. B. Willans (L.)
1881*	.....	J. S. Littlewood (L.)

* Transfer from Castleton North.

1890—July 3	.....	John Robinson (L.)
1895—March 7	.....	O. Topper (L.)

TOWN COUNCILLORS.

Since the extension of the Borough, 1872.

CASTLETON WARD (NORTH).

1872—November 1. Votes.	
J. Sharrocks (C.)	596
John Leach (C.)	594
P. Johnson (C.)	559
W. Simpson (L.)	468
J. Tatham (L.)	464
James Tweedale (L.)	432

1874—November 2.	
P. Johnson (C.)	571
J. Howe (L.)	445

1883—November 1.	
J. R. Hartley (C.)	438
F. Jones (L.)	385

1884—November 1.	
J. Ireland (C.)	505
J. Duckworth (L.)	410

1887—November 1.	
H. Sharp (C.)	Unopposed

1890—November 1.	
H. Sharp (C.)	540
T. Taylor (L.)	402

1891—June 24.	
W. Starkie (C.)	471
A. Barraclough (L.)	414

1893—November 1.	
H. Sharp (C.)	490
T. Woolfenden (L.)	285

1894—November 1.	
J. Scotson (C.)	450
W. W. Shaw (L.)	426

1896—July 7.	
J. H. Howarth (C.)	445
W. W. Shaw (L.)	357

CASTLETON WARD (SOUTH).

1872—November 1. Votes.	
G. Mansell (L.)	564
J. S. Hudson (L.)	563
W. J. Petrie (L.)	562
R. Schofield (C.)	450
J. Tomlinson (C.)	443
Robert Mattley (C.)	429

1872—November 21.	
James Tweedale (L.)	539
James Tomlinson (C.)	461

1873—November 1.	
J. Tomlinson (C.)	489
J. Butterworth (L.)	459

1874—November 2.	
J. S. Hudson (L.)	568
H. Brierley (C.)	440

1878—November 1.	
W. Tatham (L.)	Unopposed

1881—October.	
John Varty (L.)	Unopposed

1881—December 5.	
S. Stott (L.)	585
H. Brierley (C.)	581

1882—November 1.	
H. Brierley (C.)	647
J. Parker (L.)	569

1883—November 1.	
J. E. Petrie (L.)	Unopposed

1885—November 2.	
H. Brierley (C.)	798
T. T. Robinson (L.)	668

1887—August 18.	
John Parker (L.)	595
H. Sharp (C.)	506

1888—November 1.	
W. Cunliffe (L.)	641
J. Barlow (C.)	509

1890—November 22.	
T. Taylor (L.)	875
H. Brierley (C.)	520

1891—November 1.	
W. Cunliffe (L.)	747
J. Dearden (C.)	562

1894—November 1.	
W. Cunliffe (L.)	712
J. J. Jackson (C.)	634

1895—November 1.	
T. Taylor (L.)	757
J. Whitaker (L.)	512

1897—September 15.	
J. Whitaker (L.)	703
Walter Pilling (C.)	701

1897—November 1.	
W. Cunliffe (L.)	857
W. Pilling (C.)	801

CASTLETON WARD (EAST).

1872—November 1.	
J. T. Booth (L.)	505
B. Butterworth (L.)	501
Joseph Handley (L.)	490
F. Bolton (C.)	460
T. W. Mercer (C.)	436
J. Molesworth (C.)	427

1873—November 1.	
F. Bolton (C.)	557
J. Handley (L.)	374

1874—November 2.	
J. T. Booth (L.)	448
E. Mellor (C.)	441

1875—November 1.	
Stephen Leach (L.)	503
E. Mellor (C.)	468

1877—November 1.	
C. Preston (L.)	Unopposed

Town Councillors—*continued.*

CASTLINGTON WARD (EAST)

1878—November 1.	
W. J. Petrie (L.)	Unopposed
1880—November 1.	
T. Cheetham (L.)	Unopposed
1881—November 1.	
P. H. Robinson (L.)	Unopposed
1883—April 23.	
C. E. Clegg (C.)	522
J. Salkeld Robinson (L.)	479
1883—November 1.	
T. Cheetham (L.)	617
G. Thickett (C.)	533
1884—October 30.	
James Ogden (C.)	Unopposed
1884—November 1.	
J. Varty (L.)	610
P. Whitehead (C.)	474
1890—November 1.	
Jacob Fletcher (C.)	797
J. Varty (L.)	613
E. Blomley (Soc.)	21
1891—November 2.	
A. Wallace (C.)	Unopposed
1892—November 1.	
T. Cheetham (L.)	592
J. T. Lord (C.)	583
T. Crowther (Lab.)	165
1893—November 1.	
J. Fletcher (C.)	779
H. Clark (Soc.)	403
1894—November 1.	
W. Dunning (C.)	649
H. Clark (Soc.)	601
1895—November 1.	
T. Cheetham (L.)	544
J. W. Scott (Soc.)	235
1896—November 2.	
J. Fletcher (C.)	775
J. W. Scott (Soc.)	308
1897—November 1.	
W. Dunning (C.)	848
J. W. Scott (Soc.)	325
1898—November 1.	
A. M. Robinson (C.)	774
T. Cheetham (L.)	748
CASTLETON WARD (WEST).	
1872—November 1.	
Joshua Heap (L.)	911
J. S. Littlewood (L.)	595
C. Preston (L.)	574
J. Hartley (C.)	443
J. Swift (C.)	423
1873—November 1.	
James Tweedale (L.)	Unopposed

1874—November 2.	
James Ashworth (L.)	312
E. Ashworth (L.)	34
1875—November.	
S. Porritt (L.)	Unopposed
1878—November.	
A. Molesworth (L.)	Unopposed
1876—December.	
John Milne (L.)	Unopposed
1880—November 1.	
C. Kershaw (L.)	Unopposed
1882—November 1.	
H. Howorth (L.)	Unopposed
1884—November 1.	
J. Milne (L.)	612
C. Morgan (C.)	417
1884—November 22.	
C. Morgan (C.)	619
J. Duckworth (L.)	596
1885—November 2.	
H. Howorth (L.)	705
G. W. Mallin (C.)	538
1887—December 15.	
J. Duckworth (L.)	Unopposed
1888—November 1.	
J. Duckworth (L.)	684
J. Edwards (U.)	452
1890—November 1.	
C. Morgan (C.)	671
J. Maden (L.)	577
1891—February 7.	
J. Leach (L.)	661
S. S. Ford (C.)	617
1891—November 2.	
J. Duckworth (L.)	741
S. S. Ford (C.)	653
1892—November 1.	
S. S. Ford (C.)	793
James Howarth (Lab.)	281
1893—November 1.	
J. Leach (L.)	654
J. T. Worth (C.)	592
1893—November 1.	
W. W. Bradbury (C.)	672
J. T. W. Mitchell (L.)	656
1894—November 1.	
W. W. Bradbury (C.)	709
J. T. W. Mitchell (L.)	628
1897—February 13.	
J. E. Jones (L.)	809
R. Wrigley (C.)	661
1897—November 1.	
J. Walker (C.)	808
E. Fletcher (L.)	676
1898—November 1.	
S. S. Ford (C.)	867
H. D. Rattray (L.)	684

Town Councillors—*continued.*

SPOTLAND WARD (EAST).

1872—November 1.	
John Tweedale (L.)	582
W. Lord, Mount Healey (L.)	551
T. Watson (L.)	540
H. Fishwick (C.)	500
W. Lord, Middle Healey (C.)	475
D. Butterworth (C.)	454
1878—November 1.	
E. E. M. Royds (C.)	568
T. Watson (L.)	484
1874—November 2.	
James Cheetham (C.)	559
D. Turner (L.)	501
1875—November 1.	
W. Lord, Mount Healey (L.)	575
W. Lord, Middle Healey (C.)	410

1877—May.

John Tweedale (L.)	Unopposed
1881—November 1.	
W. T. Heap (L.)	Unopposed
1882—November 1.	
W. Lord (L.)	Unopposed
1880—November 1.	
W. T. Heap (L.)	608
S. L. Lee (C.)	560
J. Holmes (Soc.)	22
1891—November 2.	
R. Collinge (L.)	655
John Oldham (C.)	504
1892—August 10.	
W. H. Duncan (L.)	Unopposed
1895—December 21.	
S. Turner (L.)	718
Joseph Walker (C.)	513

SPOTLAND WARD (WEST).

1872—November 1.	
E. Taylor (L.)	599
G. L. Ashworth (L.)	598
S. Tweedale (L.)	585
Joseph Brierley (C.)	457
H. Shaw (C.)	427
James Cheetham (C.)	424
1872—November 21.	
R. Leach (L.)	529
John Robinson (L.)	498
J. Cheetham (C.)	331
H. Shaw (C.)	339
1874—November 2.	
John Harley (L.)	Unopposed
1875—November.	
A. Tweedale (L.)	Unopposed
1878—November 1.	
Solomon Ashworth (L.)	Unopposed
1883—November 1.	
John Lofthouse (L.)	Unopposed

1884—November 1.	
John Hill (L.)	Unopposed
1886—November 1.	
Miles Ashworth (L.)	Unopposed
1890—August 1.	
John Turner (L.)	Unopposed
1893—November 1.	
J. Hill (L.)	598
R. Standing (C.)	587
1896—February 22.	
James Taylor (L.)	728
R. Standing (C.)	494
P. Lee (Soc.)	80
1897—July 17.	
T. Ogden (L.)	Unopposed

WARDLEWORTH WARD (EAST).

1872—November 1.	
W. T. Shawcross (L.)	479
T. Schofield (L.)	489
E. Brierley (C.)	421
W. W. Schofield (C.)	419
J. Rushworth (L.)	409
E. W. Norris (C.)	364
1872—November 21.	
H. Fishwick (C.)	415
J. Rushworth (L.)	408
1874—November 2.	
T. Schofield (L.)	456
J. B. Hadfield (C.)	415
1875—October 20.	
E. Bamford Taylor (C.)	358
W. Brocklehurst (L.)	355
1881—December.	
W. Hardman (L.)	504
E. W. Norris (C.)	428
1882—November 1.	
O. Topper (L.)	Unopposed
1885—November 2.	
O. Topper (L.)	582
H. Sharp (C.)	428
1890—November 1.	
H. Fishwick (C.)	421
E. Clegg (Soc.)	78
1892—November 1.	
W. Hardman (L.)	522
T. Whittaker (Soc.)	158
1893—November 1.	
H. Fishwick (C.)	381
T. Whittaker (Soc.)	117
1895—March 15.	
S. Butterworth (L.)	Unopposed
1895—November 1.	
W. Hardman (L.)	431
T. Whittaker (Soc.)	104
1897—March 24.	
C. Redfern (Lab.)	Unopposed

Town Councillors—continued.

WARDLEWORTH WARD (WEST).

1872—November 1.	
J. Webster (L.)	477
W. Baron (L.)	473
C. Whitaker (L.)	468
J. B. Hadfield (C.)	264
N. Nuttall (C.)	256
E. Crossley (C.)	245
1872—November 21.	
J. Dearden (L.)	368
W. Ormerod (L.)	214
F. Bolton (C.)	174
1873—November 1.	
*J. Rushworth (L.)	Unopposed
*Retired November, 1876.	
J. Butterworth (L.)	Unopposed
1875—November 1.	
D. Turner (L.)	Unopposed
1876—November 1.	
John Parker (L.)	Unopposed
1877—November 1.	
Ellis Lord (L.)	Unopposed
1878—November 1.	
J. A. Bright (L.)	Unopposed
1885—November 2.	
J. Parker (L.)	512
J. McDonnell (Ind.)	312
1886—February 19.	
J. Diggle (L.)	Unopposed
1884—November 1.	
T. Watson (L.)	Unopposed
1894—November 1.	
J. Parker (L.)	368
G. Penlington (Soc.)	276
1895—March 2.	
T. Smith (L.)	447
R. Purdy (C.)	286
1895—November 1.	
J. Diggle (L.)	377
G. Penlington (Soc.)	120
1896—November 2.	
J. Coates (L.)	450
G. Penlington (Soc.)	173
1897—March 24.	
J. Burton (L.)	Unopposed
1898—November 1.	
T. Hacking (Soc.)	478
J. Holden (L.)	399

WARDLEWORTH WARD (SOUTH).

1872—November 1.	
R. T. Heape (L.)	609
J. Booth (L.)	585
R. Adamson (L.)	558
J. Ireland (C.)	417
P. Lee (C.)	398
J. Cleminson (C.)	381
1872—November 21.	
J. Hoyle (L.)	468
T. Reid (L.)	467
J. Ireland (C.)	386
P. Lee (C.)	373
1874—November 2.	
Joseph Handley (L.)	518
J. Ireland (C.)	505
1875—November 1.	
J. Hutchinson (L.)	471
J. B. Hadfield (C.)	448
R. Clough (L.)	228

1877—November 1.	
J. Handley (L.)	539
J. Hadfield (C.)	478
1878—November 1.	
J. R. Heape (L.)	Unopposed
1888—November 1.	
A. Molesworth (L.)	680
W. Starkie (C.)	348
1889—November 1.	
J. W. Bamford (L.)	581
T. J. Hardy (C.)	488
1890—May 9.	
D. Turner (L.)	Unopposed
1890—November 1.	
J. Rushworth (L.)	Unopposed
1894—November 1.	
A. Whitworth (C.)	555
J. Smith (L.)	376
J. Firth (I.L.P.)	335
1894—December 4.	
J. Cryer (L.)	701
T. J. Hardy (C.)	475
P. Lee (Soc.)	147
1897—November 1.	
A. Whitworth (C.)	549
J. Pickles (L.)	526

WUERDLE WARD.

1872—November 1.	
T. B. Willans (L.)	432
Joshua Stott, junr. (L.)	421
Joshua Lord (L.)	414
J. Whitehead (L.)	335
J. Heap (C.)	333
E. Mellor (C.)	317
1872—November 21.	
F. T. Philippi (L.)	428
J. Whitehead (C.)	310
1873—November 1.	
Joshua Lord (L.)	435
John Heap (C.)	358
1874—November 2.	
J. A. Crabtree (C.)	451
Joshua Stott (L.)	410
1876—November 1.	
Edmund Wrigley (L.)	Unopposed
1877—November 1.	
R. Whitworth (L.)	466
J. A. Crabtree (C.)	373
1881—November 1.	
T. Lord (L.)	Unopposed
1890—November 1.	
W. W. Bottomley (L.)	544
J. Fitton (C.)	411
1891—November 2.	
A. Barraclough (L.)	555
E. Wrigley (L.U.)	443
1892—May.	
John Whitworth (L.)	Unopposed
1894—November 1.	
A. Barraclough (L.)	585
W. Swift (C.)	410
1898—June.	
James Kershaw (L.)	Unopposed

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS.

Rochdale School Board—the third Board elected under the Education Act, 1870.

1870—November 26.	
First Triennial Election.	Votes.
Rev. M. Moriarty (R. Cath.).....	6,130
W. W. Schofield (Church.).....	5,153
A. Greenwood (Unsect.).....	4,524
Jonathan Nield (Church.).....	4,115
Joseph Brierley (Church.).....	3,701
Henry Fishwick (Church.).....	3,640
J. Rushworth (Unsect.).....	3,597
T. Watson (Unsect.).....	3,248
E. Ashworth (Unsect.).....	2,754
W. T. Shawcross (Unsect.).....	2,731
John Petrie (Unsect.).....	2,473
G. T. Kemp (Unsect.).....	2,394
George Webster (Unsect.).....	1,044
W. Stone (R. Cath.).....	566

1873—November.
Second Triennial Election. No Contest.
John A. Bright (Unsect.), Rev. H. W. Parkinson (Unsect.), Rev. E. O'Neill (R. Cath.) and R. Schofield (Church.), succeeded E. Ashworth, A. Greenwood, Rev. M. Moriarty and W. W. Schofield.

1875—November.
Richard Hurst (Unsect.), succeeded Rev. H. W. Parkinson.

1876—November.
Third Triennial Election. No Contest.
W. Shaw (Unsect.) and W. Ormerod (Unsect.), succeeded J. A. Bright and J. Rushworth.

1879—November 4. No Contest.
J. S. Littlewood (Unsect.) and C. M. Royds (Church.), succeeded R. Hurst and J. Nield.

1882—February 16.
J. Rushworth (Unsect.) coöpted on the death of W. Ormerod.

1882—November.
Fifth Triennial Election. No Contest.
J. A. Lancashire (Church.), R. Jackson (Church.), J. R. Heape (Unsect.), and F. G. Crowther (Unsect.), succeeded R. Schofield, C. M. Royds, J. Petrie, Junr., and J. S. Littlewood.

1884—November 13.
J. A. Bright (Unsect.), coöpted on the death of W. T. Shawcross.

1885—Nov. 14. Sixth Triennial Election.	
H. Fishwick (Church.).....	10,952
Joseph Brierley (Church.).....	10,209
Robert Jackson (Church.).....	8,667
T. Watson (Unsect.).....	8,467
J. Lofthouse (Unsect.).....	8,350
J. Rushworth (Unsect.).....	8,242
J. H. Lancashire (Church.).....	8,223
J. E. Petrie (Unsect.).....	7,711
J. R. Heape (Unsect.).....	7,558
W. Shaw (Unsect.).....	7,508
E. O'Neill (R. Cath.).....	5,702
J. U. Rothwell (Trades' Coun.).....	4,570
A. L. Mills (Lab.).....	4,066

1886—
J. Leach (Unsect.) coöpted on the death of J. Lofthouse.

1887—April.
T. Watson (Unsect.) coöpted on the death of T. Watson.

1888—Nov. Seventh Triennial Election.
No Contest.
Richard Watson (Unsect.) elected on the retirement of T. Watson.

1890—June 12.
E. L. Chadwick (Church.) coöpted in place of R. Jackson, resigned.

1891—November 18. Eighth Triennial Election.	
H. Fishwick (Church.).....	10,699
H. Radcliffe (Church.).....	10,375
Joseph Brierley (Church.).....	9,583
J. H. Lancashire (Church.).....	9,493
W. Shaw (Unsect.).....	7,239
J. E. Petrie (Unsect.).....	7,165
R. Watson (Unsect.).....	7,026
J. R. Heape (Unsect.).....	7,000
John Leach (Unsect.).....	6,873
J. Rushworth (Unsect.).....	6,813
Canon O'Neill (R. Cath.).....	6,430
J. Holmes (Soc.).....	6,349

1894—November. Ninth Triennial Election.	
H. Fishwick (Ind. Church.).....	12,602
C. Redfern (Trades' Council.).....	9,774
J. Rushworth (Progressive).....	9,591
Canon O'Neill (R. Cath.).....	9,540
P. Lee (Soc.).....	9,346
W. Shaw (Prog.).....	9,256
H. Brierley (Church.).....	9,059
J. Leach (Prog.).....	8,509
J. R. Heape (Prog.).....	8,448
George Jackson (Church.).....	8,058
J. E. Petrie (Prog.).....	8,013
R. Stott (Church.).....	7,132
R. Standing (Church.).....	7,123
H. Radcliffe (Church.).....	6,063
Sam Standing (Ind.).....	1,962

1895—December 12.
Canon Boulaye (R. Cath.) coöpted on the death of Canon O'Neill.

1897—February 11.
W. W. Shaw (Prog.) and Charles Heap (Prog.) coöpted on the deaths of W. Shaw and J. Leach.

1897—May 13.
Rev. T. Cusack (R. Cath.) coöpted on the retirement of Canon Boulaye.

1897—July 19.
H. D. Rattray (Prog.) coöpted on the resignation of J. E. Petrie.

1898—November.
Tenth Triennial Election. No Contest.
R. Stott (Church.) succeeded Henry D. Rattray, retired.

1898—November 25.
G. J. Booth (Church.) and J. Sedgwick (R. Cath.) coöpted vice Henry Brierley and Rev. T. Cusack, resigned.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GUARDIANS

Of the Rochdale Poor-Law Union elected under the Local Government Act, 1894.

ROCHDALE TOWNSHIP WARDS.

CASTLETON (NORTH).

1894—December.		Votes.
Hezekiah Sharp (C.)	.....	390
J. H. Howarth (C.)	.....	363
John Butterworth (L.)	.....	167
J. Whitaker (L.)	.....	154
G. Elliott (I.L.P.)	.....	61

1898—April.

J. H. Howarth (C.)	.....	351
Mary A. Buckley (L.)	.....	270
S. N. Pickup (C.)	.....	244

CASTLETON (EAST).

1894—December.		Votes.
T. Woolfenden (L.)	.....	350
Herbert Radcliffe (C.)	.....	337
S. Schofield (L.)	.....	301
T. Dawson (C.)	.....	299
H. Clark (I.L.P.)	.....	222

1898—April.

T. Woolfenden (L.)	} Unopposed
H. Radcliffe (C.)	

CASTLETON (WEST).

1894—December.		Votes.
J. T. Worth (C.)	.....	395
W. Jackson (L.)	.....	368
James Brierley (C.)	.....	346
G. Taylor (L.)	.....	328
J. W. Scott (I.L.P.)	.....	100

1898—April.

J. T. Worth (C.)	} Unopposed
Elizabeth Barraclough (L.)	

CASTLETON (SOUTH).

1894—December.		Votes.
John Parker (L.)	.....	439
F. Leonard (L.)	.....	417
John Stott (C.)	.....	154
James Mayall (C.)	.....	137
John Tattersall (I.L.P.)	.....	105

1898—April.

J. Parker (L.)	} Unopposed
F. Leonard (L.)	

SPOTLAND (EAST).

1894—December.		Votes.
R. Lord (L.)	.....	466
T. Kershaw (L.)	.....	437
James Hoyle (C.)	.....	390
H. Crowther (C.)	.....	339
Hannah Stott (I.L.P.)	.....	139

1898—April.

R. Lord (L.)	} Unopposed
Thomas Kershaw (L.)	

SPOTLAND (WEST).

1894—December.		Votes.
J. Taylor (L.)	.....	565
W. Crabtree (L.)	.....	525
G. Walker (C.)	.....	282
F. Buckley (C.)	.....	258
J. W. Stott (I.L.P.)	.....	114

1898—April.

James Taylor (L.)	} Unopposed
William Crabtree (L.)	

WARDLEWORTH (EAST).

1894—December.

H. Wadsworth (L.)	.....	367
J. Wild (L.)	.....	321
A. Whitworth (C.)	.....	233
James Butterworth (C.)	.....	216
Mary A. Lee (I.L.P.)	.....	111

1898—April.

H. Wadsworth (L.)	} Unopposed
J. Wild (L.)	

WARDLEWORTH (WEST).

1894—December.

J. Rushworth (L.)	.....	199
A. Whitehead (L.)	.....	193
R. Purdy (C.)	.....	193
G. Penlington (I.L.P.)	.....	177
E. B. Taylor (C.)	.....	151
R. Whitehead (I.L.P.)	.....	134

1895—February 16.

R. Purdy (C.)	.....	257
A. Whitehead (L.)	.....	227
G. Penlington (I.L.P.)	.....	164

Eye-election owing to a tie.

1898—April.

R. Purdy (C.)	.....	361
C. Tierney (R. Cath.)	.....	348
J. Rushworth (L.)	.....	301

WARDLEWORTH (SOUTH.)

1894—December.

M. Jackson (L.)	.....	528
T. Schofield (L.)	.....	485
Eli Whiteley (I.L.P.)	.....	158
F. Mitchell (C.)	.....	43

1897—April 10.

Charlotte A. Carter (L.)	.....	627
John Rodley (C.)	.....	436
Agnes S. Ormerod (I.L.P.)	.....	106

1898—April.

M. Jackson (L.)	} Unopposed
Charlotte A. Carter (L.)	

WUERDLE.

1894—December 17.

J. Cropper (L.)	} Unopposed
S. Taylor (L.)	

1897—July.

John Clegg (L.)	Unopposed
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1898—April.

J. Clegg (L.)	496
S. Taylor (L.)	362
T. Rhodes (C.)	328
Rev. A. Rippiner (I.L.)	320
E. Crabtree (Soc.)	147

1898—November.

C. Thompson (C.)	.....	463
A. Mitchell (L.)	.....	371
Rev. A. Rippiner (I.L.)	.....	337

Board of Guardians—*continued.*

CASTLETON (Lancs.) TOWNSHIP.	
1894—December.	
T. Holt (C.)	} Unopposed
John Ormerod (L.)	
1896—February.	
H. C. Platt (L.)	Unopposed
1898—April.	
T. Holt (C.)	} Unopposed
H. C. Platt (L.)	
LITTLEBOROUGH TOWNSHIP.	
1894—December.	
James Cryer (L.)	} Unopposed
E. M. Hartley (U.)	
Elisha Whitworth (L.)	
1898—April.	
J. Cryer (L.)	} Unopposed
Richard Stott (L.)	
E. Whitworth (L.)	
MILNROW TOWNSHIP WARDS.	
BELFIELD WARD.	
1894—December.	
Richard Robinson (L.)	Unopposed
1898—April.	
R. Robinson (L.)	Unopposed
MILNROW WARD.	
1894—December.	
Wilton Mills (C.)	Unopposed

1898—April.	
Wilton Mills (C.)	Unopposed
HAUGH WARD.	
1894—December.	
R. Parker (L.)	Unopposed
1898—April.	
R. Parker (L.)	Unopposed
NORDEN TOWNSHIP.	
1894—December.	
G. A. Kershaw (L.)	Unopposed
1898—April.	
W. Lord (C.)	Unopposed
WARDLE TOWNSHIP.	
1894—December.	
T. Lord (C.)	Unopposed
1898—April.	
T. Lord (C.)	Unopposed
WHITWORTH TOWNSHIP.	
1894—December.	
Joseph Rudman (C.)	674
W. E. Whitworth (C.)	642
W. Holt (L.)	497
Richard Law (L.)	449
1898—April.	
J. Rudman (C.)	} Unopposed
W. E. Whitworth (C.)	
W. Holt (L.)	

COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

County Councils were created by the Local Government Act, 1888.

CASTLETON AND MILNROW ELECTORAL AREA.		
1889—January 15. Votes.		
Samuel Barlow (L.)		1,090
C. M. Royds (C.)		1,040
1892—April 2.		
Bye-election on Mr. S. Barlow being elected Alderman.		
J. Duckworth (L.)		1,184
W. Yates (C.)		1,037
1898—March 3.		
Dr. J. Chadwick (C.)		1,352
A. T. Radcliffe (L.)		1,191

LITTLEBOROUGH ELECTORAL AREA.		
1889—January 15.		
A. G. C. Harvey (L.)		1,425
A. J. Law (C.)		1,050
WHITWORTH AND NORDEN ELECTORAL AREA.		
1889—January 15.		
T. Smithson (L.)		Unopposed
1892—March 1.		
George Kemp (U.)		Unopposed
1895—November 13.		
R. A. L. Hutchinson (C.)		Unopposed

POPULATION OF THE BOROUGH.

1841—April.	No. of Inhabitants	24,423	1871—April.	No. of Inhabitants	44,556
1851—April.	"	29,178	1881—April.	"	68,915
1861—April.	"	38,164	1891—April.	"	71,401
1898.—Estimated No. of Inhabitants		.. ..	.. ..	73,605.	"

STATISTICAL VIEW OF ROCHDALE.

	1888.			1898.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Borough Assets	1,419,601	15	9½	1,712,285	6	4½
Borough Debt	1,319,887	14	9	1,518,588	13	10
Gas Rents	42,158	16	5	50,698	2	4
Gross Annual Value	313,106	0	0	364,888	0	0
Net Rateable Value	255,298	0	0	298,199	0	0
Parks, maintenance	2,034	15	8	2,019	16	5
School Board, one year's precept...	4,000	0	0	14,400	0	0
School Board Rate		4	39d.		11	66d.
Water Rental	25,383	19	0½	32,176	18	7½
Waterworks Deficit (Revenue A/c)	12,841	12	1½	2,465	12	8
Yield of Penny Rate	1,000	0	0	1,100	0	0

	1888.	1898.
Bathers at Corporation Baths, Gentlemen.....	31,008	46,663
Bathers at Corporation Baths, Ladies	718	1,734
Birth rate per 1,000 of population	25·0	25·6
Beerhouse keepers	166	153
Children attending Elementary Schools.....	11,924	12,673
Death rate per 1,000 of population.....	18·2	17·8
Free Public Library—Volumes exclusive of Specifications of Patents, Pamphlets, &c.	40,646	51,348
Free Public Library—Books issued.....	173,256	280,529
Gas consumed (cubic feet).....	286,642,600	452,755,000
Grocers' Licenses to sell beer, &c.	77	71
Houses certified	2,751	4,181
Licensed Victuallers	136	130
Interments in Cemetery.....	1,360	1,394
Municipal Voters	13,538	15,749
Parliamentary Voters.....	10,959	12,480
Persons proceeded against.....	1,361	1,515
Refreshment Houses with Wine Licenses.....	13	2
Strength of Police Force	66	89
Wholesale Spirit dealers	12	22

MERCHANTS' & TRADESMEN'S TRIPS.

1866—July 18	Windermere.
1867—July 11	Ripon.
1868—July 9	Scarborough.
1869—July 8	Chatsworth.
1870—July 6	Alton Towers.
1871—July 5	Wynnstay Park.
1872—July 10	Leamington.
1873—July 9	Belvoir Castle.
1874—July 8	Ludlow.
1875—July 14	Carlisle.
1876—July 12	*Bettws-y-Coed.
	* Extensions first arranged.
1877—July 4	Keswick.
1878—July 10	Ripon.
1879—July 5	Bangor and Carnarvon.
1880—July 14	Hereford.
1881—July 13	Worcester and Malvern.
1882—July 12	Leamington.
1883—July 11	Nottingham.

1884—July 9	Durham and Newcastle.
1885—July 8	Barmouth.
1886—July 21	Keswick.
1887—July 13	Bristol.
1888—July 11	Edinburgh and Glasgow.
1889—July 10	{ London. Paris.
1890—July 9	Aberystwith.
1891—July 8	Worcester, Malvern, and Hereford.
1892—July 20	Edinburgh and Glasgow.
1893—July 12	{ Bath, 1 day. Bournemouth, 8 days.
1894—July 11	Great Yarmouth.
1895—July 13	Tenby.
1896—July 8	Edinburgh and Glasgow.
1897—July 14	Torquay.
1898—July 13	Clacton-on-Sea.

THE FAMOUS TWENTY-EIGHT CO-OPERATORS.

- Miles Ashworth, woollen weaver, Chartist, *President*.
 Samuel Ashworth, woollen weaver, Chartist, *Salesman*.
 James Bamford.
 John Bent, tailor, *Auditor*.
 David Brooks, block printer, Chartist, *Buyer*.
 John Collier, engineer, Owenite.
 William Cooper, woollen weaver, Social Reformer.
 James Daly, joiner, *Secretary*.
 John Gartside, cabinet maker.
 * George Healey, hatter.
 John Hill, wool sorter.
 John Holt, woollen weaver, *Treasurer*.
 Charles Howarth, warper.
 John Kershaw, warehouseman, Chartist.
 William Mallalieu, cotton banding manufacturer.
 James Maden, woollen weaver, Chartist.
 James Manock, woollen weaver, Chartist.
 Benjamin Rudman, woollen weaver.
 Joseph Smith, wool sorter, *Auditor*.
 James Smithies, wool sorter, Social Reformer.
 John Scrowcroft, hawker, Chartist.
 James Stranding, woollen weaver, Social Reformer.
 Robert Taylor, weaver.
 William Taylor, loom jobber.
 Ann Tweedale, Mount Pleasant.
 James Tweedale, clogger, Social Reformer.
 Samuel Tweedale, weaver.
 James Wilkinson, shoemaker.

* Now of Windermere, J.P., the only survivor.

PRESIDENTS OF THE PIONEERS' SOCIETY.

Miles Ashworth.....	1844	Thomas Cheetham	1862
Charles Howarth	1845	Samuel Newton.....	1863
James Smithies	1846	Robert Briggs.....	1864-6
John Kershaw	1847	John Ormerod.....	1867-8
James Tweedale	1848	R. Shepherd	1869-74
John Cockcroft.....	1849-50	Abraham Howard.....	1875-7
John Kershaw	1851	Benjamin Horbury	1878-83
J. J. Hill	1852	James Whitworth	1884-5
John Cockcroft	1853-5	Thomas Cheetham	1886-94
Abraham Greenwood	1856	R. Holt	1896
John Cockcroft.....	1857-60	J. Brearley	1896-9
Abraham Howard.....	1861		

SOME GIFTS TO THE TOWN COUNCIL.

- Portrait of Jacob Bright, M.P., first mayor, in the Town Hall, given by subscribers.
- Bust of Cobden, in the Town Hall, given by T. B. Potter, M.P., May, 1866.
- Portrait of Cobden and Bright, in the Town Hall, given by T. B. Potter, Dec., 1866.
- Bust of John Fenton, M.P., in the Town Hall, given by Mrs. Fenton, June, 1871.
- Drinking Fountain, in the Cemetery, Bury Road, given by — Garner, Huddersfield, June, 1870.
- Portrait of George Leach Ashworth, twice mayor, in the Town Hall, given by subscribers, March, 1872.
- Portrait of Tom Livsey, alderman, in the Town Hall, given by Mary Livsey, March, 1874.
- Portrait of John Roby, author of *Traditions of Lancashire*, in the Free Public Library, given by William Fenton, Beaumonds, April, 1876.
- Portrait of John Ashworth, author of *Strange Tales, &c.*, in the Free Public Library, given by the U.M.F.C. Trustees, Nov., 1876.
- Statue of George Leach Ashworth, in the Park, given by subscribers, June, 1878.
- Portrait of James Booth, chairman of the Free Library Committee, in the Free Public Library.
- Portrait of Sir Thomas Potter, in the Free Public Library, given by T. B. Potter, M.P.
- Javelins for use by the Chief Magistrate, in the Police Court, given by Chief Constable Joseph Wilkinson, Nov., 1883.
- Land behind the Town Hall, given by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.
- Medallion Windows, in the Free Public Library, given by James Ogden, Oct. 10, 1884.
- Medallion Bust of J. H. Woolfenden, actor, in the Free Public Library, given by Wallett the jester.
- Bust of Garibaldi, in the Free Public Library, given by T. B. Potter, M.P.
- Portrait of Zachary Mellor, town clerk, in the Town Hall, given by subscribers, May, 1888.
- Improvements in the Slopes in the Park, completed from designs by and at the cost of James Ogden, Aug., 1891.
- Bust of John Bright, M.P., in the Town Hall, given by subscribers, Aug., 1890.
- Statue of John Bright, M.P., in the Town Hall Square, given by subscribers, Oct. 24, 1891.
- Recreation ground, Cronkeyshaw, cost of equipment of, borne by Alderman James Duckworth, M.P., Sep. 1893.
- Life-size plaster cast of James Fraser, D.D., Bishop of Manchester, in the Town Hall, given by Dean Maclure, Dec., 1893.

Gifts to the Town Council—continued.

- Bandstand, in the Park, given by Ald. J. Duckworth, M.P., Nov., 1893.
- Park Rent (£380 per annum) remitted by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, May, 1894.
- 3½ Acres of Land at Newbold for recreation purposes, given by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.
- Portrait of Edward Taylor, first honorary freeman of the borough, in the Town Hall, given by subscribers.
- Portrait of Edwin Waugh, in the Town Hall, given by T. R. Wilkinson, Manchester, Oct., 1895.
- Collection of Flints and Fossils, in the Free Public Library, given by H. C. March, M.D., 1896.
- Portrait of John Trafford Clegg ("Th' Owd Weighver"), in the Free Public Library, given by the members of the Rochdale Branch of the Typographical Association, 1896.
- 8½ Acres of Land at Brimrod for recreation purposes, given by Charles Whitaker, J.P.
- Portraits of Bishop Moorhouse, Archdeacon Wilson, and Captain Charles Patrick, in the Free Public Library, given by C. M. Royds, M.P.
- Portrait of Oliver Cromwell, in the Free Public Library, given by T. B. Potter, M.P.

HEIGHT ABOVE SEA LEVEL OF SOME POINTS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.

- Brown Wardle Hill, 1,400 feet.
- Cemetery, Bury Road, 500 feet.
- Cowm Reservoir, 822 feet.
- Farrier Sett, Norden, 559·4 feet.
- Hamer Pasture Reservoir, 750 feet.
- Hare and Hounds, Ashworth Moor, 975·8 feet.
- Knowl Hill, 1,371 feet.
- Knoll behind Mason's Foundry, Church Lane, 473 feet; highest point near the centre of the town.
- Meteorological Station, the Park, 470 feet.
- Moorcock Inn, Rooley Moor, 1,324·6 feet.
- Ogden Edge, about 1,200 feet.
- Robin Hood's Bed, Blackstone Edge, 1,553 feet.
- Rough Hill, Wardle, 1,425 feet.
- River Roche, bed of, in centre of town, nearly 400 feet.
- St. Edmund's Church, ground, 485 feet.
- Spring Mill Reservoir 771 feet.
- Tandle Hill, 708 feet.

INFIRMARY GALAS.

	Paid for Admission.	Income.			Expenditure			Net profit.					
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
1887	16,000	...	738	17	2	...	348	0	11½	...	390	16	2½
1888	28,000	...	1,002	4	1	...	492	1	1	...	510	3	0
1889	17,000	...	712	9	10	...	545	7	6½	...	167	2	3½
1890	38,000	...	1,168	17	2½	...	568	2	7½	...	600	14	7
1891	47,000	...	1,397	15	10	...	664	13	1	...	733	2	9
1892	30,000	...	923	5	1	...	696	6	6	...	226	18	7
1893	40,000	...	1,168	5	10	...	688	9	1	...	479	16	9
1894	27,334	...	882	13	2	...	751	1	4½	...	131	11	9½
											Loss.		
1895	10,000	...	380	0	3	...	735	5	5½	...	355	5	2½
											Profit.		
1896	20,569	...	778	6	0	...	593	13	2	...	184	12	10

SOME PUBLISHED WILLS.

	Personalty.		
	£	s.	d.
Bamford, Thomas, Wardle, died Nov. 23, 1895	34,639	0	0
Brierley, James, West Hill, cotton spinner, J.P., died Sep. 24, 1896.....	111,912	0	0
Brierley, John Pilling, Lauriston, cotton spinner, died Dec. 26, 1894	127,594	0	0
Brierley, Joseph, Castleton Manor, cotton spinner, J.P., died Feb. 22, 1896	91,963	15	3
Bright, Rt. Hon. John, M.P., died March 27, 1889	85,829	2	11
Bright, Thomas, Greenbank, died Jan. 8, 1890	26,669	5	6
Butterworth, John, Oakenrod Hill, died July 29, 1889.....	169,000	0	0
Hamer, John, cotton spinner, died March 9, 1895.....	63,901	11	3
Heap, James, Haugh, J.P., died April 7, 1892	67,938	3	10
Holden, James, High Birch, died April 23, 1896	162,317	18	1
Holt, Geo., Liverpool, ship owner, member of an old local family, died April 3, 1896.....	594,480	14	10
Jackson, Robert, solicitor, died April 23, 1891	32,089	0	0
Leigh, George, Firgrove, died March 3, 1890	37,042	0	0
Mitchell, J. T. W., of the Co-operative Wholesale Society, died May 16, 1895	350	17	8
Molesworth, Canon, M.A., died Dec. 19, 1890	65,390	0	0
Petrie, James, engineer, J.P., died June 21, 1892	94,583	14	0
Philippi, F. T., Belfield Hall, died March 5, 1890.....	56,986	0	0
Pilling, J., Deeplich Hall, cotton spinner, died Apl. 28, 1891	58,656	0	0
Radcliffe, Joshua, Balderstone Hall, J.P., died Mar. 3, 1891	178,069	0	0
Radcliffe, Joshua Walmsley, woollen manufacturer, J.P., D.L., died Nov. 9, 1895	178,643	2	1
Shepherd, Jas., Sparthfield, corn miller, died May 21, 1891	152,151	15	5
Shepherd, John, Sparthfield, died July 15, 1891	290,624	13	10
Sutcliffe, Thomas, brewer, died Nov. 2, 1890	174,833	7	3
Watson, Thomas, Horse Carrs, M.P., died March 7, 1887..	182,000	0	0
Young, William, West Street, died Oct. 3, 1895	29,726	0	0

PUBLIC COMPANIES.

NAME.	Nominal Value of Share. £	When formed.
Arkwright Spinning Co., 75,300 spindles	5	June 1884
Bagdale Manufacturing Co.	5	Jan. 1860
Blackpits Cotton Spinning and Manufacturing Co.	5	Apl. 1874
Broadley Wood Cotton Spinning & Manufacturing Co..	5	Mch. 1874
Crawford Spinning Co., 169,956 spindles	5	1882
Castleton Brewery Co.	5	May 1892
Eagle Spinning Co., 86,556 spindles ...	5	June 1890
Eclipse Spinning Co.	5	Dec. 1898
Ellenroad Spinning Co.	5	1890
Era Spinning Co.	5	1897
Haugh Spinning Co., 27,148 spindles	5	Dec. 1881
Millgate and Facit Manufacturing and Mining Co.	10	Nov. 1860
Moss Spinning Co., 75,000 spindles	5	1890
Newhey Spinning Co., 37,888 spindles	5	Nov. 1884
Norden Coach Co.	1	Sep. 1865
Norden Manufacturing Co.	5	June 1887
Rochdale Advertising and Billposting Co.	5	Dec. 1884
Rochdale Amateur Athletic Grounds	1	1893
Rochdale Carriage Co.	5	May 1876
Rochdale Co-operative Manufacturing Co. (Mitchel Hey), 54,580 spindles; over 1,000 looms	5	1854
Rochdale Conservative Industrial Co-operative Society.	1	Dec. 1868
Rochdale District Corn Mill Society .....	...	1850
Rochdale House and Estate Co.	5	1897
Rochdale Ice and Cold Air Stores Co.	5	Nov. 1896
Rochdale Plate Glass Co.	1	Jan. 1885
Rochdale Provident Co-operative Society	1	May 1870
Rochdale Spinning Co., 70,772 spindles	5	Mar. 1884
Rochdale and Manor Brewery Co. (old Company formed April, 1887)	10	Mar. 1895
Rochdale Vintners Co.	1	1893
Thomas Robinson & Son, reconstructed	10	Apl. 1893
Standard Spinning Co., 101,508 spindles	5	Feb. 1889
Tramways, new Co. (old Co. formed in 1881 £10 shares)	1	1888
Underbank Mills	5	1874
Victoria Spinning Co.	5	Sep. 1898
Whitworth Manufacturing Co.	5	Feb, 1861
Whitworth Vale Gas Co.	5	Mar. 1859

CHURCHES AND CHAPELS.

- Parish Church, St. Chad's founded *circa* A.D. 1194, restored Oct., 1885.
- St. James's, Milnrow, founded A.D. 1400, existing edifice consecrated Aug. 21, 1869.
- Holy Trinity, Littleborough, founded A.D. 1741, existing structure consecrated Aug. 3, 1820.
- St. Bartholomew's, Whitworth, founded A.D. 1582, existing structure consecrated Jan. 3, 1849.
- St. Mary's, The Baum, opened A.D. 1741, consecrated June 28, 1744.
- St. James's, Yorkshire Street, consecrated Sep. 1821.
- St. James's Mission Church, Entwisle Road, opened Feb. 4, 1894.
- St. John's, Smallbridge, consecrated A.D. 1834.
- St. Clement's, Willbutts, consecrated April 5, 1835.
- Christ Church, Healey, consecrated A.D. 1850.
- St. Alban's, Manchester Road, consecrated A.D. 1856.
- St. Alban's Mission Church, Sudden, opened Jan. 13, 1883.
- St. James's, Wardle, consecrated, Jan. 21, 1858.
- St. Paul's, Norden, corner stones laid, June 30, 1859.
- St. Martin's, Castleton, consecrated June 14, 1862.
- St. James's, Calderbrook, built and endowed by James Dearden; corner stone laid Aug. 23, 1860.
- All Saints', Hamer, consecrated Nov. 22, 1866.
- St. Peter's, Newbold, consecrated May 20, 1871.
- St. John's, Facit, consecrated, Dec. 1, 1871.
- St. Mary's, Balderstone, built by the Radcliffe family; consecrated July 1, 1872.
- St. Edmund's, Falinge, built by A. H. Royds, J.P., D.L., at the cost of £30,000; May 7, 1873.
- St. Thomas's, Newhey, built by William and James Heap at the cost of £10,000; consecrated Dec. 21, 1876.
- St. Michael's, Bamford, cost £4,000; consecrated July 25, 1885.
- St. Luke's, Deeplish, partial opening May 30, 1889; completed Apl. 23, 1897.
- St. Andrew's, Dearnley, opened Feb. 18, 1894.
- St. Aidan's, Marland, opened Dec. 15, 1897.
- St. Stephen's, Lady Huntingdon's Connexion, Ball Street, opened 1812.
- St. John the Baptist's, Roman Catholic, Ann Street, consecrated 1829.
- St. Patrick's, Roman Catholic, Watts Street, consecrated Oct. 6, 1867.
- St. Anselm's, Roman Catholic, Whitworth, erected Oct. 18, 1869.
- St. Mary's, Roman Catholic, Littleborough, opened Jan. 1, 1882.
- West Street Baptist, founded 1775; present edifice opened A.D. 1833.
- Drake Street Baptist, now Park Chapel, opened A.D. 1854.
- Newbold Baptist, existing edifice cost £5,500; opened July 23, 1876.

Churches and Chapels—*continued.*

- Ogden Baptist, existing edifice opened April 18, 1862.
 Harriet Street Chapel, opened Aug., 1859.
 Hope Street Baptist, erected 1810.
 High Street Independent, founded 1806; existing edifice cost £5,500, opened March 20th, 1895.
 Bamford Independent, opened Sep. 30, 1801.
 Norden Congregational, opened Oct. 13, 1885.
 Milton Congregational, Smith Street, opened March 23, 1854.
 Moore Street Independent, opened 1846.
 Smallbridge Independent, opened Sep. 7, 1865.
 Castleton Independent, March 30, 1870.
 Trinity Presbyterian Church, Manchester Road, opened June 20, 1869.
 Unitarian, Blackwater Street, existing edifice opened June 11, 1857.
 Friends' Meeting House, George Street, A. D. 1808.
 Union Street Wesleyan, existing edifice built 1858.
 Castlemere Wesley, cost £6,000, opened July 20, 1865.
 Littleborough Wesleyan, opened May 4, 1866.
 Wardle Wesleyan, opened April 8, 1874.
 Trinity Wesleyan, Lowerplace, cost £4,800, opened July 3, 1879.
 Healey Wesleyan, opened Sep. 20, 1877.
 Newbold Wesleyan, existing structure opened Dec. 1, 1885.
 Milnrow Wesleyan, opened July 15, 1869.
 Smallbridge Wesleyan, cost £1,500, opened Jan. 21, 1872.
 Molesworth Street New Connexion, cost £4,000, opened Oct. 10, 1869.
 Primitive Methodist, Smith Street, opened May 5, 1864.
 The Brethren, Nuttall Street.
 Baillie Street U.M.F.C., opened Jan. 8, 1837.
 Brimrod U.M.F.C., opened April 14, 1854.
 Castlemere U.M.F.C., opened Sep. 6, 1865.
 Cutgate U.M.F.C., donor T. Watson, Horse Carrs, opened Jan. 26, 1882.
 Shawclough U.M.F.C., built by T. Watson, Horse Carrs, at the cost of £3,500, Feb. 23, 1881.
 Lowerplace U.M.F.C., cost £3,000, opened June 16, 1874.
 Hamer U.M.F.C., opened Dec. 25, 1862.
 Rooley Moor Road U.M.F.C., cost £5,500; opened Oct. 3, 1897.
 Whitworth U.M.F.C., cost £4,000, opened April 4, 1878.
 Holland Street Chapel, opened Jan. 8, 1854.
 Chapel for the Destitute, founded 1858; edifice in Rope Street, opened May 4, 1879.
 Salvation Army Citadel, Lord Street, opened Nov. 6, 1892.
 Welsh Presbyterian, Portland Street; opened March 3, 1878.

LOCAL FACTS OFTEN ASKED ABOUT.

Outlay on the Town Hall, £155,000.

Height of Town Hall spire, 191 feet, 6 inches; old spire, 240 feet in height.

The hour by the Town Hall clock is indicated by the first stroke of the hour bell, which weighs 59 cwt., but the $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, and $\frac{3}{4}$ hours are intimated by the first stroke of the chimes.

Bells in the Town Hall tower, 5 in number; total weight 10 tons 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 2 lb.; cost £1,100.

Town Hall clock dials are 11 feet 6 inches in diameter.

Pendulum of the Town Hall clock is 15 feet long.

Town Hall assembly room, exclusive of platform and alcove, is 30 yards long, 20 yards wide, 68 feet high; seats 1,200 persons, standing room for 2,000 persons.

Public Hall, Baillie Street, is 80 feet long, 50 feet wide, 30 feet high.

Baillie Street Chapel seats 1,800 persons.

Circus of Varieties will hold 4,000 persons.

Union Street Wesleyan Chapel seats 1,650 persons.

At its widest the borough is over 3 miles from point to point.

Park ground rent remitted by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, £380 per annum.

Acreage of the borough, 4,180.

Tramways undertaking cost over £500,000 to complete.

Tramways Company's powers expire 1902.

Cemetery, Bury Road, contains over 54,000 bodies.

St. Chad's Church steps are 122 in number.

Broadfield Park is about 16 acres in extent.

Mr. Samuel Turner, Chaseley, discovered the manufacturing properties of asbestos.

Magna Charta picture by Holliday, cost £450 originally; restored at the cost of £200.

One Vicar of Rochdale, Henry Tilson, M.A., A.D. 1615-39, has been appointed a Bishop.

Drink bill of the town estimated to exceed £250,000 per annum.

Trinity Presbyterian Church spire cost £1,070.

Cost of the maintenance of the Post Office, about £8,000 per annum.

Rochdale School Board was the third Board formed under the Education Act, 1870.

County Police Court offices, &c., cost £8,000.

Newbold Friendly Society's members exceed 25,000 in number.

Kenion's Charity funds exceed £8,000.

Dearnley Workhouse cost £85,000 to erect.

Exchange Street is a private thoroughfare, owned by the proprietors of the New Market.

Right to hold a Fair purchased from the Lord of the Manor by the Corporation for £350.

Local Facts—continued.

The land used for stallage at the bottom of Yorkshire Street comprises about 48 superficial square yards. £1,000 has been refused for it.

Pioneers' Central Stores cost £13,400 to erect.

John Wesley made several visits to the town.

Size of the largest Swimming Bath, Smith Street, 65 feet 6 inches long, 39 feet wide.

Mayor's Chain and Badge of Office cost £250.

Healey Viaduct railway lines are 105 feet above the river Spodden.

Length of Rochdale Railway Station main platforms 380 yards each.

Rise of the railway line to Facit, from the junction, near Milnrow Road, 302 feet 6 inches.

Summit Tunnel is 2,869 yards in length; 23,000,000 bricks were used in its construction. Total cost £251,000.

Largest Gasometer at the Corporation Gas Works is 136 feet high, 150 feet in diameter; holding capacity 2,403,293 cubic feet.

Spring Mill Reservoir holding capacity 185,000,000 gallons.

Cowm Reservoir holding capacity 230,000,000 gallons.

Hollingworth Lake covers 104 acres.

Distance round Hollingworth Lake by carriage road, 2 miles 372 yards.

Whiteholme Reservoir, Blackstone Edge, covers 92 acres.

Fenton's Bank paid a total dividend of 15s. 3½d.

Glebe Lands rental exceeds £12,000 per annum.

Forty-two Locks separate the canal between Rochdale and Manchester.

John Bright Statue is 9 feet high, and stands upon a pedestal 11 feet high; cost £2,000.

Rochdale Bridge is 92½ feet wide between parapets.

Rochdale Canal cost nearly £500,000 to construct.

St. Edmund's Church, Falinge, cost £30,000 to complete.

John Bright & Bros., Fieldhouse Mills, were the first to use electric light in Rochdale.

St. Alban's Institute cost £12,000 to complete.

Rochdale Cricket Ground, Dane Street, cost £2,000 to lay out, &c.

Ashworth Memorial Statue, in the Park, cost 800 guineas.

Value of the late Mr. T. Watson's gift of the Infirmary, £7,000.

Rochdale Grammar School Endowments produce a net annual income of £25 10s. 0d.

Gartside Charity Funds exceed £5,300; income about £140, £10 of which is devoted to the ancient parish of Castleton, remainder in subscriptions to convalescent homes and in providing nurses for the sick.

200,000 letters are posted and delivered weekly at the Post Office; number of parcels dealt with weekly, 3,000.

Elective Auditors' salary, £52 10s. per annum.

Infirmary Galas' receipts £9,152 14s. 5½d., net profit £3,069 13s. 7d.

OBITUARY.

NOTE.—*The figures in brackets denote the age of the deceased.*

A

- Ackroyd, T. W., saddler (71), Dec. 19, 1895.
 Adamson, Robt., wholesale grocer, a former town councillor, Mar. 1, 1886.
 Aldridge, Rev. E. H., M.A., first vicar of Facit (69), Aug. 28, 1898.
 Askew, Peter, a well-known Wesleyan, Nov. 25, 1887.
 Ashworth, Edmund, Oakenrod, J.P., ex-town councillor (56), at Hammer-smith, Jan. 19, 1885.
 Ashworth, Edwin, Spotland Bridge, cotton spinner (42), Jan. 21, 1880.
 Ashworth, Geo., Roche House, J.P. (61), May 25, 1861.
 Ashworth, Geo. L., Roche Mount, J.P., twice mayor (50), Aug. 6, 1873.
 Ashworth, James, Toad Lane, a well-known eating house keeper (81), Feb. 12, 1882.
 Ashworth, James, Waterside, glazier, local poet (50), March 21, 1856.
 Ashworth, John, author of *Strange Tales*, &c. (61), Jan. 26, 1875.
 Ashworth, Miles, first president Pioneers' Society (76), April 13, 1869.
 Ashworth, Samuel, one of the "28" (46), Feb., 1871.
 Ashworth, Solomon, dyer, ex-town councillor (75), March 15, 1894.
 Ashworth, Thomas, a well-known music teacher (73), July 18, 1888.
 Ashworth, Thomas, Belle Green, J.P., mayor 1859-60 (53), Sep. 10, 1869.
 Ashworth, T. B., solicitor (34), at Bury, Sep. 30, 1878.
 Ashworth, Wm., Spread Eagle Hotel, freemason (50), April 4, 1880.
 Atkinson, Wm., Yorkshire Street, smallware dealer (87), Jan. 4, 1882.

B

- Bamford, J. W., Cronkeyshaw, chemist, town councillor (60), Nov. 11, 1894.
 Bamford, Sam., editor of the *Co-operative News* (51), March 6, 1898.
 Barlow, Abm., Sparth, gentleman (74), June 14, 1868.
 Barlow, Edwd., Sparth, gentleman (73), suddenly, Jan. 12, 1884.
 Barlow, Thos., Falinge Road, cotton waste dealer (72), June 18, 1894.
 Barnish, John, a noted clock-maker (69), May 26, 1829.
 Bartlemore, Wm., Castleton Hall, J.P., Feb. 13, 1855.
 Barton, John, Regent Street, undertaker (63), July 13, 1895.
 Barton, W. W., for 40 years town surveyor (67), Dec. 8, 1859.
 Bell, Robert, gas works manager (47), April 7, 1871.
 Benn, Sam., managing partner in the firm of W. H. Best (63), Jan. 14, 1895.
 Bent, J., one of the "28" (78), March 25, 1894.
 Best, W. H., decorator (66), July 31, 1897.
 Bibbington, John, lime burner (43), Jan. 18, 1865.
 Bolton, Edwin, timber merchant (57), June 21, 1888.
 Bolton, Fletcher, timber merchant, town councillor, member of the Board of Guardians (77); at Blackpool, Sep. 25, 1884.
 Bolton, Thomas, timber merchant, a well-known amateur athlete (36), Sep. 20, 1887.
 Booth, James, Elmfield, alderman (75), Nov. 13, 1881.

Obituary—*continued.*

- Booth, Thomas, William Street, J.P. (75), Feb. 14, 1884.
 Booth, William, Drake Hotel, musical instrument maker (44), Mar. 19, 1893.
 Boothman, Wm., Yorkahire Street, an active member of the old Radical club (44), June 14, 1869.
 Bradbury, W. W., Milkstone Road, town councillor for Castleton west ward 1893-7 (65), Oct. 5, 1898.
 Brandon, Thos., grocer (57), Oct. 9, 1877.
 Brearley, Robt., the Milnrow centenarian (102), Sep. 19, 1889.
 Bridge, Sutcliffe, White Swan Hotel (37), Feb. 13, 1883.
 Brierley, Arthur, cotton spinner, (formerly of Egerton Terrace) in London, May 1, 1895.
 Brierley, Abraham, West Hill, J.P., founder of the firm of Abm. Brierley and Sons, Ld., July 20, 1864.
 Brierley, James, West Hill, county and borough justice (80), Sep. 24, 1896.
 Brierley, James, Crossfield, July 18, 1873.
 Brierley, Joseph, Castleton Manor, J.P., ex-alderman, member of the School Board 1870-94 (78), Feb. 22, 1896.
 Brierley, John, Mitchell Street, manager of the Provident Co-operative Society (69), July 16, 1887.
 Brierley, John Pilling, Lauriston (75), Dec. 26, 1894.
 Brierley, Morgan, cotton spinner, antiquarian (73), Sep. 8, 1897.
 Brierley, Robert, land steward, town councillor (45), Aug. 2, 1875.
 Brierley, Samuel, Grove Place, Drake-st, schoolmaster (53), Nov. 12, 1889.
 Brierley, Samuel, Glebelands (74), Jan. 8, 1876.
 Brierley, Simon, butcher, a former member of Whitworth Local Board (58), Feb. 12, 1896.
 Bright, Grattan (30), at Bologna, Oct. 27, 1853.
 Bright, Jacob, senior (76), July 7, 1851.
 Bright, Rt. Hon. John, M.P. (77), March 27, 1889.
 Bright, Samuel (46), at Geneva, March 27, 1873.
 Bright, Thomas, Green Bank (75), Jan. 8, 1890.
 Broadbent, J. C., Wellingrove, civil engineer (62), March 9, 1890.
 Brogden, D. H., blacksmith, a well-known musician, June, 1898.
 Buck, Chas., chief constable 1893-98 (41), April 9, 1898.
 Buckley, Benj., surgeon dentist (51), Oct. 24, 1896.
 Buckley, Nathaniel, Townhead, M.D. (49), Jan. 13, 1871.
 Buckley, Thomas, solicitor, justices' clerk (46), Feb. 12, 1871.
 Burchell, Rev. W. F., for 21 years' pastor of West St. Chapel, April 6, 1876.
 Butterworth, Chas., Town Meadows, gentleman (82), Feb. 25, 1868.
 Butterworth, Henry, jeweller (55), Sep. 26, 1882.
 Butterworth, H. D., auctioneer (54), Feb. 5, 1888.
 Butterworth, H. H., Castleton Villas, cotton spinner (51), Feb. 27, 1874.
 Butterworth, James, Rake Bank, county justice, a former member of the Board of Guardians (74), Nov. 30, 1894.
 Butterworth, James, coal merchant; at Southport, Feb. 17, 1887.
 Butterworth, James, Greenbooth, woollen manufacturer (82), May 3, 1868.
 Butterworth, John, Elbow Lane mills (52), Nov. 1, 1873.
 Butterworth, John, broker, whilst addressing an open-air Liberal meeting (60), July 3, 1896.
 Butterworth, John, Oakenrod Hill (75), July 29, 1889.
 Butterworth, Joseph, bell-ringer, a well-known Conservative working-man (72), Nov. 25, 1890.
 Byron, Lord, Baron Rochdale (35), April 19, 1824.

Obituary—*continued.*

C

- Calman, A. L., of the Chapel for the Destitute (70), Jan. 1, 1893.
 Calow, Charles, Drake Street, watchmaker (70), Jan. 20, 1894.
 Carter, Rev. T., M.A., vicar of Littleborough (41), July 21, 1872.
 Cartwright, Henry, insurance agent (77), Feb. 18, 1877.
 Cartwright, Thos. S., insurance agent (46), Dec. 27, 1878.
 Chadwick, Edward Stott, wharfinger (57), Feb. 11, 1880.
 Chadwick, Hector, (John Chadwick & Sons, flannel manufacturers), (72);
 at Southport, September 25, 1897.
 Chadwick, James, J.P. since 1854 (62), Feb. 18, 1871.
 Chadwick, John, Oakenrod, flannel manufacturer (68), Aug. 20, 1883.
 Chadwick, Jonathan, Grand Master of the Order of Modern Druids in
 1868-9 (65), March 9, 1873.
 Chadwick, Joseph, pawnbroker (70), Feb. 20, 1899.
 Chadwick, Thomas, Wellington Terrace (87), Jan. 1, 1870.
 Chadwick, Thomas, Bridge Street, machinist (43), March 15, 1894.
 Chappell, J. T. H., a promising cricketer (22), April 11, 1877.
 Cheetham, J. K., M.D., March 24, 1864.
 Clegg, Chas. E., King's Road, major in the Oldham rifles, town councillor,
 (45), April 26, 1884.
 Clegg, Edward A., J.P., LL.D., Littleborough (45), July 5th, 1885.
 Clegg, James, pawnbroker, ex-town councillor (60), Nov. 20, 1891.
 Clegg, James Nuttall, formerly of Fenton's Bank (39), Dec. 19, 1885.
 Clegg, John, father of "Th' Owd Weighver" (82), Nov. 29, 1896.
 Clegg, John Trafford, "Th' Owd Weighver," local author and poet (38),
 March 18, 1895.
 Clegg, Levi, cloth merchant, Yorkshire Street (61), March 6, 1896.
 Clegg, Robert, Griffin Inn, secretary of the Licensed Victuallers' Association.
 (54), March 7, 1896.
 Clegg, Wm., Bilson House, Milnrow, flannel manufacturer (80), Feb. 18, 1887.
 Clough, Robert, a noted temperance lecturer (64), Sep. 2, 1894.
 Cobden, Richard, M.P. for the borough 1859-65 (61), April 2, 1865.
 Cogswell, R. P., retired grocer, (66), May 4, 1897.
 Collier, John, "Tim Bobbin" (76), July 14, 1786.
 Collier, Luke, confectioners' machinist (72), Dec. 31, 1893.
 Collinge, Robert, a well-known Druid, March 25, 1894.
 Collinge, Thomas A., borough analyst (38), Oct. 31, 1882.
 Collingwood, Edwin, stamp distributor, sometime assistant justices' clerk
 (59), Dec. 15, 1874.
 Collingwood, Jas. H., solicitor's managing clerk (48), Aug. 31, 1895.
 Collingwood, Thomas, medical officer to Rochdale Union (67), Apl. 27, 1881.
 Collingwood, T. B., Reed Hotel (40), Dec. 11, 1882.
 Cooper, Rev. Walter, B.A., for 18 years vicar of St. Alban's Church,
 July 31, 1894.
 Cooper, William, one of the "28" (46), Oct. 31, 1868.
 Coventry, David, manager of the Manchester and Liverpool District Bank
 (74), July 11, 1879.
 Crook, Capt. T. A., D.L., Townhead, Nov. 16, 1856.
 Crowder, W. H. G., a well-known musician, April 21, 1871.
 Crowther, F. C., The Orchard, surveyor (35), Sep. 1, 1884.
 Crawford, W. Sharman, M.P. for the borough, 1841-52 (81), Oct. 17, 1861.
 Cunliffe, Henry, flannel manufacturer, antiquarian (60), April 21, 1886.
 Curtis, J. J., Summercastle, schoolmaster (62), Feb. 26, 1877.

Obituary—continued.

D

- Dania, John, machinist, town councillor (72), Sep. 26, 1875.
 Davenport, James, Globe works (73), March 8, 1876.
 Davenport, J. B., publisher (65), Jan. 29, 1886.
 Dawson, Daniel, Yorkshire Street, draper (50), Dec. 8, 1880.
 Dawson, Thomas, Wellington Terrace, gentleman (66), Dec. 24, 1887.
 Dearden James, Lord of the Manor (64), Jan. 2, 1862.
 Dearden, John, licensed victualler, town councillor (51), July 23, 1873.
 Dearden, J. fferand, The Elms, coroner for 35 years (68), Jan. 2, 1870.
 Dodds, Ralph, builder (62), Nov. 22, 1898.
 Douglas, Malcolm, sometime editor of the *Rochdale Pilot*, Oct. 27, 1876.
 Dowling, Rev. John, St. John's R. C. Church (65), Dec. 18, 1871.
 Duckworth, Thomas, Drake Street, card manufacturer (60), Jan. 29, 1886.
 Ducker, Rev. J., M.A., for 34 years vicar of Wardle (74), at Southport,
 Dec. 7, 1896.
 Dunlop, Walter, surgeon, December 14, 1859.

E

- Eastwood, C., well-known in sporting circles (65), suddenly, Aug. 16, 1898.
 Ellidge, Ephraim, solicitor (36), Nov. 29, 1891.
 Empsall, John, member of the Rochdale Rifle Club (38), Jan. 2, 1871.
 Entwisle, John, M.P. for the borough, 1835-37 (52), April 5, 1837.
 Entwisle, John Smith, J.P., D.L., High Sheriff in 1849, June 20, 1868.
 Evans, Edward, broker, a well-known Radical (75), July 1, 1897.

F

- Farrow, C, cheese factor, J.P., July 22, 1891.
 Farrington, Rev. W. J., vicar of St. James's, Wardleworth, Jan. 31, 1863.
 Faulkner, J., veterinary surgeon (67), Nov. 25, 1896.
 Fenton, James, Bamford Hall, J.P. (64), Dec. 8, 1857.
 Fenton, John, Crimble, first M.P. for the borough (72), July 25, 1863.
 Fielden, T., M.P. for Middleton division (Lancs.) (43), Oct. 5, 1897.
 Fielding, Joshua, Church Stile House (72), Jan. 8, 1889.
 Fielding, Wm., Grove Inn, a well-known flautist, April 11, 1890.
 Fisher, James, tea dealer (65), Dec. 9, 1893.
 Fish, Rev. J., M.A., vicar of Ashworth (55), Nov. 26, 1883.
 Fishwick, H. H., Brown Hill, town commissioner (72), Sep. 30, 1872.
 Fletcher, James, Calliards, flannel manufacturer (63), Nov. 3, 1885.
 Fletcher, John, iron merchant (60), Aug. 28, 1885.
 Fraser, James, D.D., second bishop of Manchester, Oct. 22, 1885.

G

- Gaitskill, Rev. I., M.A., for 51 years curate and vicar of Whitworth (80),
 Feb. 5, 1877.
 Gartside, John, Molesworth Street, waste dealer (64), April 12, 1894.
 Gott, Henry, coal merchant (51), June 17, 1893.
 Gott, Jeffrey, master of St. James's schools (28), Dec. 5, 1872.
 Goodhew, Thomas, drysalter (42), Dec. 26, 1898.
 Grandidge, James, timber merchant, for 36 years a member of the Board
 of Guardians (76), Oct. 29, 1886.
 Grandidge, William, timber merchant (54), June 6, 1893.
 Greenhalgh, Robert, Robiu Hood Hotel (42), March 19, 1883.

Obituary—*continued.*

H

- Hadfield, J., chemist, member of the Board of Guardians (63), Dec. 17, 1892.
- Halliwell, R. Ogden, furniture broker, served in the Crimean war (55),
May 25, 1891.
- Halstead, Isaac, ironfounder (34), April 5, 1874.
- Halstead, James, ironfounder (44), Nov. 23, 1876.
- Hamilton, J., valuer to the Union Assessment Committee (86), April 3, 1891.
- Hamilton, James, ironmonger, Broom Hill (52), at Reading, June 8, 1880.
- Handley, John, woolstapler (58), Feb. 14, 1887.
- Handley, J., grocer, ex-town councillor (71), at Southport, Feb. 21, 1899.
- Haresceugh, Joseph, Sanitary Works, manager (71), April 6, 1883.
- Harley, John, during his mayoralty (66), June 13, 1883.
- Hartley, James, solicitor, steward of the manor; ex-town councillor (60),
June 22, 1881.
- Hartley, Stephen, Littleborough, finisher (54), Oct. 7, 1892.
- Hartshorne, Rev. C. K., M.A., vicar of Norden, Dec. 18, 1867.
- Hastings, Wm., flannel manufacturer (77), Sep. 14, 1875.
- Hastings, Willie, well-known all-round athlete (26), suddenly, July 22, 1892.
- Hayle, Thomas, M.D., Drake Street (78), Sept. 17, 1896.
- Healey, Robt., The Hurstead, J.P., commissioner of income tax, trustee of
Moss school, trustee of Rochdale and Halifax turnpike trust (64),
May 27, 1874.
- Healey, Thomas, Howarth Cross, J.P., commissioner of income tax, trustee
of Rochdale and Halifax turnpike trust (70), March 10, 1894.
- Heap, James, Newhey, J.P. (64), April 7, 1892.
- Heap, Joseph, solicitor, clerk to the borough justices (64), May 29, 1891.
- Heap, Joshua, Dunster, J.P. (50), in London, Nov. 29, 1886.
- Heap, Samuel, Caldershaw (66), Oct. 6, 1873.
- Heap, Thomas, Cliffe House, Milnrow, J.P. (79), June 4, 1872.
- Heap, Wm. Edmund, Bentmeadows, surveyor, Nov. 25, 1887.
- Heape, Robert, Grove Place (83), Feb. 1, 1867.
- Heape, Robert Taylor, J.P., D.L., twice mayor (75), Nov. 18, 1888.
- Heaton, W., Dunsterville, solicitor, clerk to justices, (72), March 23, 1869.
- Hill, Abraham, Shawforth, member of the Board of Guardians for many
years (69), Sep. 27, 1889.
- Hill, Edward, for 23 years sheriff's officer (63), June 30, 1884.
- Hill, John, Lord Street, woolstapler, town councillor (77), Feb. 6, 1896.
- Hill, W. B., a well-known draper (retired) (78), at Southport, Jan. 10, 1892.
- Holden, James, High Birch (66), April 23, 1896.
- Holgate, John, solicitor, clerk to the Board of Guardians since 1858 (74),
May 19, 1886.
- Holland, John (47), solicitor, Aug. 30, 1882.
- Holroyd, Chas., Air Hill, woollen manufacturer, Jan. 18, 1881.
- Holt, James, a well-known football player, in South Africa, Jan. 5, 1895.
- Holt, James, Yorkshire Street, J.P. (72), Dec. 26, 1874.
- Holt, John, Richard Street, shoemaker, ardent Conservative (74), Sep.
2, 1895.
- Holt, Ormerod, vocalist (45), Jan. 14, 1872.
- Holt, Robert, Drake Street, tobacconist (66), April 15, 1895.
- Holt, Thomas, Milnrow Road, roper, for many years an overseer of the
poor (66), April 13, 1885.
- Holt, Thomas, Molesworth Street, machinist (64), Oct. 26, 1892.
- Holt, William, Milnrow Road, roper, Churchman and Conservative (58),
Dec. 9, 1896.

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- Horbury, Benjamin, ex-president of the Pioneers' Society (65), March 16, 1889.
 Horsfall, James, a noted botanist and flint collector, Oct. 1898.
 Howarth, David, engineer, (70), Oct. 28, 1888.
 Howarth, James, auctioneer, formerly Conservative agent (44), May 27, 1885.
 Hoyle, James, Larkfield, J.P. (57), Feb. 8, 1872.
 Hoyle, John Thomas, a local vocalist (41), Sep. 30, 1896.
 Hoyle, John, Crossfield, corn miller (65), July 25, 1877.
 Hoyle, John, The Elms, late of Wardleworth House, town councillor 1872-88 (75), Feb. 13, 1898.
 Howe, John, auctioneer, a sturdy Radical (54), Jan. 24, 1885.
 Howell, James, veterinary surgeon (77), Aug. 10, 1891.
 Hudson, T. B., Henry Street, railway contractor (65), Jan. 3, 1892.
 Hulme, George, well-known by the soubriquet "Brids apiece" (78), March 31, 1890.
 Hunt, Richard, solicitor, 1852.
 Hurst, Charles, Ph.D., assistant lecturer at Owens College, biologist, May 10, 1898.
 Hurst, Richard, Spring Hill, Buersill, borough and county justice, ex-member of the School Board (83), Aug. 16, 1897.
 Hurst, Robert, wine and spirit merchant (79), Nov. 23, 1898.
 Hurst, William, Hamer Hall, cotton spinner (63), Aug. 5, 1893.
 Hutchinson, R. Hopwood, Norden, J.P., D.L. (68), Feb. 28, 1893.

I

- Inchbald, Rev. J. W., M.A. formerly vicar of St. Mary's, The Baum, (64), April 12, 1861.
 Ingham, James, veterinary surgeon (34), May 28, 1894.
 Ireland, Josh., Woolpack Hotel, New Market, town councillor (69), Jan. 10, 1888.

J

- Jackson, John, Trafalgar Street, cotton manufacturer, for many years a member of the Board of Guardians (72), Sep. 3, 1893.
 Jackson, Robert, solicitor, registrar of the county court, clerk to the county justices (74), April 23, 1891.
 Jennings, Joseph, woollen manufacturer (26), July 14, 1875.
 Jewison, R., Wolstenholme Hall, tallow chandler, J.P. (62), May 12, 1880.
 Jones, C. M., Roebuck Hotel (65), Jan. 11, 1888.
 Jones, Ellis, draper (69), Sep. 22, 1876.
 Jones, Rev. Robt., for 24 years registrar of the Cemetery (85); at Leamington Spa, March, 1894.
 Jones, William, Milnrow, for many years member of Local Board, spinning company director, Jan. 16, 1898.

K

- Kay, Edward Greenwood, Whitworth, J.P. (82), April 28, 1888.
 Kay, Richard, Harefield Hall, J.P. (51), July 20, 1888.
 Kelsall, Henry, The Butts, J.P. (76), Dec. 22, 1869.
 Kelsall, Joseph, Deeplish, Nov. 27, 1864.
 Kemp, Geo. Tawke, Beechwood, J.P. (67), at Dabôd, Nubia, Mar. 20, 1877.
 Kershaw, Charles, corn dealer, ex-town councillor (63), at Southport, Oct. 3, 1896.
 Kershaw, Rev. J., for 52 years pastor of Hope-st. Chapel (77), Jan. 11, 1870.

Obituary—continued.

- Kershaw, John, registrar of births, &c., Wardleworth (70), May 1, 1890.
 Kershaw, Thomas, Spotland Road, grocer (61), March 16, 1894.
 King, James, Sandfield, cotton spinner (64), Oct. 20, 1878.
 Kirtley, J. H., wine merchant (55), Sep. 30, 1869.
 Knight, Dr. S. R., well-known writer on mathematics (40), Jan. 27, 1894.

L

- Ladyman, Thomas, Summercastle, builder, Feb. 7, 1871.
 Lahee, M. R., Union Street, Lancashire authoress (64), June 14, 1895.
 Law, Edward, for 21 years relieving officer for Castleton township (63), June, 1890.
 Law, Isaac, Facit, quarrymaster, Feb. 28, 1887.
 Law, Joseph, Littledale Street, waste dealer (53), Oct. 14, 1883.
 Lawton, Geo., brewer (73), June 6, 1895.
 Lawton, James, surgeon (63), Aug. 4, 1877.
 Lawton, Josef W., printer, well-known in musical circles (68), Feb. 17, 1894.
 Lawton, Robt., machine broker (73) Oct. 31, 1886.
 Lawton, Robt., letterpress printer, one of the early printers and proprietors of the *Rochdale Observer* (54), Nov. 23, 1877.
 Leach, Edmund, Summercastle, machinist, J.P. (72), Sep. 1st, 1872.
 Leach, John, Harridge, flannel manufacturer, well-known county cricketer (46), Feb. 1, 1893.
 Leach, John, formerly of Castleton Hall, machinist, J.P., a former leader of the Conservative party; ex-town councillor (48), at Colombo, March 15, 1882.
 Leach, John, cotton spinner, town councillor; member of the School Board, (58), Jan. 25, 1897.
 Leach, James, Birchen House, spring maker (62), Nov. 23, 1898.
 Leach, Stephen, formerly of Buersill, flannel manufacturer; ex-town councillor (60), at Davenham, July, 1885.
 Leach, Thomas (Leach & Sons, Summercastle), machinist (38), Feb. 7, 1875
 Lee, J. W., Littleborough, oil and tallow merchant, (39), at Paris, Feb. 22, 1895.
 Leech, Edwd., The Greave (53), July 30, 1873.
 Lett, James, tinplate worker; active Conservative (63), May 15, 1891.
 Lewis, Rev. E. C., pastor at St. Stephen's Church, 1839-76 (70), at Slough, Dec. 23, 1886.
 Littlewood, Thornton, Townhead, J.P., Oct. 10, 1865.
 Littlewood, William, for 40 years principal of Townhead academy (59), July, 1857.
 Livsey, Thomas, alderman, a Rochdale worthy (48), Jan. 25, 1864.
 Lloyd, John (Lloyd & Whitehead), draper (49), Nov. 1, 1897.
 Lofthouse, John, surgeon; town councillor, member of School Board (40), July 25, 1886.
 Lord, Ellis, chemist, town councillor (55), Feb. 1, 1886.
 Lord, Henry, bailiff of the county court (70), Sep. 19, 1873.
 Lord, Samuel, Marland, a well-known innkeeper (77), Sep. 29, 1889.
 Lord, Simeon, Castleton, butcher (65), Jan. 22, 1890.
 Lord, T. E., land steward of the manor (41), Aug. 25, 1894.
 Lord, William, flannel manufacturer, ex-town councillor, at Southport, Dec. 29, 1892.
 Lumb, Levi, Brotherod (77), June 24, 1888.
 Lumb, William, Brotherod Hall, cotton spinner (53), Oct. 10, 1896.

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M

- Mc.Intyre, Wm., a well-known cricketer, for several seasons engaged at Sparth, Sep. 10, 1892.
- Mc.Kill, Wm., tailor (61), Aug. 9, 1895.
- Mc.Naught, Wm., Crawford Street, engineer (76), Feb., 1888.
- Mc.Naught, Wm., Crawford Street (52), Sep. 18, 1893.
- Mansell, Geo., mayor 1868-9 (78), at Southport, Dec. 27, 1891.
- March, Owen, solicitor (67), January 12, 1899.
- Mason, John, machinist (43), Sep. 27, 1855.
- Mason, Thomas, Trafalgar Hotel, president of the Rochdale Cricket Club, April 8, 1890.
- Martin, Christopher, Clock Face Hotel, freemason, April 4, 1890.
- Mather, John, shoemaker, a former member of the rifle volunteers (73), Feb. 4, 1892.
- Matley, Levi, for many years with John Pilling, Limited, Norwich Street mills, Churchman, Conservative (62), May 6, 1895.
- Matthew, Henry, woollen manufacturer, Baptist, active Liberal (58), Dec. 12, 1897.
- Matthews, John, ex-postmaster (63), suddenly, March, 1885.
- Mattley, Robt., woolstapler, a former town councillor, lieut. 24th L.R.V. (40), July 7th, 1874.
- Mellor, J. W., solicitor (69), Oct. 12, 1895.
- Mellor, Edmund, Coptrod, land steward (77), Nov. 19, 1895.
- Mellor, Zachary, solicitor, town clerk since 1856 (76), Sep. 13, 1897.
- Miles, Geo., for many years treasurer of Newbold Friendly Society (59), at Preston, May 16, 1896.
- Milne, John, Bankside House, woolstapler, alderman (72), July 24, 1892.
- Milne, Joseph, Dean House, Buersill (56), April 17, 1898.
- Milne, Robert, Mitchell Street, retired spring maker (76), Feb. 4, 1899.
- Milnes, Edward, pawnbroker, member of the Board of Guardians (55), Dec. 25, 1890.
- Mills, George, formerly of the Bricklayers' Arms, Cheetham Street (69), at Whitefield, Dec. 12, 1895.
- Mills, Robert, for many years with Messrs. Kelsall & Kemp (67), suddenly, Nov. 29, 1892.
- Mills, Rev. T. S., M.A., vicar of Littleborough, J.P., D.L. (75), Oct. 1, 1864.
- Minnitt, Rev. R., M.A., vicar of Healey since 1850 (79), Feb. 27, 1884.
- Mitchell, J. T. W., chairman of the Co-operative Wholesale Society (67), March 16, 1895.
- Molesworth, John, solicitor, county coroner (68), Dec. 21, 1886.
- Molesworth, Rev. J. E. N., D.D., for 38 years vicar of Rochdale (87), April 21, 1877.
- Molesworth, Rev. W., M.A., LL.D., vicar of Spotland (74), Dec. 19, 1890.
- Molineux, Rev. J., supernumerary U.M.F.C. minister (82), Nov. 13, 1873.
- Moore, Geo., a popular local cricketer (49), Aug. 1888.
- Moore, J. H. Castleton Grange, mayor 1860-1 (54), Nov. 8, 1870.
- Moore, J. E., Castleton Grange, Dec. 27, 1886.
- Morgan, Chas., leather carrier, town councillor (50) Jan. 19, 1891.
- Moriarty, Dean Michael, St. Patrick's R.C. Church (68), at Nice, Feb. 16, 1897.
- Morris, John Walter, surgeon (55), Feb. 12, 1893.
- Myers, Rev. M. T., superintendent minister of Baillie Street Circuit (67), April 2, 1895.

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N

- Nansen, Emil, wine merchant, formerly teacher of languages at the Rochdale Grammar School (67), Jan. 12, 1897.
 Needham, Mick, an eccentric character, May 23, 1892.
 Newall, Henry, Littleborough, J.P. (71), Sep. 26, 1886.
 Nield, Jonathan, Messrs. J. & J. Fenton & Sons, bankers (62), Aug. 4, 1887.
 Norris, Rev. C. E., M.A., vicar of Falinge (62), Aug. 28, 1896.
 Norris, E. W., Yorkshire Street, butcher (70), Jan. 2, 1889.
 Nuttall, Squire, sometime president of the Provident Co-operative Society, Dec. 24, 1897.

O

- Oddie, Wilkinson, Messrs. Abm. Brierley & Sons (53), Jan. 23, 1892.
 Ogden, John, Kilnerdeyne (89), Nov. 30, 1888.
 Ogden, John, Wardleworth Cottage, woolstapler (52), July 17, 1878.
 Ogden, R. T., Drake Street, surgeon (42), March 24, 1872.
 Ogden, T., Messrs. Israel Ogden & Sons, cotton spinner (39), Dec. 17, 1885.
 O'Neill, Edward, canon of Salford, 23 years' priest at St. John's Ann Street (66), Oct. 15, 1895.
 Ormerod, Oliver, leather merchant, Lancashire author (68), Nov. 1, 1879.
 Ormerod, Wm., leather merchant; a former member of the School Board (64), Feb. 1, 1882.

P

- Pagan, J. T., Mayor 1861-2 (59), at Guildford, Nov. 23, 1885.
 Parker, John, builder, alderman; for 16 years' a member of the Board of Guardians (81), August 16, 1897.
 Parker, Rev. J. W., M.A., first vicar of St. Alban's Church (50), August 13, 1874.
 Parkinson, Rev. H. W., pastor of Milton Congregational Church (49), August 20, 1874.
 Parr, Rev. J. R., M.A., first vicar of Balderstone (69), June 3, 1888.
 Petrie, James, engineer, J.P. (78), at Southport, June 21, 1892.
 Petrie, John, South Street, engineer, a prominent Liberal (92), Feb. 23, 1883.
 Petrie, J. E., mayor, 1887-9, J.P., a former member of the School Board (54), at Torquay, July 19, 1897.
 Philippi, F. T., Belfield Hall (82), March 5, 1890.
 Pickles, T. B., Foxholes Lane, schoolmaster, staunch Churchman and Conservative (53), March 6, 1879.
 Pilling, James, Stone Hill, cotton spinner (48), Dec. 13, 1871.
 Pilling, John, Deeplish Hall, cotton spinner (64), April 28, 1891.
 Pitts, C. A., for 39 years master at the National School, Redcross Street (63), Dec. 28, 1877.
 Pogson, T., Bridgewater Navigation Co. (52), May 19, 1884.
 Pollitt, John, hairdresser, a prominent member of Baillie Street U.M.F.C. (85), March 13, 1898.
 Porritt, Samuel, Ramford, woollen manufacturer, a former town councillor (68), April 13, 1884.
 Postlethwaite, John, brush maker, a leading Spiritualist (66), April 19, 1889.
 Potter, T. B., Midhurst, M.P. for the borough 1865-95 (80), Nov. 6, 1898.
 Potts, John, for 35 years a corporation official, and an active member of the early Pioneers (57), Jan. 13, 1895.
 Preston, Chas., machinist, an ex-town councillor (57), Jan. 7, 1886.
 Priestley, George, an old co-operator and an active secularist (67), March 23, 1895.

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R

- Radcliffe, Henry, displayed conspicuous bravery at the great fire at Duncan Street mills in 1854 (70), March 5, 1881.
- Radcliffe, Joshua, Balderstone Hall, J.P., vice-chairman of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company (79), March 3, 1891.
- Radcliffe, Joshua Walmsley, J.P., D.L. (52), Nov. 9, 1895.
- Radcliffe, Walter, formerly of Holly Lea, Buersill (50), at sea, Feb. 13, 1897.
- Raines, Canon F. R., M.A., F.S.A., 46 years vicar of Milnrow (73), Oct. 17, 1878.
- Ramsay, Sir A., Bart., M.P. for the borough 1857-9 (61), March 3, 1875.
- Rathbone, Rev. D., for 37 years vicar of Ashworth (84), Feb. 9, 1871.
- Rawstron, Ralph, North View, Whitworth (74), Dec. 10, 1895.
- Renshaw, Chas., coach builder, one of the founders of the Rochdale Good Samaritan society (70), May 31, 1883.
- Rhodes, Ebenezer, borough auditor (68), Dec. 11, 1885.
- Roberts, William, solicitor, poor-law auditor (67), Feb. 18, 1879.
- Roberts, William, proprietor of the Wellington Hotel (53), Mar. 18, 1884.
- Robinson, P. H., Mount Falinge, engineer (31), March 8, 1883.
- Robinson, J. Salkeld, Woodfield, engineer, J.P. (43), July 14, 1892.
- Robinson, John, Mount Falinge, engineer, J.P., mayor, 1866-7 (54), Dec. 22, 1877.
- Robinson, John, Ashworth House, flannel manufacturer, alderman (64), Feb. 1, 1895.
- Rogers, James T., firebrick manufacturer (53), Dec. 11, 1882.
- Roscow, Joseph, Hill House, coal proprietor, Jan. 12, 1869.
- Rothwell, J. U., secretary of the workmen's committee of the Infirmary (40), Dec. 14, 1886.
- Rothwell, James Hamilton, Drake Street, chemist (43), Sep. 9, 1874.
- Rothwell, Edmund, tramways manager (39), Feb. 6, 1898.
- Rothwell, Wm., Freehold (98), Jan. 26, 1889.
- Royds, A. H., Brownhill, J.P., D.L., a former alderman (78), Jan. 17, 1890.
- Royds, Clement, Falinge, J.P. (68), Sep. 6, 1854.
- Royds, E. A. N., Brownhill, J.P., barrister-at-law (47), Aug. 22, 1892.
- Royds, E. E. M., banker, J.P., ex-town councillor (43), at Petersfield, Jan. 16, 1892.
- Royds, James, Mount Falinge, D.L. (83), Feb. 2, 1842.
- Royds, Wm. E., Greenhill (53), Jan. 10, 1871.
- Russell, R. S., canal wharf (60), Jan. 20, 1891.

S

- Saxon, Samuel, St. Alban's Street, brush maker (59), Feb. 25, 1882.
- Schofield, G. W., formerly of Buckley Hall, J.P. (34), May 4, 1884.
- Schofield, James, Greenroyd, captain in the volunteers (38), Oct. 5, 1883.
- Schofield, James, Heybrook (77), Jan. 2, 1860.
- Schofield, Joseph, South Dene, a well-known member of the Rochdale Hunt (36), Feb. 26, 1876.
- Schofield, Joseph, Stubble Hall (56), Sep. 11, 1864.
- Schofield, Robert, Harefield, woollen manufacturer, J.P., a former town councillor and member of the School Board (71), Nov. 28, 1898.
- Schofield, Robert, Heybrook, Sep. 10, 1863.
- Schofield, Thomas, J.P., twice mayor, member of the Board of Guardians (80), March 5, 1897.

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- Schofield, William W., Buckley Hall, woollen manufacturer, J.P., unsuccessfully contested the borough against Mr. Potter 1868 (55), Dec. 7, 1873.
- Schofield, Wright, Lowerplace, auditor (45), Nov. 26, 1895.
- Scholes, William, tea dealer, supporter of athletic institutions (63), Aug. 19, 1889.
- Scholes, John, Littleborough, author (53), Oct. 20, 1863.
- Scott, H. H., *Rochdale Observer* (32), Dec. 24, 1892.
- Scotson, John, plumber, town councillor (61), June 19, 1896
- Scott, W. A., proprietor of the *Rochdale Observer*, a former town councillor (78), Feb. 19, 1889.
- Sellers, J. H., solicitor, August 23, 1867.
- Sellers, W. B., surgeon (66), Dec. 28, 1886.
- Sharpe, Rev. R. N., M.A., 38 years vicar of St. Mary's, The Baum (70), suddenly, April 6, 1895.
- Shaw, J. A., editor of the *Rochdale Times* (51), Dec. 30, 1879.
- Shaw, William, *alias* Maltoot, an eccentric local character, 1873.
- Shaw, William, South Cottage, woollen manufacturer, J.P., chairman of the School Board (75), Jan. 24, 1897.
- Shawcross, W. T., Foxholes, J.P., twice mayor (59), at Blackpool, Sep. 26, 1884.
- Sharrocks, James, Newbold, for 22 years a member of the Town Council (76), Sep. 15, 1895.
- Shepherd, Abraham, Russell Street, Churchman and Conservative (57), March 14, 1892.
- Shepherd, John, Sparthfield; corn miller (63), July 15, 1891.
- Shepherd, Thomas, Sparthfield (64), May 21, 1891.
- Shepherd, William, Clover Bank, auctioneer (72), Jan. 22, 1891.
- Sidebottom, Samuel, Castleton House, a former member of Castleton Local Board (61), May 18, 1896.
- Simpson, William, Bury Road, alderman (75), April 4, 1890.
- Sladen, James, Beach Hotel, Hollingworth Lake, August 31, 1876.
- Smethurst, Robt., formerly of the Golden Fleece Hotel, Oldham Road (78), Sep. 25, 1894.
- Smith, Enoch, The Walk, draper (74), Feb. 3, 1893.
- Smith, James, The Willows, Moorhouse (66), May 28, 1898.
- Smithies, James, one of the "28" (50), May 27, 1869.
- Smithson, Wm., of the borough surveyor's office (44), Dec. 4, 1893.
- Snowdon, Wm., cabinet maker (65), August 24, 1888.
- Southworth, Thos., an old Rochdale draper, retired (88), May 24, 1894.
- Spencer, Robert, Sussex Street (46), Feb. 6, 1896.
- Spencer, Thos., a former registrar of births, &c., for Castleton Township (80), August 22, 1893.
- Staley, Henry, Roche Place (76), March 26, 1859.
- Staley, H., accountant, an enthusiastic church worker (34), May 12, 1884.
- Standring, Sam, secularist lecturer (42), Sep. 27, 1895.
- Stanwell, Wm., The Elms, surgeon (50), Nov. 13, 1884.
- Starkie, John, Roche House (46), June 16, 1873.
- Stevens, Allan, manager Williams Deacon, &c. bank (57), at Blackpool, July 14, 1897.
- Stewart, A., mayor in 1859-60 (72), Sep. 21, 1870.
- Stott, F. L., cotton spinner (72), Nov. 25, 1891.
- Stott, John, woolstapler; remains interred in the New Burial Ground, Drake Street (56); Dec. 5, 1896.

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- Stott, Richard, Wolstenholme Hall, solicitor (72), May 31, 1876.
 Stott, Robt., Meanwood, builder and cotton spinner (60), May 1, 1894.
 Stott, Saml., of Messrs. Royds' bank, J.P. for Lanc. (72), June 22, 1892.
 Stott, Samuel, J.P., mayor in 1863-4 (75), at Higher Broughton, Feb. 19, 1895.
 Stott, S., Spotland Road, director of Mitchel Hey and other companies (73), Aug. 18, 1897.
 Stott, William, Elmfield, solicitor (58), Feb. 3, 1890.
 Stuttard, Matthew, warp sizer, chairman of Whitworth Local Board (50), June 3, 1890.
 Sutcliffe, Thomas, Molesworth Street, brewer (77), personalty sworn under £174,833 7s. 3d.; Nov. 2, 1890.
 Swift, James, William Street, waste dealer (72), Oct. 21, 1877.
 Sykes, J. T., fishmonger (42), July 8, 1890.

T

- Tatham, John, machinist, J.P., mayor, 1864-5 (71), Jan. 10, 1889.
 Taylor, Edmund, Drake Street, watchmaker, Feb. 21, 1879.
 Taylor, Edward, Willow Bank, first honorary freeman of the borough (82), Nov. 18, 1895.
 Taylor, Charles Marshall, one of the founders of the Hornets Football Club (42), Oct. 31, 1891.
 Taylor, James, formerly manager of Trows Print Works Sep. 30, 1890.
 Taylor, James, Dewhirst, a well-known judge of dogs (50), Dec. 5, 1896.
 Taylor, James Eastwood, last of the "Whitworth Doctors" (53), April 8, 1876.
 Taylor, John, Henry Street, solicitor (65), Feb. 3, 1873.
 Taylor, Joseph, Mona Hotel (52), July 6, 1882.
 Taylor, Joseph, Golden Fleece Hotel, a noted judge and breeder of dogs (43), Sep. 2, 1896.
 Taylor, Norris, an old corporation official (74), April 17, 1889.
 Taylor, Samuel, Ashfield (76), Feb. 28, 1868.
 Thorner, J. R., Liberal registration agent (41), Oct. 2, 1888.
 Tomlinson, James, machinist, town councillor (56), Aug. 29, 1881.
 Townend, Rev. Joseph, U.M.F.C. minister (82), Nov. 22, 1888.
 Trevor-Roper, R. H., solicitor (54), March 9, 1889.
 Tunncliffe, John, Wardleworth Brow, dyer, Sep. 21, 1865.
 Turner, Herod, surgeon (70), May 12, 1896.
 Turner, John, printer (65), March 23, 1888.
 Turner, Thomas, Clothhall, well-known in sporting circles (64), Dec. 6, 1892.
 Tweedale, Abraham, Passmonds, cotton spinner (78), May 7, 1898.
 Tweedale, Frederick, Spotland Road, surveyor to the Chadderton Local Board (38), Sep. 1, 1893.
 Tweedale, James, clogger, one of the "28" (67), June, 1886.
 Tweedale, James, Roche Mills, corn miller, mayor 1877-8 (77), Sep. 13, 1885.
 Tweedale, John, formerly of Beightons, J.P., ex-town councillor, at Malvern, May 30, 1895.
 Tweedale, Robt., Broadley Vale, secretary of the Whitworth and Rochdale Agricultural Society (65), Dec. 11, 1873.
 Tweedale, Samuel, Passmonds, J.P., mayor 1874-5 (79), Oct. 10, 1893.
 Tweedale, Samuel (Messrs. J. Bright & Bros.) (73), Oct. 1, 1881.

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U

Uttley, James, corn dealer (54), July 20, 1888.

W

- Walker, James, Spring Mount, Bury Road, Woolstapler (58), Sep. 21, 1882.
 Walker, Wm., Fairlight Villas, cotton spinner (51), April 5, 1881.
 Watson, Thos., Horse Carrs, silk manufacturer, M.P. for Ilkeston Division of Derbyshire (65), March 7, 1887.
 Waugh, Edwin, Lancashire author and poet (73), April 30, 1890.
 Waugh, Thos., artist, for many years conductor of the Pioneers' art classes (65), Dec. 1, 1890.
 Webster, Geo., Mackinnon Street, an active Radical (51), Oct. 15, 1891.
 Whipp, Thos., Yorkshire Street, jeweller (72), May 6, 1877.
 Whitehead, Rev. C. H., M.A., vicar of Norden (65), July 4, 1898.
 Whitehead, Henry, solicitor (85), June 5, 1878.
 Whitehead, John, Milnrow, waste dealer (66), Oct. 19, 1895.
 Whitehead, Mark H., solicitor (65), Sep. 28, 1887.
 Whitehead, Peter, prominently connected with the Provident Co-operative Society (71), Dec. 15, 1895.
 Whitham, A., Yorkshire Street, Photographer (61), Feb. 18, 1891.
 Whittaker, Geo., formerly of Brooklands, Bury Road, ex-town councillor (59), Sep. 22, 1889.
 Whittaker, John James, architect (58), Jan. 1, 1891.
 Whitworth, Chas., Drake Street, decorator (50), Sep. 8, 1887.
 Whitworth, Edward, The Grange, Whitworth (62), Dec. 16, 1880.
 Whitworth, Henry, first secretary of the Manchester Ship Canal (69), Jan. 2, 1894.
 Whitworth, Robert, Smallbridge, town councillor (62), April 27, 1892.
 Widdup, John, for 34 years at the *Rochdale Observer* office (55), Oct. 14, 1892.
 Wild, Samuel, Buersill, cotton spinner (73), Jan. 10, 1886.
 Willans, T. B., flannel manufacturer, mayor 1869-70 (60), at Upper Norwood, August 19, 1897.
 Williams, Rev. R. G., Providence Chapel (61), Jan. 14, 1894.
 Williamson, Joseph, Yorkshire Street, watchmaker (52), Oct. 2, 1872.
 Wilson, John, Drake Street, retired grocer (62), Dec. 14, 1887.
 Wrigley, James, retired schoolmaster (80), Nov. 6, 1897.
 Wrigley, Edmund, Drake Street, music seller (58), April 29, 1883.
 Wrigley, Edmund, founder of Messrs. E. Wrigley & Sons Ltd., printers; for nearly 20 years postmaster (65), April 20, 1875.
 Wrigley, Robt. N., Grove Place, printer (47), August 5, 1881.
 Wrigley, W. A., prominent member of Hornets Football Club, Dec., 1888.
 Wood, Joseph, The Butts, banker (86), Dec. 25, 1877.
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 Worth, Thomas, washer cloth manufacturer (46), Sep. 15, 1870.
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