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P R E F A C E.

The present Work has been issued mainly in response to very numerous and oft-repeated inquiries from all classes of our townsmen and others, for the re-issue in a more permanent form of the **Chronological History** compiled by the Author many years ago for **The Bolton Chronicle**, and which, as an Annual Supplement to that paper, has proved to be of yearly increasing interest. For the purposes of the present publication, these records have been very considerably amplified, and in addition, supplied with an Historical introduction and a copious Index.

The appearance of the second portion of the book, in which will be found a concise History of the Bolton Corporation, may be deemed not inopportune as synchronising with an important event in our local annals, the Jubilee of the Corporation—the 11th October, 1888. The recital of some of the earlier struggles and incidents of our Corporate life, with the *personnel*, politics, and length of service of all who have been connected with our Local Parliament during the half century of its existence—together with all the Polls, both Municipal and Parliamentary—will no doubt be appreciated by the large and intelligent body of our townsmen who take an increasing interest in the political life of our town,—the now County Borough of Bolton.

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October, 1888.

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HISTORY OF BOLTON.

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BOLTON is an ancient, a large and flourishing manufacturing town, famed as the original seat of the cotton trade, and still claiming cotton as its staple industry. The extent and variety of its avocations—cotton spinning; weaving in all its multifarious branches of plain and fancy goods; iron and steel manufacture; engineering and machine-making; brass-founding; mining; and bleaching and dyeing, with their many kindred trades—give a stability to the employment of its artisans of which few manufacturing towns can boast, and a consequent prosperity not excelled by any in the kingdom. The enterprise of its employers and the deftness and skill of its workers equally contribute to the renown of its manufactures, winning for Bolton a foremost place among the great industrial towns of the country, and securing for its productions a ready acceptance alike in home markets and in foreign and distant lands.

Essentially modern looking though Bolton is at the present day, with its wide and well-paved and well-lighted streets, its handsome and spacious Market Hall, its admirable supply of water, its excellent sanitary arrangements, its extensive system of tramways, and its

palatial Town Hall, the "City in the Moors" is yet one of considerable antiquity and in its day has played a not unimportant part in the history of our Country,—conspicuous in times of tumult and civil war, triumphant in the arts of peace and commerce.

Ere the days of the steam-engine and the advent of tall chimneys by which within recent times the face of the country has been so greatly transformed, when hand labour with all its homely and tranquil surroundings ruled supreme, and woollen or fustian—each in turn before muslin or cotton—formed the staple employment of its residents, Bolton was reputed to be one of the most picturesque and attractive looking of our Lancashire towns. With the great Forest of Horwich in the background, woodland scenery was not wanting. Deep cloughs of considerable extent in various directions testified to the geological changes which time had wrought in its aspect. Limpid streams ran through peaceful dells and smiling valleys on one side and on the other, for river pollution with all its disagreeable and injurious consequences was as yet unknown. Many well-to-do and not a few distinguished families dwelt in the neighbourhood; and in the town itself, with its then few straggling streets, its "rampart," its "acres," its "gates," and its "folds," its cosy homesteads and its fruitful orchards, the landscape must have been strikingly pleasant. Environed by the semi-circular sweep of moorlands, which, commencing on

the west, stretch away by the north and towards the east, with the lofty ranges of Rivington and Belmont hills in the northern background, the town as seen from its moorland approaches has even in the present day, despite the abundance of mills and foundries and works of every description, anything but an uninviting appearance, nestling as it seems to be in a deepish basin, albeit with an elevation of over 300 feet above the level of the sea, the fall gradually diminishing in a southerly direction towards Manchester. The town is situated in latitude $53^{\circ} 35'$ N. and longitude $2^{\circ} 37'$ W. of Greenwich; the River Croal—which takes its rise among the undulating uplands lying a few miles to the westward, in the direction of Horwich—running through the centre of it, with Great Bolton on the south and Little Bolton on the north side of the deep gorge through which the stream runs, though the latter is not in all cases the strict boundary line, as notably exemplified in the situation of the New Infirmary on the Bridge Hill estate, which though some distance north of the river on the Chorley New Road side is yet in the township of Great Bolton. The Croal itself is a tributary of the River Irwell, into which it falls a short distance beyond the southern limits of the borough.

Bolton, now to be elevated to the rank of a County under the Local Government Bill brought in by Her Majesty's Government in the Session of 1888, has for the past half century been a Corporate borough, governed

by a Mayor and Town Council, and for a still longer period—since 1832—a Parliamentary borough returning two members to Parliament. For Parliamentary county purposes it is included within the Westhoughton Division of the County Palatine of Lancaster. The borough is in the Hundred of Salford, in the parish and poor-law union of its name, in the deanery, archdeaconry, and bishopric of Manchester. It is 196 miles N.W. by N. from London by rail; $10\frac{1}{2}$ N.W. from Manchester; 28 N.E. from Liverpool; 20 S. from Preston, and 40 S. from Lancaster; while two of Lancashire's most famous watering places—Southport and Blackpool—are respectively within 27 and 40 miles from Bolton, all these places being readily accessible by rail. Whilst Bolton justly ranks as one of the leading manufacturing towns in the kingdom, with cotton as its staple industry, yet its engineering and machine-making establishments are also very extensive; its bleachworks, as well becomes the place where the chemical method of whitening cotton cloth was first brought to perfection, are among the largest and most successful in the country; it has an abundance of coal underlying it and on its boundaries; and as a further and very material element in its prosperity and progress, few towns can boast a better water supply, its water from the neighbouring Belmont hills, with its storage and service reservoirs on that side and at Sweetloves, Turton, Entwisle, and Heaton, being soft, pure,

and wholesome, well adapted for domestic and manufacturing purposes, and in quantity sufficient, owing to large extensions in recent years and other provision at present in progress, for all the requirements of the town and neighbourhood for many years to come. In addition to the borough itself, the Corporation supplies water to close upon thirty townships round about, among these being the large and populous districts of Westhoughton, Farnworth, and Kersley, and extending as far in the Manchester direction as Worsley and Clifton, so that whilst the population of the borough is about 115,000, that of the water limits to which the Bolton service extends is nearly a quarter of a million, to whom the average daily distribution exceeds six million gallons. The mean annual rainfall in the borough is about 47 inches, whilst the records at Belmont show that the yearly average in the neighbourhood of our gathering grounds is as high as 56 inches, due to the westerly moisture-laden breezes from the Atlantic which prevail for about nine months in the year and in their travel inland meet their first interception on the elevated moorlands of Rivington and Belmont.

Inhospitable as, in the remote past, its situation proclaimed it to be—literally a town “in the Mores”—out of the ordinary travel, and apparently so insignificant as to find no place in Domesday—for neither as Bolton

nor as Bolton-le-Moors is our own town mentioned in the Great Survey of England of William the Conqueror in 1086—the Bolton of earlier times has left us but scanty fragments of its history. The very derivation of the name is by no means certain. Whatever—as the present writer has elsewhere written—may be the etymology—whether we accept Bolton as from Bothelton, *i.e.*, Botl, an abode or dwelling, and tún, an aggregation of such, or in other words a town or village, adjoining a principal mansion or manor-house; or we take Both, a shop or shed or fold—words importing a Friesic or Old Saxon origin; or again, with some, we assume the name to be derived from the Celtic Bol, the centre, or Bodle, a residence, and ton, as signifying a bog or morass;—there can be no doubt that the town which in its earlier history was variously spoken of as Bodelton, Bothelton, Bowlton, Boltune, and Bolton-super-Moras, then as Bolton-le-Moors, and now simply as Bolton without any qualifying designation, has a much higher antiquity than the era of the Norman Conquest, though less is known of it from its isolation than of many less considerable and even neighbouring places which lay more contiguous to the great highways which in early times stretched through this part of Lancashire north and south, to the east and west respectively of Bolton. Centuries prior to the Saxon era—as early as A.D. 79 for example—the Roman Road from Manchester to Lancaster, by the Lane-ends (or “Street

Yate"), Hulton, Westhoughton, and Blackrod, was formed by Julius Agricola, after having reduced the native Brigantii; another Roman road, from Manchester to Ribchester, passing through Cockey Moor. One of the eight forts erected by Agricola in Lancashire was at Blackrod. The renowned Arthur, king of the Britons, fought four of his successful battles against the Saxons seven miles west of Bolton, upon the banks of the Douglas, in the year 467; and according to tradition, the first battle fought near Blackrod was uncommonly bloody, the Douglas being crimsoned with blood to Horwich, while the valley towards Horwich was also the scene of great carnage. It is not improbable that at a time like this, with good roads running so near, though not actually through it, some dwellers would have settled in the neighbourhood of Bolton, if not absolutely on the site of the present town itself; and further countenance is given to this by the popular belief—mere tradition though it possibly may be—that as early as the sixth century Smithills Hall was a royal Saxon palace, occupied by Ella, King of the Deiri, and subsequently by many noble families; that in the year 680 Smithills was walled round to keep the wolves at bay, thus implying that it must then, at all events, have been a considerable residence, in which case we may be quite sure there would be "folds" or "thorps"—collections of dwellings or hamlets—not far off; and again that in the year 793

Eanbald, Archbishop of York, and Ethelbert, Bishop of Hexham, consecrated the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin, at Smithills. Apocryphal, though deeply enshrined in the popular belief, some of these earlier stories doubtless are. With the advent of the Norman Conquest, however, we come within the historic period; we have frequent references to the manor of Bolton; we have evidence that one of these feudal lords resided at the manor house in Little Bolton, on the banks of the Croal; and the town must have attained some degree of importance when in the twelfth century it was noted for its woollen trade, and in the year 1256 it was raised to the rank of a market town by charter of Henry III., this being the first Royal Charter of which we have any record as applying to the town of Bolton.

Following the Norman Conquest, Lancashire was soon parcelled out among the nobles and great men who had enabled William to establish himself on English soil, the Saxon lords being everywhere ruthlessly despoiled. The manor of Bolton was given by William the Conqueror, in the year 1067, to his cousin Roger de Poitou, whom he at the same time advanced to the dignity and title of Earl of Lancaster. Roger de Poitou was thus the first lord of the manor within the Norman period, but he lost it and was banished from England for taking part in a rebellion against Henry I., and it passed into the hands of Roger de Mercheya, in

the year 1100. Roger de Mercheya subsequently sold it with all his other lands, extending over some fourteen or fifteen townships between the Ribble and the Mersey, to Randelph de Blundeville, Earl of Chester, for 240 marks of silver and a pair of white gloves to be presented annually at Easter. It was by an Earl of Chester, who then owned Great and Little Bolton, that in the year 1220 the fire beacon was erected on Rivington Pike at an elevation of 1192 (commonly but erroneously reputed to be 1545) feet above the sea level, Rivington being the most northerly of the range of Lancashire hills on which he erected these beacons for the better protection of his scattered property. In the year 1232 the manor passed by marriage with the family of the Earl of Chester into the hands of Robert de Ferrers, the first Earl of Derby, and remained in that family till the peerage was extinguished with the deprivation of the eighth earl in 1265 for complicity with Simon de Montfort. Then it passed by marriage into the hands of the Pilkingtons, from whom again it was lost by the part they took in the Wars of the Roses, Sir Thomas Pilkington being beheaded at Leicester after the battle of Bosworth Field in 1485, for his adherence to the cause of Richard III. It was after that battle that Lord Stanley was created Earl of Derby, his stepfather, Henry VII., conferring upon him at the same time the vast estates of the Pilkingtons, including the manor of Bolton. Upon the same Lord Stanley the

manor of Brightmet (Bright Meadow) had been conferred by Richard III. two years previously, Brightmet being one of the forfeited estates of "our Rebell" Sir Thomas Leger, who though he had married the Duchess of Exeter, sister to King Richard, not only lost his estates by attainder, but his life by the hand of the public executioner. During the troublous period of the Commonwealth, a portion of Lord Derby's property here was forfeited by the Parliament at whose hands James, the seventh earl, suffered death by decapitation at the Market Cross in Bolton, fronting the Man and Scythe, on the 15th October, 1651; and the manor from that time ceased to be exclusively in the hands of one great lord. The manor of Great Bolton was subsequently held by separate lords in the proportions following:—The Earl of Bradford, the Earl of Derby, and the Freemans, each one-fourth; the remaining fourth being held by the Claughton and Lever families, two-thirds by the former and one-third by the latter; Mr. Tipping being lord of the manor of Little Bolton. When these townships, however, passed from under the dominion of borough-reeves and trustees, all manorial rights of government ceased and became vested in the Corporation.

Though largely cut off from the outer world by the dreary morasses and sterile wastes which in those days encompassed the town, and which so long must have retarded its material growth, the Bolton of earlier times

was yet by no means a place without note. Six hundred years ago, as we have seen, it was raised to the rank of a market town, "for the amusement and good fellowship of the neighbouring people and to encourage traffic." The woollen trade had an existence here a hundred years before that, trade naturally taking early root in a district so little promising to the operations of the husbandman. In the year 1337 we find Flemish clothiers settling in Bolton, these Flemish weavers bringing with them the wooden shoes which as clogs are still so celebrated among us, and the jannock or bread made of oatmeal which for centuries held its own in this neighbourhood as a wholesome article of diet, but has now almost disappeared before the more luxurious habits begotten of great industrial prosperity. It is quaintly recorded that to induce these refugee Flemings to settle amongst us it was promised "that their beds should be good, and their bedfellows better, seeing that the richest yeomen in England would not disdain to marry their daughters to them." The valour of the "Bolton lads" at Flodden Field has been immortalised in verse. Here Sir E. Stanley raised bowmen to fight at Flodden, and it was to the "Bolton lads" who thus distinguished themselves that the following inscription on the walls of our Old Parish Church in 1701 had reference—

The bolt shot well, I ween,
From arablast of yew tree green,
(Many nobles prostrate lay)
At glorious Flodden Field.

And the ballad of the time ran—

With fellows feerce and fresh for feight,
Which Halton fields did turn in foores,
With lusty ladds liver and light
From Blackborne and Bolton in ye Mores.

Leland, in his Itinerary (1540), gives us this picture of the Bolton of the sixteenth century:—"Bolton upon Moore, market, stondeth most by cottons and course yorne. Divers villages in the Mores abowte Bolton do make cottons. Nother the site nor the ground abowte Bolton is so good as it is abowte Byri. They burne at Bolton some canale, but more Se cole, of the wich the pittes be not far off. They burne turfe also." Another author, Blome, writing about a century later, describes Bolton as a "fair well-built town, with broad streets; hath a market on Mondays, which is very good for clothing and provisions, and is a place of great trade for fustians." And about the latter period—1638—Bolton was the principal market in the kingdom for fustians. Here Humphrey Chetham, founder of the Manchester Blue Coat Hospital, and who then resided at Turton Tower, was the principal buyer. When he had made his markets, says Aikin, "the remainder was purchased by Mr. Cooke, a much less honourable dealer, who took the advantage of calling the pieces what length he pleased, and giving his own price." It was of this industry that Fuller, in his "Worthies," says, "The Lancashire people, buying the Cotton-Wool or Yarne, coming from beyond the sea, make it here into Fustians

to the good imployment of the poor and great improvement of the Rich therein, serving mean people for their outsides, and their betters for the lineings of their garments. Bolton is the staple-place for this commodity, being brought thither from all parts of the country ;” and he adds, as showing the importance of the manufacture, that fustians were anciently “ creditable wearing in England for persons of the primest quality.” More than a hundred years before this, cotton yarns had been spun at Horwich, and now Bolton became also a principal seat for the manufacture of dimities, which it was the first to introduce. It was here that cotton velvets were made for the first time in 1756, and that muslins were made by means of machinery in 1782. In 1787 the woollen manufacture was once more the staple trade of the town, there being at that time 33 woollen manufacturers in Bolton.

Few towns suffered more than Bolton in the Civil War which rent the kingdom in the time of Charles I. Bolton was termed the “ Geneva of Lancashire,” and was long considered the very school and centre of Puritanism. Taking up the cause of Parliament, it was fortified and garrisoned by the Parliamentary forces. The Parish Church was desecrated, and for two years used as a storehouse for military accoutrements. On the 25th February, 1643, an unsuccessful attack was made on the town by the forces of the King. On the 28th of the following month the town was a second time

unsuccessfully assaulted, the King's troops being completely routed, and many of them slain, the Middleton club-men fighting here against the Royalist forces. In the following year, however, the King's forces, greatly augmented, were more successful. On the 27th May, 1644, Prince Rupert's army of 10,000 horse and foot assembled on Deane Moor, and on the next day the town was stormed by this large army under the Prince and the Earl of Derby, and the Parliamentary troops, numbering about 3000, defeated with awful carnage, 800 or 1000 Parliamentarians and 400 Royalists being slain, and the banks of the Croal strewn with their bodies. According to one account, Prince Rupert refused to give quarter to the vanquished, and 1200 persons were put to the sword after the battle was won. After the battle of Worcester, so disastrous to the King's forces, the Earl of Derby was captured, and here in Bolton as a sort of retributive punishment he was executed on the date we have named, October 15, 1651, many persons at the same time being killed by the troopers, who, from the sympathies of the populace, seemed to anticipate an attempted rescue of the unhappy earl. The unsettled state of these times is graphically described in the epitaph on John Okey, the celebrated Puritan, on whose gravestone in the Bolton Parish Churchyard there is the following inscription:—

“John Okey the servant of God was borne in
London 1608 Came into this Towne 1629 Married

Mary the daughter of James Crompton of Breightmet 1635 with whom he lived comfortably 20 yeares & begot 4 sonns and 6 daughters since then he lived sole till the day of his death In his time were many Great Changes & terrible alterations 18 yeares civill wars in England besides many dreadfull sea fights The Crown or Command of England changed 8 times episcopacy laid aside 14 yeares London burnt by papists & more stately built againe Germany wasted 300 miles 200000 protestants murdered in Ireland by the papists This towne thrice stormed once taken & plundered He went thorow many troubles & divers conditions Found rest joy & happines only in holines the faith feare and loue of God in Jesus Christ He dyed the 29 of Ap & lieth here buried 1684 Come lord Iesus o come quickly

HOLINES IS MANS HAPPINES

Domine nos dirige.

Omnia sal sapit."

It is, of course, to the inventions of Arkwright and Crompton that Bolton, in common with other manufacturing districts, owes the extraordinary development we have witnessed in our time. It was here that Arkwright—afterwards the great Sir Richard—whilst pursuing the humble avocation of a barber in Churchgate, matured and in 1769 patented his invention of the "water frame," and here too that in 1775, whilst residing at the Hall-i'th'-Wood, Samuel Crompton

invented the "mule," so called from its combination of the two discoveries—the jenny by Hargreaves and the water frame by Arkwright. The value of Crompton's invention may be seen in the fact that whereas the water frame was capable of spinning a pound of cotton to the length of 19 miles, the mule is capable of spinning a pound of cotton to the enormous length of 950 miles. At the census in 1881 the cotton trade in Bolton gave employment to 8495 males and 12,630 females, the proportion of persons employed in factories being about three to one of those engaged in the iron trades of the borough.

In the year 1780, Crompton, unwisely relying on the promises of grasping, unscrupulous, and ever-prying rivals, as he afterwards learned to his sorrow, generously gave to the public the invention which had cost him so many hours of anxious labour, to which Lancashire owes so much of its prosperity, and which has done so much to benefit the whole civilised world. In that same year Bolton saw its first cotton mill erected, this mill being built in King Street by James Tweats or Thwaites. This Mr. Tweats was also a bleacher at Burnden, and as bleaching was then done in the open air, the cotton goods being exposed on the grass for that purpose, croft breaking was at that time a capital offence; and it is significant of the character of the times that the gallows was then a regular institution on Deane Moor,

erected on a part long afterwards known as Gallows Hall, and situate within a short distance of Sunning Hill. Here in 1786 one James Holland was executed for the offence of which we have been speaking, stealing from Mr. 'Tweats' bleaching grounds at Burnden 30 yards of cotton cloth, of the value of £3,—an amount which gives an idea of the value of cotton goods at that time. In 1797 one Samuel Longworth was gibbeted on the same spot for murdering a youth named William Horrocks, and robbing him of his watch and four or five guineas, in Deane Lane ; and as an object of terror to the neighbourhood, there his body hung for two months on the gibbet, and after being cut down was buried on the spot. The muslin weavers at this time constituted the élite of the Bolton operative classes. About 1793 they were in the height of their prosperity ; one of them could then earn his half-guinea before dinner time ; they brought home their work in top boots and ruffle shirts, and in some instances took a coach, weavers commonly walking about the street with a five-pound Bank of England note spread out under their hat bands.

Under the quickening impulse of the factory system, the necessity for local improvements which aforetime had been stagnant for so long was soon felt, and the first great step in this direction in our own town may be said to date from 1792 with the Act of Parlia-

ment for "Inclosing, dividing, and allotting" the "Common or Waste Ground called Bolton Moor, and other the Commons and Waste Grounds within the Township of Great Bolton," the preamble of which set forth that it would be of great utility and benefit to the lords of the manor and the owners of property if these commons and waste grounds were "sold on a perpetual annual chief rent, and the money thereby to be raised, and the yearly rent thereof, applied for the improvement of the said town of Great Bolton, and in aid of the poor-rates thereof, and also for widening, paving, lighting, watching, cleansing, and watering the streets, lanes, and passages within the said town," and further that "whereas the said towns of Great and Little Bolton are large, populous, and trading towns, and daily increasing, it would tend greatly to the safety, preservation, and benefit of the inhabitants thereof, if the streets, lanes, and passages in Great Bolton and Little Bolton aforesaid were cleansed, lighted, watched, watered, and regulated, and kept free from nuisances, incroachments, obstructions, and annoyances, and some of them widened and improved, and if sufficient engines and able men were kept and employed for the extinguishing of fires which may happen within the said towns, and if the said towns were sufficiently supplied with good and wholesome water." This common of about 270 acres, "by and with the consent of Edward Earl of Derby, Sir Henry Bridgeman, Baronet, John

Blackburne, James Lever, and Samuel Crooke, Esquires, as Lords of the Manor of Great Bolton, who were to have one-fifteenth share of the estate given among them, and John Ridgway, Ann Crompton, John Houghton, and several other persons, who were owners and proprietors of several messuages and tenements within the said manor," was to be set out, allotted, and enclosed by three commissioners named,—Matthew Fletcher of Clifton, Ralph Fletcher of Haulgh, and David Claughton of Great Sankey,—who had power to dispose of the said common and waste land in specified allotments, at a perpetual chief rent; the whole estate to be vested in a number of trustees, whose qualification was "resident in the town," and to be possessed of an estate, real or personal, or both, of the amount or value of one thousand pounds; the qualification for Little Bolton being five hundred pounds. The only portions of the Bolton Moor Common which were not to be disposed of were, first, "one acre, two roods, and 22 perches given to the Bishop of Chester as Rector of Bolton, in exchange for other parts of glebe land next adjoining to the churchyard of the Parish Church of Bolton, as an additional burying ground thereto;" "and another piece of ground containing 34 perches or thereabouts, and given to John Ridgway and his heirs in exchange for other land used in widening the public road leading between Great Bolton and Wigan," very likely a portion of Pike's-lane, near to the now demolished Chamber Hall,

which was then his residence. The right of common on this waste land thereupon ceased, and for a time was a source of much discontent and self-reproach among the poor, who lamented that their birthright had been bartered away for what many of them derisively stigmatised as a mess of pottage. Immediately after this Act came into force, great alterations and improvements were made, streets widened and new roads laid out. The previous year had witnessed the formation of the Bolton and Manchester Canal, which also was regarded as a great improvement at a time when the packhorse, the carrier's wagon, and the stage coach, were the only means of conveyance for goods or passengers.

Meanwhile the towns of Great and Little Bolton, except for the purposes named, continued as they had been from time immemorial subject to the local authority of the lords of the respective manors. The exercise of their governing powers was of the same character in both townships. Once a year in each place there was held a Court Leet, the agent of the lord of the manor being the presiding authority, and this court would proceed to appoint a boroughreeve as head officer, and a staff of officials as constables, ale tasters, pig ringers, bellman, and other functionaries. There were thus two governing bodies in each township, the Court Leet and the Trustees,—Great Bolton having its forty, and Little Bolton its thirty, of the latter officials. Each body and each township thus acted according to

its own traditions, often in defiance of one another; and as a consequence not only was there no concerted management of the two townships—"The Two Boltons" as they were commonly called—but it became notorious that offences proscribed and punishable in the one often found sanctuary in the other. The Act to reform these old local institutions followed naturally upon Parliamentary reform; and as Bolton had been enfranchised under the one, and for the first time enjoyed the privilege of direct Parliamentary representation, two members being assigned to it under the Reform Act of 1832, so it was not long in taking advantage of the other also, and obtaining for itself a Charter of Incorporation, Bolton being the second town in England to be incorporated. The Charter of Incorporation was granted on the 11th October, 1838, the town being divided into six wards, each with six Councillors and two Aldermen, the Council thus consisting of 48 members, from whom the Mayor was to be chosen. In 1839 the first bench of Borough Magistrates was created, and in May of the same year Bolton was granted a separate Court of Quarter Sessions. The validity of the Charter was long the subject of fierce litigation, which was only finally set at rest by Act of Parliament—the Boroughs Incorporation Act, which received the Royal Assent on the 12th August, 1842. The old Trustees, however, continued to exercise certain powers co-ordinate with the Corporation till the

year 1850, when by a local Act the government of the town devolved absolutely upon the latter body, the elected representatives of the burgesses.

The population of Great and Little Bolton in 1773, just prior to Crompton's invention, was only 5600, Little Bolton containing only about 1000 inhabitants, while the number of houses in the two townships was 1178. In 1791 the population of Great Bolton had risen to 9000 and Little Bolton to 2000; in 1801, Great Bolton had 12,549 inhabitants, and Little Bolton 4867,—total, 17,416; in 1811, Great Bolton, 17,070, and Little Bolton, 7079,—total, 24,149; in 1821, the total had risen to 31,295; in 1831, 43,396; 1841—49,747; 1851—61,172; 1861—70,395; 1871—92,655; 1881, Municipal borough 105,414, and Parliamentary borough 105,965. On March 9th, 1868, the Parliamentary boundaries of Bolton were extended by the inclusion of Little Bolton Higher End, Astley Bridge, and part of Halliwell; the population of the Municipal borough at the census of 1881 being as above stated, 105,414, and of the Parliamentary 105,965. At present the population of the Borough is increasing by about 1500 a year, and is estimated to be now 115,000. In 1872, the Municipal boundaries were extended by taking in Daubhill, and further, in 1877, by the inclusion of Halliwell. The Town Council now consists of 64 members,—48 Councillors and 16 Aldermen. The Municipal and Parliamentary boundaries of the Borough

are coterminous, except as to Astley Bridge, which, though within the Parliamentary, is outside the Municipal limits. The area of the Municipal borough is 2361 acres. The ratable value of the Borough is £407,086. The Poor-law Union of Bolton, of which the Borough is the centre, includes 26 townships, and was formed January 5, 1837. It has an area of 46,413 acres, of which Great Bolton occupies 825, and Little Bolton 746. Formerly Little Bolton had an area of 1779 acres, but in the year 1884 the detached portions, 1033 acres, which were not within the Borough, were by an Order of the Local Government Board amalgamated with Sharples, which thus came to have the largest area of any township within the Bolton Union. The Union had a population in 1881 of 192,413, and will at present exceed 200,000. Its ratable value in 1888 is £798,653, of which Great Bolton represents £196,673, and Little Bolton £145,605.

The town enjoys considerable railway facilities, and was one of the earliest in the kingdom to adopt the new means of locomotion. The Bolton and Leigh Railway was opened on August 1, 1828, and the immediate effect of it was a reduction of 2s. per ton on coal in Bolton and the neighbourhood, it being calculated that the saving in cost of fuel to the manufacturing population of Bolton would be as great a relief to them as if all the assessed taxes had been repealed. In 1831, the line was extended to Kenyon,

where it joined the Manchester and Liverpool line, this portion being opened for goods traffic on January 1st, and for passengers on June 13th. On May 29th, 1838, the line from Manchester to Bolton was opened; from Bolton to Preston, June 22nd, 1843; Bolton to Blackburn, June 13th, 1848; and in the same year, November 30th, the Liverpool and Bury line was opened. On April 1st, 1875, the new line of the London and North-Western Company, from Bolton to Manchester, was opened; and the Lancashire and Yorkshire have now a branch to Astley Bridge, which is of especial service in the relief of goods traffic.

Not much remains to remind one that Bolton is a town of ancient date. Its market cross whereat the Earl of Derby was executed, the Parish Church Lecturer used to preach, banns of marriage were proclaimed by the magistrates in the seventeenth century, and from whose steps also Wesley on one of his first visits to Bolton preached before a tumultuous auditory, was removed in 1786 after an existence of 300 years in one of the most prominent parts of the town; the Old Parish Church which had stood for centuries, and in which Arkwright and Crompton, the founders of the cotton trade, were both married, has been demolished and replaced at a cost £45,000 by a much statelier edifice at the sole expense of a wealthy and now departed townsman, Peter Ormrod, Esq., and which has been increased by valuable additions (including the

Ormrod and Rushton memorial windows) to £60,000; its old post-and-plaster and tall quaint-gabled buildings are numbered with the past; and one of the oldest quarters of the town—the “Acres” down which Prince Rupert and his impetuous troopers rushed after their “greyt cannon” had done its work at the storming of Bolton in 1644—has within recent years been demolished to effect a great public improvement.

Whatever may have been its claim to be a “fair” and “well-built” town in the seventeenth century, it is undeniable that many and great improvements have been found wanting in our own day. In few towns in the country, perhaps, have the local improvement schemes been of a more comprehensive character than Bolton has undertaken for itself within the last few years, notably since 1850. Its Market Hall, opened in 1855, is one of the finest in the kingdom; it has a stately Town Hall, in the Corinthian style of architecture, erected at a cost of £170,000, and opened by the Prince of Wales in 1873; a fine public building in Hotel Street for the Gas Offices, erected in 1868 at a cost of £12,000, in the Venetian Gothic style of architecture; on Waterworks the Corporation had spent up to March, 1888, £773,479, including the Turton and Entwisle extension scheme; and in 1872 the Corporation acquired the Gasworks also at a cost of £384,178, and a considerable extension has since been made still further to improve the lighting of the town,

the liabilities on Gasworks account now amounting to £589,626. On sewerage, paving, and flagging a vast amount of money has been spent, and important and admirably arranged works for the purification of the sewage have been established at Burnden and Hacken, the latter being opened in October, 1886. The Public Park on Chorley New Road, opened in 1866, is a very attractive place of resort, and with its recreation grounds covers nearly sixty acres of ground; in addition to which there are in other parts of the town the Heywood and Darbshire Recreation Grounds, and in the Haulgh, Bradford Park. The churches, chapels, and schools of Bolton are numerous, chief among its educational institutions being the Grammar School, founded in 1641, erected 1657, taken down 1880, and the New Grammar School on the same site opened in 1883, with accommodation for 200 scholars, and which has numbered among its alumni Ainsworth the Latin lexicographer (who subsequently taught a school in Bolton); and amongst its masters Lempriere, the author of the well-known classical dictionary; the Church Institute, established in 1846, a large and very handsome building, in connection with which there are large and most successful technological classes and a school of art; the pupils in the school of art and the evening classes numbering nearly 700; and there is also a fine Mechanics' Institution. A new Infirmary containing a hundred beds has been erected at a cost of over £30,000 on the Bridge Hill estate, near Chorley

New Road, the old one established in 1814, and enlarged a few years ago, being insufficient for the requirements of the town, and now converted into excellent offices for the Bolton School Board. The late Stephen Blair, Esq.,—a former M.P. for the borough,—bequeathed, in the year 1870, £30,000 for a Convalescent Hospital, which is now erected near Bromley Cross, and has recently been completed; and at Astley Bridge there is the Eden Orphanage, a fine institution, founded by the late James Eden, Esq. The Conservative Club is a handsome range of buildings in Mawdsley Street, erected at a cost of £10,000 in 1870; adjoining it is the Central Conservative Club; and there is also a Reform Club in Bowker's Row. The Temperance Hall on St. George's Road is a spacious building capable of accommodating 3000 persons. The County Court is a handsome building of stone in Mawdsley Street. The Public Free Library, established in 1853, is an excellent and admirably managed institution, occupying the whole of the building formerly used as the Exchange, on the Town Hall Square; it contains over 32,000 volumes in the Reference Department, 30,000 in the Lending (Oxford Street and Little Bolton and High Street Branches) and about 1500 in the Subscription. The Lending Library in Oxford Street numbers 6500 borrowers, and Little Bolton Branch 1700. A new Branch Library erected in High Street, on land presented by John Heywood, Esq., J.P., was opened April 7, 1888, and has already 500 borrowers. The total

number of volumes issued and consulted in the year ending Oct. 1888, in the three departments of the Public Library reaches nearly 300,000, and a rate of a penny in the pound suffices for all the requirements of the institution. The Exchange premises in Town Hall Square were some time ago purchased by the Corporation for £2500, and a proposal to erect a new Lending Library at the south end of the Town Hall Square, in place of the Oxford Street branch, is under consideration. A handsome and spacious Orphanage, founded by Dr. and Mrs. Chadwick, has been erected in the Haulgh, and in memory of the gift of this and the erection of model dwellings, a bronze Statue of the Doctor was in 1873 erected by public subscription on the Town Hall Square. A bronze Statue of Samuel Crompton, inventor of the mule (erected by public subscription in 1862) adorns Nelson Square; whilst of Arkwright the only memorial as yet among us is a large portrait of Sir Richard, which the Corporation has purchased and placed in the Chadwick Museum. A Statue of the Earl of Beaconsfield, executed in Yorkshire stone, has been placed in the Chorley Road Park, the cost, about £200, being defrayed by the Bolton and District Conservative Working Men's Association. In this Park also a Meteorological Observatory, well provided with instruments, the gift of private persons, has recently been erected; and here also is the Chadwick Museum of Natural History (for the erection of which £5000 was bequeathed by Dr. Chadwick), which attracts large

numbers of visitors, and in which is deposited the oldest spinning mule extant, upon which Samuel Crompton himself worked, as also Sir Richard Arkwright's carding machine and water frame. Bolton has an extensive and admirably equipped service of Tramways, extending on the one side to Farnworth and Kersley, and in other directions to Daubhill, Heaton, Halliwell, Astley Bridge, and Dunscar. Its two Cemeteries in Tonge and Heaton cover respectively about 30 and 60 acres of ground. Bolton was one of the first towns to avail itself of the provisions of the Elementary Education Act, 1870, and in various parts of the borough several fine Board Schools have been erected, the total amount provided out of the rates for School Board purposes, during the six years 1883-88, being £54,400, or an average of £9066 per annum. A vast amount of money has been spent within the last few years to extend and improve the railway accommodation of Bolton. New and costly stations have been erected by both the Lancashire and Yorkshire and the London and North-Western Companies, and the former is now carrying out further extensive alterations and additions in connection with its Trinity Street Station and approaches.

The prosperity and progress of the town itself are well evidenced by the greatly improved style of street architecture witnessed during the last thirty or forty years—by the increasing number and higher character of its educational institutions—by the better and

healthier dwellings for the people which contrast so favourably with those of a past generation—and by the many handsome suburban residences which lie scattered within easy distance on the outskirts of the Borough. The Municipal government of the Borough during the half century of its existence has well reflected the spirit and enterprise of its inhabitants, and the Jubilee year of the Corporate life of Bolton happily marks no sign of social or industrial decadence, but on the contrary proclaims that the triumphs of the past shall serve only as a stimulus for the future, so that in years to come the name of our good old town for energy and industrial enterprise—for civic good government and social progress and prosperity—shall worthily hold its own among the foremost towns and Municipalities of the kingdom.

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History of Bolton.

A.D. 79 Roman road from Manchester to Lancaster, by the Lane Ends, Hulton, Westhoughton, and Blackrod, formed about this time by Julius Agricola, after having reduced the native Brigantii; another Roman road, from Manchester to Ribchester, passing through Cockey Moor. Whitaker, the historian of Manchester, fixes the ancient Roman station, Coccium, at Blackrod; more recent historians, however, fix it at Ribchester. One of the eight forts erected by Agricola in Lancashire was at Blackrod.

467 The renowned Arthur, King of the Britons, fought four of his successful battles against the Saxons upon the banks of the Douglas. According to tradition, the first battle fought near Blackrod was uncommonly bloody, and the Douglas was crimsoned with blood to Wigan.

579 Smithills Hall, a royal Saxon palace occupied by Ella, King of the Deiri, and subsequently by many noble families.

680 Smithills walled round to keep the wolves at bay.

696 Great famine in Lancashire.

793 Eanbald, Archbishop of York, and Ethelbert, Bishop of Hexham, consecrated the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin at Smithills.

1066 The **Hulton family** settled at Hulton about the time of the Conquest, and have remained uninterrupted lords ever since.

1067 Roger de Poitou first lord of the manor of Bolton, receiving the manor from his cousin, William the Conqueror, who advanced him to the title of Earl of Lancaster.

1074 Bradshaw Hall erected. The family of Bradshaw were of Saxon origin, and were seated in this township before the Conquest ; after which event Sir John Bradshaw was re-possessed of his estate by the Conqueror, and it passed to his posterity for 22 descents, whereof 11 were lineally knighted. The wife of one of these was Mabel, in memory of whom Mab's Cross at Wigan was erected, she having been obliged to walk barefoot and barelegged once a week from Haigh to the site of this cross, to expiate the sin of marrying again in her husband's absence when she thought he was slain. Her husband Sir William had been ten years away in the holy wars, during which time she married a Welsh knight, whom Sir William slew on his return.

1100 Manor of Bolton passes into the hands of Roger de Mercheya, Roger de Poitou having been banished England for taking part in a rebellion against Henry I. Roger de Mercheya subsequently sold the manor with other lands in Little Bolton, Haulgh, Sharples, Tonge, Breightmet, and 14 or 15 other townships, to Randelph, Earl of Chester, for 40 marks of silver (£26 13s. 4d.)

1101 Turton Tower erected and licence for its castellation granted.

1154 The De Lacys lords of the manors of Bolton, Breightmet, and Bury.

1160 Woollen cloth trade exists in Bolton.

1220 The fire beacon on **Rivington Pike**, at an elevation of 1192ft. (popularly believed to be 1545ft.) from the sea level, believed to have been erected about this time, if not earlier, by

Randulph Blundeville, Earl of Chester, who owned Great and Little Bolton, with all the lands between the Rivers Mersey and Ribble, and for the better protection thereof erected a range of beacons, of which Rivington was the most northerly. It may be of interest to note, in reference to the conflicting accounts as to the actual altitude of the famed Pike, that on the published Ordnance maps of Lancashire on the scale of six inches to a mile, the altitude of the Trigonometrical Station on Rivington Pike is shown as 1192 feet. About $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles north-east of the Pike there is, however, another Trigonometrical Station shown with the altitude 1498 feet, while the Two Lads is given as 1276 feet. The height 1545 feet popularly ascribed to the Pike, and which people in this part of Lancashire are naturally loth to dissociate from their favourite resort, was given in the published "Account of the Trigonometrical Survey of England and Wales" (1811), vol. 3, to an old Trigonometrical Station said to have been located about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of Rivington Pike, but all trace of this station is now lost. It is said that from the Pike 26 parish churches, 68 gentlemen's seats, seven English counties, and a great part of North Wales may be seen with the naked eye, whilst vessels plying between the Isle of Man and Liverpool are very clearly discernible.

1232 Earl of Derby became lord of the manor.

1241 Edmund de Lacy enjoyed free warren in Deane.

1256 Bolton raised to a **market town** by charter of Henry III.; Johes. de Bolton resides at manor house on the banks of the Croad.

1292 The religious house known as the hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, in England, exercised feudal rights in Farnworth.

1301 Tournament at Turton Tower.

1310 The Hultons of Farnworth Hall, a branch from the parent stock of Hulton, were settled in Farnworth ; the last of the family at Farnworth died towards the close of the sixteenth century.

1311 Geoffrey de Worsley obtained the manor of Middle Hulton in exchange with Richard de Hulton ; and from the Worsleys it passed to Lord Chancellor Ellesmere, and thence to the present Ellesmere family.

1322 The **Forest of Horwich**, 16 miles in circumference, was guarded by three foresters, supported from land in Lostock, Rumworth, Heton-under-the-Forest, &c. Wild boars, bulls, and falcons, for the chase, the ring, and falconry, were bred in the woods of Horwich, which had likewise their aeries of eagles, herons, and hawks.

1337 **Flemish clothiers** settle in Bolton. Wooden shoes (clogs) introduced by emigrant Flemish weavers. Jannock (bread made of oatmeal) introduced by the refugee Flemings. To induce these refugees to settle in England, it was promised "that their beds should be good, and their bedfellows better, seeing that the richest yeomen in England would not disdain to marry their daughters to them."

1338 **Blackrod Church** existed. A Parliamentary return compiled in the 37th year of the reign of Henry VIII. sets forth that "Blackrod Chapel is five miles from Bolton-le-Moors," that the Chapel "stands upon the King's Streite betwixt Lancaster and London," and that "a priest doth daily celebrate there according to his foundation."

1412 **Bolton Parish Church** supposed to have been erected, though on the demolition of the Old Church, in 1866, evidences were discovered that a church of the Norman period,

some 300 years earlier, must have existed on the same site. The Old Church was re-edified 1527, and about 1533 appears to have been in its greatest perfection.

1422. Up to this time Sir George Stanley claimed a market every week at Bolton on the Friday and one fair every year on the eve of St. Margaret, of two days' duration (July 19 and 20).

1450 Deane Church believed to have been erected, though some years ago, during alterations, an iron hinge was found on a door with the date 1412 upon it, and as early as 1200 there was a burial ground and chapel here called St. Maryden (St. Mary's, Deane).

1466 The Manor of Great Lever awarded to Sir Rauff Assheton, of Middleton, against the claim of Roger Lever, of Bolton, gentleman. The award given by the court at Lancaster was, however, resisted by Roger Lever, who in these lawless times took with him one John Lever, of Bolton, yeoman, "with many and divers other evell desposed personnes to a gret nowmber," many of whom had been outlawed, probably in the contest between the houses of York and Lancaster, and proceeded from Bolton to Lancaster, where they broke into the castle and carried off the record of the recovery. Of this outrage Sir Rauff Assheton complained to the King and to the two Houses of Parliament, but though a fresh record was ordained and execution awarded, Roger Lever, with his abettors, "ryotously, with force of armes, defensably in the forme of warre arrayed, that is to saie, with bowes, arowes, swerdes and bylles, and other defensable wapenes, contynuelly during the space of five yere and more," occupied the manor and also "daily and nyhtly robbed the seid Sir Rauff, his tenaunts, and many other the Kinges leiges, kynne and frendes to the said Sir Rauff, of their owne propre goods and catalles, and with force entered in their lyvelott, and the same despoled."

1483 Hall-i'th'-Wood built ; seat of the Norreses, a knightly family who took a leading part in the Wars of the Roses. The manor of Brightmet (Bright Meadow) was one of the forfeited estates of "our Rebell" Sir Thomas St. Leger, and conferred upon Lord Stanley by Richard III.; Sir Thomas St. Leger, though he had married the Duchess of Exeter, sister to King Richard, not only lost his estates by attainder, but his life by the hand of the public executioner.

1484 John Lever, a great woolstapler, resided at Bolton.

1486 Little Bolton Manor House built. Market Cross erected of stone in Churchgate. This cross, at which till the passing of the Act of Uniformity in 1662 the Lecturer preached and banns of marriage were proclaimed, by the magistrates, had for its base a flight of five circular steps, surmounted by the shaft bearing date 1486. In 1651 a gilt iron cross was set upon its summit. It was removed in 1786 ostensibly for the greater convenience of the market, which was held there till 1826. The fish market was held there till the Market Hall was opened in 1855.

1500 Walmsley Church existed. The first Grammar School in Bolton existed about this time.

1510 Cotton Yarns spun at Horwich.

1513 Sir E. Stanley raises bowmen at Bolton to fight at Flodden Field ; and it was to the "Bolton lads" who thus distinguished themselves that the following inscription on the walls of the Parish Church in 1701 had reference—

"The bolt shot well, I ween,
From arblast of yew tree green,
(Many nobles prostrate lay)
At glorious Flodden Field."

And the ballad of the time ran—

“ With fellowes searce and fresh for feight,
Which Halton feilds did turne in foores,
With lusty ladds liver and light
From Blackborne and Bolton in ye Moores.”

1540 Leland in his Itinerary gives us this picture of the **Bolton** of the **sixteenth century**:—“ Bolton upon Moore, market, stondeth most by cottons and course yorne. Divers villages in the Mores abowt Bolton do make cottons. Nother the site nor the ground abowte Bolton is so good as it is abowte Byri. They burne at Bolton some canale, but more Se cole, of the wich the pittes be not far off. They burne turfe also.” Another author, Blome, writing about a century later, describes Bolton as a “ fair well-built town, with broad streets ; hath a market on Mondays, which is very good for clothing and provisions, and is a place of great trade for fustians.”

1553 Following the dissolution of the monasteries, Whalley Abbey was granted by Edward VI. to Richard Ashton, of Darcy Lever, together with great part of the demesne ; Ashton made the Abbey his residence. Muster of array from the Bolton gentry under Queen Mary.

1555 **Rev. George Marsh**, of Deane, burnt at the stake at Spittle-Boughton, near Chester, for his resistance to the Popish faith April 24 ; the Bishop of Chester, in pronouncing sentence upon him, saying “ Now will I no more pray for thee than I will for a dog,” to which Marsh answered that “ notwithstanding he would pray for his lordship.” Tradition records that to this day the blood-red footprint of the martyr, deeply imprinted on stone, may be seen at Smithills Hall, the place where, having descended from his first night’s imprisonment after being examined before Sir Roger Barton, and whilst on his road to Lathom to be further examined before the “ council of blood ” under the direction of

the Popish Earl of Derby, he boldly called heaven to witness the righteousness of his preaching. Marsh was a native of the parish of Deane. It is recorded of him that he commenced life as a farmer, but after the death of his wife he "went to the University of Cambridge, where he studied and much increased in learning and godly virtues." As a minister he was noted for the earnestness with which he "set forth God's true religion, to the defacing of Antichrist's false doctrine, by his godly readings and sermons" in his native parish and elsewhere. In this year also, on July 1, John Bradford, a well-known preacher in this neighbourhood, was burnt by the Papists at Smithfield for advocating the reformed doctrines.

1560 Bradshaw Church consecrated; re-built 1662, and again in 1872.

1565 Horwich Chapel existed, the Commissioners for removing superstitious ornaments informing the Bishop of Chester that they had "taken away from Horwych Chappel, vestment albe, altar-cloth, corporasse, and other idolatrous gear." The old chapel was taken down in 1831, and the present church built on the site.

1566 Rivington Church consecrated.

1575 Death of James Pilkington, D.D., Bishop of Durham, Jan. 23: born at Rivington 1520; founded and endowed the Rivington Free Grammar School. Tradition records that the twin piles of stones known as "The Two Lads" at Rivington were erected in memory of two of Bishop Pilkington's sons, who were lost in the snow on the hills; but there is no evidence to support the tradition except the coincidence that Bishop Pilkington had two sons, and that they both died young.

1577 Death of Rev. Thomas Lever of Little Lever, chaplain to Edward VI.

1587 Registers at Parish Church kept in Latin, the earliest known entry being dated January 21 in this year ; this register was found several years ago beneath one of the stalls near the pulpit.

1588 Preparations against the threatened Spanish invasion, watch towers and fire signals on Rivington Pike and other hills kept in readiness for months ; Bolton, Manchester, and Middleton divisions being severally taxed for watching the beacon at Rivington.

1590 Lostock Hall built by Christopher Anderton.

1593 An entry in the Parish Church register records "Alexander Smythe, Vicker of Bolton, buried in the church, the 28th day of December."

1594 Ralph Assheton, of Lever, high sheriff of the county.

1597 February 5 : First marriage in the Register of the Parish Church, James Crompton, of Bolton, and Dorothi Dudson, of Deane.

1602 Haulgh Hall built.

1603 Witchcraft prevalent ; several persons executed. Farnworth Hall built.

1604 Hacken Hall, Darcy Lever, built.

1609 July 14 : Death of Martin Heton, D.D., Bishop of Ely, son of George Heton, of Heaton Hall, parish of Deane, aged 57. It was to this prelate, on his refusal to comply with certain demands of her Majesty as to the temporalities of the bishopric that Queen Elizabeth addressed the imperious letter—"Proud prelate, I understand you are backward in complying with your agreement ; but I would have you to know that I, who made you

what you are, can unmake you ; and if you don't fulfil your agreement, by God ! I will directly unfrock you. Yours, as you demean yourself, ELIZABETH." The original of this letter is said to be in the Registry of Ely. Heton, it seems, had promised the Queen to exchange some part of the land belonging to the see for an equivalent, and eventually he did so, but only after receiving the above letter.

1610 Richard Bancroft, D.D., Archbishop of Canterbury, son of John Bancroft, gentleman, of Farnworth (formerly supposed to be the Farnworth near Bolton, but this is now discredited), died November 2, aged 66. Bancroft, who was present at the death of Queen Elizabeth, was distinguished as an inflexible opponent of Puritanism, so much so that Lord Clarendon, writing in his praise, says "If Bancroft had lived he would quickly have extinguished all that fire in England which had been kindled at Geneva." He took a prominent part in the famous conference of the prelates and the Presbyterian divines held at Hampton Court in 1604, when by desire of James I. he undertook the vindication of the practice of confirmation, absolution, private baptism, and lay excommunication ; and he was "the chief overseer" of the authorised version of the Bible published within a year of his death. It was to Archbishop Bancroft that Lambeth Palace is indebted for the famous library which he founded and bequeathed to his successors for ever. He was buried at Lambeth.

1619 In the Parish Church register are these entries : "Andrew Barton, of Smithells, on the 14th of March, was buried under the great chancel." "Christopher Anderton, of Lostock, gent., buried below the church, 12th November." According to tradition, these burials, as of other old families, were performed after dark by torchlight, attended with great pomp and an immense number of followers. It is also said that the interior of the church

was illuminated. In this year eighteen noble and ancient families resided in Bolton and its neighbourhood.

1620 Ralph Assheton, of Great Lever, created a baronet; his son Ralph, also of Great Lever, elected M.P. for Clitheroe, 1640, and succeeded his father as a baronet, died 1680.

1621 A grand banquet given in Lostock Hall to the gentry in this part.

1623 Plague or sweating sickness in Bolton; one-third of the inhabitants destroyed. Bolton parish contained only 2500 inhabitants, and Great and Little Bolton 500. The number of burials this year in the Parish Church yard was nearly 500; in 1593 the number was only 45. Parish Church Lectureship founded by Rev. James Gosnell (said to have been ejected from the Vicarage for nonconformity), who bequeathed for that purpose certain lands at Balderstone; in 1691 it was further endowed from the Hulme Charity by the gift of eight acres of land on Bolton Moor.

1624 Sir Rafe Asheton, Bart., of Lever, high sheriff of Lancashire.

1626 Erection of St. Saviour's Church, Ringley.

1627 Death of the Rev. Richard Rothwell, of Bolton, known as "Bold Rothwell, the Apostle of the North," and famed as an exorcist, who professed to have wonderful contests with demons. It was the boast of one of his descendants, a celebrated peruke maker in Bolton in the latter part of the 18th century, "I'm a real Rothwell; none of your Le'er-edge Rothwells, but a descendant of him that beat the devil."

1628 Turton Tower and Manor sold to Humphrey Chetham, of Clayton, gentleman, and having continued in various branches of his family for more than two centuries, were sold some years ago to James Kay, Esq., in whose family they still remain.

1629 Dr. John Bridgeman, Bishop of Chester, purchased the manor of Great Lever from the Assheton family, re-built the Hall, and resided here during some part of the Rebellion. The Bishop's eldest son, Sir Orlando Bridgeman, chief baron of the exchequer, and afterwards lord keeper of the great seal, was the first Englishman advanced to the dignity of baronet by Charles II. after the Restoration, by the name of Sir Orlando Bridgeman, of Great Lever.

1631 Dr. Richard Pilkington, Archdeacon of Leicester and rector of Hambleton in Bucks, died Sept. He belonged to the same family as Bishop Pilkington, and at the time of his funeral so dreadful a storm of wind, thunder, and lightning happened that the neighbours were forced to convey the corpse to the grave by lights at four in the afternoon. This occurrence caused the Papists, against whom he had preached and written, to spread several odd reports about him.

1632 In the Parish Church register of burials we have this curious one under date 24th Sept.: "Yorkshire Dick, boy de Magna Bolton."

1633 Sixteen persons excommunicated by Dr. Syddall in the metropolitan visitation held at Bolton this year; they were denounced in the Parish Church on Dec. 7, 1634. Many of these were proceeded against in the ecclesiastical courts. These excommunications commenced in 1632, and the catalogue ends 1737-8.

1638 Bolton was at this time the principal market in the kingdom for fustians. Mr. Chetham, founder of the Manchester Blue Coat Hospital, was the principal buyer. When he had made his market, says Aikin, "the remainder was purchased by Mr. Cooke, a much less honourable dealer, who took the advantage of calling the pieces what length he pleased and giving his own price."

1641 Bolton Free Grammar School founded by Robert Lever, citizen of London ; erected 1637 ; demolished 1880, to make room for new and enlarged school under new scheme. Amongst other celebrated masters at the old school was Dr. Lempriere, author of a standard classical dictionary ; and Robert Ainsworth, the distinguished Latin scholar and author of the well-known Latin dictionary, was also long believed to have been a master here, though his name does not appear among the Grammar School records, and the inference is that the school which he taught in Bolton was a private one and not the Grammar School. Dimities first manufactured in Bolton, this town then becoming a principal seat for the manufacture of fustians, vermilion, and dimities.

1642 Civil War ; Bolton, which was termed the "Geneva of Lancashire," and long considered the very school and centre of Puritanism, takes up the cause of Parliament, is fortified with a thick mud wall and a wide and deep fosse, and garrisoned by the Parliamentary forces. Parish Church desecrated, and for two years used as a storehouse for military accoutrements.

1643 February 25 : Unsuccessful attack on Bolton by the forces of Charles I. March 28 : Second unsuccessful attack on Bolton, the King's troops completely routed, and many of them slain. The Middleton club-men fought here under Colonel Ashton, against the Royalist forces.

1644 John Bradshaw, of Bradshaw, appointed by Cromwell high sheriff of the county, which office he held for four successive years, in contravention of the Act of 28 Edward III., 1354, which created Lancashire a palatine county.

1644 Prince Rupert's army of 10,000 horse and foot assembled on Deane Moor previous to the storming and disastrous attack on Bolton, May 27. **Siege of Bolton** by Prince Rupert and Earl Derby, defeat of the Parliamentary troops and awful carnage among

* the populace, 800 or 1000 Parliamentarians and 400 Royalists slain, and the banks of the Croal strewn with their bodies ; May 28. According to one account, Prince Rupert refused to give quarter to the vanquished, and 1200 persons were put to the sword after the battle was won. Among the entries in the Parish Church register of burials for this year are the following :—"13th Feb. A soldier buried from Thos. Coops." "17th Feb. John Rothwell, James Coops, John Greaves, Edmund English, soldiers ; John Seddon, John Nuttall, Robert Dundy, yeomen, and 'six rebelles' were buried : killed 16th, buried 17th. All these were slayne in a very hotte skirmishe at Bolton, lasting four howers, that was on Thursday, February 16th, and the rebelles of Wiggan were beaten backe in yt afternoon : they had shotten their greyte cannon against Bolton fourteen times and yet were repulsed." "22nd Feb. John Buckley, a soldier." "9th March. A soldier from Roger Seddons." "29th. 23 of the Earle Derbeyes men, all in one cave." And then following a long list of names, among which occur "Wm. Bootle, captain," and "Jo. Bradshaw, gent.," we have "All these 78 of Bolton, slayne ye 28 of May, 1644." When the old Parish Church was taken down, a gravestone was found within the church to the memory of "William Gregg, d. 1644, vicar for 14 years." Tradition says that this Vicar of Bolton was killed in one of the above attacks on the town.

1644 Alexander Horrocks, a Puritan minister of considerable celebrity, was vicar of Deane at this time, and one of the Lancashire Committee of Presbyterian Ordination ; and was most probably the person referred to by Prince Rupert's troopers, when after "Bolton massacre," they exclaimed, "O, that we had that old rogue Horrocks that preaches in his grey cloake !"

1651 James, seventh Earl of Derby, beheaded at the Market Cross, in Churchgate, Wednesday, October 15, for his active support to the Royal cause during the period of the civil war

in which Charles I. was beheaded. As the unfortunate Earl's speech on the scaffold possesses an historic interest, we here reprint it from Rev. Canon Raines' "Memoirs of James seventh Earl of Derby"—

"I am come, by the will of my Heavenly Father, to dye in this place, and I thank God I do, with all willingness and readiness, submitt to His most blessed will. 'Tis a place I desir'd to see when I was last in the countrey, both for the mutuall obligations that have bin betwixt this town and my family, as also for your particular respects to me, whom I have understood to be ready to clear me from ye foul imputation, that I was a man of blood, and that particularly I killed one Bootle here in cold blood. I doubt not but there are here many men, present both that day this town was taken and divers other times during this warr, that can certifie I preserv'd many lives. But I know there is not any one present, that can lay the blood of any man whatsoever to my charge, unless what might casually happen in the fury and heat of a battell. And why I dye in this town, I know not, unless it be to persuade the nation that I fall as a sacrifice for that blood which some said I shed here, from which charge I am acquitted before you, and from which I had also cleared myself before my grand Judges at Westminster, had they pleased to hear me before they had destroyed me; that report being hastily brought up among them by some, that I hope God hath forgiven, and too readily drunk in by others, whom I pray God to forgive. As for my crime (as some are pleased to term it) which was objected against me by the Council of Warr (for Bootle's death was never mentioned against me then, that being only secretly used to raise a prejudice against me in the judgment of such as did not know me)—my crime, I say, though I hope it deserves a far better name, was, that I came into my own countrey with my own lawfull King; I came in obedience to his Majestie's call, whom, both by the laws of God and the laws of this land, I conceived myself obliged to obey, and according to the protestation I took in Parliament, in the time of that blessed

Prince, his father; so if it be my crime, I here confess it again before God, angels, and men, that I love Monarchy as the best Government; and I dye with love and honour: and for the love and honour I bear to my master that now is, Charles II. of that name, whom I myself in this countrey proclaymed King: the Lord bless and preserve him, and incline the harts of those that have power in this nation to accept him to his father's throne with honour and peace, for certainly, as I believe this nation will never be well contented, never thoroughly happy without a king; so I believe also that K. Charles the Second, our now lawfull King, were he a stranger to this crown, were the most fit and most accomplished Prince that this day lives, to take the government of this people; his admirable piety, virtue, justice, great valour, and discretion far above so few years, doth now make him, in all places [where] he comes, highly beloved and will hereafter make him honble. among all nations. And I wish ye people of this nation so much happiness (when my eyes are closed) that he may peaceably be received to the enjoyments of his just ryghts, and then they shall never want theyre just ryghts, which till then they will allways want. As for my being in arms in the beginning of this warr, I profess here, in the presence of my God, before whom within a few minutes I must make an account for this profession, I only fought for peace and settling the late King my master, in his just ryghts, and the maintenance of the laws of this land, and that I had no other design, intent or purpose for my then taking up armes: and for this last ingagemt. I profess here again in the presence of the same God, that I did it for the restoring my lawfull Sovereign into that throne out of which his father was most unchristianly and barbarously taken; by the most unjust sentence of a pretended Court of Justice; and himself against law and all justice kept out and dispossessed of; and this was all my reason. For as for estate or quality I wanted not a sufficient competency; neither was I ever ambitious to inlarge either; for, by the favour of my King's pre-

decessors my family was rais'd to a condition well known in this country, and now it is as well known that by his enemies I am adjudged to dye, and that by new and monstrous laws, as making me an enemy to my country, for fighting for my country—as a traitor to the laws for endeavouring to preserve the laws : but oh ! God, give me grace to consider Him who suffered such contradiction of sinners, and O my God, assist the King to his father's throne ; assist the laws to theyr former honour ; and restore Thy own religion in its purity, that all these shadows and fals pretences of religion may vanish away, and our children's posterities may serve Thee in spirit and in truth. Good friends, I dye for the King, the laws of the land, and the Protestant religion, maintayned in the Church of England, all of which I was ready to maintain with my life, so I cheerfully suffer for them in this wellcome death."

It is recorded that "at the words ' king ' and ' laws ' a trooper said aloud, ' We will neither have king, lords, nor laws, ' and upon a sudden the souldiers, being either surprised with fear at the strange noise that was heard, or else falling into mutiny, presently fell into a tumult, riding up and down the streets, cutting and slashing the people, some being killed and many wounded." His lordship interceded on behalf of the people, but his speech was again interrupted, and after the tumult was over he was executed.

1653 The "toule of Bolton market is used to bee let for the yeare at 10s." Humphrey Chetham, a person of eminent loyalty to his sovereign, exemplary piety to God, charity towards the poor, and good affection to learning, died September 20, aged 73, and was buried October 12, at the Manchester Collegiate Church. He served as high sheriff of the county in 1635. He was the founder of the Chetham hospital or college at Manchester for the education, clothing, and maintenance of poor boys, whilst for the benefit of the poor of Turton he bequeathed the farm at "Goose Cote Hill," occupied for many years in later times as the Turton Workhouse. John Parker, of Entwisle, high sheriff of Lancashire.

1654 An entry in the Churchwardens' book of the Bolton Parish Church quaintly records, "Paid to sexton for whipping the dogs, 6s. 8d." **St. Ann's Church, Turton**, consecrated.

1657 Banns of marriage published at Bolton **Market Cross** by the magistrates, who also during this period of the Commonwealth solemnised marriages in the Parish Church. The practice seems to have been to publish the banns "on three market days in three several weeks between the hours of eleven and two."

1659 October 31: Death of John Bradshaw, of Marple, sergeant-at-law, and president of the High Court of Justice on the trial of Charles I.; often confounded with his relative, John Bradshaw, of Bradshaw Hall, near Bolton.

1659 Sir Thomas Barton, of Smithills, died July 17, and was buried August 17, in the choir of the Parish Church; and under an adjoining stone the remains of Sir Rowland Bellasis and Lady Ann his wife repose. Sir Rowland was buried from Smithills Aug. 16, 1699, by torchlight.

1660 George Chetham, of Turton, high sheriff of Lancashire.

1662 Wharton Presbyterian Church, Little Hulton, originated; Bradshaw Church re-built.

1663 The Lecturer (then appointed by the ratepayers) preached at the Market Cross.

1665 Death of John Bradshaw, of Bradshaw Hall; served the office of high sheriff of Lancashire, 1644-7. The Bradshaws of Bradshaw were a branch of the family of the President.

1673 Rev. John Lever vicar of Bolton to 1691.

1684 John Okey, the celebrated Puritan, died; **historic gravestone** in Parish Church yard bearing the following inscription—

"John Okey the servant of God was borne in London 1608
Came into this Towne 1629 Married Mary the daughter of James

Crompton of Brightmet 1635 with whom he lived comfortably 20 yeares & begot 4 sonns & 6 daughters since then he lived sole till the day of his death In his time were many Great Changes & terrible alterations 18 years civill wars in England besides many dreadfull sea fights The Crown or Command of England changed 8 times episcopacy laid aside 14 yeares London burnt by papists & more stately built againe Germany wasted 300 miles 200000 protestants murdered in Ireland by the papists This towne thrice stormed once taken & plundered He went thorow many troubles & divers conditions Found rest joy and happines only in holines the faith feare & loue of God in Jesus Christ He dyed the 29 of Ap & lieth here buried 1684 Come Lord Iesus o come quickly.

HOLINES IS MANS HAPPINES

Domine nos dirige.

Omnia sal sapit."

On this and two neighbouring gravestones are cut the armorial bearings of the Okey family.

1684 December 16 : Death of John Tilsley, M.A., vicar of Deane, and a native of Lancashire ; one of the Presbyterian Committee of Ordination ; a celebrated preacher and Nonconformist, thrice ejected, once imprisoned by Cromwell in the Tower, and afterwards residing at Manchester as a private individual, where he died aged 60. Vicar Tilsley married a near relative of Humphrey Chetham, and both he and his wife were buried beneath the venerable yew tree in Deane Church yard. Over their graves, placed side by side, still remain two small flat stones, bearing these inscriptions :—

Here lyeth the Body of
John Tilsley, Clarke,
Master of Arts, and sometimes
Vicar of Deane, which
was deceased the 16 day
of December 1684.

Margaret the Deare and
precious wife of John
Tilsley, Buried April 29th
1663, a most vertuous woman
in price far above rubies.
Prov. 31 10.

1685 Death of the Rev. Richard Goodwin, M.A., aged 72. Mr. Goodwin was ordained by Bishop Bridgeman at Great Lever, and preached some time at Cockey Chapel. He became vicar of Bolton in 1642 or 1644, the exact date being uncertain; but was expelled August 24, 1662, for nonconformity. He took out a licence in 1672 and preached twice every Lord's day at a private house in Bolton, where he died; he was succeeded in his meeting place by the Rev. John Lever. Mr. Goodwin was buried on Dec. 25 in the Parish Church. French refugee manufacturers from the Rhine settle in Bolton.

1686 The manor of Smithills dependent on Sharples magna, the lord of which claimed according to prescriptive right a pair of gilt spurs annually, and the unlimited use of the cellars or wine vaults at Smithills for one week in each year; the last time any homage was exacted was in the above year.

1690 Sir Charles Anderton, lay rector of Bolton, buried under the communion table in the chancel of the Parish Church. The Andertons had a right of burial there, and a marble stone was to have been laid over the tomb, but the then vicar and churchwardens refused to allow it, doubtless afraid that it would contain some Popish inscription.

1691 Hulton's charity founded, among other provisions being £15 yearly for lecturing and £5 for catechising in Bolton.

1696 Bank Street Nonconformist (now Unitarian) Chapel erected.

1700 Death of James Cockerill, aged 106, occupier of the Man and Scythe when the Earl of Derby was executed. He was buried in the Parish Churchyard on the 7th March. It is said that Cockerill suffered excessively in his family and fortune at the capture of Bolton by the Royalists in 1644.

1702 May 4 : Death of the Rev. Oliver Heywood, a celebrated Nonconformist divine, who was born March, 1629, in Little Lever. Though ministering elsewhere, Mr. Heywood frequently conducted the services at the original Nonconformists' Chapel at the corner of Mealhouse Lane, Bolton (now occupied as a public-house, the "Old Woolpack"). He preached there on Sept. 18, 1672, soon after it was opened, and finally in June, 1696, when the congregation were about to remove to their new chapel in Bank-street, he administered the Lord's Supper to about 500 communicants.

1703 Death of the Rev. John Crompton, minister of "Cockey Chapel," Ainsworth, "a man of great worth and great humility."

1714 Marsden Charity School in Churchgate founded by Thomas Marsden.

1720 Sir Lawrence Anderton, Bart., of Lostock, sold his tithes in Eccles, Deane, &c.

1721 Died, the Rev. Peter Haddon, "a worthy, pious, learned man, vicar of Bolton 29 years, by whose death his friends had a loss, but the world a greater."

1725 December 31: Died aged 56, William Baguley, of Oakenbottom and Kersley, gentleman, a man truly upright and pious; founder of a school for teaching poor children at Brightmet, of a similar one in Manchester, benefactor to the townships of Ringley, Outwood, &c.; he was buried in the Parish Church at Bolton. Wharton Presbyterian Church, Little Hulton, re-built.

1726 Erection of **All Saints' Church**, popularly known as the "Chapel in the Fields."

1727 Epidemic in Westhoughton; one-third of the inhabitants swept off.

1731 William Leigh, of Westhoughton, high sheriff of Lancashire.

1732 December 2: John Parker, of Brightmet, high sheriff of the county.—December 23: Richard (afterwards Sir Richard) Arkwright, born at Preston.

1743 April 4: Death of "the learned Mr. Robert Ainsworth, 83 years of age, author of the celebrated Latin Dictionary," and at one time teacher of a school in Bolton.

1746 March 17: Court baron established for the recovery of small debts under 40s. in the manor of Bolton; court held every 21 days, and continued its sittings till July 8, 1776. The hearing costs were very moderate, being 6d. only; but the "increase" was as much as 16s. 3d. on a 30s. debt.

1747 A Wesleyan Methodist society existed in Bolton.

1748 Sunday, August 28: **John Wesley preached at the Market Cross**, being his first recorded visit to Bolton. He leaves us this graphic picture of his reception by our "rude forefathers":—"At one, I went to the Cross in Bolton. There was a vast number of people, but many of them utterly wild. As soon as I began speaking, they began thrusting to and fro; endeavouring to throw me down from the steps on which I stood. They did so once or twice; but I went up again and continued my discourse. They then began to throw stones; at the same time some got upon the cross behind me to push me down; on which I could not but observe how God overrules even the minutest circumstances. One man was bawling just at my ear, when a stone struck him on the cheek, and he was still. A second was forcing his way down to me, till another stone hit him on the forehead; it bounded back, the blood ran down, and he came no further. The third being got close to me, stretched out his hand, and in the instant a sharp stone came upon the joints of his fingers. He shook his hand, and was very quiet till I concluded my discourse, and went away." A large and very fine picture descriptive of this stirring scene is in posses-

sion of the family of the late James Barlow, Esq., J.P., of Green-thorne, Edgworth, for whom it was painted some years ago by the late Mr. Walley, of this town.

1750 Richard Arkwright carried on the business of a barber and peruke maker in Churchgate.

1751 Wesleyan Methodist "preaching house" erected in Hotel Street, the Methodist Society in Bolton then numbering "more than 100 persons."

1752 Brindley erects his famous "water engine" to drain the Clifton Collieries.

1753 December 3 : **Samuel Crompton** born at Firwood. In this year a sermon was preached in the week day at the Parish Church to the local weavers, who then formed the principal trade in the town. A reprint of this discourse bore the following title :— "The Use and Importance of Early Industry. A Sermon Preach'd to a Society of Weavers and other Manufacturers in the Parish Church of Bolton, on Wednesday, December 26, by Edward Whitehead, M.A., vicar of Bolton. Publish'd by the Request of the Audience."

1754 June 19-21 : Bolton races ; there was a single race each day, and "at nights assemblies for the ladies."—October 26 : Faculty for erecting a gallery at All Saints' Chapel. Duke's Alley Independent Chapel erected.

1755 March 31 : Richard Arkwright, peruke maker (afterwards Sir Richard), and Patients Holt married at the Parish Church.—June 30 : "It is agreed by most of the gentlemen of Bolton that there shall be no races, except they shall be such prizes as are according to Act of Parliament."—October : Collection in Bolton Church for the Manchester Infirmary (established 1752), £9 15s. 6d. ; Wringley (Ringley) Chapel ditto, £17 13s. 9d.

1756 August 8 : Curious atmospheric phenomena at Hulton, in the Parish of Deane.—September 24 : Died of a lingering fever, Mrs. Rothwell, wife of the Rev. Mr. Rothwell, of Bolton, and daughter of the late Vicar of that place : “A young lady that was not wanting in any of those virtues and graces which are the real ornaments to her sex, and which constitute a truly great and good character.” Discovery of Roman urns at Crompton Fold. Cotton velvets first made by Jeremiah Clarke, of Bolton.

1759 Duke of Bridgewater’s Canal (Worsley to Manchester) commenced ; first boat load of coals sailed over the Barton viaduct to Manchester, July 17, 1761. By the Act for making this canal, the Duke was bound to sell his coals at Manchester and Salford “for no more than 4d. per hundred.” On the execution of the works the price of coal in those towns fell to 3½d., or one half the former price.—September : John Shaw charged with manslaughter at Spindle Point, near Bolton, was burnt in the hand, and ordered to remain in gaol three months.

1759 Died at Chowbent, in his 87th year, the Rev. James Woods, a well-known Protestant Dissenter, commonly called General Woods, because of his taking the field at the head of his congregation to oppose the rebels in 1715.

1763 Muslin and cotton quiltings first made by Joseph Shaw, of Bolton.

1766 May : Death of the Rev. Mr. Rothwell, “the worthy Vicar of Deane, which living he enjoyed 56 years.” Blackrod Church enlarged.

1767 James Hargreaves, a Blackburn weaver, invented a spinning jenny, by which he could spin from 16 to 30 threads at once, and without the use of rollers.

1769 Richard Arkwright patented a spinning machine which he called the "water frame ;" this machine carried a great many spindles, and formed the thread by rollers. Dornier Rasbotham, of Birch House, near Bolton, filled the office of high sheriff of Lancashire.

1771 Potatoes began to be grown at Bolton in the open fields.

1772 September 27 : Died, aged 55, James Brindley, engineer of the Duke's Canal. At the Lent Assizes at Lancaster, Mary Hilton, for poisoning her husband at Middle Hulton, was ordered to be strangled and afterwards burnt.

1773 Population of Great Bolton 4568, Little Bolton 1036 ; total, 5604 ; houses 1178.

1774 November 13 : Discovery of Roman urns containing human bones at Brightmet Hill, near Cockey Moor.

1774 From a prize "merit" or ticket still extant, it is evident there was a Sunday School in existence in connection with the Parish Church so early as this time, though the date assigned to the foundation of Sunday Schools by Raikes is some nine years later, or 1783.

1775 Invention of mule spinning frame by Samuel Crompton, of Hall-i'th'-Wood, being a combination of the two discoveries,—the jenny by Hargreaves, and the water frame by Arkwright ; its hybrid character, combining the jenny and the water frame, causing it to be designated the "Mule." Henry Ashworth, Esq., mentions that the "mule" is capable of spinning a pound of cotton to the length of 950 miles, or 2000 hanks, the "water frame" being capable of spinning a pound of cotton to the length of 19 miles, or 40 hanks.

1776 Ridgway Gates Chapel built ; John Wesley afterwards preached therein.

1779 George, seventeenth Baron Willoughby of Parham, died at Rivington, and was interred at Horwich Old Chapel, the barony becoming extinct. Machine-breaking riots, Samuel Crompton concealing his first mule in the attic of the Hall-5'th'-Wood, the rioters, according to a letter written by the famous Josiah Wedgewood, whose son was then at school in Bolton, announcing their intention to destroy all the engines not only in Lancashire but throughout all England. Bolton trotting originated about this time. St. Ann's Church, Turton, re-built.

1780 Crompton generously gave his invention to the public. **First spinning mill** in Bolton erected in King Street by James Tweats or Thwaites.—April 12: Died, in the 67th year of his age, Peter Ainsworth, Esq., of The Moss, Halliwell.

1782 Samuel Oldknow commenced manufacture of British muslins at Anderton.

1783 August 22: The Bishop of Chester confirmed at the Parish Church of Bolton 1995 young persons.

1784 Petty Sessions regularly held at Farnworth at this time.

1785 Doffcocker Tollbar erected, March 27.

1785 June: Ridgway Gates Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School established; on the first day there were only five scholars, but in less than 12 months there were above 500. On the repeal of the fustian tax in this year, silver cups were presented from Bolton, as the original seat of the fustian manufacture in the kingdom, to two Manchester gentlemen who had been conspicuous in their exertions to procure "a repeal of an odious and oppressive tax upon stuffs made of cotton and linen mixed or wholly of cotton wool."

1786 Removal of the Market Cross at which Earl Derby suffered. James Holland executed on Bolton Moor for croft-break-

ing, September 18, having stolen 30 yards of cotton cloth, of the value of £3, from the bleachgrounds of Mr. Tweats, of Burnden, cotton goods being then exposed on the grass for bleaching. In order that the most should be made of the impressive effect, the employers of the neighbourhood had their servants and workpeople assembled on the spot to witness the spectacle ; and on the following Sunday, the Rev. E. Whitehead, vicar of Bolton, improved the occasion by preaching a sermon upon the recent execution.

1787 Thirty-three woollen manufacturers in Bolton, the woollen manufacture being once more the staple trade of the town.

1789 William Hulton, Esq., of Hulton, high sheriff of Lancashire.

1790 April 11 : The Rev. Mr. Gilpin preached a sermon for Sunday Schools in the Parish Church, and there was collected £40 13s. 2^d. **Little Lever Church** consecrated.

1790 Messrs. Dobson and Barlow's machine works, which in course of years became of world-wide fame for the manufacture of all kinds of cotton spinning machinery, founded in Blackhorse Street about this time by Mr. Isaac Dobson.

1790 Steam-engines introduced and first used in Bolton for the manufacture of cotton goods.

1791 Died at Birch House, Farnworth, November 7, aged 61, Dorning Rasbotham, Esq., a well-known magistrate and antiquary, who was High Sheriff of Lancashire in 1769 and Chairman of Quarter Sessions at Manchester during many years, and was highly distinguished as a scholar and a collector of very extensive papers for the history of the County of Lancaster ; he was grandfather to Colonel Gray, who represented Bolton in Parliament from 1857 to 1874.

1791 Formation of Bolton and Manchester Canal ; its total fall from Bolton to Manchester, 187 feet. Population—Great Bolton 9000, Little Bolton 2000. New Version of Psalms first used at Bolton Old Church, December 25.

1792 Act to enclose Bolton Moor and improve the town. August 3 : Sir Richard Arkwright, inventor of the water frame, and at one time a Bolton barber, whose shop was situate in Churchgate, died in his 60th year, leaving enormous wealth in land, money, mills, and machinery. A young woman who had committed suicide by poisoning herself was buried in the highway on Manchester Road, about half-a-mile from the town, on Good Friday, a stake being driven through the body, as the jury had returned a verdict of *felo de se*. In 1824 some workmen who were digging a drain came across the coffin about four feet from the surface.

1793 November 14 : Death of the Rev. Jeremiah Gilpin, A.M., vicar of Bolton, aged 42. Unexampled prosperity of Bolton muslin weavers, who brought home their work in top boots and ruffle shirts, carried a cane, and in some instances took a coach, weavers commonly walking about the streets at this time with a £5 Bank of England note spread out under their hat-bands.

1794 July 16 : First stone of **St. George's Church** laid by Peter Ainsworth, Esq., of Halliwell. Bolton Volunteers raised ; disbanded at the peace of Amiens in 1802 ; in 1803 a new regiment of 1020 volunteers raised under the command of Ralph Fletcher, Esq. ; in 1808 they transferred their services, with their colonel, to the local militia, and served the country till 1815.

1795 December 25 : Organ first used at Bolton Parish Church.

1796 Consecration of St. George's Church. Samuel Longworth gibbeted on Deane Moor for murdering in Deane-lane a

youth of 18, named William Horrocks, a native of Westhoughton, and robbing him of his watch and four or five guineas ; his body hung for two months on the gibbet. His remains were discovered on the spot in 1887. Hulton School, Moor-lane, built and endowed from the proceeds of the Charity founded in 1691 by Nathaniel Hulton.

1798 The Three Arrows public-house, in Oldhall-street, occupied as a workhouse from about this time to 1812.

1800 "Squire K——," the famous impostor, trots the people of Bolton to the extent of many thousands of pounds.

1801 William Callant, of Bolton, executed at Lancaster on the charge of having seduced a soldier from his allegiance. He was convicted on the evidence of a spy, by whom it was alleged he had been seduced into the commission of the act for which he suffered. It was openly declared by many respectable persons at the time that his execution was little better than murder, and it was afterwards generally believed that he was innocent of the crime imputed to him ; the judge who presided at the trial, it is said, being afterwards convinced of this and very frequently expressing his regret that Callant had been executed. Population : Great Bolton 12,549, Little Bolton 4867 ; total, 17,416.

1801 Under date June 24 the *Annual Register* records,—“ A few days ago an entertainment was given by Mr. W. Smith, of Sunny Bank, near Bolton, to the descendants of his father and mother who were within a convenient distance. Nine brothers and sisters and 210 nephews and nieces attended, making with himself (who is a bachelor) a company of 220 persons. After dinner the whole of this interesting assembly were seated on benches in regular order of descent, with their numerous progeny, consisting of 71 persons, and the rest in succession, each separate family being collected together. This extraordinary sight was witnessed by a vast concourse of people, who were highly pleased with the

scene, and generally struck with the respectable appearance of this family meeting. It is worthy notice, that in so extensive a family not one individual was prevented attending the meeting by sickness, although the typhus fever had for some time been prevalent where a great portion of its members reside."

1803 Bridge-street Wesleyan Chapel erected. Pilkington-street Roman Catholic Chapel erected. Bolton Light Horse Volunteers raised wholly from the gentry; disbanded in 1818. About this time Robert Tannahill, whom Mr. French describes as "one of Scotland's sweetest song writers" (author of "Jessie, the flower of Dunblane," &c.), was a weaver of cambric muslins in Bolton. Samuel Crompton at this time rented part of a factory from Joseph Wood & Co., employing three men, one woman, and six children.

1804 March 1: Death of **John Horrocks**, M.P. for Preston. Mr. Horrocks, who became one of the most noted and extensive manufacturers of his day, was the son of humble parents at Edgworth, near Bolton, where he was born, Nov. 4, 1766, and was one of 18 children; his father, John Horrocks, being a member of the Society of Friends. Young Horrocks was early put to work in a small factory at Edgworth, known as "Thomasson's Engine," the proprietor of which, discovering accidentally the lad's aptitude for figures by noticing a sum in arithmetic which he had worked in chalk on the mill floor, generously sent him to school in Edgworth, and then one morning, putting him on horseback with himself, took him to a more advanced school in Shudehill, Manchester, where he remained until his benefactor's somewhat unexpected death. The lad then returned home, his father having now become the tenant of some stone quarries in Edgworth, hitherto worked by the owner of the mill. These quarries were famous for the "printing tables" they produced—not gravestones, as some biographers have recorded—these stone slabs being much in vogue then as a

solid basement for stamping cloth with figured patterns. Young Horrocks assisted his father in the management of this business ; and very soon noticing that the cotton manufacture was rising into importance, and the spinning of yarn was done piecemeal—carding in one place, roving in another, and spinning in a third—he determined to start a carding engine of his own, which he worked by means of a water-wheel at the old “stone mill” in Edgworth, which the Horrockses had hitherto used for grinding the stones smooth for their printing tables. Here cotton roving and spinning were soon added to the carding ; and having thus commenced manufacturing in a small way in his native village, young Horrocks carried his yarn in baskets across his shoulder to Preston, a distance of 18 miles, sometimes walking it over the hills in clogs. After a time he found that it would be easier to spin the yarn at the place where he sold it, and he accordingly removed to Preston and commenced spinning there at the age of 21. His enterprise was such that several individuals of capital who joined him became absolutely frightened at his boldness. When trade was bad, and the manufacturers of Manchester, Bolton, Blackburn, and Preston were holding their goods in stock, he found his way to London, established a weekly auction, and there succeeded in disposing of his cloth at a handsome profit—a circumstance long unknown to the Lancashire manufacturers, who had been predicting that by and by young Horrocks would break, and then the trade would go on as usual. From that time he built factories one after another, and founded the well-known firm of Horrocks, Miller, and Co. In 1796 he was elected M.P. for Preston, having become so powerful as to defeat Lord Stanley. He died at the early age of 37, leaving to his two sons a fortune equal to £150,000.

1804 Destructive thunderstorm, May 4. “At Bolton and its vicinity,” says the *Annual Register*, “the people experienced a most dreadful tornado, and it is supposed that a waterspout

must have burst, the river Irwell having swelled to so great an height as to sweep away many buildings and large quantities of household furniture. The duration of the storm was upwards of two hours. At Hulton Park a ball of fire fell with such force as to split in shivers and tear up an ash tree, which had long been admired for its strength and beauty. Several bridges were thrown down."

1806 Died on December 24, at Halliwell Hall, where he was born in 1716, Roger, better known as Captain Dewhurst, for many years an active justice of the peace and a noted antiquary.

1807 Mawdsley-street Independent Chapel erected. Died, Sept. 27, in the 71st year of his age, Peter Ainsworth, Esq., of Lightbounds, Halliwell.

1808 Disturbances in manufacturing districts; weavers' turnout in Bolton—Flash fight.

1810 W. Hulton, Esq., of Hulton Park, high sheriff of the county.

1811 February 5: Rev. Thomas Bancroft, Vicar of Bolton, died, aged 55. Erection of Fletcher-street Workhouse, the removal from the old workhouse in Oldhall-street taking place on May 8, 1812, John Cartwright being the then governor. Population, 24,149—Great Bolton, 17,070; Little Bolton, 7079.

1812 Luddite disturbances. Great distress, rioting and breaking of machinery and political discontent in the manufacturing districts, Bolton being conspicuously distinguished among the disaffected places,—a petition from this town to the House of Commons, couched in extremely strong language, setting forth that the petitioners were in a state of starvation caused by destruction of trade resulting from the war with France, which

they attributed solely to the misrepresentation of the people in Parliament. An extensive system of seditious affiliation, held together by secret oaths, was alleged to have been discovered by a Government spy. It was reported to the Secret Committee of the House of Lords that at a meeting of delegates in Bolton from several places it was resolved that **Westhoughton Factory**, belonging to Messrs. Wroe and Duncough, should be destroyed, and a troop of horse was sent to protect it, but the assailants dispersed before their arrival. Whilst the soldiers, however, were on their way back to Bolton the Luddites re-assembled and the mill was burnt down April 24, because of "weaving by steam." Three men and a boy were executed for the offence—Job Fletcher, aged 34, of Atherton; Thomas Kerfoot, 26, of Westhoughton; James Smith, 31,—and the boy, 14 years of age, named Abraham Charlton; they were tried at a special assize at Lancaster, and hung there June 13. A cart was sent from Westhoughton for their remains, in order that they might have "Christian burial" amongst their own kindred; but it had to return without them.—June 24: **Parliament voted Samuel Crompton £5000** for his invention of the mule. It would probably have been £20,000 but that Mr. Perceval, Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer, was shot in the lobby of the House of Commons by the assassin Bellingham on the very night—the 11th May—that the Premier had announced his intention to propose this sum. Crompton was at the time within a few yards of the spot.

1812 Feb.: Presentation of gold snuff-boxes to W. Hulton, Esq., and the Rev. W. Hampson, magistrates of the district, to William Balshaw, Esq., boroughreeve of the town, and to Major Bullen, of the Royal Scots Greys, and Major Pilkington, commandant of the Bolton Light Horse Volunteers, from inhabitants of Bolton and its vicinity, as a memorial of public gratitude for

their prompt and judicious exertions during the late disturbances in the manufacturing districts "in suppressing the riotous proceedings of misled and ignorant people;" also a silver vase to Ralph Fletcher, Esq., in testimony of the "gratitude of his townsmen and neighbours for his manly, loyal, and unwearied exertions in times of public commotion, and amidst the obloquy of faction, and as an expression of the high sense of the vigilance, integrity, and rectitude of conduct with which he upheld, on this and former occasions, the character of a magistrate, a soldier, and a real lover of his country." "The friends of freedom in Bolton and its vicinity" on the other hand presented a silver vase and two silver cups of the value of 100 guineas to Dr. Robert Taylor, of Bolton, "for the spirit evinced by him in stepping forward to defend the character of the inhabitants from gross misrepresentation, and for contributing to the successful exposure in Parliament of a detestable system of espionage, highly dangerous and alarming." This was during the deliberations of Parliament upon "the contents of the Sealed Bag and the Peace Preservation Bill."

1812 April 9 : Destructive fire at the bleachworks of Messrs. R. Ainsworth and Co., Halliwell.—Dec. 16 : Died in the 80th year of his age, William Orrell, clerk of Little Bolton Chapel 30 years and of the parish of Great Bolton 24 years. He was described as "a pious and sincere Christian and a friendly honest man."

1813 June 4 : One T. Standish, of Blackrod, assuming himself to be heir of the late Sir F. Standish, with numerous followers assembled at Duxbury Hall and took forcible possession, turning out the servants. They continued in the house some days, but were eventually ejected by two of the Bolton magistrates, R. Fletcher and J. Watkins, at the head of a party of light horse. July : Killed "in the late splendid victory of Roncesvalles, in Spain, Lieut. Knowles, of the 7th Fusiliers, son of Mr. Knowles, near Bolton ; was on two former occasions among the wounded."

August 9: Died, in the 57th year of his age, the Rev. Joseph Bealey, minister of the Protestant Dissenters' Chapel at Cockey Moor; during the funeral sermon on the 22nd August, at which a very great number of persons were assembled in the chapel, the gallery being overloaded gave way; but being observed in time, fortunately all escaped without injury.

1814 June 7: Bolton Dispensary opened.

1815 Rejoicings in commemoration of Waterloo. Napoleon shot and burnt in effigy.

1817 Second Improvement Act obtained for Great Bolton. June 11: Bursting of a lodge at Kershaw's Factory, Walmsley. Being in the night time, Mr. Kershaw, his wife, and nine children, who lived in a house adjoining the mill, had a narrow escape from death; factory and house destroyed.—Oct. 22: Rev. R. Lathom, vicar of Deane, died suddenly in the road as he was returning home from his duties.

1818 Feb. 11: Bolton Gas Company established.—March 7: Bolton Savings Bank established. Messrs. Ormrod and Hardcastle's first cotton mill—the "Royal Sovereign"—destroyed by fire, July 20; numerous spectators seriously hurt by a falling wall; believed to have been set on fire by an incendiary, and a reward of £500 offered. Pillory continued in use till about this time. This ancient instrument of punishment was erected at the parish pump on the site of the old Market Cross in Churchgate. Offenders thus exposed were frequently pelted with rotten eggs. "Rogues and vagabonds" were tied to cart tails and whipped out of the town by the bellman. In 1817 a man was pilloried here and flogged by the bellman, and in 1818 a woman was exposed in the pillory. It was not till 1837 that the pillory was legally abolished.—Died Aug. 4th, at his house in Halliwell, in his 80th year, Mr. John Cooper, who was 34 years clerk to

the Trustees of the Bolton, Manchester, Hulton, and Chorley turnpike roads, and was rewarded for his faithful services by a present of a handsome silver cup from each.

1819 May 1: Streets of Bolton first lighted with gas.—Aug. 16: Peterloo.—Sept. 22: Formation of the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry Cavalry, one troop being raised in Bolton and another at Worsley.—Nov. 19: Parish Church School opened. John Heyes, the bellman, imprisoned for announcing that Tom Paine's bones had been brought by Cobbett to Liverpool. Fletcher Street Wesleyan Chapel built.

1820 Popplewell charities in Bolton and neighbourhood founded by John Popplewell, a gentleman of the medical profession and a native of the parish, who died in 1829. The bequests of this benefactor amounted to £15,099. His sisters Anne and Rebecca, who died in 1831, left £12,600 for similar benevolent purposes.

1821 Discovery of ancient armour in Haulgh. Population of Great and Little Bolton, 31,295.

1822 Presbyterian Chapel, top of Deansgate, opened April 7, Easter Sunday; erected by subscription by the Scotchmen of Bolton, but given up for want of support and became the property of the Unitarians. In 1861 this chapel was taken down and St. Paul's Church erected on its site.

1823 Foundation stone of **Holy Trinity Church** laid June 7 by Rev. Canon Slade, Vicar of Bolton. Independent Methodist Chapel opened. General turn-out of factory operatives—turn-outs billeted at other people's houses.—July 5: *Bolton Express* established.—624 new houses built in Great and Little Bolton this year.

1824 According to Brown, who about this time published an incomplete history of Bolton, "The accession of new inhabitants and new dwelling-houses in 1824 was greater than during the long interval between 1587 and 1710."—March 24: Foundation stone of **St. John's Church, Farnworth-with-Kersley**, laid by Benjamin Rawson, Esq.—June 17th: First local Waterworks Bill obtained Royal assent.—Sept. 29: Wm. Windham Sadler ascended in a balloon from the Bolton Gasworks and was killed in his descent at Churchbank, Whalley; to the verdict of accidental death the coroner's jury added, "Deodand upon the balloon and car, 2s."—Oct. 9: *The Bolton Chronicle* established. Only one letter carrier for all Bolton at this time.

1824 The **Old Coaching Days** were about in the zenith of their glory at this time, when no railway as yet connected the town with any other place. Bolton was the great highway for the mails, and with its local traffic was consequently a very busy and important place. As Chorley New Road was not yet formed, all coaches to the North had to travel along the Old Road by way of Doffcocker. In the local press for February of this year an advertisement appears calling attention to the Angel and Woolpack Inn, Deansgate, as a General Coach Office, the public being "respectfully informed that the following cheapest, fast, and best-regulated light four-inside coaches" leave the above inn, namely:

The Royal Independent to Chorley, Preston, Lancaster, Kendal, Penrith, Carlisle, Annan, Dumfries, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and every principal town and seaport in Scotland, also to Newcastle-on-Tyne direct, every morning at 5½; a "please to observe" postscript emphasising the fact that "this is the only coach by which passengers or parcels can be secured through to Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Newcastle-upon-Tyne without liability of detention or change of proprietors."

The Phenomena to Manchester 12½ daily.

The Commercial to Blackburn Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6½.

The Doctor to Blackburn, Preston, Lancaster, Kendal, Ulverston, and Whitehaven every morning, Sunday excepted, at 9½.

The Royal Union to Liverpool every morning at 6.

The Commercial to Manchester Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7.

The Phenomena to Chorley and Preston every evening at 6½.

The Doctor to Manchester every afternoon at 4.

The Royal Independent to Manchester every evening at 7.

An advertisement in the following year announces that "to secure for the public the greatest civility and attention the General Coach Office of Weatherall, Cookson, and Co., is removed from the Angel and Woolpack to the Old Woolpack next door," and that amongst various other coaches to different parts The Doctor leaves for Manchester and London every afternoon at a quarter past 4 and passengers arrive in London by the Independent the following evening at 5 o'clock, "only one night out." The Swan, the Bridge Inn, and the Ship Inn were also noted coaching houses at this time.

1824 The proposed **Chorley New Road** formed the subject of considerable agitation this year, both in Great and Little Bolton, public and private interests, it was alleged, conflicting as to the route to be selected. On the 29th May a public meeting of the inhabitants of Great Bolton was held at the Commercial Inn,

the Boroughreeve in the chair, "for the purpose of considering the Bill now pending before Parliament for making a New Line of Road from Bolton to the Crown Inn, Horwich." At this meeting it was stated that a petition had been prepared and signed by many of the inhabitants of Bolton who understood that the road would commence from the White Lion in Deansgate, pass by the Scotch Chapel and continue from thence in a direct line through the valley of the Middle Brook, thereby securing a straight and level road the whole way, and that they had affixed their signatures to the petition under that impression; but that it had since been ascertained that their names, affixed with the above understanding, had been used for the purpose of having the road to commence from the Crofters' Arms at Brinks Brow which would make it more circuitous, of less benefit to the town of Bolton, and only tend to improve the property of a few individuals, to the detriment of the public in general. They therefore prayed that it might not pass into law, and "in consequence therefore of the deception practised on the inhabitants of Great Bolton" it was resolved to oppose the Bill unless "the road to go by the Scotch Chapel direct from Deansgate" be substituted for "to go by the Crofters' Arms, Brinks Brow." Mr. Ormrod and Mr. Piggot were "deputed to go to London to effectuate the opposition," but their mission proved unsuccessful and the present "Chorley New Road" route was adopted, as set forth in the following advertisement, published on Sept. 4 of that year:—"To Road Makers. To be Let by Ticket, at the house of Reuben Gorton, the Whitster's Arms, Little Bolton, on Thursday, the 23rd September, the fencing-off, forming, paving, stoning, and sanding a new length of road leading from Bolton to Chorley, beginning at the Whitster's Arms aforesaid and ending at Anderton Ford Bridge, Horwich, in length about $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles of new road to be formed, in breadth about 20 yards. Mr. Pickering, of Halliwell, surveyor of the said road, will show the plans.—John Albinson, Clerk to the said Road."

1825 July 1 : Bolton Mechanics' Institution founded.—Oct. 27 : Great Fire at Messrs. Hardcastle's bleachworks, damage £30,000.—Nov. 1 : James Ormrod, Esq., of Chamber Hall, founder of the eminent cotton spinning firm of Messrs. Ormrod and Hardcastle, died, aged 56 years.—Died, Dec. 4, Mr. James Haslam, of Tong Fold, aged 95 years. He was, according to the obituary notice, "married but once and was father, grandfather, and great grandfather to 124 legitimate children." Petty Sessions regularly held at Horwich for the Horwich and Blackrod district. "The Towns and Trade of the Two Boltons, the original seat of the Cotton Trade," formed a standing toast at all local festive gatherings at this time.

1825 Extensive Local Improvements.—Bolton at this time seems to have been undergoing considerable transition, for we read in the local papers of July of this year, under the head Local Improvements, "The march of improvement is certainly perceptible in every part of the kingdom, but in few places has its presence been so strongly marked as in Bolton. During the last twenty years its population has doubled; its trade has shook off its dwarfish dimensions and assumed a gigantic magnitude, and numbers of its inhabitants have by a characteristic industry and attention to business acquired fortunes of considerable extent. Perhaps in no manufacturing districts are the poorer classes more contented or the rich more actively benevolent in the establishment of useful institutions. At the same time that best proof of opulence—the erection of public buildings—has not been neglected. The Library and Reading Room in the New Market Place is in a state of great forwardness, and when finished will be a considerable ornament to that spacious area. The Gas Pillar in the centre of the Market Square (designed and presented by B. Hick, Esq.) is a piece of elegant and classical workmanship and is justly the admiration of persons of taste. Since 1820 fifteen hundred houses have been

built in and about the town, by which the accumulating bulk of its population may be measured. Several places of worship also have been erected since that period ; add to which, Little Bolton Town Hall, a neat and commodious building ; the Dispensary, erected by voluntary subscription ; the offices belonging to the Waterworks Company in Moor Lane ; and last though far from least Trinity Church, which is a handsome edifice and stands in a fine commanding situation. The Waterworks (at Belmont) are rapidly advancing towards completion, and the Railroad from Bolton to Leigh (the first in the town) is begun ; these two concerns alone furnish employment for 500 men. And to sum up all, the Gas Company, anxious to accommodate their fellow-townsmen, have made arrangements by which the inhabitants of Great and Little Bolton will in future be regularly and expeditiously supplied with gas, an additional gasometer being nearly finished, situated near Mr. Cullen's factory in Little Bolton."

1826 New Market Square and Little Bolton Town Hall opened. **Great distress** and serious riots in the **manufacturing districts**, the hostility of the rioters being directed against the power-looms, hundreds of which were broken in various parts of the county. Salford Hundred had to pay compensation to the amount of £4457, nearly half of which was for damage at one mill at Tottington, where 100 looms were destroyed. Bolton was, however, conspicuous for its orderly spirit ; and on May 1, the King sends £500 to this town in consideration of the distress prevailing here, "and the patience with which the unemployed poor of this district had borne their sufferings." The local subscription reached £1200, and £1000 was contributed by the Committee in London. Over 170 loads of meal were distributed weekly among upwards of 1420 families. The master manufacturers and hand-loom weavers of Bolton united in memorialising the Government in favour of a law to equalise wages, the masters' petition setting forth that a

great proportion of the misery and distress arose from "uncalled-for continual reductions of the weavers' wages, attributable alone to men who, with few exceptions, had commenced the manufacturing business without any money, and with as little regard to moral right and wrong." The poor-rate levied in Great Bolton between April 1826, and June, 1827, amounted to 15s. in the pound. At this time Bolton had only three night watchmen.—Died, March 13, Rev. Samuel Johnson, M.A., Incumbent of Horwich.—Died, March 20, Mr. William Fogg, a well-known Bolton solicitor.—Died, April 2, Richard Wylde, Esq., aged 66, cotton merchant, Ridgway Gates, one of the earliest bankers in Bolton.—July 25 : Death of the Rev. John Holland, in the 60th year of his age, for 31 years minister at Bank Street Unitarian Chapel.—Aug. 30 and Sept. 11 : Green, the famous aeronaut, ascended in his balloon from the Bolton Gasworks.—Sept. 11 : **Holy Trinity Church** consecrated.—Oct. 22 : Death of George Blair, Esq., of Mill Hill, the well-known bleacher, aged 60 years.—Dec. 18 : The parochial chapel of Farnworth robbed of its Communion plate.

1827 Died May 20, aged 86, Charles Shaw, Esq., of Rivington, the last surviving nephew of the late Lord Hugh Willoughby De Parham. Died May 30, aged 48, Mr. James Warr, late captain and adjutant in the Bolton Local Militia. **Samuel Crompton**, inventor of the cotton spinning mule, died June 26, at his house in King-street, Great Bolton, aged 74 years, "of no particular complaint," but, in the language of his biographer, Mr. French, "by the gradual decay of nature, increased if not hastened by a life brimfull of corrosive cares and mental sorrows."—July 6 : Boiler explosion at Kearsley's factory, Tyldesley, 11 persons killed and many injured.—Sept. 12 : Died, aged 54 years, Dr. Robert Taylor, of Bolton, who for many years took a very active part in the exciting events of his time. A contemporary notice says:—"To the poor he was a constant

benefactor, to the world a friend, and to oppression and inhumanity of every sort an unyielding enemy. He broke down the system of espionage in England, by which he saved the lives of many, and thus obtained an enviable distinction in the judgment of his country."—Sept. 23 : Died, in his 89th year, William Lomas, who had rung the treble bell at the Parish Church for the long period of 75 years.—Oct. 27 : Death of Matthew Corr Dawes, Esq., of Newport House, aged 54 years, an extensive local brewer, through whose instrumentality the mails commenced running through Bolton, a circumstance deemed of some importance in the pre-railway period.

1828 January : Bolton Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School Union instituted.—June 28 : *Bolton Express* ceased.—Died, July 13, aged 31, the Rev. Robert Bullock, minister of "All Saints' Chapel," Little Bolton.—July 29 : Death of a centenarian at Farnworth, Margaret Tong, aged 102.—Aug. 1 : **First Railway in Bolton**, Bolton and Leigh line, opened, Friday, in the presence of 40,000 to 50,000 people ; Mrs. Hulton naming the engine that drew the first train "The Lancashire Witch." Utility of the line so strikingly manifested that in the very next week after the opening there was a reduction of more than 2s. per ton on coal in Bolton and the neighbourhood, and it was calculated that the saving in fuel to the manufacturing population of Bolton would be as great a relief to them as if all the assessed taxes had been repealed. Died, August 3, aged 88, Ralph Ward, apparitor at the Parish Church for 50 years. Bolton Savings Bank at this time allowed 4 per cent. interest on deposits.—Oct. 6 : Public breakfast at the Commercial Hotel by the Boroughreeve and the gentry of Bolton to the Home Secretary, Mr. (afterwards Sir Robert) Peel, who during his stay at Hulton Hall, as the guest of William Hulton, Esq., planted an English oak, and in Bolton went through the foundry of Messrs. Rothwell, Hick, and Co.—Nov. 28 : Major Pilkington, a leading local

merchant and manufacturer, formerly of Silverwell House, and commandant of the Bolton Light Horse Volunteers from 1798, when the corps was raised, to 1816, when it was disbanded, died at West Farm.

1829 Bolton Exchange opened. Old Mill Hill Factory burnt down ; one of the military killed while guarding the ruins. This mill was at one time owned by the first Sir Robert Peel, who was the first user of cylinders for carding cotton.—April 13 : Grand bazaar at the Parish Church Schools, for the benefit of the Bolton Dispensary ; net proceeds available for the charity, £722 10s.—June 10 : The body of a man found sewn up in a sack in Rose-hill tunnel, supposed to have been placed there by the Resurrectionists, at that time very active in Bolton and the neighbourhood. One of the most notorious, of these Resurrectionists, a person named Hannah, was in January of the following year sentenced to six months' imprisonment in Lancaster Castle for having in his possession the dead body of one George Dean which had been stolen from the yard of the Bolton Parish Church. Hannah's books showed that he had received about £80 for seven bodies which he had stolen from Bolton and sent to Edinburgh for purposes of dissection.

1830 Trustees' Improvement Act obtained for Little Bolton. Foundation stone of **Horwich Church** laid May 21, by Joseph Ridgway, Esq., on the site of the old chapel.—Aug. 12 : Grand dinner at the Little Bolton Town Hall, to celebrate the recent Revolution in France ; "Orator Hunt" present.

1831 Jan. 1 : Opening of **Bolton and Kenyon Railway** for goods traffic ; for passengers June 13. Population of Great and Little Bolton 41,195.—Feb. 13 : Death of Mr. Thos. Beswick, aged 31, proprietor of the *Bolton Literary Journal*, and an extensive contributor to the periodical literature of the day.—Feb. 25 : Witton Thomas, organist of Old Church, died suddenly.—March

14: Ashton Worrall, 25, and William Worrall, 38, executed at Lancaster for the murder of Sarah McLennan, at Failsworth, on Dec. 22, 1830. Deceased, who was 64 years of age, was the wife of a labouring man residing in Bolton, and was going to visit her daughter at Oldham, when she was waylaid and brutally outraged and murdered in a field adjoining the highway from Manchester to Oldham.—July 20: Formation of the first Temperance Society in Bolton; the Rev. James Slade, Vicar of Bolton, who presided over the meeting held in the Parish Church Sunday School at which it was formed, becoming its first president, and the Rev. John Jenkins, Incumbent of Holy Trinity, its first secretary.—July 23: Engineer and fireman of a goods train on the Bolton and Kenyon Railway killed by the upsetting of the engine.

1832 Feb. 22: Ralph Fletcher, Esq., of the Hollins, for many years one of the most active magistrates of the Bolton bench and lieutenant-colonel of the Bolton Local Militia, died, aged 74. Serious outbreak of Asiatic cholera, commonly designated cholera morbus or "black fever," in the summer of this year, causing many deaths in Bolton; tar barrels burnt in the public streets to disinfect the atmosphere. Enfranchisement of Bolton under the Parliamentary Reform Bill; two members assigned to the borough. Died, March 5, at Leeds, in his 85th year, Mr. John Hlick, father of Mr. Benjamin Hlick, the well-known ironfounder; he was described as a pattern of industry and uprightness.—Dec. 12-13:

First Parliamentary Election.

Lieut.-Col. Torrens (Whig)	627
William Bolling (C)	492
Torrens and Bolling returned.	
John Ashton Yates (L)	482
William Eagle (R)	107

1040 electors; 935 voted.

—Dec. 23: Death of Mr. John Wallwork, for 35 years organist of All Saints' Church.

1833 Jan. 15 : Death of Isaac Dobson, Esq., of Gilnow, aged 66 years, founder of the eminent machine-making establishment of Messrs. Dobson and Barlow, one of the oldest of the kind in Europe.—March 27 : Presentation of a silver cup to Richard Oastler, the "Factory King," by the factory operatives of Bolton.—April 5 (Good Friday) : Richard Ainsworth, Esq., the eminent bleacher, of Moss Bank, Halliwell, died, in the 71st year of his age.—May 8 : Death of Mr. Josiah Taylor, in his 63rd year, formerly overseer of the poor for Great Bolton, and had been in the service of the town upwards of 33 years.—Sept. 23 : Death of William Lonsdale, aged 60, popularly known as "the blind fiddler," an accomplished organist, and celebrated also in his day as a teacher and vocalist.—Dec. 31 : Dreadful storm—chimney blown down at Messrs. James Barnes and Sons' mills, Farnworth, killing four young women in the weaving shed and injuring several others.

1834 Distress of the Handloom Weavers. A Select Committee of the House of Commons sat to inquire into the distress of the handloom weavers in the manufacturing districts ; Mr. John Makin, a Bolton manufacturer and afterwards for many years cashier at Messrs. Ormrod and Hardcastle's, was one of the principal witnesses, and it was said that a pamphlet published by him led to the appointment of this Committee of Inquiry. The Committee reported that from Mr. Makin's evidence "the weavers were labouring under the most incredible privation ; that they did not earn a sufficiency to procure them meat, except occasionally, more frequently than once a week ; that their ordinary food was oatmeal and potatoes ; and that a man having a family of five children could not with the assistance of his wife and two of his children earn more than 2³/₄d. for each per day, applicable for food and clothing."

1834 John Wilson, a private in the 35th Regiment of Foot, tried at the March assizes at Lancaster for the murder of Edmund

Martin, a private in the same regiment, in the barrack yard at Bolton on Oct. 4, 1833. The prisoner was confined in the guardhouse for being drunk, and while there he fired his piece among the men on parade, killing the deceased. He was convicted of manslaughter, and sentenced to transportation for life.

1835 Jan. 7-8 :

Second Parliamentary Election.

W. Bolling (C) 633

P. Ainsworth (L) 590

Bolling and Ainsworth returned.

Robert Torrens (Whig) 343

1020 electors ; 927 voted.

—Feb. 9 : The notorious G. N. Silwood and three other prisoners escaped from the Little Bolton Starchamber, by burning a hole through the prison door.—On Sunday evening, May 31, as Mr. James Slater, of the firm of Messrs. J. and J. Slater, bleachers, Little Bolton, was returning from a visit to Mr. Charles Howarth, of Horwich, accompanied by his brother, in a gig, the horse took fright opposite Shiptons Farm in Halliwell and ran away, when Mr. Slater in attempting to get out of the gig was thrown down and killed on the spot.—July 10 : Ladyshore Colliery, Lever Bank, near Bolton, inundated by the bursting of the bed of the River Croul ; seven men and ten boys drowned ; 26 men escaping by the ladder pits.—Nov. 19 : *Bolton Free Press* established. Formation of Bolton British School.—March 26 : John Orrell executed for the murder of one of his children, by poisoning, at Bolton, the prisoner being strongly suspected also of poisoning another of his children and his wife.

1836 Higher Bridge Street Primitive Methodist Chapel opened.

1837 Feb. 4 : Formation of Bolton Poor-law Union, comprising 26 townships.—July 26 :

Third Parliamentary Election.

P. Ainsworth (L) 615

W. Bolling (C) 607

Ainsworth and Bolling returned.

Andrew Knowles (L) 538

1340 electors ; 1079 voted.

—Nov. 22 : Foundation stone of Emmanuel Church laid by Canon Slade.

1838 Jan. 2 : Death of the Rev. William Thistlethwaite, M.A., aged 62, Incumbent of St. George's Church for 29 years.—May 29 : **Bolton and Manchester Railway** opened.—June 24 : Death of Thomas Rushton, Esq., the well-known solicitor, The Height, aged 60 years. 25 : Destruction of Messrs. Ormrod and Harcastle's "Royal George" cotton mill by fire ; one man found dead in the ruins next day ; and in the week following, on the Friday night (July 6), during a violent thunderstorm, the electric fluid struck the gable end of one of the standing walls, knocking it down and killing three men.—October 11 : **Charter of Incorporation** granted after prolonged opposition.—Nov. 9 : George Henderson, a young travelling Scotchman, shot in the open day near Five Houses, on Horwich Moor, on his way to Belmont ; murderer never discovered ; one William Whittle, a collier, was committed to Liverpool Assizes on evidence of a circumstantial character ; but on his trial (at the Spring Assizes of 1839) after an eloquent defence by Sergeant Wilkins, was acquitted. 30 : **First election of Town Councillors**.—Dec. 1 : First Mayor (C. J. Darbshire, Esq.), and first Town Clerk (Mr. James Winder) elected. In this year the first anti-corn law lecture, under the auspices of the Anti-Corn Law Association, was delivered in Manchester by Mr. Abraham Walter Paulton, then a surgeon in Bolton.

1839 Jan. 7 : Terrific hurricane in Bolton, great destruction of property.—Feb. 16 : Death of Benjamin Dobson, Esq., aged 52.

18 : First bench of borough magistrates created ; James Winder, Esq., solicitor, appointed first Clerk.—May 24 : Court of Quarter Sessions granted ; Robert Baynes Armstrong, Esq., Q.C., appointed first Recorder for the borough. 29 : John Gordon, Esq., appointed first Clerk of the Peace, and John Taylor, Esq., first Borough Coroner.—Aug. 15 : T. Harcastle, Esq., of Firwood, the eminent bleacher, died. 16 : **Chartists** went in procession to **Parish Church**, and committed great excesses.—Sept. 21 : Hiram Simpson, superintendent of the Bolton police force, shot himself at Liverpool.—Nov. 5 : Government police (about 40 in number) supersede those of the Corporation and Boroughreeves. 9 : Robert Heywood, Esq., elected Mayor. **Emmanuel Church** consecrated. **Great Distress** in the town ; large numbers of persons unemployed ; 1083 empty houses in Great Bolton in November, and one-eighth of the ratable value of property in the township untenanted.

1840 Jan. 1 : Temperance Hall opened. Elizabeth Lum built six almshouses at The Folds, in Little Bolton, for 12 widows or spinsters above 60 years of age, each of whom to receive a weekly allowance.—Nov. 9 : James Arrowsmith, Esq., elected Mayor. **St. Peter's Church, Halliwell**, consecrated. **Walmsley Church** re-built.—The close of the year 1840 still witnessed great distress in the town. It was stated that there were 10,000 poor persons who could not pay rates, and hundreds who were said to be living upon "twopence a day."

1841 July 4 :

Fourth Parliamentary Election.

P. Ainsworth (L) 669

Dr. Bowring (L) 614

Ainsworth and Bowring returned.

P. Rothwell (C) 536

W. Bolling (C) 441

1442 electors ; 1164 voted.

—Nov. 9: Thomas Cullen, Esq., elected Mayor. **Christ Church, Harwood**, consecrated. St. Ann's Church, Turton, the second time re-built. Great depression in trade in Bolton. According to a pamphlet published by Mr. H. Ashworth, out of 50 mills in Bolton, usually employing 8124 workpeople, 30 mills and 5061 workpeople were either standing idle or working only four days per week, the loss in wages being at the rate of over £200,000 per annum. Population of Great Bolton, 33,603; Little Bolton, 16,144; Bolton Union, 97,519.

1842 The alarming **Distress in Bolton** formed the subject of more than one reference in the House of Commons in this and the previous Session, and a graphic picture of its extent and the sufferings of the inhabitants was given by the borough members, Mr. Peter Ainsworth and Dr. Bowring. The latter said he had himself gone over this town accompanied by an honourable and gallant gentleman accustomed to witness the consequences of war, who had seen towns besieged and all the other miseries and privations which belonged to such events, but he said that he had never witnessed scenes in which wretchedness so deplorable was depicted; in many of the streets of Bolton there was not a single inhabitant, many of the inhabited houses were without any furniture whatever, hundreds of families slept wholly on the ground without bed or bedding, and there were thousands who had no supply of daily bread to keep existence together, and to whom the use of animal food was altogether unknown. And Mr. Ainsworth said that in the whole course of his life he never knew distress so prevalent as at present in Bolton, and that there were certainly about 1500 or 1600 unoccupied houses in the borough, and had been so for some time.

1842 Aug. 12: **Charter of Incorporation confirmed.** Great depression of trade; dearness of provisions; fearful increase of pauperism. **Plug-drawing Riots**; provision shops plundered by mobs; on the first day, the rioters, a large mob of whom came from Bury, had their own way, but on attempting to renew their

plunder next day, they were attacked by the Yeomanry Cavalry and a considerable number taken into custody ; 1300 unoccupied houses in Bolton ; 10,000 persons receiving parochial relief. The " threatened insurrectionary movement at Bolton," as interpreted from these riots, formed the subject of considerable correspondence between the authorities in London and the local magistracy.—Sept. 9 : Death of Benjamin Hick, Esq., the well-known ironfounder, aged 52.—Oct. 19 : Death of the Rev. William Jones, aged 59, minister of Mawdsley Street Chapel for 34 years.—Nov. 1 : **First contested municipal election.**—Nov. 9 : Robert Walsh, Esq., elected Mayor. Samuel Crompton's children received £200 from the Royal Bounty Fund, in consideration of his invention of the mule. Blinkhorn's chimney, Little Bolton (now Dobson and Barlow's) completed Sept. 26, being at that time the largest in England. Its height is 122½ yards, its circumference at the base 127ft. 6in., and at the top 24ft. ; 800,000 bricks and 120 tons of stone were used in its construction.

1843 Died at her residence, Acresfield, April 20, Mrs. De Manneville, a Bolton lady whose marriage to a French Count at the beginning of the present century led to some romantic episodes and many years of plotting and litigation arising out of a dispute as to the possession of their only child—a daughter—whom the father wished to remove and have her educated in a Roman Catholic convent abroad. This daughter, Caroline, died in the year 1826 at the age of 23. Mrs. De Manneville was a member of an old and well-known family—the Cromptons—of considerable position in Bolton, and at her death she left a sum of £1400, the yearly interest of which to be devoted to the purchase of clothing to be distributed annually in the month of November among such poor persons as her Trustees should think fit. This charity yields £56 per annum.

1843 Died Jan. 22, Edmund Holt, of Turton, clerk of Walmsley Chapel for the period of 58 years.—May 4 : Blinkhorn's

"big chimney" struck by lightning and a portion of the brickwork displaced; earlier in the same year it had been still more seriously damaged during a thunderstorm.—May 6: Betty Eccles the poisoner of her stepchildren at The Folds executed at Kirkdale.—June 22: **Bolton and Preston Railway** opened.—Nov. 9: Thos. Gregson, Esq., elected Mayor.

1844 Feb. 11: Matthew Ferguson, keeper of the menagerie at the Star Inn, killed by one of the leopards.—July 2: Explosion at Brooks's mill, three persons killed and several injured.—Sept. 1: James Horrocks, of Bradshaw Chapel, died, aged 100 years 5 months and 6 days; his father was born in 1657, and was 86 years old when his son James was born.—Oct. 29: New Jerusalem Church, Bridge Street, opened.—Nov. 9: John Slater, Esq., elected Mayor by the casting vote of the retiring Mayor, Mr. Gregson, the numbers being 24 for Mr. Slater and 24 for Mr. Stephen Blair. At the same meeting, immediately after the election of six Conservative aldermen, the Council, by 22 votes against 19, dismissed the Town Clerk, James Winder, Esq., and by 22 votes against 10, elected as his successor James Kyrke Watkins, Esq.—Nov. 30: **St. Peter's Church, Halliwell**, consecrated, after enlargement and partial re-erection.—Dec. 1: Consecration of **Christ Church**, after its purchase from the Methodist New Connexion, by which body it had been erected as "Ebenezer Chapel" in the year 1819.

1845 Messrs. Dobson and Barlow's extensive machine works in Kay Street began to be erected, and eventually the business hitherto carried on from about the year 1790 in Blackhorse Street was transferred to the new and far more extensive premises.—June: **Lever Bridge Church** consecrated; the first terra cotta church erected in England.—May 19: Died at Southport, aged 40 years, Mr. Rowland Hall Heaton, of Bolton, timber merchant, a man of great enterprise in building.—Bolton ceased to be a garrison town about May or June of this year, when the 56th regiment was transferred from Bolton Barracks

to Bury.—Aug. 10 : Mr. Ralph Clare, veterinary surgeon, died, aged 42. 26 : Death of Mr. Joseph Peat, solicitor, aged 44 years. Nov. 10 : First Conservative Mayor, Stephen Blair, Esq.—Dec. 15 : Boiler explosion at Rothwell and Kitts' cotton mill, Blackhorse Street, 14 lives lost ; inquest resulted in verdict of manslaughter against Thomas Kitts, the managing partner, but on his trial at the ensuing March Assizes he was acquitted. 26 : Mr. J. R. Wolfenden appointed Borough Treasurer, an office which had previously been merely nominal.

1846 Panic in the iron trade ; great destitution among the workpeople in Bolton.—June 10 : Consecration of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Bowker's Row.—Death of John Bolling, Esq., July 26, aged 56 years, cotton spinner, for five years chairman of the Board of Guardians ; a determined opponent of some of the more obnoxious portions of the new Poor Law, and it was mainly due to him that the poor of Bolton did not suffer under the separation system and the abolition of out-door relief.—Sept. 13 : Death of Mr. Gaskell Ridings, aged 40, a well-known member of the Bolton Old Amateur Dramatic Club, and highly gifted as an improvisatore comic actor and singer.—Nov. 9 : James Scowcroft, Esq., elected Mayor.—Dec. 15 : Railway accident near Clifton Junction ; driver and stoker killed and many passengers injured. *Bolton Advertiser* established.

1847 Jan. 16 : *Bolton Free Press* ceased.—Wednesday, March 24 : **Public Fast** in consequence of great distress caused by **scarcity and dearth of food** ; great influx of Irish poor following upon the **potato famine** ; soup kitchens established in the borough ; typhus fever broke out, causing many deaths during the summer, and in July large fever sheds were erected in Fletcher Street, on the south side of the Workhouse ; two of the union surgeons—Mr. Richard Robinson, aged 53, and Mr. William Hatton, aged 28—died within a few weeks of each other, the one

on July 18 and the other on Aug. 31, from fever caught in the discharge of their duty ; many of the lodging-houses in the town were crowded with fever patients, and the most vigorous measures had to be taken by the Corporation and the Board of Guardians to prevent the spread of the disease. Mr. Hatton was brother of the present Dr. Hatton, who (1888) has been practising in this town since 1836. This gentleman also devoted his services at this trying time until compelled to withdraw through exhaustion.—April 16 : Bolton County Court opened.—Died May 17, aged 48, Mr. John Selkirk, for 21 years dispensing apothecary at the Bolton Dispensary.—May 27 : Bolton Public Baths opened.—June 5 : Railway accident at Wolverton ; amongst the killed was T. Makinson, a graduate of Oxford, and son of a Bolton tradesman. Improvement Act empowering Corporation to purchase Waterworks, &c.—Died, June 20, in the 80th year of his age, the Rev. John Winder, upwards of 40 years minister of the Independent Chapel, Edgworth.—Died July 12, aged 57, the Rev. Lowther Grisdale, Incumbent of Christ Church, Walmsley ; for 27 years he was master of the Bolton Grammar School.—July 29 :

Fifth Parliamentary Election.

W. Bolling (C) 714

Dr. Bowring (L)..... 652

Bolling and Bowring returned.

John Brooks (L)..... 645

1531 electors ; 1309 voted.

—Depression in the cotton trade ; reduction of 10 per cent. in wages.—Aug. 3 : Two men killed by the fall of one of the arches of the Turner Bridge Viaduct on the Bolton and Blackburn Railway. 22 : Robert Pilkington murdered his wife by beating her on the head with a poker or bar of iron at Longshaw Fold Farm, near Barrow Bridge ; he was sentenced to death for the offence, but the sentence was reduced to penal servitude for life.—

Nov. 9 : Thomas Ridgway Bridson, Esq., elected Mayor.—Died, Dec. 17, aged 47, Mr. William Ward, a member of the Town Council, and widely known as the occupier for many years of one of our principal hostelryes, the Swan Hotel.

1847 June 7 : The **Ten Hours Factory Bill** received the Royal Assent, and came into operation on the 1st July. It provided that no person under the age of 18 years should be employed for more than 11 hours in any one day, nor more than 63 hours per week ; while from the 1st May, 1848, no person under 18 was to be employed more than 10 hours per day, nor more than 58 hours per week. The Act to prevent the relay or "shift" system, by which the Ten Hours Bill had been in many places rendered a nullity, received the Royal Assent July 26, 1850, and this prescribed the factory day for young persons and females of whatever age to be from six in the morning till six in the evening, and all labour to cease at two o'clock on Saturday. The condition of factory operatives was greatly ameliorated by this legislation, as was speedily manifested in the improved condition of the workpeople and their families in Bolton and elsewhere throughout the manufacturing districts.

1848 May 10 : Mr. James Knowles appointed Town Clerk, upon the resignation of Mr. James Kyrke Watkins.—June 13 : **Bolton and Blackburn Railway** opened.—22 : **St. Paul's Church, Halliwell, and St. Paul's, Astley Bridge**, consecrated.—July 18 : Died, aged 54, Mr. George Pike, a well-known local schoolmaster and an active member of the Wesleyan body. 31 : Died, at the "Top of Halliwell," aged 82, Elizabeth, relict of Mr. James Green, farmer, of Heaton, leaving behind her a progeny of about 150 children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, 60 of whom attended her funeral. Prevalence of cholera in the summer and autumn of this year, causing many deaths in

Bolton.—August : Act for closing public-houses on Sunday mornings till after Divine Service came into operation. Up to that time public-houses were open on Sunday mornings till Church time. 30 : William Bolling, Esq., M.P., of Darcy Lever Hall, died, aged 63 ; represented Bolton in Parliament ten years.—Sept. 12 :

Sixth Parliamentary Election.

(On the death of William Bolling, Esq.)

Stephen Blair (C) returned without opposition, Joseph Barker, the Chartist candidate, having been withdrawn.

—Nov. 9 : T. L. Rushton, Esq., elected Mayor. 30 : **Liverpool and Bury Railway** opened.

1849 Feb. 8 :

Seventh Parliamentary Election.

(On Dr. Bowring's appointment to the consulship of Canton.)

Sir Joshua Walmsley (R) 621

T. R. Bridson (C) 568

1437 electors ; 1189 voted.

—27 : Peter Rothwell, Esq., of Sunning Hill, the eminent iron-founder, died suddenly at Glasgow, in the 57th year of his age ; public funeral at the Parish Church, Mar. 7.—June 30 : Royal Oak public-house, Churchgate, destroyed by fire ; George Radcliffe, a Brightmet man, sleeping there for the night, was burnt to death. —July 8 : Joshua Crook, Esq., founder of the firm of Crook and Sons, cotton spinners, died at his residence, White Bank, in the 70th year of his age.—Nov. 9 : T. L. Rushton, Esq., re-elected Mayor. Thanksgiving services, Thursday, November 15, for the abatement of the cholera, which this year, as in 1848, had caused many deaths in the borough, there being on one Sunday as many as 28 funerals at the Parish Church. Destructive fire, Sunday morning, Nov. 25, at the shop of Mr. William Saunders, tailor,

Deansgate, one of his children and a nurse girl suffocated with smoke, and two other persons seriously injured.—Dec. 19 : **St. John's Church** consecrated.

1850 April 1 : **Belmont Church** consecrated.—June 18 : Loss of the Orion steamship from Liverpool to Glasgow, on the rocks near Portpatrick Lighthouse, about 100 passengers drowned, including two from Bolton : Mr. William Latham, of Kay-street, machine maker, and Mr. Robert Haslam, tripe dealer, Deansgate ; Mr. Jonathan Settle, of the One Horse Shoe, Market Square, was in the vessel, but saved his life by swimming, and was picked up by a boat. Amongst the drowned was Mr. Roby, a Rochdale banker, author of "Traditions of Lancashire."—Aug. 14 : Gold chain of office presented to T. L. Rushton, Esq., Mayor, from the gentry of the town.—Nov. 1 : James Cross, Esq., the well-known solicitor, died at Halliwell Lodge, in the 80th year of his age. 9 : William Gray, Esq., elected Mayor.

1851 Feb. 10 : Mr. Thomas Barnes, cotton spinner (afterwards M.P. for Bolton), thrown from his gig in Moor-lane, and so seriously injured as to necessitate the amputation of one foot. Population of the borough, 61,172—Great Bolton, 39,923 ; Little Bolton, 19,989 ; Haulgh, 1362 ; Bolton Union, 114,168. Mr. Edward Greenhalgh, relieving officer of Lever district from 1838, appointed master of the Bolton Workhouse.—April 5 : Presentation of silver plate to T. L. Rushton, Esq., by the gentry of the town, in recognition of his eminent services to the borough during the two years of his Mayoralty and as a token of esteem for his private character.—July 11 : Wesley Chapel, Bradshawgate, opened.—Sept. 14 : A boy named John Hutton, 14 years of age, suffocated in a sewer opposite the George Inn, in Weston-street, he and another boy having been engaged to clean the same by a collier to whom the Corporation had let the task. The youths went into the sewer by opposite man-holes at five o'clock on Saturday afternoon, the 13th, and had not been down many minutes when the deceased

stuck fast, and could not be liberated till eleven o'clock on Sunday forenoon, a large excavation having to be made in the street. Life was then extinct, but he did not appear to have been dead more than an hour. The occurrence caused great sensation in the town, and the Corporation rewarded many persons who had assisted in the excavation and other efforts at rescue. 29: **St. Michael's Church, Great Lever**, consecrated.—Oct. 9-11: Her Majesty Queen Victoria at Worsley Hall; addresses presented to Her Majesty on the 11th by the Sunday school teachers and scholars of Worsley and the neighbourhood. 11: Prince Albert visits Bolton and Dean Mills, Halliwell, accompanied by Sir James Clarke and others, but not by the Duke of Wellington as often supposed; the Duke being in attendance on the Queen at Worsley.—Nov. 8: Explosion at Great Lever Colliery, three lives lost; two bodies not recovered till Dec. 31. 10: W. Gray, Esq., re-elected Mayor. 21: Earl of Shaftesbury visited Bolton, and was presented with an address from the factory operatives, acknowledging his advocacy of their cause for 20 years.—Dec. 21: First ordination in the Bolton Parish Church by Bishop of Manchester.

1852 Jan. 10: Disputes in the iron trades, 10,353 hands on strike in Bolton and Manchester district; the strike lasted six months and was accompanied by great distress.—Feb. 11: The Town Council, on the motion of Mr. Councillor James Greenhalgh, unanimously resolved to take steps for the adoption of the Public Free Library and Museum Act in Bolton, and on March 26 a poll of the burgesses resulted in the adoption of the Act, 662 voting for and only 55 against it.—July 8:

Eighth Parliamentary Election.

Thomas Barnes (L)	745
Joseph Crook (L)	727
Barnes and Crook returned.	
Stephen Blair (C)	717
Peter Ainsworth (L)	346
1671 electors; 1579 voted.	

—13 : Destruction of **Star Inn Concert Room** by fire. 19 : Three persons killed by the falling of the Star Inn wall. The "Star" had the reputation of being one of the most popular and attractive concert rooms in the kingdom, and the wonders of its museum were spoken of far and wide. This famed place of entertainment stood on the site of the old cock pit commonly known as the Cock Inn, concerning which many weird stories were current in years gone by. A well-known cluster of public-houses in Churchgate, of which the Cock was one, and which equally with it had quaintly-painted signs according to the custom at one time common in Bolton, were in the earlier part of the century thus satirised and commemorated in doggerel rhyme—

"Cock" in Churchgate never crowed,
 "Angel and Trumpet" never blowed,
 "Legs of Man" never strode,
 "Man and Scythe" never mowed.

—Aug. 23 : Railway accident at Bullfield ; suicide of the pointsman.—Sept. 3 : Boiler explosion at Messrs. John Smith, jun., and Co.'s Bleachworks, Great Lever ; three persons killed and nine injured. 24 : Opening of factory operatives' exhibition and bazaar in commemoration of Ten Hours Bill.—Nov. 9 : John Stones, Esq., elected Mayor. 14 : Methodist New Connexion Chapel, St. George's Road, opened. Rain fell in Bolton 77 days consecutively (including twelve Sundays), terminating Dec. 25. Hurricane on Christmas morning. Season of unexampled prosperity ; erection of mills ; general improvement of the town.

1853 March 4 : Railway accident at Clifton Junction ; six persons killed and upwards of 14 injured.—July 29 : Three persons suffocated by foul air in a well at Bullfield, two of them through their gallantry in attempting to rescue others.—Oct. 12 : Bolton Free Library opened. Strikes among the factory operatives for an advance of 10 per cent.—Nov. 9 : P. R. Arrowsmith, Esq., elected

Mayor.—Dec. 27 : The Rev. George Levy, M.A., Incumbent of Emmanuel Church, died at Malta.

1854 Jan. 1-5 : Great snowstorm, railways and highways blocked up by snowdrifts, traffic impeded, works stopped, in some instances the snow reaching to the bedroom windows of dwellings ; mails delayed two or three days ; on the 2nd, at 8 30 p.m., the thermometer stood at 26 degrees below freezing point. 20 : The Earl of Bradford set apart 20 acres of ground between Tong Bridge and Lever Bridge, and laid the same out as a Public Park.—May 6 : Two men suffocated in a boiler at Dean Mills, Halliwell.—June 10 : **St. Saviour's Church, Ringley**, consecrated after re-building. 19 : Opening of the Industrial Ragged Schools, Commission-street.—July 10 : Bolton Improvement Act received Royal Assent.—Aug. 24 : John Albinson, Esq., of Chapel Alley, the well-known antiquary, died, aged 79 years ; his library consisted of 20,000 volumes, including the celebrated Bowyer Bible (45 volumes), valued at 3100 guineas, and in March, 1856, when the library was sold by auction, this Bible was purchased for £550 by Robert Heywood, Esq., of The Pike, in whose family it now remains.—Nov. 9 : P. R. Arrowsmith, Esq., re-elected Mayor.

1855 Severe frost from middle of January to beginning of March ; great distress in the iron and cotton trades ; soup kitchens established ; 7000 hands unemployed.—March 23 : Doffcocker Factory destroyed by fire.—July 30 : Opening of the Bolton Church of England Educational Institution.—Oct. 16 : Soirée at Temperance Hall to celebrate opening of new premises in Oxford Street for Mechanics' Institution ; Lord Stanley, M.P., present.—Nov. 1 : Consecration of **St. James's Church, Brightmet**. 9 : Jas. Knowles, Esq., elected Mayor. 19 : Fire at Christ Church, organ destroyed.

1855 Bolton Market Hall Opened, Wednesday, Dec. 19, with great ceremonial and much public rejoicing ; grand pro-

cession of Freemasons, Oddfellows, Ancient Shepherds and other Friendly Societies, about 20,000 persons being present at the inaugural ceremony in the Hall. The cost of carrying out this great improvement, including the approaches, was from £90,000 to £100,000, of which about £14,000 was set down to the formation of Knowsley Street with its bridge over the River Croal. The building is in the form of a rectangular parallelogram 294ft. 5in. long by 219ft. 9in. wide, covering an area of 7188 square yards or nearly 1½ statute acres, the principal facade in Knowsley Street consisting of a centre portico of the Corinthian order with six columns upwards of 50ft. in height supporting a handsome pediment and having behind them a wall of rusticated masonry pierced by a wide and lofty archway commanding the entrance to the market, this archway being supported by the arms of the borough and groups of architectonic foliage. The facades in Corporation Street and Rushton Street have each a centre of the Doric order. Internally the building is divided into a nave, transepts and side aisles composed of ornamental cast iron columns and girders, and a gallery 12ft. wide runs all round the Hall. The roof is of rough plate glass weighing about 80 tons. One of the most remarkable feats in the history of building construction was that, owing to subsidences which had taken place, fresh foundations had to be put in after the roof was on. Mr. T. G. Robinson, of Leamington, was the architect, and the building when finished excited great admiration; Mr. Thomas Barnes, one of the borough members, saying with pardonable pride they might challenge any borough in England, or even in the world, to come and look at it,—he looked upon it with as much admiration as he looked upon the Crystal Palace when he first beheld it; Mr. P. R. Arrowsmith, ex-Mayor, ascribing the credit for its erection to the influence of Mr. T. L. Rushton, one of his predecessors in the civic chair, said, "England contained none its peer—the United Kingdom could not furnish its equal;" and Canon Slade, then Vicar of Bolton, described it

as "a market house which Europe herself might admire and emulate." As comparisons were at the time often instituted between Bolton Market Hall and St. John's in Liverpool it may be mentioned that whilst our own measures 294ft. 5in. by 219ft. 9in., covering not quite $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres, St. John's measures 595ft. by 135ft., covering nearly 2 acres.

Those who recalled the old state of things might well rejoice in the opening of this Market Hall, constituting as it did so important a landmark in the history of Bolton. It was the first great outcome of the extensive scheme of local improvement inaugurated during the Mayoralty, and mainly through the influence, of Mr. Thomas Lever Rushton, and for which Parliamentary sanction was obtained by the Corporation in the Bolton Improvement Act of 1850. The sanitary and street improvements set on foot under that Act were of the most far-seeing and comprehensive character. So long back as 1256—from the time of the Third Henry—fairs and markets were held in Bolton "for the amusement and good-fellowship of the neighbouring people and to encourage traffic," and till now they were always held in the open air. Originally the market was confined to Churchgate, under the shadow of the old Market Cross whereat the Earl of Derby suffered and within sight of the Old Church ; but as the population increased and new streets arose, so the market also outgrew its original narrow limits and encroached first upon one neighbouring thoroughfare and then another—crowding the top of Bradshawgate and along Deansgate and Windybank—until eventually it assumed such proportions that in 1826 the more spacious and centrally situated area, thenceforth to be designated the Market Square and half-a-century later becoming the Town Hall Square, was formed on the site of the old Bowling Green. The Bolton Market Square was then, as indeed it remained till the opening of the Market Hall, the finest uncovered market in the county. The leading thoroughfares, however, still continued to be crowded with stalls of every imaginable

kind for the vending of all sorts of produce,—butcher's meat, farmers' produce, greengrocery, smallwares and pedlars' commodities—a very picturesque medley but attended by many serious drawbacks, and regarded as so dangerous for traffic—for the streets were then much narrower than now and many of them very crooked—that five-and-thirty years before the opening of the Market Hall His Majesty's mails were ordered to be discontinued in their journey through Bolton in consequence of the state of the principal streets being unfit for their safe passage through them. The evil increased as years rolled by and the town grew; but despite the obvious hardships to which persons were exposed who had to vend their commodities in the open air all the year round, the covered market and its accompanying changes were not brought about without much opposition. When the Market Hall was opened, however, it was recognised on all hands what a great change for the better had been wrought. A new quarter of the town with broad and spacious thoroughfares had been brought into existence where only dwellings of the lowest description previously stood. The site on which the Market Hall was erected was before then a steep and irregularly sloping bank of the River Croal, covered with houses of the poorest character planted higgledy-piggledy fashion and with the most objectionable sanitary surroundings. Knowsley Street was a cul-de-sac terminating in a timber yard some distance short of the river, and the only communication in this part between Great and Little Bolton was by means of a rickety footbridge, approached by a steep declivity running by the side of the "Old Building" graveyard to Bark Street, whereas Knowsley Street now became for the greater part of its length 14 yards wide, and opposite the Market Hall itself 20 yards, while a spacious viaduct crossed the river, the roadway being 32 feet above the water level; and Corporation Street was 15 yards wide and Rushton Street 13 yards. The closing of some seventeen hundred cellar dwellings formed part of the improve-

ment scheme of the Act of 1850, and the adoption for the first time of something like sanitary regulations soon resulted in a decreased death rate, so that by the time the Market Hall was opened it was claimed that the life of each inhabitant of the borough had been prolonged two and a-half years as a result of our extensive public improvements and sanitary changes.

1856 April 21 : Presentation of dress sword to Major Langshaw by the Bolton troop of the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry, with which he had been connected from its formation.—July 9 : Wellington Mills, Little Bolton, destroyed by fire.—Aug. 21 : Bank Street Unitarian Chapel re-opened after being rebuilt.—Nov. 10 : Partial destruction of Smithills Chapel by fire ; Jas. Knowles, Esq., re-elected Mayor. 17 : Visit of Kossuth, the Hungarian patriot, to Bolton.—Dec. 26 : The Cemetery in Tonge opened. 29 : Rev. Canon Slade resigned the Vicarage of Bolton after nearly 40 years' ministration, retiring to his rectory at West Kirby.

1857 Jan. 19 : Explosion of a locomotive boiler at Sough, on the Bolton and Blackburn line, killing Daniel Greenwood, the driver, and Henry Young, the guard, both of Bolton.—Feb. 7 : Rev. Henry Powell, perpetual curate of Bispham and formerly missionary at Ceylon, inducted to the Vicarage of Bolton. The Earl of Ellesmere died in London, Feb. 18, and was interred on the 26th at St. Mark's Church, Worsley.—March 23 : Remarkable phenomenon, the town being enveloped in complete darkness in the middle of the day, a circumstance which long occupied the minds of the superstitious. 28 :

Ninth Parliamentary Election.

Captain Gray (L C)	930
Joseph Crook (L)	895
Gray and Crook returned.	
Thomas Barnes (L)	832
1933 electors ; 1673 voted.	

May 12: Post Office removed from Bradshawgate to Market Square. 30: Died at School Hill, aged 78, John Rainforth, Esq., surgeon, father of the medical profession in Bolton, having practised the healing art about 57 years.—June 29 to July 1: Her Majesty the Queen at Worsley Hall accompanied by the Prince Consort, the Prince of Wales, Prince Alfred, the Princess Royal, Princess Alice, and Prince Frederick William of Prussia, on the occasion of visiting the Manchester Art Treasures Exhibition.—July 1: Mr. John Fawcett, jun., Mus. Bac. Oxon., and organist of the Bolton Parish Church, died, aged 32. 15: Heaton Waterworks completed and water first turned on.—Oct. 28: Board of Guardians finally agree upon the purchase of 24 acres of land, at £120 per acre, situated at Fishpool, as a site for a new Workhouse.—Nov. 9: William Makant, Esq., elected Mayor. 29: Albert Place Chapel opened as a Methodist Free Church.—Dec. 7: Aaron Mellor sentenced to death at Liverpool Assizes, for the murder of his wife in Deansgate, Bolton; sentence subsequently commuted to penal servitude for life, because of a mistake in the swearing of a juror named Thorne instead of one Thornley. Death of Mr. William Holt, aged 72, one of the most zealous supporters of the Conservative cause in Bolton. His brother Conservatives erected a handsome monument to his memory in the Cemetery. Commercial crisis; depression in the cotton and iron trades, Nov. and Dec.

1858 Jan. 23: Death of Mr. Matthew Butcher, aged 80 years, for many years inspector of weights and measures for the Bolton division of the county. 28: Destruction of Great Moor Street Railway Station by a luggage train, which ran down the incline from Daubhill; one man killed. Died, March 18, Mr. John Heaton, formerly for many years stamp distributor and one of the leading booksellers in the town.—May 12: Mr. Charles Naylor appointed Borough Treasurer in succession to Mr. J. R. Wolfenden, resigned.—June 14: John Gaskell, Esq., public prosecutor for this borough for 15 years, died aged 41;

John Hall, Esq., appointed his successor, June 17.—Sept. 8 : **Corner stone of New Workhouse** at Fishpool laid by James Winder, Esq., chairman of the Board of Guardians. 8 : Thomas Bonsor Crompton, Esq., the eminent paper manufacturer, and the last male representative of the Farnworth branch of the Cromptons, died in the 67th year of his age. 17 : Rev. Henry Richardson, for nearly 40 years Lecturer of the Parish Church, died at Poulton-le-Fylde, aged 64.—Oct. 23 : Major Kearsley, when out hunting, had his horse killed by falling down a coal pit ; he most miraculously escaped. Death of a centenarian, at Halliwell, on Sunday, Oct. 24, Robert Agnes, who had completed the 100th year of his age in the previous March.—Nov. 9 : William Makant, Esq., re-elected Mayor.—Dec. 10 : Redistribution of Bolton Lectureship Charity sanctioned ; Lecturer to have £150 per annum and Vicar not exceeding £100 in augmentation of his vicarage income to £350 ; surplus funds towards the creation of new ecclesiastical districts in the ancient parish. Theatre in Mawdsley Street converted into a Concert Hall.

1859 Jan. 24 : Visit of Lola Montez to Bolton. Feb. 15 : Opening of Concert Hall in Mawdsley Street. 19 : Death of John Stones, Esq., Mayor of the borough 1852-3.—March 22 : Died at the Bolton Workhouse, Esther Holden, a native of Edgworth, aged 105 years.—April 29 :

Tenth Parliamentary Election.

Captain Gray (second time) and Joseph Crook (third time) returned ; no opposition.

June 10 : First drinking fountain in Bolton erected near Swan Hotel. 30 : **St. John's Church, Wingates**, consecrated.—July 2 : Visit of Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire to Bolton and Rivington ; carriage accident on return journey from Rivington, and several gentlemen seriously injured. 14 : Death of Thomas Cullen, Esq., aged 82 years, one of the magistrates for this

borough, and Mayor in 1841-2.—Oct. 8 : Death of Mr. Thomas Moscrop, of Back-o'th'-Bank, aged 71 years, whose family had occupied the same house for the last 300 years, and he was the last survivor of that branch of the Moscrops—a family which came into Lancashire with the Sutherlands, of Ormskirk, 1513, when the Battle of Flodden Field was fought. *Bolton Guardian* established.—Nov. 9 : John Orton, Esq., elected Mayor.—Sunday, Nov. 13 : Carlile No. 3 Mill, belonging to Messrs. Bolling, destroyed by fire. 15 : Bolton (27th Lancashire) **Rifle Volunteer Corps** established. 18 : Death of Mr. John Addleshaw, of Wood Street, aged 57 years, senior agent of the British Temperance League. 30 : Brook Mill, Deansgate, on the site of the old "Salt Pie Factory," destroyed by fire.—Dec. 2 : Death of Mr. John Thirlwind, of Bradshawgate, aged 79 years, for 40 years a member of the Society of Friends. He was never absent from Bolton a fortnight at one time during his long life. 5 : Rev. James Dawson, Incumbent of Belmont, died at Newton-in-Cartmel. 17 : Opening of new offices of *The Bolton Chronicle* in Knowsley Street. 21 : Death of Mr. James Lomax, of the firm of Lomax and Sons, the well-known auctioneers. Great revival services, conducted by Professor Finney, from America, commenced in Bolton this month.

1860 Jan. : Great Wesleyan chapel building movement in the Bolton circuits.—Feb. 29 : Death of Mr. Samuel Hodgkinson, in his 55th year ; a well-known member of the Society of Friends, and one of the representatives of Derby Ward in the Town Council.—May : Bolton and Great Lever (18th Lancashire) **Volunteer Artillery Corps** established. 15 : Death of Rev. Canon Slade at Crompton Fold, in the 78th year of his age.—June : R. R. Rothwell, Esq., of Sharples Hall, created a Count of the Sardinian kingdom, by the title of Count (afterwards Marquess) De Rothwell. 26 : Death of Mr. Thomas Kenyon, aged 76, for 31 years master of the Hulton Street School, one of the earliest Volunteers in the Bolton Local Militia, and 21 years librarian of the Mechanics'

Institute.—Aug. 21 : Death of Edward Bolling, Esq., the well-known cotton spinner.—Sept. 12 and 13 : Great show in Bolton of the Manchester and Liverpool Agricultural Society, the show ground adjoining Chorley New Road. A balloon ascent should have been made by Mr. Coxwell, the celebrated aeronaut, on the second day of the show (Thursday), but an accident during the process of inflation prevented the ascent. On Saturday, the 29th of the same month, however (the anniversary of the death of Sadler 36 years previously), he ascended in the same balloon, "Mars," from the Old Cattle Market at the bottom of Bradshawgate, opposite the Railway Station, this being his 332nd ascent ; he was accompanied by two other persons.—Oct. 16 : Death of John Mawdsley, Esq., of Black Bank, over 42 years actuary of the Bolton Savings Bank.—Nov. 9 : John Harwood, Esq., elected Mayor. 29 : Eugenie, Empress of the French, passed through Bolton.—Dec. 6 : Heaviest rainfall of any day in this excessively wet year. Trade generally good throughout the year.

1861 Jan. 24 : Monument over Crompton's grave in Parish Churchyard. 31 : J. Crook, Esq., resigned his seat in Parliament.—Feb. 9 : Presentation to G. J. French, Esq., of a writing desk made out of one of Crompton's mules. 11 :

Eleventh Parliamentary Election.

(On the resignation of Joseph Crook, Esq.)

Thomas Barnes (L) elected unopposed.

—26 : Died, in his 24th year, the Rev. G. Wilkinson, curate of St. George's.—March 14 : 12,000 factory operatives on strike until 20th April against a reduction of five per cent.—April 3 : General turnout of powerloom weavers of South Lancashire. 8 : Census of the borough taken ; population of Great Bolton, 43,435 ; Little Bolton, 25,892 ; Haulgh, 1069 ; total borough, 70,396 ; Bolton Union, 130,270.—May 20 : Independent Oddfellows' A.M.C. in Bolton. 24 : Died, aged 56, Mr. Samuel Horrocks, of the

Shakspeare Inn, Bradshawgate, leader of the Bolton Choral Society, and long well known in the musical circles of Bolton and neighbourhood. 31 : Fletcher Street New Wesleyan Chapel opened.—June 1 : Death of John Cross, Esq., sergeant-at-law, aged 54 years, second son of the late James Cross, Esq., solicitor, of this town.—July 4 : Died at his residence, Bank House, aged 60, the well-known surgeon, John Marshall Robinson, Esq., F.R.C.S. 10 : Death of Mr. Thomas Parkinson, coppersmith, in the 65th year of his age, for nine years a member of the Town Council.—Aug. 1 : Mr. Crook's **Bleachers' Short Time Act** came into operation. 3 : Presentation of timepiece, worth 70 guineas, to Joseph Crook, Esq., late M.P. for Bolton, by the operative bleachers. 8 : Opening of Holy Trinity Lever Street Schools.—Sept. 26 : **Opening of New Workhouse, Fishpool.**—Died, on Oct. 18, aged 41, Mr. Alfred Ridings, boilermaker, a member of the Town Council, and an active politician on the Liberal side.—Nov. 9 : J. R. Wolfenden, Esq., elected Mayor. 21 : Death of John Slater, Esq., of Back-o'th'-Bank, aged 64 years, one of the borough magistrates, and Mayor in 1844-5. 23 : Peal of bells at Holy Trinity presented by Dr. Chadwick.—Dec. : Great depression in cotton trade owing to civil war in the United States. Trade generally dull.

1862 Died, Jan. 31, aged 65, the Rev. Thomas Airey, Incumbent of Peel, Little Hulton, for nearly 28 years.—Feb. : Spread of the Co-operative movement. 23 : Death of James Winder, Esq., solicitor, of Ainsworth House, in the 62nd year of his age, first Town Clerk of the borough, and clerk to the borough magistrates from the appointment of the first Bench in 1839 ; he was one of the leading promoters of the Charter of Incorporation.—March 6 : Robert Winder, Esq., appointed clerk to the borough magistrates in succession to his late father. 15 : Corner stone of St. Paul's Church, Deansgate, laid by the Bishop of Manchester.—April 6 : Opening new organ presented by Dr. Chadwick to the

Workhouse. 18: Corner stone of Congregational Church, St. George's Road, laid. 23-26: Volunteer bazaar in Temperance Hall, proceeds £2640.—July: **Cotton Famine.**—Rapid spread of distress and formation of relief committees throughout the manufacturing districts.—Aug.: Stoppage of many mills in Bolton from scarcity of cotton consequent upon the American Civil War. 4: Old Robin Hood Mill, Lever Street, destroyed by fire; damage, £16,000.—Sept. 24: **Statue of Samuel Crompton**, inventor of the spinning mule, inaugurated; great procession of trade and friendly societies. The statue, which is of bronze, is erected on Nelson Square, and cost over £1900, Mr. W. Calder Marshall, R.A., being the sculptor; balloon ascent from the open ground behind Wesley Chapel, Bradshawgate, Mr. Coxwell being accompanied in his ascent by Adjutant Frances, Capt. Kearsley, and six other gentlemen; the balloon was named "The Mammoth." In the evening the town was magnificently illuminated.—Oct. 5: Opening of St. James's School Church, Waterloo Street. 6: Lord Palmerston directed a gratuity of £50 to John, only surviving son of Samuel Crompton. 22: Public meeting on the distress in the borough; £4000 subscribed. 23: Gift of a free recreation ground, Lever Street, Bolton Moor, by Robert Heywood, Esq.—Nov. 10: J. R. Wolfenden, Esq., re-elected Mayor.—Dec. 2: Great county meeting at Manchester for relief of Lancashire distress—£130,000 subscribed. 6: Bolton special relief fund raised to £10,000. 16,647 persons relieved in the week by Relief Committee and Board of Guardians jointly.

1863 January: Operatives out of employment in the borough, 6405. 24: Death of Thomas R. Bridson, Esq., Mayor of the borough 1847-8.—March 4: Opening of Park Street Wesleyan Chapel. 28: Died at her residence, King Street, Farnworth, Betty Pearson, in her 109th year.—April 3: Opening of Congregational New Church, St. George's Road.—May: Retirement of Dr. Chadwick from Bolton; public testimonials to himself and

Mrs. Chadwick, including silver plate from the gentry.—July 11 : Presentation at Southport to Dr. Chadwick of his full-length portrait, subscribed for by upwards of 7000 working men and women in Bolton ; writing desk from the same to Mrs. Chadwick.—Aug. 25 : Adoption of Local Government Act at Farnworth.—Oct. 6 : Earthquake in Bolton. Formation of Working Men's Club in Bolton. 22 : Public meeting on the distress in the borough ; £4000 subscribed ; soup kitchens established in various parts of the borough.—Nov. 1 : John Ashton Yates, Esq., one of the Liberal candidates for the representation of Bolton at the first Parliamentary election in 1832, died at The Park, near Manchester, aged 82 years. 5 : Adoption of Local Government Act at Halliwell. 10 : Richard Harwood, Esq., elected Mayor. 26 : Opening of **St. Paul's Church**.—Dec. 1 : Death of John Woodhouse, Esq., solicitor, clerk of the Bolton Union, aged 69 years ; Mr. Simpson Cooper being elected as his successor on the 16th. 3 : Violent storm and destruction of property. 5 : Number in receipt of relief by Guardians, 4835 ; by the Relief Committee, 2360. Continuance of cotton famine, though distress decreasing.

1864 Jan. 13 : Opening of **St. James's Church, New Bury**. Death of Giles Cross, Esq., land surveyor, aged 70. 14 : Death of Roger Hampson, Esq., the well-known surgeon, in his 72nd year. 15 : James Hudsmith, Esq., proprietor of *The Bolton Chronicle*, died, in his 48th year.—Feb. 17 : Election of first Local Government Board, Astley Bridge. 27 : Working Men's Club, Bank House, opened.—March 30 : Death of William Hulton, Esq., of Hulton, in the 77th year of his age ; he was High Sheriff of the county in 1810.—April 9 : Retirement of the Rev. F. Baker, M.A., from the pastorate of Bank Street Chapel.—May 2 : Presentation of memorial window of stained glass in the Parish Church Schools, "in affectionate remembrance of the late Canon Slade" by the teachers who laboured with him in these schools.—June 3 : Moses Holden, the celebrated astronomer, a native of Bolton, died at

Preston, aged 87 years.—July 4 : Acceptance by the Farnworth Local Government Board of the Park on the Birch Hall estate, presented by Thomas Barnes, Esq., M.P., "for the free use of the inhabitants of Farnworth for ever." 25 : Resignation of Jas. Knowles, Esq., Town Clerk, which office he had held for more than 16 years.—Aug. 8 : Explosion of naphtha still at the Gasworks, Moor Lane ; four men killed and several injured. 9 : Corner-stone of New Fish Market laid by the Mayor (Ald. Richard Harwood). 10 : R. G. Hinnell, Esq., solicitor, elected Town Clerk of the borough. 24 : Opening of the Tyldesley, Eccles, and Wigan Railway. 31 : First Show of Deane Agricultural Society.—Oct. 11 : The Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M.P., Chancellor of the Exchequer, visited Bolton. 12 : Inauguration of the People's Park at Farnworth by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, great public demonstration.—Nov. 9 : Richard Stockdale, Esq., elected Mayor.—Dec. 19 : John Musgrave, Esq., the venerable head of the firm of Messrs. Musgrave and Sons, Globe Ironworks, died at the age of 80 years.—Died Dec. 27, in the 57th year of his age, Mr. Robert Greenhalgh, formerly Postmaster of Bolton, and for many years connected with the local press. Employment in the cotton mills again increasing. Bolton Public Park on Chorley New Road in course of formation.

1865 Jan. 14 : John Mangnall, Esq., of High Lawn, Sharples, died, aged 84, an alderman of the borough for nearly 14 years. 21 : Railway collision near Daubhill ; three persons killed and 11 injured.—Feb. 2 : Fire at the Higher Mill of T. Barnes, Esq., M.P., Dixon Green, damage, £5000. 4 : Died at his residence, a cellar in Bridgeman Street, Bolton, in his 89th year, John Daniels, one of the last survivors of the Battle of Trafalgar. 7 : Death of Thomas Gregson, Esq., at Southport, aged 70 years, one of the first aldermen of this borough, and Mayor in 1843-4.—March 22 : Death of the Right Hon. the Earl of Bradford, at Weston Park, Salop, aged 75. 23 : Presentation of portrait to Ald. Richard

Harwood, ex-Mayor, by upwards of 5000 of the working classes of Bolton. 30: Resignation of R. B. Armstrong, Esq., Q.C., the Recorder of Bolton from the time of its incorporation.—April 1: J. H. Ainsworth, Esq., Moss Bank, Halliwell, died, aged 64 years. —May 6: Death of the Rev. C. Wright, M.A., of Silchester Rectory, near Basingstoke, formerly of Hill Top, Sharples, aged 66 years. 9: Bolton Improvement Bill received Royal Assent. 17: Laying of the corner stone of the new Poor-law Offices, Mawdsley-street. 20: Improvement of trade in Bolton; discontinuance of the operations of the Special Relief Committee.—June 1: J. A. Russell, Esq., solicitor-general of the county palatine of Durham, appointed Recorder of Bolton. 9: Adam Hampson, Esq., surgeon, killed, and several other residents of this town injured, in a railway accident at Staplehurst, Kent.—July 12:

Twelfth Parliamentary Election.

Lieut.-Col. Gray (C)	1022
Thomas Barnes (L)	979
Gray and Barnes elected.	
Samuel Pope (L)	864
William Gibb (C).....	727

2075 electors; 1939 voted.

29; Great scarcity of water.—Aug. 27: Death of Edmund Haworth, Esq., solicitor, aged 51, formerly chairman of the Board of Guardians. 31: Adoption of Local Government Act at Kersley.—Oct. 18: Consecration of **St. Matthew's Church, Little Lever**. 30: Completion of the purchase of the Town Hall site; net cost, £31,000.—Nov. 9; Richard Stockdale, Esq., re-elected Mayor. 16: Death of Thomas Andrews, Esq., aged 50 years, of the firm of Messrs. Holden, Andrews, and Holden, solicitors. 25: Death of James Scowcroft, Esq., aged 77 years, Mayor of the borough in 1846-7. 27: Death of Mr. Richard Nightingale, in his 64th year, for several years an active member of the Bolton Town Council.

Cattle plague in the Bolton Division.—Dec. 16 : Consecration of St. Paul's Church, Deansgate. 22 : Opening of the new Fish Market. Little Lever Church re-built.

1866 Jan. 6 and 7 : Great storm ; doubling mill blown down at Daubhill. 23 : Death of the Rev. James Spencer, aged 92, for nearly 50 years Incumbent of St. Ann's Church, Turton. Death of Robert Knowles, Esq., in his 77th year, one of the old Bolton worthies.—Feb. 11 : Mr. William Naisby, aged 81, a member of the first Town Council, died at Bowdon, Cheshire. 13 : Presentation of portrait to Mr. Charles Hopwood, chairman of the Board of Guardians.—March 17 : Death of Mr. Charles Naylor, Borough Treasurer. 23 : Day of Humiliation on account of cattle plague.—April 6 : Mr. W. C. Williamson appointed Borough Treasurer in succession to Mr. Charles Naylor, deceased. 8 : Closing services at the Old Parish Church. 29 : Death of John Brown Holden, Esq., aged 69 years, for six years a member of the Town Council.—May 4 : Death of Gilbert James French, Esq., F.S.A., aged 62. Mr. French, as biographer of Samuel Crompton, was mainly instrumental in the erection of the Crompton Statue ; and as an antiquary he was widely known. Death of Mr. Thomas Entwistle, aged 62, one of the fathers of the Bolton Temperance Society. 24 : **Opening of Bolton Park and Heywood Recreation Ground** by the Earl of Bradford.—July 9 : The 57th anniversary of the Friendly Society of Ironfounders of England, Ireland, and Wales was held in Bolton, on which occasion 1500 of the members dined together in a pavilion in Spa Fields. 16 : Turning of the first sod of the Wayoh Reservoir by the Mayor (Ald. Stockdale). 25 : Explosion of naphtha at the premises of Mr. Alfred Langshaw, chemist and druggist, Deansgate ; Mr. Langshaw and four other persons killed.—Sep. 1 : Execution of Thomas Grime, for the murder, on January 3, 1863, of James Barton, engineer at the Balk House Colliery, Haigh.—Oct. 3 : Henry Grimshaw, the famous jockey, a native of Bolton, killed by being thrown out of his trap near Cambridge.—

Nov. 3 : Fire on the farm of Mr. James Gillibrand, Tonge-with-Haulgh ; eight cows burned to death. 8 : Inauguration of the new stores of the Bolton Co-operative Society, Limited, Bridge Street ; the society itself was originated about seven years previously. 9 : Election of Fergus Ferguson, Esq., as Mayor. 10 : Explosion at Messrs. Thomas Wright and Son's collieries, Hanging Bank, Little Hulton ; seven lives lost and 18 persons seriously injured. Dearth of provisions this year. Advance of wages of working classes generally. Rain fell on 195 days.

1867 January 7 ; Death of A. R. Varley, Esq., solicitor, in the 40th year of his age, for six years a member of the Town Council. 18 ; Death of Mr. John Gordon, accountant, aged 61, for nearly 30 years C.S. of the A.N.O.U. Oddfellows, Bolton Unity. 21 : William Ryder, Esq., spindle and fly maker, for six years a member of the Town Council, died at his residence, Ward Hill, Rivington, in the 59th year of his age.—Feb. 15 : Death of Mr. Henry Bradbury, printer and stationer, Deansgate, in the 51st year of his age. 19 : William Cannon, Esq., an old Bolton worthy, and for 12 years an alderman of the borough, died at his residence, Park Hill, in his 86th year. 21 : Death of George Piggot, Esq., in his 77th year, agent to the Earl of Bradford, and for six years an alderman of the borough.—March 7 : Dr. Chadwick offered £1000 towards the erection of a new Infirmary in the suburbs of the town, and another £1000 towards the purchase of the old Infirmary and buildings, and their conversion into a Public Museum and Library. 19 : *Bolton Evening News* established.—April 19 : Opening of the Congregational Church, Edgworth. 27 : **Corner stone** of the **new Parish Church** laid in the presence of the Bishop of Manchester, the Mayor and Corporation, and several thousand spectators, by Peter Ormrod, Esq., of Halliwell Hall, the new church being erected at his sole expense. 28 : Fire at Sunnyside Mill, Daubhill, belonging to Messrs. Tootal Broadhurst, Lee, and Co. ; damage, £10,000.—May 25 : Foundation stone of St.

James's Church, Waterloo Street, laid by the Rev. Canon Powell. Rev. Franklin Baker, M.A., formerly minister of Bank Street Unitarian Chapel, died at Birmingham in his 67th year. 26 : Rev. Samuel Pagan, B.A., Incumbent of Lever Bridge, died in his 51st year.—June 6 : Death of Mr. James Haslam, at Birkdale, in the 61st year of his age, for six years a member of the Bolton Town Council. 27 : Death of Mr. Borlase Wingfield, of East View, Sharples, in his 58th year.—August 13 : Trial of burglar-proof safes of Mr. S. Chatwood, of Bolton, and Mr. S. C. Herring, of New York, at the Paris Exhibition ; the English engineers reported that "Mr. Chatwood's was the best safe in its capability of resisting burglars' appliances of any kind." 16 : Death of John Haslam, Esq., J.P., of Gilnow House, in his 51st year.—Sept. 20 : Mr. John Rigby, biscuit manufacturer, Bolton, killed by a falling tree whilst on a tour near Killarney. Official inquiry in Bolton by the Boundary Commissioners, F. W. Gibbs, Esq., C.B., and H. M. Hozier, Esq., lieutenant in the 2nd Regiment of Life Guards, as to the Parliamentary boundaries of the borough ; the out-townships strongly opposed any extension ; Corporation did not recommend any scheme, but urged that an extension was desirable in view of the approaching Reform Bill. 22 : Opening of Independent Methodist Chapel, Lee Lane, Horwich.—Oct. 5 : Inauguration of Sunnyside Institute, Daubhill, erected by Messrs. Tootal Broadhurst, Lee, and Co., at a cost of £3000. 11 : Cotton mill of Messrs. John Haslam and Co., Chorley Old Road, burnt down ; damage, £30,000. 16 : Resignation of Mr. James Harris, chief constable ; Mr. Thomas Beech appointed as his successor. 26 : General reduction in the wages of spinners, moulders, mechanics, millwrights, &c., in the borough. Mr. John Fawcett, professor of music, died, aged 77 years.—Nov. 4 : Councillor Edward Pilkington Holden, Springfield Paper Works, aged 29, killed whilst superintending some of his machinery. 9 : Election of James Barlow, Esq., as Mayor. **Fenian Agitation.** Nov. 23 : Execu-

tion of Allen, Larkin, and Gould, at Salford, for the murder of Police-sergeant Brett; 1022 special constables sworn in at Bolton; the mills of the borough watched day and night, and the barracks in Fletcher Street guarded by 100 armed Volunteers. 25: Death of Mr. John Aspinwall, professor of music, aged 41, organist at the old Parish Church up to the time of its demolition. 28: Fire at the mill of Messrs. Topp and Hindley, Farnworth; damage £5000. Death of Mr. John Gerrard, of Noble Street, in his 67th year, believed to have been the oldest teetotal blacksmith in the county. 29: Rev. David Hewitt, M.A., for 26 years Incumbent of Horwich, died at Wrexham. 30: Rev. Joseph Dyson, pastor of the Congregational Church, Farnworth, from 1813 to 1855, expired in his 87th year.—Dec. 1: Mr. James Morris, a chemist and druggist in Deansgate for nearly half a century, died in the 67th year of his age. 11: Mr. Thomas Mulliner, boot and shoe factor, Knowsley Street, a respected member of the Society of Friends, a former overseer of the poor for Great Bolton, and one of the originators of the Working Men's Club, died in the 50th year of his age. 17: Fall of St. Paul's Church, Astley Bridge, whilst undergoing enlargement; William Carruthers, aged 57, foreman joiner, killed, and two others injured.

1868 Jan. 1: Continuation of the Fenian agitation; 2151 special constables sworn in. 2: Munificent gift of £17,000 by Dr. and Mrs. Chadwick for the erection of model dwellings for artisans and the foundation of an Orphan Asylum. 29: Meeting at Temperance Hall resolved to erect a statue by public subscription to Dr. and Mrs. Chadwick.—Feb. 15: Resignation of Rev. Canon Thicknesse, M.A., Vicar of Deane. 17: Remarkable robbery of documents and coins from the corner stone of the New Parish Church. 22: Opening of Commission Street Unitarian Chapel and Daubhill Wesleyan School.—March 9: Parliamentary boundaries of Bolton extended. 18: Gift of £500 to the Infirmary and Dispensary by James Stansfield, a warper at Gate Pike. 23:

Death of James Knowles, Esq., of Ainsworth House, aged 69, for 16 years Town Clerk. 27 : Gift of a plot of land in Haulgh as a site for the Chadwick Orphanage. 28 : Fire at the mills of Messrs. Rylands and Sons, Ainsworth ; damage, over £5000.—April 2 : Destruction by fire of Gilnow Mills, belonging to Messrs. P. R. Arrowsmith and Co. ; damage, £50,000. 4 : St. John's Church endowed £50 a year by Stephen Blair, Esq. 10 : Inauguration at the Cemetery of a monument to the late Mr. John Gordon, accountant, for many years corresponding secretary to the Ancient Noble Order of Oddfellows, Bolton Unity. 22 : Opening of Wesleyan Chapel and Schools at Astley Bridge.—May 1 : Death of Henry Glover, Esq., solicitor, aged 64 years. 2 : Presentation to the Rev. Walter Chamberlain, M.A., Vicar of St. John's, by the ladies of his congregation. 10 : Closing services in Mawdsley Street Independent Chapel.—June 19 : Cotton mill of Messrs. Greenhalgh and Garstang, at Bradshaw, burnt down ; damage, £2000. 20 : Cotton mill of Messrs. B. and J. Howarth, at Edgworth, destroyed by fire ; damage, £1500.—July 2 : Fire at Mr. Michael Jackson's, Turton Street ; damage, £7000. 8 : Foundation stone laid of Claremont Baptist Chapel, St. George's Road. 14 : Arrest of Mr. William Murphy, the anti-Popery Lecturer ; disturbances apprehended, and special constables sworn in. 17 : Mr. Murphy bound over by the magistrates to be of good behaviour for 12 months. 18 : Corner stone laid of St. Mark's Church, Fletcher Street. 27 : Death of Stephen Temple, Esq., Q.C., attorney-general for the county palatine of Lancaster, aged 61 years. On the day of his death Mr. Temple was to have delivered his first address to the electors of this borough, for the representation of which he had been selected as a candidate after Dr. Chadwick had declined to stand. 30 : Corner stone laid of Independent Chapel, Mawdsley Street.—Aug. 12 : Opening of the new Post Office in Bradshawgate. Death of E. Langshaw, Esq., aged 59, one of the clerks to the magistrates of the Bolton division.

27 : Major Bailey appointed joint clerk with Chris. Briggs, Esq., to the county justices. 28 : Opening of the new Gas Offices, Hotel Street. 30 : Opening of Victoria Wesleyan Methodist Sunday Schools.—Sept. 3 : Opening of Wesleyan Chapel at Tong Fold.—Oct. 10 : Opening of the Primitive Methodist Schools, Egyptian Street. 13 : Death of Mr. Councillor William Kenyon, joiner and builder, St. George's Road, aged 47 years. 14 : William Brierley, bookkeeper, of Kestor Street, and Nathaniel Morris, son of Mr. William Morris, Saddle Inn, Bradshawgate, fell over Crown Street Bridge into the River Croal, Brierley dying a few hours afterwards, and Morris having both thighs broken. 24 : Death of Mr. John Cunliffe, proprietor of the *Bolton Guardian*, aged 60 years. 27 : Death of Alderman Robert Heywood, of The Pike, aged 82. Deceased was for nearly 25 years one of the trustees for Great Bolton, Mayor of the borough 1839-40, and on the Queen's marriage was offered knighthood but declined it. For 55 years he was honorary secretary of the Infirmary and Dispensary. Nov. 2 : Riot in West Ward at the municipal election. 9 : Alderman James Barlow re-elected Mayor. 10 : Death of Edward Barlow, Esq., of the firm of Messrs. Dobson and Barlow, machinists. Mr. Barlow was in the Town Council for 12 years ; was appointed a borough magistrate in 1863 ; and was president of the Mechanics' Institution from 1862 to 1866. 17 :

Thirteenth Parliamentary Election.

John Hick (C)	6062
Lieut.-Col. Gray (C)	5848
Hick and Gray returned.	
Thomas Barnes (L)	5451
Samuel Pope (L)	5436

No. on register, 12,667.

Before the close of the poll there was a riot in Newtown, and the military were sent for from Bury, but on their arrival the disturbance had been quelled ; a large number of persons had been

injured, but none seriously, and considerable damage had been done. 25 : Gift to the town of a public playground off Waterloo Street by S. & D. Darbshire and C. J. Darbshire, Esqrs.—Dec. 7 : Inaugural exhibition at the New Mechanics' Institution, in Mawdsley Street. 27 : Terrific gale : the new Baptist Chapel, St. George's Road, the new branch schools of St. George's, in Mount Street, and a weaving shed at Gate Pike belonging to Messrs. R. Crompton and Co., partially blown down, damage over £1000.—Trade generally flat throughout the borough.

1869 Jan. 27 : Death of Mr. James Harris, aged 61, for 24 years superintendent of police for this borough. 30 : Dr. Chadwick transferred £5000 in consols for the extension of his charity, making with the £17,000 previously presented by him a total of £22,000, which was afterwards again augmented by many thousands.—Feb. 1 : Destructive gale in Bolton, and considerable damage to property. 12 : Conservative banquet to celebrate the return of Messrs. Hick and Gray. 23 : Presentation of silver epergnes to Messrs. Barnes and Pope, the Liberal candidates at the preceding general election.—March 8 : Samuel Pope, Esq., appointed borough recorder, in place of J. A. Russell, Esq., Q.C., resigned. 11 : **St. James's Church** opened by licence of the Bishop of Manchester. 12 : Sarah Crawford sentenced to death at Manchester assizes for drowning her child in Messrs. Ainsworth's lodge, at Great Lever ; sentence subsequently commuted to penal servitude for life. 15 : A shock of earthquake felt in Bolton and other places throughout the north of England.—April 4 : Death of Mr. Johnson Lomax, for many years chairman of the Gas Company, aged 83. 17 : Close of the Exhibition at the Mechanics' Institution ; profit on account of building fund, £621 14s. 9d. 18 : Closing services at All Saints' Church, prior to re-erection. 21 : Opening of new Wesleyan Chapel at Westhoughton. 22 : Working Men's Club, Bank House, closed. 28 : Fire at the manufactory of Messrs. Thomas Pearson and Son, Dean Street ;

damage over £1000.—May 4: Presentation to the Rev. Joseph Lowe, M.A., on his retirement from the vicarage of Holy Trinity. 8: Corner stone laid of Bolton Moor Temperance Hall. 9: Rev. Henry Haworth succeeded Rev. J. Lowe as vicar of Holy Trinity. 13: Fire at the cotton mill of Messrs. Little and Smith, at Belmont; damage, £20,000. 28: Fire at the shop of Mr. Tookey, provision dealer, Market Hall; damage, £1000.—June 4: Thomas Pollitt, a wheelwright, and John Proctor, a salesman, drowned by the upsetting of a boat on the canal.—July 1: The new Mechanics' Institution opened to the public. 2: Opening of the new County Court, Mawdsley Street. 10: Inspector Holland appointed superintendent of the Bolton petty sessional division, in place of Mr. J. R. Scott, resigned. 13: Government inquiry into the endowed charities in the parish of Bolton. 19: Visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Worsley Hall. 26: Inauguration at Worsley of a memorial to the late Countess of Ellesmere.—Aug. 6: Mr. James Taylor, an alderman of the borough, died at his residence, Chorley Old Road, aged 62. 7: Fire at the bleachworks of Messrs. R. Ainsworth, Son, and Co., Halliwell; damage, £2000. 18: Opening of the Wesleyan Chapel, Halliwell Road.—Sept. 1: Commencement of first beer licensing sessions for the borough of Bolton; 72 licences refused. 8: First sessions for granting beer-house licences in the county; 41 certificates refused. 11: Opening of the Bolton Moor Temperance Hall. 25: Henry Whittle, a handloom weaver of Westthoughton, murdered his daughter-in-law, Ellen Whittle, with an axe, and then committed suicide by cutting his own throat. 30: Death of James Hardcastle, Esq., J.P., the eminent bleacher of Firwood, aged 68.—Oct. 16: Opening of the Little Lever Co-operative Stores. 30: Corner Stone laid of All Saints' New Church.—Nov. 1: Municipal elections; the Conservatives carried the whole 12 seats, thus displacing the Liberals from power in the Town Council. 6: Corner Stone laid of St. Luke's Church, Halliwell. 9: Councillor Thomas Walmsley

elected Mayor, being the first Conservative Mayor since 1853.—
Dec. 2 : Opening of Claremont Baptist Chapel, St. George's Road.
29 : Opening of St. Thomas's Church School, Moses Gate.—
Trade generally dull throughout the year.

1870 Jan. 16 : Death of Harrison Blair, Esq., J.P., of Peel Hall, Little Hulton, aged 58. 18 : Peter Ainsworth, Esq., of Smithills Hall, died, aged 79 ; represented Bolton in Parliament from 1835 to 1847. Death of John Heaton, Esq., of Marsh Fold, aged 50.—Feb. 5 : Telegraphs came under supervision of Government. Opening of Mount Street Sunday School. 13 : Died at Springfield House, Chorley New Road, John Orton, Esq., aged 66, Mayor of the borough 1859-60. 14 : Opening of the **Horwich branch railway**. 21 : Death of Mr. John Lomax, auctioneer.—
March 9 : Opening of Mawdsley Street Independent Chapel. 16 : Election of James Broughton Edge, Esq., barrister-at-law, as coroner for the Bolton Division of the county.—April 1 : Died, aged 79 years, the Rev. William Probert, for 48 years minister of Walmsley Unitarian Chapel. 2 : Interment of Mr. John Barlow, a wealthy landed proprietor, of Lower Crow Trees, Entwisle, in the centre of a field on the Entwisle Hall estate. Presentation of the portrait of Ald. James Barlow (ex-mayor), by his workpeople, to the Mayor and Corporation. Death of Mr. George Smith, of Darcy Lever, the father of Wesleyan Methodism in that locality. 9 : Death of Mr. Peter Greenwell, aged 67, a well-known character in Bolton. Death of Ald. Peter Skelton, aged 61. 23 : William Yates, stonemason, killed by a fall from the chimney at the Bullfield cotton mill.—May 2 : Westhoughton Co-operative Cotton Company's mill destroyed by fire ; damage, from £25,000 to £30,000. 22 : Death of Mr. George Slater, of the Holmes, Sharples, aged 87 years—the last surviving member of the Bolton Light Horse Volunteers.—June 16 : Destructive thunderstorm in Bolton and neighbourhood. 21 : Destruction by fire of the old Mossfield Mill, Farnworth, belonging to Messrs. Joseph

Whittam and Sons; damage, £20,000.—July 1: Mr. William Slater, manager at Messrs. Dobson and Barlow's machine works, and the patentee of many valuable inventions in machinery for preparing and spinning cotton, died suddenly at his residence in Waterloo Street, aged 54. 4: Death of Stephen Blair, Esq., of Mill Hill House, Bolton, aged 66 years, representative of Bolton in Parliament from 1848 to 1852, and first Conservative Mayor of Bolton (1845-6). On his death Mr. Blair left £30,000 for the erection and endowment of a "Blair Convalescent Hospital." 13: Mr. James K. Waite appointed public librarian, in place of Mr. James Yates, elected public librarian of Leeds. 16: Death of Rev. E. Quant, secretary of the British Temperance League, aged 58 years. 23: Died at Penwortham Priory, near Preston, Mr. James Greenroyd, aged 66 years, an alderman of the borough from 1844 to 1856. —Aug. 5: Died at Newport House, aged 33, Mr. Councillor G. E. Gorton, sharebroker. 8: Establishment of *The Bolton Daily Chronicle*. 17: Death of Mr. Joseph Crompton, aged 64, a well-known temperance advocate. 18: Fourth and last exhibition of the Deane Agricultural Society. 24: Consecration of **St. Bartholomew's Church, Westhoughton**, erected by Mr. Jno. Seddon, at a cost of about £6000.—Sept. 6: Severe thunderstorm in Bolton and neighbourhood; Jno. Morris, travelling pedlar, being frightened to death by it in Little Lever. 26: Mr. Henry Lomax, of Ainsworth Vale Bleachworks, accidentally dragged at the heels of his horse for a quarter of a mile and killed. 27: Explosion at Wheat Sheaf Colliery, Pendlebury, belonging to Messrs. A. Knowles and Son; six persons fatally burned.—Oct. 5: Presentation by Market Hall tenants to Mr. Councillor Bromley, chairman of the Markets Committee. 5: Died in Water Street, aged 78, Mr. John Lomax, one of the first town councillors. 10: Death of James Arrowsmith, Esq., of Sea Bank House, Southport, aged 79, a member of the first Town Council and Mayor of this borough 1840-41. 13: Died, aged 69, Mr. Richard Dunderdale, one of the first councillors

elected for Bolton, and for twelve years an alderman. 17: Fire at the shop of Mr. W. Atherton, pawnbroker and draper, Astley Bridge; damage, £1800. 21: Death of the Rev. George Airey, Incumbent of Peel, aged 34. 27: Opening of the Conservative Club, Bradford Buildings; cost about £10,000.—Nov. 9: Thomas Walmsley, Esq., re-elected Mayor of Bolton. 17: Launch of the "Bolton" lifeboat at Kessingland on the coast of Suffolk. 26: Mr. George Bell, of the firm of Messrs. Hick, Hargreaves, and Co., of Bolton, and his wife, killed, with five other persons, in a railway collision at Harrow. 30: Election of **First School Board** for Bolton; 13 members; no contest, a general compromise having been agreed upon after meetings representing the various sections of the community. The following gentlemen composed the first Board, viz., Messrs. T. L. Rushton (chairman), George Knowles (vice-chairman), W. Abbatt, James Barlow, Isaac Barrow, Thomas Cooper, John Green, G. J. Healy, J. S. Holdsworth, Henry Lee, Caleb Ritson, Robert Stronge, and Stephen Winkworth; the religious denominations thus being represented by 5 Churchmen, 3 Wesleyans, 1 Independent, 1 Roman Catholic, 2 Quakers, and 1 Unitarian.—Dec. 14: Destruction by fire of Mount Pleasant Mill, in Bury Street; damage, £15,000 to £20,000. 17: Railway collision at Stoneclough, engine driver killed and many passengers seriously injured.—Trade generally better than in 1869.

1871 Jan. 5: Lark Mill, Farnworth, partially destroyed by fire; damage, £8000. 19: Presentation of a service of plate to Mr. Richard Haddock, in acknowledgment of his gift of a peal of eight bells to St. Bartholomew's Church, Westhoughton.—Feb. 1: Victoria Mills, Elton, belonging to Messrs. J. P. Edge and Co., destroyed by fire; five men burned to death; damage, £60,000. 14: Mad dog bit several persons in Bolton, Ann Bradbury, aged four years, of Chapel Street, dying on 4th March, and Jos. W. Houghton, aged five, of Waterloo Street, dying on the 12th of that month.—Feb. and March: Presentation by gentry and congregation

to Rev. T. Berry, 30 years Vicar of Christ Church, and 14 years president of Poor Protection Society, on preferment to the Vicarage of St. Werburg's, Derby.—March 2 : Wages of hand-mule spinners, self-acter minders, and jack-frame tenters advanced five per cent., strippers and grinders 1s. per week, and card-room hands 6d. per week. 4 : Fall of the roof of Mr. Charles Adams' circus ; two men killed, and five others injured. 17 : Shock of earthquake in Bolton and neighbourhood. 22 : Opening of All Saints' new church.—April 3 : Decennial census. Population of the Municipal borough of Bolton, 82,850 ; Parliamentary borough, 92,655 ; Bolton Union, 158,402. 18 : Death of Mr. Richard Wallwork, aged 60 years, cotton spinner, West Bank, and formerly wine and spirit merchant, who represented West Ward in the Town Council from 1855 to 1861. 25 : **St. Mark's Church** consecrated.—May 8 : Opening of the new Trinity Street Station of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, erected at a cost of £19,000. 18 : St. James's Church consecrated. 27 : Gunpowder explosion on Aspull Moor ; six persons dreadfully burned, two of whom died next morning. 29 : A.M.D. in Bolton of the Order of Druids.—June 1-5 : Encampment of the 27th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers at Lytham. 5 : Died, aged 68, Geo. Mallett, Esq., F.R.C.S., of Silverwell House, the oldest medical practitioner in Bolton, and consulting surgeon at the Infirmary and Dispensary. 20 : Fearful storm ; woman killed by lightning at Aspull, and three cows killed at Westhoughton. 29 : Consecration of **Bolton New Parish Church**, erected by Peter Ormrod, Esq., of Halliwell Hall, at an expense of £45,000, and containing 1000 sittings ; architect, Mr. E. G. Paley ; design, Geometric Gothic, in the style of the most beautiful of the churches erected during the early portion of the 14th century.—July 1 : Consecration of **St. Stephen's Church, Kersley**, erected by the Blair family at a cost of £3900. 1 : The operative cotton spinners of Bolton, who had been agitating for the closing of the mills at twelve o'clock on Saturday instead of at

two, agreed to a compromise for closing at one o'clock. 8 : Opening of Fern Street Wesleyan School Chapel. 14 : Death of Mr. James Best, brush manufacturer, Manchester Road, aged 65, for several years a representative of Exchange Ward in the Town Council, and Chairman of the Board of Guardians. 22 : Ald. James Barlow offered to the Wesleyan Conference the use for seven years of a farm of 76 acres at Edgworth, for the training of children to agricultural pursuits.—Aug. 7 : The Bolton School Board reported that the number of children requiring instruction in the borough was 17,059, whilst the available accommodation was 14,826 ; they therefore recommended that board schools be established in West, Bradford, Derby, and East Wards. 13 : Died at Great Lever, aged 88, Mr. James Longworth, guardian for Farnworth. 15 : Bolton tradesmen decided to close their places of business one day in August in each year. 25 : Three boys killed by a fly-wheel falling upon them at Smith's Old Colliery, Great Lever. 26 : Opening of the new schools at St. Ann's Church, Turton. Alarming prevalence of foot and mouth disease in Bolton and neighbourhood.—Sept. 1 : Wages of colliers around Bolton advanced 10 per cent. 4 : Closing of the Great Moor Street Station of the London and North-Western Railway Company, preparatory to being pulled down for the erection of the new station. 12 : Death of Mr. John Makin, of Blackburn Street, aged 77 ; a much respected inhabitant of Bolton, and for a great number of years cashier at Messrs. Ormrod and Hardcastle's. 20 : Death of Mr. Joseph Marsden, of West Bank, aged 52, one of the largest builders in Lancashire. 22 : Died, aged 87, Mr. John Lomax, of Rose Cottage, Deane, considered to be the last survivor of Col. Fletcher's volunteers.—Oct. 4 : Interred in the Cemetery, Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, aged 76, of Kay Street, widow of Mr. Thomas Allen, tailor, the first person buried in the Cemetery after its opening, on the 26th December, 1856 ; since which period nearly 25,000 persons had been interred in the ground. 9 : Died, aged 66, Mr. Ralph Fryer, cabinet maker and upholsterer, Folds

Road, a musical composer, and an intimate friend of Samuel Crompton, the inventor of the spinning mule. 9: In consequence of the prevalence of smallpox, the Town Council resolved to erect a temporary hospital in Spa Fields. 20: Died, aged 59, Mr. William Lomax, Stella View, auctioneer and valuer, and high bailiff to the Bolton County Court. 23: Complimentary banquet to W. F. Hulton, Esq., at the Conservative Club. 26: Thomas Davis, aged 52, counterpane weaver, of Brightmet, strangled his wife in bed, and then committed suicide by cutting his own throat. The Bolton School Board, by seven to six, adopted bye-laws providing for payment of fees to denominational schools. 27: Opening of new Wholesale Market, Great Moor Street.—Nov. 1: Further advance of 10 per cent. in colliers' wages. 1: Municipal elections; six of each party retired, and eight Conservatives and four Liberals were returned. 4: *Bolton Weekly Journal* established. 9: W. W. Cannon, Esq., elected Mayor; for the first time since 1850 the Conservatives were able also to elect six of their own party as aldermen; by these appointments three vacancies were created in the Town Council, and as these were afterwards filled up by Conservatives, the Council was now constituted of 35 Conservatives and 13 Liberals. 11: Great demonstration of trades unionists in Bolton against the new Criminal Law Amendment (Violence, Threats, &c.) Act; some 20 friendly societies, accompanied by nine bands of music, walked in procession through the town, and a public meeting was afterwards held in the Temperance Hall. 17: Died at Torquay, aged 77, Sir Joshua Walmsley, M.P. for Bolton from 1849 to 1852. 17: Explosion of gun-cotton in the Entwisle tunnel; one man killed and another seriously injured. 18: Mr. John Monk, silversmith and jeweller, Deansgate, an old and respected tradesman, died at his residence, St. George's Road, aged 61. 24: Death of Mr. Samuel Rawsthorn, of Bradford Road, Haulgh, aged 37 years, formerly one of the Conservative representatives of Exchange Ward. 25: Inauguration at the Co-operative

Hall of the Bolton Republican Club; an attempt to prevent Mr. George Odger, of London, from speaking was defeated; and a large crowd afterwards assembled outside, and pelted some of the more active Republican members with rotten eggs and flour bags, Mr. Odger making his escape by a back door. 30: **Dilke Riot.** Alarming riot at the Temperance Hall, on the occasion of an address by Sir Charles Dilke, M.P., on "Representation and Registration;" considerable damage to the Hall, several persons seriously injured, one man named William Schofield, of Smith Street, dying on the 7th December from the effects of his injuries; at the inquest a verdict of "Manslaughter against some person unknown" was returned.—Trade generally good throughout the year. Foot and mouth disease and smallpox abating.

1872 Jan. 1: Petition of 6000 persons to the Home Secretary praying for an inquiry into the Dilke Riot. Adoption of the nine hours system by the iron trades of Bolton. 3: Thomas McCarte, better known as "Massarti, the lion tamer," worried by lions at Manders's Menagerie on the Market Square. 7: Mr. James Barry, one of the first representatives of Church Ward in the Town Council, died at Green Bank, Heaton, aged 75. 13: Died at Moses Gate, aged 68, Mr. William Hayhurst, auctioneer, one of the originators of the Bolton Market Hall. 21: Adam L. Haworth, Esq., father of the legal profession in Bolton, died at Lytham, aged 82. 31: Explosion of fire-damp at Trencherbone Colliery, Ladyshore, Little Lever; one killed and four others injured.—Feb. 1: Seventeen persons summoned before the borough magistrates, on three charges—viz., riot, damaging the Temperance Hall, and manslaughter of William Schofield; the examination extended into the 10th day, when six of the defendants (including Major Hesketh) were discharged, and eight committed to the assizes for riot, the charges against the remaining three defendants having

been previously withdrawn. 5 : Transfer of the British School, All Saints' Street, to the Bolton School Board. 28 : Destruction of Gilnow Old Mill (Messrs. Salmon and Taylor's) by fire; damage, £30,000. 29 : Serious floods in the Wayoh Valley; bursting of an embankment at the new Waterworks there.—March 18-19 : Trial of the Dilke rioters at the Manchester assizes; the jury, being unable to agree, were discharged, and the defendants were bound over to appear at the next assizes, when they were discharged, no evidence being offered against them. 28 : Explosion of fire-damp at Lovers' Lane Colliery, Atherton; 27 killed and 13 injured. 29 : Opening of the Victoria Wesleyan Chapel, Grecian Street.—April 1 : Co-operative Congress in Bolton. 27 : Adoption of Local Government Act at Little Lever. Mr. James Arrowsmith Walsh, professor of music, died, aged 48. 29 : Adoption of the Local Government Act at Little Hulton.—May 2-4 : Mr. C. S. Whitmore, Q.C., and Mr. J. B. Maule, Q.C., by direction of the Home Secretary, instituted an **Inquiry** into the **Dilke Riot**; the commissioners entirely exonerated Major Hesketh from the particular charges made against him. 9 : Adoption of the Local Government Act at Blackrod. 18 : Dreadful explosion of gunpowder at the shop of George Hunt, provision dealer and clogger, Chequerbent Lane, Westhoughton; Mrs. Hunt killed, and her husband, son, daughter, and an apprentice severely injured. 20 : A.M.C. of the National Independent Order of Oddfellows held in Bolton. 22 : Adoption of the Local Government Act at Aspull. 23 : Adoption of the Local Government Act at Turton.—June 1 : Publication of the Home Secretary's report on the commission of inquiry into the Dilke riot; though "there was a most unreasonable delay in action on the part of the magistrates," Mr. Bruce was of opinion that they "acted according to the best of their honest judgment," and that "no charge against any individual magistrate had any substantial foundation." Adoption of the Local Government Act at Horwich. 19 : The Market Square re-named "Town

Hall Square," 29: Adoption of the Local Government Act at Westhoughton. 30: Bolton Gasworks transferred to Corporation.—July 3: Opening of the New Wesleyan School in Draycott Street. 12: Destructive thunderstorm in Bolton and the neighbourhood; great floods at Turton, works partially destroyed, and about £10,000 damage sustained. 18: Royal Assent to the Bolton Corporation Bill, providing for the transfer of the Gasworks to the Corporation on June 30, 1872; the incorporation of Daubhill (Rumworth) within the borough, which took place on the same day the Royal assent was given; and the alteration of the ward boundaries in 1873. 26: Mr. Finlay Fraser, a well-known botanist and entomologist, died in Edmund Street, aged 83.—Aug. 3: Terrible collision near Clifton Junction, on the Bolton and Manchester Railway, between an express and a coal train; four killed and 16 injured. 17: The new Licensing Act put into operation in Bolton. 28: Last meeting of the Bolton Gas Company. 28: Resignation of C. Briggs, Esq., one of the clerks to the county justices of the Bolton division, and appointment of A. Bailey, Esq., as sole clerk; the magistrates unanimously recommended that Mr. Briggs should be placed upon the commission of the peace, which recommendation was afterwards confirmed by the Lord Lieutenant.—Sept. 4: Another terrific thunderstorm in Bolton and district; a pleasure party struck by lightning on Turton Moor—one man killed, and two persons injured. 5: Mr. Thomas Hardman, professor of music, died, aged 50. 7: Peel Mill No. 1, Turton Street, Little Bolton, destroyed by fire; damage about £30,000, and several of the work-people injured. 11-13: Manchester and Liverpool Agricultural Society's Show at Bolton, the show ground being off George Green Lane, Great Lever. 12: Visit of the Tichborne Claimant to Bolton. 25: Weekly half-holiday of tradesmen of the town commenced. Fire at Messrs. T. Barnes and Co.'s cotton mill, Gladstone Road, Farnworth; damage, £5000.—Oct. 13: Opening of the new Welsh Presbyterian Church, Clarence Street, Little

Bolton. 17: Edward Barlow and Henry Crompton killed by the falling of some flags at Eagleley. 26: Gift of £3000 by John Green, Esq., towards the erection of a new church in connection with the Mount Street district of St. George's. Waterloo Mills, belonging to Messrs. T. Cross and Co., burned down; damage, £30,000.—Nov. 1: First election in Bolton under the Ballot Act; ten Conservative and two Liberal councillors were returned in the six contested wards; two Conservatives and one Liberal being returned without a contest for the new ward of Rumworth. 9: W. W. Cannon, Esq., re-elected Mayor. Consecration of the new church at **Bradshaw** by the Bishop of Manchester. 13: Arrival of Sergeant Bates, with the American flag, in Bolton. 15: Died at Kersley, aged 66, the Rev. W. Woodman, for 33 years pastor of the New Jerusalem Church, Kersley, and controversialist, lecturer, and author. 17: Died, aged 74, T. G. Horridge, Esq., of The Raikes, Great Lever, one of the oldest bleachers in the county. Opening of the new Independent Methodist Chapel, Noble Street. 18: Appointment of the Rev. Burman Cassin, M.A., Vicar of St. George's, Battersea, to the incumbency of St. Paul's, Bolton. Died, at his residence, Claremont, Exeter, aged 80, Sir John Bowring, LL.D., F.R.S., who represented Bolton in Parliament from 1841 to 1849. John Osborne, Esq., Q.C., judge of the Bolton County Court, died at his residence at Prestwich, aged 62.—Dec. 8: Mr. Alexander Jones, cashier at *The Chronicle* Office, died, aged 37; he was for many years treasurer and secretary of the Bolton Cricket Club, and also secretary of the Bolton Philharmonic Society. 9: At the Manchester assizes, two men were sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment for stealing cloth at Bolton; and one of them for unlawfully wounding Detective Dearden by shooting him during a struggle to escape apprehension. 13: Complimentary banquet by the junior magistrates of the Bolton petty sessional division of the county to W. F. Hulton, Esq., senior acting magistrate on the Bolton bench.

17: First contested election for Rumworth Ward; Conservative candidate (Mr. J. R. Simpson) returned. 21: Death of Mr. S. N. Bancroft, surgeon, Mawdsley Street, aged 70. 28: Re-opening of the Temperance Hall, after enlargement. Crompton Hutton, Esq., of the Inner Temple, appointed County Court judge for Bolton.

1873 Jan. 1: New Church schools opened at Daubhill by the Bishop of Manchester. 8: Terrible accident at the Bolton Iron and Steel Works, by which one man was killed and six injured, through the breaking of a fly-wheel.—Feb. 5: Dr. Livy appointed Medical Officer of Health for Bolton at a salary of £200 a year. 7: Terrible collision near Chequerbent, on the London and North-Western Railway; two brakesmen killed. 22: Opening of the new schools of St. Saviour's Church, Ringley. 25: Welcome to the Rev. Burman Cassin, M.A., incumbent of St. Paul's.—March 10: Eight cows burned to death on the farm of Mr. J. Gillibrand, at Tong-with-Haulgh.—April 5: Memorial stone of the Halliwell Road Wesleyan Schools laid by Mr. George Knowles. 7: Mr. J. Barlow gave £5000 to the Edgworth Home. 8: Miss Knowles, eldest daughter of John Knowles, Esq., of Heaton Grange, thrown off her horse near Lytham, receiving injuries from which she died on the 15th. 14: Subscription Department of the Public Free Library transferred to the Exchange News Room, Town Hall Square.—May 1: Boring of the Entwisle tunnel, which is 3050 yards long, completed. 17: Foundation stone of the Little Lever Congregational Sunday School laid by Mr. Thomas Barnes.

1873 Bolton Town Hall Opened, Thursday, June 5, by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, accompanied by Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and a number of distinguished guests from Haigh Hall, the residence of the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, where the Royal party had been staying on their visit to open the new Infirmary in Wigan. The Royal

visit to Bolton was made the occasion of an enthusiastically loyal and magnificent demonstration. The streets were profusely decorated with hundreds of Venetian masts and trophies of flags; triumphal arches and street balconies were erected; there was a grand procession of the Mayor and Corporation and leading gentry, with trade and friendly societies, escorted by detachments of Dragoons, Yeomanry Cavalry, and the local Rifle Volunteers, the Prince and Princess being met at the Chorley New Road boundary of the borough and thence escorted through the principal thoroughfares of the town for a distance of about three miles in the presence of immense crowds of spectators. An address was presented to the Prince by the Corporation and His Royal Highness was presented with a magnificent silver key with which he formally opened the new civic edifice. A grand banquet was given in the afternoon in the Albert Hall at which the Prince and Princess were present, and the Prince on terminating his brief visit expressed his great gratification with the whole of the inaugural proceedings. In the evening the town was brilliantly illuminated, while there was also a display of fireworks from the Public Park; medals were struck to commemorate the occasion; and Mr. Coxwell's balloon "The Alexandra" made an ascent from the Park Recreation Ground, Mr. Coxwell's assistant and Mr. Joseph Holliday, a local innkeeper, alone going up in the car, this being the third time Mr. Holliday had ascended in Mr. Coxwell's balloons in Bolton. Towards the decoration and illumination of the town the Corporation voted £1500, but only £1130 of this was spent. On the following evening (Friday) there was a brilliant ball in the Albert Hall; and on Saturday evening the festivities terminated with the performance of "The Creation" in the same Hall.

The Town Hall which was thus opened amid so much rejoicing cost altogether, including the site, about £170,000. The architects were Messrs. William Hill, of Leeds, and George

Woodhouse, of Bolton, and the structure has been pronounced by competent critics as one of the handsomest in design and best arranged internally of any civic edifice in the country. It stands on the site of the Old Pot Market on the west side of the then Market Square, since formally designated the Town Hall Square. The style of architecture is Classic, of the Corinthian order, based on Grecian models,—the Town Council having resolutely set its face against Gothic. The building, which is of stone, is parallelogram in form, and covers an area of 3863 square yards, including the space occupied by the steps of the portico. The total length of the front is 204 feet, of the side 177 feet ; the height to the top of the parapet is 63 feet, and the height of the tower is 200 feet. The portico is approached by a bold flight of 29 steps, having at each side near the top a pedestal on which reposes a sculptured lion, 12 feet in length by 6 feet in height. The portico, with its fine cluster of gracefully carved columns, is surmounted by a pediment filled with sculpture executed by Mr. Calder Marshall, R.A. These figures are full relief statues, 8 feet high, the central one representing "Bolton," with a mural crown holding a shield that bears the borough arms ; on her right is "Manufacture," with a distaff, and leaning on a bale of goods ; near her is a cylinder and wheel, and in the angle is the "Earth" pouring out her gifts from a cornucopia, and a negro boy bearing a basket of cotton ; while on the left hand of the central figure is "Commerce" with the caduceus and a helm, and in the angle is the "Ocean" and a boy holding a boat by the bows. The fine domed tower which is placed over the principal entrance vestibule, and which contains one of the largest clocks in the country, having four dials each 12 feet in diameter, gives the building an additionally stately appearance. The clock has five large bells. The principal entrance to the Hall is by the portico in the east front, and this gives access to a vestibule 21 feet square, communicating directly with corridors 10 feet wide on each side and end of the Albert Hall, giving con-

tinuous communication round the latter and ready access to the Town Clerk's apartments, the Council Chamber, Borough Court, Mayor's Reception and Banqueting Room, and other offices. In the Albert Hall is a magnificent organ by Messrs. Gray and Davison, of London. The decorations throughout the Hall are of the most rich and elaborate character, and were executed by Messrs. Simpson and Son, of London. In the Council Chamber are tablets bearing the names of the Mayors of the borough, with the year of their mayoralty, from the Charter of Incorporation. The Albert Hall is 112 feet in length, 56 feet wide and 56 feet in height, and has a handsome gallery running round three sides. This room will seat on the ground floor 1466 persons, and in the gallery 334, making a total of 1800; whilst if standing instead of sitting there is room for 3000. Seventy-seven years had elapsed from the first recorded project for the erection of a Town Hall for Bolton; and it is not unworthy of remark that the site selected originally by the old Trustees was the one on which the Town Hall of to-day at length stands.

1873 July 3: Inauguration of the Bolton Certified Industrial School. 22: Terrible thunderstorm in Bolton; two lads killed off Cannon Street and great damage to property.—August 1: Inauguration of the **Chadwick Statue**, Town Hall Square, erected by subscription of 17,000 inhabitants at a cost of £950 to commemorate the gift by Dr. and Mrs. Chadwick, of Southport, formerly of Bolton, of a large sum of money for the erection of model dwellings for working people and an Orphanage for poor children; unveiled by James Barlow, Esq., of Edgworth; medal struck to commemorate the event. 13: Salary of Mr. R. Winder, magistrates' clerk, increased from £550 to £750 per annum.—Sept. 25: Farnworth Parish Church re-opened after being beautified and enlarged at a cost of £4000. 28: Rev. W. H. Davison, pastor of

the Congregational Church, St. George's Road, preached his farewell sermon.—Oct. 1 : Three men scalded to death in the Smithfold Colliery, Little Hulton, through an escape of steam. 8 : Shocking death of a man named Geo. Manley from hydrophobia.—Nov. 1 : First Municipal election under the revised ward boundaries, North Ward being formed out of West Ward, and other alterations made. In seven wards there were contests, which resulted in ten Conservatives and five Liberals being elected, and for the third place in North Ward a scrutiny was demanded, Messrs. J. Cooper (L), G. Ryder (C), and F. Hamilton (L) having received an equal number of votes. Eventually Ald. Walmsley, the presiding alderman for the ward, gave his casting vote in favour of Mr. Cooper, Liberal. Mr. Poole, Conservative, was returned unopposed for Rumworth Ward. 10 : J. Marsden, Esq., elected Mayor of Bolton. 19 : Foundation stone of Pike's Lane Board School laid by T. L. Rushton, Esq., chairman of the Board. 25 : Election of new School Board, resulting in the return of six Church, two Wesleyan, two Roman Catholic, and three Unsectarian candidates. The following were the numbers for each candidate :—Rev. Canon Powell (Churchman), 13,055 ; Rev. Canon Carter (Roman Catholic), 9079 ; Herbert Cross, M.A. Oxon (Churchman), 8585 ; George James Healy (Roman Catholic), 8532 ; John Leigh Taylor (Wesleyan), 8508 ; Robert Nivin Cottrill (Churchman), 8470 ; Thomas Moscrop (Wesleyan), 8395 ; Richard Knill Freeman (Churchman), 7952 ; John Morris (Churchman), 7754 ; Henry Lee (Unsectarian), 7611 ; Thomas William Heelis (Churchman), 7161 ; William Abbatt (Unsectarian), 6837 ; and Stephen Winkworth (Unsectarian), 6419 ; the unsuccessful candidates being Messrs. Robert Taylor, J. S. Holdsworth, and Francis Taylor.—Dec. 13 : Double railway collision on the Lancashire and Yorkshire line between the Gilnow crossing and Lady Bridge ; about a dozen persons injured.—Trade generally very good.

OBITUARY FOR 1873.

Jan. 6 : Death of Mr. Thomas Fildes Johnson, cotton-spinner, Daubhill, Liberal representative in the Council for Bradford Ward from 1856 to 1859. 7 : Mr. Thomas Scowcroft, provision dealer, Bradshawgate, Liberal representative in the Council for Church Ward, from 1854 to 1860.—Feb. 10 : Mr. David Jones, of Blackburn Road, for 27 years sub-inspector of factories for this district.—April 15 : Mr. John Vickers, counterpane manufacturer, and a member of the first Town Council, aged 77 years. 19 : Mr. Alfred Bird, for upwards of 20 years landlord of the Lever's Arms Hotel, Nelson Square, aged 55 years.—June 4 : Aged 30, the Rev. W. Mackay Gordon, M.A., minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Bolton.—July 9 : Robert Walsh, Esq., J.P., aged 82. He was a representative of East Ward in the first Town Council, and when he left the Council in 1865 he was an alderman. He was also included in the first list of borough magistrates, and he was Mayor for the year 1842-3. In politics he was a Liberal. 17 : Mr. Thomas Myerscough, aged 83. Deceased was a member of the Town Council for many years, and also held other public offices. He was a Conservative in politics.—Oct. 11 : James Cullen, Esq., aged 44, died at his residence, Chorley New Road, after a very brief illness.—Nov. 3 : Mr. James Parkinson, auctioneer and valuer, Newport Street, formerly a member of the Town Council, and a prominent local advocate of advanced Radicalism, died very suddenly, aged 63 years.—Dec. 4 : Died at sea, on his way to Alexandria, Robert Smalley, Esq., J.P., aged 57. For several years a member of the Town Council and a borough magistrate. Mr. Smalley was an advanced Liberal and an ardent temperance reformer. His body was buried at sea. 17 : Aged 49, Mr. James Ashton, of the Robin Hood Hotel, Ashburner Street, one of the originators of the Chadwick Statue.

1874.

JANUARY.—1 : Man killed in Bradshawgate by an omnibus. 6 : Home Rule Meeting at the Temperance Hall. 8 : A vertical boiler at Ald. Walmsley's Atlas Forge burst, by which six persons were killed and 18 injured. The damage was estimated at nearly £5000. A public subscription was opened for the relief of the sufferers, supplemented by collections in various places of worship. 10 : Inquiry by Captain Tyler, of the Board of Trade, into the double railway collision at Gilnow on Saturday, Dec. 13th, 1873 ; some extraordinary revelations were made touching the manner in which trains were despatched one after another between Bolton and Lostock. 11 : Rev. C. Cronshaw, incumbent-elect of St. Matthew's, held his first services in the Mount Street School. 17 : Messrs. J. K. Cross, C. Heaton, S. Winkworth, and C. Taylor placed on the commission of the peace for the borough. 21 : The new Unitarian Sunday and day schools in Bank Street inaugurated.

FEBRUARY.—4 :

Fourteenth Parliamentary Election.

John Hick (C) 5987

John Kynaston Cross (L) 5782

Hick and Cross elected.

Col. Wm. Gray (C) 5650

James Knowles (L) 5440

12,689 electors ; 11,565 voted.

—7 : Mr. E. Sergeant appointed Medical Officer of Health and Borough Analyst, at a salary of £400 a year, in succession to Dr. Livy, resigned. 10 : Three horses burnt to death at Ashton Field Farm, Little Hulton. 26 : Wm. Tuke, surveyor, Pendleton, killed whilst on the line at Gilnow.

MARCH.—4 : Mr. E. M. Garstang appointed house surgeon at the Infirmary. 16 : Committee appointed to procure subscrip-

tions towards the Bengal Famine Fund. The sum collected was £2185 7s. 3d.

APRIL.—8: Bazaar in the Albert Hall in aid of the Cricket Club fund, realising upwards of £1200. 29: Explosion of metal at the Bolton Iron and Steel Works, by which one man was killed and four badly injured.

MAY.—6: Strike of 2000 colliers in the Bolton district in consequence of notice of a reduction in wages of 20 per cent. The men remained out for a time not exceeding in the longest cases a month, and then returned to work at a reduction of about 10 per cent. Opening of St. James's New Schools, to accommodate 1087 children. 13: Welcome to the Rev. C. C. Coe, of Leicester, the new pastor of Bank Street Unitarian Chapel. 23: Mr. Justice Mellor commenced the trial, in the Bolton Town Hall, of the petition against the return of Mr. J. K. Cross, Liberal representative of the borough. The allegations were bribery, treating, undue influence, and other unlawful acts. The trial lasted nearly three days. The petition was dismissed, but Mr. Cross had to bear his own costs so far as related to the conduct of his personating agents and the sending out of railway passes, the learned Judge being of opinion that those acts were of a character "which might fairly be considered by persons advising the petitioners as likely to void the election." With regard to two alleged cases of bribery, the petitioners were ordered to bear Mr. Cross's costs. Mr. Cross therefore retained his seat. The 27th Lancashire Rifle Volunteer Corps encamped at Lytham for the fourth time, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Bailey, from Thursday, the 28th May, till the following Monday.

JUNE.—18: The cotton waste warehouse of Messrs. Peter Ward and Son, Kay Street, destroyed by fire; damage over £1000.

JULY.—1 : Welcome at the Blackbank Street Congregational School to the Rev. J. E. Clayton, the new minister. 2 : Farewell tea party to the Rev. E. Franks, Methodist New Connexion. 4 : Corner stone laid of Bertinshaw Wesleyan Chapel. 11 : Closing tea party in Mawdsley Street Independent School, prior to its demolition for the Old Acres improvement.

AUGUST.—5 : Corner stone of St. Paul's Church, Little Hulton, laid by Lord Kenyon. Opening of the New Congregational Chapel, Egerton. 10 : Rev. S. Prenter, B.A., ordained to the pastorate of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Bowker's Row. Cutting of the first sod on the site of St. Matthew's Church by the Rev. C. Cronshaw.

SEPTEMBER.—12 : Great strike in the Bolton cotton trade in consequence of notices of a reduction of five per cent. in wages. The notices were posted in 83 mills, but in seven they were withdrawn in a few days. In 53 mills the notices were not given. The number of hands affected was about 11,575 ; and the cost to the Self-acting Minders and Operative Cotton Spinners' Association was about £2200. On Wednesday, the 16th, it was agreed to refer the points in dispute to Mr. J. A. Russell, Q.C., judge of the Manchester County Court, and the men resumed work the following week at the old prices. Mr. Russell held his inquiry on the 9th, 10th, and 11th of October, in the Town Hall, and on the 20th October sent in his award in favour of the masters, so that the wages of the hands were forthwith reduced five per cent. 16 : Rev. Charles Berry, of Airedale College, appointed pastor of St. George's Road Congregational Church. 28 : Opening of **Great Moor Street New Station** of the London and North-Western Railway.

OCTOBER.—3 : Miss Howell, of Great Lever, presented £5000 towards the erection of a new church at Burnden, in addition to £1000 which she had previously given. 7 : Bazaar in the Albert

Hall in aid of the debt on Wesley Chapel, opened by Mr. Hick, M.P.; sum realised, £2363 16s. 8d. 21 : Organ in the Albert Hall opened by Mr. W. T. Best, of Liverpool; its cost* was about £4000. 26 : Grand *conversazione* held by the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. Marsden) in the Town Hall, to which upwards of 500 invitations were issued.

NOVEMBER.—1 : Rev. Plunket Mooney, B.A., Vicar of St. Peter's, Halliwell, preached his farewell sermons. Serious floods at Astley Bridge; man drowned. 9 : Ald. J. Marsden re-elected Mayor. 14 : Public tea party in St. James's School to welcome the Rev. Robert Lever, B.A., as curate of the parish. 18 : Great Conservative demonstration at the Temperance Hall, and presentation of a service of plate worth £350 to Colonel Gray, in recognition of his services to the borough during the seventeen years he had represented it in the House of Commons.

DECEMBER.—5 : Rev. J. H. Gibbon, B.A., of St. Mark's, Wrexham, appointed Incumbent of St. Luke's, Halliwell. 7 : The Chadwick Orphanage opened. 9 : Flood at Kersley, by which over £2000 damage was done at the dye mills of Mr. Mark Fletcher, Stoneclough Brow. 14 : Conference at the Swan Hotel between Mr. Robert Baker, inspector of factories, the certifying surgeons of the Bolton district, and a number of members of the Short-time Committee, with respect to the passing of children as full-timers. 16 : Marriage at Clapham of John Hick, Esq., M.P., to Rebecca Maria, only daughter of Edmund Ashworth, Esq., J.P., of Egerton Hall. Presentation of a silver cradle to the Mayor (Ald. J. Marsden) and the Mayoress, to commemorate the birth of their daughter during the first year of his Worship's mayoralty. 19 : Twenty-two acres of land in Darley Park transferred from Miss Rawson to the Farnworth Burial Board for a Cemetery, at a cost of £7074 14s. 4d. 21 : Consecration of **St. Luke's Church, Halliwell**, by the Bishop of Manchester. 24 : William Baker,

'bus driver, accidentally killed by falling from his 'bus in Market Street, Farnworth. Very severe frost.—Trade somewhat dull during the year, following the late high prices.

OBITUARY FOR 1874.

January 15 : Mr. Richard P. Makin, accountant, aged 52 years.
16 : Mr. William Smith, Derby Street, the oldest master tailor in Bolton.—February 11 : Mr. Thomas Hodson, farmer, Tynes Bank, Little Hulton. He served for many years in the offices of overseer, poor-law guardian, surveyor of taxes, and churchwarden.—March 1 : Mr. Thomas Booth, of Churchgate, in his 65th year, one of the oldest musicians in Bolton. 7 : Mr. Howarth, of Bridgeman Street Academy, aged 63. 10 : Mr. Joseph Hampson, Yew Tree, Over Hulton. He had been guardian for Over Hulton since the formation of the Union in 1838.—April 12 : Thomas Johnson, Esq., after an illness of only a few days, at his residence, Highfield, Chorley New Road, aged 43 years. The deceased gentleman was hon. sec. of the Subscription Library for nearly ten years, and also a Commissioner of Income Tax for the Bolton district. 23 : James Eden, Esq., of Showley Hall, Clayton-le-Dale, aged 78 years. The deceased was the senior partner in the firm of Messrs. Eden and Thwaites, The Meetings Bleachworks, Astley Bridge. He directed his personal estate to be sold in order to found an Orphanage for the reception of infant children who had lost their parents, the trustees being instructed to spend a sum not exceeding £10,000 on the building.—June 3 : Mr. C. Howarth, of Colemans, Horwich, in the 68th year of his age. 14 : Mr. James Cooper, of Dalton Terrace, Bury New Road. He was 63 years of age, and throughout his life was an unflinching Conservative, and was prominently identified with the Conservative party. 15 : J. S. Turner Greene, Esq., for 25 years judge of the Bolton County Court. 17 : Mr. Luke McIlale, draper, aged 76. He was a prominent Roman Catholic. 21 : Benjamin Dobson, Esq., formerly senior partner in

the firm of Messrs. Dobson and Barlow, machine makers, Kay Street. The deceased gentleman, who was 51 years of age, died at the Clifton Down Hotel, near Bristol. He was a county magistrate, and for about 18 months an alderman of the borough.

22 : C. J. Darbishire, Esq., at Vale Bank, Rivington, in the 77th year of his age. He was the first Mayor of Bolton, being elected 1st Dec., 1838, and was on the commission of the peace both for the county and borough.—July 1 : Mr. Joseph Swift, in the 63rd year of his age, for 25 years master of the Trinity Street Railway Station. 15 : At Chorley, aged 46 years, Mr. Josiah Smith Andrews, for many years a reporter on the newspaper press of Bolton.—Oct. 15 : Mr. John Stanning, for many years manager of the Halliwell Bleachworks, died at Leyland, near Preston, in his 69th year. 24 : Mr. Charles Hopwood, quarrymaster, Harwood, aged 68. He was one of the oldest members of the Board of Guardians, having been first elected on the 29th March, 1844. He was chairman of the Board for eight years, and during that time he laid the foundation stone of the Poor-law Offices in Mawdsley Street. 29 : Mr. Benjamin Ashworth, aged 58 years, cemetery registrar, which office he had held since 1856.—Nov. 13 : Mr. Henry Baylis, C.E., for some years borough engineer of Bolton, died at Handsworth, near Birmingham. 17 : Mr. Samuel Crompton, stationmaster, Southport, killed whilst in performance of his duty. He was formerly stationmaster at Bolton. 23 : Mr. Dan Wood Latham died at his residence, Moses Gate, aged 65 years. He was for a long time a prominent member of the Board of Guardians, and he also for 15 years represented Bradford Ward in the Town Council ; he was a staunch Churchman and Conservative.—Dec. 12 : Mr. Alfred J. Heaton, cotton spinner, of the firm of Messrs. C. and A. J. Heaton. 18 : John Hargreaves, Esq., in his 74th year, at his residence, Sunning Hill, near Windsor, formerly of Bolton, and for many years in the commission of the peace for the Bolton division of the county.

1875.

JANUARY.—1: The **Act Reducing the Hours of Labour in Factories** for females and young persons to 56½ per week, and which was passed in the Session of 1874, came into operation. 8: Mr. R. Briercliffe's cotton mill, Farnworth, burned down; damages, £30,000. 12: Westhoughton and Lostock School Board election; four Church and four Nonconformist candidates were nominated for the seven seats, and the result was that the former carried all their nominees, whilst of the latter only three were returned:—J. Burgess 1248, G. Caldwell 1190, J. Pilkington 1077, J. Stott 1071, Churchmen; J. Tonge 848, R. Entwistle 652, G. Green 651, Nonconformists. The eighth candidate was Mr. R. Lee, who polled 627 votes. Opening of New Jerusalem Church Schools at Kersley. 21: Rejection of the new scheme for reconstituting Rivington Grammar School at a large meeting of the ratepayers.

MARCH.—1: Meeting of ratepayers in the Albert Hall to consider the scheme for making a new line to place Bolton in direct communication with the Midland system. A committee of influential local gentlemen was appointed to carry out a scheme for providing additional railway accommodation for the town. 4: First soirée of the Bolton police force. 26: Foundation stone of new Primitive Methodist Chapel at Walkden, to cost £4000, and accommodate 750 persons, laid by Miss Hurst, Oakwood, Worsley. Foundation stone of Wesleyan Chapel at New Bury, to cost £1035, and accommodate 350 persons, laid by Mr. J. Hindley. 29: Alderman Green laid the corner stone of St. Matthew's Church, Mount Street. The contract for the building was £7445, and was taken by Mr. Hugh Yates, Liverpool, the church to seat 1000 persons. 31: Foundation stone of new infant school and lecture hall in connection with St. George's Road Congregational Church,

laid by Mr. J. Lever. The total cost of the structure, including land, was to be £2105. Public recognition of the Rev. C. A. Berry as pastor of St. George's Road Congregational Church. *

APRIL.—1 : Grand bazaar in the Albert Hall for St. Mark's Church ; amount raised, £1025 16s. 9½d. Opening of the L. & N. W. **New Line Bolton to Manchester** for passenger traffic. Self-acter minders resolved to strike unless the masters restored the 5 per cent. which they took off the wages in the previous autumn ; matters looked serious at one time but eventually on the 6th May, the employers gave way, and the threatened strike was averted. 24 : J. K. Cross, Esq., M.P., laid the foundation stone of Mawdsley Street Congregational Schools. The estimated cost was £3200, and accommodation was provided for 920 children. 28 : Shocking boiler explosion in the Wheat Sheaf beerhouse, Blackburn Street. The house was completely wrecked and the adjoining premises were much damaged, James Ward, labourer, 50 years old, and Mary Annie Entwistle, 11 months old, daughter of William Entwistle, iron moulder, 76, Blackburn Street, were killed. At the inquest, the jury found that the landlord, William Greenhalgh, had been guilty of great negligence in the management of the boiler, which was used for brewing purposes, and that the boiler was a badly conditioned one, but they did not feel justified in the present state of the law in returning a verdict of manslaughter against him.

MAY.—5 : Mr. and Mrs. Pilling appointed governor and matron of the Workhouse. Grand bazaar in the Albert Hall for St. James's Church ; £970 was raised. 19 : The 27th L.R.V. went under canvas again for a few days' encampment at Lytham. The regiment was under the command of Lieut.-Col. Bailey, and nearly 500 rank and file were on the ground. The corps returned to Bolton on Monday, the 24th May, having on the previous Saturday been inspected by Col. Lyons.

JUNE.—5 : J. Mc.Loughland summoned before the borough Bench for tampering with voting papers at the election of Guardians on the 6th of April, but the cases, 35 in all, were dismissed. 7 : Pike's Lane Board School opened by the Rev. Canon Powell, Vicar, chairman of the School Board. The schools were erected from designs of Mr. G. Cunliffe, at a cost of £10,000, and they will accommodate 720 children. 17 : Carpenters and joiners struck for an advance of 3s. 6d. a week. The majority of the men left the town and the masters procured others in their places. On the 7th July the matter was settled by the men accepting an advance somewhat lower than the sum asked for. 23 : New Wesleyan Chapel opened at Bertinshaw. The cost was £1600, and the accommodation provided was for 346 persons.

JULY.—15 : The Town Council confirmed the purchase of a plot of land containing 41,625 square yards, adjoining the Park, for £11,500, for the purpose of extending the Park and Recreation Ground. 17 : Consecration of **St. Thomas's Church, Halliwell**, by the Bishop of Manchester ; the building cost about £7000, and accommodates 765 persons. There is an annual endowment of £30 per annum. Messrs. Paley and Austin, Lancaster, were the architects. 18 : Last sermons preached in St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Haulgh. Mr. H. Lee laid the memorial stone of a new Congregational Chapel in Derby Street, opposite Pike View. The estimated cost of the building was £2500, and accommodation was provided for 450 persons.

AUGUST.—9 : Messrs. Hardcastle, Cross, and Co.'s new bank opened for business. 18 : Presentation of a purse of £36 10s. to the Rev. J. C. Nesbit on his leaving the pastorate of Duke's Alley Congregational Chapel.

SEPTEMBER.—3 : Two children named Elizabeth Derbyshire and Isaac Jenkinson drowned through falling into the Croal, which was much swollen in consequence of heavy rain. 9 : Visit of 150

members of the Iron and Steel Institute to Bolton. They visited the works of Messrs. Walmsley and Son, Hick, Hargreaves, and Co., the Bolton Iron and Steel Co., and Messrs. J. Stones and Co., Astley Bridge. 16: Presentation to the Rev. G. S. Hodges, Vicar of St. John's, Wingates, and Mrs. Hodges, of a silver salver and illuminated address on their leaving Wingates. 20: Presentation of a gold guard, with pendant, and purse of gold, of the total value of £20, to the Rev. A. A. Roffe on his leaving St. Thomas's Church School, Moses Gate, for St. John's, Wingates. 26: Severe thunderstorm and gale, by which a large amount of damage was done in Bolton. 30: End of strike of 240 fitters and turners at Messrs. Dobson and Barlow's works, Kay-street. The men nine weeks previously struck for an advance of wages, which was refused, and they remained out until this day when the matter was settled by the firm consenting to give 48 of them the advance and the others a portion of it.

OCTOBER.—13: Visit of Cardinal Manning to Bolton, and presentation of an address to him by the Bolton Catholic Association. 17: Raid on Blake's betting-house; capture of 17 men, all of whom were dismissed by the magistrates at the hearing of the case, excepting Blake, who was fined £100. On Blake's appeal to the Court of Queen's Bench the conviction was quashed; whereupon the Chief Constable in turn appealed, but the Lords Justices of Appeal, when the question came before them on April 28, 1877, declined to allow it to be argued, and dismissed the appeal with costs, the decision thus resting in Blake's favour.

NOVEMBER.—1: Municipal Elections. Ten Conservatives and four Liberals retired, and there were contests in every ward, excepting Church, where the Conservative candidates had a walk over. Six Conservatives and eight Liberals were returned, but a petition was presented on the 18th November against the election of the two Liberal candidates for East Ward, Messrs. Hamilton and

Steele, on the ground of bribery and corruption, and as they gave notice that they should not oppose it, their seats were declared vacant, and themselves condemned in costs. 5 : The resolution of the Town Council to go to Parliament for powers to extend the borough boundaries so as to take in several of the adjacent townships, rejected by an overwhelming majority at a town's meeting. 9 : Ald. C. Wolfenden elected Mayor. 13 : Cabinetmakers strike for an increase of wages. 17 : Congregational bazaar to raise funds for a chapel in Blackburn Road, opened in the Albert Hall, by J. K. Cross, Esq., M.P. The sum raised was £942 18s. 3d. 24 : Rev. E. Crook and Mr. Francis Taylor, cotton spinner, elected members of the School Board without opposition, in the room of the Rev. Canon Carter, deceased, and Mr. H. Lee, resigned.

DECEMBER.—5 : Two youths named Jas. Higson and Henry Parr, drowned through the breaking of ice on which they were sliding. Jas. Whittle, 36 years of age, farm labourer, found dead from exposure on the Black Heights, Turton. 17 : Great Meeting in the Temperance Hall for the repeal of the Indian import duties ; speeches by J. Hick, Esq., M.P., J. K. Cross, Esq., M.P., E. Hardcastle, Esq., M.P., and other gentlemen. 19 : Rev. W. Popplewell, M.A., entered on his duties as incumbent of St. Thomas's Church, Halliwell.—Trade generally good.

The year 1875 was memorable in Municipal affairs for the Corporate Departments Investigation,—an inquiry which extended over several months and disclosed a system of great disorganisation in several of the departments and of embezzlement to the amount of £5000 or £6000 in the Waterworks Department, for which latter offence the Waterworks Manager was indicted at the Manchester Assizes, and being found guilty was, on the 27th November, sentenced to five years' penal servitude. The Borough Treasurer had meanwhile been dismissed for laxity in his department.

OBITUARY FOR 1875.

Jan. 6 : In his 74th year, Mr. Thomas Balshaw, registrar of births and deaths for the Western District of Great Bolton for 40 years. 17 : Mr. John Carney, aged 60, a member of the Town Council from 1865 to 1868.—Feb. 10 : Aged 59 years, the Rev. Canon Carter, of SS. Peter and Paul's Roman Catholic Church, and senior priest of the town. The deceased gentleman was born at Samlesbury, near Preston, educated at Valladolid, Spain, and at the Roman Catholic college of Ushaw, Durham. After serving in several missions he was appointed to SS. Peter and Paul's in 1847. He was an active member of the Cotton Famine Relief Committee, of the Infirmary Committee, and of the Poor Protection Society. He served on the Board of Guardians for the year 1866-7, and he was elected on the School Board at its formation in 1870, and re-elected in 1873, being second on the list. He was buried in the graveyard attached to St. Joseph's Chapel, Brindle, on Monday, the 15th. 24 : Mr. John Nuttall, at his residence, Rose Hill, Halliwell, in his 80th year. From 1838 to his death, Mr. Nuttall was a member of the Board of Guardians, and also of the Halliwell Local Board from its formation. He was overseer of the township of Halliwell for nearly 30 years, and for many years he was surveyor of highways.—March 4 : Mr. Matthew Bennett, J.P., colliery proprietor, Little Hulton, aged 56 years. The deceased gentleman worked in a coalpit until he was 21 years of age, but by rare energy and industry he accumulated a large fortune, and in 1870 became a county magistrate. He was also for a time Chairman of the Little Hulton Local Board. 7 : Inspector Greenhalgh, of the Borough Police Force, aged 32. He entered the force in 1866, and was made inspector in 1872. 8 : Mr. Joseph Farrar, in his 39th year, a frequent contributor to the local press. 13 : Mr. Thomas Mason, New Hall Farm, Heaton, in his 65th year. Elected a member of the Board of Guardians in 1858 as representative of Heaton, and continued in office to his death. For upwards of 30

years he was surveyor of highways, collector of Government taxes, and overseer of the poor for Heaton. 14 : Mr. Samuel Scowcroft, proprietor of Rosehill and Kersley Collieries, aged 56 years. 24 : Mr. John A. Haslam, cotton waste dealer, after an illness of only a few days. He was 46 years of age, and was a member of the Town Council for Bradford Ward from 1864 to 1867, and was also on the Board of Guardians for Little Bolton for 1873-4.—April 15 : Mr. Alex. Lawson, veterinary surgeon, in his 64th year. 24 : Mr. Samuel Wood, of Chapeltown, in his 91st year.—May 3 : Mr. George Salt, aged 59 years. Mr. Salt was on the Board of Guardians for Great Bolton, was in the Town Council for Exchange Ward for six years from 1861, and for 13 years he was a member of the Board of Directors of the old Gas Company. In early life he was a zealous campanologist, and up to his death took great interest in the art. 8 : Mr. Matthias Gorse, cotton spinner, at the age of 65 years. The deceased served on the Board of Guardians for Little Bolton from 1863 to 1871, with the exception of 1865 and 1866, and he was in the Town Council for East Ward from 1862-5. 17 : Peter Ormrod, Esq., J.P., banker and head of the eminent cotton spinning firm of Ormrod and Hardcastle, died at Wyersdale Park, Garstang, in his 80th year. Mr. Ormrod was a staunch Conservative, and always took a warm interest in the welfare of his party. He was one of the representatives of Derby Ward in the Town Council from 1843 to 1846, but he refused to serve again or to accept a seat on the Aldermanic bench, to which he was elected. He was on the commission of the peace, but seldom sat on the bench. His memory will gratefully be preserved by his re-building of the Parish Church, which was completed in June, 1871, at a cost of about £45,000. He was buried on Monday, the 24th May, at Churchtown Church, near Garstang. 26 : Mr. J. T. Staton, the well-known Lancashire author, in the 59th year of his age.—June 7 : Mr. Isaac Butler, in his 76th year. Mr. R. Beddows, cotton spinner, aged 65 years. 15 : Of sunstroke, on board the s.s.

Europa, within four days' sail of Bombay, the Rev. John Homer Killick, B.A., aged 34 years, formerly curate of the Bolton Parish Church.—July 18: Mr. George Clapperton, surgeon, formerly of Moor Lane.—Sept. 17: At Union Mills, Isle of Man, aged 64 years, Mr. John James Bridson, formerly carrying on business in Bolton. 27: Mr. Thomas Orrell, of Orrell House, cotton spinner, in the 64th year of his age. 30: At Southport, Mr. J. B. Harkness, aged 55 years, one of the oldest master tailors in Bolton.—Oct. 23: Mr. J. S. Scowcroft, aged 75 years, collector of poor-rates in Great Bolton from 1825 to 1847, when he was appointed assistant overseer, which office he held for over 20 years. He was elected a member of the Board of Guardians in 1867, and retained his seat until April, 1875, when he came out as an independent candidate, and was defeated.—Nov. 13: At Westhoughton, in his 61st year, Mr. J. R. Scott, ex-superintendent of the Bolton division of the County police; on retiring from active duty he was presented with a purse of money.—Dec. 8: Mr. B. Farrar, inland revenue officer, aged 69 years. 28: John Harwood, Esq., J.P., in his 75th year, at Woodsleigh, Heaton. The deceased began business as a baker and flour dealer in 1832, and he was highly successful. In 1859 he built the Woodside cotton mills in Great Lever, in partnership with Ald. Walmsley, which he carried on to his death, though the partnership was dissolved in 1873. Mr. Harwood first entered the Town Council in 1840, and with an interval of six years he remained in up to 1871, twelve years as councillor and thirteen as alderman, being the only one of our municipal representatives who could at that time count a quarter of a century's service. He was Mayor in 1860-61. In politics he was a Liberal, and in religion a Unitarian.

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JANUARY.—3: Howe Bridge Cotton Mill burned down; damage, about £40,000. 7: Fire at the Primitive Methodist

School, Moor Lane ; damage, £600. 8 : Collapse of a portion of the High-level Roadway then in course of formation from Deansgate to St. George's Road. 17 : Messrs. Ramwell and Lumley's cotton mill, at Astley Bridge, destroyed by fire ; damage, £35,000. 29 : Opening of new organ at All Saints' Church. 31 : Captain Bragg, of the screw steamer *The Queen*, and a native of Bolton, presented by the American Government with a handsome telescope for saving life at sea.

FEBRUARY.—2 : Celebration of the Jubilee of the Bolton Mechanics' Institution. 3 : Spring Mill, Halliwell Road, belonging to Mr. Joseph Foy, destroyed by fire ; damage, £30,000. 5 : Outbreak of the milk epidemic at Eagley ; 13 deaths took place there, and eight persons died in Bolton through drinking the affected milk. 9 : Opening of the Farnworth Cemetery ; first interment the same day. 15 : Fire at Messrs. Knowles and Green's bleachworks, Undershore ; damage over £8000.

MARCH.—3 : Fire at Mr. T. H. Baniford's mill, Ashburner Street ; damage, £2000. 7 : The Infirmary Committee resolved to erect a new Infirmary. 12 : Opening of St. Gregory's Roman Catholic Church, Farnworth.

APRIL.—8 : Trades union outrage in Bolton ; James Thompson, a fireman at Mr. Henry Slater's bleachworks, Little Bolton, being killed in Slater's Lane. For this crime, three persons were sentenced to penal servitude, three others, implicated in the murder, escaping on turning approvers. 12 : The Town Council resolved, by 27 votes against nine, that the Registrar of the Cemetery be instructed to erase the objectionable inscription on the tombstone of the late John Hilton, and the inscription, which was as follows, was accordingly erased :—

“ Let gods attend to things which gods must know,
Man's only care relates to things below.
Nescio Deos.”

20 : Messrs. Rostron Brothers' Old Lum Mill, in Bury Street, burned down ; damage, £20,000. 28 : Completion of Wayoh Reservoir.

MAY.—2 : Bolton Junctions Railway Bill rejected by a Select Committee of the House of Commons, after a sitting extending over eleven days. 24 : Resignation of John Taylor, Esq., borough coroner (which office he had held since May 29, 1839), accepted at a special meeting of the Town Council ; his son, Rowland Taylor, Esq., being appointed his successor.

JUNE.—8 : Opening of the Bolton Skating Rink. 23 : J. P. Thomasson, Esq., placed at the disposal of the School Board a sufficient sum of money to give 100 exhibitions of the value of £25 each, tenable for three years, for the higher education of advanced pupils of elementary schools ; also to provide prizes to pupil teachers ; the total value of Mr. Thomasson's gift was equal to £750 per annum for ten years.

JULY.—2 : Conclusion of the labours of the Corporate Departments Inquiry Committee. 11 : His Royal Highness Prince Arthur, Duke of Connaught, billeted in Bolton, along with a detachment of the 7th Hussars, of which he was in command, *en route* for Edinburgh. His Royal Highness was billeted at the Victoria Hotel, where he was received by the Mayor (Ald. C. Wolfenden) and the Town Clerk (R. G. Hinnell, Esq.), and was thence conducted through the Town Hall, where the Prince was introduced to many members of the Corporation and local gentry. The Mayor and Town Clerk accompanied the Prince to the boundary of the borough on the departure of His Royal Highness with his troop next day.

AUGUST.—16 : The Town Council instructed the Park and Burial Board Committee to purchase the Rogerstead Estate, adjoining the Middle Brook, for a new Cemetery, at a price

equal to 25 years' purchase at £20 per acre per annum for 64 statute acres. 31 : Severe gale and collapse of the marquees at the second day's exhibition of the Bolton Floral and Horticultural Society.

SEPTEMBER.—11 : Public indignation meetings in Bolton and Farnworth on the Bulgarian atrocities. 13 : Consecration of **St. Matthew's Church**, Mount Street ; cost £10,000, and contains 1001 sittings, 487 of which are appropriated, and 514 unappropriated and free for ever.

OCTOBER.—6 : Two men killed by the fall of a wall at Lum Street Gasworks. 19 : Fire at Messrs. Barlow and Jones's No. 1 Mill, Higher Bridge Street ; damage, between £4000 and £5000. 21 : Consecration of **St. John the Baptist's Church, Little Hulton**, founded by Mrs. Harrison Blair. 28 : Presentation to the Rev. W. Bashall, M.A., Vicar of Deane, on his retirement from that living, which he had held since 1868.

NOVEMBER.—1 : Moses Gate and Kersley tollbars abolished. 6 : Opening of the new County Sessions Room in the Haulgh ; the last magisterial sitting in the old County Sessions at the Little Bolton Town Hall, which had served its purpose for nearly half-a-century, taking place on Thursday, the 2nd Nov. 9 : Ald. Charles Wolfenden re-elected Mayor. 15 : Fire at the works of Messrs. M. Buck and Sons, tool makers, Turton Street ; damage, £6000. 23 : Re-election for three years of the whole of the members of the **School Board** without opposition.

DECEMBER.—9 : Consecration of additional burial ground to the Parish Church, Horwich. 13 : Mr. W. Mullineaux appointed borough organist. 14 : Consecration of **Peel Church, Little Hulton** ; cost £7000, and will seat 850 persons. 19 : Presentation of a silver epergne to Councillor William Hesketh by the Conservative members of the Town Council, in recognition of his services to that party.—Trade generally dull throughout the year.

OBITUARY FOR 1876.

Jan. 22 : W. R. Callender, Esq., M.P., proprietor of Dean Mills, Halliwell, died at St. Leonards-on-the-Sea, in his 51st year. —Feb. 2 : William Jackson Rideout, Esq., proprietor of the Farnworth and Standish Paper Mills, the Prestolee Cotton Mills, and also of the *Morning Post* newspaper, at his residence in London, aged 51 years. 27 : Mr. John Thirlwind, of Silverwell House, aged 59 years. He was an alderman for six years.—March 8 : Thomas Thomasson, Esq., at his residence, High Bank, Haulgh, in the 68th year of his age. He was born at Turton, and besides being closely identified with the early history of the cotton trade in Bolton, he was one of the most devoted supporters of the Liberal party, being for many years an intimate co-worker and personal friend of Cobden and Bright. For several years he was a Poor-law guardian for Little Bolton, and occupied a seat in the Town Council for 18 years. 10 : In the 78th year of his age, Mr. John Hall, Albert Place, a well-known member of the Wesleyan body. 24 : John Fletcher, Esq., of The Hollins, Haulgh, aged 70, the oldest magistrate in the Bolton petty sessional division. 27 : Jonathan Musgrave, Esq., of Arkwright Street, aged 57, a member of the firm of Messrs. John Musgrave and Sons, the extensive engineers and cotton spinners.—May 3 : Dr. Samuel Taylor Chadwick, at his residence in Southport, aged 66 years. This benevolent gentleman was for several years a magistrate of this borough ; he had held office as town councillor ; and was honorary surgeon to the Infirmary. Dr. and Mrs. Chadwick were the donors of £22,000 for the erection of model dwellings in Bolton for the working classes ; they also founded the Orphanage which bears their name ; on his death he left £5000 towards a Children's Ward in connection with the Bolton Infirmary, £5000 to the Corporation for a Museum of Natural History in the Park, and also a further large amount to the Orphanage. 12 : At Leyland, aged 60, George Hargreaves, Esq., of the firm of Messrs. Hargreaves Bros., cotton

spinners. 14 : Rev. John Herbert, M.A., Vicar of Walkden, in his 65th year.—June 6 : At his residence, Boughton Hall, Surrey, aged 64 years, Mr. A. W. Paulton, a native of Bolton, one of the founders and one of the ablest lecturers of the Anti-Corn Law League, and for many years editor and one of the proprietors of the *Manchester Examiner and Times*. 23 : Charles Duckett Hargreaves, Esq., Ridgmont, Horwich, aged 57, a partner in the firm of Messrs. Hargreaves Bros.—August 13 : Mr. Rowland Hall, senior partner in the firm of Messrs. Rowland Hall and Sons, distillers, of this town, aged 71 years. He was a member of the Town Council from 1862 to 1871 in the Conservative interest ; he was an earnest Churchman, and was connected with one of the oldest Bolton families. 21 : Mr. Joseph Holden, aged 59 years, well known for many years as an ardent politician (Conservative), and a most extensive house property builder, plasterer, and painter. He was a member of the Town Council for three years. 21 : At his residence, Birkdale, in his 61st year, Mr. Henry Macoun, for many years a tailor and draper in Bolton.—Sept. 30 : Thomas Taylor, Esq., of Southfield House, Great Lever, aged 77 years ; he was senior partner in the firm of Messrs. T. Taylor and Sons, cotton spinners, Grecian Mills. He was an active member of the Wesleyan Society for 50 years ; was president of the Bolton Certified Industrial School, and was also the High Sheriff of Merionethshire.—Oct. 14 : Sergeant-Major Adams, aged 92 years ; at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Robert Walker, Kensington House. Sergeant-Major Adams was a Waterloo veteran, and served his country in a military capacity for the long space of 72 years.—Nov. 4 : James Kay, Esq., of Turton Tower, aged 71 years. 21 : Mr. Robert Walker, cotton spinner, Kensington House, in his 61st year, a zealous member of the Conservative party.—Dec. 9 : At his residence, Davenport Street, in the 66th year of his age, Mr. Richard Carling, an active member of the temperance party, and for many years in the service of the Corporation. 22 : Mr. Augustine Masper, the well-known optician of Churchgate, aged 63 years.

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JANUARY.—4 : Fire at Messrs. J. Smith, jun., and Company's bleachworks, Great Lever ; damage £50,000. 13 : Opening of the Catholic Apostolic Church, Thomas Holden Street ; will seat 200 persons, cost £650. 8 : Formation of a School of Cookery in Bolton. 14 : Fire at Messrs. Thornton and Laron's mill, Farnworth ; damage, £300. Opening of Congregational Church, Blackburn Road ; cost, £1150. 23 : Explosion at Messrs. Roscow and Lord's Stonehill Colliery, Farnworth ; 18 lives lost. 25 : Resignation of Chief Constable Beech after a service in the Bolton Police force of nearly 38 years.

FEBRUARY.—Rev. Alfred Stephens, curate-in-charge, preferred to the Vicarage of St. James's, Tonge-cum-Brightnet. 7 and 8 : Explosion at Messrs. A. Knowles and Co.'s (Limited) Fogg's Pit, Darcy Lever ; 10 lives lost. 10 : A Bolton train seized by bailiffs at Little Hulton, for nonpayment of poors' rates by the London and North-Western Railway Company. 15 : Presentation of silver tea and coffee service to Chief Constable Beech by members of the police force. 15 : Close of inquest, after five days' inquiry, upon the persons killed by the Stonehill Colliery explosion ; verdict, "Suffocated from accidental firing of gas, brattice cloth, and timber."

MARCH.—8 : John Mills, an inspector of goods traffic, killed by a passenger train at Bullfield. 14 : Town Council confirm the appointment of Inspector Holgate as Chief Constable. 16 : First sod cut by Mr. J. M. Bateman for St. Thomas's Church, Dixon Green. 31 : Samuel Sudworth, a Bolton eating-house keeper, killed by being thrown out of his cart at Bradshaw.

APRIL.—7 : Rev. Henry Sheridan Patterson, of Bartlow Rectory, Linton, Cambridge, "read himself in" as Vicar of Deane, to which he had been presented by the Lord Chancellor, in suc-

cession to the Rev. W. Bashall, M.A., resigned. 16 : Resignation of Mr. Baker, factory inspector for this district.

MAY.—8 : Horrocks Moor fired, supposed to be by an incendiary. 12 : Memorial stones of new Wesleyan chapel, Moses Gate, laid by Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. James Nuttall ; estimated cost, £4500. 17 : Bolton Improvement Bill read a third time in the House of Commons. 17 : Theatre Royal, Churchgate, with the Star Inn, Angel Inn, Museum and Concert Hall, and wholesale brewery, sold for £8450. 19 : **Marsden Road** (new high level from St. George's Road to Deansgate) opened with public ceremonial of Corporation and gentry ; length of road 900 feet ; cost of formation £20,600 exclusive of cost of site (£38,240), but the value of the surplus land was estimated at £42,702, thus giving when this is realised £4462 towards the cost of the work. 19 : Presentation of silver pocket communion service to the Rev. W. Chamberlain, M.A., vicar of St. John's, and silver epergne to Mrs. Chamberlain, by members of the congregation. 19 : Foundation stone of St. Thomas's Church, Dixon Green, laid by Hon. Algernon Egerton, M.P. ; accommodation for 600 persons, estimated cost £8000. 26 : Presentation of a timepiece to the Rev. T. M. Knowles by the congregation of St. Margaret's Church, Daubhill, on the occasion of his leaving after a curacy of six years' duration.

JUNE.—15 ; Recovery of the first body of the ten victims by the explosion at Fogg's Pit, Darcy Lever, on the 7th and 8th February. 23 : John Pilling and John Smith Stott drowned in the Bolton and Bury Canal through the capsizing of a pleasure boat.

JULY 5 : Mr. J. A. MacKenzie, of Helmsley, Yorkshire, appointed House Surgeon to the Infirmary, in succession to Mr. E. M. Garstang, who had succeeded to the practice of his late father. 5 : John Phethean, a collier, killed by lightning at Little Hulton. 14 : Great Orange demonstration in Bolton. 14 and 15 : Great

floods in Bolton and neighbourhood ; several works and dwellings inundated, a bridge and a man washed away near Longworth Mill. 18 : Memorial stone laid of New Jerusalem Church, Kersley ; accommodation for 790 worshippers, estimated cost £7000. 19 : Charles Wolfenden, Esq., appointed actuary of the Bolton Savings Bank in the room of the late W. Mawdsley, Esq. 24 : Hon. P. T. Barnum, the great showman, lectured in Bolton. 28 : Bolton Improvement Bill read a third time in the House of Lords.

AUGUST.—2 : Bolton Improvement Bill received Royal Assent, and borough boundaries enlarged, the Parliamentary portion of Halliwell being now brought within the Municipal ; no other addition was made to our Corporate limits. Stoppage of Dean Mills, Barrow Bridge, and subsequent depopulation of this once flourishing village. 8 : Mr. Thomas Bennett, Astley Bridge, appointed inspector of weights and measures in succession to Mr. W. P. Lyons, who had resigned after holding the office upwards of 21 years. 9 : Close of the inquest, after four days' sitting, upon the bodies of the ten victims by the Fogg's Colliery explosion on the 7th and 8th February ; verdict, " Suffocation by firing of gas ; but not sufficient evidence to show the cause." 14 : Five quarters mine of the Tonge Colliery discovered to be on fire. 15 : Town Council confirm the appointment of Mr. R. H. Phillips, of London, as superintendent of the fire brigade. 22 : New Primitive Methodist Chapel, Moor Lane, opened ; accommodation for 700 worshippers, cost £3500. 31 : Upwards of 10,000 spinners, minders, and piecers in Bolton came out on strike against a reduction of 5 per cent. ; in only a few mills, employing about 2000 hands, was notice of a reduction not given.

SEPTEMBER.—5 : Meeting in the Town Hall to organise a fund in aid of the famine in India ; £762 promised in the room, subscriptions subsequently reached £3672. 13 : Full-length portrait of the

Rev. J. S. Birley, M.A., painted by Sir Daniel Macnee, president of the Royal Scotch Academy, presented to the county by 320 of Mr. Birley's brother magistrates. 15 : Corner stone of a new Roman Catholic school at Little Hulton laid by Bishop Vaughan ; accommodation for 225 children ; estimated cost between £400 and £500. 17 : Corner stone of St. Bartholomew's Church, Great Lever, laid by the Right Hon. the Earl of Bradford ; designed to seat 834 persons ; estimated cost, £8970. 17 : Rev. W. Elton, M.A., curate of St. Matthew's, Salford, appointed lecturer and curate at the Parish Church in succession to the Rev. J. Stott, preferred to the living of Walmsley ; and the Rev. C. Myers, of Kids Grove, Stafford, appointed curate of the Parish Church, in succession to the Rev. R. K. Judson, M.A., preferred to the living of Bradshaw.

OCTOBER.—1 : Rev. Neville Jones, M.A., Vicar of St. George's, presented with a portrait of himself and a purse of gold by members of his congregation. 3 : Fire at the British Volunteer Inn, Bradshawgate, damage, £700. 3 : Rev. R. K. Judson, M.A., inducted to the incumbency of Bradshaw Parish Church, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. P. A. Galindo, B.A. 4 : James Walsh, master builder, and a boy named Hunt, killed by the fall of a building in course of erection at Astley Bridge. 12 : Portrait of the late Mr. Ald. Heywood, the result of a private subscription, presented to the Corporation. 15 : **Astley Bridge Branch Railway** opened ; cost £60,000. 17 : W. H. Kirkman, of Great Lever, aged 42 years, died whilst in the act of eating a piece of tripe at a shop in Churchgate, Bolton. 20 : Temple Mill, Dawes Street, opened as an opera house. 21 : Rev. Burman Cassin, M.A., preached his farewell sermon at St. Paul's Church, Deansgate, the incumbency of which he had resigned on preferment to the rectory of St. George the Martyr, Southwark. 22 : Presentation of gold chronometer watch to Mr. Cassin and silver card tray to Mrs. Cassin by members of St. Paul's congregation. 24 : The Halliwell

Bar, the Crown Bar, Horwich, Fall Birch Bar, Heaton, Lady Bridge Bar, and Doffcocker Bar sold by public auction, the whole to be removed before midnight on the 31st. 29: Close of the strike in the cotton trade, having lasted two months; loss in wages to the operatives estimated at over £100,000; work was resumed at the reduction proposed by the masters, but with an understanding that the lists of prices, which hitherto had contained many anomalies, should be revised. 31: Bolton and Nightingale Turnpike Trust abolished.

NOVEMBER.—1: Municipal elections passed over without a contest: for the first time in the history of the town a compromise having been agreed to by which the nominees of the two political parties were returned without opposition; by the terms of the compromise eleven Conservatives and nine Liberals were returned; the representation of the recently-added part of Halliwell being divided equally between the two parties. 9: Alderman James Greenhalgh elected Mayor. 10: Presentation to the Rev. Thomas Lowe, B.A., Rector of All Saints' Church, by his congregation, on the occasion of his leaving the parish for Sabden. 19: Bishop of Manchester consecrated an additional piece of land in connection with the Church of England portion of Tonge Cemetery. 21: Fall of the Golden Lion beerhouse, Little Lever; damage, £500. 22: Presentation to the Rev. A. F. S. Studdy, B.A., curate-in-charge at Astley Bridge, on the occasion of his leaving to become Vicar of St. Thomas's, Barrowford. Outbuildings on fire at Crompton Fold, Brightmet; damage, £1000. 23: Foundation stone of new schools in connection with St. John the Baptist Church, Little Hulton, laid by the Bishop of Manchester, accommodation for from 200 to 250 children; cost, £1200. 26: Presentation of silver tea and coffee service and a purse of £400 by the parishioners of Walmsley to their former Vicar, the Rev. R. C. W. Croft, B.A., now Vicar of Blackrod. 26: Opening of "The Barlow Arms" temperance public-house, Higher Bridge Street, by the Mayor

(James Greenhalgh, Esq.) 29 : Destructive fire at the timber yard and works of Messrs. C. Norris and Sons, Bridgeman Street ; damage, £10,000.

DECEMBER.—4 : Robert Scholes, a boy of ten years, residing at Astley Bridge, died from hydrophobia, the result of a bite from a cat. 5 : Fleece Inn, Bradshawgate, sold by auction for £5050, and the Golden Lion, Churchgate, £3500. 6 : John Horrocks, a goods guard on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway, fatally injured at Bullfield siding. 10 : Chimney fell at Messrs. Hasler and Co.'s new printing office, Silverwell Street ; a man and a boy injured ; damage, £1000. 11 : Opening of the enlarged new Parish Schools, Kersley ; cost £1500. 19 : Rev. R. Blincoe, M.A., Rector of Swettenham, Congleton, accepted the Rectory of All Saints', Little Bolton, on the occasion of the Rev. Thomas Lowe removing to the Vicarage of Sabden. 19 : Town Council approved of a draft Provisional Order to be submitted to the Board of Trade, for powers to construct tramways in the borough and suburbs at an estimated cost of £60,750. 22 : Opening of the Moses Gate Market Hall. 25-26-27 : Heaviest snowfall in Bolton for some years. Proposed New Infirmary subscriptions now amount to nearly £32,000.—Trade greatly depressed throughout the year.

Bolton Improvement Act, 1877.—By the Bolton Improvement Act of 1877, which received the Royal Assent on the 2nd August, and on that date became operative in all its provisions, the Municipal boundaries of the borough were for the second time enlarged within the period of its Corporate history. By the Bolton Corporation Act of 1872, that portion of Rumworth called Daubhill was brought within the Municipal limits, though not within the Parliamentary borough ; by the Act of 1877, that portion of Halliwell within the Parliamentary was brought also within the Municipal limits. The Bill as originally presented was of a much more ambitious character. The Extension Scheme affected no less

than nine of the surrounding townships, making a complete circuit of the borough, the extreme points thus covered being from east to west something like four and a half miles, and from north to south nearly five miles. The area of the borough would thus have been enlarged from 2003 to 8021 acres ; the ratable value from £322,000 to £450,000 ; and the population from 94,500 to about 120,000. It was proposed to appropriate the Halliwell and Astley Bridge Local Board districts, the townships of Tonge and Great Lever in their entirety, together with portions of Darcy Lever, Rumworth, Middle Hulton, Over Hulton, and Heaton. Terms were made by the Corporation with all these townships except two ; but from these latter—Astley Bridge and Great Lever—a most vigorous opposition was encountered, the Bill being before the Committee of the House of Commons from the 11th April to the 4th May, its consideration having thus extended over seventeen days. In the end, to the great surprise of all parties, the Parliamentary portion of Halliwell only was included, the Committee refusing to include not only Great Lever and Astley Bridge but also for some unexplained reason even the assenting townships. By the arrangement with the Halliwell Board, the borough rate in that district was to be limited to 1s. in the pound upon buildings and 7½d. upon land for ten years after the passing of the Act. Prior to the extension, the area of the borough was 2003 acres, and its estimated population 94,500. The added area contains 375 acres, and an estimated population of 9570 ; so that the extension as effected by this Act gave the borough a total area of 2378 acres, and an estimated population of 104,070. The borough as extended was divided into nine wards,—Exchange, Bradford, Derby, Church, East, West, North, Rumworth, and Halliwell. The number of Councillors was increased from 42 to 48, six being assigned to Halliwell Ward ; and the number of Aldermen from 14 to 16, two being assigned to Halliwell. The Town Council thus now consists of 64 members. The Municipal and

Parliamentary limits of the borough were not made conterminous ; Astley Bridge being within the Parliamentary but not the Municipal borough ; and Rumworth Ward, on the other hand, being within the Municipal but not the Parliamentary limits. By this new Act the Corporation acquired further borrowing powers to the extent of £301,010, including £50,000 for Sewage purposes ; £85,000 for Waterworks ; £25,000 for Public Abattoirs ; £7000 for Sanitary purposes ; £15,000 for the Park and Burial Board department ; £15,000 for New Streets and Street Improvements, including the formation of a new street at Mere Hill in lieu of the Ginnel ; and £100,000 for Gasworks purposes, the limits of supply being extended. It also contained a very important provision as to the Sinking Fund, materially lessening the sum to be set apart annually for that purpose during the next 20 years.

OBITUARY FOR 1877.

Jan. 18 : At Blackpool, Rev. W. Burns, formerly for 30 years Vicar of Farnworth. 29 : At Southport, Mr. James Aspden, in his 67th year, formerly head of the firm of Messrs. W. Ackroyd and Co., tailors, Town Hall Square. In 1859 he was returned to the Council as the Liberal representative for Exchange Ward.—Feb. 8 : Mr. John Smith, at his residence, Farnworth, in his 66th year. He was secretary and manager of the Farnworth and Kersley Gasworks from their formation in 1854. 14 : Nathaniel Greenhalgh, Esq., at his residence, Thornydlakes, Sharples, aged 61 years, for some years chairman of the Astley Bridge Local Board, and one of the directors of the Bank of Bolton. He was a staunch Conservative, a zealous Churchman, and a warm supporter of educational institutions. He left various sums for religious and charitable purposes, and as it was his intention to have erected two new churches within the borough, his surviving brother, Thomas Greenhalgh, Esq., generously carried out that object. 14 : Quartermaster-sergeant Makinson, 27th L.R.V. 26 : At his residence in Southport, aged

63 years, Mr. John Hiton, for many years connected with the firm of Messrs. Hiton and Brown, ironfounders, Emblem Street. He was for many years a prominent supporter of the temperance movement, and from 1864 to 1867 he represented Derby Ward in the Town Council in the Liberal interest.—March 10: Mr. James Hough, farmer, Broadgate, Rumworth, aged 77 years. He was born in the house in which he died, and never resided in any other. Commencing farming at the age of 17, he had paid his rent in person half-yearly 121 times consecutively, farmed under six stewards of the Blundell and Tempest family on the same farm, had known five generations of the Hulton family, and had seen six Vicars of Deane.—April 2: Mr. Nathaniel Wilson, at his residence, Chorley New Road. He was for 18 years a member of the Bolton Town Council, representing West Ward in the Liberal interest from 1839 to 1848, East Ward from 1849 to 1852, and for the remaining six years was an alderman. 10: Mr. Samuel Tyldesley, for 30 years stationmaster at Farnworth, aged 55 years. 13: Mr. W. Winstanley, the well-known bookseller, of Bradshawgate, aged 63 years. 27: Suddenly, Ald. Jeremiah Marsden, at Westminster Palace Hotel, London, where he was staying with other gentlemen who had gone to the metropolis to give evidence before a committee of the House of Commons in favour of the Bolton Improvement Bill. He was 56 years of age, and entered the Town Council in November, 1857, as a representative of East Ward, which position he held until 1871, when he was made an alderman. In 1873 he was elected Mayor of the borough, and was re-elected in the following year. When the Astley Bridge Local Board was formed in 1864 he was elected a member, and retained his seat upon that authority up to the time of his demise. 29: Mr. Thomas Cooke, spindle and fly maker, at his residence in Kersley, aged 62 years. He was a member of the Kersley Local Board from its formation, and was for many years an overseer of the poor.—May 1: Edward Harcastle, Esq., of Firwood, at his residence,

The Royals, near Nantwich, aged 36 years. 5 : Rev. F. R. Swallow, vicar of Blackrod, in his 47th year.—June 3 : At Barmouth, S. Gee, Esq., J.P., of Kersley, aged 50 years. He was a member of the Kersley Local Board, and served as guardian of the poor for Kersley. 9 : Mr. Frederic Kearsley Hargreaves, at his residence, Vale Bank, Haulgh, aged 29 years. 16 : Mr. John Brown, ironfounder, at his residence in Cannon Street, aged 54 years. 17 : In the 47th year of his age, Mr. Jas. Lowe, grocer and wine and spirit merchant. 20 : Mr. John Aspinall, aged 44 years, superintendent of the fire brigade, with which he had been connected 24 years. 21 : T. B. Garstang, Esq., surgeon, Bark Street, at the age of 60 years. 22 : Mr. John Brierley, at his residence, Manchester Road, aged 70 years. He was a guardian of the poor for Great Bolton, and was formerly in extensive business as a cabinet maker. 28 : Mr. Edward Balshaw, of Heaton, aged 45 years.—July 4 : At Southport, aged 74 years, William Mawdsley, Esq., for 42 years actuary of the Bolton Saving Bank. 8 : John Hawarden, an old Waterloo veteran, aged 79 years. 29 : At Southport, aged 62 years, Mrs. W. F. Hulton, wife of William Ford Hulton, Esq., of Hulton Park ; a lady widely known and highly esteemed in this neighbourhood.—Aug. 25 : Thomas Grimshaw, aged 56 years, well known for his extreme political views as “Radical Grimshaw.” 31 : Mr. James West, watchmaker, at the age of 81 years. He was one of the oldest tradesmen in the town.—Oct. 2 : Charles Heywood, aged 88, of Waterloo Street, a Peninsular veteran, who fought under Wellington in several battles and was wounded at Vittoria. 17 : Mr. Robert Hope, of Bark Street, aged 71 years, a well known and much respected estate agent.—Nov. 6 : At Southport, Mr. Thomas Ormrod, an old Bolton tradesmen, aged 82 years. 14 : The Rev. Lewis Porter, Vicar of Tong-with-Breightmet for nearly 30 years, in his 56th year. 17 : Mr. Robert Booth, manager at Albion Mills, and a well-known member of the Wesleyan body, aged 62 years.—

Dec. 27 : Mrs. Makant, wife of William Makant, Esq., Gilnow Lodge. 29 : William Harper, Esq., bleacher, Astley Bridge, aged 55.

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JANUARY.—3 : Award of premiums for Chadwick Museum, the design of Mr. R. K. Freeman, of Bolton, obtaining the first place. 16 : George Pigott, of Kersley Moor, sentenced to death at Manchester Assizes, for the murder, by shooting, of Florence Galloway, at Lower Broughton, a young woman with whom, though a married man, he had formerly cohabited ; he was executed within Strangeways Gaol on the 4th February. 17 : Introduction of the telephone into Bolton, it being put into operation from the Gas Offices in Hotel Street, to the Gasworks in Gas Street, a distance of 500 yards, Bell's patent being used. 17 : John Hall Greenhalgh, a goods porter on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway, killed by being run over by a train near Burnden Bridge.

FEBRUARY.—1 : Ice accident on Bolton Moor Reservoir, two boys drowned. Bursting of the canal locks at Prestolee, a salt boat being sunk and the captain drowned. 6 : Bolton subscription to the Indian Famine Fund, £3690 11s. 1d. Fire at Rosehill Mill belonging to Messrs. H. Hollins & Co. ; damage, £6000. 10 : Opening of Christ Church, Heaton, a temporary iron structure, near the Lady Bridge Tollbar. 12 : Rev. W. H. Taylor, M.A., Vicar of Farnworth-with-Kersley, appointed by the Hulmeian Trustees to the Rectory of Warmington, Warwickshire. 21 : Fire at a warehouse off Bridge Street, belonging to Councillor Fogg and occupied by himself and by Messrs. Grundy and Ogden, dealers in old machinery ; damage, £2700. 28 : Opening of Kersley branch mineral line in connection with the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway ; cost £100,000.

MARCH.—6: Fire at Mr. William Hilton's Bow Street Mill (formerly Cullen's), damage, £6000. 12: Fearful explosion at Unity Brook Colliery, Kersley, belonging to Messrs. J. E. Stott and Co., 43 lives lost; inquest resulted in a verdict of accidental death, the jury expressing their thorough satisfaction with the management of the pit. 16: Fire at Messrs. Crook Bros.' Mill, Moses Gate; damage, £6000.

APRIL.—3: Wheat Sheaf Inn, Great Moor Street, sold by auction for £8400. 10: Bazaar at Bank Street Schools in aid of the Commission Street Unitarian Chapel; amount realised, £689, being £39 more than the debt. 11: Cutting of first sod of the Heaton Cemetery by Councillor Dobson, Chairman of the Park and Burial Board Committee. 17: United Methodist Free Church Bazaar in Temperance Hall; amount realised, about £520. 18: Eliza Jane Holloway, drawing frame tenter, aged 26, died from hydrophobia, having been bitten by a cat at Park Mill, Bolton, in June of the previous year. 21 (Easter Sunday): Opening of the new Reredos in Parish Church, presented by Mrs. Ormrod; cost £800. 22: New Infirmary Designs exhibited at Town Hall. 24: Rev. John Worthington, M.A., Vicar of Shuckburgh, Daventry, elected by the Hulmeian Trustees to the Vicarage of Farnworth-with-Kersley. Great strike and lock-out in the cotton trade in North and North-East Lancashire; 75,000 hands unemployed; Bolton operatives vote liberal assistance. Strike lasted till the middle of June, when the operatives resumed work at the ten per cent. reduction.

MAY.—1: St. Luke's Festival at Skating Rink, crowning of May Queen; proceeds £200, being more than sufficient to clear off the debt on the church building. 1: Strike of joiners in Bolton against reduction in wages and increase in hours of labour. 10-11-12: Serious riots of unemployed factory operatives at Darwen; several Bolton policemen injured. In the following week

there was dreadful rioting at Blackburn, several mills being wrecked, and Colonel Jackson's house burnt down by the mob; there was rioting also at Accrington, Burnley, Preston, Haslingden, and Oswaldtwistle, the police at the latter place firing upon and injuring several of the rioters. 20: Rev. J. Bardel Adamson, M.A., senior curate of Kingswinford, Staffordshire, appointed Incumbent of St. Thomas's Church, Halliwell. 23: Award of premiums for New Infirmary Designs; 1st, Mr. R. K. Freeman, Bolton; 2nd, Messrs. John Ladds and W. H. Powell, London; 3rd, Mr. J. H. Proctor, Bolton. 23: Award of premiums for Heaton Cemetery Mortuary Chapels; 1st, Mr. R. K. Freeman, Bolton; 2nd, Mr. F. B. Payton, Bradford; 3rd, Mr. Thomas Mackell, Liverpool.

JUNE.—1: Messrs. Harcastle, Cross, and Co.'s banking business, founded in 1817, transferred to the Manchester and Salford Bank. Corner stone of Bradshaw New Schools laid by Mrs. Harcastle, of Bradshaw Hall. 13 to 20: Annual encampment of the 27th L.R.V. at Lytham. 18: Fire at the brush works of Mr. Thomas Cocker, Silverwell Lane; damage, £1000. 26: Representative meeting of Conservative party adopt John Hick, Esq., M.P., and Thomas Lever Rushton, Esq., as candidates for the representation of the borough at the next general election. 27: Laying of corner stone of Chadwick Museum of Natural History in the Public Park by James Greenhalgh, Esq., Mayor. 20: Bazaar at Ainsworth Church Schools.

JULY.—22: First sod for the new water mains to supply Westhoughton with water cut by Mr. Timothy Grisdale, Chairman of the Local Board. 22: Portrait of Samuel Crompton, inventor of the mule, presented to the Corporation by H. Ashworth, Esq.

AUGUST.—3: Foundation stone of Hargreaves' Memorial Schools at Westhoughton laid by W. Hargreaves, Esq., of Moss Bank. 5: James Greenhalgh, Esq. (Mayor), Thomas Lever Rushton, Esq., John Knowles, Esq., and Arthur Lemuel Briggs,

Esq., appointed borough magistrates. 9: Presentation of time-piece to Rev. J. Gregson, M.A., curate of Westhoughton, on leaving for the curacy of Colton, Ulverston. 10: Fire at the mill of Mr. W. Robinson, Albert Road, Farnworth; damage, £3000. 22: Operative joiners, between 500 and 600 of whom left work on May 1, resolved that the strike be closed unconditionally.

SEPTEMBER.—5: Opening of a Reform Club in Bridgeman Street for Bradford Ward. Opening of a new Wesleyan Chapel at Moses Gate; cost £4500. 7: Opening of new schools connected with St. John the Baptist Church, Little Hulton. 11: Bazaar at the Parish Church School, Farnworth, in aid of St. Thomas's Church building fund, Dixon Green; amounted realised £667. 12: Opening of the Little Lever Conservative Club. 16: Fire at Messrs. Barlow and Jones's Albert Mills; damage, several thousand pounds. 23: Fatal accident to a painter in Deane Church by falling from a scaffolding. 25: Mr. A. C. Fraser, of Barrow-in-Furness, appointed manager of the Bolton Gasworks in succession to Mr. Harrison Veevers, resigned. 25: Welcome to the Rev. John Bevan as minister at Commission Street Unitarian Chapel in succession to the Rev. A. Lazenby, resigned. 25: Grand complimentary banquet to Messrs. Hick and Rushton at the Conservative Club. 26: Great Conservative demonstration in the Temperance Hall in support of the candidature of Messrs. Hick and Rushton. Rev. W. Pearson, B.A., Curate of St. George's, presented by members of the congregation and the Sunday schools with a purse containing 100 sovereigns as a mark of esteem. 28: Memorial stone of the Marsh Memorial Church, Daubhill, laid by Ald. Rushton.

OCTOBER.—4: Tea party at Horwich to celebrate the rearing of the Public Hall. 16: Bazaar in the Albert Hall in aid of Marsh Memorial Church; amount realised £552. 16: Board of Guardians, after a lengthened investigation and many uproarious scenes, passed a resolution declaring that nothing had been gained by

inquiry, and expressing confidence in the management of the Workhouse by the Workhouse Committee. 17 : Visit of Japanese Ministers to the works of Messrs. Barlow and Jones, Bolton. 31 : Rejoicings at Deane, being the last day of Deane Church Tollbar, which had existed 78 years.

NOVEMBER.—1 : Municipal elections ; seven Conservatives and nine Liberals retired, and the elections resulted in the return of 12 Conservatives and four Liberals, thus leaving the Council composed of 15 Liberals and 49 Conservatives, the latter party being now in their tenth year of power. 4 : John Clapham, a mechanic, of Turton, aged 33, died from hydrophobia, having been bitten in the neck by a dog three months previously. 9 : Ald. Peter Crook Marsden elected Mayor. 14 : Bursting of the Bolton and Bury Canal at Little Lever ; a woman whose husband was a boatman died next morning, as supposed from fright. 19 : Bolton Corporation water supply to Westhoughton inaugurated, the Rev. Kinton Jacques, M.A., Vicar of Westhoughton and Chairman of the Water Committee, being presented by the Local Board with a splendid silver key on the occasion of turning on the water at Snydall Hall ; the minimum supply to be 50,000 gallons per day, and the price 6d. per thousand. 20 : Bazaar in the Albert Hall, for liquidation of debt on Claremont Baptist Chapel ; amount realised £940, the debt being £1000. 23 : Presentation of splendid service of silver plate and address to the Rev. Arthur Packer, M.A., by his parishioners and the senior classes in the Sunday school, on his resigning the vicarage of St. Paul's, Halliwell, for the valuable living of Hartest-with-Boxted, presented to him by the Crown. Mr. Packer was succeeded in the vicarage of St. Paul's, which he had held for 23 years, by the Rev. D. S. Hodgson, M.A., for 34 years Head Master of the Bolton Grammar School and Chaplain of Smithills.

DECEMBER.—4 : The Corporation and Local Boards of Farnworth and Astley Bridge agree to lease for 21 years to Messrs. E.

Holden & Co. the Tramways about to be formed in Bolton and district. 5 : Messrs. Dobson and Barlow receive from the French Government the Cross of the Legion of Honour in addition to gold medal, for the excellency of their cotton spinning machinery at the Paris Exhibition. 6 : Derby Mill, High Street, belonging to Mr. R. H. Barrett, destroyed by fire ; damage, £28,000. 18 : Bank of Bolton converted into a Limited Liability Company. 21 : W. W. Cannon, junr., Esq., appointed Clerk of the Peace. Opening of a new Church school at Lostock Junction, in connection with Deane Parish. Presentation of tea and coffee service and silver pocket Communion Service to the Rev. D. S. Hodgson, M.A., by the congregation, teachers, and scholars of Smithills Dean, on the occasion of his resigning the Chaplaincy of Smithills, after 18 years' ministration, for the Vicarage of St. Paul's, Halliwell. 22 : Rev. D. S. Hodgson read himself in as Vicar of St. Paul's.—Trade greatly depressed in all branches throughout the year. Threatened reduction of wages in cotton and iron trades. Weather extremely severe during the month of December, frost, snow, and dense fogs ; heavy snowstorms at Christmas ; many people unemployed, and meetings held in Bolton, Farnworth, and Astley Bridge, for the relief of the distressed.

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Jan. 2 : At Southport, in his 64th year, William Henry Wright, Esq., J.P., of the firm of Messrs. Wright Bros. and Co., tea and coffee merchants, Bolton ; as a Churchman and a Conservative he long took an active part in politics ; he was nine years a member of the Town Council ; for many years he was a zealous member of the Masonic body, filling various offices until he was eventually created a Knight Commander of the Order. 15 : Mr. William Hardman, aged 64, spindle and fly maker, Farnworth, one of the oldest Freemasons in that locality. 16 : Mr. Henry Grindrod, aged 55, auctioneer and valuer, Clarence Street. 20 :

Mr. Adam Edge, an old and respected inhabitant of Bolton, who formerly for many years carried on business as a provision dealer in the neighbourhood of Christ Church. Mr. Edge, who died in his 95th year, was a member of the old local Volunteer Corps as early as 1803 or 1804; he was intimately acquainted with Samuel Crompton, the inventor of the mule; and his recollections carried him back to the time when Great and Little Bolton had each only one church, and when the population of the two townships numbered together about 10,000 only; he was himself in early life a muslin weaver, being apprenticed thereto about the time when that occupation was in its meridian, when half-a-guinea could be earned before breakfast, when the trade was that of a gentleman, and the members of the fraternity brought home their work in top boots and ruffled shirts, carried a cane, sometimes took a coach, would smoke none but long "churchwarden" pipes, resented the intrusion of any other handicraftsmen in the rooms of the public-houses they frequented, and used to walk about the streets with a £5 note spread out under their hatbands. 21: Mr. Levi Wrigley, M.A., aged 53, late master of the Bridge Street Academy, and for over 30 years a successful teacher in Bolton. 25: At Kenyon, aged 65, Richard Stuart Norris, Esq., C.E., formerly of Bolton. 30: In the 86th year of his age, Mr. John Brown, of St. George's Road, a highly-respected townsman, who had for many years of his life been identified with most of our local institutions. As an active promoter of the Charter of Incorporation, he became a member of the first Town Council, and was the last survivor but one of that body. His connection with the Corporation extended over 20 years, including two years as councillor and 18 years as alderman. He was one of the first promoters and at the time of his death a vice-president of the Poor Protection Society, and at various times of local distress—notably in 1837-8, 1841, in 1885 during the Crimean War, and again on the occasion of the Cotton Famine in 1862-3—

he was one of the most active in the distribution of relief to the

poor and the superintendence of works devised for the unemployed. For 45 years he was a member of the Infirmary Committee, and for many years was Treasurer of the Exchange News Room and an active member of the Baths Committee. In earlier life he carried on business for many years as a shoemaker in Churchgate.

30 : Robert Kay, Esq., Turton Tower, aged 75.—Feb. 1 : Mr. George Betsworth, paper merchant, Derby Street, formerly for 13 years master of Emmanuel Church Schools. 13 : Mr. John Brandwood, of the Commercial Hotel, in his 66th year, for many years president of the Bolton Licensed Victuallers' Association, for nine years a member of the Town Council, and an ardent florist. 20 : Mr. George Nelson, in his 58th year, paper merchant, formerly for four years a member of the Town Council, an ardent Reformer, and a prominent member of the Wesleyan body. 27 : Mrs. Jones, wife of the Rev. N. Jones, M.A., Vicar of St. George's.—March 16 : Miss Hampson, of Brightmet Hall, a lady greatly respected for her charities and for her uniform interest in Church matters. 24 : At Harwood, aged 64, Edward Ward, well known in Bolton for his remarkably diminutive stature and his eccentricities of manner.—April 1 : Mr. Hugh Whittle Hopwood, aged 46, farmer and stone merchant, Harwood, and Poor Law Guardian for that township. 6 : At Ardsley, near Barnsley, aged 48, Mr. Henry Mason Richardson, formerly a cotton spinner in Bolton. 8 : At Southport, aged 85, Mrs. Slade, widow of the late Canon Slade ; during her husband's prolonged ministry in Bolton she greatly assisted him in his parochial labours, was ever generous to the poor, and was generally beloved. 9 : In his 65th year, Mr. Thomas Chambers, one of the oldest surgeon-dentists in Bolton and an active member of the Masonic body. 26 : Mr. Robert Whewell, of the Park, Sharples, aged 69, the oldest printer and stationer in Bolton, having been in premises in Folds Road for upwards of 40 years.—May 1 : Rev. James Jackson, of Sandwith, near Whitehaven, aged 82, formerly Incumbent of Rivington, killed while

attempting, according to his annual custom, to climb the Pillar Rock in the Cumberland mountains. 9 : At Southport, aged 72, Mr. Richard Mangnall, formerly for many years sexton at the Bolton Parish Church and at one time a member of the Town Council. 14 : Mr. John Booth, aged 47, for many years carrying on business as a printer and bookbinder at the old post-office in Bradshawgate. 17 : Mr. Ellis Greenhalgh, aged 51, for many years cashier at Messrs. Hardcastle, Cross, and Co.'s Bank. 28 : At Great Lever, aged 70, Mr. Joseph Reynolds Wood, an old Bolton tradesman, whose eccentricities in later life had acquired for him the appellation of the "Old Hermit."—June 17 : Mr. W. C. Williamson, ex-Borough Treasurer, aged 42. 19 : Mr. Thomas Walley, a well-known local artist, aged 61.—July 4 : Jonathan Spencer, aged 83, the last of the Bolton Waterloo veterans.—August 2 : At Lytham, aged 43, Mr. Sydney Kay, of Horwich, a respected tradesman and a well-known Lancashire courser. 5 : At Cheltenham, aged 48, Mr. James L. Barrett, of Pendleton Old Hall, a director of the Bank of Bolton and an active member of the Conservative party.—Sept. 5 : At Warrington, in his 70th year, the Rev. John Leach, formerly Incumbent of All Saints', Bolton. 14 : Mr. John Winder, aged 45, landlord of the Three Crowns Inn, Deansgate, from the effects of being thrown from his trap. 25 : Mr. Thomas Dawson, of West Bank, aged 66, rate collector and assistant overseer for Little Bolton and other townships for 38 years, being the oldest officer in the Bolton Union ; also clerk to the Halliwell, Astley Bridge, and Turton Local Boards from the time of their formation, and Registrar for Little Bolton.—Nov. 2 : Rev. John Burrows, M.A., aged 46, Vicar of St. Mark's, Dunham Massey, and formerly Vicar of Harwood. 8 : Mr. William Thistlethwaite, Poor Law Guardian for the township of Turton, and proprietor of the Sportsman Inn, aged 49. 21 : At Lever Hall, aged 61, John Hesketh, Esq., proprietor of the Great Lever Bleach-works. 27 : In his 72nd year, at his residence, Chorley New Road,

John Gordon, Esq., for 39 years Clerk of the Peace for the Borough of Bolton; he was President of the Incorporated Law Society of Bolton, took an active part in the formation of the Public Library, was for a considerable period Hon. Sec. to the Subscription Library, and for several years was President of the Mechanics' Institution.—Dec. 3: Mr. Joseph Grimshaw, of The Mount, Kersley, an active member of the Kersley Local Board ever since its formation, and Chairman of the Farnworth and Kersley Gas Co. 8: The Rev. William Taylor, aged 61, of St. Marie's, Palace Street, the senior Roman Catholic priest in Bolton. 11: Mrs. Doman, wife of the Rev. J. G. Doman, M.A., Vicar of St. Mark's, a lady who was much respected for her labours in all that concerned the welfare of the parish. 19: Mr. John Waterhouse, bleacher, aged 64, an influential member of the Roman Catholic body, and formerly a Poor Law Guardian.

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JANUARY.—Bank of Bolton reconstructed and converted into a Limited Liability Company. 15: Two men seriously injured at Heaton Cemetery by the breaking of a crane, one of them dying three days afterwards. 23: Presentation of gold watch to the Rev. L. R. Hearn, M.A., on resigning the curacy of St. Paul's, Halliwell, to become curate-in-charge of Astley Bridge. 29: Lark Hill Photographic Studio, belonging to Mrs. E. Kay, destroyed by fire; damage, £1000.

FEBRUARY.—1: Ainsworth Mill, belonging to Mr. John Horrocks, destroyed by fire; damage, £15,000. 8: Fire at the warehouse of Mr. Thomas Pinder, bobbin manufacturer, Slater Field; damage, £700. 12: Resolution of Town Council that the Town Clerk in future devote the whole of his time to the duties of his office, and take general supervision of Corporate servants; salary to be £1000 a year for first two years, £1100 for the year 1881, and £1200 per annum afterwards, with an additional

allowance of £300 a year for clerks. 15: Reduction of wages in building trades. 22: Fire at Town Hall; damage only slight. 28: Farnworth District Relief Committee closed its operations; the Farnworth Township Relief Committee also closing its operations in the following week.

MARCH.—4: Cotton operatives agree to accept reduction of 10 per cent. 6: Appointment of Mr. Alfred Golland as house surgeon at the Infirmary, in place of Mr. J. A. Mackenzie, resigned. 9: Fire at the Bolton Corn Mill (formerly Messrs. Jonathan Edge and Sons), Great Lever; damage, £7000. 15: Laying of corner stone of the Episcopal Chapel in Heaton Cemetery by Councillor Dobson, Chairman of the Park and Burial Board Committee; and opening of the lattice girder bridge known as Dobson Bridge, which connects the Public Park with the Recreation Ground near Messrs. Bridson's Bleachworks, and thence with the Deansgate end of Spa Road. 17: Shocking murder of a woman named Ellen Mather, opposite Trinity Street Station, by William Cooper, a foreman brass moulder, who cut her throat as she was on her way to a ball at the Baths. 19: Opening of a public lamp and drinking fountain at Horwich, presented by Mr. Andrew Peak, at a cost of £150. 27: Presentation of white gloves to the Borough Bench on the occasion of a maiden court.

APRIL.—2: Opening of the Public Hall at Horwich,—a handsome building erected at the cost of Peter Martin, Esq., J.P. 5: Poll of the ratepayers of Great Lever on the subject of the formation of a Local Board for that township; 293 in favour, 146 against; the Board to be composed of nine members. The resolution, however, was not confirmed by the Local Government Board, the Rural Sanitary Authority being opposed to it. 10: The distress in the borough having greatly abated, it was resolved to close the Special Relief Fund; during the sixteen weeks of the Committee's operations, 14,384 grants were made to

poor persons. 13 : Inauguration of three memorial windows in St. Mark's Church,—one to the memory of the late Mrs. Doman, wife of the Vicar, given by members of the congregation and Sunday School : another in memory of Mr. Richard Morris, the first superintendent of the Sunday School ; and the third in memory of Mr. James Ramwell and Mrs. Robert Ramwell. 14 : Consecration of **St. Thomas's Church, Dixon Green** ; accommodation for 630 persons, cost £8000. 14 : Election of Guardians excited unusual interest on account of Workhouse management, and resulted in the whole of the eight seats in Great Bolton being carried, for the first time since the formation of the Union, by the Conservative party ; in Little Bolton four Conservatives and two Liberals being returned. 16 : Town Council decide to adopt Gowan's system for tramways.

MAY.—1 : Rev. W. Ritson, B.A., of Preston, Assistant Inspector of Schools under the Diocesan Board of Education, elected to the perpetual curacy of Rivington. 10 : Presentation of an elegant brass reading stand to the Rev. J. G. Doman, M.A., Vicar of St. Mark's, by the members of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, Bolton Branch, "for his kindness towards them." 19 : Laying of foundation stone of St. James's Church, Westhoughton, by Mrs. Makant, of Daisy Hill, who with her sister defrayed the cost of the new edifice. 20 : Execution of William Cooper within Strangeways Prison, for the murder of Ellen Mather in Bolton. 26 : Messrs. Marsden's tender for the erection of the New Infirmary for the sum of £19,250, accepted. 27 : Sudden death of a Westhoughton schoolmaster, Mr. James Davidson, at Rivington, whither in company with other teachers he had gone to spend the afternoon. 27 : Formation of a Conservative Club at Westhoughton.

JUNE.—5 : Fire at the wine and spirit stores of Messrs. George Munro & Co., Deansgate ; damage, several hundred pounds. 15 :

Sudden death of a member of the congregation in St. George's Road Congregational Church,—Mr. Henry Knight Webster, manager at the Wharf Foundry. 16: Boiler explosion at the paper mills of Messrs. Robert Fletcher and Sons, Kersley, one man killed and five injured. 22: Destruction by fire of No. 1 Mill of Messrs. Joshua Crook and Sons, cotton spinners, Blackburn Street; damage, £22,000. 28: Consecration of the Ormrod Memorial Church at Scorton, erected by James Ormrod, Esq., in memory of his brother, the late Peter Ormrod, Esq.

JULY.—1: Fall of a chimney in Back Hadwin Street, several persons injured. 18: Rev. J. W. Spencer, M.A., late Vicar of Great Sankey, Warrington, inducted to the Vicarage of St. Ann's, Turton, in succession to his late brother. 30: Opening of the Little Bolton Branch of the Bolton Free Public Library.

AUGUST.—2: Fatal accident to Mr. James Wardle, aged 57, gold thread manufacturer, Bark Street, by the fall of a boiler at his works. 13: The Town Council, by 31 votes against eight, reject Councillor Bromley's motion in favour of opening the Public Library and Reading Rooms on Sundays. 14: Local Government Board inquiry at Great Lever by Arnold Taylor, Esq., as to the application of the ratepayers for the formation of a Local Board. 23: Consecration of **St. Bartholomew's Church**, Nelson Street; cost £9000, accommodation for 844 persons. 29: Fatal hoist accident in a Manchester warehouse to Mr. Thomas Holme, manager of the Lever Bank Bleachworks. 30: Corner stone of the Chadwick Children's Ward of the New Infirmary laid by F. Ferguson, Esq., J.P.

SEPTEMBER.—8: Presentation of silver plate to Councillor Fogg by a number of gentlemen in recognition of his services to the Bolton Union in the capacity of Chairman of the Rural Sanitary Authority. 15: Induction of the Rev. A. T. Mitton, M.A., formerly of St. Matthew's, Edgely, near Stockport,

to the Incumbency of St. Thomas's, Halliwell. 18 : Flight of the Clerk of the Astley Bridge Local Board ; considerable defalcations.

OCTOBER.—1 : Opening of school cottages at the Workhouse ; estimated cost £10,000. 8 : Distribution of prizes in the Albert Hall to the students of the Church Institute by the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Vice-President of the Committee of Council on Education, who during his stay visited some of the principal places of interest in the town, including the Chadwick Museum. 13 : Visit of the Right Hon. R. A. Cross, M.P., Home Secretary, to Bolton, whilst guest of W. W. B. Hulton, Esq., J.P., of Hulton Park. 13 : Consecration of the Church portion of the Heaton Cemetery by the Bishop of Manchester. 16 : Appointment of Mr. W. Longworth as Registrar of Heaton Cemetery. 23 : First rail for the tramways laid in Marsden Road. Completion of the **Chadwick Museum** and transfer from the Special Sub-committee to the Library and Museum Committee. 28 : Adoption of Mr. J. P. Thomasson, as the second Liberal candidate for Bolton ; Mr. Thomas Barnes, a former representative, declining to stand. 31 : Transfer of office of Stamp Distributor to the Collector of Inland Revenue on the resignation of Mr. George Dutton, who had held the office for 25 years.

NOVEMBER.—1 : Abolition of the Daubhill Tollbar, the last of the turnpike roads leading into and out of Bolton thus becoming free henceforward and for ever. 1 : Municipal elections leave the political constitution of the Town Council still as before,—49 Conservatives and 15 Liberals. 9 : Inauguration of beautiful stained glass window in St. Matthew's Church erected by the congregation and friends in memory of the late Ald. John Green, J.P. ; sermon by the Bishop of Manchester, who mentioned that of the £13,000 or £14,000 which that church and endowment had cost, nearly one-half came from the pocket of Mr. Green. 10 : Ald. H. M. Richardson elected Mayor. 15 : Ceremony of "blessing" the

burial ground allotted to the Roman Catholics in the Heaton Cemetery. 18 : Presentation of handsome timepiece to the Rev. J. W. Cundey, M.A., and Mrs. Cundey by the congregation and Sunday scholars of Tonge Moor on the resignation of the rev. gentleman as curate-in-charge of that district. 22 : Triennial **Election of School Board** resulted as follows :—1 Mr. J. T. Fielding (Working Men's candidate), 15,339 ; 2 Rev. T. T. Berger (Churchman), 11,071 ; 3 Mr. J. R. Barlow (Wesleyan), 9593 ; 4 Rev. E. Crook (Roman Catholic), 9455 ; 5 Rev. S. Prenter (Unsectarian), 8883 ; 6 Mr. G. J. Healy (Roman Catholic), 8520 ; 7 Rev. Canon Powell (Churchman), 8242 ; 8 Mr. William Abbott (Unsectarian), 8190 ; 9 Mr. W. Haslam (Unsectarian), 7610 ; 10 Mr. J. R. Wood (Wesleyan), 7376 ; 11 Mr. Herbert Cross (Churchman), 7315 ; 12 Mr. Joe Cooper (Unsectarian), 7267 ; 13 Mr. R. N. Cottrill (Churchman), 7097 ; (the above elected) ; 14 Mr. John Morris (Churchman), 6620 ; 15 Mr. T. W. Heelis (Churchman), 5715 ; 16 Mr. R. Beckett (Friendly Society candidate), 5229 ; 17 Mr. Peter Lyne (Friendly Society candidate), 3995. The new Board thus consisted of four Churchmen in place of six hitherto, four Unsectarians in place of three, two Wesleyans, and two Roman Catholics, each as before, and a working class representative in the person of one of their own order. Mr. J. R. Barlow, B.A., was elected Chairman of the new Board, and Mr. R. N. Cottrill Vice-Chairman. 25 : Presentation to Captain George Hesketh by the North Ward Conservative Association for his services as hon. sec. since the formation of the ward in 1873. 27 : Meeting of Wesleyans, Bolton District, realised £10,811 in aid of the Thanksgiving Fund. 29 : Presentation of a beautiful walnut autograph cabinet to James Finney, Esq., solicitor, by the young men of his monitors' class at St. Mark's Schools.

DECEMBER.—3 : Completion of the paving of Marsden Road, and the laying of the trams along this the first section in the borough. 3 : United religious service of Nonconformists at

Heaton Cemetery. 10: Local Government Board inquiry in Bolton as to the disagreement between the Town Council and the Rural Sanitary Authority respecting the Halliwell mortgage debt. 13 and 15: Presentations to the Rev. W. Pearson, B.A., curate of St. George's, by the members of his class, also the Young Men's Society, the Young Women's Bible Class, and others, on his leaving for the Vicarage of Darnall, near Sheffield. 22: First interment in Heaton Cemetery. 24: Colliery explosion at Messrs. S. Scowcroft and Sons, Kersley, seven deaths.—A year of great commercial depression, unsettled weather, and deficient harvest, but trade reviving towards the close.

OBITUARY FOR 1879.

Jan. 7. At his residence, West Bank, aged 55 years, Mr. Philip Hawsworth, spindle and fly maker. 11: Mr. David Lowe, aged 58, author of several publications relating to the cotton trade. 14: At his residence, Sharples, aged 37, Councillor Alfred Challinor, veterinary surgeon, a representative of East Ward since 1873.—Feb. 22: Rev. James Ogden King Spencer, aged 50, Vicar of St. Ann's, Turton, in succession to his father, since 1859. 26: Mr. Robert Coop, aged 37, manager of the Atherton Branch of the Bank of Bolton for the past eight years and for over 20 years connected with the Bolton Bank.—March 4: At his residence, Mayfield, Great Lever, aged 63, Alderman John Green, J.P., for more than 12 years a most useful member of the Town Council; he was Vice-chairman of the Waterworks Committee, and devoted his time largely to the personal superintendence of the department; he was associated with St. George's Church and Schools from his earliest years, for the long period of 52 years was never absent from St. George's on an Easter Sunday; at the time of his death he was the senior warden and was a most liberal supporter of all movements connected with the Church; he was a member of the first School Board; his funeral at St. Michael's

Church, Great Lever, was attended by the Mayor and many members of the Town Council and by deputations from nearly all the public bodies with which the deceased had been associated. 22 : The Rev. Thomas Sutcliffe, aged 56 years, the genial and respected Incumbent of Rivington, to which living he had been elected in 1856 by the "dwellers and remainers" in that ancient chapelry. 23 : Mr. Ralph Booth, aged 44, for many years the successful teacher of the Duke Street Academy.—April 17 : At his residence, Rose Hill, Turton, in his 84th year, Mr. John Ashworth, a highly-respected member of the Society of Friends. 27 : Mr. John Tunnah, in his 72nd year, for many years Secretary of the Bolton Permanent Building Society and for 25 years Provincial Grand Secretary to the Freemasons.—May 6 : At Blackpool, Councillor Charles Taylor, J.P., aged 41, one of the representatives of Halliwell Ward since incorporation of that township with the borough. 11 : Mr. Richard Ainsworth, grocer, Town Hall Square, aged 57, one of the oldest tradesmen in the town. 18 : At Southport, aged 67, William Ford Hulton, Esq., J.P., D.L., of Hulton Park, the oldest magistrate in this division of the county and the senior magistrate also of the Bolton Borough Bench. Throughout life he evinced an active interest in the affairs of this locality, and was respected alike by rich and poor ; his remains were interred in the family vault at Deane on the 23rd, in the presence of a large number of sympathising spectators.—July 5 : At Southport, in his 65th year, Mr. Robert Patrick, late of Bolton, the oldest and one of the most skilled surgeon-dentists in this part of the country. 12 : Peter Martin, Esq., J.P., The Street, Rivington, aged 77, for a lengthy period prominently connected with the cotton manufacturing industry of Bolton and taking an active part in our local affairs.—Aug. 8 : Mr. James Vickers, pawnbroker, Folds Road, in his 58th year, for many years an active member of the Liberal party.—Sept. 3 : At Lever Grange, aged 73, William Haslam, Esq., of the Burnden chemical works, formerly for six

years a member of the Town Council. 20: Mr. Henry Nield, of Worsley, aged 70, widely known among the farming community for his practical views on agriculture.—Oct. 31: Thomas Cross, Esq., J.P., of Ruddington Hall, near Nottingham, in the 76th year of his age, an old Bolton worthy and one of the oldest bleachers in Lancashire. Mr. Cross was a staunch Conservative and formerly took a very prominent part in town's affairs, representing Church Ward for six years from the year 1845. 31: Thomas C. Jackson, Esq., aged 70, of Eastfield, Haulgh, and The Cedars, Park Crescent, Southport, formerly senior partner in the well-known firm of Messrs. Jackson Bros., Wharf Foundry, Bolton.—Nov. 7: Mr. R. A. Bowes, aged 42, a respected member of the local press and for ten years Editor of the *Bolton Guardian*. 8: Mr. Isaac Wright, Chorley New Road, aged 65, one of the oldest tradesmen in Bolton, and a leading member of the Society of Friends. 13: Mr. David Skinner, aged 73, one of the oldest cotton spinners in the borough and formerly for over ten years a member of the Town Council in the Liberal interest. 19: Rev. Robert Blincoe, M.A., Vernon House, aged 54, Rector of All Saints'.—Dec. 16: Mr. William Bridge, aged 75, the oldest amateur musician in Bolton and connected with the Philharmonic and other musical societies in the town for between 50 and 60 years. 22: Mr. Charles Skelton, Manchester Road, in his 75th year, formerly for 12 years a member of the Town Council,—6 years as Councillor and six as Alderman. 25: At Harwood, aged 82, Mr. John Bolton, a much-respected tradesman and the senior corn dealer in Bolton. 25: At Forton, near Garstang, aged 68, Mr. John Nicholson, the oldest tea merchant in Bolton, an active local Conservative politician, and at one time a member of the Town Council. 30: Alderman William Hesketh, J.P., aged 36, Linwood, Sharples, for many years hon. secretary to the Bolton Conservative Registration Association.

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JANUARY.—8 : Destructive fire at Barton's Farm, Lostock. 9 : Memorial tablets placed in St. George's Church and Schools to the memory of the late Alderman John Green, J.P., subscribed for by the congregation, teachers, and scholars. 23 : Daring burglary at the shop of Mr. James Markland, pawnbroker, Blackburn Street, and clever capture by the police. 31 : Opening of New Mission Church and School at Morris Green in connection with Deane Parish Church.

FEBRUARY.—4 : Sudden death of Mr. Ralph Greenhalgh, manager of the Bolton Coffee Taverns. 4 : Opening of new organ at Independent Methodist Chapel, Folds Road. 6 : Memorial window placed in St. James's Church, Brightmet, in memory of the late Miss Mary and Miss Margaret Hampson, of Brightmet Hall, who had long taken a deep interest in the schools and in all the affairs of the parish. 14 : Formation of a Church of England Sunday School Union for the Rural Deanery of Bolton, Rev. Canon Powell, President. 16 : Telephonic communication established between Bolton and Manchester. 16 : Fall of a mill wall upon weaving shed of Messrs. Joshua Crook and Sons, Blackburn Street, two females injured. 23 : Accident at the Theatre Royal, Churchgate, four of the performers injured. 28 : Draft scheme published for the Bolton New Free Grammar School.

MARCH.—5 : Serious fire at Stonehouse Farm, Lostock Lane. 6 : Consecration of **St. George the Martyr Church, Daubhill**, by the Bishop of Manchester; accommodation for 1020 persons, cost £4500, in addition to site given by James Ormrod, Esq., valued at £900. 9 : Amalgamation of the Hand Mule Spinners and Self-Acter Minders' Societies. 10 : William Bowden, apparitor, aged 44, died suddenly in St. Matthew's Church vestry. 15 : Fire at Darcy Lever Coal Company's Croftside Pit, damage £2000; two ponies suffocated, and two others afterwards

found alive, after being shut up in the pit 15 days, one of them without food or water the whole time. 27: Presentation to Councillor Miles, by the late choir of Deane Church, for his services as organist and choirmaster. 28: Fire at the Globe Ironworks, damage £1000. 29: Refusal of Local Government Board to grant a Local Board for Great Lever. 31:

Fifteenth Parliamentary Election.

John Kynaston Cross (L)	6965
John Pennington Thomasson (L)	6673
Cross and Thomasson returned.	
Thomas Lever Rushton (C)	6539
Col. the Hon. F. C. Bridgeman (C)	6415
13,955 electors ; 13,380 polled.	

Mr. Hick, the late Conservative member, had declined to stand again on account of his health.

APRIL.—4: Sad death of a Bolton young gentleman—Mr. John Westall—through inhaling chloroform to alleviate pain. 6: Rev. W. Chaytor, B.A., late curate of Padiham, instituted to the Rectory of All Saints'. 7: Close of local subscription to Irish Relief Fund; amount realised, over £1000. 7: Election for South-East Lancashire: R. Leake (L) 11,313, W. Agnew (L) 11,291, Hon. A. F. Egerton (C) 10,569, E. Hardcastle (C) 10,419,—the two former returned. 23: Messrs. T. Glaister, John Leigh Taylor, T. H. Rushton, B. A. Dobson, and Wm. Nicholson appointed Borough Magistrates.

MAY.—1: **Corner Stone** of the **New Infirmary** laid by Alderman Joseph Musgrave, J.P.; grand procession. 15: Tenth Encampment of the 27th L.R.V. at Lytham.

JUNE.—14: School Board resolved, by seven to three, to accept Mr. J. P. Thomasson's offer of £6000 for the erection of a Board School in the Haulgh. 19: Sixth encampment of the 3rd

(late 18th) L.A.V. at Southport. 26 : Sunday School Centenary ; great procession of Wesleyans and Nonconformists. 26 : Fire at Messrs. Williams and Sons' paint works, Bradshawgate ; damage, about £2000. 28 : Resignation of Rev. Canon Powell as a member of the School Board, the Rev. J. G. Doman, M.A., Vicar of St. Mark's, being elected unopposed as his successor.

JULY.—3 : Sunday School Centenary ; grand procession of Church schools. 12 : Fire at Rant's Farm, Heaton ; two men injured. 17 : Presentation to Rev. Canon Girdlestone at Deane on revisiting his old parish. 31 : Corner stone of new school and mission room in Devon Street, Farnworth, in connection with the Farnworth Parish Church, laid by the Hon. Mrs. Egerton, wife of the Hon. A. F. Egerton.

AUGUST.—28 : Conservative demonstration at Worsley. 28 : William Horrocks, spindle and fly maker, Firwood, killed during a quarrel in a shop on Folds Road. 30 : Presentation of silver trowel to Ald. E. G. Harwood, chairman of the Scavenging Committee, on the occasion of his laying the corner stone of new scavenging works at Wellington Yard ; estimated cost of new works, £16,000.

SEPTEMBER.—1 : **Opening of the Tramways** to Astley Bridge, Dunscair, Halliwell, Great Lever, and Moses Gate.

OCTOBER.—8 : Stained glass windows erected in Emmanuel Church to the memory of the late Mr. John Nicholson, for many years warden of the church and superintendent of the Sunday schools. 8 and 9 : The Mayoress's concerts in the Albert Hall for the benefit of the New Infirmary ; net proceeds, £262 10s. 20 : Sale by auction of the famed hostelry the Swan Hotel. 21 : Appointment of Messrs. Thomas Wilkinson, J. C. Haslam, John Harwood, J. R. Barlow, and Jas. Dorrian as Borough Magistrates. 27 : Railway collision near Moses Gate, several persons injured. 28 : Presentation to Mr. F. Atkin, for many years secretary to the British Temperance League.

NOVEMBER.—1 : Municipal elections ; no contests ; ten Conservatives and six Liberals retired ; eight Conservatives and eight Liberals elected by compromise, leaving the composition of the new Council 47 Conservatives and 17 Liberals. 3 : Fire at Bow Street mill ; damage, £3000. 4 : Opening of the Chorley New Road tramways. 4 : Opening meeting of the Bolton Parliamentary Debating Society ; tempestuous proceedings. 6 : Phaeton accident at Eagley, two persons seriously injured. 9 : Ald. Joseph Musgrave elected Mayor. 10 : United Methodist Free Church, Bowker's Row, sold by auction. 20 : Poll of the inhabitants decided by 9283 votes to 5388 against the Corporation Improvement Bill for the erection of New Gasworks at Burnden and other purposes ; Bill consequently postponed. 29 : Corner stone of Bolton New Grammar School, to be erected on the site of the old school, laid by Rev. Canon Powell.

DECEMBER.—14 : Great Conservative meeting in the Temple Opera House, six thousand persons present ; address by Mr. E. Ashmead-Bartlett, M.P., on "Six Months of Liberal Misgovernment." 15 : Town Council resolve to borrow £300,000 to cover past and prospective street improvements. 15 : Opening of the tramways to Daubhill. 20 : Presentations at Mytton Hall by the Anglers of Bolton and neighbourhood to John Hick, Esq., J.P., D.L., formerly senior member for Bolton, and R. J. Aspinall, Esq., High Sheriff of the county, for their services in preventing the pollution of the River Ribble and its tributaries. 23 : Heavy floods after snowstorm ; damage £2000 at Messrs. J. Smith, jun., and Co.'s works, Great Lever.—Another year of commercial depression and stagnation in business, though again some signs of improvement towards its close.

OBITUARY FOR 1880.

Jan. 5 : Mr. James Walker, East Bank, Haulgh, tanner, aged 43, an active member of the Wesleyan body.—Feb. 6 : Mr. Hugh

Gallaugher, aged 50, for several years an active worker in connection with All Saints' Church and Sunday Schools, and formerly of Horwich. 6 : Mr. Edward Foster, cotton spinner, aged 50, for over 20 years conductor of the choir at Fletcher Street Wesleyan Chapel, and at one time an overseer of the poor for Great Bolton. 9 : Mr. Baxter Scowcroft, Ainsworth Lodge, aged 30, colliery proprietor. 24 : Mr. Joseph Almond, cotton spinner, Farnworth, aged 47, for some years a member of the Local Board, and an overseer of the poor for the township.—March 4 : Mr. James Hall, auctioneer, in his 24th year. 14 : At his residence, Lytham, in his 80th year, Mr. William Walker, founder of the firm of Messrs. William Walker and Sons, tanners, an active supporter of the Wesleyan body, and a Conservative alderman of the borough from 1844 to 1854. 17 : Mr. Jethro Scowcroft, Moorfield House, Tonge, colliery proprietor, aged 50, a staunch Churchman and Conservative.—April 21 : William Makant, Esq., J.P., bleacher, Gilnow Lodge, in his 74th year, Mayor of the borough for two years, from 1857 to 1859, for many years a member of the Town Council, and highly respected by all parties. 29 : In the 78th year of his age, Mr. Hugh Gillibrand, for many years an innkeeper and a much-respected inhabitant of Bolton.—May 6 : Mr. William Kay, of Horwich, aged 78, formerly for many years manager at the extensive bleachworks of Messrs. Ridgway & Co., Wallsuches, and subsequently a member of the Local Board. 17 : At Florence, in his 86th year, Henry Ashworth, Esq., J.P., of The Oaks, a widely-respected member of the Society of Friends, the first Quaker magistrate in England, for nearly half a century one of the foremost advocates of political, social, and economic reforms. 20 : Rev. Thomas Billington, in his 54th year, senior priest of SS. Peter and Paul's Roman Catholic Chapel, Pilkington Street 21 : Mrs. Pigot, wife of the Rev. H. S. Pigot, M.A., Vicar of Horwich, a lady universally respected by the parishioners and throughout the surrounding district for her zealous labours in all good works.—

July 11 : Miss Mary Howard, of Newport Place, for many years treasurer to the Bolton Branch of the Bible Society, and an active member of the Wesleyan body. 17 : Mr. John Roston, the well-known caterer, in his 40th year. 30 : Mrs. Barnes, wife of Thomas Barnes, Esq., formerly M.P. for Bolton.—August 6 : At Bednall Vicarage, the Rev. James Richard Alsop, B.A., 13 years Vicar of Acton Trussell and Bednall, and formerly for 26 years Incumbent of Westhoughton. 21 : Rev. P. A. Galindo, B.A., in his 76th year, 33 years Incumbent of Bradshaw, from 1844 to 1877. 25 : Mr. Robert Ramwell, of the German Mill, aged 37, an active worker on behalf of the Conservative party.—Sept. 10 : At Spring Bank, Astley Bridge, Dr. Redmayne, aged 34. 14 : Mr. Thomas Kay, aged 59, member of the Town Council for Bradford Ward, and long an active worker on the Liberal side.—Oct. 5 : At Maidenhead, in his 82nd year, Mr. William Lassell, a native of Bolton, who had greatly distinguished himself as an astronomer. 13 : George Knowles, Esq., Tudor House, Heaton, cotton spinner, in his 67th year, a much-respected and active member of the Wesleyan body.—Nov. 16 : In his 61st year, Mr. James Fogg, of Nightingales, Great Lever, a highly-respected townsman, an active Conservative, for several years a member of the Town Council, three years chairman of the Board of Guardians, and seven years chairman of the Rural Sanitary Authority. 23 : Mr. George Dutton, chemist, in his 72nd year, for 25 years stamp distributor, and at one time a member of the Town Council in the Liberal interest.—Dec. 20 : Mr. Thomas Warriner Redhead, in his 75th year, a well-known innkeeper and for 18 years a member of the Town Council. 20 : Mr. Thomas Beswick, in his 72nd year, a staunch Conservative, and formerly for nearly 30 years clerk of St. George's Church. 29 : At Madeira, aged 55, Harry Bridson, Esq., of the Borough Bleachworks, Bolton, and one of the most noted yachtsmen in the kingdom.

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JANUARY.—5: Great strike of miners in reference to Employers' Liability Acts, and subsequently of wages. 10: Two men killed and six injured by a crane accident at the Soho Ironworks. 13: Great snowstorm, serious blocks on the railway. 17: Disturbances among the miners on strike in the Bolton district. 25: Desperate encounter of miners with the police at Little Hulton, one man killed and several injured.

FEBRUARY.—7: Mr. John Williamson Whittaker, architect, of Bromley Cross, aged 35 years, killed by a railway train at Hindley. 12: Mr. Ethelbert Entwistle, aged 29 years, a young gentleman widely known and respected, drowned while skating at Great Lever. 15: Messrs. Charles Taylor Bros.' No. 1 Mill, Brownlow Fold, burned down; damage, £40,000. 26: Mr. Thomas Tunstall, a Barrow gentleman, found drowned in a lodge at Great Lever.

MARCH.—2: Termination of the colliers' strike and withdrawal of military from the district. 2: Fire at Mr. Nathan Ramsden's, Harwood Vale Bleachworks; damage, £1200 to £1500. 16: The Town Council, by 39 against 13, reject Mr. J. P. Thomasson's offer of £1000 towards furnishing the Chadwick Museum, contingent upon Sunday opening. Mr. Thomasson afterwards made the gift unconditional, and it was then accepted. 23: Presentation of silver plate to Ald. Richardson, Ex-mayor, and of a jewelry case to his wife, subscribed for by 4000 working people, in recognition of his lengthened services to the borough and of the manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of Chief Magistrate. 25: No. 1 Robin Hood Mill, belonging to Messrs. Peter Crook and Sons, destroyed by fire; damage, £30,000. 29: Destructive fire at Messrs. J. Haslam and Co.'s warehouse in Manchester; damage, £20,000.

APRIL.—3: Decennial Census; population of the Municipal Borough of Bolton 105,414, Parliamentary Borough 105,965,

Rural Sanitary Authority's District 24,681, Poor-law Union 192,413. 20: Preferment of the Rev. George Holden, Incumbent of St. Bartholomew's Church, Bolton, to the Vicarage of New Bury. 22: Consecration of **Daisy Hill Church, Westhoughton**, erected by the joint liberality of Mrs. Makant and Miss Haddock, both of that township; cost £6000, accommodation 410 sittings. 30: Opening of the Farnworth Sewage Works.

MAY.—2: Presentation of silver tea and coffee service to the Rev. H. Haworth, M.A., by the congregation and the teachers and scholars in the Sunday School on his retirement from the Vicarage of Holy Trinity. 3: Rev. Charles Lowe, M.A., Vicar of St. Stephen's, Kersley Moor, inducted to the living of Holy Trinity, in succession to Mr. Haworth. 7: Opening of the Haulgh Board School, erected and furnished at a cost of about £6000 by Mr. J. P. Thomasson, M.P. 7: Hospital Saturday collection among working men in Bolton realised the handsome sum of £628. 21: Rev. Christopher Myers, Curate of the Parish Church, appointed to the Incumbency of St. Bartholomew's Church, Bolton. 21: Presentation to the Rev. A. A. Roffe, Vicar of Wingates, by the congregation and Sunday School teachers and scholars, in commemoration of his marriage and as a token of respect. 23: Important augmentations of Church livings in Bolton, from the accumulated funds of the Old Bolton Rectory estate.

JUNE.—3: Trams commenced running the whole length from the Town Hall Square, Bolton, to Farnworth and Kersley. 4: Encampment of Bolton Volunteers,—3rd L.A.V. (seventh year) at Southport, and 14th L.R.V. (eleventh encampment) at Lytham. 12: Discovery of a large number of Snider ball cartridges in a reservoir at Springfield Paper Works. 14: Rev. Christopher Myers, Curate of the Parish Church, instituted to the Vicarage of St. Bartholomew's; Rev. George Holden, Vicar of New Bury, to the Chaplaincy of the Bolton Union Workhouse; and Rev. James

Slade Foster Chamberlain, M.A., to the Vicarage of St. Stephen's, Kersley. 24 : Mrs. Platt, wife of Mr. Thomas Platt, assistant overseer for Great Bolton, a lady widely known and much respected among the Wesleyan body, killed by a vehicle in Deansgate. 25 : Fire at Messrs. Orinrod and Hardcastle's Bullfield Mill ; damage, £10,000. 29 : Mr. Charles Glasier, M.D., M.S., Manchester, appointed house surgeon to the Infirmary, in succession to Mr. A. Golland, resigned. 30 : Consecration of **All Souls' Church**, Astley Street, erected at a cost of about £20,000 by Thomas Greenhalgh, Esq., of Thornydykes ; all seats open, and will accommodate 800 worshippers.

JULY.—5 : Severe thunderstorm in Bolton ; great damage to property at Eagley Mills and elsewhere. 25 : Presentations to the Rev. S. Prenter, B.A., and Mrs. Prenter, on leaving Bolton for Dublin, by the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

AUGUST.—4 : Old English fancy fair at Westhoughton in connection with the Parish Church (St. Bartholomew's). 8 : Fearful railway collision at Blackburn ; a Bolton passenger injured. 11 : Appointment of the Rev. George Squire, B.A., second master of the Bolton Church Institute and Curate of St. Luke's, Halliwell, to the head mastership of Rivington and Blackrod new Grammar School. 30 : Wreck of the mail steamer Teuton near Capetown ; a Bolton family—Mr. A. Ferguson, jun., his wife, and three children—being among the 236 passengers drowned.

SEPTEMBER.—5 : **Grand Exhibition** of Fine Art Treasures at the Bolton **New Infirmary**, opened by the Right Hon. the Earl of Bradford ; banquet by the Mayor at the Town Hall to 140 guests. 9 : Presentation of testimonial to Rev. C. Myers, the newly-appointed Vicar of St. Bartholomew's, by friends connected with the Parish Church. 15 : Sir R. A. Cross, M.P., G.C.B., distributed prizes at the Albert Hall to the successful students at the Bolton Church of England Educational Institution. 17 : West

Ward Conservative Club opened by Colonel the Hon. F. C. Bridgeman, tea party in the Temperance Hall, and great Conservative meeting at the Temple Opera House. 21 : Ruri-Decanal Conference in Bolton, attended by the Bishop of Manchester.

OCTOBER.—3 : Appointment of Mr. David Crossley as Clerk to the Farnworth Local Board. 6 : The Mayor (Ald. Joseph Musgrave) and the Mayoress gave a grand conversazione at the Town Hall, the guests numbering about 700. 6 : Proposed Improvement Bill approved by town's meeting ; poll demanded, but withdrawn after the November elections. 13 : Meeting of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch of the British Medical Association at the Town Hall, the local secretary being Dr. De Vere Hunt.

NOVEMBER.—1 : Municipal elections ; 12 Conservatives and four Liberals retired, and 14 Conservatives and two Liberals were elected, the Conservative majority in the Council thus being increased from 47 against 17 to 49 against 15. 3 : Opening of North Ward Liberal Club. 9 : Ald. Thomas Glaister, J.P., elected Mayor. 31 : Opening of old English fancy fair in the Albert Hall in aid of St. George the Martyr's Church.

DECEMBER.—3 : Close of the Fine Art Exhibition at the New Infirmary ; total visitors since opening on 5th September, 77,108 ; gross receipts, £2376. 15 : Presentation to the Rev. A. T. Mitton, M.A., Vicar of St. Thomas's, Halliwell, and Mrs. Mitton, by the congregation and Sunday school teachers and scholars, in commemoration of their marriage and as an index of kindly feeling towards them. The Working Men's Church of England Society also commemorated the event by making a presentation to the rev. gentleman. 19 : Disastrous explosion at Messrs. Hayes and Johnson's colliery, near Leigh ; 48 lives lost, among the victims being Mr. Richard James Cronshaw, aged 19, eldest son of the Rev. J. Cronshaw, Vicar of St. Thomas's, Wigan, and nephew of the Rev. C. Cronshaw, Vicar of St. Matthew's, Bolton ; deceased

was a young gentleman of great promise, being the gold medallist of the Wigan Mining and Mechanical School, and in the capacity of underlooker at this pit was learning the practical duties of a mining engineer. 28 : Rev. Denis O'Brien, Roman Catholic, elected a member of the School Board, in succession to Rev. E. Crook, resigned.—Some little improvement in trade, but upon the whole the year was again one of considerable depression in business and in most branches of industry.

OBITUARY FOR 1881.

Jan. 25 : Mr. Richard Eckersley, of Stoneclough, aged 70, Poor Law Guardian and a member of the Kersley Local Board, and who had filled with credit various other offices in the district. 25 : At Blackpool, in his 45th year, Mr. Isaac Halliwell, formerly a well-known innkeeper, of the Balmoral Hotel, Bolton. 28 : At Southport, aged 81, Mr. John Hamilton, the last surviving member of the first Town Council for Bolton. 29 : Mr. Frederick Jones, aged 82, formerly a well-known brushmaker in Bolton. 30 : Mr. John Kenyon, aged 70, the oldest relieving officer in the Bolton Union. 30 : Mr. Frederick Wood, aged 37, of the firm of Messrs. Hasler and Co., lithographic printers.—Feb. 10 : Suddenly, whilst travelling by rail from Southport to Bolton, Mr. Charles Johnson, aged 70, tobacco manufacturer, and at one time a member of the Bolton Town Council. 19 : Mr. Thomas Thwaites, aged 63, formerly an ironmonger in Deansgate.—March 17 : Mr. Samuel Bennett, aged 73, colliery proprietor, Middle Hulton, and Poor Law Guardian for that township. 21 : At Southport, in his 81st year, Edmund Ashworth, Esq., J.P., of Egerton Hall, an eminent manufacturer, who had long held a distinguished position in the commercial world, and was one of the founders of the Anti-Corn Law League. 29 : Rev. Charles James Stewart, for 15 years Vicar of New Bury and Chaplain of the Bolton Union Workhouse, in his 61st year.—April 10 : Mr. Josiah Phethean, of The Woodlands,

Great Lever, aged 44, cotton spinner and manufacturer, a warm supporter of the Conservative cause, and a liberal contributor to religious movements in connection with the Church of England. 27: Mr. Charles Hornby, aged 63, for many years general manager of the carding and spinning departments of Messrs. Ormrod and Hardcastle.—May 8: At the residence of her son, Lever Bridge Vicarage, at the advanced age of 96, Mrs. Bolling, widow of the late William Bolling, Esq., formerly M.P. for Bolton. 11: Mrs. Gorst, aged 31, matron of the Certified Industrial School at Lostock. 14: At Longworth, aged 59, Mr. John Bertenshaw, cotton spinner, formerly a member of the Bolton Town Council.—June 5: At Blackpool, aged 54, Mr. Miles Buck, late of the firm of Messrs. M. Buck and Sons, ironfounders, Bolton. 16: At Lytham, aged 47, the Rev. Joseph Smithies, a Wesleyan minister, formerly for three years stationed in Bolton.—July 6: Mr. William Barlow, tea dealer, aged 75, a warm advocate of the temperance cause, and long prominently identified with the Methodist New Connexion body. 6: Rev. David Charles Davies, aged 30, minister of the Welsh Presbyterian Chapel, Clarence Street. 28: Mr. Marshal Claxton, aged 70, a distinguished London painter, and a native of Bolton.—Aug. 4: At West Bank, aged 53, Mr. Samuel Mitchell, wholesale grocer, and one of the sidesmen of the Parish Church. 8: At Genoa, aged 58, the Rev. Denis Byrne, Roman Catholic priest, formerly of St. Patrick's, Bolton. 10: Suddenly, while on a visit to Bolton in connection with the Fine Art Exhibition at the New Infirmary, of which he was the founder and organising secretary, Mr. Selim Rothwell, in his 66th year, the well-known artist. 26: Mr. Peter Thornley, aged 64, Clerk to the Farnworth Local Board. 30: Aged 75, the old Bolton athlete, "Ben Hart."—Sept. 5: At Southport, aged 70, Mr. Benjamin Brown, formerly relieving officer for Great Bolton. 12: At Millden, Brechin, aged 67, Mrs. Ormrod, wife of James Ormrod, Esq., J.P., of Halliwell Lodge, a lady held in deserved esteem for

her many good and benevolent qualities.—Nov. 2 : Mr. W. P. Lyons, aged 68, ex-inspector of Weights and Measures under the Corporation. 14 : At Southport, in her 70th year, Mrs. Chadwick, relict of the late Dr. Chadwick, and the founder, with him, of the Chadwick Orphanage and model dwellings in Bolton. 26 : James Greenhalgh, Esq., aged 59, Greenhill, Deane, the well-known solicitor, a staunch Churchman and Conservative, for 19 years (up to within a short period of his death) a prominent member of the Town Council, and Mayor of the borough in 1877-8. 27 : John Gray, Esq., in his 69th year, of Claygate, Esher, Surrey, senior partner in the firm of Messrs. W. Gray and Sons, cotton spinners, Darcy Lever.

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JANUARY.—30 : Attempted murder of Miss E. Briercliffe, barmaid at the Ship Inn, by a young man, who at the ensuing assizes at Liverpool was sentenced to five years' penal servitude for the offence.

FEBRUARY.—21 : Presentation of a purse of gold and a silver inkstand to the Rev. H. J. Jauncey, M.A., Vicar-designate of the new parish of The Saviour, on the occasion of his leaving the Curacy of St. George's, by the congregation and the Sunday schools.

MARCH.—5 : Temperance jubilee in Bolton. 9 : Fire at Messrs. T. H. Bamford and Son's mill, Ashburner Street ; damage £2000.

APRIL.—6 : Fall of an arch at Orlando Street railway bridge, one man killed and another injured. 13 : Celebration of the jubilee in the ministry of the Rev. Neville Jones, M.A., Vicar of St. George's ; presentation of address by the congregation, and resolution to erect a memorial school. 15 : Fall of one of the Wholesale Market gates ; a fireman killed. 16 : Temple Opera House, Dawes Street, destroyed by fire ; damage, £10,000.

MAY.—2 : William Bradburn, coke burner, Farnworth, murdered his stepdaughter, aged 17, and his son, aged nine, by cutting their throats, and afterwards attempted suicide by cutting his own throat. At the Manchester assizes Bradburn was sentenced to death, but the sentence was subsequently commuted to penal servitude for life. 6 : Corner stone of new Fever Hospital to be erected by the Corporation in Rumworth laid by Councillor J. W. Taylor, Chairman of the Sanitary Committee. 6 : Hospital Saturday collections realised £685. Twelfth annual encampment (May 27th to June 3rd) of the 27th L.R.V. at Lytham ; eighth annual encampment of the 3rd L.A.V. at Southport.

JUNE.—10 : Lancashire Fire Brigades demonstration in Bolton. 19 : Two men killed at the Pottery coalpit, Horwich, by an accident to the hoppet. 19 : Messrs. Tootal Broadhurst, Lee, and Co.'s mill at Black Lane destroyed by fire ; damage, £35,000. 25 : Duke's Alley Independent Chapel closed for want of funds as a place of public worship, after an existence of 128 years, but subsequently reopened.

JULY.—22 : Opening of the new schools, Pike's Lane, in connection with the parish of The Saviour ; the entire cost of the schools, the vicarage, and the church in course of erection there being defrayed by Thomas Greenhalgh, Esq. 29 : Opening of the Derby Ward Conservative Club by Col. the Hon. F. C. Bridgeman ; cost of erection and furnishing £3100, exclusive of site worth £800 given by James Ormrod, Esq.

AUGUST.—4 : Sanction of the Charity Commissioners to Blair Convalescent Hospital Scheme. 8 : W. W. B. Hulton, Esq., of Hulton Park, selected by the South-East Lancashire Conservative Association as a candidate for the representation of this division of the county in conjunction with the Hon. A. F. Egerton. 16 : Persian Mill, belonging to Messrs. John Bayley and Sons, destroyed by fire ; damage £65,000 to £70,000 ; two women

killed and several other persons injured. 16; Bolton Grammar School new scheme, as approved by Charity Commissioners, laid before Town Council. 18; Bolton Improvement Bill received the Royal Assent. 22: Fire at Tindsley Mills, Worsley; damage, £10,000. 24: Presentation of an address and a purse of gold to Mr. Joseph Castles, by teachers, scholars, and friends of St. Paul's Church, Deansgate, on resigning as superintendent of the Boys' Sunday School.

SEPTEMBER.—2: Smallpox reported to be stamped out, after having been prevalent for some time in Bolton.

OCTOBER.—9: Opening of a mission church and schools in Bradford Street, Longcauseway, Farnworth, as a chapel-of-ease in connection with St. John's Church, Farnworth-with-Kersley. 21: Presentations at the Jubilee Sunday School (St. Peter's), Halliwell, to two of the superintendents—Mr. John Smith and Mr. John Ashworth—whose connection with the school extended over 60 and 50 years respectively.

NOVEMBER.—1: Municipal elections; 11 Conservatives and five Liberals retired, and by a compromise it was arranged that there should be no contest except in Rumworth Ward, where the Liberals claimed a seat in place of a Conservative, the political character of the representation in the other wards to be undisturbed. After a vigorous fight, the Conservatives of Rumworth Ward succeeded in holding their own. The state of parties in the Council thus remained as before—49 Conservatives and 15 Liberals. 3: Soiree of past and present pupils of the Bolton High School, and presentation of a casket with 500 guineas to W. T. Mason, Esq., M.A., late headmaster, on his leaving Bolton. 6: Opening of the new organ at the Parish Church, erected at a cost of £1200; preacher, the Archbishop of York, who on the following evening distributed the prizes in the Albert Hall to the successful students at the Church Institute. 9: Ald. E. G. Harwood elected Mayor. 22: **School Board Triennial Election**; overthrow of the

"School Board party" and great victory of the Denominational candidates : 1 Rev. T. T. Berger (Vicar of St. James's), 16,457 ; 2 Rev. J. G. Doman (Vicar of St. Mark's), 16,267 ; 3 Captain George Hesketh (Churchman), 15,363 ; 4 Mr. J. D. Briscoe (Churchman), 15,096 ; 5 Mr. J. Leach (Churchman), 14,851 ; 6 Mr. John Williams (Churchman), 14,737 ; 7 Rev. D. O'Brien (Roman Catholic), 14,261 ; 8 Mr. J. R. Barlow (Unsectarian), 10,814 ; 9 Rev. T. Allen (Roman Catholic), 10,597 ; 10 Mr. Joe Cooper (Unsectarian), 10,449 ; 11 Rev. C. A. Berry (Unsectarian), 10,124 ; 12 Mr. W. Abbatt (Unsectarian), 10,006 ; 13 Mr. W. Haslam (Unsectarian), 9997 (the above 13 elected, being eight Denominational and five Anti-denominational) ; 14 Mr. R. N. Cottrill (Unsectarian), 9827 ; 15 Mr. J. T. Fielding (Unsectarian), 9733. The new Board was thus composed of six Churchmen, two Roman Catholics, and five Unsectarians, the election having resulted in a gain of three seats to the former party. The election was fought almost with as much vigour as a Parliamentary contest. Mr. Leach was elected Chairman of the new Board, and the Rev. D. O'Brien Vice-Chairman. 30 : Opening of "The Neville Jones Jubilee School," erected in Thomas Holden Street, at a cost of £2200. 28 : Fire at Messrs. Dobson and Barlow's machine works ; damage, £10,000.

DECEMBER.—1 : Fire at Messrs. Haslam's mill, Astley Bridge ; damage, £20,000. 4 : Fire at "Gaskell's Mill," Horwich ; damage, £8000. 6 : Great snowstorm in Bolton and neighbourhood. 11 : Fire at Messrs. Musgrave's Globe Iron-works ; damage, £10,000.—Trade dull during the greater part of the year, with the exception of one or two brisk intervals, and prices generally unsatisfactory, the local cotton trade in particular being adversely affected by the Egyptian war.

OBITUARY FOR 1882.

Jan. 5 : After a prolonged illness, Mrs. Glaister, wife of His Worship the Mayor, Ald. Glaister.—Feb. 8 : In his 70th year, Mr.

Thomas Brown, cotton spinner, of Haçken House, Darcy Lever, for 21 years a Poor-law Guardian for the township and for six years a member of the Bolton Town Council ; an active member of the Wesleyan body, being for more than 40 years a local preacher ; in politics an ardent Conservative. 11 : In his 81st year, Christopher Briggs, Esq., J.P., of The Lees, Sharples, a zealous Conservative and a staunch Churchman, and formerly for the lengthened period of nearly 30 years Clerk to the County Magistrates.—March 18 : Mrs. Jump, wife of the Rev. E. Jump, Vicar of St. Paul's, Bolton. 19 : In his 67th year, Mr. James Moscrop, of Gray's Terrace, a respected tradesman and a consistent Wesleyan and Conservative. May 24 : At Nottingham, aged 51, Mr. Samuel Griffiths, draper, Deansgate, formerly for three years a member of the Bolton Town Council in the Conservative interest.—June 13 : Mr. Luke Boardman, aged 73, an old servant of the Corporation and the founder of the Bark Street Ragged School. 13 : Mr. James Crowther, of Farnworth, aged 72, a well-known tradesman. 18 : At Wallasey, aged 61, the Rev. Miles Chippendall Barton, at one time Incumbent of Holy Trinity Church, Bolton.—July 14 : Mr. Thomas Teal, aged 62, for many years Conservative Registration Agent for this division of the county. 17 : Mrs. Musgrave, wife of the ex-Mayor, Ald. Joseph Musgrave.—Aug. 8 : At Pendleton, aged 55, Mr. Robert Walmsley Knowles, an ex-Guardian and Overseer of the Poor for Tonge-with-Haulgh. 10 : Mr. Aaron Crankshaw, late of Halliwell, aged 73, an old local musician and the last member of the Bolton Old Local Militia Band. 12 : Mr. T. W. Willett, C.E., aged 55, who had for many years filled a confidential position at the Soho Ironworks. 18 : Mr. Phineas Hall, contractor, aged 69, a zealous Churchman and Conservative and at one time a member of the Town Council. 20 : Mr. William Hughes, aged 87, formerly for nearly 60 years carrying on business in Bolton as a boot and shoe maker.—Oct. 2 : At Bromley Cross, in his 38th year, Benjamin Hick, Esq., a much respected member of the firm of

Messrs. Hick, Hargreaves, and Co., of the Soho Ironworks, and long actively identified with the Conservative party. 21: At Southport, aged 49, Thomas Thwaites, Esq., proprietor of the Meetings Bleachworks, Astley Bridge, for many years a member of the Astley Bridge Local Board, a staunch Churchman and Conservative, and a generous benefactor of the district. 30: The Rev. T. De Rome Bolton, aged 61, Vicar of St. Peter's, Halliwell, who but a few days previously had been welcomed at a tea party in the Jubilee School on returning after 12 months' absence from ill-health.—Nov. 11: Mr. Charles Norris, timber merchant, aged 67, Chairman of the Board of Guardians and of the Rural Sanitary Authority and formerly for several years one of the representatives of Bradford Ward in the Town Council; a staunch Conservative and a Churchman.—Dec. 2: Mr. Richard Haworth, of Mere Hall, aged 58, an extensive speculative builder. 17: Mr. John Berry, aged 67, for 22 years Lighting Superintendent under the Corporation. 19: At The Benhams, Malvern, in his 54th year, Thomas Wright, Esq., late of Hill Top, Belmont. 29: Suddenly, at Brackley Park, Great Lever, aged 49, George Gregory, Esq., M.D.

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JANUARY.—4: Presentation of purse of gold to Rev. J. F. Smythe, by the congregation, on his vacating the pastorate of the Claremont Baptist Chapel. 4: Murder of Mrs. Christiana Leigh, housekeeper at Kersley Cottage, by Abraham Thomas, late butler. 16: J. K. Cross, Esq., M.P., appointed Under-Secretary of State for India, salary £1500. 17: Fire at Messrs. Peter Crook and Sons' No. 2 Robin Hood Mill, damage £8000, two men injured. 26: Hugh Calderbank, a spinner at Astley Bridge, killed his wife by strangulation, but at Liverpool Assizes was found not guilty on the ground of insanity; ordered to be detained during Her Majesty's pleasure.

FEBRUARY.—8 : Presentation of silver claret jug at Liverpool on behalf of Government to Captain Bragg, a native of Bolton, for gallantry at sea in rescuing lives. 9 : Execution of Abraham Thomas in Strangeways Gaol. 14 : Town Council agree to reduce rates to the tramways lessees.

MARCH.—13 : Edward Rothwell, weaver, Bamber Bridge, committed suicide at Deane level crossing by placing himself in front of a passing train. 15 : Messrs. A. L. Briggs, Edward Cross, and James Cross Ormrod placed on the commission of the peace for the county. 28 : Town Council resolve to levy a special rate of $4\frac{1}{2}$ d. in £ on account of expenditure of late School Board.

APRIL.—Appointment of Rev. J. E. Hewison, M.A., head master of Market Drayton Grammar School, as head master of the Bolton Grammar School. 11 : Fire at Messrs. Thomas Bolton and Co.'s Clarendon Mill, damage £4000. 14 : Charlotte Louisa Carter, wife of a sawyer, drowned herself and infant child in Messrs. Hebden and Son's mill lodge. 15 : Body of Miss Mary Elizabeth Walsh found in a reservoir at Dunscar, missing since Jan. 29. 29 : Jubilee of Delph Hill Wesleyan Sunday School. 30 : Rev. A. T. Mitton, Vicar of St. Thomas's, Halliwell, presented by congregation with silver epergne on appointment to Vicarage of Stowmarket, Suffolk.

MAY.—5 : Hospital Saturday collection realised £813 10s. 9d. Foundation of valuable scholarships in connection with Church of England Educational Institution by James Ormrod and William Hargreaves, Esqrs. 12-19 : Encampment of 3rd L.A.V. at Southport, and 2nd Volunteer Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment (late 27th L.R.V.) at Lytham. 25 : Rev. L. R. Hearn, M.A., late Curate-in-charge, appointed Vicar of St. Paul's, Astley Bridge. 25 : Rev. James Henry Coghlan, Rector of Bradford-cum-Beswick, appointed Vicar of St. Peter's, Halliwell.

JUNE.—9 : Corner stone of Church of St. Augustine, Tonge Moor, laid with Masonic honours by Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie. 11 : Mr. W. W. Midgley appointed Curator of Chadwick Museum. 20 : Rev. Richard Adams, M.A., Rector of St. Thomas's, Red Bank, Manchester, appointed Vicar of Lever Bridge.

JULY.—11 : Corner stone of mortuary chapel for new Cemetery at Astley Bridge laid by Major Hesketh, J.P., Chairman of the Local Board. 18 : Murderous outrage in Antelope Court, a man named Peter Kelly attacking his wife and his brother with an axe and afterwards committing suicide by jumping through the upper window of the house ; the brother also died a few days afterwards. 21 : **Bolton New Infirmary** and Chadwick Children's Wing opened for the reception of patients by Ald. Joseph Musgrave, J.P., Chairman of the Building Committee ; great procession of trades and friendly societies. Cost of New Infirmary, over £35,000. The site is on the Bridge Hill Estate, contiguous to the Public Park, and approachable from Chorley New Road and Brinks Brow (or Chorley Street), and occupies nearly five acres of ground. Mr. R. K. Freeman was the architect. The buildings are formed on the Pavilion principle, and are of the Gothic style. The entire buildings and nearly the whole of the land connected therewith are in Great Bolton ; the boundary dividing Great and Little Bolton intersects the grounds, leaving the entrance gateways and part of the approaches from Chorley New Road and Chorley Street in Little Bolton.

AUGUST.—7 : Rev. Henry William Reynolds, B.A., Assistant Curate of St. Mary's, Battersea, appointed Vicar of Christ Church. 13 : Rev. W. S. White, M.A., presented with purse of gold on leaving Curacy-in-charge of St. Peter's, Halliwell, for Curacy at Leyland. 17 : Alice Rawsthorne and child, wife and daughter of a policeman, killed by a train at Darcy Lever Station. 18 : Memorial stone of new Congregational Church at Farnworth laid by Thomas Barnes, Esq., J.P. 22 : Edmund Ashworth, Esq., appointed county

magistrate. 25 : Borough Fever Hospital opened by Councillor J. W. Taylor, Chairman of the Sanitary Committee.

SEPTEMBER.—4 : Rev. Alexander Glen-Bott, M.A., Curate of St. Peter's, Preston, appointed Vicar of St. Thomas's, Halliwell. 5 : Fire at Messrs. Gowanlock's timber yard, Hampden Street ; damage, £800. 11 : Bolton New Grammar School opened. 13 : Appointment of Thomas Loftos, Esq., solicitor, Bolton, as Town Clerk of Blackpool. 28 : Presentation of purse of a hundred guineas to Rev. C. A. Berry, of St. George's Road Congregational Church, by political and educational admirers, on leaving Bolton for Wolverhampton.

OCTOBER.—4 : Dr. T. G. Stonham, of Rye, appointed House Surgeon to the New Infirmary ; and Mr. Peter Yates, M.B., C.M., of Heaton, appointed Junior House Surgeon. 10 : Presentations to Rev. C. A. Berry by his congregation. 15 : Mr. Jabez Broadbent elected a member of the School Board in place of the Rev. C. A. Berry. 15 : Fire at Messrs. Samuel Entwistle and Sons' cotton manufactory, Tonge ; damage, £6000. 15 : Walton Ainsworth, Esq., appointed county magistrate. 22 : Edward Pilkington, Esq., appointed county magistrate. 23 : Recognition of Rev. George Hugo Heynes as the new pastor of Claremont Baptist Chapel. 25 : First patient admitted to New Infirmary. 30 : Explosion at Stopes Colliery, Little Lever, four men killed.

NOVEMBER.—1 : Municipal elections ; general compromise, eight of each party elected in place of same number retiring, thus leaving the Council composed politically as before—49 Conservatives and 15 Liberals, these numbers remaining still the same after the aldermanic elections. 9 : Re-election of Alderman E. G. Harwood as Mayor. 11 and 12 : Luther's 400th birthday commemorated in Bolton. 20 : Election of first School Board for Heaton, no contest.

DECEMBER.—10 : T. H. Winder, Esq., solicitor, appointed Official Receiver in Bankruptcy for Bolton and district. 11 :

Terrific gale, much damage in Bolton and neighbourhood. 21 : Presentation of silver tea and coffee service to Peter Kevan, Esq., by the General Committee of the Bolton New Infirmary on its completion and occupation in recognition of his eminent services as Honorary Secretary.—Trade generally dull throughout the year.

OBITUARY FOR 1883.

Jan. 10 : Mr. Thomas Entwistle, of Rosehill, ironfounder, aged 59.—Feb. 8 : At Cannes, in his 73rd year, Alderman Thomas Lever Rushton, J.P., a member of the Town Council for upwards of 20 years, twice Mayor of the borough, the father of the Market Hall and other improvements, and prominent for a great part of his life in connection with our chief local institutions and with every movement having for its object the welfare and advancement of his native town ; he was a devoted Churchman and a staunch Conservative.—March 19 : At Southport, aged 72, Mr. H. Blackmore, formerly general superintendent of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway and for many years resident at Moses Gate. 26 : At Lancaster, in his 81st year, Major Langshaw, an old Bolton worthy, for many years connected with the Bolton Troop of the D.L.O.Y., and an earnest Churchman and Conservative.—April 12 : Mr. John Gerrard, of Rivington, aged 48, the well-known host of the Black Boy Hotel.—May 19 : At Harwood, in his 87th year, Mr. Thomas Ormrod, long extensively engaged in brickmaking in Bolton and neighbourhood ; an earnest Conservative. 21 : Rev. Engelbert Horley, M.A., Rector of Sephton, and formerly Vicar of Lever Bridge.—June 2 : Rev. E. J. Bolling, M.A., aged 56, Vicar of Lever Bridge. 8 : Mr. Councillor Peter Crook, cotton spinner, a Conservative member of the Town Council for over eight years. 8 : Mr. Walker Almond, aged 78, an old and respected inhabitant of Farnworth. 19 : Rev. J. F. Wright, aged 56, Vicar of Christ Church.—July 1 : At Moss Lee, Sharples, in his 78th year, the Rev. John Shepherd Birley, M.A.,

senior county justice for this division of the county, for over 30 years Chairman of the County Finance Committee, one of the founders of the Bolton Church of England Educational Institution, and for many years actively identified with our chief local institutions ; his portrait was presented to the county in 1877, subscribed for by 320 of his brother magistrates ; his funeral at Lytham was attended by many of the most prominent men in the county.—Aug. 15 : Mr. W. B. Birch, architect, in his 61st year.—Sept. 1 : William Evans, Esq., of Manchester, newspaper proprietor, a native of this town. 3 : George Woodhouse, Esq., of Heath Bank, aged 54, a prominent member of the architectural profession and joint architect of the Bolton Town Hall. 7 : Mr. John Clough, aged 55, one of the leading tradesmen of Westhoughton. 15 : Mr. John Marshall, formerly in business for many years as a tailor, and for 15 years one of the Liberal representatives of Bradford Ward in the Town Council.—Oct. 8 : Mr. William Appleton, bleacher, aged 45, of Horrobin House, Turton.—Nov. 19 : At Beech House, aged 82, Ralph Marsden Haslam, Esq., the well-known cotton spinner and manufacturer, a leading member of the Liberal party and formerly for 18 years a member of the Town Council. 28 : Mr. John Vickers, Tipping Street, aged 61, one of the Conservative representatives of East Ward in the Town Council from 1874 to 1877.—Dec. 6 : Mr. Frederic Tilzey, aged 41, Clerk to the Bolton School Board. 23 : Mr. Timothy Grisdale, chemist and druggist, Westhoughton, aged 48 ; an active member and former Chairman of the Local Board. 25 : At Putney, Mr. John Davidson, formerly Postmaster of Bolton.

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JANUARY.—2 : Young woman injured by lioness in Edmonds' menagerie. 10 : Mr. Joseph Hampson, railway contractor, killed by tramcar at Great Lever. 17 : Mr. Edward Roocroft, wholesale confectioner, killed by being run over by his own conveyance. 26 :

Halliwell Conservative Club opened by Hon. A. Egerton. 28 : Mr. J. D. Briscoe appointed Clerk to the School Board in succession to Mr. F. Tilzey, deceased. 28 : Mr. William Brimelow, engineer, presented with Royal Humane Society's silver medal and certificate for rescuing a workman from suffocation in a cupola. 28 : Great storm ; partial destruction of mansion at The Raikes.

FEBRUARY.—6 : Presentation of silver snuff-box to Mr. J. D. Briscoe by the Workhouse Committee on his retirement from the Chairmanship. 11 : Capt. W. H. Tristram elected member of the School Board in succession to Mr. J. D. Briscoe, resigned. 17 : Fire at Albert Hotel, damage £1000, narrow escape of eight persons.

MARCH.—26 : Mr. G. R. Carter, joint manager of the Manchester and Salford Bank, Bolton, appointed local agent to the Earl of Bradford, in succession to Ald. Crowther, deceased.

APRIL.—7 : Mr. Henry Chadwick, engineer, presented with Royal Humane Society's bronze medal and certificate for saving a fellow-workman from suffocation. 11 : Magnificent stained window placed in Parish Church in memory of the late Ald. Rushton. 16 : Presentation of gold snuff-box to Councillor Barrett on re-election as Chairman of the Board of Guardians. 18 : Complimentary dinner and presentation of silver plate to Mr. W. M. Harcastle, on completion of 25 years of office as captain of the Bolton Cricket Club.

MAY.—3 : Hospital Saturday ; amount realised, £760. 7 : Foundation stone of St. Paul's Church new schools at Little Hulton laid by Hon. Mrs. Stapleton Cotton.

JUNE.—3-7 : Tenth encampment of the 3rd L.A.V. at Southport. 7 : Announcement of intended extensive railway works at Horwich by Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company. 8 : John Royle, a Farnworth beerseller, killed by falling down cellar steps after attempting to murder his wife and two servants.

11 : Town Council decided by 27 to 17 against proposed opening of Chadwick Museum on Sunday. 12 : **Chadwick Museum opened** by Ald. Dobson. 26 : Formation of Conservative Council for Bolton, with Mr. A. L. Briggs as president.

JULY.—1 : Man killed at Farnworth by fall of coping stone from mill chimney. 6 : Opening of **St. Augustine's Church**, Tonge Moor. 31 : Two young men drowned in "Coffin Lodge," Bolton Moor.

AUGUST.—5 : Mr. I. Ozanne, a Bolton gentleman, drowned while bathing near Blackpool. 9 : Commencement of operations for the erection of the Blair Convalescent Hospital, near Bromley Cross. 9 : Great Conservative demonstration at Pomona in support of the House of Lords on the Franchise Bill, the Bolton contingent numbering over 6000 persons. 16 : Great Liberal demonstration in Bolton in opposition to the House of Lords. 16 : Fire at Mr. John Roberts' timber yard, off St. George's Road ; damage, £5000. 19 : Great Conservative demonstration in Bolton in support of the House of Lords. 28 : Presentation to Mr. James Briscoe on retiring from the office of Corresponding Secretary Bolton District, I.O.F., M.U. 29 : Disaster to excursionists at Fingal's Cave, Isle of Staffa, Mr. F. R. Chadwick, silk manufacturer, Westhoughton, drowned.

SEPTEMBER.—10 : Mr. Charles S. Robson appointed steward and estate agent to W. W. B. Hilton, Esq., in succession to Mr. Oliver, deceased. 11 : Fire at Messrs. Hilton's Bow Street Mill, damage £4000. 13-21 : Dedication Festival at Christ Church to commemorate 40th year of consecration. 11 : James Wolstencroft, a Farnworth collier, presented with Royal Humane Society's certificate for rescuing a youth from drowning. 13 : Opening of new organ at St. Matthew's Church, Little Lever. 17 : Consecration of new Cemetery at Astley Bridge. 27 : Demolition of Bridgeman Street Bridge for railway improvements.

OCTOBER.—3 : Richard Lee Dugdale, commercial traveller, brutally murdered by Kay Howarth. 4 : Fire at Mr. Phethean's Mill, Moses Gate, damage £20,000. 10 : Presentation to Mr. Samuel Bottomley, newsagent, and formerly post messenger between Bolton and Turton, on retirement after 30 years' service. 13 : Opening of Ridgway Endowed School, Haulgh.

NOVEMBER.—1 : Municipal elections ; contest in one ward only ; Council now composed of 48 Conservatives and 16 Liberals, the latter having gained one seat. 10 : Ald. Thos. Fletcher elected Mayor. 14 : Mr. Peter Kevan appointed actuary of the Bolton Savings Bank in succession to Ald. Charles Wolfenden, deceased. 15 : Mr. Kevan elected Alderman. 15 : Corner stone of new Vicarage for St. Mark's laid by Mr. James Finney. 20 : Resignation of Mr. Jonas Proctor, C.E., borough surveyor. 24 : Kay Howarth executed in Strangeways Gaol. 27 : Fire at Messrs. Thos. Brown and Sons' Columbia Old Mill, damage £5000. 29 : Presentation of the Royal Humane Society's certificate to Jos. Nuttall, tripe dresser, for rescuing a boy from drowning in the Canal.

DECEMBER.—5 : Fire at Mr. John Smalley's Cobden Mill, Moses Gate, damage £50,000 ; several persons injured, one fatally. 10 : Town Council by 27 to 20 reject resolution of Park Committee to open Chadwick Museum on Sunday. 13 : New Schools at St. Paul's, Peel, opened. 22 : Deane Church re-opened after restoration and removal of galleries. 27 : Presentation of £250 to Mr. Henry Taylor, conductor of the Philharmonic Society, in recognition of long services to the cause of music.—Another year of trade depression.

OBITUARY FOR 1884.

Jan. 3 : Thomas Gidlow, Esq., of Hollywood, aged 66, formerly an extensive coal proprietor, a staunch Churchman and a Conservative. 22 : Dr. Capel Bringloe, of Westhoughton, aged 58, senior

medical officer in the Bolton Union.—Feb. 6 : Mr. John Warburton, of Atherton, aged 81, formerly chairman of the Local Board. 10 : John Hulton, Esq., aged 85, the senior member of the legal profession in Bolton. 10 : Mr. George Winterburn, aged 78, the oldest bookseller and newsagent in Bolton. 24 : Mr. Edwin Brown, solicitor, in his 35th year.—March 4 : Ald. Samuel Crowther, agent to the Earl of Bradford, in his 50th year, for many years one of the Conservative members in the Town Council and an active Poor-law Guardian. 9 : Rev. G. Dunn, Congregational minister, Edgworth, aged 65.—April 27 : Mr. Edmund Holden, aged 65, head of the well-known firm of Messrs. E. Holden and Co., coach proprietors and lessees of the Bolton and Suburban Tramways.—May 31 : Mr. Edward Wood, aged 56, of the firm of Messrs. J. and E. Wood, engineers.—June 10 : Mr. Thomas Parvin, aged 46, of the firm of Messrs. Parvin and Son, pianoforte and music dealers. 11 : Mr. George Cartner, aged 73, the oldest master tailor in Bolton. July 3 : Mr. Robert Luthy, aged 45, a well-known engineer in the service of Messrs. Hick, Hargreaves, and Co. 9 : Councillor George Slater, of The Raikes Bleachworks, aged 31, an active member of the Conservative party and one of the representatives for Church Ward in the Town Council. 12 : William Hampson, Esq., of Breightmet, cotton spinner and manufacturer, a zealous Churchman and Conservative. 25 : Mr. Henry Stead, architect, aged 40.—Sept. 4 : Mr. G. W. Bardsley, manufacturer, aged 56. 8 : Mr. James Oliver, aged 69, steward and agent to the Hulton estates for nearly half-a-century. 16 : Mr. H. C. Steele, wholesale provision merchant, aged 45, formerly for some years a member of the Board of Guardians.—Oct. 7 : Mr. William Huck, aged 44, who for many years filled a responsible office in the firm of Messrs. Dobson and Barlow. 11 : Joseph Gerrard, Esq., aged 67, a well-known solicitor. 14 : John Seddon, Esq., of Westhoughton, in his 89th year, a zealous benefactor of the Church. 15 : Jas. Whittaker, Esq., of Ripple Dell, aged 78, a well-known cotton spinner. 19 :

John Hesketh, Esq., of Summerfield, aged 35, a warm supporter of the Conservative party.—Nov. 3: Ald. Charles Wolfenden, J.P., aged 59, Mayor of the borough in 1875-6 and 1876-7, the leader of the Conservative party in the Town Council, actuary of the Bolton Savings Bank, and for many years actively identified with our chief local institutions. 25: Mr. William Thornley, of Back-o'th'-Bank, in his 63rd year, an old and prominent member of the Wesleyan body.—Dec. 4: At Bristol, in his 80th year, the Rev. Canon Girdlestone, formerly for 25 years Vicar of Deane. 8: In his 76th year, Joseph Crook, Esq., J.P., cotton spinner, who represented Bolton in Parliament as one of the Liberal members from 1852 to 1861, and was the author of the Bleachers' Short Time Act.

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JANUARY.—12: Messrs. Wolfenden and Naylor appointed professional auditors for the borough. 16: Dr. H. W. Phillips, of Bradford, appointed senior house surgeon of the Bolton Infirmary in place of Dr. Stonham, resigned. 19: Rev. F. N. Thicknesse, B.A., appointed lecturer at the Parish Church, on resignation of Rev. W. Elton, M.A., preferred to the incumbency of St. Paul's, Burnley. 21: Fire at Councillor Barrett's manufactory, Platt Street; damage, £3000. 22: Mr. W. H. Brockbank appointed borough surveyor. 24: Boundary Commissioners' inquiry in Manchester as to scheme for dividing South-East Lancashire into eight one-member constituencies.

FEBRUARY.—1: Opening of new **Railway from Bolton to Atherton**. 2: G. R. Carter, Esq., appointed manager Bolton Branch of Manchester and Salford Bank. 7: Presentation of silver tea and coffee service to Rev. Charles Heath, M.A., Vicar of Walkden, and Mrs. Heath, by parishioners in commemoration of marriage. 14: Commencement of important new works at Horwich by Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company. 18: Fire at

Messrs. Poole and Son's mill, Wigan Road: damage, £30,000. 26: Discovery of human remains in bog at Kersley.

MARCH.—R. M. Knowles, Esq., formerly of Bromlëy Cross, appointed high sheriff of Nottinghamshire. 18: Commencement of new colossal goods warehouse in Bolton by Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company. 31: Fanny Tomlinson, married woman, drowned herself and child in lodge at Sharples Bleach-works.

APRIL.—13: Peter Walsh, telegraph clerk, killed on railway at Lostock Junction. 15: Welcome and presentation by work-people to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hardcastle, Firwood, on return from honeymoon. 29: Mr. and Mrs. W. Ratherham, of Redditch, appointed master and matron of Bolton Union Workhouse in place of Mr. and Mrs. Pilling, resigned.

MAY.—1: Hospital Saturday subscriptions, amount realised £900. 9: Rev. J. Worthington, M.A., Vicar of Farnworth-with Kersley, resigned on acceptance of Vicarage of North Lew, Devonshire. 15: Opening of Gas Exhibition at Skating Rink. 16: Presentation of silver epergne, &c., to Rev. H. W. Reynolds, B.A., Vicar of Christ Church, and Mrs. Reynolds, by parishioners in commemoration of marriage. 17: Fire at Messrs. E. Ashworth and Sons' mill, The Vale, Egerton; damage, £54,000. 23-30: Encampment of Local Volunteers; 3rd L.A.V. at Southport, and 2nd Vol. Batt L.N.L. Regt. at Foryd, Rhyl.

JUNE.—4: Fire at a dwelling at Chew Moor, a woman named Brindle burnt to death. 18: Clifton Hall Colliery explosion, 176 lives lost; public subscriptions throughout the country, over £2000 raised in Bolton.

JULY.—2: Mr. James Briscoe, hon. sec. to the Working Men's Hospital Saturday Fund, appointed Secretary to the Infirmary. 2: Fire at Mr. Butler's Alexandra Mill, damage £2000; Parmelee's sprinklers saved mill from destruction. 4: Countess of Bradford

laid foundation stone of St. Peter's Church, Farnworth. 9 : Samuel Dutton, a youth of 15, presented with Royal Humane Society's silver medal and certificate, also a sum of money, for saving a boy from drowning at Daubhill. 10 : Rev. Ward Travers Burges, M.A., of Shrewsbury, appointed to the living of St. John's, Farnworth-with-Kersley. 14 : Mr. Joseph Froggatt, manufacturer, fatally injured at his works at Daubhill. 17 : George Harry Bousted, telegraph messenger, killed on the railway near Trinity Street. 24 : Dinner and presentation to Mr. G. P. Brockbank by Freemasons of Lancashire, on his appointment to the office of Grand Standard Bearer of England ; also presentation of silver tea service to Mrs. Brockbank. 25 : Fatal trap accident at Horwich to Benjamin Worthington, son of a Bolton tradesman. 25 : Memorial stone of new chapel and school in Dorset Street for the Strict Baptists laid by Mr. Thomas Vickers, of Manchester, who defrayed the entire cost of the structure.

AUGUST.—12 : Robert Stewart, of Farnworth, killed by a falling plank while standing near Robin Hood Mill. 14 : Severe poaching affray at Smithills.

SEPTEMBER.—2 : Stack fire at Moss Hall Farm, Middle Hulton, damage £1000. 4 : Suicide of a Manchester woman on the railway at Great Lever. 5 : Welcome tea party and presentation to Rev. J. G. Doman, M.A., Vicar of St. Mark's, and Mrs. Doman, by parishioners in commemoration of marriage. 17 : Reduction of five per cent. in wages of cotton operatives, Bolton district. 24 : Consecration of **The Saviour's Church**, erected at a cost of £30,000, including schools and vicarage, by Thomas Greenhalgh, Esq., of Thornydkes ; last church consecrated by Bishop Fraser.

OCTOBER.—4-8 : Centenary celebration of Ridgway Gates Schools. 10 : Memorial stone of new Wesleyan Chapel at Daubhill laid by Thomas Walker, Esq. 15 : Great Conservative demon-

stration and public welcome to Colonel Bridgeman on return from the Soudan, and to hear addresses from himself and colleague, Mr. Herbert Shepherd-Cross. 28 : **School Board Election**, no contest ; all the members re-elected.

NOVEMBER.—2 : Municipal elections, no contests ; of the 16 retiring councillors 11 were Conservatives and five Liberals, and by compromise the same proportions were maintained, so that the Council remained still composed of 47 Conservatives and 17 Liberals. 9 : Ald. Thomas Fletcher re-elected Mayor. 9 : New Temperance Hall opened at Farnworth. 13 : Fire at Messrs. R. Harwood and Sons' No. 1 Mill, Brownlow Fold ; damage, £30,000. 14 : Formation of Primrose Habitation in Bolton for ladies. 18 : Dissolution of Parliament. 25 :

Sixteenth Parliamentary Election.

Herbert Shepherd-Cross (C)	7933
Col. the Hon. F. C. Bridgeman (C)	7655
Shepherd-Cross and Bridgeman returned.	
John Kynaston Cross (L)	6724
John Pennington Thomasson (L)	6228
Henry Marriott Richardson (Ind. C)	1191

16,033 electors ; 15,070 voted.

27 :

Westhoughton Division Parliamentary Election.

(First Election—One Member.)

Frank Harcastle (C)	6011
Edward Cross (L).....	3741

Majority for Harcastle

2270

10,625 electors ; 9807 voted.

30 :

Eccles Division Parliamentary Election.

(First Election—One Member.)

Hon. Alfred Egerton (C).....	4559
V. K. Armitage (L)	4312
Majority for Egerton	247

DECEMBER.—2 :

Radcliffe-cum-Farnworth Division Parliamentary Election.

(First Election—One Member.)

Robert Leake (L).....	5092
William Wilbraham Blethyn Hulton (C).....	4579
Majority for Leake	513
10,433 electors ; 9671 voted.	

10 : Fire at Bradshaw Works ; damage, £3000. 16 : Presentation of stained window to Infirmary by Ald. Joseph Musgrave, J.P.—Another year of trade and business depression.

New Magistrates appointed during 1885 :—County : June 1, William Slater, Esq. ; July 6, Thomas Hardcastle, Esq. Borough : Jan. 7, Messrs. Charles Rothwell, R. N. Cottrill, F. Taylor ; June 18, Messrs. Thomas Bromley, W. F. Tillotson, John Heywood, J. T. Fielding (operatives' secretary), J. W. Makant ; June 20, Mr. G. J. Healy ; Aug. 6, Ald. Thomas Fletcher, Mayor, and Ald. E. G. Harwood, ex-Mayor.

OBITUARY FOR 1885.

Jan. 5 : Suddenly, at Farnworth, aged 65, Mr. Philip Nuttall, of Bolton, a former well-known tradesman. 11 : Mr. John Green, Landedmans Farm, Westhoughton, aged 79, a much-valued public official, for nearly 30 years one of the Poor-law Guardians for the township. 16 : Mrs. Cross Ormrod, wife of Lieut.-Col. Ormrod, a

lady much respected for her services to the poor. 20: John Greenhalgh, Esq., aged 74, manager of the Bolton Branch of the Manchester and Salford Bank, and for nearly 62 years connected with the banking business of one establishment, a staunch Churchman and Conservative.—Feb. 7: Mrs. Berger, aged 51, wife of the Rev. T. T. Berger, Vicar of St. James's. 12: Mr. Jonathan Simpson, aged 83, a much respected retired innkeeper. 27: At Southport, Mr. Richard Howarth, sizer, aged 77, a former representative of Derby Ward in the Liberal interest. 28: Mr. William Rawsthorn, aged 62, cashier and confidential agent to Messrs. Ormrod and Hardcastle, and a zealous supporter of the Conservative cause.—March 2: Robert Armitstead, Esq., a well-known solicitor, aged 74, a staunch Churchman and ardent Conservative. 15: Rev. R. C. Turner, pastor of the Methodist New Connexion Chapel. 18: At Lytham, Sir Thomas Bazley, Bart., aged 88, a native of Bolton. 20: Mr. William Greenhalgh, cotton spinner, Horwich, aged 68, member of the Local Board and first chairman, and an ardent Churchman and Conservative. 25: John Knowles, Esq., J.P., cotton spinner, in his 74th year, a leading Wesleyan, a staunch Conservative, and formerly for several years a member of the Town Council. 27: Mr. Joseph Crankshaw, aged 52, retired draper, a prominent member of the Baptist body, and at one time a member of the Board of Guardians.—April 3: Mr. John Chorlton, aged 73, a well-known Bolton Moor tradesman. 8: Mr. John Halliwell, brewer, aged 53, a staunch Conservative, and at one time member of the Board of Guardians.—May 14: Mrs. Slade, wife of the Rev. James Slade, B.A., Vicar of Little Lever. 20: Rev. William Wall, M.A., Vicar of Belmont, aged 83.—June 6: At Ealing, aged 67, John Cannon, Esq., J.P., cotton spinner, and an active member of the Conservative party. 11: Mr. Robert Kenyon, aged 62, one of the oldest master printers and stationers in Bolton. 22: Mr. John Priestley, of the Commercial Hotel, formerly chemist, aged 43, a member of the Board of Guardians, at one time in the Town

Council, and a zealous Churchman and Conservative. 29: The Marchioness De Rothwell, of Sharples Hall, much respected for her services to the poor.—July 17: Mr. John Greenhalgh, of St. Anne's, aged 73, Chairman of the Local Board, and formerly a well-known tradesman in Farnworth.—Aug. 1: Mr. James Tate, saddler, aged 75, an earnest Churchman and a staunch Conservative.—Sept. 26: Mr. David Holt, aged 74, formerly for many years secretary to the hand-mule spinners.—Oct. 22: The Right Rev. Dr. Fraser, Lord Bishop of Manchester. 21: Mr. Daniel Constantine, bleacher, Brightmet, aged 71.—Nov. 12: Mr. James Martin Rutter, aged 72, registrar of births and deaths for Eastern Bolton, a staunch Conservative and Churchman, and formerly for 40 years master of Holy Trinity Schools.—Dec. 9: Mr. John Openshaw, in his 77th year, for many years connected with the Board of Guardians and the Town Council, and an active member of the Infirmary Committee.

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JANUARY.—3: John Collier, a Bolton tradesman, killed in a cab accident near Farnworth Bridge. 21: Gas explosion at St. Augustine's Church, Tonge Moor; damage, £400. 22: Fire at Mr. Bardsley's bobbin works, Slaterfield; damage, £200.

FEBRUARY.—3: Ambrose Tattersall sentenced at Manchester Assizes to penal servitude for life for attempting to murder Mrs. Grace Bradley, furniture dealer, Oldhall Street, and her servant. 23-27: Grand Volunteer Bazaar in the Albert Hall.

MARCH.—1: Snowstorm in Bolton, severest for several years. 4: Presentation of two silver plates which had formed part of the service of the late Earl of Beaconsfield, a silver inkstand and two silver candlesticks, to A. L. Briggs, Esq., J.P., by the Bolton Conservative Council on his retiring from the presidency and in recognition of his services as leader of the party during the past five years; Ald. Glaister, J.P., being appointed the new President.

APRIL.—1 : Fire at Mr. Richard Pilkington's, Orrel Cote Farm, Edgworth ; damage, £300. 1 : Presentation of a purse of gold by teachers and scholars of St. George's Girls' Sunday School to Rev. W. Stephan on leaving the Curacy. 1 : News received of death of Fleet-surgeon John Horrocks, M.D., a native of Bolton, by drowning in Malta Bay. 1 : Opening of Zion Baptist Chapel, St. John Street. 5 : Rev. J. W. Cundey, M.A., Principal of the Bolton Church of England Educational Institution, appointed a member of the School Board in succession to Rev. J. G. Doman, M.A., resigned. 7 : Fire at Messrs. G. Chatton and Son's iron-works, Little Lever ; damage, £2000. 16 : Mr. William Smith, of Darlington, appointed engineer and manager of the Bolton Gas-works. 17 : Inauguration of new Lum's Almshouses, near Yew Tree House, Sharples, erected by Bolton Corporation in lieu of original houses required for Lum Street Gasworks. 19 : First annual gathering of the Bolton Habitation of the Primrose League under the Ruling Councillor, Mrs. Shepherd-Cross.

MAY.—1 : Hospital Saturday collections realised £1120. 15 : Memorial stones laid of new Wesleyan Chapel and Schools, near Tonge Fold. 15 : Address and silver casket presented to Henry Lee, Esq., on completion of his commercial jubilee by 2000 of the hands employed at Sunnyside Mills. 16 : Right Rev. Dr. Moorhouse, the new Bishop of Manchester, preached at the Bolton Parish Church his first sermon in the diocese. 26 : Presentation of challenge cups to Bolton Wanderers' Football Club.

JUNE.—9 : Grand Bazaar and International Fancy Fair in aid of Bolton Church of England Educational Institution opened by Bishop of Manchester at Church Institute, realised £1400. 18 : Mr. Robert Hope Brown, of Rochdale, appointed manager of the Bank of Bolton. 26 : Opening of Clarendon Street new Board School. 26 : Dissolution of Parliament ; appeal to the constituencies on Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule proposals.

JULY.—2 :

Seventeenth Parliamentary Election.

H. Shepherd-Cross (Conservative Unionist)... 7780

Col. F. C. Bridgeman (Conservative Unionist) 7668

Shepherd-Cross and Bridgeman re-elected.

Joseph Crook Haslam (Gladstonian Liberal)... 6452

Roger Charnock Richards (Gladstonian Lib.) 6314

No. on register, 16,033 ; voted, 14,226.

2 :

Westhoughton Division Parliamentary Election.

(Second Election.)

Frank Hardcastle (Conservative Unionist).

Re-elected unopposed.

6 :

Eccles Division Parliamentary Election.

(Second Election.)

Hon. Alfred Egerton (Conservative)..... 4277

E. D. Gosling (Liberal) 3985

Majority for Egerton 292

6 : Fire at Mr. Ralph Winward's tobacco manufactory, Oxford Street ; damage, £5000. 9 :

Radcliffe-cum-Farnworth Division Parliamentary Election.

(Second Election.)

Robert Leake (Gladstonian Liberal)..... 4695

Sir Frederick Milner (Conservative Unionist) 4559

Majority for Leake 136

Mr. Leake re-elected.

10,433 electors ; 9254 voted.

12 : Ladyshore Colliery arbitration commenced, "Lamps v. Naked Lights ;" decision against naked lights. 17 : Rev. P. H. Ditchfield,

M.A., formerly of Westhoughton, presented with silver tea service and purse of gold on leaving Curacy at Reading for the Rectory of Barkham. 17 : Welcome to Rev. J. Tyas, new Vicar of Padiham, and late Curate Bolton Parish Church. 21 : Sudden death of a Bolton lady, Miss Sarah Ann Clayton, at Blackpool. 26 : Machinery accident at Great Lever Bleachworks of Messrs. John Smith, jun., and Co. ; damage, £500.

AUGUST.—5 : Park Committee of the Corporation grant a site in the Public Park, Chorley Old Road, for a Statue of the Earl of Beaconsfield to be erected by the Bolton and District Conservative Working Men's Association. 11 : Explosion at Moor Lane Gasworks, damage £500. 11 : Explosion at Wood End Colliery, Bedford Leigh, 38 lives lost. 12 : Fire at Messrs. T. Barnes and Co.'s Dixon Green Mill, Farnworth, damage £3000. 13 : Thunderstorm in Bolton, much damage at Astley Bridge and Turton. 14 : Completion of extensive railway improvements and new high-level road at Lostock Junction. 14 : Carriage accident to a funeral party at Tonge Cemetery, several persons injured. 19 : Fatal scaffold accident at Farmers' Arms, Bridgeman Street, one man killed and two seriously injured. 31 : Mrs. Crompton, a Bolton widow lady, died suddenly at Lytham.

SEPTEMBER.—3 : Railway Collision and much damage at Burnden Junction. 4 : Foundation stone of new school for Over and Middle Hulton laid by Hon. Mrs. Algernon Egerton. 8 : John Atherton, aged 18, railway labourer, run over and killed by a train at Stoneclough. 20 : **St. Peter's Church, Farnworth**, consecrated by Bishop of Manchester. 24 : Four Farnworth firemen injured by being thrown from the hose cart whilst going to a fire.

OCTOBER.—2 : Bolton and District Operative Cotton Spinners' Association inaugurate their new offices, late Junior Reform Club, St. George's Road, bought by the association for £2400, and a

further sum of £700 spent on alterations and fittings; building originally cost £5000. 6: Rev. Thomas Crick, M.A., Vicar of Chatburn, appointed by the Hulme Trustees to the Vicarage of Farnworth, in succession to the Rev. Ward Travers Burges, M.A., appointed to the Vicarage of Newport, Salop, 9: Visit of Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society to Bolton. 11: Opening of new Theatre of Varieties, Churchgate. 12: Collision between a cattle and a coal train at Trinity Street Station, eight drovers injured. 13: Mr. and Mrs. George Davies, of the Chorley Workhouse, appointed master and matron of Bolton Union Workhouse; Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner, of Leicester, who had been appointed a month previously, having declined to enter on the office. 15: Charles Hindley, aged 25, killed whilst attempting to climb Messrs. Crook's mill chimney, off Blackburn Street. 18: Opening of new Sewage Works at Ilacken, constructed by the Corporation at a cost of £30,850, and capable of dealing with over four million gallons of sewage daily. 21: Fatal crane accident at Horwich new railway works. 23: Presentation of illuminated address to W. W. B. Hulton, Esq., J.P., D.L., by the Conservatives of the Radcliffe-cum-Farnworth Division and of a handsome stand for the address to Mrs. Hulton by the Radcliffe and Pilkington Habitation of the Primrose League in recognition of Mr. Hulton's lengthened and valuable services to the Conservative party in that Division and generally in South-East Lancashire. 28: Fire at Messrs. James Chadwick and Brother's Eagley Mills, damage £40,000. 31: Fire at a shop in Ashburner Street, a Jew named Lavine Isaac being fatally injured.

NOVEMBER.—1: Municipal elections; contests in Exchange and North Wards only, Conservatives gained one seat without contest in West Ward; Council now composed of 48 Conservatives and 16 Liberals. 1: Presentation of portrait of himself and photographic group of other members to Mr. William Chadwick by the members of the Rural Sanitary Authority in recognition of

his services as Chairman for past three years. 5 : Conservative demonstration at Radcliffe and presentation of address to Sir F. Milner and of handsome ebony stand for the address to Lady Milner by the Conservatives of the Radcliffe-cum-Farnworth Division. 6 : Opening of new Conservative Club at Moses Gate ; great Conservative meeting at Farnworth and presentation of illuminated address to Sir F. Milner. 7 : Testimonial to Rev. C. B. Shirres, Vicar of Harwood, by teachers, scholars, and friends of the Sunday school on leaving for East Chinnock, near Yeovil, having exchanged livings with the Rev. Sydney Hall Fleming. 8 : Consecration of St. Augustine's Church, Tonge Moor, by Bishop of Manchester. 9 : Ald. Thomas Fletcher re-elected Mayor (third year). 11 : Rev. T. Austin, Curate-in-charge of St. John's, Farnworth, appointed to the Vicarage of St. Thomas's, Dixon Green, in succession to Rev. Dr. Wilkinson, appointed to the Vicarage of Swalecliffe, diocese of Oxford. 13 : Opening of new Conservative Club at Ainsworth. 13 : Opening of new Liberal Club at Moses Gate. 17 : Presentation of illuminated address and his portrait in oil to Rev. R. C. Weston by his parishioners in recognition of 21 years' service as Vicar of Emmanuel. 20 : Stained glass window to the memory of the late James Knowles, Esq., placed in the Parish Church. 23 : Rev. Canon Powell's intended resignation of the Vicarage of Bolton notified on acceptance of the living of Eaglescliffe. 25 : Extraordinary Election in East Ward consequent on death of Councillor Gleave, Mr. J. F. Elliston (C) returned in opposition to Mr. W. Bamber (L).

DECEMBER.—13 : Public subscription inaugurated by the Mayor for the relief of the families of the two crews lost in the wreck, on Dec. 10, of the Southport and St. Anne's lifeboats. 15 : Preferment of the Rev. F. N. Thicknesse, Lecturer at the Parish Church, to the Rectory of Limehouse, London. 20 : Fire at the Dixon Green Mill of Messrs. Thomas Barnes and Co., damage £3000. 21 : Addresses of the borough members, Mr. Shepherd-

Cross and Col. Bridgeman, and of Mr. Frank Hardcastle, the member for the Westhoughton Division, at the Temperance Hall. 21 : Two colliers—Jesse Chadwick and Edward Gradyell—killed at Snydall Colliery, Westhoughton ; whilst walking in the wagon road of the jig brow, nine tubs of coal, liberated by breakage of rope, dashed into them and killed them instantly. 26 : Died suddenly, at Trinity Street Railway Station, the Rev. Jonathan Dent, Wesleyan minister, of Blackburn, on his way home after preaching that evening at Bridge Street Chapel in Bolton.—Trade generally dull during the year, but signs of more confidence and greater activity towards the close.

New Magistrates appointed during 1886.—County : April 5, Jeremiah Garnett, Esq. ; 20, Thomas Henry Rushton, Esq. Borough : Feb. 2, Mr. William Knowles, Dr. F. B. Mallett, Ald. Thomas Moscrop, and Ald. Josiah William Taylor ; Feb. 26, Messrs. Thomas Cunliffe, Joseph Foy, and James Smethurst.

OBITUARY FOR 1886.

Jan. 6 : Mr. Alexander Martin, of Brownlow Fold, aged 43, the well-known mineral water manufacturer. 20 : James Knowles, Esq., J.P., Eagley Bank, the extensive colliery proprietor, and Mayor of the borough from 1855 to 1857 ; one of the leading Liberals in the borough, and a zealous Churchman. 23 : Mr. John Sharples, of Manchester, aged 70, formerly an extensive flax spinner in Bolton, and for some years an alderman of the borough.—Feb. 11 : Mr. Joseph Dodson Greenhalgh, aged 64, well-known as a contributor to the local press on antiquarian subjects.—March 6 : Mr. Robert Moscrop, aged 77, a prominent member of the Wesleyan body, and a zealous Conservative.—April 6 : At Victoria Park, Manchester, aged 74, John Taylor, Esq., solicitor, first Coroner for the borough of Bolton, which office he held for the long period of 37 years, a consistent Churchman, and in politics a Conservative. 17 : Mr. David Lloyd Roberts, aged 70, for 27

years Scripture reader in connection with St. George's Church.
23 : At Monte Carlo, in his 39th year, Alfred Cross, Esq., formerly for many years one of the proprietors of the Mortfield Bleachworks.
28 : Mr. J. S. Sugden, aged 60, for 25 years a clothier in Market Street.—May 7 : Mr. John Pilkington, Lostock Grange, Westhoughton, aged 59, formerly an extensive cotton spinner in that township, and at one time a member of the Bolton Town Council.
14 : At Westwood, aged 75, James Rawsthorne Wolfenden, Esq., J.P., cotton spinner, Mayor of the borough 1861-2 and 1862-3, and a member of the Town Council for 12 years, an active Liberal, and a zealous Churchman.—June 12 : Suddenly, aged 42, at Ravenhurst, Heaton, Mr. James F. B. Salmon, cotton spinner, an active member of the Conservative party. 11 : Mr. James Richardson, provision dealer, Hulme Street, aged 55, an active Conservative worker in East Ward, and for four years a Poor-law Guardian. 15 : Mr. George W. Byers, aged 46, senior partner in the firm of Messrs. Byers and Sons, Borough Corn Mills, and an active member of the Wesleyan body. 20 : At Bridlington Quay, aged 83, the Rev. William Stothert, B.A., formerly Incumbent of Emmanuel Church, Bolton.—July 13 : At The Grove, Heaton, Richard Stockdale, Esq., J.P., aged 77, Mayor of the borough 1864-5 and 1865-6, member of the Town Council for about 20 years, and for many years one of the most active members and treasurer of the Poor Protection Society ; in politics a Liberal, and a warm supporter of the Wesleyan body.
14 : At Gilnow House, Mr. James Lomax, C.E., land surveyor and valuer, surveyor to the Farnworth and Astley Bridge Local Boards, and formerly for six years a member of the Bolton Town Council in the Liberal interest. 20 : At London, in his 56th year, Stephen Winkworth, Esq., J.P., cotton spinner, formerly one of the leading members of the Liberal party in Bolton, and for nine years a member of the Bolton School Board.—August 15 : At Braystones, Cumberland, aged 76, Henry Hough Watson, Esq., J.P., F.C.S., of The Folds, Bolton, distinguished as an analytical chemist, a warm

supporter of the Conservative party, and a zealous Churchman. 18 : At St. Anne's, Mr. Robert Briercliffe, a well-known cotton spinner at Farnworth, and at one time a member of the Local Board. 24 : Mr. Joseph Jackson, C.E., The Whins, Heaton, aged 75, the eminent water engineer.—Nov. 2 : Mr. Richard Henry Constantine, draper, aged 57, an active member of the Wesleyan body, treasurer of the Poor Protection Society in succession to the late Mr. Stockdale, and formerly for three years a member of the Town Council, representing Derby Ward in the Liberal interest. 9 : Councillor John Gleave, age 51, an ardent Conservative and Churchman. 9 : Mr. James Ryder, aged 76, a veteran Conservative worker, and formerly for four years a member of the Town Council for East Ward.—Dec. 3 : At Blackpool, Mr. Thomas Wood Heaton, in his 77th year, one of the oldest members of the Wesleyan body, and formerly an alderman and justice of the peace for this borough.

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JANUARY.—5 : Westhoughton School Board election, return of a lady candidate. 8 : Opening of new Church school at Hulton Lane Ends, cost £900. 12 : John Pearson, of Little Lever, drowned in attempting to rescue a boy through the ice breaking. 26 : Distribution of clasps and badges by order of the Grand Council to several prominent members of the Bolton Habitation of the Primrose League. 29 : Presentation to Canon Powell, by teachers and scholars, on termination of his 30 years' ministry as Vicar of Bolton. 30 : Canon Powell's farewell services at Parish Church on acceptance of the Rectory of Eaglescliffe. 31 : Presentation to Rev. J. S. ff. Chamberlain, M.A., Vicar of Kersley, on preferment to Aldridge, diocese of Lichfield.

FEBRUARY.—2 : Presentation of silver salver to Canon Powell by parishioners and townspeople, and fruit dishes by the clergy of the Rural Deanery. 8 : Rev. Canon Atkinson, M.A., D.C.L., Rector of Longsight, appointed Vicar of Bolton. 14 : Royal

Humane Society's Medal presented to William Gibson, a Westhoughton collier, for rescuing a boy from drowning. 16 : Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company vote £2500 for erection of a Mechanics' Institute for Horwich consequent upon their extensive new works in that township. 17 : Formation of a Chamber of Commerce for Bolton. 17 : Walter Wood, machine fitter, of Bolton, murdered his wife at Bury by cutting her throat. 19 : Tonge Moor Conservative Club opened by Mr. Frank Hardcastle, M.P. 25 : Rev. J. Morgan, B.A., Curate of Padiham, appointed to the living of St. Stephen's, Kersley. 25 : Royal Humane Society's Medal awarded to William Pollitt, of Little Lever, for rescuing a boy from drowning. 26 : Presentation of address and handsome timepiece to Mr. John Horsfield by parishioners and old scholars in recognition of his services to Deane parish from 1840 to 1886.

MARCH.—12 : Canon Atkinson's first sermon at Parish Church as Vicar. 14 : Supt. Phillips, of the Corporation Fire Brigade, presented with handsome timepiece by auxiliary firemen of his department. 29 : Discovery at Daubhill of the remains of Samuel Longworth, gibbeted on Deane Moor in 1797 for the Deane Lane murder.

APRIL.—1 : Preferment of the Rev. C. P. Roberts, M.A., Vicar of Peel, to the Rectory of Longsight. 2 : Induction of Canon Atkinson as Vicar of Bolton. 6 : Handsome memorial window erected in The Saviour's Church, the gift of Mr. Thomas Greenhalgh the founder, in memory of Bishop Fraser, who in the consecration of this church performed his last official act. 19 : Great Primrose League demonstration at the Temperance Hall. 25 : Rev. F. R. C. Hutton, B.A., Vicar of Roade, near Northampton, appointed Lecturer at the Parish Church in succession to the Rev. F. N. Thicknesse. 28 : Presentation of gold watch and purse of gold to Police Inspector Grimshaw by the public of Farnworth and neighbourhood, and the county justices, on his retirement

after 27 years' service in the county constabulary. 30 : **Statue** of the **Earl of Beaconsfield**, erected in the Chorley New Road Park and presented to the town by the Bolton and District Conservative Working Men's Association, unveiled by the Earl of Onslow, Under Secretary for the Colonies; great Conservative demonstration in the grounds of James Ormrod, Esq., Halliwell Lodge.

MAY.—3 : Manchester Jubilee Exhibition opened by the Prince of Wales; many important exhibits from Bolton in the engineering, machine-making, and textile manufacturing departments. 7 : Seventh annual Hospital Saturday realised £1100. 9 : Two men killed at Fogg's Pit, Darey Lever. 14 : Valuable presentation to the Rev. C. P. Roberts, Vicar of Peel, by his parishioners, on his preferment to Longsight. 14 : Commencement of the **Great Strike** in the Bolton **Iron Trades** on questions of wages and overtime; nearly 2000 hands affected. 16 : Presentation of purse of gold to Rev. J. G. McCubbin, B.A., on leaving Curacy of Parish Church for the Curacy of Longsight. 18 : Fire at Atlas Foundry, Farnworth, damage £2000. 20 : Destructive storm in Bolton, damage at The Saviour's Church. 22 : **Introduction** of **imported men** to replace strike hands. 23 : **Strike disturbance**, windows smashed at Wood's foundry. 23 : Mr. J. H. Hall appointed joint Public Prosecutor. 28 : Local Volunteers, 2nd Vol. Batt, L.N.L., at Rhyl, 16th annual encampment. 29 : Unveiling of new reredos at St. Matthew's Church, the gift of Mr. Thomas Holmes. 30 : Execution of Walter Wood at Strangeways.

JUNE.—1 : Mr. Isaac Holt, aged 61, master cotton doubler, killed by machinery at Bark Street Mill. 20 : **Her Majesty's Jubilee**, the completion of the 50th year of her reign, celebrated in Bolton with great rejoicings; town richly decorated; State visit of the Corporation and gentry to the Parish Church; banquet in

the Albert Hall, telegram received from the Queen conveying Her Majesty's "thanks to the people of Bolton for their kind and loyal congratulations;" treats to school children and poor people; balloon ascent from the Recreation Ground; magnificent illuminations of the Town Hall, Gas Offices, Market Hall, and tradesmen's premises, and grand display of fireworks and illuminations in the Park; medals struck to commemorate the occasion. 22: In connection with the Jubilee celebrations at St. James's Church, Tonge-cum-Brightmet, the superintendents and teachers in the Sunday school presented a handsome silver salad bowl to the Vicar, the Rev. A. Stephens, as a token of esteem. 27: Strike disturbance, attack on a 'bus at Tonge Moor containing imported men. 29: Additional importations, great excitement, attack on a foundry manager, window smashing at the Soho Works, extraordinary scenes in the streets. 30: Watch Committee apply for 200 county police; serious rioting and window smashing in the evening at Kay Street Works, arrival of a detachment of 130 men of the 13th Hussars from Manchester; street cleared by the military. Soldiers billeted in the town.

JULY.—1: The Mayor issues a proclamation regretting the scenes of lawlessness and asking the co-operation of the public in maintaining peace; Magistrates resolve to close public-houses and beerhouses at six o'clock in the evening in neighbourhood of works affected by the strike; more serious rioting at night near Kay Street Works; mob charged by the police and the military, several persons injured. 2: Foundation stone laying of new Wesleyan chapel and schools at Tonge Moor. 2: Opening of new Reform Club at Westhoughton. 11 to 15: Further importations, exciting scenes, mobbing imported men. 14: The Recorder, following the efforts of the Mayor, offers to mediate. 14: Announcement that consequent upon the unsettled state of the local labour market, a Bolton firm which had been in negotiation for a contract abroad which would have given employment to 1500 men for six years, and

whose only competitor was a foreign firm, had been obliged to withdraw from further effort to obtain the order. 21 : Presentation of congratulatory address to Thos. Scowcroft, Esq., president of the Tonge Moor Conservative Club, by the members on the occasion of his marriage. 29 : Rejoicings at Bradshaw, and presentation of address and silver salver from the workpeople, on the coming of age of Mr. Thomas Augustus Hardcastle, eldest son of Thomas Hardcastle, Esq., J.P. 30 : Great Conservative demonstration at Hulton Park.

AUGUST.—1 : Indignation meeting at Temperance Hall to protest against expense incurred in retention of military and county police. 3 : Fire at Messrs. John Cooper and Son's timber yard, damage over £3000. 8 : Mr. James Arthur Hindley, cotton spinner, Farnworth, drowned whilst bathing near Lytham. 9 : Departure of Hussars who had been encamped in the Park Recreation Ground since the 4th July ; strike still continued, but everything now orderly. 11 : Mr. Michael Battle elected for Derby Ward as the first Labour Representative in the Town Council, defeating Mr. Wm. Cunliffe, the Liberal nominee, by 532 to 164. 13 : Bolton Artillery Volunteers, 3rd Lancashire Brigade, at Scarborough ; 12 previous encampments at Southport. 13 : Great trades demonstration in Bolton, representatives of iron industries in various parts of Lancashire, in support of strike of Bolton hands. 13 : Rev. H. E. Alderson, M.A., Curate of Mirfield, presented to the Vicarage of Peel. 27 : Corner stone of new Branch Public Library in High Street laid by Ald. Fielding.

SEPTEMBER.—5 : First meeting of Masonic brethren in new Masonic Hall in Bolton. 8 : Visit of members of the British Association to the new Railway Works at Horwich. 10 : Mass meeting of strike hands in Temperance Hall, accept masters' proposal for arbitration by 452 against 267. 20 : Second mass meeting in Temperance Hall, reject amended proposals for

arbitration by 778 against 71. 20 : Opening of Sanitary Congress and Health Exhibition in Bolton.

OCTOBER.—1 : Presentation of gold watch and silver tea and coffee service by parishioners of Farnworth and Kersley to Mr. Richard Pickering on retirement from head mastership of St. John's day schools. 7 : Communication from Home Secretary stating, in answer to representations from the Ratepayers' Association, that he can find no fault with the action of the authorities in introducing the extra police and the military and that no inquiry is needed. 8 : Announcement that High Bank, Haulgh, had been secured as the future Vicarage for the Parish Church in lieu of the old Vicarage in Churchgate. 29 : **Settlement** of the **Strike** in the iron trades after lasting 25 weeks ; estimated loss in wages £50,000 ; cost of extra police and military about £8000 ; men to resume work at existing rate, and wages question to be referred to Board of Conciliation consisting of five representatives of Bolton employers and five representatives of the workmen ; after several sittings of this body it was announced that Mr. S. Pope, Q.C., Recorder, had consented to act as arbitrator, and in his award he said "That the state of trade existing in Bolton when the strike commenced (to wit, May, 1887), as compared with that existing when wages were last reduced (to wit, March, 1886), did not warrant an advance in the rate of wages." 29 : Corner stone of new school at Plodder Lane in connection with St. James's, New Bury, laid by Rev. T. Loxham. 31 : Men recently on strike resume work amid general expressions of satisfaction in the town.

NOVEMBER.—1 : Municipal elections greatly influenced by the feeling consequent upon the recent strike and the employment of the military and mounted police ; for the 16 seats vacated (13 Conservative and 3 Liberal) there were 33 aspirants, including 12 Con-

servatives, 5 Liberals, 10 Labour Candidates, and 6 Social Democrats ; the result was the return of 8 Labour Representatives, 6 Conservatives and 2 Liberals,—the Council now consisting of 41 Conservatives, 14 Liberals, and 9 Labour Representatives, three of these latter being in politics Conservative and six Liberal. 2 : Rev. J. W. Cundey, M.A., Principal of the Church Institute, appointed to the Vicarage of Emmanuel. 9 : Alderman Thomas Moscrop elected Mayor. 9 : Erection of Memorial on Horwich Moor in memory of George Henderson, a travelling Scotch packman murdered on that spot on the 9th Nov., 1838. 10 : Dr. Peter Yates, junior house surgeon, appointed senior house surgeon at the Infirmary in succession to Dr. Phillips resigned. 13 : Fraser-Powell Memorial Stalls in the Parish Church occupied for the first time on the occasion of the State visit of the Mayor and Corporation. 13 : Fatal accident to a Bolton cabdriver at Boothstown. 14 : New Free Library at Horwich opened by the Vicar, the Rev. H. S. Pigot, M.A. 19 : Mysterious death by shooting of Mr. Joseph Calderbank, landlord of the Beehive Inn, Horwich. 24 : Interesting presentations to the Mayor (Ald. Moscrop) and the Mayoress by employées in the various departments of the Corporation Gas Works, of which Ald. Moscrop was Chairman till his election to the Civic Chair. 24 : Oil explosion at the Steel Works, man fatally injured. 25 : Address by Sir F. Milner, Bart., to Conservatives and Unionists at Farnworth. 26 : Stained glass window in Christ Church, Harwood, in memory of the late Dr. Snape. 28 : Presentation to Major Shepherd-Cross, M.P., by officers and men of the Blackburn Troop of the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry on his retiring from the command.

DECEMBER.—1 : Induction of the Rev. J. W. Cundey as Vicar of Emmanuel. 1 : Dr. E. C. Kingston, of Upper Clapton, appointed junior house surgeon of the Infirmary. 21 : Alderman Thomas Fletcher, J.P., Ex-Mayor, presented by 70 of the leading gentlemen in the town with a valuable casket in recognition of his services to

the Borough during his three years' Mayoralty, the casket containing all the English coins and medals issued by the Royal Mint in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee. 22 : Industrial Exhibition in the Market Hall opened by Mr. H. Shepherd-Cross, the senior member for the Borough.—Trade reviving as the year closed, and business prospects happily considered to be brighter after a prolonged period of depression.

OBITUARY FOR 1887.

Jan. 11 : Mr. George F. C. Goodwin, aged 59, deaf and dumb missionary. 13 : Dr. R. F. Snape, F.R.C.S., aged 65, certifying surgeon under the Factories Acts, a staunch Conservative and Churchman. 19 : Dr. Fergus Ferguson, J.P., in his 82nd year, formerly for 18 years an Alderman of the borough and Mayor 1866-7, for more than 20 years a certifying surgeon and medical inspector under the Factories Acts, a zealous sanitary reformer, and an active member of the Wesleyan body ; an earnest Liberal.—Feb. 7 : Mr. John Thorpe, aged 63, for 28 years relieving officer in Western Bolton, a staunch Conservative and Churchman. 18 : Mr. Jabez Johnson, J.P., aged 77, a consistent Liberal, and formerly for nine years a member of the Town Council. 18 : Mr. John Buck, of the Albert Ironworks, Turton Street, an ardent Conservative.—March 5 : Mr. W. T. Staton, aged 45, president of the Bolton Typographical Society, and an excellent amateur musician. 10 : Councillor James Young, aged 53, a loyal supporter of the Conservative party. 14 : Mr. Richard Green, aged 64, a former manager of the Bolton Gasworks. 20 : Mr. John Kynaston Cross, J.P., an extensive cotton spinner and manufacturer, one of the representatives of this Borough in Parliament in the Liberal interest from 1874 to 1885, and for some time Under-Secretary of State for India, aged 54, a former member of the Town Council and a zealous Churchman.—May 2 : Mr. William Walter Kay, aged 60, formerly of the Duke Street

Academy, a man of literary tastes and at one time a frequent contributor to the local press. 6: Mr. William Flitcroft, in his 59th year, actively connected with the cotton spinning and other trades of the district, and at one time a member of the Town Council in the Liberal interest. 21: Mr. Joseph Balshaw, aged 58, for 38 years a respected official of the County Court. 25: Mr. John Gorton, in his 61st year, for 17 years collector of poor rates and 24 years collector of income tax.—June 5: Mr. Thomas Coulson, aged 65, a well-known newsagent and a staunch Conservative.—July 5: In his 43rd year, Mr. Rooke Pennington, B.A., LL.B., F.G.S., solicitor, for many years legal agent to the Conservative party, of wide experience in political organisation, and an accomplished scholar and geologist. 14: Mr. Peter Bradburn, aged 35, a well-known land and mining surveyor. 20: Councillor Joseph Vickers, aged 61, one of the representatives of Derby Ward in the Liberal interest. 28: Lieut.-Colonel Thomas Hesketh, J.P., aged 49, a member of our local Volunteers from the formation of the corps in 1860, for many years Chairman of the Astley Bridge Local Board, formerly a member of the Bolton Town Council, a zealous Churchman, and for many years one of the most active members of the Conservative party. 29: Miss Briggs, of Crompton Fold, greatly respected throughout the district.—Aug. 3: Rev. Robert Best, aged 65, pastor of Mawdsley Street Congregational Church for 35 years, and the senior Nonconformist minister in Bolton. 5: Mr. Gervase Lyon Taylor, aged 71, president for 27 years of the Bolton Shaksperian Society. 11: Mr. John Thornley, aged 53, a well-known local auctioneer. 16: Mr. James Barlow, J.P., a leading member of the Liberal party, an extensive manufacturer, founder of the Children's Home, Edgworth, formerly for 12 years a member of the Town Council and Mayor of the Borough for the two years 1867 to 1869, and a liberal supporter of the Wesleyan body.—Oct. 13: In his 72nd year, Mr. Richard Harwood, J.P., of the Brownlow Fold Mills,

Mayor of Bolton 1863-4, for 21 years a member of the Bolton Town Council and thrice Mayor of Salford, a prominent Unitarian and a consistent Liberal. 14 : Mr. Leonard Cooke, paper manufacturer, Horwich, at one time a member of the Local Board. 22 : Rev. R. C. Weston, LL.D., aged 69, for 22 years Vicar of Emmanuel. 31 : Mr. James Ramwell, aged 58, a respected resident of Edgworth, a staunch Churchman and Conservative.—Nov. 3 : Mr. John James Ashworth, in his 38th year, an active member of the Liberal party and Vice-President of the Bolton Amateur Athletic Club. 9 : Mr. James Fletcher, aged 54, of the firm of Messrs. Fletcher, the extensive paper manufacturers, Stoneclough, for three years Chairman of the Kersley Local Board and a zealous supporter of the Conservative party.—13 : At Richmond, Major E. S. Kearsley, J.P., aged 67, a warm Conservative and Churchman.—Dec. 2 : Rev. R. M. Evanson, M.A., aged 67, for 37 years Vicar of Ainsworth. 21 : At his residence, Springfield, Great Lever, aged 78, Thomas Holden, Esq., 40 years Registrar of Bolton County Court, and for 22 years Hon. Treasurer of the Bolton Subscription Library, noted for his scholarly and antiquarian tastes, and greatly respected by all classes of his fellow-townsmen and neighbours, a staunch Churchman and a warm supporter of the Conservative party.

1888.

BOLTON A COUNTY BOROUGH.

Under the Local Government Act which received the Royal Assent on the 13th August, 1888, the Municipal Borough of Bolton becomes a County Borough.

VICARS OF BOLTON.

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- 1429.....Henry of Ringley.
 1503.....Richard Leyver (?).
 —.....James Smithley.
 1534.....James Bolton.
 1556.....Thomas Pendleburie.
 —.....Edward Cockrell.
 1582.....Alexander Smythe.
 1593.....Jasper Saunders.
 1594.....Geo. Chrychley.
 1597.....Ellis Sanderson.
 1625.....Robert Parke.
 1630.....William Gregg.
 1644.....Richard Goodwin.
 1662.....Robert Harpur.
 1671.....Michael Stanford.
 1673.....John Lever.
 1691.....Peter Haddon.
 1721.....Thomas Morrall.
 1737.....Edward Whitehead.
 1789.....Jeremiah Gilpin.
 1793.....Thomas Bancroft.
 1811.....John Brocklebank.
 1817.....James Slade.
 1857.....Henry Powell, till Feb.,
 1887, when he resigned on acceptance of the
 Rectory of Eaglescliffe.
 1887.....Rev. Canon Atkinson,
 Rector of Longsight, appointed Vicar of
 Bolton, Feb. 8.

VICARS OF DEANE.

1542.....	*William Rothwell.
1575.....	David Dee.
1593.....	Lancelot Clegge.
1636.....	Richard Hardy.
1644.....	Alexander Horrocks.
—.....	John Tilsley.
1663.....	John Angier.
1673.....	Richard Hatton.
1712.....	James Rothwell.
1767.....	Thomas Withnell.
1776.....	Robert Lathom.
1818.....	Thomas Brocklebank.
1830.....	Edward Girdlestone.
1855.....	Francis Henry Thicknesse.
1868.....	William Bashall.
1877.....	Henry Sheridan Patterson,
	present Vicar.

* Mr. Rothwell had for his curate George Marsh the Martyr, commonly reputed to have been "Vicar" of Deane from the prominence attaching to his name.

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Church Sunday School Union	1880
Clogs, Introduction of	1337
Coaching Days	1824
Cockey Moor Chapel	1813
Coffee Tavern, Opening Barlow Arms	1877
Claremont Baptist Chapel	1868, 1869, 1878, 1883
Clarendon Street Board School	1886
Colliers, Advance of Wages	1871
" Great Strike of	1874
" Strike Disturbances	1880
Commission Street Unitarian Chapel	1868, 1878
Concert Hall	1858, 1859
Congregational Church, Blackbank Street	1874, 1875, 1877
" " Derby Street	1875
" " Edgworth	1867
" " Egerton	1874
" " St. George's Road	1862, 1874, 1875
" " Farnworth	1883
Conservative Banquet	1869
" " to Hick and Rushton	1878
" Club	1870
" Council	1884
" Demonstration, Pomona Palace	1884
" " Bolton	1885
" Meeting, Temple Opera House	1880
Connaught, Duke of, Visit to Bolton	1876
Cookery School	1877
Co-operative Congress in Bolton	1872
" Stores	1866
Cotton Famine	1862
" Relief Committee discontinued	1865
Cotton Trade, Alteration in Closing Time on Saturdays	1871
" Advance of Wages	1871, 1875
" Riots in East Lancashire	1878
" Reduction in Wages	1879, 1885
" Amalgamation of Societies	1880
" Depressions	1847, 1858, 1861, 1862, 1863
Crompton Fold	1756

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Crompton, Samuel ...	1753, 1775, 1779, 1780, 1803, 1812, 1827, 1842, 1878
" " Parliamentary Gratuity to Son ...	1862
" " Erection of Monument over Grave of ...	1861
" " Statue ...	1862
Cross, J. K., Appointed Under Secretary for India ...	1883
" Right Hon. R. A., Visit to Bolton ...	1879, 1881
County Court ...	1869
" Police, Appointment of Superintendent ...	1869
" Coroner, Election of ...	1870
" Sessions Room ...	1876
Darbishire Recreation Ground ...	1868
Darkness, Extraordinary Phenomenon ...	1857
Daubhill, Incorporation within Borough ...	1872
Davison, Rev. W. H., Farewell Sermon ...	1873
Deane Church ...	1450, 1684, 1766, 1817, 1876, 1877, 1878
" Rev. George Marsh ...	1555
" Agricultural Society ...	1864, 1870
Dean Mills, Halliwell ...	1877
" Visit by Prince Consort ...	1851
De Manneville Charity ...	1843
Derby, Earls of ...	1555, 1644, 1651
" Ward Conservative Club ...	1882
Dewhurst, Captain ...	1806
Discovery of Ancient Armour ...	1821
Dilke Riot ...	1871
" Petition to Home Secretary ...	1872
" Prosecution for Manslaughter ...	1872
" Trial at Manchester Assizes ...	1872
" Government Inquiry ...	1872
" Home Secretary's Report ...	1872
Distress in Bolton, 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842, 1847, 1855, 1878, 1879	
Dobson and Barlow's Works ...	1790, 1833, 1845
" Chimney ...	1842, 1843
Dobson Bridge ...	1879
Draycott Street Wesleyan Chapel ...	1872
Druids' A.M.D. in Bolton ...	1871
Duke's Alley Chapel ...	1751, 1875, 1882
Earl of Shaftesbury ...	1851
Earthquakes in Bolton ...	1863, 1869, 1871
Election Petition against Hamilton and Steele ...	1875
Ellesmere, Earl of ...	1857
" Countess of ...	1869

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Emmanuel Church1837, 1839, 1853, 1880, 1886, 1887
Engineers' Strike, Great Disturbances 1887
Entwistle Tunnel 1873

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Earl of Derby 1651
Hilton, Mary, Poisoning...	... 1772
Holland, James, Croft Breaking 1786
Longworth, Samuel, Murder ...	... 1796
[Discovery of Longworth's remains, 1887.]	
Callant, Wm. seducing soldier from allegiance ...	... 1801
Fletcher, Job, Luddite Riots ...	... 1812
Kerfoot, Thomas, „ ...	... 1812
Smith, James, „ ...	... 1812
Charlton, Abraham, „ ...	... 1812
Worrall, Ashton, Murder ...	... 1831
Worrall, William, „ ...	... 1831
Orrell, John, Poisoning ...	... 1835
Eccles, Betty, „ ...	... 1843
Grime, Thomas, murder ...	... 1866
Allen, Larkin, and Gould, murder ...	... 1867
Piggot, George „ ...	... 1878
Cooper, William „ 1879
Thomas, Abraham „ 1883
Howarth, Kay „ 1884
Wood, Walter „ 1887

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Boiler 1827
Brooks Mill 1844
Rothwell and Kitts 1845
Great Lever Colliery 1851
„ „ Bleachworks ...	... 1852
Locomotive Boiler, Sough ...	... 1857
Gasworks ...	1864, 1886
Naphtha in Deansgate ...	... 1866
Little Hulton Colliery ...	... 1866
Wheat Sheaf Colliery, Pendlebury... ..	... 1870
Gunpowder, Aspull Moor... ..	... 1871
Gun Cotton, Entwistle Tunnel ...	... 1871
Ladyshore Colliery ...	... 1872
Lovers' Lane Colliery, Atherton 1872
Gunpowder, Westhoughton 1872
Atlas Forge 1874

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	YEAR.
Bolton Iron and Steel Works	1874, 1887
Wheat Sheaf Beerhouse, Blackburn Street ...	1875
Stonehill Colliery, Farnworth	1877
Fogg's Pit, Darcy Lever	1877
Unity Brook Colliery, Kersley	1878
Kersley Paper Mills	1879
Scowcroft's Colliery, Kersley	1879
Hayes and Johnson's Colliery, Leigh	1881
Stopes Colliery, Little Lever	1883
Clifton Colliery... ..	1885
St. Augustine's Church	1886
Wood End Colliery, Bedford Leigh	1886
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Factory Act	1875
"Factory King"	1833
Farnworth Cemetery... ..	1874, 1876
" Hall	1603
" Local Board	1863, 1881
" Parish Church, ... 1824, 1873, 1878, 1880, 1885,	1886
" Park	1864
" Temperance Hall	1885
" Sewage Works	1881
Felo-de-se	1792
Fenian Agitation	1867, 1881
Fern Street Wesleyan Chapel	1871
Fever Hospital	1882, 1883
Fire Brigades' Demonstration... ..	1882

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Ainsworth's Bleachworks, Halliwell	1812, 1869
Ainsworth Mill	1879
Albert Hotel	1884
Ashton Field Farm, Little Hulton... ..	1874
Atlas Foundry, Farnworth	1887
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Barnes's Mill, Dixon Green	1865, 1886
" " Farnworth... ..	1872, 1886
Bamford's Mill, Ashburner Street	1876, 1882
Barlow and Jones's Mill	1878
Barrett's Warehouse	1885
Barton's Farm, Lostock	1880
Bow Street Mill	1878, 1880, 1884
Bradshaw Bleachworks	1885
Bridgeman Street Timber Yard	1877

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YEAR.

Briercliffe's Mill, Farnworth	1875
Brook Mill, Deansgate	1859
Bobbin Works, Slaterfield	1886
Brown's, Columbia Old Mill	...	...	...	1884
Buck's Foundry...	...	...	...	1876
Bullfield Mill	...	...	...	1881
Butler's Mill, Halliwell Road	...	...	...	1885
Carlile Mill	...	...	...	1859
Chatton's Ironworks	...	...	...	1866
Christ Church, Organ destroyed	...	...	...	1855
Clarendon Mill	...	...	...	1883
Cooper's Timber Yard	...	...	...	1887
Cotton Warehouse, Kay Street	...	...	...	1874
Croftside Pit, Darcy Lever	...	...	...	1880
Crompton Fold, Brightmet	...	...	...	1877
Crook's Mill, Blackburn Street	...	...	...	1879
" " Moses Gate	...	...	...	1878
Derby Mill, High Street	...	...	...	1878
Doffcocker Factory	...	...	...	1855
Eagley Mills	...	...	...	1886
Entwistle's Mill, Tonge	...	...	...	1883
Foy's Mill, Halliwell Road	...	...	...	1876
Gaskell's Mill, Horwich	...	...	...	1882
Gillibrand's Farm, Haulgh	...	...	...	1866, 1873
Gilnow Mills	...	...	...	1868
" Old Mill	...	...	...	1872
Globe Iron Works	...	...	...	1880, 1881
Gowanlock's Timber Yard	...	...	...	1883
Great Lever Bleachworks	...	...	...	1877
Greenhalgh and Garstang's Mill, Bradshaw...	...	...	...	1868
Hardcastle's Bleachworks	...	...	...	1825
Harwood's Mill, Brownlow Fold	...	...	...	1885
Haslam's Manchester Warehouse	...	...	...	1881
" Mill, Victory	...	...	...	1867
" " Astley Bridge	1882
Horrocks Moor	1877
Howarth's Mill, Edgworth	1868
Howe Bridge Mill	1876

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YEAR.

Jackson's, Turton Street	1868
Key Street Works	1882
Little & Smith's Mill, Belmont	1869
Lark Mill, Farnworth ...	...	...	...	1871
Lark Hill Photographic Studio ...	...	...	...	1879
Lee's Mill, Black Lane ...	...	...	...	1882
Mount Pleasant Mill ...	...	...	...	1870
Munro's Vaults ...	...	...	...	1879
Old Lum Mill, Bury Street ...	...	...	...	1876
Old Mill Hill Factory ...	...	...	...	1829
Old Robin Hood Mill ...	...	...	...	1862
Orrell Cote Farm, Edgworth ...	...	...	...	1886
Pawnbroker's Shop, Astley Bridge...	...	...	...	1870
Pearson's Mill, Dean Street ...	...	...	...	1869
Peel Mill, Turton Street ...	...	...	...	1872
Persian Mill ...	...	...	...	1882
Phethean's Mill, Moses Gate ...	...	...	...	1884
Poole's Mill ...	...	...	...	1885
Primitive Methodist Chapel, Moor Lane ...	...	...	...	1876
Ramwell and Lumley's Mill ...	...	...	...	1876
Rant's Farm, Heaton ...	...	...	...	1880
Roberts's Timber Yard ...	...	...	...	1884
Robin Hood Mill ...	...	...	...	1881, 1883
Robinson's Mill, Farnworth ...	...	...	...	1878
Rosehill Mill ...	...	...	...	1878
Royal George Mill ...	...	...	...	1838
Royal Oak, Churchgate ...	...	...	...	1849
Royal Sovereign Mill ...	...	...	...	1818
Ryland's Mill, Ainsworth ...	...	...	...	1868
Shop in Ashburner Street ...	...	...	...	1886
" Deansgate ...	...	...	...	1849
" Market Hall ...	...	...	...	1869
Smalley's Mill, Moses Gate ...	...	...	...	1884
Smithills Chapel ...	...	...	...	1856
Star Inn Concert Room	1852
Stonehouse Farm, Lostock	1880
Sunnyside Mill, Daubhill	1867

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	YEAR.
Taylor's Mill, Brownlow Fold	1881
Temple Opera House	1882
Thornton & Laron's Mill, Farnworth	1877
Tindsley Mills, Worsley	1882
Tonge Colliery	1877
Topp & Hindley's Mill, Farnworth	1867
Town Hall	1879
Undershore Bleachworks... ..	1876
Victoria Mills, Elton	1871
Volunteer Inn, Bradshawgate	1877
Warehouse, Bridge Street	1878
" Slaterfield	1879
Waterloo Mill (Cross & Co.)	1872
Wellington Mills, Little Bolton	1856
Westhoughton Cotton Co.'s Mill	1870
Whittam's Mill, Farnworth	1870
Williams' Paint Works, Bradshawgate	1880
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First Beer Licensing Sessions... ..	1869
" Board Schools	1871
" Borough Magistrates	1839
" Clerk of the Peace	1839
" Coroner	1839
" Drinking Fountain	1859
" Election under Ballot Act	1872
" Hospital Saturday	1881
" Interment, Tonge Cemetery	1871
" " Heaton Cemetery	1879
" Labour Representatives, Town Council	1887
" Mayor	1838
" Medical Officer of Health	1873
" Municipal Election	1838
" " Contested	1842
" Parliamentary Election	1832
" Patient, New Infirmary	1883
" Railway	1828
" Recorder	1839
" School Board	1870
" Spinning Mill	1779
" Telephone	1878

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First Temperance Society	1831
" Town Clerk	1838
Fish Market	1486, 1864
Flash Fight	1808
Flemish Clothiers	1337
Fletcher Street Wesleyan Chapel	1819, 1861
Floods	1872, 1877, 1880
" at Kersley	1874
" at Astley Bridge	1874
Foot and Mouth Disease	1871
Fraser-Powell Memorial	1887
French, G. J., Presentation to... ..	1861
Frost, Severe	1855, 1874
Gas in Bolton first used	1819
Gas Exhibition	1885
Gas Offices... ..	1868
Gladstone, Right Hon. W. E., Visit to Bolton	1864
Grammar School	1500, 1641, 1880, 1882, 1883
Great Lever, Manor of	1466, 1629
" " Proposed Local Board	1879
" " Official Inquiry do.	1879, 1880
Great Moor Street Station, Destruction of	1858
" " " " Closing of Old	1871
" " " " Opening of New	1874
Hacken Hall	1604
" Sewage Works	1886
Half-Timers—Official Conference	1874
Hall-i'th'-Wood	1483
Halliwell Conservative Club	1884
" Local Board	1863
" Mortgage Debt	1879
Hamilton, Lord George, Visit to Bolton	1879
Handloom Weavers' Distress	1834
Hardcastle, Cross, and Co.'s Bank	1875, 1878
Hargreaves Memorial School, Westhoughton	1878
Harris, James, Chief Constable	1867
Haulgh Board School	1880, 1881
Haulgh Hall	1602
Heaton Cemetery	1876, 1878, 1879
Heaton Hall	1609
" Reservoir	1857
" School Board	1883
Heavy Rainfall	1860
Heywood Recreation Ground	1865

	YEAR.
High Level Road, Collapse of	1876
High Street Library... ..	1887
Historic Society, Visit of	1859
Holy Trinity Church	1823, 1861, 1881
" " Schools	1861
Home Rule Meeting at Temperance Hall	1874
Horrocks, John	1804
Horwich Branch Railway	1870
" Cotton Trade of	1510
" Forest of	1322
" Free Library	1887
" Local Board	1872
" Parish Church	1565, 1779, 1830, 1876
" Public Hall... ..	1878, 1879
" " Lamp and Fountain	1879
" Railway Works	1884, 1885, 1886, 1887
" " " Visit of British Association	1887
Hospital Saturday established	1881
Hulton's Charity	1691
Hulton Family	1066, 1310, 1311, 1789, 1810, 1812
Hulton Street School	1796, 1860
Hulton School, Middle Hulton	1886, 1887
Humane Society Presentations	1884, 1885, 1887
Hurricanes... ..	1839, 1852
Hydrophobia, Fatal Cases	1871, 1873, 1877, 1878
Independent Methodists	1823
" " Noble Street	1872
" " Folds Road	1880
Indian Import Duties, Great Meeting	1875
" " " " Meetings in Bolton	1877, 1878
Industrial Exhibition	1887
Infirmary and Dispensary	1814, 1829, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1885, 1887
" " " (New Building Opened)	1883
" " " Art Exhibition	1881
" " " Chadwick Ward	1879
Irish Relief Fund	1880
Iron Trade Panic	1846
" " Strike	1852, 1887
" " Depression	1857
" " Adoption of Nine Hours' System	1872
" " Fitters' Strike	1875
Ironfounders' Society, Visit to Bolton	1866
Iron and Steel Institute, " "	1875

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Japanese Ministers, Visit to Bolton	1878
Kersley Local Board... ..	1865
Kossuth, Visit of	1856
Ladyshore Colliery Inundation	1835
" " Arbitration	1886
Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Co.'s New Warehouses	1885
Lee Chapel, Horwich	1867
Lever Bridge Church	1845
Lever Family	1466
" Robert	1641
" Rev. Thomas	1577
Liberal Demonstration—"House of Lords"	1884
Library, Adoption of Act	1852
" Opened	1853
" Appointment of Librarian	1870
Licensing, New Act	1872
Lifeboat Wrecks, Subscriptions in Bolton	1886
Little Bolton Manor House	1486
" " Improvement Act	1830
" " Star Chamber	1835
" " Town Hall	1826, 1830, 1876
" " Library	1879
Little Lever Church... ..	1790, 1865
" " Co-operative Stores	1869
" " Congregational School	1873
" " Conservative Club	1878
" " Local Board	1872
Liverpool and Bury Railway	1848
Lostock Hall	1590, 1621
" Junction Bridge	1886
" " School	1878
Luddite Disturbances	1812
Lum's Almshouses	1840, 1886
Lutheran Celebration	1883
Machine Breaking Riots	1779
Manning, Cardinal, Visit to Bolton	1875
Man and Scythe, Churchgate... ..	1700
Manchester and Salford Bank... ..	1878, 1884, 1885
" Jubilee Exhibition	1887
Manor of Bolton	1067, 1100, 1154, 1232, 1746
" Brightmet	1154
" Middle Hulton	1311
" Great Lever	1466, 1629

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Market Cross ...	1486, 1651, 1657, 1663, 1748, 1786
Market Hall, Opening of ...	1855
" Places in Bolton ...	1855
" Square ...	1826
Marsden Charity ...	1714
" High Level Road ...	1876, 1877, 1879
Marsh, Rev. George... ..	1555
Masonic Hall ...	1887
Mawdsley Street Chapel ...	1807, 1874
" " Closing Services, Old Building ...	1868
" " Corner Stone, New Building ...	1868
" " Opening of New Building ...	1870
" " Schools ...	1875
" " Theatre ...	1858
Mayoral Conversazione ...	1881
Mechanics' Institute... ..	1825, 1855, 1869
" Exhibition ...	1868, 1869
" Jubilee ...	1876
Medical Officers of Health ...	1873, 1874
Methodist New Connexion Chapel ...	1852, 1874
Milk Epidemic, Eagley ...	1870
Montez Loka, Visit of ...	1850
Morris Green Mission ...	1880
Moses Gate Conservative Club ...	1886
" Liberal Club ...	1886
" Market Hall ...	1877
Mount Street School ...	1870, 1874
Municipal Election, First ...	1838
Murder at Middle Hulton ...	1772
" on Horwich Moor ...	1838
" " Erection of Memorial... ..	1887
" at Longshaw Fold Farm ...	1846
" in Deansgate ...	1857
" at Great Lever ...	1869
" at Westhoughton ...	1869
" at Breighmet ...	1871
" at Kersley Moor ...	1878
" in Bolton ...	1879
" at Farnworth ...	1882
" (Attempted) at Ship Inn ...	1882
" at Astley Bridge ...	1883
" at Kersley ...	1883
" in Silverwell Lane ...	1884
" (Attempted) at Farnworth ...	1884
" " Oldhall Street ...	1886

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Murder by a Boltonian at Bury	1887
Murderous Outrage, Antelope Court	1883
Murphy, William, Anti-Popery Lecturer	...	...	1868
Neville Jones Memorial School	...	...	1882
New Jerusalem Church	...	...	1844
" Schools, Kersley	1875
" Church, Kersley	1877
Nine Hours' System...	1872
North Ward Reform Club	1881

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Adams, Sergt.-Major	... 1876	Assheton, Ralph	... 1680
Addleshaw, John	... 1859		
Ainsworth, Robert	... 1743	Baguley, William	... 1725
" Peter	... 1780	Baker, Rev. Franklin	... 1867
" Peter	... 1807	Balshaw, Thomas	... 1875
" Richard	... 1833	" Edward	... 1877
" J. H.	... 1865	" Joseph	... 1887
" Peter	... 1870	Bancroft, Archbishop	... 1610
" Richard	... 1879	" Rev. Thomas	... 1811
Airey, Rev. Thomas	... 1862	" S. N.	... 1872
" Rev. George	... 1870	Bardsley, G. W.	... 1884
Albinson, John	... 1854	Barton, Andrew	... 1619
Almond, Joseph	... 1880	" Sir Thomas	... 1659
" Walker	... 1883	" Rev. Miles C.	... 1882
Alsop, Rev. R.	... 1880	Barlow, Edward	... 1868
Anderton, Sir Chas.	... 1690	" John	... 1870
Andrews, Thomas	... 1865	" William	... 1881
" J. S.	... 1874	" James	... 1887
Appleton, William	... 1883	Barrett, J. L.	... 1878
Arkwright, Sir Richard	... 1792	Barry, James	... 1872
Armitstead, Robert	... 1885	Baylis, Henry	... 1874
Arrowsmith, James	... 1870	Bazley, Sir Thomas	... 1885
Ashton, James	... 1873	Bealey, Rev. Joseph	... 1813
Ashworth, Benjamin	... 1874	Beddows, R.	... 1875
" John	... 1879	Bell, George	... 1870
" Henry	... 1880	Bennett, Matthew	... 1875
" Edmund	... 1881	" Samuel	... 1881
" J. J.	... 1887	Berry, John	... 1882
Aspden, James	... 1877	Bertenshaw, John	... 1881
Aspinwall, John	... 1867	Best, James	... 1871
" John	... 1877	" Rev. Robert	... 1887

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Beswick, Thomas	... 1831	Buck, John	... 1887
" Thomas	... 1880	Bullock, Rev. Robert	... 1828
Betsworth, George	... 1878	Burns, Rev. W.	... 1877
Birley, Rev. J. S.	... 1883	Burrows, Rev. John	... 1878
Billington, Rev. Thomas..	1880	Butcher, Matthew	... 1858
Bird, Alfred	... 1873	Butler, Isaac	... 1875
Birch, W. B.	... 1883	Byers, George W.	... 1886
Blackmore, H.	... 1883	Byrne, Rev. Denis	... 1881
Blair, George	... 1826		
" Harrison	... 1870	Callender, W. R.	... 1876
" Stephen	... 1870	Cannon, William	... 1867
Blincoe, Rev. R.	... 1879	" John	... 1885
Boardman, Luke	... 1882	Carling, Richard	... 1876
Bolling, John	... 1846	Carney, John	... 1875
" William	... 1848	Carter, Rev. Canon	... 1875
" Edward	... 1860	Cartner, George	... 1884
" Rev. E. J.	... 1883	Chadwick, Dr.	... 1876
Bolton, John	... 1879	Challinor, Alfred	... 1879
" Rev. T. De	... 1882	Chambers, Thomas	... 1878
Booth, Thomas	... 1874	Chetham, Humphrey	... 1653
" John	... 1878	Chorlton, John	... 1885
" Robert	... 1877	Clare, Ralph	... 1845
" Ralph	... 1879	Clapperton, Dr.	... 1875
Bowes, R. A.	... 1879	Claxton, Marshall	... 1881
Bowring, Sir John	... 1872	Clough, John	... 1883
Bradbury, Henry	... 1867	Cockerill, James	... 1700
Bradburn, Peter	... 1887	Constantine, Daniel	... 1885
Bradford, Earl of	... 1865	" R. H.	... 1886
Bradshaw, John	... 1665	Cooke, Thomas	... 1877
Brandwood, John	... 1878	" Leonard	... 1887
Bridson, T. R.	... 1863	Coop, Robert	... 1879
" J. J.	... 1875	Cooper, John	... 1818
" Harry	... 1880	" James	... 1874
Bridge, William	... 1879	Coulson, Thomas	... 1887
Brierley, John	... 1877	Crankshaw, Aaron	... 1882
Briercliffe, Robert	... 1886	" Joseph	... 1885
Briggs, Christopher	... 1882	Crompton, Rev. John	... 1703
Bringloe, Dr.	... 1884	" Samuel	... 1827
Brown, John	... 1877	" T. Bonsor	... 1858
" John	... 1878	" Joseph	... 1870
" Thomas	... 1882	Crook, Joshua	... 1849
" Edwin	... 1884	" Peter	... 1883
Buck, Miles	... 1881	" Joseph	... 1884

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Cross, James	... 1850	Fletcher, Ralph	... 1832
" John	... 1861	" John	... 1876
" Giles	... 1864	" James	... 1887
" Thomas	... 1879	Fliteroft, William	... 1887
" Alfred	... 1886	Fogg, William	... 1826
" J. Kynaston	... 1887	" James	... 1880
Crowther, James	... 1882	Foster, Edward	... 1880
" Samuel	... 1884	Fraser, Bishop	... 1885
Cullen, Thomas	... 1859	" Finlay	... 1872
" James	... 1873	French, G. J.	... 1866
Cunliffe, John	... 1868	Fryer, Ralph	... 1871
Daniels, John	... 1865	Galindo, Rev. P. A.	... 1880
Darbishire, C. J.	... 1874	Gallaughier, Hugh	... 1880
Davidson, John	... 1883	Garstang, T. B.	... 1877
Davies, Rev. D. C.	... 1881	Gaskell, John	... 1858
Dawes, Matthew C.	... 1827	Gee, S.	... 1877
Dawson, Rev. James	... 1859	Gerrard, John	... 1867
" Thomas	... 1878	" John	... 1883
Dewhurst, Capt.	... 1806	" Joseph	... 1884
De Manneville, Mrs.	... 1843	Gidlow, Thomas	... 1884
Dobson, Isaac	... 1833	Gillibrand, Hugh	... 1880
" Benjamin	... 1839	Gilpin, Rev. Jeremiah	... 1793
" Benjamin	... 1874	Girdlestone, Rev. Canon	... 1884
Dunderdale, Richard	... 1870	Gleave, John	... 1886
Dunn, Rev. G.	... 1884	Glover, Henry	... 1868
Dutton, George	... 1880	Goodwin, Rev. Richard	... 1685
Dyson, Rev. Joseph	... 1867	" G. F. C.	... 1887
Eckersley, Richard	... 1881	Gordon, Rev. W. M.	... 1873
Eden, James	... 1874	" John	... 1867
Edge, Adam	... 1878	" John	... 1878
Ellesmere, Earl of	... 1857	Gorton, G. E.	... 1870
Entwistle, Thomas	... 1866	" John	... 1887
" Thomas	... 1883	Gorse, Matthias	... 1875
Evans, William	... 1883	Gray, John	... 1881
Evanson, R. M.	... 1887	Green, John	... 1879
Farrar, Joseph	... 1875	" John	... 1885
" B.	... 1875	" Richard	... 1887
Fawcett, John	... 1857	Greene, J. S. Turner	... 1874
" John	... 1867	Greenhalgh, Robert	... 1864
Ferguson, Dr. Fergus	... 1887	" Inspector	... 1875
		" Nathaniel	... 1877
		" Ellis	... 1878

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	YEAR.		YEAR.
Greenhalgh, James	... 1881	Haslam, James	... 1825
" John	... 1885	" James	... 1867
" William	... 1885	" John	... 1867
" John	... 1885	" John A.	... 1875
" J. Dodson	... 1886	" William	... 1879
Greenroyd, James	... 1870	" R. M.	... 1883
Greenwell, Peter	... 1870	Hatton, William	... 1847
Gregory, Dr.	... 1882	Hawarden, John	... 1877
Gregson, Thomas	... 1865	Hawksworth, Philip	... 1879
Griffiths, Samuel	... 1882	Haworth, Edmund	... 1865
Grimshaw, Thomas	... 1877	" Adam L.	... 1872
" Joseph	... 1878	" Richard	... 1882
Grindrod, Henry	... 1878	Hayhurst, William	... 1872
Gridale, Rev. Lowther...	1847	Heaton, Rowland Hall	... 1845
" Timothy	... 1883	" John	... 1858
		" John	... 1870
Haddon, Rev. Peter	... 1721	" A. J.	... 1874
Hall, John	... 1876	" T. W.	... 1886
" Rowland	... 1876	Herbert, Rev. John	... 1876
" James	... 1880	Heton, Bishop	... 1609
" Phineas	... 1882	Hesketh, John	... 1878
Halliwell, Isaac	... 1881	" William	... 1879
" John	... 1885	" John	... 1884
Hamilton, John	... 1881	" Colonel	... 1887
Hampson, Roger	... 1864	Hewitt, Rev. David	... 1867
" Adam	... 1865	Heywood, Rev. Oliver	... 1702
" Joseph	... 1874	" Robert	... 1868
" William	... 1884	" Charles	... 1877
Hardcastle, T.	... 1839	Hick, John	... 1832
" James	... 1869	" Benjamin	... 1842
" Edward	... 1877	" Benjamin	... 1882
Hardman, Thomas	... 1872	Hiton, John	... 1877
" William	... 1878	Hodgkinson, Samuel	... 1860
Hargreaves, John	... 1874	Hodson, Thomas	... 1874
" George	... 1876	Holden, Moses	... 1864
" C. D.	... 1876	" John Brown	... 1866
" F. K.	... 1877	" E. P.	... 1867
Harkness, J. B.	... 1875	" Joseph	... 1876
Harris, James	... 1869	" Edmund	... 1884
Hart, Ben	... 1881	" Thomas	... 1887
Harwood, John	... 1875	Holland, Rev. John	... 1826
Harper, William	... 1877	Holt, Edmund	... 1843
Harwood, Richard	... 1887	" William	... 1857

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	YEAR.		YEAR.
Holt, David	... 1885	Kenyon, John	... 1881
Hope, Robert	... 1877	" Robert	... 1885
Hopwood, Charles	... 1874	Killick, Rev. J. H.	... 1875
" H. W.	... 1878	Knowles, Robert	... 1866
Horley, Rev. E.	... 1883	" James	... 1868
Hornby, Charles	... 1881	" George	... 1880
Horridge, T. G.	... 1872	" R. W.	... 1882
Horrocks, John	... 1804	" John	... 1885
" James	... 1844	" James	... 1886
" Samuel	... 1861		
Hough, James	... 1877	Langshaw, E.	... 1868
Howarth, Mr.	... 1874	" Major	... 1883
" Christopher	... 1874	Lassell, William	... 1880
" Richard	... 1885	Lathom, Rev. R.	... 1817
Huck, William	... 1884	Latham, Dan Wood	... 1874
Hudsmith, James	... 1864	Lawson, Alexander	... 1875
Hughes, William	... 1882	Leach, Rev. John	... 1878
Hulton, William	... 1864	Lever, Rev. Thomas	... 1577
" W. Ford	... 1879	Levy, Rev. George	... 1853
" John	... 1884	Lomas, William	... 1827
		Lomax, James	... 1859
Jackson, Rev. James	... 1878	" Johnson	... 1869
" T. C.	... 1879	" John	... 1870
" Joseph	... 1886	" Henry	... 1870
Johnson, Samuel	... 1826	" John	... 1870
" T. Fildes	... 1873	" John	... 1871
" Thomas	... 1874	" William	... 1871
" Charles	... 1881	" James	... 1886
" Jabez	... 1887	Longworth, James	... 1871
Jones, Rev. William	... 1842	Lonsdale, William	... 1833
" Alexander	... 1872	Lowe, James	... 1877
" David	... 1873	" David	... 1879
" Frederick	... 1881	Luthy, Robert	... 1884
		Lyons, W. P.	... 1881
Kay, James	... 1876		
" Robert	... 1878	Macoun, Henry	... 1876
" Sydney	... 1878	Makant, William	... 1880
" William	... 1880	Makin, John	... 1871
" Thomas	... 1880	" R. P.	... 1874
" William Walter	... 1887	Makinson, Q.-Mastr. Sergt	... 1877
Kearsley, Major	... 1887	Mallett, Dr. George	... 1871
Kenyon, Thomas	... 1860	Mangnall, John	... 1865
" William	... 1868	Mangnall, Richard	... 1878

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	YEAR.		YEAR.
Marsden, Joseph	... 1871	Parkinson, Thomas	... 1861
" Jeremiah	... 1877	" James	... 1873
Marshall, John	... 1883	Parvin, Thomas	... 1884
Martin, Peter	... 1879	Patrick, Robert	... 1879
" Alexander	... 1886	Paulton, A. W.	... 1876
Mason, Thomas	... 1875	Peat, Joseph	... 1845
Masper, Augustine	... 1876	Pennington, Rooke	... 1887
Mawdsley, John	... 1860	Phethean, Josiah	... 1881
" William	... 1877	Piggot, George	... 1867
McHale, Luke	... 1874	Pike, George	... 1848
Mitchell, Samuel	... 1881	Pilkington, Bishop	... 1575
Monk, John	... 1871	" Archdeacon	... 1631
Morris, James	... 1867	" Major	... 1828
Moscrop, Thomas	... 1859	" John	... 1886
" James	... 1882	Porter, Rev. L.	... 1877
" Robert	... 1886	Priestley, John	... 1885
Musgrave, John	... 1864	Probert, Rev. W.	... 1870
" Jonathan	... 1876		
Mulliner, Thomas	... 1873	Quant, Rev. E.	... 1870
Myerscough, Thomas	... 1873		
		Rainforth, John	... 1857
Naisby, William	... 1866	Ramwell, Robert	... 1880
Naylor, Charles	... 1866	" James	... 1887
Nelson, George	... 1878	Rasbotham, Dorning	... 1791
Nicholson, John	... 1879	Rawsthorn, Samuel	... 1871
Nield, Henry	... 1879	" William	... 1885
Nightingale, Richard	... 1865	Redhead, T. W.	... 1880
Norris, R. S.	... 1878	Redmayne, Dr.	... 1880
" Charles	... 1882	Richardson, Rev. Henry	... 1858
Nuttall, John	... 1875	" H. Mason	... 1878
" Philip	... 1885	" James	... 1886
		Rideout, W. J.	... 1876
Okey, John	... 1884	Ridings, Gaskell	... 1846
Oliver, James	... 1884	" Alfred	... 1861
Openshaw, John	... 1885	Rigby, John	... 1867
Ormrod, James	... 1825	Roberts, D. L.	... 1886
" Peter	... 1875	Robinson, Richard	... 1847
" Thomas	... 1877	" J. M.	... 1861
" Thomas	... 1883	Rostron, John	... 1880
Orrell, William	... 1812	Rothwell, Rev. Richard	... 1627
" Thomas	... 1875	" Rev. Mr.	... 1766
Orton, John	... 1870	" Peter	... 1849
Osborne, John	... 1872	" Selim	... 1881

OBITUARY—(Continued).

	YEAR.		YEAR.
Rushton, Thomas	... 1838	Stewart, Rev. C. J.	... 1881
" T. L.	... 1883	Sugden, J. S.	... 1886
Rutter, J. M.	... 1885	Sutcliffe, Rev. Thos.	... 1879
Ryder, William	... 1867	Swallow, Rev. F. R.	... 1877
" James	... 1886	Swift, Joseph	... 1874
Salmon, J. F. B.	... 1886	Tate, James	... 1885
Salt, George	... 1875	Taylor, Dr. Robert	... 1827
Scott, J. R.	... 1875	" Josiah	... 1833
Scowcroft, James	... 1865	" James	... 1869
" Thomas	... 1873	" Thomas	... 1876
" Samuel	... 1875	" Rev. William	... 1878
" J. Seddon	... 1875	" Charles	... 1879
" Baxter	... 1880	" John	... 1886
" Jethro	... 1880	" Gervase L.	... 1887
Seddon, John	... 1884	Teal, Thomas	... 1882
Selkirk, John	... 1847	Temple, Stephen	... 1863
Sharples, John	... 1886	Thirlwind, John	... 1859
Shaw, Charles	... 1827	" John	... 1876
Simpson, Jonathan	... 1885	Thistlethwaite, Rev. W.	... 1838
Skelton, Peter	... 1870	" William	... 1878
" Charles	... 1879	Thomasson, Thomas	... 1876
Skinner, David	... 1879	Thornley, Peter	... 1881
Slade, Rev. Canon	... 1860	" William	... 1884
Slater, John	... 1861	" John	... 1887
" George	... 1870	Thorpe, John	... 1887
" William	... 1870	Thwaites, Thomas	... 1881
" George	... 1884	" Thomas	... 1882
Smalley, Robert	... 1873	Tilsley, Rev. John	... 1864
Smith, George	... 1870	Tilzey, Fred	... 1883
" William	... 1874	Tunnah, John	... 1879
" John	... 1877	Turner, Rev. R. C.	... 1885
Smithies, Rev. Joseph	... 1881	Tyldesley, Samuel	... 1877
Snape, Dr.	... 1887		
Spencer, Rev. James	... 1866	Varley, A. R.	... 1867
" Rev. J. O. K.	... 1879	Vickers, John	... 1873
" Jonathan	... 1878	" James	... 1879
Stanning, John	... 1874	" John	... 1883
Staton, J. T.	... 1875	" Joseph	... 1887
" W. T.	... 1887		
Stead, Henry	... 1884	Walker, Robert	... 1876
Steele, H. C.	... 1884	" James	... 1880
Stockdale, Richard	... 1886	" William	... 1880
Stothert, Rev. W.	... 1886	Wall, Rev. W.	... 1885

OBITUARY—*(Continued).*

	YEAR.		YEAR.
Walley, Thomas	... 1878	Winkworth, Stephen	... 1886
Wallwork, John	... 1832	Winstanley, William	... 1877
" Richard	... 1871	Winterburn, George	... 1884
Walsh, James, A.	... 1872	Witton, Thomas	... 1831
" Robert	... 1873	Wolfenden, Charles	... 1884
Walmsley, Sir Joshua	... 1871	" J. R.	... 1886
Warburton, John	... 1884	Wood, Samuel	... 1875
Ward, Ralph	... 1828	" J. Reynolds	... 1878
" William	... 1847	" Fred	... 1881
" Edward	... 1878	" Edward	... 1884
Warr, James	... 1827	Woods, Rev. James	... 1759
Waterhouse, John	... 1878	Woodhouse, John	... 1863
Watson, H. H.	... 1886	" George	... 1883
West, James	... 1877	Woodman, Rev. W.	... 1872
Weston, Rev. R. C.	... 1887	Wright, Rev. C.	... 1865
Whewell, Robert	... 1878	" W. H.	... 1878
Whittaker, James	... 1884	" Isaac	... 1879
Wilkinson, Rev. G.	... 1861	" Thomas	... 1882
Willoughby, Baron	... 1779	" Rev. J. F.	... 1883
Williamson, W. C.	... 1878	Wrigley, Levi	... 1878
Willet, T. W.	... 1882	Wylde, Richard	... 1826
Wilson, Nathaniel	... 1877		
Winder, Rev. John	... 1847	Yates, J. A.	... 1863
" James	... 1862	"Yorkshire Dick"	... 1632
" John	... 1878	Young, James	... 1887
Wingfield, Borlase	... 1867		

	YEAR.
Oastler, Richard	... 1833
Oddfellows' A.M.C.	... 1861, 1872
Okey, John	... 1684
Old Cock Pit	... 1852
Old Woolpack, Deansgate	... 1702
Orange Demonstration	... 1877

Parish Church, 1412, 1486, 1513, 1587, 1593, 1597, 1619, 1623, 1632, 1633, 1642, 1644, 1654, 1657, 1659, 1684, 1690, 1700, 1753, 1774, 1783, 1786, 1790, 1791, 1795, 1819, 1851, 1864, 1866, 1877, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887.

Parish Church, Closing Service in Old	... 1866
" Laying Corner Stone of New Church	... 1867
" Robbery of Contents of do.	... 1868
" Consecration of	... 1871
" Opening of New Reredos	... 1878

	YEAR.
Parish Church, Opening of New Organ	1882
" Vicarage	1887
Park Street Chapel	1862
Parliamentary Elections, 1832, 1835, 1837, 1841, 1846, 1848, 1849, 1852, 1857, 1859, 1861, 1865, 1868, 1874, 1880, 1885, 1886.	
Parliamentary Election Petition against Return of Mr. J. K. Cross... ..	1874
Parliamentary Election, South-West Lancashire	1880
" " Westhoughton Division	1885, 1886
" " Eccles Division	1885, 1886
" " Raddcliffe-cum-Farnworth	1885, 1886
" " Boundaries, Official Inquiry... ..	1867
" " Extended	1868
" " Debating Society	1880
Pikes Lane Board School	1873, 1875
Pilkington Family	1575, 1631
Pillory	1818
Plug Drawing Riots	1842
Poaching Affray at Smithills	1885
Poor Law Offices	1865
Population (see Bolton)	—
Popplewell Charities	1820
Post Office, Removal of	1857, 1868
" Telegraphs	1870

PRESENTATIONS—

	YEAR.		YEAR.
Ashworth, John	1882	Brockbank, G. P.	1885
Atkin, F.	1880	Bromley, Thomas	1870
Barlow, James	1870	Casstles, Joseph	1882
Barrett, Councillor	1884	Chadwick, William	1886
Barnes and Pope	1869	Chamberlain, Rev. W.	1877
Bashall, Rev. W.	1876	" Rev. J. S. ff.	1887
Beech, Chief Constable	1877	Croft, Rev. R. C. W.	1877
Berry, Rev. C. A.	1883	Cundey, Rev. J. W.	1879
Berry, Rev. T.	1871		
Birley, Rev. J. S.	1877	Doman, Rev. J. G., 1879, 1885	
Bolton Sea Captain, 1876, 1883			
Bottomley, S.	1884	Finney, James... ..	1879
Briggs, A. L.	1886	Fletcher, Alderman	1887
Briscoe, J. D.	1884	Fogg, James	1879
Briscoe, James... ..	1884	French, G. J.	1861

PRESENTATIONS—*(Continued).*

	YEAR.		YEAR.
Girdlestone, Rev. Canon...	1880	Miles, Alderman	... 1880
Gray, Colonel ...	... 1874	Milner, Sir Fred., Bart	... 1886
Grimsliaw, Inspector	... 1887	Mitton, Rev. A. T.,	1881, 1883
		Moscrop, Alderman	... 1887
Hardcastle, W. M.	... 1884	Myers, Rev. C.	... 1881
" F., M.P.	... 1885		
" T. A.	... 1887	Packer, Rev. A.	... 1878
Harwood, Alderman E. G.	1880	Pearson, Rev. W.,	1878, 1879
" Richard	... 1865	Phillips, Supt. ...	... 1887
Haworth, Rev. H.	... 1881	Pickering, R. ...	... 1887
Hearn, Rev. L. R.	... 1879	Powell, Rev. Canon	... 1887
Heath, Rev. C.	... 1885	Prenter, Rev. S.	... 1881
Hesketh, William	... 1876		
" George	... 1879	Reynolds, Rev. H. W.	... 1885
Heywood, Robert	... 1877	Richardson, Alderman	... 1881
Hick, John ...	... 1880	Roberts, Rev. C. P.	... 1887
Hodgson, Rev. D. S.	... 1878	Roffe, Rev. A. A.	... 1881
Hopwood, Charles	... 1866		
Horsfield, John	... 1887	Scowercroft, T. ...	... 1887
Hulton, W. W. B.	... 1886	Shaftesbury, Earl of	... 1851
		Shepherd-Cross, Major	... 1887
Jauncey, Rev. H. J.	... 1882	Shirres, Rev. C. B.	... 1886
Jones, Rev. N.,	1877, 1882	Smith, John ...	... 1882
		Smythe, Rev. J. F.	... 1883
Kevan, Peter ...	... 1883	Stephan, Rev. W.	... 1886
		Stephens, Rev. A.	... 1887
Langshaw, Major	... 1856	Studdy, Rev. A. F. S.	... 1877
Lee, Henry ...	... 1886		
Lowe, Rev. Joseph	... 1869	Taylor, Henry...	... 1884
Lowe, Rev. Thomas	... 1877		
		Weston, Rev. R. C.	... 1886
Mason, W. T. ...	... 1882	White, Rev. W. S.	... 1883
McCubbin, Rev. J. G.	... 1887		

	YEAR.
Presbyterian Chapel...	... 1822
Primitive Methodist Chapel, Higher Bridge Street	... 1836
" " Schools, Egyptian Street	... 1868
" " Chapel, Moor Lane	... 1877
" " Walkden	... 1875
Primrose League	... 1885, 1886, 1887
Public Free Library...	... 1852, 1853
" " " Proposed Sunday Opening	... 1879

	YEAR.
Public Park	1864, 1879, 1886
" " Recreation Ground ... ..	... 1875

PUBLIC HOUSE SALES—

Golden Lion, Churchgate	1877
Fleece Inn, Bradshawgate	1877
Wheat Sheaf, Great Moor Street	1878
Swan Hotel, Churchgate	1880
Queen's Jubilee Celebrations	1887

RAILWAYS—

Bolton and Leigh	1828
" and Kenyon	1831
" and Manchester	1838
" and Preston	1843
" and Blackburn	1848
Liverpool and Bury	1848
Tyldesley, Eccles, and Wigan	1864
Horwich Branch	1870
Midland, Meeting to promote Direct Communication with	1875
Bolton and Manchester, L. & N. W. New Line	1875
Bolton Junctions Railway	1876
Astley Bridge Branch	1877
Kersley Branch Line	1878
Bolton and Atherton	1885
Ragged School	1854
Rainfall of 77 days	1852
Rasbotham, Dorning	1769, 1791
Ratepayers' Association	1887
Reform Bill	1832
Resurrectionists	1829
Revival Services (Prof. Finney)	1859
Ridgway Gates Chapel	1776, 1785, 1885
Ridgway Endowed School, Ilalugh	1884
Ringley Church	1626, 1854, 1873
Riots Against Power Looms	1826
" Plug Drawing... ..	1842
Riot in West Ward	1868
" Newtown	1868

	YEAR.
Riots—East Lancashire (Cotton Strike) ...	1878
Riot—Engineers' Strike ...	1887
Rivington Pike ...	1226, 1588
" Church ...	1566, 1878
" Bishop Pilkington... ..	1575
" Grammar School ...	1575, 1875, 1881
" "The Two Lads" ...	1575
River Douglas ...	79
Roman Catholic Church, Little Hulton ...	1877
Roman Remains ...	1756, 1774
Roman Road ...	79
Rose Hill Tunnel ...	1829
Rothwell, Rev. Richard ...	1627
" Marquess De ...	1860
Safes, Public Test—Herring v. Chatwood ...	1867
Sanitary Congress ...	1887
Sergeant Bates, Visit of ...	1872
Shaftesbury, Earl of, Visit of ...	1851
Shooting a Bolton Detective ...	1872
Silver Cradle—Presentation to Mayor and Mayoress ...	1874
Slade, Rev. Canon ...	1856, 1860, 1864
Smallpox, Erection of Hospital ...	1871
Smithills Chapel, Fire at ...	1856
Smithills Hall ...	579, 680, 793, 1555, 1659, 1686
Snowstorms ...	1854, 1877, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1886
Spinners' Hall ...	1886
Spinning Mill ...	1780
" Mule, Invention of ...	1775
Squire K— ...	1800
Star Inn ...	1844, 1852, 1877
Steam Engines ...	1790
Strike of Factory Operatives ...	1853, 1861, 1874, 1877, 1878
" Carpenters and Joiners ...	1875, 1878
" Cabinet Makers ...	1875
" Colliers—Disturbances ...	1874, 1881
" Engineers ...	1887
St. Anne's Church, Turton ...	1654, 1779, 1841, 1871, 1879
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church ...	1846, 1874
St. Augustine's Church, Tonge ...	1883, 1884, 1886
St. Bartholomew's Church ...	1874, 1877, 1879, 1881
" " " Westhoughton ...	1870, 1881
" " " " { Presentation to }	1871
" " " " { R. Haddock. }	

	YEAR.
St. George's Church	1794, 1796, 1880
St. George the Martyr Church. ...	1873, 1878, 1880, 1881
St. George's School, Plodder Lane	1887
St. Gregory's Roman Catholic Chapel, Farnworth ...	1876
St. James's School	1862, 1874
" Church	1866, 1869, 1871, 1874, 1875
" " New Bury... ..	1864, 1881
" " Daisy Hill, Westhoughton ...	1879, 1881
St. John's Church	1849, 1877
St. John the Baptist Church, Little Hulton, ...	1876, 1877, 1878
St. Luke's Church	1869, 1874, 1878
St. Matthew's Church	1872, 1874, 1875, 1879, 1887
" " Consecration	1876
" " Little Lever	1884
St. Margaret's Church, Daubhill	1877
St. Mark's Church	1868, 1871, 1875, 1879, 1884, 1885
St. Michael's Church, Great Lever	1851
St. Paul's Church	1862, 1863, 1865, 1877
" Astley Bridge	1867, 1883
" Peel	1874, 1884, 1887
St. Peter's Church, Halliwell	1840, 1844, 1874, 1882, 1883
" Farnworth	1882, 1885, 1886
St. Thomas's Church, Halliwell	1875, 1878, 1879, 1883
" Dixon Green, 1869, 1875, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1886	
St. Stephen's Church, Kearsley	1871, 1877, 1881, 1887
St. Stephen and All Martyrs, Lever Bridge	1833
Strict Baptist Chapel	1885
Storms and Destruction of Property, 1804, 1833, 1838, 1863, 1866, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1876, 1881, 1883, 1884, 1886, 1887.	
✓ Sunday Morning Closing	1848
" Opening, Museum	1881, 1884
" School Centenary	1880
Sunnyside Institute	1867
Sweating Sickness	1623
Trades Demonstration	1887
Tradesmen's Annual Holiday... ..	1871
" Weekly Half-Holiday	1872
Trades Unionists Demonstration, Criminal Law Amendment Act	1871
Trades Union Outrage, Slater's Lane	1876
Telephone, First in Bolton	1878
Temple Opera House	1877, 1880

	YEAR.
Temperance Hall	1840
" Enlarged	1872
" Jubilee... ..	1882
Ten Hours' Bill	1847
" Exhibition	1852
The Saviour's Church	1882, 1885, 1887
Theatre, Churchgate	1877, 1880
" Mawdsley Street	1858
" of Varieties	1886
Three Arrows Public-house	1798
Thomasson Exhibitions	1876
" Board School	1880, 1881
" Gift to Museum	1881
Tichborne Claimant, Visit of... ..	1872

TOLL BARS ABOLISHED—

Moses Gate and Kersley	1876
Halliwell Road	1877
" (Doffcocker)	1877
Horwich (Crown)	1877
Heaton (Fall Birch)	1877
" (Lady Bridge)	1877
Bolton and Nightingale Trust	1877
Deane	1878
Daubhill	1879
Tonge Cemetery	1856, 1877
" Erasure of Objectionable Inscription	1876
" Carriage Accident	1886
Tonge Moor Conservative Club	1887
Town Clerk's Salary	1879
Town Hall, Cost of Site	1865
" Opening	1873
" " of Organ	1874
" Square	1872
Trinity Street Station, Opening of New	1871
Turton Church	1654, 1779, 1841, 1871, 1879
" Tower	1101, 1301, 1628
" Workhouse	1653
United Methodist Free Church	1878
" " Bowker's Row	1880

	YEAR.
Victoria Wesleyan Schools	1868, 1872
Volunteer Bazaar	1861, 1886
Volunteers (Artillery) ... ..	... 1860
" Early Corps of	1794, 1803, 1812
" (Rifles) ... ..	... 1859
Wages—General Reduction in Bolton ... ..	... 1867
Walmsley Church	1500, 1840, 1877
Water Famine ... ..	... 1865
" Frame ... ..	... 1769
Waterworks Bill ... ..	... 1823
" Improvement Act ... ..	... 1846
Wayoh Reservoir	1866, 1876
Wesley, John	1748, 1776
Wesleyan Methodists	1747, 1751
Wesleyans, Great Building Movement ... ..	... 1860
" Thanksgiving Fund ... ..	... 1879
" Chapel, Astley Bridge ... ..	... 1868
" " Birtenshaw ... ..	... 1875
Wesley Chapel, Bradshawgate	1851, 1874
Wesleyan Jubilee, Delph Hill Chapel ... ..	... 1883
" Chapel, Daubhill ... ..	... 1885
" School, " ... ..	... 1868
" Chapel, Halliwell Road	1869, 1873
" " Moses Gate	1877, 1878
" " New Bury ... ..	... 1875
" " Park Street ... ..	... 1862
" " Tonge Fold ... ..	... 1868
" " Tonge Moor ... ..	... 1887
" " Westhoughton ... ..	... 1869
Welsh Presbyterian Chapel ... ..	... 1872
West Ward Conservative Club ... ..	... 1881
Westhoughton Epidemic ... ..	... 1727
" Factory Burnt by Luddites ... ..	... 1812
" Conservative Club ... ..	... 1879
" Local Board ... ..	... 1872
" and Lostock School Board	1875, 1887
" Reform Club ... ..	... 1887
" Water Supply... ..	... 1878
Whalley Abbey ... ..	... 1553
Wholesale Market, Opening of ... ..	... 1871
Wingates Church	1859, 1875
Workhouse at Fishpool, 1857, 1858, 1861, 1862, 1875, 1878, 1879, 1881, 1885, 1886	

	YEAR.
Working Men's Club	1863, 1869
Worsley, Visit to by Queen Victoria	1851, 1857
" " Prince of Wales ... ..	... 1869
Wrigley, John " ... ..	... 1875
Yeomanry Cavalry ... ..	... 1819
York, Archbishop of, Visit to Bolton ... ..	... 1882
Zion Baptist Chapel... ..	... 1886



PARLIAMENTARY
REPRESENTATION
OF BOLTON
AND
NEW COUNTY DIVISIONS.

PAST AND PRESENT

PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATION

OF BOLTON.

(Enfranchised under the Reform Act of 1832 ; Two Members.)

Population 1831—43,396 ; 1841—49,747 ; 1851—61,172 ; 1861—70,395 ; 1871—92,655 ; 1881—105,965. On March 9, 1868, the Parliamentary boundaries of Bolton were extended by the inclusion of Little Bolton Higher End, Astley Bridge, and part of Halliwell. In 1872 the Municipal boundaries were extended by taking in Daubhill, and further in 1877 by the incorporation of that portion of Halliwell already within the Parliamentary borough. The Municipal and Parliamentary boundaries of the Borough are coterminous, except as to Astley Bridge, which though within the Parliamentary is outside the Municipal limits. Estimated population of Parliamentary borough in 1888, about 115,000 ; present number of electors on the register, 16,684.

RESULTS OF PAST ELECTIONS IN BOLTON.

1: 1832, Dec. 12 and 13 (First Election)—

Lieut.-Col. Robert Torrens (Whig)	627
William Bolling (C)	492
John Ashton Yates (L)	482
William Eagle (R).....	107

Torrens and Bolling returned ; 1040 electors ; 935 voted.

2: 1835, Jan. 7 and 8 (General Election)—

William Bolling (C)	633
Peter Ainsworth (L)	590
Col. Torrens (Whig)	343

Bolling and Ainsworth returned; the former for the second time.
1020 electors; 927 voted.

3: 1837, July 26 (General Election)—

Peter Ainsworth (L)	615
William Bolling (C)	607
Andrew Knowles (L).....	538

Ainsworth and Bolling returned; the former for the second and the
latter for the third time.
1340 electors; 1079 voted.

4: 1841, July 4 (General Election)—

Peter Ainsworth (L)	669
Dr. Bowring (L).....	614
Peter Rothwell (C)	536
William Bolling (C)	441

Ainsworth and Bowring returned; the former for the third time.
1442 electors; 1164 voted.

5: 1847, July 29 (General Election)—

William Bolling (C)	714
Dr. Bowring (L).....	652
John Brooks (L).....	645

Bolling and Bowring returned; the former for the fourth and the
latter for the second time.
1531 electors; 1309 voted.

- 6 :** 1848, Sept. 12 (Mr. Bolling having died Aug. 30)—Stephen Blair (C) returned without opposition; Joseph Barker, the Chartist candidate, having been withdrawn.
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- 7 :** 1849, Feb. 8 (on Dr., afterwards Sir John, Bowring's appointment to the Consulship of Canton)—

Sir Joshua Walmsley (R) 621

Thomas Ridgway Bridson (C)..... 568

Sir Joshua Walmsley returned; 1437 electors; 1189 voted.

- 8 :** 1852, July 8 (General Election)—

Thomas Barnes (L)..... 745

Joseph Crook (L) 727

Stephen Blair (C) 717

Peter Ainsworth (L) 346

Barnes and Crook returned; 1671 electors; 1579 voted.

- 9 :** 1857, March 28 (General Election)—

Capt. William Gray (L C) 930

Joseph Crook (L) 895

Thomas Barnes (L) 832

Gray and Crook returned; the latter for the second time.
1933 electors; 1673 voted.

- 10 :** 1859, April 29 (General Election)—

Capt. Gray (L C) (second time), and Joseph Crook
(L) (third time), returned; no opposition.

11 : 1861, Feb. 11 (Mr. Crook having resigned), Thomas Barnes (L) returned unopposed.

12 : 1865, July 12 (General Election)—

Lieut.-Col. Gray (C).....	1022
Thomas Barnes (L)	979
Samuel Pope (L).....	864
William Gibb (C)	727

Gray and Barnes returned ; both for the third time.
2075 electors ; 1939 voted.

13 : 1868, Nov. 17 (General Election)—

John Hick (C).....	6062
Lieut.-Col. Gray (C)	5848
Thomas Barnes (L).....	5451
Samuel Pope (L).....	5436

Hick and Gray returned, the latter for the fourth time ; First Election after constituencies enlarged by the Derby-Disraeli Reform Act of 1867 ; No. on register, 12,667.

14 : 1874, Feb. 4 (General Election)—

John Hick (C).....	5987
John Kynaston Cross (L)	5782
Col. Gray (C)	5650
James Knowles (L).....	5440

Hick and Cross returned, the former for the second time ; No. on register, 12,689 ; voted, 11,565.

Petition against the return of Mr. Cross tried before Mr. Justice Mellor in the Bolton Town Hall, May 23, 25, 26, 1874. The allegations were bribery, treating, undue influence, and other unlawful acts. The petition was dismissed, but Mr. Cross was ordered to bear his own costs so far as related to the conduct of his

personating agents and the sending out of railway passes, the learned Judge being of opinion that those acts were of a character "which might fairly be considered by persons advising the petitioners as likely to void the election." With regard to two alleged cases of bribery, the petitioners were ordered to bear Mr. Cross's costs. Mr. Cross therefore retained his seat.

15 : 1880, March 31 (General Election)---

John Kynaston Cross (L)	6965
John Pennington Thomasson (L).....	6673
Thomas Lever Rushton (C)	6539
Col. the Hon. Francis C. Bridgeman (C)	6415

Cross and Thomasson returned ; the former for the second time.
No. on register, 13,955 ; voted, 13,380.

16 : 1885, Nov. 25 (General Election)---

Herbert Shepherd-Cross (C).....	7933
Col. the Hon. Francis C. Bridgeman (C)	7655
John Kynaston Cross (L)	6724
John Pennington Thomasson (L).....	6228
Henry Marriott Richardson (Ind. C) ...	1191

H. Shepherd-Cross and Colonel Bridgeman returned.
No. on register, 16,033 ; voted, 15,070.

17 : 1886, July 2 (General Election)---

H. Shepherd-Cross (Conservative Unionist) ...	7780
Col. the Hon. F. C. Bridgeman (Cons. Unionist)	7668
J. Crook Haslam (Gladstonian Liberal)	6452
R. C. Richards (Gladstonian Liberal)...	6314

H. Shepherd-Cross and Col. Bridgeman returned, both for the second time.

ANALYSES OF THE VOTING AT THE LAST TWO ELECTIONS.

1885.

	No. of Votes.
Bridgeman and Shepherd-Cross	7272
Bridgeman and J. K. Cross.....	62
Bridgeman and Richardson.....	289
Bridgeman and Thomasson.....	9
Shepherd-Cross and J. K. Cross.....	251
Shepherd-Cross and Richardson.....	314
Shepherd-Cross and Thomasson.....	49
J. K. Cross and Richardson.....	261
J. K. Cross and Thomasson	6097
Richardson and Thomasson	59
Bridgeman	23
Shepherd-Cross	47
J. K. Cross.....	54
Richardson.....	269
Thomasson.....	14

REJECTED BALLOT PAPERS.

Want of official mark	1
Voting for more candidates than entitled to...	0
Writing or mark by which voter could be identified	14
Unmarked or void for uncertainty.....	29
Rejected	44
Ballot papers counted	15070
Total in boxes	15114

"INCAPABLES" AND "ILLITERATES."

	Physical incapacity.	Unable to read.
Exchange Ward	3	60
Church Ward	1	8
Bradford Ward	1	29
Derby Ward.....	8	24
North Ward.....	2	10
East Ward	4	43
West Ward	5	42
Halliwell Ward	2	14
Runworth Ward.....	0	10
Astley Bridge Ward	0	11
	<hr/> 26	<hr/> 251

1886.

	No. of Votes.
Total number of papers in boxes	14,226
Rejected for causes specified below	59
Total counted	<hr/> 14,167
Shepherd-Cross and Bridgeman.....	7596
Shepherd-Cross and Haslam	126
Shepherd-Cross and Richards.....	19
Shepherd-Cross.....	39
Bridgeman and Haslam	21
Bridgeman and Richards.....	16
Bridgeman	35
Haslam and Richards	6269
Haslam	36
Richards.....	10

REJECTED BALLOT PAPERS.

The 59 rejected papers mentioned above were disallowed from the following causes:—

Want of official mark	12
Writing or mark by which voter could be identified	20
Unmarked or void from uncertainty	27

59

INCAPABLES.

The number of those registered as incapable of marking the ballot papers themselves in the various wards was as under—

Ward.	Physical Incapacity.	Unable to read.
Astley Bridge	1	9
Church	—	10
Exchange	3	46
North	1	9
East	8	32
West	6	20
Bradford	2	23
Derby	3	26
Halliwel	3	10

One Jew voted in Derby Ward.

SUMMARY ANALYSIS.

The following shows the straight voting, the cross voting, and the plumpers :—

Shepherd-Cross.	Bridgeman.	Haslam.	Richards.
7596	7596	—	—
—	—	6269	6269
126	—	126	—
19	—	—	19
39	—	—	—
—	21	21	—
—	16	—	16
—	35	—	—
—	—	36	—
—	—	—	10
Total 7780	7668	6452	6314

NEW COUNTY DIVISIONS.

WESTHOUGHTON.

1885, Nov. 27 : (First Election—One Member.)

Frank Hardcastle (C)	6011
Edward Cross (L)	3741

Majority for Hardcastle..... 2270

10,625 electors ; 9807 voted.

1886, July 2 : (Second Election.)

Frank Hardcastle (Conservative Unionist).

Re-elected unopposed.

RADCLIFFE-CUM-FARNWORTH.

1885, Dec. 2 : (First Election—One Member.)

Robert Leake (L)	5092
William Wilbraham Blethyn Hulton (C)	4579

Majority for Leake..... 513

10,433 electors ; 9671 voted.

1886, July 9 : (Second Election.)

Robert Leake (Gladstonian Liberal)	4695
Sir Frederick Milner (Conservative Unionist)	4559

Majority for Leake 136

Mr. Leake re-elected.

10,433 electors ; 9254 voted.

ECCLES.

1885, Nov. 30 : (First Election—One Member.)

Hon. Alfred Egerton (C).....	4559
V. K. Armitage (L)	4312

Majority for Egerton..... 247

1886, July 6 : (Second Election.)

Hon. Alfred Egerton (Conservative).....	4277
E. D. Gosling (Liberal).....	3985

Majority for Egerton..... 292

END OF SECTION I.

SECTION II.

THE
BOLTON CORPORATION
WITH
PERSONNEL AND POLITICS OF TOWN COUNCIL,
AND
ALL THE POLLS.

BOLTON CORPORATION.

THE BOLTON CORPORATION.

The constitution of Bolton as a County of itself, as proposed by Her Majesty's Ministers in their Local Government Bill of the present Session—1888—seems a fitting complement to the half-century of Municipal government which the Borough has enjoyed under the Charter of Incorporation granted by the Queen in 1838, and a due recognition of the important status which Bolton has won for itself as one of the leading manufacturing towns of the country, and one which has most distinguished itself in the arts of civic government and social progress. Incorporated by Royal Charter dated the Eleventh day of October, 1838, the Borough attains its Municipal Jubilee on the corresponding date in the present year of grace, and bids fair—whether under the old or the enlarged regime—still further to signalise itself in years to come as an enterprising, well-ordered, and flourishing community,—a credit alike to its people and their rulers.

The struggle between contending sections of our townsmen which finally ended in Incorporation forms a memorable epoch in our local annals. There were staunch defenders of the old institutions as there were

clamorous advocates for the new. Statement and counter-statement were made to the higher powers ; and when the battle was nominally ended in the victory for the new order of things it was but the prelude to more serious troubles and to years of fierce controversy and litigation. The Corporation did not come upon the scene clad in the full panoply of powers such as now it wields with the unquestioned approbation of men of all parties. For years it could boast little more than a paper constitution ; and for years still longer the much-reviled rulers of an earlier creation—the Trustees of Great and Little Bolton, each township having its own separate body—held their own side by side with it, exercising co-ordinate and in some respects even more important powers than those which the Corporation itself enjoyed.

The step from the old order of things to the new was a great one. It was a transition from semi-feudal to representative institutions,—a necessary outcome of the industrial development of later times. The former might have suited earlier and more primitive surroundings, but were no longer in harmony with the present. The people longed to be in closer touch with their rulers, and this was what the Municipal Corporations Act gave them. The towns of Great and Little Bolton—The Two Boltons as they were commonly called—had from time immemorial, up to the advent of the Trustees under the Act of 1792, been subject to the

local authority of the Lords of the respective Manors, the chief of whom in Great Bolton was the Earl of Bradford, and in Little Bolton Mr. Thomas Tipping. The exercise of their governing powers was of the same character in both townships. Once a year in each place there was a Court Leet, the agent of the Lord of the Manor being the presiding authority, and this court would proceed to appoint a boroughreeve as head officer and a staff of officials as constables, ale-tasters, pig-ringers, bellman, and other functionaries; and as indicative of the summary powers which some of these officials possessed, it is well remembered that on one occasion the ale-tasters for Great Bolton called on their accustomed round at a well-known hostelry in Bradshawgate, and finding the flavour of John Barleycorn not up to the mark—smacking rather too much of *aqua pura* than of the legitimate brew—ordered whole barrels of the offending liquid to be brought into the street and publicly poured into the gutter as unworthy of decent Boltonians. The powers of the Courts Leet were not extinguished or absorbed by those of the Trustees; and the annual Court Leet visit to church on the first Sunday morning after election, preceded as it was by a grand breakfast the same morning at one of the leading inns, used to be a ceremonial invested with much consequence.

The Trustees of Great and Little Bolton had ruled for nearly half a century when the Municipal Corpora-

tion was ushered into existence, the three authorities which now governed the Borough dividing allegiance amongst them in varying proportions for yet a dozen years to come. When the Act of George III. was passed in 1792 by which the government of the two townships was henceforth to vest in Trustees therein named, holding office for life and the appointment of their successors vesting in themselves, Great and Little Bolton were therein described as "large, populous, and trading towns, and daily increasing," albeit the population at that time was barely a tenth of that of the present day, Great Bolton having 9000 and Little Bolton only 2000 people. The language of the Act as "daily increasing" was, however, evidently justified, for within less than ten years the population had doubled. The factory system which was the outcome of the inventions of Arkwright and Crompton—the one a resident the other a native of the parish of Bolton—was already giving signs of marvellous expansion and opening the eyes of thoughtful people to the possibilities and requirements of the future. The rule of the Lords of the Manor was regarded as an anachronism, and the first direct step in Bolton which called into existence a more responsible authority and one clothed with more than mere police powers was this important Local Act of 1792 for "inclosing, dividing, and allotting" Bolton Moor and providing for a series of extensive improvements in both Great and Little Bolton. It described

itself as "An Act for inclosing, dividing, and allotting a certain Common or Waste Ground, and other the Commons and Waste Grounds within the Township of Great Bolton, in the County Palatine of Lancaster; and for widening, paving, lighting, watching, cleansing, and regulating the Streets, Lanes, Passages, and Places within the Towns of Great Bolton and Little Bolton, and for supplying the said Towns with Water, and for providing Fire Engines and Firemen, and for removing and preventing Nuisances, Incroachments, and Annoyances, and for licensing and regulating Hackney Coaches and Chairs within the said Towns." As the Preamble of this old Act is still of local interest and may be taken as the starting point for the vast changes which Bolton has undergone since that day we transcribe it textually:—

"Whereas there is within the Manor of Bolton, in the Parish of Bolton, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, a certain Tract of Common or Waste Ground, called Bolton Moor, and other Commons and Waste Grounds, containing in the whole Two hundred and seventy Acres, or thereabouts: And whereas the Right Honourable Edward Earl of Derby, Sir Henry Bridgeman, Baronet, John Blackburne, James Lever, and Samuel Crooke, Esquires, are joint Lords of the said Manor of Bolton, and entitled to the soil of the said Commons and Waste Grounds, and to the Royalties within the said Manor, and the said Earl of Derby, Sir Henry Bridgeman, John Blackburne, James Lever, and Samuel Crooke, Lords aforesaid and John Ridgway, Ann Crompton, John Houghton, and several other Persons, are Owners and Proprietors of several Messuages, Lands, and Tenements within the said Manor, having Rights of Common on the said Moor: And whereas the Right Reverend Father in God William Lord Bishop of Chester, is Rector of the Parish of Bolton aforesaid, and entitled to the Glebe Lands within the said Manor, and by virtue thereof, to a Right of Common upon the said Commons and Waste

Grounds: And whereas the said Commons and Waste Grounds at present afford no Profit or Advantage to the Persons entitled thereto, but are capable of great Improvement, and if the same were inclosed, divided, and allotted as hereinafter is mentioned and (after the Allotments herein-after directed to be made to the Lords of the Manor aforesaid) sold on a perpetual Annual Chief Rent, and the Money thereby to be raised, and the yearly rent thereof, applied for the Improvement of the said Town of Great Bolton, and in Aid of the Poor Rates thereof, and also for widening, paving, lighting, watching, cleansing, and watering the Streets, Lanes, and Passages within the said Town, and for providing Fire Engines and Firemen, and for removing and preventing Annoyances in the said Town of Great Bolton, it would be of great Utility and Benefit, as well to the said several Lords of the Manor of Bolton aforesaid, as also to the Owners and Proprietors of the several Messuages, Lands, and Tenements within the said Manor of Bolton; but such Inclosure, Division, and Allotment, cannot be effected and established without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: And whereas the said Towns of Great and Little Bolton are large, populous, and trading Towns, and daily increasing, and it would tend greatly to the Safety, Preservation, and Benefit of the Inhabitants thereof, if the Streets, Lanes, and Passages in Great Bolton and Little Bolton aforesaid, were cleansed, lighted, watched, watered, and regulated, and kept free from Nuisances, Incroachments, Obstructions, and Annoyances, and some of them widened and improved, and if sufficient Engines and able Men were kept and employed for the extinguishing of Fires which may happen within the said Towns, and if the said Towns were sufficiently supplied with good and wholesome Water: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said Common and Waste Grounds shall be set out, divided, inclosed, and allotted, as soon as conveniently may be, and that the same (after allotting such Parts and Shares as herein-after mentioned to the said several Lords) shall be sold and disposed of, subject to a perpetual Chief Rent, and the Purchase Money and yearly Rents thereof shall be applied and appropriated to and for the several Uses, Intents, and Purposes herein-after mentioned, expressed, and declared, of and concerning the same, and that Matthew Fletcher of Clifton, Ralph Fletcher of Haulgh, and David Claughton of Great Sankey, all in the said County of Lancaster, Gentlemen, and their Successors, shall be, and they are hereby appointed Commissioners for the

special Purpose of setting out, allotting, inclosing, and disposing of the said Commons and Waste Grounds, according to the Directions of this Act."

The Trustees named in the Act as charged with its execution were forty-one in number for Great Bolton—commonly spoken of as forty—and thirty for Little Bolton; and these comprised the leading local magnates of the time. Their names are thus set forth in the Act:—For Great Bolton: "Robert Andrews Esquire, Peter Ainsworth, Richard Aspendell, William Bamber, Joseph Best, Edward Bolling, Robert Bolton, John Bond, William Carlile, Thomas Crompton, James Darbishire, the Reverend James Folds, Matthew Fletcher, Adam Fletcher of Bolton, Matthew Fletcher of Bolton, Thomas Fogg, James Fowler, the Reverend Jeremiah Gilpin, Thomas Heelis, Pitt Hewitt, Edward Horridge, Samuel Houghton, Thomas Howell, John Leigh, William Maire, Joseph Mac Keand, James Morris, John Pilkington, Thomas Plumbe, Peter Rashotham Esquire, Samuel Rathbone, John Ridgway, Peter Rothwell, Thomas Rycroft, Jeffery Smith, Thomas Smithson, Robert Taylor, James Wareing, Joseph Walton, John Woods, and Benjamin Wraith." And for Little Bolton: "Thomas Ainsworth, Richard Ainsworth, Robert Barlow, John Barlow, William Cockshot, James Cundliffe, the Reverend Robert Dean, James Diggle, James Fletcher, John Gartside Esquire, Thomas Grundy, George Grundy, William Hardman, Arthur Haslam, John Haydock, William

Heelis, John Horridge, Robert Knowles, Thomas Longworth, William Longworth, James Longworth, John Mangnall, Thomas Naylor, Benjamin Rawson, Nathaniel Robinson, John Smith, Daniel Stones, John Taylor, Lawrence Taylor, and Edward Threlfall." The Trustees were themselves to fill up vacancies in their respective bodies, the qualification being, residence within the town, and for Great Bolton the possession of real or personal estate of the value of £1000, and for Little Bolton £500.

Such were our local rulers who preceded the Corporation which now itself has attained its Jubilee, and such were the objects for which by Parliamentary enactment these old Trustees were called into existence. It was not till many years afterwards that by a later local Act the Little Bolton Trustees became an elective and popularly representative body, but even then their deliberations, like those of their Great Bolton confreres, were always conducted within closed doors. The Great Bolton Trustees had no light task before them when they entered upon their labours. The settlement of the boundary between Bolton and Rumworth Moors, which was a requisite preliminary to the allotment of the Bolton Moors Common, was a work of much difficulty and controversy, as was also that of encroachments of many kinds which before their time had been effected in the absence of a recognised local authority.

They set before themselves an ambitious scheme of street improvements, formation of new roads—some of these to be sixty feet in width, as for instance Derby Street and Blackburn Street,—a free supply of water for the townspeople, the erection of a Town Hall, and other projects not unworthy of a later day. Lack of funds, however, compelled them to modify their resolves, and so their achievements were by no means equal to their earlier anticipations. Self-elected though they were, however, and not always perhaps in accord with the wishes of a people who had no voice in choosing them, these old Trustees were yet not unambitious of the town over which they ruled. Having no place of meeting of their own, the town's business was transacted first at one inn and then at another,—sometimes at the Swan and now at the Nag's Head, where they were always careful to discharge the "shot" before closing the books, and generously voted the munificent sum of half-a-crown for the use of the room in which the town's business was transacted. Here our ancestral rulers regulated our affairs according to the light of their generation—managing our markets as best they could in open streets, seeing that the wells from which the town obtained its precarious supply of water were duly kept in order, modestly repairing our streets at an expense for the year which in these days would be deemed slight for a single week, seeing that the watchmen went their appointed rounds, that they called the

time of night and described the weather half-hourly, and were always duly equipped with the "lanthorn" and the "rattle" which were the indispensable accompaniment of these primitive guardians of the night—happily for their peace unscrutinised by a local press, the public seeing little and knowing less of their general doings. It is no part of our object in this place to vindicate or condemn the rule of a body which has been somewhat profanely termed the "Forty Thieves," that being the recognised number of Great Bolton Trustees. We may regard them as lacking in public spirit, as often narrow in their prejudices and exclusive in their resolves; but we must remember that they had their counterpart in most other towns of the country, and that we had not yet in this pre-Reform era emancipated our Municipal institutions from the feudal influences of earlier times. If Great Bolton Trustees were self-elected, and thus open to popular reproach, we hardly find more wisdom or a more liberal spirit in the recorded doings of the neighbouring Trustees of Little Bolton, who had in later times a representative character. There were, as we have seen, two governing bodies in each township, the Court Leet and the Trustees. Each body and each township prided itself upon acting according to its own traditions, often in defiance of one another; and as a consequence not only was there no concerted management of the two townships, but it became notorious that offences proscribed

and punishable in one often found sanctuary in the other. The supersession of these old institutions was a natural concomitant of modern progress. The Municipal Corporations Act which was to reform the local institutions of the country followed naturally upon the Parliamentary Reform Act of 1832 whereby Bolton among other large towns could send its two representatives to Parliament. Bolton had now become a large Borough, practically one town, with a population numbering some fifty thousand ; and the circumstances of the times—when there had been prolonged depression in trade, dearness of provisions, and deep-seated distress amongst the inhabitants—were certainly propitious to any change which promised to inaugurate a more prosperous state of things. It was amid such surroundings that in 1837—little more than a year following the passing of the Municipal Corporations Act—the agitation arose for the Incorporation of Bolton.

If in many quarters, and in our own neighbourhood even, there is still a strong feeling of repugnance to being absorbed within Corporate limits or to displace existing authorities with the more dignified attributes of Municipal sovereignty, we need not wonder that half a century ago the older and less expensive forms of local government to which we have referred should have found stout defenders in our midst,—persons who cherished the traditions of the past, who were slow to believe in innovations of any kind which had more of

theory than actual experience to recommend them, who failed to recognise the advantages of the proposed change, who looked upon Municipal government as only the prelude to an army of police and Corporate officials, and consequently to a bloated expenditure which meant in their eyes ruin to an already impoverished taxpayer. As far as practical experience went, the new system had necessarily little to recommend it. If the one side had strong advocates the other, who represented the existing order of things, had stout and resolute defenders; and as Bolton was one of the earliest of the towns to be incorporated—being, we believe, second in England, while Wolverhampton is credited as having been the first—so perhaps in no town in the kingdom was the battle longer or more hotly contested. Mr. Henry Ashworth, of The Oaks, was, we believe, the earliest advocate for a Charter of Incorporation for Bolton; and while he undertook to get up the case for this town, his friend Cobden was similarly employed as regarded Manchester, whose Lord of the Manor, Sir Oswald Mosley, at that time exercised supreme sway surrounded by a court of antiquated officialism. Private meetings were held of several of the then leading Liberals of Bolton,—Mr. C. J. Darbishire, who became first Mayor; Mr. Robert Heywood, who succeeded him in the civic chair; Mr. James Arrowsmith, who succeeded him again; Mr. Thomas Cullen, another of the early Chief Magistrates;

Mr. Henry Ashworth himself ; Mr. Thomas Thomasson, who was elected to the first Town Council and was for many years one of the most active and influential members of that body, though refusing the honours of either the Aldermanic bench or the civic chair ; Mr. James Winder, who became first Town Clerk and likewise Clerk to the Magistrates on the creation of the first Borough Bench ; Mr. John Taylor, who became first Borough Coroner ; Mr. John Gordon, the first Clerk of the Peace, and others,—Silverwell House, the residence at that time of Mr. John Dean, being usually the place of these gatherings. The story of the ensuing agitation need here be but briefly touched upon. The pro-Corporators were especially bitter against the Great Bolton Trustees, for Little Bolton had by this time become a representative body ; the latter indeed went in strongly for the incorporation of the Borough, but with amusing inconsistency clung tenaciously to their own powers when at a later day the Town Council, under a Conservative regime, succeeded in extinguishing the Trusts in both townships and vesting the powers thereof in themselves. A public meeting of the leypayers of Great and Little Bolton, convened by the Overseers of both townships in response to a requisition signed by 300 leypayers, was held in the Little Bolton Town Hall on the 17th January, 1838, and a resolution in favour of a petition to the Queen praying for a Charter of Incorporation

was adopted with but one dissentient, the principal opponents remaining away. As identifying the active promoters of the movement, we quote the following names of the Committee appointed to give effect to the resolutions passed at this meeting :—Messrs. Henry Ashworth, Thomas Cullen, P. R. Arrowsmith, John Brown, Robert Heywood, John Dean, Thos. Thomasson, Edmund Ashworth, C. J. Darbishire, John Gordon, John Hamilton, Joseph Sowden, James Knowles, William Naisby, Joseph Ainsworth, Charles Ainsworth, Richard Nightingale, James Bailey, W. Haworth, Joseph Skelton, Thomas Wallwork, James Morris, William Simpson, John Cross, Richard Kynaston, John Slater, and Joseph Bell. We read that soon afterwards Messrs. Henry Ashworth, Robert Heywood, and James Winder proceeded as a deputation to London to secure the objects of the petition, and we subjoin a copy of the statement which they laid before the Privy Council :—

Brief Statement of Existing Municipal Government and Reasons for Incorporation.—Bolton Charter.

“1. The authorities for the government of the town of Great Bolton are a boroughreeve and two constables, who are appointed at the annual court leet, by a jury convened by the agents of the Lords of the Manor. They are therefore the nominees of the co-Lords of the Manor, and the inhabitants have no voice on their eligibility.

“2. The boroughreeve and constables select and appoint deputy constables and other police officers for the service of the town ; the inhabitants who pay them have frequently attempted to influence their choice, but without success.

“3. The inhabitants have no power to lay a police rate for the payment of the police force,—which police is paid out of the

poors' rates, a system which the inhabitants dislike, and which mode of payment majorities at vestry meetings have refused to sanction, on the plea that they were not the town's servants, not being appointed by the public, nor subject to their control; these objections, however just and reasonable, have been disregarded by the magistrates, who have enforced the payment out of the poors' rates.—Note: There are powers under the Bolton Moor Trust Act for raising what is usually termed a police rate, but the funds are only legally applicable to the paving, lighting, and improving of the town.

"4. The Borough is now become large and populous, containing upwards of 50,000 inhabitants, and therefore requires more efficient Municipal Government.

"5. The magisterial courts, which are now held by the county magistrates, most of them non-resident, are open only twice a week, the community now requiring daily sittings of the justices. The magistrates now sit at an ordinary public inn, and the Borough possesses no proper prison; and prisoners, after conviction, are sent 12 miles to Salford.

"6. The adjoining township of Little Bolton, which forms about one third of the Parliamentary borough, is under a similar Municipal Government by officers chosen by the courts leet of Mr. Thomas Tipping, the Lord of the Manor; but the manorial rights of the two townships being possessed by different persons, the authorities do not act in concert, which aggravates the inefficiency of the police regulations of the Borough, and is pregnant with constant and various evils.

"7. In conclusion, the obvious political bias which has prevailed in the selection of boroughreeves and constables for Great Bolton, is not only unpopular and deprives the municipal officers of proper authority and assistance in their duties, but excludes from municipal office numbers of competent persons enjoying the confidence of their fellow townsmen.

"8. The population is chiefly engaged in the cotton manufacture, and is frequently exposed to most severe privations from the fluctuating nature of the trade, and has been frequently acted upon by political excitement, involving riots and occasionally insecurity of life and property.

"9. The petitioners, in addition to these palpable and unanswerable objections to their existing Municipal Government, naturally seek to participate in the general benefits of the popular system given by the Legislature in 1836 to the old incorporated

towns, and which improved system provides civil and criminal jurisdictions suited to the wants of a large, intelligent, and increasing community, and local government subject to public control. Further, the sole nomination of magistrates is now enjoyed by the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

"10. The petition in favour of incorporation is the result of a public meeting of the inhabitants of the borough, and called by placards and advertisements in the papers, and at which the resolutions were carried unanimously and signed by 4037 males, 120 females; total, 4157; whose ratable property, as near as we can ascertain, is £54,351 14s. 6d. But your petitioners did not apprehend that inquiry was necessary, not being required by the Municipal Reform Act.

"11. That after the petition in favour of incorporation had been adopted by a public meeting the counter petitioners also called a public meeting to reconsider the resolutions of the first, and at which second meeting the resolutions of the petitioners for incorporation were confirmed by a majority of more than twenty to one."

The opponents of the Charter in both townships made efforts to avoid enfranchisement, but without avail. Deputations for and against were in London at the same time and before the Privy Council on the same day. We have seen Messrs. Ashworth, Heywood, and Winder, at the Privy Council with their "Brief Statement" in favour, and no sooner had they left the room than they were met on the staircase by a deputation from the opposition, consisting of Messrs. William Bolling, M.P., Thomas Ridgway, Peter Rothwell, John Mawdsley, George Piggot, and James Kyrke Watkins,—Mr. Winder and Mr. Watkins being the legal representatives respectively for and against, and each becoming in due course Town Clerk of the Borough, according as one or the other party became in the

ascendant after the incorporation. The views of the opponents to the Charter were expressed in the following document, which they laid before the Privy Council :—

“Counter Statement of Deputation Against a Charter of Incorporation.—Borough of Bolton.”

“The deputation from this Borough opposed to its incorporation have, since their audience with Her Majesty’s Privy Council yesterday, been put into possession of the grounds assigned to the Privy Council by the petitioners in favour of a Charter, and the deputation lose no time in answering these statements, in order that it may not be supposed that they are admitted to be correct. The deputation therefore humbly beg that this their counter-statement may be taken into consideration, and that the facts upon which the parties are at issue may be duly inquired into.

“Relating to Great Bolton.

“1. The boroughreeve and constables annually appointed at the court leet cannot be said ‘therefore’ to be nominees of the lords of the manor. The inhabitants have so far a voice in their eligibility, that the jury appointing them is periodically summoned from the inhabitants resident in the township. These officers are chosen from the most intelligent and respectable class of the inhabitants, and they have invariably discharged the duties of their office with impartiality and effect.

“2. The present deputy-constable and two of the policemen now in office were appointed and their salaries fixed at a public vestry meeting of the inhabitants six years ago, and they have been continued in office ever since. The other policemen have been selected by the boroughreeve and constables, but their salaries have been allowed by the inhabitants in public vestry meetings.

“3. The salaries of the policemen have been paid by the overseers of the poor under the authority of the statute 18 George III., and upon a system attended with the least possible expense to the township. Occasionally majorities not entirely composed of ratepayers have at the vestry meetings refused to allow these salaries. On a recent occasion, however, when some of the same party who are now promoting the present application for a Charter opposed the constables’ accounts, and the sense of the town was

taken by a poll, the result proved that a majority of the rate-payers sanctioned both the system of the appointment and the payment of the salaries.—Note. The rate and funds authorised by the Police Act for Great Bolton are applicable to the payment of watchmen appointed by the trustees, and to other police purposes besides the paving; lighting, and improving the town.

“4. The contemplated Charter would not improve or render more efficient in any respect the present Municipal Government of the Borough. The police establishment has been from time to time increased at the recommendation of the magistrates, and is now considered sufficient.

“5. There are ten acting county magistrates within the division of Bolton, three of whom reside in the borough, and the others live in the neighbourhood at distances varying from one to seven miles. They hold public petty sessions twice a week in a large room in Great Bolton, and called ‘the sessions room,’ and which has been fitted up, appropriated, and used for the purpose for the last twenty years and upwards. Some of the magistrates also sit frequently on other days at their own houses on all urgent and requisite occasions. Daily sittings of the justices are not necessary, but should they become so, the county magistrates have the power to make arrangements accordingly. There are two places in the Borough provided and built for the safe custody of prisoners, who, after commitment, are sent to the House of Correction at Salford, distant from Bolton ten miles, but which by the Manchester and Bolton railway may be travelled in twenty minutes at a small expense.

“Little Bolton.

“The adjoining township of Little Bolton has a boroughreeve and two constables appointed annually at the court leet of the Lord of the Manor, and these officers have invariably acted in concert with the authorities of Great Bolton in order to increase the efficiency of police regulations of the Borough. This township is governed by a Police Act obtained at great expense in 1830, by which the offices of the boroughreeve and constables are recognised and certain powers conferred upon them. The Trustees are appointed by the ratepayers and are a body corporate, and they have authority to lay rates and appoint and pay policemen and appoint watchmen and other servants. The Trustees have also powers of doing all other acts for the Municipal Government of the Borough in as ample a manner as could be conferred under the proposed Charter. A Town Hall has also been lately erected in Little Bolton at an expense of upwards of £3000, and which

comprises the proper places for the security of prisoners and a residence for the deputy-constable. That the expense of the police establishment in Little Bolton for the last year has not exceeded one-fifth part of that of Great Bolton, but as Little Bolton is in annual value equal to one-half of Great Bolton the immediate effect of a Charter of Incorporation, including the two townships, would be to double the present burthen and expenditure of Little Bolton. That Little Bolton being already provided with a Police Act, and a Town Hall, and a building suitable for its circumstances, and having thereby incurred a debt of £4000 chargeable on the police rates, it would be most unjust by a Charter of Incorporation to burthen it with one-third of the expenses of another township, in which, under such Charter, public buildings would probably be erected on a large scale.

“ Haulgh.

“ This township is not mentioned in the petitioners' statement in favour of a Charter. It is an agricultural part of the Borough, and contains 211 householders, of whom 183, representing four-fifths of the ratable property therein, have signed the petition praying that the Borough may not be incorporated.

“ In answer to the ‘ conclusion ’ of the petitioners' statement, the deputation say that the most competent and eligible persons resident in the township have been elected boroughreeves and constables for Great Bolton. That these officers have not been unpopular, but on the contrary have uniformly enjoyed the confidence, assistance, and support of their townsmen in a very high degree. Dissenters and gentlemen of various political opinions have been elected to the office, and no political bias has excluded from municipal office any competent person enjoying the confidence of his fellow-townsmen. No change in the Municipal Government could possibly affect the fluctuations of trade or prevent political excitement.

“ The petition in favour of incorporation is said to be the result of a public meeting of the inhabitants of the Borough, but the deputation do not consider that a petition proceeding from such a meeting ought to carry with it the weight which the petitioners attach to it—

“ 1. Because it was not a meeting of the whole Borough, the township of Haulgh being omitted.

“ 2. Because a large number of the persons at the meeting (including some of those who made speeches and took an active part in it) were not ratepayers in the Borough.

" 3. Because some of the speeches delivered on that occasion contain statements concerning the Municipal Government of the Borough which were completely at variance with facts, and particularly as respected the police of Great Bolton.

" The deputation now beg shortly to report what they believe to be the relative strength of the petitioners for and against the Charter.

" The deputation believes that on investigation it will be found that the petition for the Charter is signed by not more than 3100 ratepayers, whose ratable property does not exceed £31,000; whilst the petition against the Charter is signed by 3422 persons, whose ratable property is £55,661, giving a majority of above 300 persons and upwards of £24,000 in property. With reference to the last paragraph of the petitioners' statement, which is meant to make the impression that the second public meeting said to have been called by the petitioners for the Charter was a meeting of the Borough, the deputation have only to remark that the meeting was convened by the ratepayers of Little Bolton only, but some of the influential persons who spoke and took part in the meeting were not ratepayers in the Borough; besides which a great number of other persons not ratepayers, nor even resident in Little Bolton, attended and voted at the meeting. The result of that meeting did not, therefore, show the sentiment of the ratepayers of Little Bolton.

" London, 6th March, 1838."

As the result of the conflicting statements laid before the Privy Council, Captain Jebb was instructed to come to Bolton and report upon the petition and counter petition; and as his inquiry had reference to a verification of the signatures, his sitting at the Bridge Inn extended over two or three weeks. Eventually, on the 11th October, 1838, the Charter of Incorporation was granted, the town being divided into six wards, each with six Councillors and two Aldermen, the Council thus consisting of 48 members. There was at the time much controversy in the newspapers as to the actual date of the Charter, some professing to

believe that the Charter had been granted as early as March, and that it was already in existence when Captain Jebb was conducting his inquiry. This, however, was not so, the real date being October 11th as above mentioned. It was not till the following February that the first Bench of Borough Magistrates was created; and this was succeeded in May, 1839, by the grant of a separate Court of Quarter Sessions, which in turn, however, like the Charter, became the subject of dispute and litigation, so that for a time the holding of the Quarter Sessions had to be virtually discontinued. Into the sea of troubles which followed upon the Charter of Incorporation it would be unprofitable now to plunge. As the Conservatives held aloof, the Corporation was formed exclusively of the Liberal party for the first four years of its troubled history; for during that time its powers were practically in abeyance. The Queen could grant a Charter, but not the power to tax the people; and so during the hostility of the Conservatives, the new local government was without the funds either to uphold its dignity or to maintain even its police. Nor was Bolton alone in this predicament. Manchester and Birmingham had each similarly a powerless Corporation; and it required a special Act of Parliament—the Boroughs Incorporation Act, which received the Royal assent on the 12th August, 1842—to give to these three places the requisite powers to enable their precepts to be honoured. After this, in our own town, both parties

recognised the situation ; Mr. William Bolling, M.P., remarked that the Charter was like an omnibus, and anyone who could get in might ride ; his brother, Mr. John Bolling, adding that the game of Corporation was one which the Tories could play as well as the Liberals ; and Conservatives and Liberals have since vied with each other for the government of the Borough, and both in turn have been at the head of affairs for years at a time.

It was not till 1850 that the Corporation obtained full control of the affairs of the Borough. This power they obtained under the Bolton Improvement Act of that year, which came into operation on the 8th August, and this saw the last of the old Trustees and their powers both in Great and Little Bolton. The former—self-elected though they were—recognised the necessity of the change and concurred in it. Not so with the representative body the Trustees of Little Bolton. Headed by Mr. Thomasson, who was both a Trustee and a Town Councillor, they fought desperately against their extinction. Mr. Thomasson was opposed to the erection of the Market Hall and to the extension of water to Farnworth, both which objects formed part of the Corporation scheme which received Parliamentary sanction in the Act above referred to, and he had great influence with his co-Trustees ; but after a large expenditure of money on both sides, the opposition signally collapsed on reaching the Committee Room

of the House of Commons; and the Bill practically passed as an unopposed measure, and therewith Bolton witnessed the last of its Trustee government. The Act which effected this important consolidation of the governing powers of the Borough was promoted and carried through during the Mayoralty and was mainly the conception of Mr. T. L. Rushton,—one of the most able and enlightened of administrators the town has ever known. The local improvements which that Act authorised were of the most comprehensive character,—erection of Market Hall, extension of water supply, formation of new streets, closing of cellar dwellings, whilst the sanitary reforms which it inaugurated resulted in a speedy and most marked reduction in the death rate of the Borough which before had been abnormally large.

The stirring and exciting conflicts of local parties, the “Fifteen Plot,” the dismissal of a Town Clerk in 1844 who had been obnoxious to his opponents, or the rule of a Mayor for the next twelve months whose party was in a minority in the Council over which he presided, may be passed over without further mention than appears in subsequent pages which refer to the personnel and politics of the Chamber since the Charter of Incorporation. Suffice it to say that when in 1842, after the Charter had been legally confirmed, the Conservatives resolved to enter the lists, they in three years became the majority in the Council, their reign lasting

till 1853 ; so that in the first instance we had six years of Liberal government, succeeded by nine years of Conservative rule, these again by sixteen years of Liberal administration, and now in the Jubilee year of the Corporation the Conservative administration is in its nineteenth year, the Conservative party having, in their second term of power, held sway in our Municipal Chamber uninterruptedly since 1869.

Under the enlightened and well-directed rule of a Local Parliament which has embraced within its councils the foremost of its citizens in the past and to-day, Bolton has made conspicuous and important progress so that it now occupies an admittedly foremost place among the great towns of the country. The intellectual, social, and material comfort and well-being of its inhabitants have none been uncared for. The Free Libraries of Bolton are an institution of which any town might be proud. An abundant Water Supply not only serves its own requirements but ministers to the health and comfort of some thirty adjacent townships whose dwellers look to it for this prime necessary of life. An equally abundant Gas Supply serves not only for itself but for some seventeen or eighteen additional townships. The Gas and Water undertakings are both the property of the Corporation. It is no undue boast to say that the Sanitary administration is not surpassed by any other town in the kingdom. An extensive Tramway system intersects the town and affords ready

locomotion to all parts of the borough and to the principal suburbs. Whilst its noble Town Hall, its Market Hall, its Museum, its Public Park and Recreation Grounds all equally bear testimony to the wisdom of its rulers and indicate the existence of a prosperous, progressive, and well-governed Municipality. It is permissible to anticipate that the enlarged status which Bolton will acquire under the Local Government Act in becoming a County of itself, thus taking rank with Manchester, Liverpool, and other chief centres of population, wealth, and enterprise, may suggest to some at least of the adjacent townships the desirability and advantage of incorporation within its limits as the common and appropriate centre for their future government.



ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE

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FUND.	Land, Buildings, Plant, &c.	Stocks and Sundry Debtors.	Cash and Sinking Fund Accumula- tions.	Other Assets.	TOTAL.
	£	£	£	£	£
Gasworks	537659	44042	25802	...	607503
Waterworks ...	773479	9350	3345	...	786175
Markets	109333	...	1011	...	110345
Burial Board ...	83662	...	...	3097	86760
Tramways	61773	...	...	935	62709
Central District	253351	36673	14094	148177	452296
Runworth .....	...	1354	1442	4751	7548
Halliwell.....	...	3368	359	5954	9683
Library	6920	10786	1827	...	19535
Borough	240496	225	...	18646	259367
Superannuation	...	...	519	7500	8019
Sinking No. 1...	...	...	35330	177	35507
Do. No. 2...	...	...	9001	...	9001
Cons. Loans ...	...	...	50434	...	50434
TOTAL...£	2066677	105801	143168	189240	2504887

CORPORATION, MARCH 25, 1888.

TREASURER'S ABSTRACT.)

FUND.	Mortgages, Stock, &c.	Floating Liabilities.	Reserve and Excess of Assets.	TOTAL.
	£	£	£	£
Gasworks	576506	13120	17877	607503
Waterworks	705433	809	79931	786175
Markets	85249	9	25086	110345
Burial Board	83700	3060	...	86760
Tramways	52532	709	9467	62709
Central District.....	450917	1378	...	452296
Rumworth do.	7000	46	501	7548
Halliwel do.	7997	173	1512	9683
Library	3000	201	16333	19535
Borough	225500	7967	25900	259367
Superannuation .....	...	...	8019	8019
Sinking, No. 1 .....	...	...	35507	35507
Do. No. 2 .....	...	19	8981	9001
Consolidated Loans	...	17044	33390	50434
TOTAL.....£	2197836	44539	262510	2504887

BORROWING POWERS OF THE

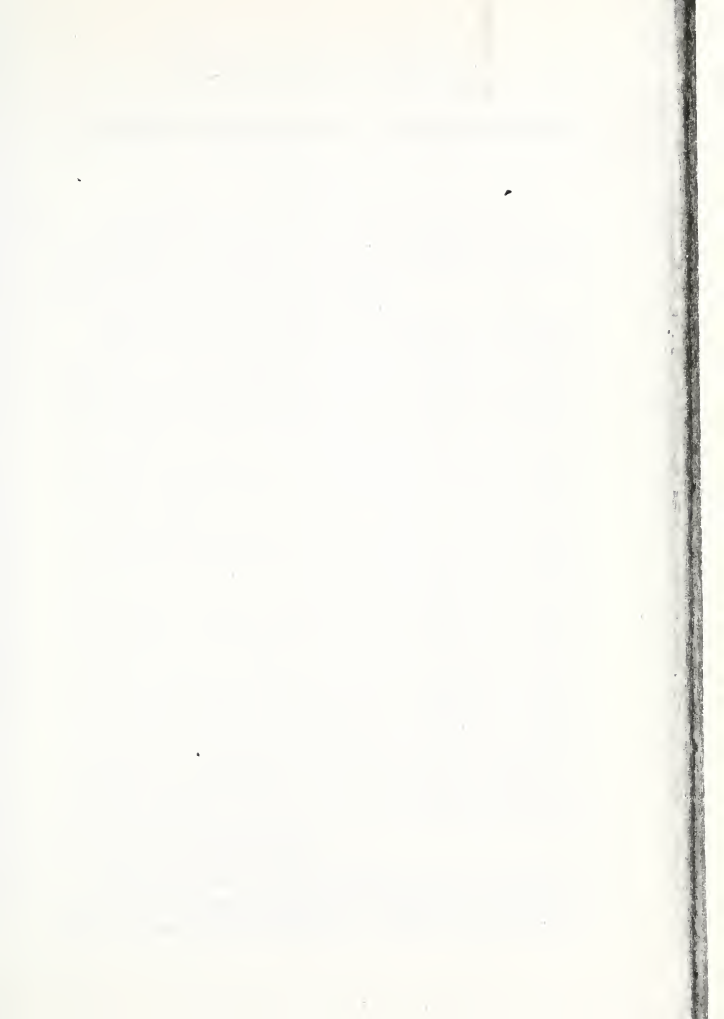
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PURPOSES.	BORROWING POWERS.		
	Repayable in 60 years.	Repayable in 60 years.	Shorter Periods, P. W. Loans, &c.
	£	£	£
Gasworks	200000	102000	...
Waterworks	523900	214500	37000
Markets	105000	...	4934
Sanitary	26000	20000	3000
Streets	32370	50000	171440
Intercepting Sewers.....	39400	...	6363
Scavenging Depôts	26000	15000	...
Sewage Works	27900	22000	...
Rumworth District .....	...	...	21160
Halliwell District	4010	...	37550
Library .....	...	...	3000
Town Hall.....	170000	10000	...
Park and Recreation Grounds ...	37000	4000	26000
Tonge Cemetery .....	...	...	15000
Heaton Cemetery .....	...	...	75000
Tramways .....	...	...	70000
Prison Accommodation .....	...	...	13300
Parliamentary Expenses, District	...	5869	...
Do. do. Borough	...	6787	...
TOTAL	£1482910	450156	483747

CORPORATION, MARCH 25, 1888.

TREASURER'S ABSTRACT.)

TOTAL.	Less Sinking Fund Repayments.	Net Borrowing Powers, 1888.	Actual Loans existing at March 25, 1888.	Unexhausted Borrowing Powers.
£	£	£	£	£
302000	...	302000	215000	87000
775400	68456	706943	705433	1510
109934	23624	86309	85249	1060
49000	2455	46545	29100	17445
545140	102339	442800	289247	153552
45763	...	45763	37300	8463
4100	...	41000	40000	1000
49900	...	49900	49400	500
21160	3000	18160	7000	11160
41560	23567	17992	7997	9994
3000	...	3000	3000	...
180000	8400	171600	161600	10000
67000	20468	46531	45612	918
15000	1750	13250	13250	...
75000	...	75000	70450	4550
70000	9467	60532	52532	8000
13300	1800	11500	11500	...
5869	...	5869	5869	...
6787	...	6787	6787	...
2416813	265327	2151485	1836330	315155



BOLTON CHARTER OF INCORPORATION.

The following is a Copy of the Charter of Incorporation.

VICTORIA, by the grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas by an Act passed in the first year of our reign, intituled "An Act to amend an Act for the Regulation of Municipal Corporations in England and Wales," it was enacted that if the inhabitant householders of any town or borough in England or Wales should petition his Majesty to grant to them a Charter of Incorporation, it should be lawful for his Majesty, by any such Charter, if he should think fit, by the advice of his Privy Council, to grant the same, to extend to the inhabitants of any such town or borough within the district to be set forth in such Charter, all the powers and provisions of an Act passed in the fifth and sixth years of the reign of his late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act to provide for the regulation of Municipal Corporations in England and Wales," whether such town or borough should or should not be a corporate town or borough, or should or should not be named in either of the schedules to the said Act for regulating Corporations in England and Wales: Provided nevertheless that notice of every such petition, and of the time when it should please his Majesty to order that the same be taken into consideration by his Privy Council, should be published in the *London Gazette* one month, at least, before such petition should be so considered; but such publication should not need to be by royal proclamation.

And whereas the inhabitant householders of the Borough of Bolton, in our County Palatine of Lancaster, did petition us to grant to them, the said inhabitants, a Charter of Incorporation,

and notice of such petition, and of the time when the same was ordered to be taken into consideration by our Privy Council, was accordingly published in the *London Gazette* one month, at least, before such petition was so considered. And whereas afterwards, to wit, on the fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, our Privy Council did proceed to consider the said petition, and did then advise us to grant a Charter of Incorporation for the district comprised in the boundaries of the Borough of Bolton, in our said County Palatine of Lancaster, as the same were settled and determined by an Act passed in the second and third years of his said late Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to settle and describe the divisions of Counties and the limits of Cities and Boroughs in England and Wales, in so far as respects the election of members to serve in Parliament." We, therefore, as well by virtue of the powers and authorities vested in us, as by virtue of the powers and authorities given to us by the said recited Act made and passed in the first year of our reign, do hereby grant and declare that the inhabitants of the Borough of Bolton comprised within the district hereinbefore described, and their successors, shall be for ever hereafter one Body Politic and Corporate in deed, fact, and name, and that the said Body Corporate shall be called The MAYOR, ALDERMEN, and BURGESSES of the Borough of Bolton, in the County of Lancaster; and them by the name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Bolton, in the County of Lancaster, into one Body Corporate and Politic, in deed, fact, and name, do, for us, our heirs, and successors, erect and constitute by these presents. And we do grant to the said Body Corporate that by the same name they shall have perpetual succession, and be for ever hereafter persons able and capable in law to have and exercise all the powers, authorities, immunities, and privileges which are now held and enjoyed by the several boroughs named in the said Act for regulating Municipal Corporations in England and

Wales, in the like manner, and subject to the same provisions, as fully and as amply to all intents and purposes whatsoever as if the said Borough of Bolton had been included in the schedule to that Act annexed. And that the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Borough of Bolton and their successors shall and may for ever hereafter have a common seal to serve them in transacting their business from time to time arising within the said Borough. And we further will, grant, and declare that the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses shall be able and capable in law to purchase, take, and acquire lands, tenements, hereditaments, and all other possessions whatsoever, to any value, situate, lying, or being within the said Borough, and also to purchase, take, and acquire lands, tenements, hereditaments, and all other possessions elsewhere out of the said Borough, not exceeding the sum of ten thousand pounds by the year, to have and to hold the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses and their successors for ever. And we further will, grant, and declare that the Council of the said Borough shall consist of a Mayor, twelve Aldermen, and thirty-six Councillors, to be respectively elected at such times and places, and in such manner as the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors for the boroughs named in the schedules to the said Act for the regulation of Municipal Corporations in England and Wales: except that the first Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors for the said Borough shall be respectively elected at such times and places and in such manner as hereinafter mentioned. And that the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors so to be elected for the said Borough of Bolton shall respectively have, exercise, and enjoy all the powers, immunities, and privileges, and be subject to the same duties, penalties, liabilities, and disqualifications as the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the several boroughs enumerated in the said Act for the regulation of Municipal Corporations in England and Wales, so far as the same are applicable to the said Borough of Bolton.

And we further will, grant, and declare that the said Borough shall be divided into six Wards, to be respectively called CHURCH WARD, BRADFORD WARD, EXCHANGE WARD, DERBY WARD, EAST WARD, and WEST WARD; and that the said Wards shall henceforth be bounded and described as follows, that is to say:—

CHURCH WARD

Shall be and include all that part of the Borough of Bolton in the County Palatine of Lancaster which lies within the metes and bounds following, that is to say—from the point at which the Manchester Road crosses the boundary of the Borough at Burnden northerly along the centre of the Manchester Road, Rose Hill, and Bradford Place, to the point at which the same meets Bridgeman Street, thence westerly along the centre of Bridgeman Street to where the same meets Crook Street, thence westerly along the centre of Crook Street to the point at which the same meets Weston Street, thence northerly along the centre of Weston Street to the point at which the same joins Great Moor Street, thence easterly along the centre of Great Moor Street and Old Acres to the point at which Old Acres meets Bradshawgate, thence northerly along the centre of Bradshawgate to the Market Place, thence across the Market Place to Bank Street and along the centre of Bank Street to the boundary or divisions of the townships of Great and Little Bolton at the River Croal, thence easterly along the southerly bank of the said river to the place where the same enters into that part of the Borough which lies in Haulgh, and from thence along the boundary of the said township of Haulgh so as to include the whole of Haulgh in the said Ward called Church Ward, and also including all that part of the Borough which lies east of the boundary line of the Ward which has been described extending between the point first named at Burnden to the divisions of the townships at or in Bank Street. And that

BRADFORD WARD

Shall be and include all that part of the Borough of Bolton which lies within the metes and bounds following, that is to say—from the point at which the top or west end of Derby Street crosses the boundary of the Borough north-easterly along the centre of Derby Street and Weston Street to the point where Weston Street meets Crook Street, thence easterly along the centre of Crook Street to that point where the same meets Bridgeman Street, thence along the centre of Bridgeman Street to where the same meets the Manchester Road at or near Bradford Place, thence southerly along the centre of the Manchester Road, Bradford Place, and Rose

Hill to the place where the Manchester Road crosses the boundary of the Borough at Burnden, thence westerly along the boundary of the Borough to the point at the top or west end of Derby Street, which was first described. And that

EXCHANGE WARD

Shall be and include all that part of the Borough of Bolton which lies within the metes and bounds following, that is to say—from the point where the centre of Bank Street intersects the division of the townships of Great and Little Bolton, southerly along the centre of Bank Street to the Market Place, thence across the Market Place, and southerly along the centre of Bradshawgate to the point at which the same meets Old Acres, thence westerly along the centre of Old Acres and Great Moor Street to where the same meets Blackhorse Street, thence northerly along the centre of Blackhorse Street to the point where the same meets Deansgate, thence westerly along the centre of Deansgate and White Lion Brow to the division of the townships of Great and Little Bolton at the River Croal at or near the Great Bridge, thence along and including the southerly bank of the said river to the bridge in or at Bank Street to the point first described. And that

DERBY WARD

Shall be and include all that part of the Borough of Bolton which lies within the metes and bounds following, that is to say—from the point at which the top or west end of Derby Street crosses the boundary of the Borough north-easterly along the centre of Derby Street and Weston Street to the point where Weston Street meets Blackhorse Street, thence northerly along the centre of Blackhorse Street to the point where the same meets Deansgate, thence along the centre of Deansgate and White Lion Brow to the point where the same meets the division of the townships of Great and Little Bolton at the River Croal, at or near the Great Bridge, from thence westward along and including the southerly and westerly side of the said division or boundary of the townships so far as the same extends in that direction to or near Gilnow, and from thence along the westerly boundary of the Borough to the point first described. And that

EAST WARD

Shall be and include all that part of the Borough of Bolton which lies within the metes and bounds following, that is to say—from the point where the centre of Bank Street intersects the boundary between the townships of Great and Little Bolton northerly along the centre of Manor Street and Kay Street to Turton Street, from thence easterly to the point where Turton Street meets the Folds or Folds Road, from thence north-easterly along the centre of the Folds or Folds Road to the boundary of the Borough at Turner

Bridge, and from thence southerly along the easterly boundary of the said township of Little Bolton to the river there dividing the said township of Little Bolton from Great Bolton, and from thence north-westerly and including the northerly side of the said river dividing Great and Little Bolton to Bank Street at or near the bridge to the point first described. And that

WEST WARD

Shall be and include all that part of the Borough of Bolton following, that is to say—to comprise all that part of the Borough which is in Little Bolton, and which is not comprised within the boundary before mentioned for East Ward. And that all the said Wards, that is to say—Church Ward, Bradford Ward, Exchange Ward, Derby Ward, East Ward, and West Ward, shall return six Councillors each respectively.

And we further will, grant, and declare that our trusty and well beloved JAMES WINDER, Esq., do on the *thirteenth* day of October, in the present year, make out an alphabetical list (to be called the Burgess List) of all inhabitant householders within the said Borough, who shall possess the qualification required by the said Act for the regulation of Municipal Corporations in England and Wales to be possessed by burgesses of any of the boroughs enumerated in the said Act, and shall cause a copy of such Burgess List to be fixed in some public or conspicuous situation within the said Borough during *eight days before the twenty-third* day of October in the present year, and that every inhabitant householder, so possessed as aforesaid, whose name shall have been omitted in such Burgess List, and who shall claim to have his name inserted therein, shall, on or before the said *twenty-third* day of October in the present year, give notice thereof to the said JAMES WINDER; and that every person whose name shall have been inserted in such Burgess List may object to any other person as not being entitled to have his name retained in the said Burgess List, and every person so objecting shall, on or before the day and year last aforesaid, give to the said JAMES WINDER, and also give to the person so objected to, or leave on the premises for which he shall appear to be rated in such Burgess List, notice thereof in writing, which said notice shall specify the name of such person, the nature of the

property for which he is rated, and the street or other place in the said Borough where the said property is situated ; and the said JAMES WINDER shall include the names of all persons so claiming to be inserted in the said Burgess List *in a list*, and shall also include the names of all persons so objected to as not entitled to be retained in the said Burgess List *in a list*, and shall cause copies of such several lists to be fixed in some public or conspicuous situation within the said Borough during eight days before the eighth day of November in the present year. And we do hereby appoint our trusty and well-beloved EDWARD RUSHTON, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, to revise the said Burgess List, as well as the List of Claimants and Objections, on the thirteenth day of November in the present year, in the manner directed in the said Act for regulating Municipal Corporations in England and Wales. And we further will, grant, and declare that the first election of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors for the said Borough shall be respectively holden as follows, that is to say—that the first election of Councillors for the said Borough shall be holden on the thirtieth day of November in the present year, and that the Aldermen of the said Borough shall be elected and assigned to the respective wards on the first day of December in the present year, and that the Mayor of the said Borough shall be elected on the first day of December in this present year. And we do hereby appoint our trusty and well-beloved JAMES WINDER, Esq., to act as Returning Officer at such first election of Councillors of the said Borough with the same powers as, by the said Act for regulating Municipal Corporations in England and Wales, are given to the Mayors and Assessors at elections of Councillors for the boroughs in the said Act enumerated. And further, we will, and of our special grace have granted, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, do grant to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, and their successors, that they and their successors, from henceforth for ever, may have and hold within the Borough aforesaid a COURT OF RECORD for the trial of Civil actions before the

Mayor of the said Borough for the time being, in any convenient place within the said Borough on the third day in every week, which Court shall have authority to try actions of Assumpsit, Covenant, and Debt, whether the debt be by specialty or on simple contract; and all actions of Trespass or Trover for taking goods and chattels, provided the sum or damages sought to be recovered shall not exceed twenty pounds; and all actions of Ejectment between Landlord and Tenant wherein the annual rent of the premises of which possession is sought to be recovered shall not exceed twenty pounds, and upon which no fine shall have been reserved or made payable: Provided also, that every presiding Judge of such Court respectively, from time to time, may make rules for regulating the practice of such Court over which he presides, but so that no such rules shall be of force until they shall have been allowed and confirmed by Three or more Judges of the superior Courts of Common Law at Westminster: Provided also, that no action shall be tried by any Judge of any such Court of Record within the said Borough wherein the title to land, whether freehold, copyhold, or leasehold, or other tenure whatsoever, or to any tithe, toll, market, fair, or other franchise, shall be in question in any action; and in case it shall appear in the course of any action in the said Court, or shall be made to appear upon oath to the said Court, that any such title as last aforesaid is in question in such action, that the jurisdiction of the said Court in the matter of such action shall cease, and it shall be in the discretion of the said Court to award costs against the party commencing the same: Provided also, and it is our will and pleasure, that if a Recorder shall be hereafter appointed for the said Borough, no issue, neither in law or in fact, shall be tried and determined in the said Court in the absence of such Recorder.

"In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witness Ourselves at Our Palace at Westminster this 11th day of October in the Second Year of Our Reign. By Writ of Privy Seal. EDMUNDS."

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Since the Charter of Incorporation.

MAYORS OF THE BOROUGH.

1838-9	CHARLES JAMES DARBISHIRE, Esq. Died June 22, 1874.
1839-40.....	ROBERT HEYWOOD, Esq. Died October 27, 1868.
1840-41.....	JAMES ARROWSMITH, Esq. Died October 10, 1870.
1841-2	THOMAS CULLEN, Esq. Died July 14, 1859.
1842-3	ROBERT WALSH, Esq. Died July 9, 1873.
1843-4	THOMAS GREGSON, Esq. Died February 7, 1865.
1844-5	JOHN SLATER, Esq. Died November 21, 1861.
1845-6	STEPHEN BLAIR, Esq. Died July 4, 1870.
1846-7	JAMES SCOWCROFT, Esq. Died November 25, 1865.
1847-8	THOMAS RIDGWAY BRIDSON, Esq. Died January 24, 1863.
1848-9 and 1849-50 (two years)...	THOMAS LEVER RUSHTON, Esq. Died at Cannes, February 8, 1883.
1850-51 and 1851-2 (two years)	WILLIAM GRAY, Esq.
1852-3	JOHN STONES, Esq. Died February 19, 1859.
1853-4 and 1854-5 (two years).....	P. R. ARROWSMITH, Esq.
1855-6 and 1856-7 (two years).....	JAMES KNOWLES, Esq. Died January 20, 1886.

MAYORS OF THE BOROUGH—(*Continued.*)

1857-8 and 1858-9 (two years)	WILLIAM MAKANT, Esq. Died April 21, 1880.
1859-60.....	JOHN ORTON, Esq. Died February 13, 1870.
1860-61.....	JOHN HARWOOD, Esq. Died December 28, 1875.
1861-2 and 1862-3 (two years)	J. R. WOLFENDEN, Esq. Died May 14, 1886.
1863-4	RICHARD HARWOOD, Esq. Died in London, October 13, 1887.
1864-5 and 1865-6 (two years).....	RICHARD STOCKDALE, Esq. Died July 13, 1886.
1866-7	FERGUS FERGUSON, Esq. Died January 19, 1887.
1867-8 and 1868-9 (two years).....	JAMES BARLOW, Esq. Died August 16, 1887.
1869-70 and 1870-71 (two years).....	THOMAS WALMSLEY, Esq.
1871-2 and 1872-3 (two years).....	W. W. CANNON, Esq.
1873-4 and 1874-5 (two years)	JEREMIAH MARSDEN, Esq. Died in London, April 27, 1877.
1875-6 and 1876-7 (two years).....	CHARLES WOLFENDEN, Esq. Died November 3, 1884.
1877-8	JAMES GREENHALGH, Esq. Died November 26, 1881.
1878-9	PETER CROOK MARSDEN, Esq.
1879-80.....	HENRY MARRIOTT RICHARDSON, Esq.
1880-81.....	JOSEPH MUSGRAVE, Esq.
1881-2	THOMAS GLAISTER, Esq.
1882-3 and 1883-4 (two years)...	EBENEZER G. HARWOOD, Esq.
1884-5, 1885-6, and 1886-7 (three } years, including the Queen's } Jubilee Year)..... }	THOMAS FLETCHER, Esq.
1887-8 (Jubilee Year of Corporation) ...	THOMAS MOSCROP, Esq.

TOWN CLERKS.

JAMES WINDER, December 1, 1838, to November 9, 1844,
when he was succeeded by Mr. J. K. Watkins.

JAMES KYRKE WATKINS, November 9, 1844, to May 10, 1848,
when he resigned.

JAMES KNOWLES, May 10, 1848, to July 25, 1864, when he
resigned.

R. G. HINNELL, August 10, 1864, to the present time.

BOROUGH TREASURERS.

J. R. WOLFENDEN, December 26, 1845, to May 12, 1858, when
he resigned. Prior to Mr. Wolfenden's appointment, the
office of Treasurer was nominal.

CHARLES NAYLOR, May 12, 1858, to his death, March 17,
1866.

W. C. WILLIAMSON, April 6, 1866, to October 30, 1875.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, *pro tem.*, October 30 to December 15, 1875.

GEORGE SWAINSON, December 15, 1875, to the present time.

RECORDERS.

ROBERT BAYNES ARMSTRONG, Q.C., May 24, 1839, to May 24,
1865, when he resigned.

JOHN ARCHIBALD RUSSELL, Q.C., June 1, 1865, to March 6, 1869,
when he resigned.

SAMUEL POPE, Q.C., March 8, 1869, to the present time.

BOROUGH CORONERS.

JOHN TAYLOR, May 29, 1839, to May 24, 1876, when he
resigned.

ROWLAND TAYLOR, May 24, 1876, to the present time.

CLERKS OF THE PEACE.

JOHN GORDON, May 29, 1839, to his death, Nov. 27, 1878.

WILLIAM WALTER CANNON, Jun., elected Dec. 21, 1878.

CLERKS TO THE MAGISTRATES.

JAMES WINDER, from the creation of the first Borough Bench,
February 18, 1839, to his death, February 23, 1862.

ROBERT WINDER, March 6, 1862, to the present time.

BOROUGH PROSECUTORS.

JOHN GASKELL, December 1, 1842, to his death, June 14, 1858.

JOHN HALL, June 17, 1858, to the present time.

JOHN HERBERT HALL, May 23, 1887 (Joint Borough Prosecutor).

THE BOLTON TOWN COUNCIL:

ITS PERSONNEL AND POLITICS,

FROM THE CHARTER OF INCORPORATION, 1838—1888.

Council as originally constituted to consist of 36 Councillors
and 12 Aldermen.

1838-9.

THE FIRST ELECTION.

First Council—Elected Friday, Nov. 30, 1838 ; all Liberals, the
Conservatives looking upon the Charter as invalid, and
consequently taking no part in the elections.

EXCHANGE WARD.

John Hamilton, Hotel Street, tea dealer	489 votes.
Joseph Skelton, Bowker's Row, gentleman	491 "
Richard Dunderdale, Deansgate, tea dealer	491 "
Davies Rawsthorn, Oxford Street, tobacconist	488 "
Thomas Wallwork, Summerfield, spirit merchant	486 "
Henry Macoun, Hotel Street, tailor and draper	487 "

BRADFORD WARD.

Charles J. Darbshire, The Folds, manufacturer	358 votes.
William Naisby, Hotel Street, linen draper	359 "
Joseph Ainsworth, Newport Terrace, cotton spinner ...	359 "
William Wharton, Derby Street, manufacturer	359 "
John Rothwell, Deansgate, druggist	359 "
William Leigh, Deansgate, chair maker	359 "

DERBY WARD.

Thomas Tong, Crook Street, yarn agent	458 votes.
Joshua Crook, Bradford Place, cotton spinner	458 "
Richard Kynaston, Blackburn Street, gentleman.....	458 "
Oliver Nicholson, Blackburn Street, shuttle maker.....	458 "
James Winterbottom, Blackburn Street, gentleman ...	458 "
John Markland, Blackburn Street, pawnbroker	458 "

1838-9—(Continued.)

CHURCH WARD.

Robert Heywood, Newport Terrace, Esquire	277 votes.
James Bayley, Newport Place, cotton manufacturer.....	273 „
John Dean, Bradshawgate, gentleman.....	275 „
James Barry, Chorley New Road, flour dealer	273 „
John Brown, Churchgate, boot and shoe maker	274 „
James Rothwell, Breightmet Hall, cotton spinner.....	272 „

EAST WARD.

Andrew Knowles, Eagley Bank, coal merchant.....	565 votes.
James Arrowsmith, Green Street, cotton spinner.....	568 „
Thomas Thomasson, High Bank, cotton spinner.....	570 „
John Haslam, Mill Hill, manufacturer.....	563 „
John Lomax, Water Street, grocer	567 „
John Vickers, Tipping Place, manufacturer.....	561 „

WEST WARD.

Thomas Lee, St. George's Place, gentleman.....	297 votes.
Robert Walsh, Park Hill, gentleman.....	297 „
John Yates, Park Hill, pawnbroker.....	297 „
Richard Nightingale, St. George's Place, manufacturer	290 „
John Slater, Back-o'-th'-bank, bleacher	298 „
Charles Ainsworth, Tonge, cotton spinner	296 „

The number of votes recorded shows that a large proportion of the constituency abstained from taking part in this first election, many persons ridiculing it as little more than a ludicrous farce. It was a period of deep distress, bordering on famine, and the great bulk of people cared little for the form of local government.

1838-9—(Continued).

FIRST MAYOR, ALDERMEN, & TOWN CLERK.

The first meeting of the Council was held on Saturday, December 1, 1838, in the Little Bolton Town Hall, when the first Aldermen were appointed, as under, all being Liberals :—

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ellis Wood, Bank Street, brazier.....	18 votes.
Thomas Evans, Oxford Street, flour dealer	20 „

BRADFORD WARD.

John Cross, Gartside House, manufacturer	28 votes.
*Thomas Mulliner, St. George's Road, accountant	31 „

DERBY WARD.

Thomas Gregson, Moor Lane, cotton spinner	35 votes.
John Chapman, Moor Lane, flour dealer	25 „

CHURCH WARD.

Charles Nuttall, Manchester Road, pawnbroker	35 votes.
John Mangnall, Spring Cottage, paper manufacturer ...	33 „

EAST WARD.

Joseph Lum, Bury Street, cotton spinner	33 votes.
Edmund Ashworth, The Folds, gentleman	30 „

WEST WARD.

Thomas Cullen, West Cottage, cotton spinner.....	35 votes.
Abm. Haigh, Stone Mills, Bridge Street, cotton spinner	35 „

The unsuccessful candidates being :—William Moss, 17 votes ; John Goodbrand, 15 ; James Morris, 12 ; and William Blinkhorn, Richard Hulme, Jonathan Settle, and William Goodbrand, 2 each.

Charles James Darbishire, Esq., was then elected as the first Mayor ; and James Winder, Esq., solicitor, who had been one of the most conspicuous advocates of the Charter, was elected as the first Town Clerk of the borough.

* The Aldermen were assigned to the respective wards on the 5th December, but Mr. Mulliner declined to qualify, tendering his resignation "on conscientious grounds," which the Council accepted at a meeting on the 19th December ; and Mr. William Moss, of Manchester Road, gentleman, who had stood highest on the list of unsuccessful candidates on the 1st, was elected in his place on the 28th December.

1838-9—(Continued).**Chartist Riots—Conduct of the Mayor and Magistrates
Condemned in the House of Lords.—Early Troubles
of the Corporation.**

Mr. Darbshire, as first Mayor, had a troublous year of office, for it was during his Chief Magistracy that the memorable Chartist Riots occurred and that the Chartists visited the Parish Church and committed great excesses. It had been given out that the month of August 1839 was to be the "sacred month" which was to bring about the realisation of the Chartist programme. Sedition was openly talked, "pikes" were manufactured secretly but in great abundance, the people had been advised by their leaders to arm, torchlight meetings were held, and the period was one of great anxiety to the local authorities. The Government sent down arms for the police, 1500 special constables were sworn in, and the military were kept under arms. The memorable Twelfth passed without actual disturbance, though the Chartists had assembled *en masse* as early as five o'clock in the morning. Business, however, was at a standstill, and the shops were closed. The apprehension of two of the Chartist ringleaders led to a serious riot next day, there was much stone-throwing and window-breaking, the special constables were driven into the Little Bolton Town Hall, where the windows were broken and the furniture smashed by the mob who got inside. Meanwhile the Riot Act had been read, the military arrived, and a few shots being fired into the Hall the mob fled. The two ringleaders when under examination at the Police Court taunted the Magistrates—the recently created Borough Bench—with having encouraged the people in what they had done, and the Mayor himself had it seemed some time before attended a meeting of Chartists and supported a resolution approving of The People's Charter. The conduct of the Magistrates during the disturbances excited great indignation; they were charged with timidity; and Lord Lyndhurst and the Duke of

The Chartist Riots, 1838—*(Continued.)*

Wellington severely animadverted upon it in the House of Lords, the Duke remarking—in the course of the discussion on the Bolton Police Bill—"We must put an end to the system of employing men as Magistrates for the preservation of the peace who have been concerned in its violation." The Mayor, Mr. Darbshire, smarting under these taunts and condemnation, sent a petition to the House of Lords praying for an inquiry into the conduct of himself and brother Magistrates, but the Government declined to institute an investigation.

Nor were the Chartists the only source of trouble to the Corporation then in its infancy. Bolton had two sets of police—the "browns" and the "blues"—those of the still existing Trustees and those appointed under the general Police Act under which Bolton had for the time been placed in view of the menacing attitude of the Chartists. The County Magistrates and the newly-created Borough Magistrates were by no means in accord, the one body sitting at the Queen Anne in Chancery Lane and the other at the Borough Court in Bowker's Row; the Court of Quarter Sessions had sometimes nothing to do but blandly congratulate itself upon what was euphemistically called a "maiden session," for the County Magistrates had refused to receive at the New Bailey prisoners sent by the Borough Magistrates; and even the very Coroners—the one appointed under the Corporation and the other the old County Coroner—were in conflict, sometimes both sitting on the same bodies, and the strife only ending when at a later period the Charter was confirmed and the County Coroner received as a solatium for the loss of his fees a compensatory yearly allowance for the rest of his life.

1839-40.

ROBERT HEYWOOD, Esq. (L) Mayor.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Evans and Ellis Wood.

Coun. : C. J. Darbishire	Coun. : Joseph Skelton
Henry Macoun	Richard Dunderdale
John Hamilton	Davies Rawsthorn

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—William Moss and John Cross.

Coun. : Joseph Lawson	Coun. : Joseph Ainsworth
Robert Crook	John Rothwell
William Naisby	William Leigh

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Gregson and John Chapman.

Coun. : Isaac Barrow	Coun. : Oliver Nicholson
William Green	Richard Kynaston
Thomas Tong	James Winterbottom

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—*Henry Moss and John Mangnall.

Coun. : Joshua Crook	Coun. : John Dean
James Bayley	James Barry
R. Heywood (Mayor)	John Brown

*Elected July 22, 1840, in place of Ald. Chas. Nuttall, deceased.

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Joseph Lum and Edmund Ashworth.

Coun. : John Haslam	Coun. : Thomas Thomasson
Jacob Lomax	Andrew Knowles
James Arrowsmith	John Lomax

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Cullen and Abraham Haigh.

Coun. : Nathaniel Wilson	Coun. : John Slater
Robert Haslam	Thomas Lee
John Yates	Robert Walsh

All Liberals ; at the election on the 1st Nov., there was again no contest by the Conservatives, who held that a vote would have been a tacit acknowledgment that the Charter was valid ; but amongst Liberals themselves there were one or two contests,—Whigs and Chartists, it being jocularly remarked, having a little diversion among themselves.

1840-41.

JAMES ARROWSMITH, Esq. (L), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Evans and Ellis Wood.

Coun. : John Hamilton	Coun. : Henry Macoun
Davies Rawsthorn	Joseph Skelton
C. J. Darbshire	Richard Dunderdale

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—William Moss and John Cross.

Coun. : George Mason	Coun. : Robert Crook
John Harwood	Joseph Ainsworth
Joseph Lawson	John Rothwell

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Gregson and John Chapman.

Coun. : Richard Kynaston	Coun. : William Green
John Ackroyd	Thomas Tong
Isaac Barrow	Oliver Nicholson

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—Henry Moss and John Mangnall.

Coun. : James Barry	Coun. : James Bayley
P. R. Arrowsmith	Robert Heywood
Joshua Crook	John Dean

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Joseph Lum and Edmund Ashworth.

Coun. : John Entwistle	Coun. : Jacob Lomax
John Walsh	James Arrowsmith,
John Haslam	Mayor
	Thomas Thomasson

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Cullen and Abraham Haigh.

Coun. : William Baxter	Coun. : Robert Haslam
Peter Lowe	John Yates
Nathaniel Wilson	John Slater

Charter still the subject of litigation, and Council all Liberals ;
 Conservatives again refraining from taking any part in the elections.

1841-2.

THOMAS CULLEN, Esq. (L), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—*William Naisby and †Ellis Wood.

Coun. : Joseph Skelton	Coun. : Davies Rawsthorn
Richard Dunderdale	C. J. Darbishire
John Hamilton	Henry Macoun

* Mr. Naisby, elected November 9, 1841, resigning, Mr. Thomas Kirkman was elected Alderman in his stead on the 10th August, 1842.

† Elected November 9, 1841, in place of Ald. Thomas Evans, resigned.

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—John Cross and William Moss.

Coun. : Joseph Ainsworth	Coun. : John Harwood
Thomas Tong	Joseph Lawson
George Mason	Robert Crook

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—John Chapman and Thomas Gregson.

Coun. : *Oliver Nicholson	Coun. : John Ackroyd
John Markland	Isaac Barrow
Richard Kynaston	William Green

* Tendered resignation October 26, 1842, but no resolution come to thereupon, the Liberals being afraid of losing a seat, as the Conservatives were then for the first time vigorously preparing for the following November contests.

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—John Mangnall and Henry Moss.

Coun. : Robert Heywood	Coun. : P. R. Arrowsmith
John Dean	Joshua Crook
James Barry	James Bayley

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Robert Walsh and *John Vickers.

Coun. : James Arrowsmith	Coun. : John Walsh
Thomas Thomasson	John Haslam
John Entwistle	Jacob Lomax

* Elected December 8, 1841, in place of Ald. Joseph Lum, deceased.

1841-2—(Continued).

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Abraham Haigh and Thomas Cullen (Mayor).

Coun. : John Slater

John Yates

William Baxter

Coun. : Peter Lowe

Nathaniel Wilson

Robert Haslam

All Liberals ; the validity of the Charter being still undecided.

At the elections on Nov. 1, 1841, the pro-Corporators, as they were designated, once more had it all their own way, the Conservatives still holding aloof while the validity of the Charter of Incorporation was being fiercely debated. Of the 12 retiring Councillors, 11 were re-elected, and the other vacancy was supplied by Mr. John Markland, pawnbroker, who had formerly been a member of the Council. The greatest number polled on this occasion for any candidate did not exceed 40, and the poll was closed at each place before eleven o'clock.

The year of Mr. Cullen's Mayoralty was signalised by great local distress, which culminated in the Plug-drawing Riots, and led to some stirring and long-remembered occurrences in which the military and the local yeomanry took part. At such a time the question of Municipal government was of subsidiary interest.

1842-3.

ROBERT WALSH, Esq. (L), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Kirkman (L) and Ellis Wood (L).

Coun. : John Bolling	C	Coun. : R. Dunderdale	L
James Scowcroft	C	John Hamilton	L
Joseph Skelton	L	Davies Rawsthorn	L

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—John Cross (L) and Henry Moss (L).

Coun. : Charles Skelton	L	Coun. : Jos. Ainsworth	L
Robert Crook	L	George Mason	L
Thomas Tong	L	John Harwood	L

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—*John Chapman (L) and Thomas Gregson (L).

Coun. : T. R. Bridson	C	Coun. : Oliver Nicholson	L
John Hardman	C	Richard Kynaston	L
†John Markland	L	‡Thomas Chantler	C

*Mr. Chapman (L) resigning in consequence of ceasing to be qualified, Mr. C. J. Darbishire (L) who had been defeated in the contest for Councillors in Nov. 1842, was elected Alderman in his stead, Feb. 22, 1843.

† Mr. Markland (L) being deceased, Mr. William Haslam (C) was elected in his place Feb. 22, 1843.

‡ Three Conservatives elected for Derby Ward on the 2nd Nov., 1842, Mr. Chantler (C) succeeding Mr. Ackroyd (L), deceased.

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—John Mangnall (L) and William Moss (L).

Coun. : Thomas Myerscough	C	Coun. : John Dean	L
William Ward	C	James Barry	L
Robert Heywood	L	P. R. Arrowsmith	L

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Robert Walsh, Mayor (L), and John Vickers (L).

Coun. : Stephen Blair	C	Coun. : Thomas Thomasson	L
Robert Knowles	C	John Entwistle	L
James Arrowsmith	L	John Walsh	L

1842-3—(Continued).

WEST WARD.

Ald.:—Thomas Cullen (L) and Abraham Haigh (L).

Coun. : William Blinkhorn	L	Coun. : John Yates	L
Nathaniel Wilson	L	William Baxter	L
John Slater	L	Peter Lowe	L

The First Party Contest, Nov. 1, 1842.

The long-contested question of the validity of the Charter of Incorporation being at length definitively set at rest by Act of Parliament—the Boroughs Incorporation Act, which received the Royal Assent on the 12th August, 1842—the Conservatives promptly resolved henceforth to participate in the Municipal government of the town, and the elections consequently thenceforward became more or less of a party character, and often almost as spirited as the Parliamentary elections themselves. At the first contest, on the 2nd November, 1842, there being thirteen seats to be filled in consequence of an extraordinary vacancy in Derby Ward, the Conservatives succeeded in returning nine of their party, the Liberals returning four only,—the political character of the Council, no longer wholly of one party, becoming thus 39 Liberals and nine Conservatives. The following was the result of the polling in the respective wards :—

EXCHANGE—

Elected.		Defeated.	
James Scowcroft	C 207	C. J. Darbishire	L 188
John Bolling	C 206	Wood	L 177

BRADFORD—

Charles Skelton	L 60	Lomax.....	C 47
Robert Crook	L 59	Green	C 46

DERBY (3 vacancies)—

T. R. Bridson	C 104	Heaton	L 67
John Hardman.....	C 104	Crook	L 63
Thomas Chantler ...	C 94	Barrow.....	L 63

First Party Contest, 1842—*(Continued).*
CHURCH—

Elected.		Defeated.	
William Ward	C 172	Preston	L 93
Thomas Myerscough	C 171	Bayley.....	L 87

EAST—

Stephen Blair	C 284	Ashworth	L 151
Robert Knowles	C 283	Haslam	L 144

WEST—

William Blinkhorn ...	L 208	Cooper	C 183
Nathaniel Wilson ...	L 189	Greenroyd	C 162

The Council as thus modified by the first party contest consisted, as above stated, of 39 Liberals and 9 Conservatives; and another Conservative taking the place of a Liberal by the extraordinary vacancy in Derby Ward in February, 1843, the numbers became further altered to 38 and 10 respectively.

1843-4.

THOMAS GREGSON, Esq. (L), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Kirkman (L) and Ellis Wood (L).

Coun. : Thomas Parkinson	C	Coun. : James Scowcroft	C
Jas. Knowles, solicitor	C	Joseph Skelton	L
John Bolling	C	Richard Dunderdale	L

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—John Cross (L) and Henry Moss (L).

Coun. : P. R. Arrowsmith	L	Coun. : Robert Crook	L
John Harwood	L	Thomas Tong	L
Charles Skelton	L	Joseph Ainsworth	L

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Gregson, Mayor (L) and C. J. Darbishire (L).

Coun. : Peter Ormrod,		Coun. : John Hardman	C
Chamber Hall	C	William Haslam	C
Thomas Chantler	C	Oliver Nicholson	L
T. R. Bridson	C		

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—John Mangnall (L) and William Moss (L).

Coun. : Thomas Holmes	C	Coun. : William Ward	C
Thomas Green	C	Robert Heywood	L
Thomas Myerscough	C	John Dean	L

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Robert Walsh (L) and John Vickers (L).

Coun. : Robert Burton	C	Coun. : Robert Knowles	C
John Hartley	C	James Arrowsmith	L
Stephen Blair	C	Thomas Thomasson	L

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Cullen (L) and Abraham Haigh (L).

Coun. : George Binks	L	Coun. : Nathaniel Wilson	L
Samuel Taylor	L	John Slater	L
William Blinkhorn	L	John Yates	L

Contests, Nov. 1, 1843:—

EXCHANGE—

Elected.		Defeated.	
Thomas Parkinson...C	196	John Brown Holder L	174
James Knowles, solr. C	190	James Morris .....L	168

BRADFORD—

P. R. Arrowsmith ...L	66	Rothwell .....C	56
John Harwood.....L	64	Hargreaves .....C	54

DERBY—

Peter Ormrod .....C	101	Gregson .....L	57
Thomas Chantler ...C	97	Kynaston .....L	48

CHURCH—

Thomas Holmes .....C	178	Hibbert .....L	64
Thomas Green .....C	175	Cunliffe .....L	62

EAST—

Robert Burton .....C	254	J. Knowles .....L	162
John Hartley .....C	244	Joseph Bell.....L	154

WEST—

George Binks .....L	203	R. Cooper .....C	187
Samuel Taylor .....L	195	James Greenroyd ...C	180

Decline of the Dominant Whig Party—Polling Places at Public-houses—The Memorable Fifteen Plot.

Eight of the 12 seats were won at this election by Conservatives, whose numbers in the Council became now, in their second year's contest, increased to 17 as against 31 Liberals. The defeated candidates of the latter party this year were all described as Whigs. All the polling places at this time were at public-houses:—Exchange Ward, Higher Nag's Head; Church, Red Cross; Bradford, Church Tavern; Derby, Britannia Inn; East, Union Arms; West, Falcon Inn. *The Chronicle* this year thus classified the Council:—"Whig Aldermen 11, Whig Councillors 18, Conservative Whig Alderman 1, Conservative Councillors 17, convert who has seceded from the Whigs in disgust 1;" this classification dividing the two parties into 29 Whigs or Liberals and 19 Conservatives.

The contest this year was much embittered by the notorious **Fifteen Plot**, whereby, startled by the growing ascendancy of the Conservatives, 15 leading Liberals, including the Mayor, had

The Fifteen Plot, 1843—*(Continued).*

sought by an audaciously acute political stratagem to monopolise the entire franchise in Little Bolton, and thus prevent every one else from voting at the forthcoming Municipal elections in East and West Wards. Pending the litigation as to the validity of the Charter, several rates had been laid by the Corporation which the Conservatives persistently and successfully resisted as unlawful; one or two of these were abandoned altogether, and in other instances some few only of the Liberals themselves paid. Among the rates thus laid but never attempted to be collected was one in March, 1842, which, though ever since had been regarded as quashed, was now suddenly resurrected and their respective proportions paid by the 15 Liberals referred to on the evening of the very last day of the qualifying period (31st August, 1843), so that if successful these 15 would have monopolised the suffrages of the whole township. The Conservatives were now resolutely fighting for supremacy in the Council, and to thwart this startlingly surprising and insidious Fifteen Plot they determined to object to every Radical in Little Bolton and to every burgess without exception in Great Bolton, friend and foe alike, so as to throw the voting if possible upon the previous year's list. Altogether the Tories objected to 1980, and the Whigs themselves to 1000. A long memorable revision was the result, extending over ten days, Mr. Monk, barrister, appearing for the Tories, and Mr. Pollock, barrister, for the Whigs. The Court decided, on the objection of the Tories, that the March rate of 1842 was defective, and it being then found impossible to make a Burgess Roll within the prescribed time, the Conservatives succeeded in their object of frustrating the Plot, and it was mutually agreed that the elections should take place upon the previous year's list. The inquiry in the Revision Court extended from the 2nd to the 14th October, 1843, and the Tories were not unnaturally jubilant in having prevented Little Bolton from becoming a Whig pocket borough "with a snug little constituency of 15."

1844-5.

JOHN SLATER, Esq. (L), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—William Cannon (C) and Ellis Wood (L).

Coun. : Roger Hampson	C	Coun. : James Knowles	C
Edward Bolling	C	John Bolling	C
Thomas Parkinson	C	James Scowcroft	C

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—William Walker (C) and John Cross (L).

Coun. : John Hick	C	Coun. : John Harwood	L
Thomas Tong	L	Charles Skelton	L
P. R. Arrowsmith	L	Robert Crook	L

DERBY WARD.

Ald. : James Eckersley (C) and C. J. Darbishire (L).

Coun. : Peter Rothwell	C	Coun. : Thomas Chantler	C
William Haslam	C	T. R. Bridson	C
Peter Ormrod	C	*John Hardman	C

* Mr. Hardman (C) being deceased, Mr. John Brimelow (C), the younger, was, on the 28th Feb., 1845, elected in his stead.

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—George Piggot (C) and John Mangnall (L).

Coun. : John Johnson	C	Coun. : Thomas Green	C
Johnson Lomax	C	Thomas Myerscough	C
Thomas Holmes	C	William Ward	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—George Sharples (C) and Robert Walsh (L).

Coun. : Thomas Thomasson	L	Coun. : John Hartley	C
Joseph Ainsworth	L	Stephen Blair	C
Robert Burton	C	Robert Knowles	C

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—James Greenroyd (C) and *Abraham Haigh (L).

Coun. : John Slater, Mayor	L	Coun. : Samuel Taylor	L
James Knowles,		William Blinkhorn	L
Eagley Bank,	L	Nathaniel Wilson	L
George Binks	L		

* Mr. Haigh (L) being deceased, Mr. Richard Cooper (C) St. George's Terrace, was elected Alderman in his stead, February 28, 1845.

Contests, Nov. 1, 1844:—
EXCHANGE—

Elected.		Defeated.	
Roger Hampson	C 252	John Dean	R 244
Edward Bolling	C 251	J. Morris.....	R 244

BRADFORD—

John Hick	C 169	James Arrowsmith...L	164
Thomas Tong	L 166	J. Hargreaves.....C	156

DERBY—

Peter Rothwell	C 171	Crook	L 103
W. Haslam	C 165	Metcalf	L 95

CHURCH—

John Johnson	C 220	R. Heywood	L 77
Johnson Lomax	C 219	Cunliffe	L 75

EAST—

Thomas Thomasson...L	223	G. Sharples	C 205
Joseph Ainsworth ...L	216	T. Pearson	C 199

WEST—

John Slater	L 279	John Stones	C 257
James Knowles	L 258	R. Cooper	C 245

First Conservative Majority—Dismissal of the Town Clerk—Memorable Personation Trial—A Curious Objection.

The elections this year (Nov. 1844) being regarded by both parties as the turning point in the political complexion of the Council, were fought with all the ardour of a Parliamentary contest, the one party working to retain the supremacy, the other to wrest it from them; bulletins were issued by the Tories every two hours, sarcastically describing the state of the "expiring faction," and when at length four o'clock proclaimed the result, overjoyed with their success, they issued their final report announcing the "hopeless condition of the patient." The Radicals were accused of many sins in connection with the Charter, they were charged with gross extravagance, they had saddled the borough with a debt of £7000, and they were taunted as the authors of the Quashed or Resurrection Rate, whereby it had been sought to disqualify the

First Conservative Majority, 1844—*(Continued).*

whole of the burgesses in Little Bolton except 15 Liberals, who, as previously stated, had hoped thus to carry their own men unquestioned by this handful of votes at the Municipal election. Immediately after the close of the present year's contest, a scrutiny was demanded in West Ward, the result of which was that Mr. John Stones, one of the Conservative candidates who had been declared to be in a minority of four, was found to be defeated by one only. Extensive treating and personating took place at this election, men being brought from Wigan by Bolton Liberals to personate Conservative voters. As a result an exciting Magisterial investigation followed, ending in several persons being committed for trial to the Liverpool Assizes, one of whom was a very prominent and influential Radical, and these at the Assizes were all found guilty, some for conspiring to personate voters, and others for actual personation. A very curious objection was, however, raised by defendants' Counsel,—that it did not appear in the indictment that Bolton was a borough which had a right to have Councillors or in which there could be any valid election, the borough not being named in any Act of Parliament, for though the Act 5 and 6 Vict. had been passed expressly to set at rest all doubts as to the incorporation of certain boroughs, the validity of whose Charters had been questioned, the names of the boroughs themselves were not specifically set forth in it. The curious point thus raised was reserved for the opinion of the Judges, who, however, declined to interfere, and at the ensuing Assizes (Aug., 1845) Mr. Baron Rolfe announced that the Judge who had tried the case (Mr. Justice Coltman) was satisfied that the objection was well founded, and the defendants (who had been out on bail) were therefore discharged, amid great rejoicings on the part of the Liberals, through this, as they joyfully called it, "flaw in the indictment;" the question of the validity of the Charter, hitherto raised only by the Conservatives, thus standing in good stead in time of emergency for even the Liberals themselves.

First Conservative Majority, 1844---(Continued).

The Council this year presented the unwonted spectacle of a Conservative Council being presided over by a Liberal Mayor, and that Mayor moreover elected by the casting vote of his predecessor, who himself the moment after, as a retiring Alderman, ceased to be a member of the Council. The Conservatives now for the first time obtained supremacy in our local government. The result of the elections on the 1st November, 1844, when 7 Conservatives and 5 Liberals were returned, left the Liberals a nominal majority of 25 against 23 ; but as the election of Aldermen on the 9th, following upon the retirement of six Liberal Aldermen, would turn the scale, it was resolved by the Conservatives to contest the appointment to the civic chair. The Liberals nominated Mr. John Slater, and the Conservatives Mr. Stephen Blair. The voting was equal, 24 for each,—Alderman Mangnall, Liberal, voting with the Conservatives. The retiring Mayor (Ald. Gregson) thereupon gave the casting vote to Mr. Slater, who was accordingly elected. The Ex-Mayor and five other Liberal Aldermen then left the Council Chamber, having completed their term of office ; and the Conservatives being now in actual majority elected six Conservative Aldermen, viz., Messrs. George Piggot, William Gray, William Cannon, James Eckersley, George Sharples, and James Greenroyd, 24 votes being recorded for each. The Radicals had proposed as a counter list, Messrs. Thomas Gregson, Thomas Cullen, John Dean, James Arrowsmith, T. Kirkman, and Joseph Bell, who each received 14 votes only. The position of parties was thus suddenly altered to 29 Conservatives and 19 Liberals. The Council then by 22 votes against 19 removed Mr. James Winder from the office of Town Clerk, because of the course he had pursued in connection with the Charter of Incorporation, and of circumstances following thereon, and by 22 against 10 elected Mr. James Kyrke Watkins, solicitor, as his successor, at a salary of £200 a year, Mr. Winder's salary having been £300. The Mayor thereupon offered to resign ; but the Conservatives unanimously requesting him to retain office, and the Council being thus without exception in his favour, His Worship consented to retain the chair.

1845-6.

STEPHEN BLAIR, Esq., FIRST CONSERVATIVE MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—William Cannon (C) and Ellis Wood (L).

Coun. :	James Scowcroft	C	Coun. :	Edward Bolling	C
	Thomas Cross	C		James Knowles	C
	Roger Hampson	C		Thomas Parkinson	C

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—William Walker (C) and John Cross (L).

Coun. :	John Hargreaves, jun.	C	Coun. :	Thomas Tong	L
	Joseph Heyes	C		P. R. Arrowsmith	L
	John Hick	C		John Harwood	L

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—James Eckersley (C) and C. J. Darbishire (L).

Coun. :	T. R. Bridson	C	Coun. :	William Haslam	C
	John Brimelow, jun.	C		Peter Ormrod	C
	Peter Rothwell	C		Thomas Chantler	C

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—George Piggot (C) and John Mangnall (L).

Coun. :	Thomas Myerscough	C	Coun. :	Johnson Lomax	C
	William Ward	C		Thomas Green	C
	John Johnson	C		Thomas Holmes	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—George Sharples (C) and Robert Walsh (L).

Coun. :	Stephen Blair, Mayor	C	Coun. :	Joseph Ainsworth	L
	Richard Crompton	C		Robert Burton	C
	Thomas Thomasson	L		John Hartley	C

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—James Greenroyd (C) and Richard Cooper (C).

Coun. :	Nathaniel Wilson	L	Coun. :	James Knowles	L
	James Eden	L		George Binks	L
	John Slater	L		Samuel Taylor	L

Contests, Nov. 1, 1845 :—
EXCHANGE—

Elected.		Defeated.	
James Scowcroft	C 314	James Morris.....	R 303
Thomas Cross	C 314	John Dean	R 288

BRADFORD—

John Hargreaves, jun. C	23	No opposition.	
Joseph Heyes	C 23		

DERBY—

T. R. Bridson	C 194	No opposition.	
John Brimelow, jun. C	182		

CHURCH—

William Ward.....	C 285	Walter Mangnall ...	R 185
Thomas Myerscough C	277	Thomas Nuttall.....	R 180

EAST—

Stephen Blair	C 307	R. Crook	R 273
Richard Crompton ...	C 301	J. Bell.....	R 267

WEST—

James Eden	L 302	Edmd. Haworth, jun. C	229
Nathaniel Wilson ...	L 270		

More Liberal Reverses—First Conservative Mayor.

Ten Conservatives and two Liberals returned, the Council now consisting of 32 of the former as against 16 of the latter. On the 9th of November the first Conservative Mayor—Stephen Blair, Esq.—was elected, though the Conservatives, as we have seen, had been in a majority in the Council from the 9th of November in the previous year.

1846-7.

JAMES SCOWCROFT, Esq. (C), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—William Cannon (C) and Ellis Wood (L).

Coun. : James Knowles	C	Coun. : Thomas Cross	C
T. Lever Rushton	C	Roger Hampson	C
Jas. Scowcroft, Mayor	C	Edward Bolling	C

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—William Walker (C) and John Cross (L).

Coun. : Alex. Whowell	C	Coun. : Joseph Héyes	C
Dan Wood Latham	C	John Hick	C
Jno. Hargreaves, jun.	C	Thomas Tong	L

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—James Eckersley (C) and C. J. Darbshire (L).

Coun. : James Ormrod	C	Coun. : Jno. Brimelow, junr.	C
John Young	C	Peter Rothwell	C
T. R. Bridson	C	William Haslam	C

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. : George Piggot (C) and John Mangnall (L).

Coun. : Thomas Green	C	Coun. : William Ward	C
John Barrow	C	John Johnson	C
Thomas Myerscough	C	Johnson Lomax	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—George Sharples (C) and Robert Walsh (L).

Coun. : John Entwistle	L	Coun. : Richard Crompton	C
Robert Crook	L	Thomas Thomasson	L
Stephen Blair	C	Joseph Ainsworth	L

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—James Greenroyd (C) and Richard Cooper (C).

Coun. : Robert Knowles	C	Coun. : James Eden	L
John Stones	C	John Slater	L
Nathaniel Wilson	L	James Knowles	L

Contests, Monday, Nov. 2, 1846:—**EXCHANGE—**

Elected.		Defeated.	
James Knowles	C 320	John Dean	R 189
T. L. Rushton.....	C 319	James Morris	R 181

BRADFORD—

Alex. Whowell.....	C 168	P. R. Arrowsmith ...	L 109
Dan Wood Latham...	C 168	John Harwood	L 106

The two defeated candidates had been prominently opposed to the amalgamation of the Great and Little Bolton Trusts and to the proposed Improvement Bill.

DERBY—

James Ormrod.....	C 214	Joseph Skelton	R 119
John Young.....	C 213		

CHURCH—

Thomas Green.....	C 133	No opposition, poll closed at ten o'clock.	
John Barrow.....	C 133		

EAST—

John Entwistle	L 265	R. Burton	C 225
Robert Crook	L 247	Robert Heywood ...	L 120

WEST—

Robert Knowles	C 279	G. Binks.....	L 142
John Stones	C 265	S. Taylor.....	L 129

More Conservative Successes.

Again 10 Conservatives and 2 Liberals returned, the Council now consisting of 34 Conservatives and 14 Liberals. Of the 2163 votes polled at this election, 1339 were recorded for the Conservatives and 824 for the Liberals, thus giving the former a majority of 515.

1847-8.

THOMAS RIDGWAY BRIDSON, Esq. (C), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Parkinson (C) and William Cannon (C).

Coun. : Roger Hampson	C	Coun. : Thomas L. Rushton	C
Edward Bolling	C	†John Heaton,	
*James Knowles	C	stationer,	C
		Thomas Cross	C

* Resignation accepted May 10, 1848, and at the same meeting appointed Town Clerk in succession to J. K. Watkins, Esq., resigned. Mr. Robert Moscrop (C), draper, Deansgate, was on the 13th May elected Councillor in Mr. Knowles's place.

† Elected Nov. 27, 1847, in place of Mr. James Scowcroft (C), elected Alderman.

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—James Hargreaves (C) and William Walker (C).

Coun. : John Hick	C	Coun. : Dan Wood Latham	C
William H. Wright	C	John Hargreaves, jun.	C
Alex. Whowell	C	Joseph Heyes	C

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—*James Scowcroft (C) and James Eckersley (C).

Coun. : Peter Rothwell	C	Coun. : John Young	C
John Knight	C	Thomas R. Bridson,	
James Ormrod	C	Mayor,	C
		John Brimelow, jun.	C

* Elected Nov. 20, 1847, in place of Peter Ormrod, Esq. (C), of Chamber Hall, who had been elected Alderman on the 9th Nov., but declined to accept the office.

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—William Gray (C) and George Piggot (C).

Coun. : John Johnson	C	Coun. : John Barrow	C
Johnson Lomax	C	†William Ward	C
*Jonathan Warr	C	Thomas Myerscough	C

* Elected Nov. 2, 1847, in place of Councillor Thomas Green (C), who resigned Oct. 29, 1847, having been appointed manager of the Waterworks.

† Mr. Ward being deceased, Mr. John Scowcroft (C) was on the 24th December, 1847, elected Councillor in his stead.

1847-8—(Continued).

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Robert Burton (C) and George Sharples (C).

Coun. : Thomas Thomasson	L	Coun. : Robert Crook	L
Joseph Ainsworth	L	Stephen Blair	C
John Entwistle	L	Richard Crompton	C

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Richard Cooper (C) and James Greenroyd (C).

Coun. : Thomas Cocksey	C	Coun. : John Stones	C
William Ryder	C	Nathaniel Wilson	L
Robert Knowles	C	James Eden	L

Contests, Nov. 1, 1847:—

EXCHANGE—

Elected.		Defeated.	
Roger Hampson	C 290	John Dean	R 184
Edward Bolling	C 285	James Morris.....	R 176

BRADFORD—

John Hick	C 220	Thomas Tong	L 163
W. H. Wright.....	C 190		

DERBY—

Peter Rothwell	C 214	H. M. Richardson...	L 194
John Knight	C 208	Joseph Skelton	R 190

CHURCH—No contest. John Johnson and Johnson Lomax, the retiring Councillors, both re-elected unopposed ; the Liberal candidates nominated at a public meeting, Robert Heywood and James Barry, not coming forward.

EAST—

Thomas Thomasson...	L 339	Thomas C. Jackson	C 225
Joseph Ainsworth ...	L 281		

WEST—

Thomas Cocksey.....	C 238	John Slater.....	L 217
William Ryder	C 235	James Knowles	L 212

1847-8—(Continued).—Further Liberal Reverses.

For the third time in succession, 10 Conservatives and 2 Liberals were returned, the Council thus consisting of 37 Conservatives and 11 Liberals; on the 9th the election of Aldermen took place, when one Conservative and five Liberals retired, and these being replaced by six of the ruling party, the Council was now composed of 42 Conservatives and 6 Liberals. These numbers were not altered by the extraordinary election on Nov. 27th, when John Heaton, stationer, defeated John Dean by 287 against 269 for the seat vacant on the elevation of James Scowcroft to the Aldermanic bench; nor by the further extraordinary election on May 13, 1848, when Robert Moscrop by 238 votes against 276 defeated John Dean for the seat vacated by the election of Mr. Knowles as Town Clerk,—this being Mr. Dean's sixth rejection.

1848-9.

THOMAS LEVER RUSHTON, Esq. (C), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Parkinson (C) and William Cannoff (C).

Coun. : John Pilkington	C	Coun. : Edward Bolling	C
Thomas Cross	C	Robert Moscrop	C
Roger Hampson	C	Thomas L. Rushton,	
		Mayor	C

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—James Hargreaves (C) and William Walker (C).

Coun. : Joseph Heyes	C	Coun. : W. H. Wright	C
Thomas Ormrod	C	Alex. Whowell	C
John Hick	C	Dan Wood Latham	C

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—James Scowcroft (C) and James Eckersley (C).

Coun. : Thomas Chantler	C	Coun. : John Knight	C
James Walsh	C	James Ormrod	C
*Peter Rothwell	C	John Young	C

* Mr. Rothwell (C) being deceased, Mr. R. Stockdale (L) was elected to supply the vacancy on the 9th March, 1849.

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—William Gray (C) and George Piggot (C).

Coun. : Thomas Myerscough	C	Coun. : Johnson Lomax	C
John Scowcroft	C	Jonathan Warr	C
John Johnson	C	John Barrow	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Robert Burton (C) and *Richard Crompton (C).

Coun. : John Lomax	L	Coun. : Joseph Ainsworth	L
George Binks	L	John Entwistle	L
Thomas Thomasson	L	Robert Crook	L

* Elected Nov. 15, 1848, in place of Ald. George Sharples (C), * who had resigned on Nov. 6, in consequence of his removal to Blackpool.

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Richard Cooper (C) and James Greenroyd (C).

Coun. : George Wolstenholme	C	Coun. : William Ryder	C
Giles Cross	C	Robert Knowles	C
Thomas Cocksey	C	John Stones	C

Contests, Nov. 1, 1848 :—
EXCHANGE—

Elected.		Defeated.	
John Pilkington	C 199	John Dean	R 136
Thomas Cross	C 197	Ellis Wood.....	L 131

BRADFORD—

Joseph Heyes	C 121	Thomas Tong.....	L 106
Thomas Ormrod	C 121	James Parkinson ...	R 99

DERBY—

Thomas Chantler ...	C 166	H. M. Richardson ...	L 162
James Walsh	C 166	Joseph Skelton	R 160

CHURCH—

Thomas Myerscough and John Scoweroft, both Conservatives, returned unopposed.

EAST—

John Lomax.....	L 167	Richard Crompton...	C 143
George Binks	L 164	James Wardle.....	C 139

WEST—

Geo. Wolstenholme...	C 161	Nathaniel Wilson ...	L 115
Giles Cross	C 159	James Hoyle	L 113

Once more, for the fourth time in succession, 10 Conservatives and 2 Liberals returned, and as a like number of each retired, the *status quo* in the Council was still maintained,—42 Conservatives and 6 Liberals; but a Liberal taking the place of a Conservative in March, 1849, when Mr. Stockdale was elected unopposed for Derby Ward in place of Mr. Rothwell, deceased, the numbers became 41 and 7.

1849-50.

THOMAS L. RUSHTON, Esq. (C), MAYOR. (Second Year).

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Parkinson (C) and William Cannon (C).

Coun. : Thomas L. Rushton,		Coun. : Thomas Cross	C
Mayor	C	Roger Hampson	C
Robert Moscrop	C	Edward Bolling	C
John Pilkington	C		

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—James Hargreaves (C) and William Walker (C).

Coun. : Dan Wood Latham	C	Coun. : Thomas Ormrod	C
T. G. Horridge	C	John Hick	C
Joseph Heyes	C	W. H. Wright	C

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—James Scowcroft (C) and James Eckersley (C).

Coun. : Richard Dunderdale	L	Coun. : James Walsh	C
George Dutton	L	Richard Stockdale	L
Thomas Chantler	C	John Knight	C

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—William Gray (C) and George Piggot (C).

Coun. : Jonathan Warr	C	Coun. : John Scowcroft	C
Thomas Barnes,		John Johnson	C
Haulgh,	C	Johnson Lomax	C
Thomas Myerscough	C		

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Robert Burton (C) and Richard Crompton (C).

Coun. : H. M. Richardson	L	Coun. : George Binks	L
Nathaniel Wilson	L	Thomas Thomasson	L
John Lomax	L	Joseph Ainsworth	L

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—*Richard Cooper (C) and James Greenroyd (C).

Coun. : Robert Knowles	C	Coun. : Giles Cross	C
James Marsden	C	Thomas Cocksey	C
G. Wolstenholme	C	William Ryder	C

* Mr. Cooper being deceased, James Ormrod, Esq. (C), cotton spinner, was elected to supply the vacancy on 5th June, 1850 ; 15 votes being given for him as against 4 for Mr. John Haslam (L), cotton spinner.

Contests, Nov. 1, 1849 :—
EXCHANGE—

Elected.		Defeated.	
Thos. Lever Rushton C	270	William Taylor ...L	166
Robert Moscrop	C 240		

BRADFORD—

Dan Wood Latham...C	146	Thomas Gregson ...L	137
T. G. Horridge	C 141	John Harwood	L 136

DERBY—

Richard Dunderdale L	174	John Howard.....C	165
George Dutton.....L	171	John Nicholson.....C	159

CHURCH—

Jonathan Warr (C) and Thomas Barnes (C) returned
unopposed.

EAST—

H. M. Richardson ...L	164	Peter Barrett	C 105
Nathaniel Wilson ...L	154	T. Baron, tobaccoist C	98

WEST—

Robert Knowles (C) and James Marsden (C) returned
unopposed.

On the elections this year the Liberals gained a couple of seats in Derby Ward, and the numbers in the Council thus became modified to 39 Conservatives and 9 Liberals.

1850-51.

WILLIAM GRAY, Esq. (C), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—William Cannon (C) and Thomas Parkinson (C).

Coun. : Roger Hampson	C	Coun. : Robert Moscrop	C
Charles Johnson	C	John Pilkington	C
T. L. Rushton	C	Thomas Cross	C

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—James Hargreaves (C) and William Walker (C).

Coun. : John Hick	C	Coun. : T. G. Horridge	C
W. H. Wright	C	Joseph Heyes	C
Dan Wood Latham	C	Thomas Ormrod	C

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—James Scowcroft (C) and James Eckersley (C).

Coun. : P. R. Arrowsmith	L	Coun. : George Dutton	L
Richard Stockdale	L	Thomas Chantler	C
Richard Dunderdale	L	James Walsh	C

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. : Edward Bolling (C) and William Gray (C), Mayor.

Coun. : John Johnson	C	Coun. : Thomas Barnes	C
Richard Mangnall	C	Thomas Myerscough	C
Jonathan Warr	C	John Scowcroft	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Robert Burton (C) and Richard Crompton (C).

Coun. : James Haslam	L	Coun. : Nathaniel Wilson	L
John Knowles	C	John Lomax	L
H. M. Richardson	L	George Binks	L

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—James Ormrod (C) and James Greenroyd (C).

Coun. : David Skinner	L	Coun. : James Marsden	C
Thomas Cocksey	C	Geo. Wolstenholme	C
Robert Knowles	C	Giles Cross	C

Contests, Nov. 1, 1850 :—

EXCHANGE—

Elected.		Defeated.	
Roger Hampson	C 245	William Green	L 174
Charles Johnson	C 244	George Henry.....	L 174

BRADFORD—

John Hick	C 230	John Harwood	L 162
W. H. Wright	C 188		

DERBY—

P. R. Arrowsmith ...	L 220	W. Wood, innkeeper	C 181
Richard Stockdale ...	L 214	Christopher Briggs	C 177

CHURCH—

John Johnson	C 188	Thomas Taylor	C 96
Richard Mangnall ...	C 150	Robert Smalley	L 58

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Taylor had been nominated conjointly by the usual Conservative Committee; but to the surprise of many, an hour or two before the election voting papers were issued for Johnson and Mangnall, hence the appearance of three Conservatives in the field.

EAST—

James Haslam	L 281	Joseph Ainsworth ...	L 270
John Knowles	C 278		

Mr. Knowles was the first Conservative candidate who had been returned for East Ward since 1845.

WEST—

David Skinner.....	L 282	William Ryder	C 252
Thomas Cocksey.....	C 253		

Eight Conservatives and four Liberals returned, in place of nine and three retiring, the Council now being composed of 38 Conservatives and 10 Liberals.

First Personal Opposition to the Election of Mayor.

It is worthy of note that the election of Mayor on the 9th November, 1850, was the first occasion when there was any personal opposition to the appointment to the civic chair. Alderman William Gray's nomination was moved by Councillor John Hick, seconded by Alderman James Scowcroft, whereupon an amendment was moved by Councillor George Binks, and seconded by Councillor H. M. Richardson, two of the Liberal representatives for East Ward, that Councillor George Wolstenholme—like Alderman Gray a Conservative—be appointed Mayor. The amendment was rejected by 28 against 9, and Alderman Gray was then unanimously elected. It is also noteworthy that the Mayor and his nominator sat together subsequently for some years as members representing the Borough in Parliament.

1851-2.

WILLIAM GRAY, Esq. (C), MAYOR. (Second Year.)

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—William Cannon (C) and Thomas Parkinson (C).

Coun. : John Brown Holden	L	Coun. : Charles Johnson	C
George Henry	L	Thomas L. Rushton	C
Roger Hampson	C	Robert Moscrop	C

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—William Walker (C) and James Hargreaves (C).

Coun. : William Hargreaves	C	Coun. : William H. Wright	C
Robert Heywood	L	Dan Wood Latham	C
John Hick	C	Thomas G. Horridge	C

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—James Eckersley (C) and James Scowcroft (C).

Coun. : William Makant	L	Coun. : Richard Stockdale	L
James Parkinson	L	Richard Dunderdale	L
P. R. Arrowsmith	L	George Dutton	L

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—Edward Bolling (C) and William Gray (C), Mayor.

Coun. : Thomas Myerscough	C	Coun. : Richard Mangnall	C
James Greenhalgh	C	Jonathan Warr	C
John Johnson	C	Thomas Barnes	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Richard Crompton (C) and Robert Burton (C).

Coun. : John Lomax	L	Coun. : John Knowles	C
Joseph Ainsworth	L	H. M. Richardson	L
James Haslam	L	Nathaniel Wilson	L

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—James Greenroyd (C) and James Ormrod (C).

Coun. : John Slater	L	Coun. : Thomas Cocksey	C
Richard Wallwork	L	Robert Knowles	C
David Skinner	L	James Marsden	C

Contests, Nov. 1, 1851 :—

EXCHANGE—

Elected.		Defeated.	
John Brown Holden	L 320	John Pilkington.....	C 250
George Henry	L 292	James Best	C 232

BRADFORD—

William Hargreaves	C 276	Thomas Taylor	C 220
Robert Heywood.....	L 268		

DERBY—

William Makant	L 302	James Walsh	C 197
James Parkinson.....	L 273		

CHURCH—

No opposition ; Thomas Myerscough (C) and James Greenhalgh (C) elected.

EAST—

John Lomax.....	L 306	E. H. Sumner.....	C 215
Joseph Ainsworth ...	L 305		

WEST—

John Slater	L 349	William Ryder	C 280
Richard Wallwork...	L 315		

A Liberal Gain.

Ten Conservatives and two Liberals having retired, and only three of the former party as against nine of the latter being now returned, the Liberals thus gained seven seats at this election, and thereby increased their number in the Council to 17 against 31 Conservatives. The election of Aldermen on the 9th did not alter these numbers, the whole of the Aldermanic seats being still held by the Conservatives.



1852-3.

JOHN STONES, ESQ. (C), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—William Cannon (C) and Thomas Parkinson (C).

Coun. : John Harwood	L	Coun. : George Henry	L
John Orton	L	Roger Hampson	C
John Brown Holden	L	Charles Johnson	C

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—William Walker (C) and James Hargreaves (C).

Coun. : James Arrowsmith	L	Coun. : Robert Heywood	L
John Manchester	L	John Hick	C
William Hargreaves	C	W. H. Wright	C

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—James Eckersley (C) and James Scowcroft (C).

Coun. : George Dutton	L	Coun. : James Parkinson	L
Richard Dunderdale	L	P. R. Arrowsmith	L
William Makant	L	Richard Stockdale	L

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—Edward Bolling (C) and William Gray (C).

Coun. : William Haslam	C	Coun. : James Greenhalgh	C
Joseph Cork	C	John Johnson	C
Thomas Myerscough	C	Richard Mangnall	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Richard Crompton (C) and Robert Burton (C).

Coun. : T. L. Livesey	L	Coun. : Joseph Ainsworth	L
H. M. Richardson	L	James Haslam	L
John Lomax	L	John Knowles	C

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—James Greenroyd (C) and James Ormrod (C).

Coun. : John Stones, Mayor	C	Coun. : Richard Wallwork	L
James Marsden	C	David Skinner	L
John Slater	L	Thomas Cocksey	C

Contests, Nov. 1, 1852 :—
EXCHANGE—

Elected.		Defeated.	
John Harwood.....L	381	Thos. Lever Rushton C	365
John Orton .....L	380	T. R. Bridson, jun. C	360

BRADFORD—

James Arrowsmith ...L	422	Dr. Chadwick.....C	400
John Manchester.....L	411	Dan Wood Latham C	382

DERBY—

George Dutton.....L	422	John Knight .....C	323
Richard Dunderdale L	415	Joseph Holden .....C	322

CHURCH—

William Haslam .....C	371	Richard Harwood ...L	307
Joseph Cork.....C	368	J. Mangnall.....L	300

EAST—

Thomas L. Livesey...L	390	Thomas Moscrop ...C	323
H. M. Richardson ...L	386	James Wardle .....C	318

WEST—

John Stones .....C	447	Ralph M. Haslam...L	425
James Marsden .....C	443	John Cross .....L	395

Another Liberal Gain.

Eight Liberals and four Conservatives returned, as against four and eight respectively retiring, the Liberals now numbering 21 in the Council as against 27 Conservatives. Extraordinary exertions were made by the Liberals this year, flushed as they were with their success at the Parliamentary election in the previous July, when two Liberals were returned, though the Conservative candidate lost by ten votes only. The cry of extravagance and jobbery was raised against the Conservative party because of the Market Hall, Waterworks, and street improvements, and the Liberals made further capital by proclaiming that the Council were in a financial fix ; hence Mr. Rushton, as author of the Market Hall scheme, was thrown out.

1853-4.

PETER ROTHWELL ARROWSMITH, ESQ. (L), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—John Brown (L) and William Cannon (C).

Coun. : Thomas Thomasson	L	Coun. : John Orton	L
P. R. Arrowsmith		John Brown Holden	L
(Mayor)	L	George Henry	L
John Harwood	L		

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—John Cross (L) and William Walker (C).

Coun. : James Barlow	L	Coun. : John Manchester	L
Henry Crook	L	William Hargreaves	C
James Arrowsmith	L	Robert Heywood	L

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas W. Heaton (L) and James Eckersley (C).

Coun. : Richard Stockdale	L	Coun. : Richard Dunderdale	L
Henry Wilkinson	L	William Makant	L
George Dutton	L	James Parkinson	L

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—John Mangnall (L) and Edward Bolling (C).

Coun. : Richard Harwood	L	Coun. : Joseph Cork	C
Walter Mangnall	L	Thomas Myerscough	C
William Haslam	C	James Greenhalgh	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Nathaniel Wilson (L) and *Richard Crompton (C).

Coun. : James Haslam	L	Coun. : H. M. Richardson	L
Robert Walsh	L	John Lomax	L
Thomas L. Livesey	L	Joseph Ainsworth	L

* Alderman Crompton (C) being deceased, Councillor Robert Heywood, one of the representatives of Bradford Ward, was elected Alderman to supply the vacancy on 6th Sept., 1854; the vacancy thus occasioned in Bradford Ward not being filled up till the ordinary elections in November.

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—James Knowles (L) and James Greenroyd (C).

Coun. : Ralph M. Haslam	L	Coun. : James Marsden	C
William Shaw	L	John Slater	L
John Stones	C	Richard Wallwork	L

1853-4—(*Continued*).

**Second Liberal Regime—Twelve Liberals Returned—
Conservative Abstention.***

The Liberals this year—November, 1853—regained their supremacy in the Council, the Conservatives having been in a majority from 1844. Twelve Liberal Councillors were returned on the 1st Nov., 1853, the Conservatives offering no opposition; and on the 9th Nov. the position of parties was still further altered by the retirement of six Conservative Aldermen and the election of six Liberals in their place; the result being that whereas in the last Council the Conservatives were in six of a majority, the numbers being respectively 27 and 21, the Liberals became now in a majority of 22, the Council at present numbering 35 Liberals against 13 Conservatives. For several years following upon this change, the Conservatives took little part in the elections; and in such contests as there were for the three or four succeeding years, they were generally of a personal rather than a party character, politics being professedly out of favour, notwithstanding that the party element was always predominant whenever there was an Aldermanic election, not less than in the choice of Mayor.

1854-5.

P. R. ARROWSMITH, Esq. (L), MAYOR. (Second Year.)

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—John Brown (L) and William Cannon (C).

Coun. : John Brown Holden	L	Coun. : P. R. Arrowsmith	
George Henry	L	(Mayor)	L
Thomas Thomasson	L	John Harwood	L
		John Orton	L

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—John Cross (L) and *James Arrowsmith (L).

Coun. : John Marshall	L	Coun. : Henry Crook	L
James M. Tait	L	John Manchester	L
James Barlow	L	† James Haddock	L

* Elected Nov. 9, 1854, in place of Alderman William Walker (C), resigned.

† Elected Nov. 18, 1854, on extraordinary vacancy, occasioned by elevation of Councillor James Arrowsmith to Aldermanship.

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—T. W. Heaton (L) and James Eckersley (C).

Coun. : William Makant	L	Coun. : Henry Wilkinson	L
James Parkinson	L	George Dutton	L
Richard Stockdale	L	Richard Dunderdale	L

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—John Mangnall (L) and Edward Bolling (C).

Coun. : James Bayley	L	Coun. : Walter Mangnall	L
Thomas Scowercroft	L	William Haslam	C
Richard Harwood	L	* Joseph Cork	C

* Councillor Cork (C) being deceased, Mr. Robert Smalley (L) was elected in his stead, 11th July, 1855.

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Nathaniel Wilson (L) and Robert Heywood (L).

Coun. : * Joseph Bell	L	Coun. : Robert Walsh	L
Joseph Ainsworth	L	† T. L. Livesey	L
James Haslam	L	H. M. Richardson	L

* Councillor Bell (L) having resigned, Mr. John Vickers (L) was elected to supply the vacancy on the 11th July, 1855.

† Councillor Livesey (L) having resigned, Mr. Ellis Bury (L) was elected to the vacancy on the 23rd Feb., 1855.

1854-5—(Continued).

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—James Knowles (L.) and James Greenwoyd (C).

Coun. : Richard Wallwork	L.	Coun. : *William Shaw	L.
Richard Nightingale	L.	John Stones	C
R. M. Haslam	L.	James Marsden	C

* Councillor Shaw (L.) having resigned, Mr. David Skinner (L.) was elected Councillor in his stead, on the 16th May, 1855.

**Twelve Liberals again Returned—Conservatives
still Inactive.**

At the elections on the 1st Nov. 1854, 12 Liberals were again returned, all unopposed so far as the Conservatives were concerned, but in East Ward there was a contest among the Liberals themselves, of whom there were three candidates, the result of the poll being—Joseph Bell, cotton spinner, 399, Joseph Ainsworth, cotton spinner, 329, and John Hilton, draper, 237,—the two former elected. In all the other wards the great bulk of the burgesses seemed utterly indifferent to the issue. As the result of this year's elections, the Council was now composed of 40 Liberals and 8 Conservatives; and in the following July, a Liberal taking the place of a Conservative Councillor deceased, there was a further disparity of 41 Liberals to 7 Conservatives, the latter consisting of 4 Aldermen and 3 Councillors.

1855-6.

JAMES KNOWLES, Esq. (L), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—John Brown (L) and William Cannon (C).

Coun. : John Harwood	L	Coun. : George Henry	L
John Orton	L	Thomas Thomasson	L
John Brown Holden	L	P. R. Arrowsmith	L

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—John Cross (L) and James Arrowsmith (L).

Coun. : James Haddock	L	Coun. : James M. Tait	L
John Manchester	L	James Barlow	L
John Marshall	L	Henry Crook	L

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—T. W. Heaton (L) and James Eckersley (C).

Coun. : William Green	L	Coun. : James Parkinson	L
Samuel Hodgkinson	L	Richard Stockdale	L
William Makant	L	Henry Wilkinson	L

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—John Mangnall (L) and Edward Bolling (C).

Coun. : Francis McCormick	L	Coun. : Thomas Scowcroft	L
Robert Smalley	L	Richard Harwood	L
James Bayley	L	Walter Mangnall	L

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Nathaniel Wilson (L) and Robert Heywood (L).

Coun. : Peter Skelton	L	Coun. : Joseph Ainsworth	L
H. M. Richardson	L	James Haslam	L
John Vickers	L	Robert Walsh	L

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—James Knowles (L) Mayor, and James Greenroyd (C).

Coun. : James Lomax	L	Coun. : Richard Nightingale	L
Robert Haslam	L	R. M. Haslam	L
Richard Wallwork	L	David Skinner	L

1855-6—(Continued).

Sharp Practice of the Radicals—Two Councillors Elected by a Solitary Vote—Only Four Conservatives in the Council.

The November elections of 1855 were again characterised by great apathy on the part of the Conservatives, 12 Liberals being again returned. The only real contest was in Derby Ward, and here it was among Liberals themselves, the result being as follows:—

Samuel Hodgkinson	L	403
William Green	L	401
Richard Dunderdale	L	360

The defeated candidate, Mr. Dunderdale, was next year made an Alderman. In Exchange, Bradford, East, and West Wards, Liberals were returned unopposed, the Conservatives holding altogether aloof. In Church Ward it had been mutually arranged that William Haslam (C) and Robert Smalley (L) should be re-elected, but through a piece of Radical sharp practice on the one hand and Conservative apathy on the other, a candidate was returned contrary to general expectation whose name had not even been mentioned until the opening of the poll. Precisely at nine o'clock, the appointed hour for opening the poll, a voting paper was tendered for Smalley and Francis McCormick, both Liberals. The Conservatives being thus taken by surprise, no voter on their side could be brought up till about 6 minutes to 10, and the vote of this person was then objected to by the Liberals, because one of the Revising Assessors had temporarily left the room, and before the Assessor returned—it was openly insinuated that he purposely remained out of the room—the clock struck and the Presiding Alderman declared the poll closed and Messrs. Smalley and McCormick elected. Thus one solitary vote had in a contested election returned two Radical members. Not a single Conservative Councillor now remained in the Council, which at this time was composed of 44 Liberals and 4 Conservative Aldermen.

1856-7.

JAMES KNOWLES, Esq. (L), MAYOR. (Second Year.)

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Fergus Ferguson (L) and John Brown (L).

Coun. : Joseph Holden	C	Coun. : John Orton	L
Thomas Thomasson	L	John Brown Holden	L
John Harwood	L	George Henry	L

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—James Arrowsmith (L) and John Cross (L).

Coun. : Dan Wood Latham	C	Coun. : John Manchester	L
T. Fildes Johnson	L	John Marshall	L
James Haddock	L	J. M. Tait	L

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—Richard Stockdale (L) and T. W. Heaton (L).

Coun. : Nathan Smedley	C	Coun. : Samuel Hodgkinson	L
Richard Howarth	L	William Makant	L
William Green	L	James Parkinson	L

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—Richard Dunderdale (L) and John Mangnall (L).

Coun. : Richard Harwood	L	Coun. : Robert Smalley	L
William Haslam	C	James Bayley	L
F. McCormick	L	Thomas Scowcroft	L

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Robert Heywood (L) and Nathaniel Wilson (L).

Coun. : Robert Walsh	L	Coun. : H. M. Richardson	L
John Slater	L	John Vickers	L
Peter Skelton	L	Joseph Ainsworth	L

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—John Sharples (L) and James Knowles, Mayor (L).

Coun. : R. M. Haslam	L	Coun. : Robert Haslam	L
David Skinner	L	Richard Wallwork	L
James Lomax	L	Richard Nightingale	L

Contests, Nov. 1, 1856:—

EXCHANGE (920 burgesses)—

Elected.		Defeated.	
Joseph Holden	C 372	P. R. Arrowsmith ...	L 202
Thomas Thomasson	L 225		

BRADFORD (1074 burgesses)—

Dan Wood Latham...	C 547	James Barlow	L 330
Thos. Fildes Johnson	L 342		

DERBY (1079 burgesses)—

Richard Howarth ...	L 394	Richard Stockdale...	L 317
Nathan Smedley.....	C 387		

Eight days afterwards, Mr. Stockdale was made an Alderman.

CHURCH—

No contest ; Richard Harwood (L) and William Haslam (C) elected, eight votes being recorded for each.

EAST (869 burgesses)—

Robert Walsh	L 447	John Cunliffe	L 250
John Slater	L 318		

WEST—

No contest ; R. M. Haslam (L) and David Skinner (L) re-elected.

Eight Liberals and four Conservatives returned this year, the Council after the Aldermanic elections on the 9th November consisting of 44 Liberals and only the four Conservative Councillors elected on November 1st. The whole of the Aldermen were now Liberals.

At this election, Canon Carter, the senior Roman Catholic priest in the town, claimed credit for causing Mr. P. R. Arrowsmith and one or two others to be thrown out because of their connection with the Industrial Ragged School in Commission Street, which Mr. Carter denounced as a hotbed of proselytism.

1857-8.

WILLIAM MAKANT, Esq. (L), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—F. Ferguson (L) and John Brown (L).

Coun. : George Henry	L	Coun. : Thos. Thomasson	L
George Mason	L	John Harwood	L
Joseph Holden	C	John Orton	L

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. James Arrowsmith (L) and John Cross (L).

Coun. : John Marshall	L	Coun. : Thos. Fildes Johnson	L
Charles Bowman	L	James Haddock	L
Dan Wood Latham	C	John Manchester	L

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—Richard Stockdale (L) and T. W. Heaton (L).

Coun. : W. Makant, Mayor	L	Coun. : Nathan Smedley	C
Thomas Crook	L	William Green	L
Richard Howarth	L	Samuel Hodgkinson	L

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—Richard Dunderdale (L) and *John Mangnall (L).

Coun. : Thomas Scowerft	L	Coun. : William Haslam	C
Jas. Greenhalgh	C	Robert Smalley	L
Richard Harwood	L	F. Mc.Cormick	L

*Ald. Mangnall (L) having resigned, Councillor John Harwood (L) was elected in his stead on the 6th August, 1858; the extraordinary vacancy thus occasioned in Exchange Ward not being filled up till November.

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Robert Heywood (L) and Nathaniel Wilson (L).

Coun. : Jeremiah Marsden	C	Coun. : John Slater	L
John Cunliffe	L	Peter Skelton	L
Robert Walsh	L	H. M. Richardson	L

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—John Sharples (L) and James Knowles (L).

Coun. : James Cottrill	C	Coun. : David Skinner	L
Joseph Wood	C	James Lomax	L
R. M. Haslam	L	*Robert Haslam	L

*Councillor Haslam ceasing to be qualified, the Council declared the seat vacant on the 14th July, 1858; but the vacancy thus occasioned was not filled up till November.

Contests, Monday, Nov. 2, 1857 :—

EXCHANGE (874 burgesses)—

Elected.		Defeated.	
George Henry.....L	288	James Parkinson ...R	258
George Mason	L 283		

James Parkinson, the defeated candidate, a Radical of the most advanced type, complained bitterly of the means used by "the Whigs and their *paid* tools" to secure his rejection, and thanked the "227 gentlemen who had given him their undivided support."

BRADFORD (1183 burgesses)—

John Marshall.....L	535	Alphonso R. Varley C	440
Charles Bowman.....L	483		

DERBY (1077 burgesses)—

No opposition ; William Makant (L) and Thomas Crook (L) returned.

CHURCH (915 burgesses)—

No opposition ; Thomas Scowercroft (L) and James Greenhalgh (C) returned.

EAST (899 burgesses)—

Jeremiah Marsden ...C	274	Joseph Ainsworth ...L	147
John Cunliffe	L 231	John Vickers	L 144
		Thomas Frankland C	2

There was a coalition between the successful candidates, a Conservative and a Liberal ; and Mr. Frankland retired soon after the opening of the poll, leaving the contest to be fought between a Conservative and a Liberal on the one side and two Liberals pitted against them.

WEST (1417 burgesses)—

James Cottrill	C 500	James S. Holdsworth L	446
Joseph Wood	C 497	Richard Nightingale L	409

Politics were generally at a discount at this year's elections ; but the success of the two Conservatives in West Ward was significant, as one of the defeated candidates (Mr. Nightingale) had prided himself, as one of the representatives of the ward, upon being what he called "the watch dog of the Council." The net result of the elections was the return of eight Liberals and four Conservatives, the parties in the Chamber now numbering 40 Liberals and eight Conservatives.

1858-9.

WILLIAM MAKANT, ESQ. (L), MAYOR. (Second Year.)

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Fergus Ferguson (L) and John Brown (L).

Coun. : John Orton	L	Coun. : George Mason	L
J. R. Wolfenden	L	Joseph Holden	C
George Henry	L	Thomas Thomasson	L

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—James Arrowsmith (L) and John Cross (L).

Coun. : Dr. Chadwick	C	Coun. : Charles Bowman	L
Jabez Johnson	L	Dan Wood Latham	C
John Marshall	L	Thos. Fildes Johnson	L

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—Richard Stockdale (L) and T. W. Heaton (L).

Coun. : John Brandwood	L	Coun. : Thomas Crook	L
John Nicholson	C	Richard Howarth	L
W. Makant, Mayor	L	Nathan Smedley	C

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—Richard Dunderdale (L) and John Harwood (L).

Coun. : Alphonso R. Varley	C	Coun. : James Greenhalgh	C
Robert Smalley	L	Richard Harwood	L
Thomas Scowcroft	L	William Haslam	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Robert Heywood (L) and Nathaniel Wilson (L).

Coun. : William Ryder	C	Coun. : John Cunliffe	L
Thomas Bolton	L	Robert Walsh	L
Jeremiah Marsden	C	John Slater	L

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—John Sharples (L) and James Knowles (L).

Coun. : Edward Barlow	C	Coun. : Joseph Wood	C
Richard Wallwork	L	R. M. Haslam	L
James Cottrill	C	David Skinner	L

Contests, Nov. 1, 1858 :—

EXCHANGE (998 burgesses)—

Elected.	Defeated.
J. R. Wolfenden .....L 181	
John Orton .....L 157	

No vote tendered for anyone else, though poll kept open until the usual hour. James Parkinson (R) had been brought out in opposition, but retired before the election, yet his friends kept the poll open till 4 o'clock, so as to prevent assistance going to Church Ward, where Mr. McCormick (L) was waging a contest against Mr. Smalley (L).

BRADFORD (1228 burgesses)—

Dr. Chadwick (C) and Jabez Johnson (L) returned unopposed.

CHURCH (1004 burgesses)—

Alphonso R. Varley C 519	F. McCormick .....L 321
Robert Smalley .....L 331	

Mr. Smalley was opposed to a man by the Roman Catholics, whose hostility he had provoked by the prominent part he took in ousting James Parkinson (R) last year.

DERBY (1255 burgesses)—

John Brandwood .....L 602	John Hodgkinson ...L 371
John Nicholson .....C 585	

EAST (966 burgesses)—

William Ryder .....C 505	John Vickers .....L 369
Thomas Bolton .....L 373	Peter Skelton.....L 306

WEST (1616 burgesses)—

Edward Barlow .....C 717	William Abhatt .....L 323
Richard Wallwork ...L 613	Richard Nightingale L 314

Politics nominally at a discount again at this year's elections. Twelve Liberals retired, and seven Liberals and five Conservatives were returned; Council now consisting of 35 of the former and 13 of the latter.

1859-60.

JOHN ORTON, Esq. (L), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—John Brown (L) and Fergus Ferguson (L).

Coun. : Peter Skelton	L	Coun. : *James Best	C
James Aspden	L	†James Morris	L
John Orton, Mayor	L	George Mason	L

* Elected Dec. 1, 1859, in place of Councillor J. R. Wolfenden, elected Alderman.

† Elected Dec. 1, 1859, in place of Councillor George Henry, elected Alderman.

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—John Harwood (L) and James Arrowsmith (L).

Coun. : Dan Wood Latham	C	Coun. : Jabez Johnson	L
James Marsden	C	John Marshall	L
Dr. Chadwick	C	Charles Bowman	L

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—William Makant (L) and Richard Stockdale (L).

Coun. : Nathan Smedley	C	Coun. : John Nicholson	C
*S. Hodgkinson	L	†Richard Howarth	L
John Brandwood	L	Thomas Crook	L

* Councillor Samuel Hodgkinson (L) being deceased, his nephew, Mr. John Hodgkinson (L), was elected in his stead unopposed on the 1st Nov., 1860.

† Elected Dec. 1, 1859, in place of Councillor Makant, elected Alderman.

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—J. R. Wolfenden (L) and Richard Dunderdale (L).

Coun. : Richard Harwood	L	Coun. : Robert Smalley	L
George Fell	C	Thomas Scowercroft	L
Alphonso R. Varley	C	James Greenhalgh	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—*George Henry (L) and Robert Heywood (L).

Coun. : Thomas Hope	C	Coun. : Thomas Bolton	L
James Brearley	C	Jeremiah Marsden	C
William Ryder	C	John Cunliffe	L

* Elected Nov. 23, 1859; Thomas Thomasson, Esq., elected Alderman on Nov. 9, having refused to accept the office.

1859-60—(Continued).

WEST WARD.

Ald.:—Robert Walsh (L.) and John Sharpleś (L.).

Coun. : R. M. Haslam	L.	Coun. : Richard Wallwork	L.
W. W. Cannon	C	James Cottrill	C
Edward Barlow	C	*Joseph Wood	C

* Councillor Wood died on the 28th Dec., 1859, but the vacancy was not filled up till the ordinary elections in Nov., 1860.

Contests, Nov. 1, 1859:—

EXCHANGE (978 burgesses)—

Elected.	Defeated.
Peter Skelton .....L. 263	James Best .....C 176
James Aspden .....L. 241	James Cooper.....C 168

BRADFORD (1315 burgesses)—

Dan Wood Latham...C 585	Charles Heaton .....L. 494
James Marsden .....C 579	

DERBY (1226 burgesses)—

Samuel Hodgkinson L. 485	Richard Howarth ...L. 376
Nathan Smedley.....C 410	

CHURCH (978 burgesses)—

No contest ; Richard Harwood (L.) and George Fell (C) returned.

EAST (1062 burgesses)—

Thomas Hope .....C 510	Joseph Slater .....L. 173
James Brearley .....C 498	

WEST (1749 burgesses)—

No contest ; R. M. Haslam (L.) and W. W. Cannon (C) elected.

Seven Liberals and five Conservatives returned. Election of Aldermen on the 9th, six Liberals ; Dr. Chadwick (C) and Edward Barlow (C) unsuccessful.

Extraordinary Elections, Dec. 1, to supply vacancies following upon the election of Aldermen:—Exchange (2), James Best (C) 340, and James Morris (L.) 331, elected ; William Abbatt (L.) being unsuccessful with 294. Derby, Richard Howarth (L.) unopposed.

Council now composed of 31 Liberals and 17 Conservatives.

1860-61.

JOHN HARWOOD, Esq. (L), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—John Brown (L) and Fergus Ferguson (L).

Coun. : George Mason	L	Coun. : James Aspden	L
Saml. Rawsthorn	C	James Best	C
Peter Skelton	L	John Orton	L

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—John Harwood, Mayor (L), and James Arrowsmith (L).

Coun. : John Marshall	L	Coun. : Dan Wood Latham	C
T. H. Arrowsmith	L	Dr. Chadwick	C
James Marsden	C	Jabez Johnson	L

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—William Makant (L) and Richard Stockdale (L).

Coun. : Charles Heaton	L	Coun. : Nathan Smedley	C
Richard Howarth	L	John Brandwood	L
John Hodgkinson	L	John Nicholson	C

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—J. R. Wolfenden (L) and Richard Dunderdale (L).

Coun. : F. McCormick	L	Coun. : George Fell	C
James Greenhalgh	C	Alphonso R. Varley	C
Richard Harwood	L	Robert Smalley	L

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—George Henry (L) and Robert Heywood (L).

Coun. : Alfred Ridings	L	Coun. : James Brearley	C
John Bertenshaw	L	William Ryder	C
Thomas Hope	C	Thomas Bolton	L

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Robert Walsh (L) and John Sharples (L).

Coun. : John Heaton, cotton spinner	L	Coun. : W. W. Cannon	C
James Cottrill	C	Edward Barlow	C
R. M. Hasham	L	Richard Wallwork	L

Contests, Nov. 1, 1860 :—

EXCHANGE (941 burgesses)—

Elected.		Defeated.	
George Mason.....L	305	Jabez Chaplin.....C	226
Samuel Rawsthorn ...C	270	Hugh Makinson...Ind.	162
		Alfred Bird.....Ind.	30

BRADFORD (1429 burgesses)—

John Marshall.....L	646	Lawrence Whittaker C	553
Thos. H. Arrowsmith L	606	Simon Stones.....C	507

DERBY (1192 burgesses)—

Charles Heaton .....L	426	Thomas Ormrod ...C	249
Richard Howarth ...L	357		

CHURCH (1072 burgesses)—

Francis McCormick...L	446	Rowland Hall.....C	362
James Greenhalgh ...C	424		

EAST (1106 burgesses)—

Alfred Ridings .....L	540	William Knowles ...C	449
John Bertenshaw.....L	493	Jeremiah Marsden...C	387

One of the incidents of this election which caused some amusement was the "retort of the keys." It having been affirmed that Mr. Marsden had asserted that he "held the keys of the ward and could unlock the gates and take whoever he chose into the Council along with him," Mr. Ridings retorted by saying that he "had contrived to pick that lock and put a fresh ward into it!" It was during this contest that Mr. John Cunliffe (L) retired "with his face to the foe," after the collapse of the Marsden-Cunliffe compromise.

WEST (1916 burgesses)—

John Heaton, cotton spinner...L	851	Robert Walker .....C	552
James Cottrill .....C	566		

Eight Liberals and four Conservatives retired ; nine Liberals and three Conservatives returned. Council now composed of 32 Liberals and 16 Conservatives.

1861-2.

JAMES RAWSTHORNE WOLFENDEN, Esq. (L), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—John Brown (L) and Fergus Ferguson (L).

Coun. : *James Best	C	Coun. : Samuel Rawsthorn	C
George Salt	C	Peter Skelton	L
George Mason	L	James Aspden	L

* Elected Dec. 6, 1861, in place of Councillor John Orton (L), elected Alderman.

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—John Harwood (L), and *John Orton (L).

Coun. : Jabez Johnson	L	Coun. : T. H. Arrowsmith	L
† John Openshaw	L	James Marsden	C
John Marshall	L	Dan Wood Latham	C

* Elected Nov. 27, 1861, in place of Ald. James Arrowsmith, who had resigned Nov. 20, on leaving Bolton for Southport.

† Elected Nov. 20, 1861, in place of Dr. Chadwick (C), who had been elected unopposed on Nov. 1, but declined to serve, claiming exemption on the ground that he had already served the office of Councillor for three years.

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—William Makant (L) and Richard Stockdale (L).

Coun. : John Brandwood	L	Coun. : Richard Howarth	L
R. H. Constantine	L	John Hodgkinson	L
Charles Heaton	L	Nathan Smedley	C

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—James Rawsthorne Wolfenden (L), Mayor, and Richard Dunderdale (L).

Coun. : T. W. Redhead	L	Coun. : James Greenhalgh	C
H. M. Richardson	L	Richard Harwood	L
F. McCormick	L	George Fell	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—George Henry (L) and Robert Heywood (L).

Coun. : Thomas Bolton	L	Coun. : *Lawrence Whittaker	C
Roger Haslam	L	Thomas Hope	C
John Bertenshaw	L	James Brearley	C

* Elected Nov. 15, 1861, on extraordinary vacancy occasioned by the death of Councillor Alfred Ridings (L).

1861-2—(Continued).

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Robert Walsh (L) and John Sharples* (L).

Coun. : Edward Barlow	C	Coun. : *James Cottrill	C
Abraham Pilling	L	Ralph M. Haslam	L
John Heaton	L	Wm. Walter Cannon	C

* Councillor Cottrill (C) being deceased, Mr. James Barlow (L) was elected in his stead, September 18, 1862, unopposed.

Contests, Nov. 1, 1861 :—

EXCHANGE (876 burgesses)—

Elected.		Defeated.	
John Orton	L 310	Robert Smalley	L 232
George Salt	C 277		

BRADFORD (1395 burgesses)—

No contest; Jabez Johnson (L) and Dr. Chadwick (C) returned; but the Doctor declining to re-enter the Council, John Openshaw (L) was elected in his place.

DERBY (1398 burgesses)—

John Brandwood	L 466	James Barlow	L 242
R. H. Constantine ...	L 464	Richard Hadfield ...	L 206

All four Liberals, the two defeated representing the Teetotal interest.

CHURCH (1172 burgesses)—

Thos. W. Redhead ...	L 442	James T. Staton ...	L 361
H. M. Richardson ...	L 408	Richard Stothert ...	C 176

Three Liberals; Redhead and Staton were the party nomination.

EAST (1142 burgesses)—

No contest; Thomas Bolton (L) and Roger Haslam (L) returned.

WEST (2048 burgesses)—

Edward Barlow	C 734	Robert Haslam	L 391
Abraham Pilling	L 544	Thomas Lee	L 279
		* Thomas Balshaw,	
		cotton spinner ...	9

* Politics not avowed, but promised to vote for cleansing River Croal and that Dr. Chadwick be Mayor.

Nine Liberals and three Conservatives returned.

1861-2—(Continued).

Extraordinary Elections—East, Nov. 15 (on death of Councillor Alfred Ridings (L), Lawrence Whittaker (C) defeated John Thirlwind (L) by 509 against 487. Exchange, Dec. 6 (following appointment of Alderman), James Best (C) defeated James T. Staton (L) by 350 against 308.

A Singular Mistake.

The election of an Alderman on Nov. 27, 1861, in place of Ald. James Arrowsmith, resigned, led to a singular mistake. Two candidates, both Liberals, were nominated—Councillors John Orton and Richard Harwood. One voting paper tendered—that of Councillor Marshall—was found to be informal, the name Harwood being miswritten "Harshall." The votes were thereupon equal, 19 for each, and the Mayor, Ald. J. R. Wolfenden, who had not previously voted, then voted for Mr. Orton, whose election was thus secured.

Council now composed of 34 Liberals and 14 Conservatives.

1862-3.

JAMES RAWSTHORNE WOLFENDEN, ESQ. (L), MAYOR.
(Second Year.)

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Fergus Ferguson (L) and John Brown (L).

Coun. : William Kenyon	C	Coun. : George Salt	C
Peter Skelton	L	George Mason	L
James Best	C	Samuel Rawsthorn	C

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—John Orton (L) and John Harwood (L).

Coun. : Dan Wood Latham	C	Coun. : John Openshaw	L
Thomas Wilkinson	L	John Marshall	L
Jabez Johnson	L	T. H. Arrowsmith	L

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—Richard Stockdale (L) and William Makant (L).

Coun. : John Hodgkinson	L	Coun. : R. H. Constantine	L
* James Taylor	L	Charles Heaton	L
John Brandwood	L	Richard Howarth	L

* Elected unopposed, Nov. 21, 1862, on extraordinary vacancy caused by the election of Councillor Richard Harwood as Alderman.

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—Richard Dunderdale (L) and James Rawsthorne Wolfenden (L), Mayor.

Coun. : Rowland Hall	C	Coun. : H. M. Richardson	L
Richard Stothert	C	F. McCormick	L
T. W. Redhead	L	James Greenhalgh	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Robert Heywood (L) and George Henry (L).

Coun. : Thomas Hope	C	Coun. : Roger Haslam	L
Matthias Gorse	C	John Bettenshaw	L
Thomas Bolton	L	Lawrence Whittaker	C

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Richard Harwood (L) and Robert Walsh (L).

Coun. : Ralph M. Haslam	L	Coun. : Abraham Pilling	L
Wm. Walter Cannon	C	John Heaton	L
Edward Barlow	C	James Barlow	L

Contests, Nov. 1, 1862:—
EXCHANGE (903 burgesses)—

Elected.		Defeated.	
William Kenyon.....C	320	James Aspden.....L	171
Peter Skelton	L 222		

BRADFORD (1357 burgesses)—

No contest ; Dan Wood Latham (C) and Thomas Wilkinson (L) returned.

DERBY (1379 burgesses)—

No contest ; John Hodgkinson (L) and Richard Harwood (L) returned.

CHURCH (941 burgesses)—

Rowland Hall	C 426	John Carney	L 394
Richard Stothert.....	C 396		

EAST (1185 burgesses)—

Thomas Hope	C 691	James Mitchell	L 323
Matthias Gorse	C 620		

WEST (2077 burgesses)—

No contest ; R. M. Haslam (L) and W. W. Cannon (C) returned.

Seven Conservatives and five Liberals returned ; Council now composed of 35 Liberals and 13 Conservatives.

1863-4.

RICHARD HARWOOD, Esq. (L), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Fergus Ferguson (L) and John Brown (L).

Coun. : Samuel Rawsthorn	C	Coun. : Peter Skelton	L
George Mason	L	James Best	C
William Kenyon	C	George Salt	C

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—John Orton (L) and John Harwood (L).

Coun. : John Marshall	L	Coun. : Thomas Wilkinson	L
Ralph Howarth	L	Jabez Johnson	L
Dan Wood Latham	C	John Openshaw	L

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—Richard Stockdale (L) and William Makant (L).

Coun. : Charles Heaton	L	Coun. : James Taylor	L
David Skinner	L	John Brandwood	L
John Hodgkinson	L	R. H. Constantine	L

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—Richard Dunderdale (L) and James Rawsthorne Wolfenden (L).

Coun. : Peter Foster	C	Coun. : Richard Stothert	C
Alphonso R. Varley	C	T. W. Redhead	L
Rowland Hall	C	H. M. Richardson	L

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Robert Heywood (L) and George Henry (L).

Coun. : Jeremiah Marsden	C	Coun. : Matthias Gorse	C
John Thirlwind	L	Thomas Bolton	L
Thomas Hope	C	Roger Haslam	L

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Richard Harwood (L) Mayor, and Robert Walsh (L).

Coun. : John Heaton	L	Coun. : Wm. Walter Cannon	C
James Barlow	L	Edward Barlow	C
R. M. Haslam	L	Abraham Pilling	L

Contests, Monday, Nov. 2, 1863:—

EXCHANGE (694 burgesses)—

Elected.		Defeated.	
Samuel Rawsthorn...C	286	Joseph Ormrod	L 198
George Mason.....L	231		

BRADFORD (1171 burgesses)—

John Marshall.....L	607	Robert Smalley	L 183
Ralph Howarth	L 526		

DERBY (1085 burgesses)—

No contest; Charles Heaton (L) and David Skinner (L)
returned.

CHURCH (782 burgesses)—

Peter Foster.....C	356	Francis McCormick	L 292
Alphonso R. Varley...C	313		

EAST (1004 burgesses)—

Jeremiah Marsden ...C	498	Samuel Spencer.....C	479
John Thirlwind	L 480		

The Liberal candidate won by one vote only, and as the Presiding Alderman, Mr. George Henry, had refused to receive a vote tendered at the last moment for the Conservative candidates, the return was questioned by *Quo Warranto* in the Queen's Bench, but the objection failed through a flaw in the preliminary proceedings. Contests in this ward were often very close and expensive, both sides freely spending money, and on one occasion when there were four candidates no less than £1000 was said to have been spent.

WEST (2209 burgesses)—

No contest; John Heaton (L) and James Barlow (L)
returned.

The result of this year's elections was that eight Liberals and four Conservatives were returned; Council now composed of 34 Liberals and 4 Conservatives.

1863-4—(*Continued*).**Retiring Mayor Refusing to Invest his Successor.**

An incident in connection with the Election of Mayor on Nov. 9, 1863, will long be memorable. It was moved by Ald. Henry, seconded by Councillor James Barlow, that Ald. Richard Harwood be Mayor, whereupon an amendment was moved by Councillor Salt, seconded by Councillor Best, in favour of Ald. Richard Stockdale, but this was negatived by 25 votes to 18. It was then moved by Councillor H. M. Richardson, seconded by Councillor Gorse, that Ald. J. R. Wolfenden, who had already occupied the civic chair for two years, be re-elected. This in turn was negatived by 23 to 18. The motion in favour of Ald. Harwood was then carried by 25 against 19; but the retiring Mayor, believing, as he said, that Mr. Harwood was not the man for the occasion, refused to invest him according to custom with the civic chain, and this ceremony had to be performed by the Town Clerk.

1864-5.

RICHARD STOCKDALE, ESQ. (L), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Fergus Ferguson (L) and John Brown (L).

Coun. : George Salt	C	Coun. : George Mason	L
James Best	C	William Kenyon	C
Samuel Rawsthorn	C	Peter Skelton	L

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—John Orton (L) and John Harwood (L).

Coun. : John Openshaw	L	Coun. : Ralph Howarth	L
John A. Haslam	L	Dan Wood Latham	C
John Marshall	L	Thomas Wilkinson	L

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—Richard Stockdale (L), Mayor, and William Makant (L).

Coun. : John Brandwood	L	Coun. : David Skinner	L
John Hiton	L	John Hodgkinson	L
Charles Heaton	L	James Taylor	L

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—Richard Dunderdale (L) and James Rawsthorne Wolfenden (L).

Coun. : Thomas W. Redhead	L	Coun. : Alphonso R. Varley	C
H. M. Richardson	L	Rowland Hall	C
Peter Foster	C	Richard Stothert	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Robert Heywood (L) and George Henry (L).

Coun. : Samuel Spencer	C	Coun. : John Thirlwind	L
Abraham Pilling	L	Thomas Hope	C
Jeremiah Marsden	C	Matthias Gorse	C

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Richard Harwood (L) and Robert Walsh (L).

Coun. : Edward Barlow	C	Coun. : James Barlow	L
*P. R. Arrowsmith	L	R. M. Haslam	L
John Heaton	L	Wm. Walter Cannon	C

* Councillor P. R. Arrowsmith having resigned, Mr. Joseph Mellor (L) was elected in his stead on the 20th April, 1865, unopposed.

Contests, Nov. 1, 1864 :—

EXCHANGE (770 burgesses)—

No contest ; James Best (C) and George Salt (C)
re-elected.

BRADFORD (1299 burgesses)—

Elected.

Defeated.

John Openshaw	L 522	|	John Ward	C 456
John A. Haslam	L 470	|		

DERBY (1149 burgesses)—

No contest ; John Brandwood (L) and John Hlton (L)
returned.

CHURCH (952 burgesses)—

No contest ; H. M. Richardson (L) and Thomas W.
Redhead (L) returned.

EAST (1101 burgesses)—

No contest ; Samuel Spencer (C) and Abraham Pilling
(L) returned.

WEST (2276 burgesses)—

Edward Barlow	C 267	|	Abraham Pilling ...	L 98
P. R. Arrowsmith ...	L 146	|	James Stewart	L 15

Eight Liberals and four Conservatives returned ; Council now
composed of 33 Liberals and 15 Conservatives.

1865-6.

RICHARD STOCKDALE, Esq. (L), MAYOR. (Second Year.)

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—John Brown (L) and Fergus Ferguson (L).

Coun. : John Green	C	Coun. : James Best	C
Charles Skelton	L	Samuel Rawsthorn	C
George Salt	C	*George Nelson	L

* Elected Nov. 20, 1865, in place of Councillor George Mason, elected Alderman.

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—John Harwood (L) and John Orton (L).

Coun. : Thomas Wilkinson	L	Coun. : John A. Haslam	L
Joseph Brooks	L	John Marshall	L
John Openshaw	L	Ralph Howarth	L

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—*William Makant (L) and Richard Stockdale (L) Mayor.

Coun. : James Taylor	L	Coun. : John Hiton	L
Thomas Bromley	L	Charles Heaton	L
John Brandwood	L	David Skinner	L

* Alderman Makant having resigned, Councillor James Barlow was elected Alderman in his stead, June 18, 1866, the extraordinary vacancy thus occasioned in West Ward not being filled up till the ordinary elections in November.

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—J. R. Wolfenden (L) and Richard Dunderdale (L).

Coun. : John Carney	L	Coun. : H. M. Richardson	C
Rowland Hall	C	Peter Foster	C
T. W. Redhead	L	Alphonso R. Varley	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—George Mason (L) and Robert Heywood (L).

Coun. : George Whittaker	C	Coun. : Abraham Pilling	L
Thomas Brown	C	Jeremiah Marsden	C
Samuel Spencer	C	John Thirlwind	L

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Peter Skelton (L) and Richard Harwood (L).

Coun. : R. M. Haslam	L	Coun. : Joseph Mellor	L
Wm. Walter Cannon	C	John Heaton	L
Edward Barlow	C	James Barlow	L

Contests, Nov. 1, 1865:—**EXCHANGE (819 burgesses)—**

No contest ; John Green (C) and Charles Skelton (L)
returned.

BRADFORD (1512 burgesses)—

Elected.		Defeated.
Thomas Wilkinson...L	558	| Dan Wood Latham C 428
Joseph Brooks.....L	534	

DERBY (1225 burgesses)—

No contest ; James Taylor (L) and Thomas Bromley (L)
returned.

CHURCH (1014 burgesses)—

John Carney	L	392	| Richard Stothert ...C 368
Rowland Hall	C	372		William Mason .....L 366

EAST (1165 burgesses)—

George Whittaker ...C	575	| John Bertenshaw ...L 301
Thomas Brown	C 544	

WEST—(2357 burgesses)—

No contest ; R. M. Haslam (L) and W. W. Cannon
(C) re-elected.

Seven Liberals and five Conservatives returned ; and a change occurring during the year in the politics of one member, the Council was now composed of 34 Liberals and 14 Conservatives.

1866-7.

FERGUS FERGUSON, Esq. (L), Mayor.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—John Brown (L) and Fergus Ferguson (L), Mayor.

Conn. : Samuel Rawsthorn	C	Coun. : Charles Skelton	L
William Kenyon	C	George Salt	C
John Green	C	James Best	C

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—John Harwood (L) and John Orton (L).

Coun. : John Marshall	L	Coun. : Joseph Brooks	L
Ralph Howarth	L	John Openshaw	L
Thomas Wilkinson	L	John A. Haslam	L

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—James Barlow (L) and Richard Stockdale (L).

Coun. : James Brimelow	L	Coun. : Thomas Bromley	L
Benj. Whittingham	L	John Brandwood	L
James Taylor	L	John Hiton	L

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—J. R. Wolfenden (L) and Richard Dunderdale (L).

Coun. : Peter Foster	C	Coun. : Rowland Hall	C
Robert Stronge	C	Thomas W. Redhead	L
John Carney	L	H. M. Richardson	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—George Mason (L) and Robert Heywood (L).

Coun. : Jeremiah Marsden	C	Coun. : Thomas Brown	C
Edward P. Holden	C	Samuel Spencer	C
George Whittaker	C	Abraham Pilling	L

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Peter Skelton (L) and Richard Harwood (L).

Coun. : John Clegg	L	Coun. : Wm. Walter Cannon	C
James Lomax	L	Edward Barlow	C
Ralph M. Haslam	L	Joseph Mellor	L

Contests, Nov. 1, 1866:—

EXCHANGE (718 burgesses)—

No contest ; Samuel Rawsthorn (C) and William Kenyon (C) returned.

BRADFORD (1502 burgesses)—

No contest ; John Marshall (L) and Ralph Howarth (L) re-elected.

DERBY (1139 burgesses)—

Election postponed till the 2nd in consequence of illness of Presiding Alderman ; the opposition threatened on the 1st was then abandoned, and James Brimelow (L) and Benjamin Whittingham (L) were returned unopposed.

CHURCH (1020 burgesses)—

Elected.

Defeated.

Peter Foster.....C	366	|	Edmund Holt.....L	318
Robert Stronge .....C	341	|	Wright Sutcliffe.....L	36

EAST (1226 burgesses)—

Jeremiah Marsden ...C	56	|
E. Pilkington Holden C	56	|

John Thirlwind (L), John Bertenshaw (L), and James Cullen (L), one each, the Presiding Alderman remonstrating with the Liberals for needlessly keeping the poll open till noon.

WEST (2523 burgesses)—

John Clegg .....L	704	|	Edward Wood .....C	589
James Lomax .....L	703	|	John Bradshaw .....C	550

Six of each party elected ; the Conservatives thus gaining two seats ; Council now composed of 32 Liberals and 16 Conservatives.

1867-8.

JAMES BARLOW, Esq. (L), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—John Brown (L) and Fergus Ferguson (L).

Coun. : Joseph Foy	L	Coun. : *William Kenyon	C
Charles Wolfenden	C	John Green	C
Samuel Rawsthorn	C	Charles Skelton	L

* Councillor Kenyon (C) dying October 13th, 1868, Mr. T. L. Rushton (C) was elected in his stead, October 28.

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—John Harwood (L) and John Orton (L).

Coun. : Thomas Walmsley	C	Coun. : *Ralph Howarth	L
William Ramwell	C	Thomas Wilkinson	L
John Marshall	L	Joseph Brooks	L

* Councillor R. Howarth (L) being deceased, Mr. J. K. Cross (L) was elected in his stead on the 31st August, 1868.

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—James Barlow (L), Mayor, and Richard Stockdale (L).

Coun. : John Cooper	L	Coun. : Benj. Whittingham	L
Joseph Robertshaw	L	James Taylor	L
James Brimelow	L	Thomas Bromley	L

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—J. R. Wolfenden (L) and Richard Dunderdale (L).

Coun. : T. W. Redhead	L	Coun. : Robert Stronge	C
George E. Gorton	C	John Carney	L
Peter Foster	C	Rowland Hall	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—George Mason (L) and *Robert Heywood (L).

Coun. : Thomas Lever	C	Coun. : †John Wood	C
Samuel Spencer	C	George Whittaker	C
Jeremiah Marsden	C	Thomas Brown	C

* Alderman Heywood (L) dying on the 27th October, 1868, Mr. John Thirlwind (L) was elected in his stead on the 31st, to serve until the 9th of the following month.

† Elected Nov. 20, 1867, in place of Councillor E. P. Holden (C), who had met with a fatal accident at his paperworks, Springfield, on November 4th.

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Peter Skelton (L) and Richard Harwood (L).

Coun. : Robert Lord	C	Coun. : James Lomax	L
H. M. Richardson	C	R. M. Haslam	L
John Clegg	L	Wm. Walter Cannon	C

Contests, Nov. 1, 1867:—

EXCHANGE (755 burgesses)—

Elected.		Defeated.	
Joseph Foy	L 321	John Wood.....	C 308
Charles Wolfenden...	C 310		

BRADFORD (1518 burgesses)—

Thomas Walmsley...	C 701	James Holt.....	L 363
William Ramwell ...	C 701	John Bertenshaw ...	L 349

DERBY (1236 burgesses)—

John Cooper.....	L 554	John Brandwood...	Ind. 333
Joseph Robertshaw...	L 550		

CHURCH (969 burgesses)—

Thomas W. Redhead L	418	William Fliteroft ...	L 220
George E. Gorton ...	C 320		

EAST (1237 burgesses)—

Thomas Lever.....	C 576	Roger Haslam	L 369
Samuel Spencer	C 563		

WEST (2592 burgesses)—

Robert H. Lord ...	C 1160	Abraham Pilling.....	L 765
H. M. Richardson...	C 1144	Edmund Holt.....	L 723

Eight Conservatives and four Liberals returned, the Conservatives thus gaining three seats.

Extraordinary Elections.—East, Nov. 20 (on death of Councillor E. P. Holden), John Wood (C) defeated John Thirlwind (L) by 610 against 456. Exchange, Oct. 28, 1868 (on death of Councillor Kenyon), Thomas Lever Rushton (C) defeated Joseph Ormrod (L) by 333 votes against 325; scrutiny next day on behalf of Liberal candidate confirmed Mr. Rushton's majority as above.

Council now composed of 29 Liberals and 19 Conservatives.

1868-9.

JAMES BARLOW, Esq. (L), MAYOR. (Second Year.)

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Ferguson Ferguson (L) and John Brown (L).

Coun. : James Best	C	Coun. : Charles Wolfenden	C
John Green	C	Samuel Rawsthorn	C
Joseph Foy	L	Thos. Lever Rushton	C

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—Charles Skelton (L) and John Harwood (L).

Coun. : Thomas Wilkinson	L	Coun. : William Ramwell	C
Jabez Johnson	L	John Marshall	L
Thomas Walmsley	C	John K. Cross	L

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—John Thirlwind (L) and James Barlow (L), Mayor.

Coun. : Joseph Crook	L	Coun. : Joseph Robertshaw	L
Thomas Bromley	L	James Brimelow	L
John Cooper	L	Benj. Whittingham	L

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—Abraham Pilling (L) and J. R. Wolfenden (L).

Coun. : T. M. Hesketh	C	Coun. : G. E. Gorton	C
Rowland Hall	C	Peter Foster	C
Thomas W. Redhead	L	Robert Stronge	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—*James Taylor (L) and George Mason (L).

Coun. : William Knowles	C	Coun. : Samuel Spencer	C
George Whittaker	C	Jeremiah Marsden	C
Thomas Lever	C	John Wood	C

* Alderman James Taylor dying on the 6th August, 1869, Mr. Robert Smalley (L) was elected Alderman in his stead, Aug. 16.

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Richard Harwood (L) and Peter Skelton (L).

Coun. : George Nelson	L	Coun. : H. M. Richardson	C
R. M. Haslam	L	John Clegg	L
Robert Lord	C	James Lomax	L

Contests, Monday, Nov. 2, 1868 :—**EXCHANGE (732 burgesses)—**

Elected.		Defeated.	
James Best	C 332	Thomas Thomasson L	313
John Green	C 331	Robert Smalley	L 311

Mr. Smalley was made an Alderman on the 16th of the following August.

BRADFORD (1580 burgesses)—

Thomas Wilkinson...	L 740	Peter Crook Marsden C	732
Jabez Johnson.....	L 734	Peter Crook	C 708

Scrutiny on following day made no variation.

DERBY (1213 burgesses)—

Joseph Crook	L 609	Henry Sharp	C 557
Thomas Bromley.....	L 575	Jas. Broughton Edge	C 492

Scrutiny gave Crook 610, Bromley 575, Sharp 556, Edge 492.

CHURCH (928 burgesses)—

T. Manley Hesketh...	C 418	William Flitcroft ...	L 392
Rowland Hall	C 414	John Carney	L 370

EAST (1224 burgesses)—

William Knowles ...	C 614	Joseph Mellor	L 551
George Whittaker ...	C 604	Abraham Pilling ...	L 536

Abraham Pilling made an Alderman seven days afterwards.

WEST (2575 burgesses)—

George Nelson	L 1172	Wm. Walter Cannon C	1129
R. M. Haslam	L 1166	John Knowles	C 1127

Eve of the General Election—A Vigorous All-round Contest—Liberal “Bottling”—The School Hill Riot.

Being on the eve of the General Election, the Municipal contests this year were fought with extraordinary vigour. Since 1853 the Liberals had been in the ascendancy in our local Parliament, and the Conservatives were now resolved upon a determined effort to win back the supremacy which before that time they had for some years enjoyed.

The old Council was composed of 12 Liberal Aldermen, 17 Liberal Councillors, and 19 Conservative Councillors. Seven Liberals and five Conservatives retired, and six of each party were

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returned, leaving the Council now composed of 28 Liberals and 20 Conservatives.

Election of Aldermen in place of six Liberals retiring, Nov. 9, 1868 :—*Liberal* list: Richard Harwood 22, F. Ferguson 22, John Thirlwind 22, James Taylor 22, Charles Skelton 22, Abraham Pilling 21 (the foregoing elected). *Conservative* list (unsuccessful): W. W. Cannon 20, and T. L. Rushton, Thomas Walmsley, Jeremiah Marsden, John Green, and Richard Stockdale 19 each. The vote of Councillor James Best for the Conservative list was informal, the paper not being signed at foot as required, otherwise there would have been an equality of votes between W. W. Cannon (C) and A. Pilling (L.), which would have called for the Mayor's casting vote.

The Municipal elections of 1868 led to much bitter party feeling because of the School Hill disturbances resulting from the "bottling" by West Ward Liberals of a considerable number of Conservative voters, who were detained and plied with drink on the Sunday and Sunday night preceding the day of election in the old mill of Mr. Thomas Barlow, which had been lent to the West Ward Reform Association. Amid a scene of intense excitement, Councillor H. M. Richardson headed a rescuing party of members of the Conservative Committee and canvassers on the Monday morning; and the approaches to the mill being defended by a large number of Irishmen armed with bludgeons, a serious fight ensued, in which many persons were injured; in retaliation the houses of a number of the Irish in that quarter were attacked and the windows of the mill demolished by the mob. Mr. Richardson and 14 other members of the Conservative party were subsequently charged before the Borough Magistrates with riot and wilful damage; but after an exciting inquiry extending over three days, the Magistrates discharged the whole of the defendants, deciding by a majority of ten to five that the charges had been fully answered by the evidence for the defence.

1869-70.

THOMAS WALMSLEY, Esq. (C), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Fergus Ferguson (L) and John Brown (L).			
Coun. : Thos. Lever Rushton	C	Coun. : John Green	C
Peter Roscoe	C	Joseph Foy	L
James Best	C	Charles Wolfenden	C

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—Charles Skelton (L) and John Harwood (L).			
Coun. : Peter Crook Marsden	C	Coun. : Jabez Johnson	L
Peter Crook	C	Thomas Walmsley,	
Thomas Wilkinson	L	Mayor	C
		William Ramwell	C

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—John Thirlwind (L) and James Barlow (L).			
Coun. : Henry Sharp	C	Coun. : Thomas Bromley	L
Edward Cannon	C	John Cooper	L
Joseph Crook	L	Joseph Robertshaw	L

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—Abraham Pilling (L) and *J. R. Wolfenden (L).			
Coun. : Robert Stronge	C	Coun. : Rowland Hall	C
Peter Foster	C	Thomas W. Redhead	L
Thomas M. Hesketh	C	†G. E. Gorton	C

* Alderman J. R. Wolfenden (L) having resigned on August 9, 1870, Mr. John Knowles (C) was elected Alderman in his stead on the 19th August.

† Councillor Gorton died August 5, 1870 ; but the vacancy was not filled up till the ordinary elections in November.

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Robert Smalley (L) and George Mason (L).			
Coun. : Jeremiah Marsden	C	Coun. : George Whittaker	C
John Wood	C	Thomas Lever	C
William Knowles	C	Samuel Spencer	C

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Richard Harwood (L) and *Peter Skelton (L).			
Coun. : Wm. Walter Cannon	C	Coun. : R. M. Haslam	L
Thomas Hesketh	C	Robert Lord	C
George Nelson	L	H. M. Richardson	C

* Alderman Peter Skelton (L) dying on April 20, 1870, Mr. Benjamin Dobson (C) was elected in his stead on the 27th April.

Contests, Nov. 1, 1869 :—

EXCHANGE (992 males, 160 females—1152)—

Elected.		Defeated.	
T. Lever Rushton ...C	532	John Tillotson.....L	438
Peter Roscoe.....C	494		

BRADFORD (2344 males, 329 females—2673)—

P. Crook Marsden...C	1273	John Marshall .....L	937
Peter Crook .....C	1236	Robert Crook .....L	872

DEBRY (1926 males, 209 females—2135)—

Henry Sharp.....C	1011	James Brimelow ...L	874
Edward Cannon ...C	1000	Benj. Whittingham L	863

CHURCH (1267 males, 194 females—1461)—

Robert Stronge.....C	475	William Flitcroft...L	22
Peter Foster .....C	474	Samuel Crowther...C	21

Flitcroft and Crowther repudiated their nomination.

EAST (1349 males, 206 females—1555)—

Jeremiah Marsden...C	702	William Bamber ...L	424
John Wood .....C	692		

WEST (3183 males, 435 females—3618)—

Wm. Walter Cannon C	1609	William Abbatt ...L	1538
Thomas Hesketh ...C	1567	Joseph Slater .....L	1515

Change in the Balance of Parties—Conservatives win the whole Twelve Seats—Second Conservative Regime.

The determined effort of the Conservatives to regain supremacy in the Council was this year (1869) successful. The second Liberal *régime*, which had lasted from 1853, having come to an end, the Conservatives now entered upon their second tenure of

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power. Last year the Liberals were in a majority of 28 to 20 ; but on the 1st November, 1869, after a contest of extraordinary severity, the Conservatives succeeded in winning the whole 12 seats, though no one party had hitherto carried the whole at a contested election ; and being then in a majority of four—26 to 22—in the Council, were able once more to elect a Conservative Chief Magistrate, Mr. Walmsley being the first Conservative Mayor since 1853. The Liberals, however, still had all the Aldermen ; but two Aldermanic vacancies occurring in the course of the year, and their places being supplied by Conservatives, the Council was then composed of 28 Conservatives and 20 Liberals.

A great novelty at this election was the voting by the ladies, who turned up in large numbers in some of the wards, in West particularly.

1870-71.

THOMAS WALMSLEY, ESQ. (C), MAYOR. (SECOND YEAR.)

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Fergus Ferguson (L) and John Brown (L).

Coun. : Charles Wolfenden	C	Coun. : Peter Roscoe	C
Dr. Robert Settle	C	James Best	C
Thos. Lever Rushton	C	John Green	C

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—Charles Skelton (L) and John Harwood (L).

Coun. : T. Walmsley, Mayor	C	Coun. : Peter Crook	C
Samuel Crowther	C	Thomas Wilkinson	L
P. C. Marsden	C	Jabez Johnson	L

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—John Thirlwind (L) and James Barlow (L).

Coun. : Christopher Ellis	C	Coun. : Edward Cannon	C
John Haslam	C	Joseph Crook	L
Henry Sharp	C	Thomas Bromley	L

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—Abraham Pilling (L) and John Knowles (C).

Coun. : Thomas W. Redhead	L	Coun. : Peter Foster	C
Thomas Wingfield	C	Thomas M. Hesketh	C
Robert Stronge	C	Rowland Hall	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Robert Smalley (L) and George Mason (L).

Coun. : Thomas Lever	C	Coun. : John Wood	C
Thomas M. Hewitt	C	William Knowles	C
Jeremiah Marsden	C	George Whittaker	C

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Richard Harwood (L) and Benjamin Dobson (C).

Coun. : Thos. Wm. Holden	L	Coun. : Thomas Hesketh	C
Thomas H. Winder	L	George Nelson	L
Wm. Walter Cannon	C	R. M. Haslam	L

Contests, Nov. 1, 1870:—**EXCHANGE** (860 males, 105 females—965)—

Elected.		Defeated.	
Charles Wolfenden C	383	Joseph Foy	.....L 270
Dr. Robert Settle ...C	361		

BRADFORD (2179 males, 283 females—2462)—

No contest ; Thomas Walmsley (C) and Samuel Crowther
(C) returned.

DERBY (1602 males, 196 females—1798)—

Christopher Ellis ...C	835	John Cooper.....L	671
John Haslam .....C	827	Joseph Robertshaw L	663

CHURCH (1075 males, 179 females—1254)—

No contest ; Thomas W. Redhead (L) and Thomas
Wingfield (C) returned.

EAST (1219 males, 297 females—1516)—

Thomas Lever .....C	583	William Bamber ...L	130
Thomas M. Hewitt C	583	John Bertenshaw...L	127

WEST (3384 males, 487 females—3871)—

Thos. Wm. Holden L	1732	John Wainwright...C	1492
Thomas H. Winder L	1717	H. M. Richardson..C	1461

Nine Conservatives and three Liberals returned ; Council now
composed of 29 Conservatives and 19 Liberals.

1871-2.

WILLIAM WALTER CANNON, Esq. (C), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Charles Wolfenden (C) and Fergus Ferguson (L).			
Coun. : E. G. Harwood	C	Coun. : *William Nicholson,	
Samuel Griffiths	C	Market Street	C
Dr. Settle	C	Thos. Lever Rushton	C
		Peter Roscoe	C
* Elected unopposed, Nov. 20, 1871, in place of Councillor Charles Wolfenden (C), elected Alderman.			

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—John Green (C) and Charles Skelton (L).			
Coun. : Thomas Walker	C	Coun. : Samuel Crowther	C
W. H. Wright	C	Peter C. Marsden	C
Thomas Walmsley	C	Peter Crook	C

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—James Greenhalgh (C) and John Thirlwind (L).			
Coun. : Arthur L. Briggs	C	Coun. : John Haslam	C
Thomas Bromley	L	Henry Sharp	C
Christopher Ellis	C	Edward Cannon	C

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—H. M. Richardson (C) and Abraham Pilling (L).			
Coun. : William Fliteroft	L	Coun. : Thomas Wingfield	C
William Hesketh	C	Robert Stronge	C
Thomas W. Redhead	L	*William Smith	C

* Elected Nov. 20, 1871, on extraordinary vacancy caused by Councillor Peter Foster (C) being elected Alderman.

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Jeremiah Marsden (C) and Robert Smalley (L).			
Coun. : Thomas Glaister	C	Coun. : Thomas M. Hewitt	C
William Melling	C	John Wood	C
Thomas Lever	C	*John Coop	C

* Elected Nov. 20, 1871, in place of Councillor Jeremiah Marsden (C), elected Alderman.

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Peter Foster (C) and Richard Harwood (L).			
Coun. : Peter Kevan	L	Coun. : Thomas H. Winder	L
William Abbott	L	Wm. Walter Cannon,	
Thos. Wm. Holden	L	Mayor	C
		Thomas Hesketh	C

Contests, Nov. 1, 1871 :—**EXCHANGE (913 males, 127 females—1040)—**

Elected.		Defeated.	
E. Green Harwood...C	376	Joseph Brooks ...L	260
Samuel Griffiths ...C	376	William Bromilow L	246

BRADFORD (2128 males, 277 females—2405)—

Thomas Walker ...C	1090	Thomas Wilkinson L	914
Wm. Henry Wright C	1089	Ralph Almond.....L	869

DERBY (1651 males, 186 females—1837)—

Arthur L. Briggs ...C	863	Samuel Openshaw C	807
Thomas Bromley ...L	834		

CHURCH (1139 males, 222 females—1361)—

William Flitcroft ...L	582	John S. Scowcroft L	522
William Hesketh ...C	540	James Watkins.....C	514

EAST (1213 males, 227 females—1440)—

Thomas Glaister ...C	754	Joseph Mellor .....L	340
William Melling ...C	752	John A. Haslam ...L	336

WEST (3248 males, 487 females—3735)—

Peter Kevan .....L	1625	Robert Crompton C	1186
William Abbatt.....L	1538		

Eight Conservatives and four Liberals returned.

Extraordinary Elections.—Exchange, Nov. 20 (on Councillor Charles Wolfenden's election as Alderman), William Nicholson (C), draper, unopposed ; Church, Nov. 20 (on Councillor Peter Foster's election as Alderman), William Smith (C) defeated Thomas Wilkinson (L) by 527 against 383 ; East, Nov. 20 (on Councillor Jeremiah Marsden's election as Alderman), John Coop (C) defeated Roger Haslam (L) by 668 against 592.

For the first time since 1850, the Conservatives were able this year (Nov., 1871) to elect six of their own party as Aldermen ; and after the extraordinary elections thus occasioned, the Council was composed of 35 Conservatives and 13 Liberals.

1872-3.

W. W. CANNON, ESQ. (C), MAYOR. (Second Year.)

[COUNCIL NOW INCREASED FROM 48 TO 52 MEMBERS—39 COUNCILLORS AND 13 ALDERMEN—BY THE ADDITION OF RUMWORTH WARD.]

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Charles Wolfenden (C) and Fergus Ferguson (L.).

Coun. : Thos. Lever Rushton	C	Coun. : Samuel Griffiths	C
Robert Crompton	C	William Nicholson	C
E. G. Harwood	C	Dr. Settle	C

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—John Green (C) and Charles Skelton (L.).

Coun. : Peter Crook Marsden	C	Coun. : William H. Wright	C
Peter Crook	C	Thomas Walmsley	C
Thomas Walker	C	Samuel Crowther	C

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—James Greenhalgh (C) and John Thirlwind (L.).

Coun. : Edward Cannon	C	Coun. : Thomas Bromley	L
Phineas Hall	C	Christopher Ellis	C
Arthur L. Briggs	C	John Haslam	C

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—H. M. Richardson (C) and Abraham Pilling (L.).

Coun. : William Smith	C	Coun. : William Hesketh	C
Robert Stronge	C	Thomas W. Redhead	L
William Flitcroft	L	Thomas Wingfield	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Jeremiah Marsden (C) and *Robert Smalley (L.).

Coun. : John Wood	C	Coun. : William Melling	C
John Wainwright	C	Thomas Lever	C
Thomas Glaister	C	Thomas M. Hewitt	C

*Ald. Smalley (L.) resigning on the ground of ill-health, Councillor Thomas Walmsley (C) was elected in his stead, October 22, 1873.

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Peter Foster (C) and Richard Harwood (L.).

Coun. : Thomas Wilkinson	L	Coun. : William Abbatt	L
John Butler	L	Thomas W. Holden	L
Peter Kevan	L	Thomas H. Winder	L

RUMWORTH WARD.

Ald. :—Wm. Walter Cannon (C), Mayor.

Coun. : J. R. Simpson	C	Coun. : Robert Taylor	L
Coun. : Ralph Winward		C.	

Contests, Nov. 1, 1872 :—

EXCHANGE (1106 males, 189 females—1295)—

Elected.		Defeated.	
T. Lever Rushton...C	439	Robert Dunderdale L	404
Robert Crompton...C	410	Charles Seddon ...L	320

BRADFORD (2253 males, 351 females—2553)—

P. Crook Marsden...C	1040	James Baxendale ...L	993
Peter Crook .....C	1010	J. Seddon Scowcroft L	977

DERBY (1642 males, 213 females—1855)—

Edward Cannon ...C	792	Benj. Whittingham L	736
Phineas Hall .....C	754	John Cooper.....L	730

Richard Beckett nominated by Beersellers' Association, but withdrew rather than divide Conservative party.

CHURCH (1267 males, 242 females—1509)—

William Smith .....C	591	Edmund Holt .....L	464
Robert Stronge.....C	567	George Jas. Healy L	460

J. S. Scowcroft (L) and James Murtagh, boot and shoemaker, Roman Catholic, had also been nominated, but both withdrew.

EAST (1281 males, 234 females—1515)—

John Wainwright ...C	656	George Makin .....L	553
John Wood .....C	650	Joseph Mellor .....L	537

Peter Lyne nominated by Beersellers' Association, but withdrew rather than divide Conservative party.

WEST (3680 males, 556 females—4236)—

Thomas Wilkinson L	1803	Major T. Hesketh C	1495
John Butler .....L	1800	Dr. John Livy .....C	1483

RUMWORTH (256 males, 56 females—312)—

First election; no contest—two Conservatives and a Liberal returned.

1872-3—(Continued).**Extension of Borough Boundaries—First Election under the Ballot.**

This year, as observed, the Municipal boundaries were extended, in accordance with the Bolton Corporation Act of 1872, Daubhill and adjacent parts of Rumworth being incorporated within the borough by the name of Rumworth Ward. To this new ward four representatives were assigned,—three Councillors and one Alderman. At the first election, on the 1st November, 1872, there was no contest for Councillors,—two Conservatives and a Liberal being returned by arrangement—Mr. William Walter Cannon (C) to retire in 1875 ; Mr. Robert Taylor (L) to retire in 1874 ; and Mr. Ralph Winward (C) to retire in 1873. The Council, on the 9th November, elected Major Thomas Hesketh as the Alderman for this ward,—the numbers being for Major Hesketh (C) 25, and for Mr. Henry Lee (L) 16 ; but Major Hesketh declining to accept the office, Mr. William Walter Cannon, the senior Councillor for the ward, was elected Alderman in his stead, unopposed, on the 22nd November, 1872 ; and the vacancy thus caused in the list of Councillors was filled on the 17th December, by the election of Mr. James Rowland Simpson (C), the seat being contested, and the number of votes for Mr. Simpson being 144, and for Mr. Edward Foster (L) 131.

The political constitution of the Council now was 36 Conservatives and 16 Liberals. The Municipal elections on the 1st November were noticeable as the first in Bolton under the Ballot Act ; the result, apart from Rumworth Ward already noted, was the return of ten Conservative and two Liberal Councillors in the six contested wards,—the 12 retiring Councillors having all been Conservatives.

1873-4.

JEREMIAH MARSDEN, Esq. (C), MAYOR.

[WARD BOUNDARIES RE-ARRANGED; NORTH WARD CREATED;
AND COUNCIL NOW INCREASED FROM 52 TO 56 MEMBERS
—42 COUNCILLORS AND 14 ALDERMEN.]

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Charles Wolfenden (C) and Fergus Ferguson (L).	
Coun. : Ralph Walsh L	Coun. : Robert Crompton C
George James Healy L	E. Green Harwood C
Thos. Lever Rushton C	Samuel Griffiths C

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—*P. C. Marsden (C) and Charles Skelton (L).	
Coun. : James Fogg C	Coun. : Peter Crook C
Samuel Crowther C	Thomas Walker C
†Charles Norris C	Win. Henry Wright C

*Elected Nov. 14, 1873, in place of Alderman John Green resigned.
†Elected unopposed, Nov. 26, 1873, in place of Councillor P. C. Marsden, elected Alderman.

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—James Greenhalgh (C) and John Thirlwind (L).	
Coun. : Thomas Brown C	Coun. : Phineas Hall C
John Haslam C	Arthur L. Briggs C
Edward Cannon C	Thomas Bromley L

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—H. M. Richardson (C) and Abraham Pilling (L).	
Caun. : John Barnes C	Coun. : Robert Stronge C
William Sparling C	William Flitcroft L
William Smith C	William Hesketh C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Jeremiah Marsden (C), Mayor, and Thomas Walmsley (C).	
Coun. : Alfred Challinor C	Coun. : John Wainwright C
Thomas Lever C	Thomas Glaister C
John Wood C	William Melling C

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Peter Foster (C) and Richard Harwood (L).	
Coun. : Thomas W. Holden L	Coun. : John Butler L
Thomas H. Winder L	Peter Kevan L
Thomas Wilkinson L	William Abbatt L

1873-4—(Continued).**NORTH WARD.**

Ald. :—Robert Henry Lord (C).

Coun. : Robert Halliwell	C	|	Coun. : Robert Smith	L
Coun. : John Cooper	L			

RUMWORTH WARD.

Ald. :—William Walter Cannon (C).

Coun. : Henry Poole	C	|	Coun. : J. R. Simpson	C
Coun. : Robert Taylor	L			

Contests, Nov. 1, 1873 :—**EXCHANGE (1673 males, 320 females—1993)—**

Elected.		Defeated.	
Ralph Walsh.....L	766	William Nicholson C	639
George Jas. Healy...L	741	John Brandwood ...C	609

BRADFORD (2456 males, 332 females—2788)—

James Fogg .....C	1271	James Brimelow ...L	1082
Samuel Crowther ...C	1221	Ralph Almond .....L	1068

DERBY (1780 males, 242 females—2022)—

Thomas Brown .....C	854	Benj. Whittingham L	786
John Haslam.....C	843		

CHURCH (909 males, 158 females—1067)—

John Barnes .....C	459	Thos. W. Redhead L	326
William Sparling ...C	416		

EAST (1854 males, 320 females—2174)—

Thomas Lever .....C	888	William Rostron ...L	620
Alfred Challinor ...C	884	John Ratcliffe .....L	600

WEST (2644 males, 437 females—3081)—

Thos. Wm. Holden L	1249	James Richardson C	977
Thos. Hall Winder L	1246		

RUMWORTH (253 males, 54 females—307)—

Henry Poole (C) elected unopposed.

Contests, 1873—(Continued.)

NORTH (619 males, 74 females—693)—

First election; three members; exciting contest and remarkable ties:—

	Before scrutiny.	After.
Robert Halliwell .....C	{ 327	328
Robert Smith .....L	{ 327	327
John Cooper .....L	{ 306	{ 306
Francis Hamilton .....L	{ 306	306
George Ryder .....C	305	{ 306
Major Hesketh .....C	292	293

The casting vote, as explained below, had to be given by the Presiding Alderman.

Ward Boundaries Re-arranged—Further Increase in the Number of Councillors—An Extraordinary Tie.

Of the 56 members now composing the Council, 38 were Conservatives and 18 Liberals. The boundaries of the wards had been considerably altered this year in accordance with the Bolton Corporation Act of 1872. A portion of West Ward was constituted into an independent ward, designated as North Ward; the boundaries of the others had been re-arranged; while the character of the old "Metropolitan" or Exchange Ward was completely altered, politically and socially, by the addition of the Newtown and adjacent district, inhabited chiefly by Irish Roman Catholics. To North Ward as to Rumworth Ward four representatives were assigned,—three Councillors and one Alderman. The first election for North Ward, on the 1st November, 1873, was so keenly contested on political grounds that a scrutiny had to take place, which resulted in the following numbers:—Robert Halliwell (C), 328; Robert Smith (L), 327; John Cooper (L), George Ryder (C), and F. Hamilton (L), 306 each; and Major Thomas Hesketh (C), 293. There were thus three all equal for the third place, and the Presiding Alderman, Mr. Thomas Walmsley (after consulting with the Mayor and Town Clerk), gave the casting vote, though against his own party, in favour of Mr. Cooper, Liberal. On the 9th Nov. Mr. Robert Henry Lord (C) was elected unopposed as the first Alderman of the new ward.

1874-5.

JEREMIAH MARSDEN, Esq. (C), MAYOR. (Second Year.)

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Lever Rushton (C) and Charles Wolfenden (C).

Coun. : Thomas W. Redhead	L	Coun. : George Jas. Healy	L
Francis McCormick	L	* Joseph Brooks	J
Ralph Walsh	L	Robert Crompton	C

* Elected November 18, 1874, in place of Councillor Thomas Lever Rushton, elected Alderman.

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Walmsley (C) and Peter Crook Marsden (C).

Coun. : Thomas Kay	L	Coun. : Samuel Crowther	C
William Ramwell	C	Peter Crook	C
James Fogg	C	Charles Norris	C

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—John Green (C) and James Greenhalgh (C).

Coun. : Thomas Bromley	L	Coun. : John Haslam	C
Matthew Fielding	C	Edward Cannon	C
Thomas Brown	C	* William Nicholson	C

* Elected Nov. 18, 1874, in place of Councillor Phineas Hall, who had ceased to be qualified.

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Lever (C) and H. M. Richardson (C).

Coun. : William Hesketh	C	Coun. : William Sparling	C
Thomas Wingfield	C	William Smith	C
John Barnes	C	Robert Stronge	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Glaister (C) and Jeremiah Marsden (C), Mayor.

Coun. : John Vickers	C	Coun. : * Joseph Musgrave	C
David Gratrix	C	† John Coop	C
Alfred Challinor	C	John Wainwright	C

* Elected unopposed, Nov. 18, 1874, in place of Councillor Thomas Lever, elected Alderman.

† Elected Dec. 24, 1874, unopposed, in place of Councillor John Wood, resigned.

1874-5—(Continued).

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Ebenezer Green Harwood (C) and Peter Foster (C).

Coun. : Peter Kevan	L	Coun. : Thomas H. Winder	L
James Richardson	C	Thomas Wilkinson	L
Thomas W. Holden	L	John Butler	L

RUMWORTH WARD.

Ald. :—William Walter Cannon (C).

Coun. : John Miles	C	Coun. : Henry Poole	C
Coun. : James R. Simpson	C.		

NORTH WARD.

Ald. :—Robert Henry Lord (C).

Coun. : Benj. Alfred Dobson	C	Coun. : Robert Halliwell	C
Coun. : Robert Smith	L.		

Contests, Monday, Nov. 2, 1874:—

EXCHANGE (1563 males, 260 females—1823)—

Elected.		Defeated.	
Thos. W. Redhead	L 894	George S. Heaton...	446
Francis McCormick	L 788	Chas. Seddon...Ind. L	27

BRADFORD (2451 males, 304 females—2755)—

Thomas Kay	.....L 1225	William Young	...C 1090
William Ramwell	...C 1099		

DERBY (1856 males, 252 females—2108)—

No contest ; Thomas Bromley (L) and Matthew Fielding (C) returned.

CHURCH (1003 males, 175 females—1178)—

William Hesketh	.....C 301	William Thirlwind	L 63
Thomas Wingfield	...C 299		

EAST (1844 males, 292 females—2136)—

Jno. Vickers, butcher	C 957	George Makin	.....L 758
David Gratrix	.....C 934	Peter Lyne	...Ind. C 165

(Six other Vickerses nominated received votes varying from 11 to 1 ; and four other Gratrixes from 8 votes to 3.)

Contests, 1874—(Continued.)

WEST (2607 males, 403 females—3010)—

Peter Kevan	L	1294	|	William Abbatt ...	L	1149
James Richardson...	C	1236				

RUMWORTH (248 males, 43 females—291)—

John Miles.....	C	130		Robert Taylor	L	37
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NORTH (668 males, 81 females—749)—

Benj. Alfred Dobson	C	349		John Cooper.....	L	309
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Nine Conservatives and five Liberals elected.

Extraordinary Elections.—Exchange, Nov. 18 (on election of Thomas Lever Rushton as Alderman), Joseph Brooks (L) defeated Joseph Wood (C) by 756 against 623; Derby, Nov. 18 (in place of Phineas Hall), William Nicholson, draper (C) defeated James Brimelow (L) by 854 against 839.

An East Ward Incident—Fourteen Richmonds in the Field!

Among the incidents of this year's elections, East Ward afforded the most notable; for here the Radicals, in order to perplex their Tory opponents, nominated as many other Vickerses and Gratrixes as they could find in the Burgess list, so that there were actually seven John Vickerses in the field; and in addition to David Gratrix, the party candidate, a James, a John, a John James, and a Samuel Gratrix. These ten other Richmonds, however, cut a very sorry figure at the poll, for the highest of them obtained only 11 votes and the rest tailed down to a solitary one! The trick thus proved a miserable fiasco. The butchers of the town turned out *en masse* with their conveyances, all decorated with the Union Jack, in support of the candidature of their brother tradesman Mr. Vickers.

The net result of this year's elections was a Conservative gain of one, so that the Council was now composed of 43 Conservatives and 13 Liberals, the whole 14 Aldermen being Conservatives.

1875-6.

CHARLES WOLFENDEN, Esq. (C), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Lever Rushton (C) and Charles Wolfenden,
Mayor (C).

Coun. : Joseph Brooks	L	Coun. : Francis McCormick	L
Robert Dunderdale	L	Ralph Walsh	L
Thomas W. Redhead	L	George Jas. Healy	L

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Walmsley (C) and Peter C. Marsden (C).

Coun. : James Johnson	L	Coun. : William Ramwell	C
Charles Norris	C	James Fogg	C
Thomas Kay	L	Samuel Crowther	C

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—John Green (C) and James Greenhalgh (C).

Coun. : James Brimelow	L	Coun. : Matthew Fielding	C
Edward Cannon	C	Thomas Brown	C
Thomas Bromley	L	John Haslam	C

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Lever (C) and H. M. Richardson (C).

Coun. : Thomas Fletcher	C	Coun. : Thomas Wingfield	C
Joseph R. Wood	C	John Barnes	C
William Hesketh	C	William Sparling	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Glaister (C) and Jeremiah Marsden (C).

Coun. : *George Makin	L	Coun. : David Gratrix	C
*Thomas Wilkinson	L	Joseph Musgrave	C
John Vickers	C	Alfred Challinor	C

Two Liberal Councillors Unseated on Petition.

* Elected December 30, 1875, in place of Messrs. Henry Cunliffe Steele and Francis Hamilton, Liberals, unseated on petition. At the contest on the 1st November, the candidates were Messrs. Steele and Hamilton, Liberals, and Messrs. Richard Hough and Robert Lawson, Conservatives, the result of the poll being—Steele, 922; Hamilton, 901; Hough, 854; and Lawson, 853. The two former were consequently declared elected, and

1875-6—(Continued).

took their seats in the Council accordingly. The Conservatives, however, petitioned the High Court of Justice (Common Pleas Division) against their return, alleging bribery, treating, and undue influence, the payment of canvassers, and payment for the conveyance of voters to the poll. Messrs. Hamilton and Steele thereupon gave formal notice that they did not intend to oppose the petition, and on the 15th December, Mr. Baron Huddleston, sitting in Chambers, declared their election null and void, their seats vacant, and condemned them to pay costs. The election to supply the vacancies thus occasioned took place on the 30th December, when the candidates were—Messrs. George Makin (L), 977 votes; Thomas Wilkinson (L), 948; Robert Lawson (C), 944; and Richard Hough (C), 925. Messrs. Makin and Wilkinson were therefore elected.

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Ebenezer Green Harwood (C) and Peter Foster (C).

Coun. : Joseph Crook Haslam L	Coun. : James Richardson C
Joseph Ormrod L	Thomas W. Holden L
Peter Kevan L	Thomas H. Winder L

NORTH WARD.

Ald. :—Robert Henry Lord (C).

Coun. : Robert Crompton C	Coun. : Benjamin A. Dobson C
Coun. : Robert Halliwell C	

RUMWORTH WARD.

Ald. :—William Walter Cannon (C).

Coun. : James R. Simpson C	Coun. : John Miles C
Coun. : Henry Poole C	

Contests, Nov. 1, 1875 :—

EXCHANGE (1936 burgesses)—

Elected.	Defeated.
Joseph Brooks .....L 756	William Fliteroft Ind. 204
Robert Dunderdale L 741	

BRADFORD (3147 burgesses)—

James Johnson .....L 1325	Peter Crook .....C 1172
Charles Norris .....C 1199	

Contests, 1875—(Continued).**DERBY (2528 burgesses)—**

James Brimelow ...L	1073	|	William Nicholson	C	1012
Edward Cannon ...C	1036	|			

CHURCH (1266 burgesses)—

Joseph Reynolds Wood (C) and Thomas Fletcher, jun.
(C) elected without opposition.

EAST (2212 burgesses)—

*H. Cunliffe Steele L	922	|	Richard Hough ...C	854
*Francis Hamilton L	901	|	Robert Lawson ...C	853

(* Unseated on petition. See preceding note).

WEST (3309 burgesses)—

Jos. Crook Haslam...L	1549	|	David Winder	C	1155
Joseph Ormrod	L 1534				

NORTH (803 burgesses)—

Robert Crompton...C	348		Robert Smith	L	336
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RUMWORTH (296 burgesses)—

J. Rowland Simpson C	131		William Brown ...L	108
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Prior to the elections on the 1st November, 1875, there were in the Council 43 Conservatives and 13 Liberals; of these, 10 Conservatives and 4 Liberals retired, and there were returned 8 Liberals and 6 Conservatives, thus leaving the present constitution of the Council 39 Conservatives against 17 Liberals, these numbers remaining unaltered by the subsequent extraordinary elections in East Ward, following upon the unseating of two Liberal Councillors on petition.

1876-7.

CHARLES WOLFENDEN, ESQ. (C), MAYOR. (Second Year.)

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Lever Rushton (C) and Charles Wolfenden,
Mayor (C).

Coun. : George Jas. Healy	L	Coun. : Robert Dunderdale	L
Ralph Walsh	L	Thomas W. Redhead	L
Joseph Brooks	L	Francis McCormick	L

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Walmsley (C) and Peter Crook Marsden (C).

Coun. : Joseph Marsden	C	Coun. : Charles Norris	C
James Fogg	C	Thomas Kay	L
James Johnson	L	William Ramwell	C

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—John Green (C) and James Greenhalgh (C).

Coun. : James Cross Ormrod	C	Coun. : Edward Cannon	C
Arthur L. Briggs	C	Thomas Bromley	L
James Brimelow	L	Matthew Fielding	C

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Lever (C) and H. M. Richardson (C).

Coun. : John Barnes	C	Coun. : Joseph R. Wood	C
William Sparling	C	William Hesketh	C
Thomas Fletcher	C	Thomas Wingfield	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Glaister (C) and *Jeremiah Marsden (C).

Coun. : Joseph Musgrave	C	Coun. : Thomas Wilkinson	L
Alfred Challinor	C	John Vickers	C
George Makin	L	David Gratrix	C

* Alderman Marsden (C) dying April 27, 1877, Mr. Thomas Moscrop (C), was elected Alderman in his place on the 16th of the following month, Mr. Moscrop then entering the Council for the first time; and on the same morning he was appointed Chairman of the Gas Committee in succession to the late Mr. Marsden,—Mr. Moscrop having been Chairman of the Board of Directors under the late Gas Company at the time the works were transferred to the Corporation.

1876-7—(Continued).

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Ebenezer Green Harwood (C) and Peter Foster (C).

Coun. : Thomas W. Holden	L	Coun. : Joseph Ormrod	L
Jonas J. Bradshaw	L	Peter Kevan	L
Joseph C. Haslam	L	James Richardson	C

NORTH WARD.

Ald. :—Robert Henry Lord (C).

Coun. : Robert Halliwell	C	Coun. : Robert Crompton	C
Coun. : Benjamin Alfred Dobson	C		

RUMWORTH WARD.

Ald. :—William Walter Cannon (C).

Coun. : Henry Poole	C	Coun. : James R. Simpson	C
Coun. : John Miles	C		

Contests, Nov. 1, 1876 :—

EXCHANGE (1475 males, 321 females—1796)—

Elected.		Defeated.	
George Jas. Healy...L	798	Henry Greenwood C	731
Ralph Walsh.....L	758		

BRADFORD (2540 males, 374 females—2914)—

Joseph Marsden.....C	1389	Thomas Cunliffe ...L	1155
James Fogg .....C	1347	Walter Scowcroft...L	1129

DERBY (1948 males, 319 females—2267)—

Jas. Cross Ormrod C	1105	Benj. Whittingham L	880
Arthur L. Briggs ...C	1095	John Brown,	
		ironfounder ...L	851

CHURCH (1000 males, 186 females—1186)—

John Barnes (C) and William Sparling (C) re-elected without contest.

EAST (1720 males, 252 females—1972)—

Joseph Musgrave ...C	941	Roger Haslam .....L	900
Alfred Challinor ...C	912	William Rostron ...L	854

Contests, 1876—*(Continued).*

WEST (2769 males, 476 females—3245)—

No contest ; Thos. Wm. Holden (L) and Jonas James
Bradshaw (L) returned.

NORTH (722 males, 91 females—813)—

Robert Halliwell ...C 381 | Robert Gowanlock L. 378

RUMWORTH (268 males, 53 females—321)—

No contest ; Henry Poole (C) re-elected.

Unsuccessful Assault on the Conservative Position.

The elections this year were of an intensely party character, being fought with greater vigour than in any contest since the return of the Conservatives to power in 1869. All the leading Conservatives came to the front, including Mr. John Hick, M.P., Mr. James Ormrod, and Mr. William Hargreaves. The issues raised were the borough finances and the Corporate undertakings. As the result, however, the political constitution of the Council remained unchanged ; for though of the 14 retiring Councillors 10 were Conservatives and four only Liberals, yet these numbers respectively being again returned on the first of November, the Council still, as in the previous year, remained composed of 39 Conservatives as against 17 Liberals.

1877-8.

JAMES GREENHALGH, Esq. (C), MAYOR.

[MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES EXTENDED BY THE INCORPORATION OF HALLIWELL UNDER THE BOLTON IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1877; THE COUNCIL THUS BEING INCREASED FROM 56 TO 64 MEMBERS—48 COUNCILLORS AND 16 ALDERMEN.]

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Charles Wolfenden (C) and Thomas Lever Rushton (C).

Coun. : Thomas W. Redhead	L	Coun. : Ralph Walsh	L
Francis McCormick	L	Joseph Brooks	L
George Jas. Healy	L	Robert Dunderdale	L

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—Peter C. Marsden (C) and Thomas Walmsley (C).

Coun. : Thomas Kay	L	Coun. : James Fogg	C
William Ramsell	C	James Johnson	L
Joseph Marsden	C	Charles Norris	C

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—James Greenhalgh, Mayor (C), and John Green (C).

Coun. : Matthew Fielding	C	Coun. : Arthur L. Briggs	C
William Nicholson	C	James Brimelow	L
James Cross Ormrod	C	*J. H. Hargreaves	C

*Elected unopposed Nov. 23, 1877, on extraordinary vacancy caused by the elevation of Councillor Edward Cannon to the Aldermanic bench.

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—H. M. Richardson (C) and Thomas Lever (C).

Coun. : Samuel Crowther	C	Coun. : William Sparling	C
William Hesketh	C	Thomas Fletcher	C
John Barnes	C	Joseph R. Wood	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Moscrop (C) and Thomas Glaister (C).

Coun. : David Gratrix	C	Coun. : *Robert Lawson	C
Thomas Bromley	L	George Makin	L
Alfred Challinor	C	Thomas Wilkinson	L

*Elected unopposed Nov. 23, 1877, on extraordinary vacancy caused by the elevation of Councillor Musgrave to the Aldermanic bench.

1877-8—(Continued).

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Peter Foster (C) and Ebenezer Green Harwood (C).

Coun. : Robert Gowanlock	L	Coun. : Thomas W. Holden	L
E. Peel Potter	L	Joseph C. Haslam	L
Jonas J. Bradshaw	L	Joseph Ormrod	L

NORTH WARD.

Ald. :—Robert Henry Lord (C).

Coun. : Benjamin A. Dobson	C	Coun. : Robert Halliwell	C
Coun. : Robert Crompton	C		

RUMWORTH WARD.

Ald. :—William Walter Cannon (C).

Coun. : John Miles	C	Coun. : Henry Poole	C
Coun. : James Rowland Simpson	C		

HALLIWELL WARD.

Ald. :—Edward Cannon (C) and Joseph Musgrave (C).

Coun. : John Cooper	L	Coun. : Charles Taylor	L
James Vause	C	William Bamber	L
Arthur Knowles	C	Isaac Plumbley	C

**Second Extension of the Municipal Boundaries—
Another Increase in the number of Councillors—The
First General Compromise.**

For the first time in the history of the Borough, the Municipal elections this year (Nov. 1, 1877) were the subject of a general compromise, neither side, after the great strike in the cotton trade which had only just closed after two months' contest, whereby ten thousand hands had been idle, caring to engage in the turmoil of a contested election. The Council as constituted last year was composed of 39 Conservatives and 17 Liberals, and of these there retired 9 and 5 respectively. In accordance with the terms of the compromise, 8 Conservatives and 6 Liberals were returned in place

1877-8—(*Continued*).

of the retiring 14. A new ward was this year added to the Borough, the urban portion of Halliwell being brought within the Municipal limits, and the Municipal and Parliamentary boundaries of that township thus rendered conterminous, by the Bolton Improvement Act, which obtained the Royal Assent on the 2nd August. This portion of the borough was designated Halliwell Ward, and to it eight representatives were assigned, same as to the principal wards in the Borough, namely, two Aldermen and six Councillors. Following the example of the other portions of the Borough, here also a compromise was effected, the representation being equally divided between the two parties; the first Councillors being Messrs. James Vause, Isaac Plumbley, and Arthur Knowles on the Conservative side, and Messrs. Charles Taylor, William Bamber, and John Cooper on the Liberal side; its two first Aldermen being Messrs. Edward Cannon and Joseph Musgrave, both Conservatives. The Council now numbered 64 members, and as above constituted included 43 Conservatives and 21 Liberals, the whole of the Aldermanic benches being occupied by the Conservative party.

1878-9.

PETER CROOK MARSDEN, Esq. (C) MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Charles Wolfenden (C) and Thomas Lever Rushton (C).
 Coun. : Henry Greenwood C | Coun. : Francis McCormick L.
 Joseph Brooks L | George Jas. Healy L.
 Thomas W. Redhead C | Ralph Walsh L.

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—Peter C. Marsden, Mayor (C), and Thos. Walmsley (C).
 Coun. : Charles Norris C | Coun. : William Ramwell C
 Dr. J. E. Scowcroft C | Joseph Marsden C
 Thomas Kay L | James Fogg C

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—James Greenhalgh (C) and *William Hesketh (C).
 Coun. : J. H. Hargreaves C | Coun. : William Nicholson C
 John Haslam C | James Cross Ormrod C
 Matthew Fielding C | Arthur L. Briggs C

* Elected March 12, 1879, on extraordinary vacancy caused by the death of Ald. John Green (C).

CHURCH WARD.

Ald :—H. M. Richardson (C) and Thomas Lever (C).
 Coun. : Thomas Fletcher C | Coun. : *John Hardcastle C
 Joseph R. Wood C | John Barnes C
 Samuel Crowther C | † Thomas Arden C

* Elected unopposed April 2, 1879, on extraordinary vacancy caused by the elevation of Councillor W. Hesketh (C) to the Aldermanic bench.

† Elected May 1, 1879, on extraordinary vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor Sparling (C).

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Moscrop (C) and Thomas Glaister (C).
 Coun. : William Nicholson C | Coun. : Thomas Bromley L.
 Josiah W. Taylor C | Robert Lawson C
 David Gratrix C | * John Gorse C

* Elected April 2, 1879, on extraordinary vacancy caused by the death of Councillor Challinor (C).

1878-9—(Continued).

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Peter Foster (C) and Ebenezer G. Harwood (C).			
Coun. : Joseph C. Haslam	L	Coun. : Edmund Peel Potter	L
Joseph Ormrod	L	Thos. Wm. Holden	L
Robert Gowanlock	L	Jonas J. Bradshaw	L

NORTH WARD.

Ald. :—Robert Henry Lord (C).			
Coun. : George Ryder	C	Coun. : Benjamin A. Dobson	C
Coun. : Robert Halliwell C.			

RUMWORTH WARD.

Ald. :—William Walter Cannon (C).			
Coun. : Richard Hough	C	Coun. : John Miles	C
Coun. : Henry Poole C.			

HALLIWELL WARD.

Ald. :—Edward Cannon (C) and Joseph Musgrave (C).			
Coun. : William Bamber	L	Coun. : James Vause	C
Job H. Greenhalgh	C	Arthur Knowles	C
John Cooper	L	*J. Percival Haslam	L

* Elected unopposed May 30, 1879, on extraordinary vacancy caused by the death of Councillor Charles Taylor (L).

Contests, Nov. 1, 1878 :—

EXCHANGE (1422 males, 275 females—1697)—

Elected.		Defeated.	
Henry Greenwood...C	771	Robert Dunderdale L	744
Joseph Brooks .....L	745		

BRADFORD (2470 males, 384 females—2854)—

Charles Norris .....C	1291	James Baxendale...L	1199
Dr. J. E. Scowcroft...C	1265	James Johnson.....L	1164

DERBY (2038 males, 358 females—2396)—

No contest ; John H. Hargreaves (C) and John Haslam (C) returned.

CHURCH (978 males, 223 females—1201)—

No contest ; Thomas Fletcher (C) and J. R. Wood (C) re-elected.

EAST (1676 males, 320 females—1996)—

William Nicholson,		Thomas Wilkinson L	870
bleacher .....C	1045	James Brimelow ...L	802
Josiah W. Taylor ...C	982		

Contests, 1878—(Continued.).

WEST (3043 males, 480 females—3523)—

No contest ; Joseph Crook Haslam (L.) and Joseph Ormrod (L.) re-elected.

NORTH (789 males, 109 females—898)—

George RyderC 416 | William LeeL 410

RUMWORTH (317 males, 58 females—375)—

No contest ; Richard Hough (C) returned.

HALLIWELL (1435 males, 175 females—1610)—

William Bamber ...L 765 | Isaac Plumbley ...C 719

Job H. Greenhalgh C 736 | William Bristow ...L 719

A Strict Party Contest.—Conservative Gain.

The elections on November 1, 1878, were once more of a strictly party character, Imperial politics occupying a more potent place than merely local considerations, and both parties regarding the struggle as in some measure a kind of "test ballot," the issue of which might be taken as foreshadowing the result whenever the larger contest for the Parliamentary representation came round. Although in four of the wards there was no opposition, the Conservatives in three of these—Derby, Church, and Rumworth—having a walk over, and thus the whole of the representatives of these wards becoming of the same party, while in West Ward the Liberals also had a walk over, the whole of the representatives here likewise being of one party—in the remaining five, the compromises elsewhere, and the absence of a contest in any of the wards of the borough twelve months previously, seemed to give renewed zest to the trial of strength on this occasion. The general result was considerably to strengthen the Conservative majority in the Chamber, for 12 Conservatives and only 4 Liberals were returned in place of 7 and 9 respectively retiring. Last year there were 43 Conservatives and 21 Liberals in the Council, but a defection from the ranks of the latter altered these numbers to 44 and 20 respectively. After the present elections, of the 64 members composing the Council, 49 were Conservatives and 15 only Liberals, which numbers remained the same after the extraordinary elections of April and May, 1879.

1879-80.

HENRY MARRIOTT RICHARDSON, Esq. (C), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Charles Wolfenden (C) and Thomas Lever Rushton (C).
 Coun. : John Priestley C | Coun. : Joseph Brooks L
 George J. Healy L | Thomas W. Redhead C
 Henry Greenwood C | Francis McCormick L

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—P. C. Marsden (C) and Thomas Walmsley (C).
 Coun. : Joseph Marsden C | Coun. : Dr. J. E. Scowercroft C
 John Barrett C | William Rainwell C
 Charles Norris C | *Thomas Kay L

* Councillor Kay dying September 14, 1880, Mr. Ralph Ford (L) was elected unopposed in his stead, October 1.

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—James Greenhalgh (C) and *William Nicholson (C).
 Coun. : James Cross Ormrod C | Coun. : John Haslam C
 Arthur L. Briggs C | Matthew Fielding C
 J. H. Hargreaves C | †William Dearden C

* Elected Jan. 14, 1880, in place of Ald. William Hesketh (C), who died December 30, 1879.

† Elected Jan. 29, 1880, on extraordinary vacancy* caused by the elevation of Councillor William Nicholson (C) to the Aldermanic bench.

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—H. M. Richardson, Mayor (C) and Thos. Lever (C).
 Coun. : John Barnes C | Coun. : Joseph R. Wood C
 Thomas Arden C | John Hardcastle C
 Thomas Fletcher C | Samuel Crowther C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Moscrop (C) and Thomas Glaister (C).
 Coun. : Robert Lawson C | Coun. : Josiah W. Taylor C
 James Brimelow L | Thomas Bromley L
 William Nicholson C | *James Ryder C

* Elected unopposed, November 3, 1879, in place of Councillor David Gratrix (C), resigned.

1879-80—(Continued).

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Peter Foster (C) and Ebenezer Green Harwood (C).

Coun. : Thos. Wm. Holden	L	Coun. : Joseph Ormrod	L
Jonas James Bradshaw	L	Robert Gowanlock	L
Joseph Crook Haslam	L	Edmund Peel Potter	L

NORTH WARD.

Ald. :—*Benjamin Alfred Dobson (C).

Coun. : Robert Halliwell	C	Coun. : George Ryder	C
Coun. : †Dr. James Hall C.			

* Elected September 15, 1880, in succession to Alderman Robert Henry Lord (C), who had resigned August 25.

† Elected unopposed October 1, 1880, on extraordinary vacancy caused by the elevation of Councillor B. A. Dobson to the Aldermanic bench.

RUMWORTH WARD.

Ald. :—William Walter Cannon (C).

Coun. : Henry Poole	C	Coun. : Richard Hough	C
Coun. : John Miles C.			

HALLIWELL WARD.

Ald. : Edward Cannon (C) and Joseph Musgrave (C).

Coun. : Isaac Plumbley	C	Coun. : J. H. Greenhalgh	C
J. Percival Haslam	L	John Cooper	L
William Bamber	L	James Vause	C

Contests, Nov. 1, 1879 :—

BRADFORD (2323 males, 396 females—2719)—

Elected.	Defeated.
Joseph Marsden ...C 1343	Ralph Ford .....L 1169
John Barrett .....C 1203	

Extraordinary Election—Derby, Jan. 29, 1880 (in place of Councillor Nicholson elected Alderman), William Dearden (C) defeated Thomas Hall Winder (L) by 1030 against 1012.

1879-80—(*Continued*).**General Compromise—One Ward Only Contested.**

The result of the elections on November 1, 1879, left the political constitution of the Council exactly as before—49 Conservatives and 15 Liberals. In consequence mainly of the depression of trade, the efforts in favour of a general compromise, as in the year 1877, were successful throughout the Borough, except in Bradford Ward, where a contest took place, resulting in the return of two Conservative candidates, Messrs. Joseph Marsden and John Barrett, the defeated Liberal candidate being Mr. Ralph Ford. The political complexion of the ward thus remained unaltered; and this was the same in the other wards, except Exchange, where, two Liberals retiring, a Conservative and a Liberal were returned; and East, where a Liberal and a Conservative took the place of two Conservatives. The subsequent extraordinary elections did not alter the position of parties.

1880-81.

JOSEPH MUSGRAVE, Esq. (C), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Lever Rushton (C) and Charles Wolfenden (C).	
Coun. : John Kenyon C	Coun. : John Priestley C
Francis McCormick L	Henry Greenwood C
George Jas. Healy L	Joseph Brooks L

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Walmsley (C) and Peter Crook Marsden (C).	
Coun. : Peter Crook C	Coun. : John Barrett C
Ralph Ford L	Charles Norris C
Joseph Marsden C	Dr. J. E. Scowcroft C

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—William Nicholson (C) and *James Greenhalgh (C).	
Coun. : Thos. Barlow Tong C	Coun. : Arthur L. Briggs C
Joseph Robertshaw L	J. H. Hargreaves C
James Cross Ormrod C	John Haslam C

* Alderman Greenhalgh (C) resigning Oct. 12, 1881, on the ground of ill-health, Councillor John Barnes (C) was on the 24th of the same month elected Alderman in his stead.

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—William Walter Cannon (C) and H. M. Richardson (C).	
Coun. : Samuel Crowther C	Coun. : Thomas Arden C
John Hardcastle C	Thomas Fletcher C
John Barnes C	Joseph R. Wood C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Glaister (C) and Thomas Moscrop (C).	
Coun. : Thomas Bromley L	Coun. : James Brimelow L
James Ryder C	William Nicholson C
Robert Lawson C	Josiah W. Taylor C

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Ebenezer Green Harwood (C) and Peter Foster (C).	
Coun. : Robert Gowanlock L	Coun. : Jonas Jas. Bradshaw L
Thomas Wilkinson L	Joseph Crook Haslam L
Thos. Wm. Holden L	Joseph Ormrod L

NORTH WARD.

Ald. :—Benjamin Alfred Dobson (C).	
Coun. : Thomas Cunliffe L	Coun. : Robert Halliwell C
Coun. : George Ryder C.	

1880-81—(*Continued*).

RUMWORTH WARD.

Ald.:—John Miles (C).

Coun.: *T. Grundy Orrell C | Coun.: Henry Poole C

Coun.: Richard Hough C.

* Elected unopposed Nov. 24, 1880, on extraordinary vacancy caused by the elevation of Councillor John Miles (C) to the Aldermanic bench.

HALLIWELL WARD.

Ald.:—Joseph Musgrave, Mayor (C), and Edward Cannon (C).

Coun.: John Cooper L | Coun.: J. Percival Haslam L

James Vause C | William Bamber L

Isaac Plumbley C | Job H. Greenhalgh C

Another General Compromise.

Following the example of some recent years, the elections on Nov. 1, 1880, were again the subject of compromise, an arrangement being come to between the two political parties whereby an equal number of Conservatives and Liberals should be returned, in which case also any vacancies following upon the Aldermanic elections were to be filled by Conservatives without contest. There were thus no contests in any of the wards; and the representation of each, with two exceptions, remained unaltered. In Derby Ward, where two Conservatives retired, a Conservative and a Liberal were returned; and in North Ward, where a Conservative retired, his place was filled by one of the opposite party. The compromise thus gave two seats to the Liberals, for whereas ten Conservatives and only six Liberals retired, eight and eight were returned; the political complexion of the Council, instead of 49 and 15 as last year, becoming now 47 Conservatives and 17 Liberals. The whole of the eight retiring Aldermen were re-elected on Nov. 9, except Mr. Thomas Lever, in whose place Councillor Miles was chosen, the vacancy in the representation of Rumworth Ward thus occasioned being filled by the unopposed election of a member of the Conservative party in accordance with the terms of the compromise.

The Conservatives have now been in power since 1869, and the whole of the Aldermanic seats are held by them.

1881-2.

THOMAS GLAISTER, Esq. (C), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Lever Rushton (C) and Charles Wolfenden (C).	
Coun. : Henry Greenwood C	Coun. : John Kenyon C
John Bromley C	George Jas. Healy L
Francis McCormick L	John Priestley C

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Walmsley (C) and Peter Crook Marsden (C).	
Coun. : Dr. J. E. Scowcroft C	Coun. : Ralph Ford L
William Broughton C	Joseph Marsden C
Peter Crook C	John Barrett C

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—William Nicholson (C) and Edward Cannon (C).	
Coun. : John Haslam C	Coun. : Joseph Robertshaw L
Dr. Robert Patrick C	Arthur L. Briggs C
Thos. Barlow Tong C	James Cross Ormrod C

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—H. M. Richardson (C) and John Barnes (C).	
Coun. : Thomas Fletcher C	Coun. : John Hardcastle C
Joseph R. Wood C	Thomas Arden C
Samuel Crowther C	*George Slater C

* Elected unopposed Nov 7, 1881, on extraordinary vacancy caused by the election of Councillor John Barnes to the Aldermanic bench.

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Glaister, Mayor (C) and Thomas Moscrop (C).	
Coun. : William Nicholson C	Coun. : Thomas Bromley L
Josiah W. Taylor C	Robert Lawson C
James Ryder C	James Brinelow L

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Ebenezer Green Harwood (C) and Peter Foster (C).	
Coun. : Matthew Fielding C	Coun. : Thomas Wilkinson L
Dr. Charles Rothwell L	Thos. Wm. Holden L
Robert Gowanlock L	Jonas Jas. Bradshaw L

NORTH WARD.

Ald. : Benjamin Alfred Dobson (C).	
Coun. : George Ryder C	Coun. : Thomas Cunliffe L
Coun. : Robert Halliwell C.	

1881-2—(Continued).

RUMWORTH WARD.

Ald. :—John Miles (C).

Coun. : J. Wolstenholme	C	|	Coun. : T. G. Orrell	C
			Coun. : Henry Poole C.	

HALLIWELL WARD.

Ald. :—Joseph Musgrave (C) and William Walter Cannon (C).

Coun. : Job H. Greenhalgh	C	|	Coun. : John Cooper	L
John F. Skelton	L	|	Isaac Plumbly	C
James Vause	C	|	J. Percival Haslam	L

Contests, Nov. 1, 1881 :—

EXCHANGE (1293 males, 263 females—1556)—

Elected.		Defeated.	
Henry Greenwood	C 657	William Bromilow	L 304
John Bromley	.....C 649		

BRADFORD (2426 males, 391 females—2817)—

Dr. J. E. Scowcroft	C 1358	John Heywood.....L	1128
William Broughton	C 1334		

DERBY (2101 males, 378 females—2479)—

John Haslam.....C	1211	John W. Makant ...L	948
Dr. R. Patrick	.....C 1178	Joseph Vickers.....L	852

CHURCH (1017 males, 182 females—1199)—

Thomas Fletcher ...C	611	Jos. Ormrod, jun....L	259
Jos. Reynolds Wood	C 596	Daniel K. Ramsden	L 251

EAST (1656 males, 308 females—1964)—

William Nicholson	C 1032	William Haslam ...L	542
Josiah W. Taylor ...C	970		

WEST (3394 males, 582 females—3876)—

Matthew Fielding...C	1699	Joseph Ormrod.....L	1596
Dr. Chas. Rothwell	L 1673		

NORTH (890 males, 121 females—1011)—

George RyderC 494	William Bamber ...L	444
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RUMWORTH (411 males, 77 females—488)—

John Wolstenholme	C 218	W. Crumblehulme	L 211
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HALLIWELL (1524 males, 227 females—1751)—

Job H. Greenhalgh	C 291	Alexander Martin	L 93
Ino. Fawcett Skelton	L 228		

1881-2—(Continued).

**Failure to Compromise—Spirited All-round Contest—
Great Conservative Victory.**

The First of November, 1881, was the occasion of as spirited a contest all round as any which had been witnessed for many years. Following the course adopted for the last year or two, efforts were again made this year to effect a compromise, but they were not successful. Of the sixteen retiring members of the Council, twelve were Conservative and four Liberal. The Liberals, to avoid a contest, asked for the return of six of their party, thus giving them a gain of two, whereby the Council would have become composed of 45 Conservatives and 19 Liberals. The Conservatives, however, insisting upon the maintenance of the *status quo*, the negotiations fell through. A general contest accordingly took place, and was fought with remarkable vigour and enthusiasm. The result was a great Conservative victory,—fourteen Conservatives being returned, and only two Liberals; one of the most notable successes being in West Ward, where there had been no contest for half-a-dozen years. Here Mr. Matthew Fielding was returned at the head of the poll, the Conservatives thus once again effecting an inroad into the great Liberal stronghold, for which no Conservative had held a seat since 1877. As the result of the present elections, the Conservative majority in the Council Chamber became increased from 47 against 17 to 49 against 15. The Conservatives still hold the whole of the sixteen Aldermanic seats, and they have held the reins of our local Parliament continuously since 1869.

1882-3.

EBENEZER GREEN HARWOOD, Esq. (C), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald.:—*Thomas Fletcher (C) and Charles Wolfenden (C).

Coun.:	George Jas. Healy	L	Coun.:	John Bromley	C
	Richard Hough	C		John Kenyon	C
	Henry Greenwood	C		Francis McCormick	L

* Elected Feb. 28th, 1883, in place of Ald. Thomas Lever Rushton (C) who died on Feb. 8th.

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald.:—Thomas Walmsley (C) and P. C. Marsden (C).

Coun.:	J. W. Hawksworth	C	Coun.:	William Broughton	C
	John Barrett	C		*Thomas Magee	C
	Dr. J. E. Scowcroft	C		Ralph Ford	L

* Elected unopposed July 3rd, 1883, on extraordinary vacancy caused by the death of Councillor Peter Crook.

DERBY WARD.

Ald.:—William Nicholson (C) and Edward Cannon (C).

Coun.:	Arthur L. Briggs	C	Coun.:	Dr. Robert Patrick	C
	J. Wardle Brown	C		Thomas B. Tong	C
	John Haslam	C		Joseph Robertshaw	L

CHURCH WARD.

Ald.:—H. M. Richardson (C) and John Barnes (C).

Coun.:	Thomas Arden	C	Coun.:	Joseph R. Wood	C
	George Slater	C		Samuel Crowther	C
	*Collingwood Yates	C		John Hardcastle	C

* Elected March 15th, 1883, on extraordinary vacancy caused by the elevation of Councillor Thomas Fletcher (C) to the Aldermanic bench.

EAST WARD.

Ald.:—Thomas Glaister (C) and Thomas Moscrop (C).

Coun.:	Robert Lawson	C	Coun.:	Josiah W. Taylor	C
	James Brimelow	L		James Ryder	C
	William Nicholson	C		Thomas Bromley	L

WEST WARD.

Ald.:—Ebenezer G. Harwood, Mayor (C), and Peter Foster (C).

Coun.:	Thomas W. Holden	L	Coun.:	Dr. Charles Rothwell	L
	Joseph Ormrod	L		Robert Gowanlock	L
	Matthew Fielding	C		Thomas Wilkinson	L

1882-3—(Continued).**NORTH WARD.**

Ald. :—Benjamin Alfred Dobson (C).

Coun. : Robert Halliwell	C	Coun. : George Ryder	C
Coun. : Thomas Cunliffe	L.		

RUMWORTH WARD.

Ald. :—John Miles (C).

Coun. : Joseph Heyworth	C	Coun. : John Wolstenholme	C
Coun. : Thomas Grundy Orrell	C.		

HALLIWELL WARD.

Ald. :—Joseph Musgrave (C) and William Walter Cannon (C).

Coun. : J. Percival Haslam	L	Coun. : Job H. Greenhalgh	C
Christopher Mason	C	James Vause	C
John Fawcett Skelton	L	John Cooper	L

Contest, Nov. 1, 1882 :—

RUMWORTH (407 males, 81 females—488)—

Elected.	Defeated.
Joseph Heyworth ...C	237 | W. Crumblehulme L 225

All-round Compromise except Rumworth.

The elections on the 1st November, 1882, were the subject of an all-round compromise between the two political parties except as to Rumworth Ward, where a spirited contest took place, the Liberals being determined upon a trial of strength there. The candidates here were Mr. Joseph Heyworth, Conservative, and Mr. William Crumblehulme, Liberal ; and they polled respectively 237 and 225, the Conservative candidate thus winning by a majority of 12. The compromise in the other wards had left the balance of parties unchanged, and this was the result also in the contested ward ; so that, although 11 Conservatives and five Liberals had retired, these numbers respectively being again returned, the political constitution of the Council remained as in the past year, still composed of 49 Conservatives and 15 Liberals.

1883-4.

EBENEZER GREEN HARWOOD, Esq. (C), MAYOR.
(Second Year.)

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Charles Wolfenden (C) and Josiah W. Taylor (C).			
Coun. : John Kenyon	C	Coun. : Richard Hough	C
Francis McCormick	L	Henry Greenwood	C
George Jas. Healy	L	John Bromley	C

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Walmsley (C) and *John Haslam (C).			
Coun. : Thomas Magee	C	Coun. : John Barrett	C
Ralph Ford	L	Dr. J. E. Scowcroft	C
J. W. Hawsworth	C	William Broughton	C

* Elected March 26, 1884, in place of Ald. Samuel Crowther, who died on March 4th.

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—William Nicholson (C) and Thomas Fletcher (C).			
Coun. : Joseph Vickers	L	Coun. : J. Wardle Brown	C
Thomas B. Tong	C	*James Chorlton	C
Arthur L. Briggs	C	Dr. Robert Patrick	C

* Elected unopposed April 8, 1884, in succession to Councillor John Haslam (C) elected Alderman.

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—John Barnes (C) and H. M. Richardson (C).			
Coun. : *Dr. F. B. Mallett	C	Coun. : Thomas Arden	C
John Hardcastle	C	Collingwood Yates	C
†J. T. Brooks	C	J. R. Wood	C

* Elected unopposed Nov. 23, 1883, on extraordinary vacancy caused by the election of Councillor Samuel Crowther (C) to the Aldermanic bench.

† Elected unopposed July 30, 1884, in succession to Councillor George Slater (C), who died on July 9th.

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Moscrop (C) and Thomas Glaister (C).			
Coun. : Thomas Bromley	L	Coun. : James Brimelow	L
Wilson Bleakley	C	William Nicholson	C
Robert Lawson	C	*John Gleave	C

* Elected unopposed Nov. 23, 1883, on extraordinary vacancy caused by the elevation of Councillor Josiah William Taylor (C) to the Aldermanic bench.

1883-4—(Continued).

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Matthew Fielding (C) and Ebenezer G. Harwood, Mayor (C).

Coun. : William Bamber	L	Coun. : Thomas W. Holden	L
Robert Gowanlock	L	*J. M. Rutter	C
Joseph Ormrod	L	Dr. Charles Rothwell	L

* Elected unopposed Nov. 23, 1883, on extraordinary vacancy caused by the elevation of Councillor Matthew Fielding (C) to the Aldermanic bench.

NORTH WARD.

Ald. :—Benjamin Alfred Dobson (C).

Coun. : Thomas Cunliffe	L	Coun. : Robert Halliwell	C
Coun. : George Ryder	C		

RUMWORTH WARD.

Ald. :—John Miles (C).

Coun. : James Ryley	C	Coun. : Joseph Heyworth	C
Coun. : John Wolstenholme	C		

HALLIWELL WARD.

Ald. :—Wm. Walter Cannon (C) and Joseph Musgrave (C).

Coun. : James Vause	C	Coun. : Christopher Mason	C
John Cooper	L	John Fawcett Skelton	L
J. Percival Haslam	L	Job H. Greenhalgh	C

All-round Compromise.

The elections on the 1st November, 1883, were again the subject of an all-round compromise. Eight Conservatives and eight Liberals retired, and a similar number of each party were returned in accordance with the terms of the arrangement, the Council thus remaining politically as before,—49 Conservatives and 15 Liberals; nor were these numbers altered by the extraordinary elections consequent upon the appointment of Aldermen and the vacancies by death which happened during the year.

1884-5.

THOMAS FLETCHER, Esq. (C), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Josiah W. Taylor (C) and *Peter Kevan (L).

Coun. : Henry Greenwood	C	Coun. : Francis McCormick	L
Elijah Hargreaves	L	George Jas. Healy	L
John Kenyon	C	Richard Hough	C

* Elected Nov. 15, 1884, on extraordinary vacancy caused by the death of Ald. Charles Wolfenden.

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Walmsley (C) and Thomas Fletcher, Mayor (C).

Coun. : Dr. J. E. Scoweroft	C	Coun. : Ralph Ford	L
William Broughton	C	J. W. Hawksworth	C
Thomas Magee	C	John Barrett	C

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—John Haslam (C) and William Nicholson (C).

Coun. : Roger Wharton	C	Coun. : Thos. Barlow Tong	C
Otley L. Perry	C	Arthur L. Briggs	C
Joseph Vickers	L	Jas. Wardle Brown	C

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—H. M. Richardson (C) and John Barnes (C).

Coun. : Collingwood Yates	C	Coun. : John Harcastle	C
Joseph R. Wood	C	John T. Brooks	C
Dr. F. B. Mallett	C	Thomas Arden	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Glaister (C) and Thomas Moscrop (C).

Coun. : William Nicholson	C	Coun. : Wilson Bleakley	C
John Gleave	C	Robert Lawson	C
Thomas Bromley	L	James Brimelow	L

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Ebenezer Green Harwood (C) and Matthew Fielding (C).

Coun. : James Martin Rutter	C	Coun. : Robert Gowanlock	L
Dr. Charles Rothwell	L	Joseph Ormrod	L
William Bamber	L	Thos. Wm. Holden	L

1884-5—(Continued).

NORTH WARD.

Ald. :—Benjamin Alfred Dobson (C).

Coun. : Philip Lomax	C	Coun. : Thomas Cunliffe	L
Coun. : Robert Halliwell (C).			

RUMWORTH WARD.

Ald. :—John Miles (C).

Coun. : Thomas Hart	C	Coun. : James Ryley	C
Coun. : Joseph Heyworth (C)			

HALLIWELL WARD.

Ald. : William Walter Cannon (C) and Joseph Musgrave (C).

Coun. : B. Whittingham	L	Coun. : John Cooper	L
James Lomax	C	J. Percival Haslam	L
James Vause	C	Christopher Mason	C

Contest, Nov. 1, 1884 :—

EXCHANGE (1221 males, 279 females—1500)—

Elected.		Defeated.	
Elijah Hargreaves	L 523	John Bromley	.....C 422
Henry Greenwood	C 437		

Contest in One Ward Only—Election of a Liberal Alderman.

With the exception of Exchange Ward, the elections on November 1, 1884, again passed off without contest. Of the 16 retiring Councillors, 14 were Conservatives and two Liberals. Twelve Conservatives and two Liberals were elected without opposition, and the contest in Exchange Ward resulted in the Liberals gaining one seat. The unopposed election of Mr. Peter Kevan on November 15 as an Alderman of the Borough in place of the late Ald. Charles Wolfenden gave another seat to the Liberals; and the Council thus now became composed of 47 Conservatives and 17 Liberals.

1885-6.

THOMAS FLETCHER, Esq. (C), MAYOR. (Second Year.)

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Peter Kevan (L) and Josiah W. Taylor (C).

Coun. : Richard Hough	C	Coun. : Elijah Hargreaves	L
George Jas. Healy	L	John Kenyon	C
Henry Greenwood	C	Francis McCormick	L

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Walmsley (C) and Thomas Fletcher, Mayor (C).

Coun. : John Barrett	C	Coun. : William Broughton	C
James Finney	C	Thomas Magee	C
Dr. J. E. Scowcroft	C	Ralph Ford	L

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—William Nicholson (C) and John Haslam (C).

Coun. : Arthur L. Briggs	C	Coun. : Roger Wharton	C
J. Wardle Brown	C	Thomas B. Tong	C
Ottley L. Perry	C	Joseph Vickers	L

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—John Barnes (C) and H. M. Richardson (C).

Coun. : Thomas Arden	C	Coun. : Joseph R. Wood	C
John T. Brooks	C	Dr. F. B. Mallett	C
Collingwood Yates	C	John Hardcastle	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Moscrop (C) and Thomas Glaister (C).

Coun. : James Young	C	Coun. : John Gleave	C
James Brimelow	L	Thomas Bromley	L
William Nicholson	C	Wilson Bleakley	C

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Matthew Fielding (C) and Ebenezer G. Harwood (C).

Coun. : Dr. Joseph Thornley	L	Coun. : Dr. Charles Rothwell	L
Thomas Wilkinson	L	William Bamber	L
James M. Rutter	C	Robert Gowanlock	L

NORTH WARD.

Ald. :—Benjamin Alfred Dobson (C).

Coun. : Robert Halliwell	C	Coun. : Philip Lomax	C
Coun. : Thomas Cunliffe	L		

1885-6—(Continued).

RUMWORTH WARD.

Ald. :—John Miles (C).

Coun. : Joseph Heyworth	C	Coun. : Thomas Hart	C
Coun. : James Ryley	C		

HALLIWELL WARD.

Ald. :—Joseph Musgrave (C) and Wm. Walter Cannon (C).

Coun. : Christopher Mason	C	Coun. : Benj. Whittingham	L
J. Percival Haslam	L	James Vause	C
James Lomax	C	John Cooper	L

Another General Compromise.

No contests in any of the wards in Nov. 1885, an all-round compromise having once more been come to between the two political parties, the approach of the General Parliamentary Election indisposing both sides for a preliminary Municipal struggle. Of the 16 Councillors retiring, 11 were Conservatives and 5 Liberals, and by the agreement effected, the same proportions were maintained with regard to the new elections, the Council still remaining composed of 47 Conservatives and 17 Liberals. Only four members of the Council as now constituted—Messrs. James Finney, James Young, Joseph Thornley, and Thomas Wilkinson—did not sit last year.

Of the 64 members constituting the Council—16 Aldermen and 48 Councillors—only one Liberal has a seat on the Aldermanic bench; whilst of the Councillors, 32 are Conservatives and 16 Liberals.

1886-7.

THOMAS FLETCHER, Esq. (C), MAYOR. (Third Year.)

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Josiah W. Taylor (C) and Peter Kevan (L).

Coun. : George Munro	L	Coun. : Richard Hough	C
Francis McCormick	L	Henry Greenwood	C
George Jas. Healy	L	Elijah Hargreaves	L

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Walmsley (C) and Thomas Fletcher, Mayor (C).

Coun. : Robert Horridge	C	Coun. : John Barrett	C
Ralph Ford	L	Dr. J. E. Scowcroft	C
James Finney	C	William Broughton	C

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—John Haslam (C) and William Nicholson (C).

Coun. : Thos. Barlow Tong	C	Coun. : Jas. Wardle Brown	C
*Michael Battle	L R	Otley L. Perry	C
Arthur L. Briggs	C	Roger Wharton	C

* Elected Aug. 11, 1887, in succession to Councillor Joseph Vickers (L), who died July 20. Mr. Battle, though a Liberal in politics, was elected especially as a Labour Representative.

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—H. M. Richardson (C) and John Barnes (C).

Coun. : Dr. F. B. Mallett	C	Coun. : Thomas Arden	C
Herbert Fletcher	C	Collingwood Yates	C
John T. Brooks	C	Joseph R. Wood	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Glaister (C) and Thomas Moscrop (C).

Coun. : Wilson Bleakley	C	Coun. : James Brimelow	L
George Makin	L	Wm. Nicholson	C
*Job H. Greenhalgh	C	†J. F. Elliston	C

* Elected unopposed April 2, 1887, in succession to Councillor James Young (C), who died on March 10th.

† Elected Nov. 25, 1886, in succession to Councillor John Glave (C), who died on Nov. 9th.

1886-7—(Continued).

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Ebenezer Green Harwood (C) and Matthew Fielding (C).	
Coun. : Norman Knowles C	Coun. : Thomas Wilkinson L
*Robert Gowanlock L	James M. Rutter C
Dr. Joseph Thornley L	Dr. Charles Rothwell L

* Elected unopposed Nov. 19, 1886, in place of Mr. William Bamber (L), who, though declared elected on Nov. 1, had declined to serve, and tendered his resignation on the 3rd.

NORTH WARD.

Ald. :—Benjamin Alfred Dobson (C).	
Coun. : Joseph Sharman C	Coun. : Robert Halliwell C
Coun. : Philip Lomax C.	

KUMWORTH WARD.

Ald. :—John Miles (C).	
Coun. : Dr. Walter Morris C	Coun. : Joseph Heyworth C
Coun. : Thomas Hart C.	

HALLIWELL WARD.

Ald. :—William Walter Cannon (C) and Joseph Musgrave (C).	
Coun. : James Vause C	Coun. : Christopher Mason C
William Cooper L	James Lomax C
J. Percival Haslam L	Benj. Whittingham L

Contests, Nov. 1, 1886 :—

EXCHANGE (1281 males, 238 females—1519)—

Elected.		Defeated.	
George Munro .....L	656	Wm. Pendlebury...C	585
Francis McCormick L	648		

NORTH (907 males, 143 females—1050)—

Joseph Sharman ...C	488	Jacob LomaxL	445
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Extraordinary Elections—East, Nov. 25 (in place of Councillor John Gleave (C), who died on Nov. 9), J. F. Elliston (C) defeated William Bamber (L) by 703 against 67. Derby, Aug. 11, 1887 (in place of Councillor Joseph Vickers (L), who died July 20), Michael Battle (Labour Representative) defeated William Cunliffe (L) by 532 against 164.

1886-7—(*Continued*).

A Race to Retire—"Five Seconds" Late.

The elections on Nov. 1, 1886, made very little difference in the constitution of the Council, there being contests in two wards only. Eight of each party retired, and the *status-quo* was maintained in all the wards except Exchange, North, and West. In the first-named the Liberals won a seat and in the second they lost one, whilst the Conservatives gained a seat without a contest in West Ward, the latter thus strengthening their position by one in the Council. Finding that it would be useless to fight against the Conservative claim for an additional seat in West Ward, the Liberals had hoped to counterbalance the loss by finding a seat in Rumworth Ward in place of a Conservative Councillor who had refused to stand for re-election. The Rumworth Ward Conservatives, however, declined to listen to any suggestion which would weaken their own representation, and accordingly nominated another Conservative; and the Liberals being chagrined at this, Messrs. Gowanlock and Bamber, the two Liberals who had been nominated for re-election in West Ward, thereupon both tendered their withdrawal just at the last moment of the prescribed time for the Mayor's scrutiny of the nomination papers. To the surprise of both, however, Mr. Bamber's notice of withdrawal was too late to be accepted, for Mr. Gowanlock's had preceded it by "five seconds," thus leaving only the requisite number of candidates in the field, and the effect being that Mr. Bamber and Mr. Norman Knowles were thus elected without having to go to the poll. But though thus re-elected, Mr. Bamber determined to make way for Mr. Gowanlock, and he accordingly resigned on Nov. 3, claiming that having served the Borough in the capacity of Councillor within the past five years he was exempt from further service and not liable to the ordinary fine. The extraordinary election to fill this vacancy took place on Nov. 11, when Mr. Gowanlock was returned unopposed. Meanwhile another vacancy had occurred in

1886-7—(*Continued*).

East Ward by the death (on Nov. 9) of Councillor John Gleave (C), and some of Mr. Bamber's friends were determined that he should now try his chances here. Mr. Bamber himself, however, was unwilling and sent in a notice of withdrawal, but once more he was too late,—on this occasion being “one minute” after the stipulated time. Mr. J. F. Elliston, theatrical manager, was nominated on the Conservative side, and the election took place on Nov. 25, when Mr. Elliston defeated Mr. Bamber by 703 against 67. The changes in the Council by the November elections of 1886 introduced nine new members to the Chamber—Messrs. George Munro, Robert Horridge, Herbert Fletcher, George Makin, J. F. Elliston, Norman Knowles, Joseph Sharman, William Cooper, and Dr. Walter Morris. The retirement of Councillor Thomas Bromley, owing to ill-health, after a service extending over 21 years, elicited a tribute to his services from both sides of the Chamber.

On Nov. 9 the eight retiring Aldermen—Messrs. William Walter Cannon, Thomas Fletcher (Mayor), Thomas Glaister, Ebenezer Green Harwood, John Miles, Joseph Musgrave, William Nicholson, and Thomas Walmsley—were all re-elected for a further term of six years. The Liberals took no part in the voting, except that Councillors Whittingham and Makin voted along with the Conservatives for Mr. Musgrave, who thus had 37 votes as against 35 for each of the others.

Present strength of parties in the Council Chamber—Conservatives 48, Liberals 15, Labour Representative 1 ;—total 64.

1887-8.

THOMAS MOSCROP, Esq. (C), MAYOR.

EXCHANGE WARD.

Ald. :—Josiah W. Taylor (C) and Peter Kevan (L).

Coun. : Henry Greenwood	C	Coun. : Francis McCormick	L
Josiah Pintay	L R	Richard Hough	C
George Munro	L	George Jas. Healy	L

BRADFORD WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Fletcher (C) and Thomas Walmsley (C).

Coun. : William Broughton	C	Coun. : Ralph Ford	L
John Parkinson	L R	John Barrett	C
Robert Horridge	C	James Finney	C

DERBY WARD.

Ald. :—William Nicholson (C) and John Haslam (C).

Coun. : Thomas Booth	L R	Coun. : Michael Battle	L R
Henry Horrocks	L R	Arthur L. Briggs	C
Thomas B. Tong	C	Jas. Wardle Brown	C

CHURCH WARD.

Ald. :—H. M. Richardson (C) and John Barnes (C).

Coun. : Collingwood Yates	C	Coun. : Herbert Fletcher	C
Joseph R. Wood	C	Thomas Arden	C
Dr. F. B. Mallett	C	John T. Brooks	C

EAST WARD.

Ald. :—Thomas Glaister (C) and Thomas Moscrop, Mayor (C).

Coun. : Charles Hough	L R	Coun. : George Makin	L
John Holt	L R	Job H. Greenhalgh	C
Wilson Bleakley	C	James Brimelow	L

WEST WARD.

Ald. :—Ebenezer Green Harwood (C) and Matthew Fielding (C).

Coun. : Thos. Wm. Holden	L	Coun. : Robert Gowanlock	L
Robert Tootill	L R	Dr. Joseph Thornley	L
Norman Knowles	C	Thomas Wilkinson	L

NORTH WARD.

Ald. :—Benjamin Alfred Dobson (C).

Coun. : James Kirkman	L R	Coun. : Joseph Sharman	C
Coun. : Robert Halliwell	C		

1887-8—(Continued).**RUMWORTH WARD.**

Ald. :—John Miles (C).

Coun. : Thomas Hart	C	Coun. : Dr. Walter Morris	C
Coun. : Joseph Heyworth	C.		

HALLIWELL WARD.

Ald. :—Wm. Walter Cannon (C) and Joseph Musgrave (C).

Coun. : James Lomax	C	Coun. : William Cooper	L
Joseph Uttley	L	Christopher Mason	C
James Vause	C	J. Percival Haslam	L

Contests, Nov. 1, 1887 :—**EXCHANGE (1307 males, 259 females—1566)—**

Elected.		Defeated.	
Josiah Finlay.....L R	634	E. Hargreaves..Ind. L	448
Henry Greenwood...C	487	Thomas France,	
		Social Dem.	63
		Charles Booth do.	50

BRADFORD (2617 males, 466 females—3083)—

John Parkinson...L R	1208	J. Morris, innkeeper C	1012
William Broughton..C	1151	Young Walkden,	
		Social Dem.	222
		Jos. Horrocks do.	102

DERBY (2365 males, 385 females—2750)—

Thomas Booth ...L R	985	John Nightingale,	
Henry Horrocks...L R	914	Social Dem.	374
		J. Shufflebotham do.	314

CHURCH (1194 males, 218 females—1412)—

Jos. Reynolds Wood C	566	Henry Walker.....L	412
Collingwood Yates...C	552	James Dooley ...L R	245

EAST (1625 males, 362 females—1987)—

Charles Hough ...L R	1046	William Nicholson C	467
John Holt .....L R	972	J. F. Elliston .....C	387

WEST (3687 males, 729 females—4416)—

Thos. Wm. Holden L	2087	James Flitcroft.....C	1017
Robert Tootill ...L R	1953	Dr. B. Derham.....C	1006

NORTH (912 males, 133 females—1045)—

James Kirkman...L R	556	Dr. Wm. H. Holden C	172
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HALLIWELL (1849 males, 303 females—2152)—

Joseph Uttley.....L	965	Benj. Whittingham L	825
James Lomax.....C	828	Jon. Fishwick ...L R	564

1887-8—(*Continued*).**The Corporate Jubilee Year—A New Feature in Municipal Contests—Labour Representatives.**

The entrance of the Corporation upon the Jubilee year of its existence was signalised by a conspicuous departure from the ordinary traditions of political warfare, and never from the date of the Charter of Incorporation in 1838 had there been such a number or diversity of candidates for Municipal honours as the First of November, 1887, disclosed. Of the 16 retiring members, 13 belonged to the Conservative and only 3 to the Liberal party; and for these 16 seats there were no fewer than 33 aspirants. These included 12 Conservatives, 5 Liberals, 10 Labour Representatives nominated by the Trades Council and the recently-formed Rate-payers' Association, and 6 Social Democrats. The protracted strike in the engineering trades of the town—which after lasting 25 weeks and entailing a loss in wages of £50,000 (besides a cost to the Borough of over £9000 for the services of the mounted and other county police whom, in addition to the military, the authorities had called in on the outbreak of disturbances), and the strike having only terminated with the closing days of October—had unfortunately led to a very embittered feeling in the town which threatened seriously for a time to disturb the ordinary political relations and to introduce a new element into Corporate life. Indication of this feeling was given before the November elections, when in the month of August, on an extraordinary vacancy in Derby Ward caused by the death of a Liberal representative, a Labour candidate—the first returned as such to the Town Council—was elected by a sweeping majority in opposition to a nominee of the Liberal party. The November elections resulted in the return of 8 Labour Representatives, 6 Conservatives, and 2 Liberals.

Position of Parties—1887-8.

The complexion of the Town Council in its Jubilee year differs materially from that of any preceding period. Of its 64

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members, 41 are Conservatives, 14 Liberals, and 9 Labour Representatives, 6 of these latter being personally Liberals and 3 Conservatives. Of the 16 Aldermen in the Council Chamber, 15 are Conservatives. Only one Liberal has a seat on the Aldermanic bench, and he was nominated by the Conservatives, being the only Alderman ever elected on either side whose politics differed from those of the ruling party.

The Conservatives have now been in power uninterruptedly since 1869. Since the Charter of Incorporation in 1838 each of the two great political parties in the Borough has twice held the reins in our local government; the Liberals at the commencement from 1838 to 1844,—six years; and next from 1853 to 1869,—sixteen years, thus making together 22 years of Liberal rule; whilst the Conservatives in their first tenure held sway for nine years from 1844 to 1853; and now in their second term, commencing with 1869, we are in the nineteenth year of Conservative administration; so that whilst the one party has had 22, the other has had 28 years' supremacy in our local Parliament. The past fifty years have witnessed great changes and extensive improvements in the Borough, and it may without undue pretension be said that Bolton in the Jubilee year of its Corporate existence holds a foremost place among the great Municipalities of the kingdom, and one of which its inhabitants may justly be proud.

COUNCIL INDEX,

SHOWING THE

LENGTH OF SERVICE OF EACH MEMBER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
AND THE YEARS IN WHICH HE SERVED, WHETHER
AS MAYOR, ALDERMAN, OR COUNCILLOR.

Present Members of the Council are distinguished by an asterisk (*). The figures in **BLACK** indicate the years served as Alderman.

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A

- Abbatt, William, 1871-4 ;—3 years.
Ackroyd, John, 1840-42 (died) ;—2 years.
Ainsworth, Charles, 1838-9 ;—1 year.
Ainsworth, Joseph, 1838-50 ; 1851-7 ;—18 years.
*Arden, Thomas, 1879 (May 1) 1888 ;—9½ years.
Arrowsmith, James, 1838-44 ; 1852-4 ; **1854-61** (resigned Nov. 20) ;—8 years as Councillor and 7 as Alderman=15 years. (Mayor 1840-41).
Arrowsmith, Peter Rothwell, 1840-46 ; 1850-56 ; 1864-5 (resigned April, 1865) ;—12½ years. (Mayor 1853-4 and 1854-5).
Arrowsmith, Thomas Hall, 1860-63 ;—3 years.
Ashworth, Edmund, 1838-41 ;—3 years.
Aspden, James, 1859-62 ;—3 years.

B

- Bamber, William, 1877-81 ; 1883-6 ;—7 years.
Barlow, James, 1853-6 ; 1862 (September) to 1866 ; **1866** (June) to **1871** ;—6¾ years as Councillor, 5½ as Alderman ;=12¼ years. (Mayor 1867-8 and 1868-9.)
Barlow, Edward, 1858-67 ;—9 years.
Barnes, Thomas, 1849-52 ;—3 years.
*Barnes, John, 1873-81 ; **1881** (October 24) **1888** ;—8 years as Councillor, 7 as Alderman=15 years.
*Barrett, John, 1879-88 ;—9 years.

- Barrow, Isaac, 1839-42 ;—3 years.
 Barrow, John, 1846-9 ;—3 years.
 Barry, James, 1838-43 ;—5 years.
 *Battle, Michael, 1887 (Aug. 11) 1888 ;—1½ years.
 Baxter, William, 1840-43 ;—3 years.
 Bayley, James, 1838-42 ; 1854-7 ;—7 years.
 Bell, Joseph, 1854 to July, 1855 (resigned) ;—8 months.
 Bertenshaw, John, 1860-63 ;—3 years.
 Best, James, 1859 (Dec.) to 1861 ; 1861 (Dec.) to 1867 ; 1868-71 ;
 —11 years.
 Binks, George, 1843-6 ; 1848-51 ;—6 years.
 Blair, Stephen, 1842-8 ;—6 years. (First Conservative Mayor
 1845-6.)
 *Bleakley, Wilson, 1883-8 ;—5 years.
 Blinkhorn, William, 1842-5 ;—3 years.
 Bolling, John, 1842-5 ;—3 years.
 Bolling, Edward, 1844-50 ; **1850-56** ;—6 years as Councillor,
 6 as Alderman=12 years.
 Bolton, Thomas, 1858-64 ;—6 years.
 *Booth, Thomas, 1887-8 ;—1 year.
 Bowman, Charles, 1857-60 ;—3 years.
 Bradshaw, Jonas James, 1876-82 ;—6 years.
 Brandwood, John, 1858-67 ;—9 years.
 Brearley, James, 1859-62 ;—3 years.
 Bridson, Thomas Ridgway, 1842-8 ;—6 years. (Mayor 1847-8.)
 *Briggs, Arthur Lemuel, 1871-4 ; 1876-88 ;—15 years.
 Brimelow, John, 1845 (Feb.) to 1848 ;—3½ years.
 *Brimelow, James, 1866-9 ; 1875-8 ; 1879-88 ;—15 years.
 Bromley, Thomas, 1865-86 ;—21 years.
 Bromley, John, 1881-4 ;—3 years.
 Brooks, Joseph, 1865-8 ; 1874 (Nov. 18) to 1881 ;—11 years.
 *Brooks, John Turner, 1884 (July 30), 1888 ;—4 years and 4 months.
 *Broughton, William, 1881-8—7 years.

Brown, John, 1838-40; **1853-71**;—2 years as Councillor, 18 as Alderman=20 years.

Brown, Thomas, 1865-8; 1873-6;—6 years.

*Brown, James Wardle, 1882-8;—6 years.

Burton, Robert, 1843-6; 1847-53;—9 years.

Butler, John, 1872-5;—3 years.

C

Cannon, William, **1844-56**;—12 years as Alderman.

*Cannon, Wm. Walter, 1859-68; 1869-72; **1872-88**;—13 years as Councillor, 16 as Alderman=28 years. (Mayor, 1871-2 and 1872-3.)

Cannon, Edward, 1869-77; **1877-83**;—8 years as Councillor, 6 as Alderman=14 years.

Carney, John, 1865-8;—3 years.

Chadwick, Dr. Samuel Taylor, 1858-61;—3 years. (Re-elected

^x 1861, but declined to serve again.)

Challinor, Alfred, 1873-9 (died Jan. 14);—5½ years.

Chantler, Thomas, 1842-6; 1848-51;—7 years.

Chapman, John, 1838-43;—5 years.

Chorlton, James, 1884 (April 8);—7 months.

Clegg, John, 1866-9;—3 years.

Coeksey, Thomas, 1847-53;—6 years.

Constantine, Richard Henry, 1861-4;—3 years.

Coop, John, 1871 (Nov. 20) to 1872; 1874 (Dec.) to 1875;—2 years.

Cooper, John, 1867-70; 1873-4; 1877-86;—13 years.

Cooper, Richard, **1845** (Feb.) to **1850** (died May 29);—5½ years as Alderman.

*Cooper, William, 1886-8;—2 years.

Cork, Joseph, 1852-5;—3 years.

Cottrill, James, 1857 to September, 1862 (died);—5 years.

- Crook, Joshua, 1838-42 ;—4 years.
 Crook, Robert, 1839-45 ; 1846-9 ;—9 years.
 Crook, Henry, 1853-6 ;—3 years.
 Crook, Thomas, 1857-60 ;—3 years.
 Crook, Joseph, 1868-71 ;—3 years.
 Crook, Peter, 1869-75 ; 1880-83 (died 8th June) ;—8½ years.
 Crompton, Richard, 1845-54 ;—9 years.
 Crompton, Robert, 1872-8 ;—6 years.
 Cross, Thomas, 1845-51 ;—6 years.
 Cross, John, **1838-47 ; 1853-9** ;—15 years as Alderman.
 Cross, Giles, 1848-51 ;—3 years.
 Cross, John Kynaston, 1868 (Aug.) to 1869 ;—1½ years.
 Crowther, Samuel, 1870-76 ; 1877-83 ; **1883-4** ; (died March 4) ;
 —12½ years.
 Cullen, Thomas, **1838-44** ;—6 years as Alderman. (Mayor
 1841-2.)
 Cunliffe, John, 1857-60 ;—3 years.
 Cunliffe, Thomas, 1880-86 ;—6 years.

D

- Darbishire, Charles James, 1838-42 ; **1843** (Feb.) to **1847** ;—
 4 years as Councillor, 4¾ as Alderman=8¾ years. (First
 Mayor of the Borough, 1838-9.)
 Dean, John, 1838-44 ;—6 years.
 Dearden, William, 1880 (elected Jan. 29) ;—nearly 1 year.
 Dobson, Benjamin, **1870** (April) to **1871** ;—1½ years as Alderman.
 *Dobson, Benjamin Alfred, 1874-80 ; **1880** (Sept. 15) **1888** ;
 —5¾ years as Councillor, 8¼ as Alderman=14 years.
 Dunderdale, Richard, 1838-44 ; 1849-55 ; **1856-68** ;—12 years
 as Councillor, 12 as Alderman=24 years.
 Dunderdale, Robert, 1875-8 ;—3 years.
 Dutton, George, 1849-55 ;—6 years.

E

- Eckersley, James, **1844-56**;—12 years as Alderman.
 Eden, James, 1845-8;—3 years.
 Ellis, Christopher, 1870-73;—3 years.
 Elliston, J. F., 1886 (Nov. 25), 1887;—1 year.
 Entwistle, John, 1840-43; 1846-9;—6 years.
 Evans, Thomas, **1838-41** (resigned);—3 years as Alderman.

F

- Fell, George, 1859-62;—3 years.
 Ferguson, Fergus, **1856-74**;—18 years as Alderman. (Mayor 1866-7.)
 *Fielding Matthew, 1874-80; 1881-3; **1883-8**;—8 years as Councillor, 5 as Alderman=13 years.
 *Finlay, Josiah, 1887-8;—1 year.
 *Finney, James, 1885-8;—3 years.
 Flitcroft, William, 1871-4;—3 years.
 *Fletcher, Thomas, jun., 1875-83; **1883** (Feb. 28), **1888**;—7½ years as Councillor, 5¼ as Alderman=13 years. (Mayor 1884-5, 1885-6, and 1886-7.)
 *Fletcher, Herbert, 1886-8;—2 years.
 Fogg, James, 1873-9;—6 years.
 *Ford, Ralph, 1880 (Oct. 1), 1888;—8 years.
 Foster, Peter, 1863-71; **1871-83**;—8 years as Councillor, 12 as Alderman=20 years.
 Foy, Joseph, 1867-70;—3 years.

G

- *Glaister, Thomas, 1871-4; **1874-88**;—3 years as Councillor, 14 as Alderman=17 years. (Mayor 1881-2.)
 Gleave, John, 1883 (Nov. 23), 1886 (died Nov. 9);—3 years.

- Gorse, Matthias, 1862-5 ;—3 years.
 Gorse, John, 1879 (April 2) ;—7 months.
 Gorton, George Edward, 1867-70 (died Aug.) ;—2½ years.
 *Gowanlock, Robert, 1877-86 ; 1886 (Nov. 19) 1888 ;—11 years.
 Gratrix, David, 1874-9 ;—5 years.
 Gray, William, **1847-53** ;—6 years as Alderman. (Mayor 1850-51, and 1851-2.)
 Green, William, 1839-42 ; 1855-8 ;—6 years.
 Green, Thomas, 1843-7 (resigned) ;—4 years.
 Green, John, 1865-71 ; **1871-3** (resigned Nov.) ; **1874-9** ;—6 years as Councillor, 6½ as Alderman=12½ years. (Died March 4, 1879.)
 Greenhalgh, James, 1851-4 ; 1857-63 ; **1871-81** (resigned Oct. 12) ;—9 years as Councillor, 10 as Alderman=19 years. (Mayor 1877-8.)
 *Greenhalgh, Job Haslam, 1878-84 ; 1887 (April 2) 1888 ;—7½ years.
 Greenroyd, James, **1844-56** ;—12 years as Alderman.
 *Greenwood, Henry, 1878-88 ;—10 years.
 Gregson, Thomas, **1838-44** ;—6 years as Alderman. (Mayor 1843-4.)
 Griffiths, Samuel, 1871-4 ;—3 years.

H

- Haddock, James, 1854-8 ;—4 years.
 Haigh, Abraham, **1838-45** (died Feb.) ;—6½ years as Alderman.
 Hall, Rowland, 1862-71 ;—9 years.
 Hall, Phineas, 1872-4 (resigned Nov.) ;—2 years.
 Hall, Dr. James, 1880 (elected Oct. 1) ;—1 month.
 *Halliwell, Robert, 1873-88 ;—15 years.
 Hamilton, John, 1838-43 ;—5 years.

- Hamilton, Francis, 1875 (Nov. 1 to Dec. 15, when unseated on petition).
- Hampson, Roger, 1844-53 ;—9 years.
- Hardcastle, John, 1879 (April 2) to 1886 ;—over 7½ years.
- Hardman, John, 1842-3 ; 1844-5 (Died Feb.) ;—2¼ years.
- Hargreaves, John, jun., 1845-8 ;—3 years.
- Hargreaves, James, 1847-53 ;—6 years.
- Hargreaves, William, 1851-4 ;—3 years.
- Hargreaves, John Henry, 1877-81 ;—4 years.
- Hargreaves, Elijah, 1884-7 ;—3 years.
- *Hart, Thomas, 1884-8 ;—4 years.
- Hartley, John, 1843-6 ;—3 years.
- Harwood, John, 1840-46 ; 1852-8 ; **1858** (Aug.) to **1871** ;—12 years as Councillor, 13 as Alderman=25 years. (Mayor 1860-61.)
- Harwood, Richard, 1853-62 ; **1862-74** ;—9 years as Councillor, 12 as Alderman=21 years. (Mayor 1863-4.)
- *Harwood, Ebenezer Green, 1871-4 ; **1874-88** ;—3 years as Councillor, 14 as Alderman=17 years. (Mayor 1882-3 and 1883-4.)
- Haslam, John, 1838-42 ;—4 years.
- Haslam, Robert, 1839-42 ; 1855-8 (resigned July) ;—5¾ years.
- Haslam, William (Moor Lane), 1843 (Feb.) to 1847 ;—4¼ years.
- Haslam, William (Burnden), 1852-5 ; 1856-9 ;—6 years.
- Haslam, James, 1850-56 ;—6 years.
- Haslam, Roger, 1861-4 ;—3 years.
- Haslam, Ralph Marsden, 1853-71 ;—18 years.
- Haslam, John Aspinall, 1864-7 ;—3 years.
- *Haslam, John, 1870-76 ; 1878-84 ; **1884** (March 26) **1888** ;—11¼ years as Councillor, 4¾ years as Alderman=16 years.
- Haslam, Joseph Crook, 1875-81 ;—6 years.
- *Haslam, John Percival, 1879 (May 30), 1888 ;—9½ years.
- Hawksworth, John William, 1882-5 ;—3 years.

- *Healy, George James, 1873-88 ;—15 years.
 Heaton, John (stationer), 1847-8 ;—1 year.
 Heaton, Thomas Wood, **1853-9** ;—5 years as Alderman.
 Heaton, Charles, 1860-66 ;—6 years.
 Heaton, John (cotton spinner), 1860-66 ;—6 years.
 Henry, George, 1851-9 ; **1859-65** ;—8 years as Councillor, 6 as Alderman=14 years.
 Hesketh, Thomas Manley, 1868-71 ;—3 years.
 Hesketh, Thomas, 1869-72 ;—5 years.
 Hesketh, William, 1871-9 ; **1879** (March 12) ;—7 years as Councillor, 1 as Alderman=8 years (died Dec. 30, 1879.)
 Hewitt, Thomas Marshall, 1870-73 ;—3 years.
 Heyes, Joseph, 1845-51 ;—6 years.
 Heywood, Robert, 1838-44 ; 1851-4 ; **1854** (Sept.) to **1868** (died Oct. 27) ;—9 years as Councillor, 14 as Alderman=23 years. (Mayor 1839-40.)
 *Heyworth, Joseph, 1882-8 ;—6 years.
 Hick, John, 1844-53 ;—9 years.
 Hiton, John, 1864-7 ;—3 years.
 Hodgkinson, Samuel, 1855-8 ; 1859-60 (died Oct.) ;—4 years.
 Hodgkinson, John, 1860 (Oct.) to 1865 ;—5 years.
 Holden, John Brown, 1851-7 ;—6 years.
 Holden, Joseph, 1856-9 ;—3 years.
 Holden, Edward Pilkington, 1866-7 (died Nov.) ;—1 year.
 *Holden, Thomas William, 1870-85 ; 1887-8 ;—16 years.
 Holmes, Thomas, 1843-6 ;—3 years.
 *Holt, John, 1887-8 ;—1 year.
 Hope, Thomas, 1859-65 ;—6 years.
 *Horridge, Robert, 1886-8 ;—2 years.
 Horridge, Thomas Gardner, 1849-52 ;—3 years.
 *Horrocks, Henry, 1887-8 ;—1 year.
 *Hough, Richard, 1878-81 ; 1882-8 ;—9 years.
 *Hough, Charles, 1887-8 ;—1 year.

Howarth, Richard, 1856-9 ; 1859 (Dec.) to 1863 ;—7 years.

Howarth, Ralph, 1863-8 (died Aug.) ;—5 years.

J

Johnson, John, 1844-53 ;—9 years.

Johnson, Charles, 1850-53 ;—3 years.

Johnson, Thomas Fildes, 1856-9 ;—3 years.

Johnson, Jabez, 1858-64 ; 1868-71 ;—9 years.

Johnson, James, 1875-8 ;—3 years.

K

Kay, Thomas, 1874-80 (died Sept. 14) ;—nearly 6 years.

Kenyon, John, 1880-86 ;—6 years.

Kenyon, William, 1862-5 ; 1866-8 (died Oct.) ;—5 years.

*Kevan, Peter, 1871-7 ; **1884** (Nov. 15), **1888** ;—6 years as
Councillor, 4 as Alderman=10 years.

*Kirkman, James, 1887-8 ;—1 year.

Kirkman, Thomas, **1812** (Aug.) to **1844** ;—2½ years as
Alderman.

Knight, John, 1847-50 ;—3 years.

Knowles, Andrew, 1838-40 ;—2 years.

Knowles, Robert, 1842-5 ; 1846-52 ;—9 years.

Knowles, James (solicitor), 1843-8 (resigned May 10th, on being
elected Town Clerk) ;—4½ years.

Knowles, James (Eagley Bank), 1844-7 ; **1853-9** ;—3 years as
Councillor, 6 as Alderman=9 years. (Mayor 1855-6 and
1856-7.)

Knowles, John, 1850-53 ; **1870** (Aug.) to **1871** ;—3 years as
Councillor, 1½ as Alderman=4½ years.

Knowles, William, 1868-71 ;—3 years.

Knowles, Arthur, 1877-9 ;—2 years.

- *Knowles, Norman, 1886-8 ;—2 years.
Kynaston, Richard, 1838-43 ;—5 years.

L

- Latham, Dan Wood, 1846-52 ; 1856-65 ;—15 years.
Lawson, Joseph, 1839-42 ;—3 years.
Lawson, Robert, 1877-85 ;—8 years.
Lee, Thomas, 1838-40 ;—2 years.
Leigh, William, 1838-40 ;—2 years.
Lever, Thomas, 1867-74 ; **1874-80** ;—7 years as Councillor, 6 as Alderman=13 years.
Livesey, Thomas Lewis, 1852-5 ;—3 years.
Lomax, John, 1838-40 ; 1848-54 ;—8 years.
Lomax, Johnson, 1844-50 ;—6 years.
Lomax, Jacob, 1839-42 ;—3 years.
Lomax, James, 1855-8 ; 1866-9 ;—6 years.
*Lomax, James (Halliwell), 1884-8 ;—4 years.
Lomax, Philip, 1884-7 ;—3 years.
Lord, Robert Henry, 1867-70 ; **1873-80** (resigned Aug. 25 ; —3 years as Councillor, 7 as Alderman=10 years.
Lowe, Peter, 1840-43 ;—3 years.
Lum, Joseph, **1838-41** (died Dec.) ;—3 years as Alderman.

M

- Macoun, Henry, 1838-42 ;—4 years.
Magee, Thomas, 1883 (July 3), 1886 ;—3 years and 4 months.
Makant, William, 1851-9 ; **1859-66** (resigned June) ;—8 years as Councillor, nearly 7 as Alderman=15 years. (Mayor 1857-8 and 1858-9.)
*Makin, George, 1875 (Dec. 30) to 1878 ; 1886-8 ;—5 years.
*Mallett, Dr. Frederic Blakesley, 1883 (Nov. 23), 1888 ;—5 years.

- Manchester, John, 1852-8 ;—6 years.
- Mangnall, John, **1838-47** ; **1853-8** (Resigned Aug.) ;—nearly 14 years as Alderman.
- Mangnall, Richard, 1850-53 ;—3 years.
- Mangnall, Walter, 1853-6 ;—3 years.
- Markland, John, 1838-9 ; 1841-3 (died Feb.) ;—2½ years.
- Marsden, James, 1849-55 ; 1859-62 ;—9 years.
- Marsden, Jeremiah, 1857-60 ; 1863-71 ; **1871-7** (died April) ;—11 years as Councillor, 5½ as Alderman=16½ years. (Mayor 1873-4 and 1874-5.)
- Marsden, Peter Crook, 1869-73 ; **1873-83** ;—4 years as Councillor, 10 as Alderman=14 years. (Mayor 1878-9.)
- Marsden, Joseph, 1876-82 ;—6 years.
- Marshall, John, 1854-69 ;—15 years.
- Mason, George, 1840-43 ; 1857-65 ; **1865-71** ;—11 years as Councillor, 6 as Alderman=17 years.
- *Mason, Christopher, 1882-8 ;—6 years.
- *McCormick, Francis, 1855-8 ; 1860-63 ; 1874-88 ;—20 years.
- Mellor, Joseph, 1865 (April) to 1867 ;—2½ years.
- Melling, William, 1871-4 ;—3 years.
- *Miles, John, 1874-80 ; **1880-88** ;—6 years as Councillor, 8 as Alderman=14 years.
- Morris, James, 1859 (Dec.) to 1860 ;—1 year.
- *Morris, Dr. Walter, 1886-8 ;—2 years.
- Moscrop, Robert, 1848 (May) to 1852 ;—4½ years.
- *Moscrop, Thomas, **1877** (May 16), **1888** ;—11½ years as Alderman. (Mayor 1887-8.)
- Moss, William, **1838-44** ;—6 years as Alderman.
- Moss, Henry, **1840** (July) to **1844** ;—4½ years as Alderman.
- Mulliner, Thomas, **1838** (elected Alderman of the first Town Council, but declined to qualify).
- *Munro, George, 1886-8 ;—2 years.

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- *Musgrave, Joseph, 1874 (Nov. 18) to 1877 ; **1877-88** ;—3 years as Councillor, 11 as Alderman=14 years. (Mayor 1880-81.)
Myerscough, Thomas, 1842-54 ;—12 years.

N

- Naisby, William, 1838-40 ; **1841-2** ;—2 years as Councillor, 9 months as Alderman=2 $\frac{3}{4}$ years.
Nelson, George, 1865-6 ; 1868-71 ;—4 years.
Nicholson, Oliver, 1838-44 ;—6 years.
*Nicholson, William (Market-street) 1871 (Nov. 20) to 1873 ; 1874 (Nov. 18) to 1875 ; 1877-80 ; **1880** (January 14), **1888** ;—5 years as Councillor, 9 years as Alderman=14 years.
Nicholson, John, 1858-61 ;—3 years.
Nicholson, William (bleacher), 1878-87 ;—9 years.
Nightingale, Richard, 1838-9 ; 1854-7 ;—4 years.
Norris, Charles, 1873 (Nov. 26) to 1881 ;—8 years.
Nuttall, Charles, **1828-40** (died July) ;—1 $\frac{1}{2}$ years as Alderman.

O

- Openshaw, John, 1861-7 ;—6 years.
Ormrod, Peter, 1843-6 ;—3 years. (Elected Alderman Nov. 9, 1847, but declined to serve.)
Ormrod, James, 1846-9 ; **1850** (June) to **1853** ;—3 years as Councillor, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ as Alderman=6 $\frac{1}{2}$ years.
Ormrod, Thomas, 1848-51 ;—3 years.
Ormrod, Joseph, 1875-81 ; 1882-5 ;—9 years.
Ormrod, James Cross, 1876-82 ;—6 years.
Orrell, Thomas Grundy, 1880 (Nov. 24) 1883 ;—3 years.
Orton, John, 1852-61 ; **1861-8** ;—9 years as Councillor, 7 as Alderman=16 years. (Mayor 1859-60.)

P

- Parkinson, Thomas, 1843-6 ; **1847-53** ;—3 years as Councillor, 6 as Alderman=9 years.
- Parkinson, James, 1851-7 ;—6 years.
- *Parkinson, John, 1887-8 ;—1 year.
- Patrick, Dr. Robert, 1881-4 ;—3 years.
- Perry, Outley L., 1884-7 ;—3 years.
- Piggot, George, **1844-50** ;—6 years as Alderman.
- Pilkington, John, 1848-51 ;—3 years.
- Pilling, Abraham, 1861-7 ; **1868-74** ;—6 years as Councillor, 6 as Alderman=12 years.
- Plumbley, Isaac, 1877-8 ; 1879-82 ;—4 years.
- Poole, Henry, 1873-82 ;—9 years.
- Potter, Edmund Peel, 1877-80 ;—3 years.
- Priestley, John, 1879-82 ;—3 years.

R

- Ramwell, William, 1867-70 ; 1874-80 ;—9 years.
- Rawsthorn, Davies, 1838-43 ;—5 years.
- Rawsthorn, Samuel, 1860-69 ;—9 years.
- Richardson, James, 1874-7 ;—3 years.
- *Richardson, Henry Marriott, 1849-58 ; 1861-70 ; **1871-88** ;—18 years as Councillor, 17 as Alderman=35 years. (Mayor 1879-80.)
- Ridings, Alfred, 1860-61 (died Oct. 18) ;—1 year.
- Redhead, Thomas Warriner, 1861-73 ; 1874-80 ;—18 years.
- Robertshaw, Joseph, 1867-70 ; 1880-83 ;—5 years.
- Roscœe, Peter, 1869-72 ;—3 years.
- Rothwell, John, 1838-41 ;—3 years.
- Rothwell, Dr. Charles, 1881-7 ;—6 years.
- Rothwell, James, 1838-9 ;—1 year.

- Rothwell, Peter, 1844-9 (died March);—4½ years.
 Rushton, Thomas Lever, 1846-52 ; 1868-74 ; **1874-83** (died 8th Feb.);—12 years as Councillor, 8½ as Alderman=20½ years.
 (Mayor 1848-9 and 1849-50.)
 Rutter, James Martin (solicitor), 1883 (Nov. 23), 1887;—4 years.
 Ryder, William, 1847-50 ; 1858-61 ;—6 years.
 Ryder, George, 1878-84 ;—6 years.
 Ryder, James, 1879-83 ;—4 years.
 Ryley, James, 1883-6 ;—3 years.

S

- Salt, George, 1861-7 ;—6 years.
 Scowcroft, James, 1842-7 ; **1847-53** ;—5 years as Councillor,
 6 as Alderman=11 years. (Mayor 1846-7.)
 Scowcroft, John, 1847 (Dec.) to 1851 ;—4 years.
 Scowcroft, Dr. John Edwin, 1878-87 ;—9 years.
 Scowcroft, Thomas, 1854-60 ;—6 years.
 Settle, Dr. Robert, 1870-73 ;—3 years.
 *Sharman, Joseph, 1886-8 ;—2 years.
 Sharp, Henry, 1869-72 ;—3 years.
 Sharples, John, **1856-62** ;—6 years as Alderman.
 Sharples, George, **1844-8** (resigned) ;—4 years as Alderman.
 Shaw, William, 1853-5 (resigned May) ;—1½ years.
 Simpson, James Rowland, 1872-8 ;—6 years.
 Skelton, Joseph, 1838-44 ;—6 years.
 Skelton, Charles, 1842-5 ; 1865-8 ; **1868-74** ;—6 years as
 Councillor, 6 as Alderman=12 years.
 Skelton, Peter, 1855-8 ; 1859-65 ; **1865-70** (died April) ;—9
 years as Councillor, 4½ as Alderman=13½ years.
 Skelton, John Fawcett, 1881-4 ;—3 years.
 Skinner, David, 1850-53 ; 1855 (May) to 1859 ; 1863-6 ;—10½
 years.

- Slater, John, 1838-47 ; 1851-4 ; 1856-9 ;—15 years. (Mayor 1844-5.)
- Slater, George, 1881 (Nov. 7) to 1884 (died July 9) ;—2½ years.
- Smalley, Robert, 1855-61 ; **1869** (Aug.) to **1873** (resigned Oct.) ;—6 years as Councillor, 4 as Alderman=10 years.
- Smedley, Nathan, 1856-62 ;—6 years.
- Smith, William, 1871 (Nov. 20) to 1875 ;—4 years.
- Smith, Robert, 1873-5 ;—2 years.
- Sparling, William, 1873-9 (resigned April 16) ;—5½ years.
- Spencer, Samuel, 1864-70 ;—6 years.
- Steele, Henry Cunliffe, 1875 (Nov. 1 to Dec. 15, when unseated on petition).
- Stockdale, Richard, 1849 (March) to 1856 ; **1856-68** ;—8 years as Councillor, 12 as Alderman=20 years. (Mayor 1864-5 and 1865-6.)
- Stones, John, 1846-9 ; 1852-5 ;—6 years. (Mayor 1852-3.)
- Stothert, Richard, 1862-5 ;—3 years.
- Stronge, Robert, 1866-75 ;—9 years.

T

- Tait, James Mactaggart, 1854-7 ;—3 years.
- Taylor, Samuel, 1843-6 ;—3 years.
- Taylor, James, 1862-8 ; **1868-9** (died Aug.) ;—6 years as Councillor, 9 months as Alderman=6¾ years.
- Taylor, Robert, 1872-4 ;—2 years.
- Taylor, Charles, 1877-9 (died May 6) ;—1½ years.
- *Taylor, Josiah William, 1878-83 ; **1883-8** ;—5 years as Councillor, 5 as Alderman=10 years.
- Thirlwind, John, 1863-6 ; **1868** (Oct.) to **1874** ;—3 years as Councillor, 6 as Alderman=9 years.
- Thomasson, Thomas, 1838-50 ; 1853-9 ;—18 years ; then elected Alderman, but refused to serve.
- *Thornley, Dr. Joseph, 1885-8 ;—3 years.

Tong, Thomas, 1838-47 ;—9 years.

*Tong, Thomas Barlow, 1880-88 ;—8 years.

*Tootill, Robert, 1887-8 ;—1 year.

U

*Utley, Joseph, 1887-8 ;—1 year.

V

Varley, Alphonso Rowland, 1858-61 ; 1863-6 ;—6 years.

Vickers, John (manufacturer), 1838-9 ; **1841-4** ; 1855 (July) to 1857 ;—3½ years as Councillor, 3 as Alderman—6½ years.

Vickers, John (butcher), 1874-7 ;—3 years.

Vickers, Joseph, 1883-7 (died July 20) ;—3¾ years.

*Vause, James, 1877-88 ;—11 years.

W

Wainwright, John, 1872-5 ;—3 years.

Walker, Thomas, 1871-4 ;—3 years.

Walker, William, **1844-54** (resigned) ;—10 years as Alderman.

Wallwork, Thomas, 1838-9 ;—1 year.

Wallwork, Richard, 1851-7 ; 1858-61 ;—9 years.

*Walmsley, Thomas, 1867-73 ; **1873-88** ;—6 years as Councillor, 15 as Alderman—21 years. (Mayor 1869-70 and 1870-71.)

Walsh, Robert, 1838-40 ; 1841-7 ; 1853-59 ; **1859-65** ;—8 years as Councillor, 12 as Alderman—20 years. (Mayor 1842-3.)

Walsh, John, 1840-43 ;—3 years.

Walsh, James, 1848-51 ;—3 years.

Walsh, Ralph, 1873-9 ;—6 years.

Ward, William, 1842-7 (died Dec.) ;—5 years.

Warr, Jonathan, 1847-52 ;—5 years.

Wharton, William, 1838-9 ;—1 year.

Wharton, Roger, 1884-7 ;—3 years.

Whittaker, Lawrence, 1861 (Nov. 15) to 1863 ;—2 years.

- Whittaker, George, 1865-71 ;—6 years.
 Whittingham, Benjamin, 1866-9 ; 1884-7 ;—6 years.
 Whowell, Alexander, 1846-9 ;—3 years.
 Wilkinson, Henry, 1853-6 ;—3 years.
 *Wilkinson, Thomas, 1862-71 ; 1872-5 ; 1875 (Dec. 30) to 1878 ;
 1880-83 ; 1885-8 ;—21 years.
 Wilson, Nathaniel, 1839-48 ; 1849-52 ; **1853-9** ;—12 years as
 Councillor, 6 as Alderman=18 years.
 Winder, Thomas Hall, 1870-76 ;—6 years.
 Wingfield, Thomas, 1870-73 ; 1874-7 ;—6 years.
 Winterbottom, James, 1838-40 ;—2 years.
 Winward, Ralph, 1872-3 ;—1 year.
 Wolfenden, James Rawsthorne, 1858-9 ; **1859-70** (resigned
 Aug.) ;—1 year as Councillor, 11 as Alderman=12 years.
 (Mayor 1861-2 and 1862-3.)
 Wolfenden, Chas., 1867-71 ; **1871-84** (died Nov. 3) ;—4 years
 as Councillor, 13 as Alderman - 17 years. (Mayor 1875-6
 and 1876-7.)
 Wolstenholme, George, 1848-51 ;—3 years.
 Wolstenholme, John, 1881-4 ;—3 years.
 Wood, Ellis, **1838-47** ;—9 years as Alderman.
 Wood, Joseph, 1857-60 ;—3 years.
 Wood, John, 1867-74 (resigned Dec.) ;—7 years.
 *Wood, Joseph Reynolds, 1875-88 ;—13 years.
 Wright, William Henry, 1847-53 ; 1871-4 ;—9 years.

Y

- *Yates, Collingwood, 1883 (March 15), 1888 ;—5 $\frac{1}{2}$ years.
 Yates, John, 1838-44 ;—6 years.
 Young, John, 1846-9—3 years.
 Young, James, 1885-7 (died March 10) ;—1 year and 4 months.

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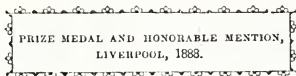
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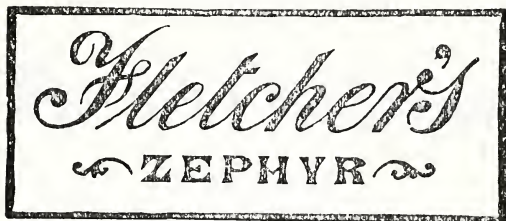
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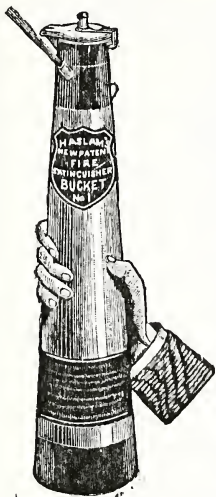
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