

**William Lodge Paley (b. 1785, d. 1847): Diary extract 1814 - 1845**

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[1] William Lodge Paley: Diaries

“A Village Pepys” At Giggleswick Over 100 Years ago  
By CW Buck, Settle

William Lodge Paley was born at Walden, Wensleydale, Jan 13th 1785, and commenced teaching at Lodge, 1803, afterwards at Long Preston, and ultimately at Giggleswick National School 1812. He resigned in 1839 and set up at Settle as a bookseller in his private house, but returned to Giggleswick 1844 and died at Settle 1847.

His tombstone is behind Settle Church (belfry end). He was not a very efficient teacher, and ludicrous stories were told of him. He left a voluminous Diary extending over many years and which is still in existence.

The boys nick-named him “Old Putty Legs,” as he wore drab kerseymere small clothes, stockings, shoes with buckles, and swallow-tailed blue coat with brass buttons.

He smoked a long clay pipe which he sucked long and loudly; wore a wig made by Sylvester Cork, of Settle, and was always very particular how he took off his hat in Church. He went to Skipton to study Dr. Bell’s improved system of education (with sand trays), which he introduced at Giggleswick in 1814.

As our diarist died in 1847, very few people now alive will remember him but I have heard him described as a shy, serious simple-minded man. He acted as the local bookseller and accountant, preserving a copy of all his letters and business transactions.

1815

- Jan 1 Thanks to a gracious Providence that has safely brought me to the beginning of another year, may He in mercy pardon the sins of my past life and by His Grace enable me to love and obey him all the days of my life  
Rewards to a considerable amount were given to each scholar except Y Heaton and Wm Stockdale for barbarously killing a cat under church window during service.
- Jan 11 Attended annual meeting of Literary Society at Library, Settle. Subscriptions to advance from 15s to [illegible]. Many expensive works proposed, I am sorry to say that Religious works are least relished. New catalogue comes. Messrs Peart, Bolland, Leeming, Whalley and myself and another were appointed as committee. Did not attend dinner by accepted Mr Tatham's invitation to take [illegible] with them and 2 or 3 friends - were easy and pleasant party.
- Jan 13 Am 30 years of age today, Lord forgive my sins, make me thankful of his mercies and give me grace to believe in and obey Him. Dr R, our landlord, Eli Harger, etc had rum, gin and tobacco with me at night; were very cheerful but were disappointed of [illegible] Howson's cy. Got sand and made ready sand tray. Paid Miss Procters at [illegible] 2/6 for carriage of a parcel for Cousin Mary Lodge, Hawes
- Jan 15 Heard Mr Holgate preach at Settle Chapel, 1st Tim, chap 3 last verse - plan and instructive
- Jan 20 A great snow. Mrs Bolland and Master Peart visited school and the [illegible] gave 6d.
- Jan 22 Though very unwell I attended school but only inspected. They [illegible] from other school which caused [illegible] disturbance to Parker. Took medicine lead of Dr R yesterday and found myself rather recovered afternoon [illegible] worse at bedtime.
- Jan 23 Thank God I am materially better, my appetite being improved
- Jan 24 Mrs Bolland called to talk about new school and Yeadon's coming to [illegible] the walling. I am some better. [illegible] and Yeadon viewed ground where school is to be built - old school. Mr Wildman brought me 19 quires paper, different sorts, for which I owe [illegible] 1s 6d. Mrs B at night in conversation about last Sunday's disturbance, informed me that people generally thought Parker to be a very indifferent [illegible], which it was proper to be assured whether he was or not. Drew a rough [illegible] of intended school.
- Jan 29 Parker attended my school with scholars from High School. A meeting of gents about enlarging church [illegible] by a part of school yard and [illegible] that out of Leeming's lands. Peter Bolland called just when I [illegible] his brother has disposed of shop [illegible] they are going to reside in Swadford. Mr Leeming called to know if I could take 2 wards of his, one as public and other as private pupil - I promised answer after consulting governors. Mrs Bolland told me the school must be built where hearse house barn is which I don't admire as a situation. Obtained leave to admit Leeming's wards. E Green behaved disorderly and accused A Hurtley of many things which I hope are false. Had 2 Leemings along with Wallers in their parlour at night; they are very ignorant.
- Feb 7 Mr Wilsons sent their coach to meet Mr Wm W and bridge at Settle. Kindly wished coachmen to call upon me that I might see Mrs W which I did, who is as affable as before. Found 6d more in box after visitors.
- Feb 11 Bought of Messrs Redmayne cloth, Poilanett etc for a coat and waistcoat. Obtained their consent to examine and take down barn to build school with John Brown, Langcliffe; took my Barclay's Dictionary to bind in plain calf. My cough continues severe with rheumatic pains. Took small clothes to H Snell to make - was at Mrs B's and Mr Woods at night wishing him to prevail on Mr Hartley to stake us school ground out and give us a title. Mr W declined it.
- Feb 23 Mr Hartley marked out additional ground for new school. It will average more than 4½ yards wide behind barn besides corner at W end
- Feb 26 79 children from our township (chiefly from my day school) said catechism before Mr Clapham with approbation in church. Messrs Bolland and Howson been collecting money to defray expenses of building school. I promised them 10s 6d. Mr B gave me 5/- as reward to scholars. Many heavy new taxes are in contemplation in lieu of Property Tax
- March 4 Foundation of new school laid today. Gave notice that writing would begin to be taught next Sunday to such as read well and wrote in Day School. Mr Robert Brayshaw and wife have been a week at Mr Waller's.
- [5] Mar 13 Gave to teachers, best boys and girls tracts, pence and figs - the gift of Mrs Bolland, Miss Paley and Mr W Bolland. Loosed at noon, Mr Clapham having invited me to dine with Governors - masters

1821

- Jan 1 Travelling. Infinite mercy has spared me to begin a new year. May special Grace enable me to spend, and be spent to God's Glory and man's good. Was at Hawes and treated Cousins Atkinson and Wade with a glass each at Wm Dixon's. Had tea at Jas Coultons, Burtersett. Mr Whaley, of Gayle, paid me in full and gave more orders; treated him. Henry Foster set off for Jamaica to look after some property there.
- Jan 18 Called up Mrs Billsbury, the French teacher, who has taken ye late Miss Paley's house, offering my services to procure her books. Recd an order for books from R Wildman from G'k, who is become schoolmaster at Long Preston. Mr Maudsley took the books he ordered and Mr Wood assisted to fix y'm on pillion; the Cyclopedia weighed 4 stone 9lbs. Walked towards Long Preston and rode about 3 miles on coach, for which I paid 1/-. Mr A Ibbotson called at night and had 2 glasses and much conversation; he has unfortunately lost his place by inquiring for another which he did not take, considering it a barr from G. Church. Our friend Dr Holden died through the bursting of a bloodvessel. He will be much regretted, Wrote to Rev R Lowther, Kettlewell, offering my assistance as a bookseller
- Jan 31 Widow Armistead in Settle had a narrow escape from having her house burnt last night as the fire had broken out twice from the chimney and the attics were full of Lin rags and other inflammables.
- Feb 2 Sun shone bright, which the superstitious say is not lucky on Candlemas Day. Burnt the last of some papers connected with an unpleasant affair. Lord grant that it may ever be blotted out in oblivion. Delivered books to Misses Ingram, Howson and Wood to the last a parcel of gold leaf. Sent Rev J Robinson's mage by a weaver from Mr Garstang
- Feb 8 Called on Mrs R Harger whose husband is in the Asylum at York again. Mr Clapham informed me that he had got £15 from York and a letter from the National Society in London to whom the York Society has recommended our claims which require many answers; he wished me to call a meeting of the Governors for the 17th.
- Feb 11 Am sorry to say that play and negligent parents robbed school of J Bowker, J Hartley, and W Waller. Sent twice to apprise the parents of their absence and desired them to seek ym and see ym to school, but they, poor careless creatures, seemed to think it a light matter and took no pains that I know of. Heard a few solemn remarks in the light of a sermon in the Independent Chapel by Mr Bristowe, the new minister elect, on the Last Judgement.
- Feb 12 Lent W Lupton £50 but Mr Dawes and I not agreeing at what price I ought to have a stamp for the promisory note. Deferred drawing it up till a future opportunity. Mr Robert Maudsley paid me for the Cyclopaedia and seemed well pleased himself. He treated me with a glass. Got Lin for 2 shirts from Mr Tatham. Took Lin to Miss Kendal to make; they would treat me with a glass and she went out to borrow a pipe and never returned while I stayed which I thought strange. Received my book parcel from London by the "Bull and Mouth" waggon. Received a silly letter from the school boys on 14th, being Valentine's day.
- [9] Feb 17 Only Revd Clapham and Howsen attended the meeting at School and the latter was instructed to write to the National Society.
- Feb 21 They have got a Cy of Comedians at Settle who perform tonight, and doubtless they will be more admired than a Gospel preacher, as they chime better with their inclinations. Saw a new comet with its tail upwards in the west. First discovered at Paris.
- Feb 25 Had 81 at school; went on tolerably considering that we are all by Nature inclined to evil and have no desire to learn. Lord enable me to teach what in according to Thy word till Thou be pleased to own and bless it notwithstanding. The establishment of joiners in church being broke up as their work is done. Had to call at Mr Eli Harger's where Mrs would treat me with a glass. Suppose for joy that she has got another child. Met 2 old scholars out at Nidderdale Head, who were going to L Preston fair and I remembered many circumstances of our former acquaintance with pleasure. One begged to copy a valentine he had seem me have when with them. Left £14 8s in Tatham's hand which with former enlodgement and interest will make me have £30 in Savings Bank.
- March 6 Mr Procter called who is now teaching Horton School, but think he is a wild schoolmaster; attended church which we have not done except on a Sunday since the Pewing has begun. Had Jas Taylor again after a truant of 2 days, kept him mostly getting tasks; he is masterful, his mother too indulgent - in fact ill able to look after him. Gave Mr Clapham notice of a vacancy but he did not ask me to dine with Governors on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Taught all day to keep scholars from cock fight and self out of such

- cut of it, more than became a gent but think he was mortified that I had sold Mr Waller my hops at about one-third loss.
- Dec 5 Called at J Silverwoods and paid for 2 squares school window, he would treat me with a glass which proved to be whiskey. J King came as did Messrs Broader, Press and Robinson who was in great rage at a cross case. They sang and drunk more than I liked, had only 2 glasses myself. Johnson Davidson slept at our house which I did not like of, as his character is but in different.
- Dec 19 Mr John Parker called and really, with all my partiality in his favour, I could not help feeling disgusted he is so puffed up. Rec'd 5 guineas of Mrs R Harger to pay for cheese in Burtersett
- Dec 22 Walked though Stainforth and J Atkinson sett me to New Inn, treated him with share of a pint of ale thence to Gearstones where took refreshment but was disappointed of Bros Poney. It began to rain and was so tempestuous to Newby Road I was severely wet and stopped all night
- Dec 23 Though I did not like to travel on the Sabbath went forward to Burtersett next day attended Hawes Xmas eve market. Xmas day, heard good sermon by Mr Whaley. Bro Dinsdale being hurt in a fall I milked two cows for him. He wanted to borrow money which not being convenient gave him credit with T Lawson to amount of £1. Sister wants to give up Mrs Coultous land and brother is stupidly against it and was sorry to hear them out of temper with each other about midnight. Lord! pardon what Thou has seen amiss in many of us.

1822

- [13] Jan 1 Heavy snow. Went to Hawes Market which was only thinly attended. Sister seemed afraid of my crossing the moor by Gayle. I understand my niece is going to marry Anty Willis, who has taken Cow Dub in Dent. Many of our friends disapprove of the match. I tell her to consider well before lest she have to repent
- Jan 3 Slept last night with Cousin D Lodge, We both looked with regret on some things we had been formerly parties in. Lord forgive us our folly. Walked by Foxup in heavy snow storm to Stainforth. R Wildman is returned home for the holidays seemingly little altered at least not filled up with pride, as J Parker is. Asked Mr Scott if he was willing to stand to his original proposal that whether ever of us got the Library order for books, the other should share with him, but he declined, which I thought very shabby. Spoke to Mr Howson and Mr Ingram offering my services as bookseller to the Literary Society, who agreed with me that the shorter my address the better and they approved of my draft. Mr Broader came in and were a very cheerful trio but Mr B getting rather groggy I advised him to stop all night which he did. Received 5s of Saml Prestons - they say they sent other 5s by son John some time ago but never received it to my knowledge and fear the boys have made away with it. I told Mrs P. I would rather lose it than any person should say I took pay for anything twice over. She said she would rather pay twice than not at all but no angry words
- Jan 21 Grammar School re-opened. Had Rev Howson and Messrs Ibbotson and Broader at night which we spent very pleasantly in familiar and part learned conversation. Treated them and they stopped till after 11.
- Jan 26 Paid Y Wilkinson in our house for carriage of parcel from London in presence of J Guyer and Chris Taylor. Am thus particular as he got tipsy after. Cousin W Lodge came and Dr R so stopped supper and I was very sorry they prevented me reading my Bible. Saw my old friend Mr Metcalfe who was shopman with Messrs Redmayne before they failed. He has since been at Leighton Buzzard and treated me with 2 glasses when would glad have treated him. Learned that Mr Netherwood of Skipton wishes to decline the Tallow Chandlery business if he can find a suitable to take fixtures and stock. He does a great deal of business
- Feb 2 Excessively wet and windy all night and today. Was not able to get out for the tempest till I thought myself obliged to go to Settle for my parcel by Coach. The wind, rain and river made such a noise, deafening as I went over the bridge. I could not look up and had my head amongst the bridles of coach horses before I was aware but they on the coach had seen and hailed me. They just stopped the horse as I came in contact else had been thrown down. Thames (beck) was so out of bounds that twixt W and C Wildman's was all water. Mr Jas Holgate is come in 8th Wrangler at Cambridge in a very full year. He was seized with spasms during the examinations or would have been higher.
- Feb 8 Mr Howson's boarders have not come to me for books of stationery yet. I fear an enemy has sown tares amongst them. Called at Mr Wm Birkbeck's and had a glass of wine. Have had more customers this week and have treated many younger boarders with an orange, thinking kindness liker to gain them. Jas Spence put us a bonnet over school door and P paid him 15s. Read Lancaster paper but it does not mention the distress there, occasioned by the stoppage of Andrade & Wor(k)swick, bankers
- Mar 3 The deed appointing the pews in Church having to be read in the course of the morning service, thought it would be too long, so taught and examined in catechism. Read the trial of Dr Towers of Kendal for shooting his wife. Verdict insane.
- Mar 12 Did not dine with the School Governors, but warned scholars against going to the cock fight and was sorry to find some of them did from perversity. I went to Settle to get out of such disgusting company and digressed towards Langeliffe Mill, with my book in hand reading. On return, finding the rude noise unabated at our house (the Inn), went to Mr Woods and to bed as the clock struck twelve.
- Mar 13 Went with Sister Dinsdale to see what articles Mr Tatham could furnish them with when they open shop. Got what information we could of Mrs Harger where groceries might be had best - recommended Lancaster.
- [14] Mar 14 I engaged to find cash and write for about £15 worth of tea as they were afraid they might not have money enough for what they want to buy in. They would go to K Lonsdale tonight. If he got worse perhaps get J Lodge to fo forward with sister.
- Mar 15 Mr Tatham was so kind as to get me a draft at Bank but had to leave him £1 short.

- Mar 16 Dined with old friend R Procter, L Preston, who seems lonely for the loss of his housekeeper. Fear he will leave LP soon and then it will lose one of its best men and I one of my best customers.
- Mar 17 As some of the seats in Church we have occupied are intended for the Poor and those who have none, shall only sent a part of our scholars at once, unless Mr Broader's are absent. Mrs B scolded him for taking so much room in Church
- Mar 21 Mrs Harger is returned with her husband but fear he is only better sometimes.
- Mar 23 Had a walk with Mr Broader at Glk Tarn. Heard that Mr Armistead, Clapham, is found guilty of Forgery at York Assize. How dangerous are the paths of vice and how crooked those of dishonesty. He got into debt and increased the evil 100 fold by drawing bills and imposing upon his neighbours. Lord make it a warning to deter others.
- Mar 24 Corrected Jas Taylor for levity and more severely for impudent and petulant talking again. He finally ran away, but no good can be done as he is encouraged at home. He had even the audacity to say his brother would beat me for beating him, and of course I beat him worse for that.
- Mar 25 Saw abstract of Armistead's trial for uttering bill of £87 10s 0d knowing it to be forged, and I am still more sorry to learn that he is left to Execution, though he deserves it; yet to be hurried into eternity when he's not seriously prepared for it is awful
- Mar 26 Smoked a pipe with Richard Harger at night. He talked very rationally some time, but thought him rather flighty e'er I came away. He's very fat. Scott was quite my h'nle servant today, and I wished to observe that divine rule - to bear no malice Lord enable me ever to do so.
- Mar 28 Had talk with Mrs King about customers as I hoped she might know why Howson's boarders had left me and gone to Scott for books. I fear there has been some underhand dealing but she had not heard it mentioned. Am happy to hear they are more peaceable in Ireland.
- Mar 31 Had to task some boys for coming late, but they submitted quietly and that was some comfort. Mr Ingram's text was Heb xii, 5 and 6, but heard a better sermon at night in Methodist Chapel. Was much oppressed in my breast with cold.
- April 5 Good Friday. Had thought of visiting Cousin Wilson's near Kirkby, but fell soft so walked to Long Preston Church where Mr Blythe preached an edifying sermon from 2d Corr VIII 9, and stopped sacrament. Rode back with J Ellis who was coming to our house for a calf. Talked about failure of Worswick's Band of which he is clear and also Armistead's case.
- April 6 Walked to Clapham. Dr Hodgson was setting out for Bentham, so did not get to speak to him. Saw through Church which I think is very handsome, Dr and Mrs B was at our house at same time and latter would not sit with former, which afforded me some uneasiness. Shall not keep company much with either
- April 7 Am often hurt to see how people spend their Sabbaths and surely 'tis absurd that more play should be allowed at our highest Christian Festivals. Have long been full in my spiritual frames.
- April 9 Got cork to line my wig as the lining has been a very bad one. Dixon in a drunken fit which he falls into frequently, abused me about children, but said little to him.
- [15] April 11 The bag directed to Messrs Birkbecks, and lost by the Post boy last autumn, was found today in Brayshaw's barn, but the money gone. Smiths occupied it, and he and son Elias taken before the magistrates today. Jeremiah had left about £90 to the care of our landlord about the 5th, alledging received nothing of it from the son. He said he had had it out at interest with some person he did not like and had called it in and would place it out as soon as he could when thy were gone of with him. Mr Waller was afraid that he was keeping stolen property so informed Mr Moffat, who sent him to Gargrave with it. The consequences was that both Smiths were committed, but the constable had found hardware in Elias' box, which made me think worse of him, but he was less hardened of the two and said he would gladly have taken it to the Bank long since, but having kept it too long his heart failed him. Old Smith deny's all to the last
- April 13 Mr T Tatham told me that Bro Dinsdale has got the chest of tea which had been mis-sent to Kendal.
- April 14 Attended Church twice but, seeing it necessary to check the girls going out of Church, learnt with sorrow and surprise that Mary Higson sent some of them to buy her sweetmeats. Mrs B asked where she got the half-penny, but I had to correct her very severely before she would tell. John Pollard, once a scholar of ours, died after long illness. Had lent him tracts but do not know what impression they made. Had a most distressing pain in my gums which prevented me going out.
- April 15 Had a tolerable night in my face but a grumbling pain all the day and had a handkerchief over my mouth when I went out. Face much the same.
- April 17 Attended funeral of J Pollard, only 18 years. Family seemed very sorrowful. Lord grant that it may

be after a Godly sort.

- April 20 Ten years since I came to G'k. Lord pardon what Thou has seen amiss. Suffered much in mouth and ear last night. Dr R gave me some powder for my gums.
- April 23 Went to Missy meeting at Methodist Chapel. Collection amounted to £27 odd. Lodged £5 in Savings Bank at Sister D's request, which she had saved by geese and leaves at my disposal, in case she dies before her husband and myself, as 'tis all she can command.
- April 26 Settle Fair, much overstocked and depressed times depresses prices much. Bought black cloth of Mr Clegg after a hard bargain for coat and waistcoat.
- April 28 Went to Church without handkerchief on face but found it expedient to put it there
- April 29 Rev J Clapham brought me my ½-year's salary due and I paid Mr Waller £13 and had a glass. Face better sometimes.
- May 5 Had a ream of paper from Mill. Heard a Ranter's preacher tonight at foot of our yard from Acts 17 and 30 which he explained pretty well, but rather too much. Called to see Dr Robinson, who has been severely afflicted with a Rheumatic Fever but is now able to walk about the room. He advised me to rub my gums with brandy at bedtime.
- May 9 Through mercy, the application has removed the pain and allowed me to sleep
- May 15 Given holiday on account of its being Perambulation day and it is fine. Churchwardens and Rev Clapham asked me to dine with them and other masters at Hart's Head but would not, as I had not heard before. Dined at L Preston with old friend Mr R Procter, who read his journal of a tour to Edinburgh, from which he is lately returned and related many circumstances besides. Returned to Meerbeck. Had a little gin and water at G Procter's and J Preston's. Spent time edifyingly with latter, his sister and Miss J Tennant. Was at home before sunset; had promised Mr W to smoke a pipe with them, but had given up all thought of that, thinking they would be broke up, but he called to me as I came down so went about an hour. There was 3 Churchwardens, Mr Stackhouse and R Armistead, all cheerful.
- May 18 At Church for Ascension Day with boys. On the 4th saw account of dreadful shipwreck on 21st ul near Kinsale of Albion from America with 25 passengers. Amongst others a Mr Procter from North Yorkshire, have been afraid ever since that he was one of my cousins from Cold Parke and am sorry to have my fears confirmed by a note from Ellen Atkinson who says that it was Wm as they gave got some account of the melancholy acctd as it must be to his mother. There are two more in America. Went to Stainforth to talk it over with Cousin Atkinson but was sorry to see him little concerned about it. Mr Broader called and he is talking of publishing a book on artificial memory. Bring some prospectuses.
- May 19 A subscription for the Irish whose potatoes are exhausted. The British are ever liberal to those in want and much money is already raised. It is so hot I have cast my nightgown. Gave 2s 6d for the distressed Irish.
- May 21 Eli Hargers buried eldest girl Agnes who was deaf and dumb. Poor Lews Slater has his leg shockingly broke in knee joint by Mr Hartley's horse, beside Acre Stile and they were obliged to carry him home on the bier and amputate the limb directly. I lent B Handcock £1 toward her rent as she said she did not like to ask T Knight who has the remn of Lawrence's money as his rent day is at hand.
- May 24 Very hot. A second crop mowed in Mr Wood's Court. J Bowskill of White Horse, buried today
- [16] May 27 Left Miss Swale and Miss Hartley's books at Langcliffe Hall. Dined at Foxup. Very rough over Horse Head. Called at Pawsons, Kirkgill, and got stockings washed and dried, then turned to Buckden where had comfortable accommodation at Mrs Tennant's. Was sick with pain of teeth and could not sleep
- May 28 Fine. Set out early up the Rake over the moor to Walden. Shewed Mr B who was with me some of Nature's curiosities about my natal soil, and he seemed much pleased with their beauties which are now in their prime. Go to sister's to dinner and found her well also doing well in her shop. Had a little in Black Bull, it being the feast, but the most respectable persons wish it to be given up as they have now 3 or 4 fairs in the year. Set out as soon as we could up Bishopdale and called up Uncle Lodge who is got into an old house at Cray. Dined at Cousin Ottewell Lodge's: saw Cousin M Anne at Yockenthwaite but did not go in. Had been si tired over Horse Head, considered to return other way by Greenfield. The road is bad but got some good ale at Charnley's which went down well, in spite of aching teeth. Much tired when we got to W Shepherd's (G Lion) Horton, and had tea, reaching home soon after 10.

- June 4 Ibberson, Broader and Richard Harger at our house and though enjoyed their company, in a measure, yet am sorry when they interfere with my writing. Gave M. Redmayne 6/5d in a Bible when he paid his interest. Tomlinson paid me in full so I allowed him good discount, and treated him, thinking Scott had got hold of him. Six new and old churchwardens joins us and the new ones stood treat now instead of at visitation. New hat and coat on first time.
- June 14 Went to Settle and laid a parcel on the wall which thought no more of till returning - met a boy with one on a basket of lime which struck me as mine, asked how he came by it - he said he found it on the wall, so gave him 1d and brought it home. If I had not met him I might never have seen it more.
- June 15 Went to church and having to return to lock door couldn't get in as soon as I wished and Mr Clapham complained they were shamefully noisy in church which I was sorry to hear. Mr Clapham grows worse to please.
- June 16 John Foster of K Lonsdale called to see if Mr Broader will have his work printed there, I think I can't do better if he ever go to print. Missionary meeting at Methodist Chapel. Rev Atherton (Manchester) described the state of the natives and slaves of Africa, E and W Indies and when the Gospel was taken to them, what they were become and were capable of being, so as to draw tears from my eyes and those of many others involuntarily. Broader came and I fear is getting fonder of his glass than of a Gospel sermon.
- June 20 Twenty years since I commenced teaching in Tatham Fells, may I by special Grace be enabled to take care lest I be a castaway. Received a letter from old pupil Gill who is learning the new system in Central School London. Were shocked to hear that Peter Hargraves, who had always been a steady thoughtful man had hung himself in the Ghyll near Mr Maudsley home, surely he must have been deranged. Mrs Waller made a dinner for the funeral. Had words with Waller about taking away my warm bed hangings which I use to wrap myself in at nights, their pride wants to substitute smarter ones in their place.
- June 30 Mr John Parker sat with me about two hours at night. Though not so affectedly proud, I fear he has got little real humility yet, as I tryed him a good deal in conversation.
- July 2 Find that Scott has wrote to another bookseller but his parcel is not come, so he is punishing himself to vex Mr Richardson. Bro Dinsdale writes they can get nothing of Mr A Whalley nor Boys; wants me to get a mare and fole off the latter as he has only 2.
- July 4 Told the scholars that all who got fair tasks should have some small rewards when I opened school again. Gave up for 2 weeks.
- July 5 Two troops of King's Dragoon Guards in Settle and G.K. Am sorry they have put me out of my bed at an inconvenient time over Sunday and intending to commence my journey on Monday.
- July 7 Having slept in dark room these two nights on account of the soldiers in the house, was longer of getting my clothes packed for journey.
- July 9 Walked through Skerton and Slyne to Hestbank to bathe, found the water rather warm and returned by Lancaster, making calls on business people. Gave Cousin Lupton's children small religious books as I do generally where I meet with civility
- July 15 Rose soon after 5 and set out in Post Gig - finding Miss Craggs in it. Visited Hornby Castle which they are going to enlarge. Had a glass of Madeira. Walked through Casterton into Dent and Deepdale. Called on M. Boys but got no cash but took his old watch on sale. He carried me over the water as his pony would not.
- June 17 My nephew Henry set me on his mare round by Newby to Widdel foot and would have me to inspect the marble manfy at Stonehouse, Dent Head. Was pleased to see how they sawed large blocks which they polished into beautiful black marble. They also polish Italian and other marbles - saw fireplaces etc set up. Talked on the way a good deal and made an useful impression. Dined at Wm. Dixons as they would not charge for it and treated him. Was again disappointed at seeing Mr A Whaley who is away for 2 days, but wrote him a sharp note asking for the cash he owes me.
- [24] June 18 Went to Leyburn market to enquire after Cousin Wm Lodges affairs as I have heard very unpleasant reports. I fear uncle at Cray will be a great sufferer but he has been blindly partial. It seldom does well to be so to one child above another. Cousin O. Hewell's wife laid things out very black as her husband had gone to see the landlords. On returning from a walk found O' weighing wool, having sold Wm's and his own to Messrs Birkbecks so what they receive it to be paid to Mr Geldard for Mr Higgins which they think will be £150, they have already paid £200 and W's brother in law Mr Kirby has given a note for £500 which has satisfied him till next Martinmas. Uncle has also satisfied Messrs Birkbeck on whom Wm had drawn in his name and am afraid forged his name, though the

doting father may have given it verbally but he says not. O- says Wm has plenty of stock, if he will act honestly and pay as fast as he sells it and they will keep off him till this can be done

- July 19 Saw Wm and his wife who are cast down and no wonder. Told him if he acted honestly and honourably the creditors would give him time, at least I for one - if they would. He promised to pay me the interest the first time he came to Settle and the whole this autumn. His man set me with a mare to Silverdale Head. Were overtaken by Mr Shepherd near Pennigent and rode forward with him but was afraid to leave mare and coat, till I saw him come up. The man says Wm has 100 head of cattle besides calves and 100 more for summering, also 900 sheep and 300 lambs and several horses; surely if these are fairly sold they will pay all debts. Wm thinks he should be left with £1,000. Got home and changed wet clothes. The oldest Greens have left while I've been away and am sorry they are gone to Monk to learn accomplishments, a thing not proper for the Sabbath and am afraid even that will not long restrain them from playing with bad boys, as that seems to have been their besetting sin.
- July 21 Got some blue lin at Tathams for Bro Dinsdale which I sent with old umbrella by Marsden. A knife seller from Sheffield called upon me and though I thought of selling no more I bought one dozen.
- July 26 Walked to R Procters, Long Preston for tea and cheerful conversation but roads so dirty I returned by coach - very wet but much hay spoiled.
- July 30 Hartleys got in hay behind school but children very tiresome, looking out of windows at the haymakers, Was glad to receive £6 off Boys towards what he owed. Gave him dinner and an old black waistcoat, also some good advice
- Aug 1 A douking rain all day. F Ibbotson has got ordained to Rawden. Walked with Mr Howson to Farm and he introduced new boarder as customers for which I am obliged but was much put about for quills. Shewed him some new bindings.
- Aug 5 Was much grieved at scholars' restlessness in church, fear such things make me angry above measure - if so may the Lord forgive me.
- Aug 12 M Mullen walked 21 miles in 3¾ hours twixt E end of Settle and G.K. end of bridge which they had me assured to ½ mile; saw him about the middle of his walk and through he scudded away at a great rate, though he had but a small stroke of the ground. He is very light. I heard he collected £4 after it. Took a bolus at night.
- Aug 17 A fine Sunday and was sorry to hear that most of the publicans and others were working at the hay which showed a great want of confidence in God and less regard for His holy day: Lord forgive them and teach them to fear Thy name.
- Aug 18 Treated Mr Hardy with a glass at Wilmans. He is come the 59th time to Settle leather fair. We had 12 tanners all night at our house, so I had to sleep out - but not well, there were so many horses about. Mr Paley and Mr Garstang came in and as Mr Waller had gone to bed I sat with them and had a glass.
- Aug 21 Fair still very thin as they were most at hay. No mountebanks, shews, auctions or ballad singers. Five broken down players were seeking relief. Met Miss Swale who wanted some paper, so took it to Langcliffe Hall also some specimens of binding.
- Aug 24 Mrs Sanderson treated scholars with berries. Had rather they had been given in school, as it interferes with instead of encouraging their attendance at evening lesson. Typhus fever is prevalent again. J Jackson came, almost drowned, and we got him dry clothes to go to the fair in. Had young F Young whitewashing the school.
- Sept 3 Son of Mr Wilson, of Settle, interred here, who unfortunately shot himself in withdrawing shots.
- [25] Sept 7 The collection in this parish for National School purposes amounts to £57; in Horton only £3. Saw W Lodge in Settle fair who has not paid my interest but promises it after Clithero fair - if he do not - shall think much worse of him. Chris Holgate an apprentice with J Clough shoemaker was assisting Hargers with the hay and while running after the cart 'twixt Settle and the Bridge, awful to relate, fell down dead. Cousin O. Lodge has bought the Ashes farm for 11 hundred guineas, which is cheap as it lets for £52 10s 0d per annum. Mr Peter Buck tells me that land has been sold at W Witton for £105 per acre.
- Sept 13 After a fine week much corn and hay has been got in but it is very late here in the west. Wallers had a funeral dinner for Mr Hay. Dr Wilson was at it from Long Preston, so I reminded him there was a trifle he owed me and he said I was to call for it. Mr James Holgate is not well and the examination begins at Cambridge next week, when he should stand for his fellowship.
- Sept 15 Mrs Maudsley died of Typhus at "Rome". Went to Mr Carr's at Stackhouse who could not promise

a subscription to Sunday School as he had so many things to subscribe to. I was much frightened by his dog. Called at Close House and they pressed a glass of mixture on me. I was obliged to take some Rainson Wine and cake or seem shy.

- Sept 20 Learnt from Mr Clapham that Barrel Sykes was sold for 6,170 guineas which makes it liable to 7d per pound duty. Mr Overend of London is buyer and Mr Tomlin of Clithero bid 1,400 for Cleatop. Promised to lend O Lodge £100 against he paid for the estate he had bought, whether his brother Wm pays me or not, but he had paid me interest due I April. Received a letter franked from Rev W. Wilson offering me the school at Tunstall or desiring me to recommend a serious clever young man which I can not; would gladly take it myself if I could easily dispose of my stock of books without loss. Walked home with Mr Howson and told him of my offer; he recommends a Mr Richardson once Long Preston schoolmaster who wants a situation and seems cast down.
- Sept 25 Had a curious old gent 3 nights at Wallers, who says he has been in the Herald Office.
- Sept 28 Only 70 at school; many weak parents suffer them to go nutting and forget instruction.
- Oct 2 Got my parcel from London, wet at one end and on asking how it got wet, Hartley got into a great rage and swore it was not wet when taken from coach. Rev Wilson writes they have got a master from Lancaster.
- Oct 11 Had tea at Close House and young John Procter set me home. He is modest and diffident and wants bringing out
- Oct 13 Had several school boys for customers and was thrown into a little confusion as Howson's boys are full of play and mischief. Heard that poor Crabtree, who used to come every week with warps and slept at our house, is dead, thrown from a cart by the breaking of a rope. Mr Metcalfe of Hawes called and we spoke of Mr A Whaley. He advised me to push him for my money as soon as possible, but not to mention his name. Began to sleep in my new night gown last night.
- Oct 23 Rev J Clapham paid me ½ year's salary 'ere I got downstairs; he is exact to ¼ of a penny; thought the sum is so small he pockets the quarters int. so I paid Waller for board. Got my worsted gloves back from my sisters with a new thumb. Wm Lodge met me but seemed shy - would try to repay me £50 after Skipton Martinmas fair. Said he had taken Foxup Farm and intended taking Cosh as well but at a lower rent.
- Oct 30 Cover of snow on Penygant which made it very cold.
- Nov 1 Very keen frost - met Mr Maudsley of Rome after his severe illness - looks much aged.
- Nov 5 Matthew Boys called on his way to Bradford to learn wool combing but fear he has not capacity. I bought his watch. Captain Wilson's Lady and son came after him. They are much bothered as the new servant was gone when they got up. Two Scotchmen stayed all night. I was afraid but got no harm.
- [26] Nov 12 Should have had a collection for J Taylors loss by fire, but Mr Stackhouse had not got the paper ready. Mr Garstang and one of Taylors sons had got £30 of 5 persons and I wish they may get other 30. Cousin O Lodge called for money I promised but I had to borrow £35 of Mr Waller to make up 100; he gave me stamped promissory note - interest to be £4 15s 0d. I met Mr Clayton and asked about his Sunday School subscription who tartly said he had left it with Mr Garstang and walked on. I hear he is offended because we turned Dixon's children from school, but they left of their own accord; how much better if he had mentioned it and then one could have explained. Miss Starblies say he has dropt his subscription to Blanket Club. Have not been to church as I had my hair cut and have not put on my wig yet. Mr Broader and Balderson the dancing master called.
- Nov 23 Was molested by some idle mischievous youths on the road, so returned with Mr Garstang.
- Nov 25 Was disappointed of Cousin W Lodge calling as promised to repay £50 and I want it much. I fear he is disposed to shuffle and that I do not like.
- Nov 23 (date: as printed) Called at Mr Garstangs as he said he would pay Mr Clayton's subscription who required some explanations, but was gone to bed after being at the Coroner's inquest on the body of Miss Ellison who drowned herself in Low Mill dam (Anley) in a fit of desperation; report says it was on account of horrid usage from John Ellis; if so may the Lord grant him repentance. Balderson had his ball to-night and they offered me a ticket, but I wish for edification not amusement,
- Nov 29 The remains of the unfortunate Miss Ellison interred here today and of Wm Clayton Esq from Keighley, father of our Mr Clayton for whom they made a large square vault before G'k school which attracted much attention. Had on my new wig but shall not take to wear it if I can help it as it fits ill.
- Dec 1 Found cousin W Lodge at Settle fair and got £20 which I paid to M Waller. He would not promise

- more. Wm Wildman has a bad opinion of Willans; of whom cousin Lodge took the bill for £15 I received yesterday. French give me nothing but promises for the Almanacs he owes. Mr Garstang paid me Mr Clayton's subscription.
- Dec 4 H Paley has turned butcher which I am sorry for. Fear much damage from the high winds.
- Dec 6 Paid Mrs Hartley for carriage and inquired how parcel came opened. They said the guard gave it to Scott, who ripped it open without looking. Called at library to get account of new books into Mr Geldard's catalogue but do not think any of them are correct. Mrs G offered to pay me for writing in catalogue, but would not take anything.
- Dec 14 Heard a searching sermon at Methodist Chapel from "Remember Lot's wife". O prevent us from looking back. Lord shew us the way and enable us to walk in it.
- Dec 15 Should have taken the watch I bought of M Boys to Mr Hargraves to repair, but had put it in a drawer in Mr Waller's bar and they could not find it but sent it afterwards.
- Dec 17 Nephews had to drive 6 sheep from Selside in heavy rain and gave a short exhortation before we lay down. Am sorry I feel great diffidence from my insufficiency.
- Dec 18 Received a few lines from Bro Dinsdale that he can get no cash from Whaley but never asks if I will come at Xmas which was hurt at. Rev J Clapham called about school registers which they pay 2s cash for and I find I can afford them at 1s 1d so shall get the order.
- Dec 22 Took my trunk to Tomlinsons, Bridge End, and proceeded to Horton and thence over Horse head in rain and snow. I slept at Cousin O. Lodges.
- Dec 24 Could scarcely find the market at Burton
- Dec 25 After early breakfast walked back and changed hose at Listers and thence to Aysgarth Church. Rev Mr Winn preached who seems a nice young man and I stopped sacrament which I had long wished to take when free from school.
- Dec 26 Rode to Leyburn on Bro D's poney. Mrs Lodge of Watergill came in and sit opposite but as she said nothing neither did I to her, as I had known enough of her before and I dined at Coltman's. Best oats were 28s per Qr and wheat 9s 6d per bushel
- Dec 28 Was at church with sister. Mr Burton preached on "Unto us a child is born" and I read them one of Davy's sermons at night - very wet.

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- Jan 1 Returned via Horton with the wind in our faces, and I got very wet before reaching Giggleswick. Lucy seemed very pleased to see me again, at all events, apparently. Banks called with a lot of quills which I bought.
- Jan 6 Went towards Church, but as they were tonging in ere we got there, I turned back rather than disturb others as many scholars were in clogs,
- Jan 8 Meeting Literary Society. Debate about fires 6 hours a day for 6 winter months as they had £48 in hand.
- [27] Jan 10 Met Mr Dale at Settle; went to Eli Hargers and he paid me, but I gave him 2d as I saw he expected it. Bespoke some fents of Mr Garstang. Wrote Mr A Whaley expostulating for disappointing me again and begging he will send the cash this week. Had some seder wine at Mrs Sandersons at night.
- Jan 13 Infinite mercy has spared and sustained me to this day on which I am 39, have great reason to say with Jacob "Few and evil have the days of the years of my pilgrimage been". Mr Dawes called. He has got tired of London and is going into a Manchester shop. Gave 5 old widows a little bread as a treat.
- Jan 14 Cough brought down hernia last night and could not get it reduced till one o'clock, but felt a gracious calm in my mind. Carrier brought a note from A Whaley that he had sent me £10 by post on the 10th but nothing has arrived and I have been twice at the Post Office.
- Jan 15 Wrote Mr Whaley to see after the note if he have sent one. Called at Long Preston on Mr Postlethwaite the new curate and was well pleased with the gent but thought he consulted his wife too much. Stopped at Dr Wilson Long Preston of whom I am fortunately got 5/6 in balance of old account.
- Jan 21 Saw J Atkinson going to Austwick to enquire about School as Mr Scott is dead, fear he will have little chance.
- Jan 23 Am rather astonished at not receiving a note or money form Mr Whaley, fear he is turned a sad shuffler and a sad thing it is when a young man would should rank as a gent is drove to such shifts and fear his principles will suffer. Visited Miss Swales Langcliffe House where I was paid and took some articles for Miss Barbara. Was very kindly entertained and had a large glass of good Port wine.
- Jan 25 Settle Fair, hoped to have received £20 from Cousin W Lodge but fear he avoids markets when he can, to avoid his creditors. Had a scold from Ann Kidd as her childrens rewards did not please her. How preposterous.
- Jan 27 Mr Howson called with a draft for £30 which I changed him, allowing in ful till Xmas for self and boarders and sent same to Richardson, London. Poor Thos Heaton, Mr Ingram's Parish apprentice, after many indications of a weak mind has hung himself today.
- Jan 29 Being the King's Accession, holiday at the Grammar School.
- Feb 1 Gave a partial expn on Titus, chiefly on soberness. Had to beat W Taylor and J Green for disobedience and bad language. I am always sorry on such occasions and fear I am somewhat provoked beyond measure.
- Feb 4 My old friend Rev A Ibbotson called with Mr Broader. I was glad to see them, but they kept me up till 12 o'clock otherwise enjoyed their company. He told us some of the difficulties he had to face since he took orders - how Fox the former curate misrepresented him to the Archbishop and how kind his Grace had been since he got undeceived. Sold him Crudens Concordance and the best of Morphets books. Have heard that W Banks is to have Austwick School for ½ year on tryal. Wrote to Cousin Lodge that the bill I received of him is come back - fear it is worth nothing.
- Feb 10 Anxiously expected Lodge all day but learnt at Bows Bills that a person was gone to take up his work, so thought he might be busy weighing it; took Mr Talhams advice, but on return home found that the drawer R Fairclough would have taken the bill, but had paid all his case but £3. He paid the expense 8/2 and I requested him to give me a note to Cunliffs Bank at Blackburn, saying I held such bill and he would send Bank of England notes by post. I said as he was a stranger he must excuse my hesitating.
- Feb 14 No remittance from Fairclough so spoke to Mr Stackhouse about it who advised me to hold fast the Bill and inform W Lodge and that I might sue either of them.
- Feb 15 A man died at Lodging House of Small Pox. Heard a very impressive sermon by Rev Ellice the new independent minister, more affecting than that at Methodist Chapel, Settle

- [28] Feb 15 Had a glass with Mr Brayshaw of Stainforth who talks of sending 2 boys to my School. Had a glass of Shrub at night with Mr Paley. Master T Blake having disagreed with his mother, thinks of setting up a weaving shop in Wensleydale and wants me to give him a character. Said I wished to have nothing to do with it. Saw D Marsden and glad to learn he is elected to the new school at Clapham. Met a pencil maker from Keswick, ordered 12 or 13 doz of different sorts. Today was one of grief and trial for Wm Lodge or Fairclough should one of them brave to take up the bill. Went to Settle Fair and heard that the landlord had a man watching the stock on Wm's farm, so what to do. I do not know. Mr R Carr advised putting it into the hands of Mr Wm Robinson, but I thought I would wait a few days.
- Mar 3 I went to see Mr Robinson, and put it into his hands to write to Fairclough very sharply. He would have had me proceed against Lodge who he has no good opinion of, but did not like as we are relations and he owes me £60. Fear his principles are giving way to his embarrassment.
- Mar 4 Had a note from W Lodge that he had wrote to Fairclough to take up the bill or it would be put into an attorney's hands. If F did not come, he would, as soon as he had got the cash but he had just paid his rent. Met a young man at Mr Procters Close House who was buying wool. When he heard Fairclough's name he said "Oh! he never takes up his bills at first but does in the long run".
- Mar 10 Saw Mr Robinson at Mrs Bollands; he had received a letter from Fairclough, who was sorry he had not been able to send cash but as he had to go to Liverpool ere he could, he would send it by W Fawcett, butter dealer, on Wednesday. I fear it is only to gain time and he may emigrate from Liverpool. We have 11 recruits at our house, so I have to sleep in the back room.
- Mar 12 Taught all day to prevent the scholars attending the cock fight and made many remarks on the sinfulness of the practice and our weak natures to avoid sin. Had all the scholars, but one was disturbed in bed by a rat and the noise 11 soldiers and two women made - some of them played cards in bed.
- Mar 13 The soldiers off without any material mischief, but many toppers remained. Several persons on supenase to give evidence in the trial 'twixt Mrs Ellershaw and Dr R at Lancaster Assize for scandal, one of the scandalouses causes Rev J C to say why he would not sign her certificates as a clergyman's widow.
- Mar 16 Had a treat last night for John's birthday. Heard that Mr C Wilson's nurse had robbed them and is committed to Lancaster Assizes. A most scandalous trial is there - Mrs R saw and her husband and Mrs E together and though it was not publicly talked for some time it did not get out but Mrs E is bringing an action against them for scandal. Many evidences are called on both sides - may the Lord restrain them from perjury. Was rejoiced to find that Mr W Robinson had got £15 from Fairclough and a promise that he would come up and pay the expenses, but that I do not rely upon. Mr R said if I never got them he would only take postage so I thanked him and I have also got £10 on Mr A Whaley's account, which was sent by Wm Marsden three weeks ago but only got it today. A sore throat plagues me.
- Mar 21 Rev J Clapham has just returned from Lancaster and says Dr R has lost his trial. Wrote long letter to Bro Dinsdale and sent old blue coat, cape and hat for him, also a wig, breeches, and 2 shirts for Bro John. Hoped to have seen W Lodge at Settle fair but I missed him. Called at Mrs Bollands and was asked upstairs to see her, she looks better than expected after her confinement.
- Mar 22 Called upon Mrs Craggs and heard a few particulars of Dr R's trial. His cause seems to have been ill-managed. Some of the Jury said they were sorry for their verdict when they afterwards came to be better informed on the subject. Few or any of Dr R's witnesses were examined.
- Mar 25 Sat at Mr Wm Stackhouses; they think it has been the Dr's counsel's advice to call no evidence on his side and then they could address the Jury at last, which Williams did with some humour. Brougha, was his counsel and Scarlet her's. The Dr has £100 to pay, but her character will not be raised here.
- Mar 26 Was alarmed after I retired to bed. Thought my breathing was irregular and faint. Had several involuntary starts and kept waking till after two; thought I had exhausted the gastric juice with smoking, as it was attended with thirst.
- Mar 27 Walked over Swarthmoor to Archo and paid Josh Morphet for the books I have sold, and he gave me 5s for my trouble, but would not have done as much, but his daughter hinted it too him; had tea and all well. Snow and hail as I walked back.
- Mar 28 Sorry to hear that Stephen Parker has broken his thigh, loading wood up. Twenty-seven or eight children said Catechism at church, chiefly from Methodist Chapel Sunday School.

- Mar 29 Did sit ½ hour with Stephen Parker, who seems much resigned and left him with my largest volume of tracts to read.
- [29] April 2 Have had a pain in the back and top of my head for some days. Was happy to be admitted again to a few minutes' audience with Mrs Bolland, as she now comes downstairs for a short time, but is very thin.
- April 8 Mr Procter consulted me how to express an inscription which he wish to have put in Church Porch to the memory of Franklands and took 2 papers home to draw one out,
- April 10 Peter Skirrow walked with me to Austwick for the sale of late Mr Scott's books and bought 2 pieces of his penmanship in frames. Fear Mrs S will have little left as they say there is a deal of debt. Saw Mrs Baxter, who has not been able to be stirred for more than 3 weeks, having both thighs broke and was ill before, but could see no religious desires. I offered to give her husband a book of sermons, but he also seemed quite indifferent but man by nature does not understand serious things or relish them. Took the inscriptions wrote for Tombstones for Mr Procter to choose, and I left them as they intend to let Rev Clapham look at them.
- April 15 Saw W Lodge at Settle Fair looking very ill. Says Fairclough has sent sheets to take up Hird's wool, so got the bill of Mr Robinson, if peradventure he should call. Bought some Kerseymore for breeches and gaiters.
- April 17 Having a little toothache did not travel far. Hear Mrs Bolland gains strength and happy to know.
- April 19 Being bid to the funeral of Alice Pollard, once a scholar of mine, who has suffered much. Gave them 1/- which is customary to poor persons on which account there is a great many. Am sorry there seems to be no serious thought among them. Could have liked to have talked several times but want of encouragement from them and my own intimidity or want of faith and boldness kept me back.
- April 20 One of the most shameful outrages or rather a multitude had been done in G-k last night, every window in Grammar School broke and many nearly demolished, near 30 squares if my School front - 14 of Mrs Sandersons - besides similar ones at Mr Howsons - Misses Willan and Wigglesworth and Smith - Messrs Stackhouse, Claphams - Woods and Mrs Woods - besides 10 cottages. R Harger glazed mine - after the apprehension of one Foulds, lately from the house of correction and who J Clapham had taken in to weave. T Heaton and E Lister were running away. The constable and Mr Howson went with them before the Magistrates where Thos Clarke swore to their breaking Mrs Wood's windows and having Heaton by the arm. The 3 culprits were fined £4 and to find 2 bondsmen for their good behaviour; thought so much harm was done, they could prove no more, except that they broke into the other F Clarke's barn to sleep as L Bradly found in there. If Foulds ever be seen in G'k again they may have him comited as a vagabond.
- April 21 Mr Howson called and told me some particulars. The old constable, H R Slater and J Spence went to Magistrates again today.
- April 22 My old friend R Procter married here today to Miss Agnes Preston, Meerbeck. They dined at her mother's in Settle. Went with Mr Galloway to picture auction at Spread Eagle, he bought 6 and I one which I sold him after. Mr Richardson's parcel came by coach which should have come by van, but they did not get all sent off as soon as they ought on account of the young man collecting them getting tipsy - robbed and then running away.
- April 25 Settle Fair. Saw O. Lodge and talked about William's affairs. Met William who acknowledged I had behaved like a gentleman to him and promised to pay me interest in three weeks.
- April 26 Sat in Church last Sunday without my wig and slept last night without nightgown which love to do without this summer. Report says Dr R is gone off with Mrs E - surely not. If he has left his wife lying in, he is a base man.
- April 29 Visited B Handcock and T Clarke weaver, who are very sick and the latter dangerous. John Tatham is also unwell and cannot go his journey to Hawes.
- April 30 Received my parcel of copy books - long expected - from Foster, Kirkby Lonsdale.
- [30] May 1 Saw the unfortunate Mrs Robinson whose husband is decamped. She was set up in bed and is going to have a sale. Went to it and thought things went dear. Had a remarkable dream that I was in a boat loading to go off with the tide and presently saw the muddy waves washing into the boat. Presently saw a wall on safe side which I ascended with trepidation and reached the summit 'ere I awoke. If it is a warning or encouragement, "Lord apply it by Thy spirit".
- May 7 Mr Howson kindly gave me 5/- towards repairing school windows. Tasted Mr and Mrs Procter's brides-cake and they invited me to join a few friends at tea. Mrs Robinson sent for me and paid my bill. I returned her a trifle as I pitied her case and admired her honesty.

- May 11 Paid R Harger 25/- for mending the school windows. Measured a piece of hay 12½ yards for Mrs Bolland, who is recovering finely. Bought a waistcoat front of Mr Mangle. Very cold, thought it necessary to tie an handk'f over my face when I went out. Sorry to hear that Dr Lofthouse had had house broken into for 3rd time. The school was robbed one night lately of a few shillings. A Bentley's attempted and T Parker's robbed. They strongly suspect some amongst them.
- May 16 Methodist Chapel opened at Austwick. Settle Fair and very thin. Much drinking which am sorry to say often continues till night and some call at Wallers to finish.
- May 17 Mrs Bolland wants me to collect 3d each from scholars towards repairing windows. I lodged 2 guineas in Savings Bank with J Tatham jr which with the former deposit and interest makes £75.
- May 19 Wm Wilman senr seized with a fit which made him delirious, little hope entertained for his life. Mrs Dixon, mother of Mrs R Garstang, taken to Kirkby Lonsdale for interment today. Mrs Mallinson of Hawes, dropped down dead when cooking supper.
- May 22 Walked to Horton and spent afternoon very agreeably with Mr Wignall, who prevailed upon me to give up my round and stop tea for I had thought of going on to Blind Beck. The parishioners are very awkward with him, but he has another curacy offered on eligible and pleasant terms and think no one could blame him, but he still hopes to do them good or get them a successor that may.
- May 25 Very hot for Perambulation day but I taught till 4. Saw Mr J Chapman at Mewith Head and observed his is run from his clothes. Was glad they took a liking to some sermons I brought and let them have 2 vols at cost price.
- May 29 Went to Bentham and called on Mr Dixon the new Grammar School master; he seemed very shy and gave me no encouragement but left him a catalogue. Sorry I missed the coach so I walked to Clapham and saw Dr Hodgson who gave me an order. Think him a pleasant young man. Walked to Austwick where Mrs Baxter is still in bed as her thigh bones have not knit. Hollands have taken the Inn there; afterwards went home to tea and was thankful to find all as usual but I always feel something may go wrong when I am away.
- June 1 Took down a list of about 90 children who have not the small or cow pox; think they will be inoculated by subscription as small pox is in Settle. Mrs Bolland desired me to call on Dr Rogers as they have now commenced a subscription to remunerate him. As I was going into his shop met my old friend Mr Metcalf who was once Mr Redmayne shopman, now at Leighton Buzzard. Went with him to Hartleys and had some negus. Spoke to Roger's apprentice about inoculation. Bought a gold watch chain of Mr C Redmayne which I have long thought of. W Redmayne of Rathmell got a Lancaster Magazine of me which did not pay for being tipsy, but Mr Howson sent his back rather tore which thought wrong my Mr Pim was as kind as take it.
- June 6 Whit Sunday. Several parents foolishly allowed children to miss school. Sep Dawes came down from Cambridge and looks thin. Was sorry my time was unduly taken up with him and Mr Broader, so that I got little to my Bible and serious thought, though I never drink ale or liquors on Sunday, I begrudge the time taken off from serious things.
- June 9 Went to Settle Fair after 3, was chiefly with Mr Broader who is nervous with fear of Small Pox as he is not certain that he ever had them so intends being inoculated tomorrow. Hope he will be preserved from having them naturally as he is very fat and it might be dangerous. Schoolmaster at Rathmell fighting in Settle about Miss Redmayne with R Wolfenden
- [31] June 10 J Preston, Esq., Meerbeck, married here today to Miss Starkie, which has been expected some time. The poor in Langcliffe have load a kind friend and instructor and I as well, they may be glad she is not farther removed, she was a good customer. They only went to his house to dine and of course would stop there, which I think much the best. I went to seek S French at Langcliffe and found he was removed to near Spread Eagle, Settle. I returned that way but he was out (and I fear drinking). His wife said he would pay me this week. She has more confidence that I have. Broader has removed to the Lion which I do not think well of.
- June 13 Mallinson was very naughty in the morning and I had to rap him and set him task but he did not get it and talked again which induced me to whip him sharply, for the sooner such spirits are broken the better.
- June 14 Rain and win. How ready we are to murmur and say if it is Drought "All will be burnt up" and if it is wet "All will suffer damage" unbelievably forgetting that God is all wise and knows best. I begun this day with a strong desire to avoid all sin, but am so beset with idle and perverse scholars, that I may say "When I would do good evil is present". Received a note and cash in full from Miss Starkie, wrote the night before she became Mrs Preston.

- Oct 6 Am so teased with teaching that my soul feels heaviness and my spirits dullness.
- Oct 8 Called at Mr Howson, Barrel Sykes, where I have not been for many years. Had to reprimand H Ingham for stealing apples.
- Oct 11 Mr Metcalf came from Hawes. He says Mr A Whaley lives [illegible] and he gives me small hope of getting the balance of my bill.
- Oct 12 Severe gale - 2 trees blown down in the Mains - fear much damage at sea. Had my nightgown on for the first time this season.
- Oct 16 A factory in Salford, 6 stories high with cast iron beams instead of wood fell down with 250 people in it. Happily only 19 lives were lost and as many wounded. Happy to hear that Mrs Brayshaw, now laying dead, had good hopes of acceptance through Christ, but was held back by Mr B. Shewed Mr Garstang specimen binding and got Mr Clayton's subscription from him and for a book from Mrs Garstang.
- Oct 17 There or 4 inches of snow this morning and though attacked by a yet powerful sun all day it could not get it dissolved. Rev J Clapham paid ½ years salary 2 days in advance; was afraid he would find fault as I had many books on a tray ready for customers, but he seemed not to notice them.
- Oct 20 Dr Dodgson from Skipton, Sutcliffe Rogers and Robinson from Settle called in to see Chris Mallinson who cannot swallow and his respiration is difficult. Rev Clapham prayed with him. Mr Varley bought Brackenbottom for £1800 which he can pay without borrowing, all well.
- Oct 21 Saw C Mallinson in evening; he had got out of the house twice after dark in delirium but is now calm.
- [36] Oct 22 Poor M (?Mallinson) died this morning and Dr Robinson thinks it was hydrophobia. Much sickness in this place and I have a cold and a sore throat.
- Oct 23 Rev Ibbotson has married Miss Rawling which have long expected. Typhus fever prevails alarmingly in Settle and G-K. H Pollard and 2 daughters in it, and divers other persons so have ordered their children to stop from school.
- Oct 28 Young Mr Ingram is much recovered from rheumatic fever but has not got use of left arm. Took a bolus last night as I have felt head and stomach unwell.
- Oct 31 Feel much better. Mr Broader called and got tipsy which grieved me much.
- Nov 2 Mrs Swale asked if I had any Prayer Books as their servants had 2 gone from pew. Found W Lodge at Bowskills and got £10 more, so treated him with a glass but judging from my own it was very poor stuff. Mrs Bowskill age 94 interred today.
- Nov 4 School outer door key is lost, suppose it had been mischievously taken from behind our house door, and S Parker could not pick the lock, so got through window and set a new one on.
- Nov 27 Were kept up much later than agreeable by a band of music which are learning in Settle coming to play under my bedroom window. Six from G-K are in it.
- Nov 28 Boys made a noise in church shuffling their feet which grieved me and I could not be certain who they were
- Nov 29 Much rain for Settle Fair. Dr R and self guessed a few enigmas. Was with Mr Garstang after supper for subscription to school windows.
- Nov 30 Mr R Carr sent his Diary back to change it, but was most unhandsome, They had cut the leaves amongst the enigmas and told him of it in a few lines, as we could have nothing allowed for it at Stationers Hall. Mr Broader came to consult me about getting wood cuts for Jacksons lectures which he is going to publish. Foster should have found him a woodcutter but theirs is engaged for 2 months. He wanted to send to my London bookseller to get them done but I advised sending to Mr Robinson, Richmond. Was sorry he got very tipsy which I am afraid he often does.
- Dec 1 Mr Wildman called for 30 more Almanacs, and he would have taken Old Moores if I had had them. He paid me £5 on account. Heard that Fosters have had a fire in their printing office, but little damage done. Delivered books to Miss Swale and Mrs Starkies. They sent me down a glass of gin as the night was rough.
- Dec 9 Mr Thos Birkbeck and his tutor, a nice little gentleman, called with some books for binding. Mr B took Junius.
- Dec 10 Mr Wildman came and brought £4 more. Mr Broader paid me for Lexicon and Percys Anecdotes in a huff, but left Diary to pay for.
- Dec 12 Rev Ingram gave us one of his best sermons on the Duty of Family prayer from last chapter of Joshua 15 verse.
- Dec 15 Took Almanacs away from R Hargers as they have sold none and sent one of them by Mrs Gore,

- Feb 3 The waters had prevented post last night, probably about Otley that from Skipton did not reach Settle till noon. Mr Howson called and settled for boarders till Xmas and also for himself to end of January as I allowed him discount on own. J Kings have got a new boarder, Busfield who came to me for books and Ainsworth's Dictionary.
- Feb 5 Visited Cousin Procter at Archa, his wife seems nervously affected and otherwise indisposed. I had heard she had an inflammation in her bowels but this has come on after. I returned by Great Stainforth as the road was better pathed.
- Feb 6 Mrs Dobson went to chapel with Mr Waller of her own accord. She was much prejudiced against the Methodists, but hope it is giving way and that she has a value for religion.
- Feb 7 Could not get to write at home as there were many drunkards who had been at the fair. Foster brought a small order from Jeff Tennant, Esq. Could have liked an hint from Mr Ingram of books likely to be wanted, but durst not go on purpose.
- Feb 12 Walked to Mrs Starkies who settled ½ years account and had minced pye and a glass of wine. Lodged £50 in Settle Bank thought they only give 2 per cent for uncertain periods, but fear prevents me keeping more on hand than necessary. Found school unlocked and no key. Came back to J Claphams - gave him some sharp words as I had no person else to look to for keeping all safe. Cut Master Busfield a back for book, and Mrs King and I sewed it on.
- Feb 13 Nearly distracted with pain in my head and eyes and I could not well bear to read.
- Feb 14 Hoping to walk off the complaint in my head, as fresh air and exercise always does me good, set out past Paley Green to Armistead Gate and on to Mewith where had refreshment at Chapmans and the young Mrs was very civil.
- [39] Feb 15 Travelling. Got to my friend Mr R Dixons - were late to bed and slept little. As he was gong to Wray fair with Mr Cort we came together to the Bridge, thence home before dark.
- Feb 16 Found Scotts had got the new edition of Butlers maps of which I should have had some so I shall give them a blow up about it when I write which may be soon as I got some talk with Mr Howson who wants a neat pocket Bible ordering.
- Feb 17 Mr Sharp, Master Holmes' guardian, has only got some money for Mrs Craggs and that with difficulty. He wants fresh bills as he says he has lost the last which is evidently only a shuffle, so sent a few sharp lines if he do not pay me in ten days will put it in my attorney's hands.
- Feb 24 Mr Galloway sent me Lancaster Gazette with his speech at the Burn's anniversary dinner. Mr Hartley is planting 2 or 3 rows of trees behind our school which will obstruct the light but suppose he could not be prevented. It may make little difference for year or two and I know not that I shall stop at it so long, especially as my head is seldom well in school and generally well out of it. Sister wishes me to give up and go to live with them.
- Feb 26 James Foster servant to Jeff Tennant, Esq., wants me to get some medicine in London for a cancer his housekeeper has had. Had tea with the Procters at Close House, and was joined by the ladies. After a pleasant evening he set me into Daicar Lane.
- Mar 1 Got cotton fents from Mr Garstang packed up, and old black coat for Bro Dinsdale and took them to Wilmans to send by Gill. Got Mr Howson pocket Bible, which pleased him wonderfully. I had been most anxious as it should have come in Coach parcel.
- Mar 5 Saw J Atkinson about assisting me in school if necessary on account of my health and offered him 1s 0d per day but if I was absent then more.
- March Mrs Bolland came to hear the children says catechism and was well pleased in Church as they did not make more mistakes - considering it was a fresh place and many of their thoughts were taken up about their fine clothes. The fault is generally in the parents. Went to Jas Kidds who seems at death's door, but was sorry when, I proposed to get to prayer for a few minutes, he declined it.
- Mar 8 Received pensilled note from Miss Crag that Bentham School election is to be on the 24th inst.
- Mar 9 Miss Ingram set off with Mrs Corsellis to the East Indies to marry her son. Many think it a strange expedition by the family seem in high spirits. Frank is to follow being ensign in the 46 regt. Called at Oldfields, Cleator, and got an order, also at Mr J Birkbecks who was out and Mrs would not act without him. Had never called there before but thought I might.
- Mar 12 Visited R Hargers and got tea being so little likelihood of comfort at home, and though the Cock Fights were over, the drinking and signing was not till near midnight. J Clapham had talked of stopping them and wanted me to act as assistant constable, but as he had never shown who would support him I choose to avoid him and left home sooner at noon. The Revd Claphams to their shame would not, for I was afraid of that, else would have done anything I could. Thought it better to do

- nothing than make a bungling attempt and let the mob beat us.
- Mar 16 Third fair but cold day. Letter from Rev R Woods, Askrigg, that school registers had not come and I had sent them Jan 24 and paid carriage to Hawes, 'tis strange what can become of them. Cousin Dixon is ill so cannot apply to Bentham School. Mr Thos Birkbeck came and paid me in full being well pleased with books binding.
- Mar 18 Have much trouble in collecting 6d each for fire and books.
- Mar 19 After early dinner set out from Clapham and was soon overtaken by 1 of Pritts chaise which had been forwarding counsellors from Lancaster to York and the driver asked me to ride with him in the Dickey. We met Judge Holroyd and his attendants out of his carriage in the brow about Frow Nest, he seems plain and aged. At Clapham the Rev J Robinson is in great trouble about a little girl of his who is very will. Had a glass at Shires and returned to tea. Wrote to Jeffy Tennant, Esq., Yockenthwaite and enclosed a box of medicines which have got him in London by John Lodge of Foxup.
- Mar 21 Got a new gold key of C Redmayne who took old one in part and bought cloth of Mr mangle.
- Mar 25 Poor Isabel Clarke died after confinement to the incalculable loss of children. Drs Robinson, Sutcliffe and Rogers attended her. Saw Jan Kidd again, he had a fit this afternoon and asked me to go pray which I did in my poor way
- [40] Mar 26 Walked to Long Preston with tracts for Mrs Barb Preston, I wished her to make up 2 volumes but thought her narrow minded about such a trifle. J Atkinsons son Wm is picking up his awls for Clitheroe where he is going in saddling line.
- Mar 27 Attended meeting at our house on Militia account. Mr Stackhouse in the chair. We subscribed 3s each. Only one man wanted.
- Mar 29 Attended funeral of James Kidd. He seemed very indifferent at first to our prayers and ignorant but was glad of late to see me. P Wilson, J Banks, C Bradley, and R Stockdale summoned for gambling in church time.
- Mar 30 Walked to Clapham with parcel for Rev Wilson. Called to enquire after Rev Robinson's little girl who is still very ill. Walked through Ingleton and met with a young man who had seen me at Aysgarth church. His name is Thompson and teaches in the school at Ingleton, said a Welsh man had been appointed Vicar at Aysgarth, but would give it up soon. Road on coach to K Lonsdale, the only passenger, and slept at A Fosters.
- April 1 Walked to Mr Wilsons, Tunstall, who kindly asked me to take dinner and then to his church where I heard an excellent sermon.
- April 2 Extremely hot. Mr John Foster set me and when the coach came up I ascended and rode to G-K, thankful for my safe return. Paid J Hutchinson for making my new clothes.
- April 3 Stayed the sacrament at church as I had been disappointed of opportunities on Friday and at Xmas. Though I should much wish to attend to that solemn ordinance.
- April 4 Mr Gray, traveller for Mr Richardson, wrote asking my company to dinner at Golden Lion and met Mr Proctor who had been setting his brother George off by coach for America again. Went into Lion to dine at 1 o'clock. Hartleys were very busy with the commisrs for taxes, appointing assessors. Deputy Lieuts balloting for Militia. Ed Lister balloted for G-K. Another traveller dined with us and we had a bottle of wine and much chat on business and general subjects. He walked back with me and I paid him £15. Then walked about with him till coach came up.
- April 9 Sent back for ink to ink to Fosters, Kirby Lonsdale, took early dinner, and went by Stackhouse to Horton; was overtaken by E Hardacre, cooper for company next 3 miles, and called at Wm Moores, also Uncle Proctors, who was able to walk about in the house. The wen which has twice been cut off is now broke out in several places in a shocking manner as a bloody cancer. Gave them tracts and an orange and went on to Richard Wildmans where his mother was in a bad temper at his extravagance. He has not had much of me. On return saw T Clark of Stackhouse who seems much softened with his misfortune.
- April 10 Three little ones came to Sunday School which I sent back as we had no room.
- April 10 Very impressive funeral sermon on Jane daughter of Mathias Wildman aged 18 by Joshua Bibby Num xiii., 10 verse, seldom seem chapel do full.
- April 11 Met Phil Falshaw and went to Eli Hargers. Was rather sorry as I think him addicted to liquor and light discourse
- April 13 Called at Settle on Mrs Holgates asking if they were disposed to sell any of her brothers books, was sorry after as it seemed to hurt her feelings. Met a man who said he had taught near Barnard Castle

and was much distressed. Bought 2 numbers of "A Gleaner" of him which had been given him to sell for support. Richard Foster, Langcliffe, tells me there are about 510 souls there.

- April 15 Fine grassy day - one of Settle old Fairs. Jacob the carrier has confessed that he has lost my box of 3 doz Walkdens Japan Ink from K Lonsdale so wrote to Fosters.
- April 16 Went to Mr Pim's Swabeck, and had his bill with me but he wants credit till midsummer, though I would rather have had it now. Received a panyer of 13 bottles Japan ink from Foster. Broader at our house and he and Dr R got tipsy. Two Storys and J Ingham ran away from church so whipt them for it. Thos Wildman has preached his first sermon at Methodist Chapel with but few people there - Mat xi., v. 28. Thirteenth year at G-K and the Lord hath prospered me - may He excite my thankfulness.
- [41] April 23 Mr R Brayshaw was to hire me as assessor and offers 30s on his part and might take it but for that. Asked Mr Stackhouse leave for Mr Mangle's nephew to attend his school. There was a surplus of 8d each on Militia account. I find Mr Brayshaw has offered several persons the assessorship.
- April 24 Had a race after Armistead for playing truant as he often does and brought him back to school, but he roared out lustily when caught. Mr Broader stopped me going to chapel; shall think it my duty to leave him as worldly and trifling discourse is very unprofitable and what I want not. Wm Wilman of Joiners Arms is buried today aged 54, he had a fit near Crow Nest 3 weeks ago.
- April 25 V Hallpike is dangerous in a leg. Saw Mr Winders and was sorry to find much prejudiced against missionary exertions.
- May 2 Mr Clapham brought my half year's salary so paid Waller £11
- May 4 Kind and unexpected letter from Cousin Y Dixon who is got well. No fire in school for first time and have slept without nightgown 5 nights. A loud crack of thunder and heavy showers. About 80 Kings 1st Dragoon Guards came from K-Lonsdale. Wallers had 7 and two women also a child. I had to sleep in Mary's bed.
- May 7 Soldiers gone very quietly. I walked to Long Preston; they had the painters at R Procter's and were overdone with the smell. They are making a road for carriages to the door and sweeping round the trees without cutting them down, which do not think a good plan as they are so near door. Surprised that Mrs Postlethwaite has got another son as I had never thought her that way. Heard the cuckoo.
- May 8 Ventured to Church 1st time without wig, but could have done with it.
- May 10 Church Wardens, Grammar School Masters and scholars held their Perambulation Feast. Took Kerseymere to Hutchinson to make breeches. Was afraid of Waller advancing my board, but did not mention it. Bought 12 Dutch quills and six dozen short pensils of a traveller.
- May 13 Mary Waller had a still born child before I got up. Dr R had apprehended danger and sent for Dr Sutcliffe. The last of Settle old fair, which I was glad of as they bring us a many drunken folks.
- May 14 sorry to see the Catholic Bill has passed the Commons. I got a crape hat band and walked to Horton to uncle's funeral. Had a most excellent dinner at Shepherds and sat a while till the corpse was taken up. Three men sung delightfully after Lesson in Church. In coming home past Stackhouse the Rev T Carr gave me a guinea for Sunday School which he has not done before. Sorry to say he was tipsy.
- May 15 Dr Sutcliffe and Robinson both in attendance as she is more dangerous.
- May 16 Mr Wm Pearl called and paid his account as he is going to be ordained. Mr Paley of Knaresborough, and his apprentice, Mr Powell, late boarder at Mr Howsons came at night.
- May 17 Cousin T Proctor wanted me to hear his father's will and take my advice. Widow is left £20 a year for life. Land to be sold and surplus equally divided between the 3 sons which makes it very hard for Thomas who has been no spender and the others have involved the Estate about £500 to Lawyer Hartley. I thought he had it clear and money out beside. He had been at Hartley's to stop brothers getting any more cash, was not pleased that Wallers did not ask him to have a cup of tea. Paid J Tatham senr £3 6s 0d which makes my deposit £90.
- May 18 Mrs Howson had another son this morning. Our patient had Cath Priest 2d time, fear superstition thrives apace. Glad to hear that Catholic Bill was thrown out by House of Lords.
- May 20 May children in chicken pox. Set Whitsun tasks and give up till Wedy. Obtained leave from Mr Clapham for dining in school.
- May 21 Walked to Feizor and over the hills to Wharfe - a very romantic road which I never was before. Unfortunately most of those I knew, Miss Jackson etc were gone upon Ingleborough. Had a slender invitation to tea with Mrs Jackson so returned by J Taylors mil and back again by Feizor, found Mr Maudsley in and joined him at tea then walked home in an hour.
- May 22 Whitsunday so went to church and was hurt rather than edified by Rev Ingrams perversion of so

- consoling a doctrine as the gift of the Holy Spirit. He denied that it might benefit - forgetting that it was to be a comforter. Hear that the Rev W Berry is come to Horton.
- May 23 Giggleswick Club dined in my school about 80 in number. Little Stockdale abused J Clapham - his wife and children at home and in the street so got taken into custody.
- [42] May 24 Settle Fair and met Mr Richard Jackson from Wharf. He has since served as Surgeon and is going to London. Had to shelter in Eli Hargers and met Mr Foster of Stainforth who paid for Josephus' works but he bantered much about price as he always loves to do.
- Mary 25 An awfully vivid flash of lightning and tremendous crack of thunder, had to run to W Wildmans where another equally awful followed with hail for an hour. As it was Settle Fair people had to get their goods out of the street, some much damaged with wet. Mr J Maudsley was caught last night throwing up at Lawyer Hartley's windows through S Green late a servant of theirs being gone there. He got a mauling by J and W.H. and a tumble in a lime heap and was taken by Parish Constable. What a pity he should have demeaned himself so.
- May 26 Wrote J Dixon that an assistant is wanted at Hipperholme School.
- May 30 Marmaduke Redmayne settled for interest, but begged harder than ever for gift again. Gave him 3/10 and agreed it should be £4 15 0 in future.
- June 10 Mr Robinson of Melling wrote for ½ ream of foolscap, mentioned that I had talked of going to London but I thought I should only go my old route. Rev J Howson's sister is to marry a Moravian missionary on Monday and they are going to Jamaica. The new parson at Horton is going to board at J Slingers Shedfold.
- June 11 Called at Anthony Sedgewick's Sherwood House. He used to buy geese of my father and has had many a meal there so I could rather make free and had a glass of ale and a pipe. Mr Garstang has got some hay and Slingers, Studfold, have been mowing, bathed in new sheep-wash dub and felt very comfortable after.
- June 18 Went to Mr R Procters, Long Preston, but have go no orders since his marriage, and then on to Hellifield, where I had not been for years. Saw Messrs Hardacre and Wilkinson, who were very civil but required nothing but got an order at Tennants, The Riddings.
- June 19 Methodist Chapel where Mr Hutchinson preached and though nearly blind his mental sight is good and he gave a good sermon. "Old Ing" is to be sold which Mr Borrowdale measures to 31 Acres. Lawyer Hartley drew up a bill and did not mention the Grouse Shooting and Walker printed it. They want me to send copies to Arncliffe, Kettlewell and North and South by coach and also take some with me on my holiday.
- June 23 Mr W Robinson called and paid me Master Holmes account now 3 years old through the tardiness of his Guardian. Mr Dawson of Gildersleets says he has not a good opinion of Master Carr who is not to return to his house thought he is coming to school another ½ year. Mr Broader talks of visiting Ripon, York, Boroughbridge and Hull. He wishes me to meeting him. Some are cutting grass, but it is short crop.
- June 25 Waited about home all day expecting the Rev W Berry who came at tea time with a small order. He is a very pleasant gentleman.
- June 26 H and Robert Calvery have left school. Latter is at Mrs Bolland's and took a class at Sunday School. I went to Methodist Chapel at night in a dull frame having been much griever with F Silverwood. Mr Tranter preached a farewell sermon and Mr Driver prayed after, was most melted under that. I felt a great desire to pray with Jane Waller but could see no opening at Nancy was with her and they see too much braced in Romish superstition.
- June 28 Mr Faraday in at noon and tells me Mr Sigston wants an assistant master, so I have written John Dixon to try for it
- June 29 Having an order from Miss Dawson for Kirkby Lonsdale Magazine I wrote to Foster for them.
- July 1 Mr Broader intends to give up school and set off by his brothers at Boroughbridge York - home and then to Hull. He pressed me much to write to Cousin Jane Lodge but felt hurt that she had not wrote to me of so long a time. Think he wants to form a more intimate acquaintance than I would wish, yet it is a delicate point, so much leave her to her own good sense how to act. Sent my love and hoped she would write.
- July 2 Mr Pim paid me £7 on account. Cousin Hattersley writes in good spirits but regrets my not going to London. Left Miss Dawson magazines at Marshfield and Theological Critic to Rowland Ingrams. Offered to read to Jane Waller, who gets very weak, but was sorry she declined; fear she is ill Roman Priest ridden.

Wish he may be steady, else if he gives way to laughing which he used to be prone to and which his brother did us harm with, we can't do with him. J Procter called on his way to chapel and got him to read in Bible which precluded worldly discourse.

- Dec 5 At Settle at night and bought a fine hat and a variety of articles at Mr Mangles, as I thought low in price, else should not as I did not want them immediately. I think I could have bought several things which sister might sell with profit, but as they had given me no orders I was perplexed what to do.
- Dec 6 Served 4 customers by going to the market at noon, but was obliged to exchange some Old Moore's Almanacs for Imperial with Brown. John Morphet is rather better since he was tapped. Mr Hammond, Arncliffe, has died, and Mr Tennant, of Yockenthwaite.
- [47] Dec 7 Received a pair of gloves from sister, but was much grieved there was not a word about her state of health. Messrs Marple and the Procters with J King came for a few hours at night as arranged. Were very social and kept pretty sober which pleased me best.
- Dec 8 Walked to edge of G-K Scar where Messrs Hartley are planting young trees and though it may add to the beauty of our scenery there is so little soil it may be long first. Brought Mrs Bolland some strong cotton from Mangles shop.
- Dec 10 Bought some cloth and fustian for Mr Waller at Mangles
- Dec 12 Could not hear if Rev T Carr's school subscription would be continued. Cousin W Lodge says Mr Tennant's house and estate at Yockenthwaite are left to eldest son of Rev J Mitton of Thornthwaite. His money not mentioned and there are many distant relations. Fear the lawyers will get too large a share. Disturbed at night by loud and repeated knocks by some who had been tipping in Settle. One of them married a Stockdale. Sad news about banks stopping daily but shall forbear particulars until I see newspapers. Had some talk about the late Mr Tennant's relations with Bella Harger.
- Dec 16 Scholars do not make as much progress in tables as I could wish. Many banks at Blackburn and K Lonsdale have strong runs on them this week but stand firm. Cast up and took in as requested the Bills for Rev J Howson and his boarders and also to Master Busfield at J Kings.
- Dec 17 Distressing news of the stoppage of many banks, yet Baines thinks that Wakefield and some others will be able to take in their notes. 5 or 6 London banks shut and one Sir P Pole & Co had 46 - seven country banks drew upon them - Leyburn is one, and it will make great stagnation. Mr Moffat says they had over speculated or had a run on them and so simultaneously that they could not find cash for notes. I made up my deposit to £95 at Savings Bank.
- Dec 18 A searching sermon from Mrs Pattison. A faint view of the torments which the damned feel. Oh! how weak I am
- Dec 19 Master Busfield wanted me to sell books he had bought of me and done with and I kept putting him off. Packed up trunk to send by carrier and got some gingham and grey cotton to fill up space which sister might sell.
- Dec 22 Broke up for Xmas and set collects to learn in holidays. Had some almanacs returned from Dixon, shamefully soiled. Got Mr Tatham to change 2 notes for gold. Mr Mangle gave me his poem on Coverdale which I have long wished for.
- Dec 23 Set out in Waller's cart to Gargrave and slept at Wades, Bay Hose, Skipton. Saw N Moore late housekeeper to Mr J Tennant, who gave me 2/6 on account of the medicine I got for her last winter. Rev R Tomlinson is now master of the Grammar School.
- Dec 24 Walked by Bolton Bridge to Knaresborough and Rev J Mittons at Thornthwaite, who kindly detained me, not against my will as I wished to enjoy the society which gradually grew in my esteem. His assistant, Mr Atkinson, is a lively sensible young man.
- Dec 25 All went to Church and T Rider was waiting for me to go and dine, but having a wish to stop sacrament declined till afternoon service and though I felt a desire for spiritual benefit could not regain that hold as it were in prayer. The Church was heated by a stove - neatly fit up and there is good singing in which the two sons play the violin and violincello when home. Went to tea at Ryders and found a good-looking friendly woman in his wife. Retd to Mr Mittons for the night. Had family prayers and retired about 10 o'clock.
- Dec 26 Set off at 10 for Foxstones over a dreary moor to Appletreewick and after refreshment to Burnsall. Walked by Netherside Hall, a modern antique house built by A Nowell, Esq., 'tis said for his niece who lost it by marrying a clergyman, brother to Mr W Robinson, of Settle. It is opposite Grass Wood where Lee was gibbeted for murder. Then under Kilnsey Cragg which overhangs prodigiously. I had never seen it before, but was kindly received at Mr W Tennants before dark. They had some ladies to tea and that and warm room brought me a sharp fit of toothache which was

- relieved by a little ginger. Rev J Foster came in later
- Dec 27 Breakfasted at Mr Fosters. Mrs F is anxious about her condition and takes it hardly, lest Mr Tennants will be broke and that only assures them the house they live in, though it was well known he bought it for them, and Mr H Procter had blustered hard about that and making them give up the keys. After refreshment set out up Camm Ghyll over Wintersleets and Walden Moor to my brothers.
- Dec 29 Had to go back to Middleham.
- Dec 30 Walked to Carperby and gave Bro Johns family some cotton. Offered to pay half to Johns learning to write for a quarter, and brother set me to Burton. Infinite mercy has spared us to close of another year. May it pardon what it has seem amiss in us, which fear is very great.

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- [48] Jan 1 Stormy day but attended prayer meeting at Methodist Chapel and then went to church where Mr Winn impressively delivered a discourse on the shortness and uncertainty of time - very few there.
- Jan 2 A rugged morning or should have set out on return. Settled our accounts &c Bro D at Buckden.
- Jan 3 Fine frosty morning and I tripped off lightly past Aysgarth Church and got to Hawes by noon, leaving my bundle at J Rouths as I enquired for parcels. Got A Whaleys opinion upon a notice for him. He paid £5 to Bro D on my account which I received. Hoped he would have settled all now, but could not. Settled with Rev J Whaley and treated him, also Mr T Routh who returned the compliment. I went to Cousin Dixons for the night; he was rather tipsy but lavish in acknowledgment of my kindness in getting John a situation, but fear he will not be pleased that he gets no wages - nor am I.
- Jan 4 Set out through Gayle, where it was uncommonly stormy, but the Top being short and through the blessing of a kind Providence got well over. Not much snow fell, but that on the ground was blown about me. Got breakfast at J Fosters of bread and cream and then called at Aughtershaw and Beggarmans, wishing to sell Almanacs, but did not. Walked with a Mr Little to Deepdale and alone to Yockenthwaite, finding Cousin Dixon at late Mr Tennants house, and was introduced to Masters Welbury and Joseph Mitton. The latter has the estate left. Two pleasing youths, especially the former. Rev Mitton was civil as before and sat with me an hour in his little parlour. Called for Cousin Mitton and could hardly tear ourselves away from the kind hearted Mittons. Saw Mr Procter from Manchester. There were Rev J Coates, Rev J Foster, Messrs Brown, Airton and Merryweather, valuing the furniture as they are taking administration to the personals and understood they went on amicably. Was sorry to hear that many penurious and singular traits were brought to light in the late Mr Tenants character on inspecting his accounts and letters. His servants were not hired and he had put down the small things he had paid on their account.
- Jan 5 (Typist note: manuscript does say Feb 5, but it obviously should be Jan 5) After breakfast at Cousin O Lodges was grieved to find him urge me to take back the £100 I had lent him though he had given me no notice and did pay me 48 on account. We bade farewell to the Mittons and then to Beggarmans. He would have a very cold blast over to Hawes as he had no top coat and I was induced to come this way to enjoy his company longer and was grieved at something I did last night. Mrs Thistlethwaite and her son overtook me with a cart and I rode with them to New Houses, where they pressed me to take refreshment. Called at Slingers, Studfold, but Rev W Bury was from home which I reached Giggleswick before dark and found all well and was glad for a warm reception as usual.
- Jan 6 Got cotton and fents for sister from Mr Mangle and some from Tathams, paying for all but the last, including a gown for herself which I shall not charge it. Shewed Mangle what fustian is like when washed which he seemed mortified - it was so bad.
- Jan 8 Sent Singers to church and gave tickets to those who had attended during my absence. Heard a very searching sermon at Methodist Chapel by Mr Pattison but I fear I have greatly grieved gracious God as I was very dull both then and during Mr Drivers prayer which thought excellent, he kindly set me home and I told him about cousin's having got not wages which he thought unreasonable.
- Jan 9 Mr Boarder came at night who delivered my letter to Cousin in Hull and forgot to call for the answer, he was so taken up with his lady. Was grieved because she will not send it by post.
- Jan 10 Strong fall of snow. Mr Sep. Dawes with us at night and Mr Paterson from Wakefield. Eli Harger went with them to Settle taking parcel to Wilmans for Gill. Had a glass at Dobsons and treated Dawes.
- Jan 11 Called at Hartleys to pay for last parcel by coach and was much grieved they had charged 1s and 4d for case from Leeds which they did not deliver the day it came and I told Mr H it was shameful. Talked with Mr Howson and Miss Wigglesworth about advance in Library subscription and was glad to learn they were against it.
- Jan 12 Received record of National School Society addressed to Rev Mr Paley, but suppose it is that though we have so many Revs about, they let the duties of corresponding with them devolve upon me and I took it to Mr Claphams at night. Glad to find Mr Thos against the advance and also Mrs Clapham and Mrs Bolland.
- [49] Jan 13 Through infinite mercy am spared to see another birthday in health, being 41. God pardon my many sins and give me grace to serve Thee with singleness of heart and mind. Attended Library meeting.

- Messrs Hartley, Clayton and Carr (Stackhouse) wanted subscription advanced to 25s and finding it was likely to be put to the vote, induced me to give the afternoon to it. Mr Sutcliff brought a paper wherein Messrs Bolland, Williams, Hardacre, Preston, Miss Wigglesworth and another lady appointed him their proxy to vote against it, supported by Rev J Howson, Messrs Tenant, T Clapham, W Robinson, Rogers and myself, so that they were clearly beat, but Mr Hartley gave notice for trying it again next year and seemed much mortified at their failure. He also wishes to get in an Encyclopedia and produced 2 volumes of the Birttanica well bound in Russ 22 volumes which he offered for 25 guineas second hand. I think it would be got in, but I came away before the close. Sat awhile at Mrs Bolland's at night who was pleased about no advance. Treated Mr Waller and son with a glass each and gave servant 1s 6d.
- Jan 15 Heard a good but short sermon at Methodist Chapel by Mr Farraday. Mr Pattinson gave an exhortation and notice that the members were about to renew their covenant with God and receive the sacrament and invited any serious well disposed persons to stop, which I did with some diffidence though I confess with some curiosity - never having been at a meeting of the kind - found it a very solemn one. Mr P then required those who were disposed to enter such covenant to stand up and hold up their right hands. I feared whether I had not gone too far and thought it required more consideration and did not join in. He then led the prayer and hymn still kneeling, after which they began with the sacrament, but I came away, recollecting the weakness I gave way to after last taking it in church, feared to rush unbidden, but oh! tell me my heart is not in the fear of man and loosing my situation that holds me back. Lord in mercy forgive me this and all my sins.
- Jan 15 One Rushton married Nanny Waller who is pregnant. They were all much at our house with the drinking part of our population after Hen Silver. Mr Waller got in a fresh stock of rum from Lancaster. Mr T Hargreaves also cleaned the clock there, as it had stood 2 days. Had some talk about mechanics. J French has asked Mr Carr whether they will continue their Rev brother's subscription and he says they have no authority. I fear it will end in a refusal which will shew narrow mindedness, as he has house and land left by him.
- Jan 17 Walked from Settle with Mr R Mount and asked if he wanted any money to borrow. He said he did as he wished to pay what he borrowed of Mr Peart as he had transferred the security to a Mr York. Should be glad to get him for a customer but fear he will only give small interest as he pays but 4 per cent now and Mr P wanted to advance him. Mrs Bolland's servant, Robert Dunn, decamped before daylight - a good servant but fear he was familiar with some of the other sex.
- Jan 18 Mr Wildman came and balanced for almanacs but was sorry he brought 8 back and fear I shall have near a score to return.
- Jan 19 Received the books I settled for R R Tomlinson when in Skipton by Shepherd today and took them to Mrs Bolland who seemed well pleased with them.
- Jan 20 A very long and upon the whole interesting letter from Cousin Jane Lodge of Hull, telling of the death of her brother, Dr Lodge of Mexbro, of an inflammation in the bowels, leaving 6 children and none taught to earn anything towards livelihood. Mrs L talks of beginning a school with the assistance of her sisters. I pity them much though I lost £16 to him and I think I shall send her a pound note.
- Jan 21 Called at Mr Swales but their lap dog bit me in the leg slightly so bathed it with rum at Mrs Starkies. Got a scarf put on my hat.
- Jan 22 We attended Church and Guyer acted as Clerk. Poor old R A has long been ill fit on account of his sight. He has now runnings and they say mortification in his legs. Heard animated sermon by Mr Wilson at Methodist Chapel and during first singing a man called out "Glory be to God". Understand he was Slater of Locks who had made a profession of religion and gone back to the world. Mr W gave him a very solemn exhortation to go and sin no more.
- Jan 23 Grammar School re-opened and I had 2 or 3 customers. Settle Fair very full but prices lower.
- Jan 25 R Armistead, our old Clerk, died. I wrote to cousin in Hull and enclosed Craven Bank note for the brother's widow. H Snell is going to Leeds for A Armistead if he can find him. Saw Mr Broader in his new tenement with the good news that Mr R has sold 11 of his books. Wrote Mr Wade, Bay Horse, Skipton, and sent it with 2 volumes Christian Friend by Cockle Mary.
- Jan 27 Cousin Lodge came at noon and brought me the remainder of the money lent him, but I have no where to put it at interest. He said W Tennant, of Kettlewell, would want £200 so I asked him to tell him of it. He says T Johnson is going to break Mr Tenant's will and has examined servant to that effect, but I hope he can't. Mr Drake has assigned his effects to his son Robert.

- Jan 28 Though much oppressed with a cold I went to Mrs Bollands and we ticketed about 80 awards for Sunday scholars provided by her and Mrs Sanderson. Had some rum and water to sup when cough troubled me.
- Jan 29 Got to Methodist Chapel at night but was myself in a very dull frame as I am more sorry to add I fear I have grieved the good spirit of God and groan, having burdened under a sense of my unworthiness
- Jan 30 J J and W Waller went to Mr Howson's school, and I felt grieved that I have not been consulted as they should have continued with me until they were better English scholars.
- Jan 31 Mr Mount followed me to school. He can do with all my money but only bids 4 percent. We made no agreement - a bad gang about them.
- Feb 1 Called to see Jane Wildman, who has been long sick and took her 2 oranges. She looks much aged. Mr Howson indisposed and sends for the scholars to his own house. Called at Mr Stackhouse who told me that Mr D Marsden, of Clapham, was married in Dec, to a daughter of Hanby, the taylor. Had some fun about the French teacher M Dupuis having directed a parcel to Mrs Queen and knew not but he was right, so ignorant are foreigners of our customs. It is passing strange he never heard anyone says Mrs King, when he previously slept there. Got a saucy letter and some cash from Rev Postlethwaite.
- Feb 7 Smoked a pipe at Parkers. He said Dr Aingers terms at St Bees were 2 guineas entrance and £20 per annum, board 15s per week and very uncertain whether a person could get ordained after 2 years there.
- Feb 11 News came this morning that Dilworth and Cys Bank (typist note: Dilworth, Arthington & Birkett???) at Lancaster is stopt. Not having a letter from Cousin Jane I wrote to her in Hull about the one I sent with the £1 note and the idea of a school, shewing the inexpediency of beginning as it requires more cash then they can command to fit up a likely house, and uncertainty of permanency. Called at Settle bank with the Skipton bank notes to get exchanged which they declined to do. But they exchanged Richmond and Swaledale and Wensleydale to the amount of £30. They did not say that Skipton bank was really stopt which Blackburn bank is said to be. Mrs Waller, Bella, and one Carter from Clapham had a scruffle with a man near Ebbs and Flos, but got back ill frightened.
- Feb 13 Mr Waller and Eli Harger having to send some Skipton notes there I let them have mine. I got a Blackburn note exchanged for a Settle one by W Marsden. Wished to have sent some to Foster, K Lonsdale, if I had met a safe person, chiefly on account of 2 which some fear can't keep open till they get a fresh supply of cash from town which it is said A Nowell, Esq., has sent for. A very brisk run on Settle Bank by people from a distance generally. Mr Broader came in and spouted much eloquent nonsense. If I knew he was coming I would avoid him.
- Feb 14 Uncommon warm and sunny. Sent £6 10s in Lonsdale and Craven bank notes to Mr Foster by Adam Dod. Was glad to hear that Rev J Clapham and principal gentry in neighbourhood signed a paper stating confidence in Craven Bank and delicately put it on bank door while the bankers were out at dinner which hope will do much to allay.
- Feb 16 Not so many people visit Settle Bank now, being confident of its stability
- Feb 18 Am much oppressed with pain in my head, same as last year, noise unhinges me beyond common.
- Feb 19 Get a little sleep after daybreak owing to stitches in my side which pierced me like daggers. Rather better when I arose and went to Settle. Wrote Mr Foster as he has not mentioned the receipt of my money and I only bethought me today that it was £7 10a which I sent - one pound more than I noted down. Ventured to Methodist Chapel at night but did not experience the peace which I longed for and which have long desired. Felt a little off.
- [50] Feb 20 Mr Foster came at noon and promised to return at 4 for tea, then we could have some chat, and was sorry he did not as there were many things I could not compress into a letter. Broader came at night saying he was got rather tipsy and he had persuaded him to stop all night with him and wrote his father by coachman not to expect him, but think he had not consented as he set off after C which made me uneasy. Saw Mr Mount at noon and offered at 4½ per cent, but only 4¼ so could not agree.
- Feb 22 Wrote to Foster intending to send it with his great coat and umberel by coach, but it was gone. Mr Varley called but had not much news out of the Fell. He wared a trifle with me.
- Feb 24 My cough brought on pain and dispirited me for teaching, but trifles irritated me and severe cough deterred me going to Settle. Very sorry to learn that Sir J Perring & Co., the London bankers - to whom the Wensleydale Bank had transferred their account on the failure of Sir R Pole - are failed also, and so is their bill broker, fear these things will cause a serious run upon them if it do not

- ultimately stop them.
- Feb 26 Though cough brought on sharp pains in my right side had had a bad headache, yet thanks to a gracious God the first kept moderate and was free from the latter today which had reason to be thankful for, as my employment required great exercise of lungs and patience. I dwelt much upon Catechism, and 68 of them stood up and said it. Mrs Bolland was wheeled down to hear them and seemed much pleased.
- Feb 27 Went to see Mr W Robinson if he had got me a money customer yet, who said it was Lord Ribblesdale he had wrote to, and would inform me when he heard
- Feb 28 Had the most callers from Grammar School that I have had this year, chiefly from Mr Howsons to order Monitor's preceptors. Cousin T Proctor was at our house and was rather sorry least our people should think something, but he followed me out to borrow a few Notes till they got paid for Old Ing and I lent him £5 as his wife has been long ill, she can work with her hands very well but being nervous has no exertion, they have had a woman but must now do without one.
- Mar 1 Received so large an order from Mr G Woods was afraid I might be found fault with when payment was required. I wrote to Mr Howson to call but as he did not come I asked Mr Stackhouse in confidence, who could give no advice. Went to Mr Howsons afterwards who was not surprised at my being staggered at the amount, but he thought Mr Wood, senr., would find no fault when he considered, as they were books his son must have when he went to college, so thought I might venture to send for them which relieved my mind not a little. Some misguided men pulled up the pallisades and shrubs at Mr Carrs, Blackburn, on Saturday. He would have shot them but his gun missed fire, about 200 made off. He rushed out and seized one of the rear and made him confess who were the ringleaders and they are committed to Lancaster. Mr C is the father of one of Mr Howson's boys.
- Mar 4 Called on Mr Metcalf, the new Draper, and bought some trimmings for a coat and chatted a while as he comes from Hawes. I found him disappointed in the Market and the business he gets, but the times beat everything, few people can get weaving and others are not fully employed. The Bank of England have agreed to lend manufacturers three millions on manufactured goods which hope will give a spur to trade as spring advances. Was at Mr Stackhouses an hour as it was club night and seldom any comfort at home.
- Mar 6 Sat at Mr Woods, read a sermon and had a glass, but got into the Thames with my feet, it was so dark which induced me to go to bed.
- Mar 7 Were in gloomy humour with one another on account of the drunkards hindering me writing last night. Received cash from Rev R Mallinson, and a few lines wherein he rather obtrudes his advice. T Dixon has seen the Typhus case who is slowly recovering and fear he has ventured too far into the room where he was. May the Lord preserve him from infection.
- Mar 8 Saw Mr W Robinson who had promised to find me a customer for my money. He fears Lord R has got a larger sum. Mr R Harger says Mrs Armistead wants to borrow.
- Mar 11 No weaving given out in Settle and very little by Mr Claytons. Many out of work.
- Mar 12 Went to Methodist Chapel and must confess, in a dull hardened frame of mind but felt very thankful that my heart softened a little which felt so stubborn and sent me home in prayer
- Mar 13 Thankful there were no cock fighting. Should have been very pleased if they had been voluntary given up from conviction of their sinfulness than from poverty. Mrs Armistead, Clapham, is willing to borrow my £200 at 4 per cent that I will not take but offer at 4½ Mr Lipton paid me the interest on £50 due a month ago. He wanted to have the Almanac given in, alleging that he had money offered at 4
- Mar 15 Letter from Cousin Hattersley stating that John's illness and loss of time have caused great difficulties, requesting loan of £60 for 6 or 12 monthly. Had a glass with Eli Harger on his birthday.
- Mar 19 Mr Wilson preached a funeral sermon for Thos Kay at Methodist Chapel to a crowded congregation.
- Mar 21 Sale of Wm Carr's furniture at Settle, glad to hear school subscription will be continued.
- Mar 22 Wrote Mr A Foster, K Lonsdale about money I want to lend. The old quil and pensil dealer came again and pressed 300 slate pensils upon me and I had bought that quantity yesterday and one thousand of them which I had counted, proved several short and told him, so he gave me 6 towards them. I did not like of his coming again as he seemed a low character so took some of the most valuable books home and set paper, quilts etc., on a stool in the Black Hole. Had another dealer yesterday, of whom I bought 400. Got new coat at Hutchinsons and smoked a pipe while he mended top coat sleeve linings.

at J Kings in chat

- Dec 11 Not much of a fair at Settle as Gargrave was on the same day. Mr Chas Ingleby came to say he would keep my money still the year's end, April 3rd.
- Dec 13 Called on Mrs Tindal and received in full the long standing account. Took the coat which was Mr Dawson's to J Hutchinsons to get altered. Mr Knox came at 9 and talked to Mr Ashburn, the new book-keeper at Mr Claytons, whom he said was fond of books and was coming with him but had a bad cold.
- Dec 14 Mr Wildman paid me on account £3 and told us Mr Rogers was dead. Cast up most of bills against Rev J Howson and his boarders.
- Dec 16 Read the animated speeches of Canning and Brougham in which they cordially agree that we must support our old ally, Portugal, against the aggressions of Spain, even if it comes to war. May the Lord preserve us from it and all its sins and calumnies. Amen.
- Dec 18 Called at Eli Hargers and, wishing to see Mr Metcalf, I unfortunately fell over the Stocks in the Market Place and sprained my right wrist and grais'd my shin. The remains for Dr R interred today, aged 35. Made what I had in Savings Bank up to £200 with interest and cash
- Dec 19 Uncommon pain and sleepless night in consequence of fall, so consulted Dr Robinson, who rubbed it and gave me a liniment. He said no bones were out but it might be 6 weeks before it was well. Could neither write nor mend pens, but Thos Wildman came to do those of scholars. Paid for altering coat. Forebore sending trunk to sisters on account of my lameness.
- [57] Dec 22 Mr Stackhouse came and sat a long while, and as he wanted some money and I had some to spare, I lent him £20 till January, and as I was not able to write much he kindly put it down in my Day Book. Mr R Metcalf came to write for me to Mr Richardson, as my arm continues very weak. Was hindered by Gifford who was tipsy.
- Dec 24 Mr Metcalf went with me to Methodist Chapel with excellent sermon by Mr Wilson and I gave 1s towards collection.
- Dec 25 Saw Mr Metcalf and as Roberts wants to set off to Hawes Market tomorrow noon I consented to go. Went to Church but my mind was too much occupied by having to set off so soon. Both Metcalfs came after dinner and we set off by Barrel Sykes, where Robert left us and Ed and I trudged on through Horton to Mrs Procters, Cold Park, where Miss P is just recovering from rheumatic fever. Five men came from Chapel-le-dale to sing - all near 10 o'clock rather tipsy and they got to playing at cards, so Edward and I went to bed.
- Dec 26 Gave way to an improper levity in the morning which grieved me much after. Set out by Gearstones and reached Hawes at noon, delivering a copy of Broader's Book (artificial memory) to Mr A Whaley. Saw Mr C Ingleby on his way to Durham. I slept at W Dixon's but found a sad blank by the death of John.
- Dec 27 We walked over to Hardrow Scarr, going over the top and down a rude staircase. Went behind the cataract and back by Wm Johnsons, who expected some doceur. Ed returned to Hawes and I walked by Abbotside to Grange. Did not see J Paley as he was at a taken job of training. Had something to eat and gave the child 1s., then on to Askrigg. Called at Mr Winns, Nappa, and went over Cotton Mill Bridge to Aysgarth and my sisters. Found Bro Robert and Mrs there and stopt tea. All very happy.
- Dec 28 After breakfast walked through West Witton to Mrs Tomlin's and on to Leyburn. Had refreshment at Mr Dobson's and then to Richmond where I showed Rev J Tate Broader's book. Had glass of wine with him and an invitation to breakfast. Visited Mr W R Robinson with another copy which he was hardly willing to take in and spoke very harshly of the engravings.
- Dec 29 Richmond. Was disturbed in the night by noise of a company of shoemakers who supped and spent the night at Lumberts, High Row. I breakfasted with Mrs Tate but Mr T was out, who joined me for a short time after. He was very civil and enquired after my welfare, gave some commendations of Broader's book and a packet for Mr Ingram. I did not think Mr Robinson so civil to me as an old schoolfellow as he ought, as he never asked me in the house, whereas I dined with Mr Bell. He said Mr Gill had been there expecting me and would come again today which made me stop longer in Richmond, but I got Mrs Coates, S Martins, before dark and never received more attention from Thompson Coates.
- Dec 30 Slept well and Thompson Coates came with me to Turnpike Gate. He wants to borrow £100 of me as he says his married sisters want their fortunes. I told him if he met it nearer home to drop me a line and I would let him know if I had any to be paid in the Spring. I could not but be rather afraid

- back my belt crosses and was hurt. Mr H was very kind and attentive, helped me up, re-fixed the saddle and we proceeded pretty well home but was very ill after,
- Feb 3 Met Master Swale who told me Mons Dupuis was not come. Very stiff and lame all day. Learned from Mr Howson that Mons D was near £30 in debt in the neighbourhood and has only about £14 to receive; he doubts if he will ever come again and thinks meanly of him.
- Feb 4 Mr Robinson visited Sunday School and joined in the singing. Scholars were disappointed in rewards not being given out, but they could not be got ready, as Mrs Sanderson only received them last night. Lameness is rather abated.
- Feb 7 Mons Dupuis arrived so we were all upon the alert to see him and I went to King's which did not like, as he owed them so much more than me, but was glad to hear that he had given John £2 for me and a promise to balance next week. I was glad to get so much. Heard that Wm Marsden, our carrier, was brought to Joseph Hargers, so called and saw him and thought his horse had trod on his ankle and foot and the cart wheel run over his arm by which he is sadly hurt, laying long upon Row Moor where it happened. Being taken to Selside and brought next day to Sherwood House, before a Dr saw him, aggravate the case. He had sent a man on with the carts to Hawes and a charge to deliver my parcels and attend to other business, so hoped it would be done right.
- Feb 10 Assisted Mrs Sanderson and Miss E Smith after tea with them in marking about 90 rewards.
- Feb 11 Several visitors at Sunday School and they sang 2 hymns pretty well and rewards were given to nearly all, pointing out to others how they were to be attained by observing the rules. Hope most were pleased, but Monk's silly wife had brought 2 back, which John and Margaret had because not just what she wanted and Wm had none. She meant to have abused me but I would not stop and took them to Mrs Sanderson.
- Feb 12 Broader came and lectured on his new art of memory, but hindered my writing. At 10 o'clock Mr Knox and Master Buck called and the former paid me 7s 6d.
- Feb 14 Mr Chris Langstroth came for the £20 I had promised to lend Mr R Dixon, Tatham Fells. He went to Settle for a stamp and gave me his promissory note on letting him have the money. Ordered him bread and cheese and ale as dinner was likely to be late, they having one for C Tennant's funeral. When I loosed school I received invitation from Mr Gray, Richardson's Traveller, to dine at Golden Lion, but I declined. As Mr G did not come over as expected I set off and met him on the way, and with Mr Broader went to tea with him and Mr G advised Broader to advertise his book well and then went off by coach.
- Feb 15 Was at Kings after the Frenchman has been again but they could get no more cash.
- Feb 19 Sorry to hear that Mr Pearts have at last given up all hopes of Mr Wm's recovery, they now sit up constantly and fear he may die any minute.
- Feb 21 Three deaths in Settle. The Rev W Peart of a consumption, which have blasted the hopes of Mr and Mrs P and no doubt thrown them into inconsiderable grief.
- Feb 22 Near 100 Dragoon Guards came on their way to Scotland. Mr Waller had 6 billeted. Two came with 4 horses. They stopt so late drinking and singing, I could not get to sleep 'till they did, but was glad that John and I kept our own beds. Mr Proctor was at our house and did not please me very well with his opinions about writing.
- Feb 23 Many children with hooping cough. Was at Kings at night in search of Mons Dupuis, but as they had got no cash and believed he had none, thought it vain to wait and went home.
- Feb 25 Chris Stockdale is out of work and thinks of going off in the morning in search of it. I gave him 1/- and went to Mrs Sanderson for advice. Advised him to wait a day and see if he could get work here.
- [59] Feb 26 The remains for Rev W Peart were interred with great pomp - Pall and Supporters. The body in 3 coffins upon a Bier from Gisburn made for the late Lord Ribblesdale. No ladies in the procession.
- Feb 27 Mr Marmaduke Armistead came to enquire prices of Bibles and prayer books for Horton Church. Showed those I had supplied to our Church and he seemed well satisfied but had to acquaint the other wardens.
- Feb 28 Ash Wednesday so attended church with scholars. Wrote 2 copies of a contract 'twixt J Waller jr and R Hayhurst of Sallet Mill, for Burnt Mill, Sedbergh, for £284 and witnessed them.
- Mar 1 Was called up as Mr Jas Dawes wanted to borrow £100 and Bro Dinsdale had told him I had that to lend so I was not sorry I had none at liberty. Mr R Metcalf was going to call but found there was some rude company at our door which had been barred. Mr Knox tells me that the Rev W Bury's brother is killed by overturn of coach going to London.
- Mar 3 The Bishops of Lincoln, Bristol and Rochester are all lately dead and Hereford dangerously ill.

them about getting Ann to Miss Cragg's school which Betty is anxious for. Crossed Horse Head to Foxup, gave Jane books and cash for loan of horse; she says uncle is rambling and roving, so I walked home by Pennygant.

- July 21 In passing Mrs Clapham's she told me they had paid Mr W Robinson at Mr C Ingleby's request £190 and I got 9s 3d interest and I got £120 13s 6d of Savings Bank which with what I had in hand makes £301 for Thos Ellison. Called on Mr Bailey, Broader's successor, and think him a pleasant young man.
- July 23 Three of Ben Wilson & sons Huddersfield's notes were refused by Mr Robinson and won't be taken at this or Leyburn Bank, but Mr Tatham says they take them sometimes. Old John Harling dropt dead near the bridge and Wm Mason died near as suddenly last week.
- July 25 Can now sleep a little without handkerchief over chin. Mr Bailey called and we walked over Scars, and by Ebb and Flows; he said the Settle scholars have lost the system.
- [62] July 27 Examined scholars today. Find they always loose, particularly tables and religious instruction, by holidays. They are making sad work at Mrs Bolland's house, building two set of rooms before old front, breaking a front door east end, cutting up the parlour for lobby and breaking windows out. Mr Wm Carr will subscribe one guinea a year to our Sunday School and continue that to day school but I did not like to say he owed 2 years.
- July 30 Grammar School opened and had some customers. Mrs Sanderson gave me some berries.
- Aug 4 Mr Bailey and I went to Taylors Mill at Wharfe to Feizor where T Maudsley asked us in and Mr B, stopped tea with me
- Aug 6 Received £30 of Mr Lupton and Mr Howson, coming in opportunely, enquiring how I should like to be paid his and scholars' bills, gave me room to hint that it would be very acceptable then, so he kindly came again and paid me 'till midsummer, having a bill and some Bank of England notes which I exchanged for Settle notes and so gave Robinson £75 further for Ellison.
- Aug 7 Sent note to Mr Carr of Burton, by Potter Betty, that his books have not come in my parcel, but one for Rev Postlethwaite. I wonder why he cannot cease to trouble me when he has taken his orders to Scott. Sent Rev Whaley's magazines by Yeadon from Gearstones Market.
- Aug 8 Have taken the wool out of my ear and have rather more pain. Gave Mr Robinson a note for a guinea returned as too light.
- Aug 9 They are going to bring water across the field in pipes into kitchen by a pump and found R Harger, Messrs Stackhouse and Taylor, what they call "christning the pump".
- Aug 10 Mr Canning, the Prime Minister, has died in same room where Mr Fox did and about same age (56). Mr Howson requested audience tomorrow night when the new French master is come. Bought some Kerseymere of Mr R Metcalf and took it to Mangham, tailor, to make. Mr Silverwood saw Broader at Bowness, who said he had had good sale for his book and would return by Richmond.
- Aug 14 Mons Jardon did not come as expected to Mr Howson's Rev J Clapham is lame.
- Aug 15 Got my new Kerseymere breeches from Mangham. Very well made and took a similar piece for Mr Waller.
- Aug 18 Mr Waller has some cows in the felon and J Bleasard, of Wray, was over to see them. Mr H Maudesley came for him to an Ox and as they were riding up raven Bank Mr M's horse struck B's mule over the shoulder and him over the side, breaking a rib and it ruptured a blood vessel. He was brought back in a chair and Dr Burrows blooded him. He was put to bed spitting blood.
- Aug 19 Mr Pattinson gave a discourse in Duke St from St Luke, as he had observed many people strolling about there in a manner unfit to do on the Sabbath and thought he would give them a warning. It being cold I got into Wm Brennand's and after took supper with 10 tanners and shoemakers from near Ulverston who had come for Settle leather fair.
- Aug 20 Settle very busy with leather, cattle and lamb fair centring in one day. Saw Mr Holden from Horton, who invited me up some Saturday and Mr Bailey to go with me.
- Aug 29 [Typist note: date as in text, but out of sequence] Circus people parading about. Harvest is abundant and in progress. Mr Bailey and I walked to Horton; they have nearly got the Church pewed and east end rebuilt.
- Aug 27 Sister has been seriously ill some weeks of an inflammation, has been bled and blistered, and has a woman to wait on her and is not out of danger. Bro John's daughter Anne has come home from service apparently consumptive. Saw Mr Holden of Horton, in Settle, who says Mr Moore is dead of Typhus. Mr Wm Hartley also died today, taken ill at a funeral in Long Preston and brought home in a chaise. Wm Carr's wife is dangerously ill of Typhus.

- Sept 1 Mr Bailey and I had a fine walk to Malham Tarn, a beautiful lake I was never near before; took our lunch beside it and returned by Gordale, highly gratified with the awful grandeur of the impending rocks. I took care he should enjoy the surprise of turning the corner, but neither of us attempted to scale it. Called upon Mrs Hargraves, my country woman, and had some ale. I missed Miss Cragg as she and party were at the High Inn, but saw Miss Varley. Met Rev J Howson with 18 boys and we all went into Harrisons, Low Inn, The Buck; boys had bread and butter. Mr Wm Howson, of Settle, also there. We all walked to the Cove and then had tea which Mr Bailey would pay for as I had for his pleasure, then on to Kirby where the Revd Wilson shewed us the Oliver Cromwell register in the church as witness to 2 marriages. Think that in 1655 Mr Procter was Curate. I could not but treat the old gent with a glass for his civility. Left at half past six by moonlight for Settle in 1¾ hours.
- Sept 2 Mr Bramall is the new preacher at Methodist Chapel. His delivery was drawling and unpleasant. I fear the chapel will be thinned.
- Sept 4 Funeral of Mr W Hartley at seven in the morning. It seems to have been private, only relations including his brother Joseph from London with their clerks and workmen for bearers. They gave John Taylor and Wm Hudson suits of black. Had a brawl in school with Ann Kidd about James.
- Sept 5 Mrs Wood, of Settle, had a sale. She is very fickle and is now moving to Askrigg. I was there. Mr Holroyd came in, as he is in the habit of doing about every other night to see our Mary and get his glass, but know not which he loves best.
- Sept 11 Rev J Howson wants Homer for 3 boys and Master Swale a larger one, so asked Mathias Wildman about the edition his son wants.
- Sept 12 Mr Knox has left King's and gone to Turner's; he will explain why, later
- Sept 13 Library meeting but I did not stop long after paying my subscription as I was not fully drest. Miss Clayton had proposed £16 worth of books which was unreasonable and they struck one work (6 guineas) out.
- Sept 16 Methodist Chapel at night and heard an excellent by Benj Frankland. First time here as itinerant preacher, but I heard him at Long Preston when I resided there.
- Sept 17 Cousin Proctor brought me the £4 he owed me. W Lupton lent me £15 which I am to keep twice as long as he had my £30 if I need. Little Clarke found 2s in the schoolyard and I seek for owner.
- Sept 22 Mrs Buck sent me a piece of nice honeycomb for a present, and when Mr Bailey came we had a little in our glasses.
- [63] Sept 27 Pain very bad and met Dr Robinson on road and my resolution about having a tooth drawn was nearly gone and I had an instinctive fear of the operation, but he and Mr Bailey got me fixed and a candle brought in and the Dr could clearly see that the far-est tooth was bad and would have it out, but the operation was painful, as he had to go into my mouth so often. There was a hole down the middle and it bled till I went to bed, but I enjoyed a sound night's repose
- Oct 1 Hawes fair and much picking of pockets. Mr Holden, a well-bred gent, at our house, he confessed that he was come as an admirer of one of the Miss Maidens as I had suspected. Mr Wignall (late curate at Horton) and he were fellow students and came from Bacup. Mr Waller spoke of Mary's marriage as Mr Holroyd had asked him, but having heard he had failed as a stationer, he naturally felt a father's anxiety for his daughter's welfare. Mr H said that some furniture had come from Halifax into Miss Smith's house, which he had taken.
- Oct 3 Mr Buttery, of Helperby, has seen Broader looking thin but not shabby. Sold 5 Ciceroes to Rev Howson's boarders. Mr Gowan invited me to Mr Garstangs, as he wished to borrow his poney and ride to Colne tomorrow.
- Oct 5 Company of 93rd Petticoat Regiment came to Settle, and we had 7 billeted, so John had to sleep with me.
- Oct 7 Mr Bailey and I walked to Clapham and could not get without tea at Armisteads. Miss A and I had much banter about herself. Walked up the gill to the waterfall while Mr Robinson buried a corpse. Ten more of 93rd with us and all seemed quiet
- Oct 10 One of my scholars, John Clapham, died after short illness, 'tis said he had scarlet fever after measles and croup.
- Oct 16 Started school dire. At Settle Market, pottatoes 10d per peck and apples 1s., with meal 34/- a load. Uncommon good crops.
- Oct 20 Rev Ingram told me that Mr Tate (our master) was highly recommended for Rugby School which he had applied for. Had a disagreeable engagement with Joseph Hudson, who gets no tasks as he ought and was very obstreperous when taken in hand. Mr Holroyd and Ann Harger are returned, so he and

- our Mary expect to be married soon but I see nothing further in preparation beyond his coming so often.
- Oct 23 Rev J Clapham brought my ½ years salary and I paid Mr Waller for board and loan.
- Oct 25 The shoemakers came to celebrate St Crispins so I went and sat with Mr Stackhouse. Mrs Robinson was a visitor and thought her too fond of finding fault in the school.
- Oct 30 Fine for Settle Ox Fair. J Lupton deranged with liquor, so that I was much shocked and know not how I should have got him away if his father had not come by.
- Nov 1 Holroyd here every night hindering me. Tasted Bride Cake of C Knight and Miss Ellershaw.
- Nov 3 Mr Bailey and I walked to Mr Holroyds at the paper mill which he wished to see over, and I went on to the Wildmans at Stainforth on business.
- Nov 4 The Rev W Peart (nephew of J Peart, Esq.) from Essex preached at church, he rather poised too long upon some work in each sentence but read sermon better than prayers. I read to scholars and admonished them against Bonfires or stealing wood to support one.
- Nov 10 Was at Mr Stackhouses, who lent me £5 as I had lent him £20 last year. Mr Knox told me that Kings had a slanderous propensity of saying that I was apt to get tipsy!! I am now sleeping again in night gown.
- Nov 17 Admiral Codrington's fleet with French and Russia have destroyed the Turkish and Egyptian fleet at Navarino. Bailey and Metcalf tell me that Holroyd was tipsy instead of being here, which I am sorry at, for Mary's sake. We thought the wedding would have been today. My old pupil J Green of Lumb is buried today. Sold W Baxter my old pocket book as he had spoke with me about one before and he walked with me to near Wharfe, where I went to see Mr Altham, a new schoolmaster there, who boards at Mr Chapmans; found him very civil.
- Nov 18 Rev W Peart preached a few lines and sent me a pair of gloves to Josh Hargers. Brother has taken a farm about £200 near Simmerwater. I saw that Mary's marriage was upon the eve of taking place and was much grieved they had not the good manners to tell me even now.
- Nov 21 On getting up found Mary and the whole tribe of Hargers flitting about and ready for church. Holroyd and his brother Snip came last night were in parlour to avoid parlance. As I saw no prospect of Tea, got a few Pottage and went to School. I saw 4 couples come into church soon after. They sent afterwards for me to tea but I would not go, and a schoolboy said they were gone towards Kirby in a chaise. I asked no questions 'till night. The old Mrs brought me a pair of gloves and bridecake so told her I was surprised and grieved they had so little confidence in me, she acknowledged they were to blame. Had afterwards a strong glass of mixture. They returned to the cottage and some of them called. John and Holroyd's brother came away before 11 but I still kept shy and had parlour to myself afterwards.
- [Typist's note: from Mussett: Marriage: 21 Nov 1827 WALLER Mary & HOLROYD John at Giggleswick. Connection with Hargers is unclear except possibly for the marr of John/Johis Harger and Mary Houldroyde, parents of Eli Harger b 1686]
- Nov 22 Two Mr Powels from Knaresborough and Mr Garstang came in and the younger had seen Broader, still in his shooting jacket in this cold weather. John went out with Holroyd and when Mr Waller began to be cross at John staying Mrs W went up to the cottage to seek him and afterwards Jane who both came in before 11 and John came to his bed side, but having some doubts whether he got in or not; found he was not there which left me in a state of painful sleepless anxiety for an hour, when he returned quietly but I heard him. Such things make me anxious to change my lodgings.
- Nov 24 Repaid Mr Stackhouse the £5 loan and took a dozen drawing pencils to Miss Barbara Swale.
- Nov 26 Wm Lodge jr tells me that his father has been turned off the farm at Bainbridge which Bro Robert had taken. The paper mill men sat drinking 'till 11 at Holroyd's expense, hope we shall have no more such stirs soon. Went to Mr Bucks by appointment and received half year's pay for his boy's learning.
- Dec 3 Received parcel from Richardson, London, by Coach and paid the extravagant sum of 4/2d carriage. Mr W Robinson sent for me and asked questions about the poor of G-k which Mrs Bolland used to notice.
- Dec 6 Wrote to Mr Foster, K Lonsdale, and desired if he corresponded with any discreet person in Ulverstone to get them to give Mr J Atkinson a kind call for information about health and circumstances also to give him 5/-, 7/- or 10/- on my account, without mentioning my name.
- Dec 10 Wm Lupton called with Quils and took a prayer book. I gave him £5 for what I had in October as requested. Settled Sunday School account very amicably with Mr Robinson and received balance.

- There is rather more still left in Savings Bank but we must have a stock of books soon.
- Dec 13 After tea called on Mr Buck who has hurt his leg with a pear stick and neglected it so is now laid up with it. Read Intelligencer which dresses Baines off in fine stile.
- Dec 14 Lay waking till 3 o'clock and am sorry to add that John got up and went out again when he thought we were asleep, and stops an hour. May the Lord convince him of his error.
- Dec 17 Took account and a note to Master Wood at Dr Burrows as they are going to Rev R Woods at Askrigg, else should not have gone as it was very wet. Stopt at Mr Metcalfs 2 hours doing enigmas which Ed helped me to guess. Mr Bailey is no good at them.
- Dec 18 Remains of R Redmayne, who wandered beyond Swarthmoor on the 11th at night in liquor, was found dead and interred today.
- Dec 19 Put up clothes in trunk to send to sisters. Went to Holroyds as Mary had asked me to tea to join Mr and Mrs Stackhouse. I did not wish to stay long as I had much writing to do, but was sadly taken in as they got to cards which I did not join in. Miss Wigglesworths were also there and very genteel. Came away at 10.
- Dec 20 Miss Preston, Mrs Ramsey's sister, who has been missing 2 nights and has been low-spirited, was found drowned in Bridge End dam today.
- Dec 21 Held a sort of public examination and Mrs Robinson and Mrs Sanderson as listeners. They both seemed well pleased. Gave up after naming Tasks and giving admonitions at 3 o'clock. Mr Stackhouse brought me a parcel of 7 Moores Almanacks which Mr Dixon has returned with an angry letter.
- [64] Dec 22 William Wildman's daughter, Elizabeth was married to the young gardener at Rigmalden Hall named Bailey. I left £10 for Mr Robinson on the Mortgage account with his head clerk Watkinson Tindal who gave me a few lines of acknowledgement.
- Dec 23 Attended Sunday School and gave strict injunctions to scholars to behave well during my absence.
- Dec 24 I and the Maughams set out through Stainforth and had not gone far in Silverdale when it began to rain fast, so turned aside to Cousin Lodges at Foxup, contrary to my intentions, so put off our hose and got well dried and refreshed and when fair in afternoon proceeded by Horse Head and parted near Raisgill as they were going to Cray. I went through Yockenthwaite to cousins at Scarr House and after engaging in Prayer we went to bed.
- Dec 25 Was sorry to be driven to travel on Christmas Day but after breakfast called at Mr Jacques and saw Maughams at work. Was sorry to see Mr John dispirited with a cancer lately cut out of his lip, fearing it was not eradicated. Went down Bishopdale to sisters at Burton, and to Methodist Chapel seeing an old scholar of mine R Beverley and could not but join them in prayer.
- Dec 26 Walked through Aysgarth and Bainbridge to Rev J Whaley's, Gayle, who was not at home when I met him twixt and Hawes. Rev Wood and the Metcalfes were with him going to beg for Sunday School and was not a little surprised to hear the latter beg of me first. Returned to nephew J Paleys near Bainbridge and was pressed to stop all night there. I was much pleased with their attention though perhaps selfish.
- Dec 27 Went to Askrigg but Rev R Wood was not at home. Called on Miss O Wood who has only got into a small cottage and not got a husband. As I had time went round by Carperby to see old friend B Metcalf who had dislocated his shoulder and I got on to Burton before dark.
- Dec 28 Walked to Leyburn to meeting Mr J Gill, whom I found waiting. Mr Pearson sent compliments by him who acknowledged I cured him of swearing by ferruling. Went with H Paley to his cottage at Middleham, crossing the ford upon a cart which I did not like.
- Dec 29 I talked of returning but wishing to see further their prospects, they pressed me much and I stayed and we rode on to Scafton to his father-in-laws where we had a pleasant tea.
- Dec 31 Drunk tea at cousin Miss Howsons. After family prayer nephew set me on low road and it soon became very wet so we parted near Wensley Bridge. Got to W Witton and dried myself at W Fairbanks then returned to Burton and got wet again. Lord make us truly thankful for having brought us safe to the end of the year 1827

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- Jan 1 Burton. Lord make me thankful for Thy sustaining mercy. Called at Bro Johns with New Years gifts and a newspaper for Mr Hammond, with much conversation.
- Jan 2 Took leave of sister which was the more touching as her health is precarious. Walked to Bro Roberts and got ill wet. They are going to live at High Force, when there will not be a Paley left in Walden which has not been the case for 80 years.
- Jan 3 Left my native solum for probably the last time and walked over the moor to Kettlewell, changed hose at Mr Tennants. On going to Rev J Fosters I was pressed to stay the night. Mrs F was very friendly, but I was afraid of some mischief as she is very large. His father has had a cancer cut out of his lip.
- Jan 4 Got away rather late over the top, but it was so wet, it made me drop my design of going home. It turned to snow ere I got to Halton Gill, where I had tea with Mr Lindley and I got to Foxup after dark, and was sorry to see my uncle dote so much.
- Jan 5 After breakfast got to Stainforth and home to dinner. Mr R Brayshaw is dead.
- Jan 6 Enabled to meet my scholars again. Had 87 at Sunday School, but 8 of the elder girls ran away instead of going to church and was obliged to reprimand them severely. Messrs McGowan and Knox went with me to Methodist Chapel at night where Benj Frankland preached excellently.
- Jan 7 Was in Settle Fair at noon but was quick as possible for it was very cold and I was seized with violent pain which made me unfit for teaching but stood it out till night. Mr Garstang had got me some fents for brother which I sent by Gill with some blacking.
- Jan 8 Mr Buttery says that Broader is laying close seige to his sister-in-law at Helperby. Have rested well and am much better.
- [65] Jan 10 Read the speeches of Messrs Rimmington Ingram, Howson, Birkbeck, Hartley and Hammerton, on a silver tureen and waiter being presented at Golden Lion to Mr Ingram.
- Jan 11 Increasing snow and storm. Had some elder wine at J Kings and wrote out some bill till supper.
- Jan 13 Through God's mercy am spared to see another birthday and am 43.
- Jan 14 School broke up and I went to Library meeting. Metcalf and Bailey came by appointment and took glass with me for birthday treat. Had some apples and we sat pleasantly 'till 10 o'clock. I had ordered J King to distribute some bread and 2 cakes each to stick and aged poor. Hargreaves found dead below Holling Hall.
- Jan 19 Went to Mrs Sanderson's and marked rewards - 80 shifts, hose and gloves, also tippers, provided by the will of our lamented Mrs Bolland.
- Jan 21 Grammar School re-opened and had customers. Wm Lupton called and suppose he wanted some cash, but he was tipsy and I asked him to call again.
- Jan 23 Miss Barb Swale came to settle account but not having a stamp only took £5 and went to Settle for stamps but neither of Messrs Redmayne were in and it was the same at night. Ordered a pair of shoes and got ½ years interest on Ellisons Mortgage from Mr W Robinson.
- Jan 25 Cough very bad. Mrs Lupton came for the £10 I had for a short time as Wm had got hurt going home and I let her have £6 which was as much as I could conveniently spare. Mr Howson brought an order but he having received no remittances I fear I shall be thrown as I calculated on receiving near £40 from him.
- Jan 26 Got receipt stamps at last and at Bank a bill for £50 and Mr Birkbeck paid me for his son's books very pleasantly. Mr Turner Hardacre died of consumption aged 24.
- Jan 28 Mrs Briggs, Staymaker, of Lancaster, dined with us and I sent 6/- to settle Bathgates account.
- Jan 30 Mr Dawson from Keighley brought his grandson, Master Garforth, to Mr Howsons and slept at our house. Said he was going to see 1 of 12 brothers and look out for a place to end his days at Kirkby Lonsdale. They are all old bachelors. Mr Robinson brought me the mortgage deed from Thos Ellison of his house and butching business for £400.
- Jan 31 Mr Swale brought me large order for self and Mr Ingram. Boys are pouring in daily. A Mr Delafare, solicitor, Keighley, brought his son to Miss Willans, and I am to supply books and stationery.
- Feb 1 Got Psalm books of Brown who talks of going to America, so he can't have so much business here I think.
- Feb 2 Rev J Howson paid me his account and I allowed him 3/- discount on his own books and repaid Mr Waller what I had borrowed. The Duke of Wellington is now Premier and has Tories in office

- which I admire more than Whigs.
- Feb 4 Magazines by coach from London and as it was wet and dark I had to take a lanthorn to Langeliffe and had the company of the notorious Mattison, who was drunk. Delivered books to Mrs Starkie and Mrs Swale, etc.
- Feb 9 Sorry to hear that J Maugham was in Typhus Fever. The Procters came to spend the evening with me as requested, as they are going to farm near Burton.
- Feb 11 (Typist's note: original says Feb 1, but assume it must be Feb 10 or 11: using the latter) Richardsons parcel came by the coach which runs to the Spread Eagle (Kirkgate) and does not come on Friday nights which caused the delay
- Feb 12 Had much talk with Brown about the trade here and brought No 2 Foolscap better than at Woods and lower in price though he must have a profit.
- Feb 14 A tempestuous day for wind and snowdrifts. Was much concerned to hear of Maugham being only just alive and few persons dare to come at them. I offered to lend Mrs M a few shillings if needful and Mrs Sanderson ventured to go in.
- Feb 15 Heard on getting up that M was dead. We were annoyed in school by the melting snow dripping down from the room and only 33 scholars were present.
- Feb 17 Kept children in school until after funeral, else should have liked to show last taken of respect, though not without some fear of infection. I got Mr Waller to go with me to Methodist Chapel at night when Mr Frankland requested the society of such as wished to stop a little after. I ventured to do so and was much edified by his address. Came back to Gk with Thos Ellershaw, a poor but pious man, who partly agreed to teach in poor Maugham's place. Mr Garstang and Stephen Hargraves were at chapel and stopt till the last which pleased me very much.
- Feb 18 Collop Monday but I attended school. L Chapman brought me an order and wanted me to stand treat, but I made my usual objections of not leaving school.
- Feb 21 A Clapham pushed J Preston against my ink jug and threw it down, which spilled much and grieved me more. I found W and A Atkinson's brides cake in the window awaiting me.
- Feb 23 Mr James Brown, a native of Stainforth, but late of Liverpool, interred here. Took Mr Pim a French dictionary to Swaback for Eliz Dixon who was at Little Bank. So I walked on and she approved of it and Thomas is to have a Virgil.
- Feb 24 Wrote to L Howson, Lancaster for a new wig. Was much teased by ill got tasks with the children.
- Feb 28 Brought Rev J Clapham the Leeds Intelligencer from Settle and read part of it. Sorry to see the Turks nearly declare war on us and with France and Russia.
- Mar 1 So wet that Mr Bailey and I could not walk to Long Preston fair. Was unable to possess myself in patience amongst scholars, they are so naughty.
- Mar 8 Went to Settle and bought a piece of superfine blue broad cloth for a coat and took it to Hutchinson to be made up.
- Mar 12 Though the Governors and masters feasted together as usual I took the scholars to Church. Glad to say there were no cockfights today.
- Mar 13 Had a walk with Mr Stackhouse, who told me particulars of yesterday's festive party.
- Mar 15 Young J Waller's birthday being 33, so I had a glass with them.
- Mar 16 The body of Wm Edgeler found Stainforth Force having been 9 days missing and long tried with a bad wife
- Mar 18 Sorry to hear that my parcel to Dr Hodgson, of Clapham, two weeks ago was taken out of Mrs Willan's cart box and I enquired at the shops if anything of the sort had been offered for sale but learnt nothing, but yesterday a boy named Fell stole a book out of Scott's shop.
- Mar 22 Mr Preston, of Pennigant, called and I treated him with ale. Paid Hutchinson for new coat. Judge Hullock and several counsel came in brougham and stopt at Mr W Birkbeck's all night. They were going from Lancaster to York. A woman hung at former for poisoning her parents.
- Mar 26 Surprised to hear Mr R Metcalf is gone again to Hawes, so suppose it must be some love affair in hand. Ed and Mr Bailey suspect it too, but latter knows more than he speaks out. We had some fun about our absent friend.
- Mar 27 Read Leeds Intelligencer praising Duke of Wellington for economy and industry, who is going to abolish Exchequer which may save 2 millions. He rises at 7 and attends to business all day.
- Mar 31 Heard excellent sermon at Langeliffe by Mr Frankland, and met Clapham tipsy ere I got home, who abused me shamefully and followed me into our parlour, before I got my supper and walked out.
- April 4 Mr Altham came and paid me so I set him to Camack Stile in my slippers as he was going to Long

- Preston Church. Mr Ingram gave us a rather better sermon and I ventured to stop sacrament.
- April 6 Many Sunday scholars only half the day from the silly fondness of parents who allow them to go to Ebbs and Flows to drink Spanish juice while others are quaffing a stronger mixture which perpetuates vice.
- April 7 Was disappointed of Wm Wildman's horse, so Mr Bailey and I did not go to Kirkby but to Stainforth, where we looked at a gill cataract which was of considerable length, hemmed in by awful rocks which I durst not look over.
- April 8 Letter from Howson, Lancaster, instead of new wig saying he had lost the measure, so got M Holroyd to cut a paper cover for the bald part and take new measure which I sent with hasty letter. J Hutchinson brought my new waistcoat which he had made and Mr Turner a new hat, so treated them.
- April 13 Many Sunday scholars late, as is too frequent, whom I order to lower classes as usual, but Clapham's boy did not go at first bidding and again took his hat and walked away; thought sorry to see such contempt which is doubtless fostered at home, was not sorry to quit him. About 60 said catechism and as Mr Clapham had a bad cold, Mr Ingram took all the duty and only gave about one question each. Mr Robinson joined in signing, and on my recommending a copy of Watts hymns to the scholars he kindly offered to pay.
- [66] April 14 Bought clarified quilts of a Manchester traveller which he offered low. Received new wig from Howson which is more ample than last but charged higher price
- April 15 Distressingly affected with an headache but went to missionary meeting at Independent Chapel. Mr Ellis, late minister, made prayer. A fair but not crowded congregation. Collections £16 odd.
- April 17 Called at Richard Hargers as Guardian for the youngest of Howsons. Consented unwillingly to take her in my school as she had gone to Mr Bailey's. The big girls have been very giddy but I promised to try her. At J Brown's shop bought copy books and paper at what I thought a low rate to the amount of one guinea.
- April 18 Afflicted with pain across the kidneys but attended school, though obliged to sit more and was fatigued. Told Mr Bailey he might to to (sic) to Kirkby Malham without me, but he declined.
- April 19 Mr Robinson, of Kettlewell Park, came to enquire about Miss Cragg's School for his sister. We found Miss C very thin and a foot laid up. Thought her terms reasonable and sister is to come on Monday.
- April 20 Just 16 years that I have been fagging among spoiled children in G.K and frequently to contend with silly parents for endeavouring to make them wiser.
- April 21 Mrs Dawson says she has taken Ann to Miss Cragg to learn to letter but I made her apparently sorry that she had removed her
- April 25 One Harling brought a note from Mr R Dixon saying that a Settle man had bought many hams in Bentham and wanted me to find out what price he was giving, but did not learn much.
- May 1 Asked Mrs W Robinson to lend Mr Bailey and me her gig and poney. She was willing to oblige but afraid of the old favourite poney. She said we might have it to the Inn below Ingleton and were to use it with care.
- May 2 So short, uncertain and chequered is life while thinking upon our journey to Kirkby came an invitation to funeral of old Uncle Lodge. Mr John Proctor came to say that I might have his poney if he could get another, but Mr Waller offered me theirs.
- May 3 Set out at 8 on the poney which carried me well to Foxup in 2½ hours and 12 we went to Halton Gill. I went over Horse Head and walked into Buckden Wood to meet the hearse and the funeral was over at 5, and a woman called Proctor fell down sick as if dead in the chapel. I dined at first table and then reached home in 4 hours.
- May 5 Mr Waller has gone about evidence in Hornby Castle case.
- May 7 Mrs Robinson again offered her poney and gig which was more glad of, as we had declined going to ask her again lest she should be offended.
- May 10 Rainy but Mr Bailey and I set out in the gig with the top up, but we were too tall, so that we were not kept dry and left it at New Inn below Ingleton, as requested. We walked on to the clergy daughters' school, Cowen Bridge, where Mrs B has a niece. They have 75 scholars and we saw Phebe, daughter of Rev J Whaley, had some refreshment, and went on to Kirkby Lonsdale. Mr J Foster walked with us to Nowells New Hall, more like a castle, and drunk tea with his father. Got back to our gig and reached home at 9pm.
- May 12 Was abused by Wm Sedgwick for telling his girl of her pride and finery. Enclosed some old clothes to brother John, to be sent from Mr Tathams.

- May 14 No fire at school, it was so hot. Boundary day but I kept on teaching. Went to Clapham. Mrs Armistead would give an order which I wished to avoid, but there is no escaping when they are so pressing with tea. Walked back in 100 minutes before 9.
- May 16 Lent Thos Wildman a £1 note toward their rent. Mrs W promised to repay it in three weeks.
- May 18 Heard a good short sermon at Methodist Chapel by Mr Winder from Lancaster which melted me a little,
- May 20 Letter from Mr Heaton and sorry to learn Mr Faraday had not paid the 13/5 on my account and Mr H had not troubled further.
- May 22 Mrs Stackhouse, of Stainforth, died after a few days' illness and Agnis Wildman buried. I went to the church although not bid.
- May 25 Whit Monday. Met my old school fellow Frans Rider at Settle Fair. The Giggleswick Club dined in my school and I and Mr and Mrs Chapman with them. The Wallers were very throng all day and many people remained after 10.
- May 27 A fine hot day attracted many people to Settle Fair when a violent storm of thunder, lightning and rain came on. Met Mr Falshaw of Redmire, who told me that Downham had fallen down a coal shaft and was like for death. Talked with Mrs R Harker (typist: Harger??) of her religious experience and then home after the storm.
- May 29 Was much grieved with the scholars' impudence and idleness which is generally worse after a holiday. Ann Kidd scolded me for correcting James and I wish he was tied to her apron string. Mr Pim sent for me to Swabeck and talked about making his will and was more in a rambling way than usual.
- June 1 Young whitewashed school yesterday. I heard a good sermon at Methodist Chapel by Mr Moss with some humor and much action.
- June 2 Cousin Hattersley invites me again to visit her in London. I took a book for Mr Tews Birkbeck whom I found in their beautiful garden and Miss Clayton bought five.
- June 3 Marmaduke Redmayne paid me this year's interest on £100 and I gave him some books for the children as I generally use his seat at the chapel.
- June 4 Mr Gaskell's new married daughter from Liverpool came with her husband and Miss Harger to dine at Mrs Wallers
- June 5 Hill of Langcliffe brought me a letter packet and was surprised who could be sending me cash out of Wensleydale. It proved to be from George Terry, Vestry Clerk, Askrigg on Mary Blythe's account 5s for present relief and Rev R Wood's request for further information what she and her daughter earned, so I sent for her directly and gave her the cash.
- June 7 Had one of Richard Harger's boys to paint school windows and to save expense I cleaned them myself. Went to Mr A Ingleby's Crow Nest but got no orders, then to the Hall, Austwick, where Mr Brakes from Liverpool lives and Mr Altham teaches the children. Mrs Jackson, Wharfe, asked me in, when lo! she and some friends were at tea, and after a little ceremony I sat down with them. Mr Altham then set me back over Swarthmoor.
- June 10 Took Mr Howson's boarders' bills and gave into his own hands and understood he is going to Dublin this recess and wish he may come safely back. The Misses Dawson are returned to Marshfield so I called and left my respects asking Mrs Carr if Miss D would write me an introduction to Mrs Littledale, Halton Place, where I would solicit her custom for books.
- June 14 Miss Dawson says Mrs L has gone to Bolton where they should visit her next week and preferred mentioning me then.
- June 15 Children very restless in Church and given to laughing there. I corrected and disgraced from 12 to 20. Went to Independent Chapel where a youth preached pretty well but my heart was harder than the Nether Millstone. Mr Bailey and I had a walk besides where Giggleswick Tarn was and met Mr Howson, who is going to Dublin for a degree by passing 8 examinations in 3 years.
- June 17 J Waller, junr., was thrown by a horse and split a shoulder bone. He had cans in his hand. William behind him was unhurt.
- June 20 Great storm of thunder and lighting. Almost too dark at 9 o'clock to write in school. I and some children were frightened but were mercifully preserved. This day completed 25 years' tedious occupation of teaching; may the Lord pardon if I have taught amiss.
- June 21 Mr Parker came for his sister at Miss Cragg's school, paid me and invited me to stop a few nights when I went their way, so I treated them.
- June 22 Told Ellershaw he could go to the Love Feast and Mrs Robinson gave me 2/6 towards buying a hat

wife from K Lonsdale who brought a boy with a lame leg. Mrs Woods gave me a glass of porter with carbonate of soda to clear it. Found that Dawson had been telling tales. Had a glass at J Hartleys from Settle, who keeps an inn top of Church Street. Were in church where they are building a new vestry. Mr Hull is the new curate.

- July 12 Colder batheing, and got wet returning to Ln. Saw many fine folks at church and I sat in Corporation pew at S Mary's
- July 15 Mr Miller, where I stayed, set me to the post gig and I went to Barley Banks. Called at Dixon's, where they have the new parson, Mr Beaty, as a lodger, and was sorry to hear he is a Persecutor. Walked to Mewith Head for tea at Mr Chapmans. Saw W and J Lupton, but they were both in liquor.
- July 16 Re-opened school with 30 scholars. Many ill got tasks or none. Found that Mr J Metcalfe, who married Cousin Bella Dixon, had called on me when out.
- July 17 J Taylor run out of school when I told him to bring his task. I followed him home but his silly mother took his part, and I told her if he did not return, I would take him no more.
- July 19 Wm Kay came to inform me he had not been able to see Faraday. I fear he has turned a sad shuffler.
- July 21 Settle Fair and I met W Lodge, who gave me £2 on account and a promise to pay me all in autumn, but he has said so before. Had a long conversation and prayer with Mrs Harger.
- July 22 Old Mrs Brayshaw is dead suddenly. Wrote sharply to Faraday by W Kay, who is to burn my letter if the cash is at Leeds, if not to send it to Tadcaster.
- July 25 Examined school much in tables and they did very ill. Felt surprised that Mr R Metcalf stops so long away as once before and suspect there is a lady in the case. Ed hardly knows where he is or won't confess. Archbishop of Canterbury is dead, and Howley is now mentioned as successor. Mr Varley has brought his sister back to school. I sent 300 slate pencils to R Dixon by Mr Varley. Mrs Robinson visited sewing class but is rather too fond of finding fault. Mr Bailey has returned after long holiday, and I saw Mr Metcalf so jested about his secret journey and we sat recounting our adventures. Mr Delafare all night with us, having brought his son back to school. I hoped he would send for me into the parlour, but as he did not I went in with an apology, for I thought the boy had left me.
- July 30 Was much surprised at noon to find a note from Mr D in clock front, ordering 2 copies of Broaders memory and have very fortunately kept mine clean and uncut. Mr Knox offered me his for 1s 6d., but did not take it, as plates were soiled. Mr Pim wants books faster than I deem expedient. A stranger came and I did not quite like to have him in our middle room, John being away at Halifax, with no one else in my own. Slept well and thank God without harm.
- [68] Aug 1 Foster, of K Lonsdale, sent me new Memory book so I took it with mine to Master Delafare at Miss Willans. Miss Dawson, Marshfield, sent for me into the parlour where I had never been before, and went with me into the kitchen to order me a glass, but while I took it she came in again and I thought she did not look pleased and asked for my bill. Bloomfield is made Bishop of London, so will not be at Skipton on the 22nd; he is translated from Chester and Howley to Canterbury.
- Aug 2 Mrs Clayton sent Sunday scholars a basket of berrys which we distributed. The strange gent is still with us; he is very civil and knows most persons of note westwards, but never says where he comes from or what he is about. Sorry to hear from Kay that Faraday has not paid.
- Aug 6 Bro Dinsdale sent an order for Mr Metcalfe, but unfortunately the pattern most wanted was sold. Bought slates at Scotts.
- Aug 8 Again very busy in the book trade. Had to get a Gradus from Scott. He gets so feeble he is not in the shop all day. Received bill from Mr Howson for £63 10s 11d which unfortunately is £12 more than I wish to remit to Richardson. Some sheet lightning.
- Aug 12 Mr Bailey returned from Settle with me. Got a few berries. It had been his birthday on the 9th, and as we got engaged in interesting conversation and had stopped past their supper time, he had some bread and cheese with me and I treated him with a glass.
- Aug 13 Had a very disagreeable engagement with Thos Parker and had him kneeling near three hours 'ere he would submit to ask pardon or promise amendment when I offered to lock him in school, but as I was going away his father came in a very ill temper, that is a failing of both parents.
- Aug 14 Agreeably surprised by a letter from nephew H Paley, Middleham, and a present of 2 nice new dickeys with plaited fronts from his wife. Bought cloth for breeches and gaiters of Mr Metcalf. Asked Mr Bailey to find out what Brown will sell his stock for and if possible to get it in writing saying they are for a friend and I have great opinion of him for secrecy.

- Aug 15 Had a long walk with Messrs Bailey and Metcalfe and afterwards in our parlour. A glass each at Mr B's expense but thought Mr M should have paid. Holroyd came in, whose company I don't [word truncated]
- Aug 16 After early dinner walked to Long Preston to Mr J Proctor's, where I had tea and got a 5 years account balanced but thought them rather narrow. Returned by Mr Tennant's at Riddings, and sold three books. It rained sharply, and I went on to Meerbeck, where I got some cash from Mr J Preston but no order. I overtook Mr W Birkbeck and boy at Turnpike Gate and we all walked to Settle.
- Aug 17 My cold was worse and spit some blood, but I went to Settle and heard a good sermon by Mr Frankland and some particulars of Conference.
- Aug 18 Mr Wildman, of Stainforth, brought me 2 reams of paper and was surprised that he charged me 1s 6d less than the mill. Met Mr H Procter, of Colt Park, who said his brother from New York was over and would call upon me at night. I found him a very sensible and agreeable gent and was not a little pleased to find he retained his English partialities and dislikes their republican form of government, disapproves of their recent tariff and hopes the English will smuggle them much cloth through Canada. We visited the Church, walked round by the Green, Craven bank and Catteral Hall. I went with him to Settle, where he and his brother stop at Bowskills. Was sorry he came at so busy a time. Miss Patefield and Mr Gaskel went back by Lancaster to Liverpool.
- Aug 19 Mr J Procter walked with me to Runley Mill as he wanted to see it and we found his brother at Settle, then we went over his other mill and he set off by coach. He wants to send John's son to school with me, so we talked it over. Saw shoemakers from Wensleydale, fewer than usual. There was less leather and higher prices. Miss Paley of Knaresborough, was at Mrs Sanderson's and I conversed with them at night.
- Aug 21 Settle Fair. Much thunder lightning and rain. Not very full of tradespeople or buyers. Saw O Lodge's son John and treated him at Eli Hargers.
- Aug 22 Read that the Duke of Clarence has resigned his Lord High Admiralship because the Duke of Wellington disapproves of his having put the country to £80,000 additional expense by his tours and fetes. Small order for Mr Howson.
- Aug 24 Excellent sermon by Mr Howson. Mr Bailey and I stopt prayer meeting at Methodist Chapel at night and was edified to see young people there.
- Aug 25 Went to school in a spirit of prayer, but the idleness, bad behaviour and fretful lazy mood drive away Sunday evening's good and Mondays is beclouded by it. Mr G Woods, jr., brought me two copies of his poems and I took one to Mr Pim at Swabeck, who had sent for me.
- Aug 26 Mr Scott is now bedfast and restless. Mr Bailey says Mr Metcalf mentioned me as a fit and proper person to take on the Post Office in case of Mr Scott's death. Though I hold a delicacy and reluctance of speaking to anyone about it at present, however, I mentioned it to a few influential friends. When I spoke to Mr W Robinson, he seemed surprised and wondered how I could give up school, but fell into my views, though I must have a convenient room engaged ready, before any application could be made and then I thought I might.
- Aug 27 Talked it over with Mr Bailey and Mr Metcalf and how to get a room for it. Spoke of several.
- Aug 28 Very hot and rich for ripening and getting in the corn. Mr Peart's farmer, R Taylor, came to seek shearers.
- Aug 29 A new boy, nephew of Mr Busfield's, has come and got lodgings at Mrs Craggs. Mr B and Mr Metcalf are going to K Lonsdale, so instructed them to ask Mr Foster how to apply for Post Office. We walked to Kelcow and I thought them rather groggy.
- Sept 6 Went to Meerbeck and sold book to Mr Preston and another at Mr Tennants, Riddings, where I had tea. Rode with Mr Wm Howson in his gig from Cleator home.
- Sept 7 Had 91 scholars and was surprised and pleased to have Mr C Green as a visitor, for not long ago he was readier to mock than assist, so hope he is now influenced by religion.
- Sept 10 Bro Dinsdale writes that last month's parcel has not come to hand. Went to Missionary meeting at Methodist Chapel and Mr Frankland spoke in a powerful manner, also Mr R Newton came in from Liverpool and spoke in a pleasing and interesting strain for ½ an hour and I went again in the evening, the collection exceeded £21.
- Sept 11 Annual library meeting. Only Mr Sutcliffe, Mr Bilton, Mr G Woods, Mr Hill and Mr Stackhouse there. I paid my subscription. Talked with latter about the Post Office.
- Sept 13 Mr Pim has taken to his bed again and does not know me. Am afraid he may not mend up.
- Sept 16 Heard that Miss Willoughby has an eye on Settle Post Office, also that I am about to publish a book

- in our parlour.
- Nov 25 Heard that Lancaster was commencing bookselling and wanted Library which of course was not agreeable news, but Mr Berry promised to recommend me wherever he goes and said Mr Peart favoured me but thought Mrs Ingram was for Lancaster.
- Nov 27 Mr Stackhouse offered to pay me the £10 he had borrowed, in gold or notes, so I took sovereigns and paid Metcalf for silk handkerchief. Called at Mr W Robinsons and they invited me into parlour and chatted with great affability, giving me wine and an order.
- Nov 28 Saw Mr Gibbons at Settle who had got no news about Post Office. Mr Tatham told me that Mrs Scott has let her shop to a Mr Crossley, of Skipton, and that the Library Committee fixed for me to get the periodicals after Mrs S let her shop, until the next annual meeting. Mons Wraque returned from Mr Howsons and is pleasant and intelligent.
- Nov 29 A great flood here. Got my watch from cleaning as it had stopt of late. Asked Mr Moffat and Mr Dudgeon for their votes and said my delicacy would not allow me to apply on account of Mrs Scott, till I heard Brown had done so. Some men succeed from little scruple they have in asking and the diffident are thrown back.
- [70] Nov 30 Heard a rather rambling discourse at Methodist Chapel by J Holgate and stopt prayer meeting at which I was somewhat comforted
- Dec 2 Wrote Mr Ingram expressing sorrow that the Homers were not come by coach who asked me to write again for them.
- Dec 3 Very wet and dark which scholars took advantage of to talk, etc., not being so easily detected and I had a touch of lumbago.
- Dec 5 Had to whip Hudson for idleness and packt up 9 volumes for sending to bind.
- Dec 7 Mr Howson told me that Brown had never applied to him for the Library order nor durst he having offended him too much before and that he and Mr Ingram would vote for me.
- Dec 8 Had family prayers at Wm Wildmans but it did not impress me like a prayer meeting
- Dec 10 Went to Mrs Scott's shop for slates and pencils thinking I would get them cheaper but Butterfield is tighter than Scott was when alive
- Dec 11 Saw Mr Gibbon about P Office and all are surprised it is not yet declared. Mr H professes in his application that 'tis for the benefit of the widow. Mr W Robinson is sorry he cannot attend the Library Committee meeting as it is Lord Ribblesdale's rent dinner. Met Miss Clayton who said she would support me but J Tatham told me that Brown offered larger discount to supplant me.
- Dec 13 Attended committee meeting at Library. Present Messrs Howson, Sutcliffe, Tatham besides me and I went out to give them opportunity to speak about the order. When I returned they were gone but saw Mr Howson who said that Mr Bilton was to keep the order 'till the 25th and if Mrs Scott's tenant was come 'ere then the order was to be handed to me but if she kept on she was to have it this month. I said it was inconvenient as I wished to go off for a few days 'ere that.
- Dec 14 My hernia down with the cough and it was long in being reduced which made me afraid of inflammation but found relief about day break.
- Dec 15 Cold rather abated, was much grieved they spelt so ill in school. Taught the two Wallers at night.
- Dec 15 A great demand for History of Rome which surprised me as school is breaking up soon.
- Dec 17 Miss Willan and niece is at her brother Whaley's funeral who dropt dead from his horse and Leo Whaley's daughter is also dead of consumption. Mr Bailey asked leave of Mr Ingram to give up soon as his brother is dangerously ill. He will have examination on Friday and Saturday and else should stay over Xmas Day.
- Dec 18 Mr Gibbins is to have the Post Office and he is well pleased, also the Mrs.
- Dec 20 Several visitors at school and was much hurt at Mrs R and Miss W talking and laughing so much; 'tis a pity they know not better. Mr Wildman came from Stainforth, sorry to say tipsy, so I kept him from drinking more but he went to Eli Hargers at Settle where I left him to their care for the night.
- Dec 22 Rose early to go off but it was so wet I sent trunk and went to Mrs Sandersons to mark school rewards. Had Mr Stackhouse at night.
- Dec 23 Still wet but I set out and called at Redmaynes, Halton Gill, where I had refreshment, then to Yockenthwaite, but stopt little as feet were wet and roads bad. I went on to Cousin O Lodge, Scarrhouse, and found all friendly and passed the night pleasantly.
- Dec 24 After breakfast walked by Cray and called on Mr Jacques and received pay. Reached sisters at 3 and happy to find her well. George back at night from Kettlewell.
- Dec 25 Walked to nephew Paleys at Middleham and was overtaken by Metcalf Sunter who took my speed

(Page 71, of the manuscript, covering first part of 1829, has some anomalies such as the Hutchison/Tenant wedding date which Mussett puts at 1842, and the "printed in 1836" but other items check out at 1829, such as the York Minster fire; some 'evident' events have annotations noted in the text to corroborate the year, cols 1, 3 & 4 are probably 1829, col 2 is probably 1842)

- Jan 1 Being spared to begin another year may the Lord give me grace to spend it to His glory. After breakfast, nephew George set me to Gibbet lane on horseback, and I called at Mr Jaques and Mr R Fosters, Buckden. Then on to Kettlewell, where I slept at Tenants.
- Jan 2 Mrs T would charge me nothing for victuals, so set out into Littondale and dined at Cousin Lodges, then got home to tea where Mrs Waller was in a bad temper. As the magazines had come I delivered some.
- Jan 3 At Methodist Chapel a searching sermon by Mr Frankland and prayer meeting after, when I ventured a little myself though with fear, felt melted and a little comforted
- Jan 5 Met W Lodge fortunately at Settle Fair and got £10 on account. Sent word to Rev J Mitton of the vacancy at Arncliffe.
- Jan 6 W Kay and R Ibbotson came. Latter is removing to Mr Sins, Rotherham. Was called out to get Miss Armistead, of Clapham, some ink and tints which our people should have told me off.
- Jan 9 Was at Hargers last night and heard that the new grocer is not for bookselling. Reminded Rev J Howson of Library Committee meeting.
- Jan 10 Boys have grieved Mrs Clayton by making slides near her gates, so shall retain their prizes a week or two longer. Library meeting at which were Messrs Sutcliffe, Robinson, Howson and Tatham. It pleased me at t'was unanimous I should have the bookselling. Found Mr Adam waiting for me at Metcalfs shop, he had quarreled with Mr Clayton and account of his son's insolence, [obscured] he is stopping again
- Jan 11 Gave prizes at Sunday School to 55 scholars who had most [obscured] and had not offended Mrs and Miss Clayton with sliding. At night going to Methodist Chapel I fell on the ice and sprained the wrist which I did two years ago.
- Jan 12 Much pain last night in write and durst not try to mend any [obscured] today or write
- Jan 13 Am 44 today so gave bread to poor windows (sic) and a Bible to Yeadon. We were a cheerful party, but Gifford came in tipsy and was a nuisance/
- Jan 14 At Rev J Howsons about Library order and saw Mr Bilton after. Fear latter will be bad to get on with. Went in to Eli Hargers and treated Bailey

[Page 71 of the scanned pdf, marked as "1828" is wrong. The first column is 1829, and the second column is 1842, and cols 3 and 4 are 1829]]

- [71] Jan 17 Learnt that the new edition of Saul's arithmetic with key is out and mensuration by Huthersal his mater. Took books to Mr Pim, who ordered 4 from Longman's list and was more open and friendly. Mrs Tatham died after a long and painful illness. The lost numbers of K Lonsdale Magazine are brought back after being lost many months. Gave a few admonitions coupled with remarks upon Agnes Sanderson, who has broke her arm on the ice.
- Jan 18 Mrs Tatham interred. Public meeting at night and the house was well filled. After ½ an hour a man made prayer and sat silently down
- Jan 22 Went to Mr Garstangs and bought a new piece of cotton. Thought to have sold him an almanac but his father had sent him one. He ordered Mrs G to make me a glass. It was sad stuff and made me sick.
- Jan 30 Master Stackhouse brought me letter from Rev J Mitton, where he had been with his father. Mr Miles Dixon interred here today [Typists note: Mussett: Burial: 30 Jan 1829 DIXON Miles M 81 Giggleswick A1h/1]. Met an old gent on Belle Hill who wanted lodgings and took him to our house; very pleasant company, he lives in Kendal and speaks highly of Mr Faithful at Whitelocks Chapel, whom he says deserves that title as well as name.
- Feb 2 Went with Mr Tatham to library and marked the new library books and took two I had got bound for Mr Howson, but he was at the Oyster Feast after returning from Dublin.
- Feb 5 Read account of sad fire in York Cathedral, the damage estimated at 150,000. A tramp lunatic is

- April 29 Attended prayer meeting at T Ellisons and ventured to exercise, found myself comforted.
- April 30 Mrs Howson got home after her operation and bore her journey well.
- May 1 Settle Fair and very thin. Ordered pensils from Mr Gates, of Keswick, 1 dozen Number 15 and got them ere he left Bowskills. Was sorry to see Mr Wildman tipsy there and son also. Large parcel of magazines came from London by coach which made me very busy and took £5 10s worth to library, the largest order I have had.
- May 5 Much harassed with scholars. Mr T Maudsley is married to Miss Bateson [Typist's note: ancestry.com: Thomas Maudsley & Mary Bateson Marriage 4 May 1829 Lancaster]. Was at prayer meeting at Gabbats and went very dull and hard but through mercy was disburthened. Took a number of school books from Mr Tindal in part payment as they are removing to Skipton. Mr Metcalfe returned from Manchester. Sad riotous work there and they have burnt 2 or 3 Loom Mills.
- May 8 Riots at Rochdale and Macclesfield really shocking. Miss Rimmington left her father's house in the night, 'tis supposed with Mr Shepherd of Coniston. Took Mr Maudsley's prayer book, thinking he might want it when he took his bride to church. Had some thing to drink but saw no bridescake and they did not ask me to stay to tea which I rather wondered at. I think well of Mrs M. Have cast nightgown and top coat also given up fires.
- May 13 Left £5 in savings bank. Stephen Dawson, of Gildersleets, thinks of sending Ann to Miss Cragg's school and I told him she had better stay so she will for another year. Mons Wrague and 2 others here.
- May 15 (date illegible; averaging between adjacents 13 and 17: 15) Mr Bailey and I walked to Malham and had lunch and ale at Harrisons, thence to Kirby and called on Mr Cooper, new schoolmaster from Kettlewell
- May 17 Went to Methodist Chapel at night, dull and nearly calous and was made more so by joining a little with Mr Smith, Bailey and Metcalf. Mr Edmonds preached a powerful sermon. Gave Bailey a gentle admonition on road home.
- May 18 Parker's wife from Armistead brought 2 boys. Mr Proctor from Liverpool called and he has got a famous broad face. Am again sadly tryed in temper with the scholars.
- May 22 Mrs Mount and son at our house going to Mewith Head after Bible meeting at Kirkby Church. Revs Bland, Birtwistle, Postlethwaite and 4 others spoke. Had an order from Miss Swale, I was afraid they had taken offence
- May 25 Mr and Mrs Mount dined with us and the Miss Hargers took tea, the younger is going to France.
- May 27 Boundary day but I fagged on at school. Mr Ingram wished me to order Waverly Novels for the library which I thought irregular so he dropped it until next meeting.
- May 29 Though they had holiday at Grammar School I bothered with 46 unruly scholars and was much teased. Mr Bailey and I arranged to get to Cowen Bridge and probably Burton and Richmond at Whitsuntide.
- May 30 John Wilman, once a pupil, interred here [Typist's note: Mussett shows 1829]. Died in bloom of life of an inflammation. 40 remained to dinner.
- May 31 Elijah Tatham preached a good sermon at Methodist Chapel but had no prayer meeting afterwards.
- Jun 5 Sorry Adam Smith has left Mr C's, he was at Austwick Fair yesterday and came back tipsy. I fear he is giddy
- June 8 Mr Bailey and I got off in Atkinson's gig, after seven to Cowen Bridge and saw his niece off to seaside. We returned through Ingleton up to Fells and saw Weathercote, an awful chasm and waterfall which Mr R Clapham showed us, also Hurtle and Gingle Pot, We then went to Hawes and on to sister's at Burton, leaving gig at Richardson's.
- June 9 Drove through W Witton, Wensley and Leyburn. Mr B much pleased with the scenery and we dined at Coates'. Next went to Richmond and saw Mr Bell; also visited Castle and grounds. Returned by Middleham Castle
- June 10 After breakfast at sisters reached Hawes at 11 and went in quest of Mr A Whaley and found him at solitary breakfast. Am glad to say he paid me in cash. Walked to Gayle and got orders, then went to Hardraw Scar with Mr B, Miss Metcalfes, Miss Wilson and Miss Allen and were well roasted. Drive smartly home and got horse corn at Selside. Through God's mercy arrived safely home at 9.30.
- June 11 Begun school again. Tasks ill got. Mr B and I settled expenses but thought he should have been something extra for first day as we went to Cowan Bridge to see his niece but he never offered and I only showed by displeasure by saying less

- Sept 29 Mr Bilton has offered to pay me for Library books but I had no stamp. I met Mr Sutcliffe who said there was no need for it, but Mr Milton was not satisfied until he came home with me and saw it entered in my Day Book, so I treated him and gave him 1s 6d., but he seemed to have expected more but we parted friends.
- Sept 30 Much corn got in, but Harleys, of Croft Closes, have some unripe yet. Letter from Cousin Lodge, of Hull, who expected Helen by packet, having given up house in London, but Jane does not approve of it, as the Barnsley district is so much disturbed.
- Oct 2 Fine harvest weather. Sent A Saddleworth £5 by Mr Bailey to Foster K Lonsdale. Mary Holroyd is very ill and delirious.
- Oct 5 The Miss Dawsons sent for their bill, as they are leaving for Devonshire in their own coach. Was grieved that Wallers had no fire in parlour when Mr Bailey came and we had to sit in the cold, and so when I went to bed, could not sleep.
- Oct 7 Some villain broke into Widow King's house last night and stole 27s., and windows in Settle have been broke lately. Lister is suspected. Roger Holmes, who was once with Mr Whaley at Settle, called but I did not wish to renew acquaintance as he had given way to liquor.
- Oct 8 Mr Wood, of Leeds, came with "World at One View" and I took 6. Showed it to Mr Howson, but sold none.
- Oct 10 Mr Metcalf walked with me to Long Preston, and I wanted him to call with me at Mr J Proctors. He has long had kindly looking towards Miss Alice, but he was too shy and went on to "Boar's Head".
- Oct 12 Was at Settle National School for preparations for Mr Webster's lectures, his father was here 12 years ago with a series.
- Oct 13 Mr Falshaw, of Keighley, came, and I paid him for Ink Galls. Very heavy floods in the river. Mrs Holroyd very ill again.
- Oct 18 Went to prayer meeting. Several youths from Langcliffe (where the Lord is causing even babes to praise Him) testified to the Grace of God. I was much led out in prayer and wrestled long at my bedside but did not experience deliverance and was lamentably shut up in my own soul.
- Oct 20 Much harrassed with foul desires. Mr Clapham brought my ½ years salary so I paid Wallers for board and bought a waistcoat (sic) front. Mr Metcalf repaid the £18 I lent him.
- Oct 21 Some villain damaged and cut school door cheek with a chisel endeavouring to draw the staple and break in, but without effect. Such things grieve one much and I had to get Parker to cut the wounded part out of both and let new wood in. Went to Settle at night and warned friends to secure their shops, etc. Saw Webster's steam engine on calling at the school.
- Oct 22 Thank God all safe this morning. Mr Howson is going again to Dublin.
- Oct 23 Met Drs Sutcliffe and Robinson in search of Holroyd. They said Mrs H was in rapid consumption and might go any time. Mr Armistead, of Clapham, came to take on Mr Howson's work, and I asked him to join me when he had seen the boarders to bed and we chatted till nearly 11 o'clock
- Oct 24 Poor M Holroyd died this morning and her mother fret to excess. They have been getting coal on Greenfield and I brought a specimen home which burnt well, but it is only a thin bed.
- Oct 28 Gave a forenoon holiday for M Holroyd's funeral. Many there in tears. Chapmans, Hargers, Armisteads, Dobsons dined at our house. [Typist's note: Mussett: burial: 28 Oct 1829 HOLROYD Mary age 29 w. of John HOLROYD] Attended Webster's lecture at night on astronomy with an illuminated perpendicular orrery [Typist's note: mechanical model of the Solar System], first with the earth in centre, the opinion of the ancients, and then with sun in centre and earth revolving round, also the moon. A small lamp hung at the end of each lever, and he used small balls in a horizontal way as planispheres in a perpendicular. He is a tolerable orator.
- Oct 29 Second lecture to shew revolutions of 11 primary and 13 secondary bodies. He says the sun is not in the centre but near. There were about 150 present. Mr Howson returned from Dublin in 24 hours.
- Nov 2 Lodged £50 with Messrs Birkbeck though only at 2½ per cent., but times are precarious. Dr Jackson is down at Wharfe.
- Nov 5 George Marsden is taken up for striking a woman coming from Proctor's Mill, so that she spit blood and is considered dangerous
- Nov 10 The seventh meeting of the Bible Society. Mr Farrer is president, with Messrs Hartley, Birkbeck, Preston, of Meerbeck, vice-presidents, and they put me on the committee
- Nov 12 Missionary meeting at Methodist Chapel, with Mr Brake, of Austwick, in the chair. Barny Battersby, Mathias Wildman and Mr Proctor, of Close House, went with me. The collections were afternoon £9 11s and at night £10

**School given up: Living at Settle**

- Jan 22 A parcel of books by Hartley's coach from Simpkins & Co which were only ordered on the 19th. Was kept a long time by Miss Moffat looking at Miss Creighton's scrap book.
- Jan 23 Heard 3 fair sermons at Church by Rev J Howson and was at 2 prayer meetings. Received a civil letter and order for books from Rev J Foster, Kettlewell
- Jan 25 Great snow and heavy drifts which made it noon before market carts got in and snow had to be cut. Mr Langhorns came at night and we had much confidential talk.
- Jan 26 Went and taught Master Brayshaw and the weather was so unfavourable they wondered I had gone then. Mr J Jackson came for his Xmas glass, bantered him much about his wooling. Got bottle filled with Port wine at Wallers
- Jan 29 Was in G-k and called on Mr Langhorne for a walk, not having felt warm enough in Settle. At Church, Mr Howson read prayers and Holmes who has been ill, preached. William Waller is now better and able to sit up when I called
- Jan 31 About 50 poor men were set on to wheel snow out of Settle and throw it off the Causeway. Taught Master Brayshaw twice.
- Feb 1 Paid Mrs Hartley for parcels by coach till Nov., and she treated me with a glass, first time. Mr Billon paid Library account and I gave the daughter a book. Went to Dr Robinson's and settle accounts
- Feb 4 Settled with William Tennant, mine host, to Dec 21 and paid him balance, he only allowing 2/5. Joseph Harger brought bill for sign-making and he stopped 2 hours talking. Charge reasonable.
- Feb 5 Called to see Mr A Stackhouse's portrait which is large and well done and Mr Redmayne's on return. Visited Mr Swale's New Hall which will be grand
- Feb 11 When I had taught Master Brayshaw an hour, he wished me to stay two, which I did as it was still wet. Mr Langhorne had a sad alarm as F Thompson had like to have fired the house with Posphorus.
- Feb 16 Attended book auction in Gifford's long rom and bought 11 as they sold low
- Feb 23 Taught Master B twice and shewed Mrs Sanderson some of the books I bought last week. She took 3 and Agnes 1. My niece Annis is very ill and been in bed 3 weeks with a woman to wait on her at 2/- a week
- Feb 24 Taught Master B., sorry to find they allow him so much wine at dinner as to increase his giddiness after. He confessed it himself and says how he likes it. Surely they ought to be wiser and not train him in the way of his uncle.
- Feb 25 J Ellison called to pay his interest but I could not fashion before company and called at his house for it, advising him to reduce the principal £1 a year.

page 71 second column wrongly marked as 1828 (when it is in fact 1829!), and the second column is **1842**, and cols 3 and 4 are back to 1829.

Col 3 for 1842:

called for a grammar and ordered a work of 8 volumes. He talked in a friendly manner. Mr Robinson has moved into Mr Peart's house.

- Mar 11 Rev Mr Bury paid his account and Rev F Abbot is asked to preach in Wensleydale. Offers to take me with him.
- Mar 12 G-k fair, about 100 beasts and many farmers. Silly Tommy Clapham sent £1 for sack and foot race. Tennant and Betty are busy preparing for their marriage and she is daily with us this week.
- Mar 16 Have ordered Whitaker's Craven for myself and hope it is as good as reported. Told Vicar of G-k and the Clerk's mother that Tennant will be at church soon tomorrow to wed him. Got my wine bottles refilled at Wallers.
- Mar 17 Betty and Tennant attended by J Preston and T Marsden's wife went in Mrs Hartley's carriage to G-k church and got married, and back to the breakfast by quarter-past nine. [Typist's note: Mussett has this as 17 Mar **1842**] I joined them and I only took 1 glass of mixture all the evening but it would have made me tipsy had not wine formed a part of it. All very cheerful.
- Mar 22 Received account from Fosters and have charged for printing some cards for Mr Langhorne, Aug **1836**. Went and told him at night which put him much out of temper with them and me, undoubtedly they should have sent it at the time. Received 12 years' Christian Friend from Miss Lund to be bound to pattern and Wildman's have not the right tools, so am sending to Foster.
- Mar 25 London parcel by the waggoner before I left my room and though it was Good Friday [Typist note: = 25 March **1842** = Good Friday!] had to look it over and went to Settle Church (Ed: built 1837) where Rev J Howson preached on Penitent Thief. Twenty essays by his son which obtained a prize at Cambridge were on sale. The Tetotallers have been at G-k with Flags, Music and Ribbons. Men and boys.
- April 5 Bought a new hat of Mr Metcalf and got Hutchinson to sew some flannel inside lining to make it fit better. Went to Mr S Hargreaves, Stockdale, with a book. Very cold
- April 9 Mr J Birbeck, junr., off to Burnley where they have been dismissing Coates (whom I knew) and Temple, for lending their money too freely. Took £17 to their bank here.
- April 10 Was shocked to hear Mr Garstang is dead as I did not know he ailed anything. Was at G-k church and grieved to hear such intolerant stuff as the Vicar gave us

- May 4 My pupil having a bit of a cough his father fears reading hurt him, but we think the over-indulgence hurts him more. Walked to Mr Redmayne's, Taitlands who paid me and treated with wine and a look at pictures
- May 6 My nephew came, G Paley, who asked my advice. He has a good stock worth £500 and can keep all. If he sells to pay rent, etc., should want others. I asked whether he could not borrow for his summer and he thought £50 or £60 would do, so I lent him £50 and he gave me promissory note for it and the 50 he had before, with interest for 4 months.
- May 14 Should have had a Library Committee meeting but it failed and I had thought of going away over Whitsuntide. Pulmans have had the Bailiffs in for a week and put up bills for a sale. They got them out today and then bolted and kept them, but they returned from Skipton at night and broke in again.
- May 16 Walked to Horton as the schoolmasters have their salaries paid and if I miss them on that day, seldom get any cash. Holden having owed me something a long time. After waiting nearly 2 hours I got what I wanted and was home at half-past eight.
- May 21 Attended Pulman's sale and bought a short double cupboard for books and took share of peppermint with Tennant.
- May 24 Wm Lodge came to borrow my old cloak as it was very wet. Went up to Mrs Swales but none of the young ladies were in so left catalogue with waiter. R Wilkinson sold up for debt and Holroyd has signed over to Hayhurst.
- May 31 Got my cloak back. Was surprised with bridescake and comps from Cousin Atkinson as thought him more likely to marry that I, afterwards learnt from Matthew Throup that wife one lived at

- Postlethwaites, but he has fetched her from Liverpool. Mr Thompson left St bees to be ordained Rowland's curate.
- June 3 Am sorry to say H Newsholme, T Bentley and R Bowskill were sent to Wakefield yesterday for robbing old H Butler, aged 80.
- June 4 On Monday J Francis shot at the Queen but happily without hurting anyone (Typist's note: from web: on May 30 1842, John Francis shot at Queen Victoria). Heard from Niece Annis Boys who is better but Dent does not sent her pension.
- June 11 Had tooth and earache. Waited with Mr Jackson for a library committee and afterwards Mr Rugg came for me as Mr George Hartley was waiting. Messrs Howson, Carr and Wildman came, not all at once, so no meeting,
- June 13 Had a letter from nephew J Paley with invitation to go at midsummer. There is a sad outcry about light sovereigns. Mangham came to settle his account and I took 2 which are to be taken back if not weight. I tried them at Nixons, one of them and one he had were too light so shall yet want £1. Treated him with peppermint. H Yeadon has 2 horses killed with lightning near the Paper Mill.
- June 15 More light sovereigns about. A letter from Natl Scott they had got a son and want me to go there. Mr Howson's son Wm came home very ill.
- June 21 A year since I came to Settle and 39 since I became a teacher. Got paid by Dale, of which I was glad. Received £2 of Ellison on account and Marmaduke Redmayne told me should pay me the £100 at Lawrencemass. The electric fluid came down Mr Swales chimney at New Hall, displaced a stone and stunned two men but providentially no other damage yesterday
- June 22 Note from Mr Jas Farrer, junr., Clapham, that magazine had not come but servant brought it while I was there. He was civil but did not ask me in. Received 4 pounds of Mr R Wills, who will exchange if too light.
- June 26 Was at Settle church. A collection for national distress, amounted to £7 to £20 at G-k. At Methodist Chapel, Mr Lister, who married Miss Margaret Procter, of Long Preston, preached.
- June 29 Newsholme and Bentley sentenced to two years hard labour and Dick Bowskill came off, but men will still form their opinion of him.
- July 1 Thos Wildman told me his son Alexander was but too likely to form a bad connexion with widow Parkinson. Rev W R Metcalf paid for his book but I thought him too hard about it.
- July 8 Set off through Stainforth and Silverdale and had dinner at Hesleden. Called at Mathers who could not pay because I could not change a £5 note and got to Cousin Lodges for tea; they wanted me to stop the night but I went on to Kettlewell. Rev J Foster paid £1 and I might have had the rest but they were light weight.
- July 9 Slept at Marshalls and Mr Thos set me to Parke carrying my bundle. I reached Middleham at 5.
- July 12 Returned up Wensleydale and found brother had gone to Coverdale. I gave Mary 5/- and walked on to High Foss ere dark
- July 13 Set off to Hawes at 11 and Rev Metcalf paid me but as I thought some of his sovereigns were light, he said he would allow me.
- July 14 Nephew set me on horseback up Ghyll whence I walked to Cray and had dinner. Got to Foxup for tea and called on Rev Lindley but I returned to Anty Sedgewiths to sleep.
- [76] July 15 Received interest of Margaret as the men had gone to hay at Cosh then set off home and found Tennant had got a she tailor in my room so staid but little in. Got carpet back from R Metcalf in which had put the latest account books and promissory notes. Not wishing to leave all at Tennants.
- July 16 Was in G-k and shewed a new married Mr and Mrs Hough (as I afterwards learned) the Ebbs and Flows. Her father was with Captain Cook.
- July 18 People laying hay ere I got up fearing rain. Mr Langhorne had got his in.
- July 20 Mr Brayshaw paid me handsomely and wishes me to continue though I thought they would have sent son to Grammar School. Cousin Hattersley came and took peppermint at his request so I went with him after supper to Golden Lion,
- July 24 Rev G Pedder preached at G-k church and I heard Mr Savage at night in Methodist Chapel.
- July 25 Called at Wallers and had a glass for my old pain. Jane has been with her sister in Hull who is going into Germany to be married.
- July 30 Attended Bible meeting. Mr J Redmayne proposed that I should collect the unpaid subscriptions, so went to Stainforth and called on A Stackhouse, Esq., Mr J Foster and Miss Prestons. Mr Redmayne detained me to tea and Mrs R is gone to Ousburn.
- Aug 1 Received subscriptions to Bible Society from Messrs C and J Ingleby which I took to Tathams. Was

- much annoyed and prevented sleeping by Tennant's cobblers till after midnight.
- Aug 4 Rev C Thompson called being just ordained as Curate to Vicar of Giggleswick and lodges at Miss Silverwoods. Saw Cousin W Atkinson who is going to Illinoise.
- Aug 8 William Guyer came for Grammars just as I got up. Was much shocked to hear Mr R Jackson, Wharfe, was found dead in kitchen.
- Aug 11 Pain very bad again but I went to Mr Howsons and got some brandy. Attended Bible meeting and the collection was £9 2s 4d
- Aug 13 Many mill stopt in Manchester and Oldham by the mob who will not take the offered wages nor let those work who would
- Aug 14 Rev Thompson preached a good sermon in Gk Church and I heard a paper maker in Methodist chapel at night whom I thought too fond of Allegorizing.
- Aug 15 J Redmayne, jr., gave me joint note for £100, the first he has had since 1834, he wants it for his son and paid interest. The mobs have spread to Lancashire, Clitheroe and Gargrave and I fear some may be here tomorrow. Paid Tennant, abating 1 week for absent time.
- Aug 17 Mob stopped weaving at Gargrave but were not allowed to enter Skipton. Mr Garforth much hurt about head with stones. The magistrates met and swore 250 special constables. Saw John and Stephen Green who had been turned out of Gargrave Mill.
- Aug 20 J Charnley told me the mob stopt coach in Burnley, till soldiers beat them off.
- Aug 21 Powerful sermons at Gk by Rev C Hodgson of Church Missionary Society at Gk £7, Stainforth £3 and Settle £34
- Sep 3 J Waller wanted a letter writing to Mr Pollard, Holbeck, and to enclose sister's register who has got married by Ambassador at Vienna in their way.
- Sept 8 Heard Mr R Willis' land is advertized for sale which put me in fears about my £200. Consulted Mr Langhorne and Mr Jackson who think there is no danger but that I had better give him notice to put it in. They came in with me and emptied my gin bottle which was full, Mr R Mount is dead.
- Sept 15 Our tenants have removed their shoe making into a room over washhouse having put a skylight in. Hope it is much to my comfort.
- Sep 18 Distressing note from niece Annis, the Dent folk having stopt her pension and Wm Brinnand offered to write to Relieving Officer.
- Sept 21 Had a fire in my room for first time. R Mason told me that Bateson Dixon, his fellow apprentice, was taken violently ill after dinner and he died at 6 this morning, so Joseph went to Lowgill to tell his father.
- Sept 23 Went to Joseph Harger's to ask if R Dixon was come and learnt he was at his father's, but as he went to Dr Burrow's first, it was long ere I got to see him and found him in great trouble.
- Sept 25 Went to the funeral to which above 20 had come. Attended prayer meeting at Wiseman's. I had much pain again so saw Dr Robinson.
- Sep 29 Slept well and feel much better so went to consecration of Stainforth Elwick by Bishop of Ripon and Bishop of Chichester, latter preached a fair sermon. Twenty-one clergy there and the little church was full. The ceremony was grand and yet no collection. [Typist's note: stainforth.info: "The consecration took place on Thursday 29 September 1842 in the presence of Thomas Longley, Bishop of Ripon and Dr Gilbert, Bishop of Chichester"]
- Sept 30 Rathmell Church consecrated, very full. £37 7s 6d collected and the Rev H King called after having lunched with the Vicar [Typist's note: several sources on the web: Rathmell church, built 1835, consecrated 30 Sept 1842; one or two erroneously suggest 1843]
- Oct 1 Confirmation of 9 persons at Gk church, very full. Corvis' coach brought my magazines instead of Hartley's and it threw me 4 hours late in delivering them at Settle.
- Oct 5 T Silverwood will take a note and 7s to my niece, Annis Boyd, in a few days. He and Maugham were with me to Independent Chapel and heard a youth on teaching also Mr Ely and Eccles on revival of religion. Very moving
- Oct 9 Thos Ellison preached very well at Methodist Chapel and I went to Cartmell's prayer meeting there.
- Oct 18 Got leave of Mr R Ingleby to provide his son with Gk test lexicons. Master Brayshaw says he is going to the Grammar School on Monday feel surprized his father has given me no information, only to take my account
- Oct 20 Mr B paid me and gave 8s over. Had 2 glasses of wine and seemed to part very good friends. He promised to give me a good recommendation. Called at Mr Langhorne's and Mrs has got a daughter.
- Nov 8 Mr J S Howson is on his way from Scotland with the Duke's family. We settled about the essays.

- Nov 12 Committee meeting at library who passed £9 for books so I took down the order
- Nov 16 Went to Lawrie and Green to see my old friend Mr Wm Stackhouse but he takes little notice of anything or anyone and Mrs S does not expect him to get better. Mr Swale's first evening lecture in Settle church
- Nov 18 Mr Stackhouse died last night. Delivered 18 volumes at library.
- Nov 22 Great snow. Marmaduke Redmayne wants some cash of me but kindly gives me bill Saturday. Simpkin & Co.'s bill returned from an error in the indorsement but Mr J Birkbeck and Mr Ellis promised to make it all right.
- [77] Nov 30 Cousin Hattersley from Barnsley sent for me to Golden Lion. Mr R Redmayne there. Supposed I took cold as I had much pain in my body which left me languid all day. Saw Cousin off back on coach.
- Dec 1 Surprized by a letter from a Mr Crosthwaite, Bookseller, Whitehaven, enquiring about a boy named Richard Burton who had used a very plausible tale and extorted compassion. I doubt he is a sad scamp.
- Dec 2 Called on Rev C Thompson who knows Crosthwaite and I delivered Dec magazines
- Dec 5 Dull, drowsy day. Received interest of J Redmayne and of Mr R Willis for year who promised to pay principal at Candlemas.
- Dec 8 Mr Preston, Meerbeck, robbed last night of a Guinea, silver spoons, etc. Broke in at cellar window and the dogs did not bark though much given to it. Mrs P away at Milnthorp.
- Dec 10 Library ordered 8 books. Langhorne and Jackson called on me. Mr Holgate, of Arnford, put off paying interest for another week.
- Dec 18 Mr Brown of Stainforth, is dead and is to be buried there. Mr W Howson has stopt the building of the New Cross, being too near him. Mr Holgate paid his interest and talks of sending boy to Grammar School, so I told Mr Langhorne to write him and enclose boarders' terms.
- Dec 22 Paid Tenants to board. Walked to Halton Gill and got very wet, but when I got to A Sedgewick's put off gaiters, shoes and stockings which were as wet as if I had waded a brook and dolly washed them. I ate my bread and cheese with some rum and they insisted on my staying tea. Called at Mr Lindley's and slept at Cousin Lodges.
- Dec 23 Went over Horse Head to Mr Calverts and then to Cousin O Lodge and Heseltine's at Cray for tea and bed sitting room.
- Dec 24 Walked over stake to nephews but it was very wet and could not get to chapel.
- Dec 26 Got on to Hawes and Gale. Bought some cotton of E Metcalf for nephew's frocks.
- Dec 28 Nephew lent me poney and rode to Middleham and with J Thwaite alongside to Aysgarth and thence to Burton. I disliked riding over the chain bridge but as Mr Land, jr., overtook me, ventured to ask him to take my steed which he did and was fine company
- Dec 29 Set back after breakfast but poney would not pass bridge on itself but the Toll woman sent a boy who led it over
- Dec 31 Ready to set off 'ere light on nephew's poney but the wind was high and I did not venture as I could have got so little

END OF 1842

1843

- Jan 1 Went with nephew to Busk Chapel where Rev Thomlinson preached. Then against my will travelled on the Sunday on nephew's poney over the Stake to O Lodges at Scarr House, the Lord having graciously brought me into another year.
- Jan 2 Set out over Horse Head to Foxup and then home 'ere dark and found large parcel of books and magazines. I was too little fit from weariness to go out with them.
- Jan 13 Through mercy I am 58 today. Attended annual meeting of Literary Society and was reappointed bookseller at the pleasant gathering.
- Jan 15 Went to Rev H I Swales and after dinner to Mrs Swales. Miss S sent word she would be down in a minute and told me she would have no books now as she is saving up for a new piano but will not go anywhere else when she wants any and was very pleasant.
- Jan 19 Took letters and newspapers to T Wildman, the clerk, as ordered by the Vicar, and Miss Milton paid the Library account £23 2s 0d. Called at Birkbeck and Co's Bank to get a bill for Simpkins and paid in their new bank notes of England and yet Mr B Jr wanted me to give them something for commission but I laughed him out of it saying I had never heard of such a thing. I understand he is keener than the rest.
- Jan 21 Paid Wildman his bill which is more than it ought to be and Mr Thompson called to have some peppermint. Took linen to wash at E Kings.
- [78] Jan 22 Many went to a Corn League meeting at Skipton. Paid Tennant for board and said they ought to abate the rate per week as bread and other things are cheaper, but they were not willing.
- Jan 31 Cousin J Lodge called to know if I would lend him £100 and promised to let him know later.
- Feb 15 Was disturbed after 2 a.m. by a knocking below which I thought was an attempt to get the key out of front lock so I went to the window and heard talking below but felt very starved. Knocking hard with my stick under where the three men slept and at last Tennant came who found all fast as no doubt my knocking had sent them away, but someone came on the doorstones afterwards and I got very little sleep. I told T to put up the shutters but he reckoned he couldn't.
- Feb 16 Had Tennant to sleep with me but I slept ill and heard someone about 1 o'clock so opened the window but saw no one. Put £16 in Birkbeck's Bank and walked to Austwick over Swarthmoor, looked into the National Schools which are very good but found Willis had gone to Settle. I returned and saw him, but could get no promise of any cash soon.
- Feb 18 Got a new wig from Cork and paid for it. Received a stilish letter from Mr Carter, who married Cousin Jane Lodge, inviting me over to Barnsley in Spring.
- Feb 23 Had a talk with J Jackson and Mr Brayshaw on Willis' affairs, sorry to hear there are 2 mortgages.
- Feb 25 [Typist's note: Text says "Jan 25" but probably meant Feb 25] Walked to Mr T Redmaynes, Tatelands, who says Willis has to pay him £1,500 and holds title deeds for another £700, does not think he will be able to pay all, but will tell me when he pays cash.
- Mar 2 Met Mr Redmayne who told me he had paid Willis for the land which hindered and harassed me much.
- Mar 7 Heard Hawes branch bank was broke into on Sunday while Mr Whaley was at chapel, also that Burrows conspired with Lodges (whose daughter he married) to swear that Dinsdale had paid me off eight years before, he is sent to York as having broke in. He had displaced the safe and broke some of the locks, but got nothing, leaving a crowbar in the place, which a smith said he had sharpened for him a few days before.
- Mar 9 Sorry to hear that Willis has been driven to an assignment and hear of much debt, £3,000 and much more may come in yet, so fear there will be little for us. Mr R Ingleby and J B Beckwith, assignees.

1843 (labelled by hand)

[Page apparently starts at Mar 11 and is labelled 1843, stuck in the middle of what is clearly 1842, but not possible to date any of the events e.g. no funerals etc]. This is on page 74 but looks like it needs to/can be inserted into to page 78]

- Mar 11 I saw them about Willis' affairs and latter put me in better spirits by saying he would give 10/- in the £ and that Willis had handed £415 to them which is honourable. Bible Committee gave £35 to parent Society, and I got a library order of £9 for books.
- Mar 14 R Atkinson bid me £100 for Willis' debt and had talk with several persons about it, who think there will be a good dividend.
- Mar 17 Hear there was a shock of earthquake between 1 and 2 this morning, but although I had not slept I was not sensible of it, but Rev Pedder and Mr Langhorne mention it. Got gin at Wallers
- Mar 18 Walked to Long Preston and had to take off my cloak it was so hot. Took my belt to T Atkinson to mend who talked about his brother William settled at St Charles, a new town of 700 people in Illinois. Staid tea at Mr T Procters and talked much about Willis. Messrs Maughan and Tatham came bothering about catalogues at night and all for nought.
- Mar 19 Mr Beswick preached at Methodist Chapel very well though in an uncomfortable state of mind as Foster has sent papers about Willis' affair.
- Mar 20 Gibbins threatens to throw it into chancery on Wilson Holmes children's account, should be sorry at that, as we might get nothing for years and never much.
- Mar 21 Had much talk with Mr Stackhouse and got more discouraged about Willis' affairs, had talk with Mr Redmayne and was much at sale of late Mr Harger's furniture but bought nothing, Mr Robinson advised me to attend meeting of Willis' creditors at Austwick on 25th.
- Mar 23 Disappointed of book parcel when King, the waggoner, presented it and acknowledged they had it since the 21st in a load of cotton. Such is the usage one has neighbours.
- Mar 25 Walked to Austwick meeting of creditors. Was much afraid that some of the attorneys into whose hands they had fallen, would have been for chancery or other law, but they were generally so pleased with his having given up all and the prospects of a good dividend, that all were agreeable. After hearing the assignment read by Mr Wm Foster, the statement of his debts

£4,528 9s 0d including £1,900 on mortgage which will have to be paid in full, on the other hand he gave up £415 reserved of past sales. They have made about £260 by sales of stock and furniture. They value unsold land at £1,670 and if this be realised there should not be much above 2s in the £ loss. The creditors signed the assignment which I did when Mr Ingleby asked me as Mr W might have clogged the sales of the freehold land. We could have sold £44 a year which Mr T Holden pays as the thirds of the first husbands property but we agreed to give up, if she will not obstruct.

- Mar 28 Sorry to hear Mr T Maudsley was dangerously ill. Had a long talk with Mr Brayshaw about Willis, also with Mr Howson.
- Mar 29 Wrote to H T Robinson for not having sent me cash. Did not get much talk at Miss Procters, Settle, as her beau came. Think her rather pretty.
- Mar 31 Got account of Willis' debts and assets. Received two notes of £5 from H T Robinson.
- April 4 Lent Cousin John Lodge £45 from the bank and up to £70 I had for which he gave me memorandum. I am to have Promissory note when I make it up to £100.
- April 5 James Twistleton came to pay me interest on £125 but had suffered himself to be taken in for Income Tax for which I am not liable, but I paid it and said I should not do so again.
- April 8 Met Mr R Ibbotson with his nephew, whose father is seriously ill and Mr Mayhurst also.
- April 12 Mr H has had 4 doctors today. It is a bad Typhus. Mr R Holgate paid me interest on £150.
- April 13 Got a ledger at Browns for J J Waller who opened a shop here yesterday. Willis' land is to be sold by auction May 5 and Mr Foster was hardly civil about it.
- April 15 Settle Church in morning and was much annoyed with the loud tones of the organ and the shouting of the chaunters who took in also the Psalms. Many people there for Easter
- April 18 G Redmayne convicted for breaking into Cooper's shop last night and stealing his account books. Was taken to Wakefield.
- April 19 Was at Miss E Ingilby's sale at Austwick. Much goods and many people. Old Wm Kendal died

- suddenly at Giffords
- April 20 Since I became a schoolmaster at G-k it is 31 years today (Typist's note: 1843 - 31 = 1812: correct). Served Master Brayshaw with a dictionary.
- April 22 Miss Sutcliffe's maid called me in, when to my agreeable surprise she handed me a packet she had brought from Slaidburn with a note and cash £9 8s 0d from Rev L Roberts and Rev T Hayes so I wrote a civil note
- April 23 At Methodist Chapel, old Mr Holgate was called home, his wife being taken very ill
- April 25 Met Cousin O Lodge at the fair who invited himself for some gin which am afraid he is too fond of; he wanted me to make his will but I advised him to make it himself first and send it to me to put more in form.
- April 28 One of the old fairs in the town. An investigation has been before the magistrates about Mr Preston's robbery; they have got 2 and 1 has confessed, who shews them where some articles of plate were sold or hid, and they have an old Jew from Burnley for buying some.
- April 30 Got distressing letter from niece Boys whose son Wm is bad in Typhus 10 weeks and another badly scalded, so consulted W Brennand.
- May 1 Sent half-a-sovereign to niece A Boys and went to Bowskill's sale where I bought a fald stool and then delivered Magazines.
- May 5 Old E Boys was burnt to death and Nancy Harker thinks my niece should have half the interest of the money left to bring up the children and so think I. May go to see the executor what I can get for her as it could never come more seasonably. So ordered my shoes to be soled in order thereto. Hope to induce Mr Brayshaw to buy Copy House at Willis' sale tonight.
- May 5 Paid church seat rent. Sorry to hear no sale could be made of our land at Austwick for want of bidders.
- May 8 Not quite well so gave up my journey to Wensleydale and wrote nephew G Paley to see what he can do on his sister's account: will send some old clothes for brother.
- May 10 Walked to Low Gill, Tatham Fell and found Chris Langstreth very feeble. It was on account of having no interest for the £20 he has had for 2½ years that I went, I think some of the family should have thought on as his faculties seem decayed. Promised to send it next Monday by E Baynes and regularly when due, had tea at the inn, but there was no butter in the village. Mr J Chapman and most of Tatham were at the Court of P Dawson, Esq.
- May 11 Walked on through Bentham and saw Cousin F Procter breaking stones on the road. Got on the Mail and rode home from Clapham, being footsore and delivered messages to R and J Harger.
- May 12 Sorry to hear Mr Hayhurst is dead. At the fair I pressed J B Beckwith to give us a dividend from the sales of Willis' property as they will not buy it again till Autumn.
- May 14 No fire till night. Hear Mr Beswick preach well at Methodist Chapel and at Lathams prayer meeting after. John had some of his strange tricks which annoy me.
- May 15 Mr Hayhurst buried at Marton. Many biscuits sent out and I received one with verses; it was a large double one.
- May 24 The Kempsons are packing up to go to Long Preston Vicarage. Got new small clothes of Kerseymere from Hutchinson.
- May 25 Was at Mr Prestons, Meerbeck, glad to see Miss Eliz got home and well of spinal complaint. Received cash but little else.
- May 25 Cousin J Lodge, of Old Coust, wanted to borrow £100, but I made it £80 for which I drew £12 out of Bank. Got stamp and drew up Promissory note at 4½ per cent.
- May 27 Wombwell's menagerie came, drawn by 45 stout horses in 14 caravans, the largest collection in Settle since I came. They had many grand pictures larger than life. It was 6d to see the beasts.
- May 29 Took linen to Croft Closes as Taylor, my washer, is gone there. At night I went to see the lions and got a bill which mentions more than they shewed.
- May 31 Posted my books and run stocking heels. Lent Miss Cragg, Carns Wilson's speech
- June 2 Wm Hargreaves, who was accidentally shot in the shoulder by James Butterfield, died today; they were shooting sparrows.
- June 5 Mr Metcalfe and I walked over the New Walks which Mr and Mrs Hartley have made in the Mains Wood to Kelcow and we admired them thought they might be improved.
- June 5 At head fair met with Langstroth and wife from Knot Hill, but they only brought me a year's interest instead of 2½. Pleaded bad times and having £30 to pay W Varley, but promised more at Lawrancemas.

1844

- [80] Jan 1 May the Lord by His grace enable me to being a new life to his praise and glory.  
Jan 3 Served Hargers at Royal Oak with Almanacs. The tythe cause is on at Settle, the vicar to have £550 a year, each paying for law.
- Jan 7 At Methodist Chapel Aslin preached for renewing the Covenant with the Lord, a very solemn thing and I durst not but stop. Implored His aid as heartily as I could till sleep overcame me.
- Jan 8 J Mason of Yockenthwaite, called with his father's will which he was taking to the New Bank to see if he can borrow money, so told him who was manager and T Ingleby, Esq., Having settled for board Tenant would treat me with a glass of negus, he having got a new apprentice upgrown and I gave Chris leave to sleep with me the night being cold and not wishing to lessen our known forces, as 'tis a time one had a little more cash in hand. I had rather wished to sleep alone and now rue it.
- Jan 12 Literary Society meeting, but never saw so dessultory a one, no chairman till past 3, when Mr T Redmayne took it and said much about books got in the year and struck out some proposed. Willis and wife in Settle about signing some deed to O Ingleby, Esq., so that we should have a dividend.
- Jan 13 Through God's mercy am 59 today. May he forgive my sins and Christ take me to heaven at last. Mr Procter invited me to tea next Monday. Taught Tenant's 2 apprentices to read and prayed with them.
- Jan 15 Went with Mr and Mrs Langhorne to the Close House tea. Met W Wildman, H Maudsley and J Jackson. Had coffee and tea, some wine, cake and mine pies. Very cheerful and friendly.
- Jan 18 Bought linen for 3 shirts and took it to Ellen King to make. R Mather and bridal party (6) came in 3 shandrays.
- Jan 22 Rev Berry came and ordered 15 testaments, but found the sovereign he gave me was too light, and unfortunately he was gone by the Leeds coach
- Jan 24 Mr Howson said he had advised Preston, of Meerbeck, to order a Donnegan's Lexicon, but lo! he had ordered it of someone else, was much grieved, as if I get them small works I ought to have benefit of large ones also.
- Jan 25 Got my watch back from Johnny Parkinson, the watchmaker, and Mr W Robinson paid his account.
- Jan 27 Took letter and newspapers to G Nattali to Rev T Howsons. T King paid Master Ellison's bill, he having come again contrary to expectation. Lodged £10 in Birkbeck's Bank.
- Jan 30 Dr Burrow's sale. I bought Gazeteer of England but it was incomplete. Found a book I had bought belonged to J Brown, so took it to Miss Burrows, being ready to restore it for 4d. I could not get it till I saw F Ellis after sale, and was sorry at night as I would rather have kept it.
- Feb 4 Was at Methodist Chapel and Mr Aslin's class afternoon and night. Was much melted at last. Had readers in scripture 4 times with me and prayed with 3 after last lesson.
- Feb 8 Mr G Hartley called about price of a book in London. I asked his advice about Willis. He thought the creditors should meet and instruct someone learned in the law to see into the securities the Beckwiths claim under. Library Committee ordered a new catalogue of the whole library. I had offered my services for it to some of my friends, but do not know if they ever named me.
- Feb 12 In consequence of the death of Mr Clayton's second daughter of typhus fever, J Tennant was sent for to Walkers to make black clothes and staid all night. Was grieved with the Tennants.
- Feb 20 A fine large gold vessel said to cost £1,000 exhibited, to be presented to Lord Morphet by his admirers in this Riding. Went down to kitchen and gave John Tennant a serious talking too, and after a struggle with himself he came up and read.
- Feb 27 Mary Bland is dead, who has so long suffered from cancer [Typist's note: from Mussett: at Giggleswick: burial: 29 Feb 1844 BLAND Mary F aged 45]
- Mar 3 Was at Settle Church but not at the 5 o'clock morning service, it was so wet. Taught reading at home.
- Mar 5 E Baynes came from Austwick and paid the chapel account and I went to Langcliffe Hall
- Mar 6 Bought cloth for coat and waistcoat at Mr Metcalfe's, £2 3s 5d., and set J Tennant on to make it.
- Mar 12 Giggleswick Fair but much thinner than it used to be. Mr Howson tells me that Mr Ingram is going to resign.
- Mar 26 First lean cattle fair. Only 11 head of them in. No business in my line. Mr Langhorne goes to Kendall to purchase land.
- [81] Mar 29 The Tenants are gone to grandmother's funeral at Austwick, and I went as one of Willis' creditors in Wm Foster's gig. Eleven met and receipts were £1,200. Mr R Ingleby is going to Lancaster and we

- agreed they should do their best to sell the rest in two weeks and declare a dividend, leaving £150 in the Bank on Miss Beckwith's account. Set off back on foot but Mr Foster picked me up.
- April 2 While at dinner in came Twistleton's wife to pay me the interest on £125 but kept back the income tax, though nobody else asks me to allow it. I had threatened not to take it without but there was only the remedy of calling in the money, and then I might loose more ere I got it into good hands.
- April 5 To GK church for collection for books at my old school. Went with Mr W Robinson from the bridge, who lamented leaving his purse at home and had thought of giving £1, so I lent him one. A tedious long sermon from Roland Ingram, senr., with only a few words about the collection.
- April 6 Walked to Merebeck and hope to get the order for Master Preston's books, then on to Riddings. Have long thought Mrs Tennant careful to a fault about getting new books for her children, but always civil
- April 8 Easter Monday. Went to GK church and took the churchwardens which got paid after some delay. Several gents had been there about the cottages purchased by subscription from Waller for enlarging the churchyard, but they were of 'ere business began. Smoked a pipe with J Parker as warden were long in coming. Mr Stackhouse told me his governess died this morning, I not having heard of her illness.
- April 10 Hot but colder when sun was going down, and never put my cloak on. Mrs Tenant went to her father's two days ago and had to go to bed, she was expecting, and John could not get Robert away last night. Such things rather unhinge me but was glad she came back again better. Nephew G Paley surprised me with a letter that they have got another boy.
- April 15 Took the GK letters. Mr Brayshaw lends me his newspapers weekly. Rev H I Swale gave me 3½ sovereigns and wished for my account as he knows there is not much got out of the books of the sort he had.
- April 19 Received 2 notes from Attorney Foster, who says there is £70 for me on Willis' account at New Bank.
- April 20 Went to Yorkshire Bank and drew my £70 as first dividend. Took it with 33 more to Birkbeck's Bank and got F Ellis to draw me a 14 day bill for remittance of £60
- April 21 Was at Methodist Chapel and heard Mr T Procter, Mewith, a very earnest good preacher, who at prayer meeting after was very earnest on a young woman's account. I also endeavoured the same with myself.
- April 23 Sent a ream of Mr Rugg's letter paper to H T Robinson, Esq., Edgeley. S Wilman's sale. Mr Brayshaw ordered an Atlas from his son.
- April 24 Tatham's shop was broke into at back window last night. Silk handkerchiefs worth £25 taken and needles £13. Some plaids and Miss Tatham's watch. Bills out offering £10 on conviction.
- April 26 A full fair of sheep, lambs and cattle. Saw Mr Preston about a Latin Bible for his son.
- April 27 Part of the new plantation above Cleatop was burnt last night, so went to see it and acres are black. Mr Preston, his son, Rev H I Swale, Howson, and Hayhurst, Thornber, etc., helped to put it out. It seems to have been done on purpose.
- April 30 Letter from nephew H Paley. Fear he does no set a right value on money. Heard cuckoo where the fire has been.
- May 3 Lean fair which was a haggling one. Without a fire till night. Went with Lumley to Grain House, and staid tea at Close House. Paid Metcalfe for clothes and trimmins and he allowed me discount.
- May 7 Saw J B Beckwith and invited myself to his house; he said I was welcome, which I hoped, else should not have made so free. Set out after dinner through Stainforth and was overtaken by B who took my luggage, but he called at Sedgwick's, Sannat Hall, and did not get up to me till I reached his house. All friendly.
- May 8 After early breakfast walked through Walton Gill [Typist's note: Halton Gill, surely, where reside the Lindleys], called at Rev Lindleys, over Horse Head to Cray where I met nephew and rode to his house. Wife's brother ill and all look consumptive.
- May 9 Rode on nephew's poney to Hawes and had tea with Mr Ed Metcalf. Bought first suit for namesake which I gave when I got back and went to Low Foss.
- [82] May 10 Rode in nephew's cart to Layburn fair and then to Middleham. Mrs Foster with 3 daughters who are there at school came and staid 'till next day.
- Mar 13 Nephew set me in cart over the moor to West Witton and had supper with E Green. Slept at Wellocks where there was a Skipton traveller.
- May 15 Nephew went with cheese to Middleham and boy set me on a poney to Stake where I had dinner at

- Rev Jaques. Went on to Cousin O Lodges, Scarrhouse and made his will. He leaves his wife £50 a year for life, sons and daughters equal.
- May 18 Went with O L Jr to Yockenthwaite, thence over Horse Head to Beckwiths at Hesleden and home where Mrs Tenant was still on foot.
- May 19 Signed a petition against a bill in favour of Unitarians. Mrs Tenant had a daughter at her fathers. Was harassed in mind and told Tenant they might have contrived better, he promised to be here regularly at nights, see all in and doors locked.
- May 21 Sent old clothes to my brother. Had John T to sew for me at night and Christopher to figure and all read in Psalms.
- May 25 Much shocked as I went to Church that Mrs H I Swale is dead of milk fever. Rev R Ingram senr., officiated morning and son at night. Mr Gibbs preached at Independent Chapel for Sunday School, collection £4 5s. Went to prayer meeting at Wisemans, was much stirred and poured out my prayers in an undertone and also at home.
- May 27 About 30 Dragoon Guards came in from the north.
- May 28 Whit Tuesday variety fair. Chris Lodge would have paid his father's interest if I could have changed a £5 note but as I think of going to Burnley soon, told them to keep it till then. Grieved at Tennant who was running to Hutchinsons and the fair so that he minded neither house nor shop and when I came in the door was open and no one there. At last he and the girls came in from the fair and I gave him a good talking to
- May 29 Another troop of Dragoons here going South. I avoided fair by talking (sic) a walk and on returning told the new servant to light my fire, when the Rev C Thompson called.
- May 30 A low set of players here and I can hardly get the men and boys in 'ere midnight from their so-called pleasures, so that I may get to sleep.
- May 31 Attended funeral of Mrs Swale. Very solemn and impressive. 8 carriages and a vast crowd, but only bearers were bid (Typist's note: Settle burials: Swale Mary Settle aged 25, bur 31 May 1844). I felt for his bereaved condition. Went a walk with Wildman and V Hallpike junr. Saw the moon eclipsed and watched it 'till all covered.
- June 4 The players struck their theatre tent but Gennets circus came but as he pitched his tend in Dog Croft, it was far from us.
- June 5 Set out to Long Preston where J Atkinson has got the Post Office, then over Coniston Moor where I met Mr Langhorne and the churchwardens returning from Visitation. I turned off to Stainton Coates. Cousin Wm Lodges received my interest and staid all night. Walked across country by Ellsworth to Esquire Inghams, Thorpe Grange, who was years at Gk School and a customer. He asked me in while as gig was got ready and let me ride to Marton, then on through Thornton and refreshed at Foulridge and then had to walk to Burnley much fatigued at 5, found niece well and slept at J Waddingtons.
- June 7 Went to N Scotts, found Annis in a sad untidy way but she got cleaned up and I staid the night. N took me over his farm which is very poor.
- June 9 N came not in 'till 2 in morning which had me long waking and grieved me, so wished I had gone to an inn as had to do at night. Went to Methodist Chapel and heard good sermon by Possnet. Met with G Holgate and others.
- June 10 Had some sleep but not without fears. Got my watch glassed and then rode on mail cart through Colne, where there was a procession of Oddfellow with the geegaws and on to Thornton
- June 11 Set out to Swindon over pastures and got too much to the left, called at Mr Kempsons and took down order in library thence to Gk. Miss Dawson married to Duerden [Typist's note: from Mussett: 13 Jun 1844 DAWSON, Ann, of Gildersleets (father: John, farmer) marr DUERDEN, John (Farmer The Guide, Lower Darwen)]
- June 14 Rode with Rev W Clayton in gig, who is at Nuttall near Nottingham.
- June 17 Some equestrians came to Settle and drove 12 horses in hand in a carriage, they performed in a tent, but I do not attend these vanities.
- June 20 [Typist's note: item slightly out of sequence in original and corrected here] Forty-one years since I began teaching [1803+41=1844]. I was starved and dull so had a fire after tea.
- June 21 [Typist's note: item slightly out of sequence in original and corrected here] Much grieved and harrassed in mind by the tailors keeping up a noise over me till midnight. Wish I could meet with lodgings in a serious quiet family.
- June 24 Mr Robinson just come from Oxon. Tennant called to the tailors above to get to bed, else I might

- have been harrassed again.
- June 30 Was kept awake after midnight by the noise in the house and Tennant had gone to Hutchinson's to sleep as mother had come. John went to Colne and had the manners to bid goodbye at the door.
- July 1 Found Tennant on the sofa when I went up and staid till I proposed going to bed, when he wanted to sleep with me, when I could not well deny him but said there was the tailor's room. I preferred being alone
- July 2 Got through the night better than I expected keeping to the side of the bed. Burton came with Dr Hodgson's and Sellars account so gave him a glass of wine, still be begged hard for 1/- and I gave him 6d to be quit of him.
- July 6 Two fellows sent to Wakefield for rude begging and bad behaviour at Paley Green.
- July 7 Good sermon by Vicar and was at Methodist Chapel afternoon and night, by Mr Tindal, but the girl had locked us all out between and we had to remain till I had to get tea at Hutchinsons. I suppose Mr T had given her a blowing up after as she left next morning in a bad temper.
- July 8 Tennant was cook and did surprisingly, made some enquiries about fresh lodgings.
- July 22 Mr J Metcalfe, Master of the National School, died awfully suddenly, on the day the school should have opened, he had taken to drinking sadly again. Buried at Settle, aged 40 [Typist's note: Metcalfe James Settle aged 40, bur 24 Jul 1844]. Old Betty Ellison, of Gk, died 83 [Typist's note: Mussett: at Giggleswick: buried 24 Jul 1844 ELLISON Betty, 83, Upper Settle]
- July 25 Was at Mr Langhorne's who got into one of his bad tempers about an item in his bill, so left him to it
- July 28 Fear we shall lose Mr Astin at the Methodist Chapel. Went to prayer meeting and tried to persuade Harger and Baldwin to attend to sing and open the meeting, but could not and as there were only women and a boy. I tried my best and the Lord enabled me.
- July 30 The remains of Mr J Birkbeck were interred in Friends Yard, 7 carriages and many people, he had only been bad 2 days.
- Aug 6 Attended Bible meeting only Tatham and Howson and I there. I told Mr H of J Harger's room as Giffords have players there, so he engaged it. Tennant's wife is of again. Baby kept up such a noises it was very uncomfortable
- Aug 7 Was at Gk and took a glass of wine with Mrs Garstang, a daughter of hers was married to Mr R Buck. Tennant's wife returned.
- Aug 12 Received Bible subscription of Mr A Stackhouse, of Stainforth, and a request to lay ½ sovereign down at collection if not returned from Poulton where he is going for his daughter and governess. Asked Dr Harrison for his, but he would not pay as it was not due.
- Aug 14 Met a young man I had seen making a sketch at the Bridge and found he was a son of Procters who kept the Golden Lion.
- Aug 15 Took Bible subscriptions to Tathams and they allowed me 5/- for carriage and collecting. Annual meeting of Society in J Harger's long room with three speakers. A collection of £9 12s 7½d., together with about £30 annual subscriptions.
- Aug 20 Much grieved about O Lodge who was drunk in Settle last night and went to Buckden although Hargers wanted him to stay, but got only Stainforth and then came back and called their ostler up at 4
- Aug 21 Learnt that the Rev J Marriner is in London, marrying his cousin J Redmayne. Got on coach to K Lonsdale and expected to have been taken to J Fosters house during stay as he had invited me over but as he did not ask me up I went to Bradleys for tea.
- Aug 22 Saw little of Foster 'till 4 as he was attending a justice's meeting. I visited Rev Carns Wilson. The Fosters drove me through Cowan Bridge and I walked to Westhouse, then J Foster Jr set me near Ingleton and I lodged at Whittams Wheatsheaf.
- Aug 23 Went to see old Church Font and walked towards Clapham when coach overtook me and I rode to Settle
- Aug 25 Heard Mr Astin for last time and sorry he is going
- Aug 25 Received batch of papers from a Capt Pedding wanting me to sell Howka Teay.
- [83] Sept 3 Saw Wm W's wife to know about boarding me, she thinks they would have many things to get to make me comfortable. I told her I thought both parents would help. Met Mr Peterkin, the master, just opening the National School, who ordered a Latin Grammar for his son.
- Sept 4 Set off to Long Preston and was picked up by Wm Bentham. At Cousin Atkinson's I had a tart and caught the mail to Skipton and Bolton Bridge. Counted 12 or 13 vehicles with visitors to the Abbey. I then went on to Harrogate and had tea with Mrs Tomlin with whom I once boarded.

- Sept 5 Slept at Cousins though accommodation was limited and walked to Ripon but was able to ride 5 miles in a porter cart.
- Sept 6 Was at Minster for prayers, though vast it is far inferior to York. A fine market place but the houses being of brick and tiled have a dingy appearance
- Sept 7 Walked about the city and heard the organ and chaunting, then went to Shidley Park with nephew's companions to keeper who is his landlord. He took me over one of the moats in a boat, shewed me the Temple Piety in which was the Grecian daughter giving her father suck in prison [Typist's note: probably Studley Park, not Shidley, which has a Temple Piety and tells the same story, see e.g. <https://thefollyflaneuse.com/>] and handed me to a guide for Fountains Abbey, a well-kept ruin which exceeds all I had seen. Many statues, a cold bath, trees 120 feet high. Visitors very civil and one who had seen military service, very communicative and we talked about liberation of D O'Connell.
- Sept 8 Went to Trinity Church and heard sermon on "Justification of Faith". Frances Thompson challenged me on the way and I sat with him. At night their junior preacher at Methodist Chapel in a very impressive and awful sermon from proverbs.
- Sept 9 Nephew brought me in cart through Killinghall Ripley, nearly new built, and past Masham to Middleham, then over the moor to West Witton and on to Swinnithwaite where he had bought wool. I walked on to Burton and slept at Wallacks.
- Sept 10 Went to Aysgarth and then to Hawes and High Foss.
- Sept 11 Much talk with nephew about paying his sister's fortune, he set me after dinner, on his poney over Stake and I went to Cray. Staid the night at Cousin O Lodge's.
- Sept 12 Walked over Horse Head and past Sannat Hall where I had refreshment, to J Foster's and then home.
- Sept 13 Tennant took off without telling me, for his wife and I don't like to be left with young people alone so I went to G'k and reminded Rev Howson and Ingram of the committee meeting.
- Sept 14 Library meeting which ordered £9 of books. Messrs Jackson and Langhorne called. The latter seems to have forgotten his ill-temper. Saw Mr Peterkin who seems a quiet sensible man above 40.
- Sept 18 Took letters to G'k, one to C Parker with news of brother's death at Bolton-le-Moors.
- Sept 20 Books came for library from Leeds by goods train and forward by coach, went to Langcliffe Hall to let Miss Swale see one.
- Sept 21 Mr Langhorne sent cash for his old account. I hope from wish not to get out of temper again.
- Sept 22 Heard Ingram and Thompson at G'k Church and Henley in Methodist Chapel at night. I liked him better than first time.
- Sept 28 At J Bullocks at night and tasted Nanny Currans bridecake, married today to Wilson. Glad to have the children to read. [Typist's note: from Mussett: at Giggleswick: 28 Sep 1844 CARRWIN, Nanny (Servant, Ingfield House) to WILSON, William (Card Master Langcliffe; father: John, overlooker)]
- Oct 4 Eli Harger's daughter died of a series of strokes [Typist's note: estimated to be Elizabeth, born 1812] and E. T. Forster broke his thigh and some ribs, falling out of hayloft.
- Oct 10 Was at church meeting and Quaker's preaching on 3 following nights. Mangan came to stitch for me a bit and thought Tennant knew night before the mold candles were done he had to have a small one. This and other slights set me on in earnest to seek other lodgings. J Jackson was willing but could not get his wife's consent. J Armistead ditto. On coming in at night, found a lb (pound) of mold candles laying which shewed Tennant had softened a bit, whether they knew of my search I know not.
- Oct 14 J J W told me that he and his father were in a mind to take me, else had dined with Tennants in kitchen and they almost seemed as if nothing had been amiss.
- Oct 15 Nephew slept with me, paid my interest and talked about paying Dorothy her fortune. Went with him towards Malham.
- Oct 17 Went to W Wallers at Gk and looked at rooms, talking of going next week but they have to get a bed.
- [84] Oct 23 Was over at Wallers, so took some small books and bottles but only saw Ellen. They are making ready for me and I spoke to Joseph Harger to help me.
- Oct 25 Told Tennant I thought of leaving that day or Monday who affected no surprise and said nothing.
- Oct 28 Thankful for a fine day, having ordered King with lurry and Joseph Harger to take bookcase and signboard down also assist generally. They came at 9 and we set right to work. I paid Tennant for board and got loaded. Set up in G'k in Wm Wallers in about 2½ hours and put books up after
- Oct 29 Settle ox fair. Dunned R Holgate for interest and got my physic bottle from Tennants. Treated Wm at his fathers.
- Nov 5 Delivered prints of Ingleton Church Norman Font. R Holgate paid ½ year's interest and took a

- pocket book. Saw a man and boy taking a large box to Tennants; suppose as lodgers.
- Nov 6 Poor box stole out of Gk church last night while they were ringing. Tennants have got a quack doctor with his wife and child and tired of them in a day and a night. The Wallers had women hanging my bed. Old Jane King has died suddenly.
- Nov 11 Joseph Harger came and nailed a lath up door cheek to keep wind out of my bedroom. Sat and smoked.
- Nov 12 Received interest of £100 from Hosh' Bentham who has been bad with scarlet and typhus fever. Read scurrilous paper on Settle Cross against Oats.
- Nov 21 Mr A Stackhouse read part of a letter from his son on the Queen's visit to Margaret of Exeter where he had part of a letter from his son on the Queen's been present.
- Nov 24 Methodist Chapel: Mr Tindal preached and there was a collection for establishing a day school in the connexion. I gave 2/6
- Nov 26 Had J Maugham in covering buttons and making other repairs in breeches and gloves.
- Nov 30 Delivered Kirkby Lonsdale Magazines and received for some up to year's end, who do not pay as they go on. Thistlethwaite left Mrs George Hartleys after many years' service there
- Dec 1 Much pain in body. Got some rum at Wm Howsons, Settle and wine at Wallers. Nephew George Paley wants me to lend him cash to pay sister's fortune.
- Dec 7 Mr A Foster is dead and I received funeral cakes. Got a Bill at Bank for £50 and enclosed to Nephew G P specially endorsed.
- Dec 10 Was grieved that the Prayer Book I sent Beckwith for Halton Gill Chapel was returned without a line of explanation and in a paper directed to him, but wrote a few lines hastily. John Parker, who is bound with Joseph Bentham to me for £100, want me to call it in, that he may get clear and I told him to speak to Bentham himself amicable.
- Dec 11 Received interest of Mr Wm Howson and paid for my rum. Was up to see old John Waller who reckons he does not ail much but is fond of laying in bed.
- Dec 12 C Jenkinson married to E King [Typist's note: from Mussett, at Giggleswick: 12 Dec 1844 KING, Elizabeth (Giggleswick; father: Henry, gardener) marr JENKINSON, Charles (Farmer Giggleswick)]. R Bentham's wife, my housekeeper, slept ill as she heard a knocking but fortunately nothing amiss. Glad to receive a letter from George Paley who has got my bill for £50 safe. He hears the men who stole Rev W Metcalfe's poney are taken up. William and Ellen Waller very late in from wedding.
- Dec 14 Write civil letter to Bentham desiring payment of my £100 on April 16. Got Mr G Hartley's order for Furniss Abbey - 7 guineas. Received a few lines from Beckwith that Boyd will get them a Prayer Book, after giving me and carrier so much trouble and then throwing it on my hands, but I ultimately sold it at a loss to J Wallers.
- Dec 23 Was some time in National School at the examination of lower classes and did not think they did very well. Was called in by Mr G Hartley who was afraid there was something wrong with the books I had delivered by Mrs H only said the large work was very dear and ordered 4 others, one of which is 2 guineas. The Wallers late in from party.
- Dec 24 Saw portrait of Mr Ingram senr in library, rather large. Dr Harrison and Br Burrows ordered copies of the Ingleton Front.
- Dec 31 Marmaduke Redmayne, of Stainforth, asked me to lend him some money, so I lent him £25 and got Promissory note, but I thought it rather hard I should pay for the stamp. Wm Waller was not in from Black Horse till midnight or should have liked to go to Watch Night Service.

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- [85] Jan 1 Through God's mercy am spared to another year. Attended prayers at Church and after dinner met the mail coach with the magazines.
- Jan 5 At Gk church and ventured to stay sacrament, but as they hold them so often there were only few. Went to Methodist Chapel afternoon but Holgate was so loud I was rather pained than edified and went to prayer meeting at Chester. Wm and Ellen were out to tea and had never told me.
- Jan 7 Ed Baynes spoke to me about advancing £50 on Burton Chapel with the names of Thornton Bibby and Hargreaves who are stewards, but on my understanding they had cash now of T Wildman declined so long as he was willing to lend. However he came at night and said they were going to repay him next Tuesday.
- Jan 10 Library meeting. J Redmayne (chairman) past severe censure on committee ordering so many books he did not approve of. J Wildman said he could put me in a better way of getting the "Critic". They excused me discount on 12s on its account. Wm Robinson Esq., paid me for books and as he said they received discounts in Oxford, I abated the odd 3s which seemed to please.
- Jan 11 Received cash of Miss Swale and allowed her 1s 6d on a work she grumbled about. Searched for umbrella.
- Jan 15 Mr G Hartley paid their bill and I gave him 5s on the great book. Bilton paid me £54 on library account, so I treated him at Giffords.
- Jan 22 Slept little which makes me spiritless and unwell. Wm being out through his father killing a pig they thought I ailed something which kept sleep from me. Wm Bentham came in to read.
- Jan 25 Got shaved by M Blythe, who did well, and sat 1½hrs at Mr Langhorne's, who paid me so gave him 6d back.
- Jan 29 Paid Wm Waller £5 for board and got my medicine renewed by Dr Robinson.
- Jan 30 Heard that J Tennant is married to a girl about Colne and is now in Settle, having broke a shaft. I waited on road and saw 8 of them pass. No beauty is she. I just moved.
- Feb 2 Service at Methodist Chapel by Henley, who is as eccentric as ever. At prayer meeting at Wisemans.
- Feb 15 Met John Tennant and wife and a young lady coming to see me and they called after so I treated them with wine. The bride gave me a little cake, and my late landlady invited me to tea with them on Monday. Snow not wasted much.
- Feb 19 Ellen not bringing in supper as early as I thought she ought by 20 minutes, I called out hastily for it, when they kicked up a storm and said I might go, as they got nothing by me.
- Feb 25 Saw in paper a list of shareholders in the Swaledale and Wensleydale bank which I copied out. Went to a railway meeting at Golden Lion from Skipton to Lancaster. Mr Clayton in the chair, and Mr Sharpe described the line and the expense. Mr T Ingleby put a resolution in favour, seconded by Mr Littledale. Mr Farrer, jr., cautioned the people against it, saying other lines might be set up and the transit not so great. Mr Alcock, of Skipton, answered him, and J Thompson made many attempts against it, saying he knew of railways where the law expenses were £30,000 and yet wanted an additional lawyer to be appointed for Settle. Mr Littledale and Dr De Vitre, of Lancaster, made good speeches in favour which were reported in the newspapers.
- Mar 2 Mr Healey preached at Methodist Chapel and the Seraphine, a new musical instrument, was opened and collections made.
- Mar 4 The cold set my gums aking before daybreak and I had to rub them and face with rum.
- Mar 8 My old scholar John Green came, and I gave him some tracts. Burton's daughter Judith is dead, and Miss Willans in Ravenstonedale
- Mar 10 Mr Foster, of Clapham, kindly brought me from Leyburn my dividend of £8 from the bank. Mr Baynes paid me interest on Austwick Chapel account, so put £20 in Birkbeck, Alcock & Co.'s Bank. Sat with Eli Harger at night.
- Mar 12 About 60 beasts in Gk Fair. Had John Redmayne of Birkwith and Sam Preston of Stackhouse in for a pipe and a glass. Mr R talked about the cash I lent Bentham and had his and John Parker's joint note for. He wished it was settled up.
- Mar 13 Matthias Wildman died after his speech had been taken away in a seizure.
- Mar 14 Was at his funeral at Settle and got some toothache Elixir as I oft have it bad [Typist's note: from Mussett: bur Giggleswick: 17 Mar 1845 WILDMAN Matthias aged 67 died at Settle]
- Mar 31 Four large caravans in Settle with the skeleton of a whale 85 feet long.
- April 4 Saw Joseph Bentham at Settle Fair and wondered he said nothing about the money I gave him notice